Community Survey Summary

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Introduction and Background

As part of the Town of Amsterdam's Comprehensive Plan Update process, a Community Survey was developed and implemented using an online platform and paper-based version to ensure maximum community participation. The Community Survey included a mixture of a total of 19 questions that provided a specified set of answer choices as well as questions with open-ended responses. Some questions provided both a set of answer choices and also allowed respondents to elaborate on their answer choices further. In July 2026, a Town-wide mailing advertising the survey was also completed and sent to the addresses of 2,802 community members and businesses. The Community Survey generated 139 responses. A copy of the text version of the survey is included as Attachment A. Complete survey results, downloaded from the online SurveyMonkey survey, are included as Attachment B.

This document provides a summary of the responses received, including character, age and residential location of respondents, key themes, and analysis of open-ended responses. The methods used include a close reading of the text open-ended responses and drawing categories based upon this close reading of responses received. Text responses were then coded for a category to help summarize text responses in a meaningful way and help draw larger conclusions for Comprehensive Plan development in the future. More detail on how survey responses are summarized as well as the raw data from this process can be found in the Appendices.

Community Survey Highlights and Summary

- The vast majority of those taking the survey said they are residents of the Town and have lived in Town for more than 20 years. When compared to the Town's population, they are also relatively older and more likely to be homeowners. A majority of respondents rated local economic conditions in the Town as "fair."

- When asked where their primary residence is located, nearly a quarter said the "Route 30 Corridor," reflecting the importance of this area to residents and the Town's sense of place. Other responses reflect the importance of the historical areas of settlement within and adjacent to the Town. For example, Cranesville and Fort Johnson accounted for another nearly one-third all responses. And while most respondents chose "Other," with many saying simply, the "Town of Amsterdam," said they lived adjacent to the City of Amsterdam and Village of Hagaman.

- Many respondents reported choosing to live in the Town to be near family and friends and note that it's where they grew up, with the Town's natural beauty, scenery, proximity to workplaces, proximity to destinations, and affordability also among top reasons for choosing this Town as home. Respondents also identified access to shopping and, in particular, the Route 30 corridor, as assets to the Town. And among the assets mentioned most is the Town's community and small-town feel. As one survey respondent put it: ***"The best asset is we still get to enjoy the rural life but have the convenience of Rt 30 shopping. It has developed but not too much. Enough to enjoy the best of both worlds."***

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- Respondents most frequently mentioned issues relating to provision of essential services, such as the need for volunteers to support the fire services as well as support for schools serving the Town. Other concerns included roadway operations and safety, congestion, maintenance, and need to accommodate non-motorized users, as well as abandoned and unkempt properties housing needs, infrastructure, and several concerns centered on land development, placemaking, and solar energy facilities. When asked what types of future land use and development to discourage, solar and battery energy facilities, multi-family housing were mentioned. When asked about their satisfaction with various modes of transportation in the Town and to rate public facilities, the majority did not indicate dissatisfaction, with nearly 90% rating travel by car in the Town as satisfactory, but relatively higher numbers of respondents did indicate lack of satisfaction with biking and pedestrian travel and infrastructure supporting these alternative modes of transportation.

- Many respondents indicated a desire for more recreation amenities of various types, as well as housing, with respondents rating the need for more single-family housing as the type of housing most needed in the Town.

- When asked how they'd invest $1.0 M in the Town, community facilities and programs, transportation, and recreation amenities were the most frequently cited targets of investment.

About Those Taking the Survey

The first four questions provide information about each participant, including age, relationship to the Town, length of residency (for residents), location of primary residence, and how they receive news about the Town.

- **Age** – The majority (55%) of respondents reported being between 45 and 64 years of age. As compared to the Town's population in general, those over 65 are overrepresented: census data indicate that 26% of the Town's population is 65 or older, while 40% of respondents to this survey said they were 65 and older, illustrating this age group's over representation.

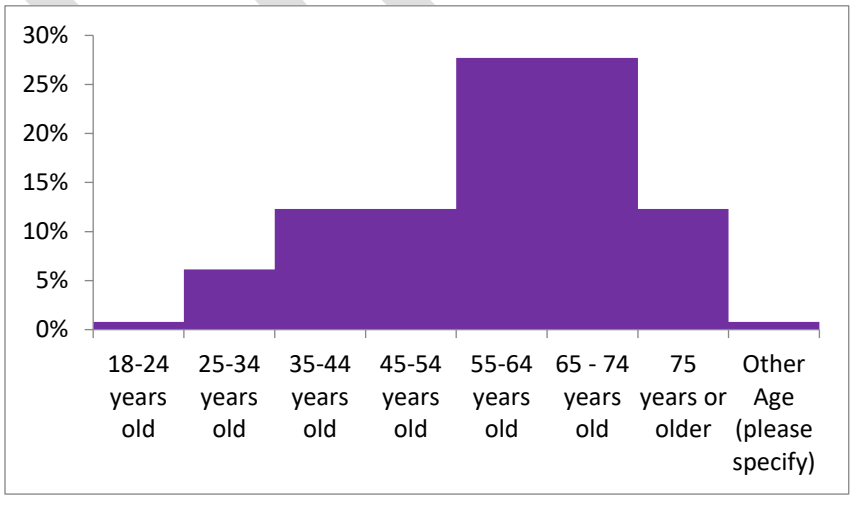


Figure 1. Self-reported age of respondents

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- **Relationship to the Town** – The vast majority (92%) of respondents reported being full-time residents of the Town. The next most common two responses were Business Owner/Property Manager and Frequent Visitor.

- **Length of Residency and Tenure Status (for residents)** – Most respondents indicating full-time residency are long-time residents of the Town: Nearly two-thirds (65%) of respondents indicated having lived in the Town for more than 20 years. Of these, the overwhelming majority (94%) are homeowners. This mirrors recent census data, indicating that over 80% of those residing in the Town own their homes.

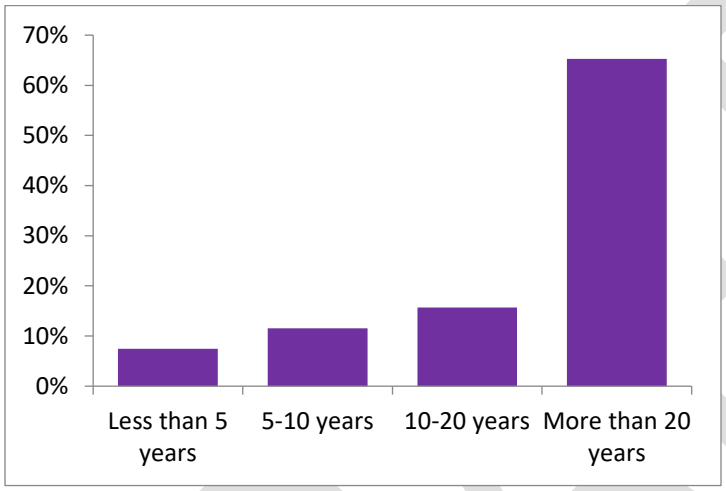


Figure 2. Length of residency for those identifying as Town residents

- **Location of Primary Residence** – About a quarter of respondents elected to provide a text ("Other") response. Of the remaining responses, the Route 30 Corridor, Cranesville, and Fort Johnson accounted for nearly two-thirds (61%) of primary local resident location. Common written responses to "Other" included: ***"Town of Amsterdam,"*** which six of the 29 respondents provided; ***"Mannys Corners"***; and Morrow Rd. Another group of respondents indicated living nearby a place, such as ***"Just outside of Village of Hagaman in Town of Amsterdam," "Just outside of the city," "Golf Course Area," "By Montgomery county community college,"*** and ***"East of Rt. 30."***

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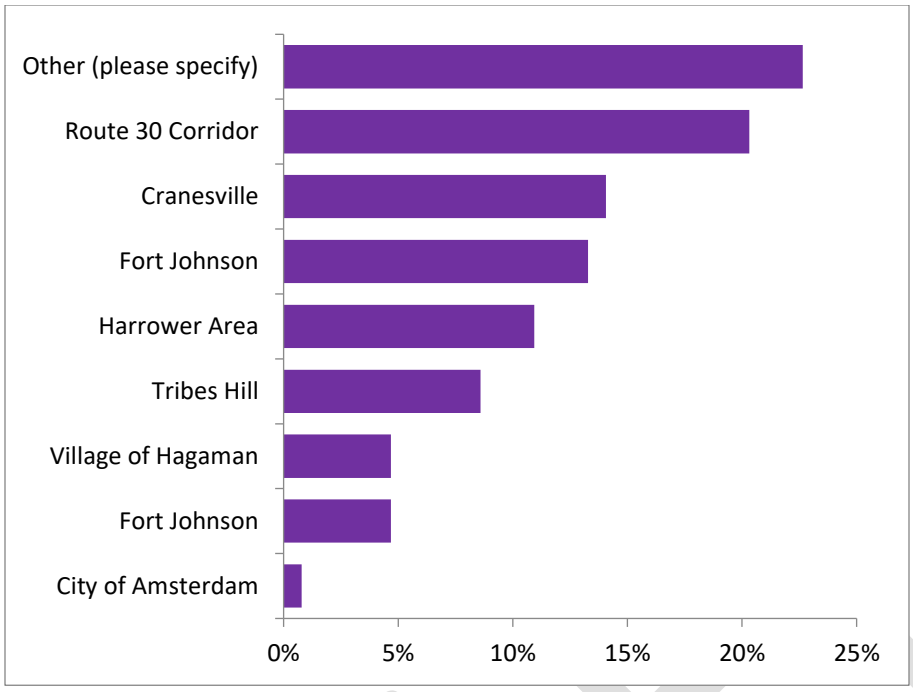


Figure 3. Respondents' locations of primary residence

- **News Sources** – A majority (67%) of respondents obtain their news about the Town from social media, followed by the Town website, Other, and Local newspaper. The most common categories of "Other" responses included the following: neighbors and word of mouth (about one-third of "Other" responses) and text notifications from the Town's TextMyGov push notification platform (about 25% of "Other" responses).

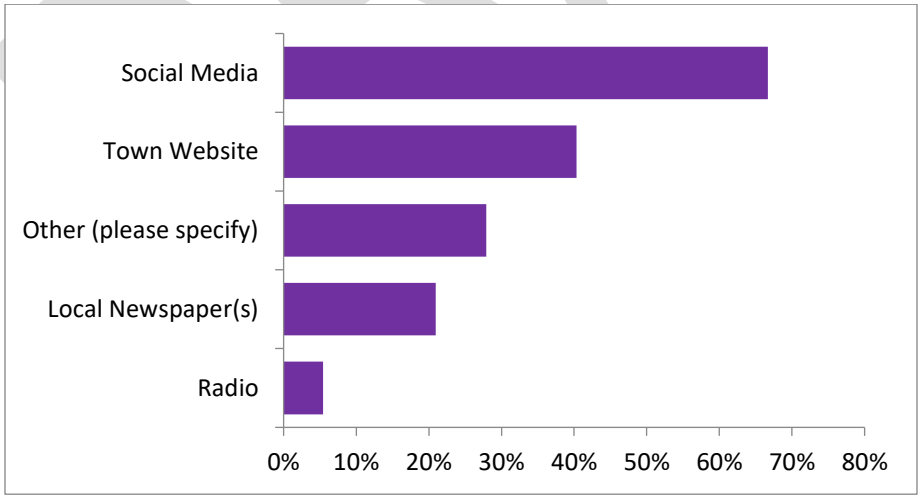


Figure 4. Respondents' primary source of Town news

Living in Town and Special Places

Question #6: Why do you choose to live in the Town of Amsterdam? Please check all that apply.

This question included an "Other (please specify)" entry option, and 26 of 134 respondents to this question chose to provide further detail. Figure 5 shows the breakdown by provided answer choices, and Figure 6 summarizes the categories and number of entries coded within each category. Proximity to family/friends, having grown up in the area, and the Town's natural environment were among the most common reasons cited. Proximity to workplaces and the Adirondacks were also frequently cited.

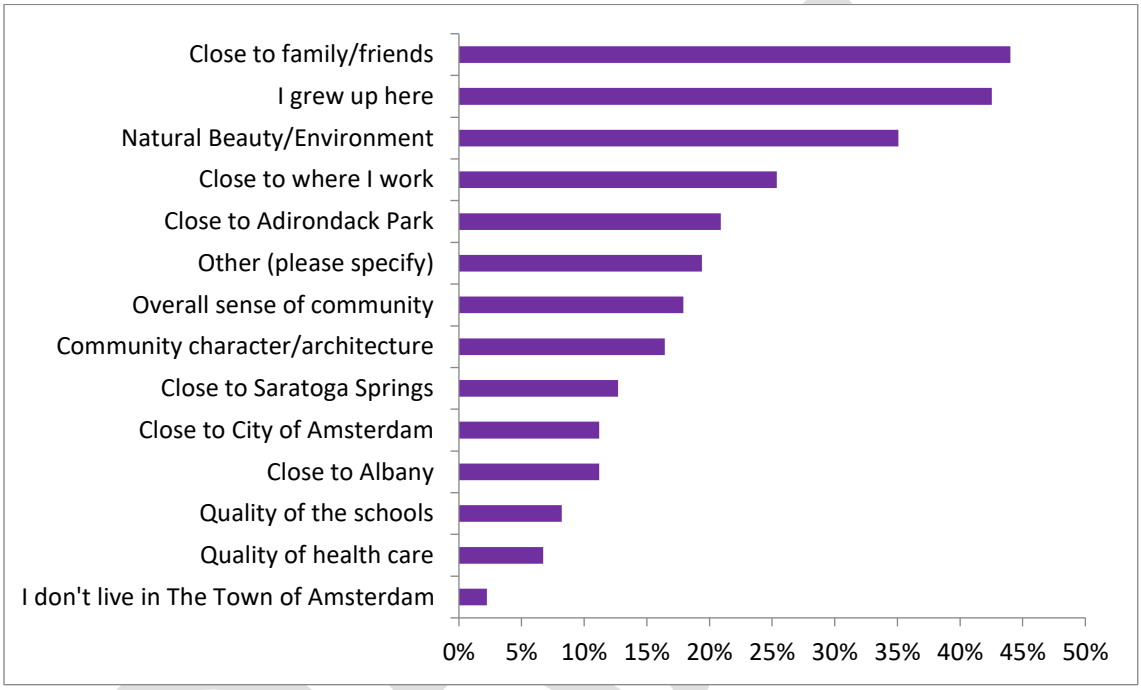


Figure 5. Distribution of reasons respondents choose to live in the Town

Among those choosing to write in other reasons (a total of 26 respondents), affordability and owning a residential property were cited by over half.

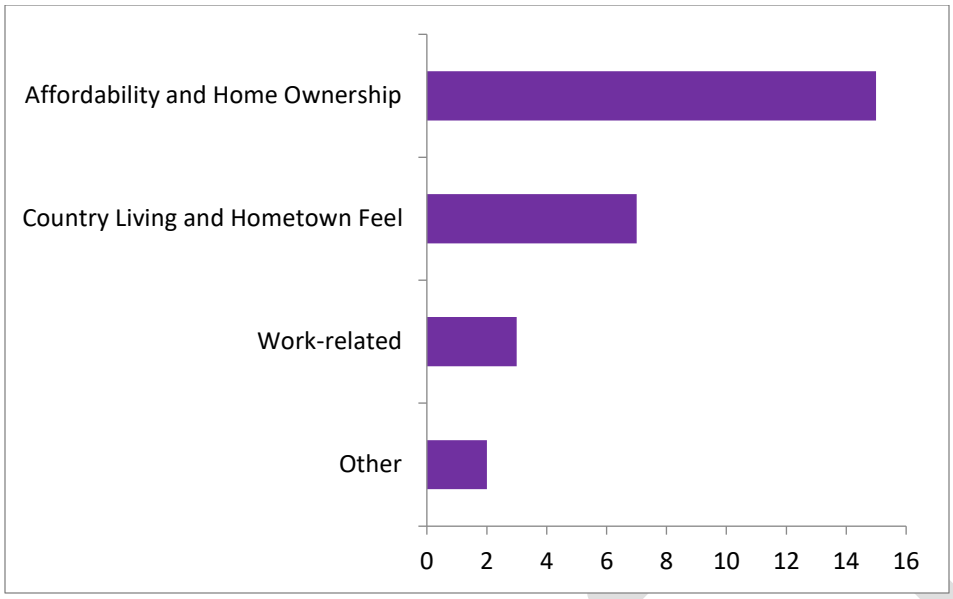


Figure 6. Categories of responses to "Other," respondents' reasons for choosing to live in the Town

Question #8: The Town of Amsterdam is home to many special places that make the community unique. What places do you think are a great asset to the Town?

This was an open-ended question to which 122 (88%) provided a response, and within those responses, 24 categories of mentions of different types of special places were identified, shown in Figure 7, with 256 different mentions across all categories. Figure 7 summarizes these results.

About one fifth of respondents cited businesses and, in particular, the Route 30 corridor as the Town's most special places. While few respondents mentioned specific businesses or shopping or commercial locations, many simply stated ***"Route 30 corridor." "All the business, the growth of Rt 30,"*** indicated one respondent.

The next most common mention related to the proximity of the Town to regional destinations, and while proximity is not necessarily a "place," many cited to specific nearby places, such as ***"Adirondack, Saratoga and capital district," "Amtrak, Close to everything such as Walmart, Target, Hannaford," "Historical places like Ft. Johnson, Guy Park Manor. Hiking trails, close to river and activities, close to walking bridge,"*** and ***"Close to Capital Region and the lake."*** As one respondent provided: **"Close enough to amenities, but rural enough areas to be spread out from neighbors."**

Public parks, rural character, environment, historic resources, and the Mohawk River, specifically, were also cited individually and in combination with other places and destinations in the Town and nearby. For example, ***"The Sanford barns and all of the rest of the historical buildings and areas and local history,"***

"The best asset is we still get to enjoy the rural life but have the convenience of Rt 30 shopping. It has developed but not too much. Enough to enjoy the best of both worlds," and ***"The Mohawk River, shuttleworth park, the corridor of stores and easy access to the Sacandaga lake."***

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Figure 7. Number of mentions of categories within open-ended responses, Question 8 (total mentions: 256)

Rural character and community feel were also cited, in general, as special when respondents provided their feedback. ***"Residential community with open space and homeowner pride,"*** provided one respondent, while others said, ***"The town's rural landscape"*** and ***"Historical sites, small community feel, natural beauty."***

Advantages and Issues

Question #9: What do you think are Amsterdam's biggest advantages? What are the positive qualities that make Amsterdam a great place to live, work or play? They could be physical attributes, or less tangible characteristics that make the community special.

This was an open-ended question to which 123 (88%) provided a response. Entries fell into twenty-two categories, shown in Figure 8, with 283 mentions across these categories. About 40% of those responding indicated that the Town's Community and Small-Town Feel and, either separately or in

combination, its Proximity to designations were the Town's biggest advantages. Representative responses include:

> ***"Even though there is the bustling area of rt. 30, the town is still small enough to know who your neighbors are. Being able to get groceries and then see deer in your backyard all in the span of an hour is really special."***
>
> ***"Living here is nice with access to great schools and quality Healthcare while feeling like we live in rural farm country. With the route 30 area shopping and dining continuing to expand it seems we have more choices with everything and don't need to travel as much for our favorite stores."***
>
> ***"Amsterdam is close enough to major cities but still retains its rural character."***
>
> ***"Country-like atmosphere. Centrally located shopping away from residential areas."***
>
> ***"No town tax; Centrally located; Gateway to…..; Relatively quiet area to live and grow up."***

Combined with citations to Local Businesses and Economy, the Town's relative Affordability, Rural Character, Natural Environment, and Housing stock, these 7 categories accounted for about two-thirds of all mentions of aspects of the Town that are its biggest advantages.

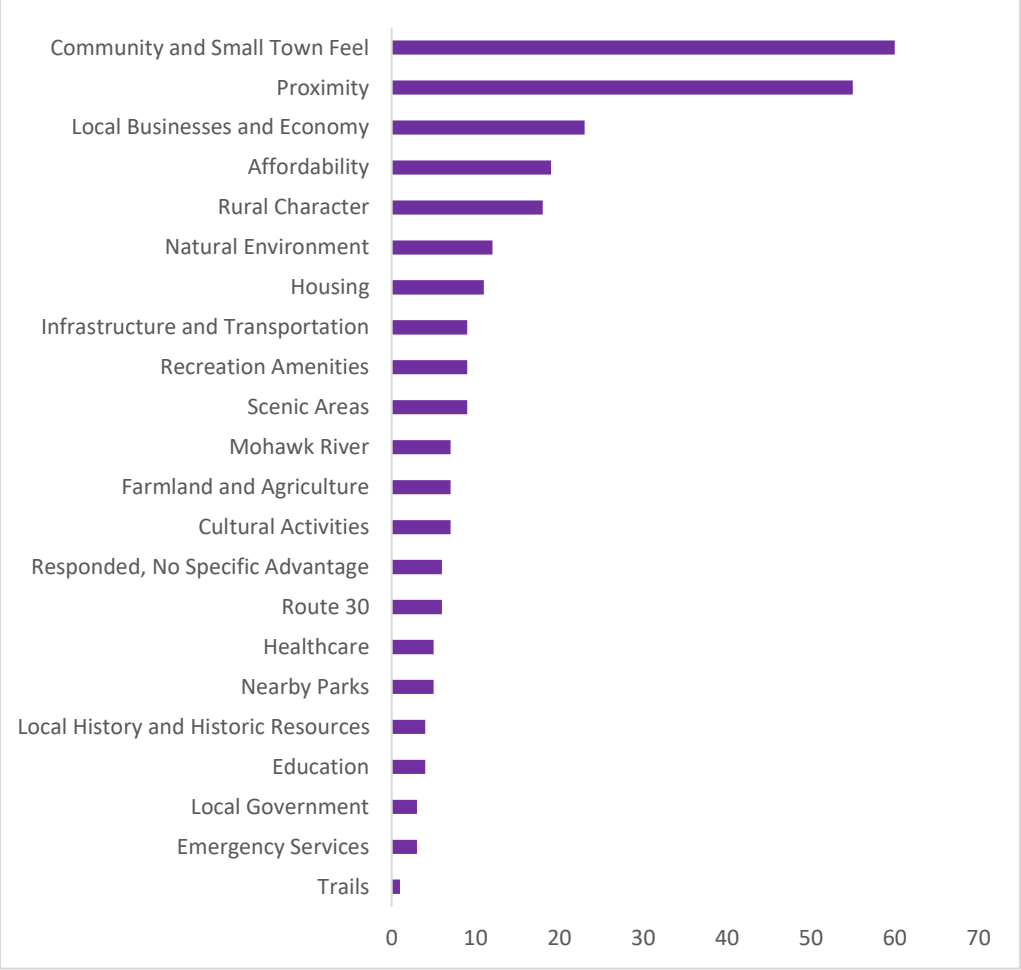


Figure 8. Number of mentions of categories within open-ended responses, Question 9 (total mentions: 283)

Question #10: What do you think are the most important issues facing Amsterdam today? Issues can be obstacles that need to be overcome, problems that need to be solved, services that are lacking, or qualities of the community that could be improved.

This was an open-ended question to which 123 (88%) provided a response. Within the responses, 18 categories of mentions of various types of issues, shown in Figure 9, with 262 mentions within these categories.

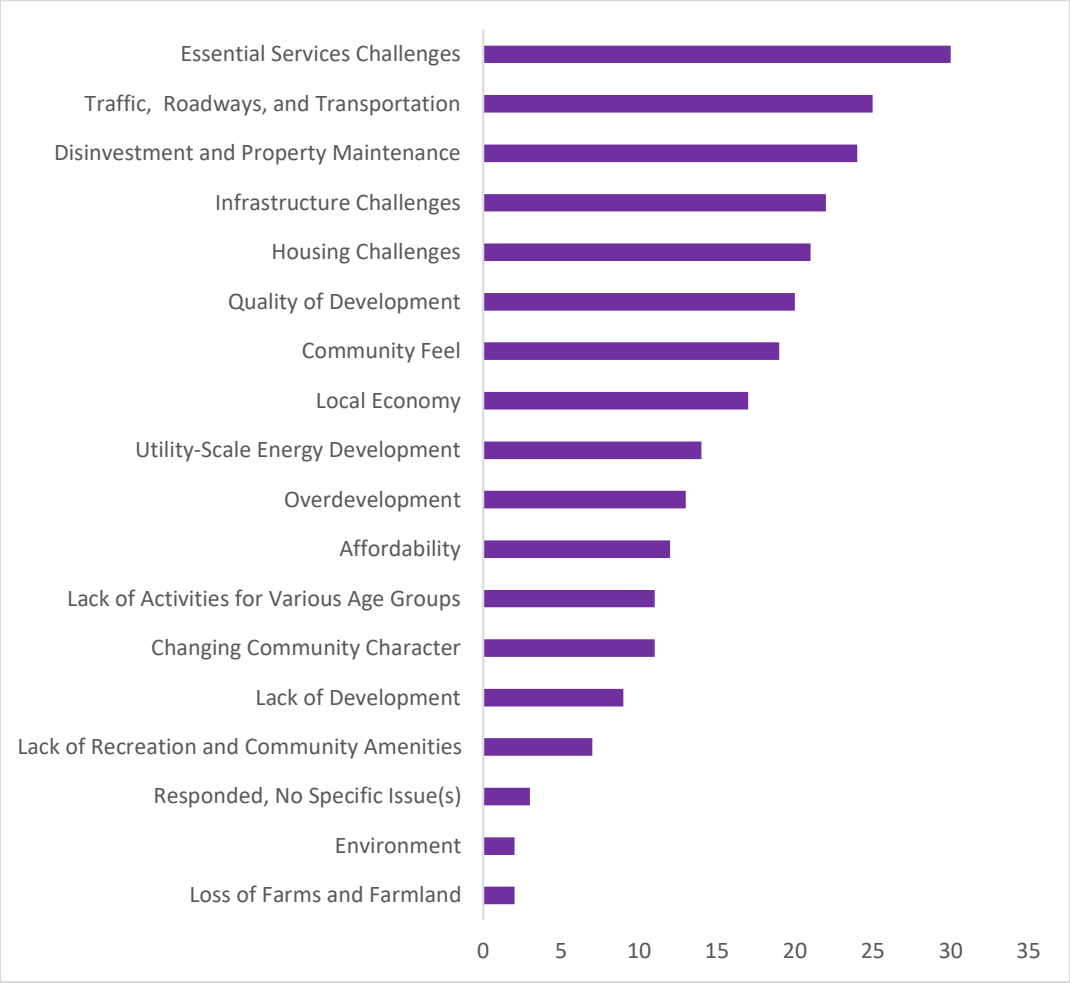


Figure 9. Number of mentions of categories within open-ended responses, Question 9 (total mentions: 262)

The most common category of challenges facing the Town relates to Essential Services. Within the category, local schools, elected leaders and local government services, and challenges facing emergency services provision were all cited. As two respondents said: ***"The volunteer initiative is gone away, we need more volunteers for the fire departments and rescue squads"*** and ***"I feel it's important to do what we can to improve the school system and the work opportunities here so that people can live and work here. I think that would help with crime also. Everything starts with education."***

Traffic, Roadways, and Transportation was the next most cited category. Within this category, respondents generally indicated challenges relating to maintenance or condition of roadways (14 of 25

respondents), need for non-motorized facilities (7 of 25 respondents), congestion (5 of 25 respondents), and safety and mobility concerns (11 of 25 respondents), like speed limits or crash history.

Disinvestment and Property Maintenance was the next most cited category. Within this category, respondents generally indicated challenges associated with empty storefronts (2 of 24 respondents), vacant or abandoned buildings (10 of 24 respondents), and deteriorated buildings and properties (19 of 24 respondents). From some of the responses, it is not clear that areas of the Town are described. For example, one respondent said, possibly referring to a portion of NYS Route 5 within the City of Amsterdam, ***"Fixing up the abandoned houses and plots. East main street road is horrible and kind of embarrassing as that is a major road people take to get into or drive through the city."*** And one respondent noted, ***"More of a city problem, but blight."*** Other respondents either specifically referred to the Town or were non-specific in terms of location: ***"I think town of Amsterdam should try to get more businesses stores and restaurants to fill up some of the empty places that are here. To give us more options when shopping or dining"*** and ***"Abandoned houses and properties, cars, etc. Properties that are in disrepair, burnt out properties not dealt with, they are eyesores for residents."***

Infrastructure challenges were next most cited. Within this category, respondents indicated need for enhanced availability of telecommunications and natural gas service as well as the need for increased availability of centralized water and sewer services or planning and investment in maintenance of the same. For example: ***"Sewer municipal water and natural gas is lacking for future development"*** and ***"aging infrastructure."***

Housing challenges were next most cited. While some cited general "housing" challenges, affordability, scarcity of new housing stock, and disrepair of existing stock, the majority (18 of 21 respondents) mentioned issues generally associated with either design and appearance or tenure types, with several respondents echoing one response that stated simply, ***"building of apartment complexes."*** Several respondents cited design and appearance concerns attached to recently constructed developments. For example: ***"Constructing new apartments and homes that will turn into low income housing and ruin existing neighborhoods"*** and ***"Some of the housing development that has been allowed is worse than an eyesore for the town."***

Taken together, a cluster of challenges relating broadly to land use and development, including Changing Community Character, Overdevelopment, Utility-Scale Energy Development, and Quality of Development, accounted for about 22% of all mentions. One respondent stated simply, ***"Overdevelopment."*** Others indicated, ***"Solar farms and all these new apartment houses coming in are bad for our little community"*** and ***"Keeping the scenic beauty, moratorium on building where it interferes with the surrounding natural landscapes."*** Quality of development challenges were noted, including concerns relating to placemaking and land use regulations, ***"Lack of a Town Center identity. The strip malls on Route 30 are the closest we have - but that is not great. Clean up blighted, vacant or rundown buildings. Strengthen the local economy - fill vacant storefronts"*** and ***"Current zoning is leading to a driveway every 200' along our country roads. We need to change frontage requirements and encourage residential development off the roads."*** It also should be noted that several mentions of a Lack of Development were recorded, such as the need to encourage small businesses or investment in some of the Town's older neighborhoods adjacent to the City.

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Question #11: From your perspective, as they are related to the Town, please rank the following issues in order of your priority. Click and drag in order with 1 being the most important issue and 10 being the least important issue.

Respondents (138 of 139 survey takers responded) were asked to rank 10 aspects of the Town in priority order in terms of the degree to which they represent issues facing the Town. Figure 10 displays the results, summarized as a weighted average. Question 10, which asked about issues facing the Town in an open-ended format, and the results showed that Essential Services Challenges were most frequently mentioned. Otherwise, responses to this Question 11 are, with a few exceptions, generally similar to Question 10, and provide some added insight. Infrastructure was the most important issue.

However, respondents in this question identified community character followed by housing as the second and third highest ranked issues. Results from Question 10 provide some insight, suggesting that community character issues may be related to disinvestment and property maintenance and quality of development. Local economy was the next highest ranked issue, and the results of Question 13, in which conditions were rated as Fair by about 50%, with many citing wages, affordability, and jobs as the reasons why, provide some context (for more detail, see Local Economy).

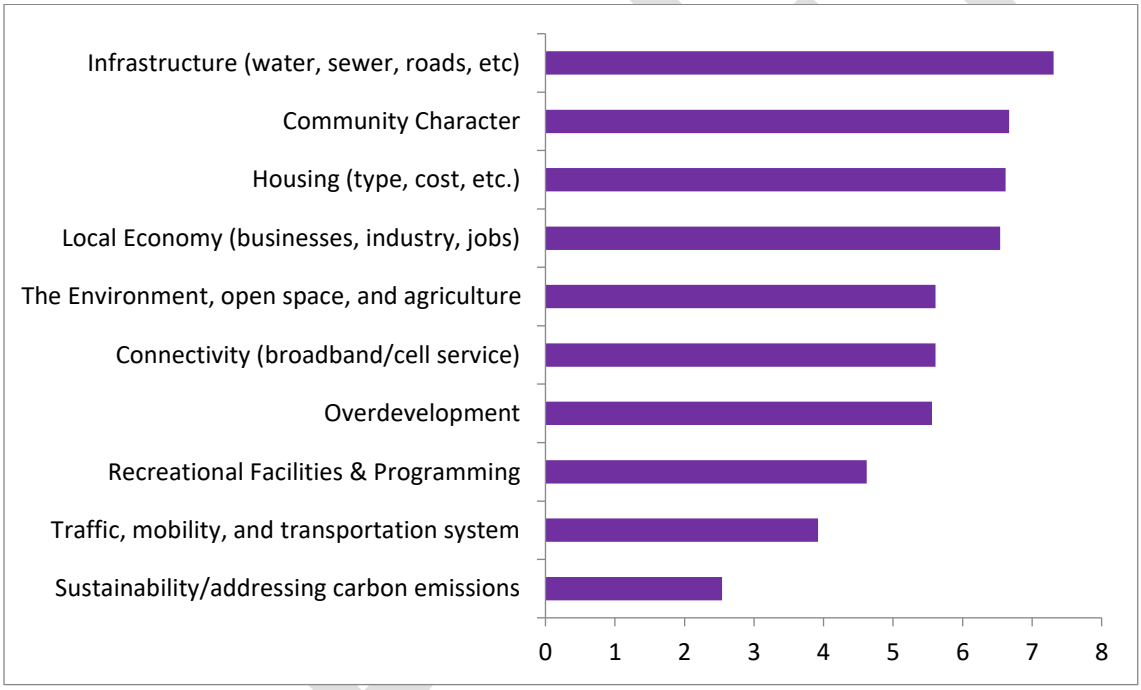


Figure 10. Priority ranking of issues facing the Town. Results are presented as a weighted average

Future Land Use and Housing Needs

Question #12: In general, what types of future development or land uses do you think should be encouraged in the Amsterdam? Please list each item separately.

This question asked for respondents to list, in open-ended text format, up to five types of future development or land use that should be *encouraged*. Eighty-six percent (n = 119) of survey takers provided a response. Responses fell into 18 categories, shown in Figure 12, with 404 unique entries. The responses are further summarized below. It is noted that this question did generate responses unrelated

to land use or development and were coded "Uncategorized." There were several threads to emerge, such as e.g., increased programming for various groups and traffic enforcement as well as lower taxes.

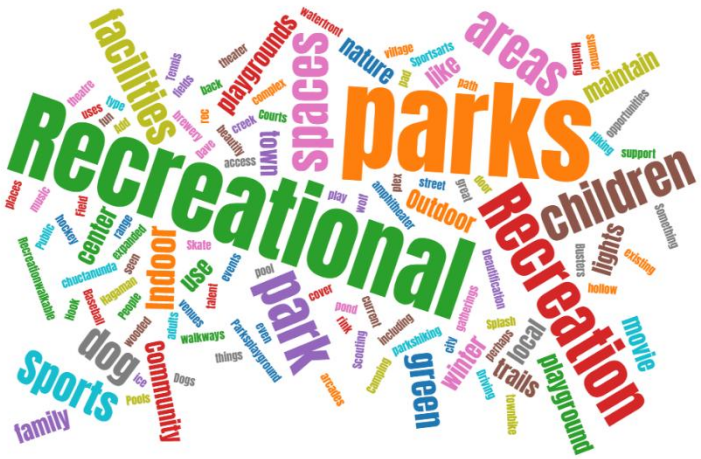


Figure 11. Word cloud summary of mentions of Recreation

Recreation comprised 16% of all mentions in responses to this question and was mentioned by 65 or 55% of respondents. Respondents provided a variety of recommended recreational developments, including indoor spaces, parks, playgrounds, trails, and hard surface courts, but the most common responses were more generic, such as ***"Recreational areas," "Parks,"*** and ***"Parks for children."*** There was some overlap with the category, Community Spaces, such as "Playgrounds and family spaces" and "Indoor rec center," though Community Spaces also included mentions of multi-use spaces geared toward programming and needs of different age groups.

Housing was the next most desired development type, with 48 mentions across 48 respondents. Within this category, the most common mention was of more housing in general – ***"More housing"*** or simply ***"Housing."*** When specifying types, single-family homes (11 of 48 respondents), senior housing (6 of 48 respondents), affordable/attainable housing (5 of 48 respondents), and housing developments (e.g., subdivisions or multi-structure developments, at 6 of 48 respondents) were also cited.

Ag and farmland protection and open spaces and land conservation together accounted for about 16% of mentions. ***"Agriculture"*** and ***"Farming"*** were common in the former category; ***"Leaving plenty of Green space," "Water protection,"*** and ***"Open land"*** were representative responses in the latter category.

In terms of non-residential uses, Retail, Commercial and Businesses (Unspecified), Industrial, Services, Hotels, and Entertainment accounted for 87 or about one fifth of all mentions across all categories. Shopping areas, retailers, restaurants, small businesses, manufacturing, industrial, movie theatres, and hotels all received multiple mentions. It is also worth noting that, within the Industrial category, utility-scale solar facilities received mentions from 5 respondents.

It is also worth noting that 23 or nearly one fifth of respondents indicated development that should be prevented or discouraged. Within this category, utility-scale solar facilities, datacenters, and apartments received multiple mentions.

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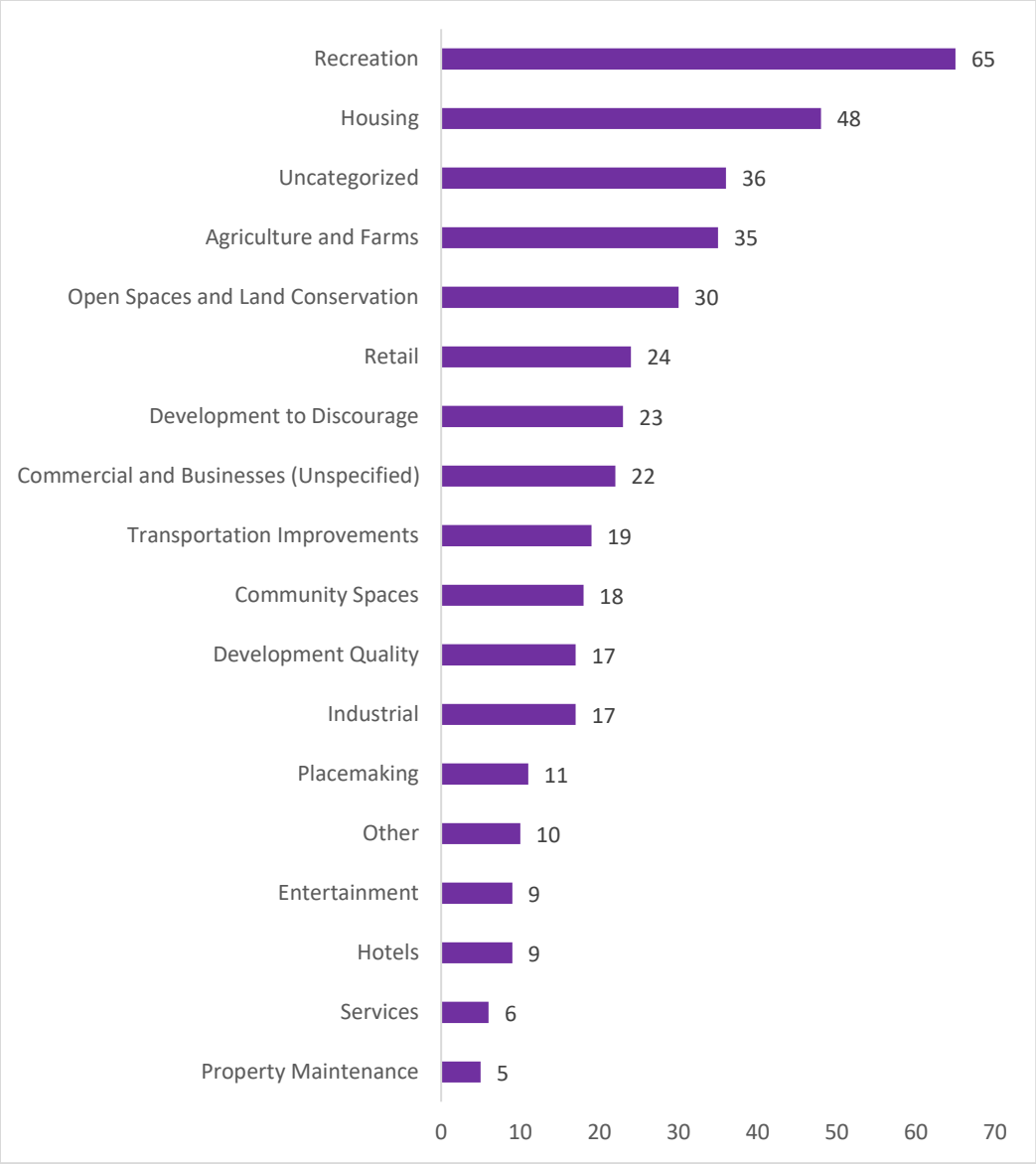


Figure 12. Number of mentions of categories within open-ended responses, Question 12 (total mentions: 404)

Question #13: Are there any types of future development or land uses that you think should be discouraged in Amsterdam?

Similar to Question #12, this question asked for respondents to list, in open-ended text format, up to five types of future development or land use that should be *discouraged*. Ninety percent (n = 125) of survey takers provided a response. Responses fell into 9 categories, shown in Figure 13, with 332 unique entries. It is noted that this question did generate responses unrelated to land use or development and were coded "Uncategorized."

Utility Developments accounted for one-third of all mentions and were cited by 78 respondents (60%) as being a type of development to discourage in the Town. Respondents within this category, solar energy generating facilities accounted for the majority of mentions, with 83 mentions; wind energy generating facilities accounted for 11 mentions; and battery energy storage facilities accounted for 10 mentions.



Figure 13. Number of mentions of categories within open-ended responses, Question 13 (total mentions: 332)

Various types of housing types were also listed by respondents as types of development to be discouraged, receiving 21% of mentions from 68 or 54% of respondents. (Some respondents mentioned housing types more than once.) The most common type to be discouraged was various types of apartments or multi-family buildings, at 33 mentions. A number of respondents specifically referred to a recently constructed 168-unit multi-family apartment development off of Log City Rd as a type to be discouraged. Various terms associated with "low-income housing" accounted for 16 mentions. Condos were mentioned 4 times. Three mentions indicated that mixing housing types should be discouraged, such as ***"Mixing apartments, townhouses, etc in the midst of single family homes."***

Various sorts of industrial developments were next most commonly cited. Within this category, 18 of 30 respondents specifically mentioned datacenter developments to be discouraged. Landfills and junk yards were also cited more than once. In terms of commercial developments, including retail, to be discouraged a common theme in these mentions is to limit large-scale commercial developments, whether "big box" style, strip malls, or just occupying a relatively larger scale of the landscape. In addition, a number of mentions focused on limiting specifically distribution centers and ***"Large industrial complexes or warehouses"*** as well as cannabis retail dispensaries and storage units.

Responses that mentioned qualities of land development, such as whether it is buffered from residential uses or has lighting designed to minimize light leaving a site, were categorized as Development Quality. There were twenty-four mentions and these are reproduced verbatim below. Environmental quality, neighborhood compatibility, encouraging adaptive re-use, expanses of parking, and open space conservation are themes that emerged.

- ***Any Heavy Industry that will pollute the environment.***
- ***No manufacturing that is environmentally unfriendly***
- ***Other Than Single Family Homes in Residential Districts***
- ***Over an acre of land to build new house***
- ***Preserving farm land, no solar panels***
- ***Solar fields encroaching on farmland/wildlife habitats/scenic views***

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- *No development on Rt 30 that negatively impacts homes ie downhill water flow, sewage, and over population*
- *overdevelopment, keep intense use away from here*
- *Stop removing green spaces*
- *Hotels / Apartments Adjacent to Residential Districts*
- *Mixing apartments, townhouses, etc in the midst of single family homes*
- *Commercial interference with residential character*
- *Large box buildings like distribution center. Reuse the industrial site in Edson st.*
- *Our local environment's health and beauty should be a priority*
- *Solar on OPEN LAND*
- *We need to discourage solar arrays on green spaces and aim for using them on parking lots as covers*
- *Any business that will use large amounts of electrical energy.*
- *Any business that would use large amounts of ground water.*
- *Anything that is harmful to the environment*
- *Large business - Use empty buildings*
- *Large Parking Lots*
- *Large parking lots*
- *Large paved areas.*
- *Planned Use Developments*

Question #15: Please rank the following types of housing needs in the Town of Amsterdam, with 1 being the type most in need and 6 being the least in need.

Ninety-three percent (n = 129) of respondents completed this question. Figure 14 presents the results as a weighted average. The majority (84%) of Town residents live in owner-occupied housing, and it was also the highest-ranked need. Senior citizen housing was next highest ranked, on average. Notably, apartments/multi-family housing was the third-highest ranked, whereas respondents cited apartment development frequently as an issue facing the Town (see Question 10), and responses to development types to be discouraged frequently cited multi-family development (see Question 14).

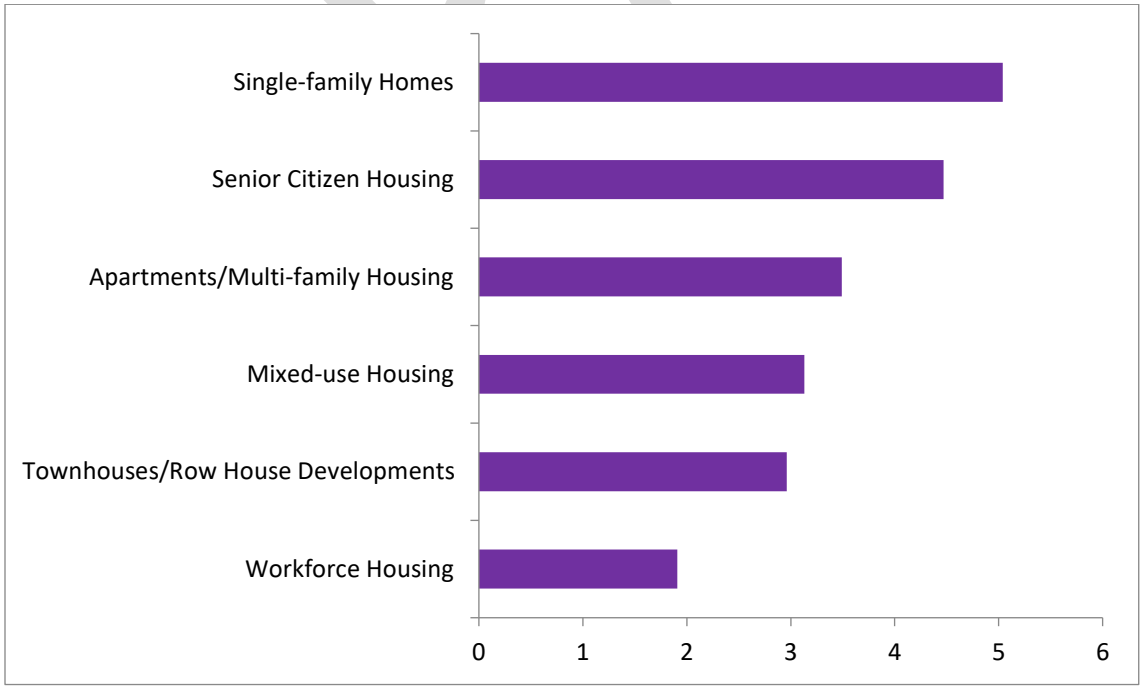


Figure 14. Ranking of housing needs in the Town. Results are presented as a weighted average.

Local Economy

Question #13: How would you rate local economic conditions in Amsterdam?

Ninety-eight percent (n = 136) of respondents answered this question, with most (49.3%) rating conditions as "Fair." The results are shown in Figure 15.

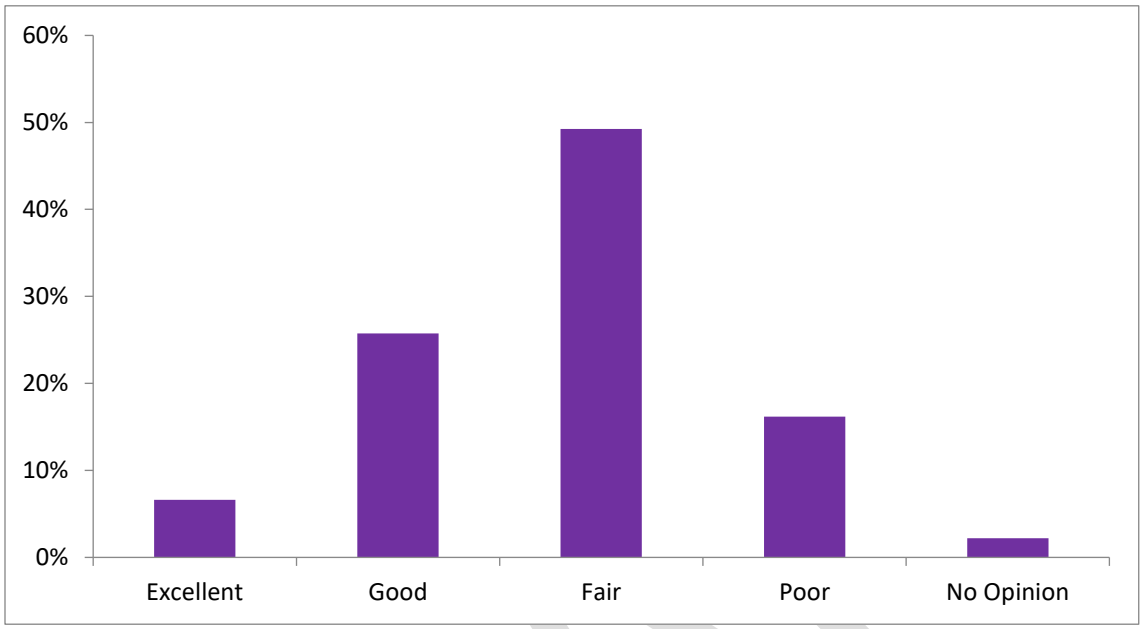


Figure 15. Distribution of responses rating local economy conditions in the Town

Respondents were also asked to "Please explain your answer selection." The results of the coding analysis are below.

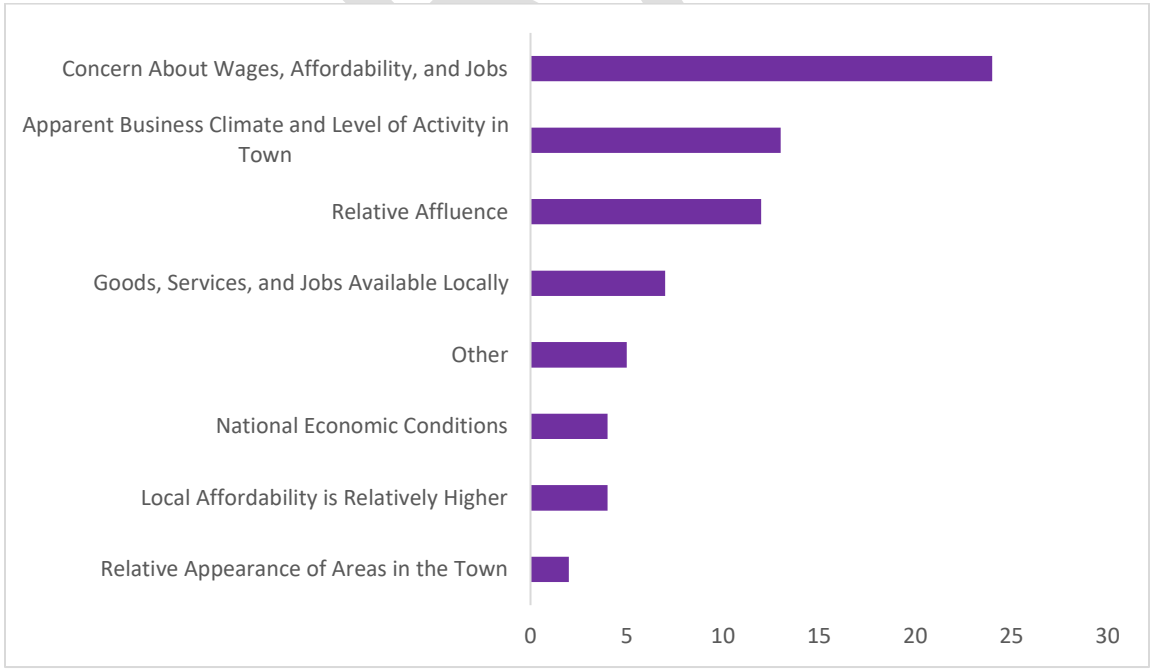


Figure 16. Number of mentions of categories within open-ended responses, Question 14

Key reasons to relate to broader concerns about wage levels, affordability, and the nature and quantity of jobs available was highlighted, with one person saying ***"I can't explain but we have a lot of very needy individuals in our area. I don't know how to "fix" it but for that reason I selected fair on the economy."*** One said simply, ***"Not enough higher paying jobs."***

Others assessed conditions on the basis of apparent business activity and relative to other locations in the region. For example: ***"Stores are busy on Rt 30, but downtown is empty. Prices for everything keeps going up but pay is not. There are people who have the means to spend, but a majority do not"*** and ***"Sales tax income seems to be good from retail businesses."*** One respondent said, ***"More affordable living here than in most of the Capital District. Working wages could always be a little higher."***

Of those in the "Other" category, two respondents indicated that there is room for improvement, while one said, echoing a number of other respondents in terms of business activity in the Town being good enough to support increased tax revenue, ***"No Town Tax and Steady Budgeting."***

Transportation System

Question #17: On most days, how satisfied are you with ease of travel in the Town of Amsterdam?

Nearly all (n = 137) respondents provided answers to this question. While the results of other questions suggest that there are shared concerns about aspects of the transportation system, and that there are certain improvements that could be made, the majority of respondents are not dissatisfied with travel in the Town by various modes, and the most common mode, by car, with 90% reporting to census questions that they use this mode for commuting. However, there is relatively higher dissatisfaction with travel on foot or by bicycle in the Town.

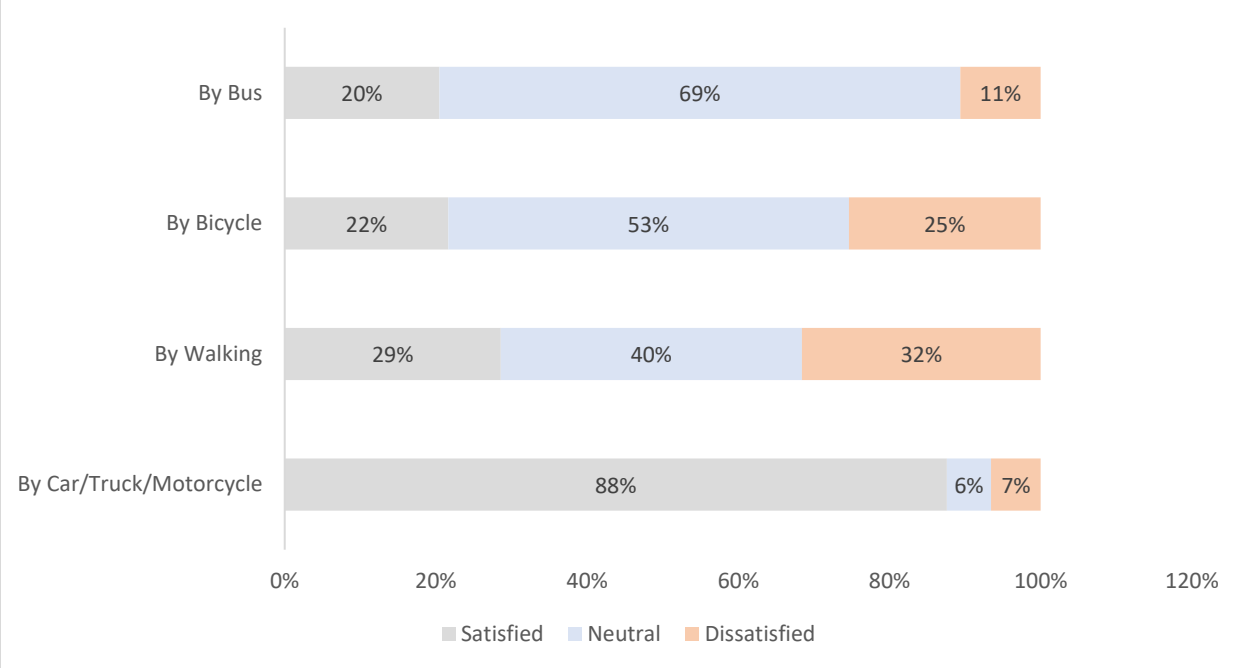


Figure 17. Proportion of satisfaction by transportation mode, Question 17

Public Services and Facilities in Town

Question #13: Please rate Amsterdam's public services/facilities based on your assessment of the current level of service.

Nearly all (n = 138) respondents answered this question, with results shown in Figure 18. While majorities of respondents were not dissatisfied with any one category of public services, at least one-third of respondents did register dissatisfaction with each of the following: Sidewalks (39%); Parks and Recreation (34%); Services/Activities for Youth (33%); and Paving and Road Maintenance (33%).

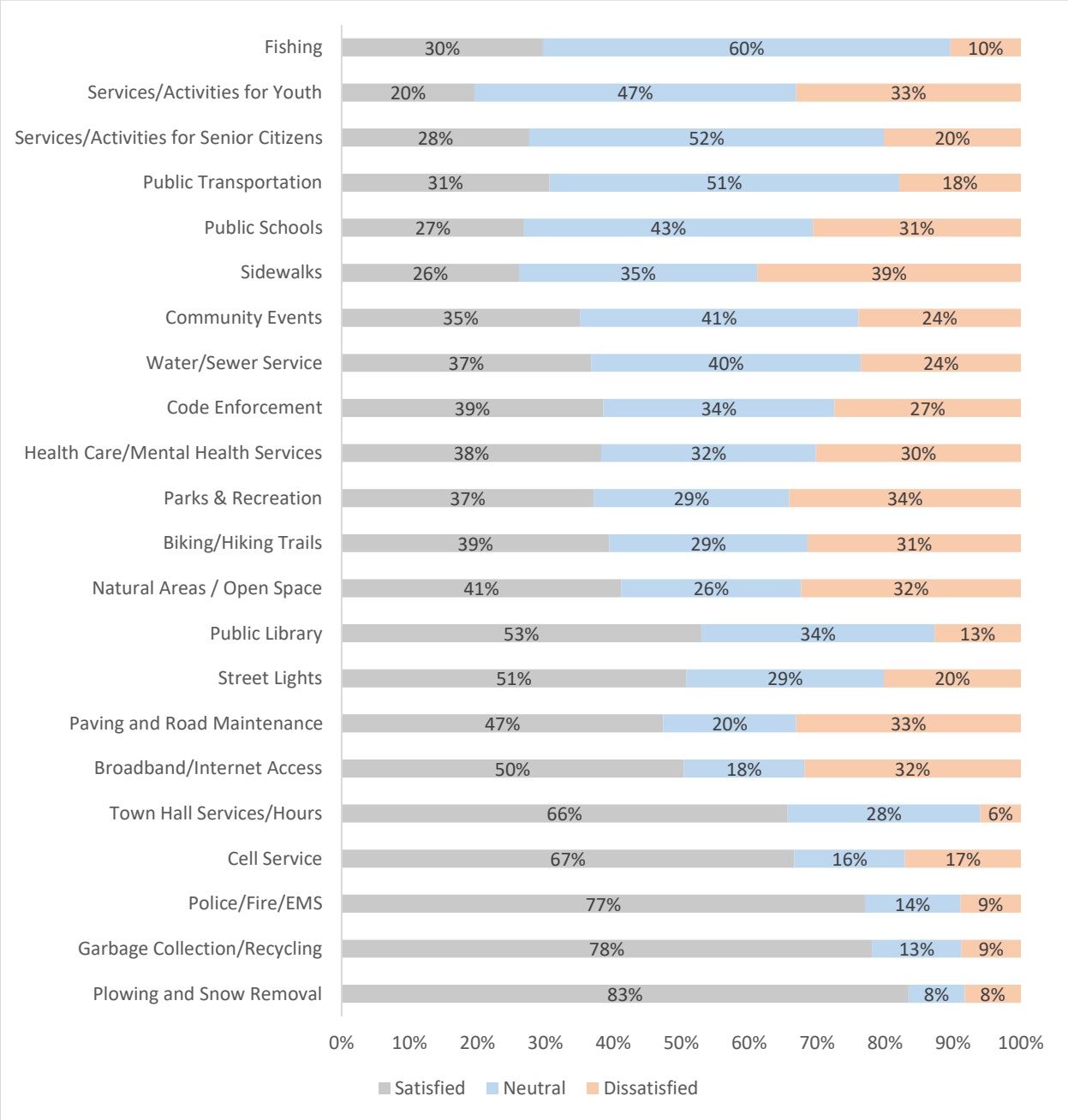


Figure 18. Satisfaction levels for public services/facilities in the Town, Question 13

Investing in the Town and Other Feedback

Question 18: Imagine that the Town of Amsterdam received a $1 million dollar grant to support activities that will help improve community amenities. How would you spend these funds?

This question provided an opportunity for respondents to provide open-ended text feedback, and about 83% of all (n = 116) respondents answered this question. Responses fell into 13 categories, shown in Figure 19, with 172 mentions across those categories.

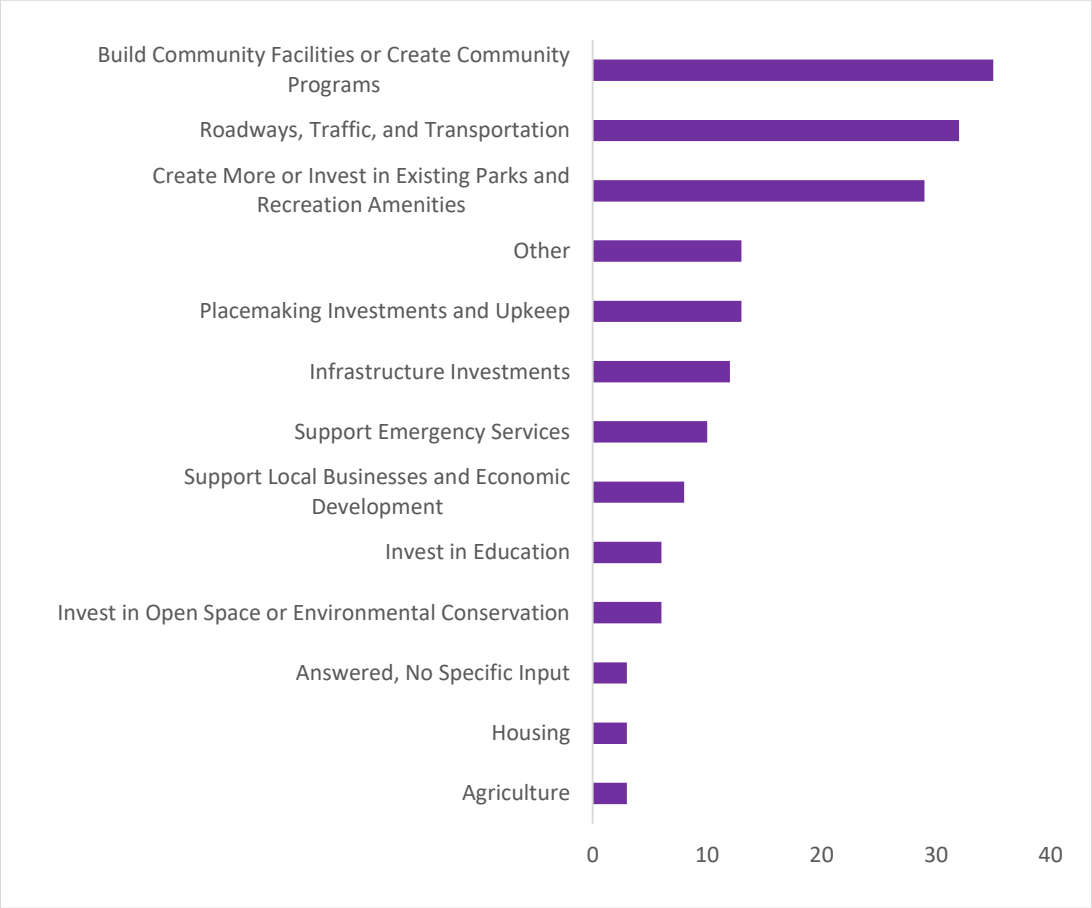


Figure 19. Number of mentions of categories within open-ended responses, Question 19 (total mentions: 172)

Together, the categories of Building Community Facilities or Creating Community Programs, Roadways, Traffic, and Transportation, and Create More or Invest in Existing Parks and Recreation Amenities accounted for a majority (55%) of mentions.

The category receiving the most mentions was Build Community Facilities or Create Community Programs, at 35 and 30% of respondents completing this question. Within this category, nearly two-thirds indicated that a community center, rec center, senior center, or other indoor space is desirable. Respondents link building community across the Town's various neighborhoods and settlements to creation of such a space: As one said, ***"Towards a town community hall to hold events to bring community members together"***; as another offered, ***"Create one central hub location for the***

community to unite all the sub-town jurisdictions - Tribes Hill, Fort Johnson, etc." Also within this category respondents mentioned a desire for more community programs, with many respondents linking space and programming: ***"I would spend these funds to create a community recreational center where events such as concerts, farmer's markets, or festivals could be held. I would also set up community education and volunteer events that encourage sustainability, being outdoors in nature, and learning about the history of the area in order to create connection and build engagement."***

Within the Roadways, Traffic, and Transportation category, which saw 32 mentions, a majority desired investments in sidewalks and roadway maintenance. Other mentions within this category included bicycling infrastructure as well as various kinds of safety and mobility improvements, such as speed enforcement or studying options to ease congestion. Finally, others mentioned investments in transit. One respondent desired investments in ***"Protected bike paths, parks, and fixing issues with the roads (zero visibility on road markings during rain, you need to rely on memory to drive which is dangerous)."*** Others said, ***"Examine ways to make walking and bicycling instead of motor vehicle use safer"*** and ***"Improve walking and biking safety- slow down drivers. Increase sheriff patrols and signage - make it safe for everyone to engage in activities even if they want to walk or bike to them."*** One said simply, ***"improvements for street maintenance,"*** while others described specific maintenance items, like striping, mowing, and shoulder maintenance.

The third most common category of mentions was Create More or Invest in Existing Parks and Recreation Amenities, at 29 respondents. While one respondent said, simply, they'd spend $1 M ***"On parks and recreation,"*** within this category, most indicated a specific desire for either new parkland or new types of facilities at existing parks. For instance, one respondent said they'd devote 30% of the $1 M to ***"a modern, universally accessible neighborhood park."*** Several respondents indicated they'd invest in playground equipment.

Within the Other category, there were several mentions of lower taxes while two respondents specifically indicated a desire to invest in existing facilities, stating ***"I would use funds to help improve what's already here before creating something else"*** and ***"it could maybe be split up a little bit to all different things, it's better to help all in the town things that we have already."*** Of the remaining categories, Placemaking and Upkeep involved things like beautification (e.g., landscaping public areas) and addressing vacant buildings or those in disrepair. Many respondents would invest in public utilities, with responses roughly split between water, sewer, natural gas, and telecommunications improvements. The Emergency Services category included mentions of the fire service, EMS, and law enforcement. Economic development, land conservation, and agriculture also received mentions.

Question 19: Do you have any other feedback or information you would like to share?

About 63% of respondents (n = 88) provided answers to this question that provided an open-ended text response. Responses fell into 12 categories, shown in Figure 20, with 81 mentions within those categories. Of those, 35% (n = 31) answered "No" or otherwise did not provide specific feedback.

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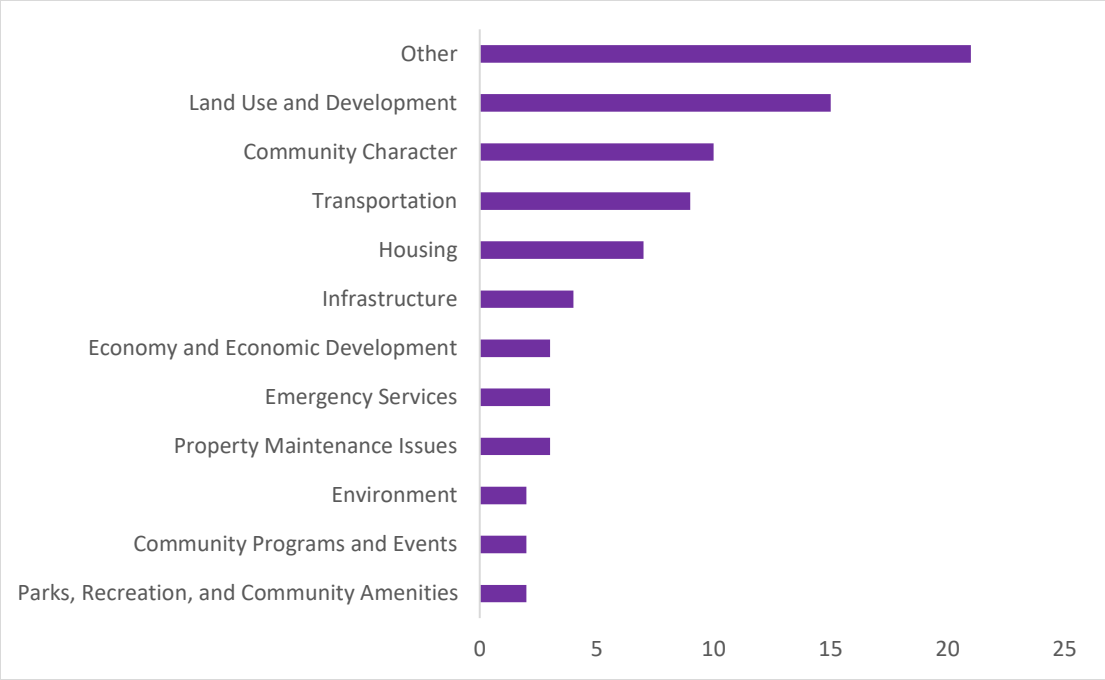


Figure 20. Number of mentions of categories within open-ended responses, Question 19 (total mentions: 81, excluding those electing not to provide a specific response, at 31)

Next to "Other" (discussed below), the most comment mention in the responses was relating to Land Use and Development, which, when combined with Community Character, Transportation, and Housing, accounted for about half of all mentions in the responses. With respect to Land Use and Development, several commenters noted concerns about compatibility of certain types of housing development in the Town, such as duplexes and multi-family developments, and housing input was part of one-third of the responses of those addressing land use and development.

For example: ***"I think the housing developments in this area needs to stop. The Town of Amsterdam does not require expensive housing that will only drive up costs for everyone else. The small town charm is what initially brought us here, along with being close to work as well as the abundance of convenience. It has the perfect balance of both worlds."***

Others expressed a preference for certain types of development: ***"Overall, I understand that like any municipality, Amsterdam is looking to grow and prosper. However, it is beyond alarming the number of solar farms and in general around the country, the take over of land for data centers that destroys the character of a community. Easy revenue is seductive, but then a town is left forever with the consequences, many of which have not been thought out. Growth is inevitable, but the town needs to focus on reasonable zoning, and encourage growth that DIRECTLY gives opportunities for its residents. Small industrial parks/business parks for example, generate tax revenue AND give many jobs to local residents- people who work in the facility in any sort of way, from top management to cleaning/maintenance staff. This is how to help people in the town."***

The next most common mention was of aspects of Community Character. Many respondents tied community character concerns to both land use and development and housing feedback, as exemplified by the responses noted above. Others addressed community character more directly, ***"Maintain the***

rural nature of the town of Amsterdam. Beautify it has much as possible." And ***"I would like the town to have some character of its own, not just the city of Amsterdam. It would be nice to have a park here with trails. "***

Where respondents addressed Transportation, many comments were related to operations or conditions or needed improvements of specific portions of road network serving the Town. Maintenance suggestions, such as for paving and mowing, were included. Just one mention included generalized concerns about traffic.

Expressions of support for extension of public utilities to specific areas or just investment in these systems were also recorded. Specific strategies and recommendations for manufacturing was also mentioned– often tied to land use and development – such as: ***"The town and Montgomery county need to attract real manufacturing and industry"*** and ***"Need to bring more business and manufacturing into this area, so people want to live here."*** Finally, support for emergency services, addressing property maintenance issues, and support for environmental initiatives and various public programs and amenities were also included.

Within the Other category, most commonly mentioned was support for lower taxes, such as: ***"Keep the town of Amsterdam free of a town tax as long as possible."*** Others indicated support for elected leadership and general positive sentiments about living in the Town, with one stating, ***"Overall very happy with the town"*** and another stating, ***"the Town of Amsterdam is one of last bastions of hope for Free America."***

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Appendix 2 – Methodology

The Comprehensive Plan Update Community Survey was available in both online and print versions from May through October 2026 and generated a total of 139 responses. The survey was designed and implemented using the web-based platform, Survey Monkey; the paper-based version was custom created using desktop publishing tools (see Appendix 1 for a copy of the survey instrument).

The survey included several different types of questions, including a significant proportion of open-ended types. These open-ended questions allowed respondents to both elaborate on responses and also served as a primary question type for several questions.

The table below summarizes the questions with open-ended entries and the number of individual open-ended responses received. Copies of the text and online (desktop version) survey instrument are included as Appendix 1 and the complete results are included as Appendix 2.

Question #	# of Category Mentions	Average Category Mentions Per Respondent
6	27	1.0
8	265	2.2
9	283	2.3
10	262	2.1
12*	404	1.1
13*	332	1.1
14	71	1.1
18	173	1.5
19	112	1.3
	Total =1,929	Avg. = 1.5

*These questions asked residents to identify up to six items in separate entry boxes

The open-ended response question types provide significant additional detail, texture, and context. In order to further access insights from this rich dataset, further analysis of the text of all responses was performed for questions with open-ended responses.

First, all text entries for individual questions were read and from that reading, categories of responses were developed. Except as noted in this report, all categories should be understood according to their plain meaning when read in the context of a comprehensive planning exercise. Second, all entries were then given a close reading and for each “mention” of a category within a given response was noted, it was coded as such and assigned a category. Except where noted in the report, each response could have information (category “mentions”) categorized in one or more categories. Finally, as appropriate to each question, additional subcategories were developed, and the text, or portions thereof, of representative responses is presented in the foregoing summary.

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Appendix 1 – Town of Amsterdam Comprehensive Plan Update Community Survey Text and Online Survey Instruments

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Town of Amsterdam Comprehensive Plan Update – Community Survey

The Town of Amsterdam is currently updating its Comprehensive Plan. Also called a master plan, it is a document that provides direction in making land use, development, and other long-range planning decisions in the Town. Input from the community informs the discussion of where the community has been, where it wants to go, and how it can get there. Thank you for taking the time to share your insights.

1. Please indicate your **age** (years old):
   □ 18-24 □ 25-34 □ 35-44 □ 45-54 □ 55-64 □ 65-74 □ 75+
   □ Other Age. Please specify: _____

2. Select all the options below that best **describe your connection with the Town of Amsterdam**. Check all that apply.
   □ Full-Time Resident
   □ Seasonal Resident
   □ Business Owner/Property Manager
   □ Local Employee
   □ Frequent Visitor

3. If you are a **full-time** Town of Amsterdam resident, **how long have you lived in the area**?
   □ Less than 5 years
   □ 5-10 years
   □ 10-20 years
   □ More than 20 years

4. If you are a full-time resident, are you a **renter or homeowner**?
   □ Homeowner
   □ Renter
   □ None of the above

5. Where is your **primary residence located**?
   □ Route 30 Corridor
   □ Harrower Area
   □ Area encompassed by the former Village of Fort Johnson
   □ Fort Johnson
   □ Tribes Hill
   □ Cranesville
   □ Village of Hagaman
   □ City of Amsterdam
   □ Other. Please specify: _____

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6. Why do you **choose to live in the Town of Amsterdam**? Please check all that apply.
   - □ I grew up here
   - □ Close to where I work
   - □ Close to family/friends
   - □ Close to Saratoga Springs
   - □ Close to Albany
   - □ Close to Adirondack Park
   - □ Close to the City of Amsterdam
   - □ Natural Beauty/Environment
   - □ Quality of schools
   - □ Quality of health care
   - □ Overall sense of community
   - □ Community character/architecture
   - □ I don't live in the Town of Amsterdam
   - □ Other. Please Specify:

7. How do you get **news about the Town of Amsterdam**? Check all that apply:
   - □ Local newspapers
   - □ Town Website
   - □ Radio
   - □ Social Media
   - □ Other. Please Specify:

8. The Town of Amsterdam is home to many special places that make the community unique. **What places do you think are a great asset to the Town?**

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9. What do you think are Amsterdam's biggest advantages? **What are the positive qualities that make Amsterdam a great place to live, work, or play?** They could be physical attributes, or less tangible characteristics that make the community special.

10. What do you think are the **most important issues facing Amsterdam today?** Issues can be obstacles that need to be overcome, problems that need to be solved, services that are lacking, or qualities of the community that could be improved.

11. From your perspective, and as they related to the Town, **please rank the following issues in order of your priority,** with 1 being most important and 10 being least important.

Your Priority	Issue
	Community Character
	Connectivity (broadband/cell service)
	Housing (type, cost, etc.)
	Infrastructure (water, sewer, roads, etc.)
	Local Economy (businesses, industry, jobs)
	Overdevelopment
	Recreational Facilities & Programming
	Sustainability/addressing carbon emissions
	The environment, open space, agriculture
	Traffic, mobility, and transportation system

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12. In general, what **types of future development or land uses do you think should be encouraged** in Amsterdam? Please list each item separately.

Item	The following future development or land use should be encouraged
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

13. Are there any types of **future development or land uses that you think should be discouraged** in Amsterdam?

Item	The following future development or land use should be discouraged
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

14. How would you **rate local economic conditions** in Amsterdam? (choose one)
    - □ Excellent
    - □ Good
    - □ Fair
    - □ Poor
    - □ No Opinion

    Please explain your answer selection:

15. Please **rank the following types of housing needs in the Town of Amsterdam**, with 1 being the type most in need, and 6 being the least in need.

Your Priority	Housing Need
	Apartments/Multi-family Housing
	Mixed-use Housing
	Senior Citizen Housing
	Single-family Homes
	Townhouses/ Row House Developments
	Workforce Housing

16. Please **rate Amsterdam's public services/facilities,** based on your assessment of the current level of service.

Service/Facility	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral
Biking/Hiking Trails	☐	☐	☐
Broadband/Internet Access	☐	☐	☐
Cell Service	☐	☐	☐
Code Enforcement	☐	☐	☐
Community Events	☐	☐	☐
Fishing	☐	☐	☐
Garbage Collection/Recycling	☐	☐	☐
Health Care / Mental Health Services	☐	☐	☐
Natural Areas/Open Space	☐	☐	☐
Parks and Recreation	☐	☐	☐
Paving and Road Maintenance	☐	☐	☐
Plowing and Snow Removal	☐	☐	☐
Police/Fire/EMS	☐	☐	☐
Public Library	☐	☐	☐
Public Schools	☐	☐	☐
Public Transportation	☐	☐	☐
Services/Activities for Senior Citizens	☐	☐	☐
Services/Activities for Youth	☐	☐	☐
Sidewalks	☐	☐	☐
Street Lights	☐	☐	☐
Town Hall Services/Hours	☐	☐	☐
Water/Sewer Service	☐	☐	☐

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17. Most days, how satisfied are you with **ease of travel** in the Town of Amsterdam?

Mode of Transportation	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral
By Car/Truck/Motorcycle	☐	☐	☐
By Walking	☐	☐	☐
By Bicycle	☐	☐	☐
By Bus	☐	☐	☐

18. Imagine that the Town of Amsterdam received a $1 million dollar grant to support activities that will help improve community amenities. **How would you spend these funds**?

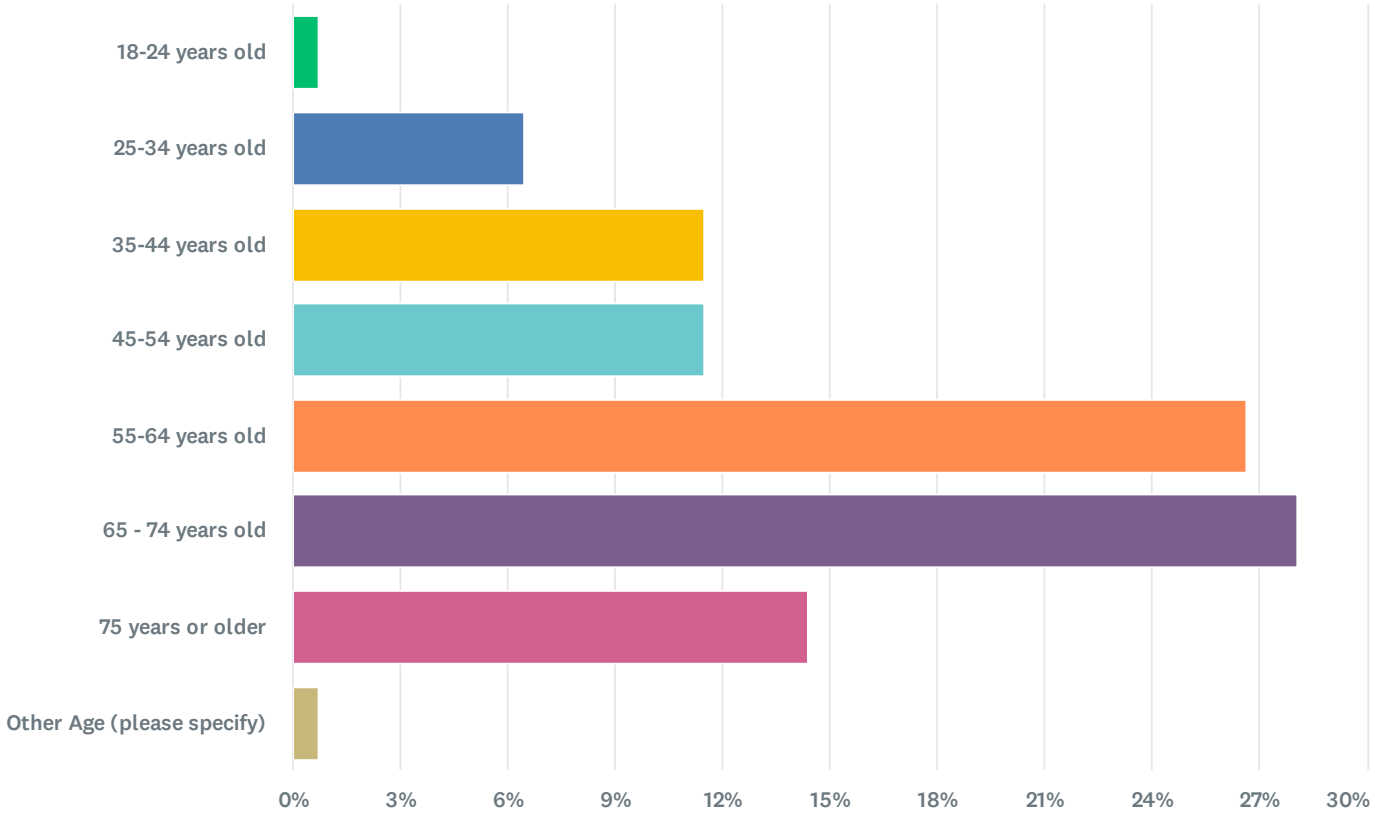
19. Do you have any **other feedback or information** you would like to share?

***Additional space for comments**. Please reference the survey question number to which your additional comments relate.*

Appendix 2 – Town of Amsterdam Comprehensive Plan Update Community Survey Complete Results

Q1 139 responses

Please indicate your age

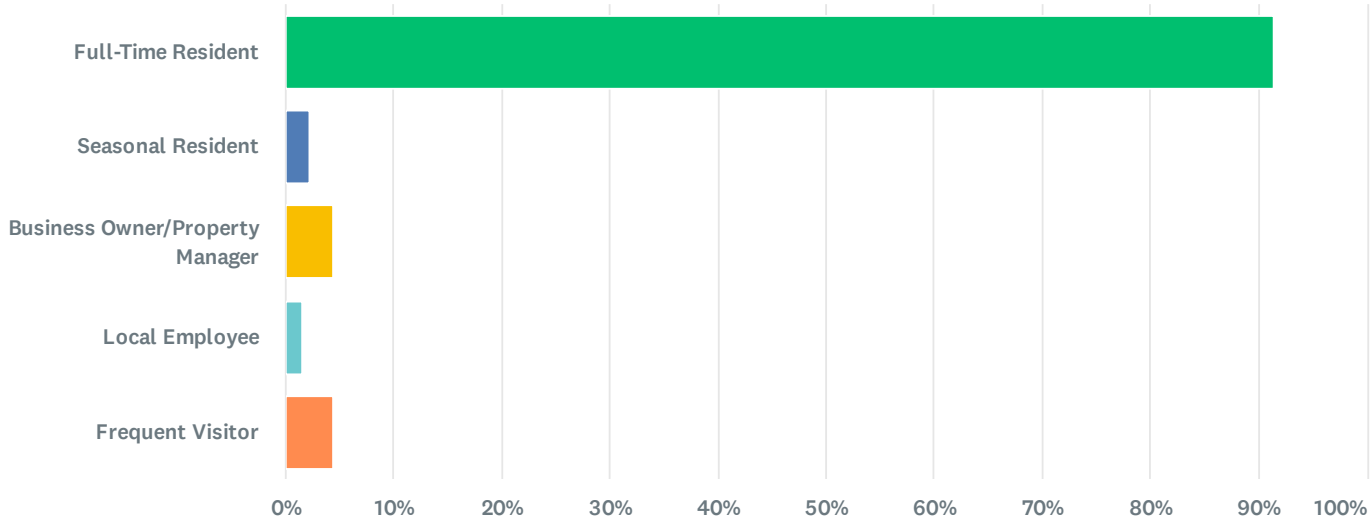


Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
18-24 years old	0.72%	1
25-34 years old	6.47%	9
35-44 years old	11.51%	16
45-54 years old	11.51%	16
55-64 years old	26.62%	37
65 - 74 years old	28.06%	39
75 years or older	14.39%	20
Other Age (please specify)	0.72%	1
Total		**139**

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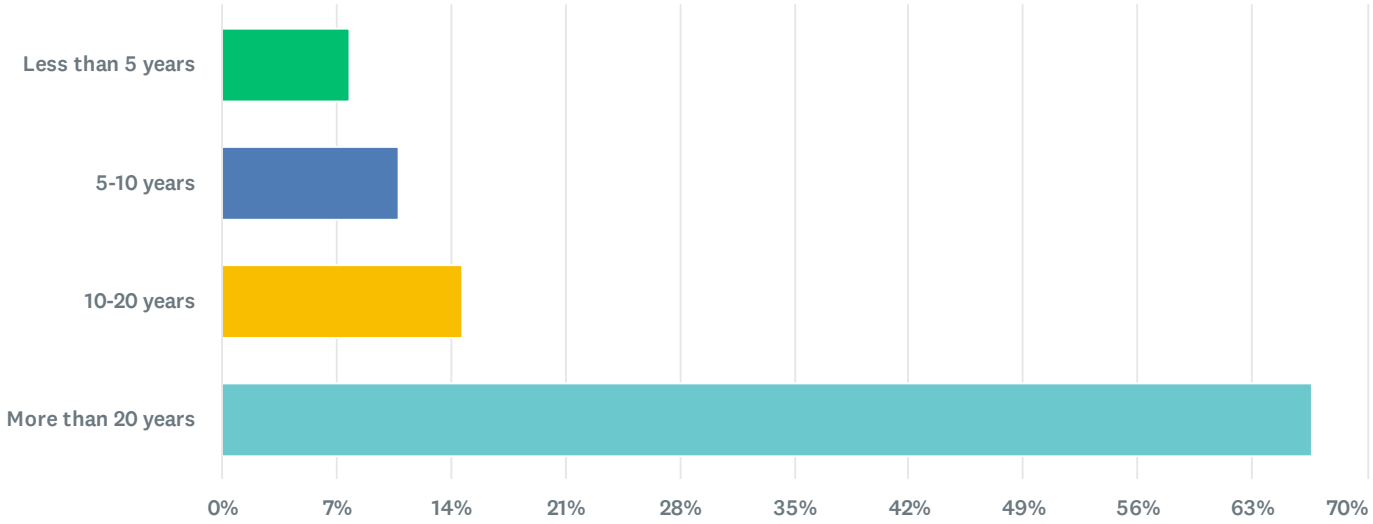
Q2 139 responses

Select all the options below that best describe your connection with the Town of Amsterdam. Check all that apply



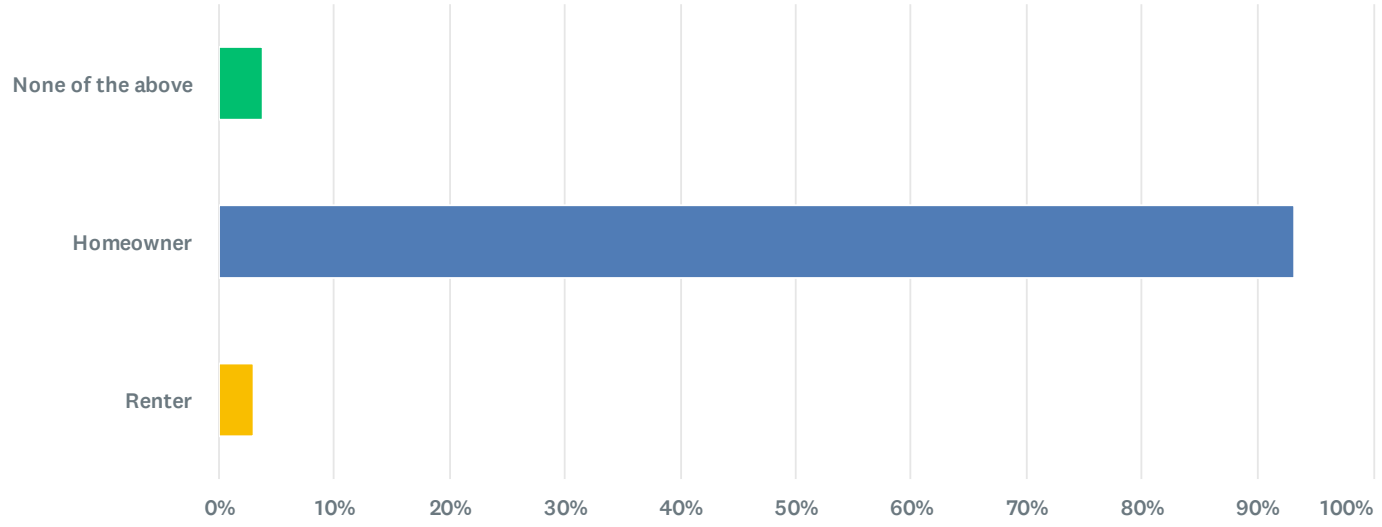
Q3 129 responses

If you are a full-time Town of Amsterdam Resident, how long have you lived in the area?



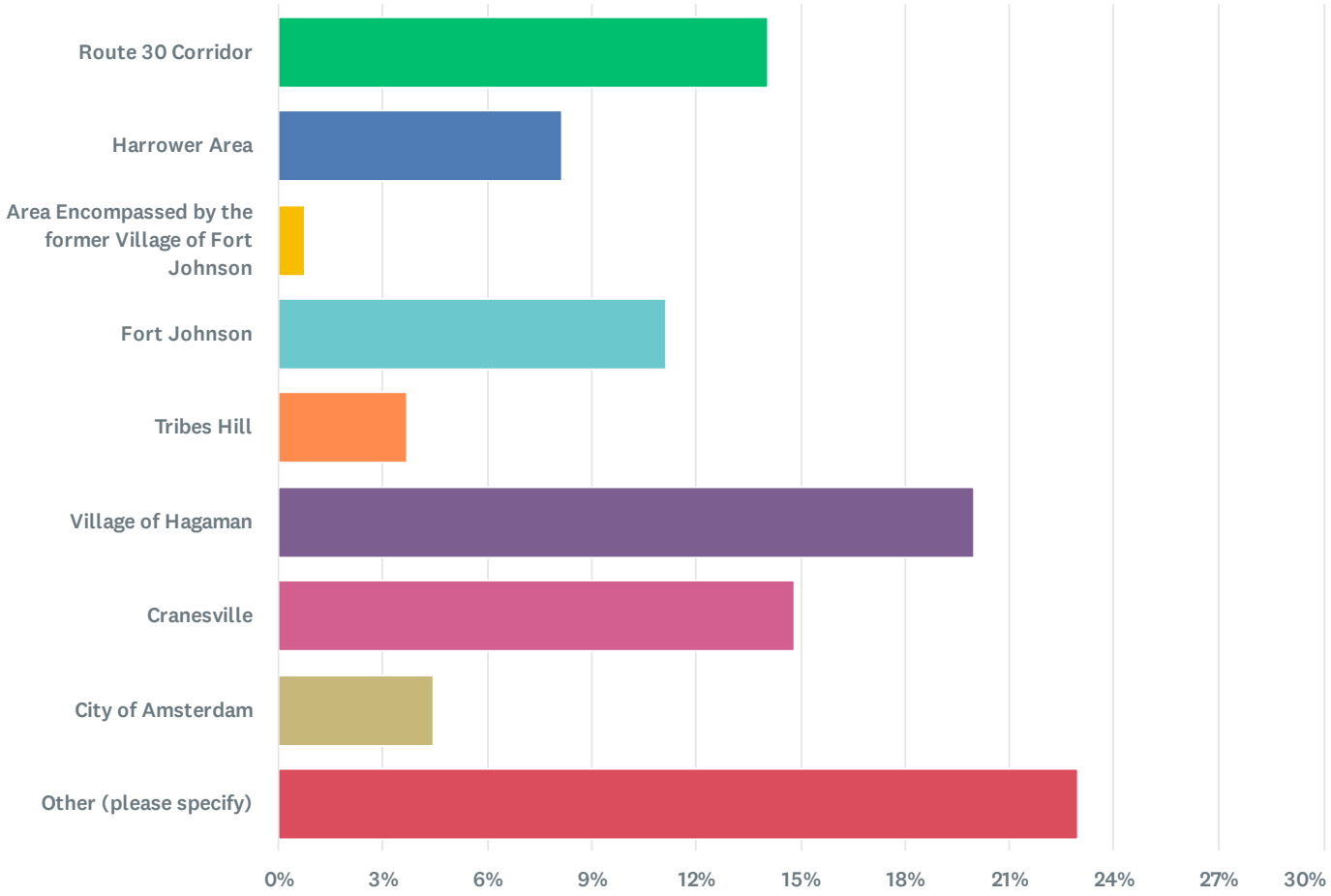
Q4 133 responses

If you are a full-time resident, are you a renter or a homeowner?



Q5 135 responses

Where is your primary residence located? Please select the location based on the areas mapped above.



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Route 30 Corridor	14.07%	19
Harrower Area	8.15%	11
Area Encompassed by the former Village of Fort Johnson	0.74%	1
Fort Johnson	11.11%	15
Tribes Hill	3.70%	5
Village of Hagaman	20.00%	27
Total		**135**

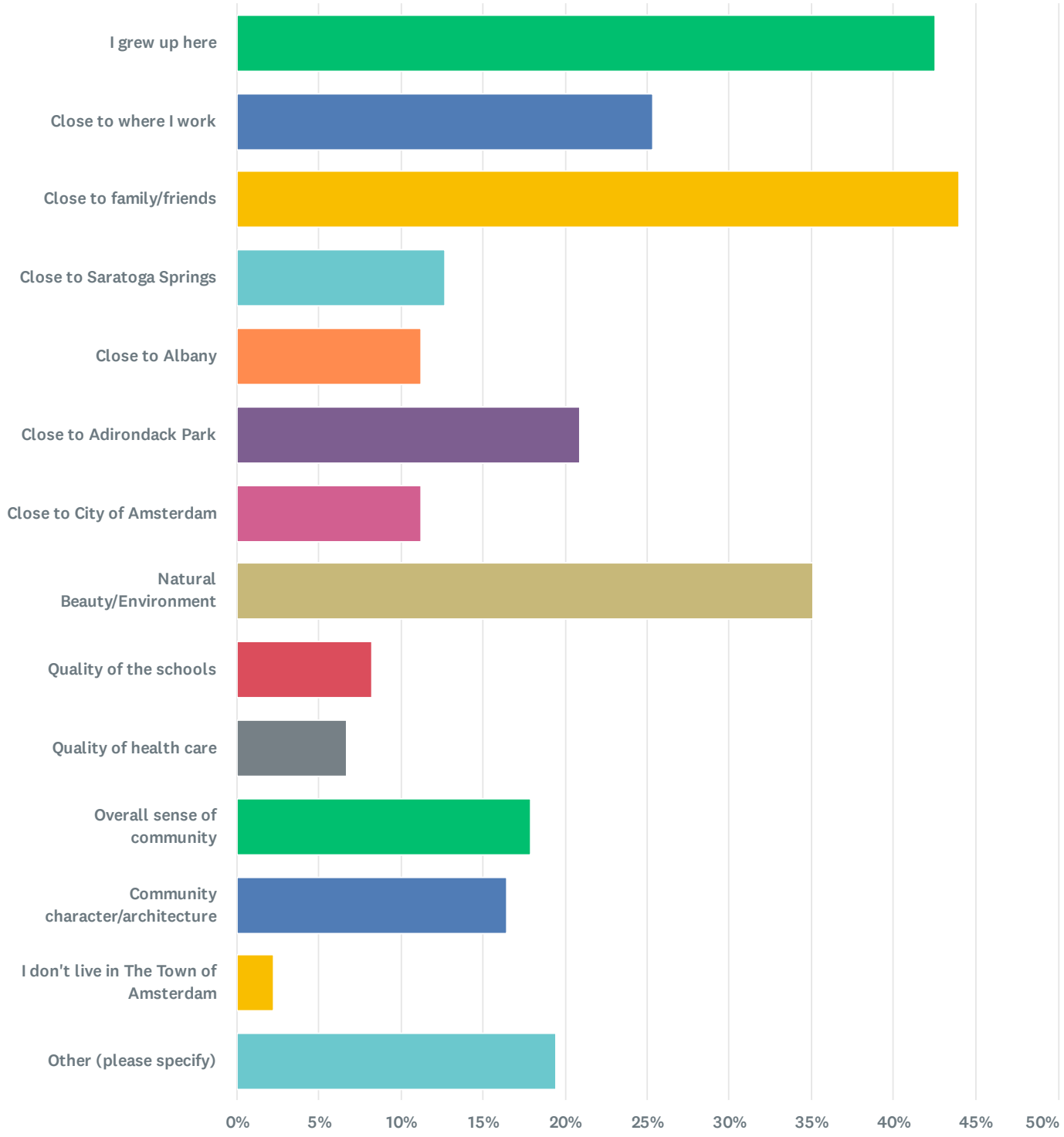
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Cranesville	14.81%	20
City of Amsterdam	4.44%	6
Other (please specify)	22.96%	31
Total		**135**

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Southside	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
2	Town Van Dyke area	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
3	Town of Amsterdam, Morrow Rd	7/2/2026 2:00 PM
4	Just outside of Village of Hagaman in Town of Amsterdam	7/2/2026 1:49 PM
5	Manny Corners Road	7/2/2026 1:39 PM
6	Just outside of the city	6/30/2026 1:36 PM
7	Town of Amsterdam	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
8	Golf Course Area	6/22/2026 5:19 PM
9	town of amsterdam	6/22/2026 2:28 PM
10	Steadwell road	6/18/2026 11:20 PM
11	Upper Van Dyke/Golf Course Road area	6/11/2026 5:59 PM
12	Rt67 east corridor	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
13	Town of Amsterdam	6/8/2026 4:40 PM
14	Town- off Truax Road	6/8/2026 9:14 AM
15	McKay Rd/Log City Rd	6/7/2026 6:22 PM
16	Maple Ave	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
17	town of Amsterdam	6/5/2026 8:09 AM
18	By Montgomery county community college	6/4/2026 9:11 PM
19	Midline road	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
20	Mannys corners	6/3/2026 7:52 PM
21	Morrow	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
22	Town of Amsterdam	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
23	Waite road	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
24	truax rd	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
25	Shuttleworth	3/23/2026 1:28 PM
26	Jones road	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
27	East of Rt. 30	12/2/2025 11:55 AM
28	Town of Amsterdam	11/4/2025 9:53 AM

29	Morrow road	11/2/2025 9:31 AM
30	COUNTRY RIDGE	10/30/2025 3:53 PM
31	Van Dyke Ave	10/30/2025 2:58 PM

Q6 134 responses

Why do you choose to live in the Town of Amsterdam? Please check all that apply.



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
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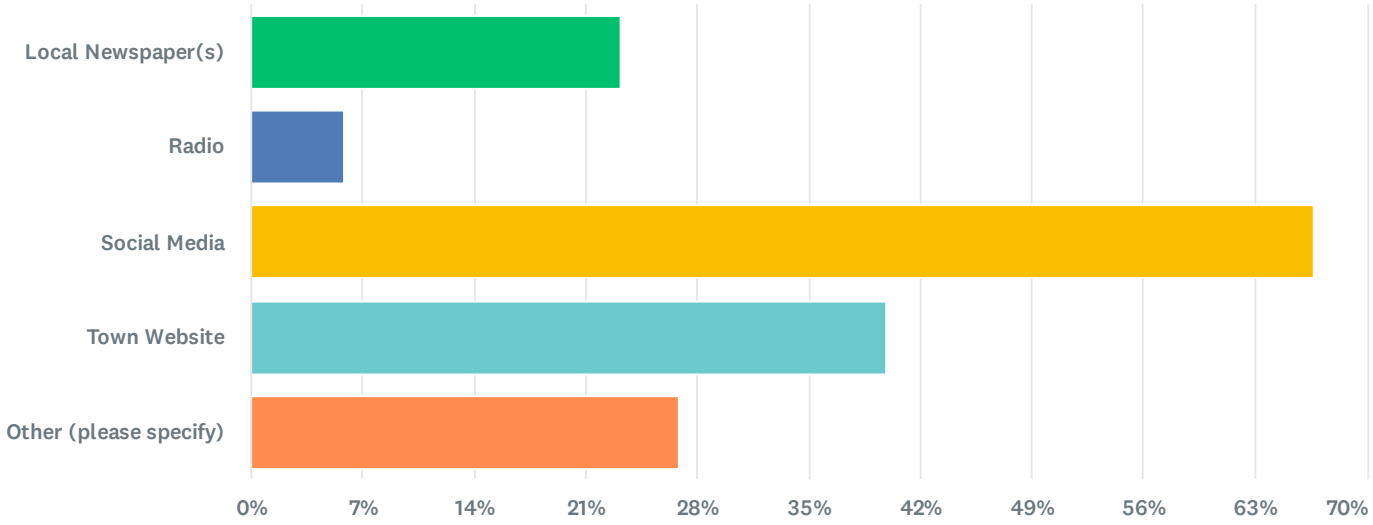
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
I grew up here	42.54%	57
Close to where I work	25.37%	34
Close to family/friends	44.03%	59
Close to Saratoga Springs	12.69%	17
Close to Albany	11.19%	15
Close to Adirondack Park	20.90%	28
Close to City of Amsterdam	11.19%	15
Natural Beauty/Environment	35.07%	47
Quality of the schools	8.21%	11
Quality of health care	6.72%	9
Overall sense of community	17.91%	24
Community character/architecture	16.42%	22
I don't live in The Town of Amsterdam	2.24%	3
Other (please specify)	19.40%	26
Total		**367**

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Moved here in 1990 for work.	7/27/2026 9:43 PM
2	Space, peaceful and quiet	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
3	Love the hometown feel	6/22/2026 5:19 PM
4	Cost	6/22/2026 4:33 PM
5	i OWN A HOME IN HAGAMAN	6/20/2026 6:40 PM
6	Open space area, not crowded. Convenient location to major roads	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
7	Family owned property	6/12/2026 6:01 PM
8	affordable	6/8/2026 9:14 AM
9	Affordable housing in country setting, but the commute is tiresome	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
10	Inherited property	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
11	home found	6/5/2026 8:09 AM

12	My hubby worked in Amsterdam and we live on a great, quiet street perfectly located near the stores and parks.	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
13	husband grew up in Rotterdam Jct and we bought our first house in the town due to pricing	6/4/2026 9:29 AM
14	Affordable property	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
15	I enjoyed living in the country until lately	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
16	The Mohawk Valley and history.	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
17	Because I needed a home and this is what I could afford with lower taxes and country settings	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
18	closer to work,when working	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
19	We sold our house in Schaghticoke hoping to find a house in Ballston Spa. We had to move here	6/3/2026 5:35 PM
20	I don't moving	3/23/2026 1:28 PM
21	Own a condo.	11/4/2025 9:53 AM
22	Family Home since 1931	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
23	Enjoy laid back openness of the rural area	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
24	Cheap house	10/30/2025 8:47 PM
25	Quiet,peaceful,good neighbors,low taxes,I believe our leaders are working for us most of the time	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
26	like single family housing	10/30/2025 2:58 PM

Q7 138 responses

How do you get news about the Town of Amsterdam Check all that apply.



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Local Newspaper(s)	23.19%	32
Radio	5.80%	8
Social Media	66.67%	92
Town Website	39.86%	55
Other (please specify)	26.81%	37
Total		**224**

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Phone messages	8/2/2026 6:45 PM
2	Post Office	7/2/2026 3:20 PM
3	Word of Mouth	7/2/2026 2:00 PM
4	Text messages	6/22/2026 4:58 PM
5	Media	6/22/2026 4:33 PM
6	Tv news	6/20/2026 7:05 PM
7	MAIL	6/20/2026 6:40 PM
8	gossip	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
9	I dont	6/18/2026 11:20 PM

10	Word of mouth.	6/18/2026 9:14 AM
11	FB	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
12	Town Office Personnel	6/11/2026 5:59 PM
13	I don't	6/11/2026 10:34 AM
14	Mail, neighbors	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
15	Neighbors	6/7/2026 6:22 PM
16	Text messages	6/6/2026 8:38 PM
17	none of the above	6/5/2026 8:09 AM
18	Text messages from the town	6/5/2026 7:04 AM
19	News channels	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
20	Stewart’s	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
21	Text updates from the town	6/3/2026 10:25 PM
22	Gossip	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
23	Texts from the Town	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
24	Text from the Town	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
25	Act of god	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
26	Word of mouth	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
27	i dont get news	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
28	Local community	6/3/2026 5:35 PM
29	None at the moment	6/3/2026 5:04 PM
30	None of the above	6/3/2026 4:11 PM
31	None; you guys need a social media team that actually knows what it is doing. You need to get over the stigma of hating the youth. Unfortunately, this towns leadership still doesn’t even take 30+ year olds seriously. You were once them, imagine what you could have prevented happening to this city at that age.	2/23/2026 4:32 PM
32	Neighbors and friends	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
33	Friends	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
34	Text messages	11/3/2025 7:46 PM
35	Text	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
36	Friends and neighbors and I should go to the meetings more often	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
37	text notification	10/30/2025 2:58 PM

Q8 The Town of Amsterdam is home to many special places that make the community unique. What places do you think are a great asset to the Town?

Answered: 122 Skipped: 17

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Local farms and business	8/2/2026 6:45 PM
2	Strawberry Fields Nature Preserve and Mosher Marsh	7/30/2026 1:33 PM
3	Hagaman pond park,	7/27/2026 9:43 PM
4	Mohawk River and the beauty of the Mohawk Valley, Near FMCC, The Schools, St. Mary's Hospital, Rt. 30 Businesses. etc.	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
5	Our ability to try and maintain our historical heritage. A commitment to keeping the city clean, the streets kinda well maintained year-round and making our history known.	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
6	Mosher Marsh, Strawberry Fields, Cranes Hollow Road woods/stream, Route 30 retail.	7/10/2026 10:36 AM
7	The Route 30 corridor makes for very convenient shopping The views esp from rt 30	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
8	Adirondack, Saratoga and capital district	7/2/2026 10:16 PM
9	The park and the walk bridge and the canal bike park	7/2/2026 3:20 PM
10	St Mary's Healthcare, Route 30 Hagaman Fire Dept St. Stephens Catholic Church	7/2/2026 2:00 PM
11	Shopping close by	7/2/2026 1:49 PM
12	Rt. 30 Corridor	7/2/2026 1:39 PM
13	Parks	6/30/2026 1:36 PM
14	Rt 30 corridor	6/26/2026 7:02 PM
15	Rural area	6/26/2026 6:34 PM
16	The golf course!	6/26/2026 10:50 AM
17	The town’s rural landscape	6/25/2026 6:36 PM
18	The Rt 30 corridor, volunteer fire department,	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
19	The fact that we are so close to many stores, healthcare facilities, and beautiful nature places, makes living here great.	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
20	Churches, Restaurants, Mohawk River, Library, Museums, Rail Trail.	6/23/2026 11:51 AM
21	Character	6/22/2026 5:19 PM
22	Sanford Farm buildings, Shuttleworth Park	6/22/2026 4:58 PM
23	Rural feel yet close to amenities	6/22/2026 4:33 PM
24	Residential neighborhood and shopping. Not in favor of all these apartments	6/22/2026 4:19 PM
25	The best asset is we still get to enjoy the rural life but have the convenience of Rt 30 shopping. It has developed but not too much. Enough to enjoy the best of both worlds.	6/22/2026 4:07 PM
26	farmland	6/22/2026 2:28 PM
27	Shopping	6/22/2026 12:09 PM
28	Mosher Marsh, Strawberry Fields, Old Fort Johnson	6/22/2026 11:13 AM

29	Shuttleworth Park, Amsterdam Golf Course,	6/20/2026 7:05 PM
30	The fort at Fort Johnson, the walking path by the Town of Amsterdam	6/20/2026 7:51 AM
31	nothing comes to mind.	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
32	The Mohawk River, shuttleworth park, the corridor of stores and easy access to the Sacandaga lake	6/18/2026 11:20 PM
33	Hagaman Civic Center, park, fort johnson,	6/18/2026 9:41 PM
34	-	6/18/2026 9:14 AM
35	The town of Amsterdam offers the perfect balance of rural and convenience.	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
36	Route 30 corridor	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
37	Nice community.	6/12/2026 6:01 PM
38	Shuttleworth Park, The Muni Golf Course, many trails for hiking	6/12/2026 8:39 AM
39	Proximity to retail area and health facilities	6/11/2026 5:59 PM
40	None really	6/11/2026 5:47 PM
41	Parks!	6/11/2026 10:34 AM
42	The people are friendly, road work is done in a relatively timely manner, and even interactions with the police department are great.	6/11/2026 10:19 AM
43	Cannot think of any great assets	6/11/2026 6:29 AM
44	Route 30 Shopping	6/10/2026 8:21 PM
45	Route 30 Mohawk River Chuctanunda creek FMCC	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
46	Im not sure. I don't know of any other places than ft Johnson historic site	6/10/2026 10:13 AM
47	Parks and Open Space, Farms, Small Business	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
48	Businesses on route 30. Mohawk River.	6/9/2026 3:09 PM
49	The fact that the neighborhoods are owner occupied single family homes. That way each neighborhood takes care of itself because those that live there are invested owners not renters	6/9/2026 12:04 PM
50	Shopping, walking bridge over river, bike trail	6/8/2026 4:40 PM
51	Nature areas like Mosher Marsh and Strawberry Fields; history like Fort Johnson, Erie Canal.	6/8/2026 1:05 PM
52	not sure	6/8/2026 9:14 AM
53	Natural/outdoor areas	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
54	The open spaces.	6/7/2026 6:22 PM
55	The walking trail off Mannys Corner Rd	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
56	The public library, the rail trail and waterfront area, shopping, locally run restaurants	6/6/2026 8:38 PM
57	Some sections are more in a country setting w/ convenient access to shopping areas. Bike trail, waterfront area, train station, hospitals/health care, fire stations, schools, Mohawks baseball, churches.	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
58	Mohawk river	6/6/2026 8:42 AM
59	Sanford farm was until it was developed by big box stores.	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
60	The rural character, Old Fort Johnson, the river and the the river park	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
61	the countryside	6/5/2026 8:09 AM
62	The rural farmland that we have is our biggest asset.	6/5/2026 7:04 AM
63	Not really aware	6/4/2026 9:11 PM

64	Close proximity to shopping	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
65	The stores, local businesses, parks, especially Shuttleworth, events like Italia fest, spring fling, etc	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
66	Safe and quiet	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
67	All of the restaurants and shopping	6/4/2026 5:51 PM
68	Historical places like Ft. Johnson, Guy Park Manor. Hiking trails, close to river and activities, close to walking bridge	6/4/2026 4:03 PM
69	Rt 30	6/4/2026 2:10 PM
70	shuttleworth park	6/4/2026 9:29 AM
71	The locks, schoharie crossing, Eric canal history. Local walking paths. Farm stands	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
72	As much as I hate Rt#30 corridor, the sales tax income to the town is a huge asset.	6/4/2026 8:42 AM
73	We generally seek other areas such as Schenectady or Clifton Park to do things.	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
74	Hike trail a cross from town hall	6/4/2026 4:40 AM
75	Hard to say	6/3/2026 10:25 PM
76	route 30 shops,	6/3/2026 10:03 PM
77	We live in such a beautiful area. We have a few great parks, library, pool, bike trail and restaurants. What is difficult because we have tried to open a business in town is the run down buildings. We had investors come in to look at a spot for a treatment center and immediately declined due to the area. Safety is a big issue and why I won't bring my children to certain parks which is unfortunate. We need better resources to helps families, safe spaces for them to engage and an inclusive community (one that Anthony Constantino does not feel like he controls with his negative ideology - it's disgusting).	6/3/2026 10:02 PM
78	Sanford stud farm	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
79	There really aren't great assets in the town	6/3/2026 8:19 PM
80	Close enough to amenities, but rural enough areas to be spread out from neighbors	6/3/2026 8:04 PM
81	The MHLC nature preserves and proximity to the Mohawk River are the greatest assets to the Town.	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
82	Parks	6/3/2026 7:52 PM
83	History. Erie Canal, Old Fort Johnson.	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
84	None	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
85	Use to be family farms when my home was built, now more solar farms then animal farms! Disgusting!!	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
86	Shopping on rt 30, businesses nearby, wide open spaces, lupine trail on manny corners, peace and quiet, good well water quality, clean air, no traffic, no solar or wind farms on Waite road	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
87	All the business, the growth of Rt 30.	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
88	locations	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
89	Close to Capital Region and the lake	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
90	Amtrak, Close to everything such as Walmart, Target, Hannaford	6/3/2026 5:35 PM
91	Grand Indian kitchen, rustic loft	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
92	Nothing in particular. Low taxes, low crime and personal freedom is my main priority for my local town.	6/3/2026 5:04 PM
93	The closeness of stores and restaurants make it a great place to live.	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
94	I don't have any specific places. It's just home to me.	6/3/2026 4:11 PM

95	Sanford Stud Farm	6/3/2026 12:18 PM
96	nothing comes to mind	3/23/2026 2:07 PM
97	It is not unique	3/23/2026 1:28 PM
98	The Sanford barns and all of the rest of the historical buildings and areas and local history	3/23/2026 12:43 PM
99	services	3/4/2026 1:19 PM
100	The potential of the downtown/ the water front area / and to a small extent the route 30 shopping area	2/23/2026 4:32 PM
101	Close proximity to churches, hospitals, doctors, shopping and services etc	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
102	R-1 areas and rural landscape	12/2/2025 11:55 AM
103	Shopping and restaurants	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
104	Parks, restaurants, community events	11/11/2025 10:06 AM
105	Shopping	11/7/2025 3:34 PM
106	A great selection of businesses.	11/4/2025 9:53 AM
107	Historical sites, small community feel, natural beauty	11/3/2025 12:40 PM
108	Residential community with open space and homeowner pride.	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
109	Tribes Hill Mosher Marsh	11/2/2025 1:06 PM
110	Farms, open space!	11/2/2025 9:31 AM
111	Sometimes busy (rt 30) but yet rural and quiet community.	11/2/2025 9:09 AM
112	Villages. Esp Hagaman. Also beautiful countryside around Amsterdam	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
113	Rolling hills, farmland and Mohawk River	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
114	Natural beauty and undeveloped lands sprawling route 30 and the surrounding county roads.	10/30/2025 11:04 PM
115	The multiple shopping centers	10/30/2025 8:47 PM
116	Shopping , dining, golf course	10/30/2025 3:53 PM
117	The placement of it,where it's located is beneficial to the people in so that it's not far to go to stores or businesses.You also have your own little piece of solitude where you live.Although I believe we do need more mom and pop places on our individual neighborhoods,small little places not anything huge.I have the Eva's kill creek on my road and the Mohawk river near me,Good soil and the benefit of all the stores on route 30 that contribute to our taxes being lower.	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
118	residential nature with a nice business	10/30/2025 2:58 PM
119	Shopping	10/30/2025 2:33 PM
120	The open land spaces provide beautiful, scenic views and aid in ecosystem balance. Local restaurants and convenience create a nice balance to this.	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
121	Route 30	10/30/2025 1:07 PM
122	Sanford Farm, Fort Johnson	10/14/2025 10:15 AM

Q9 What do you think are Amsterdam's biggest advantages? What are the positive qualities that make Amsterdam a great place to live, work or play? They could be physical attributes, or less tangible characteristics that make the community special.

Answered: 123 Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Proximity to Capital Region, Saratoga, Adirondacks, Catskills etc. Anyone that says there is nothing to do isn't looking very hard.	8/17/2026 2:16 PM
2	Community and still some country areas.. Green areas..	8/2/2026 6:45 PM
3	Shopping consolidated on Rte 30	7/30/2026 1:33 PM
4	Closeness to Capital District and Adirondack park. Saratoga as well. Affordable housing. Rt 30 Shopping	7/27/2026 9:43 PM
5	Near enough to Adirondack Park, Saratoga, and the Great Sacandaga Lake. Great bedroom community for the Capital District at a more economical affordable price.	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
6	Our parks are beautiful. We don't look like Albany or New York City. We're keeping it small town city-feel.	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
7	Balance between urban, suburban, and rural areas.	7/10/2026 10:36 AM
8	Really simple the people and community feel the quiet and safety	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
9	Unfortunately Amsterdam has lost many of its positive qualities. It is still a more affordable area.	7/2/2026 10:16 PM
10	The park and the walk bridge and the canal bike park	7/2/2026 3:20 PM
11	Lower cost of living, the rural nature of this town, Its beauty, Its 4 catholic churches and Curiesville Shrine, Clost to the Thruway and I88. Rt 30 corridor to shops etc, dine etc.	7/2/2026 2:00 PM
12	Hagaman Fire Dept, Easy and Close Shopping, No Town Tax	7/2/2026 1:49 PM
13	No Town Tax, Hageman Fire Dept, Location	7/2/2026 1:39 PM
14	Country-like atmosphere. Centrally located shopping away from residential areas	6/30/2026 1:36 PM
15	Beautiful area, close to adirondacks, generally friendly people.	6/26/2026 7:02 PM
16	Town or city of Amsterdam?	6/26/2026 6:34 PM
17	It's close to Saratoga and Albany	6/26/2026 10:50 AM
18	Close to Saratoga and Thruway.	6/25/2026 6:36 PM
19	Peaceful, quiet, nature	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
20	All the opportunities to work for people who need decent paying jobs to support their families, even without a higher education.	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
21	Location.	6/23/2026 11:51 AM
22	Close to thruway, lakes, Saratoga and a nice variety of Retail	6/22/2026 5:19 PM
23	No answer	6/22/2026 4:58 PM
24	Close to amenities but still not city	6/22/2026 4:33 PM
25	close to everything, traffic is decent and good amount of shopping	6/22/2026 4:19 PM

26	The same as the last answer. We don't have to feel like we live in a busy city like Albany but don't have to drive 40 minutes to the nearest store.	6/22/2026 4:07 PM
27	police are around to make you feel safe	6/22/2026 2:28 PM
28	Centrally located Scenery and vista	6/22/2026 12:09 PM
29	Rural quality but close to services	6/22/2026 11:13 AM
30	Strong sense of community	6/20/2026 7:05 PM
31	Agricultural land	6/20/2026 7:51 AM
32	nothing comes to mind	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
33	Close proximity to the Adirondacks	6/18/2026 11:20 PM
34	Less crime, quiet, more open spaces. Sense of community with neighbors.	6/18/2026 9:41 PM
35	-	6/18/2026 9:14 AM
36	Even though there is the bustling area of rt. 30, the town is still small enough to know who your neighbors are. Being able to get groceries and then see deer in your backyard all in the span of an hour is really special.	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
37	It’s rural, not too big. Town office is friendly	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
38	Friendly community	6/12/2026 6:01 PM
39	The diversity of the people. The culture and heritage that comes with living in a small town.	6/12/2026 8:39 AM
40	Closeness to the Adirondacks, close access to the Thruway	6/11/2026 5:59 PM
41	It isn't. Once I hit retirement age I'll be leaving the area	6/11/2026 5:47 PM
42	Amsterdam is located close to the Sacandaga lake as well as the river which is nice for fishing and boating. We have a good selection of stores available.	6/11/2026 12:14 PM
43	Walkability in the majority of the town and relatively safe surroundings	6/11/2026 10:34 AM
44	The community parks and store choices keep us here.	6/11/2026 10:19 AM
45	Its good water. City taxes are getting too high and other local taxes and usage fees are edging up	6/11/2026 6:29 AM
46	Great place to live and work. Low or no taxes.	6/10/2026 8:21 PM
47	No town tax Centrally located Gateway to….. Relatively quiet area to live and grow up	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
48	The city pool, the mohawk valley overlook, music in the park, a new farmers market, a great library, proximity to the adirondack mtns, Saratoga and albany	6/10/2026 10:13 AM
49	The rural / agricultural character. I like that it is not far from cities like Saratoga, Schenectady, and Albany. It is quiet and peaceful.	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
50	Nice neighbors, close to family and friends	6/9/2026 3:09 PM
51	That fact that we do not want to be a city we want to stay a town. We do not want any renters or apartments near our single family homes.	6/9/2026 12:04 PM
52	Low taxes	6/8/2026 4:40 PM
53	Ease of access to highways and the capital district, yet still fairly rural.	6/8/2026 1:05 PM
54	waterfront, close to highway/Albany	6/8/2026 9:14 AM
55	Natural/outdoor areas	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
56	Country living.	6/7/2026 6:22 PM
57	Low taxes, riverlink park activities, close to stores, farm stands, the peace & quiet my area has	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
58	Diversity, opportunities for kids, local history, historic homes, shopping, restaurants	6/6/2026 8:38 PM

59	Same as above. It has a tiring, but doable commute to the Albany area with accessibility to the Thruway. If you work for the State - bus transportation is available. CDTA is providing more routes, but it doesn't seem to be accessible/timely for early morning commuters heading to areas other than Albany. Glad to see more sharing/consolidating of services in general to keep taxes low.	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
60	Low taxes	6/6/2026 8:42 AM
61	Proximity to Capital region, Saratoga, Adirondacks, Albany International Airport, train stations, many hospitals, colleges, and universities. Amsterdam has everything needed in a small town but is close enough to big city services and amenities.	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
62	It is a place with the best balance of businesses, accessibility to shopping and health care, yet within minutes of beautiful farmland, open spaces and retains a small city feel. Easy to drive around, no traffic. Nearly all the day to day benefits of bigger city life without ANY of the hassles, congestion, and over growth.	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
63	low taxes	6/5/2026 8:09 AM
64	Living here is nice with access to great schools and quality Healthcare while feeling like we live in rural farm country. With the route 30 area shopping and dining continuing to expand it seems we have more choices with everything and dont need to travel as much for our favorite stores.	6/5/2026 7:04 AM
65	Town is beautiful	6/4/2026 9:11 PM
66	Short drive to Albany and Saratoga	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
67	Great place to live and work as long as you're not down towards McDonald's. It has easy access to the thruway, fun events planned throughout the year, but we definitely need more things to do for the kids. The bigger kids too, teens and adults. Only place we have is the roller rink. Would you great to have other places to go on a rainy day.	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
68	Close to hospitals retail and restaurants with a country setting	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
69	I love my neighborhood, I have great neighbors as all and very quiet	6/4/2026 5:51 PM
70	History of our country, factory histories, farms, nature	6/4/2026 4:03 PM
71	It’s quiet , everyone still seems local that live around here	6/4/2026 2:10 PM
72	Having all the major shopping stores and eateries and amenities	6/4/2026 9:29 AM
73	Amsterdam is centrally located to alot of bigger and major cities. The valley is beautiful and peaceful, adds to the quality of life	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
74	Country living 2 miles from grocery store.	6/4/2026 8:42 AM
75	Our property is enjoyable	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
76	The family owned restaurants, small community feel.	6/4/2026 4:40 AM
77	The feel of living in the country, the privacy and serenity of my neighborhood, with Route 30 shops close by	6/3/2026 10:25 PM
78	really nonehigh taxes nothing to show for it. other than my awesome neighborhood, i really despise everything about this state	6/3/2026 10:03 PM
79	Library, old churches, riverfront area. The sense of community is incredible and super supportive.	6/3/2026 10:02 PM
80	Only place I've called home and the history of the area	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
81	Location to shopping is very convenient	6/3/2026 8:19 PM
82	BP school district was most important factor in our decision to purchase house here	6/3/2026 8:04 PM
83	The natural beauty of the Town, including the parks, trails, rivers, and rural areas. It's proximity to larger cities, including the City of Amsterdam, Schenectady, and Albany also make it an especially desirable place to live. A respite from the hustle and bustle of larger cities!	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
84	My grandchildren live here	6/3/2026 7:52 PM

85	Parks, hospitals, recreational fields, close to the thruway and Albany, Schenectady, and Saratoga. Not as busy as the Northway corridor.	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
86	None unfortunately. If we had better infrastructure (sewer, fiber) it be a different story outside of events and places.	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
87	The beauty downtown area!🙄	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
88	Easy to get around, roads are maintained, Amsterdam schools are great, No Town Tax!!!	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
89	I’m gonna skip this one. Momma always said if you got nothing good to say keep it to yourself.	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
90	not much, shopping is good	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
91	Close to Capital Region and the lake	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
92	Safe community, quiet area	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
93	Good place to grow a family. The town government has a small town feel, the people are solid, and real estate is cheaper than most towns east of Amsterdam.	6/3/2026 5:04 PM
94	I love the fact that there are so many stores that we can shop in now and many different restaurants to eat or take out food from and it's all close to home.	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
95	Accessibility to most things you could need and want and also getting to bigger cities in an hour or less.	6/3/2026 4:11 PM
96	most of the people are friendly. lots of places to shop.	6/3/2026 12:18 PM
97	rural character, utilities	3/23/2026 2:07 PM
98	It is an average town	3/23/2026 1:28 PM
99	bedroom community to Saratoga Region and Capital District	3/4/2026 1:19 PM
100	Proximity to areas of employment. ~40min to Alb/Sctdy/Troy + <1hour to Saratoga/Warren County	2/23/2026 4:32 PM
101	Low crime, safe environment, low tax's	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
102	Established residents who are invested in the comunity. Rural areas.	12/2/2025 11:55 AM
103	Easy to get to	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
104	Community involvement	11/11/2025 10:06 AM
105	Lower housing cost	11/7/2025 3:34 PM
106	A great selection of available things to do.	11/4/2025 9:53 AM
107	It’s close to Albany, Schenectady and Saratoga. The neighborhoods are quiet and the house lots are nicely spaced. Close to stores on route 30.	11/3/2025 7:46 PM
108	Near cultural and historical events. Relatively quiet. Clean air and water. Easy access to larger cities and Adirondack Park.	11/3/2025 12:40 PM
109	Suburban area with trees and elbow room.	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
110	Beautiful land, with great views. Embracing different lifestyles (nice mix of farming and rural, and Suburbs)	11/2/2025 1:06 PM
111	Rt 30 is convenient and you can still get to the country. Taxes are reasonable.	11/2/2025 9:31 AM
112	Small Town vibe	11/2/2025 9:09 AM
113	Location. Foothills of Adirondacks -thruway exit- proximity to state capitol and beautiful riverfront	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
114	Highway access	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
115	Peaceful settings, fresh air, low traffic	10/30/2025 11:04 PM
116	I just love the area and all it has to offer. I lothe Amsterdams "small city big heart " because were a small town big heart too.	10/30/2025 8:47 PM

117	Snow removal is excellent. Free garbage removal. I live in a very desirable neighborhood. Would like it to stay that way!	10/30/2025 3:53 PM
118	The location where it is located to me it's centered around other places that don't take long to get to for work or play.	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
119	close community and residential nature not in favor of apartment complexes	10/30/2025 2:58 PM
120	People, location	10/30/2025 2:33 PM
121	Amsterdam is close enough to major cities but still retains its rural character.	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
122	great people . Great shopping area.	10/30/2025 1:07 PM
123	Rural	10/14/2025 10:15 AM

Q10 What do you think are the most important issues facing Amsterdam today? Issues can be obstacles that need to be overcome, problems that need to be solved, services that are lacking, or qualities of the community that could be improved.

Answered: 123 Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More of a city problem, but blight. Proliferation of solar farms. Community attitude towards development and I don't mean that we need more low income housing.	8/17/2026 2:16 PM
2	I grew up on Rt 30.. Lorraine Blvd .Rt 30 was our playground area..lol.. My parents would be in shock to see it now..I am not saying it is bad now but definitely different..I think it is sad that everything is in one area while Rt 67 could use a market, I really don't want this area to become another Rt 30 ..corridor	8/2/2026 6:45 PM
3	Current zoning is leading to a driveway every 200' along our country roads. We need to change frontage requirements and encourage residential development off the roads.	7/30/2026 1:33 PM
4	Affordable rental housing	7/27/2026 9:43 PM
5	The natural migration of people wanting to move from the City to the Town. Route 30 corridor becoming over crowded and becoming more urban like in appearance. E-Bike traffic laws will need to be addressed in the near future. If not already, all water runoff pond in the route 30 corridor will need to be treated for possible mosquito borne illnesses as more and more people mix together in this area.	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
6	I recognize the lack of things to do for young people ALL around the city, not just in some areas. Keeping them occupied would surely help with crime. We could use more outreach for seniors. Now that I'm a senior, I'm active and out everyday. But I see many seniors that are not and they need more people to check on them and stop to see them on occasion. Also, traffic on the ROute 30 corridor is terrible. If you have to get anywhere in a hurry from the Southside, you literally cannot. There is always tremendous traffic on the Route 30 ramp. I don't know how to solve it. But we have to.	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
7	Habitat loss, extreme weather, loss of farmland, and housing	7/10/2026 10:36 AM
8	More opportunites for our youngest residents, the racism is troublesome. I believe we can create a more positive environment for our children. We need to support our schools, the local realtors tell people to send their kids to Broadalbin Perth! I ask them if they or any of their clients have visited our schools, met the leaders, met the children...they haven't!! They are basing their biases on years long attitudes without ever looking for the truth. We lack intellectual stimulation. Incorporate FMCC professors locally, have our doctors teach in the community, our sheriff's office engaged more. Our biggest employer is St. Mary's Hospital, not industry. I believe one of the greatest problems for our community is lack of hope. Amsterdam has had a black cloud of negative perceptions from the surrounding areas. Ask anyone in Albany/Saratoga what they think of Amsterdam. Their descriptions are not positive. They say you drive into town on either end, and the story it starts there. They drive by the Log City Rd new buildings and someone asked me if ICE detention camps are being built.The aesthetics ar not inspiring. Expect developers to care. Instead of being only driven by profits. They run Hit jobs...and leave ..the penitentiary looking buildings on Log City...ugh. How could the reps at the Town approved that, so concerning for a resident. Is that the best we can expect?	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
9	The inability of the community’s population to support new businesses and restaurants that open up.	7/2/2026 10:16 PM
10	crime, pan-handling, loitering	7/2/2026 3:20 PM
11	Abandoned houses and properties, cars, etc. Properties that are in disrepair, burnt out properties not dealt with, they are eyesores for residents.	7/2/2026 2:00 PM

12	Need more cell towers for internet, more support for fire depts, Ambulance service	7/2/2026 1:49 PM
13	Solar Farm	7/2/2026 1:39 PM
14	Sewer and Water	7/2/2026 1:31 PM
15	Slumlords that rent to people who have no investment in the home/condo they live in	6/30/2026 1:36 PM
16	The volunteer initiative is gone away, we need more volunteers for the fire departments and rescue squads.	6/26/2026 7:02 PM
17	Town or city of amsterdam	6/26/2026 6:34 PM
18	I feel it’s important to do what we can to improve the school system and the work opportunities here so that people can live and work here. I think that would help with crime also. Everything starts with education	6/26/2026 10:50 AM
19	We have far too much blight in the city. Far too many Empty abandoned buildings throughout the city and up market hill which is a major route. It makes it very depressing to live here.	6/25/2026 6:36 PM
20	The community needs to be involved in major decisions that impact everyone. Election to the board does not mean unilateral power. Some of the housing development that has been allowed is worse than an eyesore for the town.	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
21	We need less weed stores, less solar farms, and families to get more involved with their children and teens.	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
22	Blighted properties, poorly maintained roads and sidewalks. More free activities for children	6/23/2026 11:51 AM
23	Funding for paving and upkeep	6/22/2026 5:19 PM
24	Not sure at this moment	6/22/2026 4:58 PM
25	Speed limits on roads that we live on are too high.,lack of enforcement.. availability of natural gas	6/22/2026 4:33 PM
26	some help with paving	6/22/2026 4:19 PM
27	Maintenance of trimming shrubs along roadways. The mowing has been kept up with but could do more with trimming. Encourage small businesses. Not just providing breaks to big box stores. More clean up dates like the one in the spring.	6/22/2026 4:07 PM
28	need to make sure their are no illegal immigrants here getting freebees	6/22/2026 2:28 PM
29	Keeping the scenic beauty , moratorium on building where it interferes with the surrounding natural landscapes More monitoring of Route 30, safety issues.	6/22/2026 12:09 PM
30	Planned development preserving natural spaces, sufficient affordable housing	6/22/2026 11:13 AM
31	Need a good safe walking path, Fire department and EMT services are lacking. Need other options for home internet.	6/20/2026 7:05 PM
32	NO INCREASE IN TAXES	6/20/2026 6:40 PM
33	The threat of solar, the lack of planning for our infrastructure, such as water and sewer, and lack of new housing stock	6/20/2026 7:51 AM
34	aging infrastructer, poor roads	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
35	The biggest stain on Amsterdam‘s reputation appears to be the violence and drugs. Personally, I don’t know how our numbers compared to other communities. Perhaps we can do something to change this perception. Obviously, if there is a problem, it should be taken care of. There’s nothing like crime to keep people away from what this community has to offer.	6/18/2026 11:20 PM
36	Increase the tax base, increase owner occupied townhouses, more family friendly places are needed for the community.	6/18/2026 9:41 PM
37	Lack of mid-higher level professional jobs; high taxes.	6/18/2026 9:14 AM
38	It would be great to have our own park with sidewalks and/or walking trails. I love to run outdoors but cannot always utilize the track at the school and my road is not the safest to run or walk on.	6/14/2026 11:51 PM

39	Deteriorating properties, property taxes, too many different speed limits within short ranges, outdated website -can be more informative.	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
40	Access to services	6/12/2026 6:01 PM
41	violence seems to be more prevalent. I love living in Amsterdam and I believe our officers do a wonderful job at keeping us safe, but it is scary or parents.	6/12/2026 8:39 AM
42	Limited employment opportunities	6/11/2026 5:59 PM
43	Taxes are very high in Amsterdam. I have properties in Johnstown, the city of Amsterdam, and live in the town. Johnstown is the most affordable. I would love to see more things for children to do. Parks and playgrounds in other areas, especially the town, would be great. I personally wouldn't bring my child to the down town parks or veterans field as I don't feel safe going there myself. On my road, McDonald dr, we also have a lot of speeding and passing in in-authorized areas. It would be nice if the speed limit was reduced on McDonald dr from McKay to Lepper rd where it's more populated. There are many accidents on the intersection of lepper and McDonald, a stop sign there could really help. I'd like other options for internet services. Spectrum is terrible. I'm not sure if it's considered the town of Amsterdam or not. But I love going to the Schoharie boat launch by Karen's, but there's so many people swimming at the dock that I get nervous pulling in and out with both my truck and boat. Last time I was there multiple people were swimming under water next to the dock. It'd be great to have a separate swimming dock and area so swimmers and boaters don't accidentally cross paths. There can also be quite a bit of riff raff there, but I don't know what could be done to avoid that. I don't go there as often as I'd like because of the issues.	6/11/2026 12:14 PM
44	Unemployment	6/11/2026 12:08 PM
45	More nature areas such as parks and trails and maybe a makerspace	6/11/2026 10:34 AM
46	Expanding municipal water distribution	6/11/2026 6:29 AM
47	Mor development	6/10/2026 8:21 PM
48	Traffic routes Hospital care Sewer and water services Public safety	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
49	Homelessness, mental health svc, crime, lack of respect for our public spaces-trash left behind, graffiti, destruction of park equipment and property	6/10/2026 10:13 AM
50	Lack of a Town Center identity. The strip malls on Route 30 are the closest we have - but that is not great. Clean up blighted, vacant or rundown buildings. Strengthen the local economy - fill vacant storefronts.	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
51	Loss of the Ft. Johnson fire department.	6/9/2026 3:09 PM
52	The Town needs an updated and fair water agreement with the City of Amsterdam that also holds the Town of Florida accountable with all their new development. In plain terms the towns development corridor should not be paying more while the Town of Florida skates by.	6/9/2026 12:04 PM
53	Lack of local jobs, too many low income families, too many vacant and dilapidated buildings	6/8/2026 4:40 PM
54	Amsterdam schools have a terrible reputation. I almost wish there was a Cranesville-Hagaman school district.	6/8/2026 1:05 PM
55	Need to pave road on RT 5, improve downtown so more business come and encourage (quality) restaurants open here	6/8/2026 9:14 AM
56	Housing, land use	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
57	Sprawling apartment complex's	6/7/2026 6:22 PM
58	The internet service on Maple Ave could be stronger.	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
59	There's nothing that keeps young people here. They graduate and move on. The only jobs available are low pay unskilled work. We're not keeping talent in the area. There should be a diversity of employers. When we rely too much on one industry or company and that company eventually decides to leave we're left holding the bag. These large companies also don't invest in our community. They get tax breaks, give kick backs, and promise jobs that aren't worth it. The should be investing in our schools through tax dollars so they can directly impact our future. We also need to invest in downtown. All of the business has moved to Dove Creek and driving over the bridge or down Rt 5 is depressing. Hold people accountable for how their	6/6/2026 8:38 PM

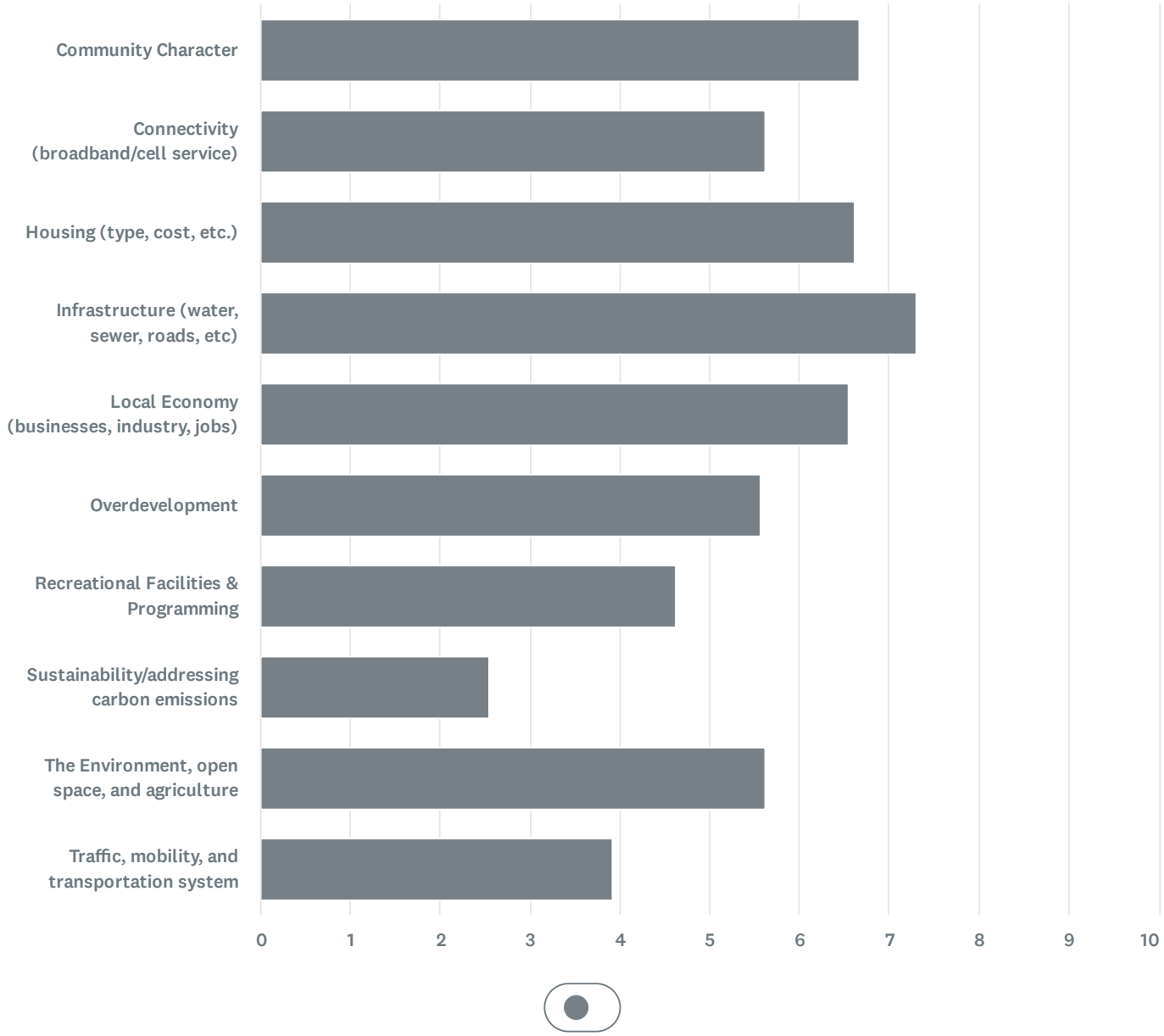
	properties look get rid of scummy landlords and work to beautify the area. The mall is also an eyesore, but I'm sure you'll get plenty of other responses about that.	
60	Opportunities for less expensive connectivity Commuter bus routes to encourage people to work elsewhere if a job is needed Overdevelopment encroaching on green areas, including the solar developments that do NOT lower my Nat. Grid bill in any way Cleaning up downtown, getting rid of empty properties/storefronts-turning them into affordable/low income housing. The mall area that is quite empty- perhaps transforming this area into something that people actually want to go to, perhaps satellite classes to support area colleges.	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
61	Infrastructure	6/6/2026 12:07 PM
62	House prices unaffordable. Too many solar farms. fear of data centers	6/6/2026 8:42 AM
63	The SCHOOL DISTRICT performance! Demographics have a lot to do with the poor performance. Many young families stay out of Amsterdam because of district poor ratings. Also school district taxes are high for what you get. Second issue is the City of Amsterdam. The city needs help and has been in a decline since retail businesses moved to the town. Find a way to help both the school district and the city and Town of Amsterdam will grow.	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
64	Need to decrease drug use and crime associated with that. Need to focus on ways to unemployed/underemployed residents get training and support they need to work and be productive.	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
65	there are no coffee shops, fine-dining restaurants to choose from, no good medical facilities	6/5/2026 8:09 AM
66	We need more areas or events for recreational purposes. Alot of people feel they need to travel east to "do something".	6/5/2026 7:04 AM
67	Needs more development of utilities gas city water	6/4/2026 9:11 PM
68	Blight, increase of low income housing, over abundance of mental health need	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
69	The roads are terrible, they need to be fixed. We live up by the high school and it's like a different world here. Its safe and peaceful, beautiful. It's not safe down by McDonald's even at the local businesses at times. There are a lot of homes (some abandoned) that need to be cleaned up. We need public water and sewer here by Harrower without it being a huge financial burden for us.	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
70	Low income housing, and city issues. Drugs and speeding. Seems like an uptick in police activity	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
71	Development, too much development	6/4/2026 5:51 PM
72	More broadband choice other than just spectrum.	6/4/2026 4:03 PM
73	Lower my property tax :-)	6/4/2026 2:10 PM
74	clean up the city surrounding the town. More family oriented resteraunts and activities	6/4/2026 9:29 AM
75	Fixing up the abandoned houses and plots. East main street road is horrible and kind of embarrassing as that is a major road people take to get into or drive through the city. The widow Susan project is a huge let down for us on the town line.....hope it doesn't take away from the tranquil nature of the area	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
76	Too much solar, need to put a stop to any more.	6/4/2026 8:42 AM
77	Seriously poor condition of factory buildings, houses in city look inferior condition, streets need repairs, buildings abandoned. Schenectady shows successful renovation.	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
78	Blight	6/4/2026 4:40 AM
79	Constructing new apartments and homes that will turn into low income housing and ruin existing neighborhoods	6/3/2026 10:25 PM
80	i am very fearful that the land around me will be developed into an apartment complex. we pay wat too much in taxes and i do not ever want to live next to that.	6/3/2026 10:03 PM
81	We are lacking supports to help families, we need better medical facilities, doctors and treatment for drug and alcohol addictions. It’s really hard for businesses to get started in our area. I would love to see a community garden, better sports facilities for the kids (if we could	6/3/2026 10:02 PM

	do an indoor soccer/lacrosse/flag football arena I think would draw in more people). We really just need to clean up or tear down the homes that are falling apart or unoccupied. It’s a horrible drive coming in off Route 5 and really off putting to anyone who wants to settle around here. The new low income housing off of Route 30 and Log City is has absolutely no character and reminds me of concentration camp housing. It’s horrible. Love the idea of low income housing but can we at least make it not a big eye sore?	
82	Solar farms and all these new apartment houses coming in are bad for our little community	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
83	The poor schools and the east end of the city is decrepit	6/3/2026 8:19 PM
84	More job opportunities for young adults	6/3/2026 8:04 PM
85	Community character and engagement is lacking in Amsterdam today. Chain restaurants, places like storage facilities, and lack of community events, services, and education are all important issues that should be solved.	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
86	Real leadership	6/3/2026 7:52 PM
87	The city is hard to improve due to old residential buildings and limited space. The Town is in a very good position to accommodate new developments whether that be residential or commercial.	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
88	Lack of sewer systems in my location. Lack of more junk days. Need a better town supervisor too. Dimezza doesn't follow through on items that matter	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
89	Not equal broadband coverage for rural areas	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
90	Too many solar farms on rt 67/manny corners area. Keep the No Town Tax !!	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
91	The roads are in disarray. You have new roads that bottle neck in and out of the city. A high unemployment rate with lack of jobs in the area. We also hold a very high assistance rate. We are taxed on our homeowners taxes to even give more money for the higher than average assistance rate. The city of Amsterdam has little to nothing to do.	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
92	drags, litterbugs, house falling apart, bad roads .	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
93	More businesses coming into the area, so people can work in the area they live. The school district is not an asset to the area, one reason people do not want to live in this school district.Taxes and regulations reduced, less solar.	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
94	School pushing political view points, LGBTQ should not be pushed or Gender ideology.	6/3/2026 5:35 PM
95	Lack of diversity in restaurants and shops. More variety is needed	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
96	Being affiliated with the City. Most people don’t want to pay for their issues. Also, when assessing taxes, remember we dont get water, sewer, or natural gas. Thats a cost directly taken on by home owners. Also, we would love for home school kids to be able to play school sports.	6/3/2026 5:04 PM
97	I think town of Amsterdam should try to get more businesses stores and restaurants to fill up some of the empty places that are here. To give us more options when shopping or dining.	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
98	solar farms	6/3/2026 4:15 PM
99	I can not name anything in particular.	6/3/2026 4:11 PM
100	the ageing roads water lines.	6/3/2026 12:18 PM
101	geographic and political devide.	3/23/2026 2:07 PM
102	Taxes no term limits for local politicians	3/23/2026 1:28 PM
103	Walkable area within the downtown	2/23/2026 4:32 PM
104	Sewer municipal water and natural gas is lacking for future development. Minimum lot sizes for residential development should be increased	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
105	Fewer multiple dwellings, lower speed limits.	12/2/2025 11:55 AM
106	Too much solar. Activities needed for young people	11/13/2025 10:45 AM

107	Housing, traffic conditions and poor roads.	11/4/2025 9:53 AM
108	Aging population; high level of poverty	11/3/2025 12:40 PM
109	Overcrowding of Route 30 corridor, adjacent to and encroachment reducing historical decades of residential character, which is changing in a negative manner by commercial development without perspective of long-term family generational residents. Insufficient push-back from community leaders, lawyers, and politicians who are to represent the residents. Planned Use Developments should be eliminated, given their unintended consequences and ability to overutilize existing infrastructure and deteriment long-term residents in the broader area.	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
110	Poverty, lack of education quality education	11/2/2025 1:06 PM
111	Solar farms! These are industrial sites taking over viable clean farmland. The town and taxpayers will be left with garbage dumps when the companies go out of business and the landowners walk away. Lack of parks and a recreation center. The town needs its own park separate from the city. Check out the town park in South windsor CT. Lots for the kids to do and it is beautiful!	11/2/2025 9:31 AM
112	I'm concerned about the city trying to annex the Rt30 corridor. More funding for fire dept/EMS coverage.	11/2/2025 9:09 AM
113	Dilapidated homes, shortage of community events, apathetic leaders	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
114	Blight and vacant properties	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
115	Overdevelopment of route 30 corridor	10/30/2025 11:04 PM
116	Infrastructure- water/sewer/ aging septic systems. EMS- ambulance response times. Thank God for the volunteer fire departments but they're only first response not transporting agencies. The best treatment is rapid transporting to nearest appropriate hospital. Unfortunately thats not a thing the town can fix.	10/30/2025 8:47 PM
117	Fire district? Could use updating streets.	10/30/2025 3:53 PM
118	The empty homes from many years ago that are decaying ,it's sad that it's happening to a lot of areas.We need more affordable housing .I owned a 2 family on Forest Avenue and never charged that much for rent,I'm not sure where all that's coming from.I owned the house from 1988 to 2024 at which time I sold it because I am retired now and God told me it was time to do that.	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
119	building of apartment complexes	10/30/2025 2:58 PM
120	Water to the private homes in the town.	10/30/2025 2:33 PM
121	Overdevelopment	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
122	Need more area to develop. Change some R-1 areas to B-1 B-2 areas.	10/30/2025 1:07 PM
123	Solar Farms	10/14/2025 10:15 AM

Q11 138 responses

From your perspective, as they are related to the Town, please rank the following issues in order of your priority. Click and drag in order with 1 being the most important issue and 10 being the least important issue :



Q12 In general, what types of future development or land uses do you think should be encouraged in the Amsterdam? Please list each item separately.

Answered: 119 Skipped: 20

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Item 1	100.00%	119
Item 2	83.19%	99
Item 3	63.03%	75
Item 4	40.34%	48
Item 5	30.25%	36

#	ITEM 1	DATE
1	Single family housing	8/17/2026 2:16 PM
2	community solar energy	7/30/2026 1:33 PM
3	Public parks/ recreation facilities	7/27/2026 9:43 PM
4	make space for wild things	7/24/2026 6:12 AM
5	R1 Residential District	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
6	We need a decent hotel. Not just a Microtel or the Castle.	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
7	Land conservation	7/10/2026 10:36 AM
8	Homes that attract/appeal to higher income earners	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
9	Housing	7/2/2026 10:16 PM
10	Open land	7/2/2026 3:20 PM
11	Single Family Homes	7/2/2026 2:00 PM
12	Encourage more farming	7/2/2026 1:49 PM
13	No apartments or more condos we will end up like the city of Amsterdam	6/30/2026 1:36 PM
14	Recreational areas	6/26/2026 7:02 PM
15	Maintain rural character	6/26/2026 6:34 PM
16	Ban solar farms they are destroying the rural landscape a strength the town has.	6/25/2026 6:36 PM
17	Less apartment housing, or large developments. Limit the construction only in open spaces	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
18	Recreational opportunities, like wooded walkways, playgrounds, and perhaps even a music and play amphitheater where local talent can be seen.	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
19	Plant trees	6/23/2026 11:51 AM
20	Farming	6/22/2026 5:19 PM
21	Preserve the integrity of the land and history of the area	6/22/2026 4:33 PM
22	moderate growth of commercial	6/22/2026 4:19 PM
23	Agriculture Use of Land	6/22/2026 4:07 PM

24	Better traffic patterns, alternative routes to rte30 besides Golf Course Rd	6/22/2026 12:09 PM
25	Affordable housing	6/22/2026 11:13 AM
26	Walking path	6/20/2026 7:05 PM
27	Agriculture	6/20/2026 7:51 AM
28	better sidewalk system	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
29	Dog park	6/18/2026 11:20 PM
30	Owner occupied communities with townhouses or downsized homes.	6/18/2026 9:41 PM
31	Use the Great Sacandaga Lake as a draw for short and long term housing.	6/18/2026 9:14 AM
32	Recreational use for both children and adults.	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
33	Youth recreation to attract families	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
34	Property maintenance	6/12/2026 6:01 PM
35	Green Spaces- Parks (People)	6/12/2026 8:39 AM
36	Parks	6/11/2026 5:59 PM
37	Parks/playground	6/11/2026 12:14 PM
38	More housing	6/11/2026 12:08 PM
39	Parks	6/11/2026 10:34 AM
40	Renewable Energy	6/11/2026 10:19 AM
41	Single family housing development	6/11/2026 6:29 AM
42	More stores	6/10/2026 8:21 PM
43	Small farms/ stables	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
44	Increase amount of diverse Restaurants	6/10/2026 4:55 PM
45	Green space	6/10/2026 10:13 AM
46	Open Space to protect viewsheds	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
47	Building new townhomes	6/9/2026 3:09 PM
48	Add lights to the Hagaman Baseball Field	6/9/2026 12:04 PM
49	Sustainable industry	6/8/2026 4:40 PM
50	More nature parks/hiking	6/8/2026 1:05 PM
51	farmers market	6/8/2026 9:14 AM
52	Low-income housing	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
53	None. Leaving open land open	6/7/2026 6:22 PM
54	Movie theater	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
55	Reimagining the mall	6/6/2026 8:38 PM
56	Recreational all over, including waterfront	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
57	Business revitalization (exept data centers)	6/6/2026 8:42 AM
58	Mixed use commercial/residential buildings.	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
59	Light /smaller footprint industrial parks (brings long lasting jobs without decimating open space)	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
60	Farming	6/5/2026 7:04 AM
61	Recreational center	6/4/2026 9:11 PM

62	Farming	6/4/2026 8:37 PM
63	Accessible green spaces	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
64	Anything except for more banks	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
65	Farming	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
66	Solar or wind to help with power and lower electricity cost	6/4/2026 4:03 PM
67	Not solar	6/4/2026 2:10 PM
68	restaurants	6/4/2026 9:29 AM
69	More parks and nature trails	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
70	Don’t turn us into Clifton Park	6/4/2026 8:42 AM
71	Quality restaurants	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
72	Housing	6/4/2026 4:40 AM
73	Agricultural	6/3/2026 10:25 PM
74	recreational	6/3/2026 10:03 PM
75	Indoor sports facilities	6/3/2026 10:02 PM
76	Farming	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
77	No more solar farms	6/3/2026 8:19 PM
78	Retail	6/3/2026 8:04 PM
79	Nature Preserves & Trails	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
80	Farming	6/3/2026 7:52 PM
81	Residential development	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
82	Hunting	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
83	Family farms	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
84	Housing	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
85	More businesses	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
86	houses falling apart	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
87	Housing for the seniors ,senior communities 55 and older	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
88	Agricultural	6/3/2026 5:35 PM
89	Restaurants	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
90	Residential development	6/3/2026 5:04 PM
91	More open space animals are losing their homes to all this development.	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
92	Business	6/3/2026 4:11 PM
93	parks	6/3/2026 12:18 PM
94	entertainment	3/23/2026 2:07 PM
95	Single Family Homes	3/17/2026 5:17 PM
96	manufacturing	3/4/2026 1:19 PM
97	single family residential	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
98	Single family homes not dependant on municipal services. Maintain current R-1 areas	12/2/2025 11:55 AM
99	Recreational	11/13/2025 10:45 AM

100	Recreation venues	11/11/2025 10:06 AM
101	Housing, affordable senior apts	11/7/2025 3:34 PM
102	Fix the roads in the town. Pot holes are nightmare.	11/4/2025 9:53 AM
103	Parks, green spaces or dog park	11/3/2025 7:46 PM
104	protect local farming	11/3/2025 12:40 PM
105	Green Space / Forever Wild	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
106	Parks and Recreation	11/2/2025 1:06 PM
107	Adult Homes	11/2/2025 10:07 AM
108	Farms	11/2/2025 9:31 AM
109	Business/manufacturing	11/2/2025 9:09 AM
110	Senior housing which has activities (club house)	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
111	Semiconductor fab	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
112	Land preservation through easements	10/30/2025 11:04 PM
113	No more development	10/30/2025 8:47 PM
114	No more apartments	10/30/2025 3:53 PM
115	Farming the actual land	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
116	residential homes	10/30/2025 2:58 PM
117	Restrict building that ruins the vistas	10/30/2025 2:33 PM
118	Recreation/walkable areas	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
119	Hotel	10/30/2025 1:07 PM
#	**ITEM 2**	**DATE**
1	National retailers	8/17/2026 2:16 PM
2	multi home developments	7/30/2026 1:33 PM
3	keep taxes low	7/24/2026 6:12 AM
4	B1 & B2 Business Districts	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
5	We need a youth recreational center.	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
6	Housing (Apartments, condos, homes)	7/10/2026 10:36 AM
7	Hotel that attracts vistors to stay	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
8	Recreational	7/2/2026 10:16 PM
9	Encourage more 2-family homes	7/2/2026 1:49 PM
10	Housing within reason	6/26/2026 7:02 PM
11	Put a moratorium on storage units	6/25/2026 6:36 PM
12	Protection of the area wildlife	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
13	Use the old barn on 30 as a summer "fresh market", and museum and sales center for locals.	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
14	Plant perennial flowers	6/23/2026 11:51 AM
15	Retail	6/22/2026 5:19 PM
16	No solar feels	6/22/2026 4:33 PM
17	residential houses - not apartments	6/22/2026 4:19 PM

18	Agriculture Tourism	6/22/2026 4:07 PM
19	Decrease the number of vehicles who speed on Golf Coure Road.	6/22/2026 12:09 PM
20	Sustainable agriculture	6/22/2026 11:13 AM
21	more small businesses	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
22	In door rec center	6/18/2026 11:20 PM
23	Indoor sports complex.	6/18/2026 9:41 PM
24	Create shopping outlet complex.	6/18/2026 9:14 AM
25	Walkways/sidewalks	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
26	Residential expansion	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
27	Traffic	6/12/2026 6:01 PM
28	Green Spaces- Parks (Dogs)	6/12/2026 8:39 AM
29	Recreational areas, Hiking trails	6/11/2026 5:59 PM
30	Outdoor spaces for gatherings and events. Something like wolf hollow brewery would be great in our town.	6/11/2026 12:14 PM
31	Maintenance of roads	6/11/2026 12:08 PM
32	Pools	6/11/2026 10:34 AM
33	Tennis Courts	6/11/2026 10:19 AM
34	Housing	6/10/2026 8:21 PM
35	Manufacturing	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
36	Jobs	6/10/2026 10:13 AM
37	Farms / Agriculture	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
38	Parks for children	6/9/2026 3:09 PM
39	Dredge the pond in front of cronies	6/9/2026 12:04 PM
40	Remove vacant buildings	6/8/2026 4:40 PM
41	Indoor recreation areas	6/8/2026 1:05 PM
42	office space	6/8/2026 9:14 AM
43	Natural areas	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
44	Texas Road House	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
45	Reconfiguring downtown	6/6/2026 8:38 PM
46	Clean up downtown area, there are enough stores on Rt 30	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
47	Water protection	6/6/2026 8:42 AM
48	Mixed land use. Place new residential within safe walking distance of commercial.	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
49	Medical offices/facilities	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
50	Housing	6/5/2026 7:04 AM
51	Family centered activities	6/4/2026 9:11 PM
52	Single family dewllings	6/4/2026 8:37 PM
53	Playgrounds and family spaces	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
54	Recreational places such as: arcades, fun plex type things, Dave and Busters	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
55	Manufacturing	6/4/2026 6:10 PM

56	Local playground	6/4/2026 2:10 PM
57	movie theatre	6/4/2026 9:29 AM
58	Restoring old buildings into something useful	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
59	Traffic plans for current housing project. Roads are not build for the traffic. Log City, McKay, McDonald, Golf Course	6/4/2026 8:42 AM
60	Residents fined for littering parking àreas, streets	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
61	Single family homes	6/3/2026 10:25 PM
62	agricultural	6/3/2026 10:03 PM
63	Moderate to upper range housing developments	6/3/2026 10:02 PM
64	Careers	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
65	No more solar farms	6/3/2026 8:19 PM
66	Entertainment	6/3/2026 8:04 PM
67	Farmer's Markets or Co-ops	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
68	Insustrial	6/3/2026 7:52 PM
69	Business accommodation	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
70	Scouting	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
71	Outdoor recreation	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
72	Farm land	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
73	More farming	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
74	roads are in need of repair	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
75	annex water and sewer from Widow Susan to Tried Road to support businesses	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
76	More smaller businesses	6/3/2026 5:35 PM
77	Sports facilities	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
78	Commercial development (private)	6/3/2026 5:04 PM
79	More stores and restaurants on the busy route 30 corridor	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
80	Housing	6/3/2026 4:11 PM
81	walking trails	6/3/2026 12:18 PM
82	Retain Agricultural	3/17/2026 5:17 PM
83	housing	3/4/2026 1:19 PM
84	Assisted living facilities	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
85	Minimum of 25 feet to property line for any structure including sheds	12/2/2025 11:55 AM
86	Parks	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
87	A decent hotel on route 30 north	11/3/2025 7:46 PM
88	protect undeveloped land, wildlife, trees, etc.	11/3/2025 12:40 PM
89	Wetland Preservation / Runoff Mitigations	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
90	Waste water treatment plant upgrades	11/2/2025 1:06 PM
91	Less solar	11/2/2025 10:07 AM
92	Open space recreational-bike path, parks	11/2/2025 9:31 AM
93	Housing	11/2/2025 9:09 AM

94	Children’s programs in the villages	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
95	Nuclear power plant	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
96	Hydroponics indoor because we live in the northeast	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
97	light industry	10/30/2025 2:58 PM
98	Agriculture/Farming	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
99	Olive Garden	10/30/2025 1:07 PM
#	**ITEM 3**	**DATE**
1	Family recreation /movie theatre	8/17/2026 2:16 PM
2	A Agriculture District	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
3	We need to do something about traffic on Route 30.	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
4	Retail	7/10/2026 10:36 AM
5	Parks and beautification of the current areas	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
6	Industrial	7/2/2026 10:16 PM
7	Leaving plenty of Green space	6/26/2026 7:02 PM
8	A side walk needs to be placed on Miami Avenue. Pedestrians have no safe way to walk from the school to Rt 30	6/25/2026 6:36 PM
9	A playground for children in the village	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
10	Use Pawling Hall or vacant churches as senior and teen centers.	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
11	Dog Park	6/23/2026 11:51 AM
12	Hotel	6/22/2026 5:19 PM
13	maintain parks	6/22/2026 4:19 PM
14	Maintain open spaces	6/22/2026 12:09 PM
15	Services for elderly	6/22/2026 11:13 AM
16	family farms	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
17	Open air music and vendor area for walking and sitting	6/18/2026 11:20 PM
18	More small businesses	6/18/2026 9:41 PM
19	Promote additional auto retail.	6/18/2026 9:14 AM
20	Community pool	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
21	Maintain business development route 30	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
22	Open spaces	6/11/2026 5:59 PM
23	Center for juvenile development	6/11/2026 12:08 PM
24	Recreational uses	6/11/2026 10:34 AM
25	NO DATA CENTERS	6/11/2026 10:19 AM
26	Hotel	6/10/2026 8:21 PM
27	Quality relaxation	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
28	Hospitality industry	6/10/2026 10:13 AM
29	Small Businesses	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
30	Hook back up the existing street lights that cover that pond and use it as an ice hockey rink in winter	6/9/2026 12:04 PM

31	Improve school district	6/8/2026 4:40 PM
32	No solar fields taking away from natural resources	6/8/2026 1:05 PM
33	dog park	6/8/2026 9:14 AM
34	Manufacturing	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
35	Holding homeowners accountable for eyesore properties	6/6/2026 8:38 PM
36	Use existing, empty buildings for housing	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
37	Land protection	6/6/2026 8:42 AM
38	Beautify RT 30 corridor. We're supposed to be the gateway to the Adirondacks.	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
39	Farming (keep large farm land open, but productive for owners)	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
40	Business spaces	6/5/2026 7:04 AM
41	Wildlife preservation	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
42	Counseling and therapy	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
43	Nuclear power plant	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
44	More solar on roof tops	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
45	Enforcement of truck posted roads (except for tax paying business). Tractor trailers should never be on a posted road. These heavy trucks are breaking the roads down as well as safety concerns.	6/4/2026 8:42 AM
46	Old factory buildings repurposed/demolished	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
47	More shopping businesses like Target, Marshall’s etc.	6/3/2026 10:02 PM
48	No more solar farms	6/3/2026 8:19 PM
49	Recreational Facilities	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
50	Manufacturing	6/3/2026 7:52 PM
51	Infrastructure	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
52	Camping	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
53	Better restaurants	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
54	No wind farms	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
55	More things for kids to do	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
56	no big trucks on posted roads Truax rd	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
57	daycare centeres for children	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
58	More restaurants	6/3/2026 5:35 PM
59	Hotels	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
60	Keep doing a good job maintaining the roads	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
61	youth activities	6/3/2026 12:18 PM
62	Professional medical facilities	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
63	Maintain at least 200 ft residential frontage	12/2/2025 11:55 AM
64	Communication of All Events in Town	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
65	safe affordable housing	11/3/2025 12:40 PM
66	Agriculture	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
67	sewer and water	11/2/2025 10:07 AM

68	Subdivisions on LARGER lots. 3 acre minimum.	11/2/2025 9:31 AM
69	Cannibus shop	11/2/2025 9:09 AM
70	Walkability in villages with safety assured	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
71	Solar farms	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
72	Senior housing	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
73	maintain parks	10/30/2025 2:58 PM
74	Community Gardens	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
75	Texas Roadhouse	10/30/2025 1:07 PM
#	**ITEM 4**	**DATE**
1	Hotel/motel	8/17/2026 2:16 PM
2	Solar Farms	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
3	We need a community/senior outreach group.	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
4	Agriculture	7/10/2026 10:36 AM
5	More parks to beautify the city and town	6/25/2026 6:36 PM
6	Give new housing develpements a break on taxes for 1 year.	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
7	Walking trails	6/23/2026 11:51 AM
8	maintain roads	6/22/2026 4:19 PM
9	A recreational park in the town,bike path	6/22/2026 12:09 PM
10	recreational access to chuctanunda creek	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
11	A movie theater	6/18/2026 11:20 PM
12	Research the possibility of establishing SUNY learning annex campus.	6/18/2026 9:14 AM
13	Innovative creation center	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
14	Movie complex	6/10/2026 8:21 PM
15	Sports/arts support	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
16	Solar Farms	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
17	the town should sieze the property of the dam's near cronies and the dam on harrower for the purpose of selling them to power company and authorities to use the creek for power generation	6/9/2026 12:04 PM
18	Marie Curie needs classrooms with windows	6/8/2026 4:40 PM
19	social groups for youth/camping	6/8/2026 9:14 AM
20	Car-free, walkable downtown areas	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
21	Splash pad for children	6/6/2026 8:38 PM
22	Add solar farms to big box store parking lots and roofs to increase power supply for future development.	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
23	Incentives to place land in conservation	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
24	Mom and pop shops	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
25	Farms	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
26	Green space	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
27	More sidewalks	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
28	Shopping is limited to few stores	6/4/2026 8:08 AM

29	Brewery	6/3/2026 10:02 PM
30	Local Businesses that encourage community connection	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
31	Environment	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
32	Parks	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
33	Lower taxes	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
34	No solar farms	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
35	More housing that isn’t just for low income	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
36	Housing	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
37	a animal hospital for off hours and holidays	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
38	Parks	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
39	Stop over development. Too many housing developments around.	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
40	senior center	6/3/2026 12:18 PM
41	Free Town Shuttle bus service (like the town of Lake Placid)	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
42	Delivery of food to neighboring communities	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
43	Single Family Homes	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
44	Increased police patrols in villages	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
45	Affordable apartments	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
46	Community beehives	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
47	Preserved Areas (Forever Wild)	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
48	Commercial	10/30/2025 1:07 PM

#	ITEM 5	DATE
1	We need more and better housing.	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
2	Small scale renewables (5 MW or less)	7/10/2026 10:36 AM
3	Encourage local game teams to challenge city teams, little league and up.	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
4	farming	6/22/2026 4:19 PM
5	expanded parks for children	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
6	Pavement on the golf course paths	6/18/2026 11:20 PM
7	Leaving some open parcels of land as they are	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
8	More restaurants	6/10/2026 8:21 PM
9	Adaptive reuse of existing buildings before building new ones	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
10	The town should aggressively pursue foreclosures and get delinquent properties for sale as soon as possible	6/9/2026 12:04 PM
11	new housing NOT low income	6/8/2026 9:14 AM
12	Community sports fields	6/6/2026 8:38 PM
13	Reduce light pollution and RT30 noise pollution. It's not an Adirondack gateway if you can't see the stars!	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
14	There needs to be zoning to focus any large scale development to be in designated growth areas that will blend in with the character of the surrounding area.	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
15	Farms	6/4/2026 8:33 PM

16	A mall would be great	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
17	Forever wild	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
18	Roadabout on Widow Susan and church	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
19	Downtown streets are difficult for traffic flow, nothing is attractive to show, that mall has nothing of value	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
20	Sidewalks	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
21	Recreation	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
22	Skate park winter an summer	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
23	Lower taxes	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
24	No data centers	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
25	Improving downtown	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
26	water and sewer expanded	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
27	daycare and dog/cat lodge when people go on vacation	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
28	Driving range	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
29	Keep stores and restaurants open in the town. Don't let them move out.	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
30	No further encroachment of Business districts upon R-1 residential	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
31	Repair deteriorating Housing	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
32	Buffers to Residential Districts	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
33	Term limits on political positions	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
34	Classes that teach how to garden,build things,work with your hands,	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
35	Community/Youth Centers	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
36	Business	10/30/2025 1:07 PM

Q13 Are there any types of future development or land uses that you think should be discouraged in Amsterdam?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 14

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Item 1	100.00%	125
Item 2	71.20%	89
Item 3	40.00%	50
Item 4	16.00%	20
Item 5	8.80%	11

#	ITEM 1	DATE
1	Solar / turbine farms	8/17/2026 2:16 PM
2	Solar farms	8/2/2026 6:45 PM
3	no expansion of business/commercial/manufacturing	7/30/2026 1:33 PM
4	Solar farms	7/27/2026 9:43 PM
5	overdevelopment, keep intense use away from here	7/24/2026 6:12 AM
6	Over development of the route 30 corridor.	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
7	We need to discourage solar arrays on green spaces and aim for using them on parking lots as covers	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
8	Large scale solar (Anything greater than 5 MW)	7/10/2026 10:36 AM
9	HIghly discourage duplex development in areas that are zoned for single family areas	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
10	Nothing reasonable should be discouraged	7/2/2026 10:16 PM
11	Development along Maple Ave Extension	7/2/2026 3:20 PM
12	Solar Farms	7/2/2026 2:00 PM
13	Solar Farms	7/2/2026 1:49 PM
14	Battery Storage	7/2/2026 1:39 PM
15	Apartments	6/30/2026 1:36 PM
16	No more storage units	6/26/2026 7:02 PM
17	Solar farms	6/26/2026 6:34 PM
18	Ban solar farms	6/25/2026 6:36 PM
19	Apartment housing	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
20	Apartments	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
21	Solar farms	6/23/2026 11:51 AM
22	Apartments	6/22/2026 5:19 PM
23	Solar Farms	6/22/2026 4:58 PM
24	Solar fields	6/22/2026 4:33 PM

25	apartments	6/22/2026 4:19 PM
26	Not overdeveloping	6/22/2026 4:07 PM
27	public housing	6/22/2026 2:28 PM
28	Solar arrays	6/22/2026 11:13 AM
29	Solar farms	6/20/2026 7:05 PM
30	SIDEWALKS	6/20/2026 6:40 PM
31	Solar	6/20/2026 7:51 AM
32	no solar	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
33	Projects	6/18/2026 11:20 PM
34	Solar farms	6/18/2026 9:41 PM
35	See previous responses	6/18/2026 9:14 AM
36	No more apartment or condo complexes	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
37	Solar panels & battery storage	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
38	Building motels along Rt 67	6/12/2026 6:01 PM
39	Multi Family Housing Units	6/12/2026 8:39 AM
40	Mixing apartments, townhouses, etc in the midst of single family homes	6/11/2026 5:59 PM
41	Solar	6/11/2026 5:47 PM
42	No more housing developments!!! The log city rd development is an eye sore and takes away from people who moved to the town to be away from that type of thing.	6/11/2026 12:14 PM
43	Marijuana dispensaries	6/11/2026 12:08 PM
44	Highways	6/11/2026 10:34 AM
45	Datacenter	6/11/2026 10:19 AM
46	Affordable housing	6/11/2026 6:29 AM
47	Parks	6/10/2026 8:21 PM
48	Solar farms	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
49	Solar	6/10/2026 4:55 PM
50	Cell towers	6/10/2026 10:13 AM
51	Big Box Retail	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
52	No more residences that are not owner occupied are needed	6/9/2026 12:04 PM
53	Building low income apartment buildings	6/8/2026 4:40 PM
54	Solar fields encroaching on farmland/wildlife habitats/scenic views	6/8/2026 1:05 PM
55	low income housing - we have enough	6/8/2026 9:14 AM
56	Data centers	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
57	Apartment complexes	6/7/2026 6:22 PM
58	Low income housing & apartments	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
59	Data centers	6/6/2026 8:38 PM
60	Solar/windmills, unless it can be proven to lower my Nat Grid bill.....	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
61	Solar farms	6/6/2026 12:07 PM
62	Data centers	6/6/2026 8:42 AM

63	Big box stores.	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
64	Data centers	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
65	no more metal farms	6/5/2026 8:09 AM
66	Solar	6/5/2026 7:04 AM
67	Data Centers	6/4/2026 8:37 PM
68	Low income housing	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
69	More banks	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
70	Solar	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
71	No more Development in the Country Ridge Area!	6/4/2026 5:51 PM
72	More warehouses	6/4/2026 4:03 PM
73	Solar	6/4/2026 2:10 PM
74	The roads have too many potholes!!!!!	6/4/2026 10:13 AM
75	cannabis business	6/4/2026 9:29 AM
76	The widow Susan project	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
77	Solar	6/4/2026 8:42 AM
78	Look at Schenectady's infrastructure	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
79	N/a	6/4/2026 4:40 AM
80	Multi family apartment complexes	6/3/2026 10:25 PM
81	solar	6/3/2026 10:03 PM
82	Low income housing	6/3/2026 10:02 PM
83	Apartment buildings	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
84	Solar farms	6/3/2026 8:19 PM
85	Solar farms	6/3/2026 8:04 PM
86	Solar	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
87	Solar	6/3/2026 7:52 PM
88	Data centers	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
89	Solar	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
90	Solar farms	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
91	No data centers	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
92	Solar farming	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
93	none	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
94	Solar	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
95	Preserving farm land, no solar panels	6/3/2026 5:35 PM
96	Marijauna farms	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
97	Cannabis	6/3/2026 5:04 PM
98	Yes stop over development.	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
99	solar farms	6/3/2026 4:15 PM
100	Solar	6/3/2026 4:11 PM

101	Datacenters	6/3/2026 3:08 PM
102	battery storeage	6/3/2026 12:18 PM
103	Solar farms	3/23/2026 12:43 PM
104	Excessive Apartment Complexes	3/17/2026 5:17 PM
105	solar	3/4/2026 1:19 PM
106	No further Expansion of business districts within residential districts, no bacon strip zoning	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
107	residences dependant on municipal services	12/2/2025 11:55 AM
108	Solar	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
109	Solar fields	11/11/2025 10:06 AM
110	Solar fields	11/3/2025 7:46 PM
111	large solar farms	11/3/2025 12:40 PM
112	Planned Use Developments	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
113	Apartment complex’s	11/2/2025 1:06 PM
114	solar	11/2/2025 10:07 AM
115	Subdivisions on small lots that are more like city living.	11/2/2025 9:31 AM
116	Solar farms	11/2/2025 9:09 AM
117	Solar farms	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
118	Long term political billboards/signs	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
119	Apartments	10/30/2025 11:04 PM
120	All. We're getting too big now. Great for your growing tax base but bad for the residents.	10/30/2025 8:47 PM
121	Apartment’s	10/30/2025 3:53 PM
122	Solar farming	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
123	solar arrays large scale in residential neighborhoods	10/30/2025 2:58 PM
124	Anything that is harmful to the environment	10/30/2025 2:33 PM
125	Expensive housing	10/30/2025 2:22 PM

#	ITEM 2	DATE
1	Data centers	8/17/2026 2:16 PM
2	Do not turn Rt 67 into another Rt 30	8/2/2026 6:45 PM
3	Any business that will use large amounts of electrical energy.	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
4	We need additional trash receptacles on the Main St and Rt. 30	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
5	Storage units	7/10/2026 10:36 AM
6	NO more Log City Rd type development	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
7	Solar on OPEN LAND	7/2/2026 3:20 PM
8	Windmills	7/2/2026 2:00 PM
9	Battery Storage	7/2/2026 1:49 PM
10	Solar Farm	7/2/2026 1:39 PM
11	Wind turbines	6/26/2026 6:34 PM
12	Stop low income housing and increase houses for middle income and working class	6/25/2026 6:36 PM

13	Large housing development ie: multiple units	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
14	Condos	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
15	Multi family housing	6/22/2026 5:19 PM
16	Apartment buildings on Log city road	6/22/2026 4:58 PM
17	Multi residential projects -low income residents	6/22/2026 4:33 PM
18	solar arrays	6/22/2026 4:19 PM
19	No more apartment complex	6/22/2026 4:07 PM
20	solar farms	6/22/2026 2:28 PM
21	Battery storage	6/22/2026 11:13 AM
22	Wind mills	6/20/2026 7:05 PM
23	no manufacturing that is environmentally unfriendly	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
24	Low income housing	6/18/2026 9:41 PM
25	No solar fields	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
26	Wind	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
27	Apartment complex	6/12/2026 6:01 PM
28	Business Plazas	6/12/2026 8:39 AM
29	Solar farms	6/11/2026 5:59 PM
30	Pot farms	6/11/2026 5:47 PM
31	Solar farms	6/11/2026 12:08 PM
32	Freeways	6/11/2026 10:34 AM
33	Distribution centers	6/11/2026 6:29 AM
34	Sidewalks	6/10/2026 8:21 PM
35	Waste disposal sites	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
36	Solar	6/10/2026 4:55 PM
37	Solar farms	6/10/2026 10:13 AM
38	Data Centers	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
39	No solar farms	6/9/2026 12:04 PM
40	Solar power	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
41	Over a acre of land to build new house	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
42	Distribution centers	6/6/2026 8:38 PM
43	Stores/shopping, unless using an already empty building	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
44	Data center	6/6/2026 12:07 PM
45	solar farms	6/6/2026 8:42 AM
46	Large industrial complexes or warehouses.	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
47	Solar farms	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
48	no marijuana dispensaries	6/5/2026 8:09 AM
49	Wind	6/5/2026 7:04 AM
50	Large solar on farmland	6/4/2026 8:37 PM

51	Solar fields	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
52	Anything that encourages people to be lazy and strive for a better life	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
53	Windmills	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
54	Low income housing	6/4/2026 2:10 PM
55	The water is terrible. You can't drink it!!!	6/4/2026 10:13 AM
56	NO MORE SOLAR	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
57	Future approvals of housing developments.	6/4/2026 8:42 AM
58	Drivable Street access, easier access to downtown park	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
59	Multi family duplexes	6/3/2026 10:25 PM
60	apartments	6/3/2026 10:03 PM
61	Storage sheds	6/3/2026 10:02 PM
62	Solar farms	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
63	Low income housing	6/3/2026 8:19 PM
64	Data centers	6/3/2026 8:04 PM
65	Wind	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
66	Data centers	6/3/2026 7:52 PM
67	Large warehouses	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
68	Parking lots	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
69	Solar farms	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
70	No more solar farms	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
71	Less low incoming housing. We should be trying to attract people with money with higher end attractants	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
72	Cannibas farms and businesses	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
73	Wind mills	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
74	No more housing complexes	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
75	Solar farms	6/3/2026 3:08 PM
76	solar fields	6/3/2026 12:18 PM
77	Anything associated with solar	3/23/2026 12:43 PM
78	data centers	3/4/2026 1:19 PM
79	Stricter Noise regulation for unwanted, loud, music or unpleasant sound that can disrupt neighborhood peace, concentration, cause stress.	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
80	discourage large scale farms	12/2/2025 11:55 AM
81	Additional housing	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
82	Other Than Single Family Homes in Residential Districts	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
83	Housing developments	11/2/2025 1:06 PM
84	low income housing	11/2/2025 10:07 AM
85	Large box buildings like distribution center. Reuse the industrial site in Edson st.	11/2/2025 9:31 AM
86	Slumlord properties	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
87	Townhomes	10/30/2025 11:04 PM

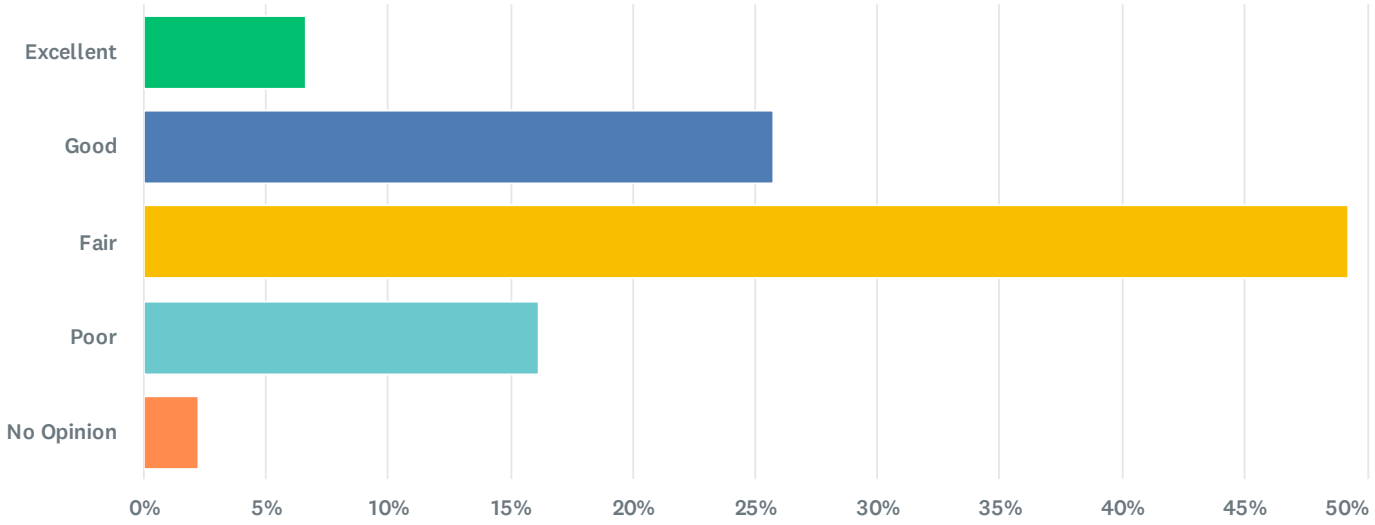
88	apartment complexes	10/30/2025 2:58 PM
89	Strip Malls	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
#	**ITEM 3**	**DATE**
1	Warehouses	8/17/2026 2:16 PM
2	Any business that would use large amounts of ground water.	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
3	Our local environment's health and beauty should be a priority	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
4	Marijuana Farms & Dispensaries	7/2/2026 2:00 PM
5	Development of more commercial areas	6/26/2026 6:34 PM
6	Retail space except for on the Rt 30 corridor	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
7	Solar farms	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
8	Solar	6/22/2026 5:19 PM
9	Landfills	6/22/2026 4:58 PM
10	Dollar General in residential neighborhood	6/22/2026 4:33 PM
11	Landfills	6/22/2026 11:13 AM
12	no in lieu of taxes agreements	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
13	Data centers	6/18/2026 9:41 PM
14	No data processing centers	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
15	Commercial interference with residential character	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
16	Large Parking Lots	6/11/2026 10:34 AM
17	Stacked apartments	6/11/2026 6:29 AM
18	Hazardous chemical usage/storeage sites	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
19	Solar	6/10/2026 4:55 PM
20	Dumps	6/10/2026 10:13 AM
21	Large parking lots	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
22	Battery energy storage	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
23	No business on Maple Ave Ext unless agriculture	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
24	Housing that is using green space-use incentives to encourage the use of empty buildings	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
25	Large paved areas.	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
26	Any large scale development that is just plopped down in the middle of an open area, decimating the character of that entire area	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
27	no land being bought and developed by other countries	6/5/2026 8:09 AM
28	Apartment complexes	6/4/2026 8:37 PM
29	Homeless shelters	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
30	Data center	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
31	Stop removing green spaces	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
32	Solar farms	6/3/2026 10:25 PM
33	Large Vote Trump Signs	6/3/2026 10:02 PM
34	AI	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
35	Battery Energy Storage	6/3/2026 7:58 PM

36	Anything run by NYS	6/3/2026 7:52 PM
37	Battery storage	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
38	Condos	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
39	Solar farms	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
40	No wind farms	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
41	Solar farming	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
42	Low income housing	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
43	No more housing developments	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
44	Ordinance prohibiting the use of Atv"s and moto cross & dirt bikes and tracks and use within residential districts	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
45	Large business - Use empty buildings	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
46	Hotels / Apartments Adjacent to Residential Districts	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
47	cannabis shops	11/2/2025 10:07 AM
48	Large apartment buildings	11/2/2025 9:31 AM
49	Single family homes	10/30/2025 11:04 PM
50	Unnecessary Residential Buildings	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
#	**ITEM 4**	**DATE**
1	Any Heavy Industry that will pollute the environment.	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
2	No development on Rt 30 that negatively impacts homes ie downhill water flow, sewage, and over population	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
3	Landfill and junk yards	7/2/2026 2:00 PM
4	No more Amazon warehouse facilities	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
5	Banks	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
6	Wind power	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
7	no sewers on Maple Ave	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
8	Limit cannibas shops	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
9	Anything that encourages drug use	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
10	Low income housing	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
11	Government funded housing	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
12	Battery	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
13	Chain Restaurants	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
14	Cell tower	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
15	Solarfarms	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
16	Any more banks	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
17	A 10:00 p.m. curfew throughout the entire town.	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
18	Prohibit the sale of legal marijuana, pornography etc. within all districts except the M-1 manufacturing district	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
19	Cannabis and Smoke Shops (Finding This Litter in Residential Districts)	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
20	Chain Stores/Restaurants	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
#	**ITEM 5**	**DATE**

1	No ICE facilities	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
2	Battery manufacturer/disposal recycling	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
3	Urbanization	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
4	General Warehousing and Storage	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
5	Storage units	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
6	Solar farms	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
7	Solar farming should be discouraged	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
8	Overpopulation should always be discouraged	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
9	Prohibit short-term house, use rentals like Airbnb, Vrbo, Booking.com, HomeToGo, etc. within all districts except R-2 Residential	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
10	"Green" Energy Generation and Storage	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
11	Fast, cheap housing units	10/30/2025 2:22 PM

Q14 136 responses

How would you rate local economic conditions in Amsterdam?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Excellent	6.62%	9
Good	25.74%	35
Fair	49.26%	67
Poor	16.18%	22
No Opinion	2.21%	3
Total		**136**

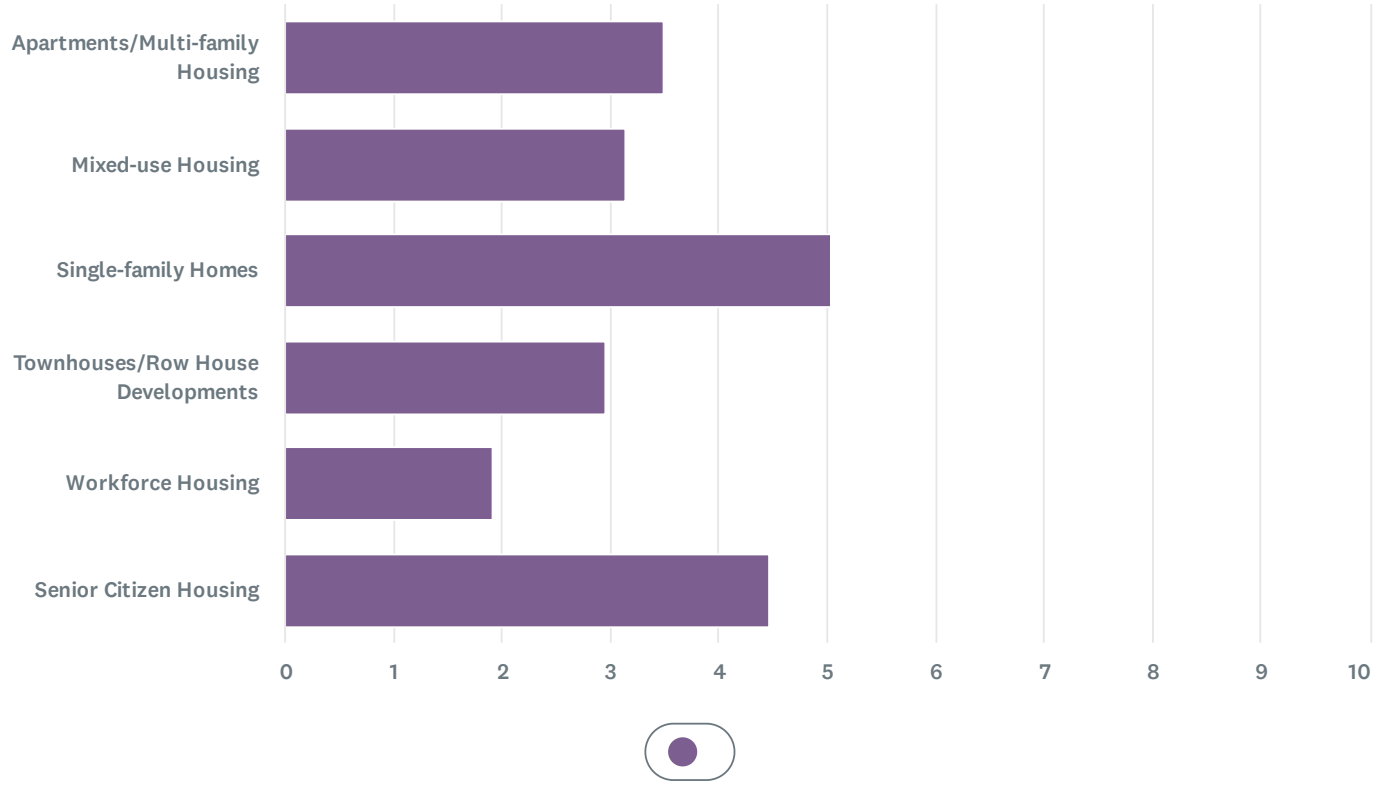
#	PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER SELECTION	DATE
1	I find most of what I need locally	8/2/2026 6:45 PM
2	Mostly retail jobs available-low salary	7/27/2026 9:43 PM
3	More affordable living here than in most of the Capital District. Working wages could always be a little higher.	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
4	I can't explain but we have a lot of very needy individuals in our area. I don't know how to "fix" it but for that reason I selected fair on the economy.	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
5	Route 30 is thriving but local stores seem to struggle.	7/10/2026 10:36 AM
6	Our biggest employer is a hospital, there is so much blight it's upsetting. There are children in our community who are hungry..not good	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
7	New housing options being built are a plus.	7/2/2026 10:16 PM

8	Higher Prices	7/2/2026 3:20 PM
9	Targe, Dollar General, and Amazon along with other have helped increase our economic development	7/2/2026 1:49 PM
10	No one seems to be having a problem with shopping, or housing that they need. This goes for most people.	6/26/2026 7:02 PM
11	Too many low income. Need more solid middle class and up	6/26/2026 6:34 PM
12	We need higher paying jobs like a Regeneron so people who work here can afford to buy and fix up homes.	6/25/2026 6:36 PM
13	The economic conditions in the entire country are very poor. The town is not exempt from the inflation. Prices for Gas, groceries, taxes, clothing have all risen sharply in the past year.	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
14	I am a senior and I think there are not enough public places to use for teen and senior drop in centers.	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
15	There are decent jobs available	6/23/2026 11:51 AM
16	just look around	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
17	Better than the city of Amsterdam but less than some of those of the surrounding Capital Region communities	6/18/2026 9:14 AM
18	Housing in the Town of Amsterdam is reasonable. Apartment and condo pricing ranks very high for many.	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
19	Enough goods and services locally but too much housing growth degrading traffic and the community	6/11/2026 6:29 AM
20	Essential sales are good but we need a ship builder/ airplanes	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
21	I'm not exactly sure how you define local economic conditions, but I answered "good" because things are affordable for me living here.	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
22	Considering the current US economy, this area is good.	6/9/2026 3:09 PM
23	The best thing about the Town is that there is no town tax. Never change that. Taxation is theft.	6/9/2026 12:04 PM
24	Lack of quality jobs.	6/8/2026 4:40 PM
25	The distribution centers certainly help with jobs, but the overall economy of the area has been depressing.	6/8/2026 1:05 PM
26	It is obvious that there are people and organizations trying their best for the town, but with the relative lack of jobs that pay (actual) living wages, it is clear that there are people struggling more than is necessary	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
27	Seems to be better than others areas	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
28	I've definitely seen an upswing since we moved her 15 years ago. I hope we can keep going in that direction.	6/6/2026 8:38 PM
29	Stores are busy on Rt 30, but downtown is empty. Prices for everything keeps going up but pay is not. There are people who have the means to spend, but a majority do not.	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
30	Housing is costly. wages stagnating	6/6/2026 8:42 AM
31	Not enough higher paying jobs.	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
32	there are no industries here	6/5/2026 8:09 AM
33	City looks run down	6/4/2026 9:11 PM
34	Its better than it was but we have a long way to go to get Amsterdam back to its former glory. Too many banks, we need more big stores here. I think it'll help the economy and give a lot of people the opportunity to be employed.	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
35	No one works here. We live in the town and commute. Low pay warehouse work will not vitalize the area.	6/4/2026 6:10 PM

36	Room for improvement	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
37	Mostly looks old and Abandoned and dwellings slum like	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
38	The town is ok, the city is struggling	6/3/2026 10:25 PM
39	i think the town does well, the city not so much	6/3/2026 10:03 PM
40	There are no homeless living in our streets so economy is doing ok but always room for improvement	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
41	They are few business to bring in new jobs	6/3/2026 8:19 PM
42	The current local economic conditions in Amsterdam do not appear to encourage development or provide solutions to meet the community's needs.	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
43	Need to travel to make a living wage	6/3/2026 7:52 PM
44	We need higher paying jobs. Attract more specialized industries.	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
45	No good paying jobs or careers	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
46	Plenty of places to work and shop. Encourage small businesses owners with tax incentives.	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
47	We live in an area that has a a very high low income rate. Higher than the state average. We need to figure out how to decrease that and attract more working class people.	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
48	We need some places to bring people to Amsterdam, like a Costco's. Maybe a outlet shopping area, like on Exit 16 towards NY	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
49	Could be improved	6/3/2026 5:35 PM
50	Expensive school taxes, but fair overall.	6/3/2026 5:04 PM
51	The city and town of Amsterdam should both do more to encourage business and industry.	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
52	we need to try to bring in better paying jobs.	6/3/2026 12:18 PM
53	A mix of trades, retail and professionals.	12/2/2025 11:55 AM
54	I do not see it its a wealthy community	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
55	Low tax base means less money for schools, libraries, and other public services.	11/3/2025 12:40 PM
56	No Town Tax and Steady Budgeting.	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
57	I think that there are parts of it that are doing well but others that are struggling	11/2/2025 1:06 PM
58	It would be nice if there were better tech jobs, but those come at a cost to the environment. Want proof? The city of Amsterdam! Keep it clean!	11/2/2025 9:31 AM
59	Sales tax income seems to be good from retail businesses.	11/2/2025 9:09 AM
60	Many low income families. Too many social programs allowing people to be supported without working	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
61	Not many new businesses survive	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
62	Town has a good economic condition, but the city continues to struggle.	10/30/2025 11:04 PM
63	With it being centrally located you can travel more to make more money at a job	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
64	Many do not receive a living wage	10/30/2025 2:33 PM
65	Many residents are mid-low income.	10/30/2025 2:22 PM

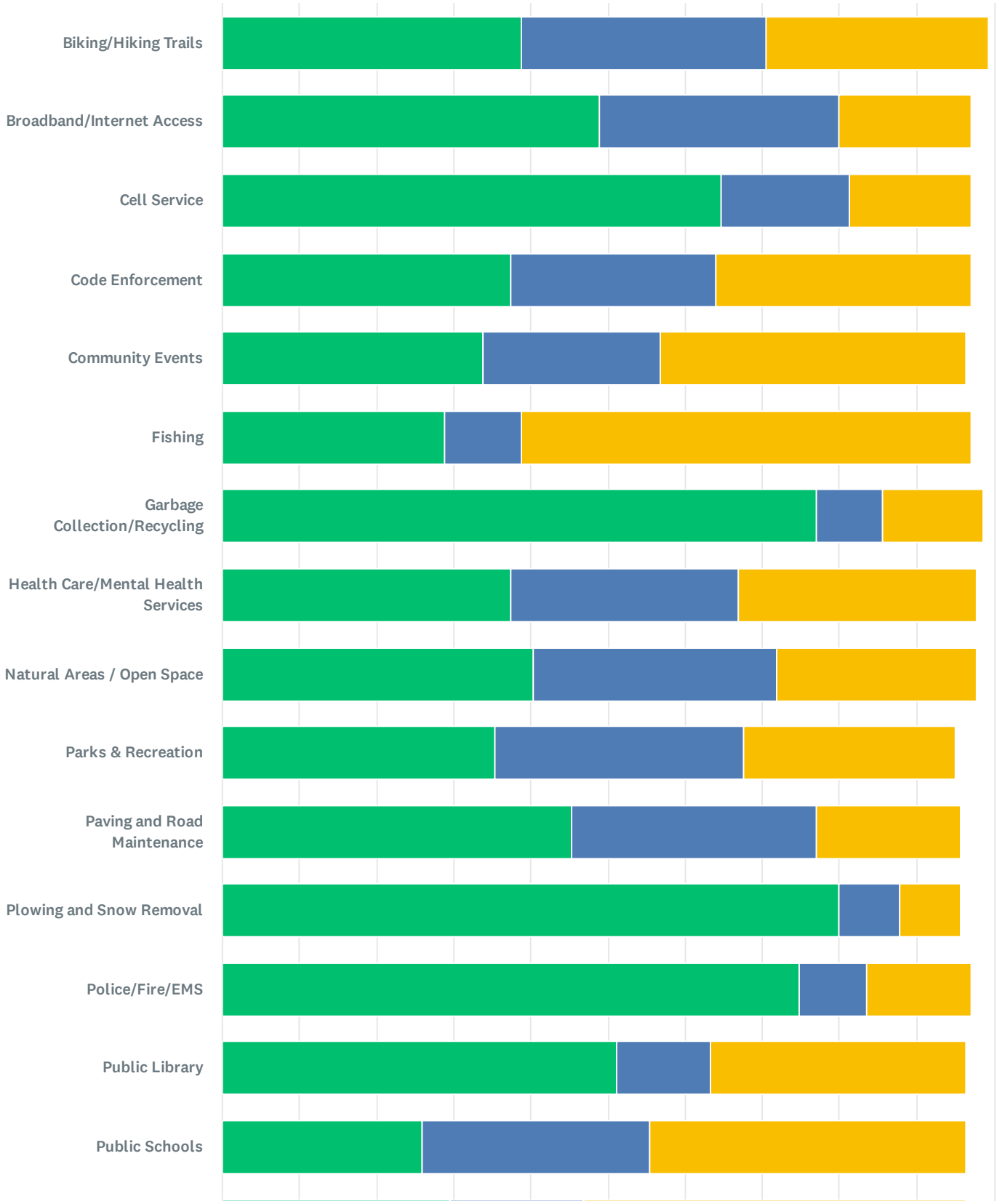
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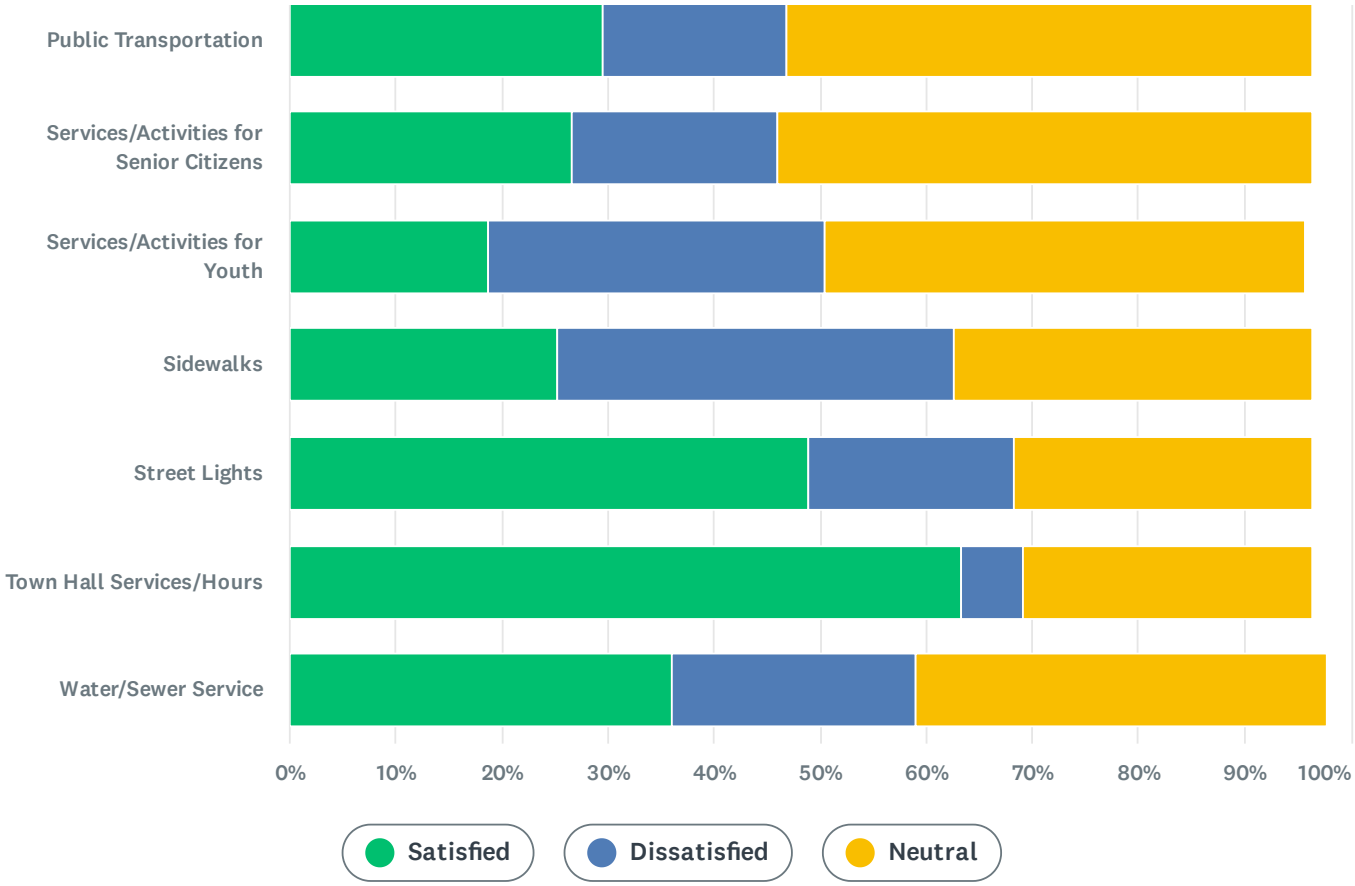
Please rank the following types of housing needs in the Town of Amsterdam, with 1 being the type most in need and 6 being the least in need.



Q16 139 responses

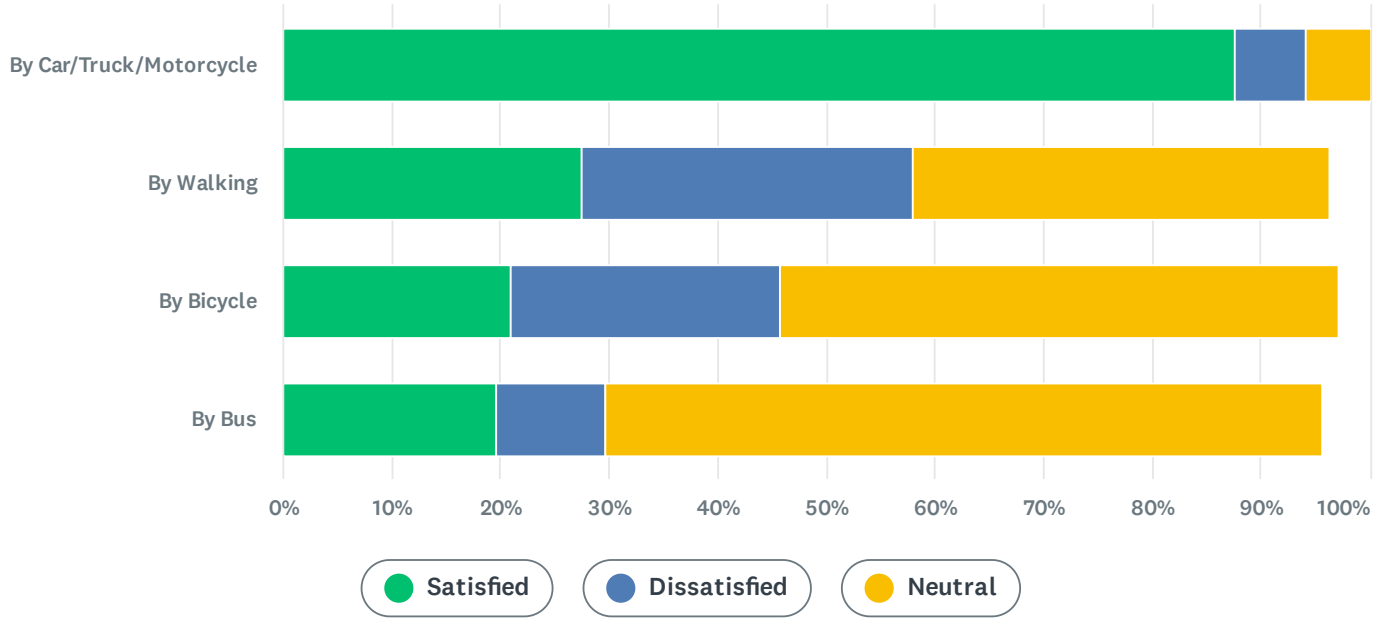
Please rate Amsterdam's public services/facilities based on your assessment of the current level of service.




Public Transportation
Services/Activities for Senior Citizens
Services/Activities for Youth
Sidewalks
Street Lights
Town Hall Services/Hours
Water/Sewer Service
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
Satisfied
Dissatisfied
Neutral

Q17 138 responses

On most days, how satisfied are you with ease of travel in the Town of Amsterdam?



Q18 Imagine that the Town of Amsterdam received a $1 million dollar grant to support activities that will help improve community amenities. How would you spend these funds?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 23

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	????I really don't know	8/2/2026 6:45 PM
2	Allow enough solar/battery development to meet town electrical needs. Create five more nature preserves.	7/30/2026 1:33 PM
3	Parkland/playgrounds	7/27/2026 9:43 PM
4	Add a community Center to the Town Building to deliver more educational and recreational programing to youth, adults and Seniors. A place to provide "a sense of community."	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
5	Unsure. Perhaps a study on easing the traffic issues on Rt. 30 Corridor.	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
6	I would buy a vulnerable piece of property whether it be forested land, wetlands, ect and protect it while keeping it open for public use such as trails.	7/10/2026 10:36 AM
7	Community garden, teach our children how to grow food, eat healthy fruit and vegetables that they grew Then as an extension..open a cooking training kitchen..ask our local healthcare folks to participate in teaching good eating This is some of the intellectual stimulation i was suggesting..we have master gardeners among us...some are Seniors..get them involved	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
8	?	7/2/2026 10:16 PM
9	Cut down dead trees along roads - dangerous to motorists and improve visibility at corners	7/2/2026 2:00 PM
10	Fire Depts, EMS	7/2/2026 1:49 PM
11	Fire Depts. EMS	7/2/2026 1:39 PM
12	On parks and recreation	6/30/2026 1:36 PM
13	Community center, something for the kids to do	6/26/2026 7:02 PM
14	More police presence and paid fireman	6/26/2026 6:34 PM
15	Put in sidewalks on Miami Avenue. Get rid of blight and abandoned buildings across from historic St. Mary’s church on the East end and up Market Hill.	6/25/2026 6:36 PM
16	Develop a playground, park in the town.	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
17	more Public parks/senior /teen drop in centers.	6/23/2026 12:04 PM
18	Teach Civics, Patriotism, encourage youth to participate in government. Neighborhood gardens. Youth education support and activities	6/23/2026 11:51 AM
19	Keeping grass & brush cut back on roads. Give money to Hagaman Firehouse, if possible, for updating equipment	6/22/2026 4:58 PM
20	Add natural.gas.lines	6/22/2026 4:33 PM
21	road program	6/22/2026 4:19 PM
22	A satellite town hall facility on the opposite side of town to make it easy for people.	6/22/2026 4:07 PM
23	more police and law enforcement	6/22/2026 2:28 PM
24	Municipal water	6/22/2026 12:09 PM
25	Examine ways to make walking and bicycling instead of motor vehicle use safer	6/22/2026 11:13 AM

26	Open area for events and walking path	6/20/2026 7:05 PM
27	LOWER TAXES	6/20/2026 6:40 PM
28	I think we should use it to improve the water and sewer infrastructure in the town. I don't know that it's been improved in years.	6/20/2026 7:51 AM
29	anything that helps increase population	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
30	Pave the path at the municipal golf course and I will become a life time member.	6/18/2026 11:20 PM
31	Economic development.	6/18/2026 9:14 AM
32	It would be great to see money go towards: Affordable housing for senior citizens Parks and programs for youth Sidewalks and walkways on side roads off rt. 30 Conservation efforts for parcels of open land, perhaps allowing neighboring homeowners to have the option to purchase with the intent of conservation.	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
33	Create one central hub location for the community to unite all the sub-town jurisdictions - Tribes Hill, Fort Johnson, etc	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
34	Increase transportation from the town to the city of Amsterdam.	6/12/2026 6:01 PM
35	Services for our youth	6/12/2026 8:39 AM
36	Towards a town community hall to hold events to bring community members together.	6/11/2026 5:59 PM
37	Fix roads. Expand sewer ND water	6/11/2026 5:47 PM
38	I would love to see more outdoor things to do. As previously stated something like wolf hollow brewery, parks/playgrounds, large farmers markets like Troy and Schenectady have, more hiking/nature trails, a public boat launch with a recreation area in the town.	6/11/2026 12:14 PM
39	Get the youth involved in activities. Summer jobs	6/11/2026 12:08 PM
40	Protected bike paths, parks, and fixing issues with the roads (zero visibility on road markings during rain, you need to rely on memory to drive which is dangerous)	6/11/2026 10:34 AM
41	I would use funds to help improve what's already here before creating something else.	6/11/2026 10:19 AM
42	Road maintenance	6/11/2026 6:29 AM
43	More development	6/10/2026 8:21 PM
44	Improvement along Chuctununda and Mohawk river	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
45	Expand water and sewer towards Hagaman and the eastern part of the town to attract more building.	6/10/2026 4:55 PM
46	Maintain the parks, the murals are beautiful maybe more of those, community neighborhood groups, community gardens, use the green thumb program to get seniors involved and connected	6/10/2026 10:13 AM
47	I would like to see the commercial stretch of Route 30 north of Maple Ave cleaned up. It looks run down, dated, and kind of sad. I would like to see more solar development and have the town become a climate smart community. I would like there to be a designated town center with a public space to hold events like concerts, movies in the park, picnics, celebrations.	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
48	Lights at the Hagaman baseball field and pave the parking lot. Dredge the hagaman pond and make it usable for ice skating Fix the baseball field in Fort Johnson for use for kids leagues and adult softball the rest of the money should be used to demolish any foreclosed and abandoned properties that are beyond saving	6/9/2026 12:04 PM
49	Upgrading schools	6/8/2026 4:40 PM
50	I know it would cost more and I don't completely know what the logistics of it would be, but I would love a separate school district from Amsterdam (city). In the same vein, perhaps localized libraries or recreational amenities. The parking at Amsterdam library is terrible, so we usually go to Galway library. It would be nice if Hagaman had something.	6/8/2026 1:05 PM
51	With a $1 million grant, I would prioritize high-impact community amenities with lasting recreational and economic value. Specifically, I would allocate $600,000 to develop	6/8/2026 9:14 AM

	interconnected, multi-use biking and walking trails, $300,000 for a modern, universally accessible neighborhood park, and $100,000 toward a downtown wayfinding and local business support fund.	
52	Infrastructure for non-car transportation (walking, cycling, etc.), or protection and development of natural areas.	6/7/2026 7:13 PM
53	Preserving open spaces	6/7/2026 6:22 PM
54	More walking trails, dog park, festivals	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
55	Focus on projects that impact residents of all types and that are highly visible and well advertised. Investment in a space for farmers markets. Inclusive playground and splash pad that could be a draw for locals and out-of-towners. It should include a place for kids to ride bikes or scooters and have public restrooms and kitchen facilities, so people can host events. Expand free Wi-Fi to outdoor spaces, so locals can enjoy nature and still be connected.	6/6/2026 8:38 PM
56	I would think about how Amsterdam looks to first time visitors. Coming from Exit 27 of Thruway, not so bad- pass downtown quick on Rt. 30. Coming from the west of Rt 5, again starts well with Fort Johnson and the hospital area, then downtown is a deterrent. Coming in from the east on Rt 5 is discouraging. If one can, people take Truax Rd to entirely skip the downtown or even the Chapman Drive/Widow Susan Rd. to avoid downtown to get to the Rt 30 corridor. The seasonal decorations, plants/lights, etc. have been a good improvement. I wonder if there might be incentives to encourage an owner/landlord to take appropriate care of their property. I imagine those people who are trying to do just that, end up very discouraged by the people who don't. Same as with the lax code enforcement in the country setting. Crime reports tend to be scary and another deterrent. A million won't go far in today's economy but offering incentives as a reason to invest in one's property and/or a reason to invest in this area may help to stretch that money. Can the empty warehouses be renovated to support a new business? Can the mall hold FMCC classes? The struggle to recruit manufacturing companies is incredibly difficult for other areas across the country too. Turn downtown into a bedroom community for those who work in the Albany/surrounding areas and can't afford to live there. Make more use of the waterfront areas. Continue to get a handle on the crime and use the team of people already working to best utilize marketing ideas- visit small cities elsewhere where ideas are coming together with positive outcomes.	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
57	No comment	6/6/2026 8:42 AM
58	Improve school district image. Support youth/senior activities.	6/5/2026 3:01 PM
59	1. Youth centers to help young people improve their lives and give them chances to finish school, be productive, stay off drugs and violent behavior. 2. Build more parks, recreation facilities for all the population. 3. Improve senior citizen facilities.	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
60	build the waterfront like Buffalo did	6/5/2026 8:09 AM
61	Road improvements or supporting local parks.	6/5/2026 7:04 AM
62	Community center. Gas and utilities improvements and getting them to areas that would benefit from natural gas	6/4/2026 9:11 PM
63	Improve walking and biking safety- slow down drivers. Increase sheriff patrols and signage - make it safe for everyone to engage in activities even if they want to walk or bike to them	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
64	I would make it safer for everyone, give public water and sewer to the "forgotten mile" by Harrower and more places and things to do with our families	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
65	Green space, swap meets on	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
66	New Park	6/4/2026 5:51 PM
67	Library programs for both young and old.	6/4/2026 4:03 PM
68	Traffic control with emphasis on speed limit.	6/4/2026 10:13 AM
69	more eateries, parks, recreation	6/4/2026 9:29 AM
70	Cransville needs a park. Sidewalks..esp by the high school and going up town. Hagaman also needs more sidewalks. Get rid of lights....round abouts all the way!	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
71	Working with the county to improve the quality of the roads. The white lines should not be	6/4/2026 8:42 AM

	painted on dirt and broken pavement. The shoulder of many roads are none existent.	
72	Re-pupose or demolish abandon properties	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
73	Park with seating for community gatherings	6/4/2026 4:40 AM
74	Build a rec center, pave roads in terrible shape	6/3/2026 10:25 PM
75	pave country ridge and bendick corners rd	6/3/2026 10:03 PM
76	More youth programming, bringing in businesses and redoing parts of the city that have fallen down and are dilapidated.	6/3/2026 10:02 PM
77	Million dollars don't get you far so flags , landscaping and fireworks	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
78	Buying and tearing down vacant rundown houses	6/3/2026 8:19 PM
79	I would spend these funds to create a community recreational center where events such as concerts, farmer's markets, or festivals could be held. I would also set up community education and volunteer events that encourage sustainability, being outdoors in nature, and learning about the history of the area in order to create connection and build engagement.	6/3/2026 7:58 PM
80	Lower my taxes	6/3/2026 7:52 PM
81	Make it safer for bicyclists and e-bike riders. Also need more fast chargers for people visiting our area. I know people don’t like it , the world will eventually move towards electric power.	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
82	Sewer systems on morrow Rd	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
83	Broadband for areas in Town of Amsterdam! Been here 53 years still no broadband on route 67 from Mannys corner to Crains hollow	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
84	Fix the corner of Clizbe and Rt 67. We need a traffic light there. Recent so called improvements aren’t effective. Sometimes dangerous to cross over rt 67	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
85	Use the funds to attract more working class people that improve the areas making it more desirable to the working class	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
86	Christian youth centers. mandatory drugs & alcohol programs.	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
87	Improve senior services, improve daycare for children and pets, have a couple of shelters for weather conditions. Have events for kids so they have stuff to do and stay out of trouble.	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
88	More community events. 250 year fireworks celebration for July 4th…	6/3/2026 5:35 PM
89	Sports fields and a park for community use	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
90	Lower everyone’s taxes.	6/3/2026 5:04 PM
91	Spend them to lower taxes.	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
92	youth sport facilities	6/3/2026 4:15 PM
93	I think that amount of money would best address needs of the local citizens. Recreation, parks, etc.	6/3/2026 4:11 PM
94	senior center.nice park for everyone to enjoy.	6/3/2026 12:18 PM
95	put term limits on the Town supervisor	3/23/2026 2:07 PM
96	The downtown area needs a thorough revamp. Make the area more appealing to the 25-34 crowd. You clearly have an issue maintaining Females of that age category to the area. (Coming from a male). They either find it unattractive or unsafe. Invest in the future of this town. Your tax base will collapse as the older groups age out. You need to become self aware of the reality of age and time. Our advantage in this city is proximity to high volume work areas. Stop focusing on gaining the elder vote. It is fairly clear that is what is trying to be appeased here. We need more events - think soup fest type. Walk-ability is a massive concern around this area as well. Events + a more attractive downtown, will draw in small businesses that will actually stay. Once the success comes from that, more of the aforementioned demographic will want to be in the area, creating the need for higher income apartment development. It will draw in more citizens with bachelor degrees. This is the way to go. Public school system will be next, as a means to keep the then young families in the area. All of this	2/23/2026 4:32 PM

	is possible. We have a waterfront area near by all of the locations mentioned that would also become a hot spot. Please take this advice and begin to move on from the past. Age, time, and reality need to be at the forefront of your decision making.	
97	A new Town Hall	12/23/2025 1:04 PM
98	Increase road patrols, policing and officers salaries.	12/2/2025 11:55 AM
99	Clean up existing Housing	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
100	Multifunction venue for indoor sports	11/11/2025 10:06 AM
101	Fix the roads.	11/4/2025 9:53 AM
102	Install sewer on Midline Rd	11/3/2025 7:46 PM
103	Clean up trash along road sides and upgrade curbing/shoulders. Create a continuous Montgomery County Sheriff presence (satellite post, possibly at the Fort Johnson Fire Station #2) to maintain orderly conduct, zoning enforcement, and late night patrols.	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
104	More fun community programs, sidewalk installation	11/2/2025 1:06 PM
105	Seniors	11/2/2025 10:07 AM
106	A bike path along the chuctanunga creek where the old trolly line used to to be. A rec center. Dam up harrower pond and create a park. Rebuild the building that was there and develop a creekside restaurant or brewery. Encourage food based manufacturing businesses that support the local farms like a creamery, cheese plant, bread/baked goods, herbals, organic foods! This valley could be a food hub for organic foods. Call it Mohawk Valley Organic. Promote textiles like wool and linen. This area could be great again like it was in the early 1900’s before the democrats destroyed the state with their high taxes and fees!	11/2/2025 9:31 AM
107	Transportation for seniors -and handicapped- to social events- supermarkets- church- medical appointments. Bus drops on rt 30. Can’t walk from there to shop. Also more family centered events.	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
108	New train station	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
109	Sidewalks, widen county highways connecting to rt 30 to make it safer	10/30/2025 11:04 PM
110	A community rec center? Or maybe a town ambulance service subsidized by the state. We have a growing elderly population and ambulances at times are hard to come by.	10/30/2025 8:47 PM
111	Fire department	10/30/2025 3:53 PM
112	Good question in which I know a million dollars isn't much these days but if it could maybe be split up a little bit to all different things,it's better to help all in the town things that we have already.I dont have an exact idea or thing in mind.	10/30/2025 3:04 PM
113	improvements for street maintenance	10/30/2025 2:58 PM
114	On safety	10/30/2025 2:33 PM
115	Provide more sidewalks on side roads, especially along the rt 30 corridor. Provide more walking spaces, in general. Provide a youth center and more activities for seniors.	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
116	Build a hotel	10/30/2025 1:07 PM

Q19 Do you have any other feedback or information you would like to share?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 51

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/2/2026 6:45 PM
2	The Town is financially fortunate to have the Rte 30 commercial corridor. Let's spend the money on sustainability.	7/30/2026 1:33 PM
3	No	7/27/2026 9:43 PM
4	Thank you very much for the opportunity to allow residential input to this study.	7/16/2026 2:16 PM
5	Not at this time. I think I've said enough. Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.	7/12/2026 8:38 AM
6	I'm concerned we aren't being listened to. The Town Planning board asks us our opinions and input and then do what they want. ie Log City Rd development..an eyesore that tells its own story by just looking at it.....suggesting that single family zoned properties should be re-zoned for duplex housing without concerns for the homes that will impacted Do they all live in our Town? Did or do their children attend GASD? I think no The CEO of St Mary's wouldn't live in Amsterdam when the job was offered to him, he lives in Saratoga. The developers who propose building here, don't live here. Why would they care? No skin in the game This is a big concern..are our "best" interests part of the decisions? Probably not	7/9/2026 8:18 AM
7	No	7/2/2026 10:16 PM
8	Avoid allowing solar on open land! use rooftops of homes or businesses (I have solar on my house). Make the woods on Maple Avenue Ext. a park with walking trails - minimal clearing - no motorized vehicles (including bikes w assist) Walk, Bike, Horseback, X-country skiing. Regarding Question 15: Fix existing homes/bldgs to be livable without building more on open lands. Regarding question #16 - All street lights should cast downward to migration and night darkness	7/2/2026 3:20 PM
9	Morrow Rd. on to Rt. 67 shoulder that runs close to creek is dangerous. Other places on the road too.	7/2/2026 2:00 PM
10	In respect to question 16: Need more community events, Need more support for Police, Fire Dept., EMS, Need to expand Water/Sewer	7/2/2026 1:49 PM
11	Pertaining to question 16. Feel more support is needed for Police/Fire/EMS; Expand Water/Sewer to other areas	7/2/2026 1:39 PM
12	Not happy with development on Log City Road	7/2/2026 1:31 PM
13	No	6/30/2026 1:36 PM
14	Keep Rt 30 as the commercial corridor. Maintain r1 as single family Encourage more upscale housing	6/26/2026 6:34 PM
15	I would like the town to have some character of its own, not just the city of Amsterdam. It would be nice to have a park here with trails.	6/26/2026 10:50 AM
16	Maintain the rural nature of the town of Amsterdam. Beautify it has much as possible.	6/25/2026 6:36 PM
17	This was very confusing. I could not tell if the questions were specific for the town or included the City. While the town depends on city service, the best thing about living in the town is not being in the city. Development of any kind of housing will saturate the area. That will cause an increase in traffic, school buses, kids on the streets, fights, crime. The town is a very comfortable, safe environment. Don’t bring in more.	6/23/2026 6:32 PM
18	No	6/23/2026 12:04 PM

19	Apartment complexes don't mix well with the area. Single family homes are nice	6/22/2026 4:19 PM
20	It sounds like officials want to make us more like Saratoga or Albany which would price people out of their homes that have been passed down by generation. Also, it would be nice to make it so when buying land it has to be a minimum of 3 acres to allow space for people to still feel they are in a rural environment. We are unique that we have the rural feel but are close to all the amenities. We are Saratoga or Albany and if people want to live like that they should move there.	6/22/2026 4:07 PM
21	No	6/20/2026 7:05 PM
22	NO	6/20/2026 6:40 PM
23	no	6/19/2026 10:54 AM
24	To me, the muni is the jewel of Amsterdam. The proximity to the river, lake, Saratoga, Albany, Boston and NyC are bonuses in that order.	6/18/2026 11:20 PM
25	No	6/18/2026 9:14 AM
26	We love living here. The draw for us was the balance of a rural feel with the convenience of necessities close by. We understand progress is inevitable but feel heartbroken and powerless to see that almost every bit of available land is being sold off for expensive housing that is poorly built. All for the sake of progress. That hometown feel we love seems to be slipping away. I would suggest physically polling certain neighborhoods again to see where they stand on certain developments. Thank you.	6/14/2026 11:51 PM
27	This survey asks questions for services the Town doesn't have, for example: satisfied with Library. Thank you, Appreciate your sending out a survey request!	6/13/2026 7:23 AM
28	Apartment buildings, townhouses, multi-family housing, row housing, etc. do not fit the character of a neighborhood of single family homes. These types of dwellings in the midst of a neighborhood of single family homes would increase the population dramatically, increase the vehicular and foot traffic, as well as the noise level. The entire character of the neighborhood would be changed. These types of housing units would be better suited in an area such as the land proposed for the development on the corner of Maple Avenue and Midline Road, where there is open space.	6/11/2026 5:59 PM
29	Can we get in-ground road reflectors or better lighting in route 30, approximately auto zone to amsterdam diner? During rain, it's quite literally impossible to see lane lines and road markings while driving. I use these roads often so I can guesstimate the location of these, but it's VERY dangerous for out of towners. This is an accident waiting to happen.	6/11/2026 10:34 AM
30	Please, for the love of God, no datacenter.	6/11/2026 10:19 AM
31	No	6/11/2026 6:29 AM
32	Keep Tom DiMezza as supervisor	6/10/2026 8:21 PM
33	1. Our roadside are not for advertising with stick in the ground signs and forget about them. That's pollution. On your own lawn is fine. 2. Truax rd is a very heavily used road. Cranes hollow is not. Why then does Cranes hollow rd have much more right turn lane access than truax rd does? You can't even slow down quick enough to make the turn without disturbing westbound traffic on route 5. 3. Route 67 and Clizbe ave intersection still sucks. And what's with the snake curve in the paint and that light pole that's sticks out there? 4. Let's clear the air on the fire department issue. A plan needs to be implemented. Art Kinowski Had the idea long ago that a town of Amsterdam fire department should be created. But was to difficult to get past all the bent noses. This idea is long overdue.	6/10/2026 8:06 PM
34	Not at this time	6/10/2026 10:13 AM
35	Not at this time. Thank you for distributing this survey! I look forward to providing input for the comprehensive plan update.	6/9/2026 3:47 PM
36	In a state that is constantly looking to infringe on the liberties of its citizens, the Town of Amsterdam is one of last bastions of hope for Free America. The State of New York over taxes everyone and has an engorged state budget that steals from working people to feed its own bureaucracy. The Town is one of the last places in the state where life , liberty, and the pursuit of happiness free from excessive taxation exists. The town reminds me a lot of Rome which stood as the light in an age of darkness, but even Rome couldn't last forever.	6/9/2026 12:04 PM

37	No	6/8/2026 4:40 PM
38	No	6/8/2026 1:05 PM
39	N/A	6/7/2026 6:22 PM
40	No	6/7/2026 9:15 AM
41	Please stop allowing places like Amazon to destroy the beautiful landscape of our valley. The next thing they'll want to do is bring in data centers. You'll sell your souls and destroy our community.	6/6/2026 8:38 PM
42	I would like to see a proactive approach to code enforcement specifically in the suburban/country settings. Properties, absolutely visible from simply driving by, should not look like a junkyard year after year. I absolutely understand that this accumulation of rusted/unusable vehicles & equipment has most likely become overwhelming and they need help. Ignoring it is not the answer for the environment, property values, and does not encourage people who may be looking to move into a neighborhood. I appreciate that this survey was made available, and I really hope everyone fills it out. This is not an easy job to undertake by any means. Thank you!	6/6/2026 12:52 PM
43	No comment	6/6/2026 8:42 AM
44	Overall, I understand that like any municipality, Amsterdam is looking to grow and prosper. However, it is beyond alarming the number of solar farms and in general around the country, the take over of land for data centers that destroys the character of a community. Easy revenue is seductive, but then a town is left forever with the consequences, many of which have not been thought out. Growth is inevitable, but the town needs to focus on reasonable zoning, and encourage growth that DIRECTLY gives opportunities for its residents. Small industrial parks/business parks for example, generate tax revenue AND give many jobs to local residents- people who work in the facility in any sort of way, from top management to cleaning/maintenance staff. This is how to help people in the town.	6/5/2026 8:56 AM
45	Save the green space as much as possible. Don't let solar and wind swallow up anymore of what makes our town unique and special.	6/5/2026 7:04 AM
46	New sewer not paid by homeowners…find a grant that pays for it or reach out to state lawmakers for help paying for this very needed amenity	6/4/2026 9:28 PM
47	None	6/4/2026 9:11 PM
48	Overall very happy with the town.	6/4/2026 8:33 PM
49	No, thank you.	6/4/2026 6:39 PM
50	The town and Montgomery county need to attract real manufacturing and industry. Not rate house jobs that will be replaced by AI in the future. NYS and the county have substantial tax breaks to these companies, that mark my words will replace workers with BOTs as soon as the exceptions expire. We should have a power plant right here on the Mohawk River	6/4/2026 6:10 PM
51	Plow the roads a little more often , has been lacking the last few years. Instead of cutting the grass along Mannys corners every 2 weeks cut other roads more then once a year.	6/4/2026 2:10 PM
52	Please reduce the speed limit on Widow susan	6/4/2026 9:26 AM
53	All my life I have been proud to live in the TOWN of Amsterdam. I have always made it known I do not live in the City of.	6/4/2026 8:42 AM
54	No	6/4/2026 8:08 AM
55	No	6/4/2026 4:40 AM
56	I have concerns of overdevelopment taking place in the area in which I bought my house. I bought in the neighborhood I did because of the privacy, nature, etc. I pay a lot in taxes and the only thing that makes it worthwhile is the ambience of my neighborhood. If that changes, I will be selling and also suing the city/town for the loss in property value that will take place as a result of the overdevelopment.	6/3/2026 10:25 PM
57	n/a	6/3/2026 10:03 PM

58	Would love to see this city thrive again but big changes need to be made and a major cleanup (please feel free to remove Anthony Constantino as well and his weird tight pant white supremacist entry)	6/3/2026 10:02 PM
59	If we wanted to live in Albany, we would live in albany	6/3/2026 8:46 PM
60	NYS in general is a shithole to live in due to taxes and the overall overbearing government We are closing on our house in two weeks and we're out of here. Best of luck	6/3/2026 8:19 PM
61	Thank you!	6/3/2026 7:52 PM
62	This is a beautiful area to live in. Maybe we need to advertise it more.	6/3/2026 7:41 PM
63	Morrow road and hammondtown rd need the pavement cut down and repaved. To many tractor trailers coming thru destroying it. The curvy hill by 300 hammondtown needs to be straightened.	6/3/2026 6:39 PM
64	No	6/3/2026 6:30 PM
65	Please continue No town tax !!	6/3/2026 6:26 PM
66	The town of Amsterdam has done a great job but the city has a lot of improvements to make.	6/3/2026 6:14 PM
67	WE NEED TO PUT GOD FRIST. PSALMS 3:5-6	6/3/2026 6:06 PM
68	Need to bring more business and manufacturing into this area, so people want to live here. Keep working on getting the drugs out of the area,as that attracts people we don't want here.	6/3/2026 5:54 PM
69	I hope Tom DiMezza stays the supervisor forever	6/3/2026 5:18 PM
70	Low taxes Low crime/drugs Freedom Are all most people care about. We are homeschooling because the city schools are so bad. Thats a big loss in family income.	6/3/2026 5:04 PM
71	Keep the town of Amsterdam free of a town tax as long as possible.	6/3/2026 4:16 PM
72	None	6/3/2026 4:11 PM
73	no	6/3/2026 12:18 PM
74	I think that the village of hagaman and the town between hagaman and the city of Amsterdam should merge withe the city of Amsterdam	3/23/2026 2:07 PM
75	Consider lower speed limits on town roads.	12/2/2025 11:55 AM
76	No	11/13/2025 10:45 AM
77	No	11/4/2025 9:53 AM
78	On several of these questions, I don't feel I have enough information to give a useful answer. I only know my own situation and am unable to speak for others	11/3/2025 12:40 PM
79	With increase in mixed industry/commercial development along Route 30, I've had a measureable uptick in addictive trash (used vapes, lithium batteries, needles, liquor bottles, cups/cans, cigarettes, CO2 canisters, naloxone sheets, etc.) along my residential community street. Golf Course is creating density and non-reciprocal impacts (benefiting them, detrimenting us physically and mentally) that nees to be quickly addressed to preserve character and sanity; buffer zones need to be created with rules and limits that are mutual.	11/2/2025 1:51 PM
80	No	11/2/2025 1:06 PM
81	Safety is important. Increased mental health programs. Activities in late afternoon and evenings. The city wide strolls are fantastic!! Soup- wings- st Patrick's etc. promotes a sense of community. Block parties etc. make our area more family friendly and fun for all ages. Winter carnival etc. ice skating races with hot chocolate sledding and skiing. We have hills to block off. Ballston spa does it.	11/1/2025 2:05 PM
82	Please force sticker fool to remove his sign.	10/31/2025 7:54 AM
83	No	10/30/2025 3:53 PM
84	Thank you for letting us participate in this survey at least I feel I'm being invited to give an opinion rather than just being overlooked or felt that we don't matter in our own community.	10/30/2025 3:04 PM

85	The Town Hwy Dept does a great job with their limited amount of resources	10/30/2025 2:58 PM
86	I think in this day and age residents should not be relying on wells .	10/30/2025 2:33 PM
87	I think the housing developments in this area needs to stop. The Town of Amsterdam does not require expensive housing that will only drive up costs for everyone else. The small town charm is what initially brought us here, along with being close to work as well as the abundance of convenience. It has the perfect balance of both worlds.	10/30/2025 2:22 PM
88	No	10/30/2025 1:07 PM