



Washington County Smart Growth Telephone Survey Survey Results

Resident Opinions about Natural Resources and Agriculture

Questions were asked of Washington County residents in an effort to gauge views on issues regarding natural resources and agriculture in the County.

Natural Resources

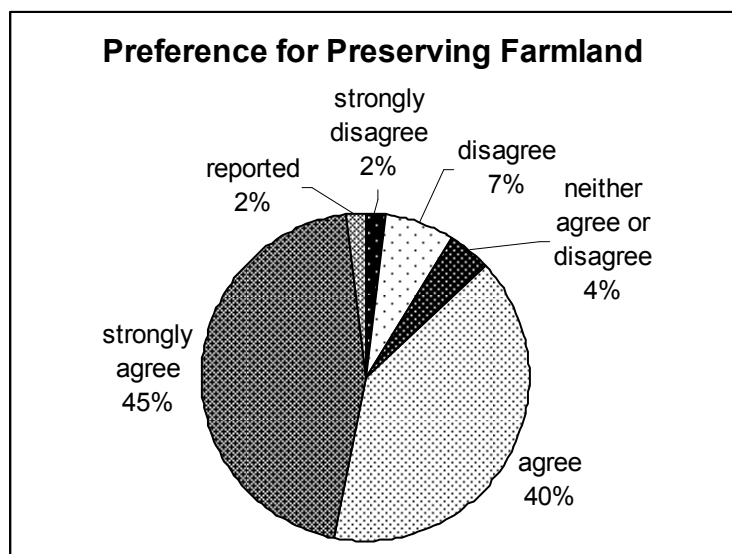
We would like to know how residents feel about priorities for preserving or improving the natural environment in Washington County. For each of the following please tell me if you think it should be a high priority, a moderate priority, or a low priority.

Activity	Low Priority	Moderate Priority	High Priority	DK/NA
Maintaining existing parks and open space	3%	19%	77%	1%
Create new parks and open spaces	22%	44%	34%	1%
Create better flood control and storm water management	23%	36%	35%	6%
Preserve existing woodlands	4%	19%	77%	1%
Preserve farmland	6%	28%	65%	2%

Agriculture

To what extent do you agree with the statement “Washington County government should make it a goal to preserve farmland”?

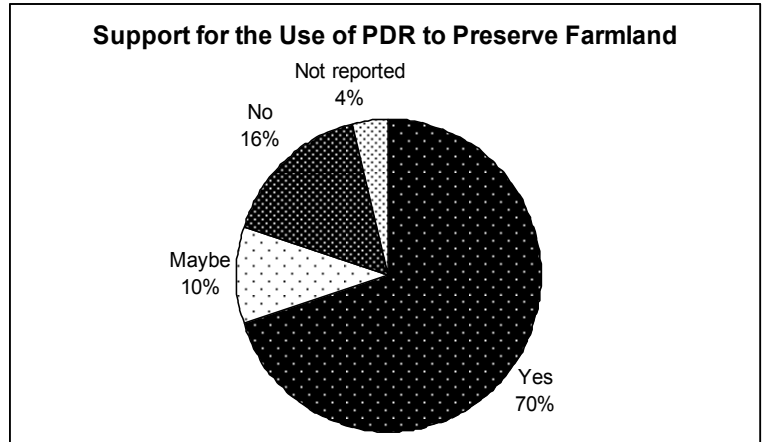
- 2% strongly disagree
- 7% disagree
- 4% neither agree nor disagree
- 40% agree
- 45% strongly agree
- 2% reported



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(If Strongly Agree, Agree or Neutral)
 Washington County is considering purchasing the development rights from farmers in an effort to preserve agricultural land. In general, would you be in favor of such a program?

- 70% yes
- 10% maybe
- 16% no
- 4% not reported



(If Yes) How do you think this program should be funded?

- 20% property taxes
- 23% special assessment
- 46% sales taxes
- 10% DK

