



# Lewis County Comprehensive Plan

## Community Survey Results

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## **Introduction**

In addition to other public outreach techniques, Lewis County conducted a county-wide survey to obtain feedback on key issues important to county residents. To maximize community engagement and ensure broad accessibility across the county, the survey was made available in both digital and paper formats. Public outreach efforts utilized a variety of channels to encourage participation, including holding the first public workshop, hosting a pop-up event at the Lewis County Fair, leveraging social media, and handing out surveys at other community events.

The community survey generated 299 responses and provides a comprehensive picture of residents' values, concerns, and aspirations for Lewis County. While opinions differed on several issues, particularly renewable energy development and motorized recreation, the survey revealed a strong overall consensus around protecting Lewis County's rural character while addressing housing, economic, and demographic challenges. Approximately 61% of respondents identified as lifelong residents, with roughly 22% being residents of more than 20 years.

The following is a summary and analysis of the survey results. The full survey results can be found in Appendix A.

## **Overall Perception of Lewis County**

Generally, residents view Lewis County very positively. Nearly 71% of respondents rated the county as either an Excellent (19%) or Good (52%) place to live, while only about 3% rated it Poor.

The survey responses suggest that residents value Lewis County because it offers a quality of life that is increasingly difficult to find elsewhere, this includes the county's natural beauty, rural lifestyle, close-knit communities, agricultural heritage, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Many described Lewis County as safe, family-oriented, and well-suited for people seeking a quieter pace of life.

## **Lewis County's Greatest Strengths**

The survey demonstrates that residents view Lewis County's natural and cultural resources as its greatest assets. The most frequently selected strengths include:

- Abundant forests and natural resources
- Access to outdoor recreation
- Active agriculture and farmland

- Rural character and small-town atmosphere
- Scenic views and open countryside
- Community spirit and volunteerism
- Tourism and recreation economy
- Quality schools and education

Residents repeatedly highlighted working farms, forests, rivers, mountains, wildlife habitat, and scenic vistas as qualities that define Lewis County's identity. Many respondents described the county's landscapes as unique, irreplaceable, and worthy of protection. Historic villages, agricultural valleys, quiet country roads, and dark skies were also identified as important community assets.

### **Key Challenges Facing Lewis County**

The survey identified several major challenges that residents believe will shape Lewis County's future over the next 10 to 20 years. The strongest concerns related to:

- Housing affordability and availability
- Population decline and an aging population
- Workforce shortages
- Limited childcare availability
- Economic diversification
- Maintaining rural character
- Aging infrastructure
- Broadband and cellular service limitations

Many respondents expressed concern that Lewis County is struggling to retain young adults and working families. Residents repeatedly noted that younger generations often leave the county due to limited employment opportunities, housing shortages, childcare challenges, and a lack of services and amenities.

Healthcare access also emerged as a recurring concern. Respondents cited shortages of physicians, specialists, mental health services, and services for older adults. Many noted that residents frequently travel outside the county for medical care.

### **Housing Issues and Priorities**

Housing emerged as one of the most pressing issues in the survey. Residents consistently identified the need to:

- Increase housing affordability for working families
- Expand rental housing options
- Rehabilitate older homes
- Support first-time homebuyers
- Expand senior housing opportunities
- Increase housing availability overall

Numerous respondents expressed concern about rising home values, increasing property taxes, aging housing stock, and limited housing inventory. Residents frequently linked housing challenges to workforce recruitment and retention, noting that young families and professionals often struggle to find affordable housing options. Several comments also referenced impacts from second-home ownership and seasonal housing demand.

When asked where future housing should be located, respondents generally favored locations with existing infrastructure, including villages, hamlets, downtowns, and areas served by public water and sewer systems. This suggests broad support for concentrating development within existing communities rather than encouraging dispersed rural development.

### **Agriculture and Rural Preservation**

Agriculture remains central to residents' vision for Lewis County's future. Key concerns include:

- Lack of young farmers
- Loss of family farms
- High agricultural land values
- Farm labor shortages
- Loss of farmland
- Solar development on farmland
- Loss of rural character

Respondents expressed strong support for preserving agriculture as both an economic sector and a defining component of community identity. Popular agricultural initiatives included:

- Farm succession and transition planning
- Expanded dairy processing

- Local meat processing
- Farm-to-table businesses
- Local food markets and farm stands
- Maple syrup production and tourism

Many residents emphasized the importance of protecting farmland from conversion to non-agricultural uses and maintaining opportunities for future generations to continue farming.

### **Economic Development Priorities**

Survey results indicate broad support for economic growth that strengthens local communities without compromising rural character.

Top economic development priorities include:

- Attracting new employers (54%)
- Retaining young professionals (39%)
- Supporting small businesses (38%)
- Expanding housing options (31%)
- Supporting agriculture and agribusiness (30%)
- Expanding childcare availability (25%)
- Expanding broadband access (25%)

Residents commonly called for more family-supporting jobs, professional careers, manufacturing opportunities, and workforce development initiatives. At the same time, many emphasized supporting locally owned businesses, downtown revitalization, and entrepreneurial activity.

Several responses stressed the importance of balancing economic growth with preservation of Lewis County's small-town identity and rural landscape.

### **Desired Businesses and Services**

Residents identified several service gaps and desired community amenities.

Frequently requested services include:

- Childcare facilities
- Healthcare services
- Restaurants and dining
- Retail shopping

- Professional services
- Recreation facilities
- Youth-oriented amenities
- Senior services
- Arts and cultural venues

Many respondents expressed frustration with having to travel outside the county for shopping, dining, healthcare, and entertainment. There was particular interest in providing more opportunities for teenagers and young adults, including recreation centers, cultural venues, sports facilities, and community gathering spaces.

### **Recreation, Tourism, and Quality of Life**

The survey reveals widespread support for recreation investments but also significant disagreement regarding the role of motorized recreation.

Residents generally support:

- Walking and biking trails
- Parks and playgrounds
- Indoor recreation facilities
- Family-oriented recreation
- Arts and cultural programming
- Better trail connectivity
- Water access improvements

At the same time, many respondents expressed concerns about:

- ATV and UTV traffic
- Noise
- Safety issues
- Property rights conflicts
- Environmental impacts
- Trail conflicts
- Loss of rural character

Responses reveal a clear divide regarding ATV, UTV, and snowmobile tourism. While some residents view trail networks as important economic drivers, many others believe motorized recreation has become excessive and negatively affects community character, public safety, wildlife habitat, and quality of life.

## **Environmental Protection and Infrastructure**

Residents strongly support protecting natural resources while improving core infrastructure.

Priority areas include:

- Protecting farmland and forests
- Preserving scenic views and open space
- Repairing roads and bridges
- Expanding broadband and cellular service
- Improving water and wastewater infrastructure
- Maintaining long-term infrastructure systems
- Enhancing emergency preparedness

Comments repeatedly highlighted Lewis County's forests, rivers, lakes, wetlands, farmlands, and scenic vistas as resources that should be protected from inappropriate development. Many respondents also identified broadband and cellular connectivity as essential infrastructure necessary for future economic growth and quality of life.

## **Renewable Energy and Large-Scale Development**

Renewable energy generated some of the strongest opinions in the survey.

Respondents showed substantial opposition to:

- Battery Energy Storage Systems (46% strongly oppose)
- Data Centers (60% strongly oppose)
- Utility-Scale Solar (43% strongly oppose)

Support was considerably higher for:

- Utility-Scale Hydropower (56% support)
- Utility-Scale Wind Power (39% support, 36% oppose)

Many respondents expressed concern that solar facilities, battery storage facilities, and data centers could consume farmland, alter scenic landscapes, and diminish rural character. Numerous comments specifically referenced protecting farmland and

preventing industrial-scale development in rural areas. However, a smaller group of respondents expressed support for renewable energy, climate resiliency, and efforts to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

### **Overarching Themes and Summar of Community Insights**

Several core themes consistently appeared throughout the community survey, highlighting residents' shared vision, key concerns, and priorities for the future of Lewis County:

- **Protect rural character and scenic landscapes:** Residents place a high value on the county's open countryside, scenic views, dark skies, and quiet rural atmosphere.
- **Preserve farmland and support agriculture:** Protecting local farming heritage, family farms, and agricultural land from conversion or intensive industrial development remains a top priority.
- **Provide more affordable housing:** Addressing housing availability, rising costs, aging housing stock, and affordability for working families is viewed as critical.
- **Retain young people and attract new families:** Overcoming population decline requires creating pathways, jobs, and community features that encourage younger generations to stay or move to the area.
- **Expand childcare and healthcare services:** Residents highlighted significant service gaps, calling for better access to local medical care, specialists, mental health services, and childcare options.
- **Create more jobs and economic opportunities:** Broad support exists for attracting new employers, supporting small businesses, and diversifying the local economy with family-supporting careers.
- **Improve broadband and infrastructure:** Enhancing cellular service, high-speed internet, and maintaining roads, bridges, and water systems are seen as essential for future growth.
- **Support local businesses and village centers:** Revitalizing downtowns and main streets while fostering local entrepreneurship is vital to community identity.
- **Balance tourism with quality of life for residents:** While tourism brings economic benefits, residents emphasized the need to manage issues like noise, traffic, property rights, and motorized recreation conflicts.

- **Carefully manage future energy development:** Substantial concern surrounds large-scale industrial projects—such as utility-scale solar, battery storage, and data centers—demanding rigorous planning and protection of natural resources.

Ultimately, the findings from this comprehensive survey provide local leaders, planners, and county officials with invaluable data to guide decision-making for the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan. By clearly highlighting both the shared aspirations of residents and the distinct areas of community debate – particularly regarding future energy projects, housing demands, and recreational management – this feedback establishes a clear roadmap. Moving forward, the insights gathered will help ensure that future policies and development strategies successfully protect Lewis County's cherished rural heritage while actively addressing its evolving economic, infrastructural, and demographic needs.

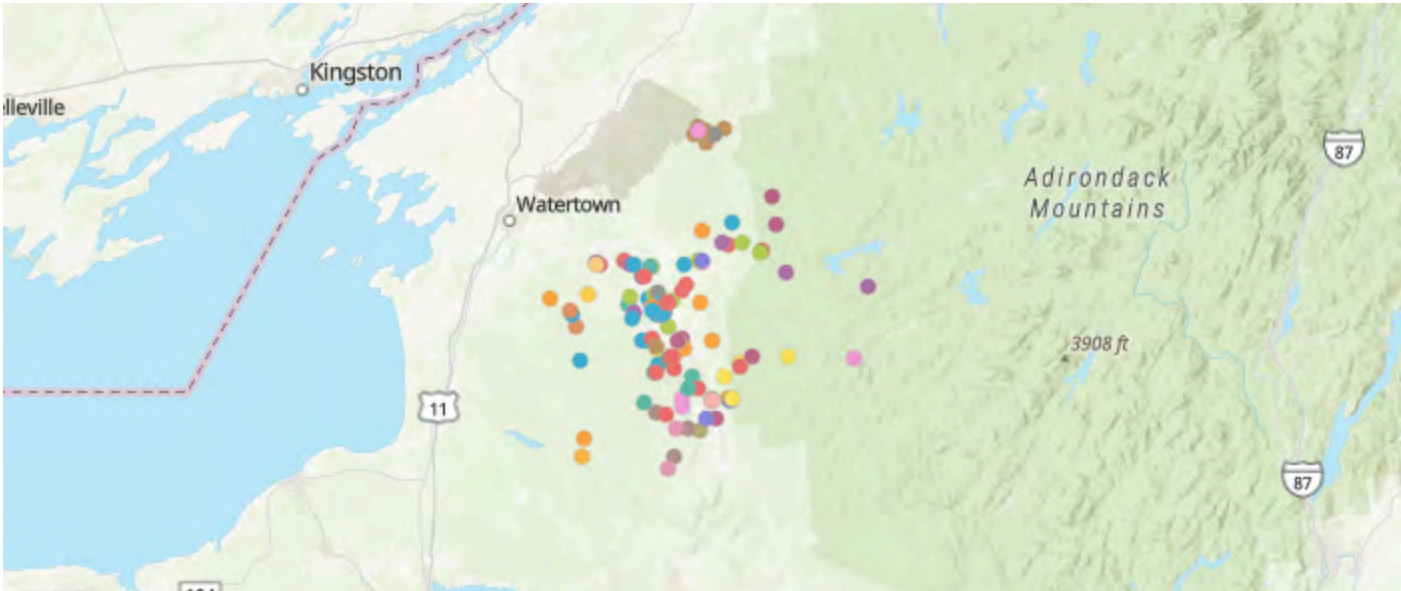
## **Appendix A: Full Community Survey Results**

# Lewis County Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan Draft

## Community Survey

### YOUR LOCATION:

1.) What town or village do you live in? \*



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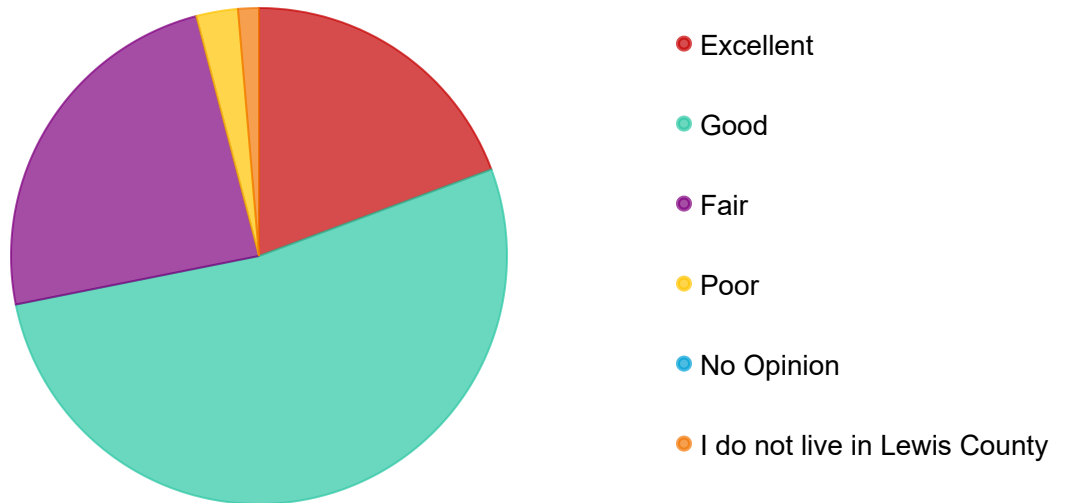
| Answers            | Count | Percentage |
|--------------------|-------|------------|
| Town of Croghan    | 32    | 10.7%      |
| Town of Denmark    | 8     | 2.68%      |
| Town of Diana      | 14    | 4.68%      |
| Town of Greig      | 19    | 6.35%      |
| Town of Harrisburg | 2     | 0.67%      |
| Town of Lewis      | 6     | 2.01%      |
| Town of Leyden     | 9     | 3.01%      |
| Town of Lowville   | 48    | 16.05%     |
| Town of Lyonsdale  | 7     | 2.34%      |

|                           |    |        |
|---------------------------|----|--------|
| Town of Martinsburg       | 9  | 3.01%  |
| Town of Montague          | 0  | 0%     |
| Town of New Bremen        | 31 | 10.37% |
| Town of Osceola           | 2  | 0.67%  |
| Town of Pinckney          | 3  | 1%     |
| Town of Turin             | 10 | 3.34%  |
| Town of Watson            | 22 | 7.36%  |
| Town of West Turin        | 18 | 6.02%  |
| Village of Castorland     | 3  | 1%     |
| Village of Constableville | 5  | 1.67%  |
| Village of Copenhagen     | 1  | 0.33%  |
| Village of Croghan        | 3  | 1%     |
| Village of Lowville       | 34 | 11.37% |
| Village of Lyons Falls    | 3  | 1%     |
| Village of Port Leyden    | 2  | 0.67%  |
| Other                     | 8  | 2.68%  |

Answered: 299 Skipped: 0

### OVERALL VISION & PRIORITIES

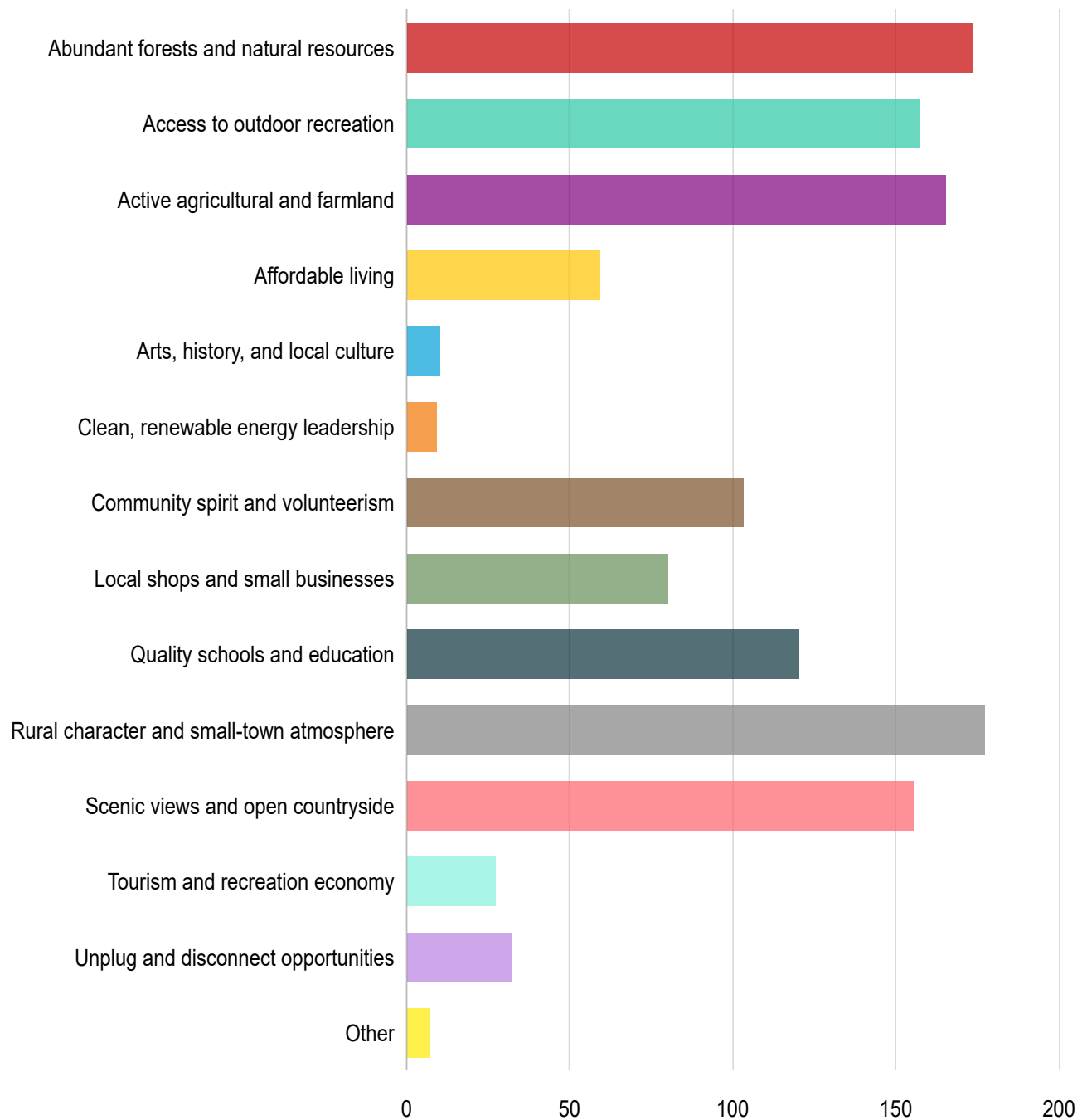
- 2.) Overall, how would you rate Lewis County as a place to live?



| Answers                       | Count | Percentage |
|-------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Excellent                     | 57    | 19.06%     |
| Good                          | 155   | 51.84%     |
| Fair                          | 71    | 23.75%     |
| Poor                          | 8     | 2.68%      |
| No Opinion                    | 0     | 0%         |
| I do not live in Lewis County | 4     | 1.34%      |

Answered: 295 Skipped: 4

### 3.) What are Lewis County's greatest strengths? (Select up to 5)



## Response

## Count

The entrepreneurs that live here

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Safe communities for the most part.

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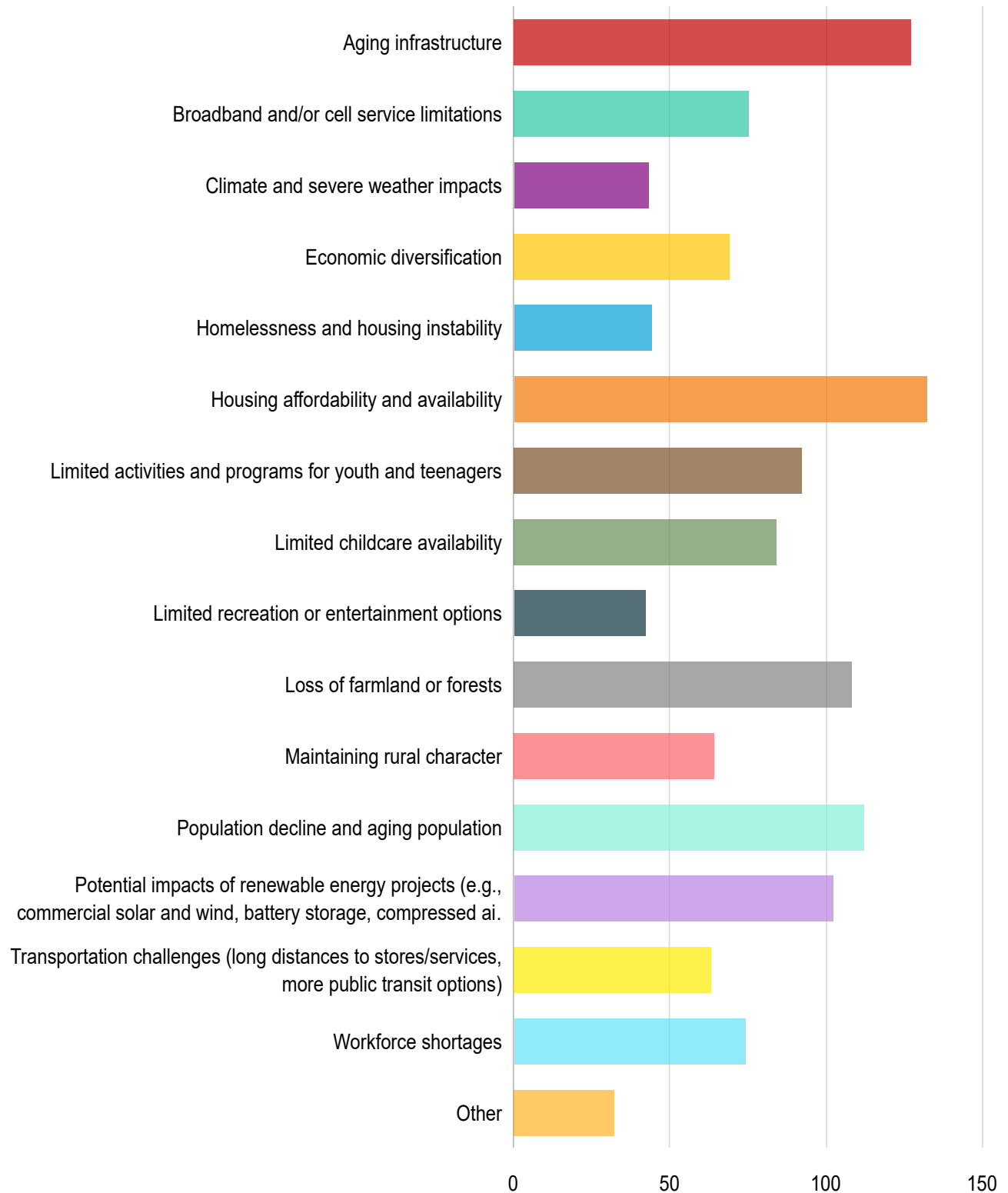
Nothing

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Church attendance

1

4.) What are the biggest challenges facing Lewis County over the next 10 - 20 years?...



| Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Count |
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| There is a lack of drawing people into our community and keeping them here.                                                                                                                                                                  | 1     |
| The windmills have ruined our land. 20 years down the line what will happen when they are falling apart? We do not get any electricity savings!!!                                                                                            | 1     |
| Substance Abuse                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1     |
| Self-serving and dishonest government                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1     |
| Resources and housing for seniors                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1     |
| Quality mental healthcare                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1     |
| Quality healthcare/medical provider recruitment                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1     |
| No Jobs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1     |
| No access to doctors/prescribers for chronic mental health issues, no county hospital acceptance for suicidal individuals. Void in mental health care even with Thrive as services are not available because of staffing and DSS priorities. | 1     |
| Limited MH services                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1     |
| Limited healthcare                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1     |
| Limited good paying jobs                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1     |
| Lewis County needs to place substantial resources in buying and razing dilapidated buildings, via eminent domain if necessary, in order to bolster property valules. (i.e. the old Radio Shack downtown Lowville)                            | 1     |
| Lack of well paying jobs                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1     |
| Lack of supports and resources for older adults                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1     |
| Lack of smeall business support                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1     |
| Lack of restaurants / more food options                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1     |
| Lack of interest from the county legislatures                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1     |
| Lack of industry and good paying jobs. Too many handouts and programs.                                                                                                                                                                       | 1     |



| Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Count |
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| Lower taxes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 7     |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3     |
| More affordable housing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2     |
| Well-developed exercise and fitness trail system for safe walking, running, and bikeriding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1     |
| Walking/running trails                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1     |
| Vibrant business community                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1     |
| Utv                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1     |
| Up date zoning, area for more commercial business use in the township.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1     |
| The school systems and the opportunities for students and teachers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1     |
| The cost of living,rent is high                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1     |
| Taxes !Getting out of hand !Lived here all of our lives and now are talking about selling and leaving along with other family members .Also electric costs crazy !                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1     |
| Taxes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1     |
| Take out the homeless and scum bags the police don't want to deal with and keep letting get away with things because they are scared to do their jobs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1     |
| Sustaining Naturally Lewis and what that organization truly embodies. Small Business and Non-Profits are the heart and soul of this community. The County taking the back seat on new projects while focusing on infrastructure, municipalities and the rail trail they have been fumbling would be the best use of tax payers dollars: let the nonprofits excel in the areas they know best. Support doesn't always mean the County needs to be the shinning star. | 1     |
| Stronger code enforcement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1     |
| Stop the "renewable" energy farce.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1     |
| Stop renewable/green energy crap to our area!!! It doesn't support the local community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1     |
| Stop all the UTV and ATV racing and noise. Return to pure outdoor recreation; biking, walking, hiking, fishing. Motorized recreation is running our rural feel, ecological environs and peaceful living.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1     |

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| Stop all the solar and wind farms they are not efficient                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| smaller government (less assistance programs, less road salt usage, lower taxes)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Shopping options. Loss of Dollar Tree had an adverse impact on its shoppers due to higher costs in other stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Senior housing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| Reasonable energy costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Read this survey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Rail to trails implemented                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Putting a disc golf course in Lowville or near Lowville. Please allow the town or pay the town of village to do maintain the course so it stays clean and ready to play.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Property Tax Affordability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Promotion of walikin hiking biking etc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Programs to bring or keep young people in the area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| Programming for people with special needs would be more available and provide transportation for people living in communities not in or adjacent to Lowville.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Prevent "green" energy efforts that line rich people's pockets snd pollute our water and land out of our county. Do not allow installation of solar farms, battry storage or compressed air storage without fully fubded decomissioning plans. Look at how much money the country is CURRENTLY spending on cleaning up abandoned factories, paper mills, etc. The recent windmill demolition OPENLY violated NESHAPS "no visable emissions" guidelines. We need to protect our natural resources better. | 1 |
| police the ATV, SxS and snowmobile traffic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Overall cost of loving increases in the USA. Not just in Lewis County.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Osceola gets the short end of the stick with services and the ability to connect with the rest of the county.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Opport                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |

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| One change that would most improve my quality of life in Lewis County is if there were a focus on entertainment and recreation opportunities targeted at the age demographics of 18-30. Furthermore, the limitations of how Lewis County gets information out across all events need to be modernized, meaning Instagram accounts posting about events so that when events in the community occur, there is better outreach and therefore better turnout to events. | 1 |
| Not selling farmland to big corps or random convenience stores popping up when the owners previous businesses have been shut down to selling illegal items                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Not having to drive so far/long for shopping and entrtainment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| Not having any solar & wind farms...they are eye sores to our beautiful woods and farmland! Also slow down the technical & electronics push. I still have a landline and want to keep it. Not everyone has to own a cellphone, especially the elderly.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Not allowing renewable energy projects to swallow up our beautiful land.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| New quality restaurants with atmosphere and offering a menu that's not considered "bar food "                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Need local businesses in downtown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Need a bike path or plan on moving.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| More varied culture, artisans, small businesses that can afford to stay and thrive.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| More transit options                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| More services for people                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| more services and businesses available (stores, groceries-not Dollar General)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| More robust healthcare and longevity programs geared toward the aging population who are living much longer and seeking opportunities to live a more active, healthy lifestyle in their own community                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| More retail options.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| More restaurants ( not fast food chains) More Doctors( Specialists)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| More restaurants & evening dining                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| More restaurant options in Lowville. More focus on the needs of youth and community services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| More recreational opportunities in forested areas that are accessible by motor vehicles in the state lands. These areas are useless to a majority of the residents due to no access or aging residents who can't walk 10 miles to enjoy them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |

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| More recreational activities for young adults.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| More public transit options                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| More organized sporting events for young adults. More non-alcoholic surround entertainment.                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| More law enforcement presence and enforcement of 4 wheeler and boating laws                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| More job oppurtunities with higher wages. Minium wage is \$16 and hour. I have a BA and only make \$20.                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| more focus on all of the residents and less on only certain pars of Lowville's main street. Not many people benefit from flowers and new paint on the businesses on North State Street bu twoudl benefit from better cell phone coverage and drivable roads. | 1 |
| More fine dining choices More clothing shopping choices                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| More employment opportunities better restaurants and stores                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| more diverse stores clothing --hardware --etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| More cultural events- access to " thr arts"                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| More commercial stores such for clothes , hardware's and general stores with quality merchandise.                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| More childcare and grocery stores available in the southern end of the county                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| More businesses. Growth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| More activities/rec center for youth, roller skating rink, and indoor basketball courts in the southern part of Lewis county.                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| More activities/events for young adults.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| More accessible healthcare facilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| More access to retail stores, services, and medical specialists without having to drive or seek services out of the county.                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Make the cost of insurance and medication costs affordable.                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Lowering taxes by cutting the stupid spending. Tax assessments have been getting out of hand                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Lower utility costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |

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| Lower utilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Lower taxes Lower energy costs Ways of increasing tax revenues with tourism                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Lower taxes on fuel.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Lower taxes at Lake Bonaparte. The assessments are very high.                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Lower taxes and better run county services                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Lower property and school taxes                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Lower prices for power, groceries and gas                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |
| Lower housing cost                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| Lower energy prices                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Lower energy cost (electric)                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Low cost electric power                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Local urgent care                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Local grocery/drug store                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Lewis County needs to find the balance of attracting new business while maintaining "small town living". I'm sure this is an ongoing conversation and hopefully good opportunities come along that will benefit the entire community. | 1 |
| Less taxes                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Less government                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| less county spending, lower taxes                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Leadership                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Law enforcement of ATV traffic                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Keeping the rural nature                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Keep windmills away                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Keep Lewis County Rural farmland. The addition of massive solar and wind farms is harming what makes Lewis County special                                                                                                             | 1 |

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| Keep farm land and forest the way it is                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Job opportunities that pay a living wage. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| It would substantially improve my family's quality of life if ATV/UTV/snowmobile recreation was lessened, or at minimum, more strictly enforced. People are breaking multiple laws, while destroying the trails, land, water, air quality, causing noise pollution, and eliminating historic hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities in our local area. Places where we have seen abundant wildlife for generations now have little or no wildlife activity because every piece of county land is riddled with ATV trails. | 1 |
| It would be great if there were things other than outdoor activities to draw people in. We need diversity in opportunities and access to cultural activities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Investment in eco friendly and affordable housing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Increasing the population so there are more diverse families and more workforce.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Increased public money investment into community and youth.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Increased job opportunities with full time and benefits .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| increase of specialty doctors in county -even if the came from outside the area for one day a week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Increase in high speed internet avability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| If Legislators would maintain a responsible budget so taxes stop increasing all the time. They waste a lot of money.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| I'd like to see more of a selection of store fronts other then bars and dollar stores ! We use to have a great clothing store, a sports store and a good grocery store here !                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| I would like too see the community provide more recreation such trails for atv's that do not just go off rd then right back on a short distance away. We should be looking to improve relations with surrounding counties, to provided better connectivity too other counties trails bringing in more business and promote new businesses.                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| I would like to see our small towns maintained better. In order to maintain property you need prosperity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| I work as a mental health professional and there are not enough resources for housing, things for teenagers to do, and supports for elderly who have lost family and friends.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |

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| I love it here but the people are too homogeneous and isolated. We need stronger international ties and cultural variety. I would love to see it be a magnet for immigrants, with thriving Congolese, Ukrainian or Guatemalan communities. For example, look at how the New Bremen community has been blessed by their Haitian contacts. We are way too provincial and culturally isolated. | 1 |
| I like it how it is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| I have two: more local businesses (restaurants, shopping, etc.) and access to walkable trails.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Housing. Affordable, not low income. There are no options.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Housing is a key issue, both cost and availability, as housing stock ages and more second homes take up available units. While a tourism economy can be a good thing, it can also drive up the cost of property and limit availability.                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Housing affordability that didn't split the communities between the "haves" and the "have nots".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Home improvement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Home delivery from restaurants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Hiking, biking, walking trails                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Help with cost of living. Help young families start out. Lower drug and alcohol use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Having ATV & UTV trails that allow residents to travel the county without hauling a trailer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| Having an active community center for all ages. This would give children a safe place to learn and grow with peers in a safe and supervised setting. Overall creating a greater sense of community.                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| HAVE THE COUNTY LEGISLATORS LISTEN TO THE CITIZENS THAT ELECTED THEM INTO OFFICE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Guaranteed safe Gluten free healthy restaurants, more than just sweets and breads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Grocery store                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Greater/easier access to stores and entertainment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Govt Transparency and working for the taxpayers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |
| Getting people off screens and into communities to help and just visit with others. Be part of the solution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |

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| Get the ATV's off our public roads. Homeowners/landowners have a reasonable expectation of peace and quiet on their properties, and they are not getting it. This is what they pay taxes for. Lewis County I'm sure must lead the State in ATV related accidents and fatalities historically. Is this what this county should be known for?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Get rid of the idiots in charge of everything                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Forward thinking government (elected) leaders who invest in their townships, rather than continuing to maintain status quo. I feel that it's common for government (elected) leaders to maintain the thought process of "if it's not broken, don't fix it" rather than taking the initiative to be creative and find funding streams to bring in new and prosperous features to a municipality. I.e. upgrading/creating parks, searching and marketing themselves for industrial development. With the technology sector booming, searching for locations - I feel that townships, particularly on the southern end of the county are not jumping on the opportunities to invest and invite economic partners in - rather than hiding in the corner hoping they're not called on. | 1 |
| Focus on residents needs. Currently bringing in outsiders for recreational purposes is tops.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| Finish, adequately sign, and maintain any rail trails. Continue to develop more rail trails. Increase funding for law enforcement and personnel to address increased use of rail trails.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Finding people to gather maple sap via the bucket system (not the tubing system).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Every house owner in the town is aging and we rarely have any young people move in for good. Seriously the only people who are going to buy houses when the owner dies is going to be landlords which hurts small towns. Give the young people a reason to stay here, be it entertainment or community                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Enough with the solar and wind, ruining this county which is the leading factor in me deciding to move to Inlet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Energy cost                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Encourage non motorized recreational opportunities. It's no longer an option to ride a bicycle in Tug Hill without 4 wheelers running by. Instead we head to the Adirondacks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| educational opportunities for youth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Diversification of workforce for more employment opportunities in the arts, social sciences, and community ownership.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |
| Developing people who want to work hard, especially gathering sap by hand on foot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |

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| Creating more funding for job training.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Cost of living increasing, maintenance on homes decreasing, and paychecks not increasing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Continuing to build quality of health care availability in the county.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| Complete Streets. Sidewalks. Walkability.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Community/Senior center. A free place for teens and elderly to congregate for socialization and activities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Childcare and professional career opportunities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Cheaper internet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Cheaper gas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| Cheaper cell service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Bike trails, walking trails                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Better pay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Better leadership and not playing favoritism and hiring qualify candidates across the board and not who you know.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Better jobs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Better internet and cell phone service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Better infustructor, Better communication for emergency responders.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Better Grocery store and More sit down restaurants with upscale food                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Better economics.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Better communication. My family is desperate to get involved in the local community, but communication from and about Village events is so hit or miss. There are so many good things happening, but we don't know about them until afterwards. I'm tired of local governments and businesses thinking a staff person sharing a photo of a handwritten flyer on their personal Facebook page is adequate marketing. I want information on actual websites, well in advance! | 1 |
| Better access to quality child care, affordable housing, LESS SOLAR FARMS TAKING OVER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Better access to healthcare without revolving doors of providers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |

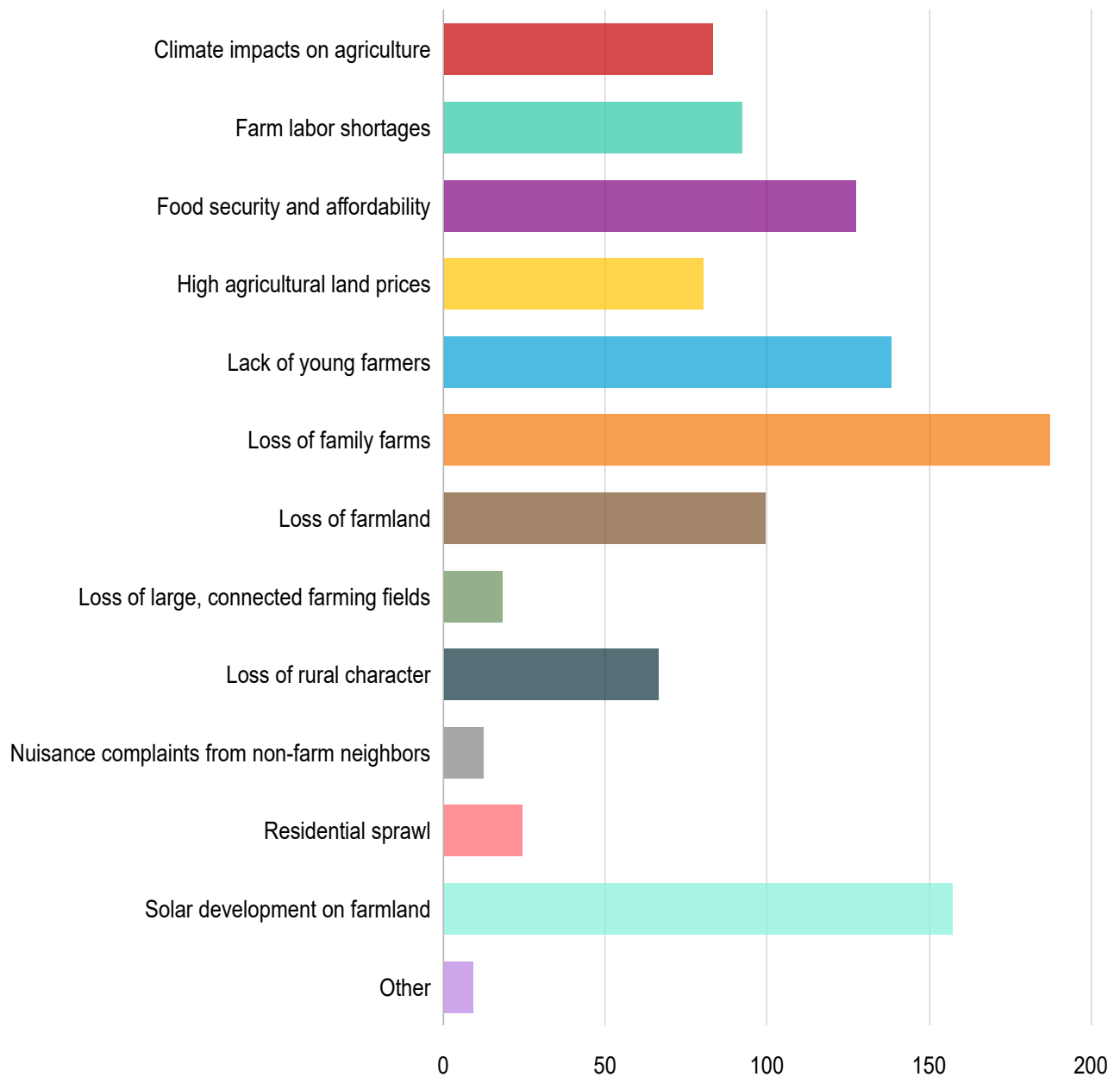
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| Better access to healthcare specialties. Doctors who come to the area do not stay and I always end up just going back to Syracuse for care.                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| Being able to keep our kids here after high school to work, live and thrive in the community with job opportunities for advancement. Sadly our children are our largest export because of limited job opportunities. Younger generations are transient and don't work in the same place for 30 years as older generations did. | 1 |
| Ban ATV/ UTV traffic from public roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Availability of skilled and reliable trades people (e.g. electricians, plumbers, HVAC techs, landscapers, and general contractors). Same for skilled doctors and medical professionals. As we age, the lack of support services in rural areas will be a primary trigger for us to move.                                       | 1 |
| As a teacher, there MUST be more activities and childcare for kids here or young families will not want to stay.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Affordable taxes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Affordable lifestyle and household such as groceries, utilities, transportation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| Affordable housing, fixing the EMS issues at hand, make Tim Hunt see the realities not always about what he wants and what's best for the county along with his right hand people who want what's best for them not all                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Affordable housing to encourage locals to stay and bring outside talent to our area to work and play.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Affordable housing options (not subsidized) across all home sizes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |
| Affordable houses to buy in good condition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| affordable energy/utility costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| Affordability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Actually have a county government who truly cares what the residents think. The County manager, Legislature board chair and most department heads refuse to respond to citizens when they call, email or leave messages. They work for us not the other way around.                                                            | 1 |
| Access to public transportation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Access to more- there just isn't much here for adults                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Access to more grocery options, such as an Aldi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |

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| Access to Healthcare.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Access to Fiber Internet throughout the County.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Access to better medical care. Lowville Hospital is just not it for so many situations and while the care is OK, we often have to transfer people out to other, larger hospitals for care because we just don't have the doctors here that we need. It's a tough area to live in unless you're from the area. | 1 |
| Access to better health care                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Ability to afford to purchase small piece of land and build a tiny house.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| A non motorized rail trail.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| A major manufacturing company located in here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| A focus on improving the appearances of the small villages in the county.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| A easily accessible community/recreation center with capabilities to support year-round programming on a large scale. Think Watertown/Fairground YMCA facilities and programs.                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| A community gymnasium, walking track, pool, and turf facility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| A central source for people to know what is going on for families, teens, singles etc. we have a lot to do in the area, but people don't know about things too often.                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| A central means of advertising activities and opportunities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| 5G internet for everyone.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
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Answered: 202 Skipped: 97

## AGRICULTURE & RETAIL SERVICES

- 6.) What agricultural and rural issues are most important for Lewis County to address...



## Response

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We need a permanent ban on data centers

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Taxes and property values rise every year, even though there are 10s, if not hundreds of millions of dollars worth of "camps" on tug hill that have been added to the tax base in recent years. Tax solar and wind farms higher not citizens

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Renewable energy, curtail use of fossil fuels

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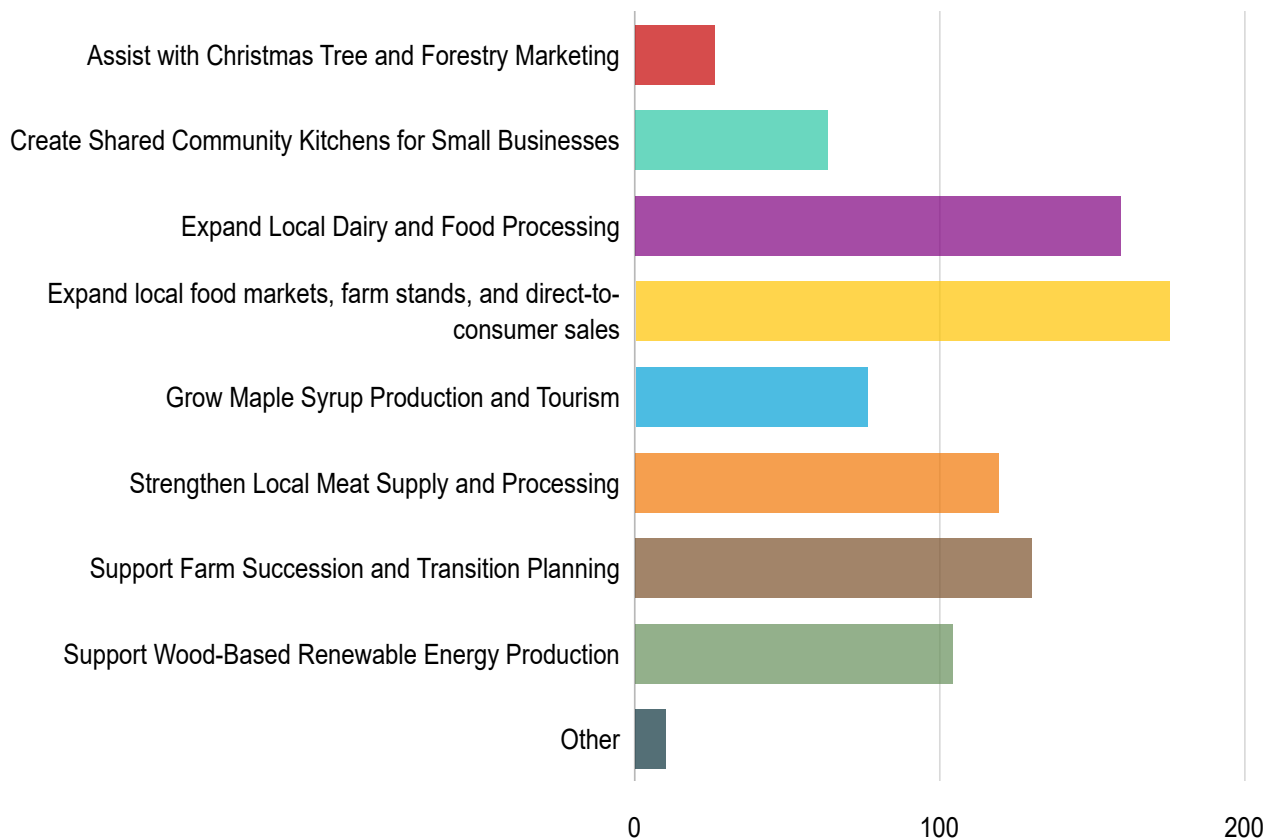
More homesteads

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| Manure smell as soon as you enter Lewis County. Also manure spread all over the county affecting water and air quality. What happened to the grant for digesters on the large farms.. | 1 |
| Loss of people because you refuse affordable living for people with animals                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Global consolidation of food production.                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Fear of data centers moving in                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Conversion of private property to rail trail                                                                                                                                          | 1 |

Answered: 289 Skipped: 10

7.) Which of the following local agricultural community projects should Lewis County...



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| These should be worked on with an eye toward sustainability and longevity. | 1 |
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The governments job is to protect citizens from others, not spend hard earned dollars on programs. I work hard for my pay and do not want to see it given to others. That is communism. I can decide where to donate. 1

provide information about climate change as it relates to most current farming practices 1

Nothing 1

Help local farmers keep their farms. If they can't afford to pay their feed and vet bills how do they stay in business. We don't want gigantic farms getting money from banks. We want the independent farmers. 1

government should stay out of it and let farmers be business people like any other business. 1

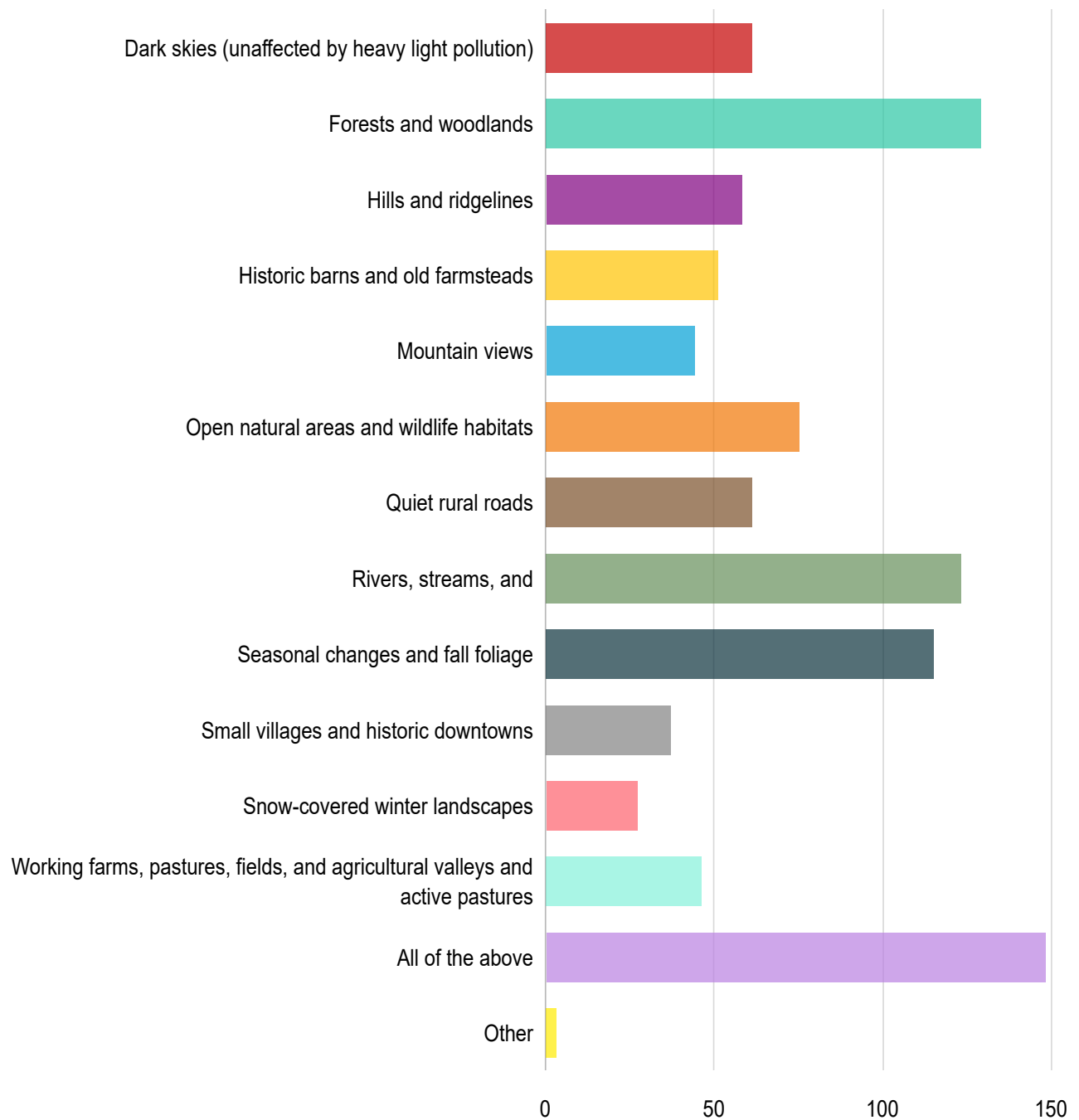
facilitate wind and solar farms that also allow creative utilization of the land for traditional farming 1

Create new low cost energy solutions for rural areas like micro grids run by non profit service providers (energy) . 1

ATV and UTV being able to access town roads like Hatfield and McCoy in WV. If you build it they will come. 1

Answered: 281 Skipped: 18

8.) Which of the following features do you feel contribute most to Lewis County's...



## Response

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Rural residential areas that do not have houses built closely near to and behind them

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Nothing

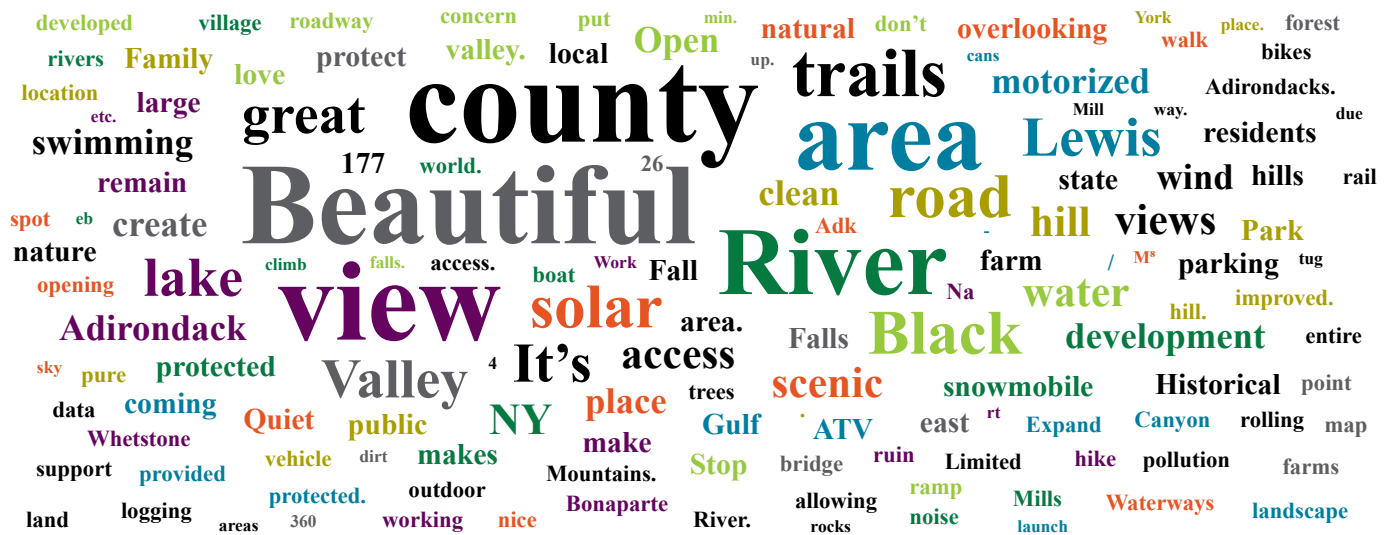
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Get rid of windmills and solar panels

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- 9a.) What makes this view/location special? What should the County do to protect it?



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| NY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5     |
| Na                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2     |
| Work with NYSDOT to expand the boat launch parking area, remove the trees between beach area and roadway for better swimming access and create a parking lane off the roadway on the opposite side. This gem could be improved. The materials are all there | 1     |
| Whitaker Falls is a beautiful spot with extremely limited access. Only those that are physically able to climb rocks can reach the falls. A cable bridge could span just beyond the falls and create a safe, fantastic viewpoint for visitors.              | 1     |
| Whetstone is an outstanding and underutilized place. It is surprising that the canyon, and the significant waterfalls remain relative unknowns to many New Yorkers                                                                                          | 1     |
| Whetstone gulf is already protected                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1     |
| Wherstone Gulf is just a wonderful area great in summer and fall, winter and spring. Keep developing the campground.                                                                                                                                        | 1     |
| Where the village of Castorland's water tank sits, there is a beautiful 360 degree view of the entire Black River Valley. I think the county should put a public park/picnic area there with a lookout tower.                                               | 1     |

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| When you come down corrigan hill road in a Sxs or vehicle and you crest the hill and catch the view overlooking the farm field and trees with a blue sky it's what I call home                                                                             | 1 |
| Wet stone Gulf                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |
| Western Adirondack approach. Create a viewshed interpretation area.                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Well seems like you forgot New Bremen and I'd protect the fire department                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| View of bla k river valley and adk mountains.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| View across the black river valley towards the adirondacks. Make a viewing observation point with stores.. season changes, colors sunrise and sunsets on atv and snowmobile trails                                                                         | 1 |
| Upkeep to the road leading to the state land-we love to hike here and go to the gorge!                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| unique park / promote it recreationally                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| This is one of the most beautiful swimming and fishing locations in the world. The county should protect it by not allowing any motorized use, trails, or development. There should also be some enforcement for illegal camping and associated littering. | 1 |
| This is a bridge that has been closed and in fixed for several years                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| This boat ramp that many families use as a swimming hole. It's so pure and what classic country living is all about. The ramp that leads down to it is tough to walk and even worse to drive. It would be great if it were improved.                       | 1 |
| These trails are quiet scenic areas that are perfect for outdoor non motorized recreation, and while under the county ruling there is not supposed to be motorized vehicle access, there are still countless 4-wheelers and bikes degrading the trails     | 1 |
| There is a forest there that should remain                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| The whole of Mill Creek is beautiful and intersects our villages.                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| the whole lake is beautiful in all directions! It is supported by local and distant (summer residents like us) folks through the Lake Bonaparte Conservation Club and also gives access to non-residents at Sand Bay and the East Shore Marina.            | 1 |
| The view you get of the Adirondacks that runs along the the horizon is mesmerizing you can see such a large swath of the Adirondacks! Please keep it farmland!                                                                                             | 1 |

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| The view from the local vineyard should be promoted and protected. Noise pollution is a concern given the speed of some drivers and the adaptations made to amplify the sounds of dirt bikes, atvs, snowmobiles, etc.                                           | 1 |
| The view from the hill. Expand current road maintenance efforts.                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| The view from South Lewis over the valley are stunning.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| The view coming down this road is everything that makes up Lewis County's character - a quiet rural road winding through a forested area and opening up into farmland overlooking the valley. The County should not allow any development in this area.         | 1 |
| The rolling hills and farm lands                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| The river. Your map isn't working                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| The river provided the reasons from early settlements with the mills and logging industry and provided power to generations. This needs to be protected and preserved to serve generations to come while reminding us of our great history.                     | 1 |
| the foests need ot eb protected from logging                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| The Flats boast gorgeous views from the Black River valley. These wetlands are barriers and mating grounds for marine animals and migratory birds. Ownership can remain private with restrictions or county purchase. If developed, we lose imperative wetland. | 1 |
| The edges of the river here are covered in junk from the mill. They just throw all of their machinery out there. This isn't the only location along our waterways that are not only not appealing but dangerous.                                                | 1 |
| The DEC park is beautiful, great for education and recreation.                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| The county needs to develop the railroad into a non motorized rail trail.                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Support the Fair in every way. Have shuttles for parking at additional locations.                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Stop the solar panel fields                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Stop letting Wind Mills and solar farms ruin the area                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Stop allowing unregistered UTV's to ruin the landscape and pollute our rivers and streams. They are tearing up the hill.                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| State Park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| Sprawling view                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |

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| Scenic, historic usage, family land                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| Scenic view on golf course, wind towers behind you.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| Route 177 coming down to Lowville. Windmills took away the beauty of our county!                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Quiet area to hike, explore, kayak                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| pristine, adirondack water, concern over out of county residents abusing natural resource and eroding landscape.                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Pretty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Our beautiful landscape makes us special, so ruining it with hideous and environmentally unfriendly solar panels!                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| Open Watson up to wheelers and sleds                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| open farm land                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| One of the few places in lewis county with enough room to go enjoy nature without running into another road or person for a few min.                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| One of many views (without having to travel multiple backroads) that makes you feel like you're on top of the world.                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Number three road make wider for traffic                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| No development, no solar, no windmills                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| No changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |
| New York                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Need to preserve the churches and courthouse keep it looking historical                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| Nature and water!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| natural rock formations and waterfalls                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| More atv trails                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Moose river has very scenic sites most people don't know about, and Lewis County obsession with opening all county roads to snowmobile and off road vehicles travel is threatening this area with noise pollution as well as damaging the environment. | 1 |

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| Maintain this area .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
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| Limited access                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| Lewis county has so much his                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Law enforcement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| Largest water fall in Lewis County                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Lake Bonaparte. Anything to help protect everything here.                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Lake Bonaparte is a beautiful, quaint lake with beautiful views year round. The water is nice and clear for being a lake and has a really nice swimming area. due to cross contamination a zebra mussell problem has developed.                     | 1 |
| Keeping it like it is                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Keep our wind, solar, data centers, and renewable energies, except for Hydro.                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Keep off the windmills                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Keep it pristine.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Keep it clean and available to public. Perhaps add some infrastructure. Add more places like singing waters                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Keep it beautiful and a place for visitors                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| It's a large space, formerly a working farm. BOCES owns it now. I think there is a lot of opportunity there, and I fully support having more educational programs like this in our County. But I hope that the views and open spaces are protected. | 1 |
| It's the edge of the plateau. It's a busy area for snowmobile and ATV trails and needs to be maintained to keep the trails in good shape. It's a transition point to read the plateau and black river valley connection point.                      | 1 |
| It's special because that's where I live.                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| It's near by where I live.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| It's a great small clean lake. Help with zebra muscle problem                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |

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| It wouldn't allow me to select a location.                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| It is one of the few larger lakes with public access.                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Incorporate nature walk and reduce fishing.                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| I was unable to pin the location but the view from NYS 26 in Denmark is a beautiful place to look at the Adirondacks. Near where the historical marker is for the Lewis / Jefferson map meeting was held.                   | 1 |
| I think the drive from Lowville to Carthage, along Rte 26, rivals some of the drives I've taken in Europe.                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| I love walking here with my family and dogs.                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| I love going up towards the reservoir and looking back towards the valley                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| I live there                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| I don't know the exact spot, but on 177 there is a place where you can see the black river valley and the mountains/hills beyond. A pull off with a geological explanation with the mountains and hills named would be cool | 1 |
| I COULDN'D CLICK ON WHAT I HAPPENED.                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Historical significance                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Grand Canyon of the east.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Get rid of solar farms! Our homes look very trashy compared to other areas. We need revitalization for our communities.                                                                                                     | 1 |
| from tug hill looking towards the adirondaks                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| Forests and woodlands. No solar farms, data centers or windmills.                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Family friendly relaxing amazing view                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Fall Brook Falls would make a great public area if developed                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| Enhance the state parks around and clean them up.                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| east on rt 177 coming down the hill overlooking adirondack foothills                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Do not put in solar panels or battery storage facilities.                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |

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| Diversity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Development to rail to trail system                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |
| Deer River is a freshwater tributary of Black River. Any development along our rivers and streams should be limited.                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| County needs to allow natural growth instead of trying to control the growth with grants                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| County forest has been destroyed by the ridiculous number of 4 wheeler trails that criss cross the entire area with nobody policing them. Waterways are being run in and through.                                                               | 1 |
| county doesn't need to be spending money on things like this                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| Corner of Swernicki & Rector Rd. Can see the Adk Mntns & spire of historic W Martinsburg church. I've often seen people pulled over here to admire the view or take pics. County could create a pull off area as well as improve intersectionac | 1 |
| Copenhagen is a community minded town but there are some run-down buildings that could be restored. Additionally there's the scenic Deer River running right through the middle of town so there could be enhancements might using the view .   | 1 |
| Complete streets projects in village of Croghan with trails                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Community access supporting wildlife. Hire more rangers.                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Centrally located, a large quantity of pure, cold water. Prevent it from being trashed with empty beer cans and wrecked wheelers.                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Black river coordinator                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Beautiful waterfall                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |
| beautiful views                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Beautiful rolling hills, peace and serenity. Open water ways. Eagles. Wildlife galore                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Beautiful outdoor place to swim and hangout. Glass Clean-up                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Beautiful area despite wind towers                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| All rug hill                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |

A great view to the east from the Black River Valley through the foothills to the Adirondack Mountains. 1

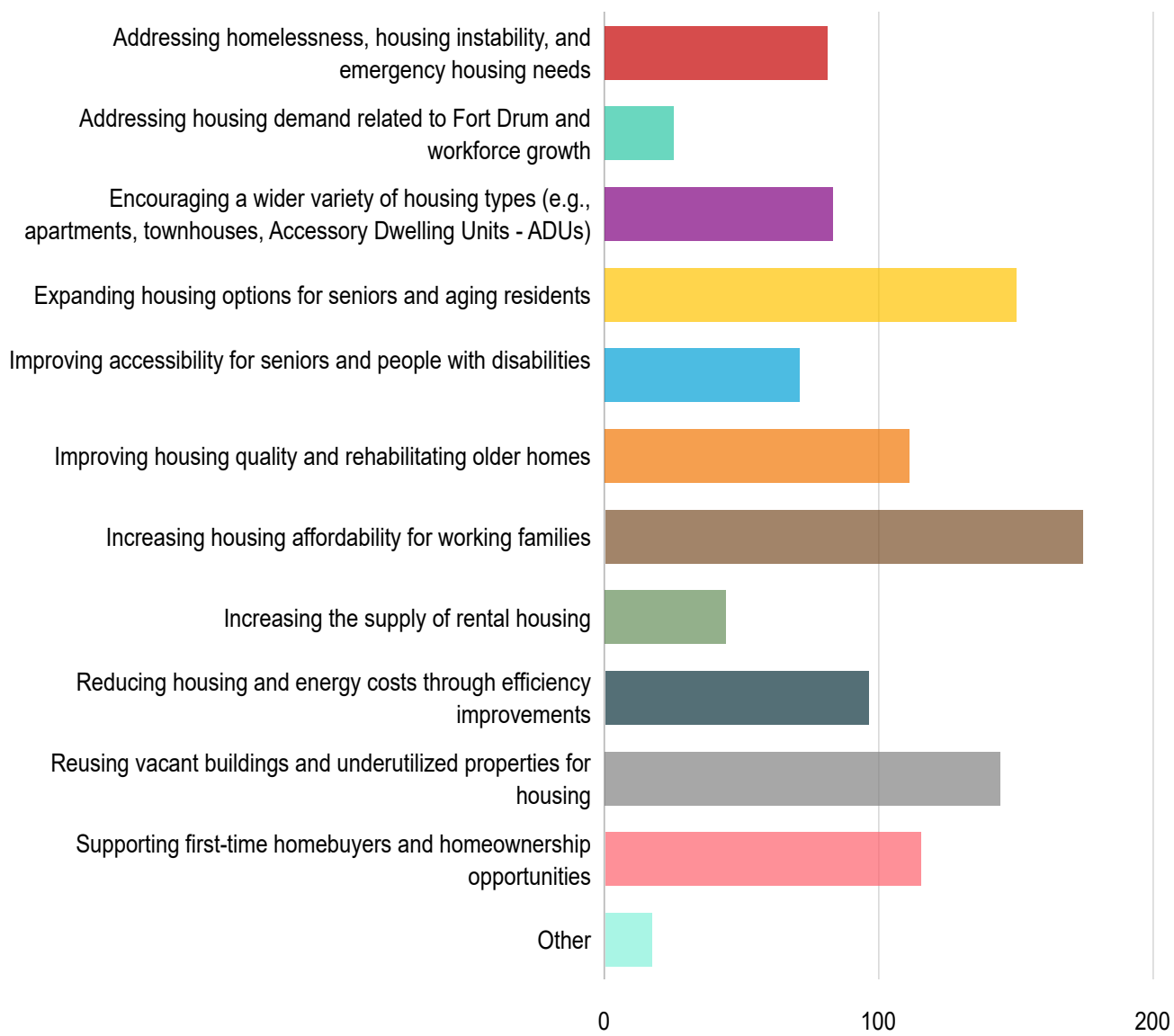
Absolutely stunning! The county should be mindful of the local residents and our needs first. What do we want our legacy to be?

A clean lake 1

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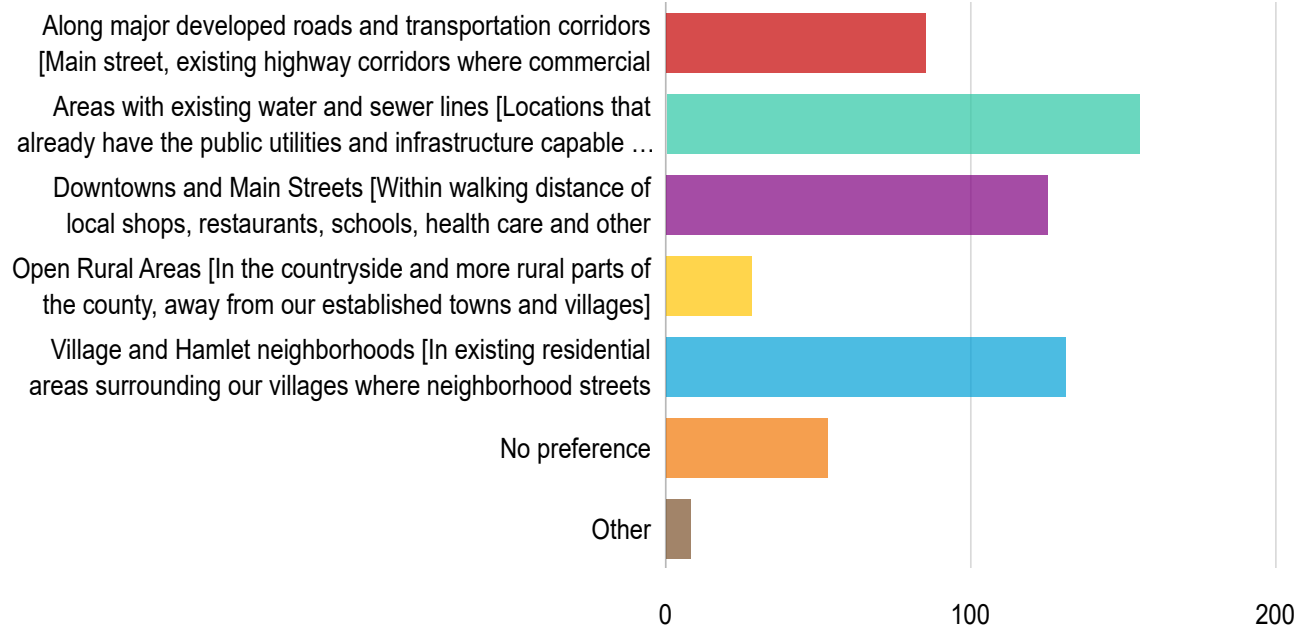
## HOUSING

### 10.) What housing issues and priorities should Lewis County focus on over the next ...



| Response                                                                                                                                                                                               | Count |
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| We affordable homes and taxes. Housing and land is selling so high it's causing the tax rate to go up.<br>Making it near impossible to pay taxes on the home and land we have owned for years          | 1     |
| There are few jobs and taxes are too high, so people can no longer maintain the house they have or hope to ever buy a better one.                                                                      | 1     |
| Stop putting transients over local residents                                                                                                                                                           | 1     |
| Small businesses, and wedding venues                                                                                                                                                                   | 1     |
| Reduce taxes by reducing government. Less taxes means people can afford to stay in their homes.                                                                                                        | 1     |
| Noooo low income housing on trinity ave..we have a nice quiet..clean neighborhood..HUGE NO TO LOOKING AT THE OLD AMF BUILDING..LOOK ELSEWHERE OUT OF THE COUNTY                                        | 1     |
| make people take care of their property. the property values are going down because people are not taking care of their property expecially rental property                                            | 1     |
| Lower taxes, stop helping inflate property values, fewer permits to build or update homes, ease up code regulations, houses and barns built 200 plus years ago are still standing all over the county. | 1     |
| Lower taxes, electricity, and heating costs for WORKING families. Stop giving so much to non locals, illegal immigrants, and those who come here to live off government benefits (welfare, etc.)       | 1     |
| Lower electric costs                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1     |
| Let the natural selection occur. Low taxes good towns. Great law enforcement always brings good people                                                                                                 | 1     |
| Help landlords find tentants that will pay rent and treat the property well                                                                                                                            | 1     |
| Have people work for housing                                                                                                                                                                           | 1     |
| Give incentives for fixing up run down homes                                                                                                                                                           | 1     |
| Fix roads make people clean up their old junk                                                                                                                                                          | 1     |
| county should stay out of this alos make the home less ones get off there ass and get a job like everyone else has had to                                                                              | 1     |
| Assist landowners with repairs to old barns to keep the structures safe and standing. A collapsed barn can devastate the farming operation.                                                            | 1     |

11.) When new homes or apartments are built in Lewis County, where should that...



Response

Count

Wherever a developer or land owner decides to build. If the county is "investing" my money in housing, i want to vote on it, have say in planning, and see a return on my investment in my bank account.

1

Where it makes the most sense for the builder/owner

1

Places that are on existing or planned transportation routes.

1

Near public transportation or established bus routes regular bus stops

1

I would be careful in placement of said buildings to the kid of people that may wish to reside in such homes. We don't want to bring more crime or drugs into our small community.

1

Cut taxes

1

Cluster developments in rural areas with acreage set aside for recreation

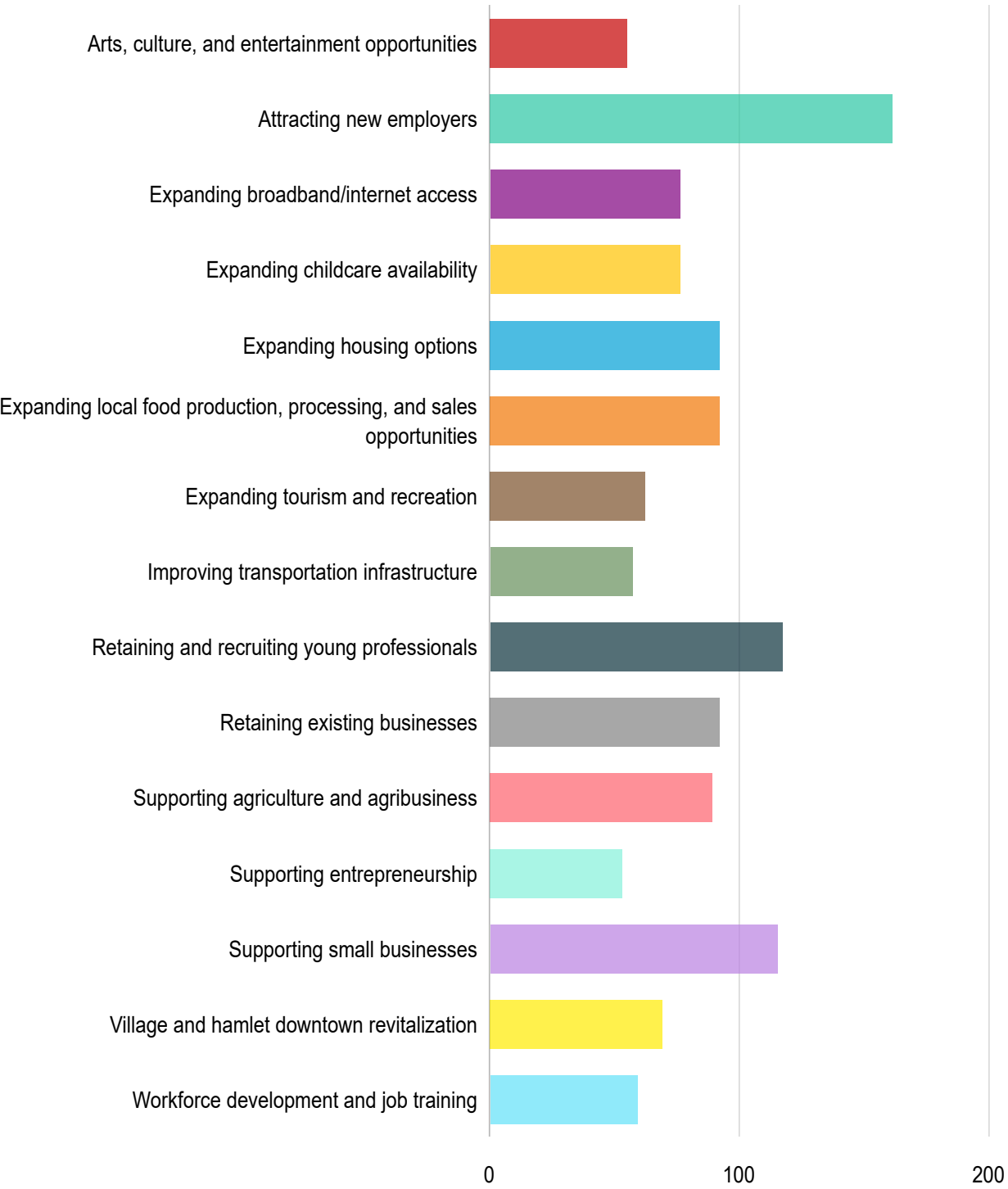
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again government should not be spending tax payers money on thiese

1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12.) What economic development priorities should Lewis County focus on over the...



| Answers | Count | Percentage |
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|                                                                      |     |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Arts, culture, and entertainment opportunities                       | 55  | 18.39% |
| Attracting new employers                                             | 161 | 53.85% |
| Expanding broadband/internet access                                  | 76  | 25.42% |
| Expanding childcare availability                                     | 76  | 25.42% |
| Expanding housing options                                            | 92  | 30.77% |
| Expanding local food production, processing, and sales opportunities | 92  | 30.77% |
| Expanding tourism and recreation                                     | 62  | 20.74% |
| Improving transportation infrastructure                              | 57  | 19.06% |
| Retaining and recruiting young professionals                         | 117 | 39.13% |
| Retaining existing businesses                                        | 92  | 30.77% |
| Supporting agriculture and agribusiness                              | 89  | 29.77% |
| Supporting entrepreneurship                                          | 53  | 17.73% |
| Supporting small businesses                                          | 115 | 38.46% |
| Village and hamlet downtown revitalization                           | 69  | 23.08% |
| Workforce development and job training                               | 59  | 19.73% |

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13.) What types of businesses, services, or amenities would you most like to see...



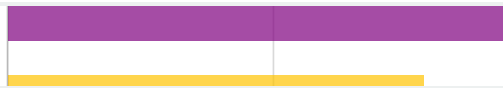
Arts and cultural venues



## Response

Count

Young Adult Recreation



1

What ever can grow privately without the state handing out grants to support them and then when the grant goes away the support of it dies

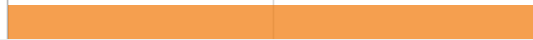
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Walking, running, and bike trails



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Farm-to-table experience

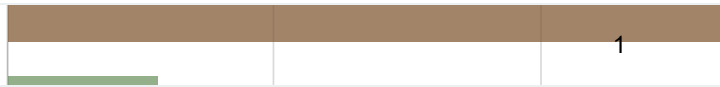


Veterinary care

1

Healthcare services

Support small business



1

Adult Education of trades in Glenfield

1

1 stop businesses- shopping with local vendors, restaurants and entertainment under 1 roof for weekends



1

Manufacturing businesses



"Weather proof" family recreation

1

On-farm activities



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Professional and technical services

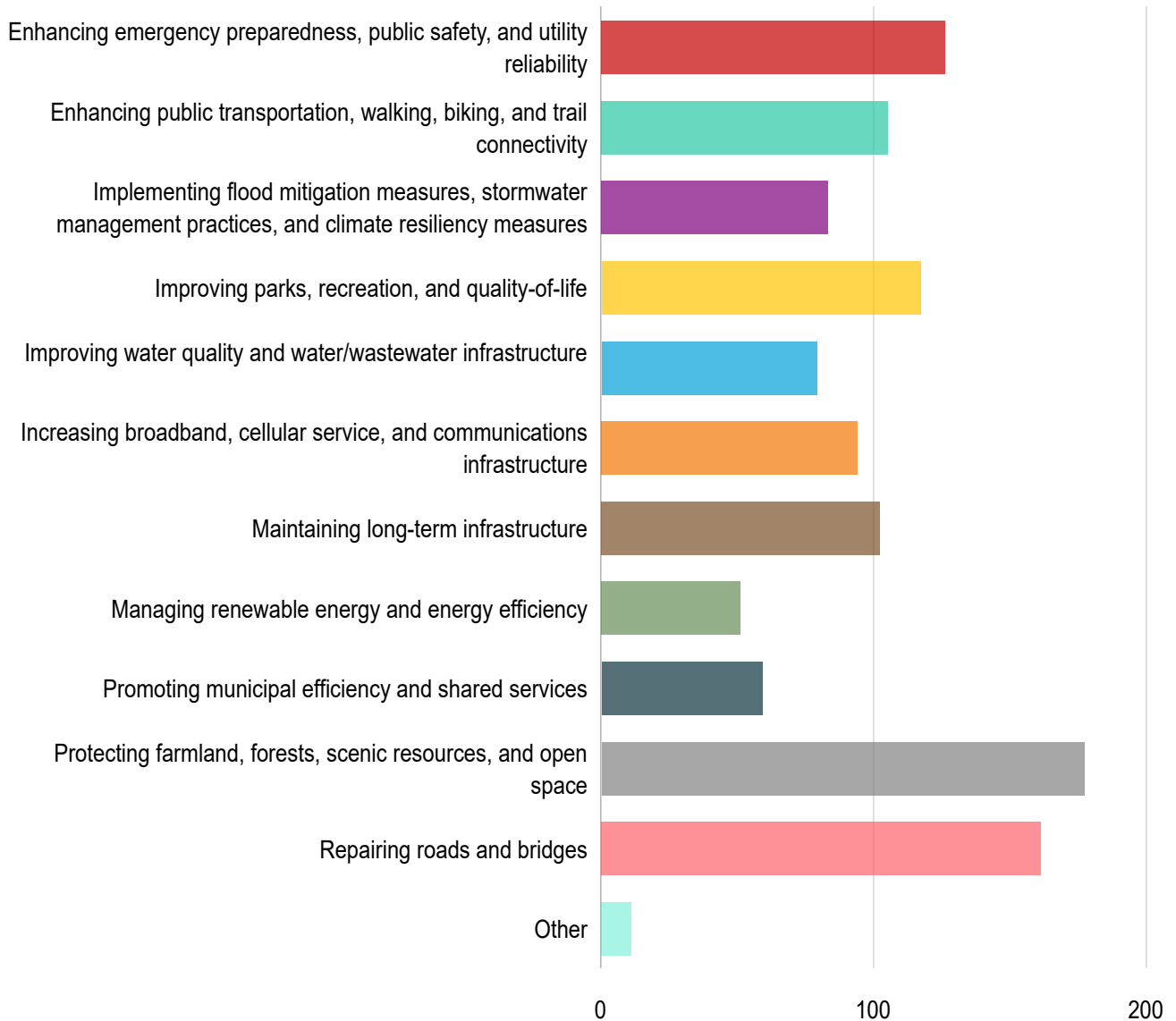


## ENVIRONMENT, RESILIENCY, & INFRASTRUCTURE

Recreation outfitters and guides



- 14.) Which environmental, infrastructure, or resiliency priorities should Lewis County...



## Response

## Count

|                                                                                                                                    |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Stop the green energy scam                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Stop creating new motorized recreational trails. Close down some to let them rest/repair or turn some into non-motorized use only. | 1 |
| Reduce spending                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| Non                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| Get the count legislatures to actually do something for the county!                                                                | 1 |
| focusing on retaining younger populations from ages 18-30.                                                                         | 1 |

Focus on agritourism. Lewis county has what many places don't, and it would be nice if local farming families could share a small piece of their passion with folks who are interested without enduring so much red tape.

1

Cellular service at Beaver River Central School

1

Bringing youth sports to this area with a 4 Season field house

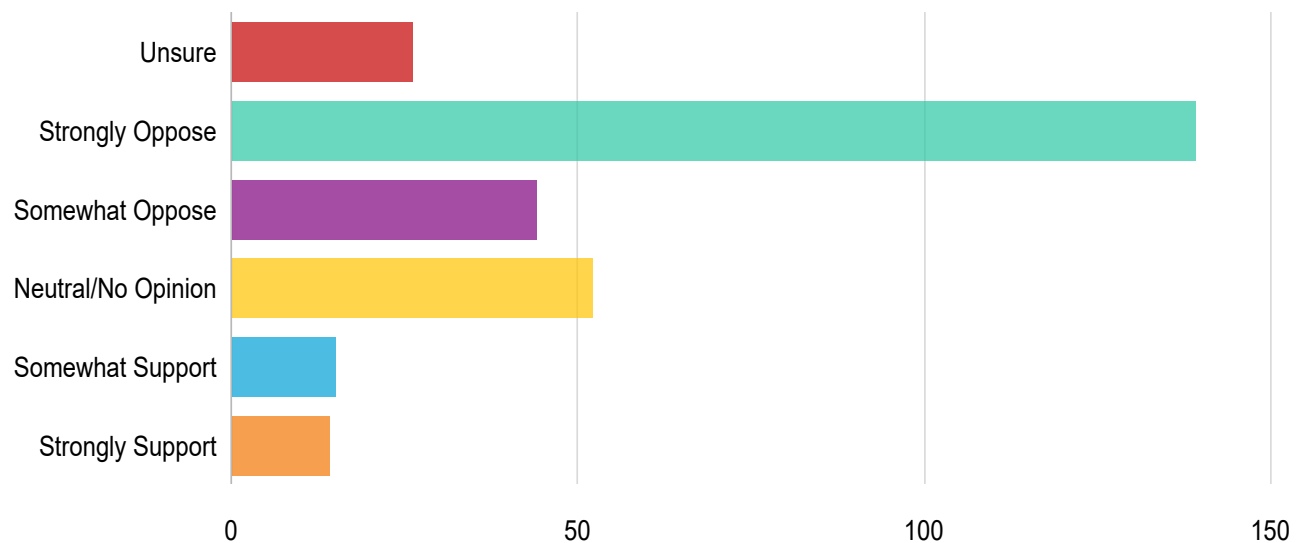
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#### 15a.) Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)



#### Answers

#### Count

#### Percentage

Unsure

26

8.7%

Strongly Oppose

139

46.49%

Somewhat Oppose

44

14.72%

Neutral/No Opinion

52

17.39%

Somewhat Support

15

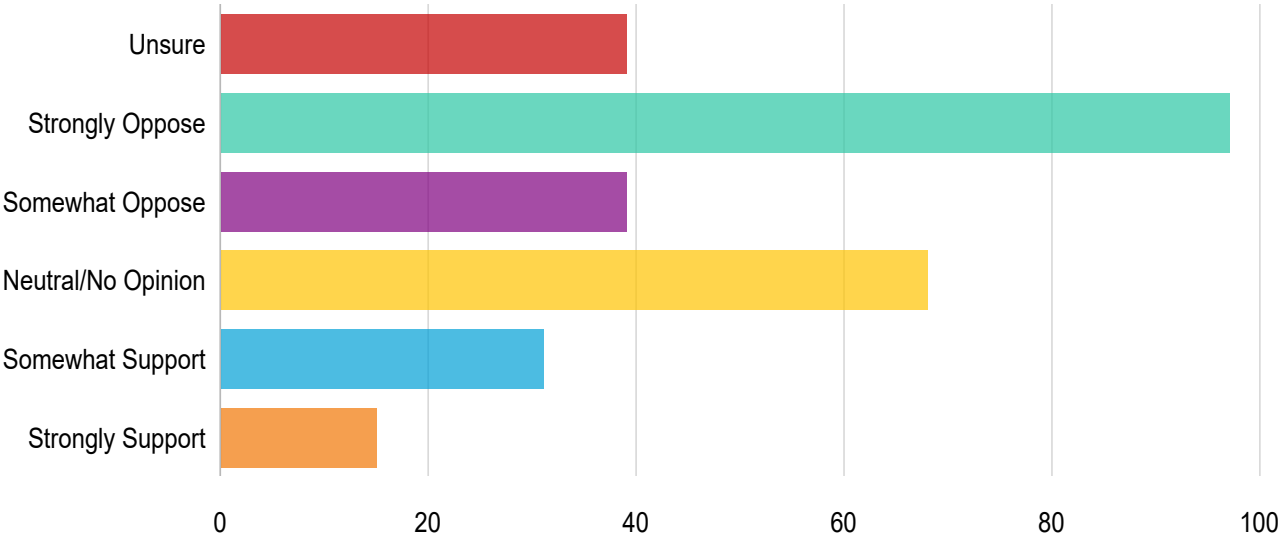
5.02%

Strongly Support

14

4.68%

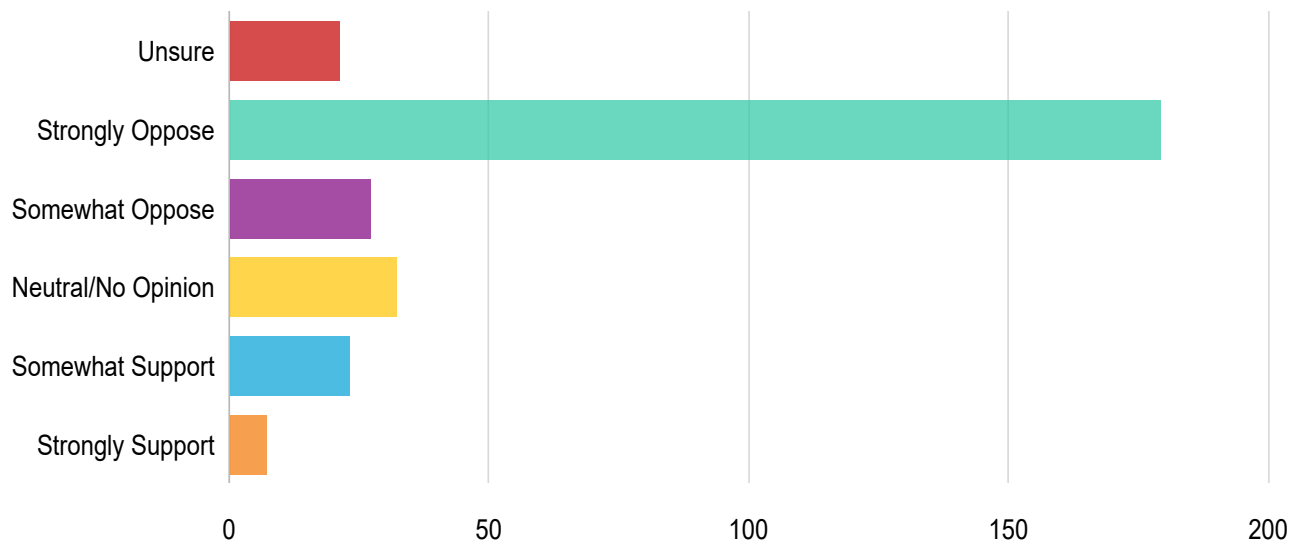
15b.) Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) - Underground facilities to...



| Answers            | Count | Percentage |
|--------------------|-------|------------|
| Unsure             | 39    | 13.04%     |
| Strongly Oppose    | 97    | 32.44%     |
| Somewhat Oppose    | 39    | 13.04%     |
| Neutral/No Opinion | 68    | 22.74%     |
| Somewhat Support   | 31    | 10.37%     |
| Strongly Support   | 15    | 5.02%      |

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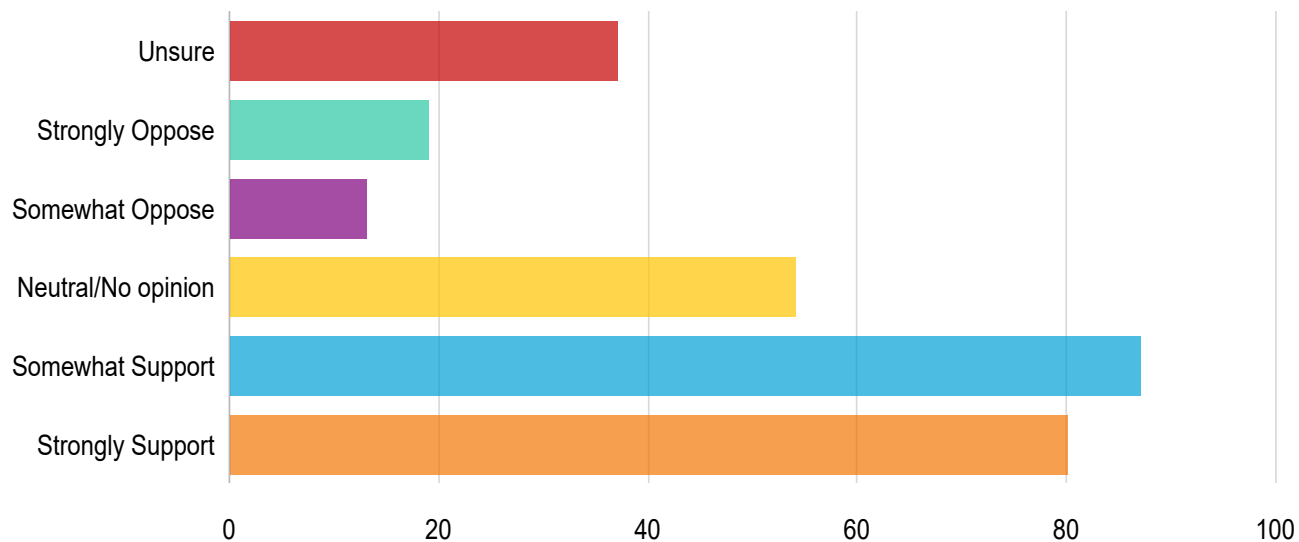
15c.) Data Centers



| Answers            | Count | Percentage |
|--------------------|-------|------------|
| Unsure             | 21    | 7.02%      |
| Strongly Oppose    | 179   | 59.87%     |
| Somewhat Oppose    | 27    | 9.03%      |
| Neutral/No Opinion | 32    | 10.7%      |
| Somewhat Support   | 23    | 7.69%      |
| Strongly Support   | 7     | 2.34%      |

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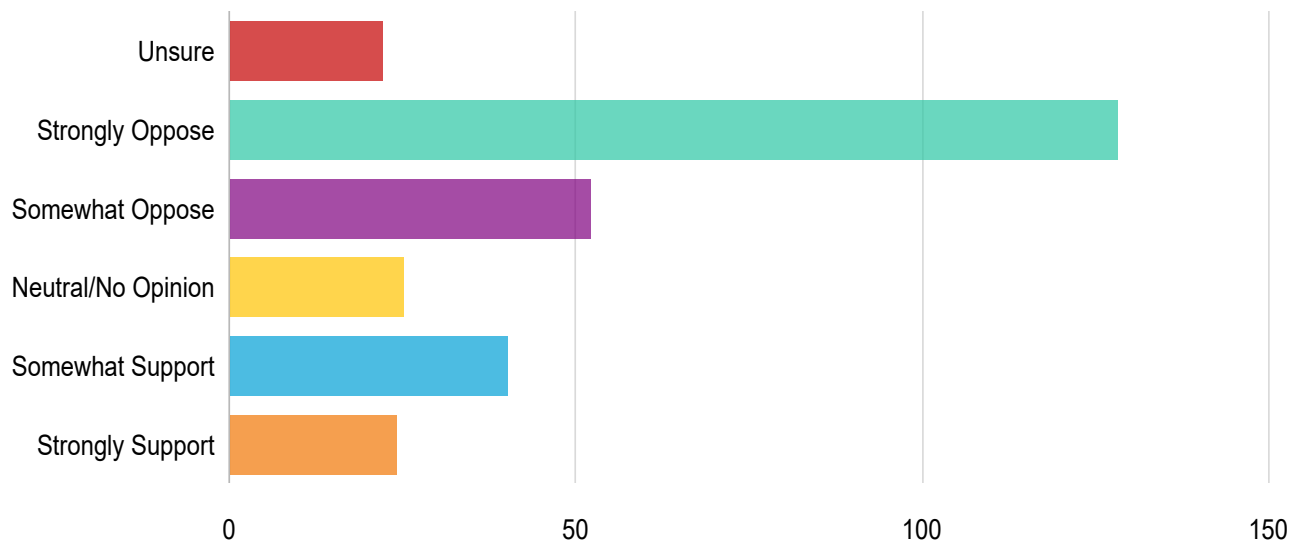
o 15d.) Utility-Scale Hydropower



| Answers            | Count | Percentage |
|--------------------|-------|------------|
| Unsure             | 37    | 12.37%     |
| Strongly Oppose    | 19    | 6.35%      |
| Somewhat Oppose    | 13    | 4.35%      |
| Neutral/No opinion | 54    | 18.06%     |
| Somewhat Support   | 87    | 29.1%      |
| Strongly Support   | 80    | 26.76%     |

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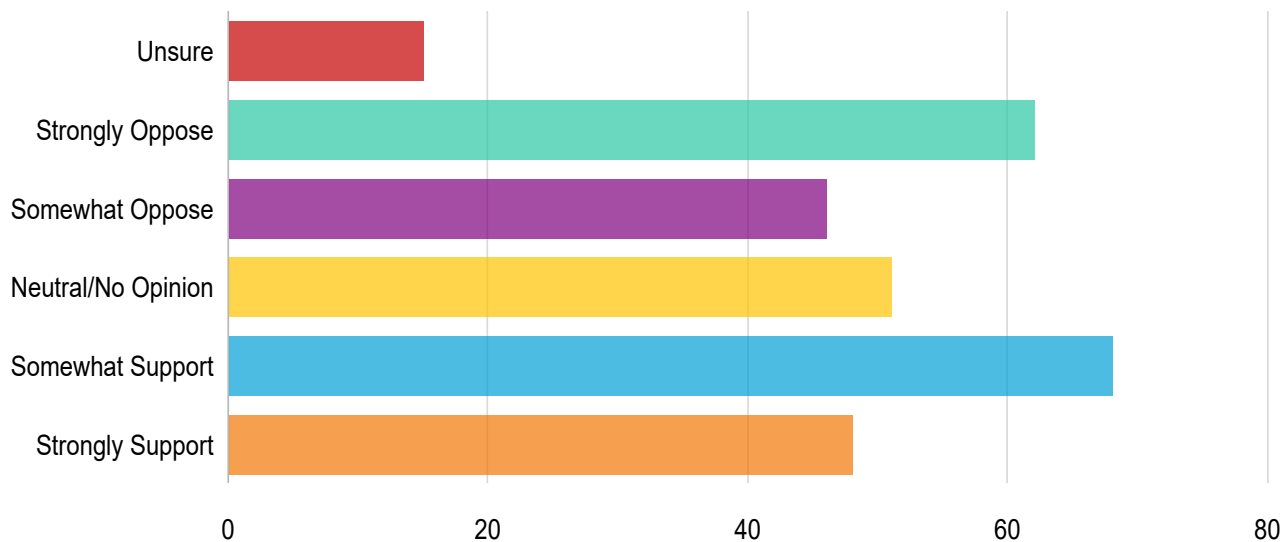
o 15e.) Utility-Scale Solar



| Answers            | Count | Percentage |
|--------------------|-------|------------|
| Unsure             | 22    | 7.36%      |
| Strongly Oppose    | 128   | 42.81%     |
| Somewhat Oppose    | 52    | 17.39%     |
| Neutral/No Opinion | 25    | 8.36%      |
| Somewhat Support   | 40    | 13.38%     |
| Strongly Support   | 24    | 8.03%      |

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o 15f.) Utility-Scale Wind Power

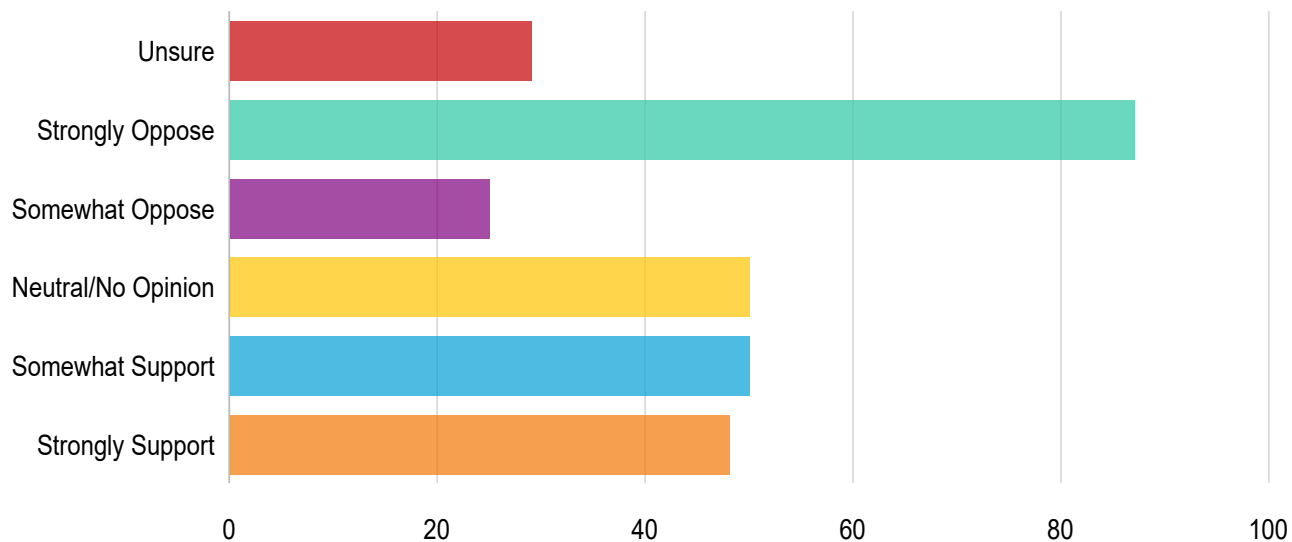


| Answers | Count | Percentage |
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|--------------------|----|--------|
| Unsure             | 15 | 5.02%  |
| Strongly Oppose    | 62 | 20.74% |
| Somewhat Oppose    | 46 | 15.38% |
| Neutral/No Opinion | 51 | 17.06% |
| Somewhat Support   | 68 | 22.74% |
| Strongly Support   | 48 | 16.05% |

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o 15g.) Nuclear



### Answers

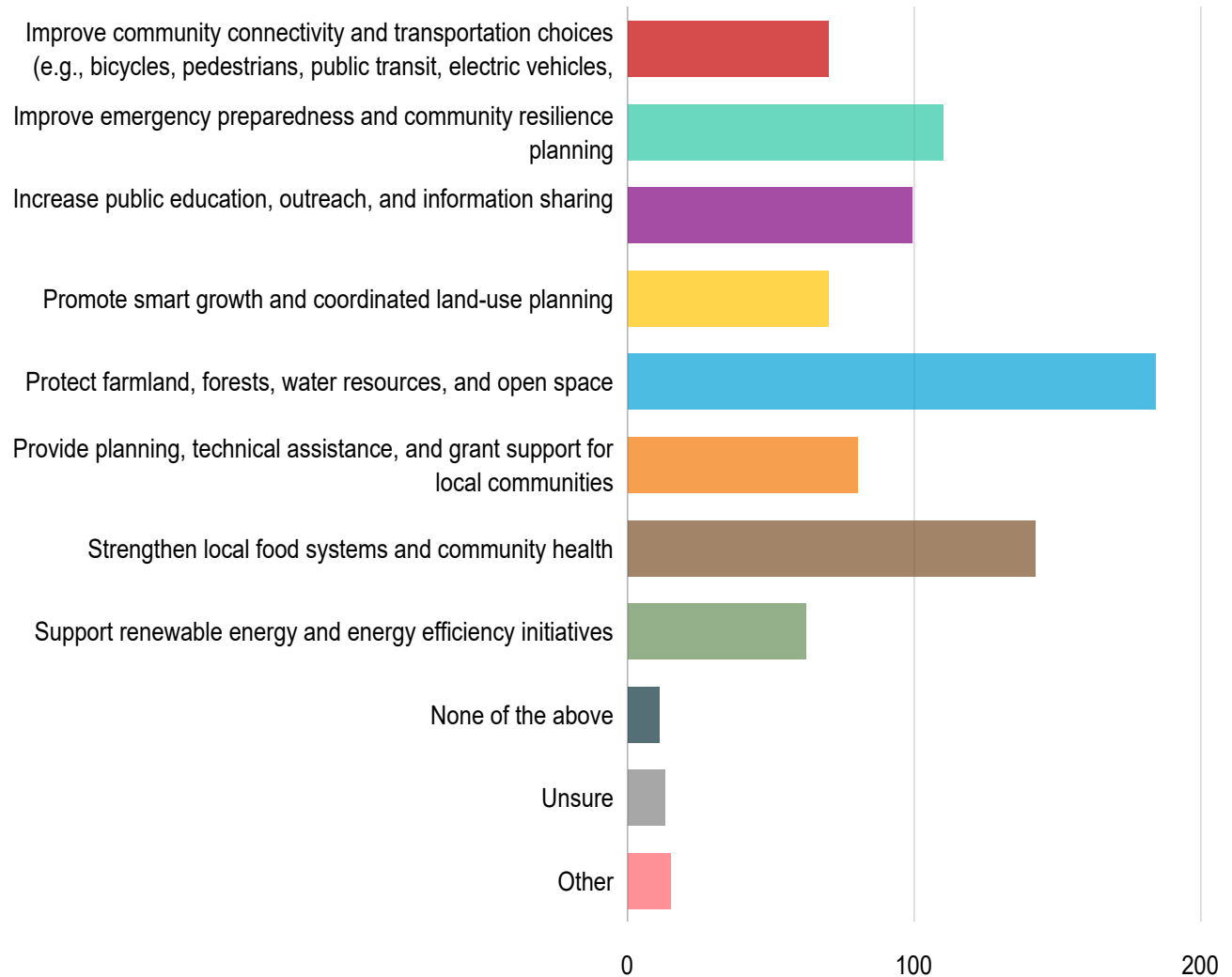
### Count

### Percentage

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|--------------------|----|--------|
| Unsure             | 29 | 9.7%   |
| Strongly Oppose    | 87 | 29.1%  |
| Somewhat Oppose    | 25 | 8.36%  |
| Neutral/No Opinion | 50 | 16.72% |
| Somewhat Support   | 50 | 16.72% |
| Strongly Support   | 48 | 16.05% |

Answered: 289 Skipped: 10

### 16.) What actions should Lewis County prioritize to help communities prepare for...



## Response

## Count

Wasn't climate change debunked??

1

utilize our water power options we already have that have been shut down for years

1

There is no climate change. It's just earth cycle..

1

The climate has been changing since the earth was formed.

1

Support community centers and youth and adult sports

1

Make it more affordable and feasible for our communities to be self sufficient through small family agriculture.

1

Look at ways to provide more areas with municipal water

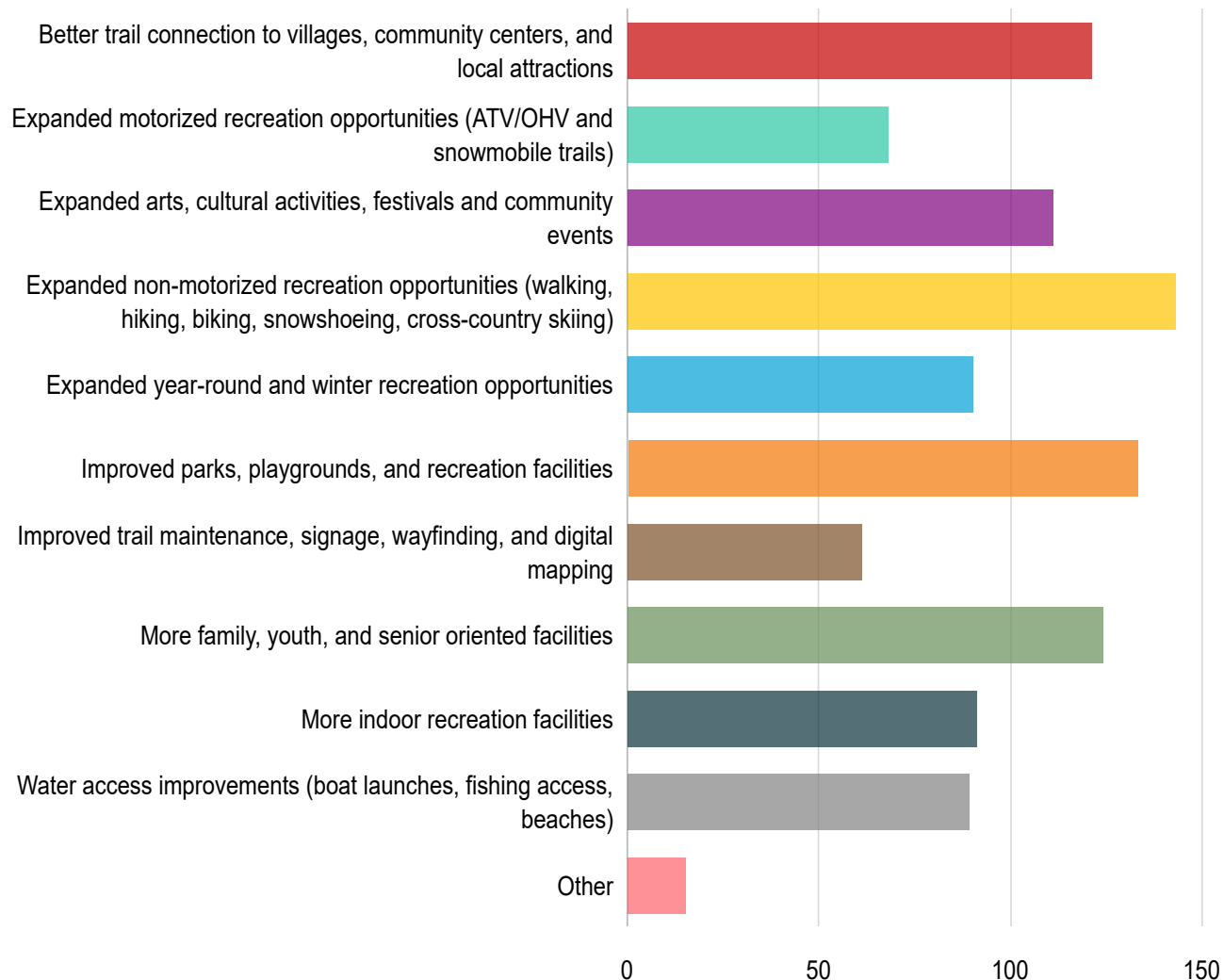
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| I don't believe climate change is real                                                                             | 1 |
| Get multiple small nuclear reactors installed to secure our grid                                                   | 1 |
| encourage/require underground utilities                                                                            | 1 |
| Don't believe climate change can be changed in America when china is doing what they are and don't care            | 1 |
| Climate change is bullshit stop buying that garbage                                                                | 1 |
| Climate change does not exist                                                                                      | 1 |
| Any emergency prep is great but real resilience is going to come from trusting one another when something happens. | 1 |
| Again wake up the county legislatures and have them actually do something!                                         | 1 |

Answered: 292 Skipped: 7

**TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION & QUALITY OF LIFE**

- 17.) What recreation, trail, and quality-of-life improvements should Lewis County...



## Response

## Count

We would benefit from having a place where our young baseball players could practice during winter months. Croghan just added one but can't be used until weather is warm. Perhaps a roller skating rink?

1

We absolutely need to keep the UTV and ATV trails out of residential areas. It is against the law!

1

Use the existing train tracks to run a train from Lowville to Beaver Falls. All ages can enjoy riding on this scenic route.

1

There should be no trails.

1

Take care of what we already have and keep taxes low

1

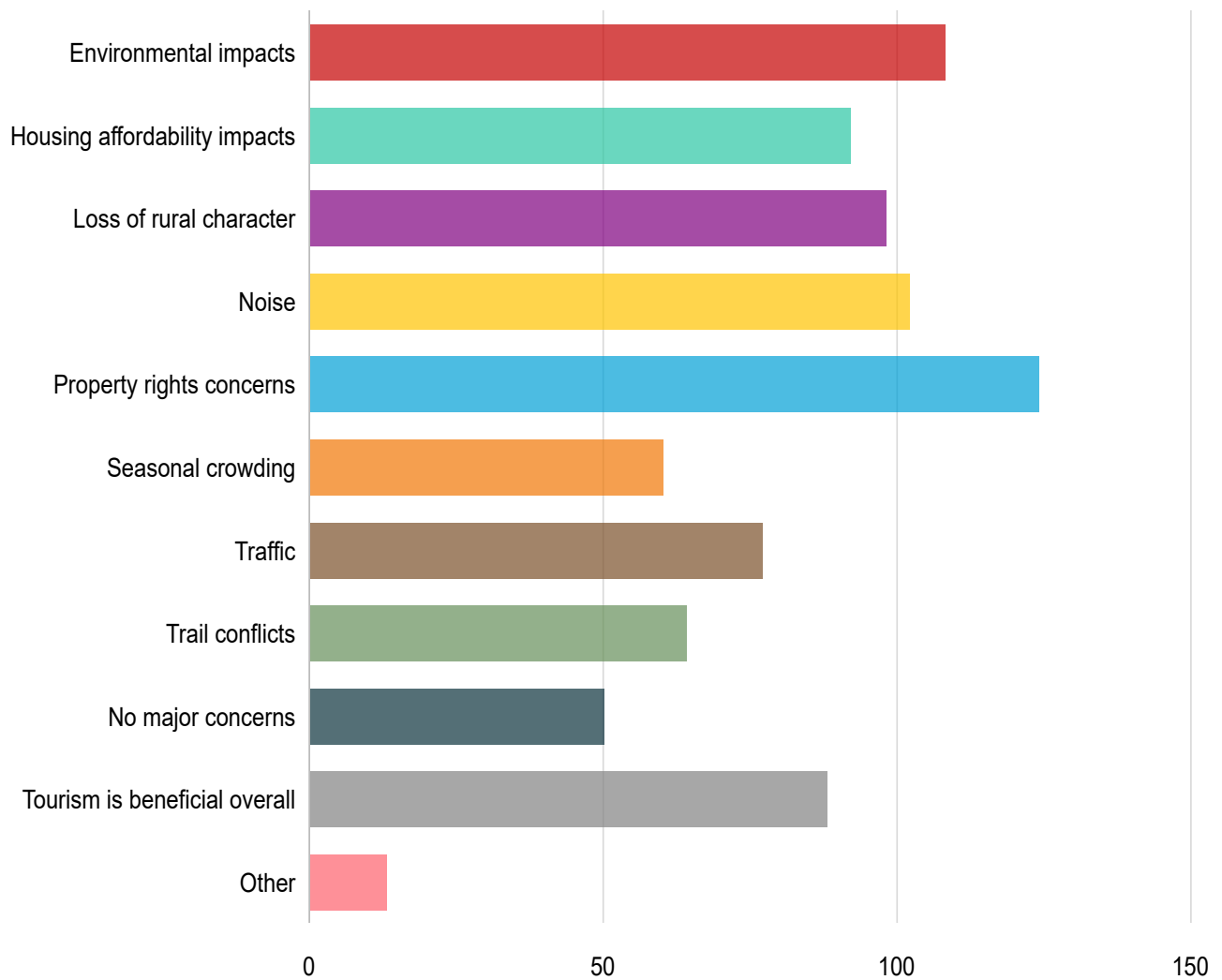
Stop wasting money on trails

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| Restrooms for traveling visitors that are easy accessibility                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Railroad revitalization                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |
| Put a disc golf course in Lowville                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Pools indoor                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Maintain what we have before adding more of anything.                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Law enforcement for ATV trails                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| I do not think that non-motorized recreation activities need to happen on a rail trail. Let's improve the trails we already have by making them more known.                                         | 1 |
| Focus on bringing tourism for non motorized recreation (padding, hiking, biking, skiing) to preserve our natural areas, rather than promoting motorized recreation that destroys fragile resources. | 1 |
| Connect communities by rail for commuting and tourism.                                                                                                                                              | 1 |

Answered: 285 Skipped: 14

18.) What concerns, if any, do you have about tourism growth in Lewis County (Selec...



## Response

## Count

We have lots of great businesses/talents in our community but nothing that brings people in consistently.

1

Tourism is a bust, we have no need for it. The land and area speaks for itself.

1

They don't respect landowners

1

The wealthy will come purchase property. Bill fancy camps and homes. Causing land prices and housing to climb which intern we'll make it unaffordable local people to live here and compete.

1

Snowmobiling in outdated. Work on something else.

1

Road damage that towns have to pay for.

1



| Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Count |
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| Where I live in Lyons Falls                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1     |
| We need to make sure another flood doesn't happen                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1     |
| Water source?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1     |
| Unsure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1     |
| Tug hill - NO WINDMILLS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1     |
| Trails for snow sledding.....four wheelers                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1     |
| Too many atv, utv, and snowmobiles thinking they own the road .                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1     |
| To many car accidents in this area, needs a stop light or a turning lane. Or even a speed zone like they have in front of cliffs in port leyden.                                                                                                            | 1     |
| This is where the dunes road of Indian Pipe State Forest and Lomber Rd. Extension meet. There are huge berms being created from ATVs and side-by-sides as well as a massive mud puddle people are avoiding.                                                 | 1     |
| This historic lock on the Black River at Bush's Landing currently eroding away. The dam inhibits navigation. If the lock walls were rebuilt and the channel kept open every year, this would open the section between Glenfield & Beaches Bridge for boats. | 1     |
| THE WHOLE COUNTY OF LEWIS NY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1     |
| The sidewalks on Collins St and Easton St are janky. My daughter had to learn how to ride her bike in the street and on trails outside of Lewis County, because Lowville's sidewalks caused her to fall.                                                    | 1     |
| The sewage leak that has been here for years needs to be fixed and there should be a sidewalk and /or bike path so you can safely get to Elections Office, DMV and Walmart from this side of village.                                                       | 1     |
| The railroad needs to become a non motorized walking/biking/ski trail with trail access parking lots at the beginning/end/intersections where available. Connect to lowville DEC, fairgrounds, maple ridge, and any other walking trails along the way      | 1     |
| The newly acquired rail bed is an asset for the county and State route 410 is a perfect divider for non-motorized vs motorized traffic.                                                                                                                     | 1     |

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| The Moose River Road connects Lewis County with Herkimer County and the Adirondack Park, Water Safari, Old Forge etc yet remains an unmarked road with dangerously narrow corners wildlife crossing and numerous accidents.                               | 1 |
| The entire west road needs rebuilt/paved. Very dangerous, 1 lane in some places. Also, finish paving mackey road in highmarket. Project was started, but never finished.                                                                                  | 1 |
| The county has turned this into an unsafe road with their refusal to police snowmobile and off road vehicles. Not to mention the noise from these machines being allowed to run with modified exhaust which makes it hard to sleep at night.              | 1 |
| The Commons are overwhelmed with unenforced ATV activity. The roads and trails are so destroyed, we can no longer ride bikes and can barely walk on them, let alone drive our cars and trucks, as we always have in the past.                             | 1 |
| The church st and maple st intersection in Harrisville should be improved.                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| Support making Black River from Lyons Falls to Carthage better navigable by motor boats for recreation and fishing. There is tremendous potential in this river if it could be cleaned out. Pin placed on River, with no importance of specific location. | 1 |
| Speed limit on 12 should be reduced to 45 and a traffic light installed to save lives                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Small town charm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Rural conservation of wet lands, animal preservation, forests and farm land                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Rails to trails makes no sense in this area and the cost of maintaining the bridges through swamps is just not wise choice of tax dollars                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Rail to trail, non motorized, except for winter snowmobiling                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Public boat launch needs attention. Dock in bad shape. Area too shallow. Need to dredge further out                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Outdoor recreation like this should be taken advantage of by more locals. Simple advertisements about what outdoor rec. Activities our county has to offer could get a lot of our fat locals out doing something thats good for them.                     | 1 |
| Osceola connection to atv trails has not been dealt with.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Opportunities to expand utilization of Whitaker park,                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Open more atv trails                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |

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| Not many trails for one of the most scenic rivers in the area....Beaver River                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |
| Northern Lewis County is so far from the county seat that many services are lacking.                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| Needs an excessive amount of salt in the winter months. Requires a lot of energy to use all year around. An alternate route is within walking distance.                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Natural resources and pristine water                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| Multi use trail system to and from the village                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Moose River Road needs improvement. Rocks need to be removed and road redone with more drainage. Trees that are aging need to be trimmed back or down as it is a hazard not just to locals but tourist as well that dont know to watch for falling trees. | 1 |
| Moose River Road                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Minimal engaging activities available for children and young adults.                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| Lowville NY is one of the larger towns in the Lewis County area, and there is still limited opportunities for rentals and affordable living                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Lowville                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Largest waterfall in Lewis County                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| James St in Constableville is a village street with several families that have young children. aTVs wont stay off it and drive like whackos!                                                                                                              | 1 |
| It's a community hub.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| It is a beautiful area that is being destroyed by UTV's and ATV's thanks to the County recreation dept.                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| In general all trailheads should be plowed in winter so non-motorized folks can still use the trails like Blueberry and Catspaw                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Improving West Leyden village would attractive for young people to settle. Not far from Rome to commute for work                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| I live here and several people come from the "city" and other towns to use the lake. It gets used a lot and needs more than a conservation club to help take care of it.                                                                                  | 1 |
| I enjoy snowboarding and snow ridge is there.                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |

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| I don't know                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| High traffic use                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Heavy traffic and need for utility needs. water, sewer, electrical , road controls                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Fix abandon building to add character                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| Dangerous intersection for viewing on coming traffic                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Cute area with a lot to offer residents and tourists if given a chance                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Constableville                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Connecting at trails from greig to belfort                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Bridge not fixed                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Brantingham has become increasingly popular for both ATV/UTV's and snowmobile traffic. However, there is also little to no oversight here. With an immense increase in traffic, there is almost no patrols up there. | 1 |
| Blind hill that people fly over as people are trying to pull out of Crestview Dr                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Black River needs to be cleaned of trees and debris                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Being close to Tug Hill there is a lot that needs to be upkeep if out of town people want to continue to come here                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Becoming a very dangerous area with all of the ATVs that use the trail be train route 12 and Belmont Street noise, respectfulness of the land, 24 hours seven days a week people use this trail as a highway.        | 1 |
| Because it is our home and we need to protect the beauty of Lewis county                                                                                                                                             | 1 |
| Beautiful waterfall yet agers falls gets all of the attention                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Atv / snowmobile traffic on highway.                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| All of Lewis county needs to be preserved                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Access to the lake. Roads to there are not in good shape for a normal car/van.                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| A lot of UTV traffic                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |

20.) Is there anything else you think we missed? Please use this space to share any...



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You need to focus on nuclear for energy and get ORES abolished . We don't need any more windmills or solar. Focus on cutting waste and get our taxes to stabilize

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Yes make the railroad into a scenic railway instead of so many snowmobile atv utv trails There's plenty of areas to walk . Enough is enough catering to these activities.Offer something different to the folks that are NOT able or interested or can do these activities .Or even afford .Look into how many scenic railroads are surviving thru out the country and how many tourists they bring in .If you want more biking walking then add a path on the side of the railway .Then you have 3 activities in one .

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Work with the agencies and organizations who also share these goals! Naturally Lewis and Lewis County Emerging Professionals are great partners, and they are great connections to people who are also wanting to see Lewis County thrive.

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Wonder what my taxes would be if there were no grants. Or if them grants went to pay for the lower income households so they didn't have to pay taxes and what that would do to support local towns and businesses

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| while bringing in more tourists may create revenue for the county it is destroying the quite rural way of life for the lifelong residents. The ATV, side by side and snowmobile traffic needs to be monitored better. Whether it is locals or people the come into the county                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| What about dog poop on the trails. If dog owners let their dogs poop on home owners front yards, they certainly won't stop them from pooping on the trails. Nice restrooms along the way for people using the trails.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| We need to stop wasting money best example cutting down the trees on Main Street Lowville and then replacing them this year, the trees were healthy and never should have been cut down                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| We need to keep our town rural. People love that about our area. We have lost lots of independent farms because they can't compete with the big farms. Small farms is our charm. We need to capitalize on the resources we have, not try to make our area to be something we aren't. We have Amish, we have lots of diy creative people in our community. We have very little to do in the area. Roller skating rink. Mini golf, go kart, not many neat shops that will encourage tourists. Water park. We have to travel out of our area for these things. It's time to make our little area what we want. Encourage family, support our churches and the outreach they have. Family oriented activities and a community that respects each other and helps each other. Increased financial revenue so we can afford our homes and the maintenance on them. This is America. Not data centers or solar panels or wind farms. After visiting other tourism communities, you see what our area lacks. | 1 |
| We need opportunities for families and singles to have access to fun, food, supporting local businesses under 1 roof! Make the old train depot on Trinity into this- rent booths to crafters, and other local small businesses, have live entertainment, access to sit down food. They have these all over in Pa & they are loved! They hold special activities like trick or treat for the kids in October and theme nights on weekends!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| We need jobs for our young members to live here that are full time with benefits. We need housing for them to buy a home and raise a family. Our elderly need to be able to afford to stay in their homes and afford taxes. We need to become a drug free community. Community agencies need to work together to support the residents. A simple like is a reflective one with basic needs being met for individuals and their family members.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| We need better community structure and togetherness. Something to bridge the gap in order to prepare for what may come. Things like open air and flea markets, not just food stands. Free events that get folks out of the house. Get people interested in community politics by bringing the community together. Nothing brings folks out like the arts: music, dancing, street fairs, something that goes into the night.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| We need a permanent ban on data centers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |

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| Trade school!!!!!! Huge trade school to train skilled workforce!!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| This has been a good survey. Thanks for your work and for soliciting opinions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| This county is trying to grow and add new things before considering maintaining what we have. Get rid of all this "green energy" bs thats ruining the county. Get people outside. Support local loggers, sugarmakers, and local small business owners. Why doesnt the county consider using some funds to highlight local small businesses. Could do it for little to no cost and would make a huge impact.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| There's a lot to do, free and with costs but we need a centralized information sharing system! I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| THE WHOLE COUNTY NEEDS IMPROVED LAW ENFORCEMENT TO CONTROL THE ATVS-UTVS, SNOWMOBILES, AND GOLF CARTS DRIVEN BY KIDS IN BRANTINGHAM AREA. ELECT CORY PACZKOWSKI YOUR NEXT LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| The increased tourism on Tug Hill has greatly impacted the housing costs, noise, and safety, among other things. There needs to be more regulations for side by sides including noise and lighting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| The county, state and federal governments need to limit the use and sponsorship of grants. They are getting over used and the typical grant for business to grow allows for superficial growth and the business typically fails and and all that money goes to waste besides a select group of contractors who benefit. Allow natural growth and support the new business with knowledge and help but limit the amount of dollars that get to them. Such a disappointment to see people work hard doing something on their own with no tax dollars helping them to see a competitor come in and compete and and they both struggle. We need a lot of Milton Friedman economical growth in this country                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| The county needs to help the townships in Lewis county with maintaining their roads better especially tug hill where they allow clubs to have ATV rides to benefit their clubs and promote them but have absolutely no clue what it does to the roads and the manpower to fix them. Not to mention the costs to the towns. The out of towners come here and do not respect tug hill or the people that live here. There a few that do but not many.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| The county legislature needs to Start listening to the citizens of this county. They were advised that it was important to allow the citizens to have input on the rails to trails project. Yet there has been zero such opportunities for anyone outside the county legislature. So, my guess is that this plan will end up being the same. You take this survey plus the comments make at the public meetings and flush them down the toilet. Most of the county legislators this the citizens are to dumb to have an opinion. On top of that. Jefferson Community College has surveys one or twice a year about how people feel about many of the same topics in this survey, and they always rate Lewis County low on most of these. Yet obviously they don't care because they do zero to improve on any of them. They are obsessed with kissing up to transients and nothing for locals. | 1 |

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| the ambulance service wants to merge into one. thats fine if they can be profitable on their own and not be tax payer supported. also they should set up each vehicle so it has als, each time a ambulance goes out a second one has to go out with als, that means a second vehicle, driver, emt, burning twice the fule and using twice the manpower, makes no sense at all. wake up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Thanks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Strengthen the community with school systems offering students to learn life lessons from our older generation. Also a committ to look into the increase in children with special needs and bring some specialist into lewis county to aide in the services that these children need.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Stop the foreign corporations from coming into our rural communities and waving \$ in front of people who desperately need it because taxes have gone up so much in the past 10 years. They then turn their backs on their neighbors and sell out which creates animosity and resentment in the community. The county is more than happy to have this come in so they can get their share in the Pilot \$ or HCA \$, while the majority of the residents want nothing to do with this. The county should be fighting to keep rural areas rural if that is what the residents want. We are the reddest county in the state but our local government doesn't act like it. Stop spending so much money, reduce taxes, keep our rural areas, rural and not an experiment for industrial "renewable" energy projects. Also, if you are a legislator, town board member, planning board member, and you or a family member have signed up for any renewable energy project, you need to come forward and let residents know. Be transparent! | 1 |
| Start drug testing and do background checks. Hospital staff and volunteers, County employees, Chamber of Commerce...etc. Or can't you do that because 50% of the workforce would be gone?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Resist the constant increase of the tax burden and unfunded mandates placed on an aging and decreasing Lewis County Population by Albany.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Reduce spending. Cut taxes. Make big tech Pay more for the energy they produce in Lewis County. And keep it out of the hands of the educational department.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Really feel affordable senior housing is a area that is needed for the mid income seniors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 |
| Rail trail for hiking and biking. Indoor soccer and sports event center for youth so they don't have to drive an hour in the winter to participate. More restaurant options in Lowville. Jeb's is all we have. Tony Harper's is not good. NYPizza is a rip off. Italian American food is needed! Affordable housing is needed everywhere. Farmers need help or they have to sell their century old family farms. It's so sad.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Rail trail concern for higher crime rates, such rape, drugs, homelessness, littered trails on private property.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |

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| Quit concentrating on climate change. The science does not support it, and therefore we should not be investing into renewable energy and such a beautiful rural part of the country benefits. No one that lives here and only benefits those that are getting their pockets lined through the government subsidies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 |
| Public transportation is available, which is great, but to a limited extent. Most destinations are not reached until 9 am, long after the work day has begun. Dial a ride options are advertised, but in the 3 separate times I called to try and arrange a ride, the person I spoke to said they don't have enough staff but would call me back. They've never called me back in the last 2 years. If the option is not available, do not advertise as such.                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| Please include local schools when making decisions for the youth. Often they have existing student groups who could offer creative ideas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Please get the county legislatures involved in our lives and not just theirs!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 |
| Over the years, I think Lewis County has put a lot of effort into promoting tourism and OTV. During that time, vehicles have gotten noisier and faster. Also, there can be an attitude of entitlement re: access to land and trails that is not always respectful of land or business owners. I have experienced this as a long time resident of Tug Hill, although I have recently moved to Lowville. I think it is a good time to focus on improving housing, emergency services and other infrastructure for residents in the area and to shift thinking toward other areas of economic growth. | 1 |
| Over all getting community members to feel like they are a part of the community will make a huge difference. Everyone is focused on other things and the community aspect falls to the wayside.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Our Kraft plant is competing with other dairy processing facilities that are served by rail. When energy costs and insurance premiums on big rigs get to be cost prohibitive this plant will be closed in favor of ones that are served by rail.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Need to grow businesses such as retail restaurants and need communication                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Many permanent residents don't like the noise and lawlessness of ATV and to lesser extent, snowmobile tourists. I could foresee a rising sentiment to ban them from our roads. Better, or maybe it is some, law enforcement especially on holiday weekends would go a long way to mitigating concerns/complaints. You can't push all these tourists on local communities without policing them.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |

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| Make Lewis County a vacation destination for people other than ATV riders. Downtown boutiques and restaurants, vineyards, outdoor recreational facilities, bed and breakfasts, wedding venues, and health/spa facilities could all be beneficial to this area. Those different things would support the local community and local economy, while bringing in tourism and highlighting the reason that Lewis County is a special place in New York State - not the junk drawer of the state where the big cities can hide the facilities that keep them running.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Listen to the citizens what the majority of them want for our daily lives and future!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| LEWIS COUNTY should in no way supply housing for the homeless. In most cases services already provided. Build it and they will come!! It is a proven fact that homeless people will and do migrate to locations that provide shelter and other services that are free to them while others have to work and pay. Then to mention the fact that these people, some not all, require extensive law enforcement, health and social services intervention and greatly increase the tax base with these needs, and most are self-imposed. In our weather locations these people would not normally come here because of the weather. Look at the cost for Jefferson County and what costs they have incurred because they are willing to support these people. I know that everyone has the right to live where they want to but to arrive at a location just because you arrived there, and perhaps fleeing other locations that maybe stopping such services for them. | 1 |
| Lewis County needs to focus on becoming an area that targets development not only to the existing aging population but also focuses on new adults that are looking for where they want to build there community. There is very little opportunities for young adults in this county to engage with the towns population in a setting suited for them. Areas like St, Drogos are a good start but without better investment in this age demographic we will continue to see our median age increase.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Let the villages/hamlets stay unique to eachother. They don't need to turn into cookie cutter communities run by the county.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Let the people vote on major purchases (rails to trails) government doesn't seem to be smarter than the average tax payer. Lower taxes, stop needless purchases!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| Large farms are ruining the social and economic conditions in the county.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| If Lewis County invested in an apartment type complex instead flipping single family homes they could house many more homeless.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| I'm tired of ATVs and Snowmobiles being what Lewis County is known for. There are other people here who would like to spend their money, but our only option is a bar room.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |

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| I would love to see a well thought out disc golf course put in Lowville somewhere. 18 baskets/holes would be awesome. Please maintain by the town or village. Maybe a park in Lowville could be an ideal place for the course. I don't think you could put it where the fair is because there isn't enough wooded area or anything like that. But I'm sure there could be several places to put it just outside of Lowville or even in Lowville. Snow ridge has a 18 hole disc golf course which is nice. It seems like every town in putting in a disc golf course because it's become more popular lately. Please reach out if you have any questions about this. I wouldn't know how to sort thw course out myself, but I could reach out to some folks if this could be done. Cell phone number is (315) 408-3429. My name is Robert. Thank you! | 1 |
| I want renewable energy opportunities for our area, but not at the expense of farm land. Also, that renewable energy should be for us, not shipped elsewhere.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| I think the County really needs to protect the rural character of the area and be vigilant in preventing further renewable energy sources from coming to the area. We already have several wind farms, which I think now add to the character of Lewis County, but solar farms destroy the rural character and landscape of where we live, while also taking away prime farmland.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| I think the county faces major liability issues as they continue to support the Mad Max ATV culture on our road systems. It has become unmanageable, and unenforceable. You created a monster, and the tax payers end up the victims. This is not healthy outdoor recreation, but noisy, dangerous, and a tremendous burden on police, fire, EMS, and the tax payers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| I think that the county should consider the local people first and foremost with tourism as a secondary consideration. This is a place that we live and want to continue living. Let's not destroy what we have just because others want to come here to play. Our current economy is built on fossil fuels which is not sustainable. Find ways to have the health of our community and visitors enlivened rather than always connected to a vehicle run on fossil fuels.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| I think senior living facilities should be one of the number one priorities that should be worked on for the county, especially with the aging population. There are not many facilities in Lewis County that provide senior living.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| I think it is imperative that we bring in families and young workers. Our schools are declining in enrollment, jobs are sitting vacant, and businesses are empty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| I love lewis county, born and raised here, mpved back after college, bought a property, and raising a family here at the moment. Spending has gotten put of hand in a lot of the wrong areas. A lot of your initiatives would be taken care of on their own of there was enough industry to support them. The cost of goods and services has also gotten out of hand as well as electricity costs. In the words of Ronald Reagan "Government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem." We need more small businesses and large businesses, not more government programs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |

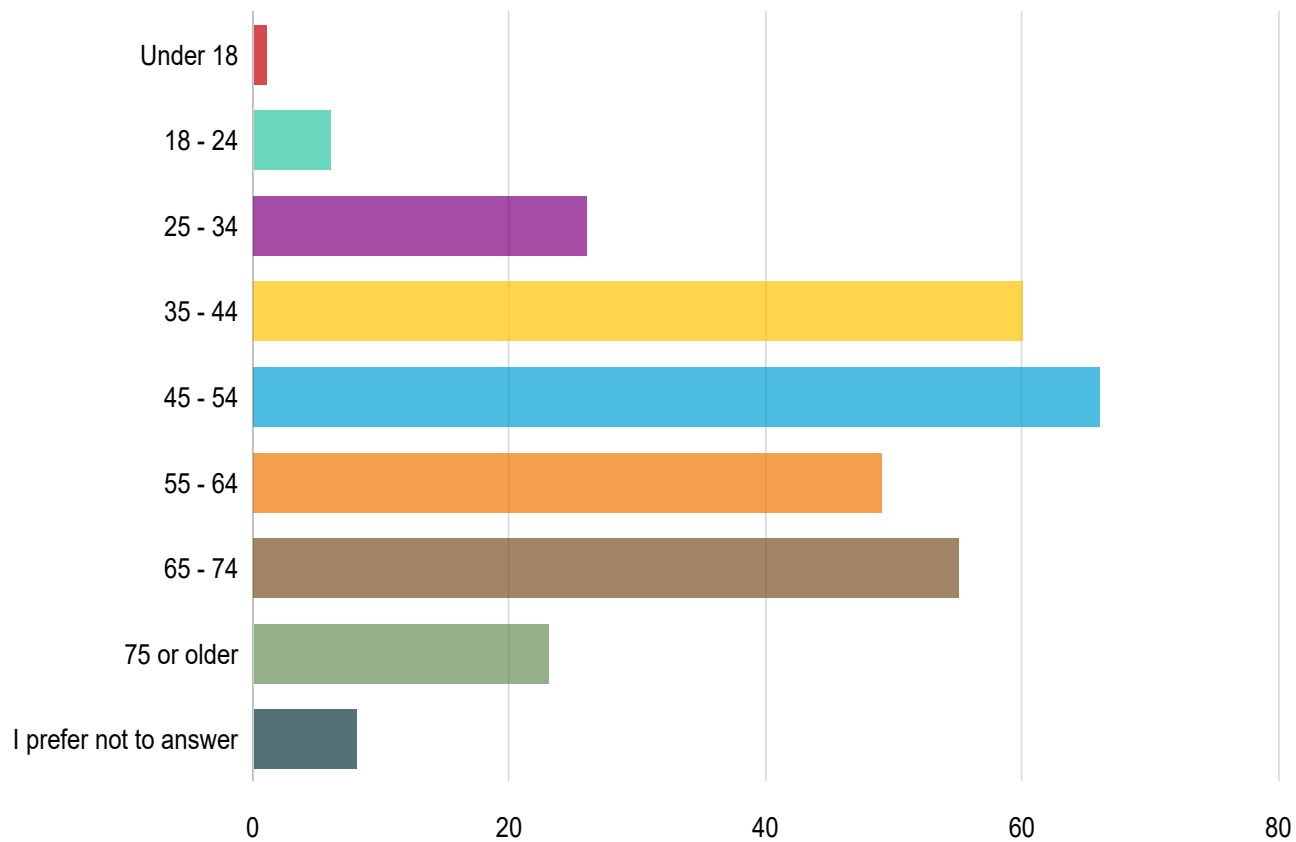
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| I do not have little kids anymore, but I am constantly hearing that daycare is not available to a lot of people. Child care is an issue in this area. Lewis County does a fine job overall. I am happy with Lewis County.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| I didnt see much about Shifting demographic trends, especially relating to climate changes. We know climate/environmental disasters drive migration. Will the increase in such disasters drive migration to Lewis County? What effects could that have? Additionally, I would reiterate the importance of housing security, food security, and access to health care for people in Lewis County.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| I believe it is crucial to motivate lifelong residents who understand and value Lewis County for its true essence to engage more actively in local governance. The unique and wonderful qualities that define Lewis County can only be safeguarded if the locals take an active role in protecting them. While I hold no objections to non-residents, I've increasingly observed attempts to transform our county into a reflection of their own backgrounds. To me, this undermines the very essence of experiencing this remarkable area. Hospitality and tourism is essential to our local economy, but at what cost? | 1 |
| How can the county work to make everyone feel welcome. This county lacks diversity and people of differing backgrounds, sexualities, etc, are not welcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| Great work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| Give young people a reason to move here other than to take care of their family members                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Farmland should not be used to make trails, etc. of any kind for any type of recreation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Education, training and retention of young people. Limited opportunities to stay long term. Indoor recreation needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| Don't want wind or solar , no data center either!!!!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Data centers are horrible energy hogs and water polluters. Please do not allow any in LC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| Continue to support rail trails specifically with regards to connection of Tug Hill to northern Lewis County and eventually into surrounding counties and Carthage. Support adding or rebuilding existing boat launches at Bonaparte and Brantingham. Support tax breaks for volunteer Fire/EMS members. Support any expansion efforts of Nolt's Store reducing any red tape, we cannot lose this valuable resource. Reduce electric rates by supporting municipal power or agreements with any power producing entities.                                                                                                | 1 |
| Constant side by side traffic with No one policing, little kids driving, loud exhaust systems loud music, red and blue flashing lights, drinking and driving, and the litter they leave behind. If I drove a car with loud exhaust and blue flashing lights on the road I'm sure I'd get a ticket.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 |

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| Complete streets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| can't wait for biking trail from Lowville to Castorland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Better access to medical care locally, especially for specialists                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 |
| As stated above, please focus more attention on non motorized recreational opportunities. Current uses are quickly destroying resources that my family has enjoyed for generations. Focus on helping local working families to be able to live here, rather than bringing in motorized tourism and people who don't contribute to or respect our local economy or environment. | 1 |
| An in town hangout area for youth. Games, sports, music, etc...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| An adult movie theater. More activities for the community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| 100% against battery storage as well as any more solar and wind projects. Enough already. They're ugly and only benefit a small few.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 |

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## DEMOGRAPHICS

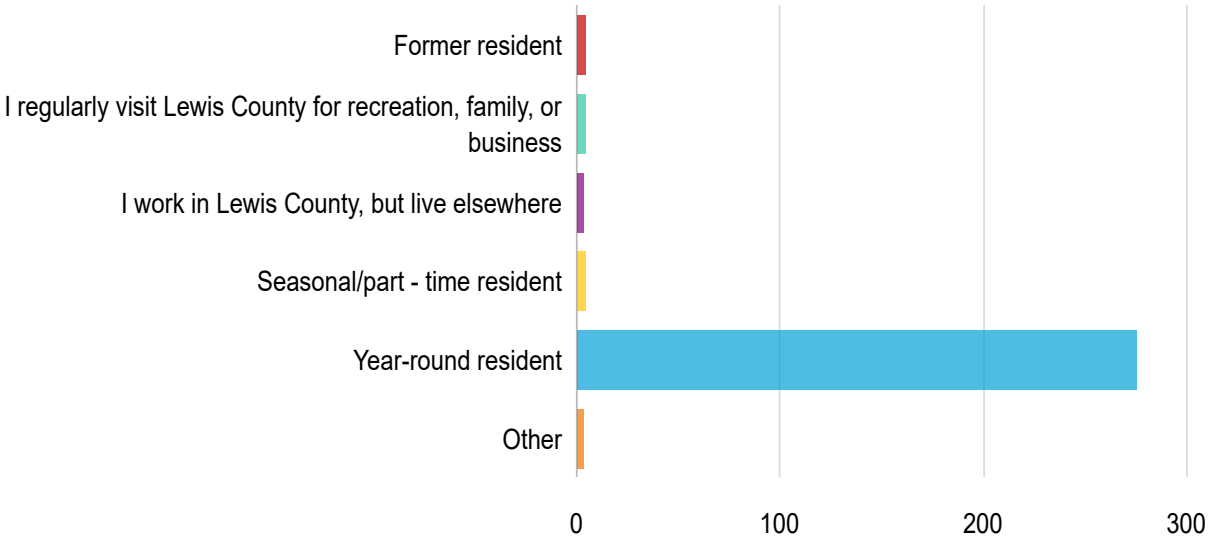
### o 21.) What is your age?



| Answers                | Count | Percentage |
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| Under 18               | 1     | 0.33%      |
| 18 - 24                | 6     | 2.01%      |
| 25 - 34                | 26    | 8.7%       |
| 35 - 44                | 60    | 20.07%     |
| 45 - 54                | 66    | 22.07%     |
| 55 - 64                | 49    | 16.39%     |
| 65 - 74                | 55    | 18.39%     |
| 75 or older            | 23    | 7.69%      |
| I prefer not to answer | 8     | 2.68%      |

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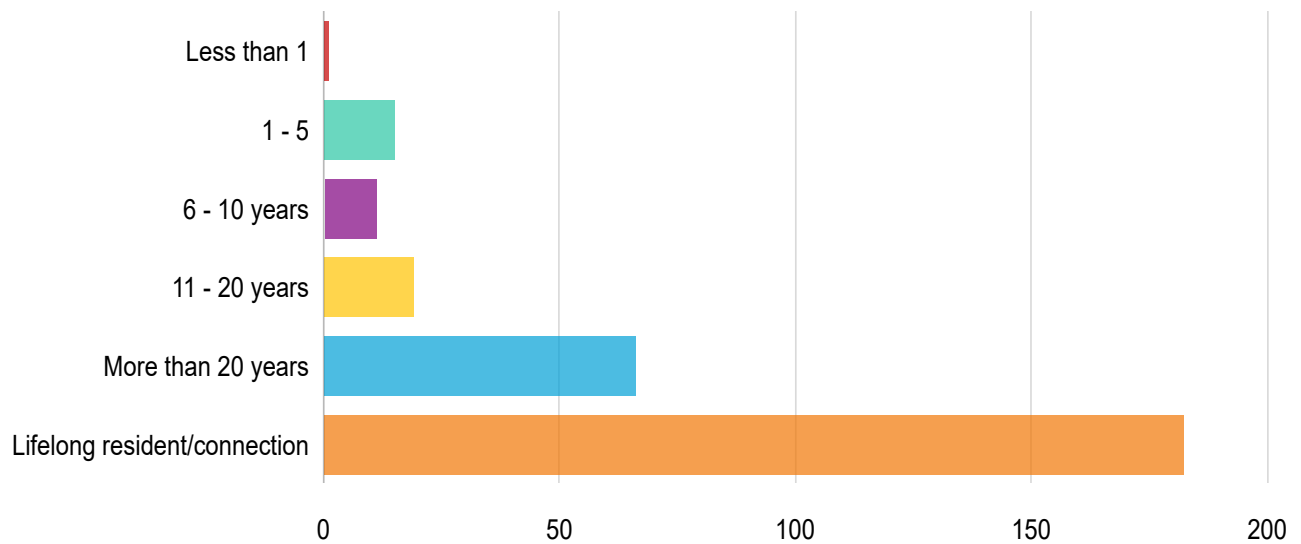
22.) Which best describes your connection to Lewis County?



| Response                                                                                                   | Count |
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| Work in lewis County, but live in jefferson. however have a cmap in lewis County that we usein all seasons | 1     |
| Business owner                                                                                             | 1     |

Answered: 293 Skipped: 6

23.) How long have you lived in, or been connected to, Lewis County?



### Answers

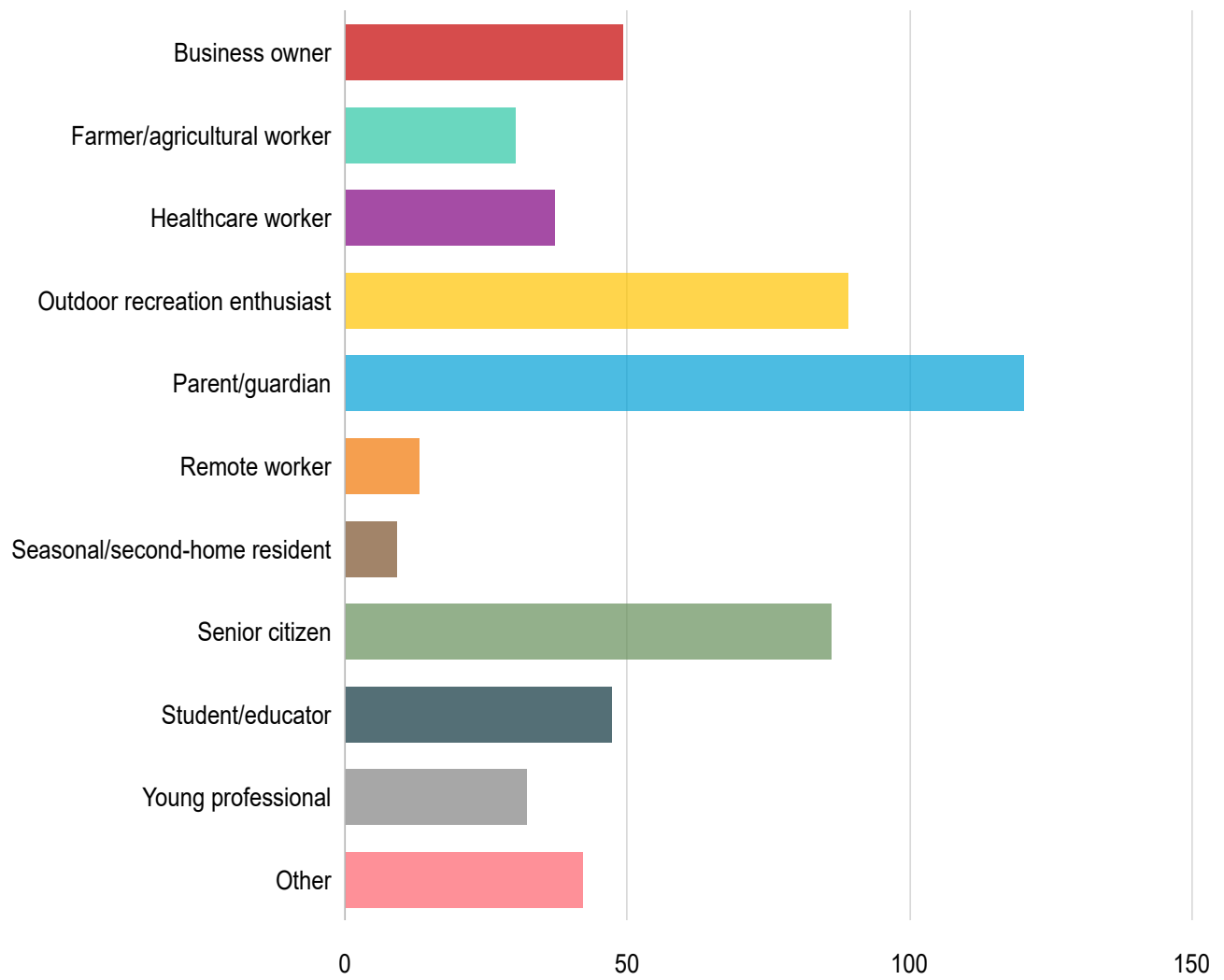
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| Less than 1 year             | 1   | 0.33%  |
| 1 - 5 years                  | 15  | 5.02%  |
| 6 - 10 years                 | 11  | 3.68%  |
| 11 - 20 years                | 19  | 6.35%  |
| More than 20 years           | 66  | 22.07% |
| Lifelong resident/connection | 182 | 60.87% |

Answered: 294 Skipped: 5

- 24.) Which of the following perspectives best represent you? (Select all that apply)



## Response

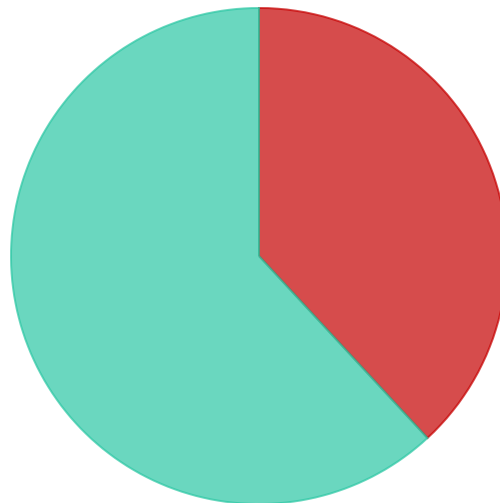
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| Middle aged professional                          | 2 |
| worker                                            | 1 |
| Worked at browns plumbing and heating..37 years.. | 1 |
| work at a not for profit human services agency.   | 1 |
| Taxpayer                                          | 1 |
| Sandwich generation; county employee; homeowner   | 1 |
| Retiree                                           | 1 |
| Retired military                                  | 1 |

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| Retired life long resident                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Retired                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| Retail worker and active school community member.                                                                                  | 1 |
| Professional                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Plain old retired resident                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Old professional                                                                                                                   | 1 |
| Military                                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Manufacturing Employee                                                                                                             | 1 |
| Local highway department                                                                                                           | 1 |
| Lifetime resident                                                                                                                  | 1 |
| Kraftheinz                                                                                                                         | 1 |
| Human being!                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Home owner and local worker                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Former farmer,                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| Finance Analyst                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| Escapee to peace and quiet                                                                                                         | 1 |
| DSS Employee                                                                                                                       | 1 |
| Cop                                                                                                                                | 1 |
| Biologist                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| Aspiring entrepreneur who would love to utilize the land I own to create a space that can be enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. | 1 |

Answered: 292 Skipped: 7

○ 25.) Would you like to receive updates about the Comprehensive Plan...



- Yes (provide email below)
- No

| Answers | Count | Percentage |
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| Yes (provide email below) | 101 | 33.78% |
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| No | 164 | 54.85% |
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Answered: 99 Skipped: 200

