

Constant Contact Survey Results

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Are you concerned about "mega-houses"/event venue houses on Holden Beach?

respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents

	Not Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Neutral	Somewhat Concerned	Very Concerned
	12	7	6	76	142
	5%	3%	2%	31%	58%

119 Comment(s)

Given that all the surrounding islands have restrictions in place to control "mega-houses"/event venue houses do you think that Holden Beach should do something?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	222	90.6%
No	19	7.7%
No Responses	4	1.6%
Total	245	100%

70 Comment(s)

If yes, what do you think should be done? (Check all that apply)

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Study the issue	53	23.6%
Limit square footage of homes	124	55.3%
Differentiate between typical single-family	133	59.3%
Create an Event Permit process to control	147	65.6%
Other	21	9.3%
Total	224	100%

51 Comment(s)

Are you in favor of adopting a new noise ordinance?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	159	65.4%
No	31	12.7%
Unsure	51	20.9%
Total	243	100%
55 Comment(s)		

Do you feel acceptable noise levels should be based on time of day?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	185	75.5%
No	34	13.8%
Unsure	22	8.9%
No Responses	4	1.6%
Total	245	100%
42 Comment(s)		

How important is recycling to you?

respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents

	Not important	Not Very Important	Neutral	Somewhat Important	Very important
	7	13	30	70	121
	3%	5%	12%	29%	50%
58 Comment(s)					

If you are a part-time resident or rent your home do you recycle at your permanent residence?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	173	70.6%

No	29	11.8%
I am a full-time resident at Holden Beach	40	16.3%
No Responses	3	1.2%
Total	245	100%
29 Comment(s)		

Would you be interested in recycling at Holden Beach if it were less expensive or included as a Town service?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	129	52.6%
No	37	15.1%
I currently recycle at Holden Beach	72	29.3%
No Responses	7	2.8%
Total	245	100%
63 Comment(s)		

How informed are you about beach nourishment efforts at Holden Beach?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Very informed.	43	17.5%
Somewhat informed.	155	63.2%
Not at all informed.	42	17.1%
No Responses	5	2.0%
Total	245	100%
18 Comment(s)		

What is your position on a terminal groin at the east end of the island?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I support it.	67	27.3%
I oppose it.	33	13.4%
I need more information to form an opinion.	117	47.7%
Undecided.	20	8.1%
No opinion.	6	2.4%

No Responses	2	<1%
Total	245	100%
40 Comment(s)		

A healthy beach strand has been said to have 75' of dry sand at high tide. How important is a healthy beach strand to you?

respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents	Not at all important	Not important	Neutral	Important	Very important
	0	0	8	46	188
	0%	0%	3%	19%	78%

36 Comment(s)

How informed are you on wind energy development off the coast of North Carolina?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Very informed.	42	17.1%
Somewhat informed.	137	55.9%
Not at all informed.	60	24.4%
No Responses	6	2.4%
Total	245	100%

20 Comment(s)

The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) proposes that two wind turbine farms (each containing up to 250 turbines) be installed 10 -15 nautical miles offshore within view from Holden Beach. What is your position on this proposal?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I support it.	57	23.2%
I oppose it.	90	36.7%
I need more information to form an opinion.	75	30.6%
Undecided	18	7.3%
No opinion	1	<1%
No Responses	4	1.6%
Total	245	100%

49 Comment(s)

How informed are you on seismic surveying off the coast of North Carolina?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Very informed.	30	12.2%
Somewhat informed.	115	46.9%
Not at all informed.	95	38.7%
No Responses	5	2.0%
Total	245	100%
10 Comment(s)		

BOEM proposes conducting seismic surveying as close as three nautical miles from NC's shores to determine how much oil/gas may be present along the outer continental shelf. What is your opinion?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I support it.	36	14.6%
I oppose it.	126	51.4%
I need more information to form an opinion.	66	26.9%
I am undecided.	12	4.8%
I have no opinion.	1	<1%
No Responses	4	1.6%
Total	245	100%
31 Comment(s)		

How informed are you on oil/gas exploration (drilling) off the coast of North Carolina?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I am very informed.	34	13.8%
I am somewhat informed.	152	62.0%
I am not at all informed.	54	22.0%
No Responses	5	2.0%
Total	245	100%
13 Comment(s)		

BOEM proposes conducting oil/gas exploration (drilling) activities as close as 50 miles from North Carolina's shores. What is your position?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I support it.	37	15.1%
I oppose it.	127	51.8%
I need more information to form an opinion.	61	24.8%
I am undecided.	13	5.3%
I have no opinion.	1	<1%
No Responses	6	2.4%
Total	245	100%
27 Comment(s)		

NC Governor Pat McCrory proposes to reduce that buffer to 30 nautical miles from NC's shores. What is your position?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I support it.	17	6.9%
I oppose it.	152	62.0%
I need more information to form an opinion.	62	25.3%
I am undecided.	9	3.6%
I have no opinion.	1	<1%
No Responses	4	1.6%
Total	245	100%
22 Comment(s)		

What other issues facing Holden Beach are you concerned about?

115 Response(s)

Are you a full-time resident at Holden Beach?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes, this is my primary residence.	44	17.9%

No, I also maintain a home somewhere	107	43.6%
No, I rent my Holden Beach home.	78	31.8%
Choose not to answer.	5	2.0%
Other	9	3.6%
No Responses	2	<1%
Total	245	100%
39 Comment(s)		

Are you a member of Holden Beach Property Owners Association (HBPOA)?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes, I am a member.	202	82.4%
No, I am not a member	32	13.0%
Not sure.	8	3.2%
No Responses	3	1.2%
Total	245	100%
28 Comment(s)		

If you are not a member of HBPOA, why not?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Value for money (not worth it, don't get	3	10.0%
Was not aware of it	15	50.0%
Other	11	36.6%
Total	30	100%
9 Comment(s)		

HBPOA meets on the Saturday mornings of Easter, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving weekends. Is this time convenient for you?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes, that is a convenient time to meet.	123	52.3%
No, that is not a good time to meet.	3	1.2%
No, that is not a good time to meet.	4	1.7%
Non-holiday weekends are better for	37	15.7%

Have fewer meetings.	3	1.2%
No opinion.	55	23.4%
Other	10	4.2%
Total	235	100%
37 Comment(s)		

Have you ever attended a HBPOA meeting?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes.	149	60.8%
No.	89	36.3%
Unsure.	3	1.2%
No Responses	4	1.6%
Total	245	100%
17 Comment(s)		

What suggestions do you have to improve HBPOA?

64 Response(s)

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Answer

This is a huge issue and could change the nature of our beach. Please protect Holden from becoming just another party destination!
Although I am not against the Mega-house concept, they should be regulated and required to have a proper license, parking plan, hours of operation for a reception and on-site security during the scheduled event.
Don't want them.
Very concerned by Board's unwillingness to even study this further to determine appropriate actions - seems like they are taking a hands-off approach which is irresponsible.
Although I live in an established neighborhood and don't expect any immediate negative impact from these "mega-houses" I would be very concerned about them if they were being built on my street or near my house.
Commercial business in a residential area and endangers environment, debris along the strand. Increases traffic, noise, and an abuse of privilege.
I think they should be limited to commercial areas and not allowed in residential areas.
have these houses pay town for permits for individual events
The town needs to pass zoning that does not permit houses this large anywhere on the island.
These Mega Houses are like living next to Nightclubs on the weekends for the neighbors!
Holden is a "family beach". Large events should take place at venues designed for such, as hotels. Tax payers who live next door to these large "houses" suffer all summer.
Restrictions should already have been in place. Guess our town has always been run by people in the real estate business.
Mega houses invite trouble. Hotels could be built elsewhere <input type="checkbox"/>
Near the island,
Coastal property is no different from any other property ownership. His home is his castle, his ownership is a covenant allowing him to exercise his rights within the law. If an owner does not break the law, there should not be an example made of his ability to exercise his freedom within those parameters.
Need city rules to prevent more of these and to govern appropriate limitations on existing mega-houses.
I do not think we should have allowed that 16 bedroom home to be built. The other homes in that area that have been used for weddings have not been a problem that I am aware of.
Holden Beach is a quiet family style beach. Please keep it that way. Sincerely Homeowner.
These houses violate existing zoning ordinances and assembly use restrictions. The BOC is short-sighted and irresponsible to not address this issue. this is both a safety and a quality of life issue.
Seems to me that current height restrictions and setbacks should minimize the chance of more really big houses. The west end is an exception.
I was not previously aware that this was an issue at Holden Beach. If ordinances are in effect to control noise, parking, and bad behavior, then I am not necessarily against large family gatherings such as weddings and reunions.

Mega houses attract parties--weddings and otherwise. Wedding party arrives to find themselves in the middle of a neighborhood. They deserve better. Neighbors are irritated to lose tranquility; planners, caterers, etc abound; wedding party DJ with loud speakers go into the night; nice people become revelers. I have heard people selling houses right and left. This might benefit realtors but not owners; can't be good for property values or repeat family rentals nearby.
Enforce rules, regulations and laws regarding commercial enterprises
They are a business....
Our house is on the east end so we aren't usually impacted by events at "mega-houses" but it does concern me that homes in residential areas can be used for something that exceeds the typical residential rental.
These huge structures are not homes and should be considered commercial endeavors.
it doesn't fit into our "family beach branding", disrupting the family vacations we cherish
We are losing our "family beach" designation! <input type="checkbox"/>
The traffic, parking, and noise from these houses is disturbing to nearby homes. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
It just isn't fair. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
Great though for realtors!
Mega-houses should be controlled by building codes and parking rules. If the property owner follows the building code for a residential area then he should be able to use his house as he sees fit as long as he complies with HB rules, regulations and laws
Bought here because of restrictions on home size.
Am more concerned about large house parties of young kids in many houses which are much smaller. Often groups are very young and no adults are visible. <input type="checkbox"/>
At least one can assume there will be adults at weddings.
Don't allow them
should be kept as a family beach. Individual homes.
The town authorities need to pass ordinances similar to those passed by West End II to control the numbers of these events.
I would like to see some limits on where they can be located and how many of them there can be. Seems like having just the one down on west end is sufficient for the island.
Should not be allowed
We want HBO to be residential area only, if you want to have a family vacation together rent various houses and get together on the beach, etc but everyone should have their own place to wind down and get away.
This is a commercial enterprise. Businesses are currently limited. This is one loop hole that must be closed.
The noise and parking issues would be my main concern along with increased traffic.
Mega-Houses/Event venues will detract from HB's quiet, family oriented beach community. Except for a few areas on the ends of the island there is limited parking for events. However, I wouldn't want to discourage or prohibit smaller family weddings/receptions if the event is sponsored by the homeowner and there is enough parking available.
Very disruptive for the entire community.
Say a house has 6 events a year (that would be a lot of events), that is only 6 out of 365 nights. About 1.5% of the time. A non-factor. With the benefits the town receives from vacationers, well worth it.
This seems to go against the family nature of HB
The beach should be pleasant for all that are <input type="checkbox"/>
there. Other parties should respect the rights of all.
Need to update the town ordinance.
Need to be restricted to certain locations

The Mega-houses which are causing an uproar are in a gated HOA. HOAs typically have covenants which allow a greater control of activities, architectural review committees, etc. Don't get taxpayers and local government involved in a dispute which could/should have been avoided within the HOA. Town needs to deal with health and safety. Building codes protect safety, where arbitrary restrictions such as limit on number of "bedrooms" only create opportunity to skirt regulations.

Holden Beach is a Family beach. The limited commercial aspect of it is one of its greatest assets.

IF PROPERLY MANAGED SO LITTLE PROBLEMS OCCUR IT COULD BE ACCEPTABLE

No commercial houses on island period.

They are inconsistent with the rest of the island.

Ridiculous that P&Z recommendations were not adopted - how about a 50 bedroom "cottage" - if Holden Beach Commissioners are right then every other beach in N.C. are wrong

THE TOWN CAN ENACT AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT MORE OF THEM

NOISE, TRAFFIC, PARKING, PUBLIC DRUNKENESS, AND OTHER PUBLIC CONDUCT LAWS SHOULD BE ENFORCED

There are no mega-houses in my area of the island.

We have owned property on HB since 1999. We were attracted to HB because of the family atmosphere. We feel that mega-houses are not in keeping with the reasons we came and continue to come to HB.

Holden Beach is a family beach, not a party scene.

Need to be regulated

This is NOT what this beach is all about. It is about families coming together to get away from crowds and heavy traffic to rebuild relationships.

there IS NO PLACE for these on Holden Beach.

We are extremely troubled by the meg-house at the west end of the island. Although we rent our home several weeks in the summer, the wedding house has well exceeded what we have come to love about Holden Beach and the type of rental properties geared to vacationing families. We were renters ourselves, for 30 years, before becoming home owners. The mega-house is nothing more than a business adventure.

Do not live inside gated area, so currently not a problem in my neighborhood. However, it is easy to see that these large residences do not fit in with the community at large. Primary issues are parking that is not sufficient for large functions. Weddings, receptions, rehearsal parties typically have many more guests than people staying on the property. Beach activities spilling over to disrupt adjacent property is undesirable.

I would not want to see Holden Beach become a destination for very large groups that take over several houses. One of the island's greatest assets is its family orientation.

My concern is will the mega houses decrease the view for the houses behind them and further from the beach. Also, is our sewer system able to handle more mega houses. We should study the issue.

Diminishes the "family" feel of the island. Will bring too much traffic....loud parties, etc. totally against it
Zone them out of residential areas.

Concerns regard safety, noise, parking, property abuse, strain placed on utilities.

Cannot believe council has not addressed this issue with further restrictions.

Mega houses not here. Need to carry to myrtle or other venues. This has always been a family beach.

From the perspective of being a visitor to HB for over 40 years and a homeowner for over 23 years the mega-houses/Event Venues seem very out of place for the HB atmosphere. I'm not sure that's necessarily bad. Maybe we're just getting older

This is not something we need at Holden. I want to keep it a quiet family beach.

I understand that HB is a wonderful place to have a special event but the residence are the ones that continue to preserve the beach as a family beach. I think it would be a mistake to allow mega houses.

We purchased our property here because of the family environment. We are not opposed to economic development but we have no interest in a "party central" type of economic development. Please let's keep the family environment at Holden Beach.

IT DEPENDS LARGELY ON THE "TYPE" PARTY. USUALLY WEDDING PARTIES ARE PRETTY WELL ORGANIZED. HOUSE PARTIES OF COLLEGE AGE FOLKS, ANOTHER STORY.

Holden Beach is supposed to be a family beach without all the commercial enterprises that spoils the sea coast like the South Carolina beaches!
If the long-time HB home-owners had not paid for water and sewage, this would not be an Issue!

Needs to be stopped through heavy enforcement of all laws; parking, noise, alcohol on the beach, etc.

One of the biggest draws to Holden Beach and why we have been coming here for over 25 years is that it was a quiet family beach. With houses being built and used for major event spaces, I am concerned that the peaceful environment we purchased a home in will be forever changed. If I wanted a party beach, I would have chosen some place on the Jersey shore near NYC. I fear that this will eventually decrease property values, as well.

The presence of these houses drastically impacts the setting of a place that has been part of my family for over 30 years. I'm concerned that if this continues, this family beach will be completely destroyed and turned into a strip of boutique hotels with events everyday.

Large parties increase the likelihood that there will be drunk drivers on the road early and late at night.

We don't need them.

I won't even rent to persons who insist on small wedding of 20-25. Too many persons for one house and lots of drinking.

These should never have been allowed at all.

This type of house has trouble providing enough parking for the number of people that gather for events. The noise and crowds detract from the neighborhood atmosphere of nearby conventional homes.

Restrict max occupants per property

These types of venues are incongruent with a family-oriented beach and single-family beach homes. They place a disproportionate load on community resources from sewer to police, fire and safety. Guests are not there to enjoy a beach vacation, they are there to party during wedding activities or other large gatherings (corporate retreats and such). This is not what we want Holden Beach to represent. Such venues are more suited to Myrtle Beach.

We already experienced high noise level one weekend with a wedding bus racing up and down Ocean Blvd with event attendees.

Do not want them built on Holden Beach

While I do not live next to one I can appreciate the concern of the folks that do. I would not want the noise, garbage, horseplay etc. next to my house. Nor would I want to share my beach space with 100 people who were there for a party/wedding.

Changes in policy regarding house size will quickly change HB from a peaceful family beach.

Out of character with Holden Beach culture.

Issues: Parking, Safety, street congestion, violating privacy rights, noise pollution,

The traffic, the noise, and the establishment that this is "ok" will ruin the visual and physical environment of HB. It will completely change the atmosphere of the beach.

Should not be allowed.

Holden Beach's star attraction is the family beach character and the lack of overcrowding found on so many other beaches. Why ruin that?
We need to preserve the family character of HB.
There are none in DUNESCAPE so we are not affected, but I would be very concerned if one were close to our property.
Holden Beach has always been a family beach of residential dwellings, and the regulations should preclude the operation of what essentially is a convention center.
Commercial activities are in conflict with the "family beach" history of HB.
This type of building changes the character of Holden Beach
Holden Beach is a "family beach"...needs to stay that way, thus why we decided to purchase here versus other beaches...mega-houses are not for families
Parking and noise
should be controled by noise control
M-Hs do not reflect the nature and character of the community.
THEIR LOCATION CLOSE TO OTHER HOMES CONCERNS ME. PARKING AND NOISE BECOME A PROBLEM.□
HOWEVER, HB IS A WONDERFUL LOCATION FOR THESE HOMES AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT INCLUDE OR START A TREND OF MOTELS OR HOTELS.
This is a non issue. I do not like the tricks the West end played on the home owner (take the tax revenue, but ticket them to death.
Should have rules and regulations to apply strictly. I don't think anymore should be built.
There are larger issues than parties. These properties, when used for rental, are essentially hotels.
Should stop now
I don't think we want to encourage this type of housing as it really isn't in line with the image we have of Holden Beach. We like the quieter family atmosphere and the reasonably built homes.
I wish people could just be considerate of those around them, but since that's not going to be the case, it seems that some better control would be good. Our concern is that any rules applied to these houses would have to be applied to all houses and might adversely affect the rest of us who rent their houses.
Commissioners should have acted on this already. Zoning committee studied it for months. So of course they ignored it.
They should not be allowed in residential zoned areas. They should be in commercially zoned areas.
The deciding factor in purchasing property here was the "home-town" feel of the island. These types of houses are commercial; they are an investment by someone who wishes to USE the island's beauty, not enjoy it.
As long as no laws are broken a persons home is their private property.
These are really boutique HOTELS and are used commercially. This is not a RESIDENTIAL use and should be ZONED properly by our Building and Zoning Board. There needs to be a square footage or number of bedrooms that is a MAX for a residential property.
NOT ONLY NEIGHBORS, BUT THE POTENTIAL FOR THE NEED OF MORE TRAFFIC (CONTROL) AND MORE MAINTENANCE TO SUSTAIN OBW. (NOT TO MENTION THE RESIDENTS HAVING TO DEAL WITH THIS ADDED 'TRAFFIC' ON OBW
Allowing construction of these mega-homes is in direct conflict with a "family beach". How this was allowed to happen is beyond belief.
I am more concerned about the new height rules. Taller is not good!!!!
How did this even happen? Neighbors should always be considered
However, as one of my houses is in Phase I of the west end and the proposed restriction amendments would bar me from renting my unit so if the entire beach proceeds in a similar fashion it has to be careful Lets keep Holden a "family" place!!!!

Given that all the surrounding islands have restrictions in place to control "mega-houses"/event venue houses do you think that Holden Beach should do something? - Comments

Answer

Should have already done something! Town leadership is asleep at the wheel!
Area should not be zoned for commercial business, why was permit issued?
At a minimum, incorporate what our surrounding islands have done.
How could this not have already been taken care of? Our island markets itself as a quiet family beach. Other islands have the loud raucous party atmosphere, but Holden is supposed to be quiet and serene.
Outlaw them!
Same as above.
Listen to property owners!
There is a commercial designation in zoning. It should be used.
If the next island chooses to take away a person's freedom, does that mean every island should? Our lot sizes are restrictive in themselves except those in the private areas with HOA governance. We have HB restrictions (set back ordinances), CAMA restrictions, FEMA restriction, Corps of Engineers restrictions, 404 wetlands restrictions, it goes on and on. As we build out our empty lots, the owners are having more and more difficult time getting the desired results within the footprint.
see above.
If HB does not act while our neighbors do. we will become the location of choice. It is hard to understand why the BOC is so indifferent to protecting our Family Beach quality of life.
I would say "control" but not ban.
...sooner rather than later.
Definitely
I do this Holden Beach should carefully consider options for regulating mega-houses as those rentals impact their neighbors.
it doesn't fit into our "family beach branding", disrupting the family vacations we cherish
We have to, to protect our family beach.
Same answer as above for mega-houses.
Yes, angry with current elected officials
There should be a maximum square footage and height restrictions
Adopt similar restrictions
Close the loop hole.
The megahouses/event venue doesn't seem to be in keeping with the atmosphere of Holden Beach Island. Having gated communities on either end already feels excluding but the megahouses is making a resort feel, not a coastal community feel
If all surrounding areas have restrictions that forces people who want these facilities to build on Holden Beach which prides itself on being a family beach not a site for mega house.
Absolutely!
Also a non-factor as NC just put into law that towns cannot put in such restrictions. Besides, bigger and nicer homes raise everyone's home value.
Should be held at reasonable times.
See above. Building codes should be for health and safety. HOAs should control what they are allowed to and want to control within their borders. "Size matters." At what point do you decide a wedding or gathering is "too big??"
Study their ordinances and draft a similar one for HB
Not certain why they did not do anything prior to the construction of these mega houses.
Adopt P & Z recommendations - 5000 sq ft max and 8 bedroom max
AND NOW

Maybe put a limit as to how many quest are allowed at the function.Parking could be at the Church with Trolley cars delivering the guest..
ABSOLUTELY!! We need to BAN this type of house period!!
Use restrictions already in force on other islands as a guideline for us.
Yes, we should match the other islands' restrictions.
Gather information and make an intelligent decision.
I bought my home and invested a large portion of my retirement funds in it. I do not think mega homes and events add anything to our property value.
Place a restriction on residential building size.
End them patrol...
If everyone else is doing it...that's your sign.
YES, MAKE RULES AND ENFORCE THEM, SUCH AS PARKING, LOUD MUSIC, AND OVERCROWDING. One suggestion is to provide a parking lot on the causeway, and shuttle the guests over to the island. Make certain the noise ordinance is observed by charging a large penalty, if not. Arrests may be made, but in a nice way and do not jail the ones who break the rules, but simply remove them from the island. After all, the ocean and the beach are to be enjoyed by everyone, and what a wonderful venue it is.
Never again approve a building permit for <input type="checkbox"/> a mega-sized house, or Motel-like structure!
It would be in keeping with the traditional family feeling of the beach. The island cannot have hotels, why are mega-houses not considered as such?
It is absolutely the town's responsibility to protect the homeowners from changes that may affect the investment they've made. They are also responsible for protecting an important environmental ecosystem.
We are new owners. Not sure.
If we don't we'll be stuck with all of them.
Establish max sq ft and occupancy levels
Town leadership needs to recognize that this is more than a "Holden Beach West" issue. The traffic, noise, safety issues and disproportionate load placed on town resources need to be addressed. If several such venues come to be on Holden Beach, all property owners will be affected. Leaders need to think into the future when addressing this subject.
Immediately stop the construction of mega houses
Would prevent future mega-houses and event venue houses.
Ordinance that discourages "hotels". Probably can be done with size limits and numbers of bedrooms as well as parking space provided. Should certainly be space for parking on the owners lot.
Severe restrictions should be enacted immediately.
As the only one left we will be overwhelmed.
Limit the number of bedrooms to the amount of parking available. Not sure what formula to use.
It would be the responsible thing to do for the property owners.
RESTRICTIONS SHOULD INCLUDE A LOCATION WHERE THERE IS ADEQUATE PARKING AND SOUND IS NOT A PROBLEM. THE SIZE OF THE LOT(S) PER BEDROOM SHOULD FIT STANDARDS PUT IN PLACE.
Yes restrictions and rules must be put in place.
We should have already done something. That something is to prevent them from being built!
Do not approve any more
This statement was made at a previous meeting but I was told by a reliable source that 'all' the surrounding islands DO NOT have restrictions. Again, it seems that any controls put in place would have to apply to all properties. Be careful what you wish for.
Should have followed zoning recommendations.
Is the lack of action a sign of corruption? Who benefits? Follow the trail of money, influence, and favors.

We need to get on this immediately like we did for Beach Clubs or the island will be trying to shut the barn door after the livestock have already escaped. . .
How do the other Island communities control mega parties
LIMIT THE 'GROUND COVERAGE' FOR BUILDING AND PARKING AREAS. REASONS SHOULD BE OBVIOUS FOR 'DRAINAGE PURPOSES, ETC.' AGAIN, TRAFFIC CONTROL.
AND SOON!
Depends on the rules. 16 bedrooms is a hotel. 8 bedrooms is a big house...
We would like to see a limit on the number of bedrooms per house
Don't ruin the character of Holden!

If yes, what do you think should be done? (Check all that apply) - Other responses

Answer
analyze zoning, make determination regarding whether mega ***see comments
see comment
differentiate between commercial & residential
See below.
monitor USE of a bldg
don't allow these huge mega houses
See below comment
See Comment
Limit # of bedrooms?
Talk with the other islands first.
Strict enforcement of all laws
Enforce parking
enforce restrictions on use of homes
No mega houses
Summarize and publish survey results
require off-street parking
LIMIT PROXIMITY TO ONE FAMILY HOMES.
see previous question
THE REPUTATION OF HB
Limit bedrooms per house
Limit number of bedrooms

If yes, what do you think should be done? (Check all that apply) - Comments

Answer
Event Permit is the best idea, but others would also help.
I believe the only way to differentiate rental properties is by restricting the number of people that can assemble on any property regardless of the size of the house <input type="checkbox"/>
Lou's Views
I don't know the right answer, but I do know that the town manager and the board have a responsibility to study and determine what should be done
Tax the hell out of each event!
This is suppose to be a family island, and not an island for single family homes that are built for large gatherings such as weddings. The town management is voted in to protect the property owners and our property values. Would the town management want to live next door to a party home ??
properties are commercial or residential in nature....if commercial, then enforce zoning codes and ban such properties
Also limit the number of bedrooms, maybe 5-6 and the number of bathrooms so large events can't be stuffed into a house.

If they want to party then make them pay a large fee to cover extra police and make rules to keep the party under control so it won't impact the rest of us.
Do not hire an outside consultant. Evaluate (from within), decide and then implement quickly.
Use commercial zoning for new construction. As for the two already existing...shuttles from public parking to event and hiring of security incumbent upon event organizer.
Prefer limiting island structures to true residential/single family rentals or to set occupancy limits applicable to all houses.
Prohibit consolidation of lots in order to permit mega-houses. Clarify zoning ordinances to more clearly define operation of event venues as commercial activity. Get a BOC that believes in the Family Beach
Also collaborate with other towns to learn their experience. We shouldn't have to reinvent the wheel on this issue. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> It is unfair to permit businesspeople to invest where they should not; nobody wins. Does anyone think that a family house in a residential zone housing 30-50 folks will cater to one's own family? And what about safety issues for renters that might become liability issues for the town which would increase the coffers of the businesspeople but not the other residents/owners.
Keep Holden Beach a family beach. Weddings can be a family event. Mega house parties of underage kids often in typical single family rental houses much more a threat to our family beach.
Shouldn't need an event permit if the square footage of homes is limited to what has been the norm on the beach.
I would want to see sq.footage before limited. Could be events would rent 2 or 3 houses .
Recommend again that our Commissioners adopt the Brunswick County Noise Ordinance
Take action now!
Restrict mega-houses from being built on the island; update the ordinance.
Mega-houses = mega-parties = mega issues
Also limit bedrooms to 8
SEE PRIOR RESPONSE
Restrict the size of homes. Discourage allowing rentals to groups and non-related individuals.
Limit occupancy
Work on the parking aspect of the problem.
Limiting the square footage could help curb this issue if in fact no restrictions are put on "events homes." The best solution would be banning them altogether to protect the integrity of our island as a "family beach." It must be horrible to own homes beside or across from that wedding house. The impact on property values there must be compromised which is unfair to those owners.
Need to have major restrictions on this. Keep our island the way it was.
Family beach. Take it to golf course bldgs and clubhouses..not beach
Don't allow the events to occur
There are other beaches if the event needs a large venue. Let the noisy parties go there. Holden doesn't need the problems that come along with large celebrations where alcohol may be over consumed. Noise, lack of consideration for neighbors, littering, drunk driving--just to name a few things which probably would occur.
SEE MY PREVIOUS COMMENTS.
Change the HB building code to limit <input type="checkbox"/> the size of beach homes. Limit the <input type="checkbox"/> number of bedrooms and bath rooms <input type="checkbox"/> to no more than 4 to 6 per dwelling.
Limiting square footage may not necessarily decrease the number of bedrooms and bathrooms. Additionally, unless there was a low limit on the number of "Event Permits" that were issued, that does not stop the problem of weddings every weekend during the warm months of the year.
Enforce any and all restrictions with fines and anything else that's acceptable.

Holden Beach is a "family beach" - to keep it that way no hotels or structures such as mega houses which are a step toward hotels should be allowed
see previous comments
All possible ways to prevent such venues should be used but a complete ban on further building of mega homes would be ideal. Large families can always rent additional homes thus continuing our traditional ways of allowing families to enjoy the coast.
Limit # of accommodations per dwelling, also.
limit number of bedrooms
PARKING SHOULD NOT BE WHERE IT WILL AFFECT THE SINGLE FAMILY HOMES. □ RECENTLY OUR NEICE AND HER FAMILY FROM LONDON CALLED HB THEIR FAVORITE VACATION PLACE. THEY HAVE TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY.
Permits should be obtained...
Limit number of bedrooms and baths; limit rentals to a certain number of occupants per house.
The more you can do to control any existing mega-houses and prevent further construction of them the better.
Someone at a meeting we attended mentioned that a nearby house has 'bedrooms' with six queen size beds in each one. Maybe limits should be based on number of beds/occupants, not number of bedrooms.
Maximum of 6 bedrooms per house
Enforce public drunkenness and noise laws. Stop looking the other way.
An event permit would not prevent the building of a mega-house. The permit could be used for an event that might use several properties or create parking or crowds in public areas.
Continue to prohibit commercial activity (which would include these 'commercial' mega houses!...and maintain the reputation of the island as ONE OF THE FEW NON COMMERCIAL ISLANDS ON THE EAST COAST! Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.
If you do anything other than what I checked, it will be very difficult to draft restrictions. I know, as an attorney who has litigated contracts for over 30 years.
I think it's wrong for the HB building inspector not to consider the bigger picture when reviewing house plans. When a 8,000 sq ft house with 16 bedroom and bathrooms is proposed it seems obvious to even a casual observer that this it's intended use is not a family vacation home and seasonal rental.
New height limits may cause more problems with large groups, as opposed to families.

Are you in favor of adopting a new noise ordinance? - Comments

Answer
Â§ 20-128. Exhaust system and emissions control devices. □ (a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a muffler, or other exhaust system of the type installed at the time of manufacture, in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise, annoying smoke and smoke screens. □ (b) It shall be unlawful to use a "muffler cut-out" on any motor vehicle upon a highway. □ (c) No motor vehicle register
We already have enough ordinances that aren't enforced like fireworks, public consumption of alcohol, etc. officer discretion is fine here unless new ordinance determined to be needed to provide police with ability to cite those who do not respond to requests to quiet down
We should use the same ordinance as the rest of the county with exceptions for town events like festivals and concerts.
It makes perfect sense to at least keep up with the county. Just take a step back and ask yourself a question. Why did the county implement a new ordinance. Wake up Holden Beach !!
Are we having noise issues? Has the County ordinance been effective? What do our neighbor beaches do?

It would need to be reasonable.
Need one that is more clear. For the offenders and those calling the police. That is more fair.
Is this that big of an issue? We need to be careful not to "over-regulate" the beach. Folks come to the beach to unwind. Most of the time, HB is pretty quiet.
Noise is another very sensitive issue...however, 'noise' is obtrusive into and onto other people's property, therefore, I am in favor of control. For example, I don't believe a builder can start hammering before 7:00 AM...so in a sense we already have 'noise' ordinances.
most people will call the police if there is a problem and most of the time that would be later in the night.
HB should also adopt a ban on the outdoor use of loudspeaker systems in residential neighborhoods, like the ban recently adopted by HBW
I'm usually not around during tourist season, so I have not witnessed any noise issues. I would like to see some reports indicating how severe the problem is.
Use the Brunswick County Ordinance as a template. <input type="checkbox"/>
HBPOA should offer to fund, or at least partially fund, the required noise meters.
I would need some information about how often the police department is called for noise disturbances before I could give a better answer. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't like unnecessary regulations but a concrete regulation makes it easier sometimes for something to be enforced instead of leaving it to an officer's discretion.
Need something concrete. What I consider loud is not what others consider loud
What noise. Mega houses?
perhaps at bedtime hours
In my 22 years of being a homeowner at Holden Beach I've never experienced noisy neighbors. However I live next to older style homes that probably don't attract youthful music lovers (assuming that is the major source of the noise). I think acceptable noise levels based on the time of day would be suitable to everyone on the island and not let the decision up to an officer's discretion.
I heard Marty Cooke from the county say at a town meeting that their ordinance was for a county situation and not suitable for a municipality and beach community. That doesn't say we couldn't develop one on our own. However, the police chief was clear at a town meeting that there is no problem on the beach and that he has worked in towns with noise ordinances and they don't help the police.
With big houses being built close to one another, it is necessary that an ordinance be written and enforced. Also, lighting that shines into another <input type="checkbox"/>
house should be limited.
Is this an issue with property owners today?
I generally agree that electronic decibel readings are much more appropriate than subjective opinion on "too loud." The fact is, if a particular type of music is something you like, it isn't noise. If you don't like it, it is noise. That varies from person-to-person.
Most people are thoughtful enough about loud noise especially after hours of say 10PM
The only problems I hear are the motorcycles on OBW.
Probably but again we should study the issue and make an intelligent decision.
In the past few decades I've had to yell across the canal a few times in the early am. It always did the trick. What's in place should take care of the issue. If the HBPD is overwhelmed with noise complaints then a change is obviously due.
I am in favor of low decibels at any time of the day. It interferes with surrounding people's rights to allow loud music.
Have all rental agents include a flyer from Town Hall, in their packets given to each renter. Also, verbally warn the renters about the noise ordinance, and express the importance of it. Tell them that the Town of Holden Beach is very strict about this.
Brunswick ordinance is very clear and enforceable

I have read the New Brunswick County noise ordinance and agree with it. It takes the subjective guess work out of "officer's discretion" and enables everyone to operate under the same guidelines. Additionally, it protects neighbors from having to endure limitless loud parties at mega-houses by one-off renters.
11:00pm
My answer is based on the fact that I have never heard any noise that was problematic.
Not at officers discretion
Objective criteria are important when dealing with a sensitive subject such as noise levels. Adopting such standards give law enforcement specific parameters to use to assess potential problem situations.
Some type of control is needed BUT too many ordinances create as much if not more of a problem than the problem itself.
Use Brunswick County's noise ordinance.
Need to study present ordinance
The fireworks and noise from the bands across the waterway in the summer are very frustrating for families.
Let's follow BC's lead.
And it needs to be enforced. Too many of existing HB ordinances are on the books only and are not enforced. (I.e., overnight cabana junk on the beach)
Violations may be difficult and technically complicated to prosecute.
Pretty much YES providing it covers noise from guests and owners playing music and/or partying after 10PM, AND loud vehicles.
If someone complains, let police or family ask the other to be less noisy.
Why is this an issue? Again with the event house??
Establish an hour when music, parties, etc are cut off, e.g. 9 p.m.
We are trying to keep Holden Beach" The Family Beach" Noise <input type="checkbox"/> ordinance should be put in place.
Noise can be an issue during the summer months especially.
The officers have done a reasonable job thus far.
It needs to be at least as concrete and detailed as the county ordinance.
I see a huge decline in tourist behavior, especially this year. This past Memorial Day weekend, while walking the East end, we collected 9 "doggie bags" of trash. Mostly beer cans, cigarette packs, and food wrappers, but we even found female sanitary pads and tampons!! Who does that?? <input type="checkbox"/>
If a noise ordinance were in place, the "partiers" would go elsewhere and this filth would not destroy our beach.
Laws should not be "at the officer's discretion"
Do not have a subjective "offider's discretion" as part of it. Just a cut and dried ticket, like you get for speeding would be more effective.
Adopting new ordinances is an easy thing to do. Enforcing them is the big problem.
County noise ordinance provides an objective benchmark and eliminates uncertainty.
Make sure it is measurable!

Do you feel acceptable noise levels should be based on time of day? - Comments

Answer

Should be all day but particularly at night.
Follow suite with the county
I think our officers do a great job right now enforcing this issue is has never been a problem for us.
will this ordinance be enforced as effectively as the dog on leash ordinance that is ignored day after day?
Evening is important, but sometimes during the day it needs to be addressed.
Should be quiet at night.

No more than 75db of sound to the nearest neighbor after 10pm.
winter..summer..spring..fall..daylight..dark.. location..complaints...too many variables.
In a perfect world, I never want loud noises to enter my property. But if we are a family beach, evening and night hours should be especially quiet hours due to children's sleeping times, adults wind down time and the general goal of renters to leave their busy worlds and retreat to a more gentle pace.
Extreme noise levels are inappropriate anytime of day. The ordinance could "stratify" permissible levels based on time of day. But keep the ordinance simple.
I'm sure there are folks at the beach who sleep during the day and work at night but for the most part, I think a higher noise level is tolerable during the daylight hours more so than later hours.
Contractors shouldn't be allowed to operate noisy tools, machinery before or after certain hours. After all people come to the beach to relax.
Who determines what is an acceptable noise level?
it doesn't matter what time of day. If it is loud, it should be stopped
Yes, but there can be excessive noise even during the day with loud boom boxes left on even when no one is around listening to the music. So the noise rules should apply even then.
Should apply at all times but be more restrictive during evening and night time hours.
Contractors should not be able to start making noises (hammers, compressors,saws, trucks) too early. There should also be a separate noise level for weekend vs weekday in case people who live on the island year round have to work. You may want to take into consideration RENTAL SEASON vs NON Rental Season.
Less noise between 10:00 pm and 7 or 8:00 am. Voices and sounds are magnified on side streets and can be very annoying when trying to sleep.
Special enforcement should be done at night, but any unusual and disturbing noise during the day should be limited as well.
Should be in effect at all times
We are not on the beach during prime season so have not seen or heard any of the large events.
Yes, dial back the decibel levels after about 10 or 11 p.m. on weekends. Earlier during the week.
Not before 8 am. Not after 11PM.
While we should expect people to enjoy their vacations, there are few reasonable times that noise after midnight should be excessive. Although we know fireworks are illegal, they still get set off and after 10 or 11 should draw a large fine.
Again. Family beach. Not party beach.
If you are making enough noise to disturb your neighbors then you need to tone it down. Time of day notwithstanding.
Unfortunately, the cottages are so close together, noise from next door can spoil vacations for others; so the Town should express and expect common courtesy to their neighbors. If a complaint is made at any time of day, then it certainly should be considered and looked into, with a warning the first time - with an eviction warning if it continues.
During the evening, night, and early morning hours, I am in favor of quite noise levels so that one may peacefully enjoy one's property, as well as sleep without loud music and yelling.
I think we should leverage the study that has already been conducted by Brunswick county on this topic.
Quiet after 11:00pm
At the officer's discretion
acceptable noise levels should be 24/7
It certainly is conditional. Families playing is acceptable. Artificially produced, boombox noise greater than 80 db is not, also a health safety hazard. Should be approached with health and invasion of privacy as priorities.
After 10:00 p.m., noise should be limited.
Any time.
Except for vehicles which should be fulltime.

Continued unnecessary noise is unneeded anytime.
Quieter at night and louder during the day, but not too loud.
noise is noise at whatever time of day but mornings, evenings and nights should be the very quietest
Since we are a family beach, we should be quieter after children are in bed for the night -- say after 8:00pm.
Excessive noise is excessive noise anytime of day.
24 hours a day.

How important is recycling to you? - Comments

Answer

Everyone should be recycling!
We recycle, but most of our visits to the recycling center are met with frustration due to the bins already at capacity and the amount of garage that people dump instead of taking it to the county center on and pay for the proper disposal. Too many TV's and household trash is left behind. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
The reason why I am neutral on recycling is that most of the "recycled trash" actually ends up in the landfill with normal trash due to the high cost of sorting recycled goods and finding a market.
I don't think we've done enough <input type="checkbox"/>
Once a week pickup in the summer is inadequate
I take my recycled items to the recycling bins two or three times per week. Recycling is VERY important to me.
It should be part of the garbage pick-up. We don't pay extra for it in Raleigh.
For homeowners who choose not to participate in curbside recycling, they may use the recycling center. This should be a null subject.
I empty my recycle box twice a week..three times if I have company. I have a compost pile.
My vote is for recycling at the curb at no extra expense. Recyclables are sold...my efforts to recycle should be rewarded.
I take my own approximately weekly to the provided boxes at the water tower.
I guess I am one of the less than 100. I'm not sure how well my renters participate, and I'm not sure if they understand the difference between the 2 colors of containers. I think some PR and education is needed.
Currently, Waste Industries are often not picking up my recyclables for several weeks even though recycling bin ias in a corral built to standards of the Town solid waste regulations. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
We are considering terminating the recycling if it can't be picked up reliably when we aren't there to do roll-out (ie; the purpose of the toen regulation regarding use of & service for corrals for those who do not live at HB.
Everyone should participate!
I do think that recycling is important but am hesitate to have another fee that we have to pay to participate in recycling. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
Since we rent our house during the summer months, I'm not sure if renters would take full advantage of curbside recycling.
I think it is critical that vacation homes contribute to maintaining our environment. Far more cans, bottles, plastic, glass, and aluminum are used during a typical vacation than at home. It is tragic that recyclables wind up in our landfill. Food Lion, etc. should also be encouraging paper bags which could be put in the recycling containers as well.
No problem taking my recycling to the proper dumpster.
Recycling should be provided by HB to all residents year round.
Let's be good friends of the earth!!!

<p>We really like the roll out option for recycling and use it extensively. Once a week pickup during the season (May through September) would be preferable. Seems like the issue is with the rental homes. Renters don't know how to use the recycling bins.</p>
<p>We need recycling and vacationers want to recycle. Why can't it become mandatory for all rental homes to supply recycling containers to renters. The cost can easily be passed on to the renters & then maybe the \$50.00 charge wouldn't be there, even though we do not feel it is that much money. We would like to see pickup weekly in the summer months too.</p>
<p>Depends on the circumstances.</p>
<p>We take our recycling to the facility behind City Hall. Picking up the recycling can every other week does not work for our 5 bedroom rental home.</p>
<p>I would like to see HB recycling encouraged for every homeowner along with a "what is recyclable" and any recycling practices guidelines (such as no recycling in plastic bags) posted on each rental property's refrigerator door. Sometimes the recycling bin is fuller than the trash bin. This should bring the price down per homeowner if more join this worthy cause.</p>
<p>Taking the recycling to the town area is not difficult, so we do not pay to have it picked up.</p>
<p>But we are not there on regular basis to recycle</p>
<p>I do not feel that the renters take the time to police what is going into the recycle can. Even though is very important to me, guess it depends if the renters are recycling in their homes. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Would be very interested in knowing what the other responses say.</p>
<p>HAD RECYCLE BINS HOWEVER THEY WERE NOT USED PROPERLY BY HOUSE GUESTS SO NO LONGER HAVE THEM</p>
<p>I'm not sure our renters would recycle.</p>
<p>I collect my recycling in my own bin. I take it to the recycling dumpster from time-to-time.</p>
<p>For non-permanent residents, the current setup is sufficient.</p>
<p>This is a difficult program to implement and control effectively given the large number of rental properties during the summer rental period.</p>
<p>I recycle at home, but am not sure it is something that renters would do.</p>
<p>We recycle in Pennsylvania where our first home is. We weighed the idea of recycling at our Holden Beach home, but feel that our renters will not do it. While vacationing, we doubt renters will make the effort to sort out their trash. Personally, we take much of recycle materials to the recycle bin on the beach.</p>
<p>...But not important enough to pay extra to have it hauled off. I feel it's wasteful more than anything else. Recyclables have value. It would seem that it would pay for the pickup service.</p>
<p>I have bought a toter and participate in curbside recycling.</p>
<p>Even though I do not have curbside pickup I still recycle by taking my recycling to the recycling bin.</p>
<p>We must consider that the renters are usually there only one week, and it is bothersome to them to recycle. After all, leaving recycle materials by the garbage cans may end up blown down the street in a heavy wind, and could become litter all over the island. Of course, as a homeowner, I'd be happy to pay the \$50.00 fee if the ordinance is passed.</p>
<p>Would like to have home recycle bins available for pick-up by a recycle company</p>
<p>Our home is used seasonally . I am not willing to pay for 12 months for 7 months of use.</p>
<p>As a rental property owner already required to pay for additional trash cans based on bedroom count, I am not inclined to pay for recycling services at my property. I also think renters may not be very discriminating about what is trash vs recyclable material. Recycle bins could become de facto trash cans. This is a difficult dilemma. Maybe recycling containers could be made available at additional locations on the island, perhaps near the sewer pump stations.</p>
<p>Recycling pick up should be included as is trash pick up. Our property taxes are so high. Cut social service excesses and include recycling pick up!</p>

I should not have to pay extra for recycling...this is not done anywhere else. This is 2015 afterall!! I am embarrassed when visitors ask about it. There at least should be clearly marked smaller separate dumpsters at the collection point end of island. Instead there is one large dumpster into which all sorts of stuff is thrown. My belief is that this is simply treated as regular garbage 9 times out of 10.

We carry ours to the recycling behind the water tower.

Town as a whole should endorse recycling as our duty.

We like the convenience of the recycle bins under the tower.

Should be mandatory and funded by HB taxes, or separate charge added to tax bill, and picked up weekly, at least during the May - Sept. period.

we MUST quit sending recycling material to our landfills...this is a no-brainer!!

We are voluntary participants.

If you want to recycle, you will take your garbage to the recycling center!

Somehow I missed the curbside recycling and I have been taking our recycling to the center by the playground. The every other week needs to be every week with all of our rentals. I need every week during the summer, some weeks I dropped off twice a week.

The contract with Waste Industries should require them to pick up recycling, rather than charging an extra fee, similar to what just happened this spring in Wilmington.

I have a rental, and I am required to have a trash per every 2 bedrooms. I pay to recycle. The entire island should be doing this. If we don't start how do we have a leg to stand on trying to stop the wind farm off the coast. □

During the summer the recycle bin needs to be picked up weekly

We recycle religiously at home, but I don't think you can expect that from guests in rental properties. That's why we didn't sign up for curbside recycling. I'm still not happy having to pay for a second garbage container.

Curbside recycling should be every week. Having a central recycling center seems to work well.

We have 2 indoor kitchen bins for recycling and for trash. I often wonder if our renters cart the recycling down to the water tower area like we do. During the summer months, recycling should be weekly at the curbside.

I recycle by carrying recyclables to the recycling center near Town Hall. Works just fine.

IT IS EASIER AND MORE CONVENIENT FOR ME TO DROP MY RECYCLE ITEMS OFF AT THE COLLECTION PLACE IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL THAN TO "roll out and back the designated garbage cans!")

The small number of recycled items every other week does not justify a pickup for me. I take my items to the recycling bins.

Save our landfills.

If you are a part-time resident or rent your home do you recycle at your permanent residence? - Comments

Answer

It is collected once every 2 weeks at no cost.

Use of the recycle drop off across from town hall works good ----- if people would take a little pride in our community and follow the directions and keep the area clean. We don't need all those noisy trucks. Scrap the BLUE CAN.

I refuse to pay to recycle.

This is not the proper question. It should be ,is recycling available at your permanent residence?

Must carry my own to a county convenience center.

But I rent my home in the summer ...

Recycling is mandatory in my home city.

Our town has curbside recycling and we do participate fully. We do not pay a fee for our curbside recycling but I'm sure the cost is factored into either our utility bill or city taxes.

I recycle far more than I put in the garbage. We are a 2 person household and have 2 large rolling recycling bins. I also have a recycling bin at HB.

As I live outside of a Town Or City, I pay for all trash services for my full time residence
Two couples share the home and we do not rent. We use the house year round but are not there all the time.
have more recycle than trash
I rent my home June, July and August. I'm there occasionally during spring and fall months. I would be glad to recycle but not willing to pay extra for pick up
Recycling program is very successful where I live (Longmont, CO) and is part of the city services. I would like to see home recycling expanded on HB.
At my home (not the beach), my wife and I generate about one kitchen size bag a week to go to "dump." Cans, bottles, paper get taken to public recycle bins next to our "dump site." All food waste goes to compost pile at home.
I DO NOT RENT OUR HOUSE
I pay for garbage/recycle pickup at my home.
Because the container's aren't big enough for the summer recycling.
Every 2 weeks . Included in bill.
I live in the country and haul my own garbage. I place all food scraps in the woods for the wildlife, and separate the magazines and newspapers. All containers are rinsed before going into the garbage bag. I do not separate the cans and plastic and cardboard, as I live alone and do not have that much.
It is free where I live.
I do not pay for residential recycling. My family hauls its recycling to the "(in) convenience centers". We have far more material going to recycling than to waste pick-up.
Co-mingle, concurrent with trash collection.
We do not have a curbside pick-up option. I take recycling every week to the center.
Its in my taxes and every other week. <input type="checkbox"/>
If the island does implement a recycle program it must be done weekly during the summer.
Recycling is crucial.
We have a very active recycling scene in the Chicago area with free recycling at the curb every week and trash requires a paid sticker. We have monthly electronic recycling drop-offs, recycling of building materials (like copper, etc.) and so much more!
I recycle when I am at HB. I have a separate receptacle; when filled, I take it to the recycle center
And I also recycle when staying at Holden Beach by depositing recyclables in the dumpsters near town hall.

Would you be interested in recycling at Holden Beach if it were less expensive or included as a Town service? - Comments

Answer

I recycle at beach but drop off at bin by town hall. Biweekly pickup not adequate
I take my recycled items to the recycling bins at town hall.
WE purchase recycling through our annual dues at Winding River, not through Holden Beach.
Only if there is no additional cost. With all the increases in cost to own a home at the beach such as taxes and insurance I am against anything that makes my home more costly.
Sporadic use of vacation home so take my recyclables to center
There is a comingled recycling bin at HB.
Weekly pickup is what I need. I am at Holden 10 days a month. I really want to recycle but every other week does not work for me. The price is ok.
Needs to be picked up at least weekly if not every time the trsh is picked up.
I think \$50. per year is very reasonable.
I recycle but do not participate in blue can program.
Probably not. I'm satisfied with taking it myself.
The current curbside service is too infrequent to be of use. The bin fills up way before two weeks especially with weekly rentals. But I have no problem dropping my recycling off at the water tower.

I would not call \$50/year expensive for the privilege of not having to haul my own recycling down the street.
Provided the contract specifies that the pick up will be more often (Bi-Weekly except weekly in the summer rental season). Current pickup schedule will be inadequate during the summer. Increased summer volumes should help fund the service.
I have recycled at HB for as long as it has been available. And I have had a rolling cart since they have been available.
It should be a Town Service
I use the containers across from Town Hall. I do not want another container at my house as I have no where to store it.
I'm surprised that only 100 homes participate in the curbside recycling. Again, maybe this is because of the rental homes. Weekly recycling at rental homes during the season and a town requirement for rentals to use the curbside service might be a good solution.
I my full time residence I do not have to pay to recycle. In fact, if our county reaches a set recycle tonnage or goes over last years by a certain percent, we receive a bigger break in garbage removal.
It's a matter of education I think
The recycling bins should be emptied more often during tourist season. Very easy to recycle if one chooses to do so with the facilities available.
We recycle and use the recycle station near the bridge. If a larger container - with weekly pick up was available at a reasonable cost - we'd be interested
Maybe
think town should furnish and also NEEDS TO BE PICKED UP EVERY WEEK!
if there was not additional cost
We use the dumpsters
See earlier comment.
I recycle when I am there--but have no idea if the renters do.
I have two rental houses. I don't currently pay for the blue bins, because I don't want material left in them for up to 2 weeks. If had weekly pick-up, I would probably pay the fee. I personally recycle while at HB.
I do currently recycle there, but having pickup service would be a nice bonus (if there is no additional annual fee)
Recycling needs to be picked up weekly, not every two weeks.
My HB taxes should be adequate to include recycle pickup.
Would love for it to be part of town services
I recycle personally at the location near Town Hall. I'm not sure how well the separate recycling containers work with renters.
Maybe
Until the county adopts a recycling program, it's a nice thing to do, but not necessary for the cost associated.
We take all to dumpster approx 2x week when here. <input type="checkbox"/>
I feel taxes should include service. <input type="checkbox"/>
Common man here is constantly gouged with taxes and insurance.
If I lived there, I would.
I take my recycle material to the roll-off boxes at the water tower. This works for me!
We need to o our part.
We have hardly any regular trash but a ton of recyclable trash. It is crazy to fill the landfill with recyclables
Every home in Holden Beach should participate in recycling/%50.00 annually is a small price to pay for the convenience of a container and pick-up. Rental home are required to have a certain number of garbage cans determined by # of bedrooms.
I always recycle and take mine to the drop off by the water tower.

I have no real problem with how we do it now
I haul my own to the collection behind town hall. □
It is very inconvenient and does not encourage efficiency
Absolutely! We bag our recyclables and take them to the community center. We would subscribe to it but being part-time residents, it's not worth the money. Also, this is another can we would have to worry about being blown away etc. when we left it out and had to leave.
Currently we recycle paper products at HB when we are there.
I'm not sure you could get guests to recycle.
I'm very interested in recycling but not willing to pay extra to have recycled trash hauled away. In Greensboro, a private recycling company pays Greensboro to haul away everyone's recycled trash.
For the renters who may not feel compelled to participate if they have to deliver them to a collection point. Please do not add another expense!
We currently take recyclables to the recycling center
I think our tax dollars should pay for this service. It does irritate me that I would have to pay for this service.
EVERYONE needs to recycle; not recycling plastic is ALREADY prohibited by state statute.
We should all be taking part in recycling.
We recycle when we are there and carry our bags to the dumpster under the water tower. The last time I took my recyclables, someone had thrown old carpet and padding in the dumpsters. Surely that's not acceptable.
Make it easy. Make sure tourists know about it.
We cart our recycling down by the bridge in the 3 months we live at Holden Beach.
I would NOT support an increase in property taxes or monthly water/sewer bills to cover recycling.
Co mingle recycling only so property owners do NOT have to separate
I like the convenience of the "drop off" area by the children's playground.
Current system is fine with me
Another reason to keep Holden a family beach. Get renters involved. They do it at home most likely.

How informed are you about beach nourishment efforts at Holden Beach? - Comments

Answer

More sand is needed in areas other than the east end!!
Became more informed from the newsletter and website.
this is an ongoing concern, and should receive more attention and funding
I am disappointed in the beach nourishment efforts of HB. Renourishment has focused on the East End of the Island and there has been no renourishment in the center of the Island since 2002. Coastal engineers state the beach strand should be renourished every 3 years to maintain a healthy beach strand.
I was unaware of plans for beach renourishment until getting the newsletter. I thought that the beach was in good shape from past projects.
what is the groins purpose and impact what is considered the centralpart of the island
I THINK I support both projects. I will study EIS on Terminal groin and attend meeting on Sept 24th. Whether you are front beach or rows back, but for the beach strand, people won't pay the big bucks to come to a beach! Rental taxes help subsidize property taxes at HB. BPART should go almost entirely for beach renourishment.
I would like to know more
After the last storm that damaged the beach, which we noticed was pretty bad, we were very concerned. Beach nourishment is a must for the health of our island coastline.
Newsletter, website and news.

I have had a house on Holden Beach since 1959, and am familiar with beach re-nourishment, which I consider a good and necessary thing.
I have attended some HBPOA meetings and read the postings.
I would like to be more informed.
Never seems to be announced where the sand is being put in....
Will seek out information.
I read the Beacon all year via subscription.
Very important work.
I have only heard conflicting opinions on this subject

What is your position on a terminal groin at the east end of the island? - Comments

Answer

Concerned about the impact on the beach further down where the strand is already narrow. Also construction and maintenance cost would impact other sand projects.
My concern is that the town and board are too enthusiastic about this being a fix which is very definitely unproven and the impact on downstream areas should be a real concern. They do not seem to have a balanced perspective at all
Terminal groins try to change the natural flow of the ocean. It causes unnatural buildup of sand in one area at the expense of another area.
how can we be sure it wont divide the island itself?
We have a current build up of sand from what I understand to be a project at a neighboring Beach East of us.
I have seen what they do to the beaches up North. It may add some sand to one area for awhile, but it will take away from another area. <input type="checkbox"/>
Our beach grass and sand fences probably help the most. The ocean will take what it wants. It also gives back, given time.
It would block the sand from the rest of the island. East end already gets all the sand they put on the beach.
I live at the East End.
Based on what I have read, I am more inclined to support it, but I do not feel fully educated on the subject.
My current understanding is that some will benefit and others will suffer. Wish I had a better understanding.
I certainly don't want to see "Amazing Grace" fall into the ocean, there has been much written about the damage terminal groins can do. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> I would need more information before I could support a terminal groin at the east end.
I don't support any efforts which would/could cause further concern/erosion at any other beach.
I think we need to give it a try! <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> If it doesn't work, then remove it.
From what I understand, groins just create a problem elsewhere. Periodic replacement of the beach sand seems to be a better option.
see above
I'd like to see a reputable, unbiased report on the past use of terminal groins and how they either helped the whole island or only that section immediately down the beach from the groin and for the rest of the island no impact or at worst negative impact.
Numerous studies have shown these do not work
What impact will it have on the beach
I think I support it. Will attend EIS hearing late Sept.
I learned long ago not to fool with Mother Nature.

We need to protect our island. The groin should also help to reduce the costs of sand replenishment.

If helps erosion

Will it work better than the previous groin? How long? The properties that were relying on the previous groin are gone now.

I realize there are pros and cons concerning groins, and I am not informed enough to understand the pluses and minuses. I do know that seawalls are not good for the beaches. □
Perhaps more consideration could be made to opening the Lockwood Folly Inlet as nature designed originally. That is what the late Mayor, John Holden lobbied for, and I agree.

I have seen groins work on other islands south of Holden.

The sooner the better. Great for fishing, keeps the inlet open and directs sand to the beach. No brainier!

My understanding is that what protects one area undermines other adjacent areas.

I do not support the building of terminal groins

It is an expensive, temporary mitigation that alters the natural ecosystem.

My concern is what happens down the beach from the groin.

My understanding is that it will promote accretion of sand on the beach and keep it out of the inlet.

Especially if fishing is permitted from it.

Evidence has shown that it will only affect another location on the island. detrimentally

Too much money benefitting too few properties. Not proven and worsen erosion further down the island.

Need facts about short term and long term effects: pros and cons.

No proof they work.

whose properties are protected?

I think the natural ebb and flow of the sandy barrier islands is best. All other options will help in some places and detract in others, as I have understood.

Generally supportive, but need to understand the total cost.

I oppose any hardened structures in the ocean to attempt to control shifting sands. Follow the example of the Cape Hatteras lighthouse. If the island sand moves, then move your house.

A healthy beach strand has been said to have 75' of dry sand at high tide. How important is a healthy beach strand to you? - Comments

Answer

This is critical! If we don't have a good beach we will lose the tourists!

That's all we have it better be important

It's just very hard to control "Mother Nature."

Center of island is too narrow. Can't be out at high tide.

I support re-nourishment at a rate of no more than 300K Cubic yards per event so as not to implement the Static Line or the 'Development Line'. I am opposed to any line being drawn on the beach. I encourage fencing and grassing.

Wish there was this much dry sand at high tide at the accesses I use near the pier area

Our has has 75+' of dry sand at high tide attributable to private planting and fencing.

Stop building things people don't use and you'll have more money for beach re nourishment. I have seen the playground used but probably by residents on the landslide. :/

Hey, it's all in mother nature's hands.

A healthy beach strand is the first line of defense against storms. Most of the time there is on dry sand at high tide in the center part of the Island. Infrastructures such as roads, sewer, water,power,and telephone are at risk.

A healthy beach strand will protect the island.

i support efforts to create beach front and build dunes

You should reword this question. It's like saying.....A healthy blood pressure is about 80/120... How important is a healthy body?

A wide beach and strong dunes protect our investments, and make the beach enjoyable for all users, including renters who pay high occupancy taxes, locals who own/rent on front beach and a larger distance from the strand. We also have a significant percentage of off-island Brunswick County residents who come to enjoy the beach. The county needs to contribute its fair share, as this is an amenity to county resident, in addition to our paying county taxes.

We are ocean front - so it is important to us.

We depend on a beautiful beach strand to keep Holden Beach drawing visitors.

For the thirty years we had visited Holden Beach before building a home last year, we loved the wide beaches. Over those years, it is evident the beachfront is shrinking except on the extreme west end where we see a change we don't like either. The horrible "lake" and surrounding land has made those homes far from beachfront. We realize this is nature taking its course, but that large body of water doesn't seem good. This is a bit off-topic and we don't know much about that situation.

Our beaches are our greatest assets.

On Monday evening we didnt even have 2 ft of sand to walk the beach at high tide. Very concerning I'd be happy with 50' at high tide.:-)

75' of dry sand and sea oats at high tide is a must to keep our beach "healthy". This and the important dunes is what saves the beach in storms. □

□
Look at New Orleans. The marsh is what saved them for eons, and then people destroyed the marshes, leaving the city vulnerable to storms and high tides

Healthy beaches and dunes protect our homes during tropical storms and hurricanes. It should be important to all homeowners.

It's one of primary reasons we are all here.

75'? The lots are only 50' wide. Who said 75'? Nature is going to cause the strand to come and go.

A healthy beach strand is paramount to preserving our properties from the serious negative impacts of coastal storms. If the middle of the island is inundated during a strong storm, this impacts properties beyond that immediate area. People cannot get to the far end of the island if the middle is cut off.

But not achieved by building terminal groins

I was oceanfront rental property from 1985-1998/the original lot was 225 ft deep/after 'Floyd'(1999) I was sitting in the ocean. Man-made protection is not an answer/conservative building will help;protection of and use of natural vegetation will help.

Would like to know how that number was reached and how it is attained. It seems like something to work towards but very difficult to attain without destroying many current properties and people should be made aware of this.

But I don't like the sand pumped in from the inlets. It's not natural to the beach, is hard to walk on, and is easily washed away.

I own a beach front house with about 7 feet of dry sand at high tide. I am very concerned about maintaining a healthy beach strand.

it protects everyones investment

I'm a beachfront property owner!

It is of primary importance to homeowners and visitors. If the area from high tide to dunes (or houses) is not deep enough there is no sunning, playing in the sand, or running in the water at some of the most used times of the day. Also, the sealife is not part of the beach when there is no beach. □

Why aren't we seeing the former large ghost crabs day and night?

This is the biggest issue facing the island. No sand at high tide. Waves hit the dine with big tides. Sand is needed NOW!

Brings in tourists, jobs, and income. Is vital for the environment.

I really am not informed enough on this to state an opinion!

How informed are you on wind energy development off the coast of North Carolina? - Comments

Answer

I strongly support the development of wind and solar energy in NC. I STRONGLY oppose seismic testing and offshore drilling off the coast of NC. If they drill they will spill. Offshore drilling is not worth the risk. One spill and our beaches and ocean are destroyed for a generation. I've never heard of a solar or a wind spill.

This is not a good idea.

Other than the recent news letter - thanks for sending - I had no knowledge. What happens with proceeds? Who benefits? Is this a private effort?

I am in favor of wind energy. I have seen the majestic windmills all over the world. They represent clean energy.

I have significant renewable energy investment experience and am convinced that wind turbines are an inefficient technology that should not be supported anywhere. These turbines would not be considered but for wasteful federal subsidies. With rapidly expanding domestic production and reserves of natural gas and with oil at \$40/barrel, we do not need to be subsidizing wind farms anywhere.

Somewhat to minimally informed.

Pros and cons of everything but environmental concern and long-range impact should be foremost in any consideration.

thanks for your newsletter!

Do not want wind energy development that is visible from the beach.

I am very opposed to this.

I did not realize that wind turbines would be visible from our beach.

I am in favor of off-shore wind farms. If I see them from my oceanfront home, I'm fine with that.

I believe that wind turbines would significant detract from the beach.

We have wind turbines here in Lancaster County in Pennsylvania and they are not the eye sore I thought they would be. With all the wind we have at the beach, this could be a plus for energy. Need to know more about exactly where they would be located.

I'll get more informed.

I'm for it. Great for fishing and reduces our dependence on fossil fuels. Would create a nice little support industry and would create a few jobs.

This is a much preferred alternative to oil drilling and its associated testing activities along our coast. The potential for harmful impacts from drilling are far greater than any perceived aesthetic impact of modern windmills off the coast.

Would this be windmills like in Arizona? How does it affect commercial fishing?

Around Elizabethtown (ECU) I have heard there are windmills. They are noisy and do affect the wildlife in other parts of the U.S. □

I am against their use around us.

Go for it.

The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) proposes that two wind turbine farms (each containing up to 250 turbines) be installed 10 -15 nautical miles offshore within view from Holden Beach. What is your position on this proposal? - Comments

Answer

Strongly opposed if visible from shore. Also not sure about impact on fishing, wildlife including turtles and whales.

Wind farms need tax payer support or the developers do not build them. We now have more clean burning natural gas in the US than we can use.

I may not have 20/20 vision but I'm very doubtful that something located 10-15 nautical miles offshore is seriously going to be a problem for my aesthetic appreciation of the ocean. I would be a lot more bothered by oil balls washing ashore.
Are there wind farms at Kennebunkport?
wouldn't mind if couldn't see it
see above
I would not like to see or hear the wind farms from Holden Beach.
I need to know how viewable they are
Strongly opposed.
Support it if the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Management isn't involved.
Would love to know that we are involved in this.
I would be for it if it was economically feasible. Wind turbines do not generate significant energy until the wind speed reaches about 15 knots. While it might seem like it blows that hard often here, it does not. The end result of the boondoggle will be higher energy prices. I am dead set against it if we have to contribute tax dollars to it. A better idea is to allow home owners to put turbines on their roofs. Then we'll see whose for it.
I don't mind seeing bouys, or spotting light houses at night. I'm not sure that the view would be offensive based on the distance (I viewed the visual simulation info), and balanced by the knowledge that it is creating clean energy and energy independence.
Don't know if migratory bird patterns are within the 10 to 15 mile range but bird kills are not a good consequence.
If they are really 10-15 nautical miles offshore, they would be barely visible from most structures on the beach. They would also be much less risk to birds that far out.
What does an environmental impact study show as far as the damage to the environment by constructing and managing the wind farms?
Prefer not in view
If the turbines are beyond the horizon I would not oppose it as long as the cable terminals are not on the island (which I would not think would happen anyway).
I am OK with wind turbines but think they should be located 25 miles out instead of 10-15 miles so that the beach views remain the same.
Being very familiar with wind power generation it is a HUGH expense and creates another very High MAINTENANCE EXPENSE. There are regulations on heights of houses because of wind, storm, ect... <input type="checkbox"/> and now they want to put 390' tower in the ocean.
I am no expert on the subject, however, what I have read leads me to believe that wind power is not efficient enough to warrant the expense of building and maintaining the turbine farms.
Perhaps a rendering of what to expect on the horizon would be of value. A small spec on the horizon is one thing, but a wind farm that can be observed by the eye or clearly seen with binoculars is another.
We need safe renewable energy alternatives. Wind is much better than drilling.
I support the idea but do not have enough information to understand any impact to the HB home owner.
Can we really see 10-15 nautical miles?
I am all for wind farms. If I see them off my deck or from beach, I'm fine with that.
I would like to see a picture of the turbine farms like it would look from 149 OBW! I have no idea what it would look like. That would make a difference in my opinion.
These turbines are loud roaring machines which will take away from the beautiful sound of our ocean.
Put in obamas back yard.
Is this environmentally safe? I think I'd rather see wind turbines than oil drilling rigs.
I would definitely prefer wind turbines to oil rigs.
They look awesome and I would like cheaper electricity

Further off is better. Minimize viewshed disturbance.
Wind energy has been proven to be inefficient and cannot be sustained without government subsidies. Wind turbines also damage bird populations.
extremely opposed to this. Very upset that the leaders in Brunswick County have put us in this position. What do they stand to gain? Why damage the area that brings such financial support to all of the county?
I am not opposed to it based on the visual aspect. I am more concerned about the affect on wildlife and boat traffic.
Oh. I thought it meant on land.
I have seen the mock up photos showing what this would look like from our beach and I'm appalled. It would change the character of our beach to that of an industrial area.
This will forever change the character of the coastal experience. A view of nature will become just another industrial site.
The turbines will spoil our family beach.
I would have to oppose anything that obstructs the ocean view.
Should be further out and not impact views. Why didn't the Town release this info? We are only hearing about because of HBPOA!! That is wrong!
We need renewable energy.
Placement should be farther out, out of sight from beach/houses.
I really want to support green energy. The daytime view of the wind turbines is not too jarring, but the nighttime red lights really would disrupt the tranquility and dark skies with bright stars.
As a home owner that feels that any permanent structure that could be seen from the shoreline at 30'above mean sea level would definitely have a permanate negative property value for all owners on the island and also on the mainland.□
I strongly oppose it. Can you imagine 500 holes drilled □
Wind mills make a tremendous amount of noise.□
If they come will real estate brokers have to disclose them as a nuisance.□
□
Only two were erected in Watauga county□
A few years ago and both are gone now.
Would rather have wind turbines and not oil or natural gas drilling off shore
I strongly oppose any ocean structures that are visible from Holden Beach. They can be positioned out of sight of land, and still be energy saving.
If it must be, then put it our of sight. If they are in view it will ruin the natural beauty of Holden Beach, and tourist will avoid the place.

How informed are you on seismic surveying off the coast of North Carolina? - Comments

Answer
So ashamed that Brunsco came out in favor of this.
I have read scientific studies both for and against seismic testing. It all depends on which scientist you want to believe. My father always said "figures don't lie but liars figure." These scientists can get their study to support the position of whichever group is paying them. The bottom line for me is that the animals who live in the ocean are very sensitive to sound and I don't want to drive them away. Furthermore, there is no reason to do seismic testing if you don't want drilling.
I'm not fond of this. It will disrupt sea life.
I think this would be a good idea
somewhat to minimally informed
I oppose drilling off NC shores for oil/gas.
This activity has too many potentially negative impacts to sea life and the long-term health of our coastal environment. I am opposed to seismic surveying along our coast.
Seems like the first step in an already "done deal" to me.

I come from a the Marsalus Shale region where seismic blasting has recently been done.
What are pros and cons?

BOEM proposes conducting seismic surveying as close as three nautical miles from NC's shores to determine how much oil/gas may be present along the outer continental shelf. What is your opinion? - Comments

Answer

Why drill off-shore when we have abundant resources on-shore

I strongly oppose seismic testing. Our oceans are fragile ecosystems and we do not need to destroy them. The risk is too great.

No pipe line in mid west no off shore drilling! The shelf is 40 miles off shore! Let's start at Martha's Vineyard or California. All studies near shore are for a transport pipe line not to find oil or gas.

I am in favor of drilling off shore but it should be out of sight of land.

strongly oppose

This is horrible. The town needs to take a stand.

PLEASE NO OFF SHORE DRILLING!!!!!!

The potential impact on sea life is frightening - I need more facts.

The probability of something disastrous happening might be low BUT the seriousness of a spill could be crushing for our island. Therefore, I oppose it.

I strongly oppose any offshore drilling.

I'm not sure we're at a point where we need to start exploring off our coast.

Not sure what the Brunswick county commissioners are thinking. This is insane

NO, remember the gulf and other spills.

Holden Beach should state their opposition to this in a resolution.

I'm not in favor of offshore oil/gas.

Really? Because oil is \$40/barrel. Put the project off and waste your money elsewhere.

I think that if oil/gas resources are discovered in significant amounts there will be no stopping the drilling, which puts Holden Beach in jeopardy of destroying it's fine beaches.

This makes me uncomfortable!

I don't know the risk of the testing, but if they find oil, I am opposed to drilling anywhere near the coast. Remember the devastation from one blown-out well of Louisiana. We can't afford the economic or environmental risks.

A survey isn't a bad thing. What we do with it later may be. I would like to know what might be out there.

I oppose this completely. This practice is filthy and causes bird deaths as well as fish and other wildlife deaths.

I am opposed to oil and gas drilling off our coas, so there is no reason to conduct seismic testing there. The potential for irreversible damage is too great to proceed with these activities. Besides, we should be pursuing cleaner energy solutions not expanding fossil fuels.

Need to move offshore at lease 10 or more miles if allowed at all

I guess the question that needs to be answered before testing is, what do we do with the results. I don't think we want to turn our coast into something the Miss. Delta.

I fear that the shifting of the Continental Shelf already has let us know that any manmade changes could be devastating to Holden Beach and other costal areas of the coast.

Do not spoil our family beach

I'm not convinced that we would never have leaks, etc. and again, I oppose anything obstructing the ocean view.

What are pros and cons?

Surveying for information and future REFERENCE (in case of a dire emergency), as long as it stops at the information stage.

I believe this has far-reaching effects on the earth's crust. We may not know the full effects until it is too late. The oil and gas companies cannot be trusted for information because they are solely driven by profits.

With current oil prices so low - why are they even considering searching for oil/gas.

How informed are you on oil/gas exploration (drilling) off the coast of North Carolina? - Comments

Answer

My sister lives in Destin, FL. As recently as last week she collected oil balls on the beach in front of her house from the Gulf spill 5 years ago which was hundreds of miles from her home. The Gulf spill continues to negatively impact property values and the fishing industry throughout the gulf. It is not worth the risk.

Strongly opposed. This is disaster that WILL happen. Not if, but when. Why risk our beautiful coast?

somewhat to minimally informed

I oppose the drilling off of the coast of NC.

The same as above. It could basically destroy our beaches and thus our ability to support the town as it is.

Its much cheaper to let Texas do all the fracking it wants.

Not convinced it is the right thing to do.

I am opposed to drilling anywhere close to the East Coast. The destruction from one failed well in LA costs tens of billions in lost income and damages, in addition to environmental damage. I'll take wind farms any day!

See previous comments.

However, I don't want to see oil rigs, and certainly don't want possible oil spills like off the Gulf coast.

The risk of environmental catastrophe is always present. We don't currently need the supply so why accept the risk? Coastal regions should be low priority sites.

I am against that as well. We have seen the disasters in Louisiana and other areas of the coastal U.S.

Too many spills and serious damages to flora and fauna at the coast.

BOEM proposes conducting oil/gas exploration (drilling) activities as close as 50 miles from North Carolina's shores. What is your position? - Comments

Answer

Horrible idea. Strongly opposed!

I strongly oppose offshore drilling 10 miles, 50 miles, or even 100 miles from shore. You cannot build a wall around an oil well. When it leaks, crude oil will come ashore. If we thought the shark scare earlier in the summer impacted tourism we haven't seen anything until we have our first oil spill. Furthermore, prior studies have indicated that there is enough crude oil off the NC coast to supply U.S. needs for 5 months natural gas to supply our needs for 2 months. Not worth the risk.

I oppose it see above, Let's use shale oil first and we are drowning in gas.

strongly oppose

Strongly opposed.

NO OFF SHORE DRILLING

Like the wind turbines, I'm not sure that the visual impact would be significant. Of course I am concerned about safety.

I wish there was a way for us to learn the extent of resources without drilling. Let's wait 20 years; someone will undoubtedly figure it out. In the meantime, let's drain the Middle East dry and cause their continental shelves to collapse...not ours.

We must achieve energy independence for the future security of our country. Why should we be treated special as regards this exploration ie; other states have already undergone the testing and, in some instances, development of the resources.

I STRONGLY oppose any drilling off our coast.

Don't think we need it.

No need to ruin the beaches on the East Coast the way many have been ruined in the Gulf and on the West Coasts.
The minute one goes in I will file a suit. If you think house values went down a few years ago, wait till we see windmills and oil rigs off our beach. This whole deal doesn't pass the smell test.
I suppose that more information is needed. 50 miles sounds sufficient along with state of the art drilling techniques ... but we've all heard about human error. I just want to be very conservative about anything that could lead to destruction of our beaches.
I am opposed to drilling anywhere close to the East Coast. The destruction from one failed well in LA costs tens of billions in lost income and damages, in addition to environmental damage. I'll take wind farms any day!
50miles is no buffer when there is a possibility of a spill. Oil can ruin the marshes and all the waterway life in a tidal ebb and flow
An oil spill (which seems to happen frequently) would ruin our beaches for years.
I oppose it unequivocally!!!
Ask the folks in the Gulf states how they feel about it.
This is a major concern. Look at what happened in the Gulf.
Fifty miles would be OK. It would really stimulate the economy and provide for great fishing but we must insist on the very highest environmental controls and standards.
Our coastal environment needs protecting not exploitation by big oil companies. Once we despoil this ecosystem with an oil spill, recovery will take many years/decades and may never be fully achieved.
Develop alternative energy sources first.
The farther, the better!
We need to support wind and oppose oil and gas drilling.
Tired of the sloppy safety standards in coal, gas, and oil production. Need large fines and jail time for those responsible.
But any oil/gas rigs must be beyond the horizon.

NC Governor Pat McCrory proposes to reduce that buffer to 30 nautical miles from NC's shores. What is your position? - Comments

Answer

Governor McCrory obviously has very little to lose if we have an oil spill at Holden Beach. He will be out of office by then and probably doesn't own beach property. Hopefully, we will elect a sane governor next year who will oppose offshore drilling.
Fed money doubt very little to state but we know their insatiable need for someone's money!
IDIOT
Why?
McCrory is an idiot and apparently in bed with big oil. I am totally opposed.
NO OFF SHORE DRILLING
North Sea oil rigs. Hello! They have been doing this in the North Sea and off of Canada for decades with minimal problems. The BP accident was an anomaly. And the resident microorganism in the sea ate most of the oil so it wasn't such a disaster as is often portrayed. But we obviously hope it doesn't happen again as does any oil company.
Good God.
He's an idiot.
HE must have an interest in the profits from these projects.
The Governor is NUTS. He should have visited the Gulf Coast. Destruction and loss of jobs from Texas to the Florida Keys. Unlike Hurricane Katrina, the BP spill harmed rich, poor and working class folks.
What would that do to our sea life?
30 nautical miles is like opening the front door and welcoming the oil inside our homes.
Even worse.
Why?

Why risk our precious coastline for the sake of big energy companies and their stakeholders? We will be the ones assuming the risk and dealing with the aftermath and impact of negative environmental events like oil spills. Haven't we learned anything from BP's big Gulf oil spill?
50 miles is close enough!
Develop "clean" energy fuels first.
Makes me upset enough to consider changing my party
Pat McCrory turned his back on the film industry and NC lost 4,000 jobs and over \$1.4 billion in the last 4 years...i wouldn't trust a thing he says
The farther, the better!!
Governor is in bed with big business and is not to be trusted.

What other issues facing Holden Beach are you concerned about? - Responses

Answer

Crime. Police seem to view their role as just writing up reports for insurance after the crime.
<p>1. Keeping the strand clean. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2. I support the old "town center" concept on Jordan Street - I think that the island could benefit from a small commercial strip on Jordan St. Similar to a very small St. Simon's Island town center. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3. Improving the economy and lowering crime in the immediate area surrounding Holden Beach. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>4. Improving / enforcing zoning laws on the approaches from Highway 17 down to HB. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>5. Improving Holden Beach Road, from the bridge to Food Lion. Too many structures that need to come down - the town should be condemning some of these buildings or ensure that the owners keep them in decent repair.</p>
No Beach Patrol <input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of ordinance enforcement on the Beach Strand <input type="checkbox"/>
Government Access Channel on TWC not operational
I have little confidence in town management and the board. The town is difficult to deal with on even simple things like building permits for minor work and they seem to have no service metrics. The parks and rec master plan implementation seems to be 100% focused on the park across from town hall and I really don't think the survey feedback received was used to determine priorities. Communication is poor and the towns website is a joke with little useful information for residents, property owners, or visitors. elections are obviously limited to residents, and we nonresident property owners have no ability to create change and the current regime understands very well that they have no accountability to non-residents. So not expecting much in the way of change unless the resident voters decide they want to elect it.
Seventy-five east coast municipalities have passed resolutions opposing seismic testing and offshore drilling. Twenty-one of these communities are in NC. Both Wilmington and Myrtle Beach oppose these two activities. The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners at their July meeting passed a resolution to SUPPORT seismic testing and offshore drilling. They are the only municipality on the east coast to support these activities. Approximately 90 Brunswick County residents (many from Holden Beach) attended the August meeting of the BC Board of Commissioners meeting to ask them to rescind their July vote in support of offshore seismic testing and offshore drilling. The revote was 2-2 in favor of rescinding their July vote with one commissioner recusing himself. We plan to take hundreds of BC residents to the September meeting to ask them once again to rescind their July vote.
The new home elevation height has not been well thought out, and full time residents should have had an opportunity to vote on this issue.

Saturday morning renter traffic seriously impeded by trash pickup- can they start earlier or pickup on Friday evenings during peak season?

Turtle Patrol members show little respect for others when they park. I have personally been blocked in and could not leave. An emergency vehicle would not have been able to get to me either. When I asked the driver if they could move, they kept walking and said they wouldn't be there that long. I am all for saving turtles but not at the expense of others. I have noticed this problem all down the strand when the nest "readies".

Appearance of Holden Beach Rd, other side of the bridge. Would like to see an improvement effort - face lift

Unsightly causeway and sunken shrimp boat in ICW (I am aware this is not in HB jurisdiction}, however it would be beneficial if HB and county would work together for the betterment of these areas.

Contamination of water near Sand Dollar in Heritage Harbor.

Maintaining the pedestrian walkways across Ocean Blvd. Paint needed.

Good job on newsletter. Thank you for your hard work.

I am very concerned with the speeding of vehicles on Brunswick Avenue East. Cars coming across E. Brunswick frequently do not stop or even slow down and look. It is like the stop signs are invisible. With all the bicycles and skateboarders this is a disaster in the making. I propose making the side streets right of way and the stops be on Brunswick. On the side streets the cars would be limited to speed due to the width of the island. Another thought would be 4 way stops. These speeders use Brunswick, I believe, to avoid the police on Ocean Blvd.

Crime seems to be increasing on the island.

Water lines with asbestos lining. This is a much more pressing issue than someone maximizing the footprint allowed to be built on their property.

1. condition of water supply system

2. sewer system risks

I am very concerned about the vulnerability of the sewer system pump stations. I don't ever recall this being an issue, even when the system was installed.

The over reaching of the inspections department. My neighbor was ordered to remove a soft sided above ground pool or be fined \$300.00 a day after a certain date. The person that signed this order has refused to communicate with my neighbor when I last spoke with her. If this is in fact true there is problem !

I am very concerned about the lack of respect Renters have for our beach. I feel the Beach Patrol does a poor job at handling situations regarding safety, respect and general cleanliness of our beach during rental season.

1. The lack of transparency and responsiveness of the Bd of Commissioners.

2. Treating Part B as a "piggy bank" instead of using occupancy tax revenues to support and preserve the beach.

3. In effective policing.

4. Vulnerability of the sewer system to an overflow.

Is the hypoallergenic just a political action committee for Alan Holden?

The waterlines need replacing.

I admit that I am not as tuned in to the issues as I would like to be. Thanks for the newsletter! I will stay more tuned in to the website now.

<p>Requests to the town staff fall on deaf ears. Get no phone call; no letter; nothing. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Contractors refuse to work on this island because of difficulty in getting permits.<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Delegated responsibilities are either not assigned within the administration or are not seen as carrying out responsibilities. I do sympathize with the limited number of folks on staff but there is talent on the island who would gladly work without compensation<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Police officers responsibilities are vague. What could residents/owners contribute as a citizen force? Bird protection? We need more resident/owner protection. Why don't we supplement staff in summer? Every beach attracts more folks...and dogs...in the summer.<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Cameras at bridge to see thieves, maybe?</p>
<p>Infrastructure- let's continue to evaluate and repair water delivery etc.<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>We must expedite protection of the sewer system in the event of a "washover" as well as develop a plan to repair components as quickly as possible. It seems we should stockpile the required parts (Pumps and electrical components) even if the costs are considerable.<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Surely this issue was considered during the development and engineering of the system. Do engineers and/or vendors have any other proposals? Implement any solutions to minimize the risks of salt water intrusion even if they are expensive.<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Oppose any changes to the development line/ static vegetation line if it would result in less buildable/re-buildable lots.<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I believe we often get hung up on town tax rate. Most of us "blow" far more in a year on food, drink, entertainment etc then our taxes cost. While not advocating a "spendthrift" approach, we should continue to invest to ensue a quality community, not just a "get by" or "cheap" community.</p>
<p>Sewer after storm, static vegetatin line, renourishment/sea oat program and NO FOUR STORY HOMES!!!!!!!</p>
<p>We need more nearby shopping for residents and renters. This would add to the marketability of the island and reduce the driving to Wilmington or myrtle beach</p>
<p>We need public tennis courts if not on the island, at least off the causeway. Shallotte is too far.<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I have voiced this opinion several times.</p>
<p>Police<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I think they should have a calmer presence. They don't need to be dressed in SWAT attire. I suggest they have polo shirts, with HB Police on them, and khaki shorts for the summer.<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I'd like to see them give warnings instead of tickets. Tickets are for the most serious offenders. We don't need to be making money this way off of vacationeers.</p>
<p>Use of BPART funds to pay for the operating expenses of the Town. BPART funds should be used primarily for beach protection and renourishment.</p>
<p>More police patrol and presence on the island.</p>
<p>Traffic and parking on island<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Need to add police staff positions</p>
<p>Mega Houses<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Enforcement of ordinances</p>
<p>Chief of police at home more than on the job</p>
<p>We were burglarized last year and it seems like it is continuing. Also we were never informed about what happened to the people that were caught and our property.</p>
<p>All walkways should be wheelchair acceptable</p>

Enforcing tents left after 7:00pm on the beach rule.

Adding sand for mid-island erosion.

The sewer pump station elevation issue.

First, I would be questioning whoever made the design decision to put pump stations at the current elevation levels if it is going to be an issue. Second I would question the person who approved the design and implementation of this system if it is an elevation risk. Third I would make them watch a Hurricane Katrina movie.....What was the first thing to fail??? Seems like a lot of effort went into regulating building heights and not properly engineered and approved infrastructures.

Forth...Who the heck buys a pump that is made in china? Wasn't there a submittal and approval process? Did someone read what they were getting? Remember the buy American clause?

Appreciate more public access to the beach for people.

Would like easy to understand and up to date information on all that affects Holden Beach

The risk to the sewer system reported in the latest newsletter should be frightening to every homeowner on the island. To know only a "small amount" is budgeted by the city to have an engineering study done to look at possible solutions is appalling.

If a storm wipes out the pumping stations for a lengthy period of time and all buildings would be condemned due to lack of a sanitary sewer, all other issues: terminal groin, beach nourishment and mega houses, would be of no importance at all. No one would be left on the island of Holden Beach!

Please do something about this and make the public more aware of this situation!

I would like to see an increase in commerce on the island...restaurant up on the ocean side, maybe a few more boutiques. While I appreciate the low-key vibe of the island - I think we would have better rental potential in the off seasons if there were more venues for people to patronize. The weather is still decent in Oct/Nov, and early spring, and other coastal towns are able to extend their rental seasons because there is more to offer. I think this ultimately would increase property values for everyone on the island, including primary residences.

continued robbery on beach ;

Homes and yards that are not kept up and maintained. Also, the deteriorating buildings on the causeway, which I know is not on the island , but are horrible eyesores.

The crime rate seems to be rising. We need to feel safe and secure while on the island.

The current use of portable toilets at the parks and public locations on Holden Beach is degrading the appearance of the Island. To my knowledge there are not any other public beaches in Brunswick county using them. Suggestion enlarge and update the current restroom facilities under the bridge. If the town cannot afford to build permanent toilets in designated locations then do not have any at all. Good example are the new facilities just completed at Southport park.

We need to be more proactive in addressing issues facing our island....like the sewer systems potential for failure.

Upgrading the infrastructure (water, sewer, roads). Water system replacement is approaching its expected useful life of 35 years.

Beach replenishment

Beach patrol is inadequate; need more funding to increase the beach patrol.

Would be nice to have a walkway added to the HB bridge. Very unsafe when visitors are walking over the bridge.

Term limits on Board of Commissioners

It seems that crime this summer has risen dramatically.

tennis courts near the recreation area would be fabulous.

Overall, I think town government does a good job. As an absentee owner (plan to retire at HB soon), I appreciate the professionalism, courtesy and respect I get when dealing with the town staff and elected officials.

I spend part of the year at HB, but currently rely on rental income. My houses generate over 2 times as much occupancy taxes to the town as its property taxes.

barking dogs and walkers that have more than 3 dogs

The main pump station odor issue continues to be a big problem and greatly diminishes events at the Pavilion, like the concerts. There are ways to deal with that which should be strongly considered. It is the most negative feature of the island.

More police protection.

More family entertainment.

More adult musical venue entertainment/bars

Rats and vermin on the island.

I would like to see qualified contractors. We have been taken advantage of in the past due to being an absentee homeowner.

I am sometimes frustrated by the town office. I find it takes way too long to get building permits. Often, the people in the office are rude. I sometimes think they forget they are working for we taxpayers who own property on the island.

water quality in the ICW

Major paving projects needed

Over wash threat to water / sewer system

Make Saturday trash pick up available year round instead of Tuesday.

Add the missing palm trees along the exercise trail on Ocean Boulevard that were originally planned as part of the landscaping.

UNREGULATED DRONES

BREAK INS

DOG DEFECATION ON MY PROPERTY

DOT SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE TOWN-PAINTED CROSSWALKS

A POLICEMAN SHOULD BE AT THE BRIDGE FOOT ON HOLIDAY AND OTHER BUSY TIMES TO DIRECT TRAFFIC (THEY ARE MORE SKILLED AND SMARTER THAN MOST DRIVERS)

LANDSCAPE MATTER, BUT NOT CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL, SHOULD BE PICKED UP FROM THE FRONT OF VACANT LOTS TOO

Lack of a stop light at the intersection of Ocean Blvd. and the bridge road. It is desperately needed during the in-season and could be inactivated during the off-season.

Painting beach crosswalks. Can't the community help with that area?

Replacement of the strand which has been lost.

Cross walks

Speeding on OB

Building permit process

Crime. Just decided to spend \$1000 to install an alarm plus a \$31/month monitoring charge. Have owned a house on Holden since 2005 and never worried about burglary, squatting, etc. until last year and especially this year. I think we need more police protection particularly during the off season.

Approval of new flood maps What's taking so long?

Mainly to protect the beach as that is the reason we have homes there. The sewer situation with pump stations is far more critical than terminal groin or offshore drilling. We were shut down for 1 year during Felix because of our septic system, before sewers, I didn't know about the pump stations until now.

One concern I have is the bicycle traffic on OBW. I am a cyclist but not a serious one. We have a great sidewalk where I ride but see tourist in the street and someday one is going to get hit. More deaths are occurring in NC due to cars hitting bicycles and the council needs to look into this problem. OBW is too narrow but in season to heavily travelled to have bikes holding up lines of traffic. Only a thought and concern. Jordan Washburn High Point NC

We are concerned about beach goers leaving equipment on the beach overnight. We are also concerned with beach goers digging large holes and not filling them in before night time. We need more trash cans on the beach.

The "parking lot" near the east end of the island is out of control. This unauthorized parking area is the 4 lots that Alan Holden has for sale. It attracts very large crowds on the weekends and is out of control on Holidays. This is on a quiet one way street with a lot of homes rented by families with small children. We have seen cars and trucks driving in both directions on this one way road plus parking on the dunes. We have also observed public urination near the dunes.

Lack of commerce on the causeway and island.

Definitely do NOT want the island to become commercialized, but, on the other hand, what is already here needs to be maintained and kept up to date, and there needs to be "enough" to continue attracting vacationers, families, and young people. Otherwise, these people AND THEIR MONEY \$\$\$ are going elsewhere.

It's a shame, in my humble and quite personal opinion, that there isn't even a GOOD exclusive seafood restaurant on or very close to the island. Best we can do is Silver Hill Grill followed by Surfer's Cafe. (ProvCo doesn't count).

Concerned about wash over of sanitary pumping stations. Catastrophic consequences could occur.

Public making a mess of our beach.

Insurance costs

Sewer over wash and problems presented

Increasing taxes

Beach renourishment

Increased in tourist population

Make sure we stay golf cart friendly!

High taxes

High insurance

Well I use to be concerned about the shrimp boat that sunk at the dock but I kinda' like it now. Adds character.

Not very happy with inconsiderate workers that block the sidewalk with their vehicles. It forces pedestrians (kids on bikes) into the street.

I am concerned about the speed of the police and emergency vehicles as they rush to an emergency on the island. It seems excessive for the width of the road and the closeness of homes/sidewalk to the road and the fact that there is very little room for error. Seems like a tragedy waiting to happen.

Also, the break ins on the island need to be addressed. Our home on the island was broken into, and we were told there was really nothing the police could do--the burglars would be gone before the police could get there. Is there nothing to do to protect homeowners?

The home height limitations. I am concerned that if HB increases the home height restrictions there will be 'high rise' homes.

I know these two items are outside the town limits, but they concern me;

1. The tacky causeway area leading to the bridge

2. The partly sunk fishing boat and abandoned buildings across the waterway from the playground.

1. I am concerned about the wash out of the sewer system on the island and the fact that there seems to be virtually no plan in place right now to deal with/prevent such an occurrence.

2. I continue to worry about the mega/event homes and the town council's utter lack of willingness to do anything meaningful about it. I am less concerned with concerts on Friday nights during the summer and more concerned about myself and my renters being able to peacefully enjoy my beach house undisturbed by weddings and other large events. I feel like the town council's priorities are misaligned.

We are very concerned about the walkways to the beach. Some of them are very dangerous and are not handicap friendly. We had a family member seriously injured on Walkway #3 HBW. This person is still recovering since July. We hope something can be done soon.

Surf fishing along side of swimmers.

We need a rail on the bridge. One of these days a bike is going to go over.

I would like to see Ocean Blvd resurfaced.

Danger of sewer system being compromised in case of flooding.

Road flooding during heavy rains.

Keeping the island population density the same. Maintain a healthy beach.

Having amenities that appeal to residents and renters/vacationers alike. I am also concerned about development on lots that were previously deemed unbuildable. I was sad to see construction on property abutting the wildlife research property. I would like the town to help property owners address structural requirements that would enable us to save on flood insurance and safeguard our properties. Perhaps the town's building inspector's office could routinely provide information to help us all understand how to cost-effectively improve/protect our property.

The porta-potties along the main road are an eye-sore. If these are to be permanent, they should be fenced in on three sides... e.g. with a six foot high white vinyl type fencing or natural wood to look more appealing against the marsh.

The palm trees along the main road to the bridge entrance off island need to be cleaned up and taken care of.

Pickleball court striping should be included on the tennis courts.

Canal dredging

Town Hall services are often unresponsive, specifically Ms Wooten fails to respond to questions or requests.

The traffic on Ocean Blvd and lack of courtesy to pedestrians. There are so many homes not on the water front and SO many pedestrians (including myself and my young family). There are many public access areas that do not have pedestrian crosswalks. Additionally, I feel that signs reminding traffic to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks should be constructed. I understand money is an issue, but if it was not, I think new, larger signs and brighter crosswalks (paint, etc.) would be so beneficial. Even just a sign at the bridge stating that we have many families crossing to enjoy the beach (like the fireworks sign) would be helpful . It establishes that traffic must yield and this is important to HB residents. It's stressful to walk on the sidewalk due to the traffic.

Long term, I would like to see a pedestrian/bicycle lane added to the bridge. It is unsafe as it is now for anything but motor vehicles to use. We should explore options!

No wake zones needed. Our dock is on east end close to Folly inlet. Boats of all sizes do not slow and therefore we are continually finding our floating dock being damaged. I was informed that properties within so many miles around an inlet could have no wake signs on the ICW. PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS.

Ocean Blvd needs to be repaved. It is long past due, after it was torn up and patched for the sewer project.

I've also read where a bad storm with overwash could shut down the sewer system for months, making the island uninhabitable. All necessary measures should be taken to protect against that, even if taxes have to increase.

Parking of golf carts and bicycles at beach accesses. Too many people at park at end of sailfish people take over the picnic tables and stay all day It is used by few who arrive early and take over

Lack of enforcement of existing ordinances. Enforce or cancel the ordinance.
Long term plans for infrastructure maintenance (roads, sewer, water).

Only a small percentage of HB property owners are permanent residents. As a result, only a small percentage of owners are able to vote and influence HB Town council activities. Not sure what the answer is.

The need for bike paths on Ocean Blvd since many biker forget the road also contains cars.

something needs to be done about the area between the stop light at Food Lion and the bridge...we need a more appealing image coming in to Holden Beach...look at Ocean Isle as a good example

The ongoing crime that has infiltrated our Island. I have been a property for 20 years and this is the first year that I lock all doors on house and cars all the time.

getting the old srimp boat out of the water way.

The sewer system vulnerability is a new issue to me. This, to me should be a priority issue.

Public parking with beach access.

Fishing stimuli EG. Public piers, near-shore reefs.

Inlet access for fishing.

Limited beach parking areas for golf carts with homeowner permits.

Some of the issues that I saw this summer where visitors not
respecting the beauty of our beach.. More trash bins, fines
being enforced for trash, dog poop and when you are suppose to walk your dogs. It would also be nice if the area of stores, vacant land and stores before you get to bridge would get some
renovating. Maybe some clean up and some palm trees put in. I would like to see a start up committee put in process to help with this. I would volunteer for this.

What are the plans for our water and sewer should we have a tropical storm or hurricane flooding the system?

I DO NOT WANT to pay for a building inspector (use the one for the county), and definitely do not want bathrooms at the playground. Is there no limit to what you all are willing to tax us for? I did not want the playground in the first place. This is a BEACH which is playground enough for children. I also oppose pools along the beachfront for environmental reasons.

I also think the commissioners need to do more research before approving things: mosquito spraying, no chickens, \$4 mil town hall which does not function well, sewer overflow issues, just for a few examples.

Stop building new houses until existing home For Sale inventory is reduced. The greed of HB government to get a bigger tax base is hurting current homeowners.

The residents at town hall need to change. There is a lack of leadership on the council they defer decisions rather than to do what is right.

The Sewer System is a major concern. I few years ago I recall having to pay to get connected to a new sewer, and have continued to pay every year to "service the debt" of the new sewer cost. What the hell are we paying this fee for, if a good wash out would knock out service for weeks on end.

I recommend we not pay our taxes until this is resolved. They would have to listen to us then.

The sewer issue needs to be a higher priority than some stupid building for boaters on the ICW, or marketing HB. Whats the point in marketing HB to vacationers if you can't rent a home if the sewers are down. I repeat... lack of leadership at town hall, they are to worried about taxes increasing. And for all the full timers, where will you live, when the sewer is off line for a few months????

Someone else pointed out that the causeway area is unattractive, but since it's not part of HB proper, I don't know that we can do anything about that.

Our house is an easy walk from the beach, but there seems to be a shortage of parking for people who need to drive to the beach. We were at HB over Memorial Day and people were going up and down the streets looking for places to park. We let two cars park in our yard. Maybe those who drive in are not spending enough money on the island to provide parking, but lack of parking is a problem even to those who live or stay farther off the beach and can't make the walk.

Condition of roads & streets.

Do nothing commissioners. Too much money spent on recreation that isn't for property owners who pay taxes.

Flooding. Roads not being maintained. Lack of public bathrooms and parking. Lack of signs on beach access points that do a better job of exposing ocean hazards. Need benches along OBW/OBE sidewalks. Need more crosswalks. Need more ICW crabbing locations.

Over the last 3 yrs., the beach quality has declined noticeably. Tourist/visitors don't follow the guidelines set for litter, dogs, digging, lights, nor alcohol.

We use to take a small bag with us for shells; now we always take a small garbage bag for trash.

This past Memorial Day Weekend reminded us of Myrtle Beach. You expect filth there, not here. I mean, my God, feminine products?!?! On the beach!!

We kick sand back into as many holes as we can and we kick sand over any dog poo we see. Our dogs are always on a leash, and we always clean up after them. Few tourist can say the same.

They let their children dig large holes with no regard to patrol or turtle safety.

Something needs to get their attention. Increased police visibility, a beach maintenance fee for renters, something.....

Stop spending money on parks, fitness areas, and dog parks until critical infrastructure like the vacuum sewer system are protected from tidal surges and flooding are complete. This SHOULD be the primary focus of elected officials right now.

I am very disturbed to see building on our marshland. The yellow monstrosity in the Drew Griffin Preserve should be razed. Holden Beach feels so much more "open" when you drive down Ocean Blvd because of its large, unspoiled marshland. Save the marshes from development!!!

Speeding on Brunswick street

Insurance costs and Property Taxes.

We are so concerned about the dunes and people walking on them but we allow guests and residents to pile up their beach paraphernalia on the pathways between homes and the beach. This causes the natural grasses, etc. to die off eroding vegetation. I think we should not allow beach equipment to be piled up in the beach vegetation and dunes. It also looks unsightly.

Not being able to rent my units because of unstated opposition by permanent residents. I am concerned that there may be a hidden agenda.

Are you a full-time resident at Holden Beach? - Other responses

Answer

Part Time

Rent about 8 weeks per year otherwise use as our second home

No. Rent some and use some.

Rent 3 months/yr

part-time resident and rent my homes

Secondary residence 5 months of year

See comment

rent for 10 wks each yr and otherwise use ourselves

Rent for 4 months & Live here for 3+ months.

Are you a full-time resident at Holden Beach? - Comments

Answer

We rent our home for 6 to 8 weeks in the summer and use it the rest of the year. I work from home and have the opportunity in the summer and off-season to work from HB.

"If you're lucky enough to live at the beach you're lucky enough."

Would like to come to live at the beach in the future!

But stay often

I am very upset that the town has made Ranger Street Public Parking. Total disrespect for our area. Were we asked? NO, Were we asked if we wanted to have a new cross over walk build NO What about the West End. Would they have been done this way? NO. I pay taxes just like the West End does and I DO NOT appreciate the city officials making decisions without our knowledge. Did you really feel the need to 'sneak' to Ranger Street and Post the Signs? Do you not think we know who did this. Very ANGRY

It will be my primary residence one day.

Not a full time resident at this time, but plan to increase to full or nearly full time in the next 4-8 years.

Thank you for undertaking the survey. Look forward to the results

we spend quite a bit of time in our HB home when we are not renting it.

use in off season to work maintain and improve property

We rent in prime season only.

We enjoy Holden Beach for about 6 weeks every years. Our home is rented for over 25 weeks each year.

However my wife and I enjoy spending several weeks at our beach house during the spring, fall and winter, even if involves house maintenance/replacement/repair.
I do plan to retire on HB in the next 5 years.
I spend part of the year at HB, but currently rely on beach house rental income. My houses generate over 2 times as much occupancy taxes to the town as its property taxes.
Planning to become full time resident in couple of years.
I will be moving to Holden Beach as a full-time resident in January 2016!
We rent our home for 17 weeks of the year and are full-time residents 5 months of the year.
We have great real estate agents and the homeowners are fortunate.Jury is still out on Alan Holden.
We are at Holden Beach as much as possible, but we do rent our home about 6-9 weeks during prime summer season.
We will be ft in a few more years
We are frequently at our HB home throughout the year. Rents during the season
As stated previously, I have owned a home on Holden Beach since 1959. I am vitally interested in keeping Holden Beach a "family-type", un-commercial beach, which is its charm. And, of course, I am interested in protecting the environment as much as possible.
We open our house for rent during the high summer months and enjoy it during the rest of the year, as well as weeks when it is not being rented in the summer. We have been coming to Holden Beach for over 25 years.
I do plan to retire here in two years
I am probably at Holden Beach house 90% of the time.
Plan on being full time in three years
While we currently rent our HB home, my wife and I intend to retire to HB in the next 2 or 3 years.
We have owned a home and sometimes lived permanently at HB. Have not rented previously but will do so next year.
But our family is there a lot in between rentals. We have family who are permanent residents at HB.
Primary home is elsewhere in NC. We own a HBW duplex and rent one half and use the other half for our family.
Limited to June- Aug
I intend to be a full time resident within the year and hope to <input type="checkbox"/> join some committees to help preserve our beautiful beach and surrounding areas.
We split our time fairly evenly between our two residences. This survey has made me more aware of local issues.
My family has owned a home on HB since the 1960's. We recently sold an built new. We love this beach. And want to share with others.
We live at HB about 4 months a year.
We have rented our house here at Holden for the past three years but have elected not to do so in the future.
I do maintain a second home but consider this primary now.
I have two homes

Are you a member of Holden Beach Property Owners Association (HBPOA)? - Comments

Answer
Just joined. I am a member of my home owners assoc. where my beach house is.
Member Dunescape POA
Is this \$15 per property?
HBPOA should consider raising its dues or permit voluntary additional levels of support and use the funds to support beach development activities.
I will be in a minute...
Will be in a few minutes

I have emailed this morning to see if I am up to date on my HBPOA dues. I know it would be a lot of work but would love to get a renewal notice via email.
I have been a member in the past and have somehow let it lapse. I will renew when I finish this survey.
I'm pretty sure we joined the POA and paid dues once but I'm not sure it has been renewed. We'll follow up on this to make sure we stay in the association.
Keep up the good work.
Is there a way to find out how long our dues are paid through? I'm assuming the HBPOA tracks this and will notify us when dues are due? <input type="checkbox"/>
Perhaps something could be added to newsletter mailing concerning "dues paid through xxxx".
I expect the HBPOA is dominated this year by people from West End HOA. Let the gated communities on each end of the beach, including Dunescape, govern themselves.
Became a member at the Fall Festival, which is a great venue for attracting members
You need to look into an increase as this fee is very low and with more funds we could do something worthwhile for the Beach.
Thank you for the work you do.
I believe my husband and I were charter members.
Have been for over 30 years!
I would gladly pay twice as much for these great services.
This membership is so worthwhile and very inexpensive. The organization provides a lot of helpful info and keeps its membership up to date on current issues and concerns.
Have been a member since 1982, continuously.
Good job raising awareness, Guys!
It is an organization that keeps us owners informed on what is going on in the town and presents ideas that haven't that haven't been even thought of by the elected officers or staff.
I do not think we are members. Is the \$15 fee a one time cost to join? Or an annual fee?
Keep up the good work!
I have been a member since 1993 when we purchases property at Holden Beach. We have been coming to Holden since 1983. We hope to live here full-time someday and own a couple of rental properties, too. We love sharing Holden Beach with our family and friends and through renting, we get to share with total strangers!
We just found out about HBPOA recently. <input type="checkbox"/>
Great way to be informed.
Just joined!
I just joined before taking the survey.

If you are not a member of HBPOA, why not? - Other responses

Answer

See Comments
I don't usually join HOA's.
I am aware of the issues
planning to join
See below
forgot to renew
Not available for meetings
Other family members are members
Just had not taken time to join.
other family member is in HBPOA
used to be a member but was dropped.

If you are not a member of HBPOA, why not? - Comments

Answer

It is not about the money.□
Up to now I have not seen them be proactive.□
I do not see how they represent owners.□
If you did more newsletters and surveys I would consider joining.
You do a good job finding out how the people of Holden Beach feel about different topics. I feel that the Town doesn't listen and does things the way they want to no matter how the homeowners feel.
I do not wish to belong to any organization that would have me as a member.
I have access to the forum within the town's jurisdiction
Did not know of the organization until received newsletter.
Perhaps I'll try it and see if it is what I think.
I was aware, but just had not had a chance to pay much attention. The newsletter, with all of the information about potential major issues impacting the beach has me paying more attention.
I would like an option to renew automatically. Or to get a reminder that it is due.
New property owner at HB

HBPOA meets on the Saturday mornings of Easter, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving weekends. Is this time convenient for you? - Other responses

Answer

see comment
remote access?
Our home is rented
Am generally not there on holiday weekends so we are available to rent
Distance prevents my attendance
We are not there enough for mtgs.
expand email and website information
Not here on regular basis
See comment
Not here Easter or Thanksgiving

HBPOA meets on the Saturday mornings of Easter, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving weekends. Is this time convenient for you? - Comments

Answer

Usually have company on holiday weekends so mornings are too hectic.
I try to avoid Memorial Day, and Labor Day time at the beach because of crowds
I am not about to get in my car and deal with the zoo out there on a holiday weekend to go to a meeting. When I did go they covered the same issues that were discussed at BOC's meeting without taking any position or action.
Very difficult to attend meetings as a non-resident. I do think the association does a good job of informing though.
I understand that for non-residents the holiday meetings may be more convenient. However, I'm even sure that is true. We either have lots of company on these holidays or visit relatives away from the beach and are rarely able to attend the POA meetings. We would like to more involved in the meetings but rarely are able to attend.
While afternoons are better for me on a Saturday, I am not sure I can make all the dates
Keep meetings as brief as possible. Hold personal questions that do not pertain to the association as a whole until the end of the meeting. Meeting could also be kept shorter by eliminating introducing ones self. Attendance and whether one is a member or not can be completed at sign-in.
I always plan to attend but get on the porch with my dog, book and coffee and that's that.
usually have company around those holidays or am not at Holden at that time.
I'm not always around during those times, but might like to web stream the meetings.

Could not normally do Memorial or Labor Day weekends because of rental season.
We live in Raleigh and don't usually plan our trips to the beach around HBPOA meetings.
very hard to make these. do well if make one
Holidays bring families & guests. Hard to get away.
We never come on holiday weekends
I don't get to the beach many times when you meet, but think those dates are as good as any.
shorter meetings would encourage me to attend more meetings
I live too far away to attend meetings.
I plan to attend meetings when I move to Holden permanently in January 2016. In the past I have not been at Holden during meeting times.
Please add back the webcast availability of the meetings.
HAVE MORE MEETINGS
Because the property is rented during the summer months, we are only able to attend the Easter time period meeting. It would be appreciated if the fall meeting could be moved until after the week of Labor Day and before November 1st. We generally are not in town on Memorial Day or Thanksgiving Day.
We rent so we are rarely there. The newsletter and website is our way of staying informed. Continue to expand the way you communicate through email and the website.
I am at my home sporadically. I was lucky to be at my home for one meeting in May or June, dont remember. It was very informative.
That's time is good if we are here, but we don't have a fixed schedule for spending time at Holden Beach.
Have trouble getting there with any regularity. The meetings have been informative when I have been able to attend.
I have a young family, live out of town, and I am not able to make this a priority. However, I welcome opportunities to do surveys and to have an option to speak opinions and contribute via email.
Saturday's are usually travel days.
Timing is as good as any option, although I have not been able to attend any meetings.
Not here Easter or Thanksgiving
It is a 400-mi roundtrip
If we join I think the meeting times are fine.
We try to let our house rent over the holidays so we are rarely there for Memorial Day and Labor Day. Before we retired, we were usually going home on Saturday after Thanksgiving.
Mornings are busy on holiday weekends.
Have more meetings.
Four meetings a year is a good number. However, we usually rent out our place on the holidays. Early May weekend and early October weekend meetings would work well for us part-timers. We live too far to come for Thanksgiving. The Easter meeting could work for us, but that holiday moves around!
I applaud that you have frequent meetings and hold them at times when owners might be in town.

Have you ever attended a HBPOA meeting? - Comments

Answer

Just a bunch of immature people arguing. ☐
Very sad commentary.
I think the other owner of our home has attended.
Remote attendance only. Not sure it that is even offered anymore.
Previously participated over the internet via webcasts.
We just joined a short time ago.
Unfortunately, unable to attend most meetings, as I live in another state, and my house on Holden is usually rented at the times you meet.

Either my wife or I attend on a regular basis. <input type="checkbox"/>
Now 81 years old, I ask my wife to attend.
My husband has, I have not although am hoping to this Labor Day weekend.
Until the past several years, I missed very few HBPOA meetings/age and health issues force change.
Spouse was former board member for a number of years.
see above
I live in California and get back to HB rarely.
Only because I was not there on those days.
It is great to have the Town Manager, Police Chief, and Mayor speak to us about what is going on.
I am not there permanently but intent to be within the next year and will attend. I seem not to be at our home when you are meeting.
I think I have attended the Harbor Acres homeowners meetings. Are they now a part of this organization?
In person and electronically.

What suggestions do you have to improve HBPOA? - Responses

Answer

None at this time - I thought that the new news letter was well done. Good job on this. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
Thanks
Support a group of candidates for mayor and council members.
In order to represent the property owners you need to engage them. The HBPOA meetings I attended had very few members there, <5% present thus constituting a quorum. Do not see how that those few members represent the voice of the property owners of Holden Beach. I am really very happy with this mailing and survey. You may not get as many people as you would like to respond at least you made the effort and have some feedback on issues that you can consider addressing.
The POA does a wonderful job of keeping property owners informed. Thank you for your hard work.
Always tough job keep up the good work.
I think you all do a great job considering how many homeowners are not permanent residents.
Sounds as if the County Commissioners are not always so receptive (based on the news letter) so you might consider using homeowners as a voting block...
I think you do a good job.
See previous comment
Your website is great. I didn't know you had all that info out there. It is also very balanced, not supporting one side or the other. We also enjoy your monthly summary on the commissioners meetings. They are brief and to the point. You guys are doing a great job getting info out to residents and those of us who don't live there full time. Many thanks for a job well done!
LISTEN to the Homeowners!!! We live here, We have a right to be heard. We deserve the respect of the Elected Officials, Do they not realize WE are the ones who VOTE them IN or OUT!!!!!! <input type="checkbox"/>
It seems to me that the residents are the ones that want the BEST for our beach, NOT the elected officials.

HBPOA makes a great contribution to HB. We have an ineffective BOC that acts like a rubber stamp for Town Management. We need a strong and out spoken HBPOA to act as a counter weight.

I suggest that HBPOA establish substantive advisory committees on issues like the ones addressed in this survey to tap into the expertise of our members and provide input, wanted or not, to the BOC.

I think surveys like this one are a very good idea.

None.

Thanks to HBPOA board for your diligence and your evenhandedness in trying to get a good discussion and, therefore, good suggestions to the Town. It is nice to have an advocate. Since this role is one that they could emulate, hope the Board of Commissioners and the Town appreciates the role you are playing.

1- Confirm quorum by sign in of attending members.

2- I would rather spend the meeting time hearing reports and discussing issues (Board initiated and from attendees/floor with time limits) than "go around the room " to hear names and locations etc. Simplify by show of hands of a) full time residents b) non-residents, living in NC and c) non-residents forom out of state. This could also be tallied from sign in data and presented to attendees as a point of information.

HBPOA mission is to keep the Property Owners of HB informed of beach activities and issues. HBPOA should work with Town Officials and keep them informed of the concerns of all the property owners and not just the full time residents.

Board has too many Directors.

Both sides of an issue needs to be represented by the board.

Less officers, never ever try to eliminate a town manager that has done so much good For the town. Represent the homeowners not dictate what you think is best.

Don't really see the purpose of a HBPOA.
Money is raised by selling tee shirts and concert tickets, what is it used for? No need to raise money you are just a voice of the POA

Email the newsletter to members. (Maybe you did this and the reason I did not get one is that our membership has lapsed.)

I really liked the use of an online survey to get feedback on what homeowners are thinking on important issues to the island.

I'm looking forward to the response to the survey and the results.

good job last several years

None

continue to keep members well-informed as you have been.

Hear more comments from board members during meetings.

It appears you do a great job.

Solicit input, like this

Allow participation in the meetings by telephone.

I like that they get information out to property owners quickly.

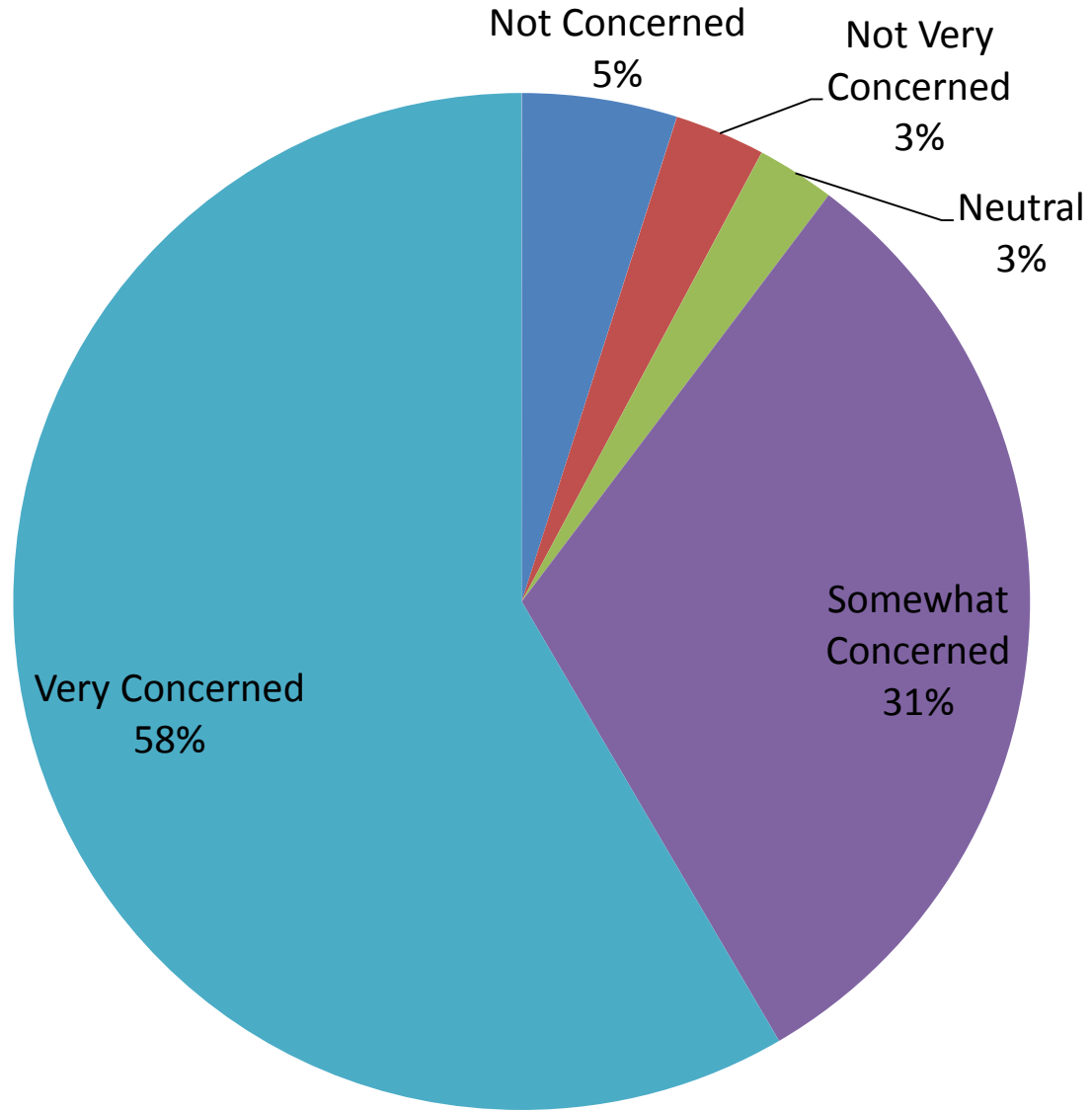
I feel that HB POA continues to improve each year. You are doing a great job at communicating via email. Is there an HBPOA Facebook group. That is for property owners. I enjoy the friends of Holden Beach Facebook page. It gives me an idea of what's happening on the island each day.

Individuals should not simultaneously serve on HBPOA and Town Board of Commissioners

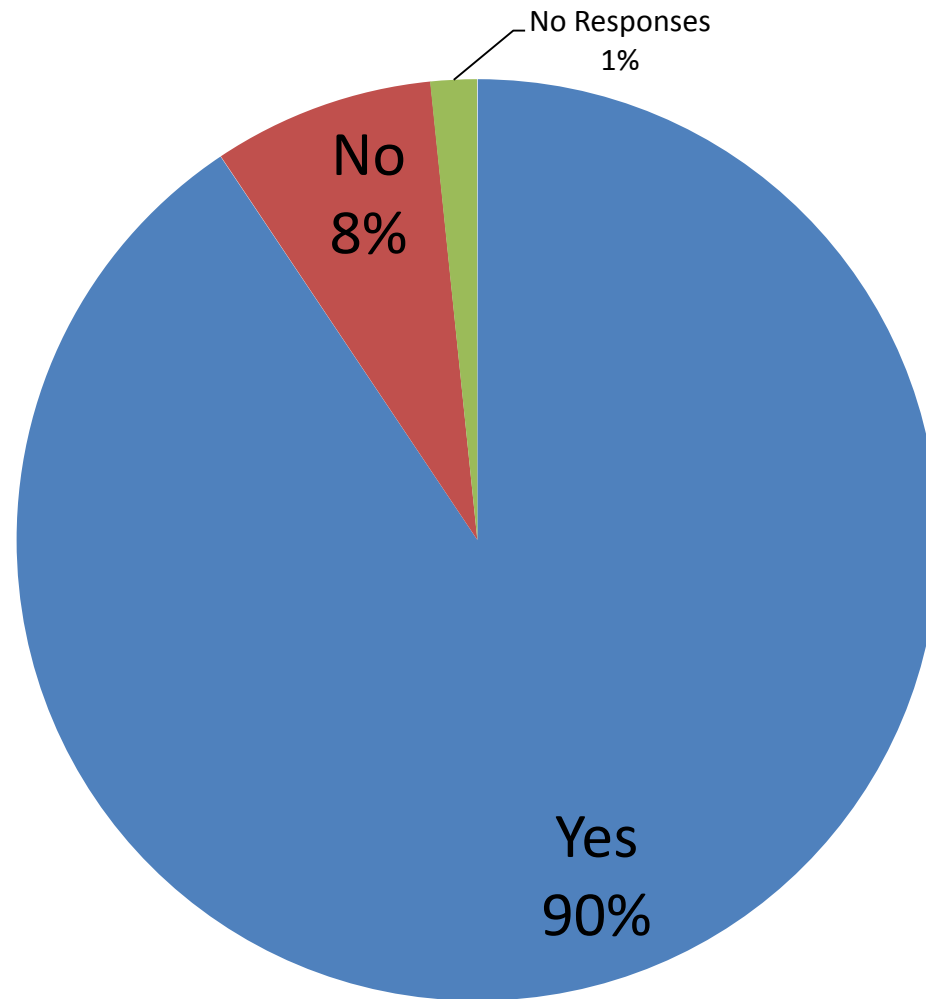
ACCOMPLISH ABOVE SUGGESTIONS AND REQUESTS <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
FINISH PLAYGROUND
I think that the HBPOA does a good job representing the property owners and keeping us informed. Our biggest concern is that POA does not have enough influence over the City Council.
I think you do a great job and I thank all the people that give their time.
I guess I would ask them to make decisions within a decent period of time. It seems things drag on and on and I'm not sure why? Lack of information on the part of the board or are there other reasons.
The surveys are a great start...
We are too new to have an opinion yet! Thanks for all your work.
More respect for the ones who are currently holding the various positions. May not approve of all the decisions made but should be discussed in a more (adult) manner.
We rent so we are rarely there. The newsletter and website is our way of staying informed. Continue to expand the way you communicate through email and the website.
Forgot to ask before..... Will Holden Beach ever get residential solar power? Have it at home in NY.
None, it's doing a fine job of keeping the property owners informed and representing the same.
None. We think it is doing a great job
The association is doing a good job of serving homeowners.
Just to keep home owners informed.
More open mike time for members to discuss their concerns. More lead time on topics to be discussed.
online meetings or webcast
Keep the Family Atmosphere...it is what brought us to Holden Beach over 30 years ago. We want the simplicity, the rest and peace of the beach and the kindness of each other to be the number One priority. The Police Dept., Emergency workers and the town officials need to be thanked for the trying to keep our Beach as special as it is.
I think there should be some younger interested persons on the board. They should be actively recruited for representation. <input type="checkbox"/>
We are concerned about the crime. <input type="checkbox"/>
Enforce the dog rules on the beach. <input type="checkbox"/>
More camps for kids. <input type="checkbox"/>
Love the concerts.
None
Good job.
It would be wonderful to have an email listserv or something where we could ask other members questions regarding neighborhood happenings, suggestions on contractors and people to use for repairs, how to handle certain "living on the beach" issues, etc.
Th POA is doing a terrific job and am thankful for these dedicated people. Would like to see a method devised to see a quicker response from surrounding governments to votes we have taken and questions we have raised. Am aware this is very difficult but seems we do get a "slow roll".
I think that more detailed information in advance of the meetings, regarding the agenda, would be helpful. As an example, when the mega house issue was discussed at the Easter meeting, I was not aware of the problems it causes until it was discussed at the meeting. I do read the emails.
Find a way to coordinate with other HB POA's, such as Holden Beach West.
Solicite more members
Have meetings and events during mid-Fall and mid=Spring when homeowners are usually in their homes.
email form to members asking if they questions or concerns shortly before a meeting.

<p>Continue to utilize online resources the way you have been. You have done a great job there. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>As a permanent resident, I think my concerns are largely ignored with preference given to realtors and tourism.</p>
<p>I'm sure you are doing an excellent job. My hope is to become more informed and more involved as time passes. We have only owned our home for a little over a year.</p>
<p>HBPOA does a great job keeping people informed.<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please keep up the good work.</p>
<p>Newsletter was excellent. We love the website. Just found you on Facebook.</p>
<p>Don't hesitate to confront local government when you think they are wrong. Don't allow an old boy's/girl's attitude to flourish.</p>
<p>We are new members.<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>We are not familiar enough with the POA to make suggestions at this time.</p>
<p>Encourage all permanent residents to join by visiting them! Keep sending membership info to all owners and perhaps try to contact them personally in some way.</p>
<p>I think HBPOA does a good job of keeping property owners informed via emails and newsletters. I don't attend the meetings because I usually have guests or am not at my beach home when the meetings are held.</p>
<p>None. I support the association 100%. My only complaint is the lack of enforcement of restrictions and regulations, but that is not the fault of the association.</p>

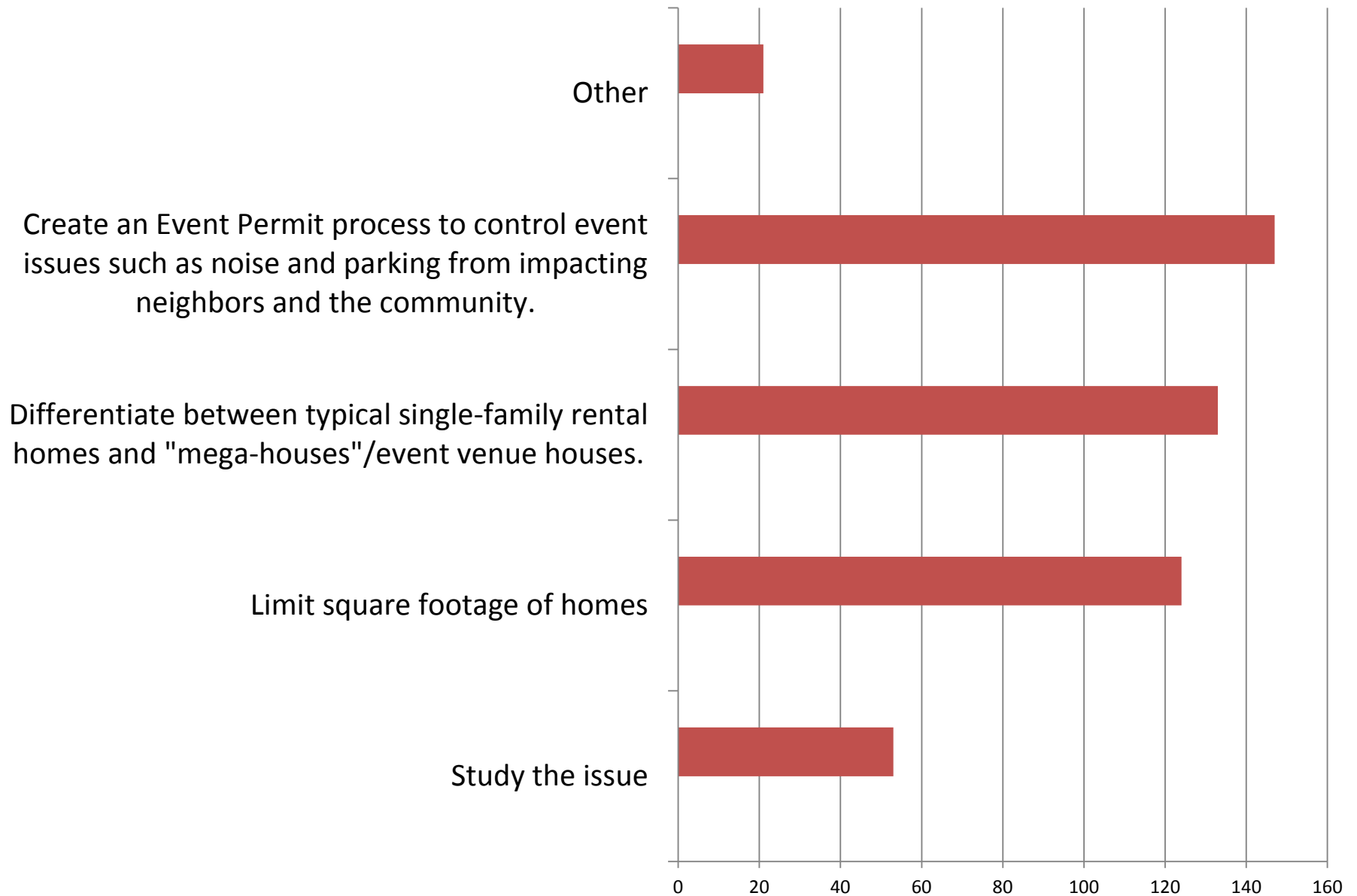
Are you concerned about "mega-houses"/event venue houses on Holden Beach?



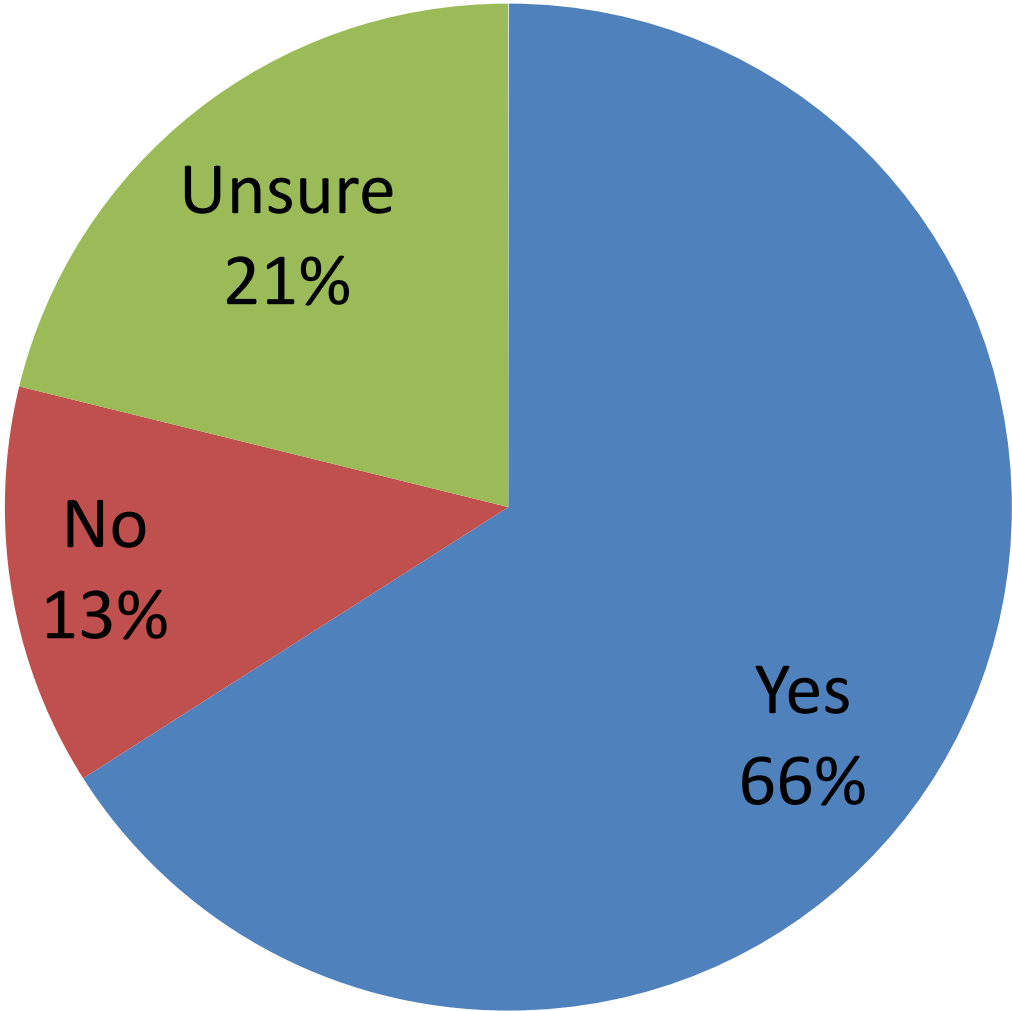
Given that all the surrounding islands have restrictions in place to control "mega-houses"/event venue houses do you think that Holden Beach should do something?



If yes, what do you think should be done? (Check all that apply)



Are you in favor of adopting a new noise ordinance?



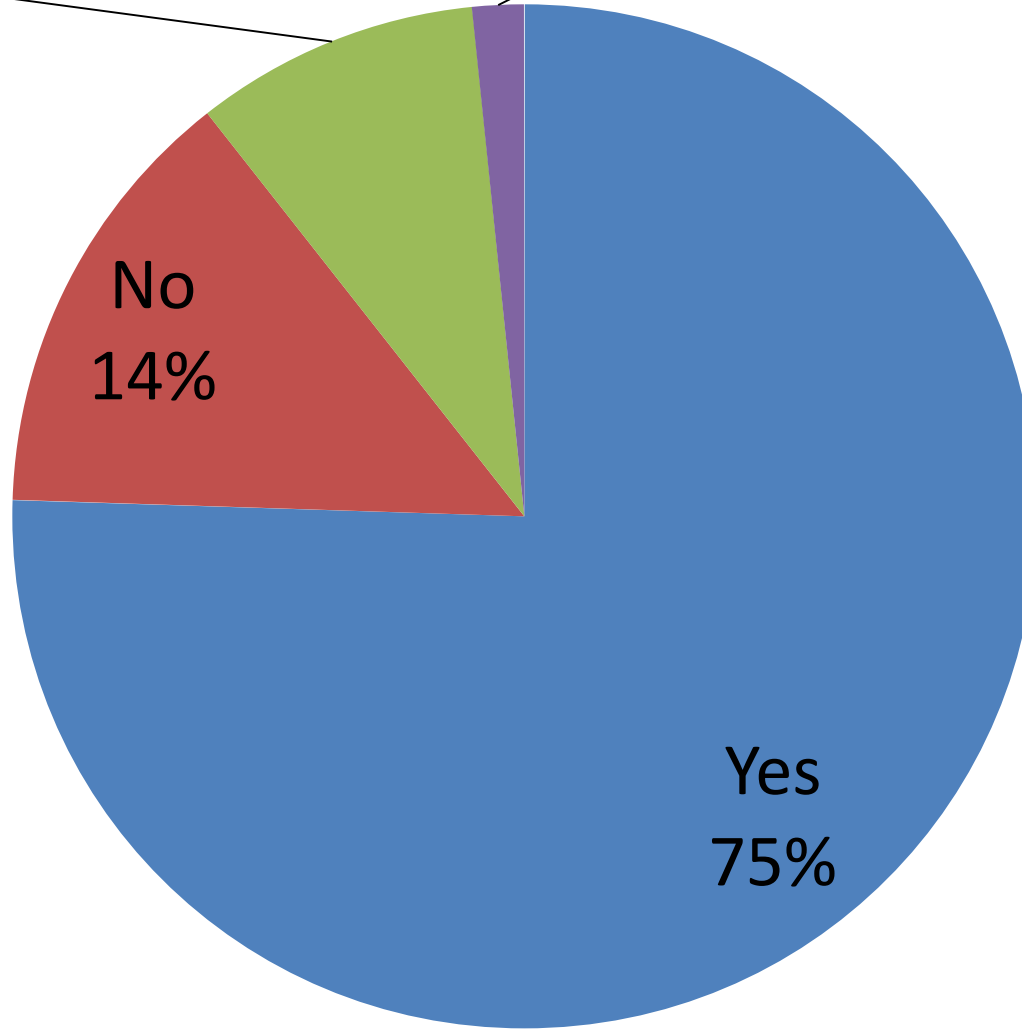
Do you feel acceptable noise levels should be based on time of day?

Unsure
9%

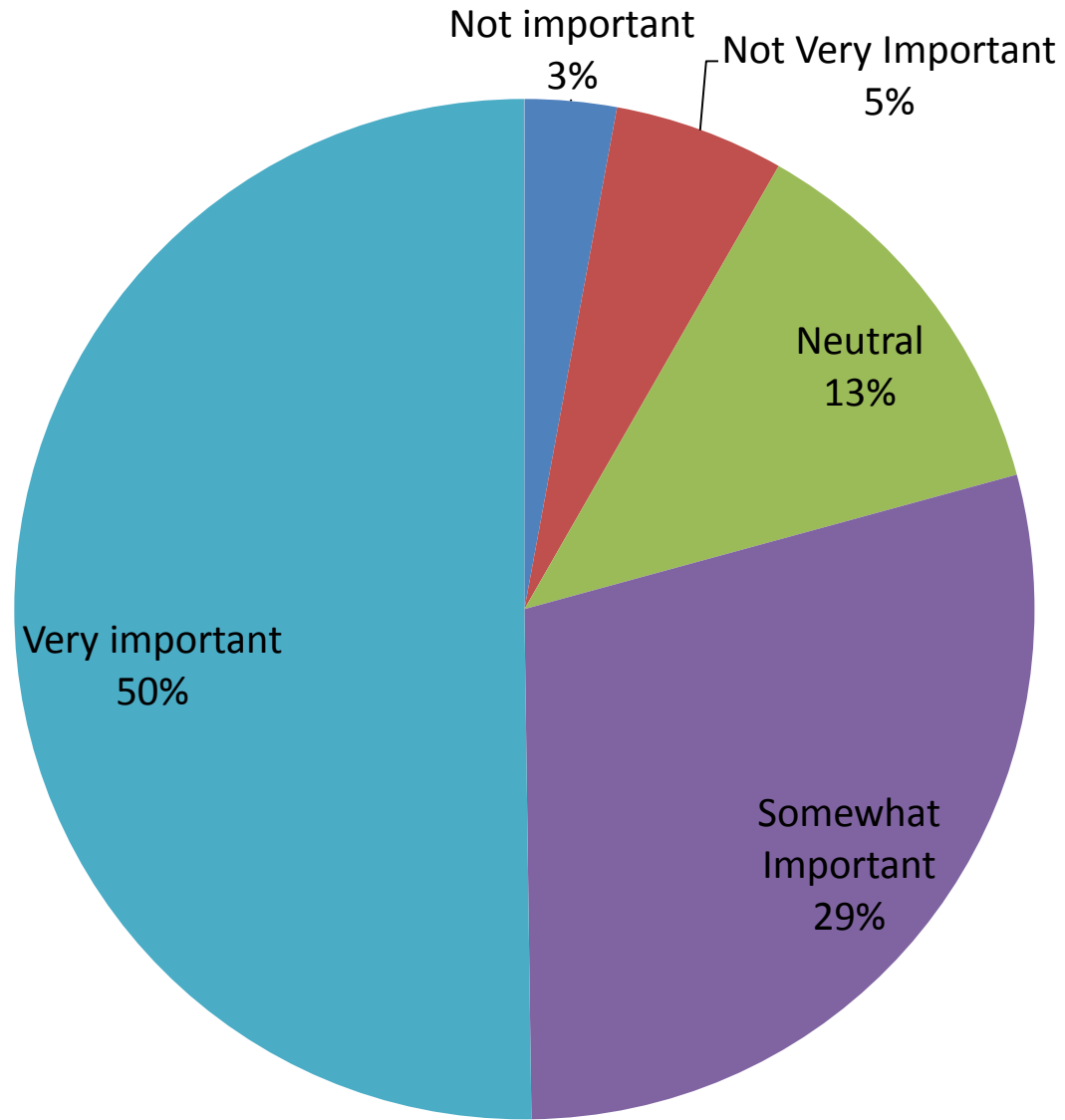
No Responses
1%

No
14%

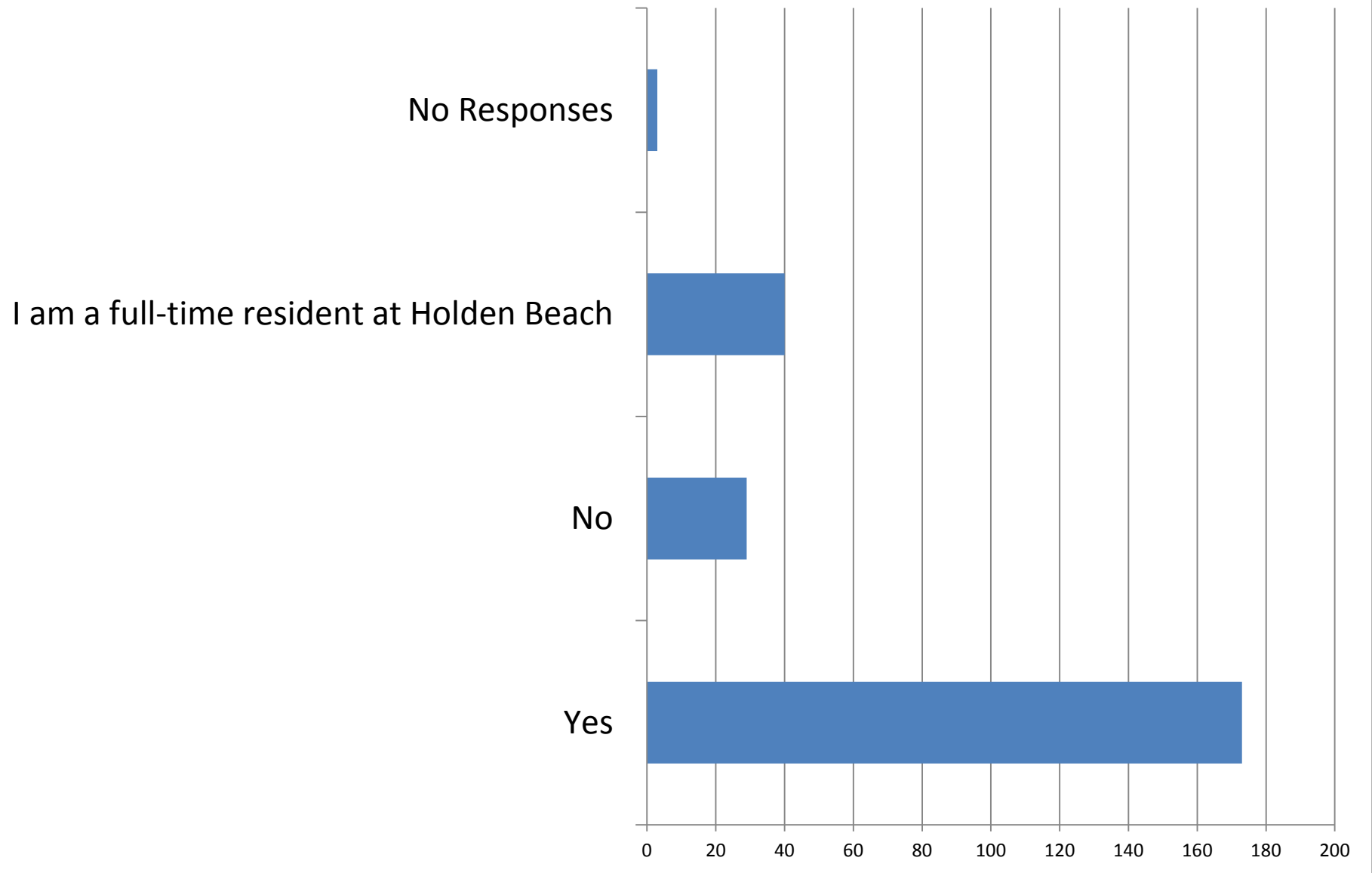
Yes
75%



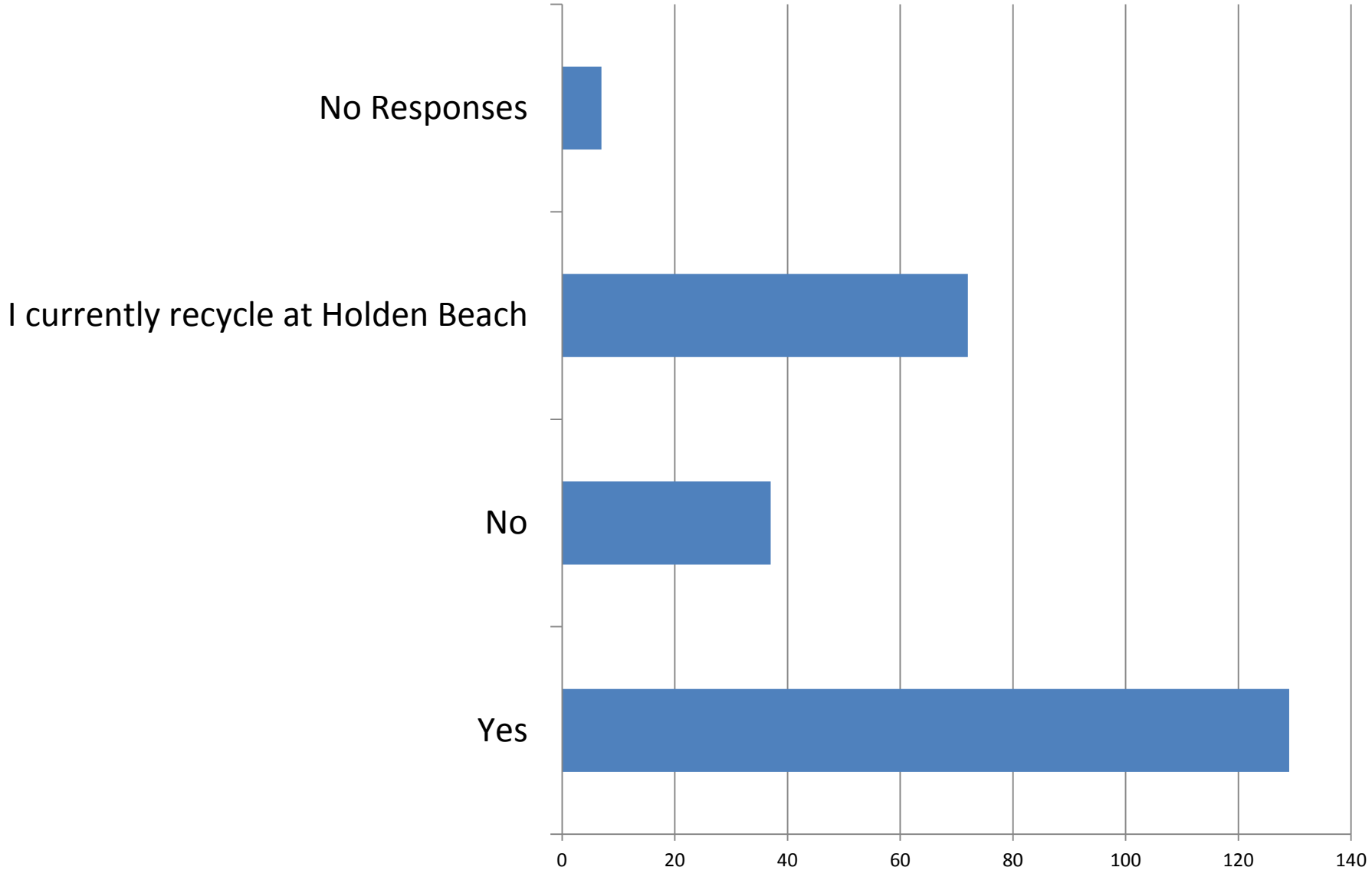
How important is recycling to you?



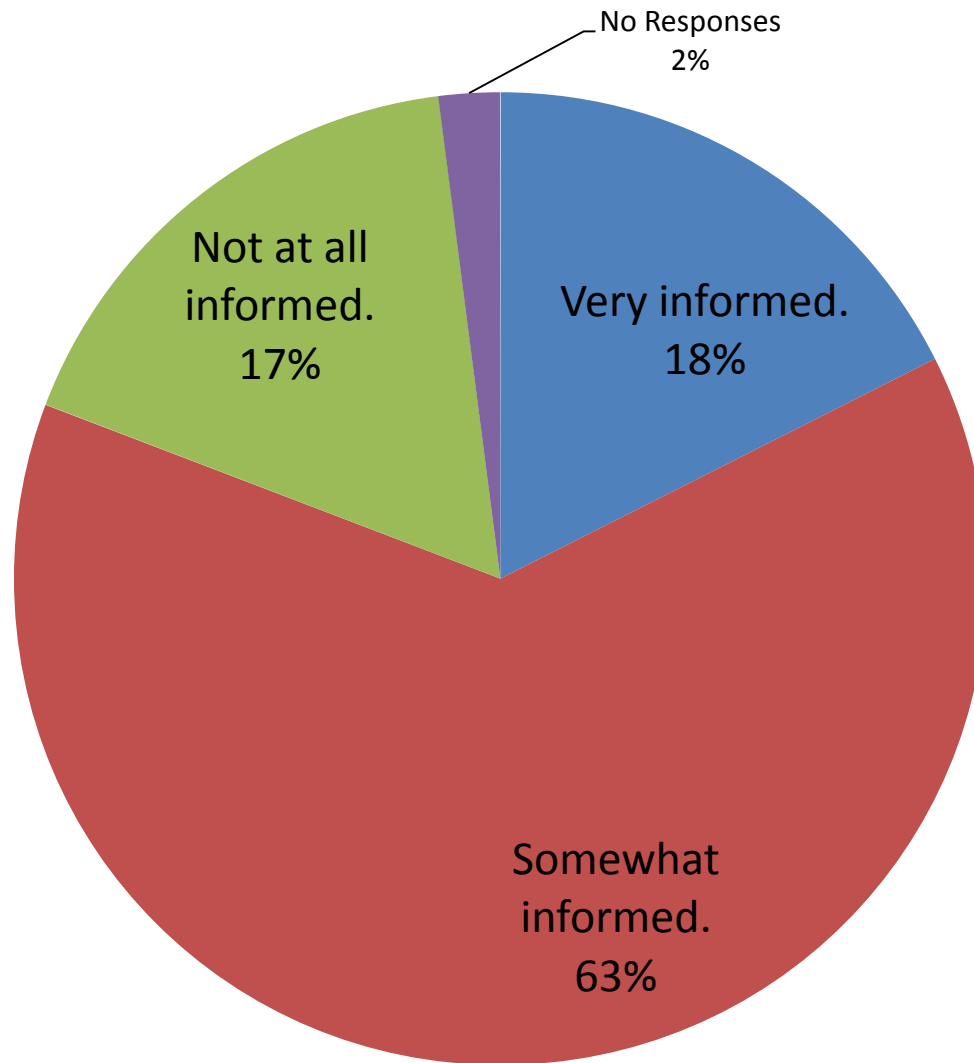
If you are a part-time resident or rent your home do you recycle at your permanent residence?



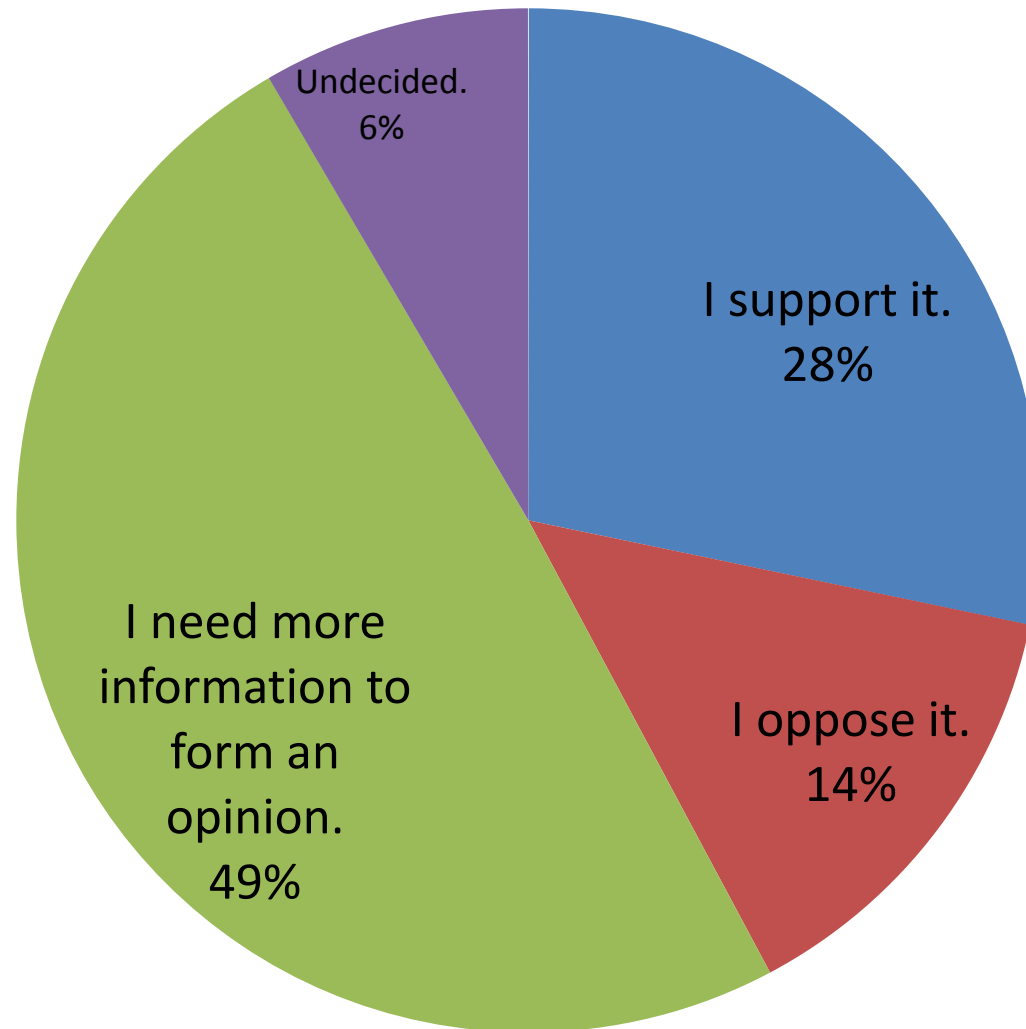
Would you be interested in recycling at Holden Beach if it were less expensive or included as a Town service?



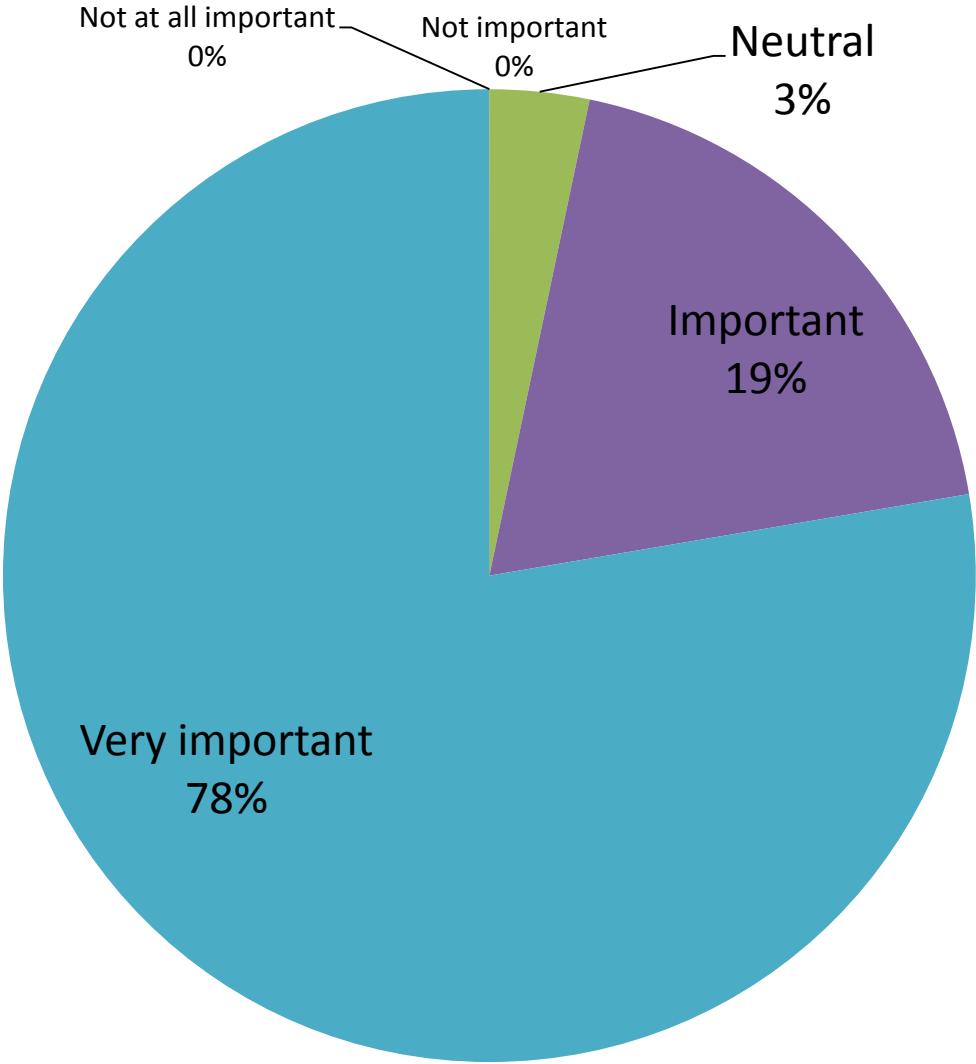
How informed are you about beach nourishment efforts at Holden Beach?



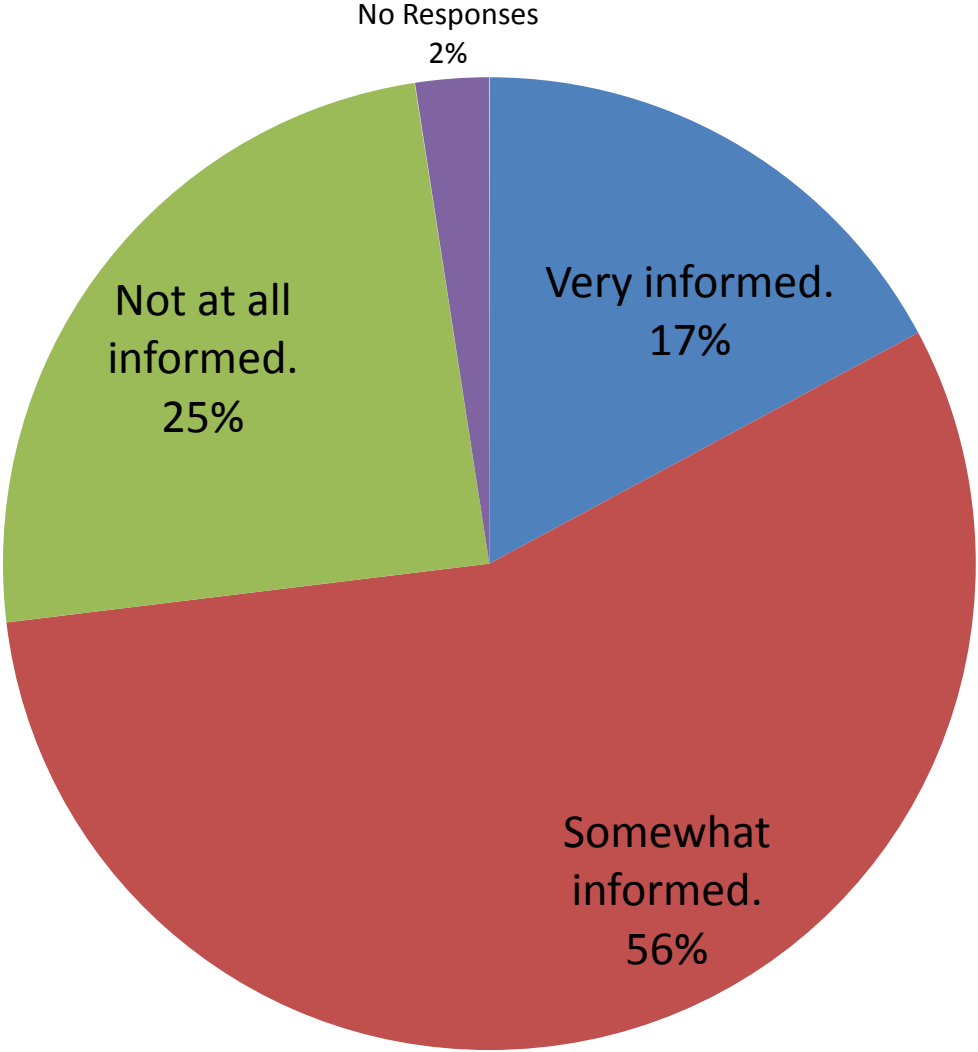
What is your position on a terminal groin at the east end of the island?



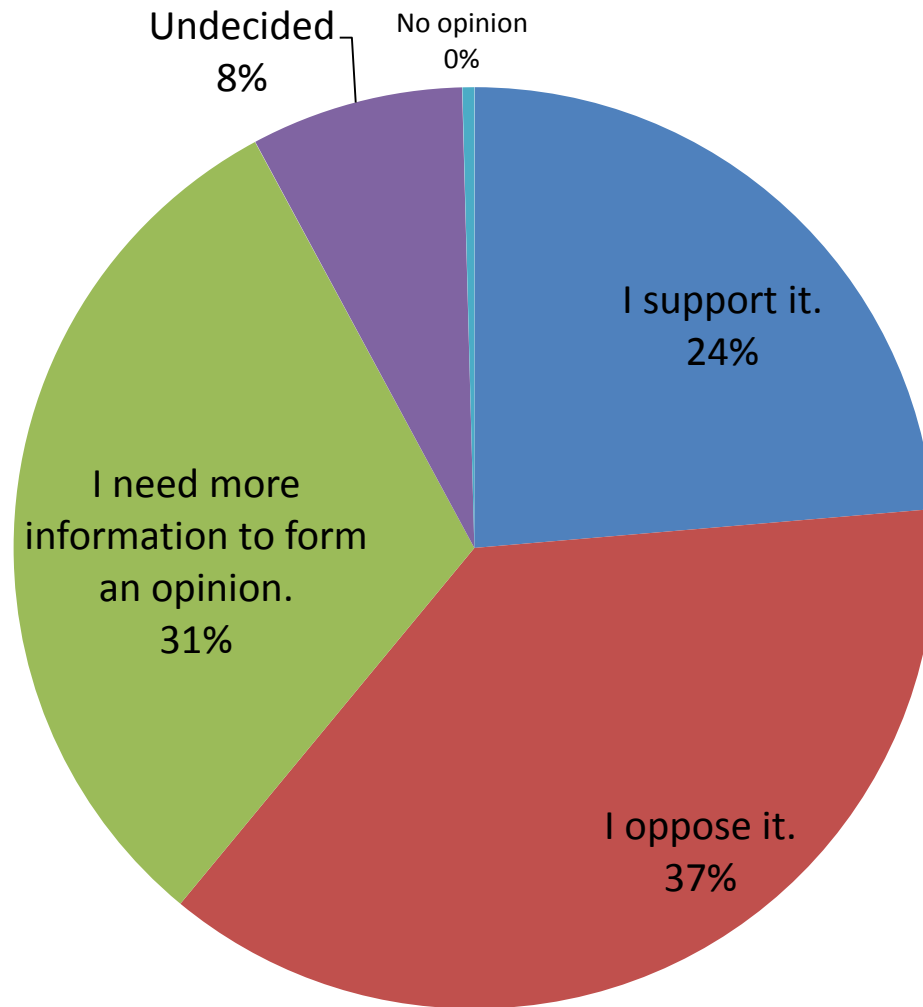
A healthy beach strand has been said to have 75' of dry sand at high tide. How important is a healthy beach strand to you?



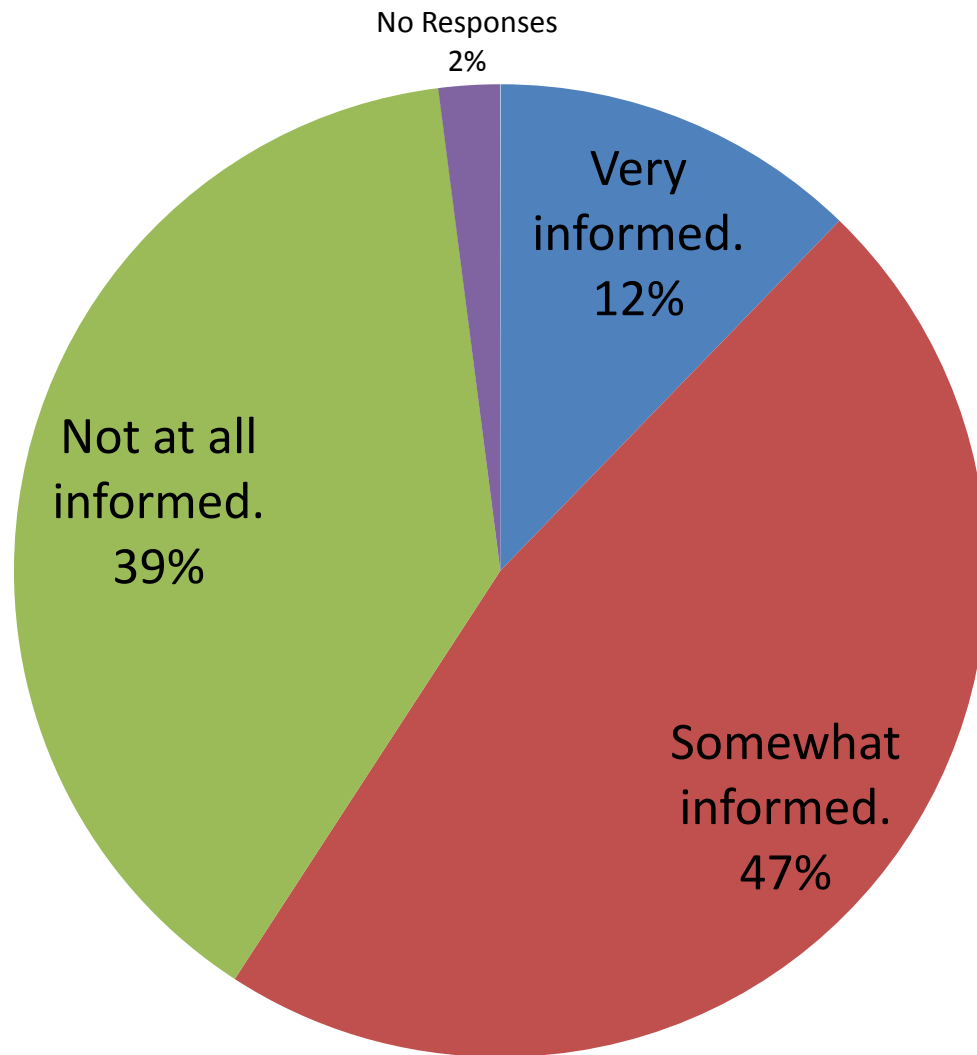
How informed are you on wind energy development off the coast of North Carolina?



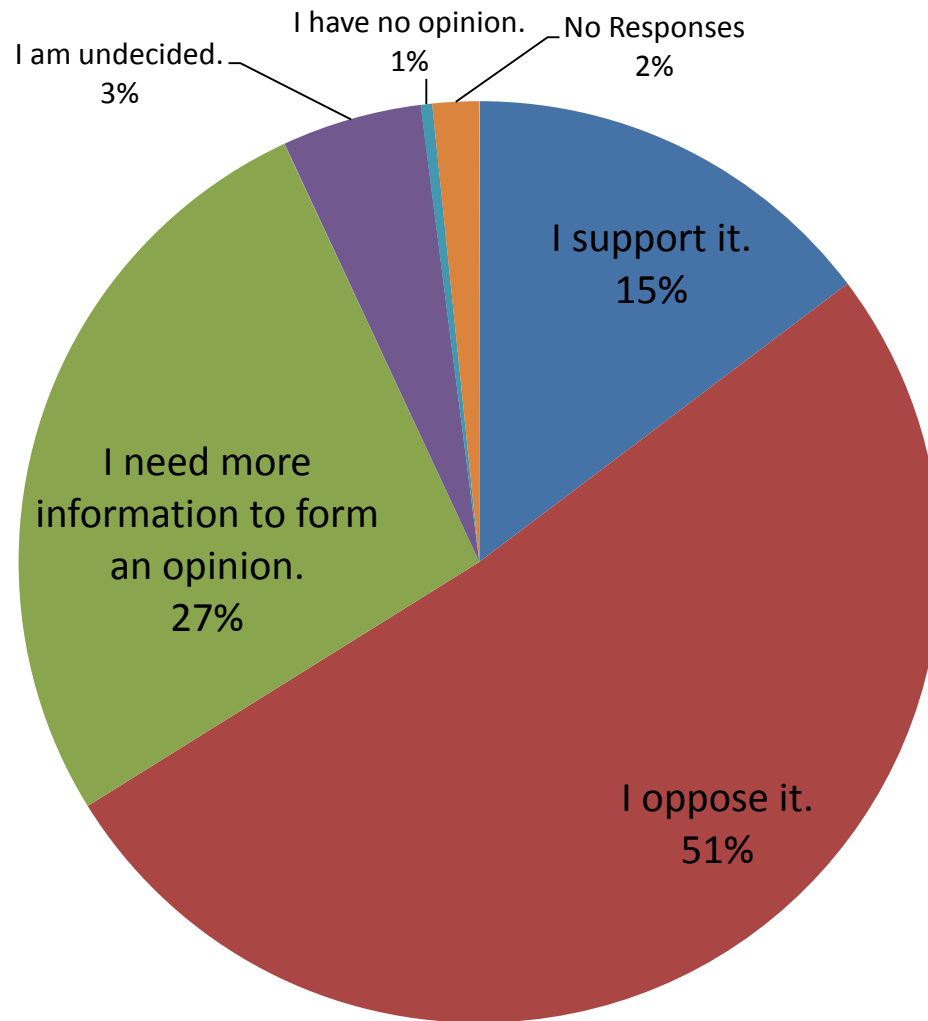
The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) proposes that two wind turbine farms (each containing up to 250 turbines) be installed 10 -15 nautical miles offshore



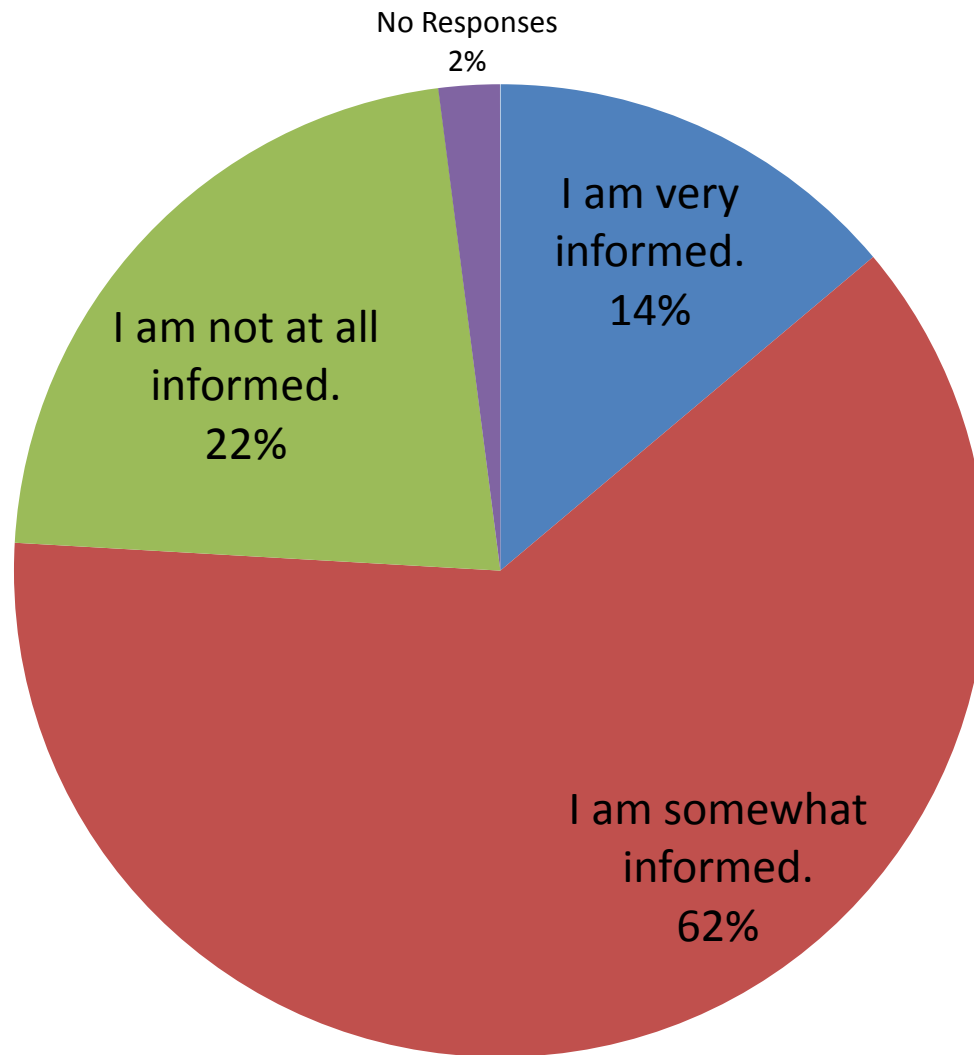
How informed are you on seismic surveying off the coast of North Carolina?



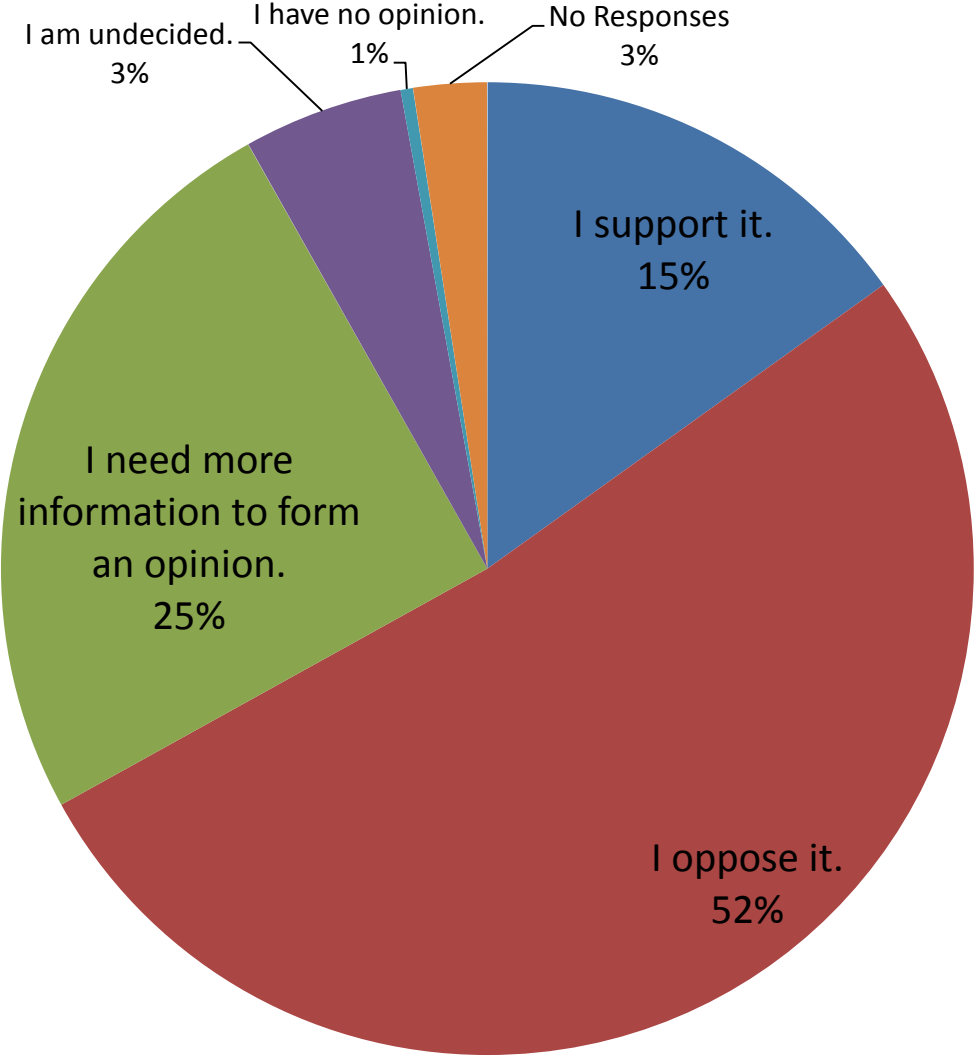
BOEM proposes conducting seismic surveying as close as three nautical miles from NC's shores to determine how much oil/gas may be present along the outer continental shelf. What is your opinion?



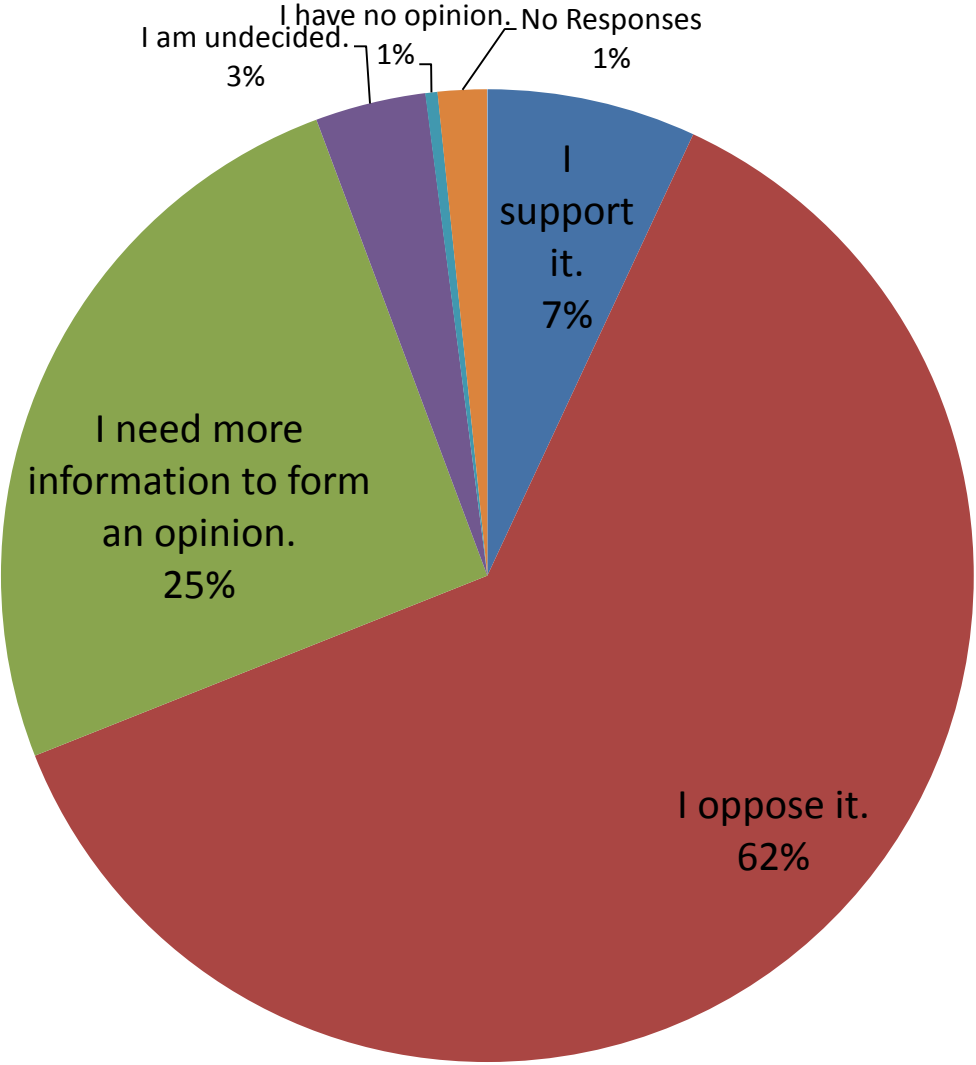
How informed are you on oil/gas exploration (drilling) off the coast of North Carolina?



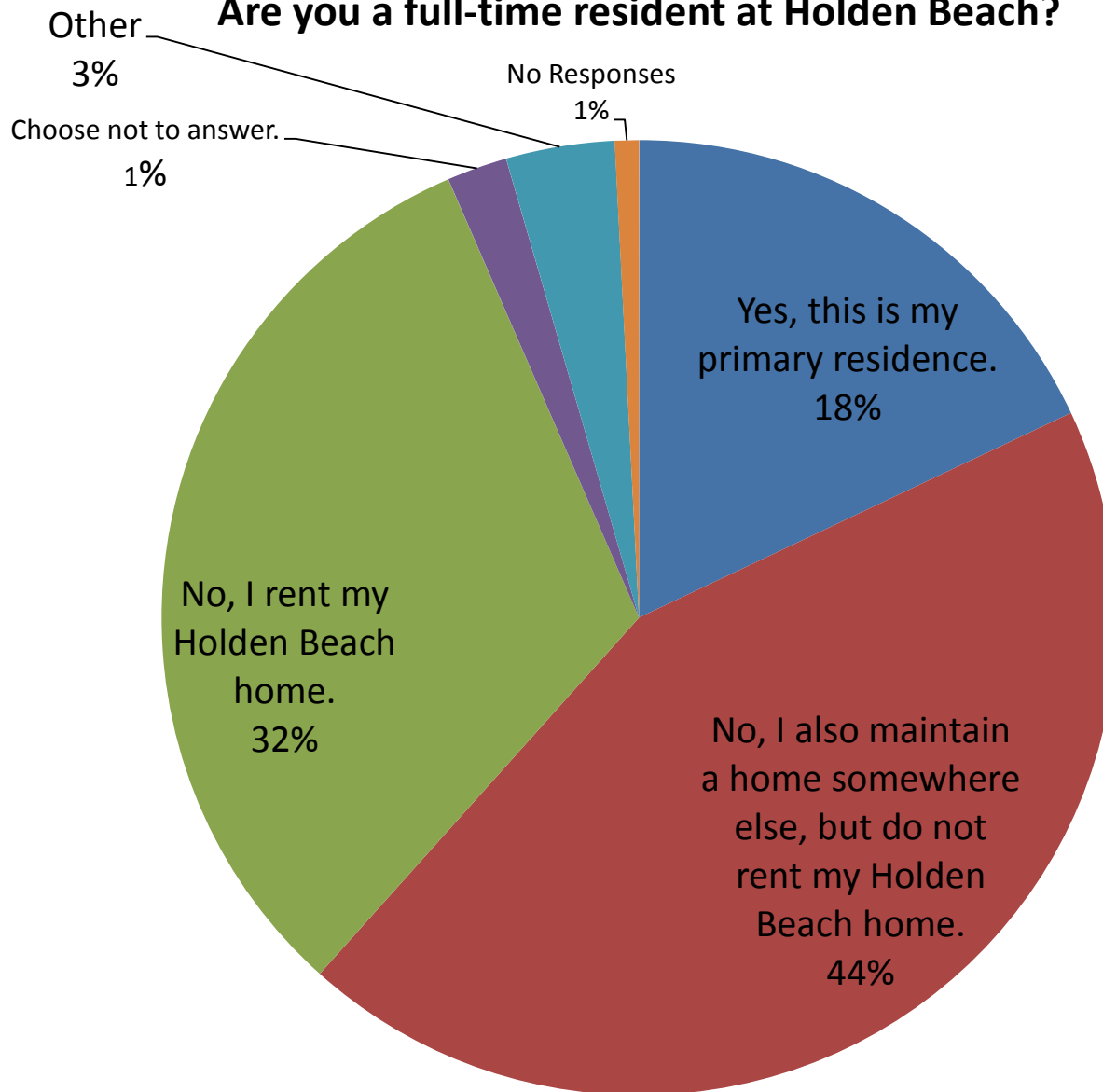
BOEM proposes conducting oil/gas exploration (drilling) activities as close as 50 miles from North Carolina's shores. What is your position?



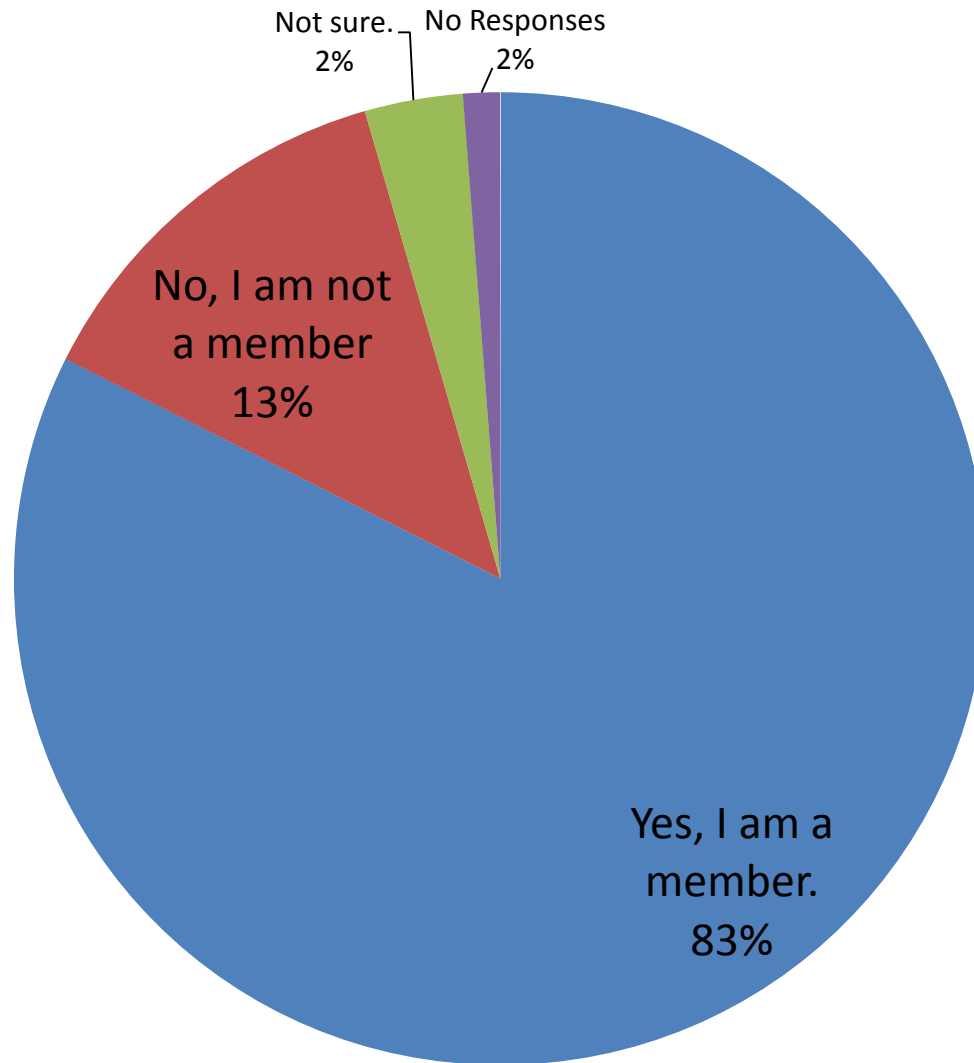
NC Govenor Pat McCrory proposes to reduce that buffer to 30 nautical miles from NC's shores. What is your position?



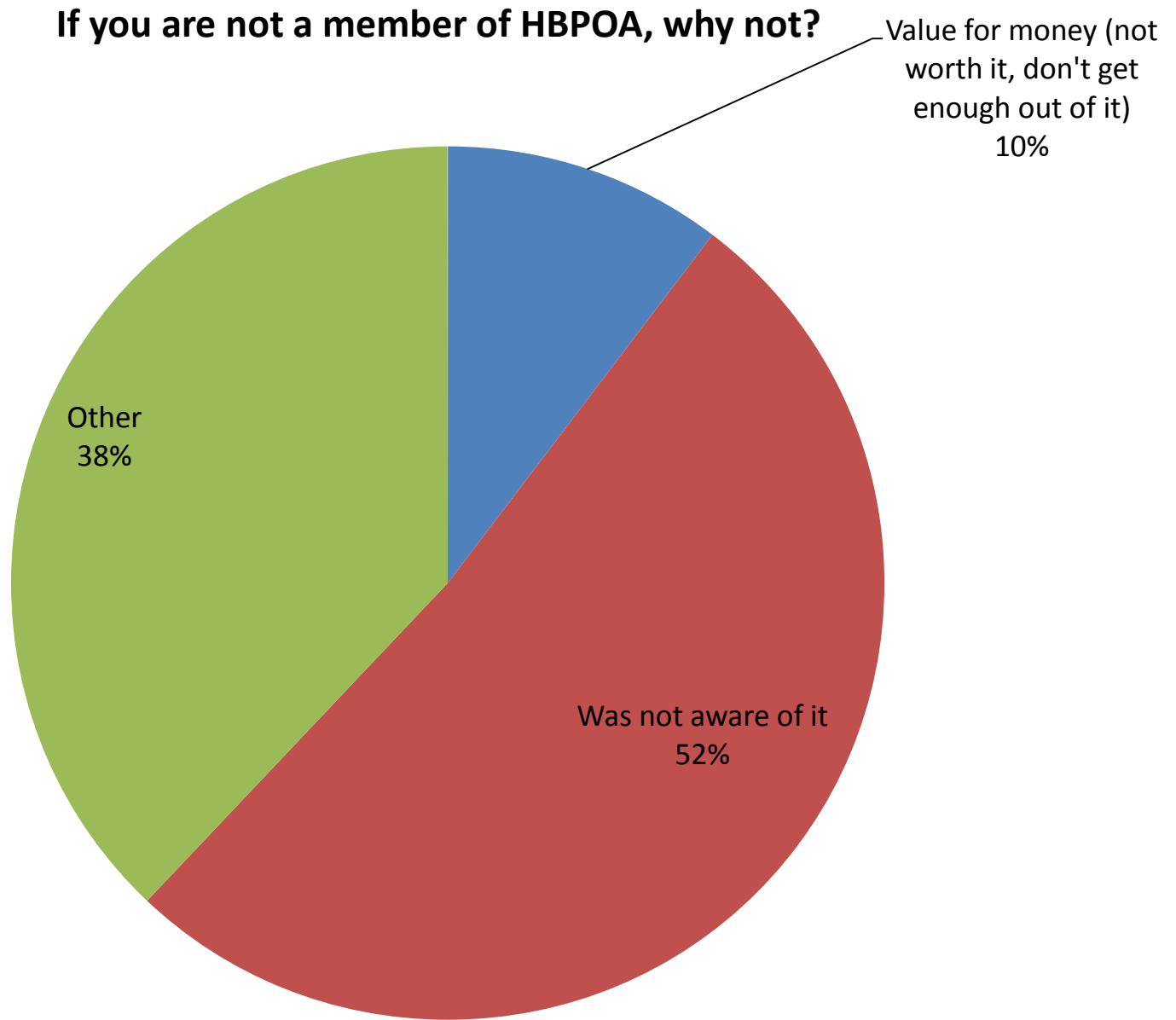
Are you a full-time resident at Holden Beach?



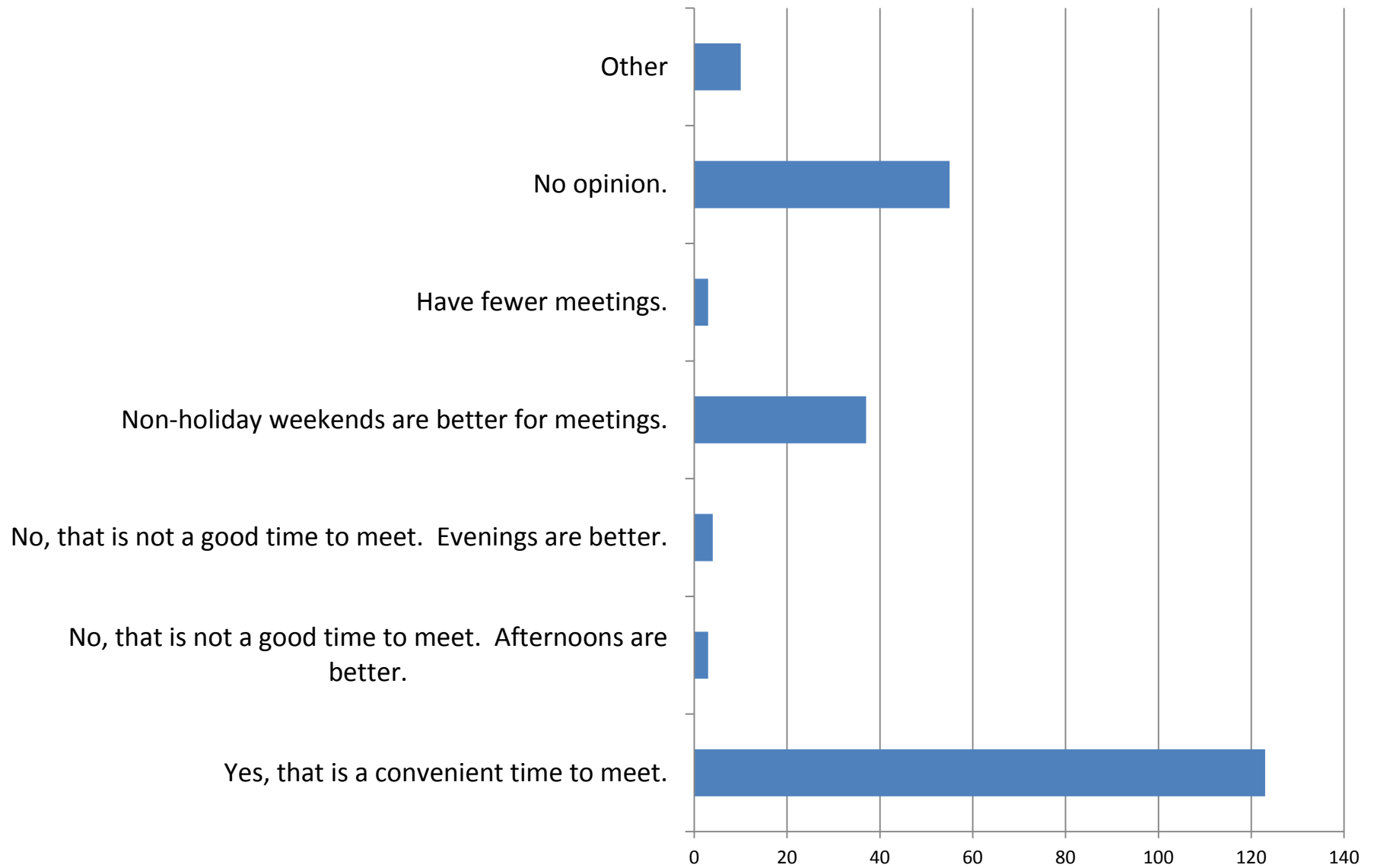
Are you a member of Holden Beach Property Owners Association (HBPOA)?



If you are not a member of HBPOA, why not?



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Have you ever attended a HBPOA meeting?

