

AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

11. Have you personally noticed a change in the quality or quantity of the groundwater that supplies your well?
(Check all that apply) N = 1795

- 6% I'm considering special maintenance and/or chemical treatments for my well
- 9% I've already had special maintenance and/or chemical treatments for my well
- 1% I'm considering a deeper existing well
- 1% I've already had to drill my existing well deeper
- 1% I'm considering an entirely new well
- 1% I've already had to dig an entirely new well
- 79% No problems
- 5% Other _____

12. Since the groundwater used by Town of Richfield's businesses and residents originates from within the same general area, which of the following do you think are the biggest threats to local groundwater resources?
(Check no more than three) N = 1850

- 36% Lack of information and education about groundwater
- 21% Increased impervious surfaces (pavement, roofs, etc.) that prevent rainfall from soaking into the ground
- 60% Increased numbers of groundwater users in and around Richfield
- 37% Pesticides, fertilizers, waste oil, etc.
- 14% Weak or non-existent regulations
- 23% Poorly maintained septic systems
- 7% No threats
- 3% Other _____

13. How important to YOU is protection and preservation of the following environmental features in the Town?
(Check one column in each row)

FEATURE	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	UNIMPORTANT	VERY UNIMPORTANT
Wetlands N = 1823	52%	31%	12%	3%	2%
Habitat for fish & wildlife N = 1822	54%	34%	9%	2%	1%
Ground water quality N = 1828	79%	17%	2%	.01%	1%
Scenic views & vistas N = 1822	59%	31%	7%	1%	1%
Woodlands N = 1820	59%	33%	6%	1%	1%
Preservation of farmland N = 1822	44%	33%	17%	4%	2%

14. The Town of Richfield should actively pursue the preservation of historic barns, buildings, and places within the Town (through ordinances, incentives, etc.). N = 1835

29% Strongly Agree 36% Agree 24% Neutral 8% Disagree 4% Strongly Disagree

15. I would pay additional taxes or a special fee to preserve prime farmland, critical open spaces, and scenic views in the Town of Richfield (through public purchases of land, easements, development rights, etc.) N = 1802

- 41% Yes, up to \$50 per year
- 16% Yes, up to \$150 per year
- 6% Yes, up to \$300 per year
- 37% Under no circumstances would I want to pay extra for this purpose