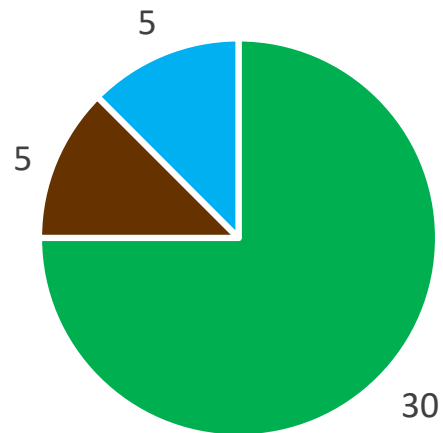


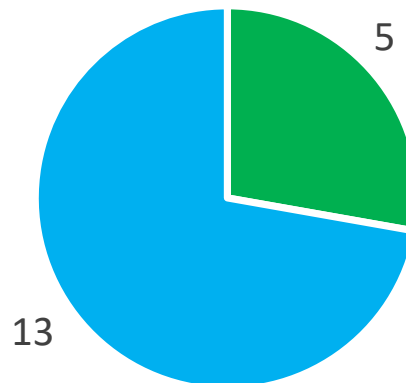
TREE RECOGNITION

Create a Tree Recognition Program?



■ Agree ■ Neutral ■ Disagree

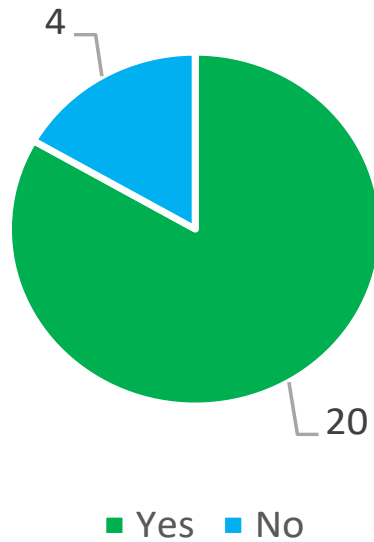
Do you have a tree that could be documented?



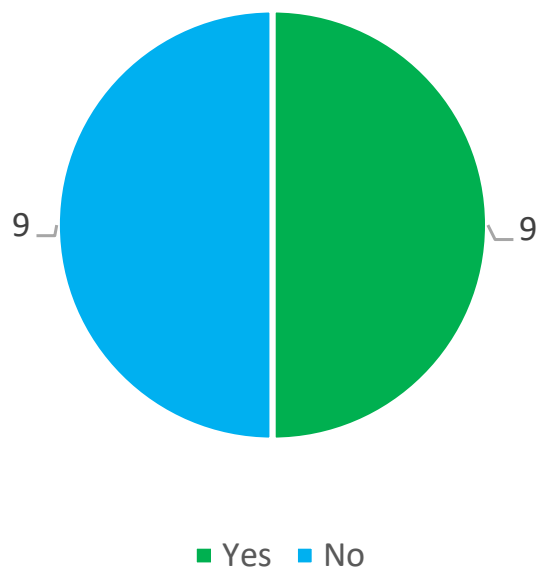
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TREE RECOGNITION

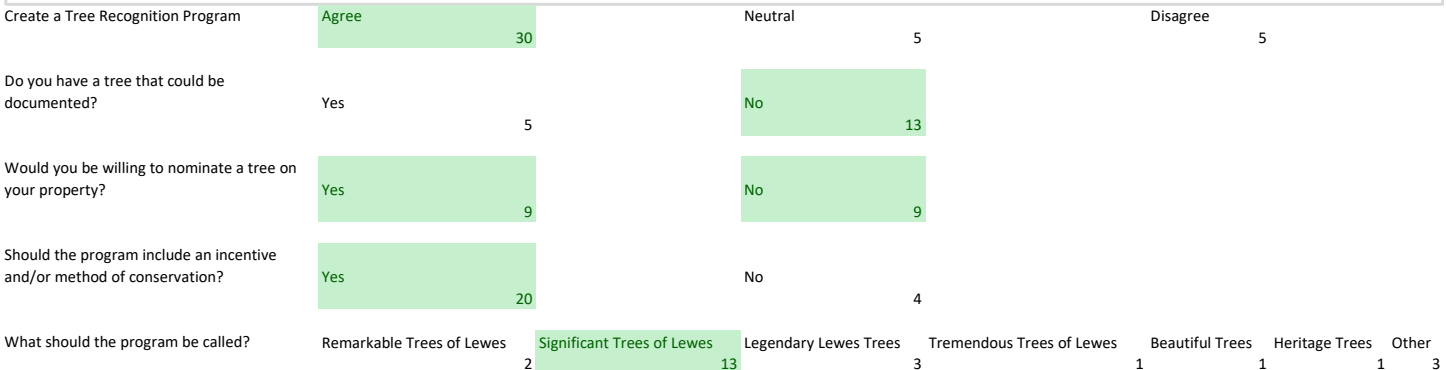
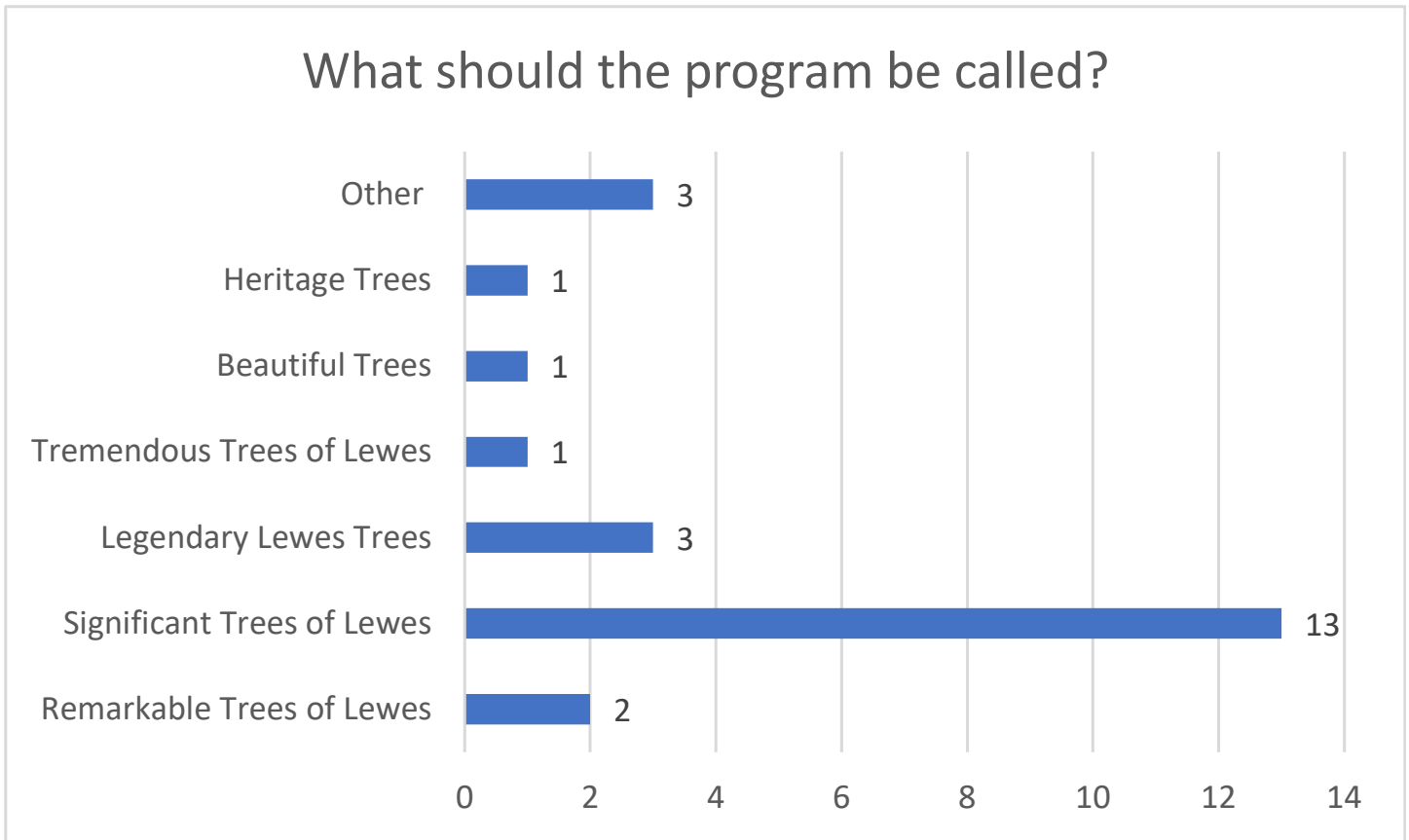
Should the program include an incentive and/or method of conservation?



Would you be willing to nominate a tree on your property?



TREE RECOGNITION



COMMENTS:

Remarkable native trees should get own awards

Native trees of significant value.

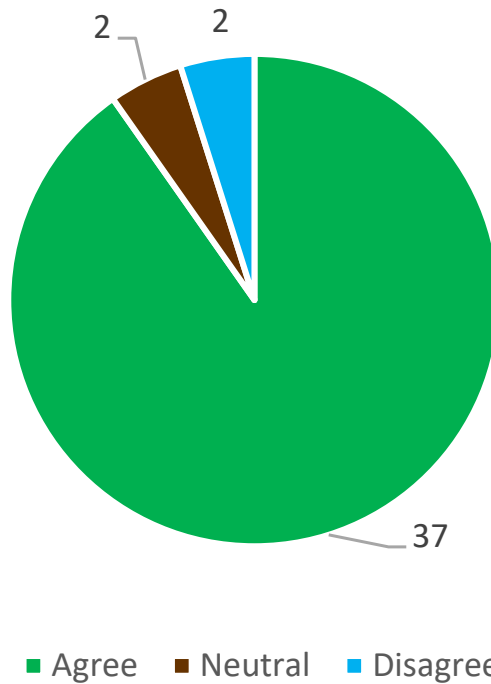
Not sure what "an incentive and/or method of conservation". means exactly, so I answered "No"

Plaque denoting tree importance and history?

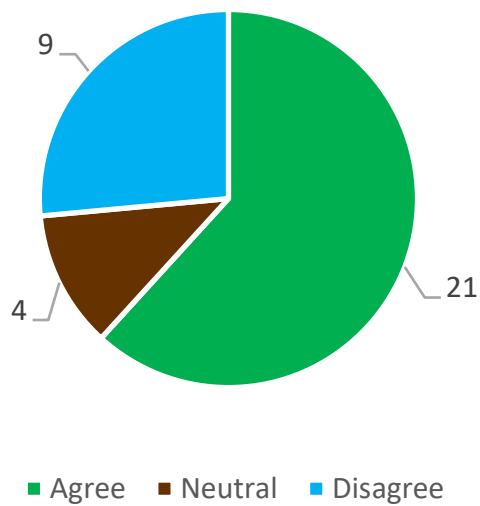
What wildlife is supported by the presence of a given tree?

TREE PLANTING

Planting for New Construction

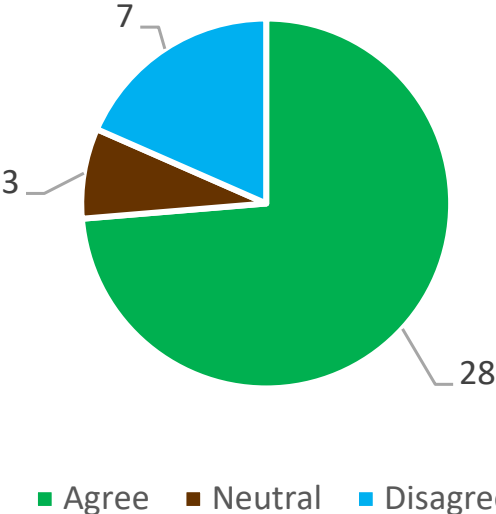


Planting at time of sale of house, if non-conforming



TREE PLANTING

Planting when the structure is being expanded or the impervious surface is increased, if non-conforming



Planting for New Construction	Agree	37	Neutral	2	Disagree	2
Planting at time of sale of house, if non-conforming	Agree	21	Neutral	4	Disagree	9
Planting when the structure is being expanded or the impervious surface is increased, if non-conforming	Agree	28	Neutral	3	Disagree	7

TREE PLANTING

COMMENTS:

Write grants to state and federal agencies to provide community trees for municipal and private space; encourage grouping of tree installs rather than one offs and too distant from one another; establish a neighborhood by neighborhood planting plan for the next five years; increase the tree canopy goal to 45% by 2025.

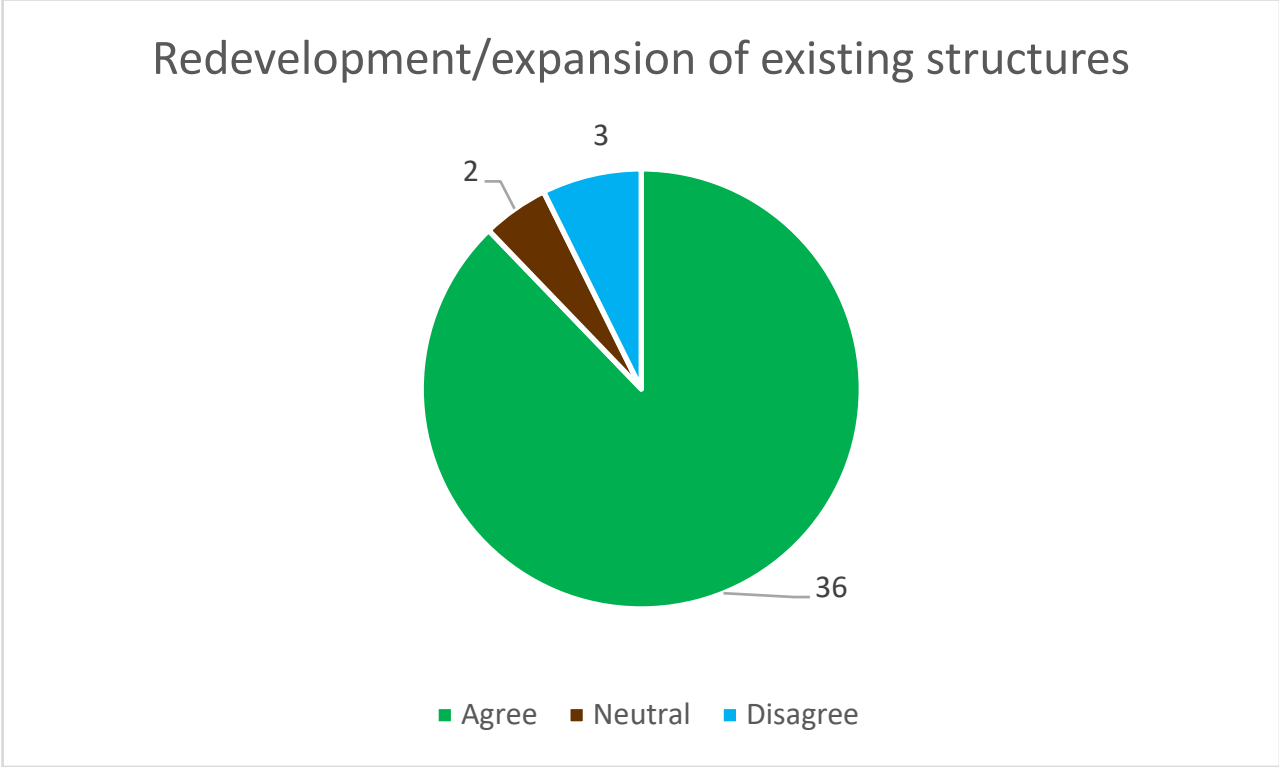
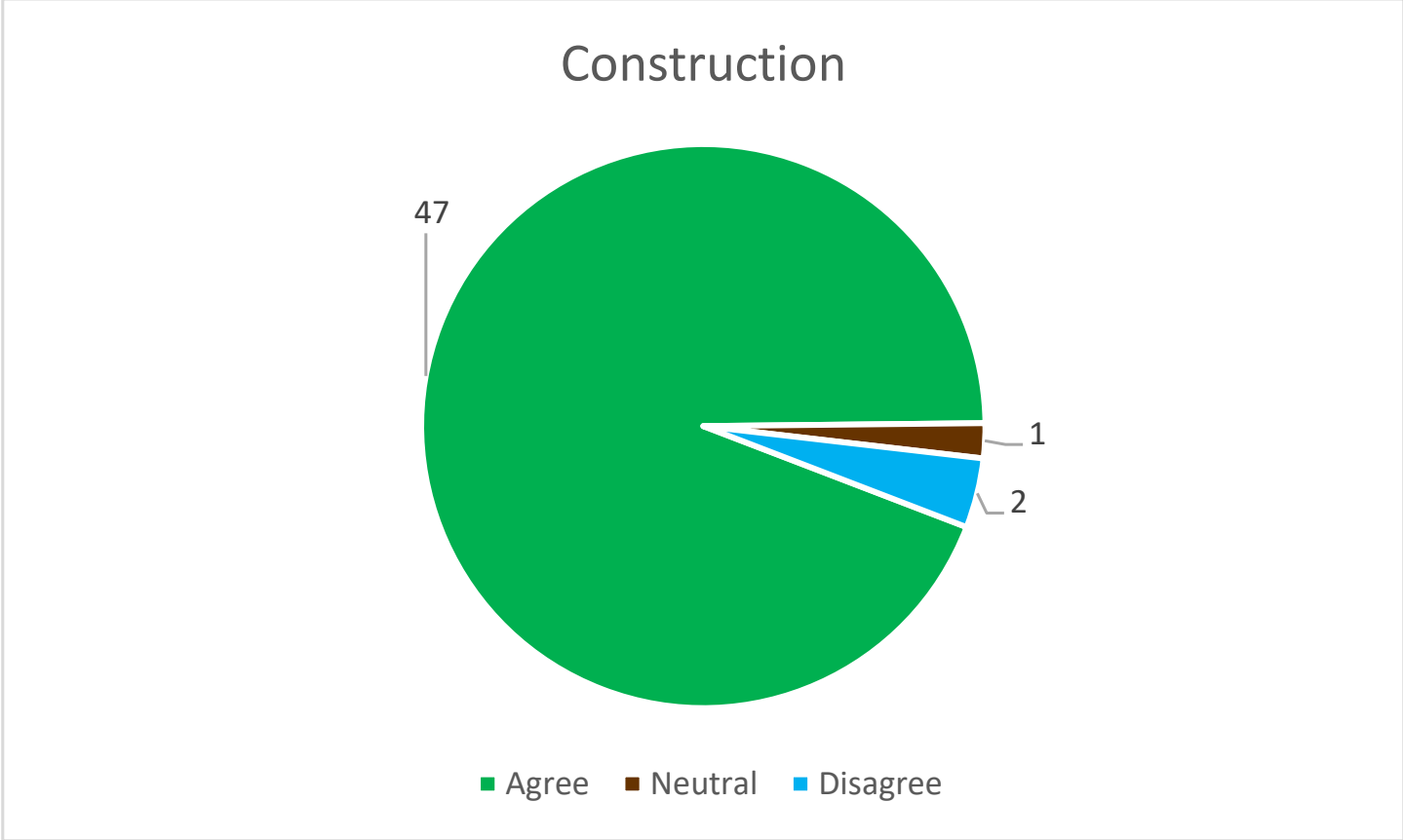
Again, incentives should be offered for planting trees on developed sites or preserving existing trees. If a single, large caliper tree is removed for building, requiring many additional trees to mitigate will not necessary be the best option as there may not be adequate room for multiple trees and their healthy growth.

A homeowner could be encouraged to plant a new tree for every tree that is chopped down for expansion.

Incentives for tree planting; tax incentive; gift card for garden center, cash incentive Should be left to the owners of the property The City might set an example and own up to mistakes that have been made when the City planted trees on city property?

Replace non-natives, especially crepe myrtle and Branford pear.

CONSTRUCTION



CONSTRUCTION



COMMENTS:

Increase buffer area; establish a guideline of every mature tree taken down requires XXX number of new trees to be planted;

Protection of trees to the extent possible - small urban lots do not have the room to protect the entire root zone so proper root pruning or other measures may be needed.

If a tree is removed then new trees must be planted to equal the diameter of the removed tree either on the original property or another property.

Homeowners should be encouraged to plant a new tree for every tree they cut down for redevelopment/expansion. This way the expansion will not decrease tree cover. Developers should not be allowed to cut down any trees (this is obviously impossible, so development must STOP)).

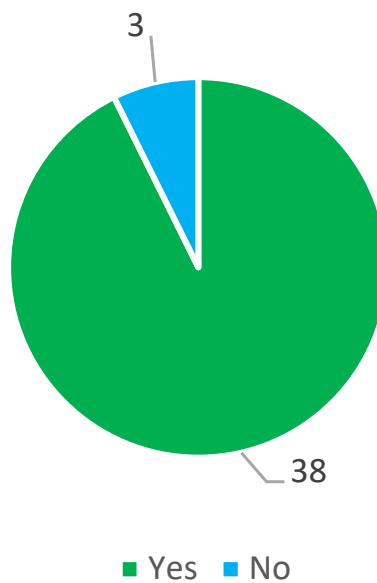
Decisions on trees should be left up to the property owner

Why isn't tunneling used when installing lines or pipes around a tree?

We're not talking a granite sub base here; Lewes sits on sand with some clay.

PROTECT AND EXPAND

Should the City of Lewes take additional steps to protect and expand the tree canopy within Lewes?



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Yes

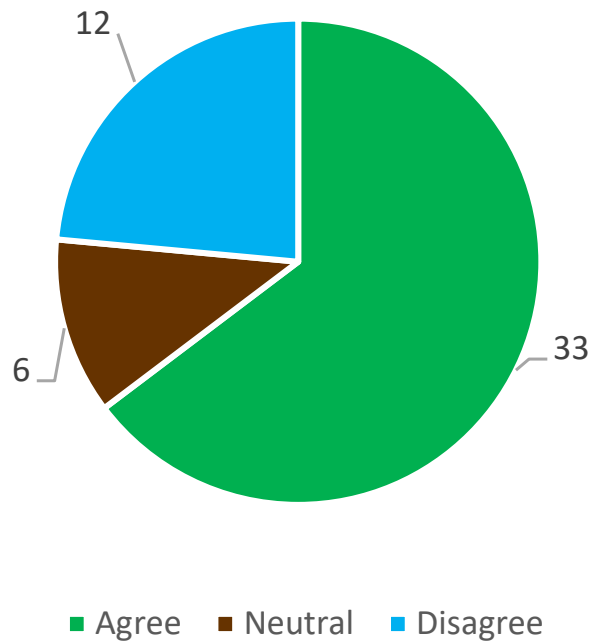
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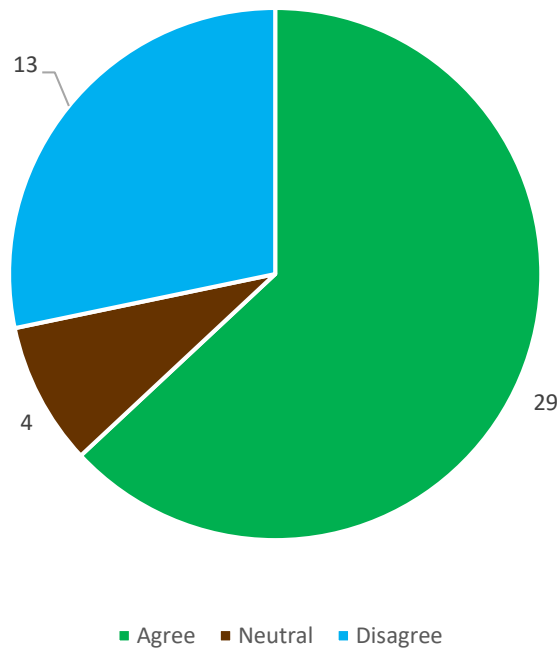
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PRIVATE PROPERTY

When the property is developed or

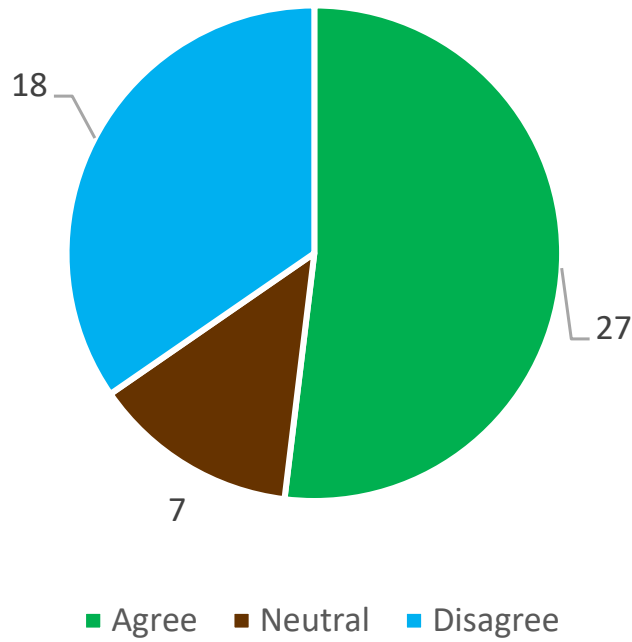


When the structure is being expanded or the impervious surface is increased, if non-conforming



PRIVATE PROPERTY

To remove any mature tree



When the property is developed or	Agree	33	Neutral	6	Disagree	12
When the structure is being expanded or the impervious surface is increased, if non-conforming	Agree	29	Neutral	4	Disagree	13
To remove any mature tree	Agree	27	Neutral	7	Disagree	18

PRIVATE PROPERTY

COMMENTS REGARDING WHAT IS MISSING:

How to replace trees that are removed.

I do not think the city government should be involved in trees on public property.

I do not want the city regulating my landscaping. And I have 10 trees on my property.

Incentives for property owners to plant trees including providing small trees for free under a grant: when the property is sold to a developer then I think you can require tree planting and buffer treatment as a condition of approving the development.

Instead of regulating, permitting etc, which have cost to administer. Consider incentives for the planting of new trees.

Lots are small and there are already many limits on use private property.

My property. My home. my trees. My choice. I do not need any government to control.

Process for determining tree removal due to closeness to home, etc...

Rather have incentives on preserving or planting trees, not regulating what is on private property already.

Regulations governing non-natives that drop debris on neighboring properties. Replacement must be native.

Since flooding is increasing it is essential to limit increases in impervious surfaces and or consider serious additional solutions

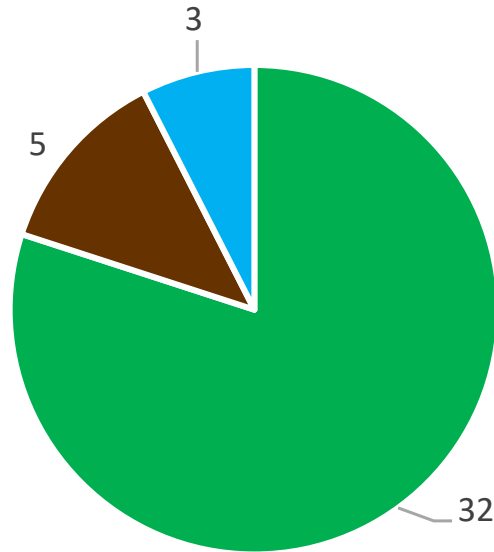
The city has no place dictating to homeowners what they can do with the trees on their property. The city should be preserving open space and planting trees on open space to increase our tree cover. The city should not have approved development that cut down trees and permanently changed the arboreal landscape. This short sighted behavior has degraded the natural landscape of our community. Had there been better urban planning and decision making, we would and could have a higher percentage of tree cover. This is a topic that really didn't need to be addressed in Lewes. Just more government and more regulations.

When houses are being sold.

Bureaucrats should not require permits for trees on private property .

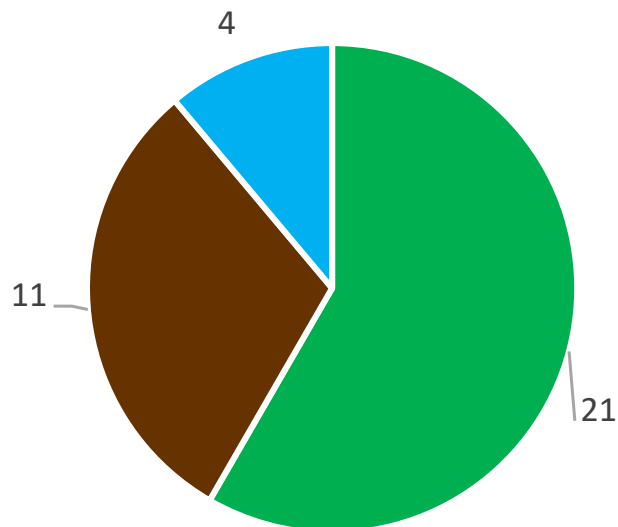
EDUCATION

Tree Talks - presentation by an expert with Q&A



■ Agree ■ Neutral ■ Disagree

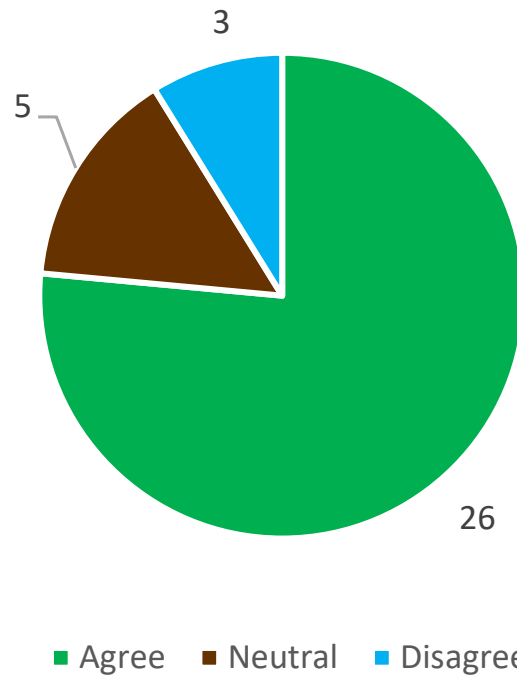
Hands on Training



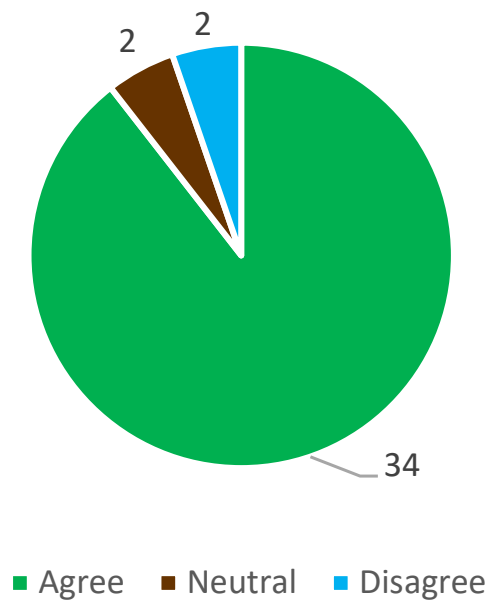
■ Agree ■ Neutral ■ Disagree

EDUCATION

Handouts or Website Links

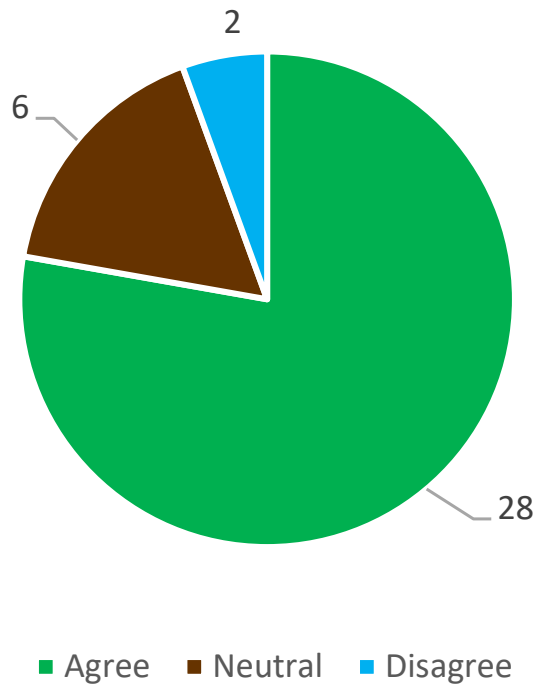


How to select the right tree for your property - "Right Tree Right Place"

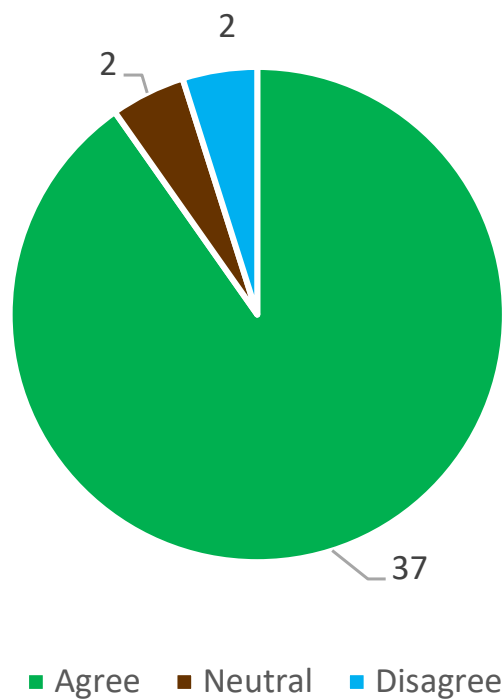


EDUCATION

How to Plant a tree

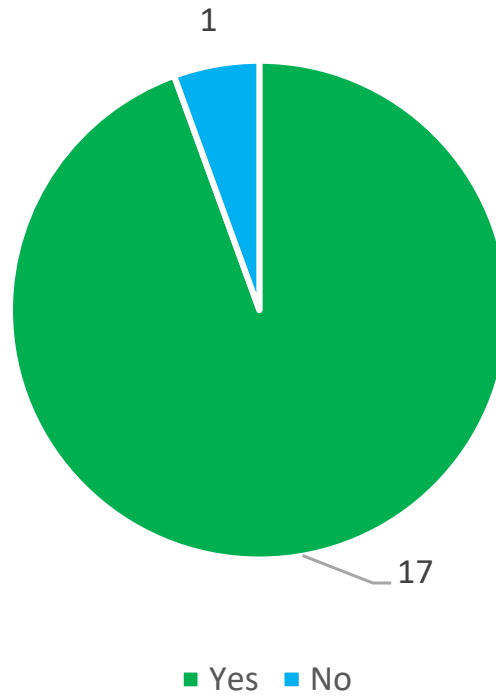


How to care for a tree

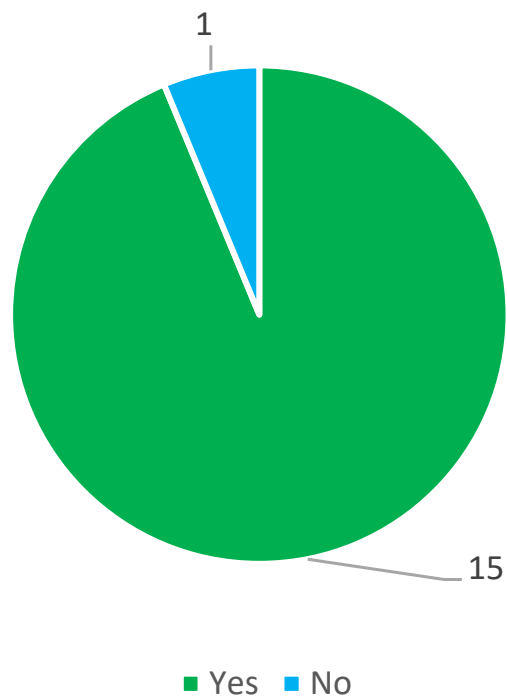


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April 2022 planting 25 trees in GHP Smith Park

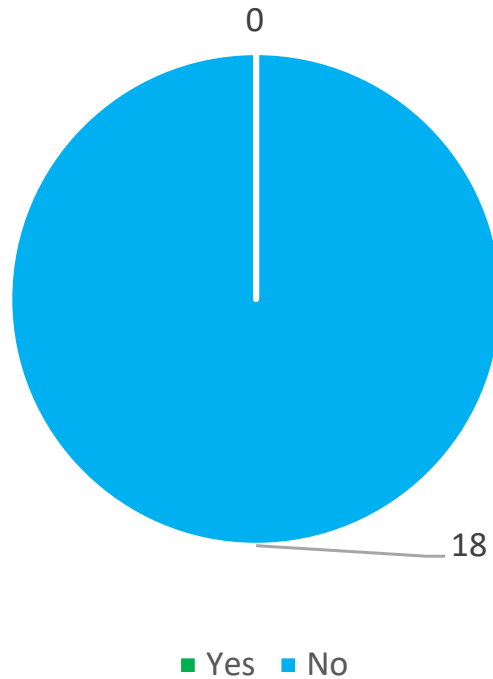


April 2019 at the Rollins Center



EDUCATION

April 2018 at the Rollins Center



Tree Talks - presentation by an expert with Q&A	Agree	32	Neutral	5	Disagree	3
Hands on Training	Agree	21	Neutral	11	Disagree	4
Handouts or website links	Agree	26	Neutral	5	Disagree	3
How to select the right tree for your property - "Right Tree Right Place"	Agree	34	Neutral	2	Disagree	2
How to Plant a Tree	Agree	28	Neutral	6	Disagree	2
How to care for a tree	Agree	37	Neutral	2	Disagree	2
April 2022 planting 25 trees in GHP Smith Park	Yes	17	No	1		
April 2019 at the Rollins Center	Yes	15	No	1		
April 2018 at the Rollins Center	Yes	0	No	18		

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Request from TC a goal of 45 to 50% tree canopy. Establish a program by block to increase tree installs. Look at ARPA and other infrastructure funds coming to Lewes to bury underground utilities so we can install taller mature trees. Increase tree canopy in all of our city parks. Add common and Latin names of trees as a tree ID..not just on the website so citizens can learn more about the trees they love and could plant in their own backyards.

Please consider incentives for tree planting and preservation, rather than restrictive regulations or punitive codes. Also, take into account the future growth of new trees and the potential for their canopies to meet existing coverage or even increase canopy coverage depending on tree species.

Most of the trees on residential properties were planted by the owner. If I plant it why should I not be able to remove it? A bigger issue is the destruction of trees and plantings by the deer. It is already too expensive to live or own property in Lewes. What if the tree is diseased or dead. Why should you need a permit to remove a diseased or dead tree? It benefits the community to be rid of it. Are we forcing the residents to make up for the loss of trees taken by developers as they strip land for homes or to sell for utility use as was done along 4th st? Where is the concern for canopy when granting developers permits to build?

If the City was truly serious about trees, the Lewes Planning Committee could have stopped developments like Mariner's Retreat right in their midst. This is truly laughable.

The City is concerned about the taking down of trees on homeowners' properties and wants to control this behavior. What about the developers who chopped down forests??. The City does not have a right to dictate what a homeowner does on her/his property regarding tree planting or removal. We could have a forest of trees in Lewes if the City had preserved open space instead of approving rampant development. It is not fair to try to make the current homeowners make up for the City's mistakes in approving overdevelopment which caused permanent increase in impervious surfaces and fewer trees.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I really appreciate the fact that Lewes is starting to take note of its forest asset. As far as I'm concerned, too many laws and regulations support, if not encourage, both the removal and non-planting of trees.

Several related thoughts come to mind.

At the outset, the planting/maintenance of "native" trees should be an important focus. Non-native plants that fail to support the local ecological web are not needed. The removal of Bradford pears from City of Lewes property is a good start.

Penalties, and enforcement, are an important consideration, but ill-minded folk can figure out options to get around the rules. Note the story in today's (11 FEB) Washington Post.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2023/02/10/dc-poisoned-heritage-trees/>

There are other ways to similarly kill trees and claim that the "drought did it.

There has been some concern with penalties. While penalties are a concern, what about rewards or reinforcement? Often, wall plaques and newspaper recognition are cheaper than enforcement and attorneys. Give "awards" or some mention (on a yearly basis?) to those who have done the most for the trees on their property, or helped a neighbor who has trees? Who has the oldest trees? Or, the largest specimen tree? Neighborhood with the healthiest trees? Or, whatever.

A program whereby the leaves and trimmed branches from a property could be shredded for further use on the property, or in a nearby park? I often hear complaints about the need to pick up the leaves from a tree. Why not compost the leaves? [I pick up leaves from both my neighbors and the street.]

Education should play a role. While someone can purposely injure/kill a tree, many more folk can do so unintentionally. Is there a helpful video that can be posted, e.g., what not to do? Literature on the lobby desk in City Hall? Maybe a letter from the committee, as in "You have a lovely Sassafras tree on your property, may we send you some helpful tree information that is specific to Sassafras trees?"

Tunneling is used in some areas to protect tree roots. Rather than chop through the roots of a tree (as was done with a neighbor's tree in Lewes), a contractor could tunnel under or through the root mass.

<https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g6885>

There are many limits already existing for in town homeowners. I think that education and guidelines are great, and if well done can be effective. However, adding another layer of "committee approval" for peoples yards does not sound like a good idea. Homes and lots are small, owners should be able to expand without another layer of interference. Dealing with the town and HPARC is difficult enough.

I understand the intent of efforts. I hear rat 1 traffic more since Tower Hill plowed under trees for housing lots. I agree with development rules and trees. I don't agree on annexation so Lewes should have zero to minimum care of existing boundaries for this topic of development.

I disagree with other efforts taking up city tax payer dollars including use of council and city staff time. Let grant money for UD champion the education efforts. I am 100% against anyone telling me what trees I can plant and remove from my home and property.

At the America in Bloom Symposium which I attended last fall , there was a workshop in which Tree ordinances were discussed. to summarize the workshop 2 points were made. Tree ordinances are good if they encourage maintenance and planting of trees, but they need to be carefully written as they tend to open the City to litigation if too strict and impose on owners property rights.