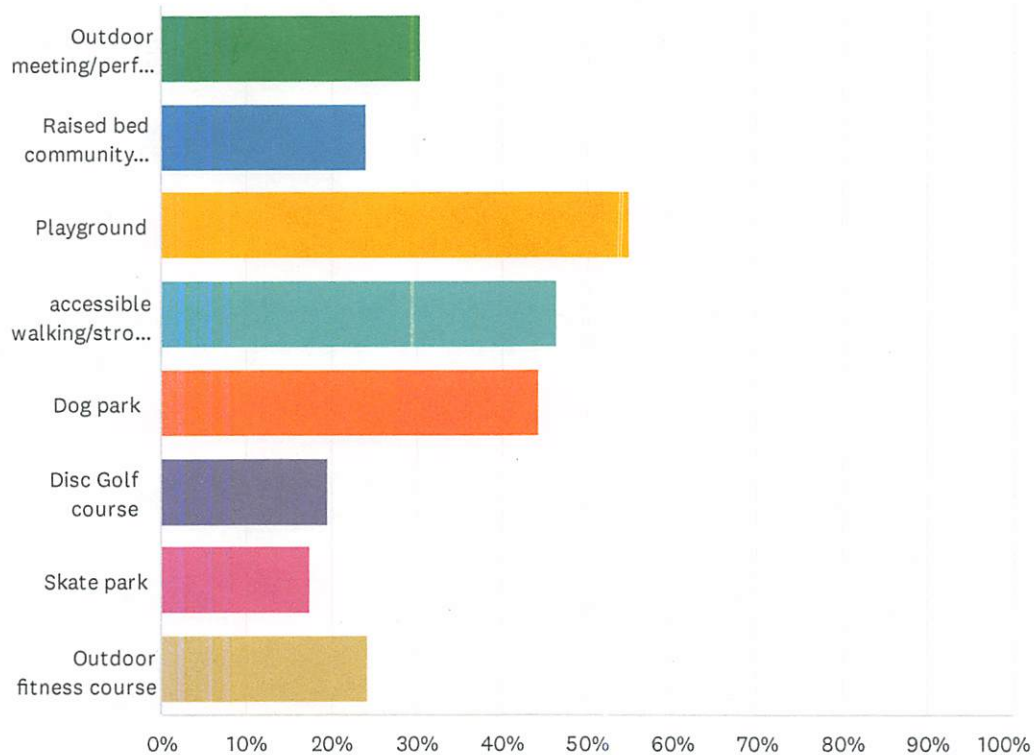


Q1 If the Emery Street property were to become a community gathering place, please check all boxes that correspond to the uses you think would benefit the community and propose new ideas in the suggestions section.

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ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Outdoor meeting/performance space	30.55%	84
Raised bed community gardens	24.00%	66
Playground	54.91%	151
accessible walking/stroller trail	46.55%	128
Dog park	44.36%	122
Disc Golf course	19.64%	54
Skate park	17.45%	48
Outdoor fitness course	24.36%	67

Total Respondents: 275

#	OTHER SUGGESTIONS?	DATE
1	Multi-use outdoor post and beam pavillion that can accommodate planned or spontaneous meetings and casual gatherings and requires little maintenance. Small outdoor amphitheater on the hill made with granite slab seating. Put an ADA lens on all anything we propose there. Do	3/24/2023 11:30 AM

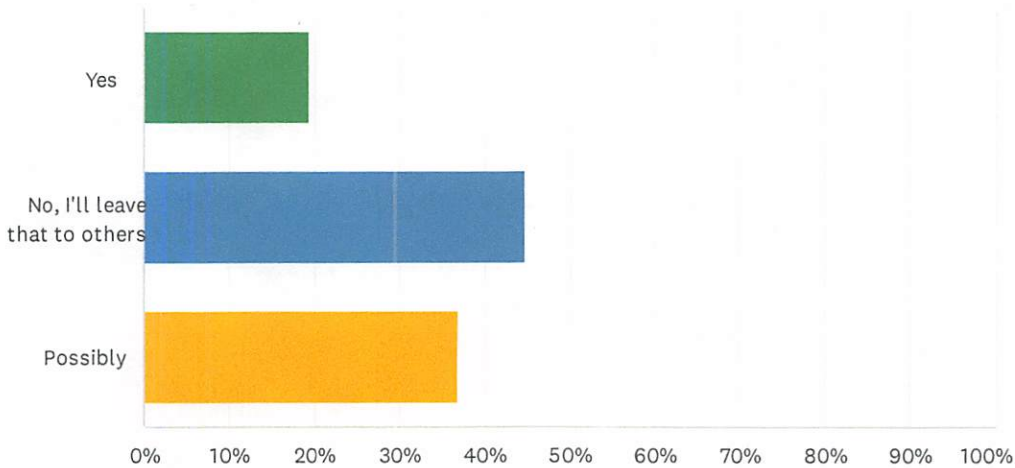
we have/need a broader discussion about a town masterplan? We're not a big town (area-wise), let's be thoughtful and forward-thinking about large, multi-use spaces like this. It won't take long for Merrimac to become built-out.

2	I love the idea of a community garden, but wouldn't lack of well water be a problem?	3/17/2023 2:17 PM
3	All of the above	3/16/2023 4:35 PM
4	no other suggestions....but the town needs to solve the water problem and it is solvable as we have two neighboring municipalities with abundant water, who benefit from water that flows through our town.	3/16/2023 12:58 PM
5	Cat park	3/15/2023 7:58 PM
6	Ice skating rink.	3/14/2023 7:31 PM
7	Tennis courts	3/14/2023 5:31 PM
8	I'd love to see an area like West Newbury has where people can meet and have outdoor birthday parties, community events and possible a summer rec area for kids	3/14/2023 5:11 PM
9	Transfer Station	3/14/2023 2:28 PM
10	Crosscountry ski and snowshoe area.	3/14/2023 11:37 AM
11	Town pool!	3/13/2023 9:38 PM
12	Apple and pear trees like a community orchard	3/13/2023 4:18 PM
13	pickleball	3/13/2023 6:43 AM
14	An area where the majority of trees are left standing, with a walking trail and gazebo, where you can have a birthday party or family/families gathering. With the purchase of a permit for a scheduled outing, otherwise it's a first come basis. Similar to Newburyports maudsley park. I believe this would be good for introducing a closer more family like atmosphere to this already beautiful town.	3/12/2023 10:57 AM
15	Leave it Vacant and unused. The area is already quite congested.	3/11/2023 2:12 PM
16	Pickleball	3/9/2023 6:40 PM
17	street hockey rink with full boards, tennis and basketball courts, batting cages all circled by a walking/running track (lit until 10 pm if possible)	3/9/2023 4:57 PM
18	Basketball and tennis courts.	3/6/2023 4:43 PM
19	Leave empty as is	3/5/2023 11:48 AM
20	Minimal cost to create, works with the terrain, minimally invasive, would be well utilized by the community.	3/5/2023 8:56 AM
21	Picnic tables near a walking path Love the idea of a disc golf course	3/4/2023 1:54 PM
22	Not enough water for grass, how could there be gardens?	3/3/2023 5:07 PM
23	Any of these with benches and picnic tables	3/3/2023 1:49 PM
24	In winter a skating rink	3/3/2023 11:53 AM
25	Would be better to put guardrails along Wallace way to protect the well access so our residents can enjoy the town beach	3/3/2023 8:56 AM
26	Pickleball courts	3/3/2023 8:50 AM
27	Community pool & pickleball court	3/3/2023 6:44 AM
28	I think that a disc golf course would be amazing for all ages. It would be free for the community to use and easy to access.	3/3/2023 6:34 AM
29	Running, walking Track	3/2/2023 10:02 PM
30	Splash pad, indoor function hall	3/2/2023 8:49 PM
31	Farmers market, OHD Location, jamaco/race locations	3/2/2023 8:47 PM

32	Waste Xfer station	3/2/2023 7:33 PM
33	Anything but a +55 community!	3/2/2023 6:32 PM
34	Dog park..Desperate need, I have the phone # of the Groveland dog park member who got a grant from the Stanton Foundation, the need selectmen support, and a ..required minimum land is 1 acre for a grant for a dog park....Jason at 508-982-6370, is very helpful and can guide us.	3/2/2023 6:23 PM
35	Drive in movie theater	3/2/2023 6:12 PM
36	Leave it as open space . As an abutter I see the diversity of use there from dog walking , walkers, joggers, birdwatchers,snow shoeing ,crosscountryskiing,sledding ,kite flying ,remote control planes,soccer,lacrosse, football ,the walking track was a nice addition I've even seen people in wheelchairs use it. Any of the above suggestions would severely limit the diversity of the use of this park inaddition the costs to the town would increase .right now it only costs us to mow the grass a few times a year.	3/2/2023 6:07 PM
37	Put in a sledding hill.	3/2/2023 6:02 PM
38	bocce courts, pickle ball courts Whatever you do with the space, it is important to have parking on site so that people don't fill up the street as has happened in the past.	3/2/2023 5:27 PM
39	I beautiful subdivision, half new homes, the other 8 or so acres of a nice playground/dog park. Can't find a newer construction in town to move to so can't sell my current house in town	3/2/2023 5:22 PM
40	Drive in Movie Theater	3/2/2023 5:18 PM
41	Trails, Outdoor Classroom Area with a place for pollinator garden, bat boxes, bee boxes, etc.	3/2/2023 4:51 PM
42	athletic fields	3/2/2023 4:45 PM
43	Put turf down so it can still be used for athletic fields. Put in a running track.	3/2/2023 4:30 PM
44	Pickleball courts	3/2/2023 4:30 PM
45	Tennis courts!	3/2/2023 4:25 PM
46	With a parking lot. Another huge setback when it was used for sports was lack of parking and dangerous drop/off pick up situations for the families as well as aggravation for the nearby homeowners I am sure.	3/2/2023 4:13 PM
47	Whatever doesn't take a lot of water to maintain and doesn't increase our already sky-high taxes.	3/2/2023 4:12 PM
48	Picnic area with tables/pergola with walk paths. Also family game areas along Ukrainian sides with bocce ball, horse shoes. Stuff for families and perhaps a stage and/or outdoor screens for movie. But	3/2/2023 4:05 PM
49	Merrimac has very few spaces like this. It's imperative that this space be a dual space that can function in a multitude of manners. I like the idea of a large covered space o the top field that could hold performances as well as weekend farmers market. Lots of outdoor seating, fire pits etc with smaller playground on lower level while maintaining track or a smaller version and adding parking. I think the track space between the top lot and bottom should be widened so food trucks have easy access to whatever events the space holds.	3/2/2023 4:03 PM
50	Solar farm!	3/2/2023 3:55 PM
51	Park that allows food trucks. Drive-in movie theater	3/2/2023 3:52 PM
52	It needs to be something the whole town can use not just dog owners or a smaller group disc golf players.	3/2/2023 3:50 PM
53	Pickleball courts	3/2/2023 3:48 PM
54	Need to open up the gates and have a parking lot	3/2/2023 3:42 PM
55	A place to invite Musicians / Performers in the Summer for outdoor concerts with Music \$ concession stands...etc	3/2/2023 3:14 PM

Q2 If this project proceeds, would you be interested in being involved with the planning group?

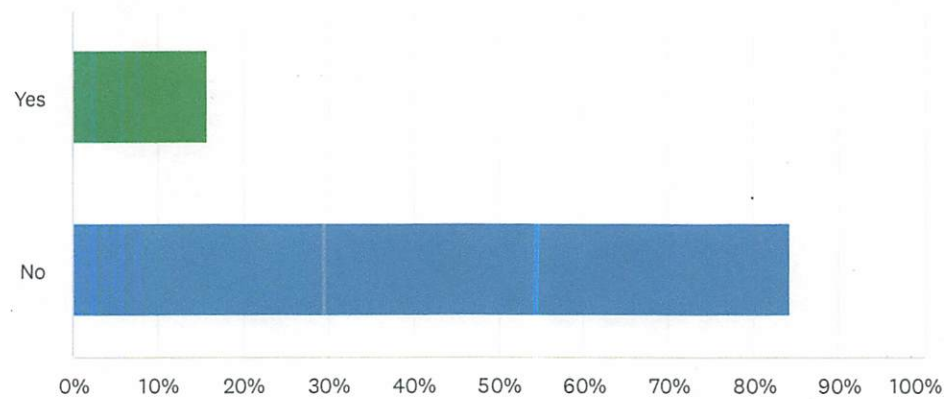
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		19.49%	54
No, I'll leave that to others		44.77%	124
Possibly		36.82%	102
Total Respondents: 277			

Q3 Do you have related expertise or experience that you could contribute (either directly, or as an advisor) to a project like this, such as environmental or land planning, engineering, technology, building trades, fundraising or grant writing skills?

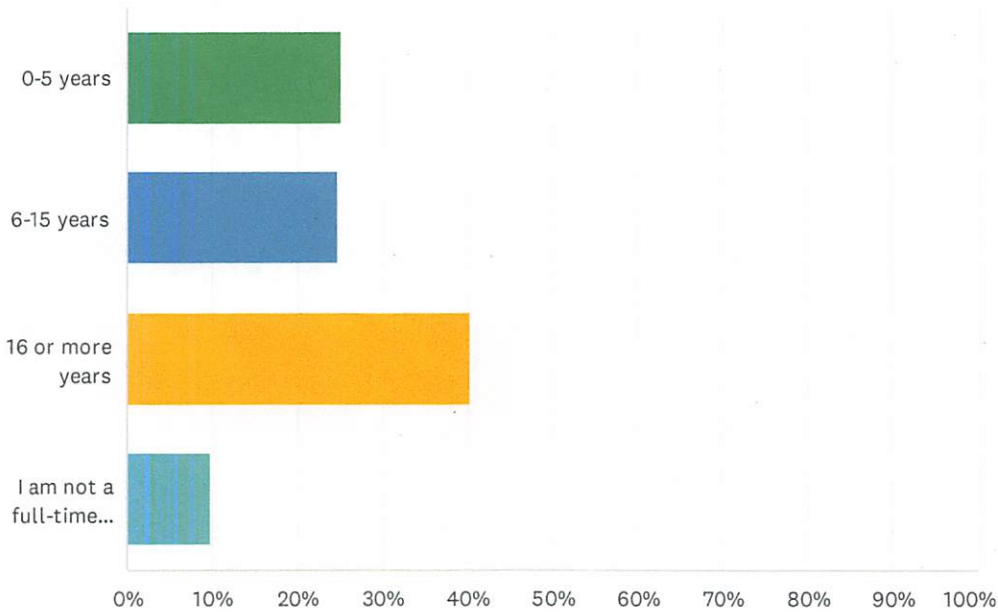
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.83%	44
No	84.17%	234
Total Respondents: 278		

Q4 How many years have you lived in Merrimac?

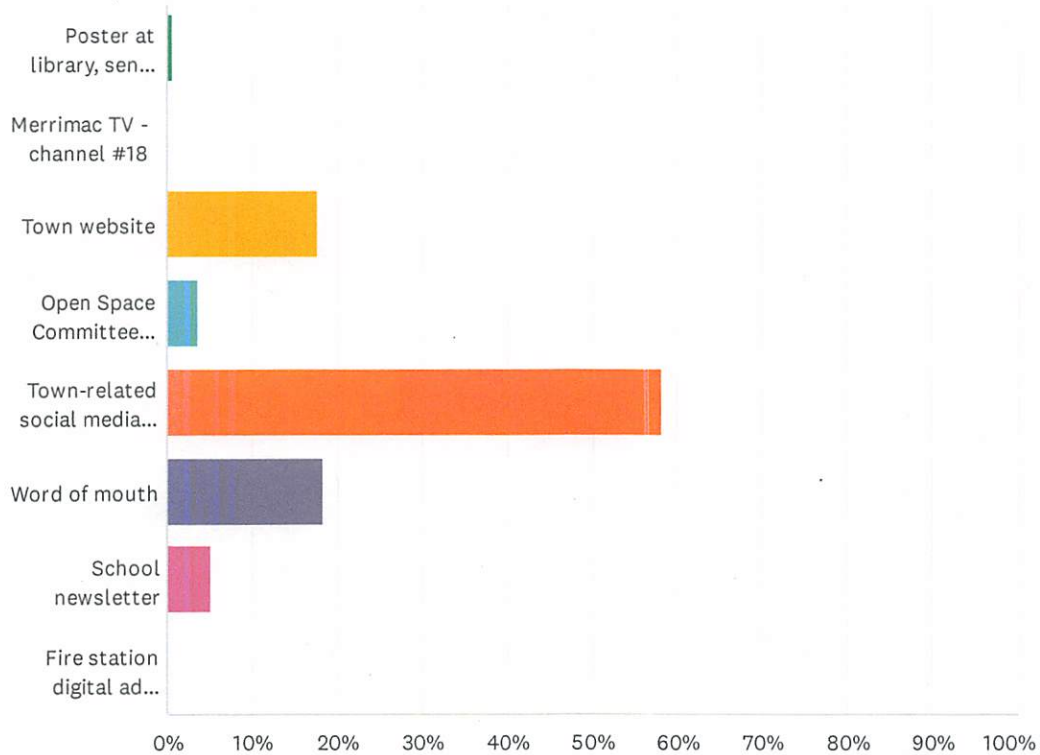
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 years	25.09%	71
6-15 years	24.73%	70
16 or more years	40.28%	114
I am not a full-time resident of Merrimac	9.89%	28
Total Respondents: 283		

Q5 How did you learn about this survey?

Answered: 278 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Poster at library, senior center, market	0.72%	2
Merrimac TV - channel #18	0.00%	0
Town website	17.63%	49
Open Space Committee webpage	3.60%	10
Town-related social media page	58.27%	162
Word of mouth	18.35%	51
School newsletter	5.04%	14
Fire station digital ad board	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 278		