

# Village of Youngstown Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

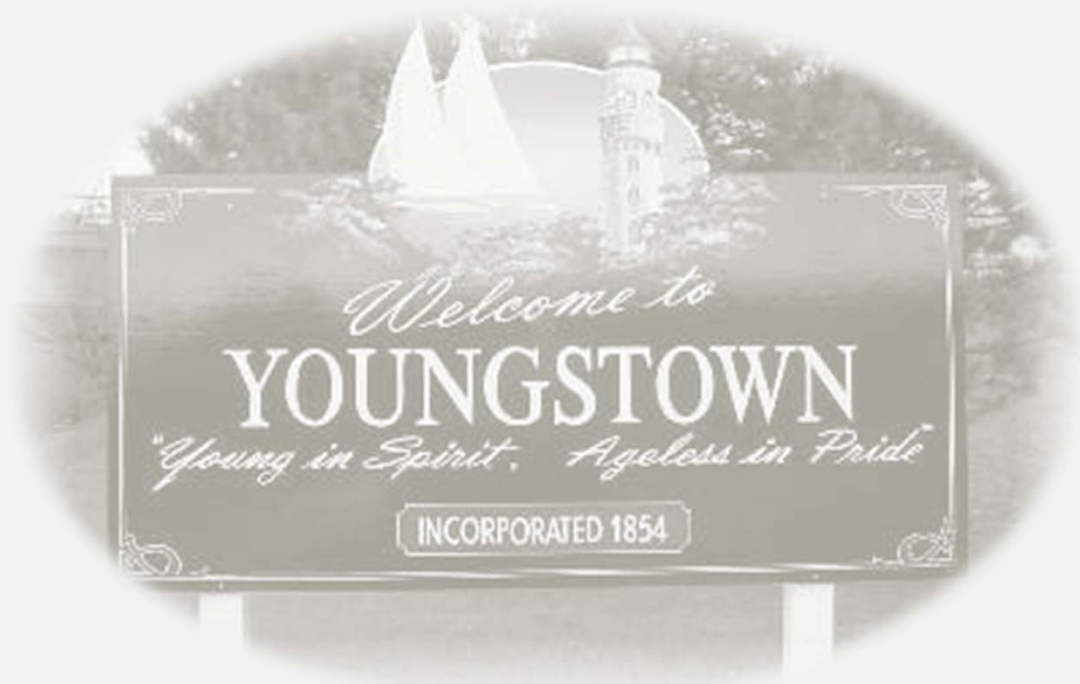
Public Information Meeting  
June 15, 2015



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# Tonight's Agenda

- Introduction
- Background
- Community Survey
- Next Steps
- Public Comment



# INTRODUCTION

# Waterfront Advisory Committee

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Tim Lockhart

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Margaret-Ann Hanson

Tom Murphy

John Hall

Kathleen Murphy

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Fred Braun

Gregory Keyser (CRA)

# Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION!!!**

- No final decisions are being made tonight.
- This is an informational meeting to keep the process transparent and the public informed.
- Opportunity for residents to participate in the planning process.
- Comment about the future of the Village and it's waterfront.



**BACKGROUND**



# LWRP Timeline

Date	Event
October 1989	Current LWRP adopted by the Village Board of Trustees.
1989 to 2011	Implementation and development phase.
Spring of 2012	Grant application to NYSDOS for LWRP update.
June of 2012	NYSDOS monitoring report recommending LWRP update.
2013/2014	Grant award for LWRP update.
September 2014	Waterfront Advisory Committee is formed.
Oct/Nov 2014	Kick-off Meetings with NYSDOS.
December 2014	Waterfront Advisory Committee begins meeting
May 2015	Community Survey
June 2015	First Public Information Meeting

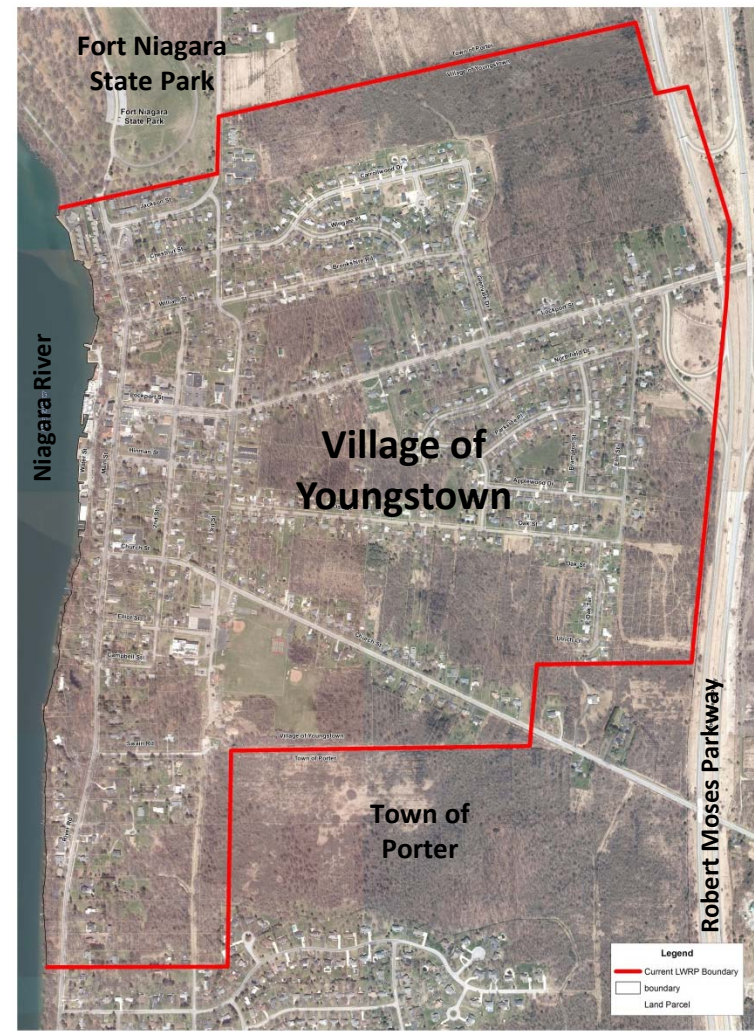
# What is a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (“LWRP”)?

- The NYS Coastal Management Program regulates activities within coastal areas based on 44 different policies.
- Eligible communities can participate in the program by preparing a local plan that reflects community priorities.
- The LWRP can be site specific and address specific issues or it can be comprehensive to reflect goals and objectives of the entire community



# What is Youngstown's LWRP?

- Encompasses the entire Village and benefits all residents.
- Serves as the Village comprehensive plan.
- Reflects the community's vision of the future.
- Identifies goals, objectives, policies and potential projects.



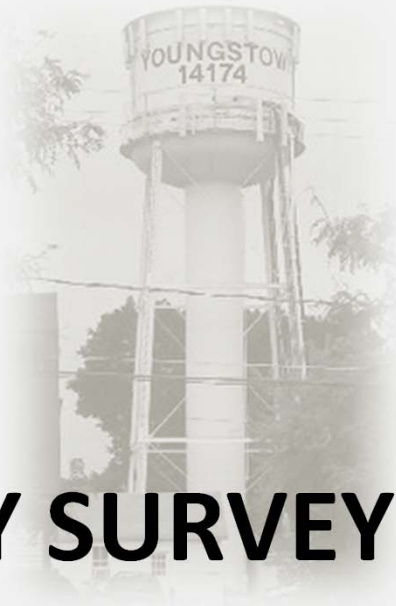
# What are the benefits of an LWRP?

- Reflects community consensus and provides a clear direction for future development.
- Increases grant funding opportunities from the State and Federal Government.
- State and Federal Consistency with LWRP....
  - State permitting, funding and direct actions must be consistent to maximum extent practicable.
  - Federal agency activities required to be consistent within defined coastal areas.

# How has Youngstown Benefited?

Project	Year	Partner	Grant
Park Design Improvements (Waterfront and Constitution Park)	1994	NYSDOS, Local Donations	\$15,000
Constitution Park and Trail (Constitution Park)	1996	NYSDOS	\$75,000
Niagara River Boat Launch and Pier (Waterfront Park)	2003	NYSDOS	\$85,000
Main Street Promenade (1 ½ Blocks along Main Street)		NYSDOT (Rt. 18F Project)	
Parking Improvements (Second St., Falkner Park and Hinman St.)			
Yacht Club Redevelopment Plan (Landside storage of Yachts and sailing craft)		Yacht Club	

*Projects and associated information obtained from the 2012 NYSDOS monitoring report.*



# COMMUNITY SURVEY

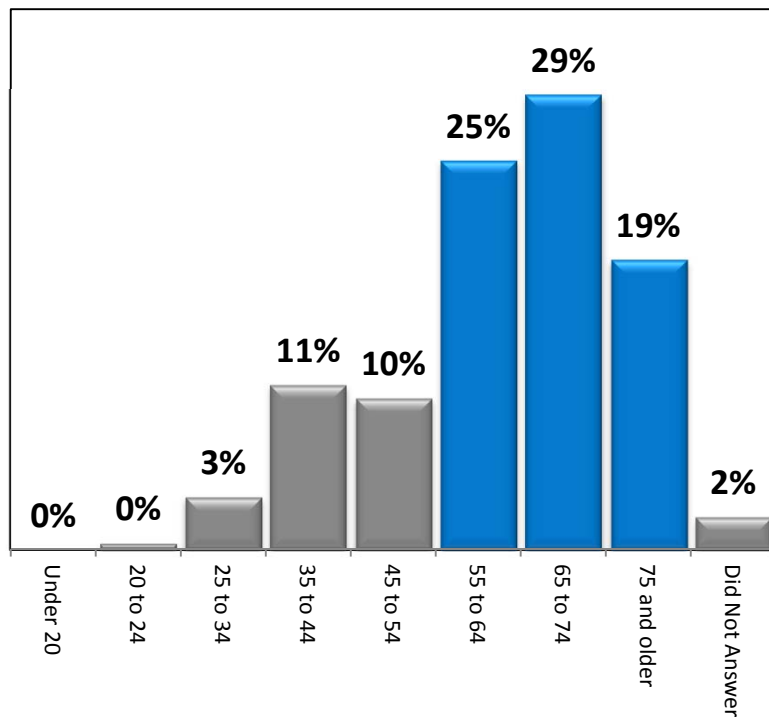


# Survey Details

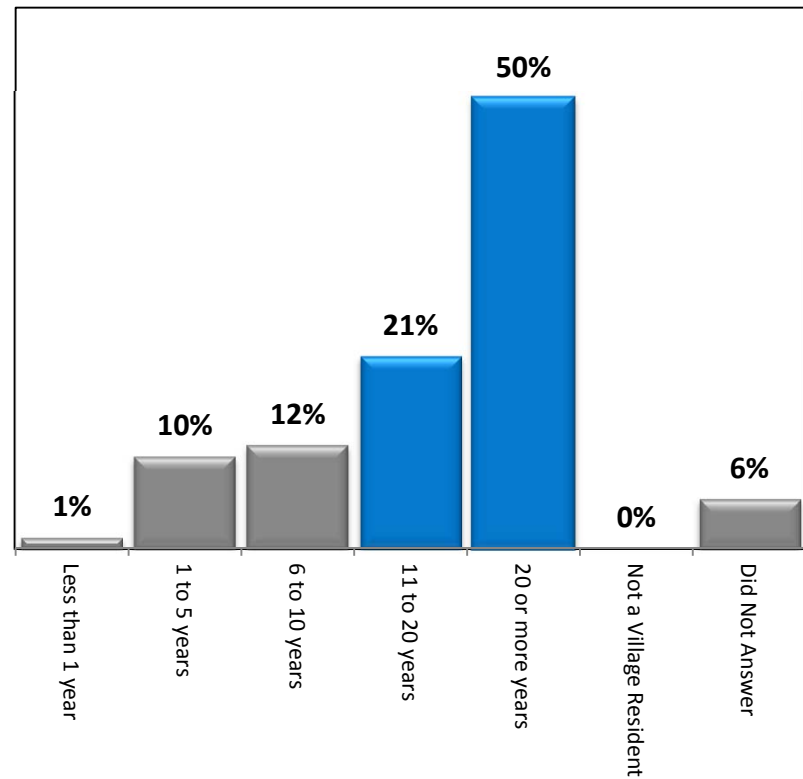
- The survey was directly mailed to all households.
- Public notice in the Niagara Gazette.
- Questionnaire available electronically on the Village website and Facebook page
- Hard copies of the Questionnaire made available at the Library, Post Office and Village Center.
- Committee hand delivered surveys to various groups and locations in the Village.
- 29% response rate (234 returns from 800 households)

# Who Responded?

**73% - age 55 or older**

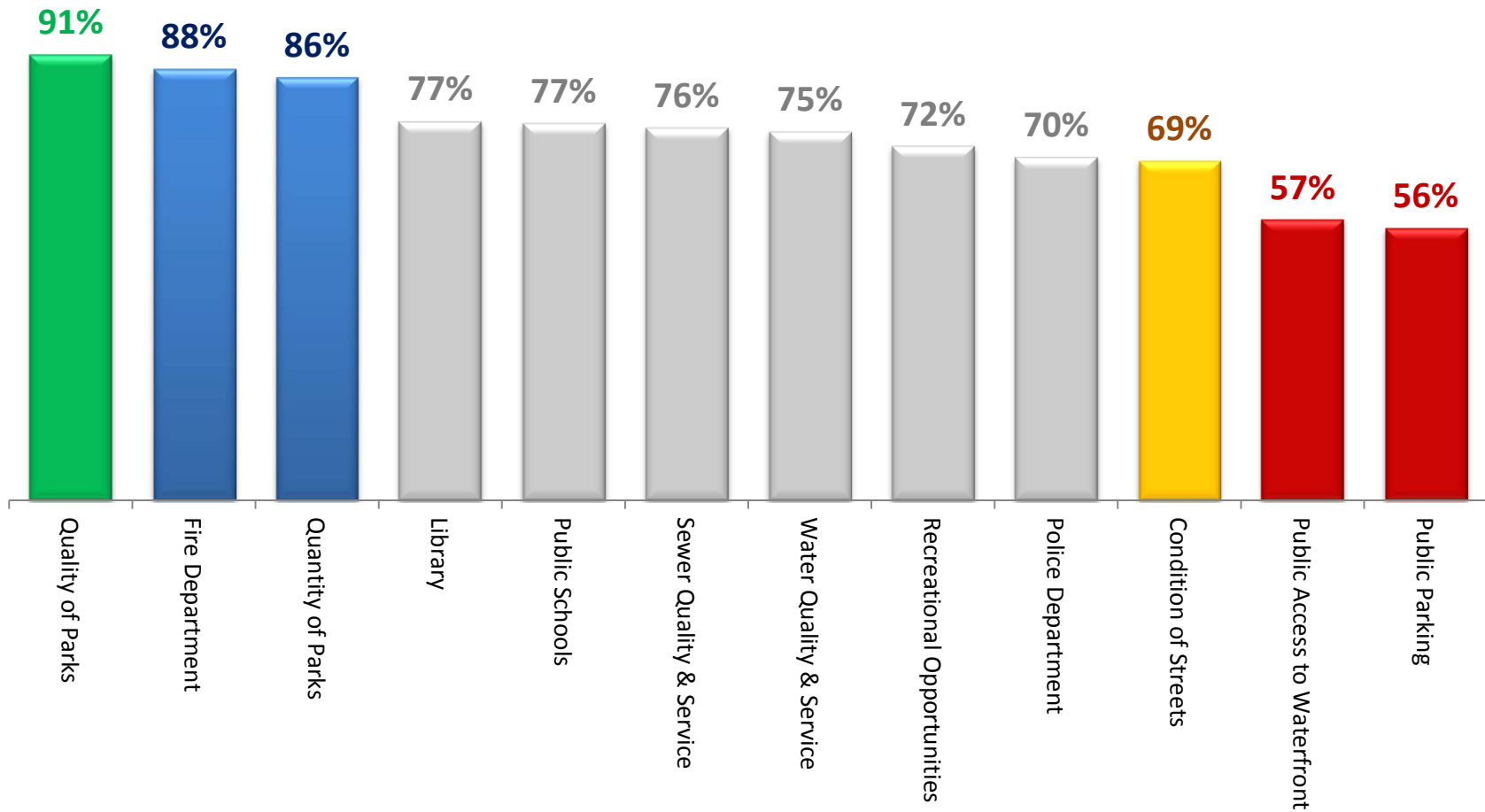


**71% - residents 10+ years**



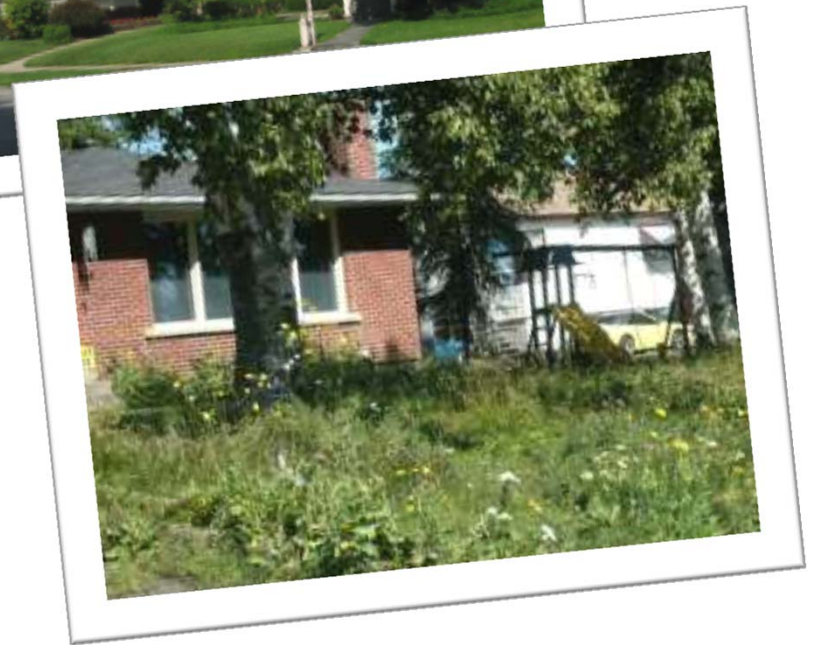
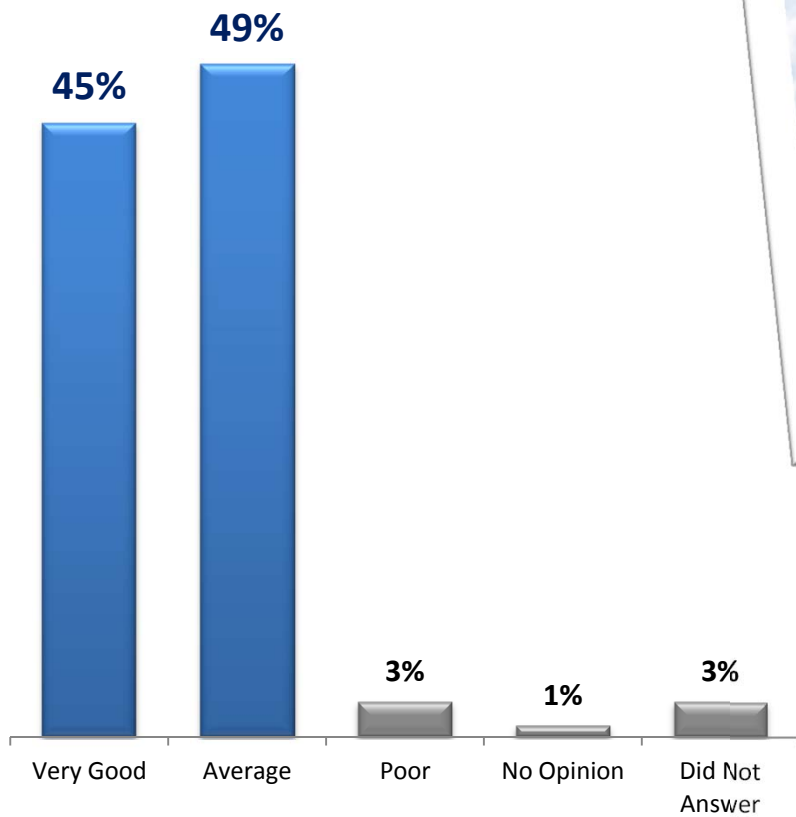
# Village Report Card

(% Responding Good or Excellent)





# Property Appearance

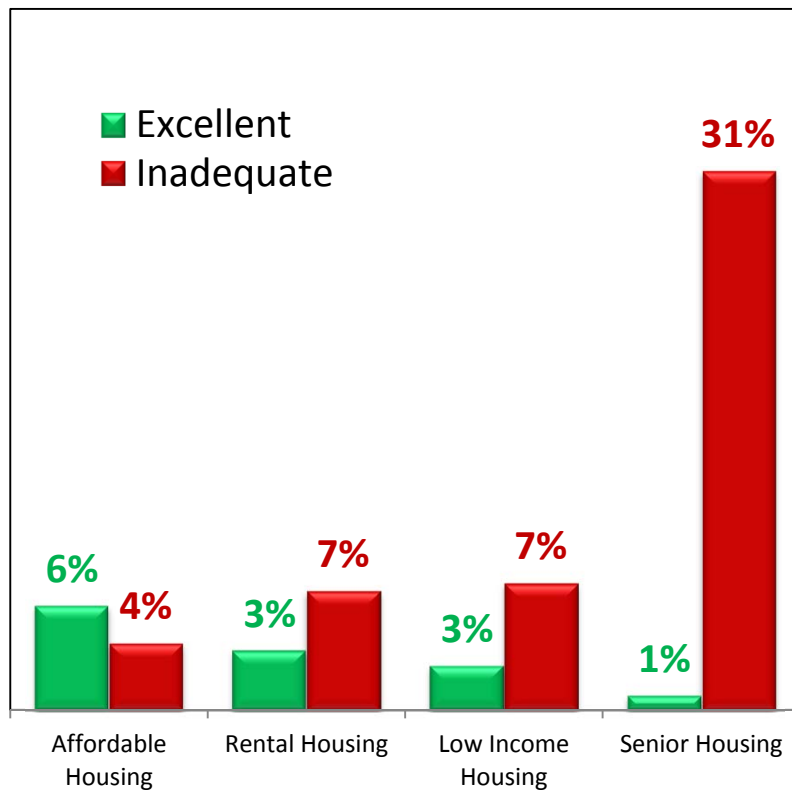




# Quality of Housing Choice

(% Responding excellent vs. inadequate)

## Excellent vs Inadequate

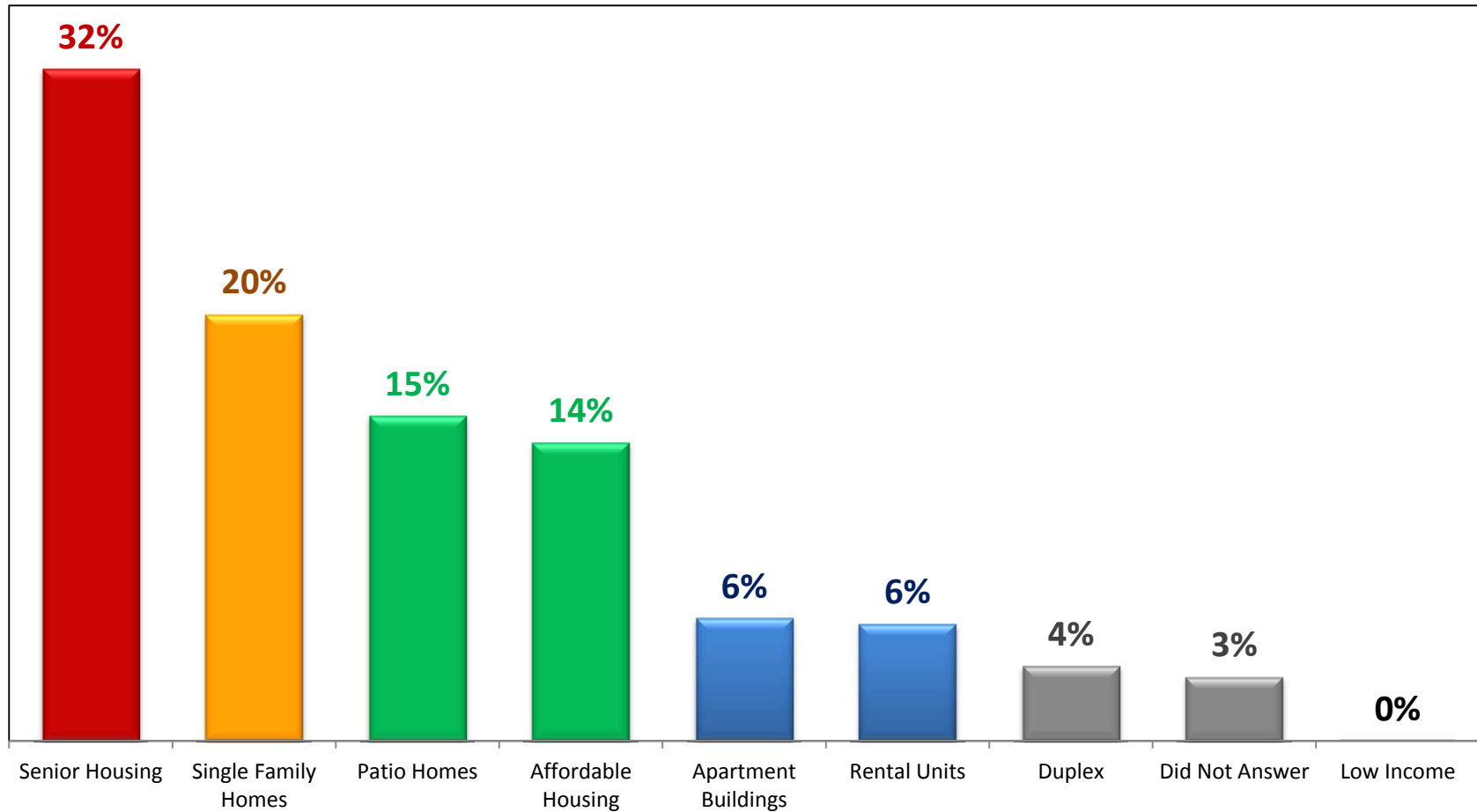


## General Observations

- Adequate, Average & Fair
  - Affordable Housing (71%)
  - Rental Housing (60%)
  - Low Income (49%)
  - Senior Housing (38%)
- No Opinion
  - Affordable Housing (16%)
  - Rental Housing (26%)
  - Low Income (37%)
  - Senior Housing (27%)

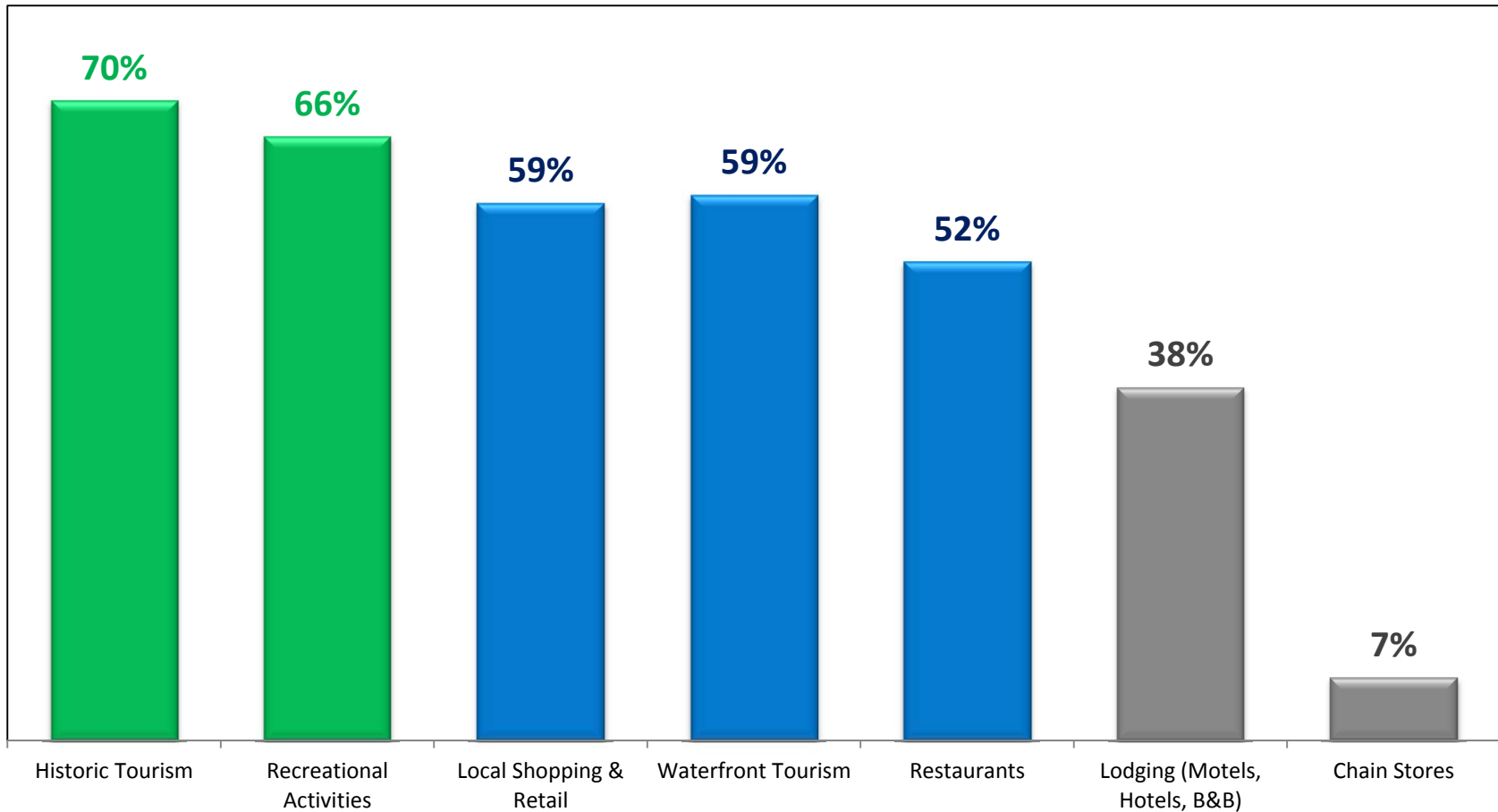
# Housing Need

(% of total responses - 394)



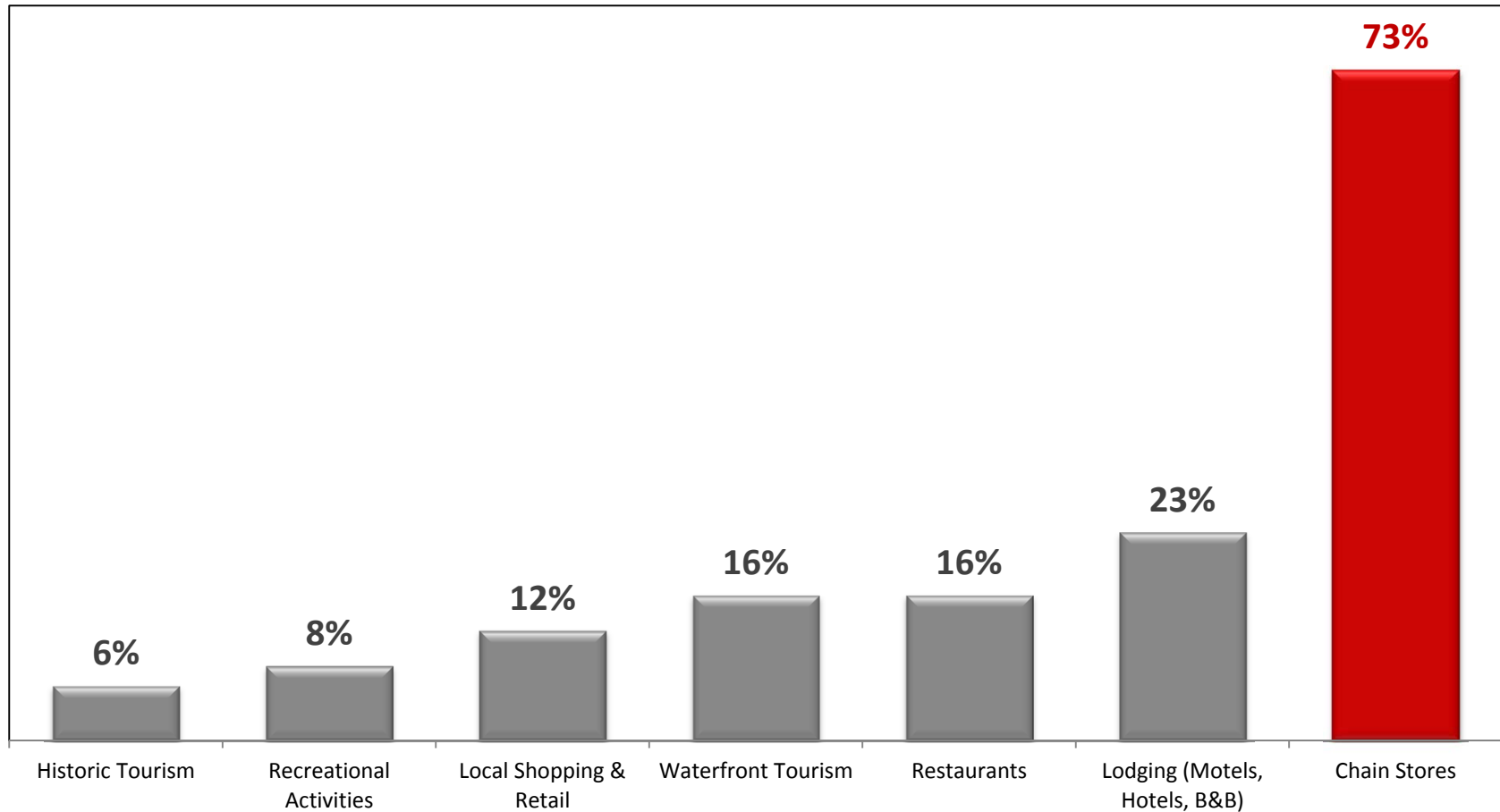
# Most Important Economic Development

(% of responses with a rating of 4 or 5)



# Least Important Economic Development

(% of responses with a rating of 1 or 2)



# Downtown Improvements

Parking

Retail

Restaurants

Grocery Store

Streetscape Improvements

Rent Vacant Buildings

Develop Vacant Lots

Public Restrooms

Benches

Public Amenities



# Waterfront Improvements



Public Access

Public Amenities

Parking

Clean and Maintain

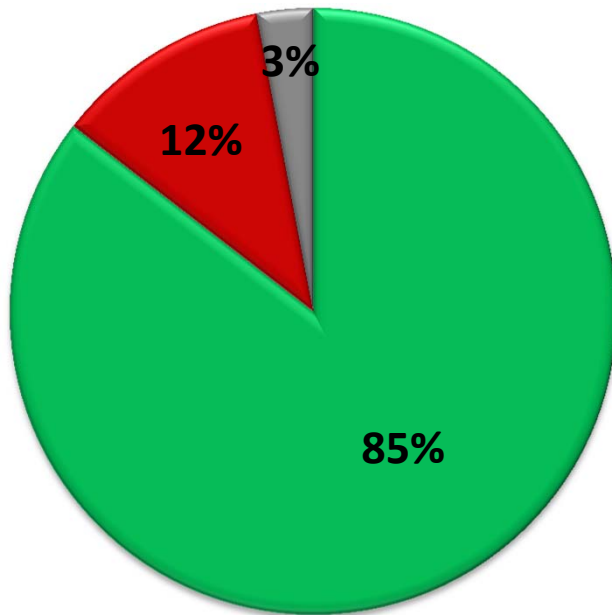
Kayaking

Ferry to Niagara on the Lake

Charter Fishing

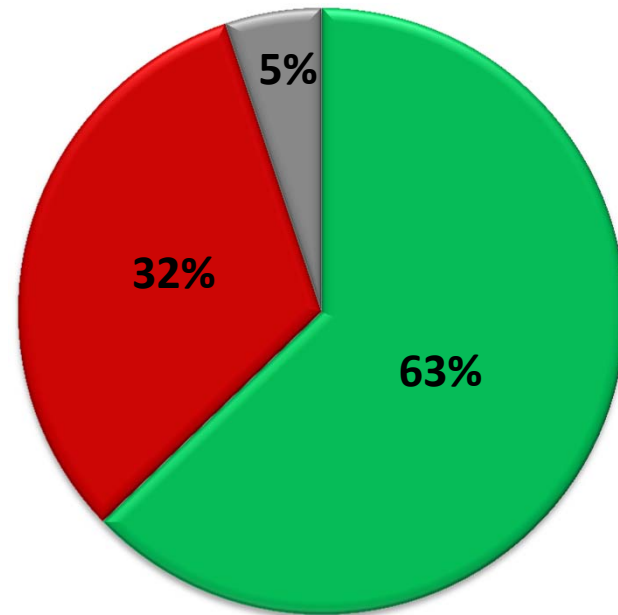
# Village Identity

**Strong Sense of Identity?**



■ Yes ■ No ■ Did Not Answer

**Connection with Waterfront?**



■ Yes ■ No ■ Did Not Answer



# What do we identify with

- Fort Niagara
- Historical Past
- Quiet Life
- Parks and Recreation
- Bedroom Community
- Small Village Living
- Churches
- Small Businesses
- Farming





# Why do we live in Youngstown?

Quiet

Safe

Friendly

Beautiful



# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## NEXT STEPS



# What happens after tonight?

**NO FINAL DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE!!!**

- Prepare LWRP boundary description and inventory.
- Send to NYSDOS for review and comment.
- Review and discuss the survey results.
- Identify proposed projects and land uses.
- Second Public Meeting (Tentatively Fall 2015).

# How do you stay informed?

- Website - [www.youngstownnewyork.us](http://www.youngstownnewyork.us)
  - Draft documents, maps and other information will be made available on the Village website.
- Facebook - [www.facebook.com/VillageofYoungstown](http://www.facebook.com/VillageofYoungstown)
  - Important announcements will be posted periodically.
- Committee Meetings
  - The public is welcome to attend committee meetings.
  - Meetings are generally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.  
Call the Village Clerk to confirm prior to attending.
- Niagara Gazette
  - Public notices and press releases about future public meetings.



A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper left, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water's surface. Several sailboats are visible, their dark silhouettes contrasting against the golden light. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a pale, hazy blue at the top. The water's surface is textured with small ripples, catching the light. In the background, a dark line of trees or land is visible on the horizon.

**Thank You!**