

# Village of Forestville Resident Survey

Village of Forestville Planning Board  
For the Village Board August 2015

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# The Development and Implementation

- Planning Board: Tom Halicki, Chair, Nancy Adams-Fry, Barbara O'Connell, Laurie Strong, Mark Woolley
- Visioning with SWOT analysis
- First Interview
- Research and analysis of plans and survey instruments
- Review of old comprehensive plan
- Drafts developed and final survey accepted
- Rollout April 30 to May 18, 2015
- Over 100 hours of combined volunteer work

# Goals of the Survey

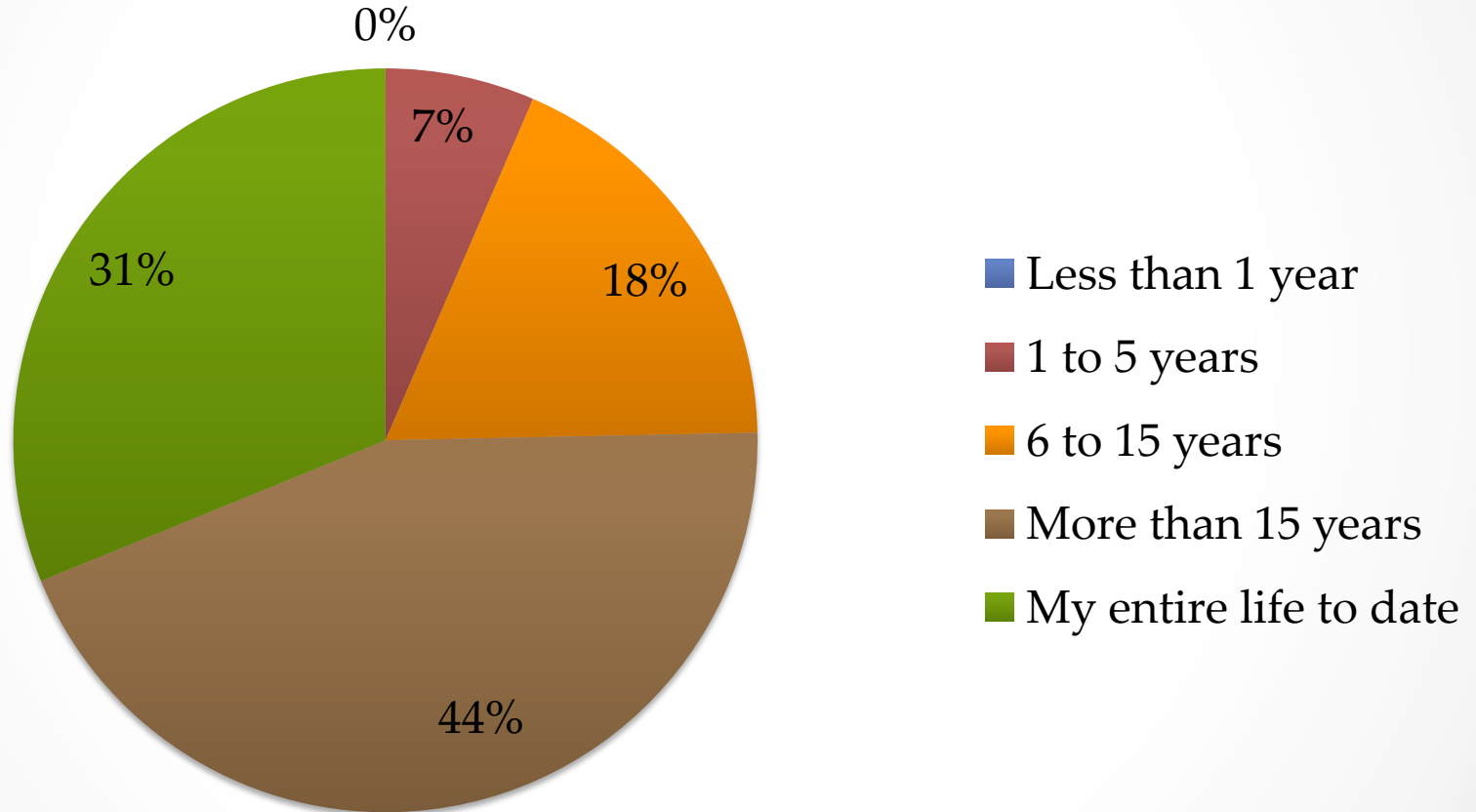
- To inform the Planning Board of key areas of concern and value for the residents and businesses of the Village
- To assist the Village Board in setting priorities for expenditures of time and money

# Approach and Completion

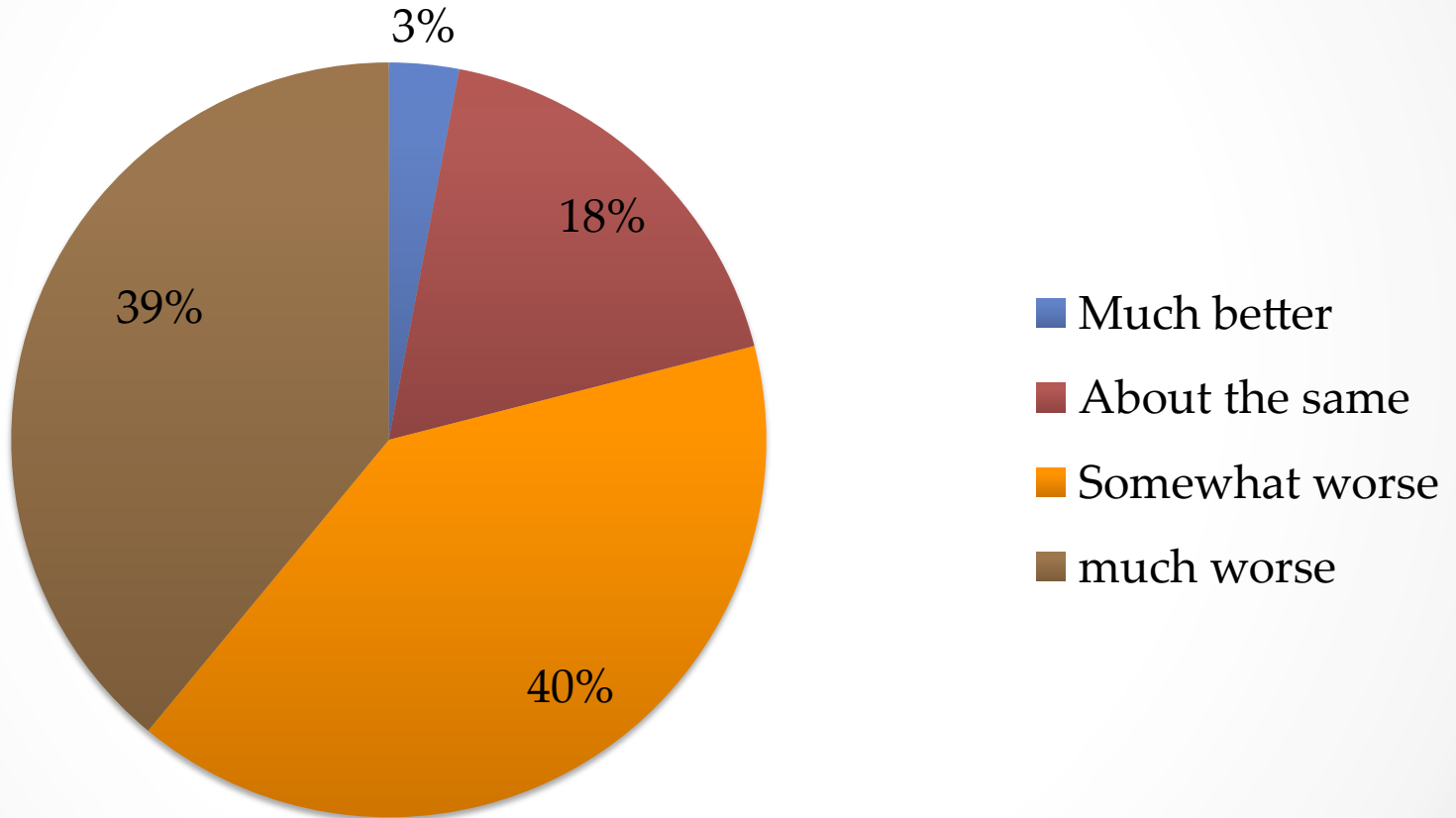
- Major step in development of a new comprehensive plan including zoning plan
- 1 survey for each household or business in Village limits
- Hotline number for pickup
- 2 drop locations: Caves and the Village Office
- Each survey hand delivered
- 315 surveys delivered
- 79 surveys completed and returned (25%)



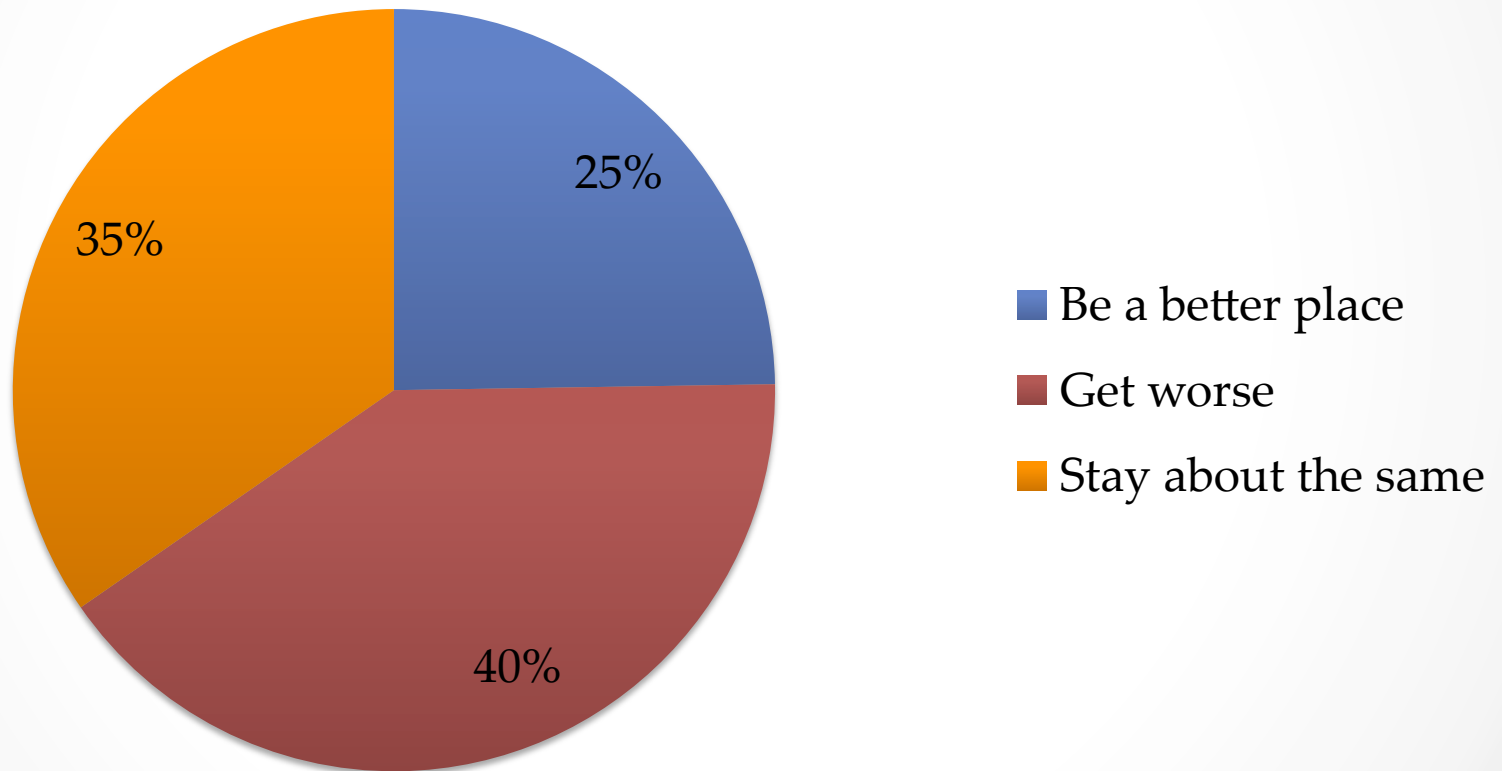
# How long have you lived in the village?



# Quality of life today compared to last 10 years?



# In 5 years the Village will:



# Timing

- Coincidental with extensive publicity over water concerns (Buffalo TV stations, and Dunkirk Observer)
- A winter of significant snowfall,
- 2 years of water system excavation,
- Aftermath of 2008 mortgage meltdown



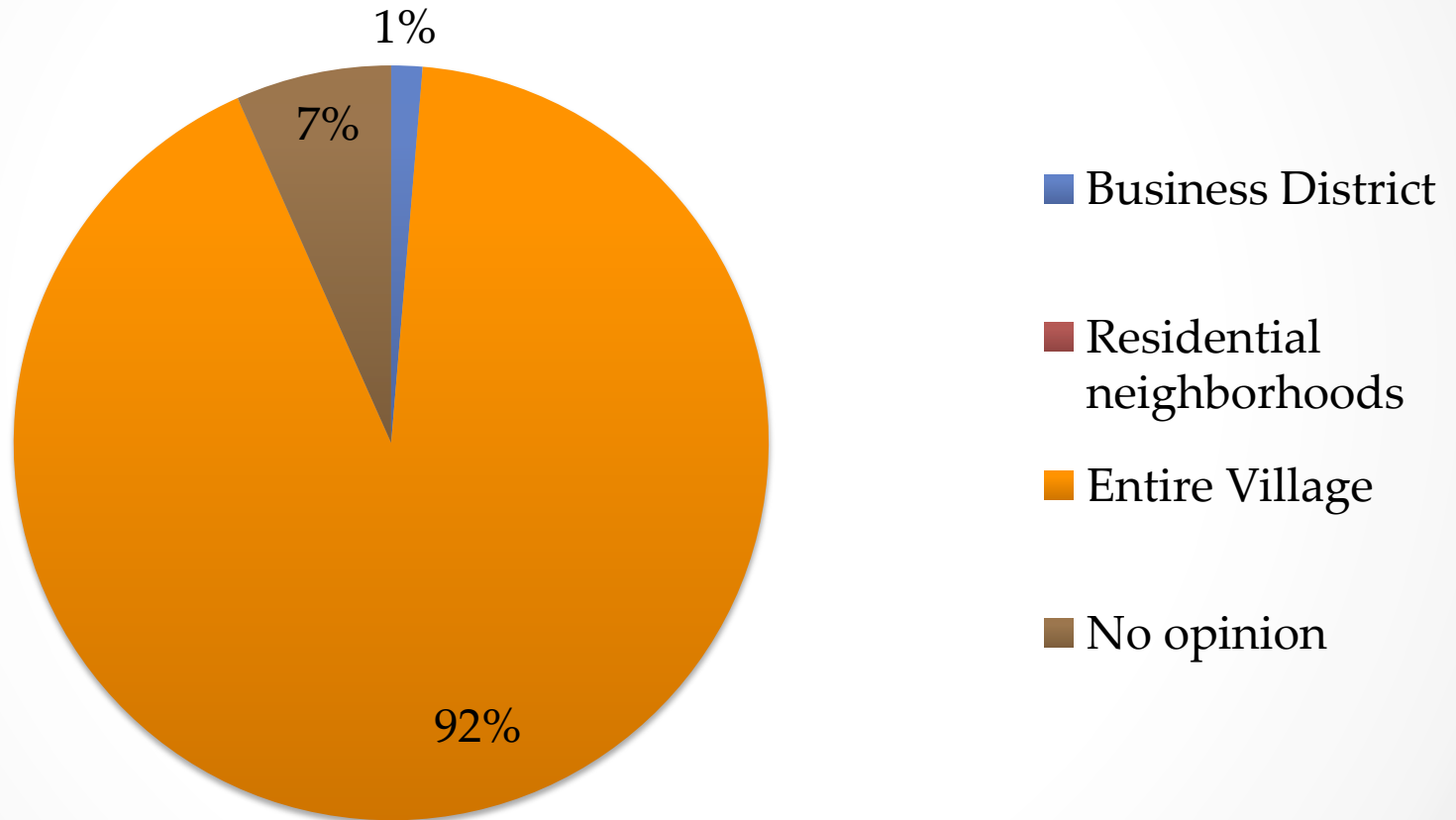
# Overall Impressions

- High return rate
- Cooperative spirit evident in most survey responses
- Careful answers
- High completion rate

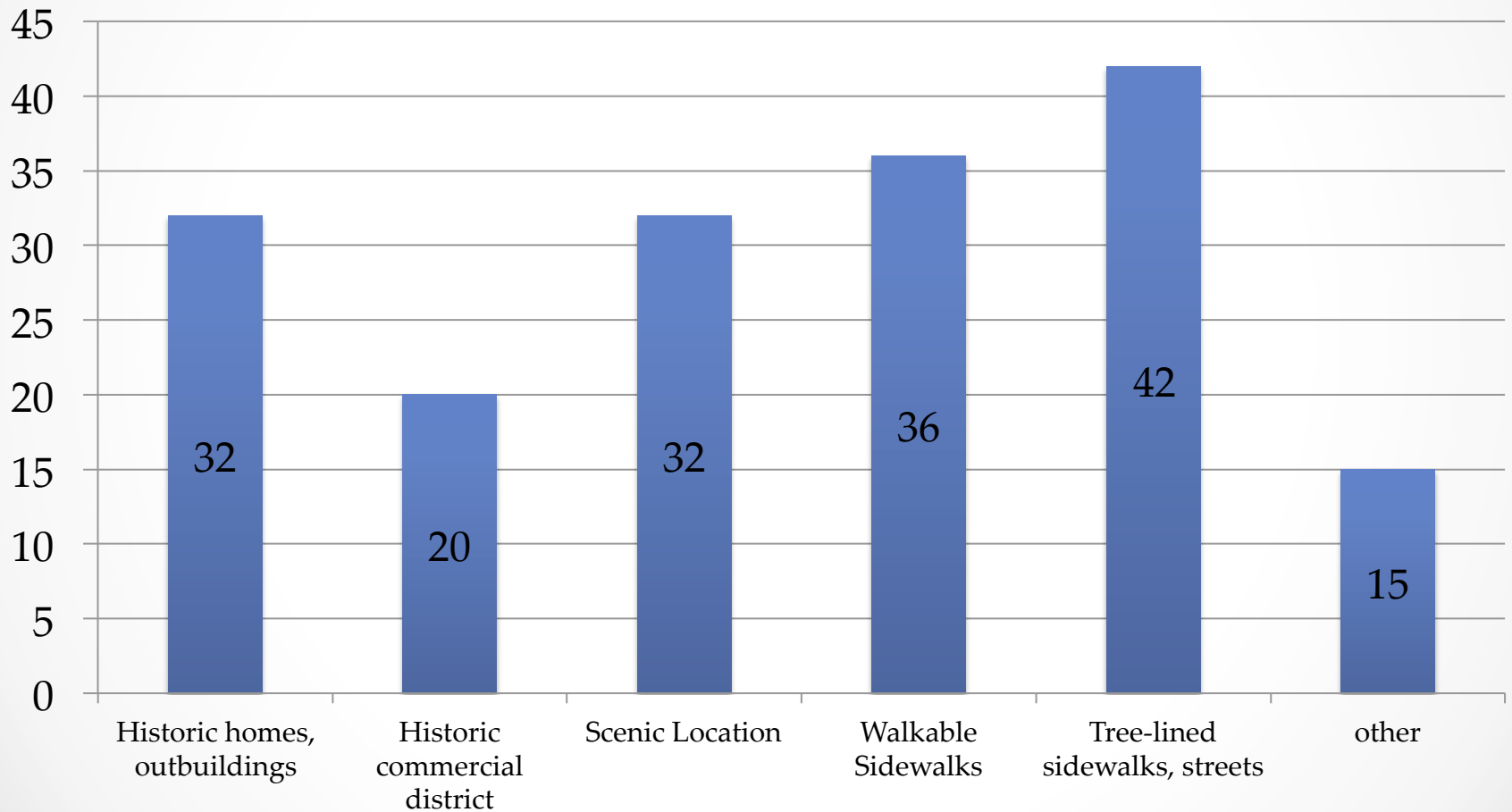
# Issues, Concerns

- Deteriorating buildings
- Messy yards
- Water issues
- taxes
- Snow removal
- Village government
- Poor manners, bickering
- Uneven or missing sidewalks
- Inaccurate and negative press
- Mall plantings and upkeep
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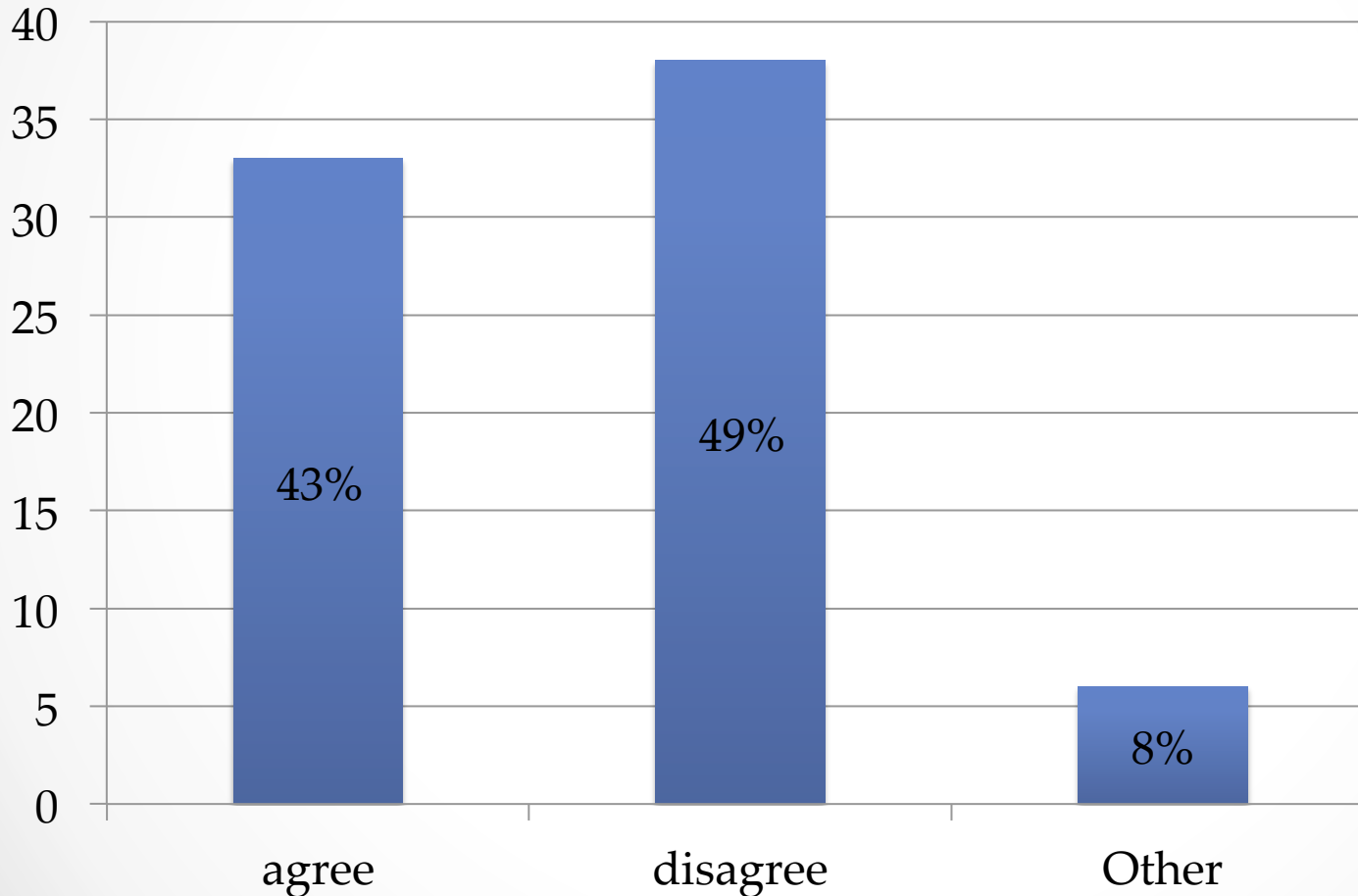
# Preserving and Enhancing village character is important in:



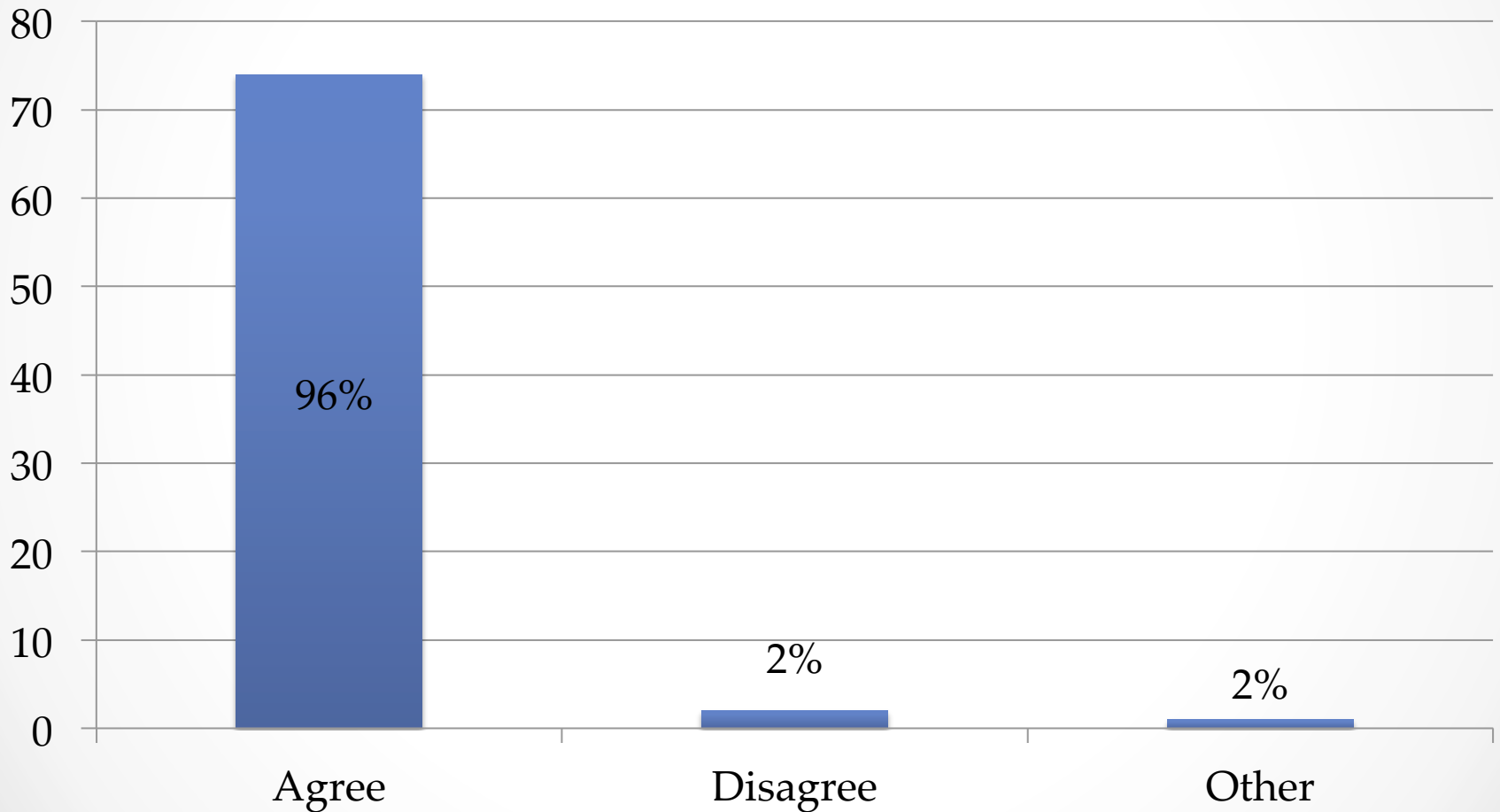
# Most Important Village Character Element



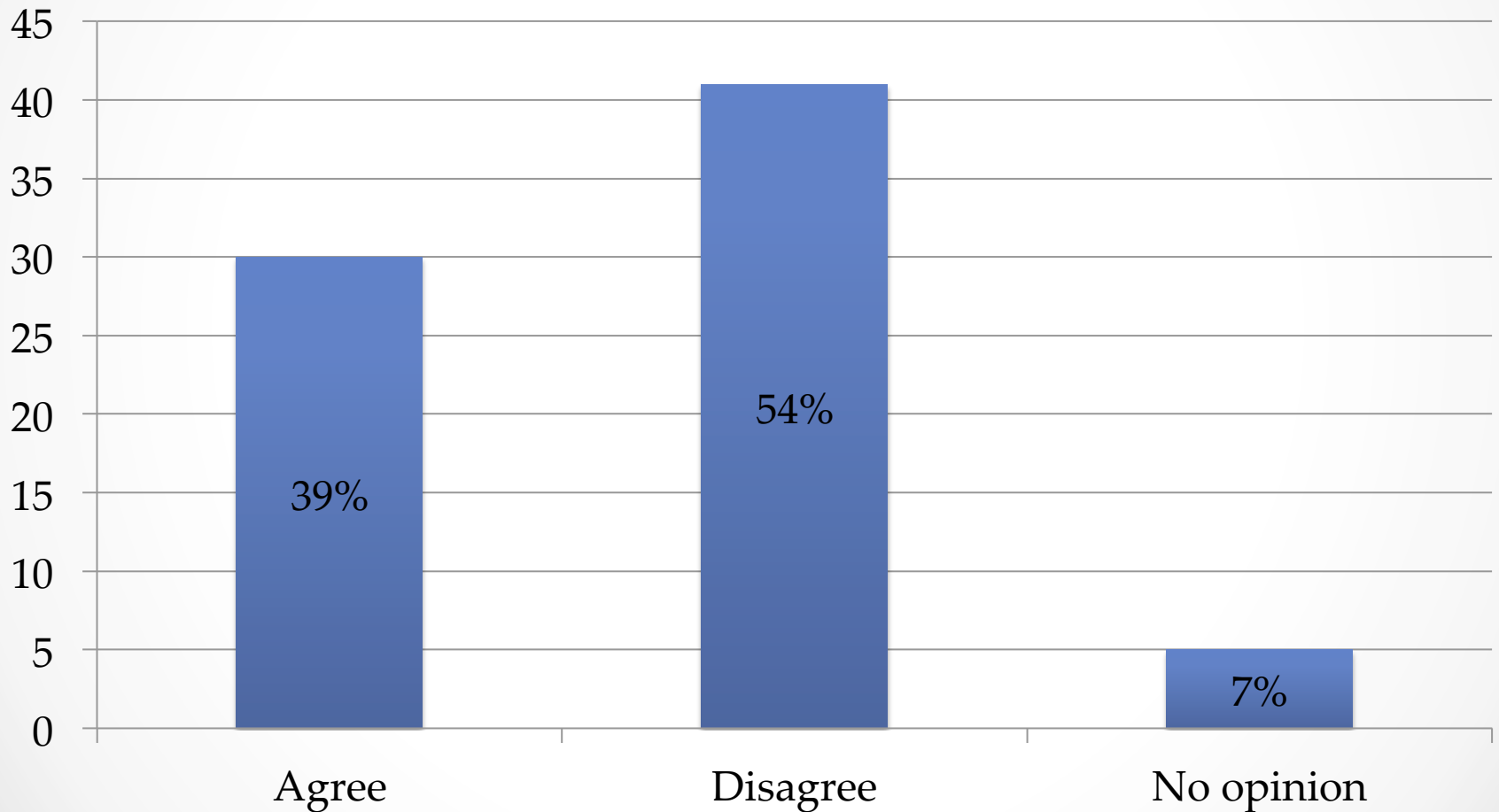
# As a pedestrian, I believe sidewalks and streets are in good condition.



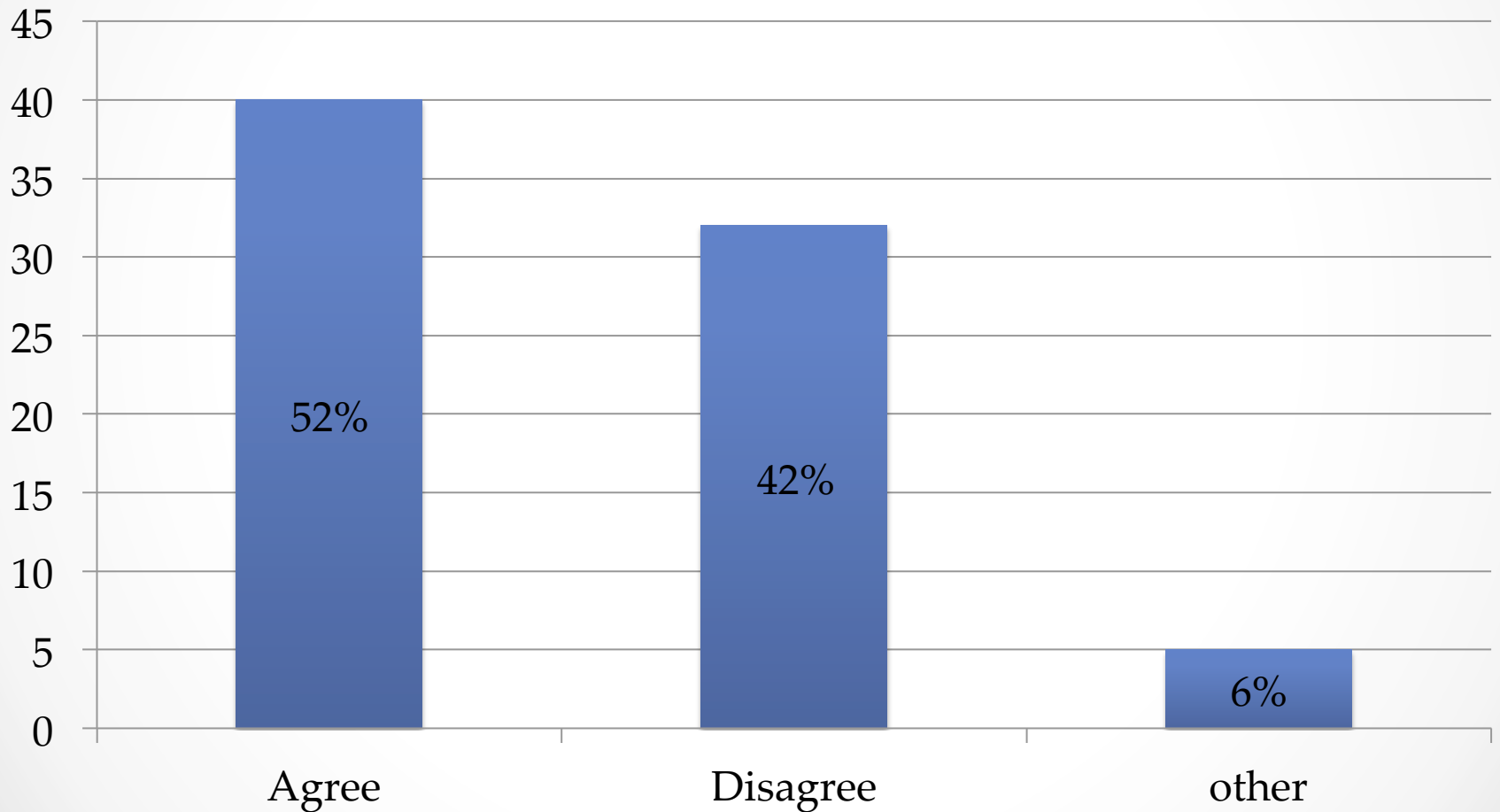
# Appearance, maintenance of streets, sidewalks, street trees important to village preservation?



# Snow removal is not a problem in my neighborhood.

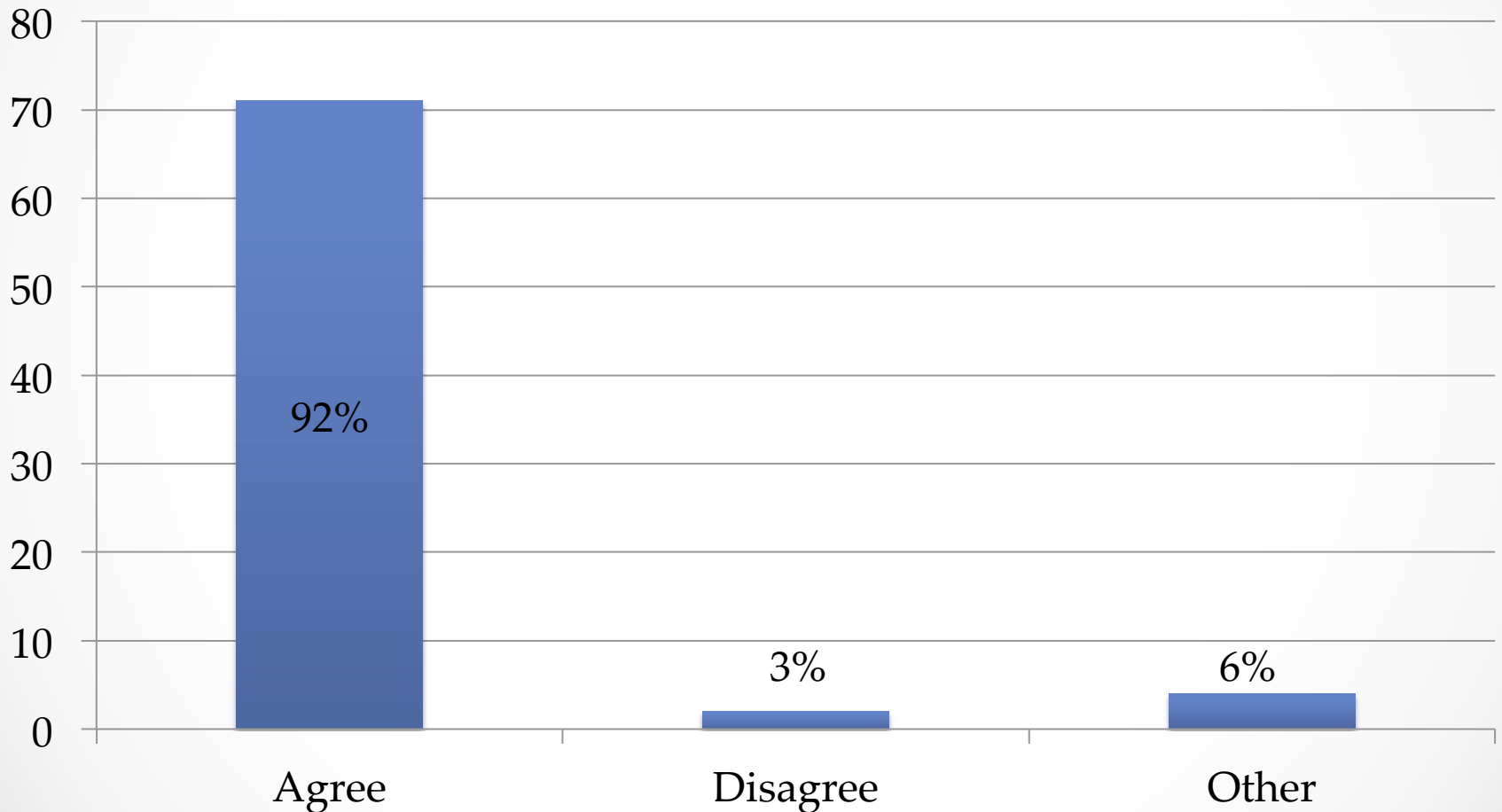


# Tennis Courts, picnic area and playground offer adequate recreational space?

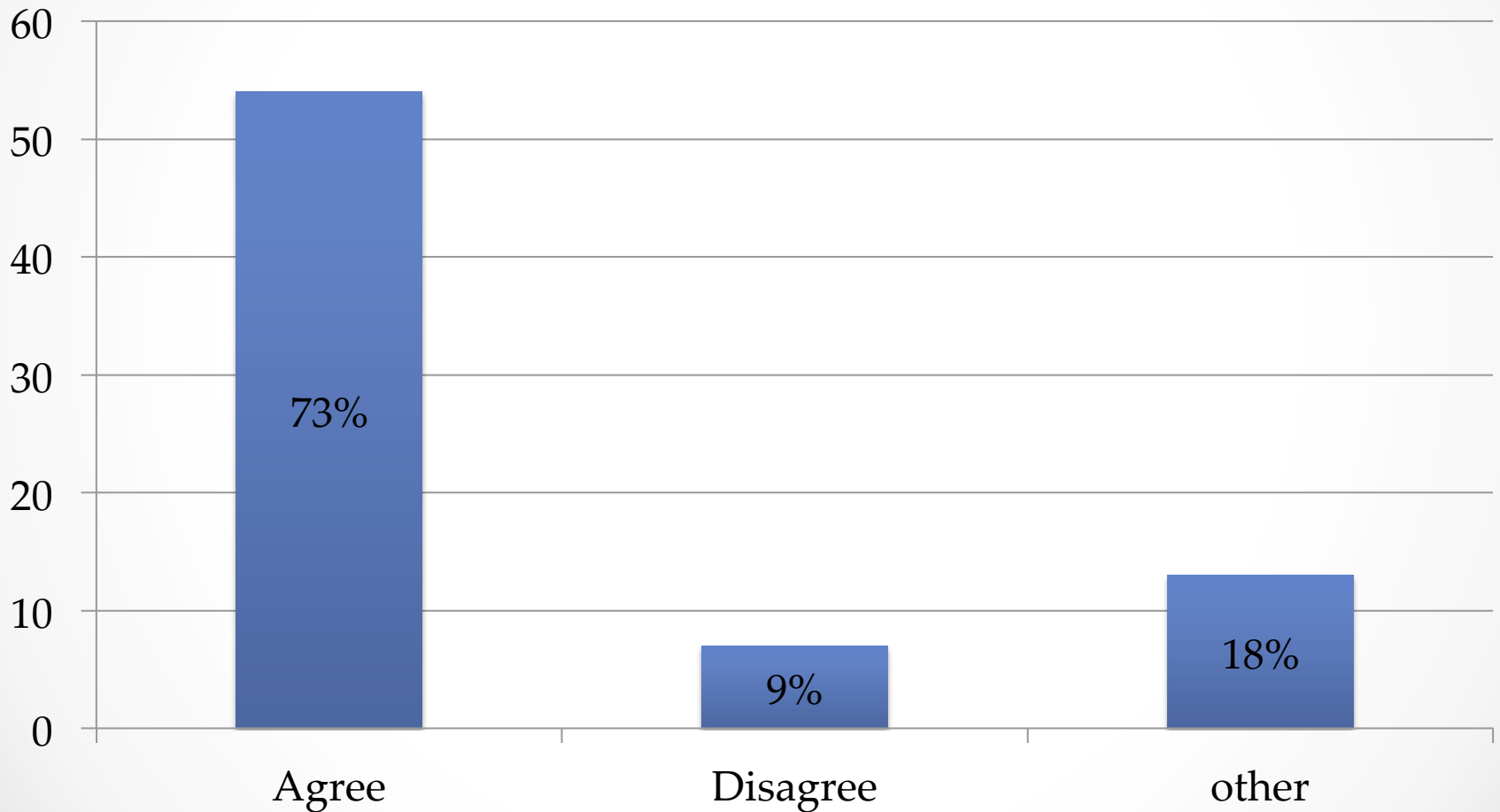




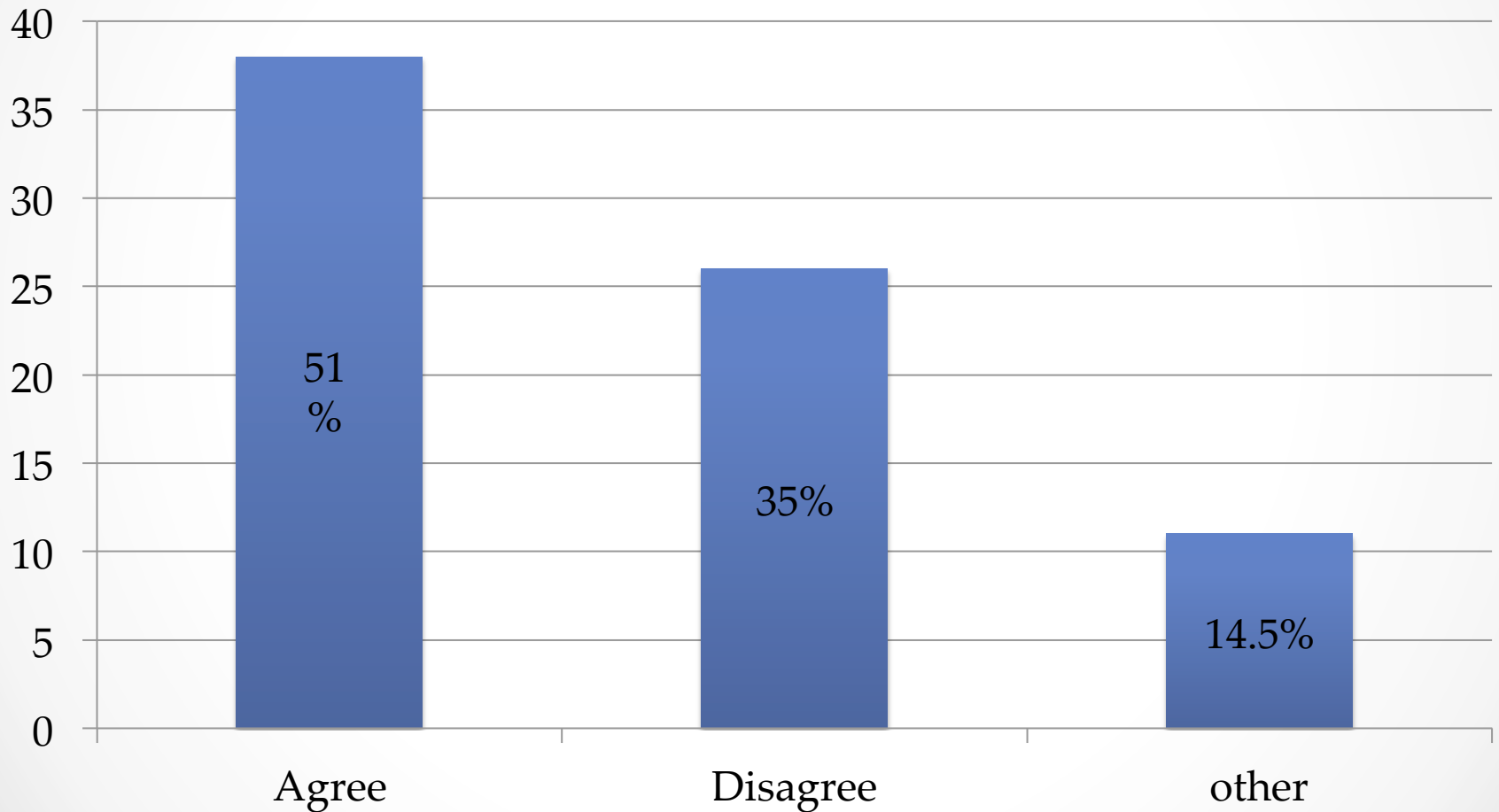
# Concerned with deteriorating or vacant residences and their effect on health, safety and property values in village.



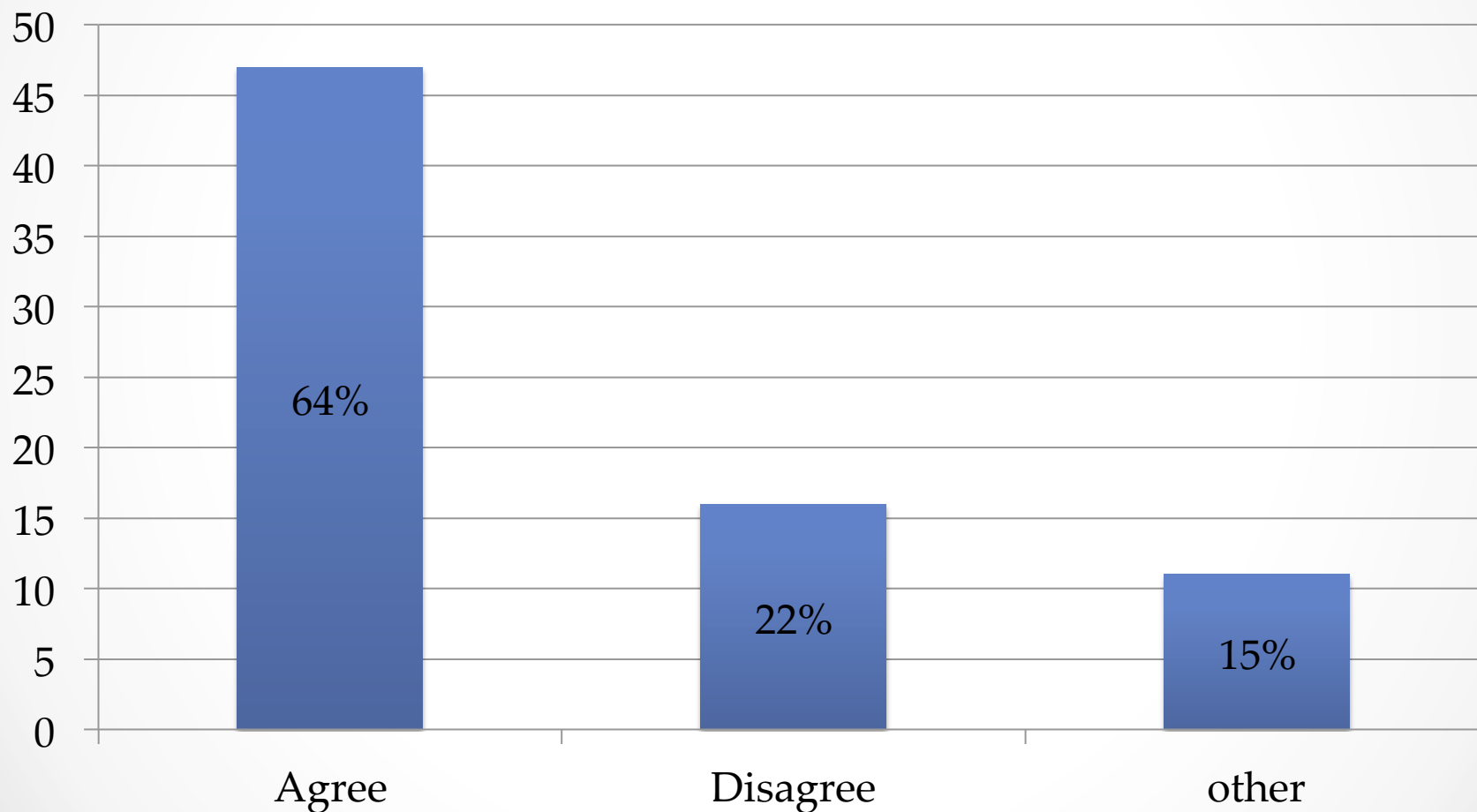
# I would find a Village website and Facebook page helpful.



# I believe dissolving the Village would risk the quality of life for its residents.



# Enhancing the rural farm and agricultural character of the village is important to me.



# What people like about the Village

- Small town feel
- Friendly people
- Safety
- Walkability
- True sense of community
- The institutions—post office, bank, school, churches, Fire Department
- Tennis courts

# Suggestions

- More businesses
- A restaurant
- More civic involvement
- More communication
- More recreational space, green space

# Thank You

- The Village Board—initiation of the planning process
- Caves—hosting a drop spot for the surveys
- The Resource Center—folding and stuffing the surveys
- Alan Gustafson—the bags to distribute the surveys
- The Planning Board members—walking the walk, talking the talk

