



Comprehensive Growth Plan Survey (1) Results

Thank you for participating and giving us your feedback!

This was the first public survey conducted by the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Open from April 8th to May 3rd, 2024, the survey gathered feedback from over 150 participants. The committee continues to actively collaborate to develop a Comprehensive Growth Plan for Lyman that reflects the community's values. Stay tuned for more public surveys, workshops and roundtable discussions.

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Comprehensive Growth Plan Survey (1) has collected 159 responses

Question 1 has 159 answers (Radio buttons)

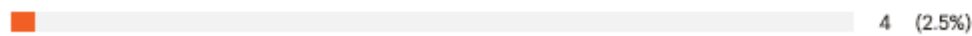


"Are you a resident?"

Yes



No



Question 2 has 159 answers (Radio buttons)

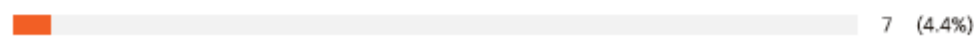


"Are you registered to vote in Lyman?"

Yes



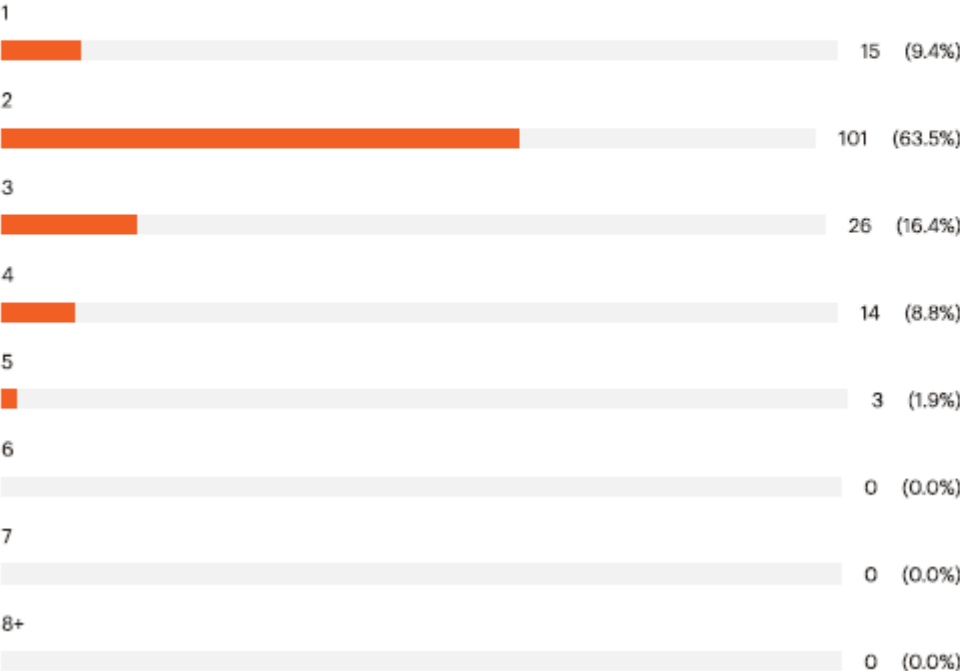
No



Question 3 has 159 answers (Radio buttons)



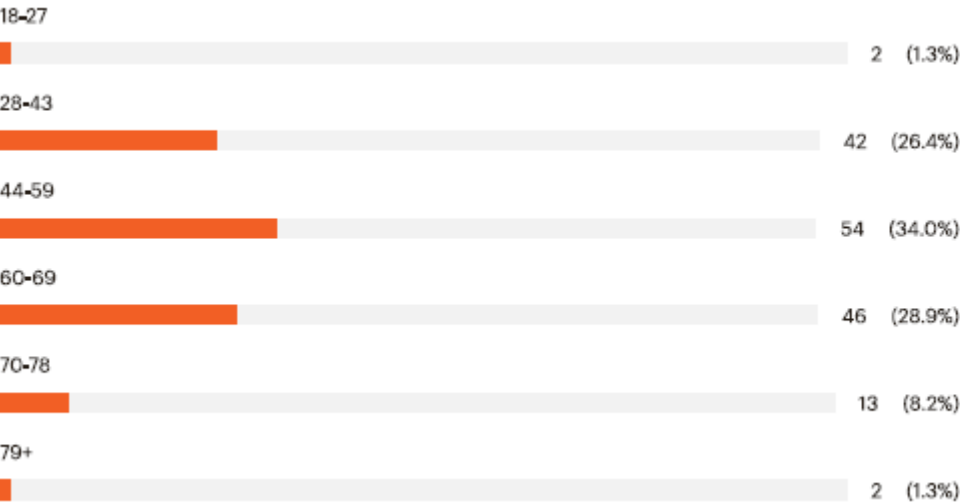
"How many members in your household are above 18 years of age?"



Question 4 has 159 answers (Radio buttons)



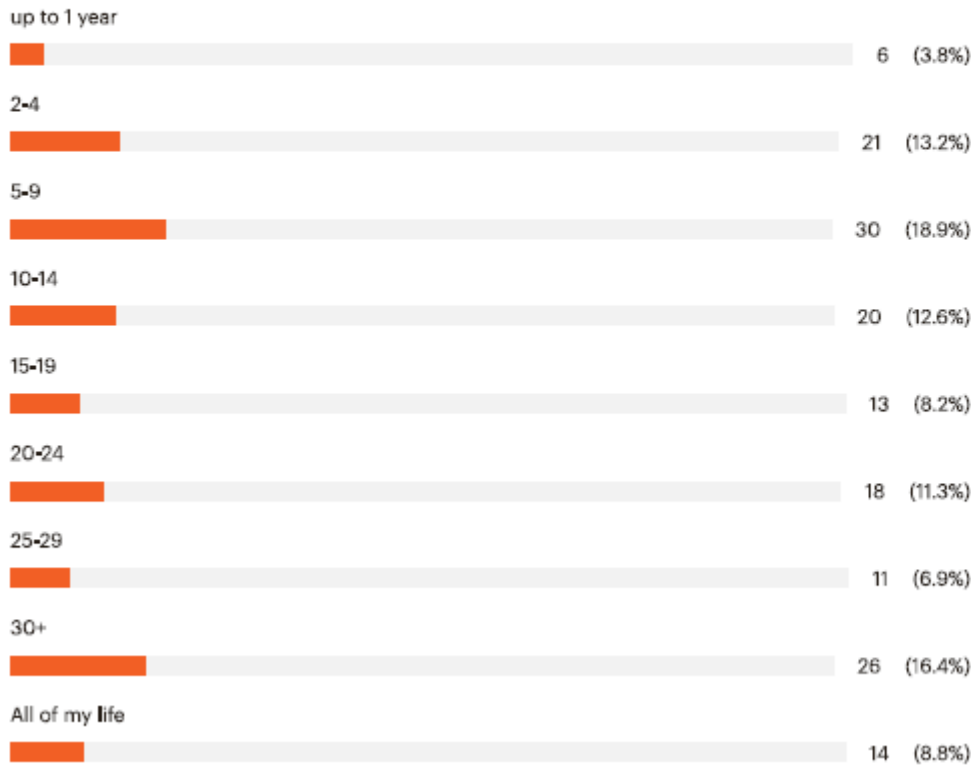
"What age group are you in?"



Question 5 has 159 answers (Radio buttons)



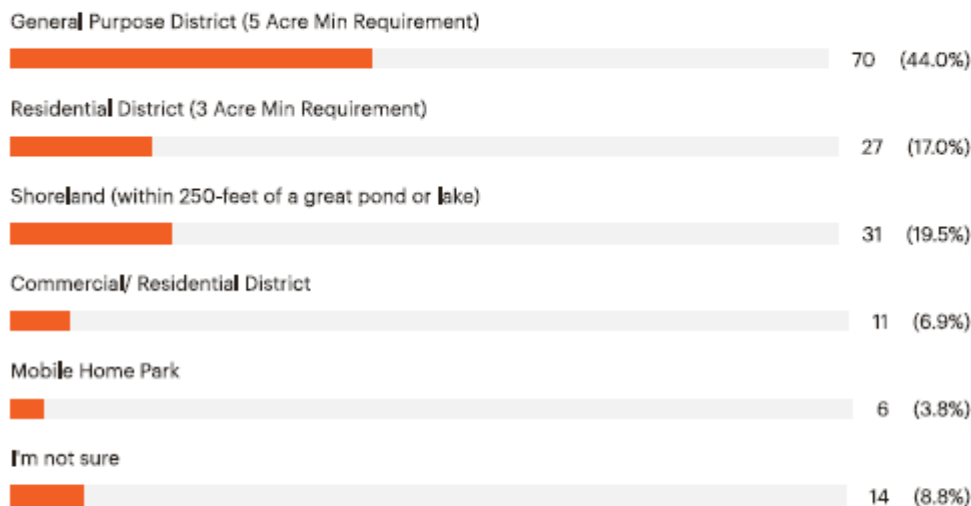
"How many years have you lived in Lyman"



Question 6 has 159 answers (Radio buttons)



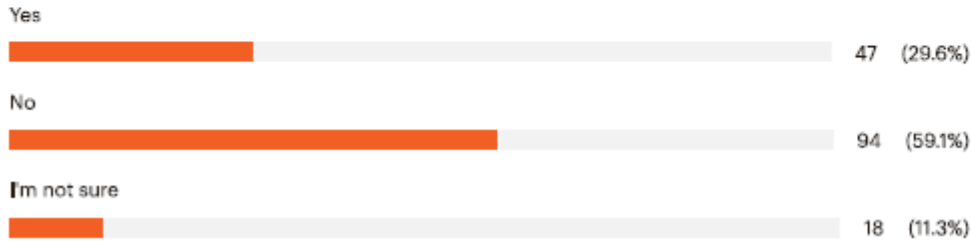
"What zoning district do you live in?"



Question 7 has 159 answers (Radio buttons)



"Do you favor a reduction of minimum lot size requirements in the General Purpose (5 Acre) or Residential (3 Acre) districts?"



Question 8 has 159 answers (Open text)

"How are you engaged with your community? If you are not engaged, why not?"

Question 8: How are you engaged with your community? If you are not engaged, why not?

Open Text Responses

- I'm new here!
- No time
- Very active in local church, regular library user
- We are engaged
- No engagement events. The library does a lot to help. Would be nice to build around its organization and create a town par and hold events.
- Not engaged. Part time resident.
- Current selectboard member, previous budget committee member, charter commission member
- Not engaged
- Good old boys/girls club. Done with Lyman politics.
- Don't understand the question
- I am on a few committees.
- Watch selectmans meetings
- I try to keep up with select board meetings and planning board meetings on YouTube. I follow Lyman pages on Facebook.
- Always helping out neighbors and go to meetings

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- I don't want the negative discourse from the book banning, conspiracy believing people to trash my name because we do not agree.
- Budget Committee
- A
- Just recently retired, so now more interested.
- Volunteer with non-profit organization
- I keep to myself mostly but have many friends in the area
- I help out my neighbors.
- Too many politics. If you're not somebody in this town then you're nobody.
- Attend meetings, vote
- I am currently not very involved, but have been in the past when kids were growing up.
- Just moved here 6 months ago. We are getting used to the town.
- I am a school board member.
- Participate in town committees.
- Don't understand this question. What does engagement matter?
- Always engage
- I'm not as engaged as I should be because I'm a college student currently.
- Too busy
- Yes, I am engaged in our community.
- Work as an election/ballot clerk. On the historical society committee.
- his question and the previous one are too vague. What lot size is being proposed, as it makes a big difference in how this question is answered. Secondly, engaged in what sense?
- Yes
- Get involved with issues that our community is and has dealt with, creating community events.
- I attend our annual town meeting. I stopped attending select board meetings as I find the atmosphere unpleasant.
- Not really engaged; too shy to get out there and meet people, and not really sure where to 'get out there.'
- Not here half of the time
- Actively
- I attend some public meetings and I vote. I volunteer at my local church and at the York County Fish and Game club. I attend town events but wish there were more of them.
- I have concerns about shore line use by none residents. Fishing on my land!!!!!!!
- Watch all meetings, help with voting, engage with neighbors, member of Lyman Historical Society,
- I love my little town I live in I am not in favor of any changes to minimum lot sizes. It creates sprawl and low income housing efforts. The last thing Lyman needs is low income properties. Keep that in the larger cities that can afford the non tax payers

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- I'm a homesteader I avoid people.
- Municipal gov.
- Husband has limited mobility
- Was quite involved when family was younger. Not so much now.
- charitable giving
- No. Currently splitting my time between Maine and Florida.
- Volunteer
- Time constraints
- I try to be
- Very
- Blank
- I like Lyman's low tax rate and the people
- Not really much to be engaged in except volunteering for a committee. Not there yet, only lived here 5 years would be seen as an outsider I'm sure. And the choices below should be choose all that apply, not just pick one
- I am somewhat engaged. I watch online meetings of the various boards. Would like to see more Rec programs for adults such as bus trips etc.
- Yes
- No
- Yes.
- Church volunteer
- Yes
- Not interested
- I pay attention to the ongoing town issues, I find the town website confusing to navigate. Not very timely in terms of getting information from meetings on the website. I think if the town wants to grow we need to update the town website to make it easier to navigate.
- I'm not. I don't have the time
- Not really engaged at all the community is on the older side
- Somewhat
- Get together with neighbors, members of YCFGA
- Yes
- I go to the library and support local business's
- Yes. Regularly
- Library user
- Fire/EMS (GMFD) and 911 Dispatcher

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- Yes. Attending many town meetings. However, never helpful or had any questions or issues answered
- I tried but the groups that fall under the town hall, the folks were not very welcoming when I wanted to volunteer or I never heard back.
- I attend some functions
- Kids are in the schools we are active community members in many different ways.
- Have not been engaged due to personal reasons.
- Involved in pond business and activities along with Town's activities
- Enough
- We visit local businesses.
- We support local businesses.
- Communication on how we can become involved is not easy to find.
- Not very. I went to one town meeting. It went late (I go to work early), they talked about things that I don't understand. I'm very involved in my church (out of the area), work 50 hrs a week and have a home and family to take care of. I trust the people that I vote for to do
- We all vote
- Not engaged
- Not, I spent 30 great years deeply involved with the FD, felt like it was time for others to flourish
- Lack of time
- Children in school system
- Work and family not much time.
- Just too busy with work and kids activities.
- I was more engaged when my children were young. It seems like status quo doesn't like change very much.
- At this time I am not. I am full time caregiver for my mother who has dementia.
- Engaged mostly around elections and/or changes specific to the town. I am not more engaged due to work schedule and other commitments
- I pick up litter on the sides of my road, I go to town parks. I am not currently in any town committees but have considered the Bunganut Park Committee when I am less busy in my personal life.
- No specific reasons
- Attend the few events offered for kids.
- Vey
- Yes
- No, not much community events so I tend to go to other community events in neighboring towns.
- None because they don't use common sense
- No time and health limitations
- Work takes all our time.

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Open Text Responses

- Via Facebook. I run my own farm and business and am extremely busy
- Resident
- Not yet, just moved here.
- I am engaged, we are on a private road where we have to work together to maintain it.
- I work a lot. No time
- Not much. What is there to be engaged in?
- Own a business
- I am not engaged
- Very.
- I was on the appeals board. My husband s selectman in the past.
- Yes I am engaged. I have been on the cemetery committee in the past. Have attended many engagements associated with LES.
- We Vote, attend annual meeting. Occasionally attend town hall meeting
- I was part of the Kennebunk beach committee. Also have done trail work with Lyman snowmobile club and ATV club. Helped build the ice rink the first year
- No
- I volunteer with many local youth groups with in the district
- Yea
- I vote. My kids go to school here.
- I am engaged with my community
- Gatherings
- Yes
- I'm not. Don't like people/public
- Not engaged due to working full time and not much time to attend events.
- Yes
- School sports
- N/A
- Fairly engaged.
- I participate in all elections, stay informed of select/planning board activities, and stay closely engaged with my neighbors and family members that live in Lyman.
- I am not involved due to time constraints
- We love frequenting the library and local lakes
- Town is too bigoted
- Town board/committee member, attend town meetings and some Select Board meetings

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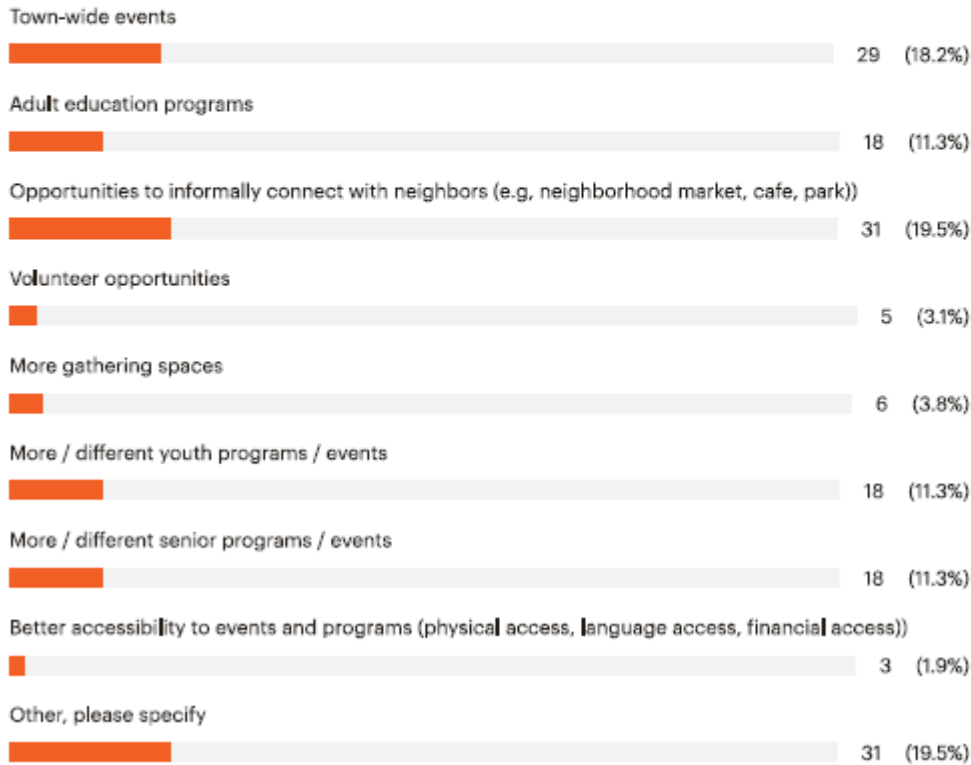
Open Text Responses

- Getting involved in the community is intimidating to me. I witnessed all the turmoil within the town hall play out on Facebook and I do not want to be associated in that in any way, shape, or form. It seems common practice to talk about only negativity, then post all about it
- Go to local church. Not sure of other ways I can engage.
- Politically active.
- NA
- I'm a youth basketball coach
- Never took the time
- I am a member of Parks and Recreation
- Minimal. Have had summer property here for over 10 years but just moved here full time 2 years ago from another local town. Still very connected to that town as well and work out of state some days as well.
- To political
- Not as much as I would like. Having enough time is a factor.
- No
- I attended a hearing on cluster housing last year and quickly realized it had already been decided beforehand. A waste of effort and time on our thoughts!
- Not very
- To busy working to pay bills and taxes
- I want to be left alone and not pay a ton attention f property tax
- Coach and volunteer in youth sports
- I engage in the areas that matter most to my family
- Watch you tube
- Only with my neighbors
- Yes my husband & I are engaged.

Question 9 has 159 answers (Radio buttons)



"What Amenities, programs, or infrastructure would encourage you to be more engaged with your community?"



Question 9: What amenities, programs, or infrastructure would encourage you to be more engaged with your community?

Open Text Responses

- None
- What ways can we learn more about this town.
- NA
- None
- A more welcoming reception to those who volunteer.
- You can only choose one from above and not several:(
- I have a difficult time using the town website to learn of upcoming events. I do not use Facebook.
- Boat launches for Swan Pond, Bunganut Pond and better launch at Kennebunk Pond.
- Nothing
- Better boat launch access
- Several of the items above such as town wide events, farmers market, senior programs.
- Nothing. I prefer my seclusion. That is why I moved here.

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Open Text Responses

- I think 1,3, and 4 are equally important
- More of town services... ie: cafe, actually shops, etc
- Not sure
- Green spaces. Preserve trail systems for hiking, biking, walking, horse back riding
- Things such as parades, open houses at the fire dept, events at the library and community activities are more of interest to me
- I hit "other" because I wanted to select more than one: They are 1) more gathering spaces and 2) More/different youth programs/events. Expand our downtown from the library and small park. The lack of rec programs in summer and on breaks (I know we partner with the Y in Sanford but the cost is hard for many families to take), and lacking a full playground and gathering center in the heart of downtown make it less family friendly than surrounding towns. Also, and I cannot overstate this: We need sidewalks. On South Waterboro Road, Kennebunk Pond Road, Day Road, Hill Road, Huff Road at the very least. All of these roads are dangers for kids and families to be on.
- Honestly, I don't want Lyman to change.
- Walking trails would be great.
- Nothing ..because I see what is happening to our wonderful town and not much common sense in reasoning. Glad I'm on the down side of the hill. SAD!!
- None. Basically, we want to be left alone. If you want community horse crap, move.
- Trails for walking, running, snowmobiling
- I'm interested in a minimum 2 mile walking path that is smooth (dirt or paved). It should be wide enough for bikes too but no other traffic. I have been unable to find anything like that in Lyman.

Question 10 has 41 answers (Open text)

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