



Blackstone Lake Cottagers Association

2023 Lake Survey Summary
August 29, 2023



Our purpose

To address the concerns of the members who own properties on Blackstone Lake and to monitor and promote the preservation of our water, forest, fishery and educating members in environmental stewardship.

Survey participant profile

Various sources seem to have different numbers for how many ratepayers we have because of multiple lot ownership and some likely variance in road access and water access labels.

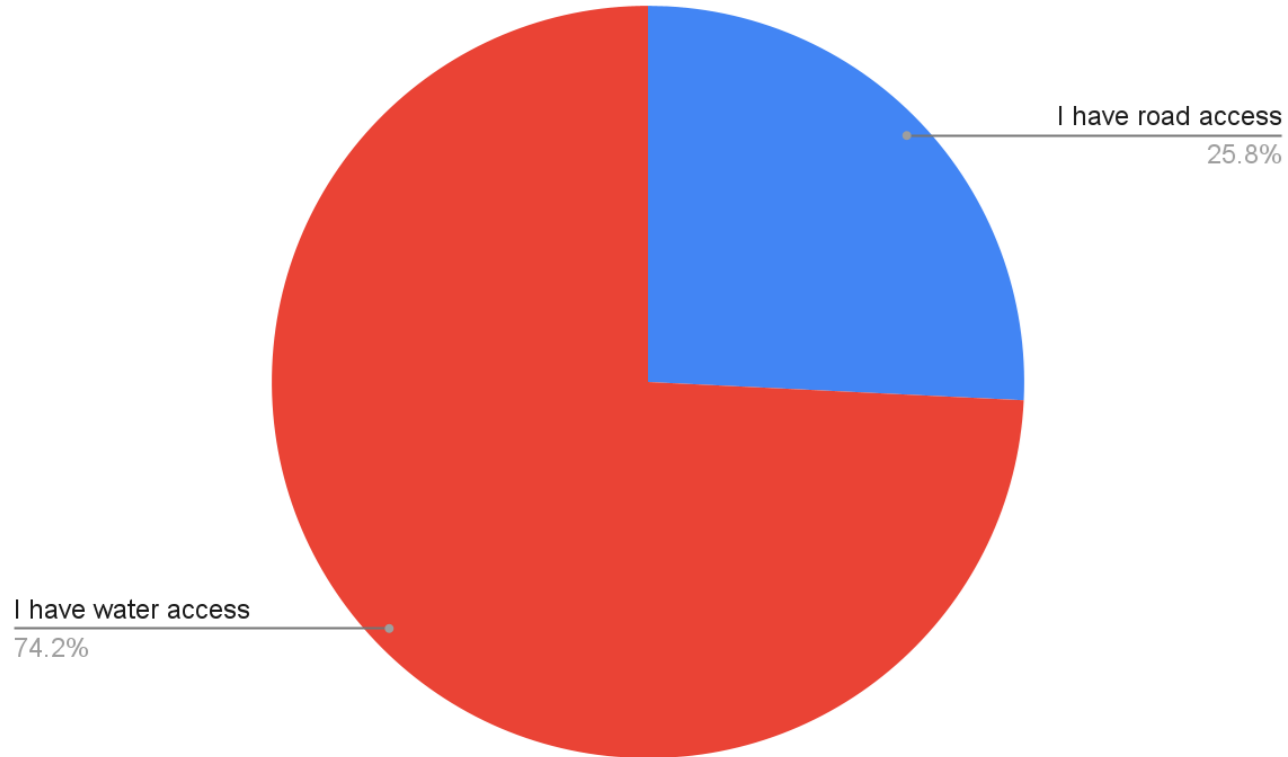
We use Chris Morwald's count of 133 (55 road access, 78 water access)

In any case, survey response is very high overall, and remarkably high for water access. (road access: 25/55; water access: 72/78)

- Water access ratepayers on lake 78/133
- Response rate so far 97/133
- Respondents to survey so far, 27.8% non BLCA member
- BLCA board 63% water access (5/8)

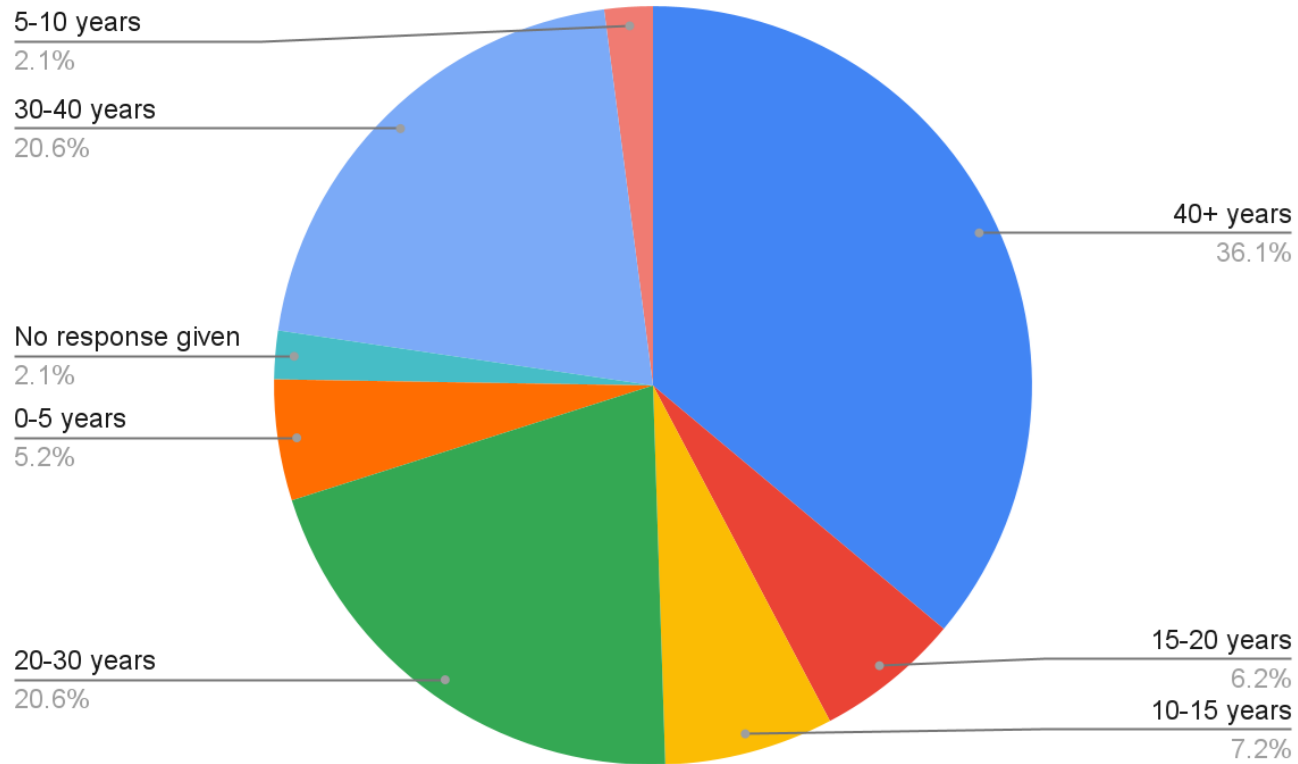
Property access distribution of respondents

97 out of 97 respondents answered this question.



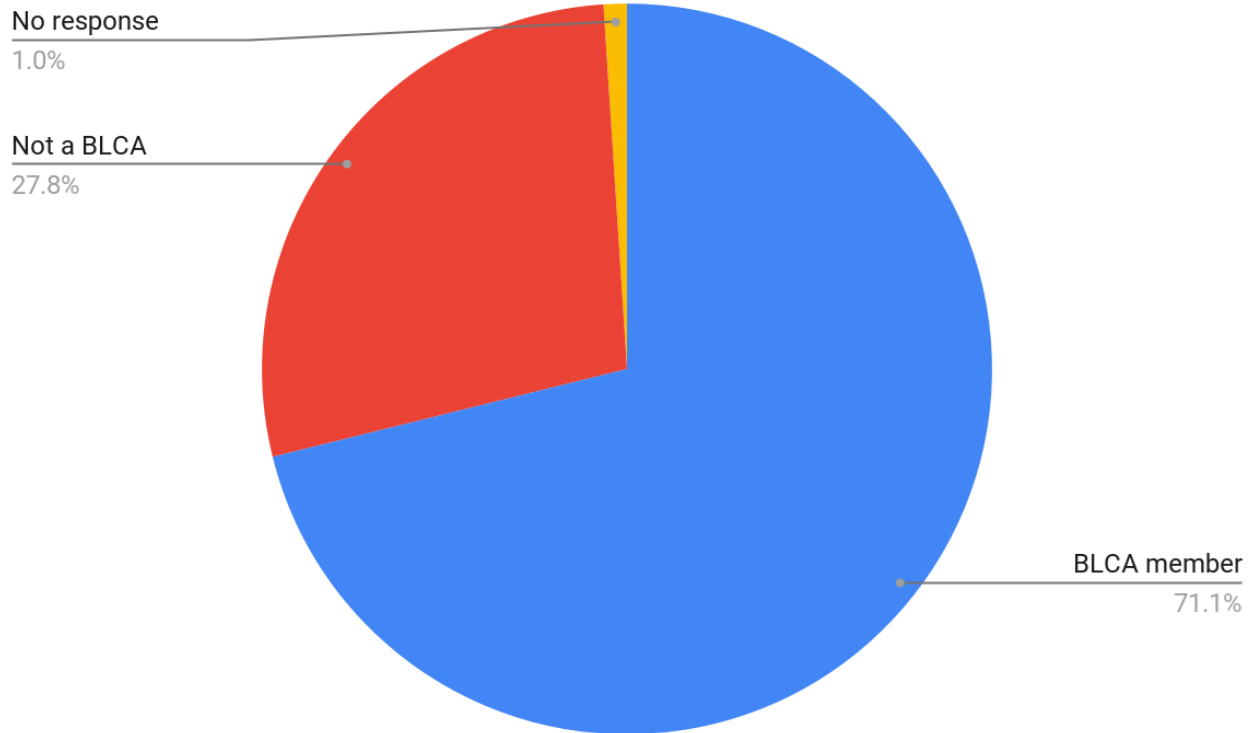
Lake tenure of respondents

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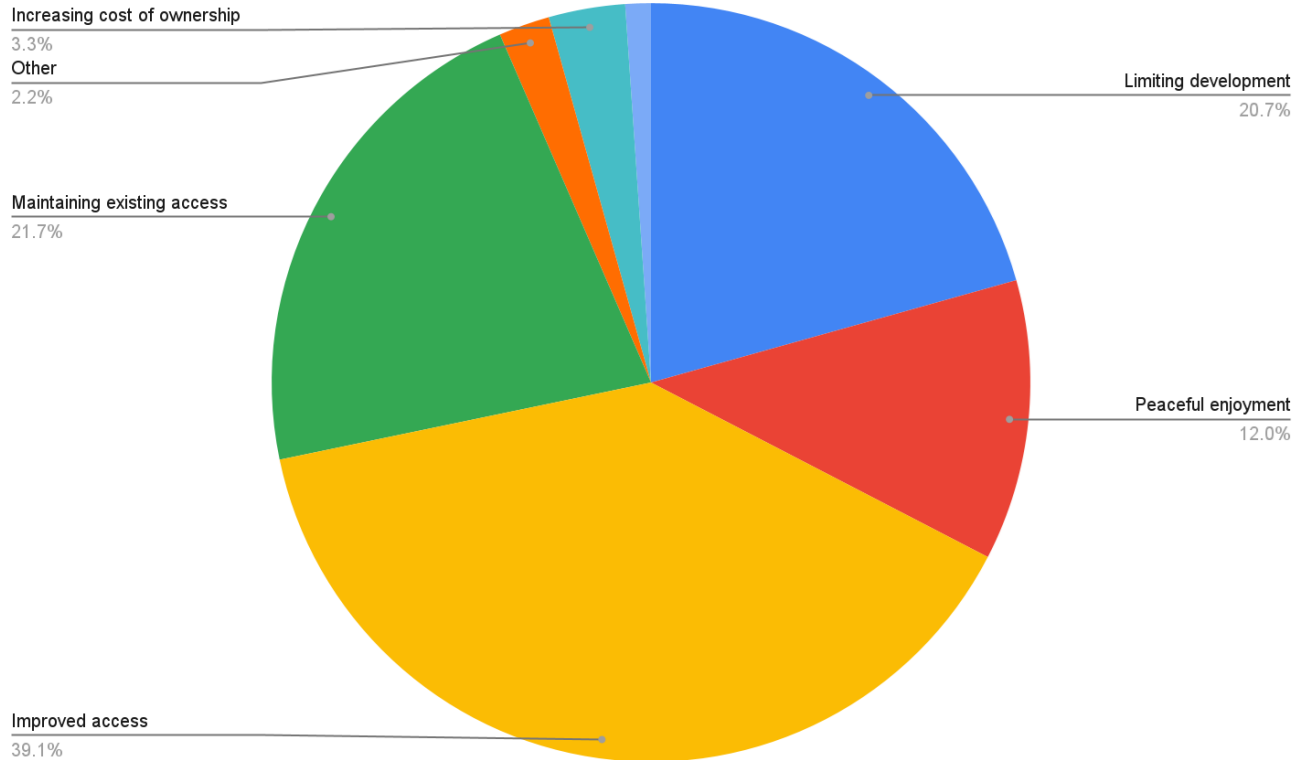


Membership distribution of respondents

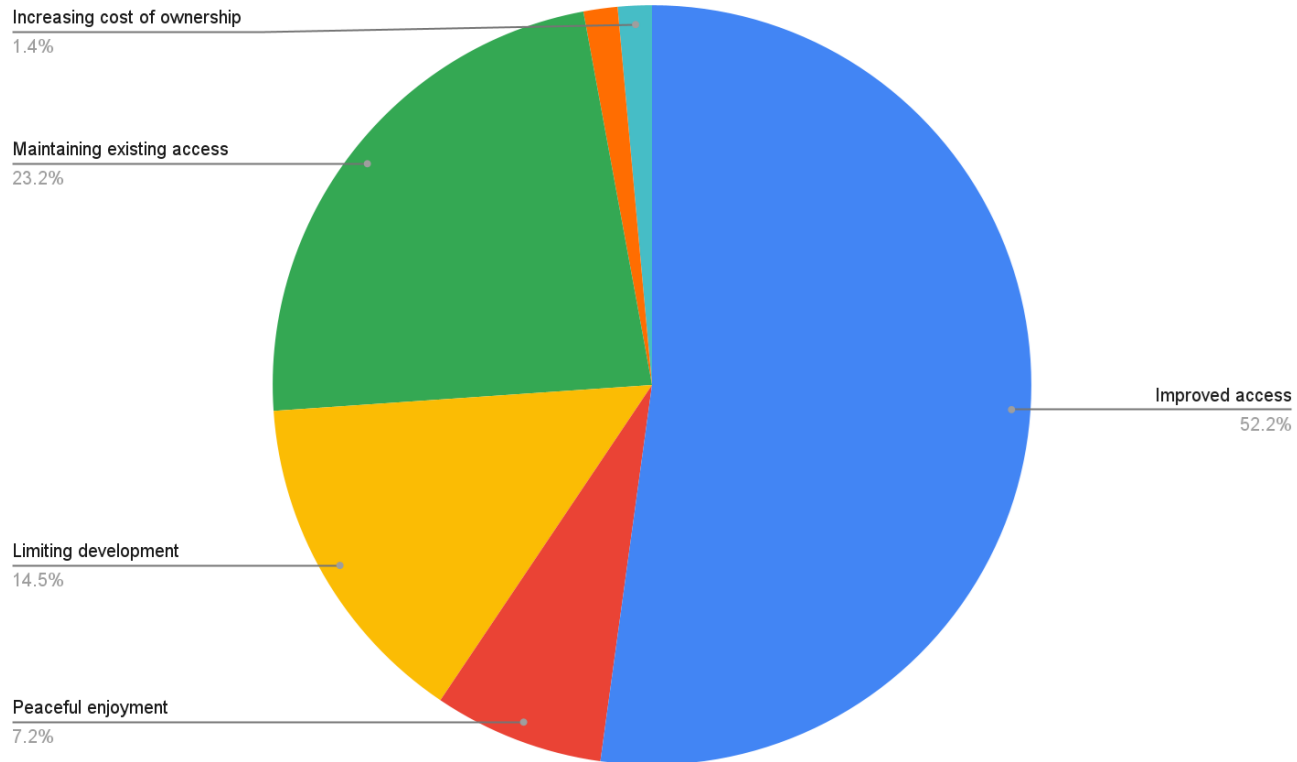
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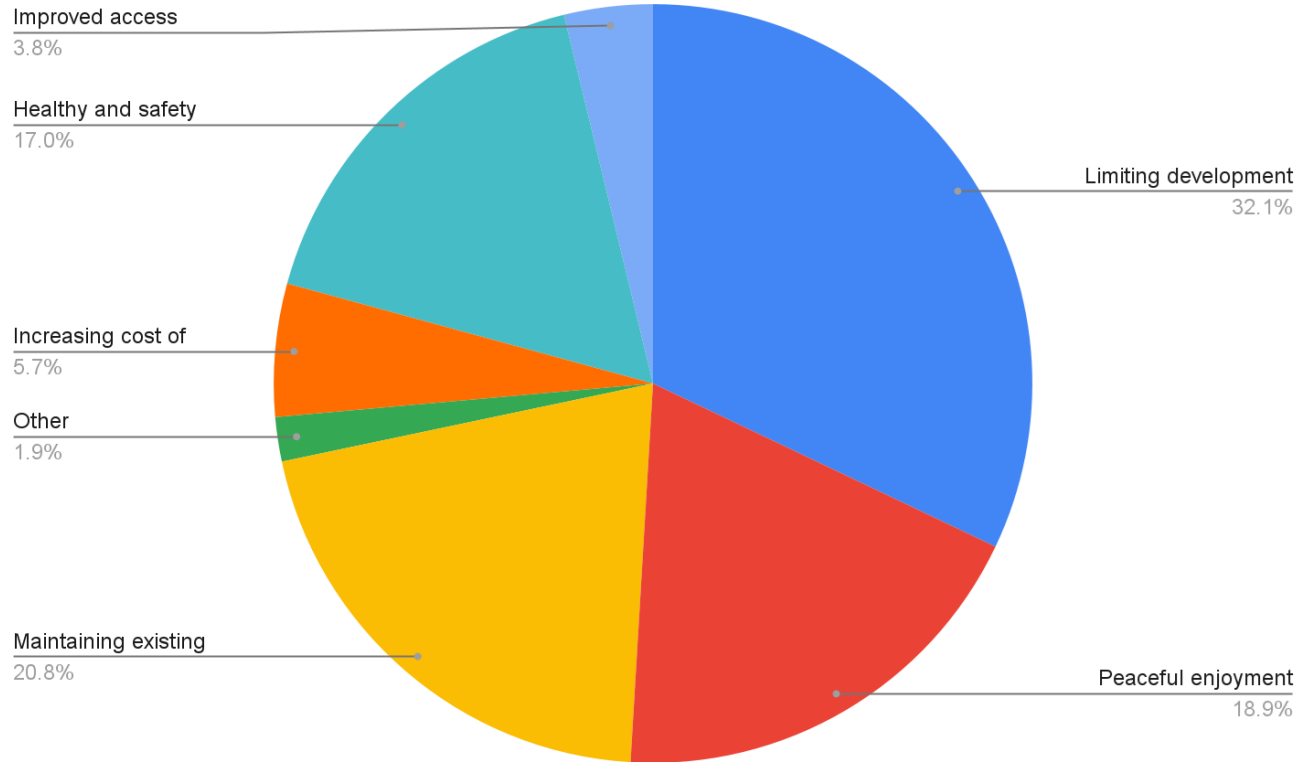
First-ranked priority of all respondents



First-ranked priority of water access respondents



First-ranked priority of road access respondents



“Other” priorities of all respondents (mentions)



Priorities of all respondents –weighted average

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Responses with a lower average were most consistently ranked as a high priority by survey respondents.

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2	Improved access to my property
3	Limiting development beyond what is currently allowed
4	Peaceful enjoyment
5	Healthy and safety
6	Increasing cost of ownership
7	Other

Priorities of water access respondents – weighted average

69 out of 72 respondents who indicated they have water access answered this question. The ranking of priorities was determined by calculating the average of the numerical values for each ranking (1-7) for each priority. Responses with a lower average were most consistently ranked as a high priority by the applicable survey respondents.

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Priorities of road access respondents –weighted average

21 out of 23 respondents who indicated they have road access answered this question.

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6	Improved access to my property
7	Other

Weighted Average - Priorities comparison

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All respondents

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Road access respondents

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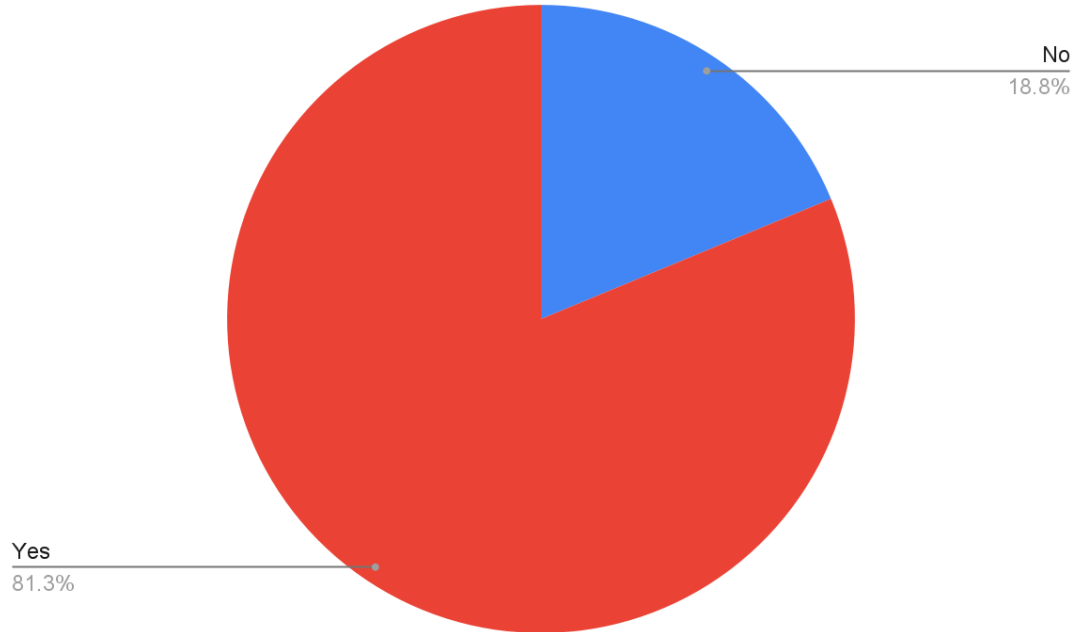
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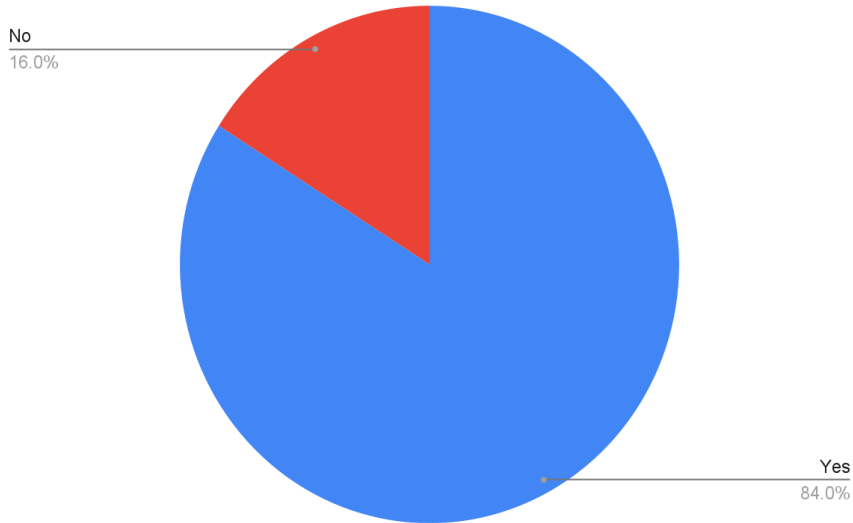
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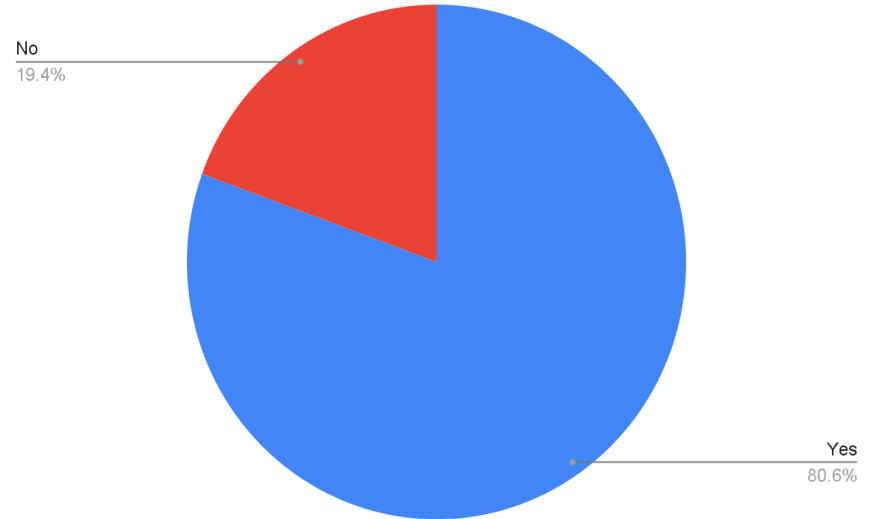
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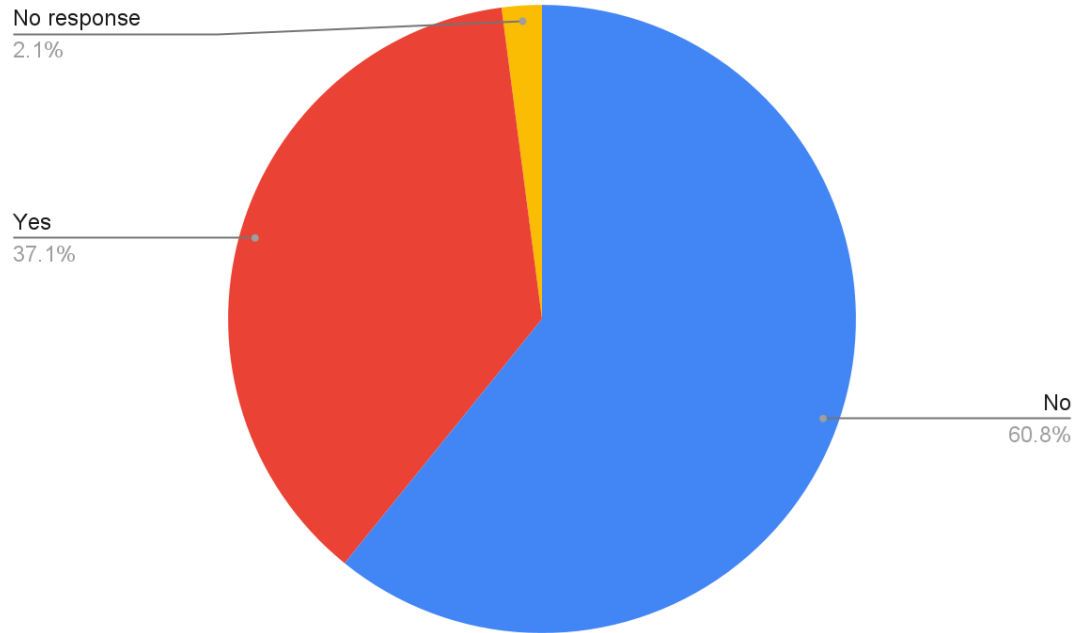
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Further development – detailed comments offered

Do you have other suggestions related to potential zoning or bylaw changes?

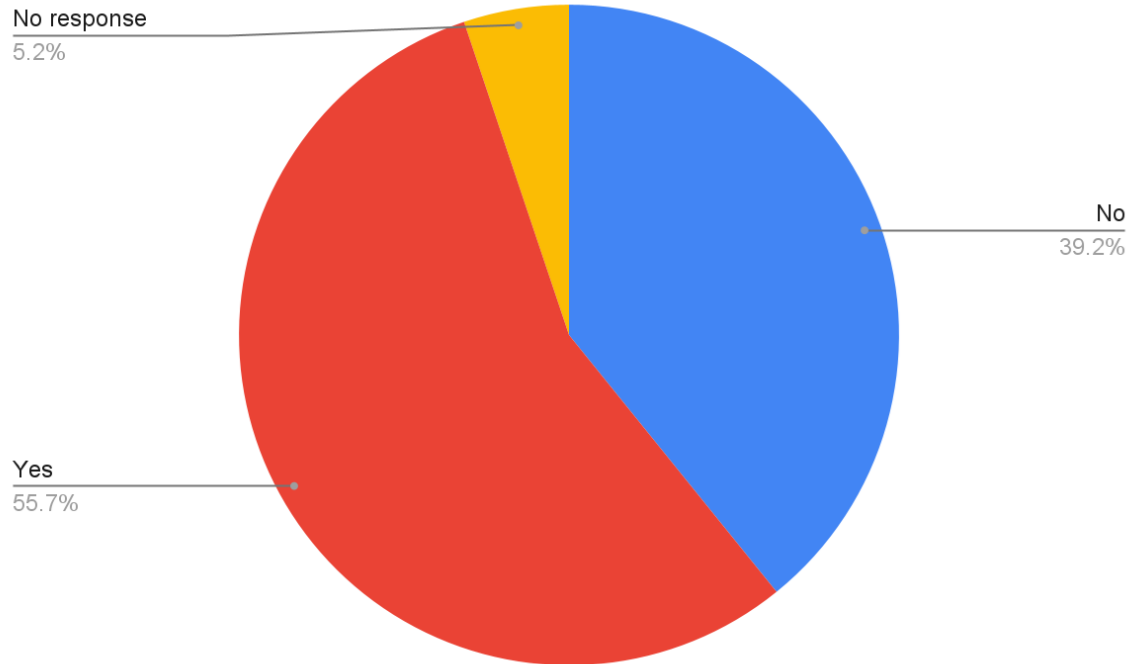
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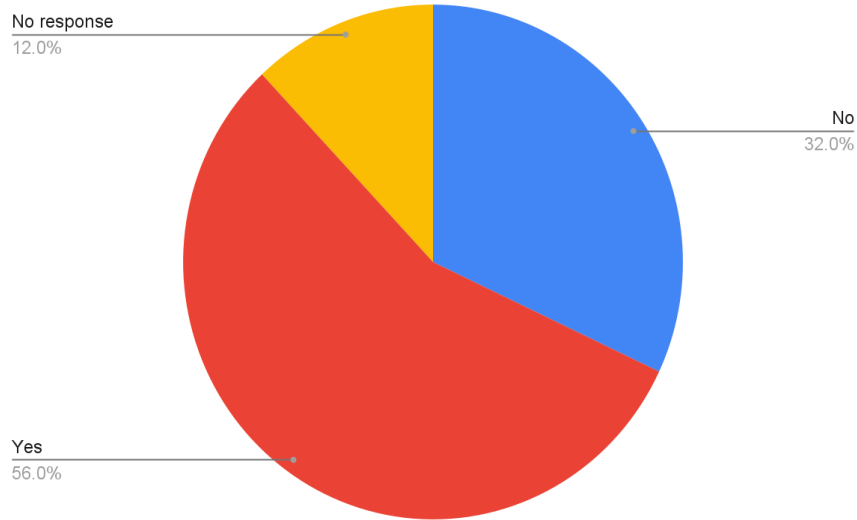
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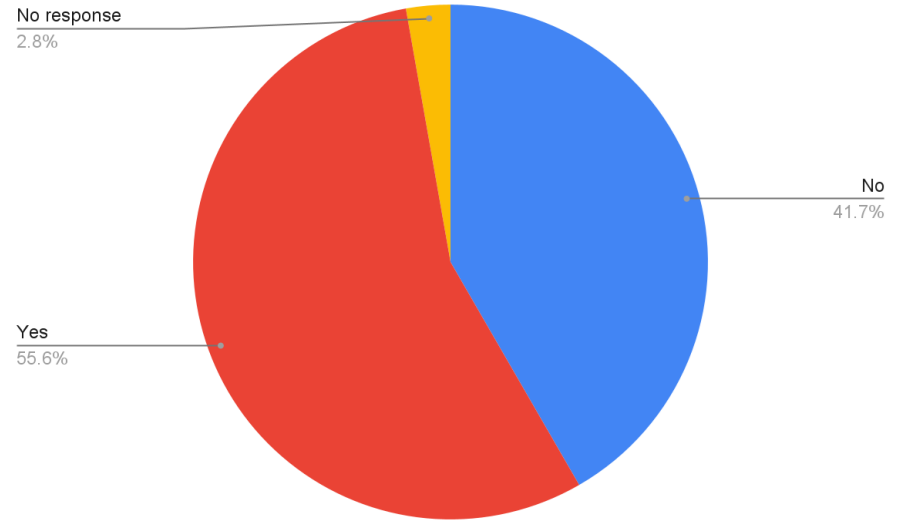
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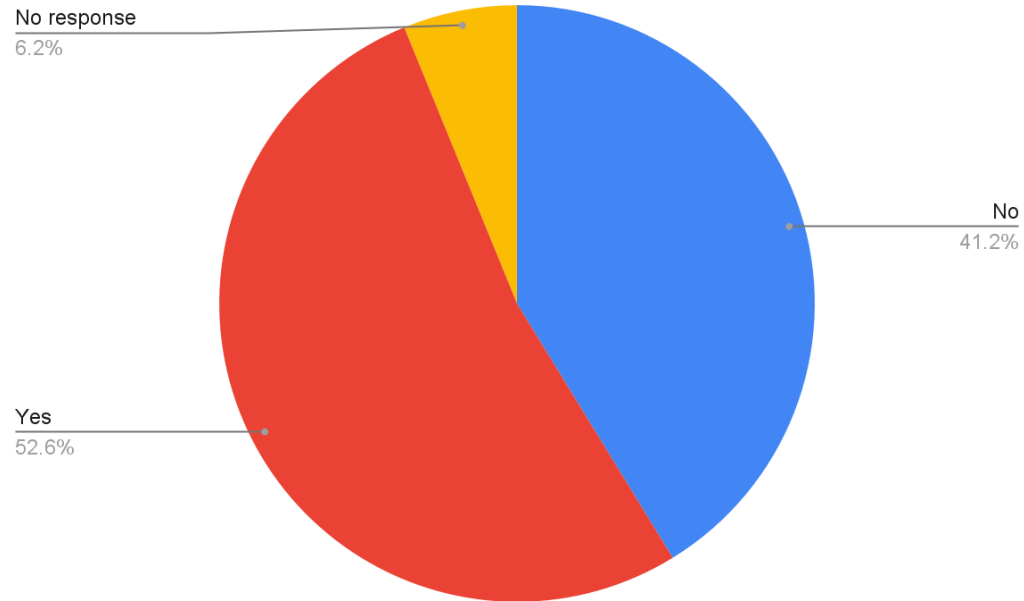
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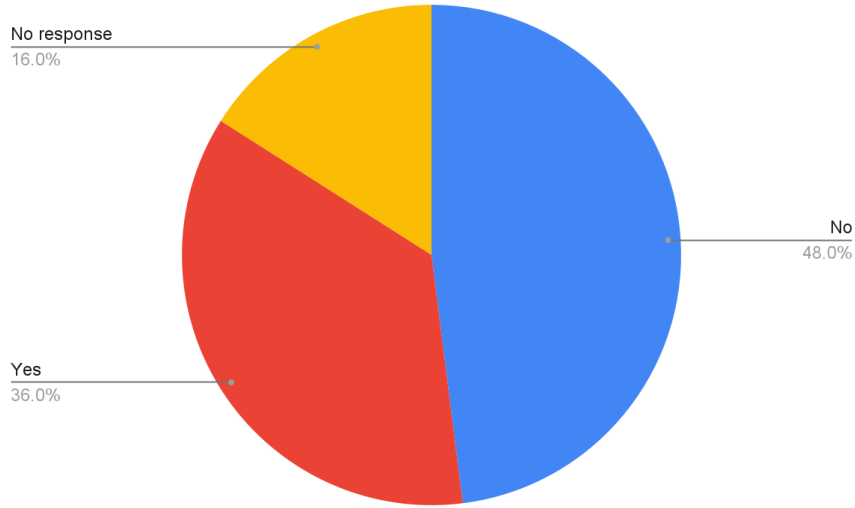
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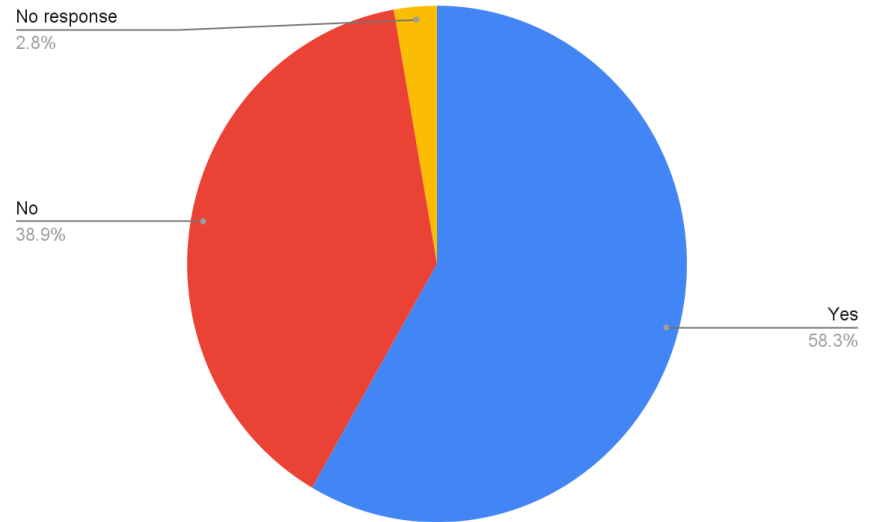
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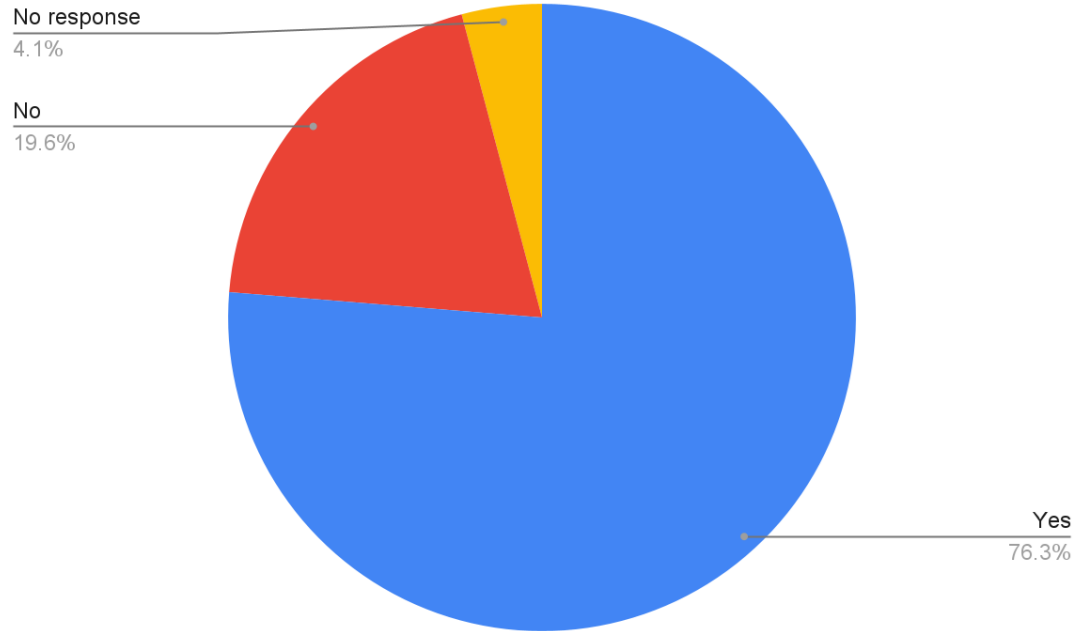
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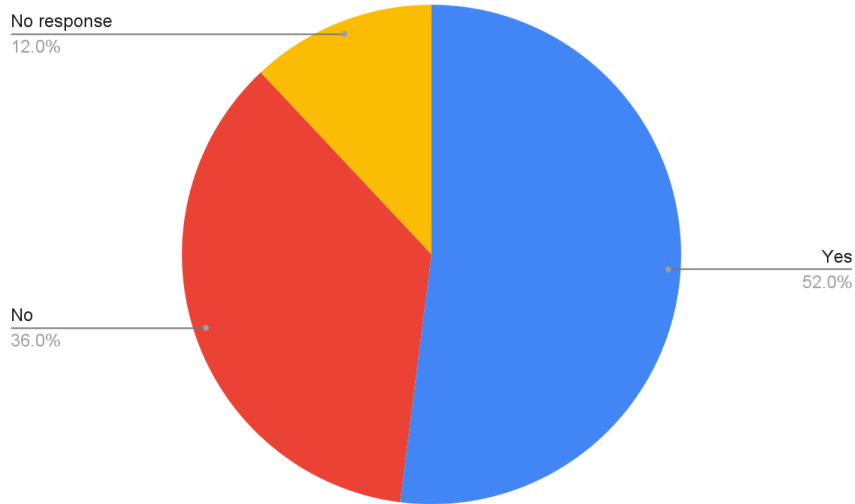
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