

Carbon accounting and reduction

Multiple Choice Responses

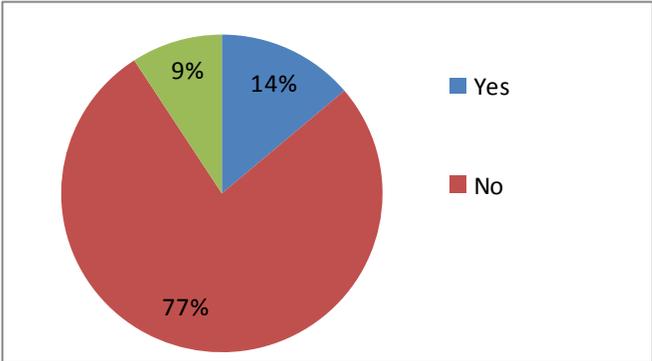
Question #1: **How important do you believe it is for the Town to address each of the following issues?**

No question on this topic was asked

Question #4: **Greenhouse Gas survey follow-up questions.**

Multiple Choice #7: Have you calculated your carbon footprint?

130 respondents



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Open-Text Responses

Question #2: In your opinion, what is the most important issue that the Town should address in order to improve the environment and long-term livability of this community?

1. Global warming emissions and water runoff are the real culprits from our little patch of paradise.
2. Encouraging families to use fewer vehicles and to encourage greener vehicles rather than the gas-guzzling SUVs that are currently used to define social status in the community. It would not surprise me to learn that 60 percent of our carbon footprint comes from vehicle use.
3. I think the single biggest environmental issue facing the world (and therefore us) is climate change and greenhouse gas emissions. Having the town pursue the Maryland Sustainability Certification is a great idea. On a more local level our efforts to preserve/expand open space and maintain the tree canopy are important.
4. reducing the town offices' climate imprint
5. Initiatives to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions so bike and car sharing or shuttles, more energy efficiency in homes, public buildings, and town or contractor vehicles; improved stormwater management; sustainable landscaping practices.

Question #3: Being realistic, what do you think are the three most important things the Town might do to help you and your family reduce your negative impacts on the environment?

1. Monitor/track consumption/energy use over time for their town--have to be able to show progress, I think.
2. I guess I'd ask TOCC to be realistic on what it can do to persuade me to reduce my carbon footprint. TOCC has limited powers, talents, and capabilities. Cajoling and peer pressure only go so far in changing the high consumption engrained in our lifestyles and large homes. TOCC should lead by example and report out on how its making decisions to reduce the town governments footprint (reducing its fleet consumption, hiring locally, reducing environmental impacts from town lights, reducing impact from its roads, sidewalk, operations, investing in sustainable energy itself, partnering with other local entities to (Bethesda UP, local building owners) to be part of a meaningful project.
3. training in assessing carbon footprint

Bottom of Question #1: Feel free to provide comments on the topics above or suggestions for additional environmental issues you feel the town might address”

- No answers

Bottom of Question #4: Feel free to tell us other actions you have taken to reduce your environmental impact.

1. Mind your own carbon footprint and please do not force your agenda on others
2. I keep track of my energy usage and try to reduce it whenever possible. I find that data gathering helps motivate.
3. Use car much less for local errands and instead walk or bike. Planted more natives in garden, reduced lawn area. Other items on Climate Action List - this could be recirculated from time to time, or reminders given to review it.

Final Question: **Please briefly describe any issues you would be interested in discussing further.**

- No answers