



February 21, 2024

Tree Advisory Board
10:00 AM

City Hall - Massie Chambers

Agenda:

Call to Order

Establish a quorum

1. Roll Call:

- Eddie Allen
- Paula Krebs
- Tammie Reddy
- Dan Sheppard
- Chris Taylor

Elect Chair and Vice Chair

2. Elect Chair

3. Elect Vice Chair

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

4. November 15, 2023 Minutes

Reports from Staff

- 5. Megan Gerlach, Program and Event Coordinator
- 6. Eddie Allen, Horticulturist

Old Business

- 7. Arboretum Health Check
- 8. Future Tree Planting in Arboretum
- 9. Arboretum Trail Markers

New Business

10. Tree Priority Final Update
11. Educational Opportunities for Homeowners
12. Beautification Update

Comments from Board Members & Staff

Adjournment

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November 15, 2023 Tree Advisory Board 10:00 AM City Hall - Massie Chambers

Minutes:

Chris Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Present: Chris Taylor, Dan Sheppard, Paula Krebs, Eddie Allen

Absent: Tammie Reddy

Also Present: Sarah Jennings, Allison Baker, Denise Skaggs

A quorum was established.

Comment from Citizens- None.

Approval of Minutes

After a review of the August 16th, 2023 meeting minutes, a motion was made to approve the minutes by Paula Krebs.

Report from City Horticulturist- A report was given by Eddie Allen.

Unfinished Business

Arboretum Health- Tree board members performed an arboretum walkthrough in November and identified several issues that needed to be addressed. Items have been added to the parks winter project list, such as loosening labels and replacing labels that need repair. The full list of items identified will be added to the next board meeting agenda packet.

Arboretum Tree Planting Additions- \$5000 is budgeted for tree planting. Dan Sheppard recommended a plethora of ornamental trees, such as dogwoods, redbuds, and flowering buckeyes to draw people to that section of the trail in the spring. To determine a wish list, Sarah asked the board members to email her, copying all board members, with what their preferences were. Sarah will then put together a survey showcasing the results in order to prioritize which trees are desired and where to plant the trees. A motion was made and passed to approve Sarah creating the tree survey for the board members. Chris recommended utilizing the Goodlettsville approved tree list on the city website to get ideas of which trees to suggest.

Arbor Day Review- Sarah requested to defer this agenda item to the February meeting. A motion was made and passed to defer the agenda item.

Tree Priority Survey- The tree priority survey was left open, but it only received 2 or 3 more additional entries. Sarah will extend the survey and put another push out to receive those

responses that will help guide the board. Sarah will ask our marketing intern to do an instagram campaign to bring more awareness to the survey.

Educational Materials for Homeowners- Since the last meeting, additional links have been added to the website to help direct people to the tree care portion of the website. However, Chris felt that it was still difficult to find the tree information based on how extensive the city website is. Sarah suggested looking into adding a specific URL on the city website just for the tree information, with a direct link that we can share with the public. Sarah will look into it and share the information at the next meeting.

New Business

Beautification Update- Allison reported that new banners have been placed on the poles around the city, which was a capital project for beautification this year. There is a community clean up day coming in the spring that Allison requested the board's input and availability on. The day will be in March and the specific date will be set prior to the next meeting in February. Allison has requested the board's input on which areas of the city clean up efforts should be focused on. The board's participation in the event will help maintain the cities' Keep Tennessee Beautiful status. Hosting an Arbor Day event and attending a four hour training were the other Keep Tennessee Beautiful requirements. Allison will pass along the information about the training once she receives details.

Comments from Board Members & Staff- Dan and Eddie both mentioned that they'd received comments from the community concerning hackberry trees and their dislike of them. Sarah stated that we don't have a specific plan regarding hackberries. However, the Parks staff does have removing hazardous trees on their winter clean up list, and probably 85% of the identified hazardous trees are hackberry trees. Paula commented that while the trees are a nuisance, they do add a historical value to the park.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 10:24am.

Next meeting- February 14, 2024

Revive & Root

Presented by: Goodlettsville Tree Advisory Board

CELEBRATE
Arbor Day

**APRIL 26th
2024**



**12:30 PM
-
2:30 PM**

& Earth Day

Location: Shelter 8
Behind Delmas Long Community Center

Activities for Kids
Tree Planting
Educational Booths
Local Resources
& More!

Additional Trees to add to Arboretum

- Foster Holly
- Dwarf Alberta Spruce
- Austrian Pine
- Blue Ice Arizona Cypress
- Chinese-Fringe Tree
- Flowering Crabapple
- Flowering Dogwood
- Serviceberry
- Crape Myrtles
- Linden
- Zeikova
- Royal Purple Smoke Tree
- Grace Purple Smoke Tree
- Brandywine Red Maple
- Bloodgood Japanese Maple
- Eastern Redbuds
- White Kousa Dogwoods

Additional Tree Placement Ideas

- Addition of trees on cut through trail right before soccer fields
- Addition of trees along trail by soccer in between #48-54

Replacement Trees Needed

- New ornamental tree by visitor's center (was previously a Yoshino cherry)
- New Elderberry in same spot, #42
- New Black Cherry tree in same spot, #54
- New Autumn Blaze Red Maple (corner of soccer)

Replacement labels needed

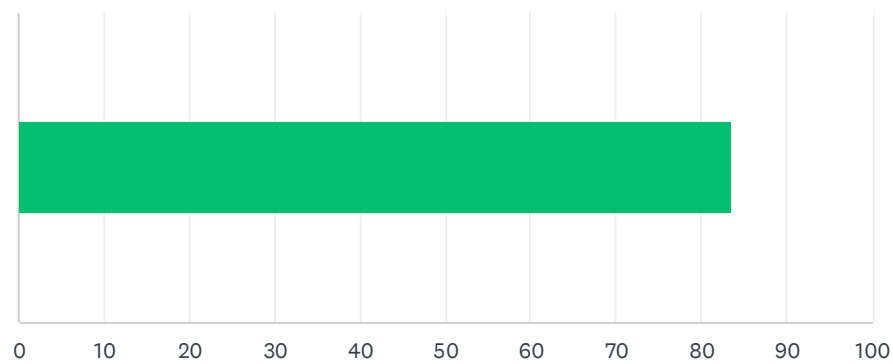
- #2- Japanese Maple
- #15- Loblolly Pine
- #17- Cherrybark Oak (current label broke in half)
- #20 Shumard Oak
- #21- Green Ash (There was some discussion on if the tree was dead or not. I'm not sure where we landed on that.)
- #23- Nuttall Oak
- #29- Swamp White Oak
- #35- American Hornbeam
- #36- Mimosa
- #47- Autumn Blaze Red Maple (Autumn is currently spelled incorrectly, as Autum, on both the label and map)
- #54- Black Cherry
- #55- Pin Oak
- #59- Persimmon

New Labels needed for arboretum additions

- Ginkgo Biloba- new tree planted during prior arbor day celebration that can be added to arboretum list
- American Beech- identified near Bowen house

Q1 How important of a role does the tree canopy play in improving the beauty of the city along Goodlettsville streets?

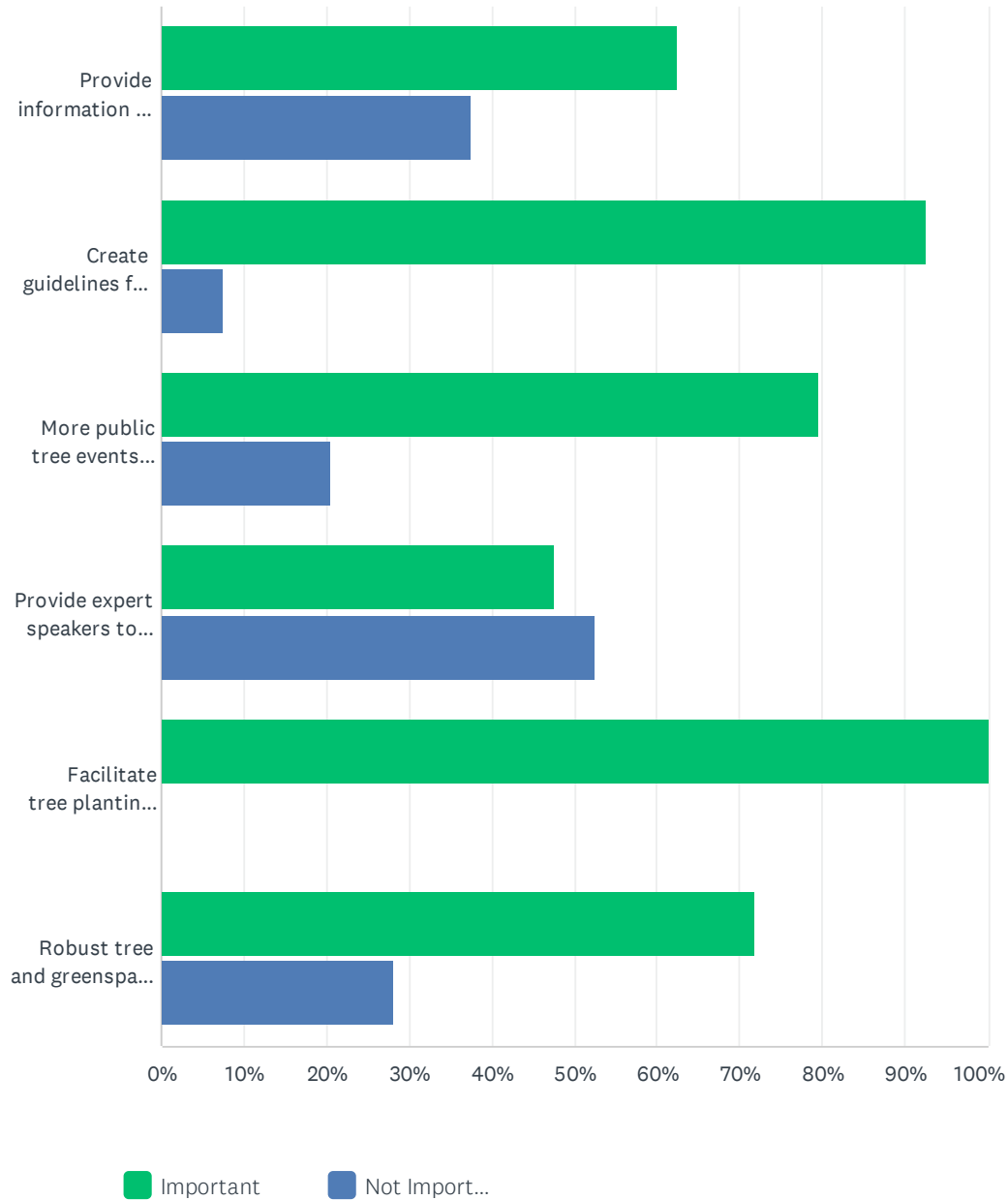
Answered: 40 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	84	3,346	40
Total Respondents: 40			

Q2 What priorities are most important regarding city greenspace development? Please rate each priority as Important or Not important

Answered: 40 Skipped: 0

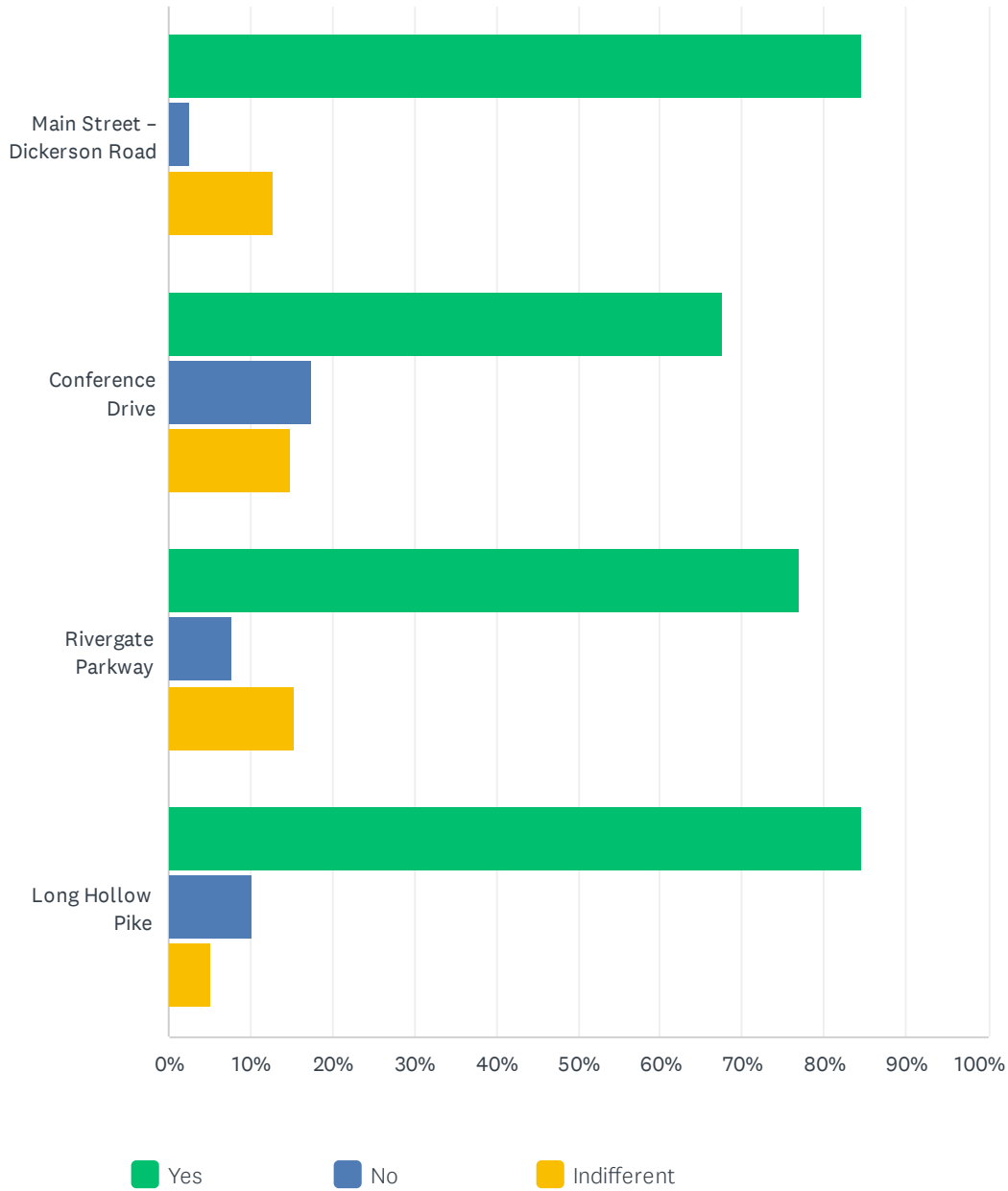


Community Tree Survey

	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Provide information on trees	62.50% 25	37.50% 15	40	0.63
Create guidelines for protecting trees during construction	92.50% 37	7.50% 3	40	0.93
More public tree events like an Arbor Day Celebration	79.49% 31	20.51% 8	39	0.79
Provide expert speakers to discuss important tree and greenspace topics	47.50% 19	52.50% 21	40	0.47
Facilitate tree planting events in the community	100.00% 39	0.00% 0	39	1.00
Robust tree and greenspace information website	71.79% 28	28.21% 11	39	0.72

Q3 Would you like to see more tree and greenspace development in the following areas:

Answered: 40 Skipped: 0

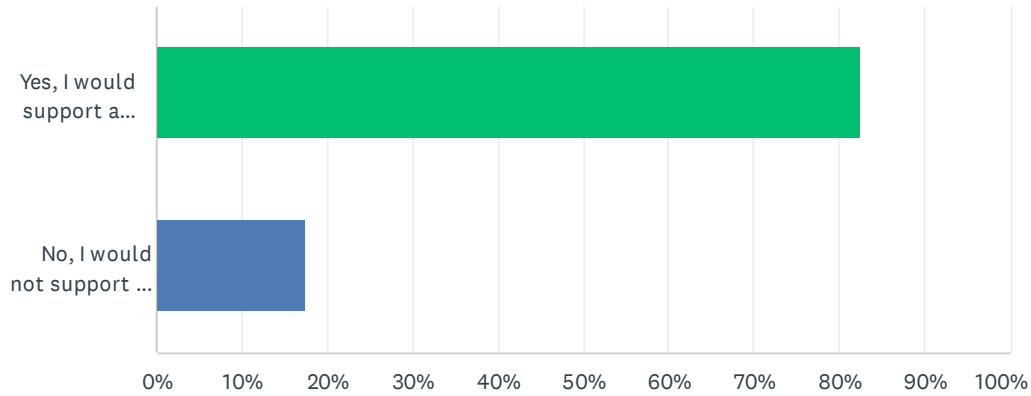


Community Tree Survey

	YES	NO	INDIFFERENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Main Street – Dickerson Road	84.62% 33	2.56% 1	12.82% 5	39	1.82
Conference Drive	67.50% 27	17.50% 7	15.00% 6	40	1.50
Rivergate Parkway	76.92% 30	7.69% 3	15.38% 6	39	1.69
Long Hollow Pike	84.62% 33	10.26% 4	5.13% 2	39	1.74

Q4 Would you support a budget initiative to improve tree canopy and greenspace development in Goodlettsville?

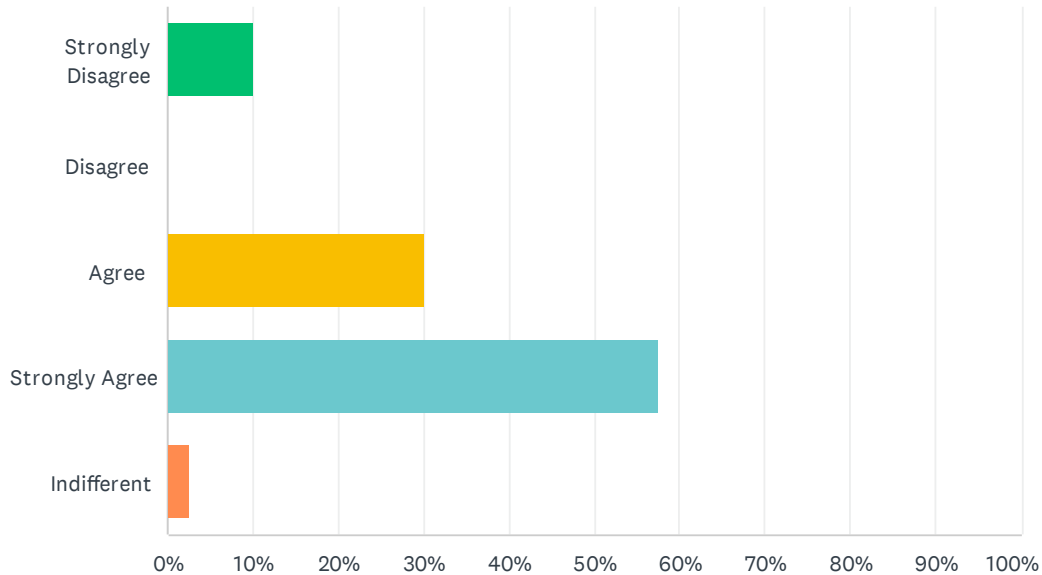
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I would support a budget initiative to improve tree and greenspace development	82.50%	33
No, I would not support a budget initiative to improve tree and greenspace development	17.50%	7
TOTAL		40

Q5 Goodlettsville should consider how development affects our greenspace and tree canopy.

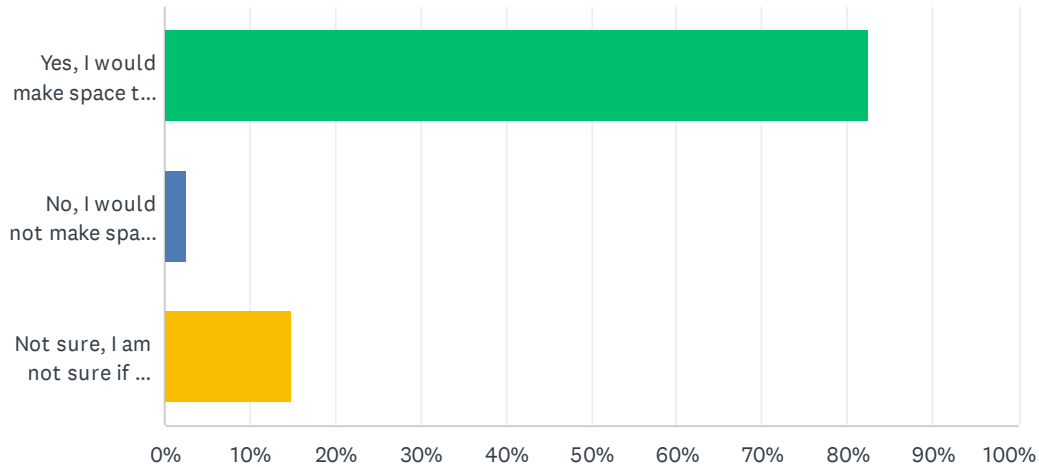
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree	10.00%	4
Disagree	0.00%	0
Agree	30.00%	12
Strongly Agree	57.50%	23
Indifferent	2.50%	1
TOTAL		40

Q6 If you were offered a free tree, but you had to plant it in your yard, would you be willing to make a space for the tree in your landscape?

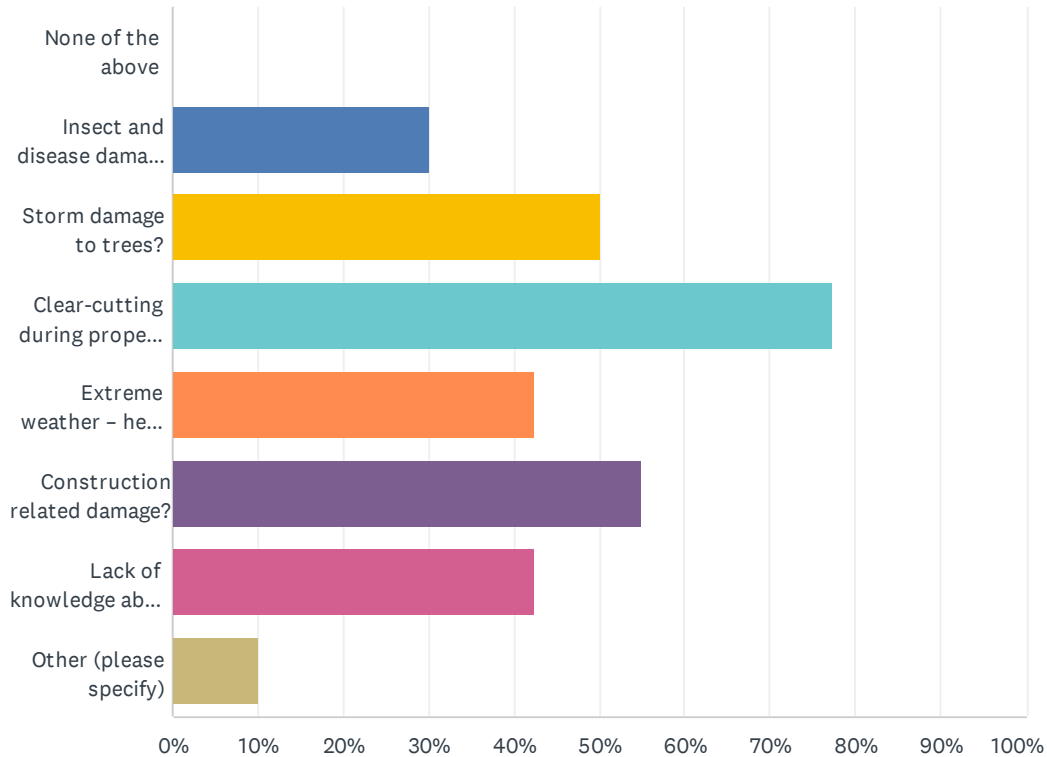
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I would make space to plant a tree in my yard	82.50%	33
No, I would not make space to plant a tree in my yard	2.50%	1
Not sure, I am not sure if I would plant a tree in my yard	15.00%	6
TOTAL		40

Q7 What do you think is major threat to our city trees? (check all that apply)

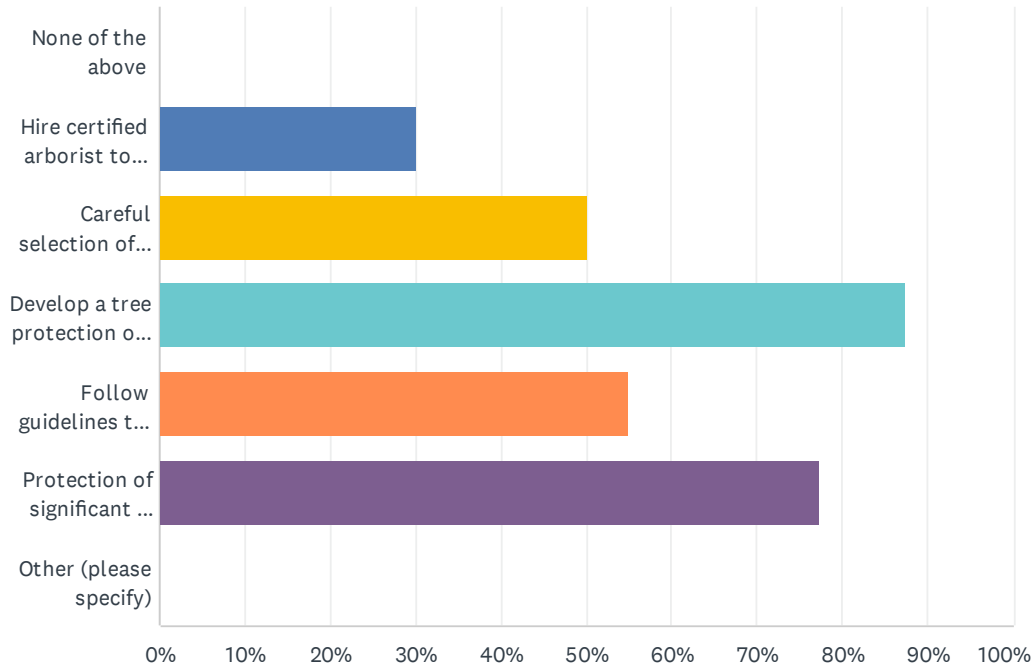
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.00%	0
Insect and disease damage to trees?	30.00%	12
Storm damage to trees?	50.00%	20
Clear-cutting during property development?	77.50%	31
Extreme weather – heat and drought?	42.50%	17
Construction related damage?	55.00%	22
Lack of knowledge about trees and their importance?	42.50%	17
Other (please specify)	10.00%	4
Total Respondents: 40		

Q8 When land is developed, what is the most important priority? (check all that apply)

Answered: 40 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.00%	0
Hire certified arborist to assist in tree removal?	30.00%	12
Careful selection of replacement tree species for the landscape plan?	50.00%	20
Develop a tree protection or replacement plan prior to development?	87.50%	35
Follow guidelines to avoid tree damage from construction activities?	55.00%	22
Protection of significant or remarkable trees on development site?	77.50%	31
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 40		