

**RESULTS FROM THE SOMERS COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY**  
**Conducted Spring 2012**  
**3,325 Surveys Mailed Out**  
**1,459 Responses Received**  
**Response Rate = 43.9%**

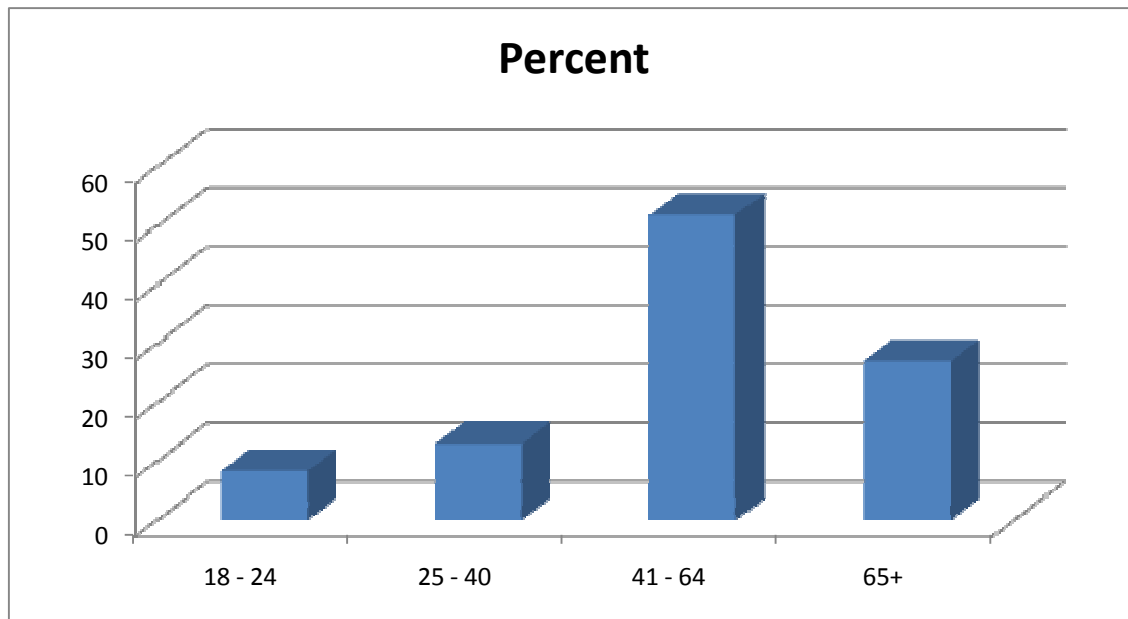
**Table 1: Number of Adults and Children in the Sample**

Number of Adults (Q1)	3198
Number of Children (Q2)	823
Children Involved in Sports in next 5 years (Q5)	682

**Table 2: Number in Each Age Group**

<i>Adults</i>	<i>18 - 24</i>	<i>25 - 40</i>	<i>41 - 64</i>	<i>65+</i>
# in Age Group (Q3)	8.6% (271)	13.1% (411)	51.9% (1629)	26.3% (826)
<i>Children</i>	<i>Under 5</i>	<i>5-10</i>	<i>11-13</i>	<i>14-18</i>
# in Age Group (Q4)	148	272	164	236

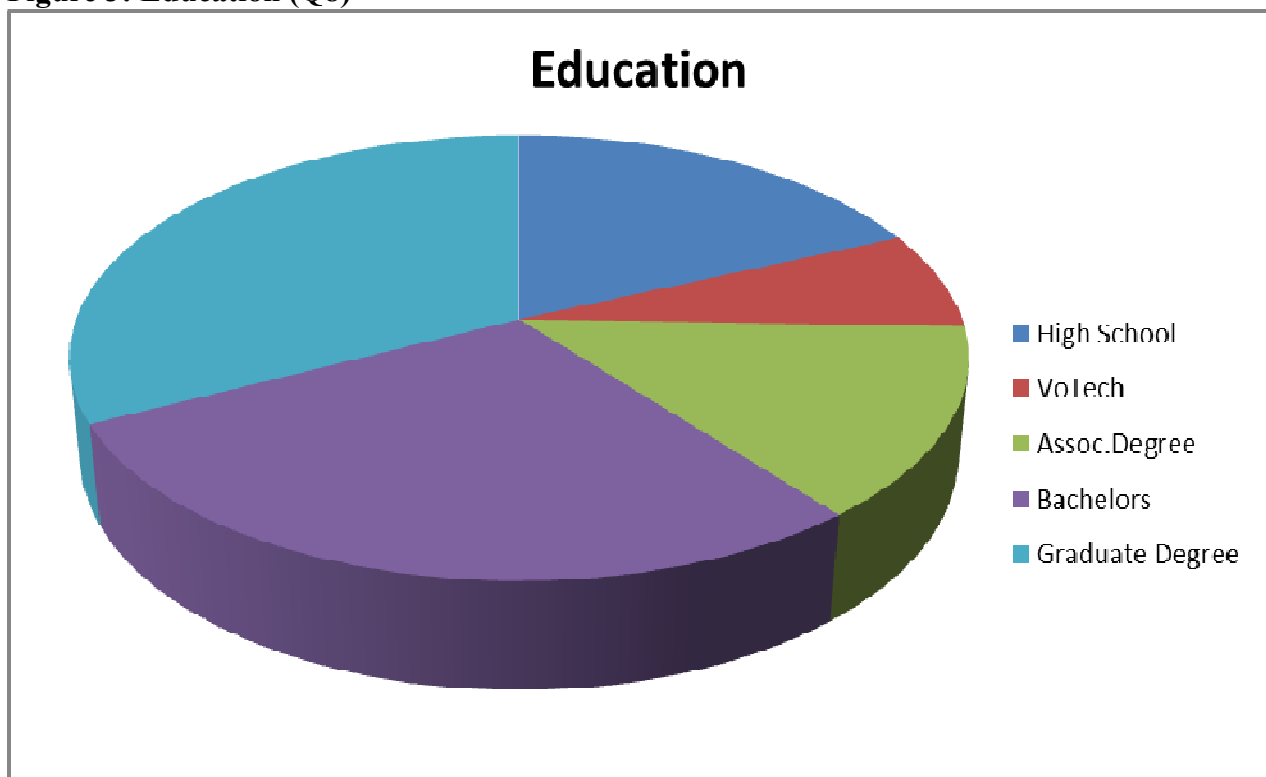
**Figure 2: Number of Adults in Each Age Group (Q3)**



**Table 3: Education (Q8)**

High School	Voc/Technical	Assoc. Degree	Bachelors	Graduate Degree	No Response
18.4% (263)	7.1% (102)	13.8% (197)	28.3% (404)	32.4% (463)	(30)

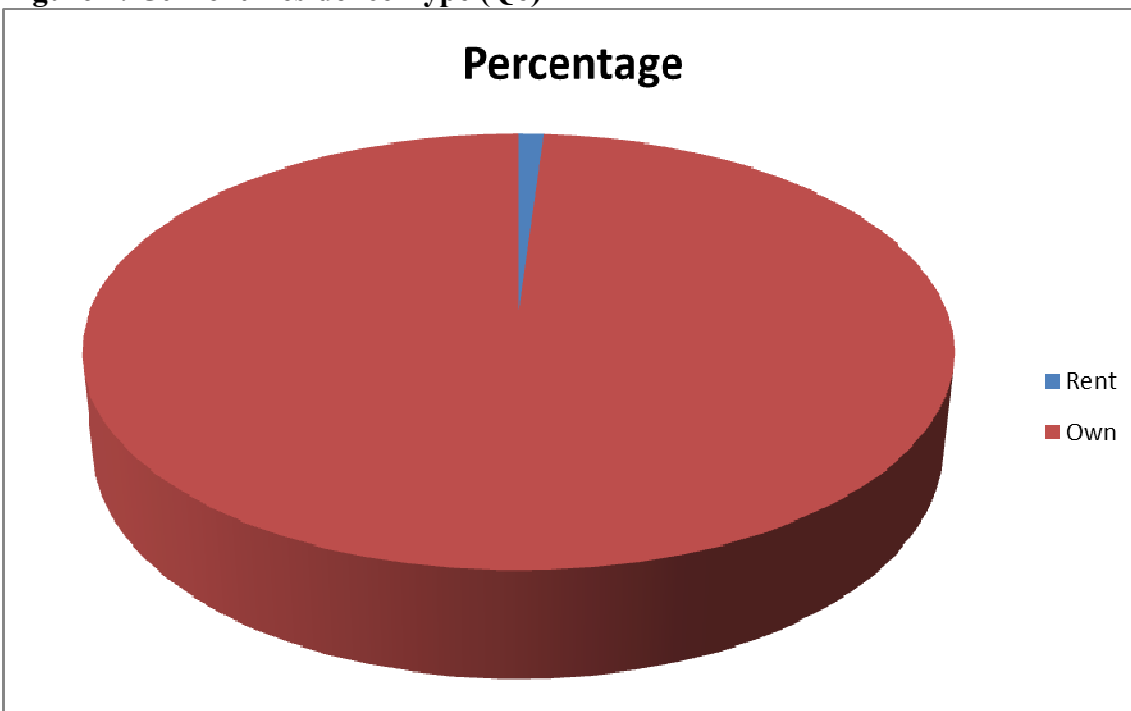
**Figure 3: Education (Q8)**



**Table 4: Current Residence Type (Q6)**

Rent	1.1% (16)
Own	98.9% (1433)
Number of Responses	1449

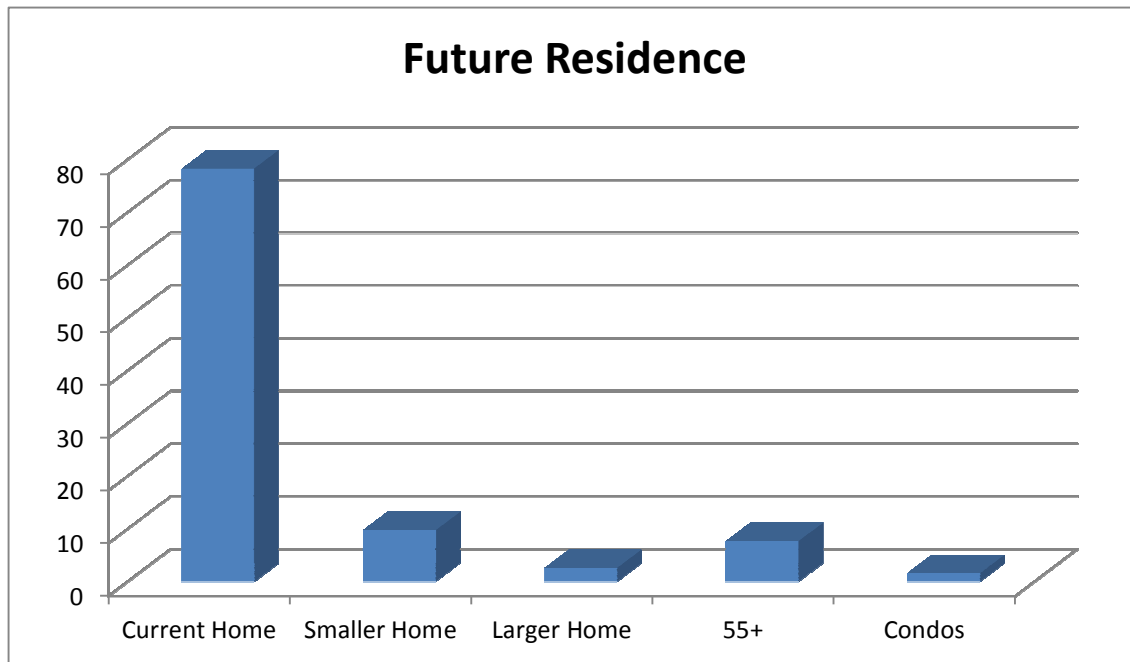
**Figure 4: Current Residence Type (Q6)**



**Table 5: Future Plans**

“Do you see yourself living in Somers 10-15 years from now?” (Q7)	
Yes	81.8% (1163)
No	18.1% (258)
Number of Responses	
1422	
“If you plan to reside in Somers 10 years from now, in what type of residence do you expect to live?” (Q10)	
Current owner occupied home	77.8% (1005)
Smaller owner occupied home	10.1% (130)
Larger owner occupied home	2.9% (37)
55+/Active Adult Development	7.6% (98)
Rental Property	1.7% (22)
Number of Responses	
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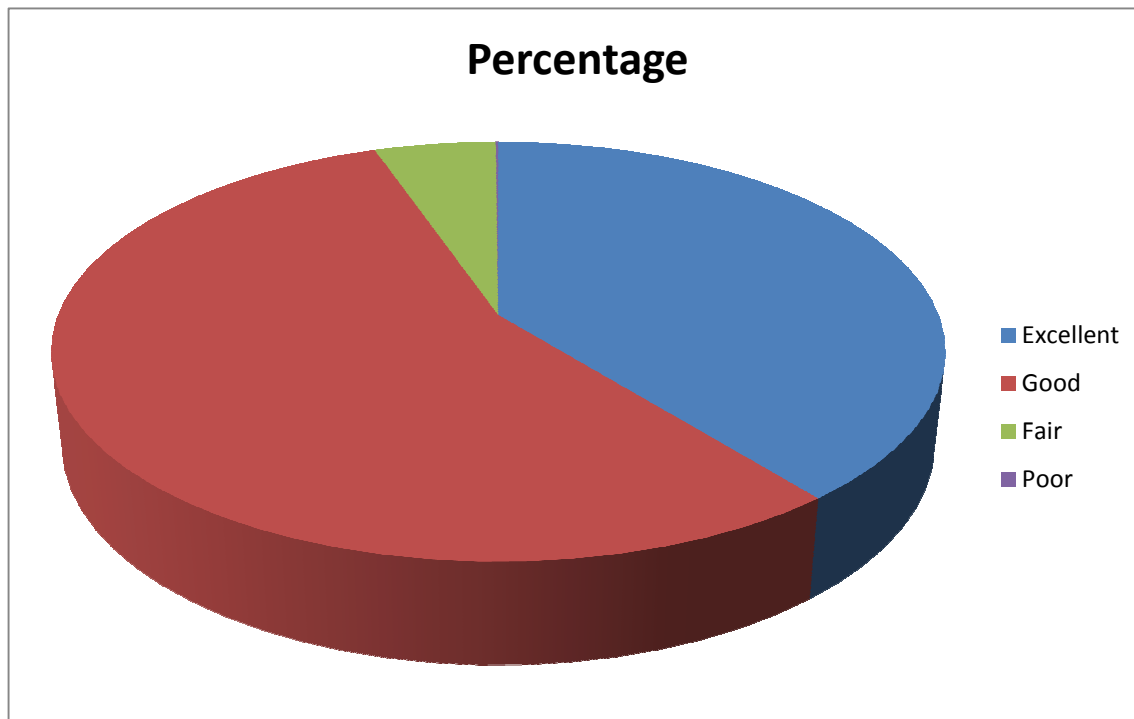
**Figure 5: Future Residence (Q10)**



**Table 6: Quality of Life**

“How would you rate the overall quality of life here in Somers?” (Q9)	
Excellent	39.2% (562)
Good	55.6% (798)
Fair	5.1% (73)
Poor	0.1% (2)
Number of Responses	1435

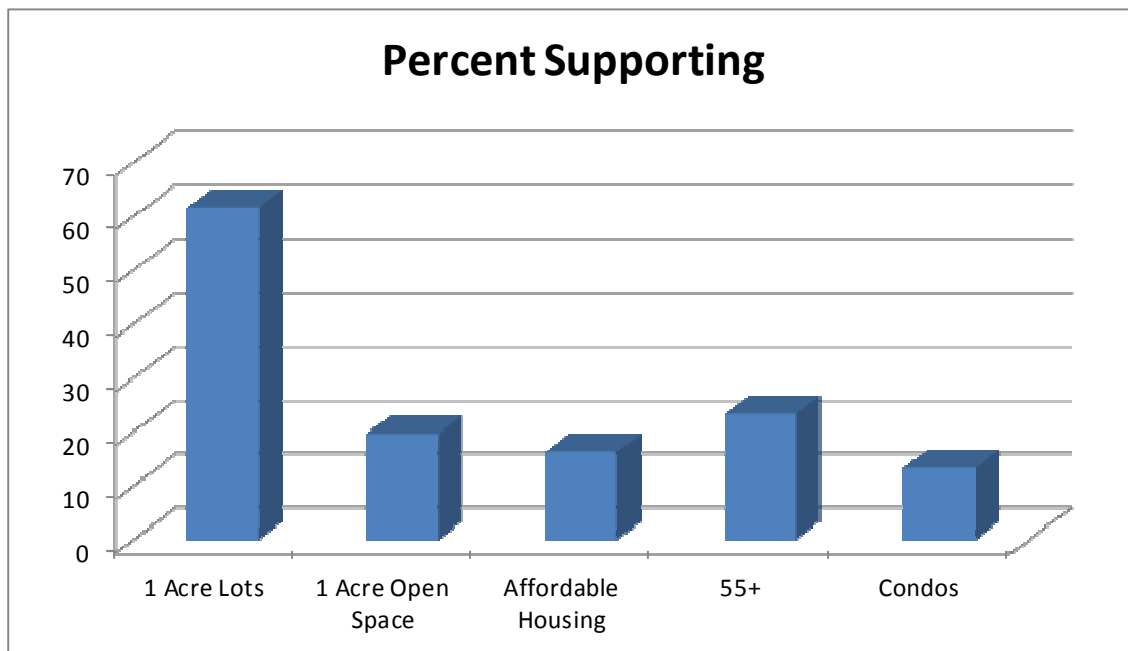
**Figure 6: Quality of Life (Q9)**



**Table 7: Preferred Future Development**

“What type of development would you like to see increase in the next 10 years? (Check all that apply)” (Q11)	Support	Oppose
Owner occupied homes on 1 acre lots	62.1% (846)	37.9% (517)
Owner occupied homes on less than 1 acre, but with equivalent surrounding open space	19.5% (263)	80.5% (1086)
Affordable housing	16% (215)	84% (1130)
55+ developments	23.2% (313)	76.8% (1039)
Condominiums	13.1% (176)	86.9% (1169)
Number of Responses	1363	

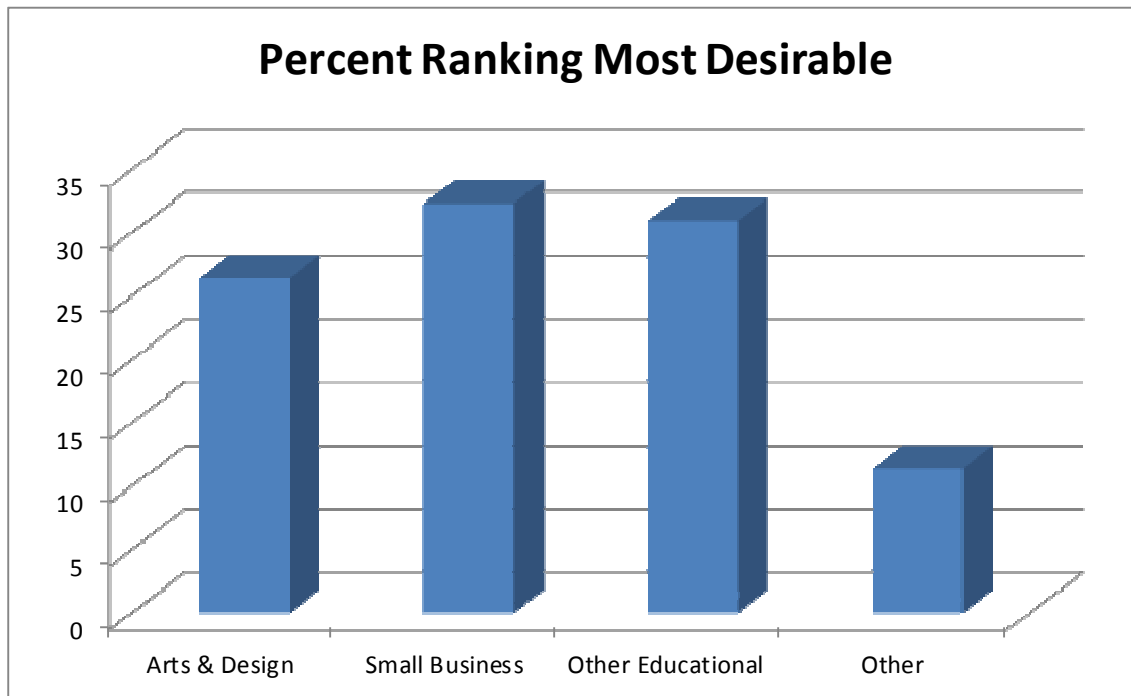
**Figure 7: Preferred Future Development (Q11)**



**Table 8: Use of Kibbe Fuller Building**

“The Kibbe Fuller Building is required to be used for educational purposes. Please indicate which potential use you feel is most desirable? (Rank Order: 1=Most Desirable, 2, 3, 4=Least Desirable)” (Q12)	1=Most Desirable	2	3	4=Least Desirable
Arts and Design Center	26.6% (362)	21.1% (288)	16.7% (227)	7.7% (105)
Small Business Incubator	32.3% (441)	15.4% (211)	18.4% (252)	10.1% (138)
Other Educational Use	31.4% (427)	24.7% (335)	14.4% (196)	2.7% (37)
Other	11.3% (150)	2.1% (28)	3.2% (43)	8.3% (110)
Number of Responses	1366			

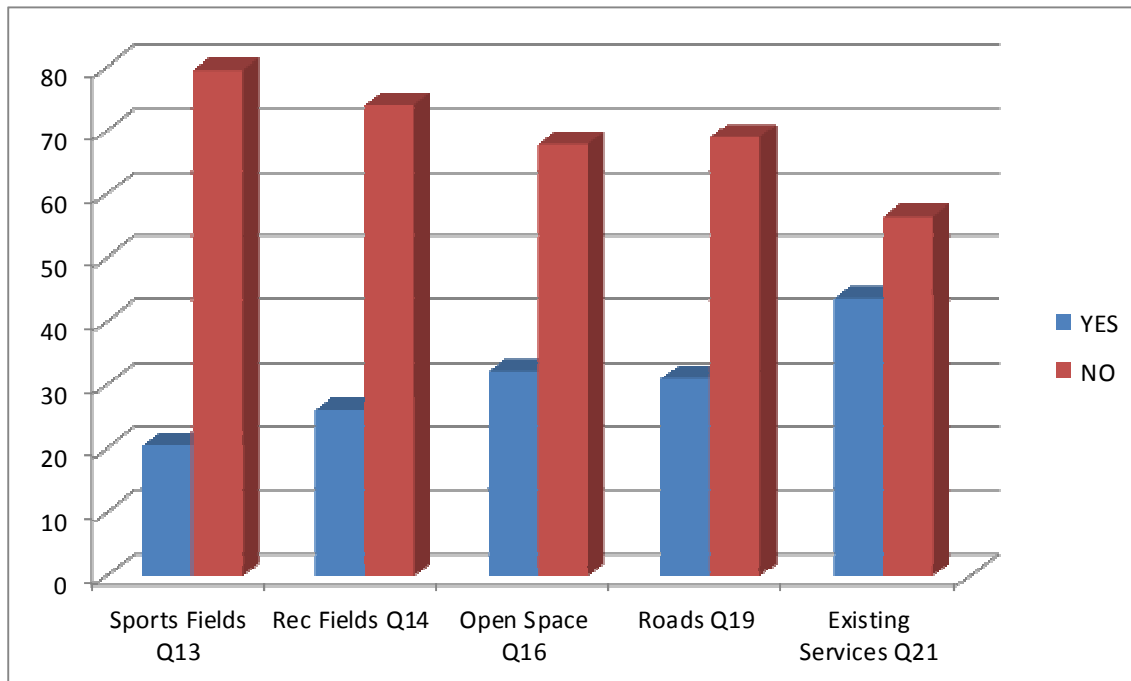
**Figure 8: Preferred Use of Kibbe Fuller Building**



**Table 9: Willingness To Pay Questions**

“Would you be willing to pay an additional \$100 per year in property taxes to...”	Yes	No	N of Responses
“...provide more sports fields in Somers?” (Q13)	20.5% (289)	79.5% (1123)	1412
“...increase the maintenance of the sports recreation fields in Somers?” (Q14)	26.5% (372)	73.5% (1034)	1406
“...provide revenue for the open space fund?” (Q16)	32.4% (446)	67.6% (929)	1375
“...finance a road improvement plan in Somers?” (Q19)	31% (428)	69% (953)	1381
“Given continuing declines in state funding for education and other town services, would you support an equivalent increase in your property taxes to maintain the <i>existing</i> level of funding for education and other services?” (Q21)	44.1% (610)	55.9% (774)	1384

**Figure 9: Willingness to Pay (Qs 13, 14, 16, 19 and 21)**

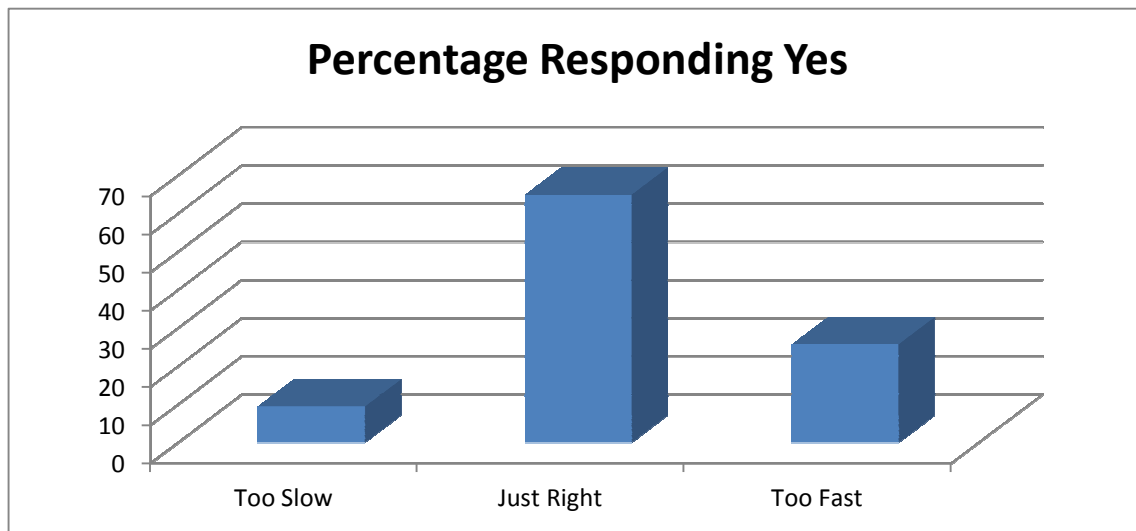




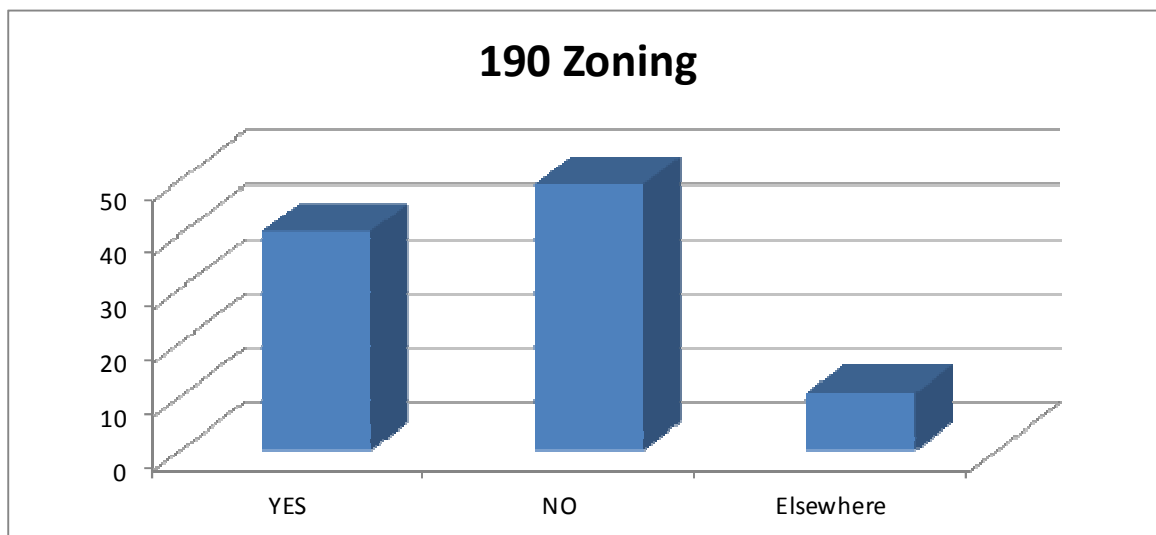
**Table 10: Rate of Development and Zoning**

	Too Slow	Just Right	Too Fast	Number Responses
“How would you describe the rate of development in Somers?” (Q15)	9.5% (131)	64.4% (891)	26.2% (362)	(1384)
	Yes	No	No, expand elsewhere	
“Should the two commercial zones in Somers and Somersville be expanded to include the I-190 corridor, connecting the two business districts in town?” (Q17)	40% (520)	49.7% (645)	10.3% (134)	(1299)

**Figure 10a: Perceived Development Rates (Q15)**



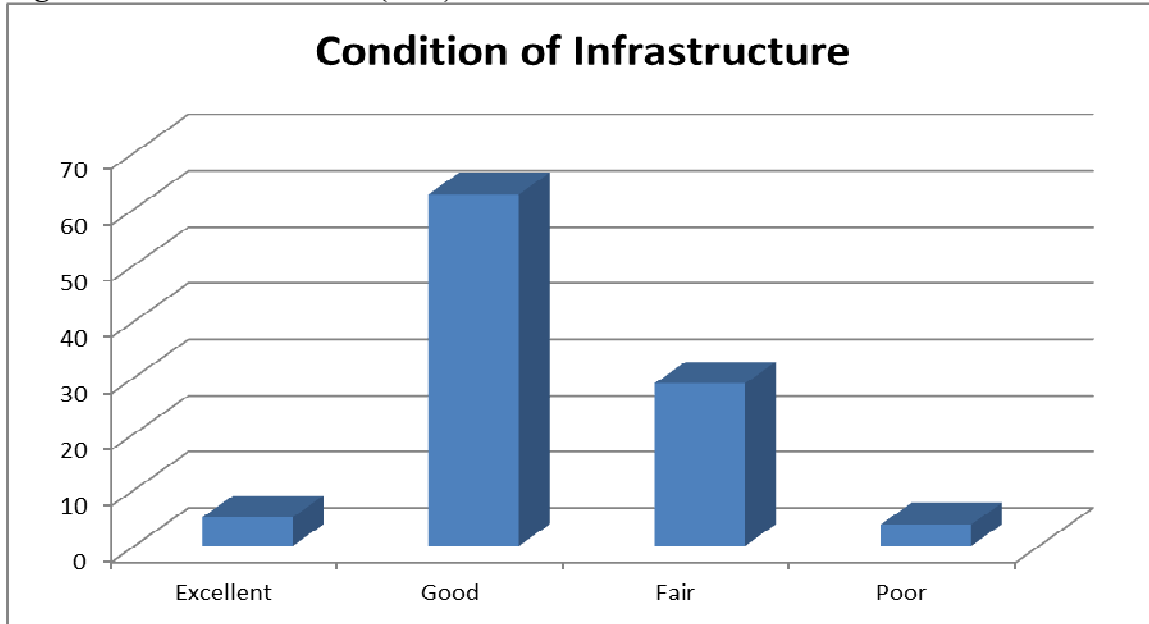
**Figure 10b: Zoning Along 190 Corridor (Q17)**



**Table 11: Town Infrastructure**

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Response
“How would you describe the condition of the town infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, sewage drains, etc.?” (Q18)	5.2% (73)	62.6% (885)	28.5% (402)	3.7% (52)	(1413)
“How would you rate the overall quality of care or maintenance of town buildings?” (Q20)	10.5% (147)	76.7% (1075)	11.9% (167)	0.9% (12)	(1401)

**Figure 11a: Infrastructure (Q18)**



**Figure 11b: Town Buildings (Q20)**

