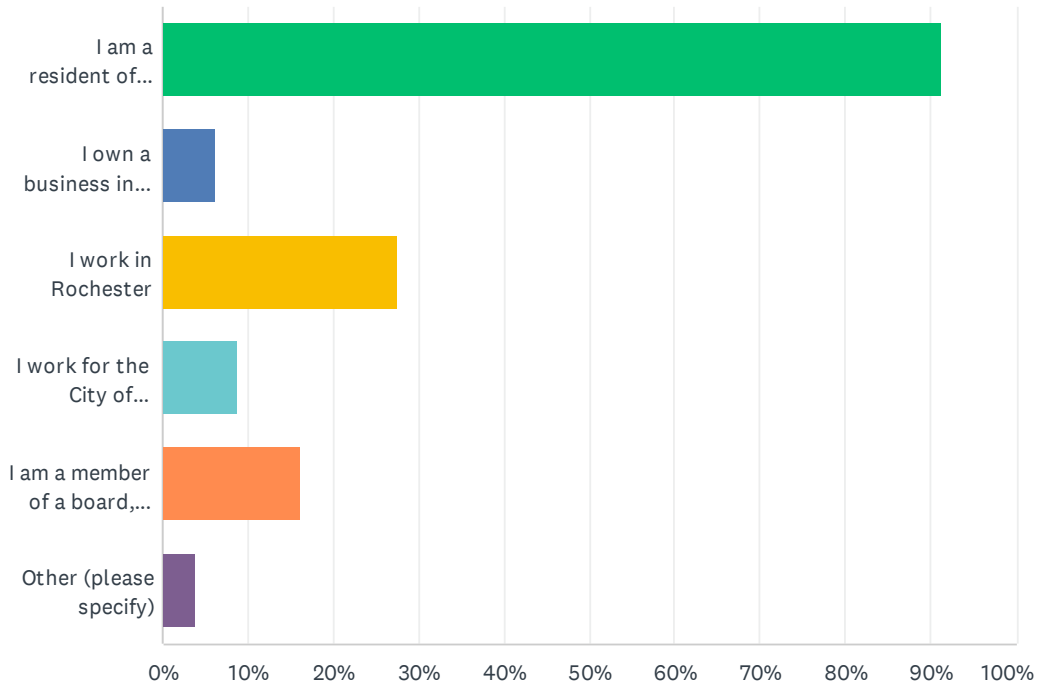


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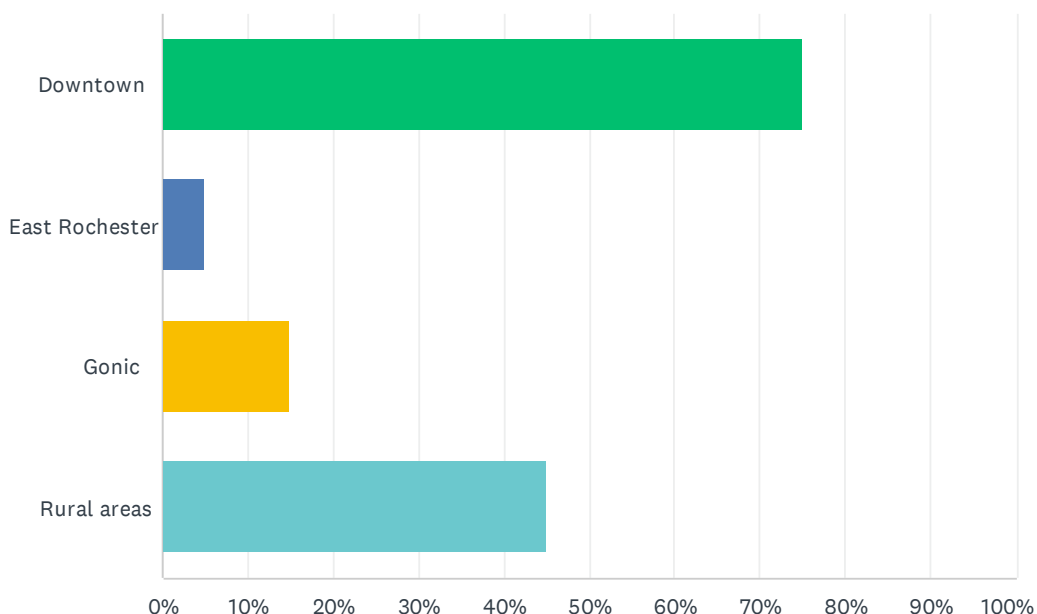


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I am a resident of Rochester	91.25% 73
I own a business in Rochester	6.25% 5
I work in Rochester	27.50% 22
I work for the City of Rochester	8.75% 7
I am a member of a board, commission, committee, or council of the City of Rochester	16.25% 13
Other (please specify)	3.75% 3
Total Respondents: 80	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	[no response provided]	8/2/2023 10:23 AM
2	Born and raised in Rochester.	5/8/2023 3:03 PM
3	poet laureate	3/3/2023 10:45 PM

## Q2 Where are your favorite buildings and landscapes?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Downtown	75.00% 60
East Rochester	5.00% 4
Gonic	15.00% 12
Rural areas	45.00% 36
Total Respondents: 80	

#	WHAT MAKES THAT BUILDING OR PLACE UNIQUE?	DATE
1	Country setting	8/2/2023 10:23 AM
2	The Age and Style	7/13/2023 9:07 AM
3	Old and historic feel.	6/24/2023 1:39 PM
4	Nature, space less people	6/23/2023 2:19 PM
5	The historical architecture	6/22/2023 6:41 AM
6	I am new to the area and am unfamiliar with the other areas.	6/19/2023 9:49 AM
7	East side is like its own separate entity from Rochester where there's a wonderful, small community of people centered along the Maine border.	6/9/2023 12:38 PM
8	Murals downtown.	6/8/2023 7:20 PM
9	I love the parks and the historical buildings like the opera house.	6/7/2023 7:39 AM
10	Old architecture	6/7/2023 6:37 AM
11	The East rochester fire station is the cutest thing ever! Too bad it wasn't turned into a	6/6/2023 10:21 PM

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museum. The downtown definitely has its charms with the older buildings. Sometimes I think what it must have been like For all the trolley cars and people Going from shop to shop.

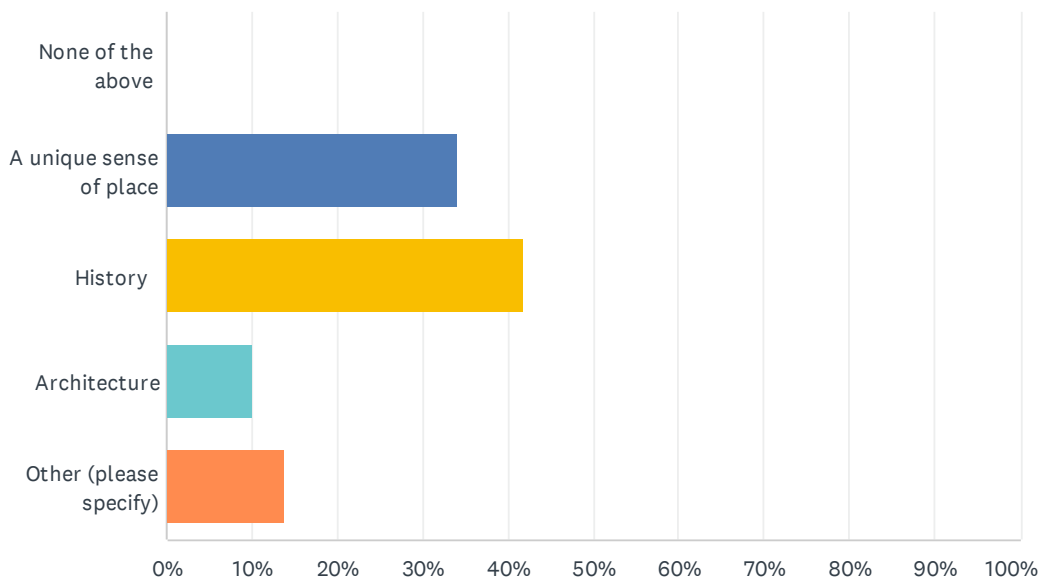
12	The architecture. Always sad to see when another historic building comes down.	6/6/2023 8:44 PM
13	People	6/6/2023 7:49 PM
14	It's peaceful and scenic	6/6/2023 4:35 PM
15	I really like the eclectic and community driven focus of newer businesses downtown, and really enjoy nature trails and hikes in the more rural areas.	6/6/2023 3:31 PM
16	Small town feel with the conveniences of a bigger city	6/6/2023 2:29 PM
17	New England style architecture. Open fields and forest.	5/18/2023 10:41 PM
18	The murals!	5/18/2023 6:39 PM
19	Architecture, the care property owners take to maintain properties, maintaining our ag heritage	5/18/2023 8:15 AM
20	I like the character of the older buildings of Downtown, along with the art that is on display	5/18/2023 7:07 AM
21	Landscape and art work	5/17/2023 9:09 PM
22	There are more "third places" downtown/where I live- more options to hang out	5/17/2023 8:43 PM
23	Appreciate the variety of the downtown architecture. Enjoy the scenic views of Gagne Farm and looking into the Rochester valley and the hills in the distance.	5/11/2023 8:35 AM
24	Love gonic trails and pickering pond. Gonic mills is nice looking too	5/8/2023 6:50 PM
25	Also the quaint nearby neighborhoods that represent the various decades of Rochester's history.	5/8/2023 3:03 PM
26	The farming and manufacturing history of our city	5/5/2023 4:31 PM
27	Brick, River view Historic	4/11/2023 6:45 AM
28	Older buildings have character, and agricultural areas/farms add to our unique NH backdrop.	4/10/2023 2:18 PM
29	The history of use changes over the years illustrate Rochester's transformation and deep history.	3/28/2023 9:17 AM
30	I like the historical aspect of these buildings.	3/25/2023 1:52 PM
31	Style and era of the building	3/24/2023 3:35 PM
32	I like the older buildings. I also like undeveloped lands.	3/20/2023 6:10 PM
33	The Gonic Mills are aesthetically pleasing, and Gonic itself is a unique suburb outside of Rochester itself.	3/20/2023 5:11 PM
34	A mix of buildings from different eras blended together	3/18/2023 8:52 PM
35	The brick colonial/New England architecture	3/18/2023 7:51 PM
36	The character and history	3/18/2023 5:46 PM
37	The old structures. I had how some of the building are becoming modernized and it doesn't fit what Rochester is	3/18/2023 5:10 PM
38	Open space & architecture	3/18/2023 3:42 PM
39	Architecture and age of old brick buildings.	3/18/2023 2:41 PM
40	It's quiet. Anyplace I can escape from traffic is a good place for me.	3/18/2023 1:18 PM
41	The history, varied businesses, and community events and support.	3/18/2023 12:21 PM
42	My grandfather worked at the Wyandotte mill	3/18/2023 12:11 PM
43	I prefer nature and lack of buildings and people presence. Rural areas are also a necessity for biodiversity and need to remain undeveloped.	3/18/2023 10:37 AM
44	They are old and local	3/6/2023 8:39 PM

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45	People live in them... they have character because people care about the places they live and there's a "hustle and bustle" to people going about their days. Need more housing period but definitely more DENSE housing at that.	3/6/2023 12:23 PM
46	Downtown has interesting shops that really capture my time and attention. The rural areas are the classic New England agricultural beauty that's becoming more scarce.	3/3/2023 7:10 PM
47	Music, good bars/restaurants	3/3/2023 5:45 PM
48	The history and calmness	3/3/2023 5:42 PM
49	the history of these structures	2/24/2023 8:50 AM
50	The history of agriculture and presently the beauty Nature and animals	2/15/2023 10:33 PM
51	The varied architectural styles present in the downtown and how they relate to the streetscape.	2/15/2023 7:59 PM
52	Victorian era elegance	2/12/2023 8:46 PM
53	The city architecture and rural vistas provides Rochester with its unique identity.	2/11/2023 10:16 AM

### Q3 Why do you think historic resources are important?

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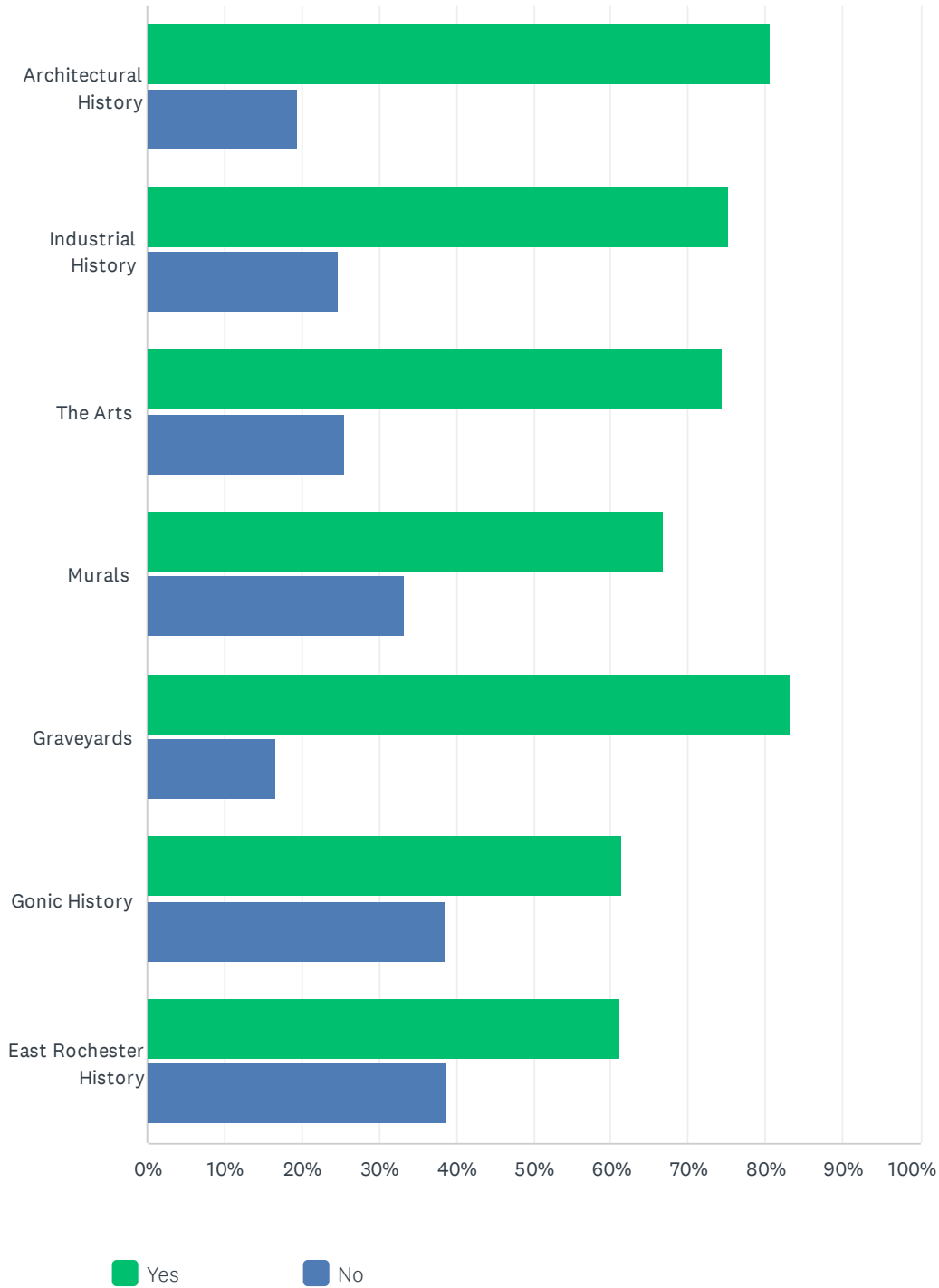
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	0.00% 0
A unique sense of place	34.18% 27
History	41.77% 33
Architecture	10.13% 8
Other (please specify)	13.92% 11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	All of the above	8/2/2023 10:19 AM
2	Architect	7/13/2023 9:07 AM
3	Remember the past	6/23/2023 2:19 PM
4	All of the above	5/18/2023 6:39 PM
5	sense of place and to acknowledge how we can be better as a community based on where we were/are lacking	5/17/2023 8:43 PM
6	Preservation of heritage for future generations.	5/8/2023 3:03 PM
7	Understanding our past dictates how we proceed into our futures	5/5/2023 4:31 PM
8	All the above	3/18/2023 3:42 PM
9	All of the above but mostly a sense of place. I don't like to see chain business architecture or some of the more 'modern' architecture that does not fit with a New England town.	3/18/2023 10:37 AM
10	All of the above!	2/11/2023 10:16 AM



### Q4 If Rochester offered walking tours to the public on a weekend, would you be likely to join one or more of the tours?

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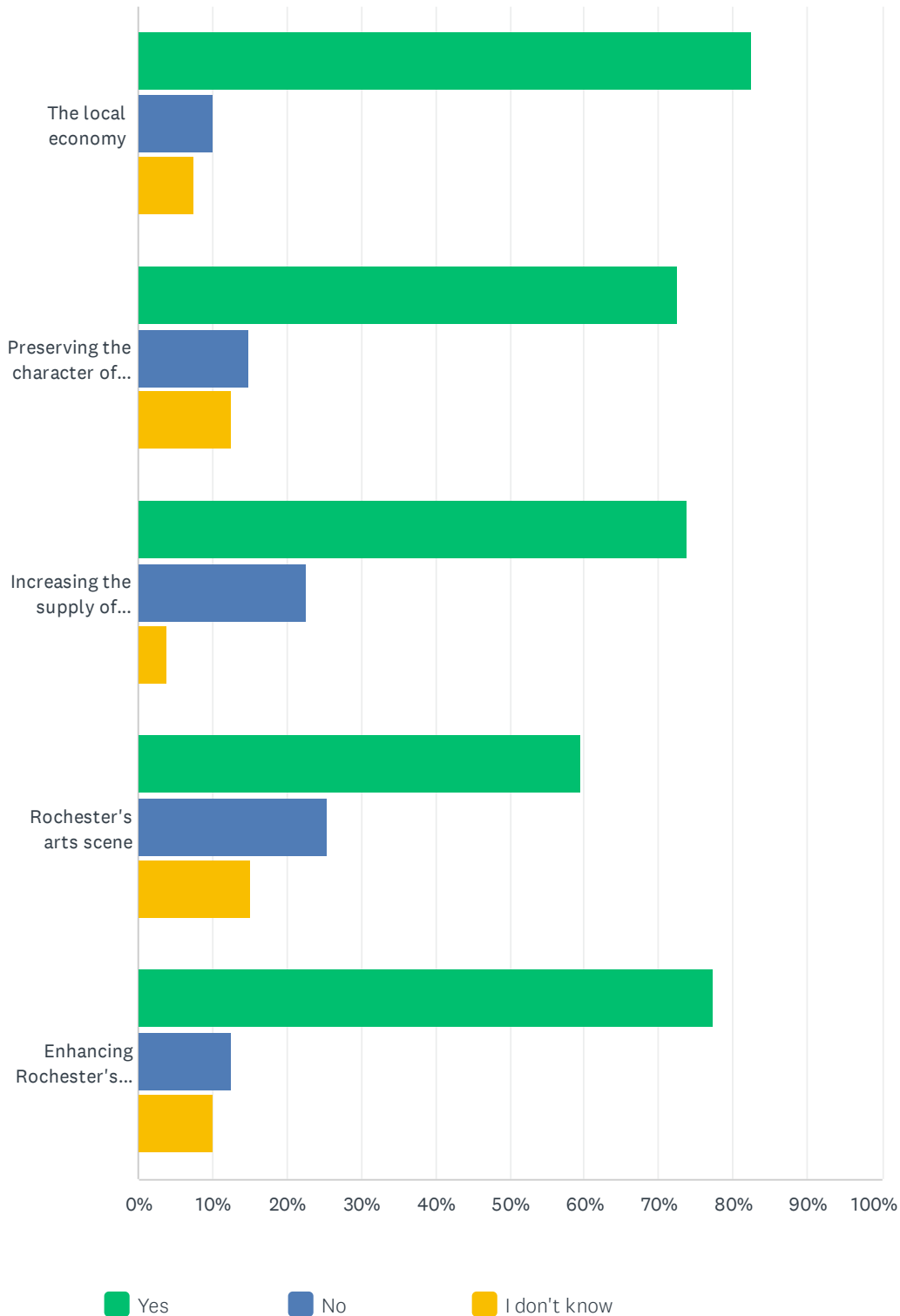
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	YES	NO	TOTAL
Architectural History	80.52% 62	19.48% 15	77
Industrial History	75.34% 55	24.66% 18	73
The Arts	74.32% 55	25.68% 19	74
Murals	66.67% 46	33.33% 23	69
Graveyards	83.33% 60	16.67% 12	72
Gonic History	61.43% 43	38.57% 27	70
East Rochester History	61.11% 44	38.89% 28	72



### Q5 Several of the downtown's historic buildings are being re-purposed to house residents, offices, and local businesses. Do you see this is a positive trend in terms of:

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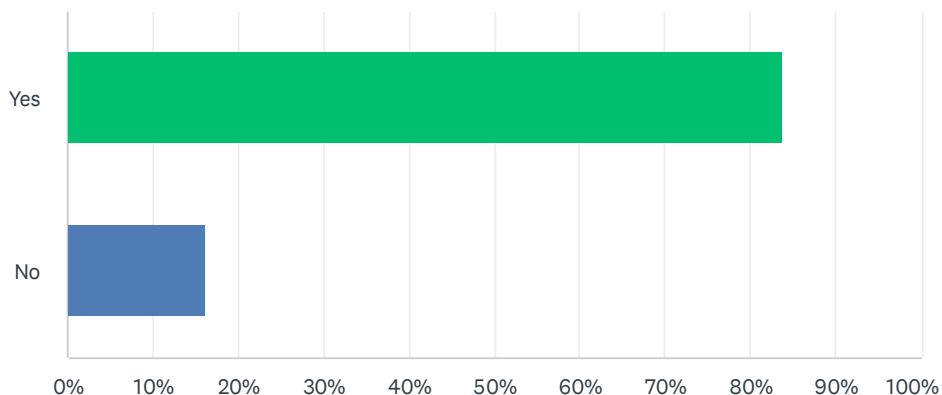


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	YES	NO	I DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
The local economy	82.50% 66	10.00% 8	7.50% 6	80
Preserving the character of downtown	72.50% 58	15.00% 12	12.50% 10	80
Increasing the supply of housing	73.75% 59	22.50% 18	3.75% 3	80
Rochester's arts scene	59.49% 47	25.32% 20	15.19% 12	79
Enhancing Rochester's sense of community	77.50% 62	12.50% 10	10.00% 8	80

**Q6** In some communities, outlying rural areas are subject to a delay for proposed demolition of historic structures. The delay provides time for third parties to offer the property owner an attractive alternative to demolition. Do you support the adoption of a demolition delay ordinance in Rochester?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	83.78% 62
No	16.22% 12
TOTAL	74

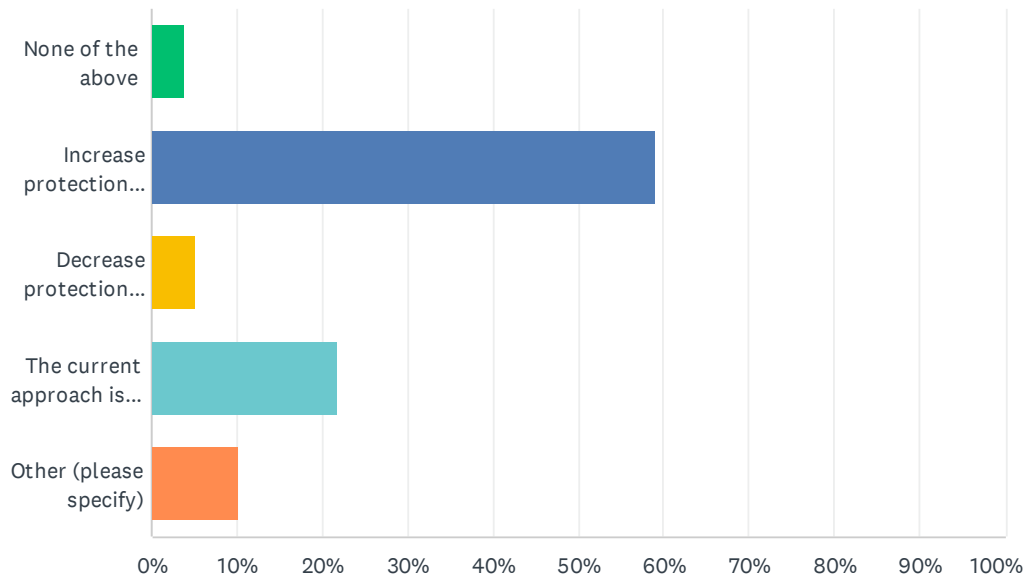
#	WHY DO YOU SUPPORT THIS, OR WHY NOT?	DATE
1	Need to save historic structures. Part of Rochester's History	8/2/2023 10:19 AM
2	Old building represent history and progression. Once those are gone they can't be replaced	6/24/2023 1:39 PM
3	To be sure we don't lose history to fast when building can be utalized for a secondary purpose.	6/22/2023 6:41 AM
4	They shouldn't be demolished at all if they are historic properties.	6/19/2023 9:49 AM
5	Repurposing a building, making it beautiful, creating something for the community, ect vs. demoing it, spending money, building something we don't need.	6/8/2023 7:20 PM
6	I think giving the community time to look at all the options before destroying historical value is important	6/7/2023 7:39 AM
7	I think anything we can do to preserve our historical buildings is worthwhile	6/6/2023 8:44 PM
8	Because once it's gone it's gone forever	6/6/2023 7:49 PM
9	Unless the building is condemned and beyond repair why ruin a good building?	6/6/2023 7:23 PM
10	Because a solid concrete jungle is awful. We need spaces for nature	6/6/2023 4:35 PM
11	If we can preserve history while bringing a building that was previously unusable into use that would be perfect is impossible at least we can say we exhausted all sources	6/6/2023 2:29 PM
12	I prefer to see historic and architecturally pleasing structures restored.	5/18/2023 10:41 PM
13	Respect private property ownership. Too much red tape and governmental control.	5/18/2023 8:15 AM

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14	I feel this would be a healthy balance of preserving our history versus making way for new development, additional housing, etc.	5/18/2023 7:07 AM
15	To many unoccupied buildings sitting vacant for long period of time. If they have not been occupied or sold at this point it's time to demolish them. Vacant lots and new structures have an appeal over aging unmaintained buildings and structures.	5/17/2023 9:33 PM
16	I have an appreciation for history and wish to save what can be saved and repurposed.	5/11/2023 8:35 AM
17	If somebody owns property, they should be able to do what they'd like with it. Why should somebody else who doesn't own the property (government or other third party) have a say in what somebody does with their own property?	5/10/2023 12:46 PM
18	Organizations should have a chance to preserve historical buildings for the community	5/8/2023 6:50 PM
19	We've already lost so many historical places, it would be great to be able to try harder to preserve what's left	5/5/2023 4:31 PM
20	There's enough ordinances already	4/10/2023 10:16 PM
21	They should be able to have time and weigh all options before making the decision to destroy historical architecture.	4/10/2023 2:18 PM
22	There should be a well-defined process and timeline, as well as a solid definition of "historic structures".	3/28/2023 9:17 AM
23	If it helps preserve the historical aspect of the building.	3/25/2023 1:52 PM
24	Property owners can do what they like with their buildings without additional red tape. If they are not in a historic district they should not have extra regulations	3/24/2023 3:35 PM
25	It could save historical sites.	3/20/2023 6:10 PM
26	Yes, it gives the owner a chance to reach third parties who may be interested in rehabilitating structures for various business or personal use.	3/20/2023 5:11 PM
27	If a historic place can be repurposed to provide for the community's needs while maintaining its physical history (safely) then the community should be provided that opportunity. The delay should not be so long as to prevent the improvement to the community's resources though.	3/19/2023 1:09 PM
28	The city has no right to delay an owner from foing legal things to hus property.	3/18/2023 8:52 PM
29	To preserve character and history	3/18/2023 5:46 PM
30	If we are able to restore what we have we can save the history of Rochester	3/18/2023 5:10 PM
31	Property owners should maintain rights with less restrictions.	3/18/2023 3:42 PM
32	Once old buildings are demolished, they can never be brought back. Keep Rochester historical, don't sell our souls like Portsmouth and or overdevelop like Dover.	3/18/2023 2:41 PM
33	The character of my hometown was destroyed by the demolition of historic structures, and I DON'T want the same thing to happen to Rochester. What's been destroyed already is bad enough.	3/18/2023 1:18 PM
34	I think it's important to stay true to our roots. I've seen modern buildings go up in Dover and they do not fit in to the rest of the city.	3/18/2023 12:21 PM
35	The city, residents and property owners ought to be considering alternative solutions to turn properties into public places, alternative housing solutions or workspaces like co-ops.	3/18/2023 10:37 AM
36	A better chance of saving historic buildings	3/6/2023 8:39 PM
37	Indifferent.	3/6/2023 12:23 PM
38	We've alrady lost too much - such as the old parsonage on Rochester Hill	3/3/2023 10:45 PM
39	History is a big draw in this part of the country.	2/12/2023 8:46 PM
40	Important to protect historic properties when possible.	2/11/2023 10:16 AM

## Q7 How should Rochester approach the protection of historic buildings?

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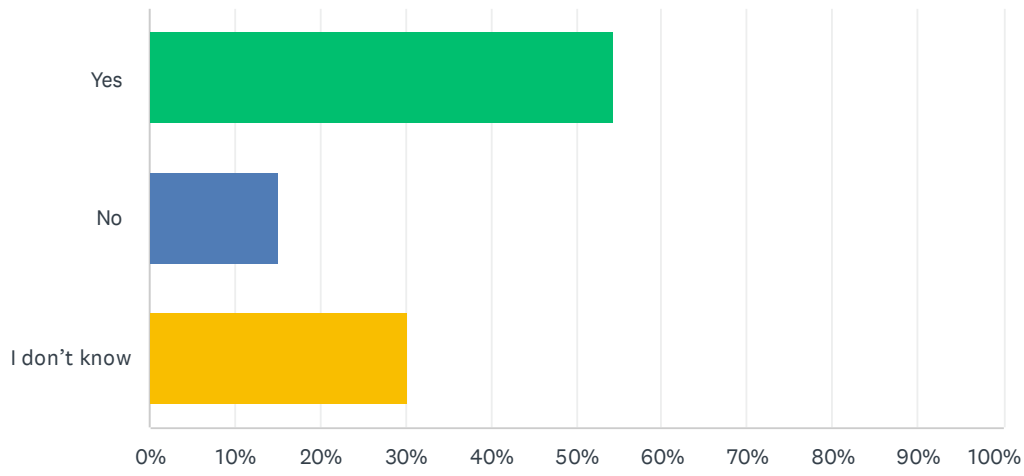


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	3.85%	3
Increase protection efforts	58.97%	46
Decrease protection efforts	5.13%	4
The current approach is satisfactory	21.79%	17
Other (please specify)	10.26%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>78</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	If the buildings are empty/unsafe they should come down. Having historic buildings is nice if the su are in use. Having empty buildings downtown just because they are historic looks bad.	6/6/2023 4:35 PM
2	use them to house people (affordably). set up a homeless or warming shelter. permanent food pantry.	5/17/2023 8:43 PM
3	Don't know	5/8/2023 6:50 PM
4	Don't know. Not aware of Rochester's current approach.	3/28/2023 9:17 AM
5	Offer alternatives to owner. Where to get loans, etc.	3/18/2023 3:42 PM
6	I don't know enough about current efforts to have an opinion.	3/6/2023 12:23 PM
7	Ensuring that such ordinances to not prohibit renovations needed for environmental hazards.	2/15/2023 10:33 PM
8	Handled case by case; some buildings are not worth protecting while others have historic value	2/9/2023 8:37 AM

## Q8 Do you favor the establishment of an historic district in Gonic?

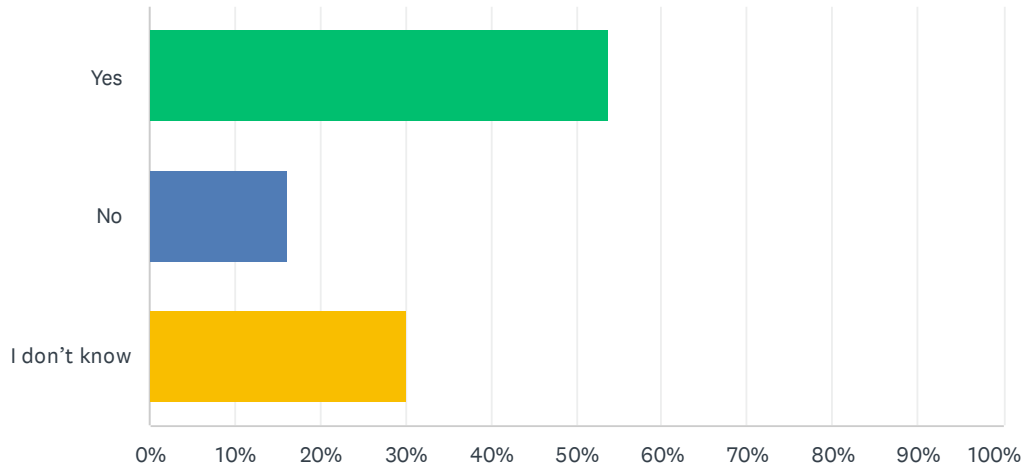
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.43%	43
No	15.19%	12
I don't know	30.38%	24
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>79</b>

## Q9 Do you favor the establishment of an historic district in East Rochester?

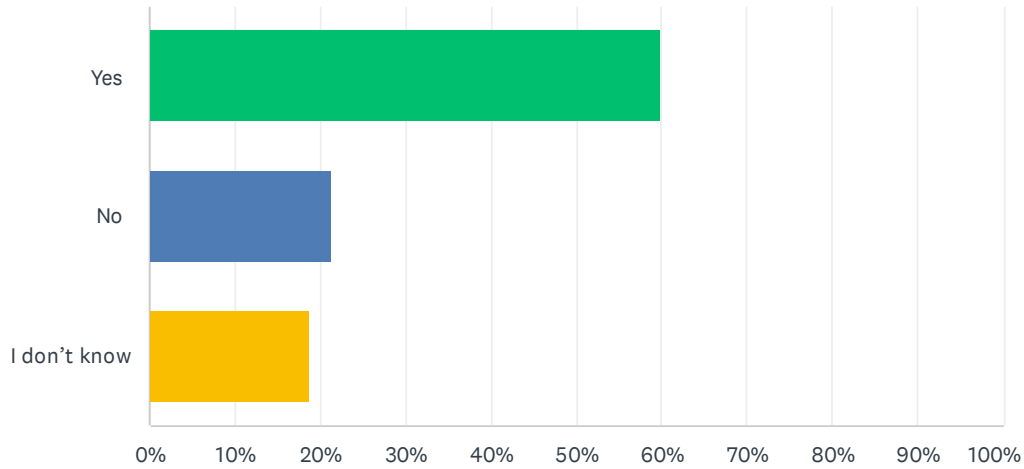
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	53.75%	43
No	16.25%	13
I don't know	30.00%	24
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>80</b>

### Q10 Do you favor the expansion of Rochester’s downtown historic district, for example, in the direction of Rochester Hill?

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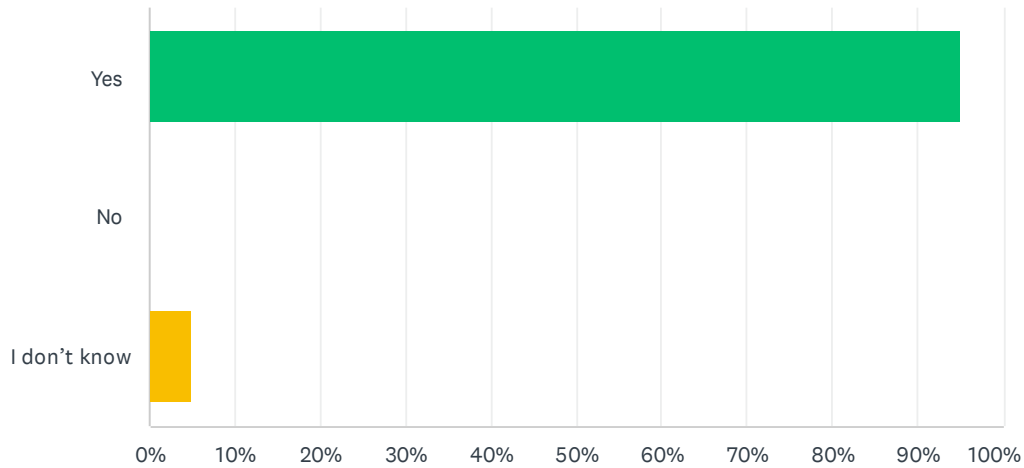


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.00%	48
No	21.25%	17
I don't know	18.75%	15
TOTAL		80



**Q11 Do you favor a voluntary historic marker program? Typically such markers are small signs on the front of historic buildings that indicate the name of the builder or first owner and the year the building was constructed.**

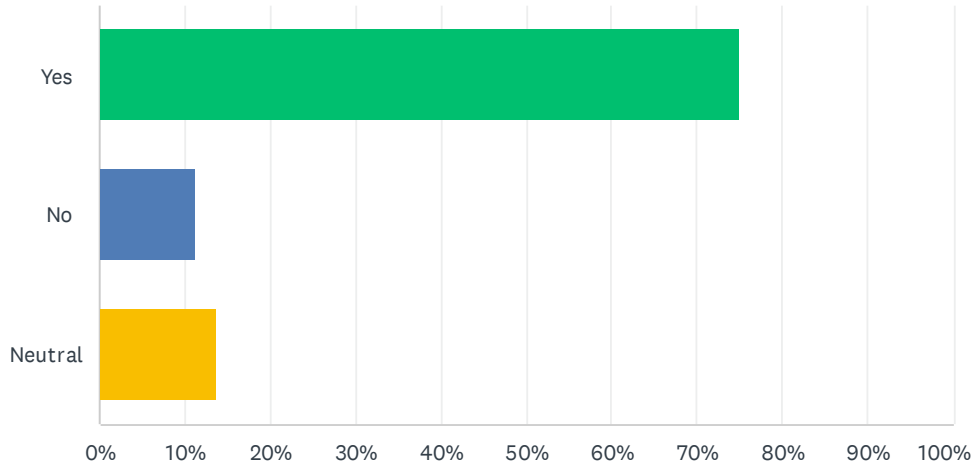
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.00%	76
No	0.00%	0
I don't know	5.00%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>80</b>

**Q12 Do favor an increase in public funding for the Historic District Commission? The Historic District Commission (HDC) has a budget of about \$500/year. Do you favor allocating more tax dollars to the HDC for their programming and historic resources protection efforts?**

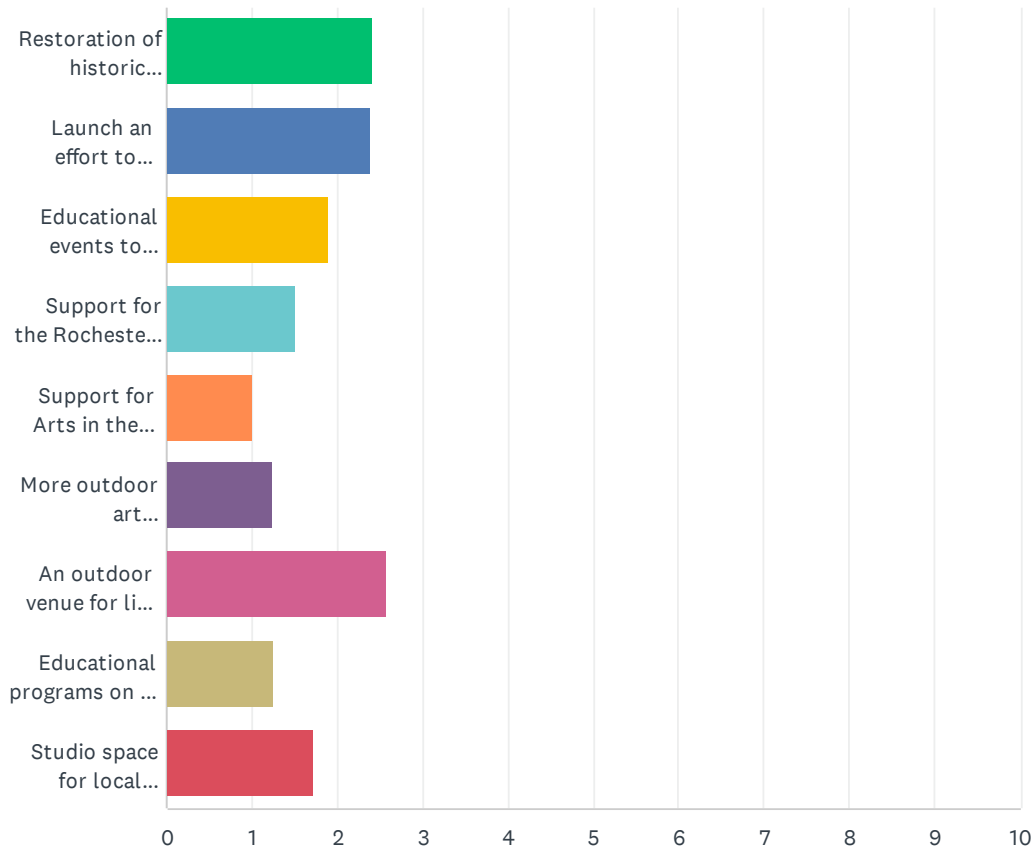
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	60
No	11.25%	9
Neutral	13.75%	11
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>80</b>

Q13 If you were responsible for allocating \$10 to cultural and historic resources, how would you spend it? Please assign a dollar value to each category. The total must equal \$10.

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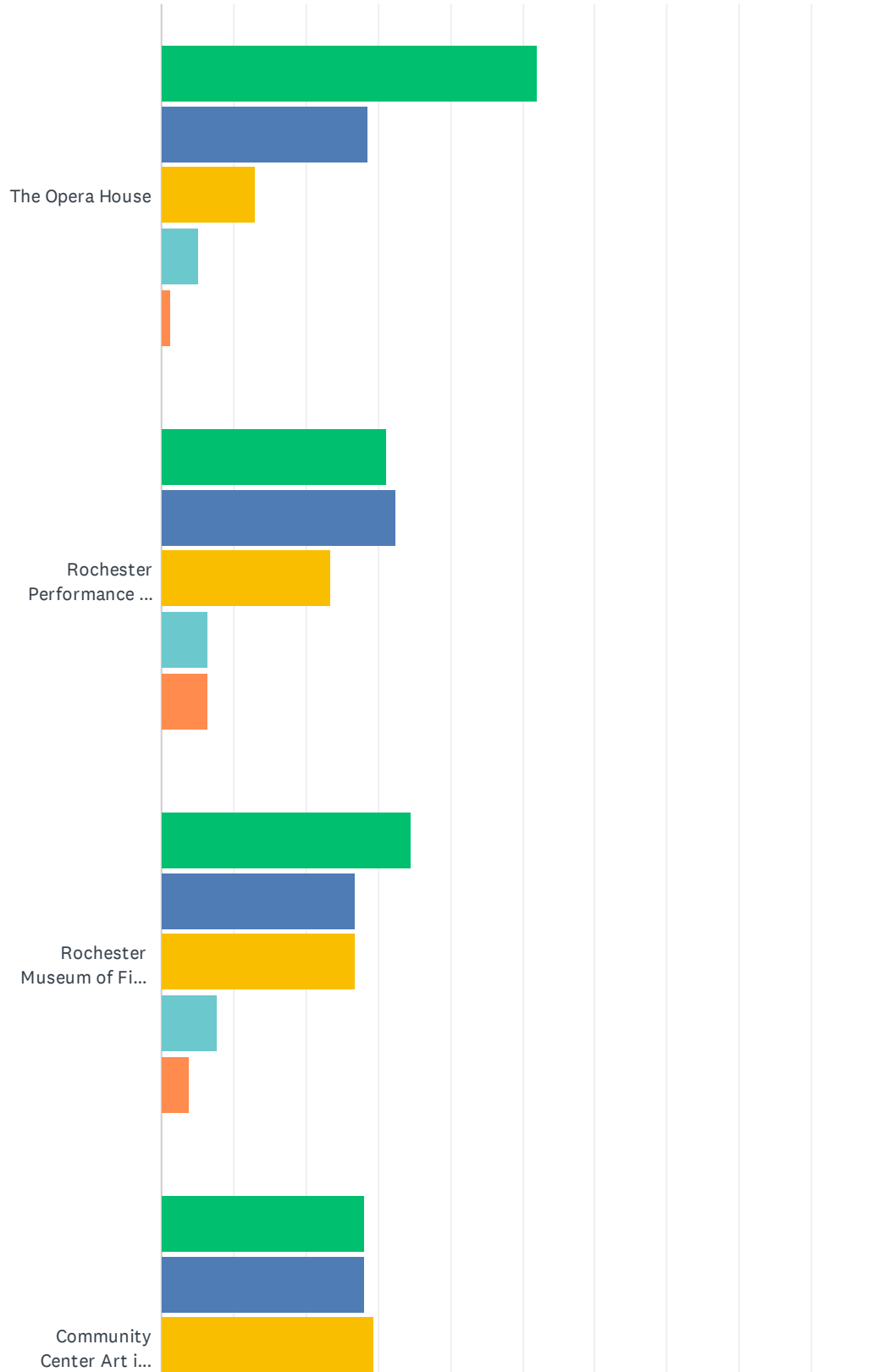


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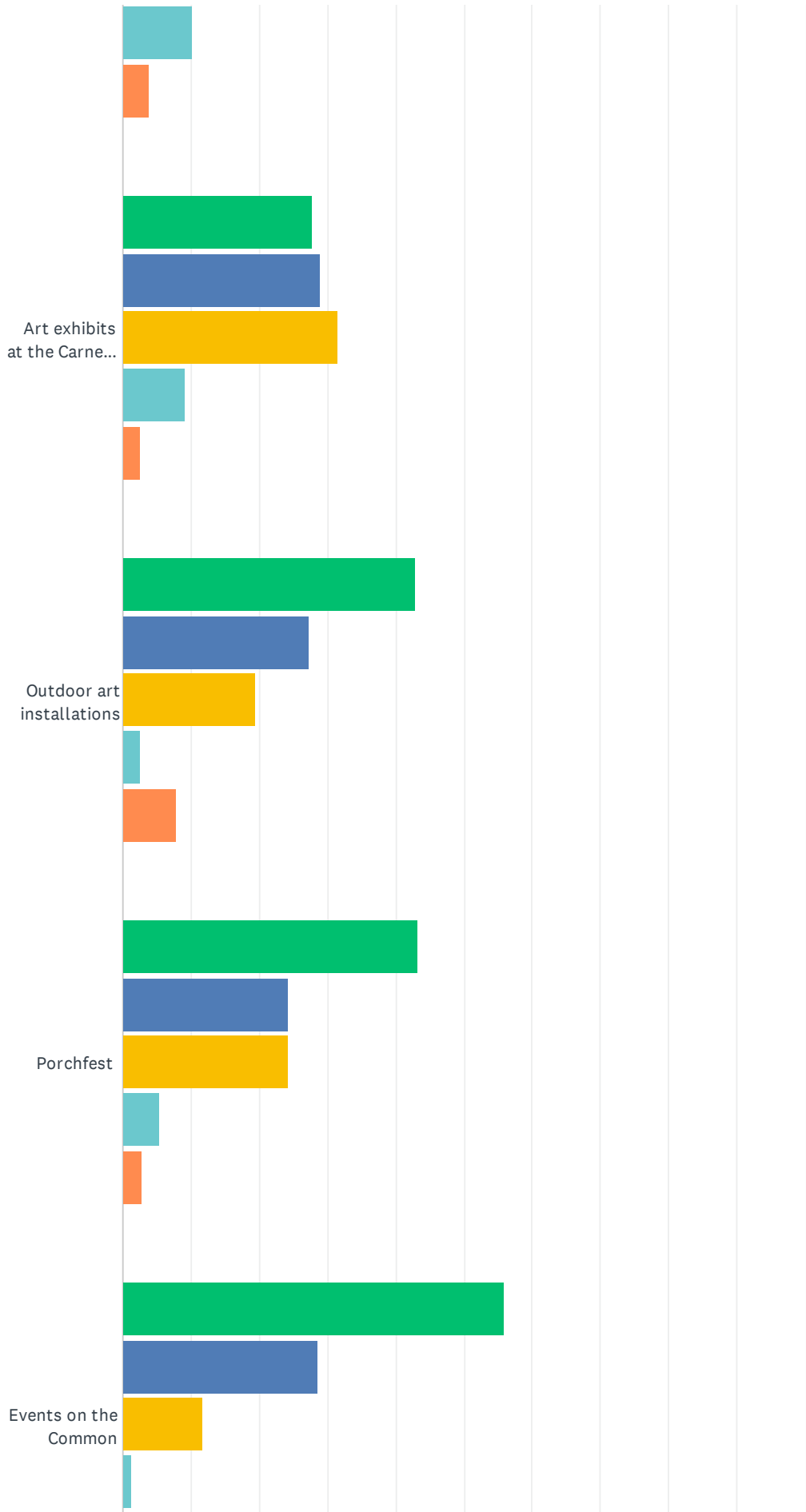
ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Restoration of historic buildings	2	116	48
Launch an effort to locate the many small 19th century graveyards that are now covered by forests	2	119	50
Educational events to promote Rochester's rich history	2	85	45
Support for the Rochester Museum of Fine Arts	2	64	42
Support for Arts in the Corridor at the Community Center	1	31	31
More outdoor art installations	1	47	38
An outdoor venue for live music	3	139	54
Educational programs on the arts	1	40	32
Studio space for local artists and craftspeople	2	69	40
Total Respondents: 71			

### Q14 In recent years, a lively arts scene emerged in Rochester. Please indicate your level of support for the following:

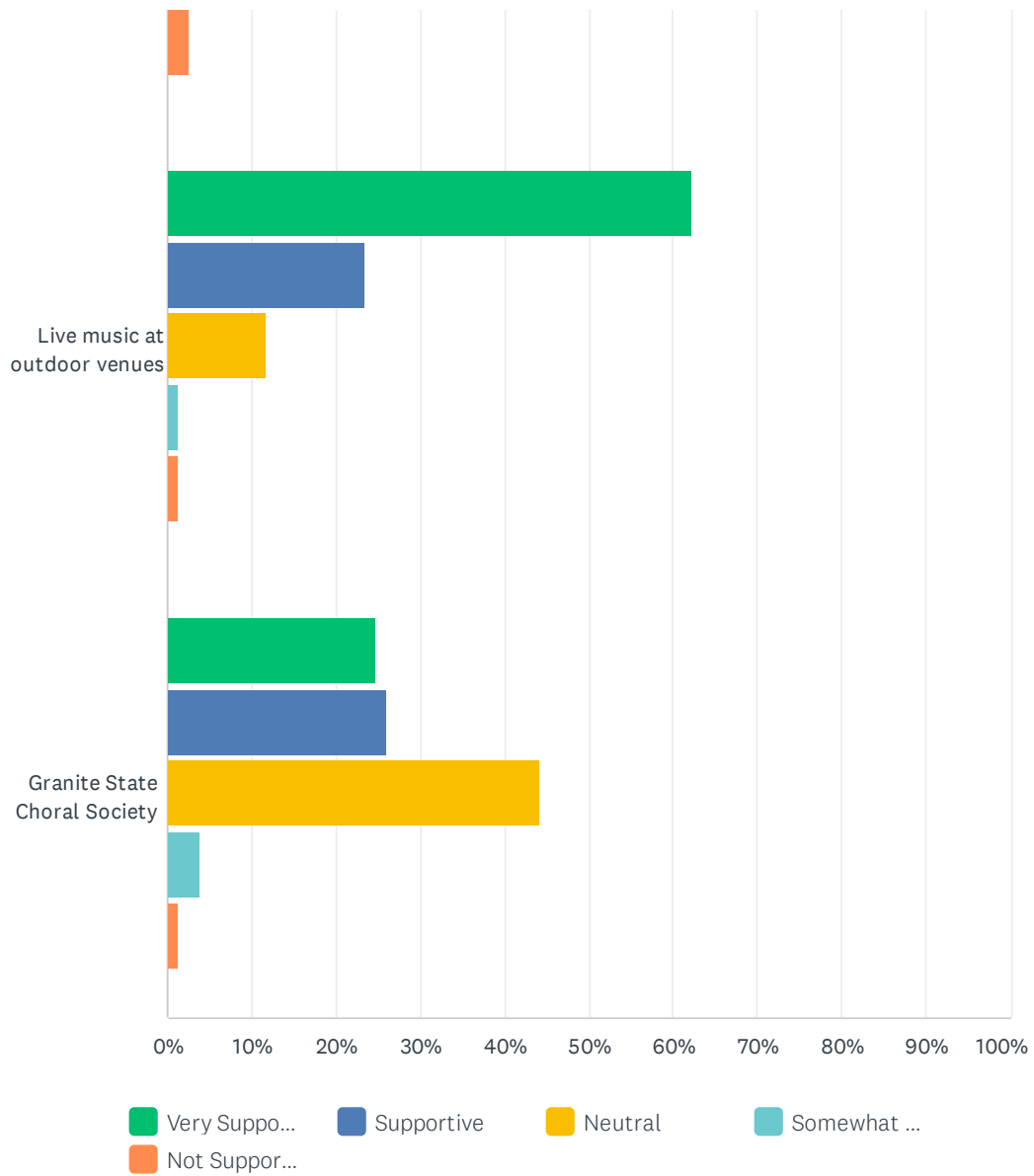
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	VERY SUPPORTIVE	SUPPORTIVE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT SUPPORTIVE	NOT SUPPORTIVE	TOTAL
The Opera House	51.95% 40	28.57% 22	12.99% 10	5.19% 4	1.30% 1	77
Rochester Performance & Arts Center (RPAC)	31.17% 24	32.47% 25	23.38% 18	6.49% 5	6.49% 5	77
Rochester Museum of Fine Arts	34.62% 27	26.92% 21	26.92% 21	7.69% 6	3.85% 3	78
Community Center Art in the Corridors	28.21% 22	28.21% 22	29.49% 23	10.26% 8	3.85% 3	78
Art exhibits at the Carnegie Library	27.63% 21	28.95% 22	31.58% 24	9.21% 7	2.63% 2	76
Outdoor art installations	42.86% 33	27.27% 21	19.48% 15	2.60% 2	7.79% 6	77
Porchfest	43.24% 32	24.32% 18	24.32% 18	5.41% 4	2.70% 2	74
Events on the Common	55.84% 43	28.57% 22	11.69% 9	1.30% 1	2.60% 2	77
Live music at outdoor venues	62.34% 48	23.38% 18	11.69% 9	1.30% 1	1.30% 1	77
Granite State Choral Society	24.68% 19	25.97% 20	44.16% 34	3.90% 3	1.30% 1	77



## Q15 Are there other types of cultural/artistic events that you would like to see in Rochester?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 46

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Summer Food Trucks	7/13/2023 9:07 AM
2	More senior citizen events and groups/clubs. For instance, a singing choir of seniors with a recital to support other events/ programs. This could happen by charging a low fee to attend the recital. There are many examples of this: <a href="https://youtu.be/X39EblCrZIU">https://youtu.be/X39EblCrZIU</a> Keeps seniors vibrant, relevant and gives back.	6/23/2023 2:19 PM
3	Maybe connect with the NH arts and humanities council who host many art and cultural events.	6/22/2023 6:41 AM
4	More concerts, larger concerts, perhaps on the common with larger acts. Community intramural sports for adults such as basketball, baseball, softball, etc.	6/9/2023 12:38 PM
5	Craft fairs, festivals not carnivals. I would really like to see the Rochester fair raised the way it was ment to be. I hope someday they figure it out. It would be a great place for a venue for some Of these festivals and other concerts	6/6/2023 10:21 PM
6	I would love to see the farmers market brought back, with an artistic or cultural tie in	6/6/2023 8:45 PM
7	More outdoor live music	6/6/2023 7:49 PM
8	A downtown festival would be nice. A Lilac festival in spring?	6/6/2023 4:35 PM
9	I would like to see the quality programming we attend at Rochester Opera House be more available to the public.	6/6/2023 3:31 PM
10	Fiber arts	6/6/2023 1:03 PM
11	Community art projects. More community engagement in creating art or music. Looking at art or listening to music is passive.	5/18/2023 10:41 PM
12	More emphasis on Free Comic Book Day. Dover has Apple Harvest Day, Portsmouth Market Square Day. Rochester needs a similar festival, might as well make it Free Comic Book Day. Turn it into a bigger event than it already is.	5/18/2023 6:39 PM
13	Rochester had 17 woolen mills, including Rochester, east Rochester and Gonic. Textiles were a major part of the life here and it is forgotten. You have people who have a lot of knowledge here and in the area, how about promoting a textile event, similar to comic day, porchfest, etc.	5/18/2023 8:15 AM
14	bigger pride scene. craft fairs/farmers markets without admission/vendor fees.	5/17/2023 8:43 PM
15	When you ask if a person is supportive, I would generally support the organizations existing, but would be strongly opposed to being forever to subsidize them with tax dollars. Because of this, I wasn't able to indicate my level of support.	5/10/2023 12:46 PM
16	Symphony and marching band shows that were very popular during the 60s and 70s to encourage Rochester's young people to become active in the community's tremendous music programs. During the 1970s, Spaulding High School Marching Band won several trophies and were earned the title Best in Small Band Competition trophy in the state alongside Portsmouth High School's Best in Large Band Competition trophy. Also, Spaulding's concert band earned straight A's in the Large Group competition held at Plymouth State University, then Plymouth State College. These tremendous achievements should be acknowledged by the city.	5/8/2023 3:03 PM
17	Indigenous markers and historic events and education	5/5/2023 4:31 PM
18	More support for roch opera house	4/11/2023 6:45 AM
19	Gazebo should be opened as a bandstand, farmers markets, more lighting downtown to	4/10/2023 2:18 PM

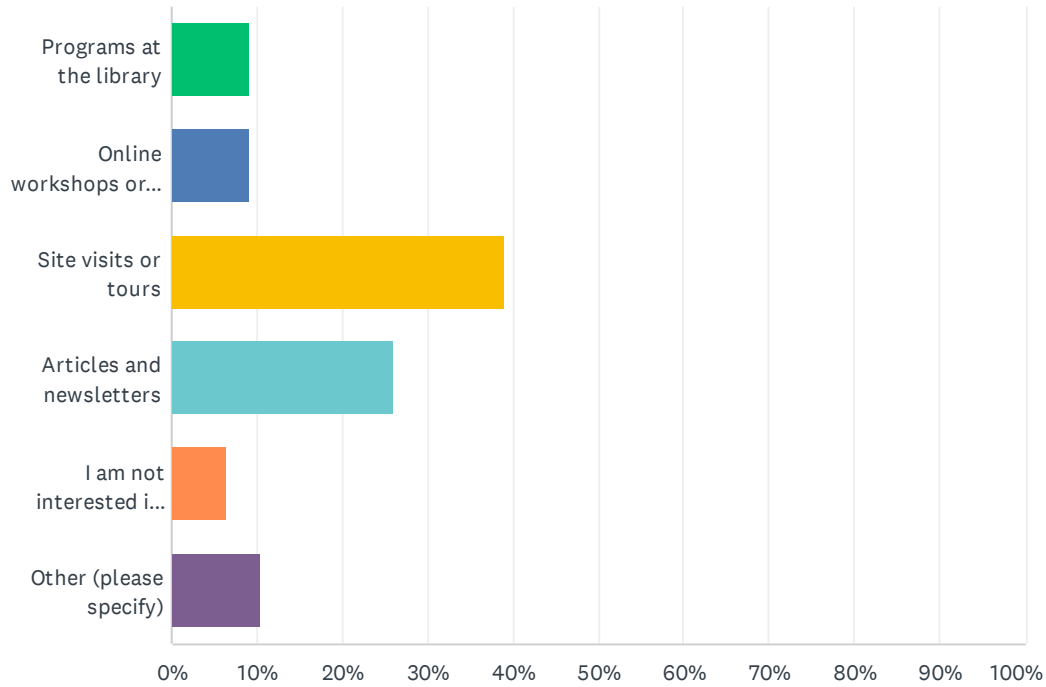
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promote a feeling of safety and bring a nightlife to it. Hinely I would make the main street through downtown similar to Burlington(pedestrian only)/ during certain times)

20	Bring back the Shoes!!!!	3/24/2023 8:57 PM
21	Maybe a French Festival or something similar. I say French because of the history of so many French Canadian residents	3/24/2023 3:35 PM
22	History and arts event of the original Native American inhabitants of the Rochester area.	3/20/2023 5:11 PM
23	Outdoor theater and dance	3/19/2023 2:35 PM
24	Additional interactive community days, perhaps movies on the common, open arts and crafts days, more art and culture use of the fairgrounds	3/19/2023 1:09 PM
25	Bring back Midnight Madness and have more downtown activities	3/18/2023 5:10 PM
26	A PowWow. Educate todays people of those which were here before us. Lectures on the history of Rochester. Maps of historical buildings and events.	3/18/2023 2:41 PM
27	Costumed re-enactments of the heyday of Rochester	3/18/2023 1:18 PM
28	I like the walking tour, I loved the Rochesteropoly game, the historical books, and John G. Calendars. Our community events and orgs like Rochester Main Street are invaluable	3/18/2023 12:21 PM
29	No	3/18/2023 12:11 PM
30	I would like not see more involvement of the residents of Rochester in community art projects. More projects that are not passive entertainment.	3/18/2023 10:37 AM
31	Food truck showcase/festival. Shut down Main Street for pedestrians only a couple times in the summer.	3/6/2023 12:23 PM
32	Yes - the celebrating of other ethnic cultures especially indigenous. Also promoting food. We have lots of local local diverse culture in our the food category! Could be a great way to tie in celebrating other ethnicities.	2/15/2023 10:33 PM
33	Heritage festivals for our Irish and French Canadian populations.	2/12/2023 8:46 PM
34	More support for the Rochester Historical Society building and programs. Surprised this venue was not one of the options for question 13.	2/11/2023 10:16 AM

## Q16 How do you prefer to learn more about historic and cultural resources in Rochester?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Programs at the library	9.09% 7
Online workshops or presentations	9.09% 7
Site visits or tours	38.96% 30
Articles and newsletters	25.97% 20
I am not interested in learning more	6.49% 5
Other (please specify)	10.39% 8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Programs at the library, site visits or tours, articles and newspapers	8/2/2023 10:23 AM
2	Programs at the library, Site visits or tours, articles and newsletters	8/2/2023 10:19 AM
3	Emails	6/24/2023 1:39 PM
4	Combination of each listed above.	5/8/2023 3:03 PM
5	All of the above to increase accessibility due to individual abilities, budgets, schedules,	3/19/2023 1:09 PM
6	Programs at the library, online workshops and presentations, site visits	3/18/2023 10:37 AM
7	From the local historical society	3/6/2023 8:39 PM

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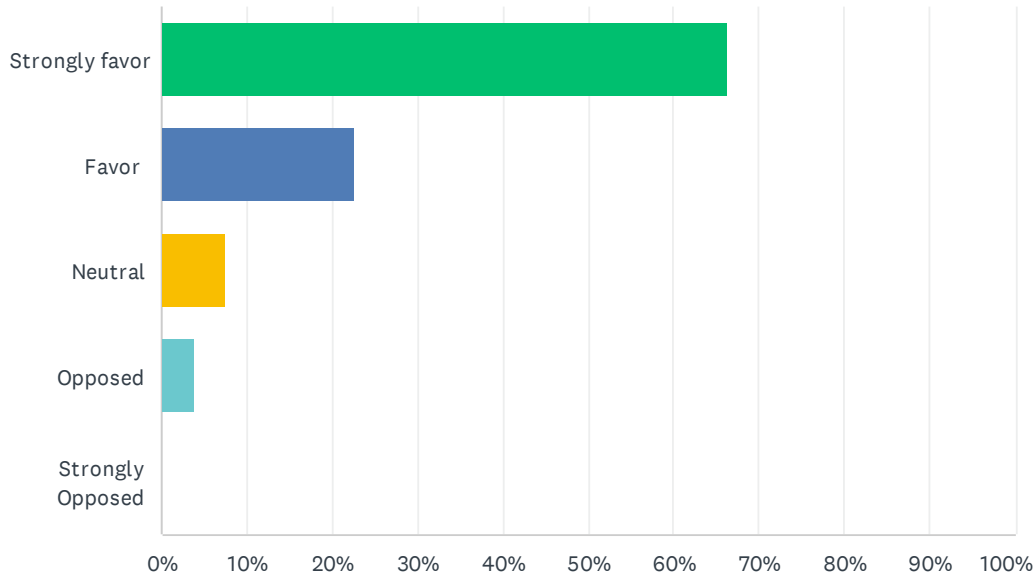
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8	Library Programs/Site Visits & Tours/Articles/Rochester Historical Museum & Programs	2/11/2023 10:16 AM
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Q17 Pop-up events are temporary events in unique spaces that offer the passersby a brief sampling of local art, dance, music, crafts, theater, photo opportunities and refreshments. After a few hours or a few days, the event disappears. Would you support pop-up events in the downtown area inside empty storefronts, at outdoor spaces, and other locations?

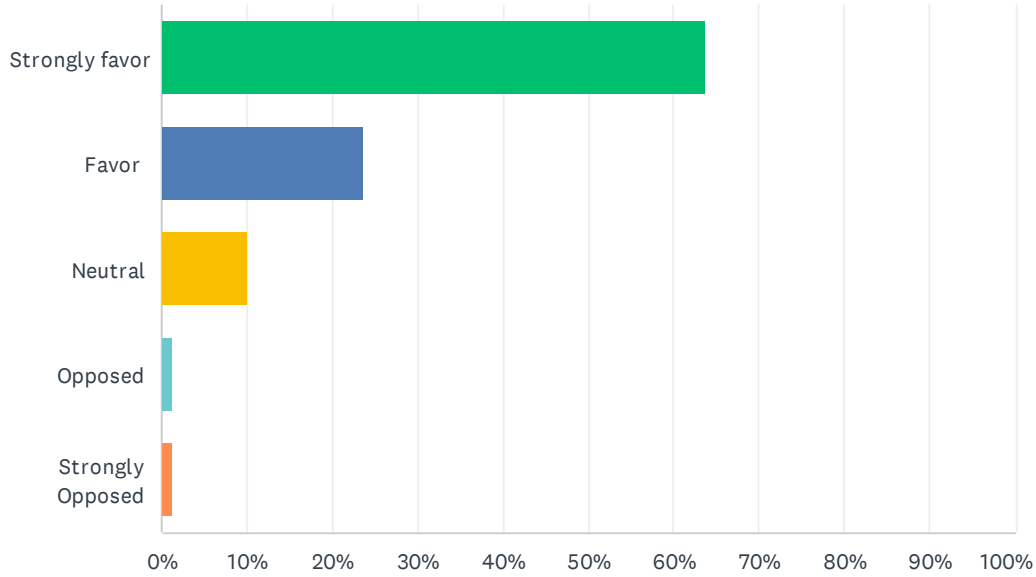
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly favor	66.25%	53
Favor	22.50%	18
Neutral	7.50%	6
Opposed	3.75%	3
Strongly Opposed	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>80</b>

**Q18 In recent years, food trucks have expanded their culinary offerings. Would you favor a seasonal food truck park (in a casual atmosphere, with outdoor seating) to be located somewhere other than downtown?**

Answered: 80 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly favor	63.75%	51
Favor	23.75%	19
Neutral	10.00%	8
Opposed	1.25%	1
Strongly Opposed	1.25%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>80</b>

## Q19 What types of live entertainment venues would you like to see in Rochester? Where?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 32

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I like concerts. The Commons	8/2/2023 10:23 AM
2	Music	7/13/2023 9:07 AM
3	I'd love to see some seasonal historical things. Like a Halloween cemetery tour, Christmas celebration or food event that is Era specific....	6/24/2023 1:39 PM
4	Rec center, high school auditorium, commons, fair grounds. ( We don't utilize the fair grounds enough, )the old ways of farming and crafts should be taught and displayed more!!!	6/23/2023 2:19 PM
5	Commons or governors inn area	6/22/2023 6:41 AM
6	N/A	6/19/2023 9:49 AM
7	More comedy, music, and historical events and venues	6/9/2023 12:38 PM
8	Larger venue maybe outside for larger more well known artists	6/7/2023 7:39 AM
9	Country line dancing/the old brooks pharmacy, Ben Franklin building	6/7/2023 7:12 AM
10	Country line dancing venue	6/7/2023 7:02 AM
11	Prescott park types, movies at the Commons however lack of parking makes it difficult , rochester fair ground. Spaulding high	6/6/2023 10:21 PM
12	Out door music	6/6/2023 7:49 PM
13	Local music. Concert in the park type events	6/6/2023 4:35 PM
14	Making more use of our shared spaces for music small plays	6/6/2023 2:29 PM
15	I would love to see an amphitheater constructed for outdoor live events.	5/19/2023 11:36 PM
16	More for youth and seniors. Traveling shows to public and senior housing sites.	5/18/2023 10:41 PM
17	Daily or weekly pop up musical concerts around 3:30 or 4 pm downtown, 20-30 minutes. Ability to square dance, place to sit and listen, congregate with friends. Community gathering.	5/18/2023 8:15 AM
18	Something like Prescott Park in Portsmouth - open space suitable for temporary stages with permanent buildings for concessions etc.	5/18/2023 7:07 AM
19	Outdoor music, shows and plays.	5/17/2023 9:33 PM
20	Live music, beer garden	5/17/2023 9:09 PM
21	outdoor venue at the commons	5/17/2023 8:43 PM
22	Would appreciate venues located within walking distance of downtown creating a vibrancy to the area and also providing visibility and support to the businesses downtown.	5/11/2023 8:35 AM
23	Gonic mills?	5/8/2023 6:50 PM
24	Emphasis on symphony and Broadway plays held at the Rochester Music Hall and utilizing Spaulding High School's beautiful, historic auditorium, in addition to The Commons. The band stand is rarely used and it is difficult to understand why. Rochester's families used to picnic on The Commons and listened to musicians from the community. Keep the holiday parades, also, that began and concluded at The Commons for Memorial Day, July 4th, and Spaulding High Football victories, and at Christmas.	5/8/2023 3:03 PM
25	I'd like to see the grandstand at the commons used more. We have the space, why don't we	5/5/2023 4:31 PM

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	use it more?	
26	Music venue at fairgrounds	4/11/2023 6:45 AM
27	Bandstands outdoor, expand out into Eastern rochester/clean it up, lilac mall area, also lowes/kohls mall up by estes rd. There could be a "skyshow" type event there-fireworks, music, with a view! Huge mostly empty parking lot...with great sunsets!	4/10/2023 2:18 PM
28	Something intimate that is multi-purpose near downtown, perhaps near the river/riverwalk	3/28/2023 9:17 AM
29	Local music arts, community theater	3/25/2023 1:52 PM
30	Outdoor stage	3/24/2023 8:57 PM
31	Like the one in Henry Law Park in Dover. Downtown	3/24/2023 3:35 PM
32	Something outdoors along the river.	3/20/2023 6:10 PM
33	Live music at the fairgrounds, to be used for larger acts.	3/20/2023 5:11 PM
34	A sheltered area for entertainment for events regardless of weather. At the Pines.	3/19/2023 2:35 PM
35	More utilization of the fairgrounds for concerts, community events (learning how to grow your own food/container garden etc)	3/19/2023 1:09 PM
36	Bands at the commons or even the fairgrounds	3/18/2023 5:10 PM
37	More out door Family friendly music events such as the Garage. ( my grandchildren from Vermont always ask to go back to the Garage for music,dance and swing from the big tree). Music on the Common. Frequent porchfest(s) providing younger musicians or up and coming bands notoriety.	3/18/2023 2:41 PM
38	Concerts by the Granite State Choral Society at Spaulding H.S.	3/18/2023 1:18 PM
39	Bring back the comedy club! It was great and I got friends from Dover and Portsmouth to come here for fun! I like social media the Historical Society ours out and YouTube videos about our city's history.	3/18/2023 12:21 PM
40	More free events, outdoor theater. Not sure about new locations.	3/18/2023 10:37 AM
41	More family-oriented stuff.	3/6/2023 12:23 PM
42	Music/concert hall with stage and standing room.	3/3/2023 7:10 PM
43	Local venue for musicians and food	3/3/2023 5:45 PM
44	Rentable theatre/venue in Gonic Mills	3/3/2023 5:42 PM
45	PBA regulation bowling (NOT string pin)	2/24/2023 8:50 AM
46	Music, in Gonic would be really neat for a smaller venue!	2/15/2023 10:33 PM
47	More outdoor shows. Larger scale concerts.	2/12/2023 8:46 PM
48	Use of Spaulding High School's beautiful auditorium/Cochecho River waterfront	2/11/2023 10:16 AM



## Q20 What actions do you think the City can take to support the arts?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 35

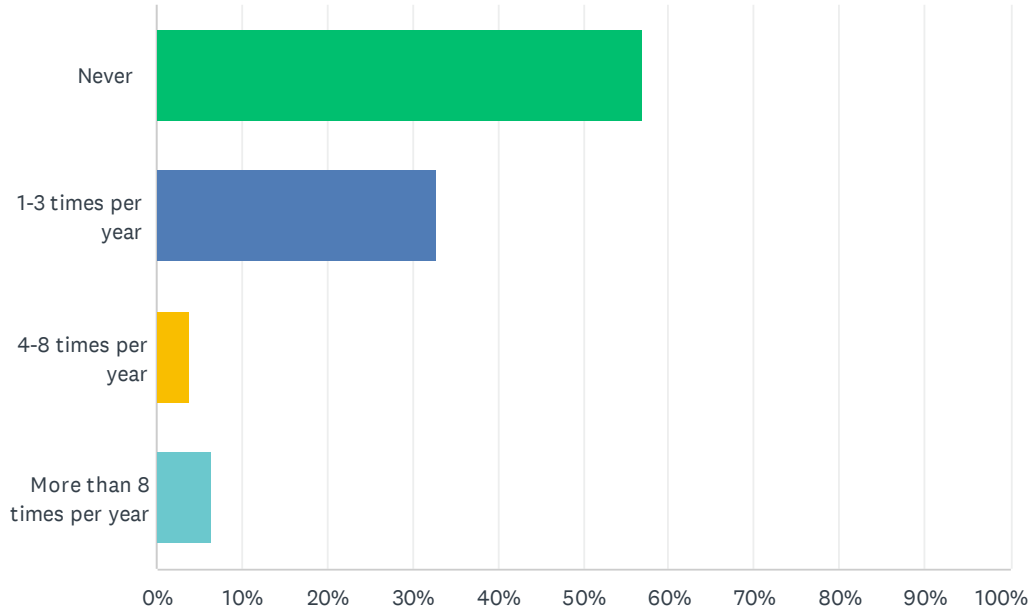
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Ease up on all the red tape, for non-profit without it we would not be growing as a community	8/2/2023 10:19 AM
2	Recognize them	7/13/2023 9:07 AM
3	Keep making these family friendly events that include all.	6/24/2023 1:39 PM
4	Paint in the park, knit in public day, ( June), ask an artist forums, for all ages, theater for seniors: seniors act, make props, work the play for all ages to watch. Regular and low cost class and workshops for all to dabble in the arts. The city can promote all of the aforementioned	6/23/2023 2:19 PM
5	Financial support and lifting red tape with policies	6/22/2023 6:41 AM
6	N/A	6/19/2023 9:49 AM
7	Provide funding and appoint dedicated professionals to organize meaningful events in the spirit of national night out	6/9/2023 12:38 PM
8	Create a safer evening and night time space. Maybe somewhere within walking distance to downtown since parking in town is a nightmare	6/7/2023 7:39 AM
9	Parking! Keeping it free and keeping space instead of subtracting spaces.	6/6/2023 10:21 PM
10	Not sure	6/6/2023 7:49 PM
11	Advertise! Half the time I only learn about events when I dive past them	6/6/2023 4:35 PM
12	Make it easier for musicians and artists to use the shared space like parks	6/6/2023 2:29 PM
13	Don't be so rigid with the ordinances.	5/19/2023 11:36 PM
14	More promotion.	5/18/2023 10:41 PM
15	More advertisement	5/18/2023 6:39 PM
16	For food trucks, why does the city mandate additional city permitting and not accept state licensing as being good enough. This is just another money grab and the food license you need is expensive and is not prorated. Doing business in Rochester, many are walking away due to unfriendliness. Why does the ridge seem to get the spotlight, ie food trucks allowed? Support local, not big box!	5/18/2023 8:15 AM
17	Earmark more funding, more surveys like these	5/18/2023 7:07 AM
18	I would like to see the City retake control of the Opera House. Hire a City Arts director to manage programs and art across the City. The ROH has the potential to bring in positive revenue under the right management. Any person who has watch what has happened over the years can see that it is being mismanaged all the while the director has attacked city agencies for their failures and decline in positive and meaningful entertainment.	5/17/2023 9:33 PM
19	Invest in the arts	5/17/2023 9:09 PM
20	offer \$\$\$ to local artists. sponsor their work. artists can't create without bills being paid.	5/17/2023 8:43 PM
21	Investment in the infrastructure of the Opera House, encouraging and supporting more outdoor art, i.e. sculptures, murals,	5/11/2023 8:35 AM
22	Don't get in the way (i.e. zoning). And this may fall on deaf ears, but please don't provide grants. If individuals or organizations wish to support and arts effort, then they will choose to do so. We shouldn't be forcing Rochester residents and organizations to pay for art.	5/10/2023 12:46 PM
23	Pay artists and musicians for art	5/8/2023 6:50 PM

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24	Rochester should expand its musical talent because the city's families have a rich history in its music programs including the 1956 All State Choir that cut a 45 record with the Gospel song, Rock-a-My Soul in the Bosom of Abraham which was a tremendous achievement for the participants. Have never seen anything written about this historic event and it's a shame.	5/8/2023 3:03 PM
25	Invest in the arts Use the people and resources already in Place	4/11/2023 6:45 AM
26	Keep politics out of the arts	4/10/2023 10:16 PM
27	Funding, promotion. Outdoor dining.	4/10/2023 2:18 PM
28	More outreach, engagement and promotion.	3/28/2023 9:17 AM
29	Reach out to local artisans and community members to share talent	3/25/2023 1:52 PM
30	Funding	3/24/2023 8:57 PM
31	I think the city does a good job supporting the arts.	3/20/2023 6:10 PM
32	Mural space on currently sad looking buildings.	3/20/2023 5:11 PM
33	Seek more grants for arts	3/19/2023 2:35 PM
34	Host an art festival, like Exeter and Dover have. Encourage live demonstrations and interactive activities. Have events during the evenings and weekends so people can bring their families	3/19/2023 1:09 PM
35	Outdoor venues of people creating their art. Have people with easels painting at empty buildings entry ways. Musicians playing at the park on Wakefield and North Main Street.	3/18/2023 2:41 PM
36	Frankly - I think the middle and high schools should begin by playing light classical music during lunch. You have to start somewhere, and exposure to classical music is PROVEN to have a positive effect on academics across the board.	3/18/2023 1:18 PM
37	Continue strong collaboration with our community partners. Increase affordable housing to bring in working class, more public art.	3/18/2023 12:21 PM
38	Invest in an amphitheater, provide more free events.	3/18/2023 10:37 AM
39	Build studio space for artists to make and show art, build space for more live shows and music, festivals and events to showcase art and artists of different forms.	3/3/2023 7:10 PM
40	Live venues / events.	3/3/2023 5:45 PM
41	Stronger social media presence of news and events.	3/3/2023 5:42 PM
42	invest resources (money and time)	2/24/2023 8:50 AM
43	Ensure that housing is affordable AND attainable so that artists can continue to afford to live in Rochester.	2/15/2023 10:33 PM
44	Encourage artists to move here.	2/12/2023 8:46 PM
45	Support financially/Support Rochester Main St/Support existing resources and venues	2/11/2023 10:16 AM

## Q21 How often do you attend meetings or read minutes of the Historic District Commission?

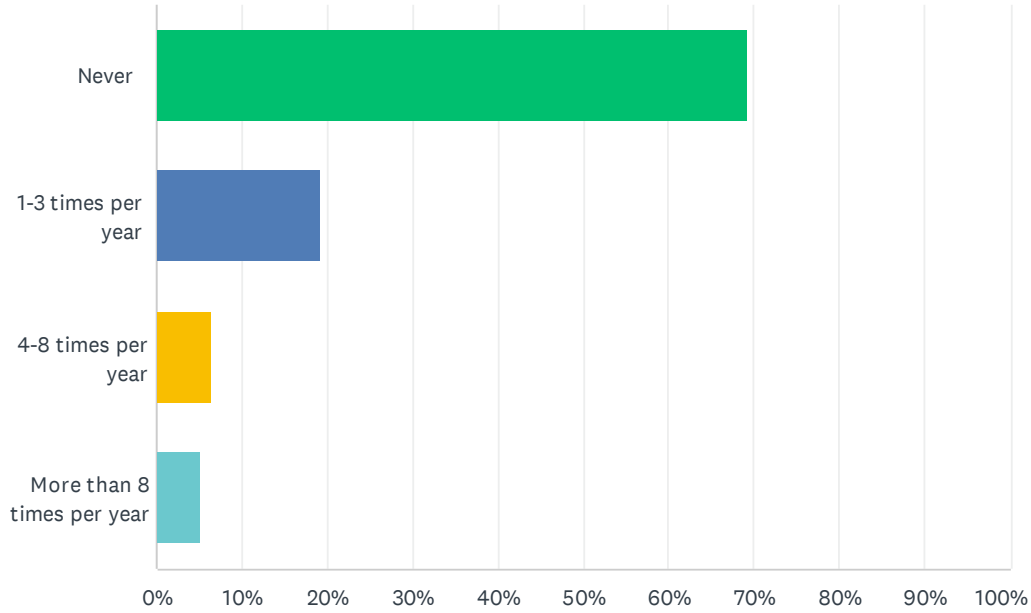
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	56.96%	45
1-3 times per year	32.91%	26
4-8 times per year	3.80%	3
More than 8 times per year	6.33%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>79</b>

## Q22 How often do you attend meetings or read minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission?

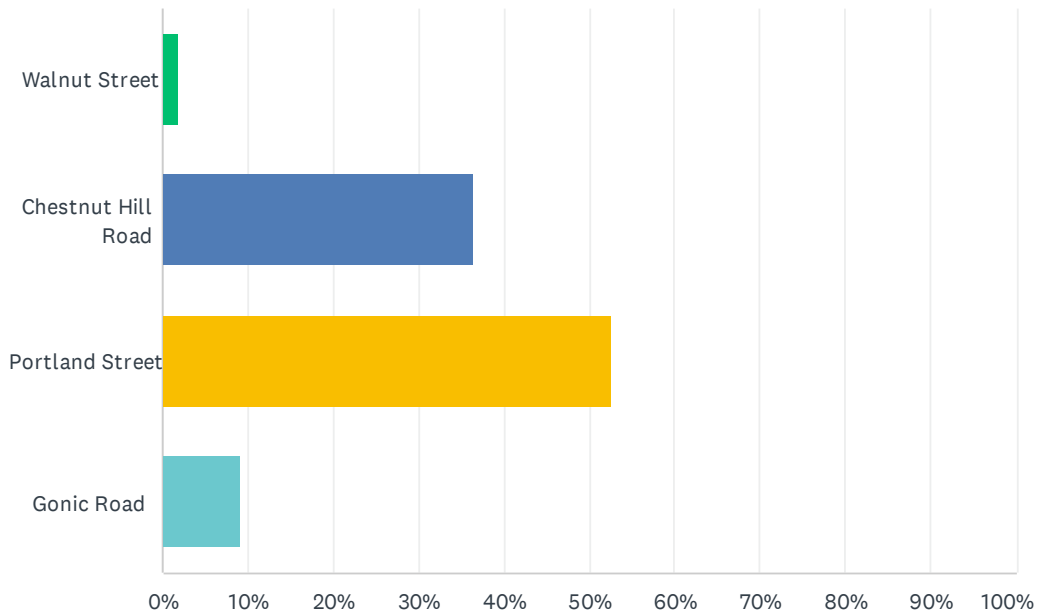
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Never	69.23% 54
1-3 times per year	19.23% 15
4-8 times per year	6.41% 5
More than 8 times per year	5.13% 4
TOTAL	78

Q24 Bonus Trivia Question. In 1906, New Yorker Harry K. Thaw, heir to a fortune, assassinated the nation's foremost architect in front of hundreds of witnesses in NYC. In 1913, young Harry escaped incarceration and fled east. Unfortunately for Harry, his fast car ran out of gas in Rochester (NH) in front of a farmhouse on: (Find the answer here)

Answered: 55 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walnut Street	1.82% 1
Chestnut Hill Road	36.36% 20
Portland Street	52.73% 29
Gonic Road	9.09% 5
TOTAL	55