

An aerial photograph of Covington, Louisiana, is the background of the cover. The map shows a dense urban grid in the eastern part, transitioning to a more open, green area in the west. A large body of water, likely Lake de Cade, is visible in the lower-left quadrant. A semi-transparent blue grid pattern is overlaid on the entire image. The text is positioned in the lower-left area of the map.

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# **CITY OF COVINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2030**

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY**

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# INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes the results of in-person and online engagement during the Covington Comprehensive Plan process. It includes an overall summary of information gathered during public engagement efforts.

The project team began engaging with Covington residents and stakeholders in September 2019. Engagement was conducted at several different events and in multiple neighborhoods to hear from different citizens.

## Community Engagement Efforts

- In-person engagement
- Public workshops
- Internal advisory group meetings
- Online engagement
- Project website
- Public survey

## Approach

The purpose of the engagement was to intentionally solicit input from a broad range of Covington residents, in particular the populations that have historically been underrepresented in the planning process. To accomplish the goal of equitable engagement the team attended public events that were already planned around the city and have strong attendance rates. This made it easier for community members to attend planning events without dedicating additional times to separate public meetings.

## Where We Were

- Covington City Hall
- City Council Chambers
- Covington Business Association Meeting
- Hoops for Kids at Reverend Peter Atkins Park
- Covington Farmer's Market
- Columbia Street Block Party
- Rockin' the Rails at Covington Trailhead
- MLK Day Ceremony at Bogue Falaya Hall



# OVERVIEW OF PROCESS

Engagement activities for the plan included:

- Engagement with advisory and stakeholder groups
- Public engagement at in-person events
- Online engagement

A brief description of each is included in this section.

## Advisory and Stakeholder Groups

### Project Steering Committee

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) was comprised of project partners, stakeholders, and governing agencies to provide ongoing guidance throughout the planning process.

The Committee was composed of community representatives and stakeholder partners who are actively involved in guiding the work of the consultant team. The PSC met XX times over the course of the project. A list of the PSC members is provided below.

#### Steering Committee Members

- Kennetha Johnson
- Rene Maggio
- Kieran Weldon
- Andy Bean
- Michelle Crumhorn
- Theo Mullen
- Paul Swain
- Ella Mae Selmon
- Caroline d'Hemecourt
- Peggy DesJardin
- Edward Villere, Jr.

#### Primary Roles of the PSC

- Guide the plan's development
- Review and contribute to the plan's goals
- Provide input from all communities
- Seek alliance between Plan 2030 and existing plans

### Stakeholder Groups

Stakeholder meetings focused around topics related to the plan's elements. Stakeholders were invited by the City of Covington to attend the events. Stakeholders provided feedback to the planning team prior to its in-depth analysis. This opportunity directed efforts based on stakeholder experiences and observations.

#### Stakeholder Meeting Topics

- Community Character; Historic Preservation; Place Making, Art, & Culture
- Healthy Communities; Parks, Recreation, Open Space
- Economic Development
- Housing & Neighborhoods
- Land Use; Transportation; Environmental Quality, Sustainability, Hazard Mitigation

#### Stakeholder Meeting Themes

- Keep Covington small-town and
- Increase affordable housing opportunities
- Revisit zoning ordinance to prevent barriers to multi-family housing
- Provide passive neighborhood parks
- Coordinate drainage collaboration
- Tighten demolition rules
- Limit waivers for developers
- Educate on mental health and justice reform
- Support small and home-based businesses

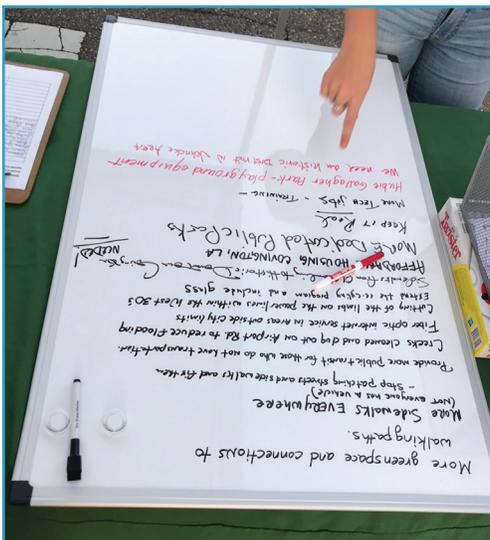
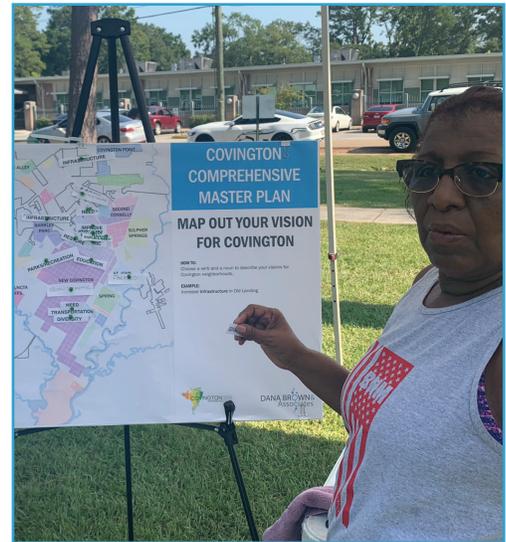
# In-Person Public Engagement

## Public Workshops

The planning team incorporated planned community events into its public workshop schedule. The workshops operated out of the space of a single tent in the same areas as vendors and community organizations. These workshops allowed passersby to provide comments, opinions, and first-hand information to the planning team in a comfortable and approachable format. The team also shared methods for online engagement to those who were not able to spend time at the workshop or those who were not in attendance.

## Public Workshops

- Hoops for Kids on September 7, 2019
- Covington Farmers Market on September 7, 2019
- Columbia Street Block Party on September 27, 2019
- Rockin' the Rails on October 17, 2019
- MLK Day Ceremony on January 20, 2020

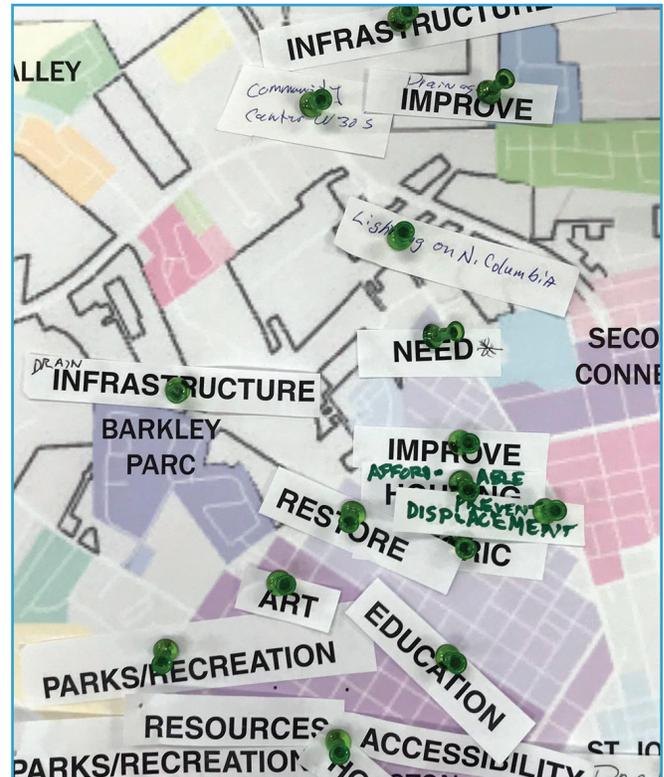


# City of Covington Comprehensive Plan Update Public Workshops

Topic: Opportunities	
<b>09/07/2019</b> <b>9:00-11:00 a.m.</b> Hoops for Kids Reverend Peter Atkins Park 701 N Tyler Street	<b>09/07/2019</b> <b>11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b> Covington Farmers Market Covington Police Department 609 N Columbia Street
Topic: Visioning	
<b>09/27/2019</b> <b>6:30-9:30 p.m.</b> Columbia Street Block Party 200 to 500 Block Columbia Street	<b>10/17/2019</b> <b>5:00 - 7:30 p.m.</b> Rockin' the Rails Covington Trailhead 419 N New Hampshire Street

Please join the City in creating a vision for the future of Covington!  
Refreshments & light snacks will be provided.



## Materials and Questions

The planning team defined questions and developed materials to encourage community members to share their local knowledge with the planning team. Beyond direct conversations, the team used mapping exercises, games, and a visioning board to capture ideas. The following descriptions review the intention and method of each exercise.

Each workshop included project information such as the process, schedule, website, social media accounts, and contact information. Updated trend analyses for elements were included on presentation materials, in addition to the most recent survey results. The subsequent workshop's information was also provided to encourage continuous involvement.

## Visioning

The focus of early workshops was to envision the future of Covington. The vision was set to a 10-year time frame to match the length of the plan's recommendations. Visioning incorporated aspects such as unique characteristics, quality of life concerns, and desired legacies.

## Mapping Exercises

### Neighborhoods

Presented with a map of Covington's neighborhoods, participants pinned key terms that match their vision for that community. Duplicate answers were emphasized and resulted in identifying important themes to be analyzed in the plan. Examples of terms include density, redevelopment, historic, hazards, and accessibility.

### Routes

Presented with a map of Covington's transportation system, participants placed stickers along routes that they currently use or would like to use. The color of the sticker represented the mode of transit – drive, bike, walk, bus.

# Online Engagement

## Project Website

A project website was developed by the consultant team and used to communicate general project information, announce planned events, and host online engagement tools including the project survey. The project website also allowed those interested to subscribe to receive email updates.

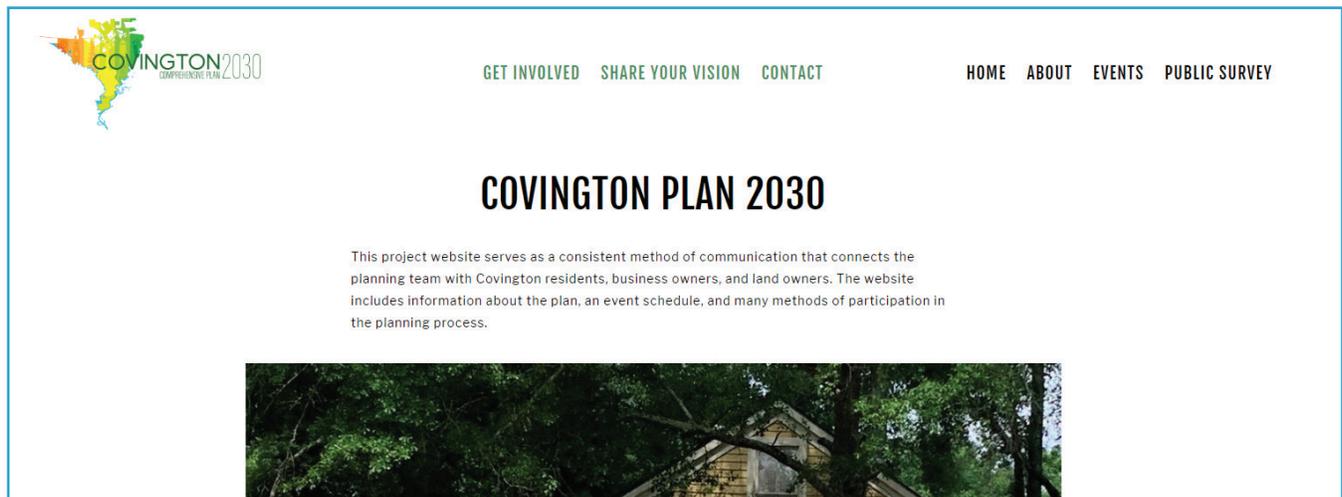
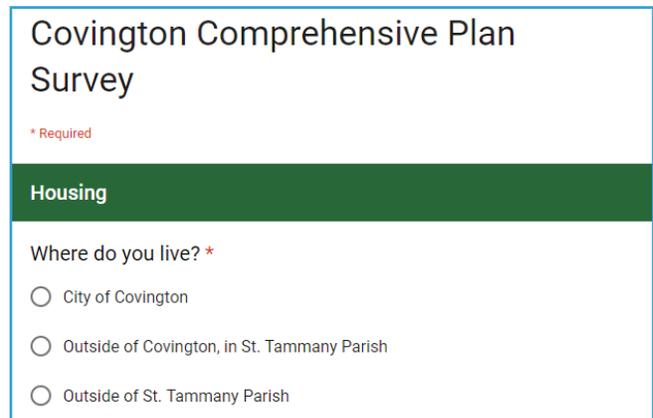
A link to the project website remained active on the City of Covington's Department of Planning and Zoning webpage throughout the planning process.

## Survey

An online survey was developed and was directly accessible through the project website. The survey was open for submissions from September to mid-November 2019. The survey was completed by 243 individuals. Participants were required to select an answer for each question. Therefore, no partial surveys were submitted.

Survey questions were divided into nine sections: Housing, Employment, Transportation & Accessibility, Land Use, Environment, Bouge Falaya Park, Healthy Communities, Place Making, and Community Character. A supplementary section was provided to submit additional input related to the planning process.

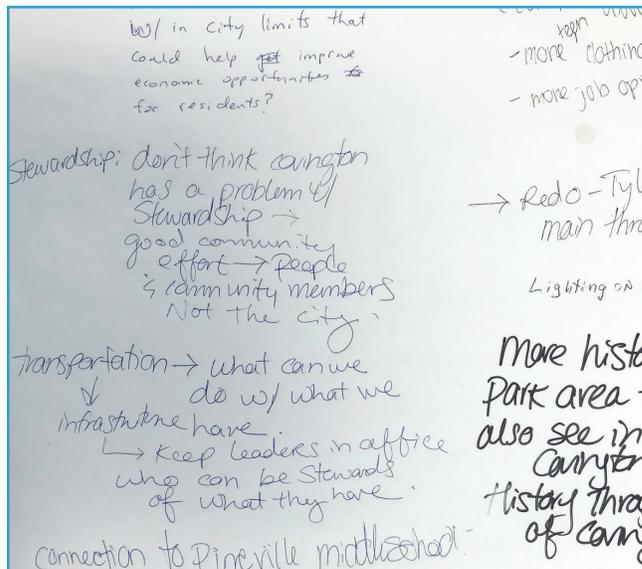
A full copy of the survey is provided in the appendix.



## Themes from Engagement

In-person and online engagement resulted in hundreds of comments that revealed several key themes:

- People are attracted to Covington for its community and culture and enjoy a variety of spaces and events across the city;
- The vast majority of residents live in a resident-owned single-family home;
- Most of the employed residents work in Covington and drive to work alone;
- Covington is generally considered walkable and bikeable and provides a fair amount of parking;
- Senior housing is strongly desired and infill and annexation are generally supported;
- Public art and community gardens are strongly supported;
- There is a medium-high flood concern and homeowners are willing to install green infrastructure solutions;
- Bogue Falaya Park is primarily used for passive recreation and the building of a permanent structure for rental and retail activities is supported;
- Residents most like Covington's small town feel and least like the traffic congestion;
- Areas determined to be in highest need of improvement include capital improvements and transportation.



## RANK YOUR ROUTES

**HOW TO:**  
Place the colored stickers on the routes that you use. Each color represents a different mode of transportation.

**EXAMPLE:**  
If you drive down Hwy 190, place a red sticker on it. If you take the bus on E Boston St., place a blue sticker on it.

**STICKER LEGEND:**

- DRIVE (Red circle)
- WALK (Yellow circle)
- (Green circle)
- (Blue circle)

# SURVEY SUMMARY

A total of 243 surveys were submitted in-person or online. The survey asked participants to share information regarding Housing, Employment, Transportation & Accessibility, Land Use, Environment, Bogue Falaya Park, Healthy Communities, Place Making, and Community Character. A supplementary section was provided to submit additional input related to the planning process.

A sample of the survey questions and their results are provided on the following pages. Full results are provided in this report's appendix.

## Land Use

### “Which approach do you believe is needed for downtown?”

Participants were asked to select one approach for Downtown Covington.

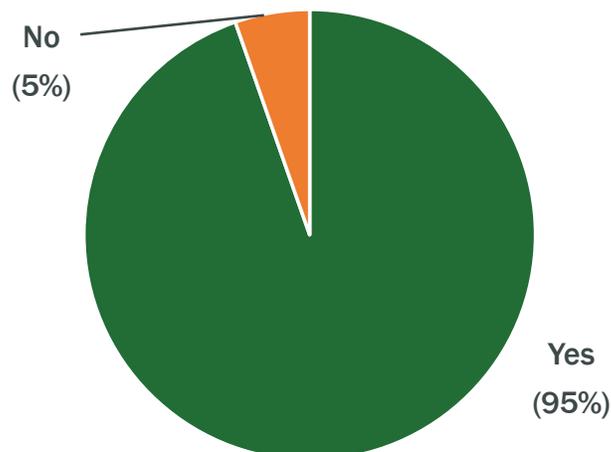
Approach	Selected
Increase density	10%
Expand downtown limits	13%
Plan for future growth	66%
Other	13%

The most popular approach for downtown is to prepare for future growth. This aligns with survey responses to another survey prompt about annexation into the growth management area, which was supported by 68% of respondents.

### “Do you feel it is important to preserve historic buildings?”

Participants were asked to select if they feel it is important to preserve historic buildings.

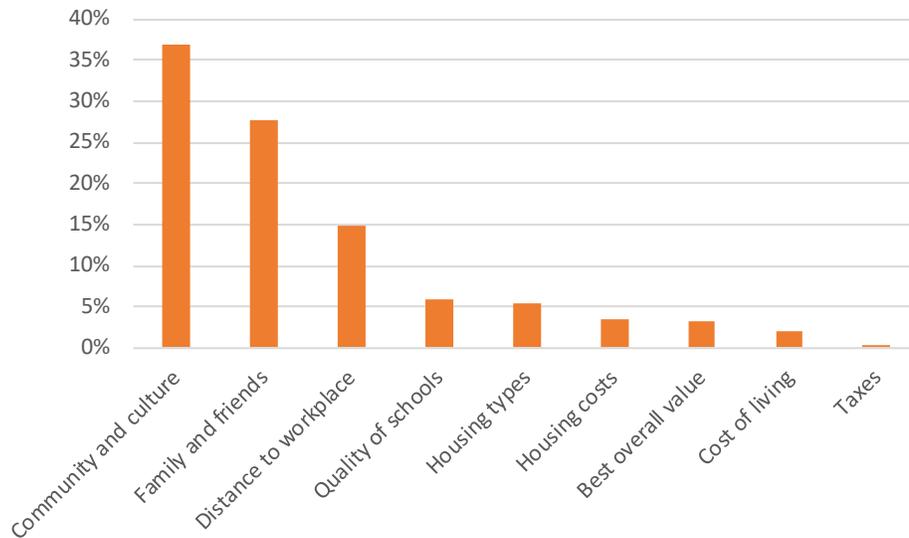
95% of respondents said they feel it is important to preserve historic buildings. Some additional comments were included concerning conditional terms such as the structure's integrity, materials, and feasibility of the project.



## Housing

### “What makes Covington an attractive place to live?”

Participants were asked to select all reasons that they find Covington to be an attractive place to live.



The most popular reason selected was the city’s community and culture followed by the presence of friends and family. Few respondents selected housing or cost of living and taxes, suggesting these may be unaffordable.

### “Thinking about neighborhoods, how important are the following statements?”

Participants were asked to rank statements describing the importance of neighborhood character and treatment from not important to very important. A “no opinion” option was also provided.

Question	Most Popular Response
It is important to regulate the appearance of a building’s exterior to enhance the community’s character.	Very Important
It is important to encourage mixed-use development that makes it possible for people to live, work, and shop all in the same building or on the same block, street, neighborhood.	Somewhat Important
It is important that properties should be modified to make them less prone to flooding.	Very Important
It is important to maintain the current look and feel of homes in my neighborhood.	Very Important
It is important to revitalize existing buildings in the community and adapt them for new uses.	Very Important

Responses about neighborhood character support the data that resulted from other survey responses such as housing type, flood concern, and infill development.

# CONCLUSION

Public feedback to date has resulted in a fresh understanding of the community's concerns and hopes for Covington's future. Additional input will continue to be collected as the project progresses.

The City of Covington is adored for its small-town feel, yet its popularity is increasing thus creating tension for existing infrastructure. Popular improvements include updates to zoning regulations, stormwater management practices, and extending opportunities for senior residential housing and family recreation. The planning team will review codes, regulations, and design guidelines to seek opportunities for updates related to these and other topics.

The conclusion of the visioning phase resulted in the development of the plan's vision statement. The vision statement serves as a collective voice highlighting the community's values and priorities for city over the next 20 years. The vision statement led to the creation of goals and objectives for guiding growth and development in Covington.

## Vision Statement

In 2030 Covington remains a charming city with a proud history. Those who live in Covington stay for the sense of community and accessibility to regional amenities. Covington is a healthy environment with beloved parks, waterways, and walkable and bikeable routes for commuting and recreational use. It is resilient to hazards and preserves its historic integrity. The familiar arts and music events remain highly anticipated. The city provides opportunities for small businesses and regional services to grow, allowing investment to remain at home and redevelopment to flourish. Housing is available for residents of all abilities and in all stages of life. Infrastructure is ample to match the growing population and the city's expansion. Covington residents, landowners, and businesspeople continue to work together to realize and evolve the values and goals of the

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# PROJECT SURVEY

## Covington Comprehensive Plan 2030 Public Survey

This survey is intended to gather information about trends, goals, and opinions concerning aspects of life in Covington. The survey contains 10 sections plus an opportunity for additional input. All information will remain anonymous and only be used for the purpose of collecting data.



The survey can be submitted in-person at public workshops, dropped off at City Hall, or mailed to the consultant team:

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The survey is also available online through a link on the project website:  
[www.covingtonplan2030.com](http://www.covingtonplan2030.com)



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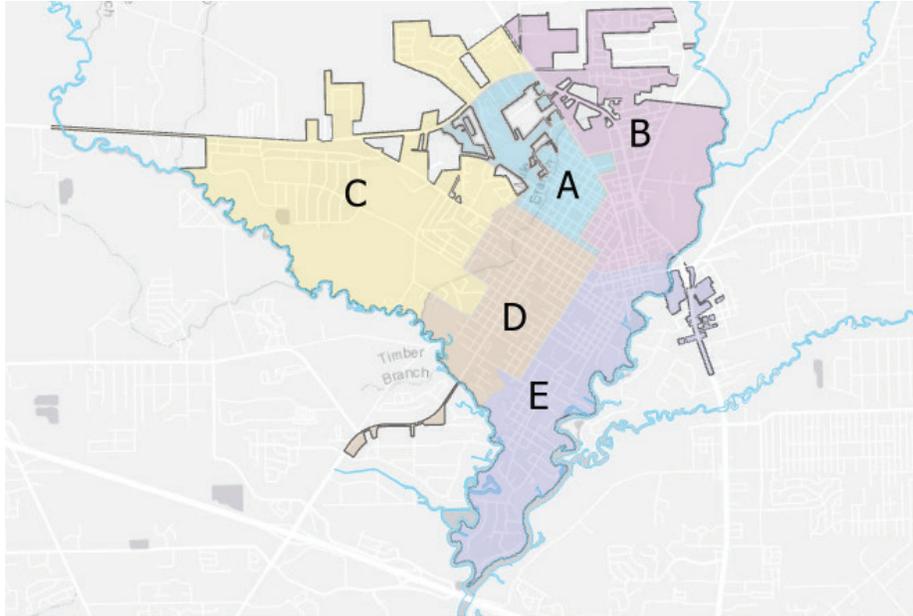
## Housing

**1. Where do you live? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- City of Covington
- Outside of Covington, in St. Tammany Parish
- Outside of St. Tammany Parish

**2. If you live in Covington, which district do you live in? \***



*Mark only one oval.*

- District A
- District B
- District C
- District D
- District E
- Not applicable

**3. If you live in Covington, which neighborhood do you live in?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**4. If you live in Covington, how long have you lived in Covington? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years
- Not applicable

**5. Which type of housing do you live in? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Apartment
- Condominium
- Duplex
- Mobile home
- Single-family home
- Farm home
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Do you own or rent your property? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Rent
- Own
- Live with relatives/others
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. How many children live in your household? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- None
- One
- Two
- Three or more

**8. What makes Covington an attractive place to live? \***

*Check all that apply.*

- Community and culture
- Distance to workplace
- Family and friends
- Housing types
- Housing costs
- Taxes
- Cost of living
- Quality of schools
- Best overall value
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9. If you could move into a new home, regardless of income or proximity to family and work, which of the following housing types most appeals to your taste and desired lifestyle? \*  
Mark only one oval.



Option 1



Option 2



Option 3



Option 4



Option 5

None of these appeal to me

I would not move from my current home for any reason

**10. Thinking about neighborhoods, how important are the following statements? \***

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	No Opinion	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
It is important to regulate the appearance of a building's exterior to enhance the community's character.	<input type="radio"/>				
It is important to encourage mixed-use development that makes it possible for people to live, work, and shop all in the same building or on the same block, street, neighborhood.	<input type="radio"/>				
It is important that properties should be modified to make them less prone to flooding.	<input type="radio"/>				
It is important to maintain the current look and feel of homes in my neighborhood.	<input type="radio"/>				
It is important to revitalize existing buildings in the community and adapt them for new uses.	<input type="radio"/>				

## Employment

**11. Where do you work? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Covington
- Outside of St Tammany Parish
- Outside of Louisiana
- Unemployed
- Student
- Retired
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. How long does it typically take you to get to your place of work? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Less than 10 minutes
- 10-20 minutes
- 21-40 minutes
- More than 40 minutes

**13. How do you typically get to work? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Drive alone
- Carpool
- Take a bus
- Bike
- Walk
- Unemployed/retired/other

## Transportation & Accessibility

14. Do you have access to a vehicle? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, I own a vehicle
- Yes, I use a vehicle that is registered to my address (ie. a relative's vehicle)
- Yes, I borrow a vehicle
- No, I do not have access to a vehicle

15. Are you able to easily use public transportation around town? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Are you able to walk a short distance (<1 mile) to stores and services in your neighborhood? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Do you think Covington is walkable? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Do you think Covington is bikeable? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Do you think adequate parking is typically available? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Land Use

20. When thinking about new commercial development, which of the following examples most appeals to your taste and desired lifestyle? \*

Mark only one oval.



Option 1



Option 2



Option 3



Option 4



Option 5

**21. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in Covington? \***

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Encourage	Discourage	Unsure/no opinion
Residential – single-family home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Residential – multi-family home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior/assisted living unit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Agriculture/farming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retail development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public outdoor recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Light industrial/manufacturing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motels/hotels	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Convenience stores	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tourism-based businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fast food restaurants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Professional office buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Department stores	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Service businesses (ie. barber, dry cleaner, hardware)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Home-based businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**22. Which approach do you believe is needed for downtown? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Increase density
- Expand downtown limits
- Plan for future growth
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

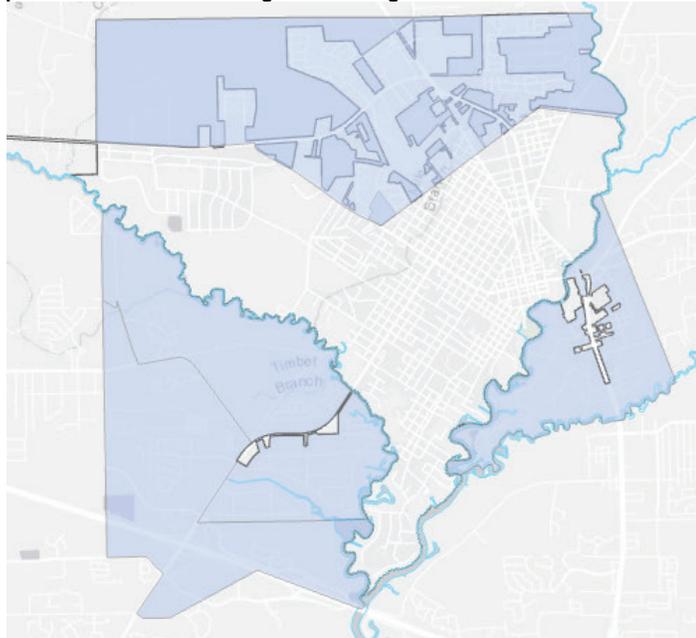
**23. Do you support infill development? \***

Infill development is the process of developing vacant or under-used parcels within existing urban areas that are already largely developed.

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

24. Do you support the annexation of the growth management area? \*



Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

25. Do you feel it is important to preserve historic buildings? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Environment

26. How concerned are you about flooding and damage caused by flooding? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Very  
 Somewhat  
 Not at all

27. Which type of green infrastructure would you be willing to install on your property? \*

Check all that apply.

- Rain garden  
 Rain barrel  
 French drain  
 None of the above



Rain garden



Rain barrel



French drain

28. Would you be willing to plant trees on your property? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes  
 No  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bogue Falaya Park

**29. How do you use the Bogue Falaya River? \***

*Check all that apply.*

- Canoeing or kayaking
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Views
- Other

**30. Which would you rent from the park? \***

*Check all that apply.*

- Canoe
- Kayak
- Pedal boat
- Stand-up paddle board
- Life jacket
- Fishing equipment (rods, reels, and nets)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**31. Which would you buy from the park? \***

*Check all that apply.*

- Kites and toys
- Drinks and snacks
- Towels
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**32. Should a permanent structure be built for rental and retail activities? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Healthy Communities

33. Do you feel the city contains adequate resources to live a healthy lifestyle? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

34. How long are you likely to stay outside when the weather is hot? \*

Mark only one oval.

- As little time as possible
- Up to 10 minutes
- Up to 30 minutes
- Up to 60 minutes
- Over an hour

35. Has the heat ever created additional health problems/ailments for you or your family members? \*

Check all that apply.

- Heat stroke
- Respiratory illness (asthma, emphysema, bronchitis)
- Kidney disease
- Cardiovascular disease
- Diabetes
- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Cerebrovascular disease (stroke)
- No additional problems

## Place Making

36. Which places do you enjoy in Covington? \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Businesses
- Historic Areas
- Parks
- Public Events
- Private Events
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

37. What do you like most about Covington? \*

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38. What do you like least about Covington? \*

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39. Would you approve of community art projects (eg. murals) on abandoned buildings? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

40. Would you approve of building community gardens on abandoned lots? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**41. How concerned are you about conflict with neighbors or neighborhood acquaintances? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Very
- Somewhat
- Not at all

**42. How concerned are you about crime and criminal activity? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Very
- Somewhat
- Not at all

## Additional Input

**43. Which areas do you feel need improvement in Covington? \***

*Check all that apply.*

- Maintenance (ie. blight, zoning enforcement, building repairs)
- Capital Improvements (ie. road improvements, accessibility)
- Community (ie. pollution, internet access, lack of affordable housing)
- Transportation (ie. bus service, bike lanes, speed limits)
- Planning and land uses
- Local economy
- Natural environment
- Diversity
- Recreation
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**44. Do you attend local government meetings? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Often
- Seldom
- Never

**45. Are you comfortable using a computer and accessing information on the Internet? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**46. After reviewing or discussing project information, do you feel you have a better understanding of the comprehensive planning process? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**47. After reviewing or discussing project information, do you feel there are adequate opportunities to provide feedback during the comprehensive planning process? \***

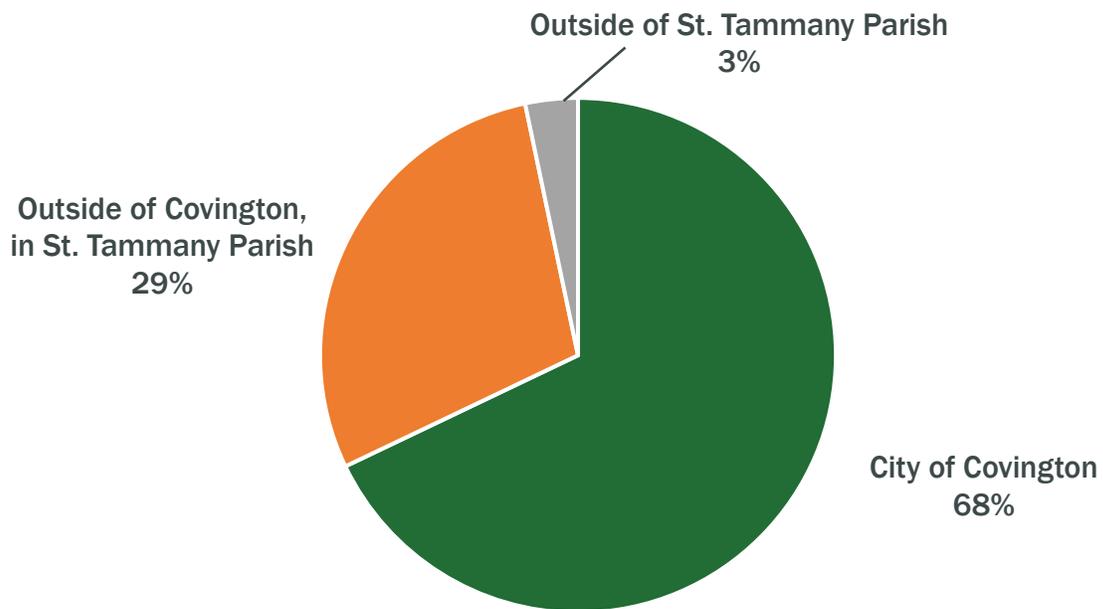
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- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

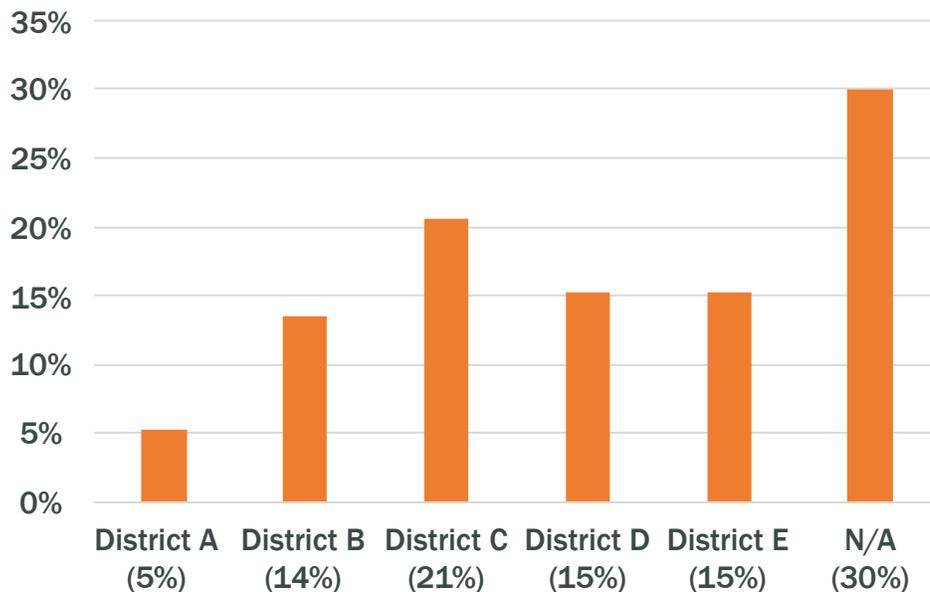
# PROJECT SURVEY RESPONSES

## Housing

“Where do you live?”



“If you live in Covington, which district do you live in?”

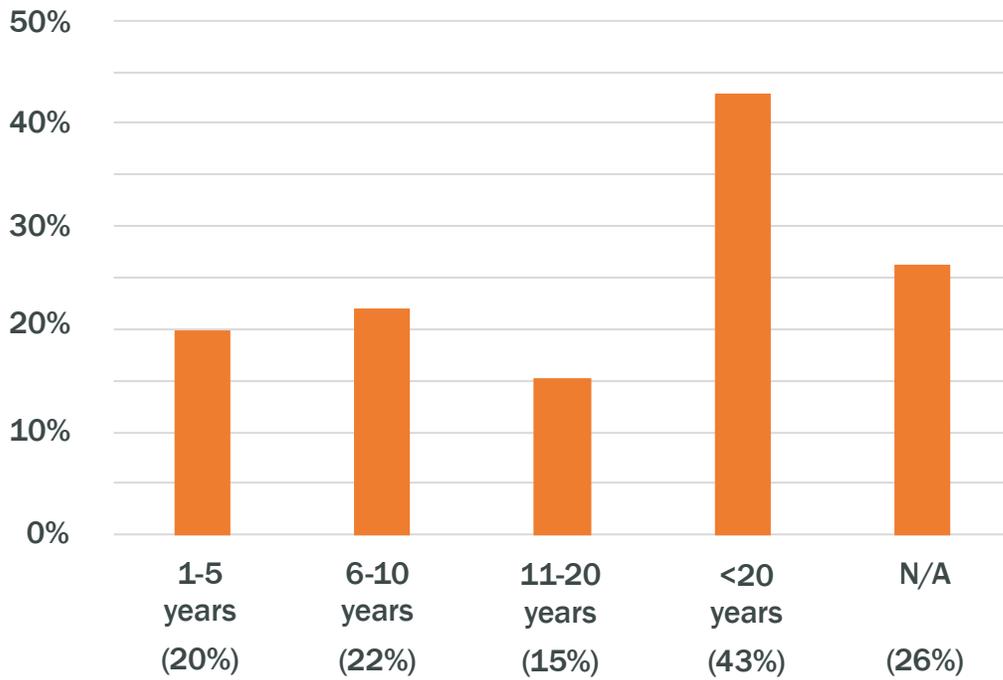


## “If you live in Covington, which neighborhood do you live in?”

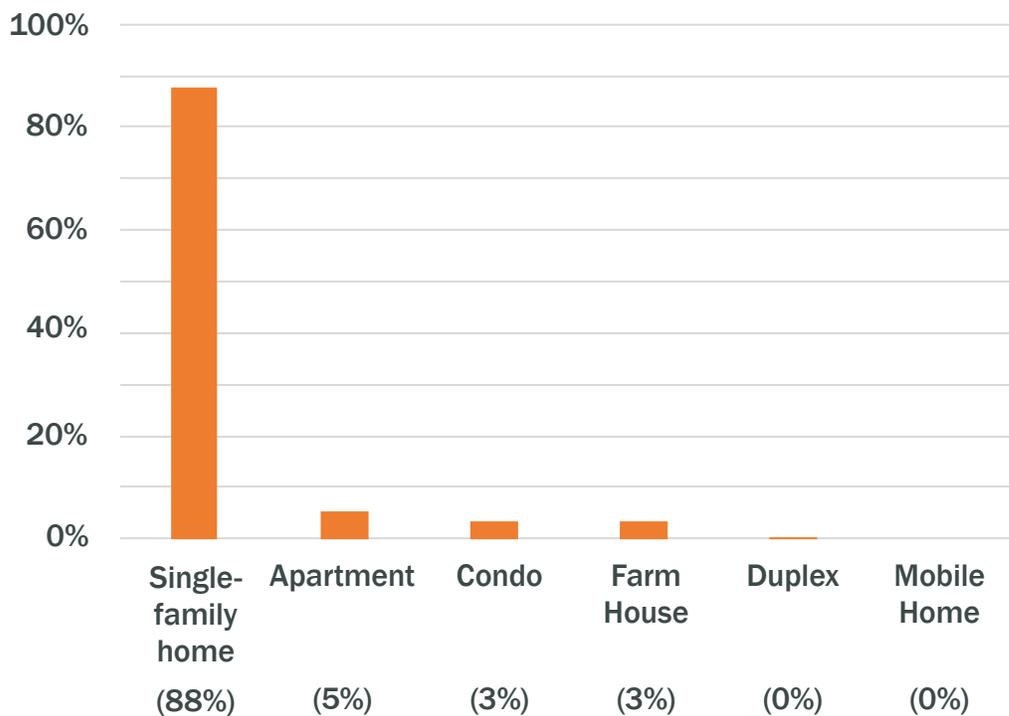
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Barkley Parc  
River Forest  
West 20s  
Off Park drive  
Old Landing  
Flowers Estates  
By Saint Paul's  
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West 30's  
Oak Alley  
Versailles, outside of city limits  
11th  
West 23rd  
Normandy Oaks  
Downtown  
The Village  
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Pruden Creek  
Terra Bella  
Covington point  
Hidden Creek  
St Tammany hills  
New Covington  
Lake Ramsey  
Waldheim with a Covington address  
Cherokee Lane  
Village  
Flower Estates  
Tammany Terrace  
River Park Crossing  
Del Sol  
Tallow Creek

Southdown  
Penn Mill Lakes  
The Savannahs  
Village of Normandy Oaks  
Hollycrest  
Old Covington  
Highlands  
River Heights  
Tchefuncte estates  
Division of Spring  
River Rd.  
River Oaks Subdivision  
Village  
Crestwood  
River Forrest  
South Covington near Old Landing  
West of St. Tammany Hospital  
Historic Downtown  
14th & Jefferson  
Old Landing/St Paul  
Historic District Downtown  
Tyler Street area  
16th Ave  
10th Street off Jahncke  
15th Ave  
Near hospital  
Off 19th Ave. between Jefferson and Tyler  
Magnolia Gardens  
Near Bears and St. Peters on W 20th  
Area close to St. Tammany Hospital / 6th Ave.  
W 16th Ave  
New Covington/West 20s

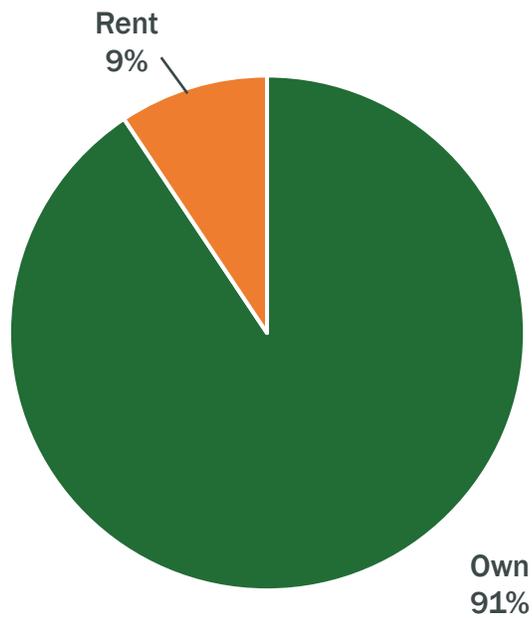
### “If you live in Covington, how long have you lived in Covington?”



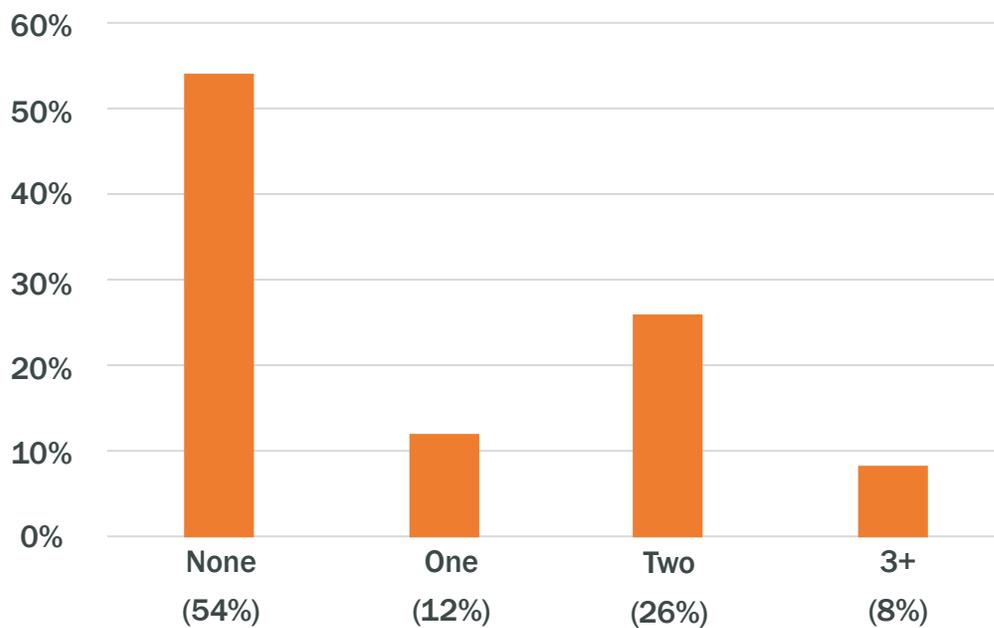
### “Which type of housing do you live in?”



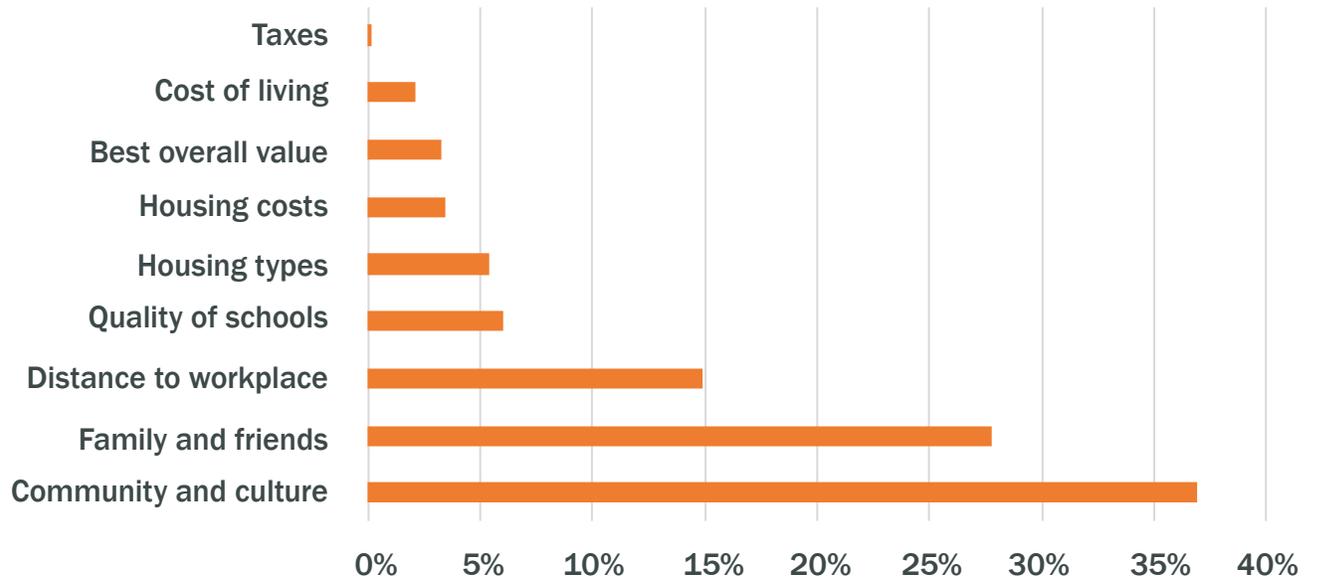
**“Do you own or rent your property?”**



**“How many children live in your household?”**



## “What makes Covington an attractive place to live?”



**“If you could move into a new home, regardless of income or proximity to family and work, which of the following housing types most appeals to your taste and desired lifestyle?”**



Option 1



Option 2



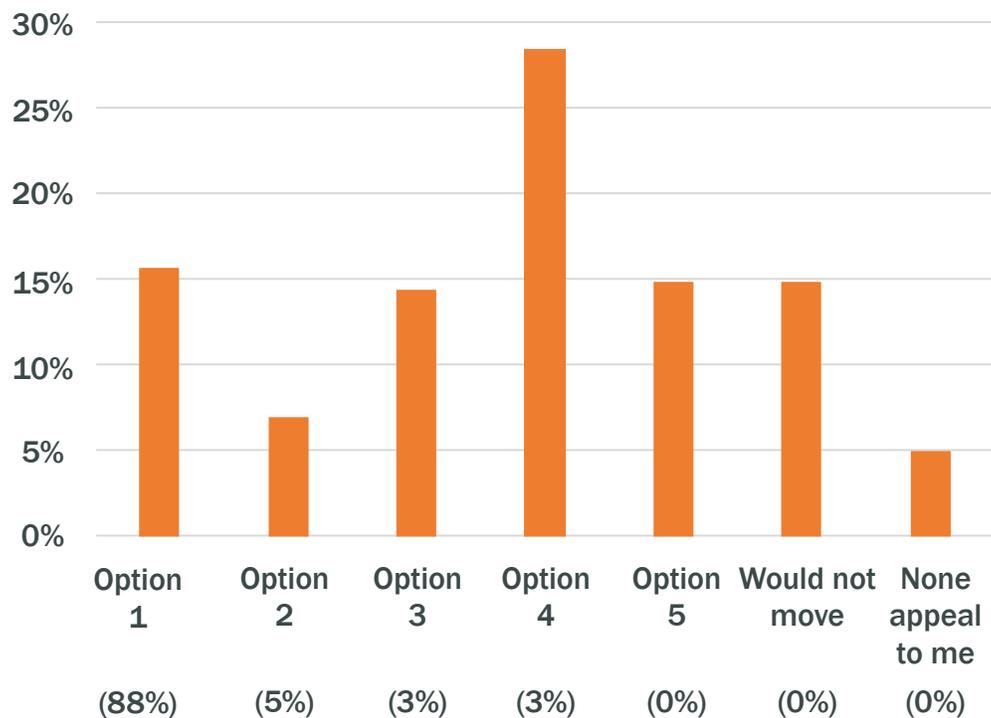
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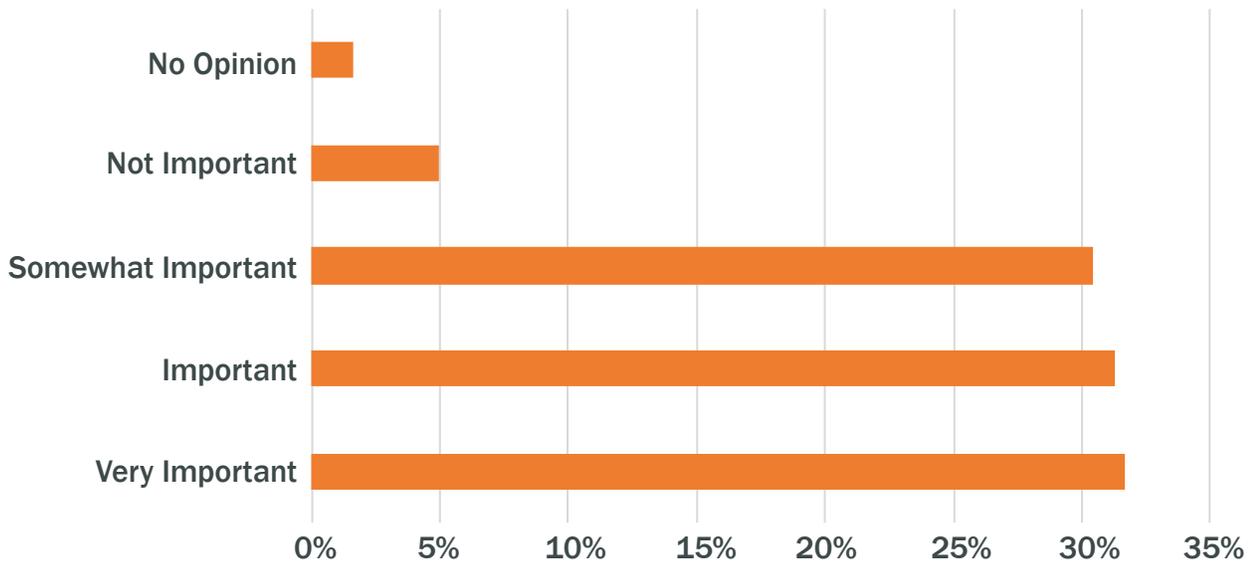


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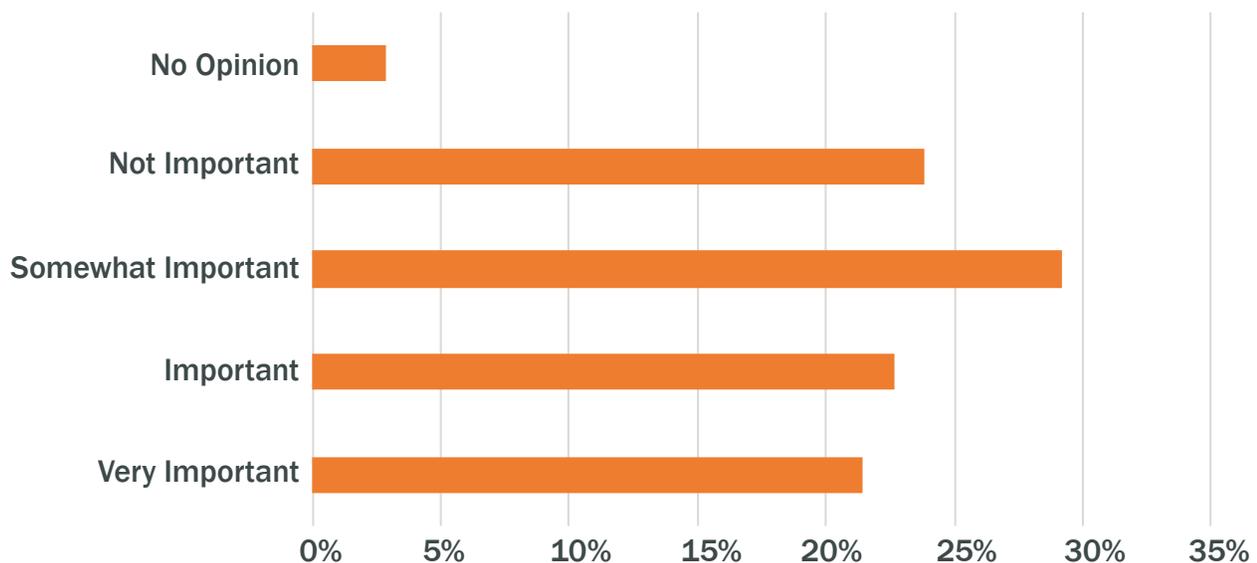


**“Thinking about neighborhoods, how important are the following statements?”**

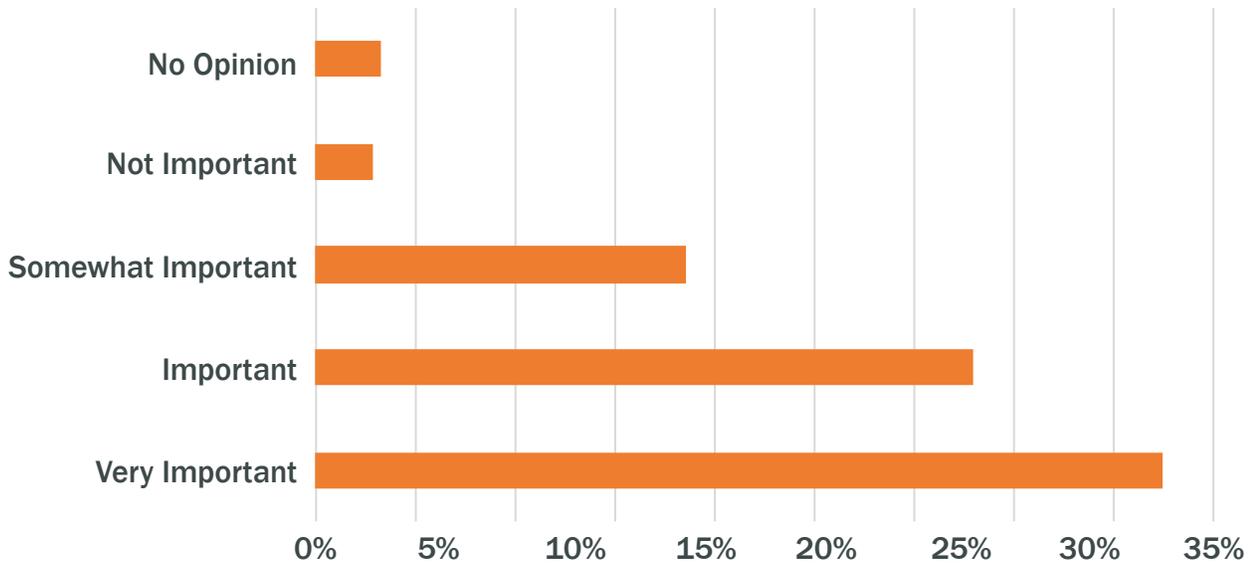
**It is important to regulate the appearance of a building’s exterior to enhance the community’s character.**



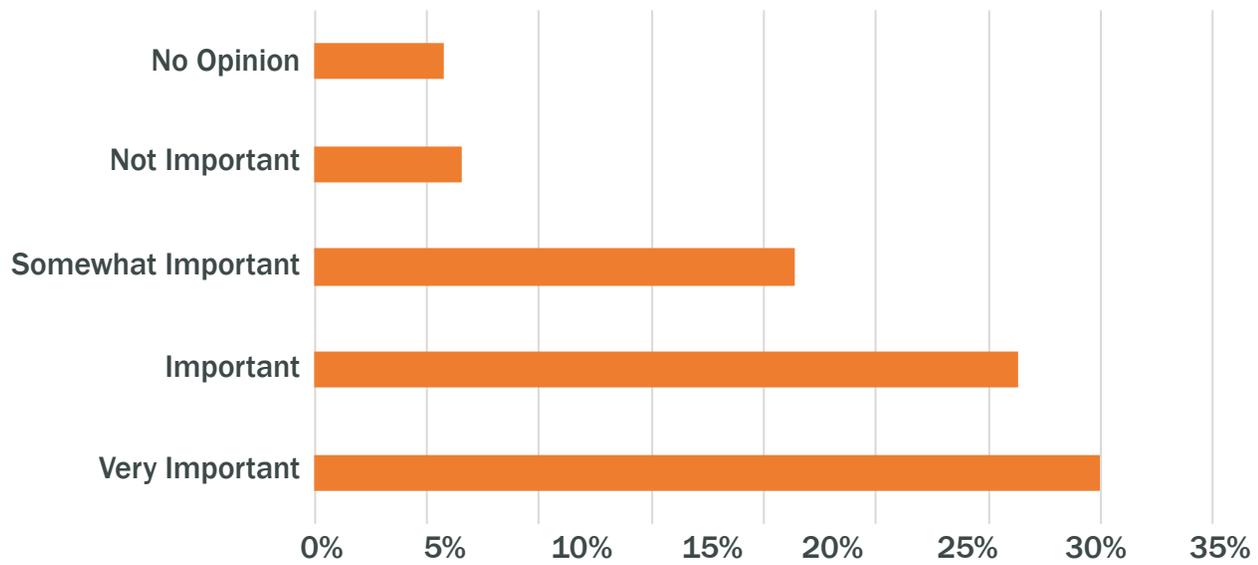
**It is important to encourage mixed-use development that makes it possible for people to live, work, and shop all in the same building or on the same block, street, neighborhood.**



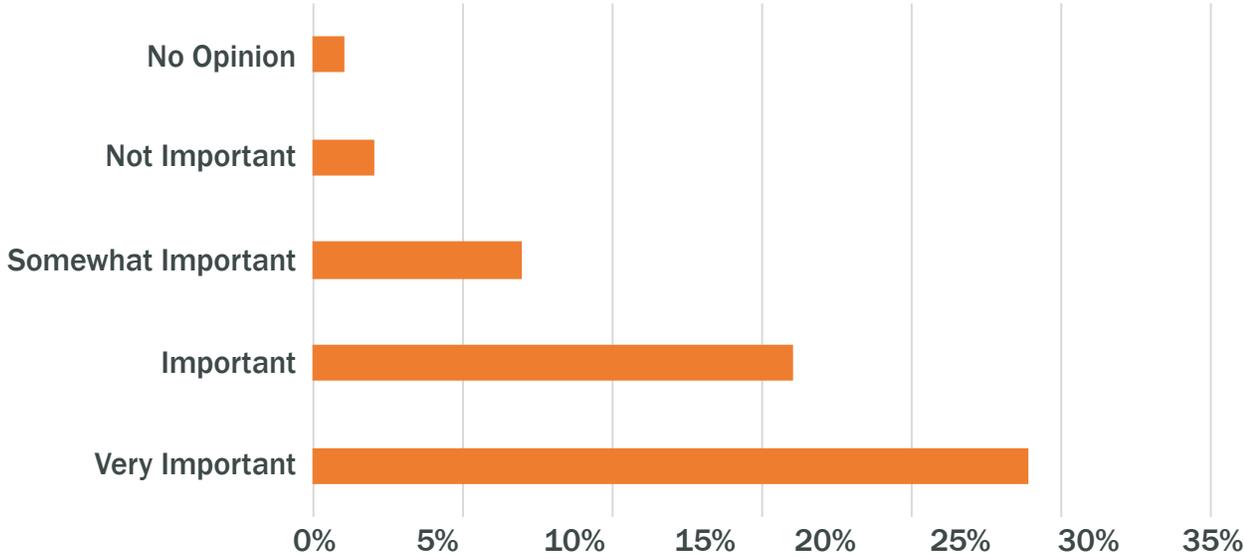
It is important that properties should be modified to make them less prone to flooding.



It is important to maintain the current look and feel of homes in my neighborhood.

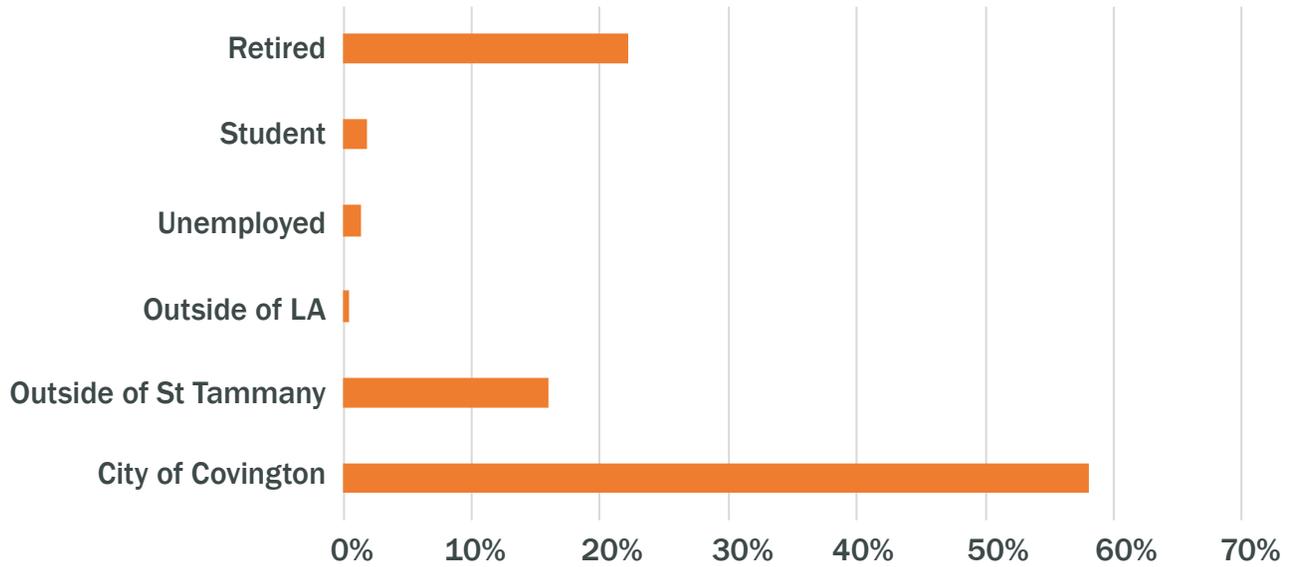


**It is important to revitalize existing buildings in the community and adapt them for new uses.**

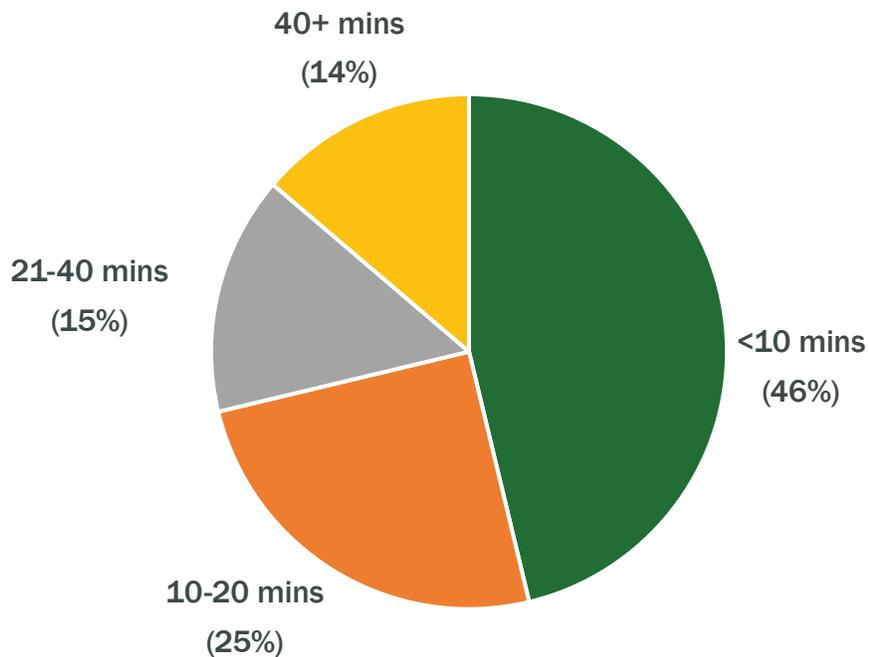


# Employment

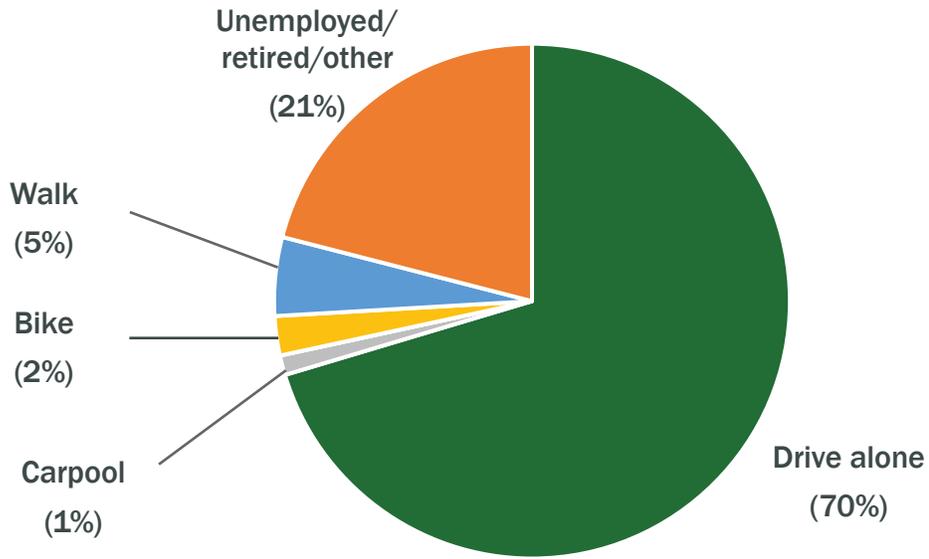
“Where do you work?”



“How long does it typically take you to get to your place of work?”

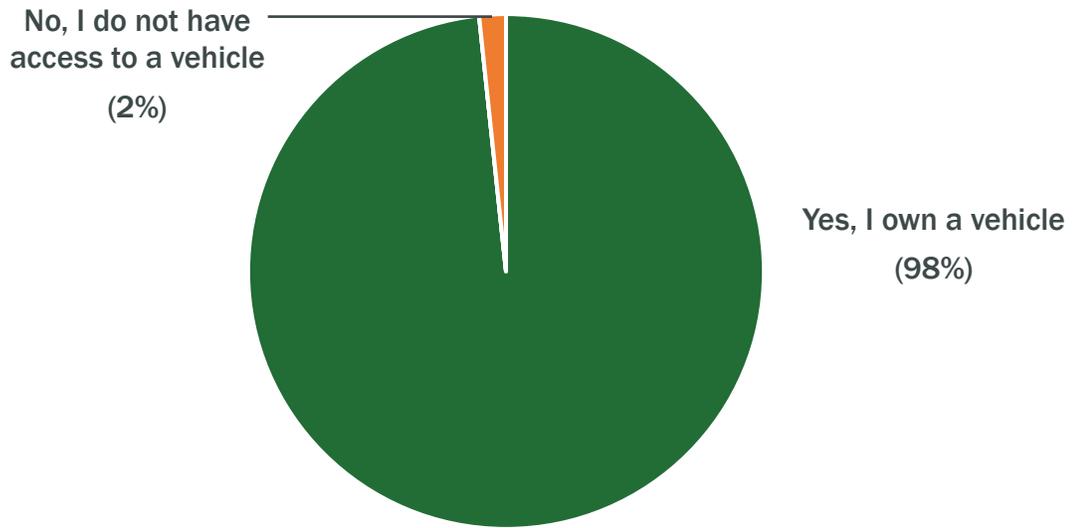


### “How do you typically get to work?”

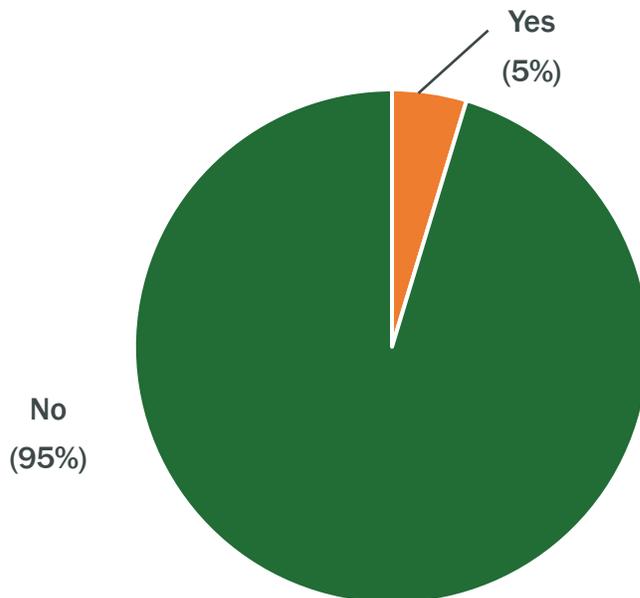


## Transportation & Accessibility

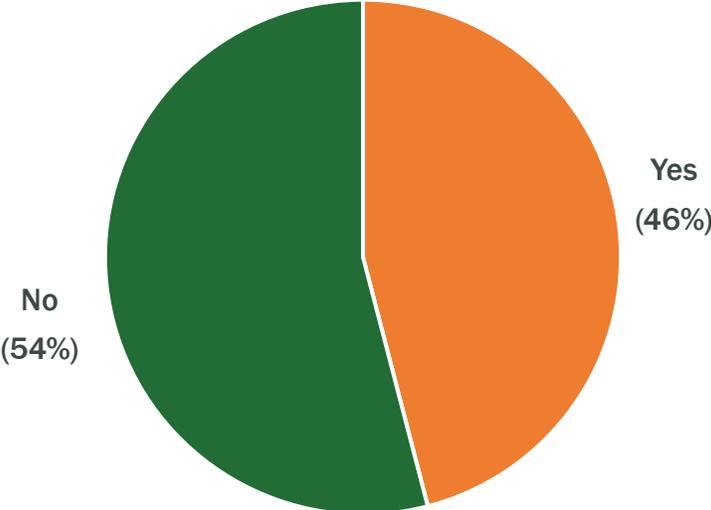
“Do you have access to a vehicle?”



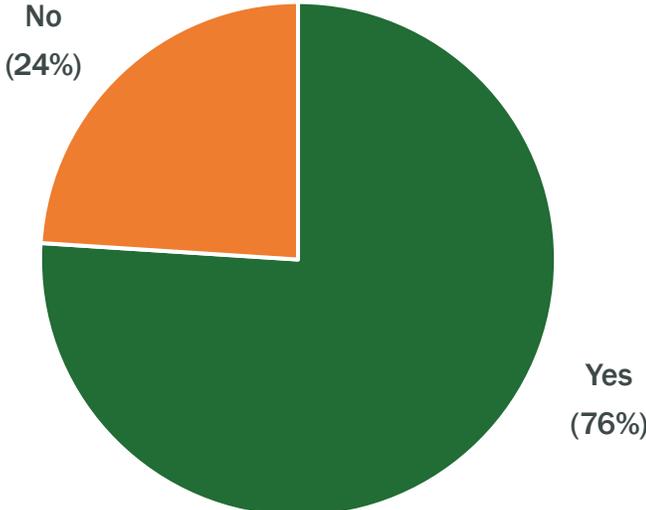
“Are you able to easily use public transportation around town?”



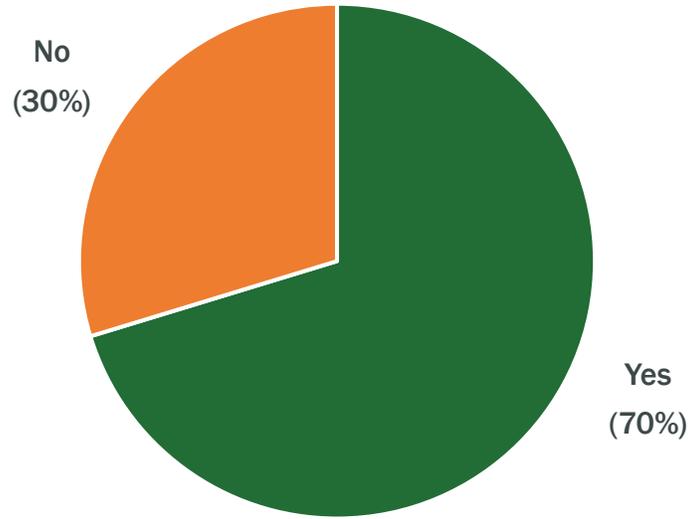
**“Are you able to walk a short distance (<1 mile) to stores and services in your neighborhood?”**



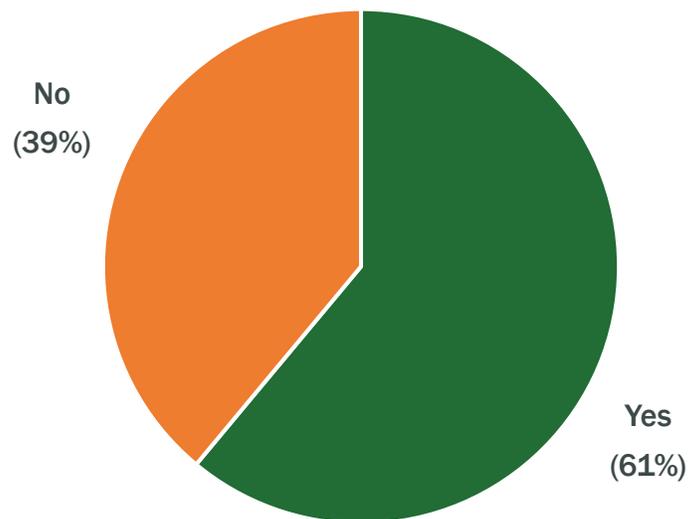
**“Do you think Covington is walkable?”**



**“Do you think Covington is bikeable?”**



**“Do you think adequate parking is typically available?”**

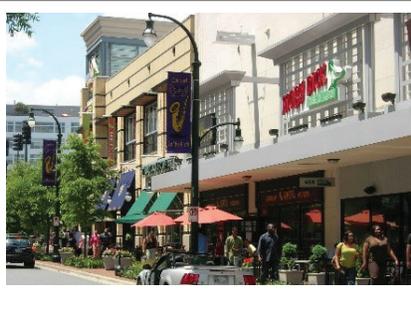


# Land Use

“When thinking about new commercial development, which of the following examples most appeals to your taste and desired lifestyle?”



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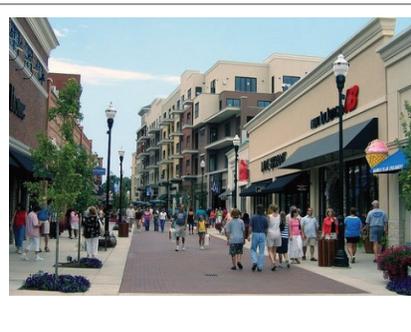
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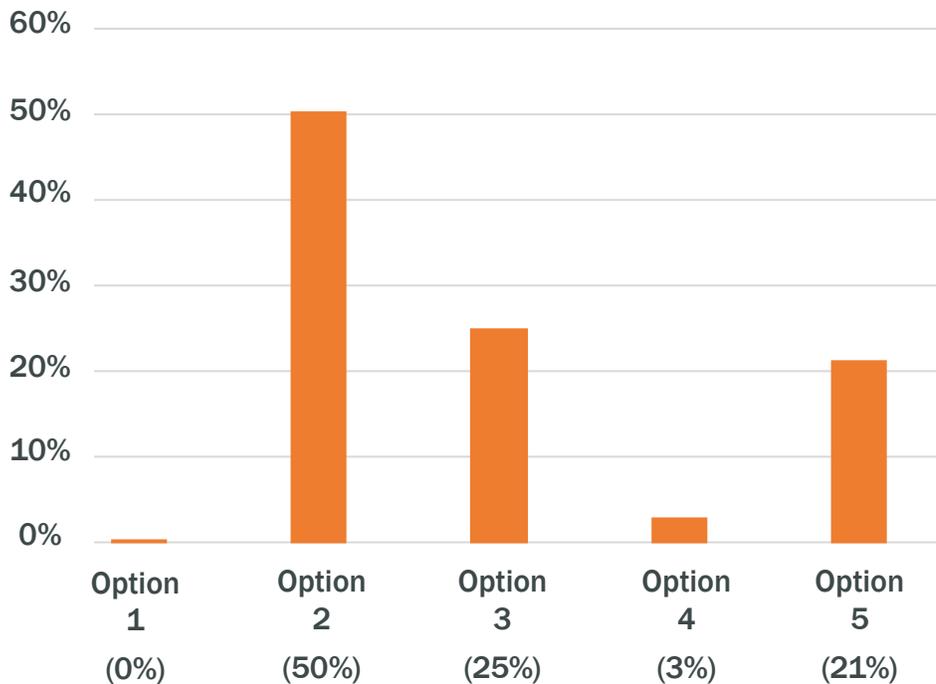
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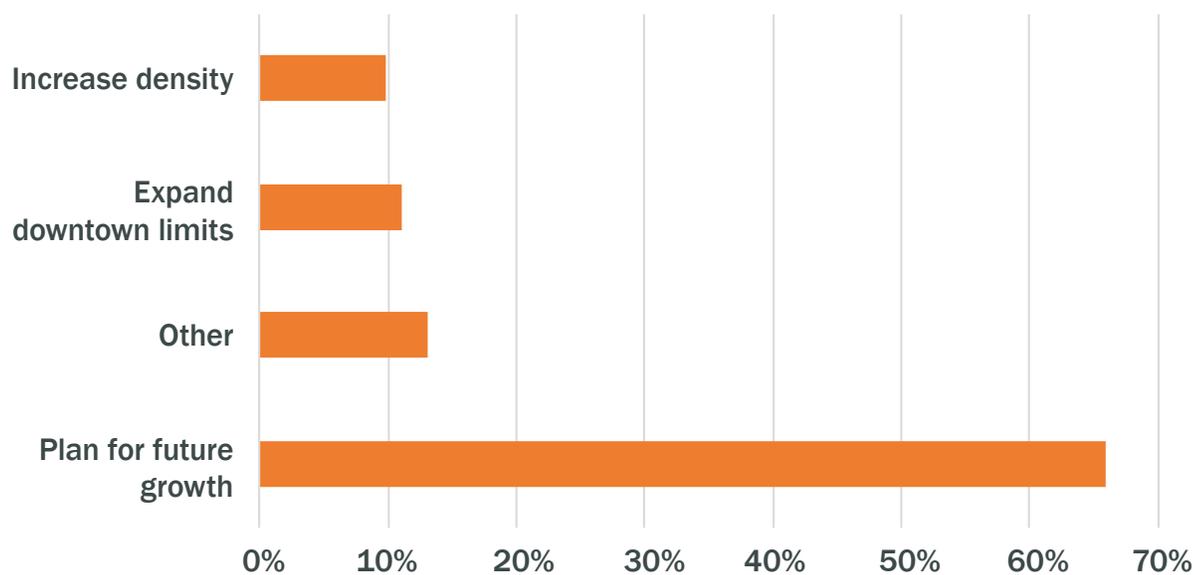
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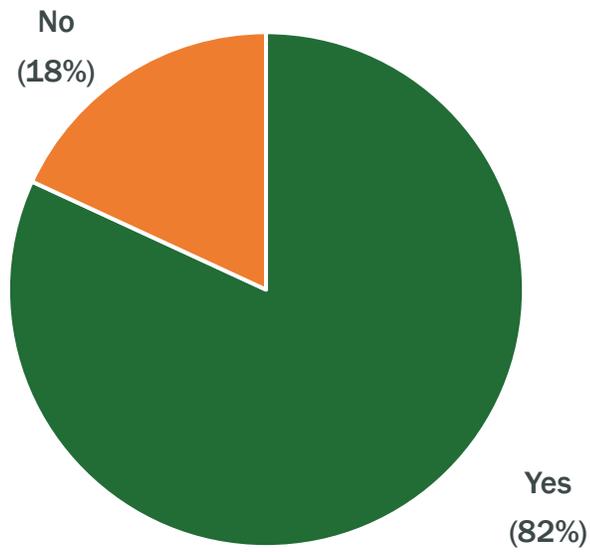
**“Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in Covington?”**

Land Use Type	% Encourage	% Discourage	% Unsure/No Opinion
Residential – single-family home	85	9	5
Residential – multi-family home	42	45	12
Senior/assisted living unit	76	10	14
Agriculture/farming	46	31	23
Retail development	62	28	9
Public outdoor recreation	96	2	2
Light industrial/manufacturing	25	55	21
Motels/hotels	28	51	20
Convenience stores	19	63	18
Tourism-based businesses	72	14	14
Fast food restaurants	13	77	11
Professional office buildings	56	28	15
Department stores	21	63	15
Service businesses (ie. barber, dry cleaner, hardware)	86	8	7
Home-based businesses	74	12	14

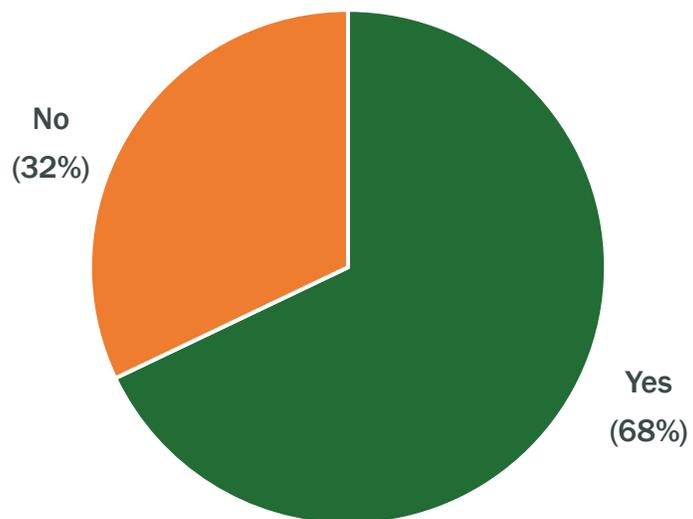
**“Which approach do you believe is needed for downtown?”**



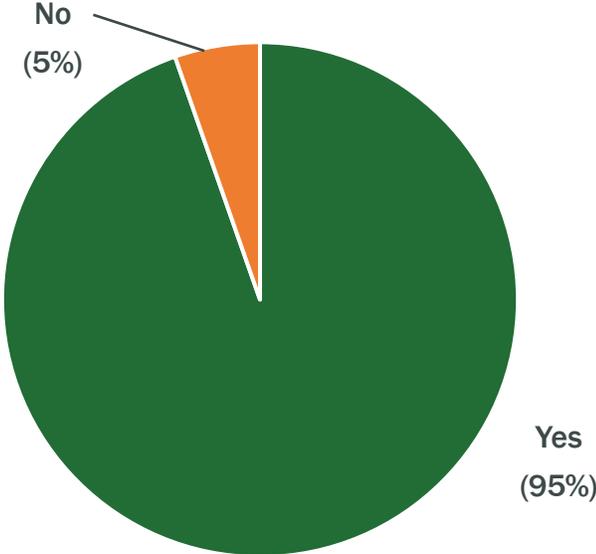
**“Do you support infill development?”**



**“Do you support the annexation of the growth management area?”**

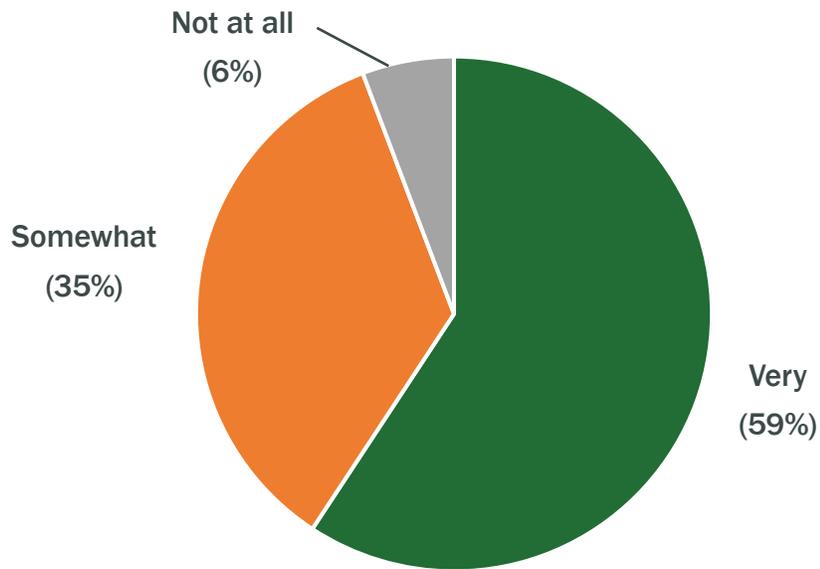


**“Do you feel it is important to preserve historic buildings?”**

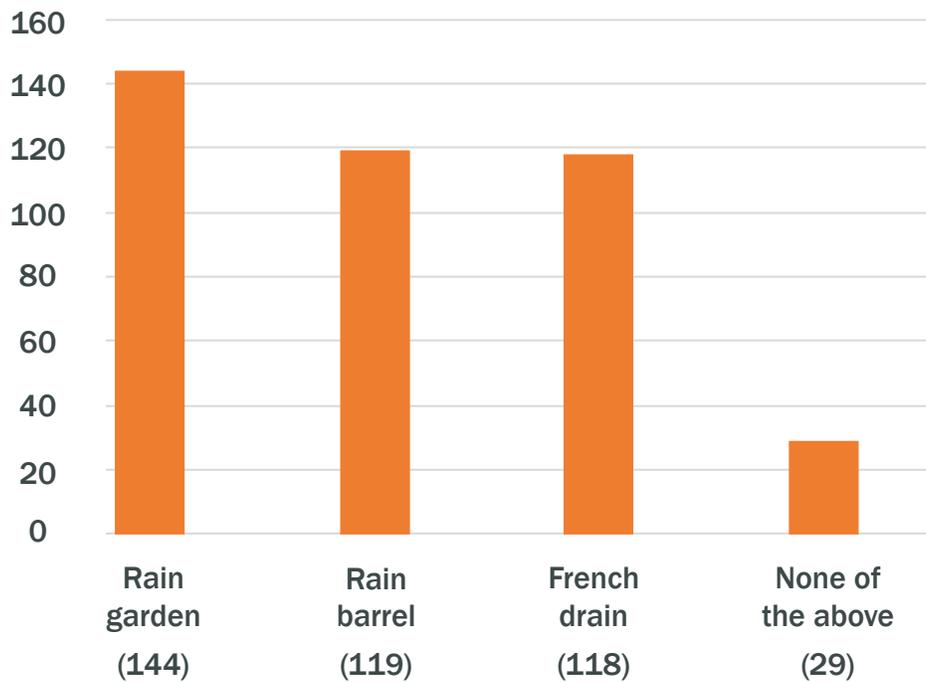


## Environment

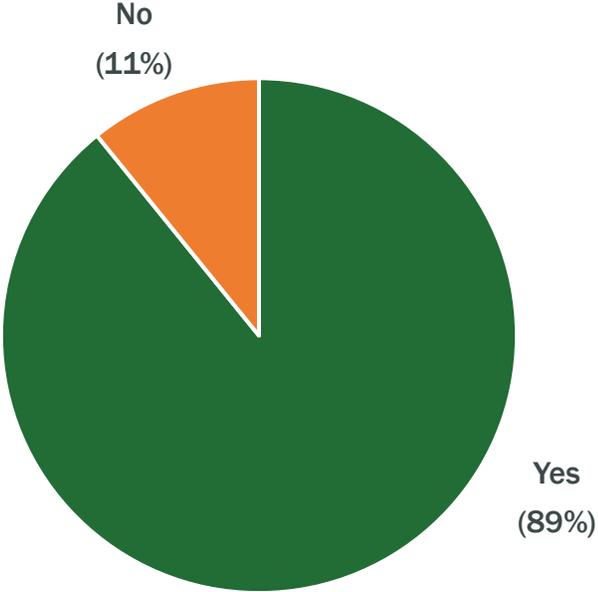
“How concerned are you about flooding and damage caused by flooding?”



“Which type of green infrastructure would you be willing to install on your property?”

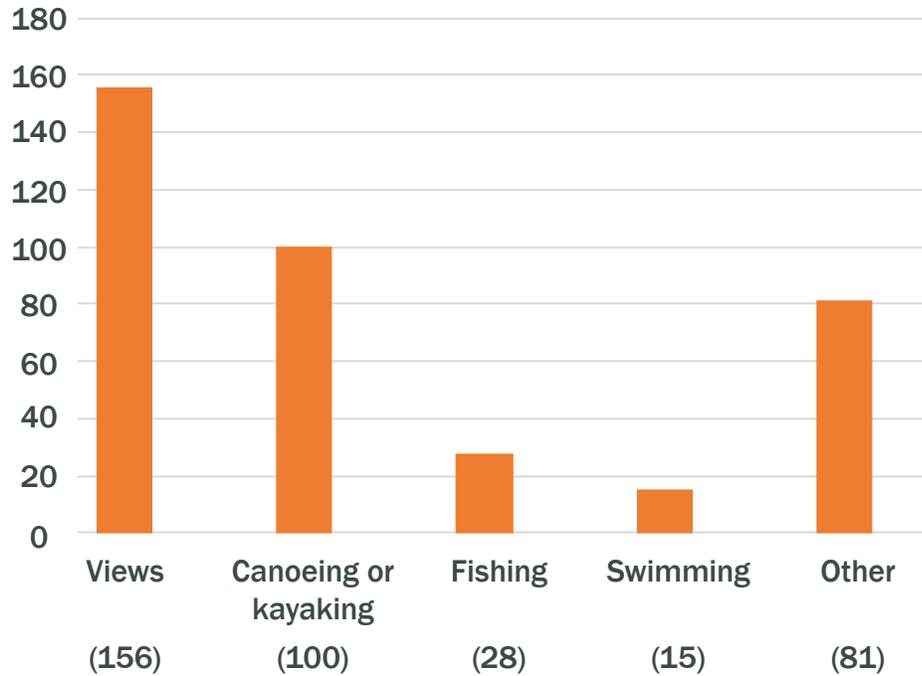


**“Would you be willing to plant trees on your property?”**

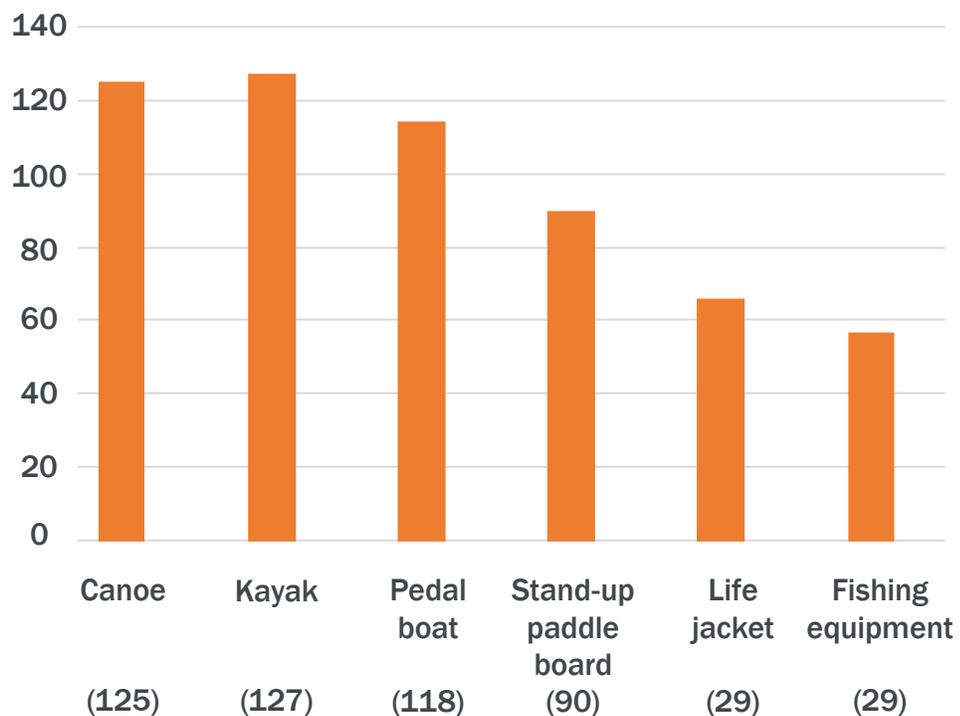


## Bogue Falaya Park

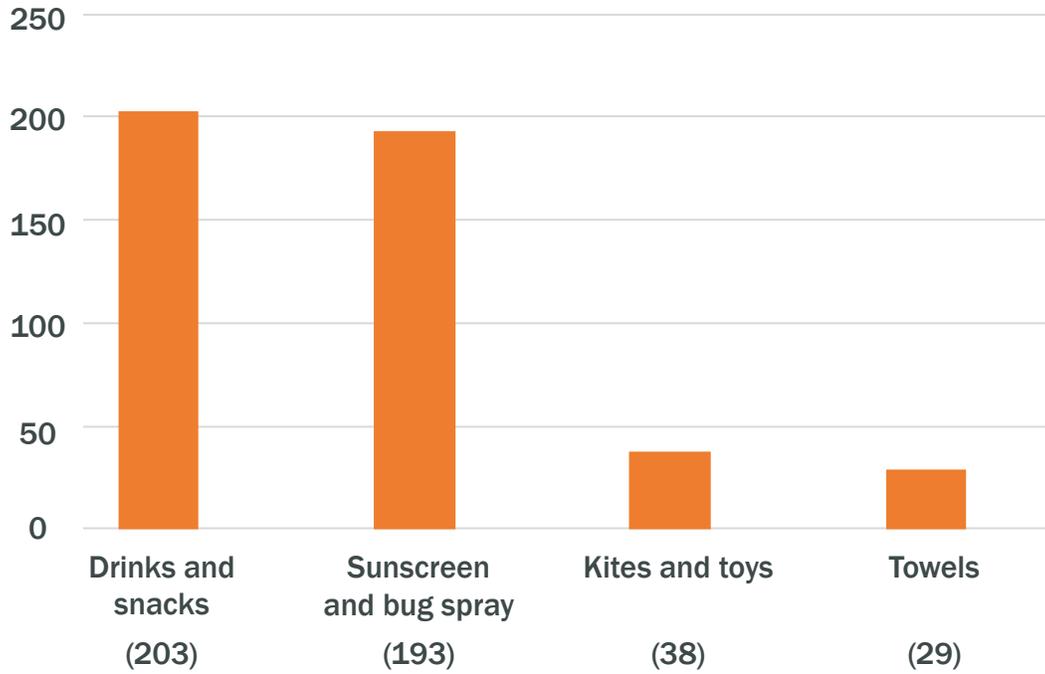
“How do you use the Bogue Falaya River?”



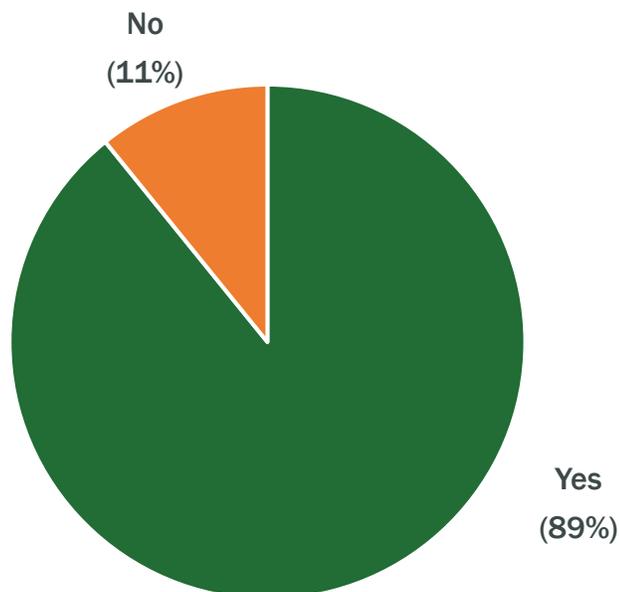
“Which would you rent from the park?”



**“Which would you buy from the park?”**

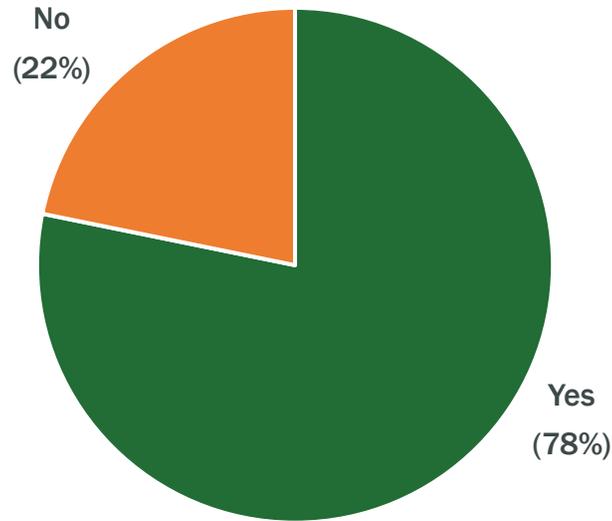


**“Should a permanent structure be built for rental and retail activities?”**

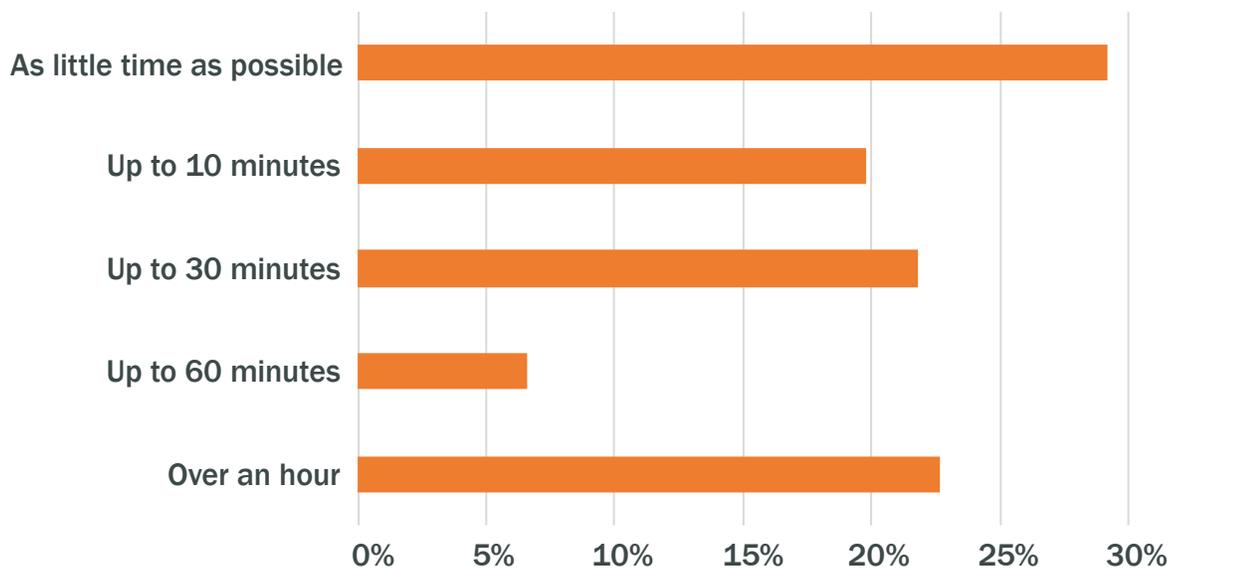


## Healthy Communities

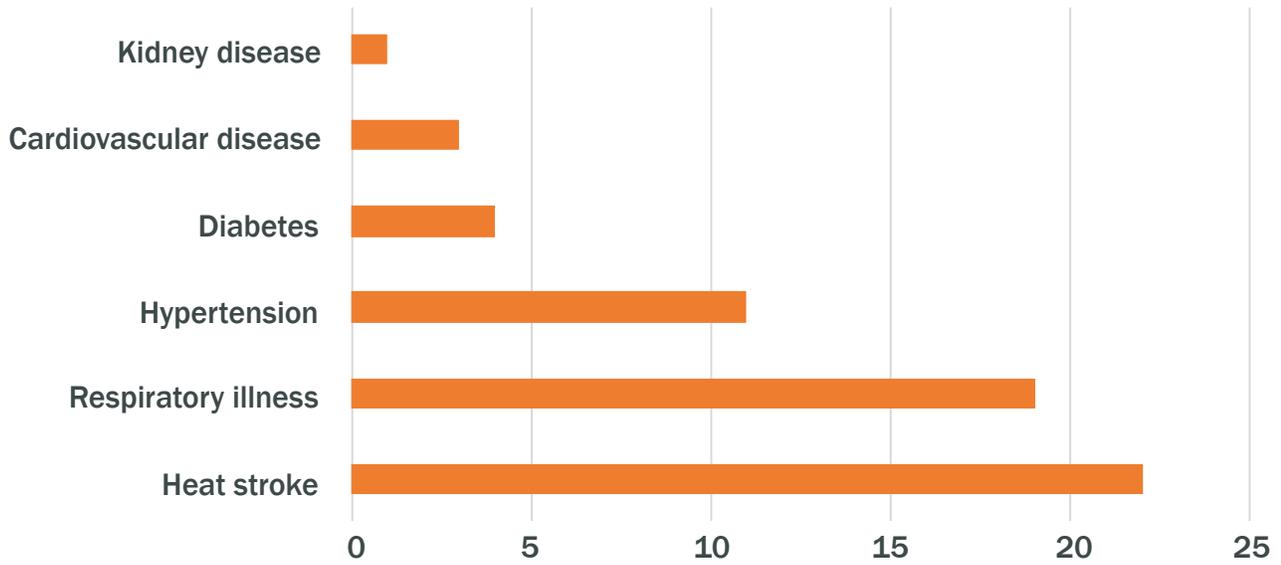
“Do you feel the city contains adequate resources to live a healthy lifestyle?”



“How long are you likely to stay outside when the weather is hot?”

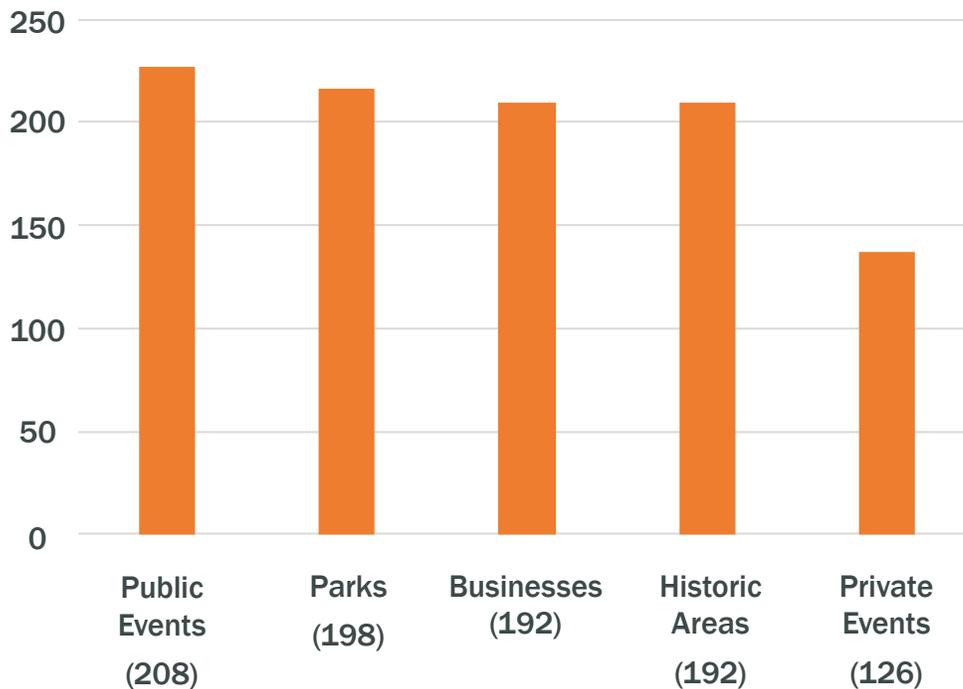


**“Has the heat ever created additional health problems/ailments for you or your family members?”**



## Place Making

### “Which places do you enjoy in Covington?”



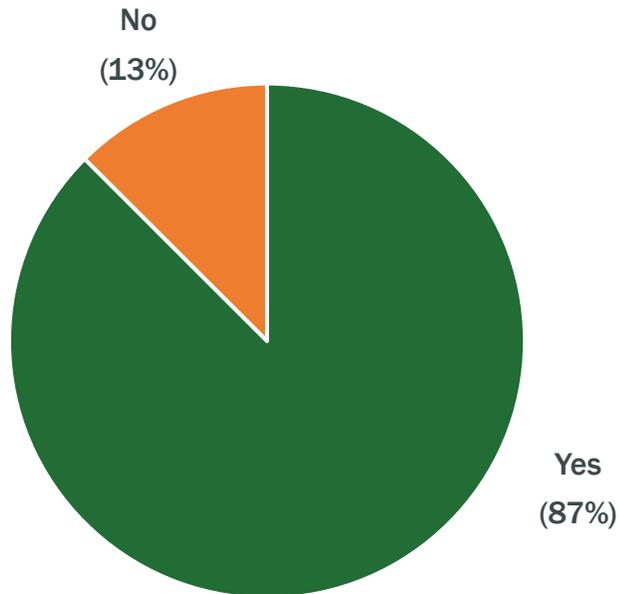
### “What do you like most about Covington?”

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| Small town feel            | Safety                   | Slow pace |
| Old neighborhoods, history | Walkability              | Events    |
| True sense of community    | Convenience              | Trees     |
| Charm                      | Locally-owned businesses |           |

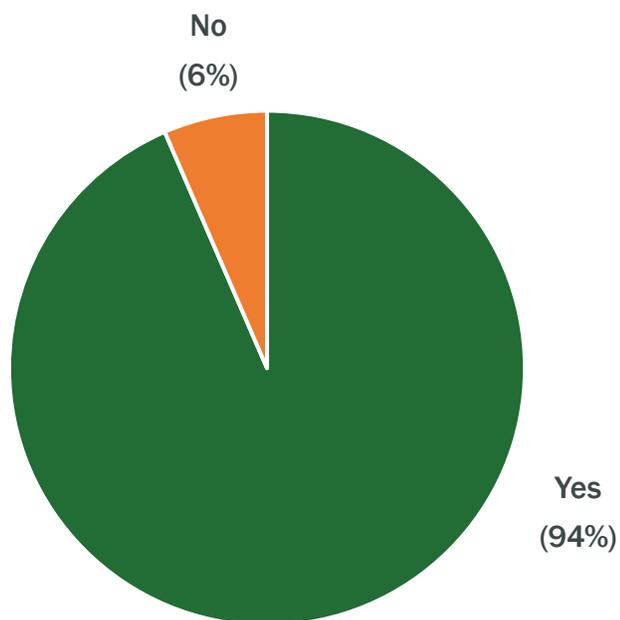
### “What do you like least about Covington?”

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| Traffic congestion          | Need for affordable housing |
| Downtown parking            | Drainage issues             |
| Infrastructure planning     | Zoning laws                 |
| Lack of parking enforcement | Social homogeneity          |

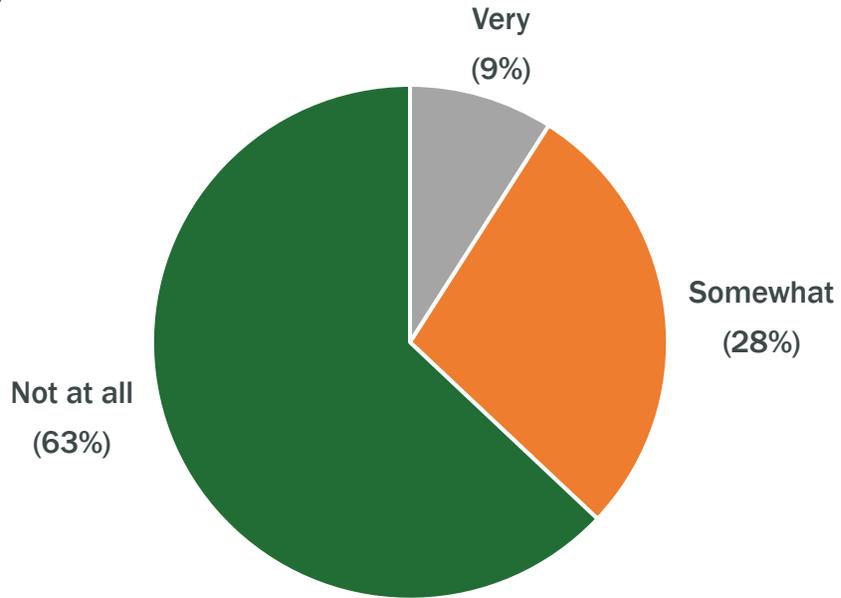
“Would you approve of community art projects (eg. murals) on abandoned buildings?”



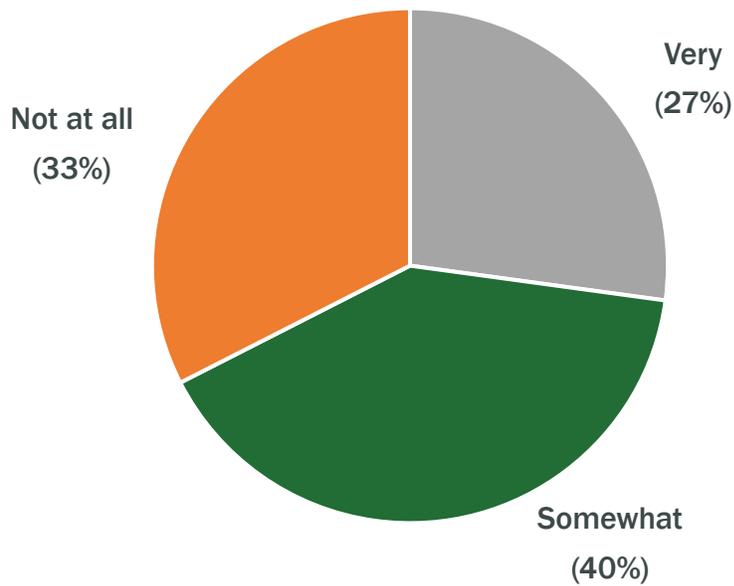
“Would you approve of building community gardens on abandoned lots?”



**“How concerned are you about conflict with neighbors or neighborhood acquaintances?”**

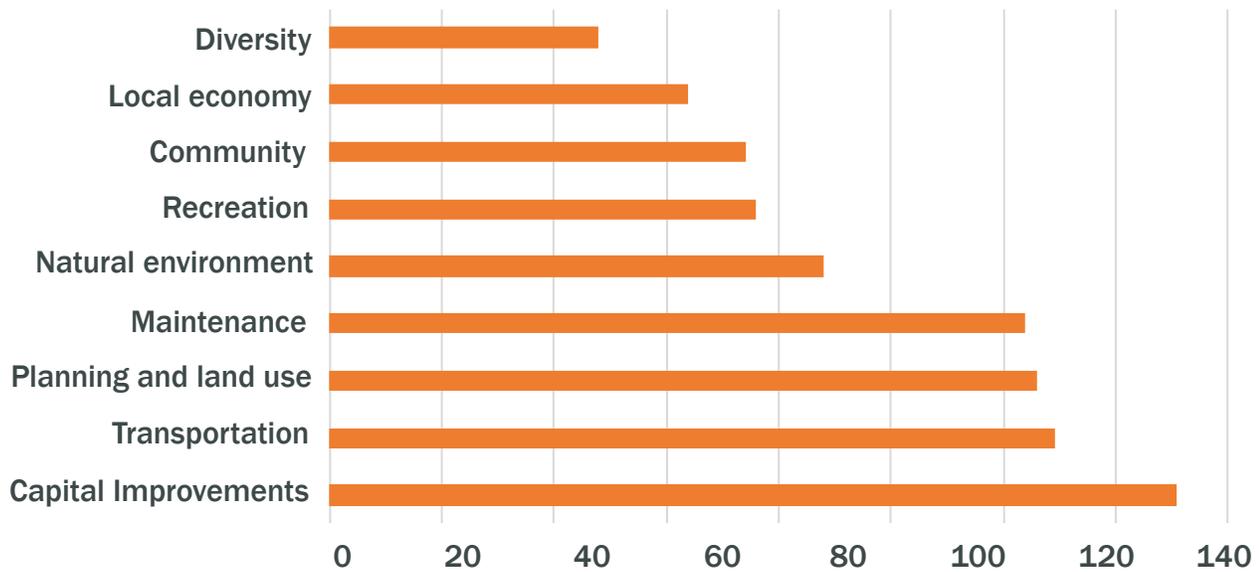


**“How concerned are you about crime and criminal activity?”**

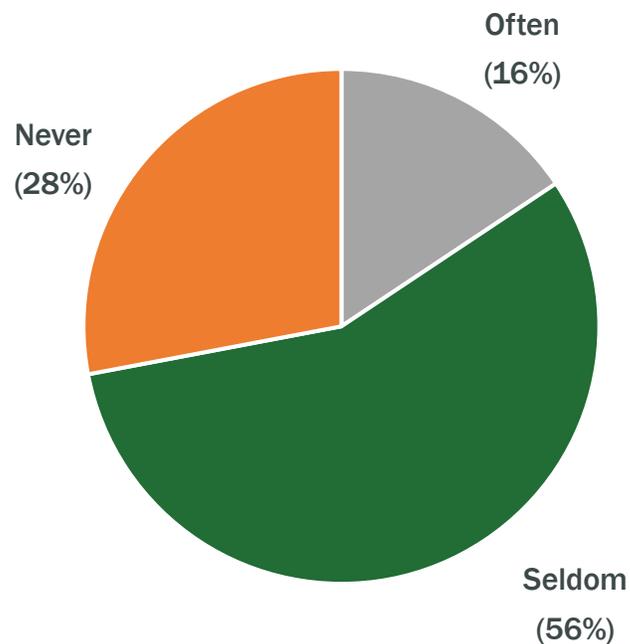


## Additional Input

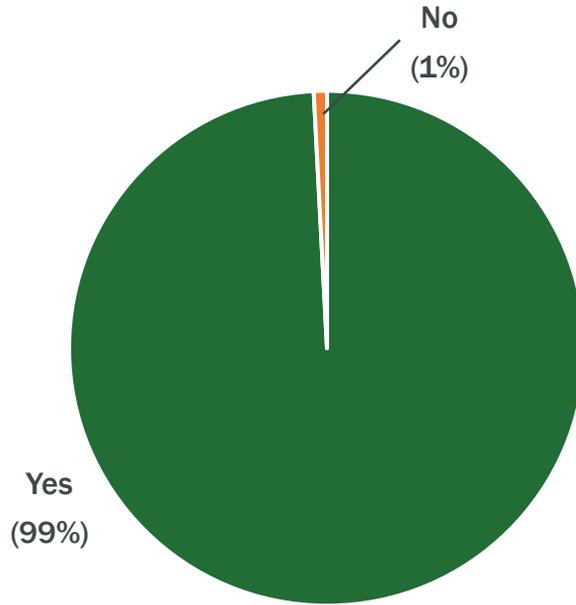
“Which areas do you feel need improvement in Covington?”



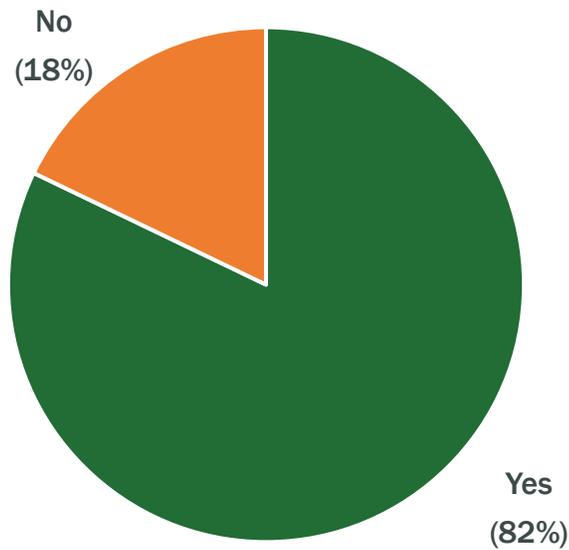
“Do you attend local government meetings?”



**“Are you comfortable using a computer and accessing information on the Internet?”**



**“After reviewing or discussing project information, do you feel you have a better understanding of the comprehensive planning process?”**



“After reviewing or discussing project information, do you feel there are adequate opportunities to provide feedback during the comprehensive planning process?”

