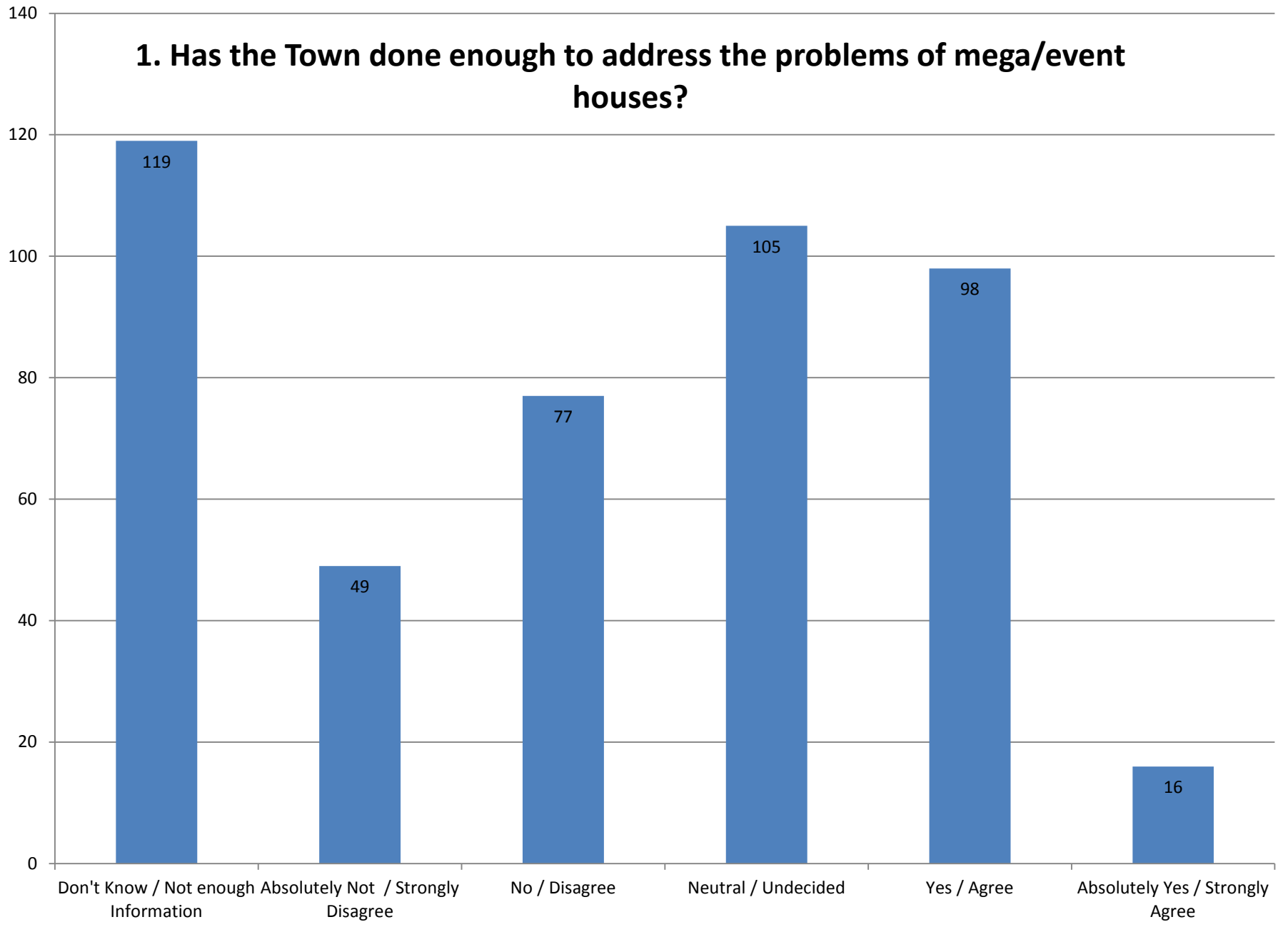
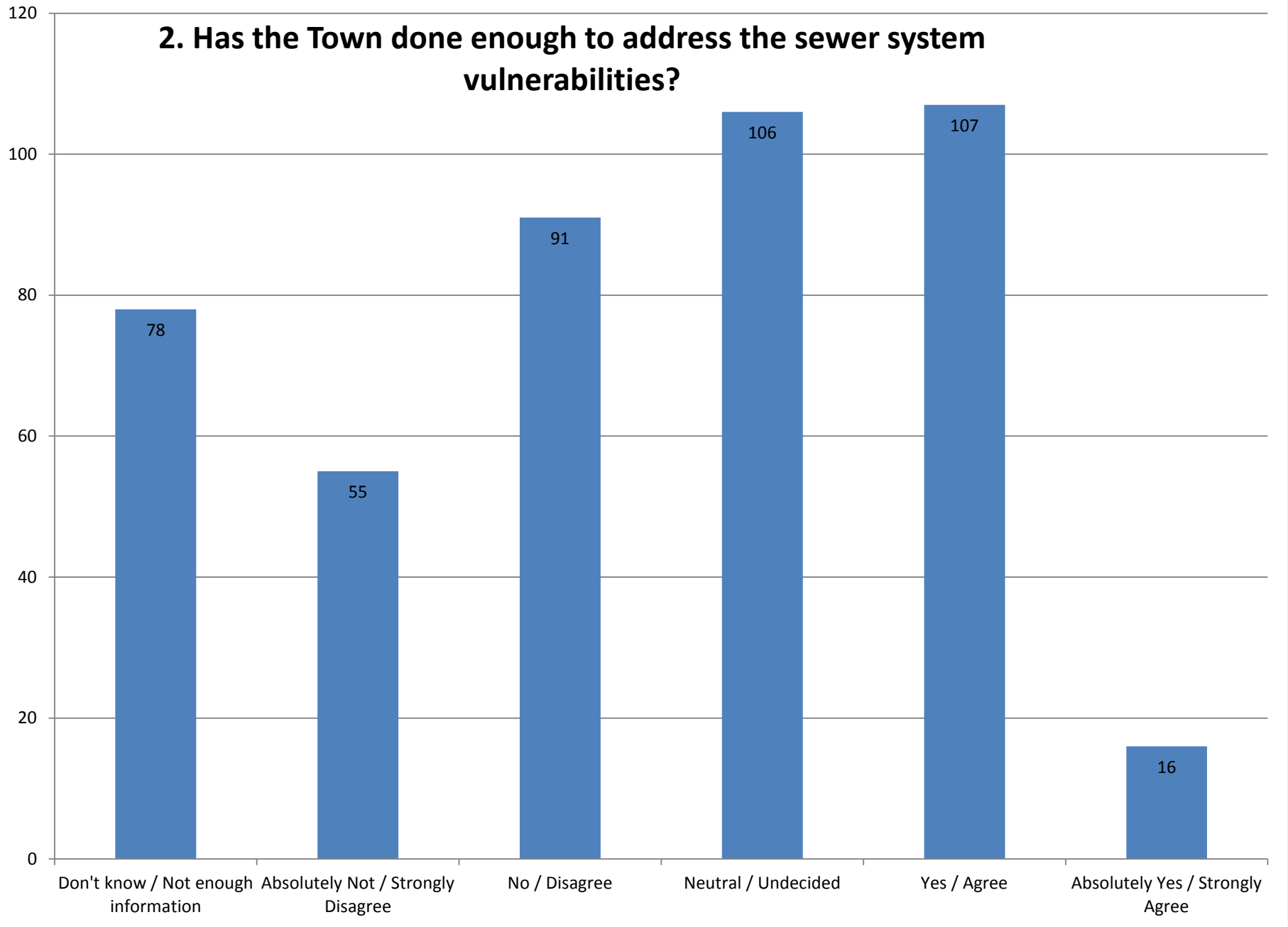


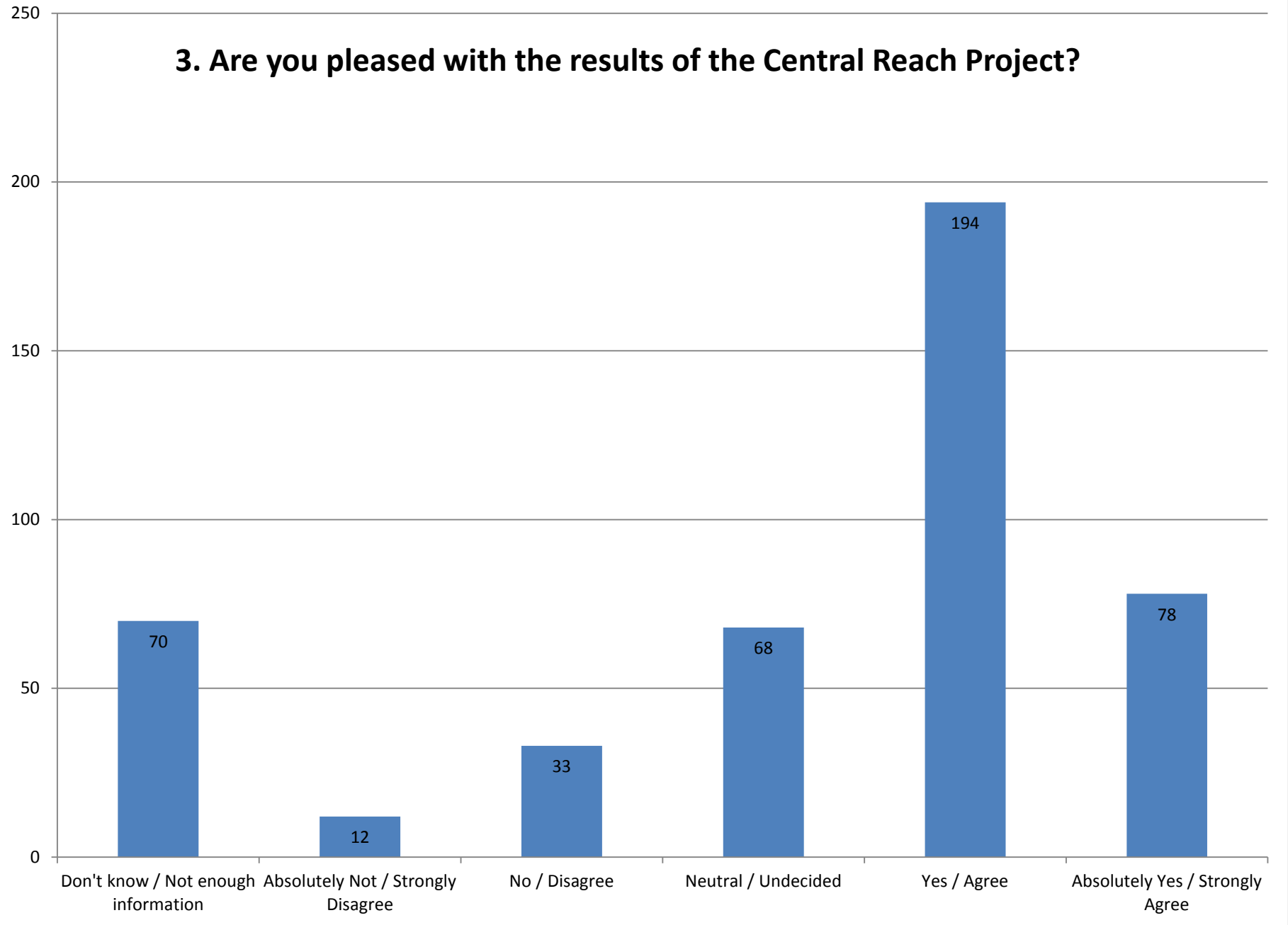
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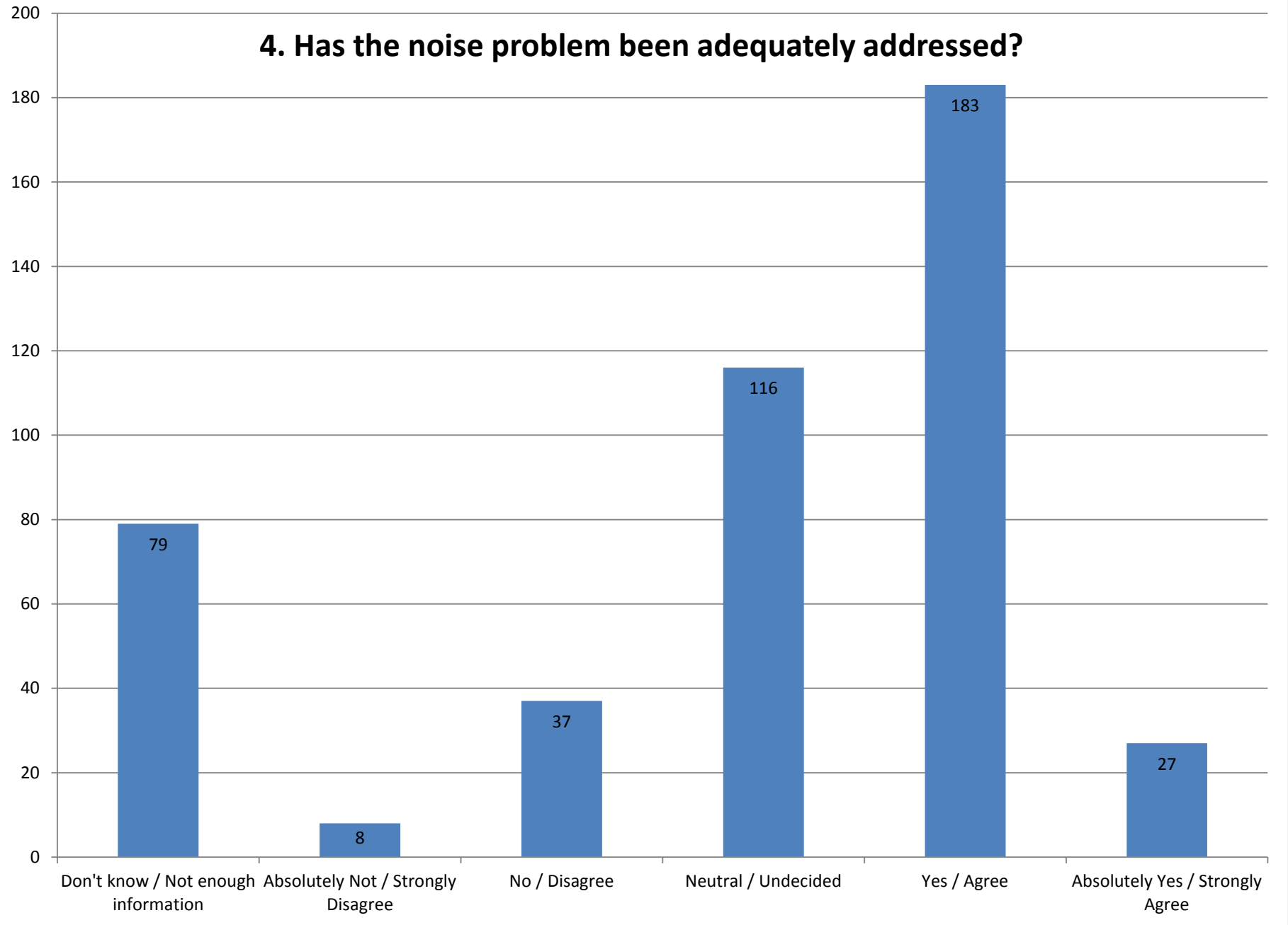
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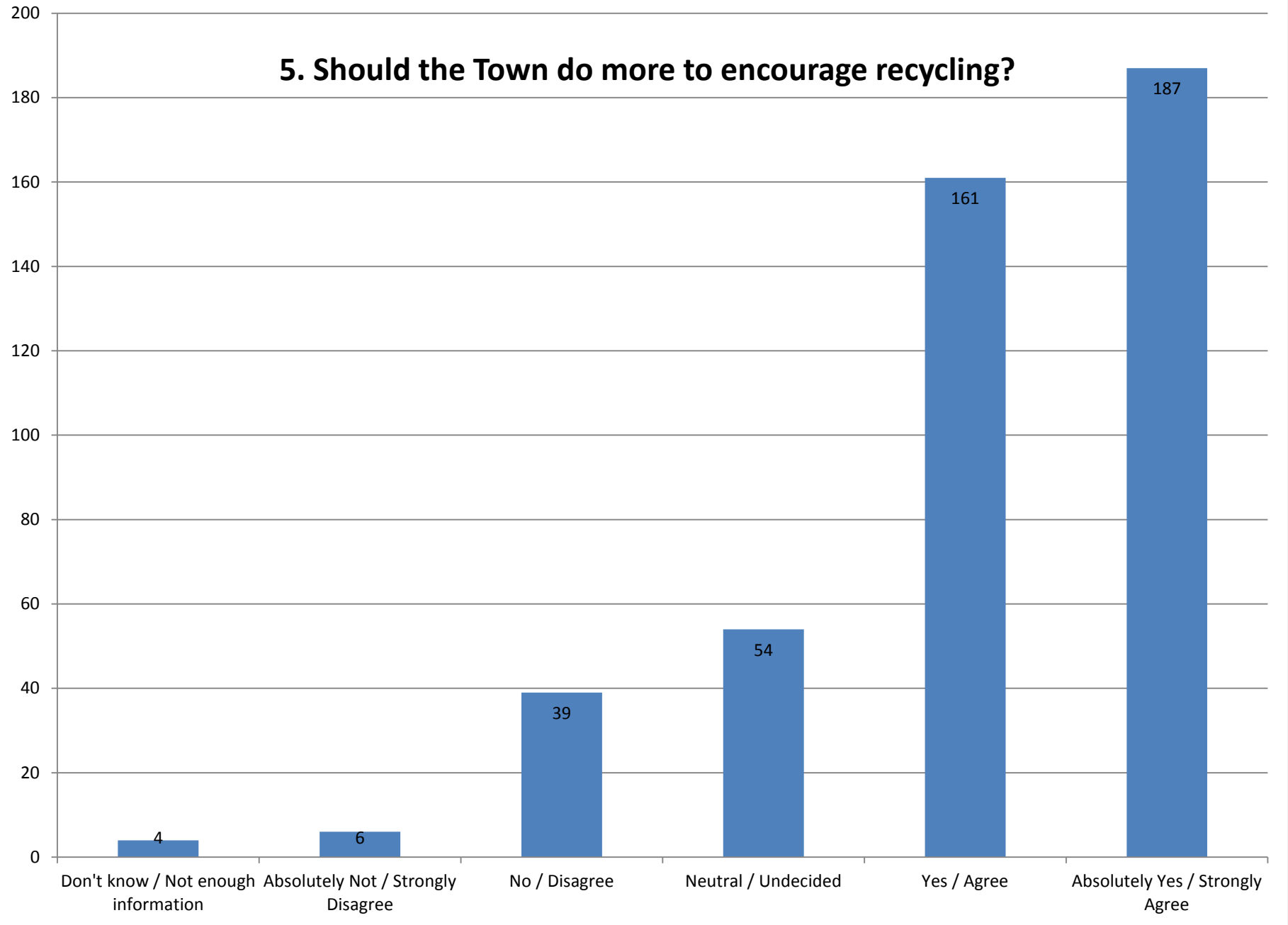
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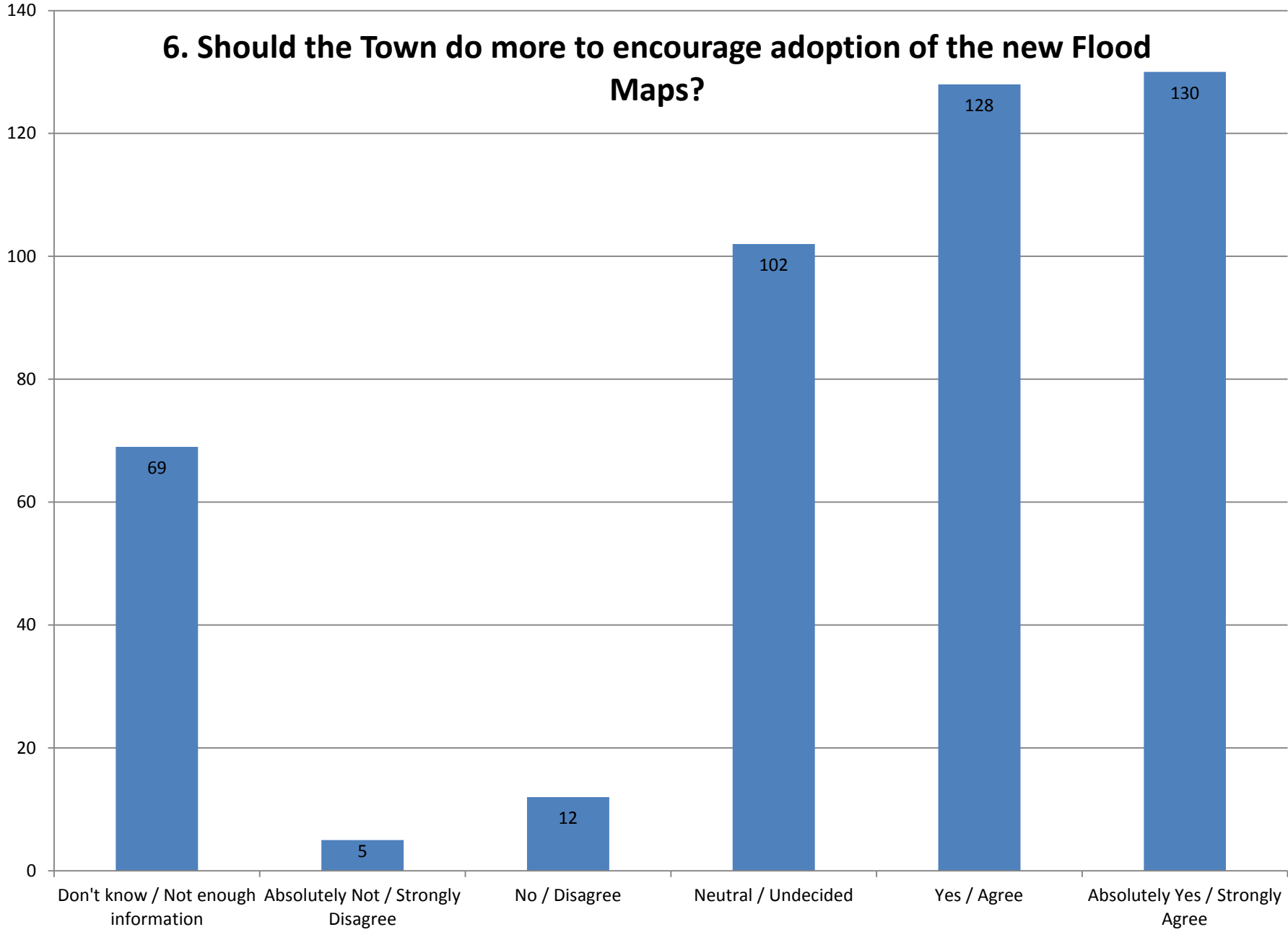
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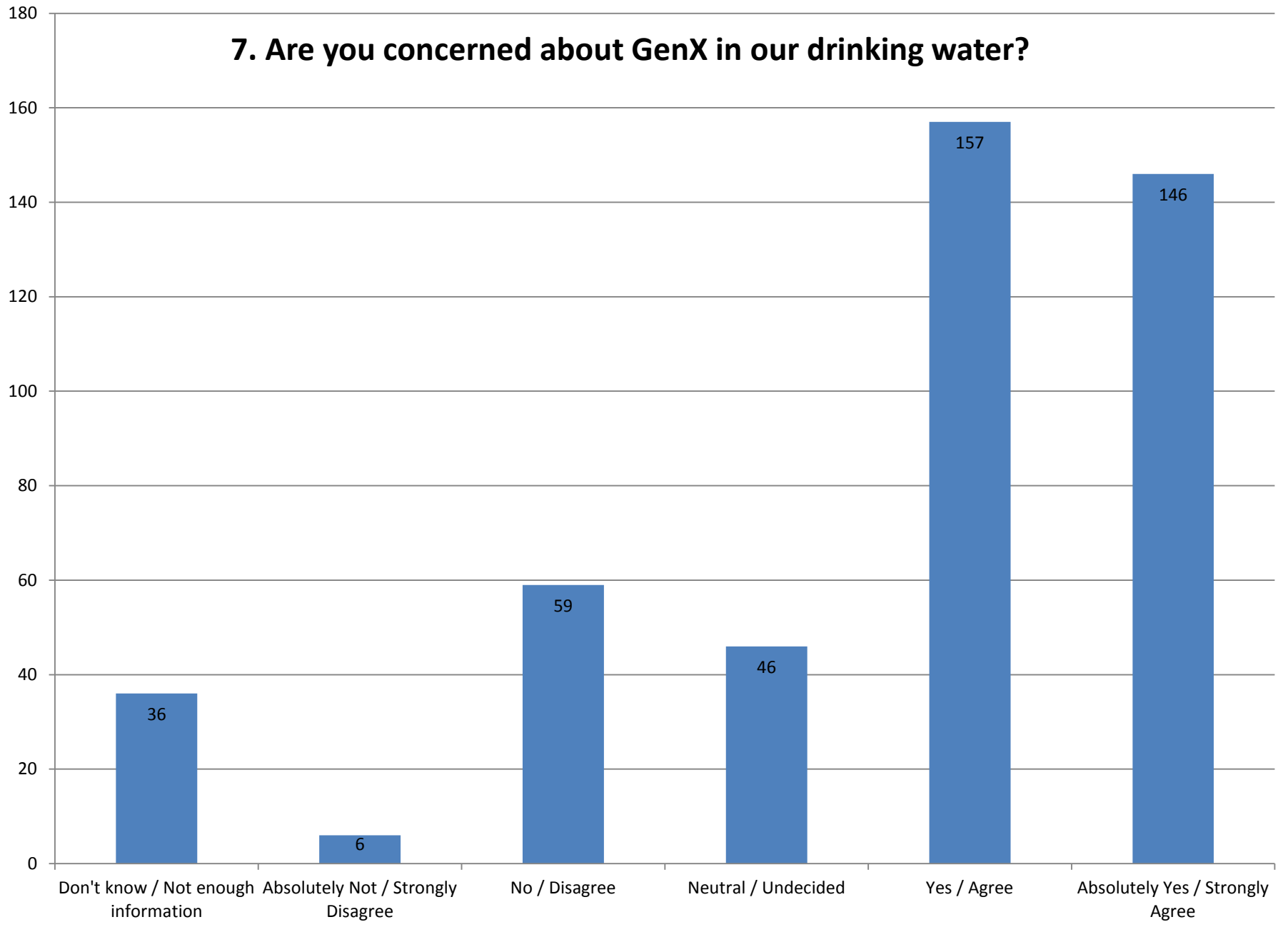
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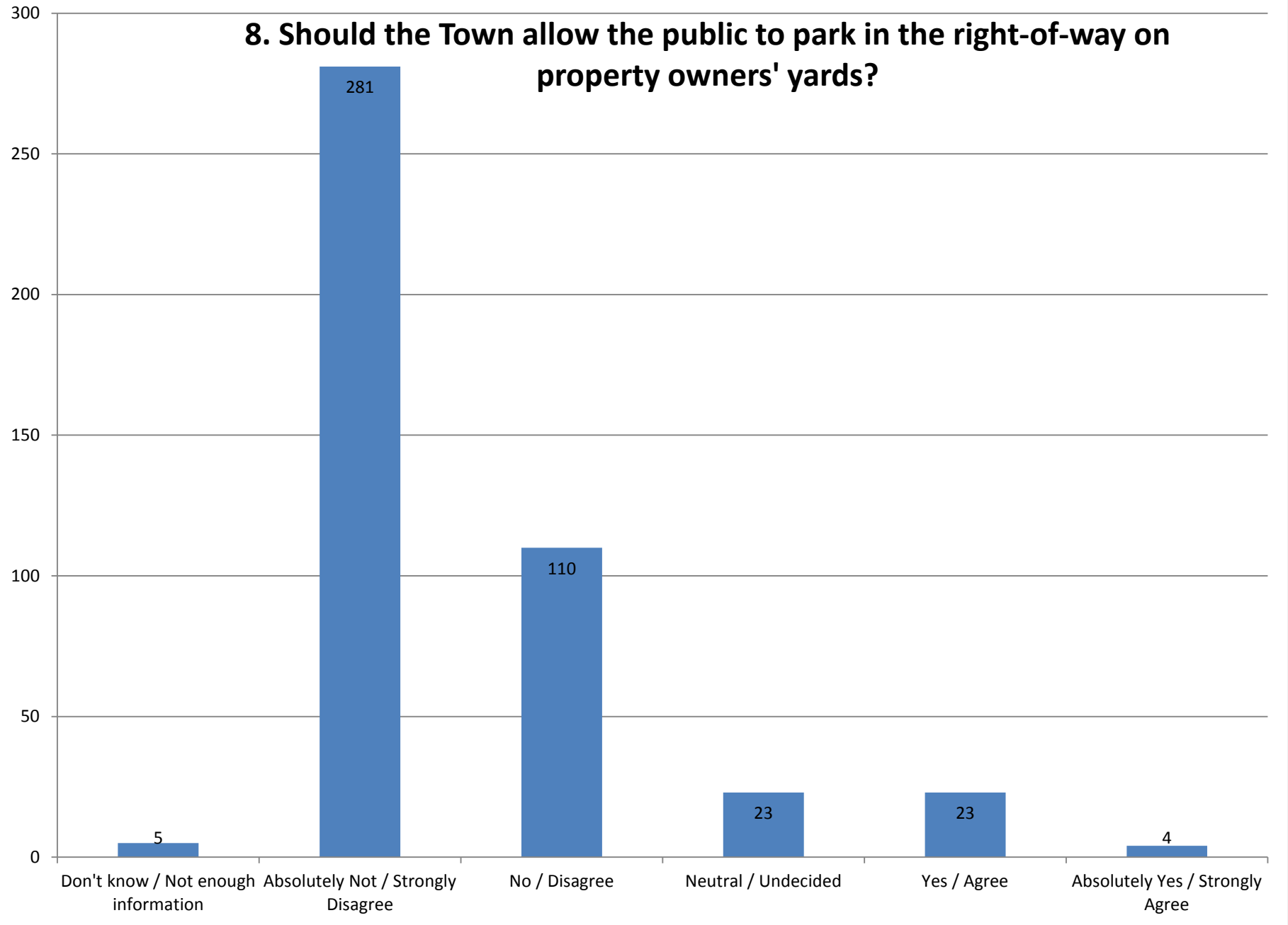
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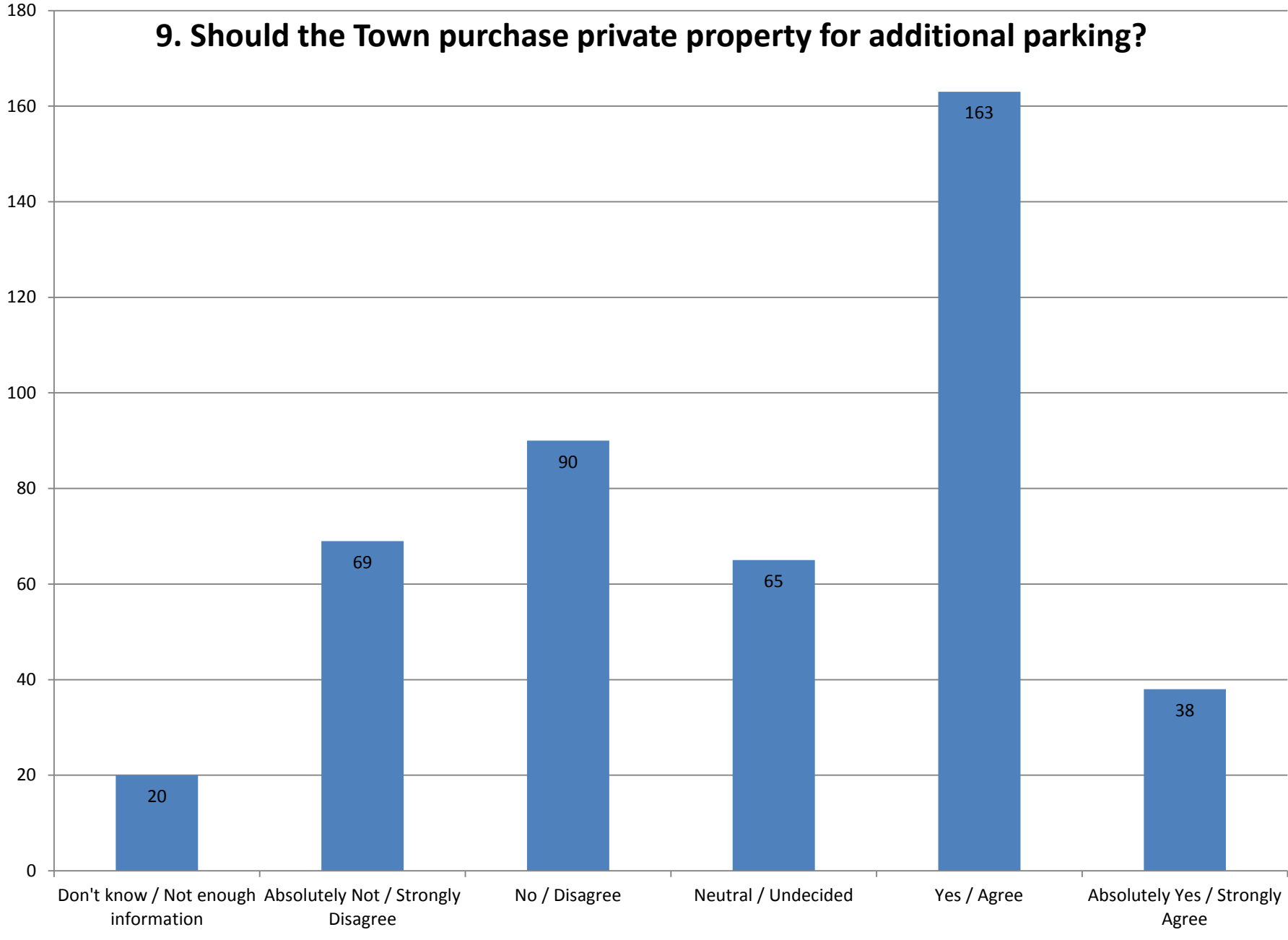
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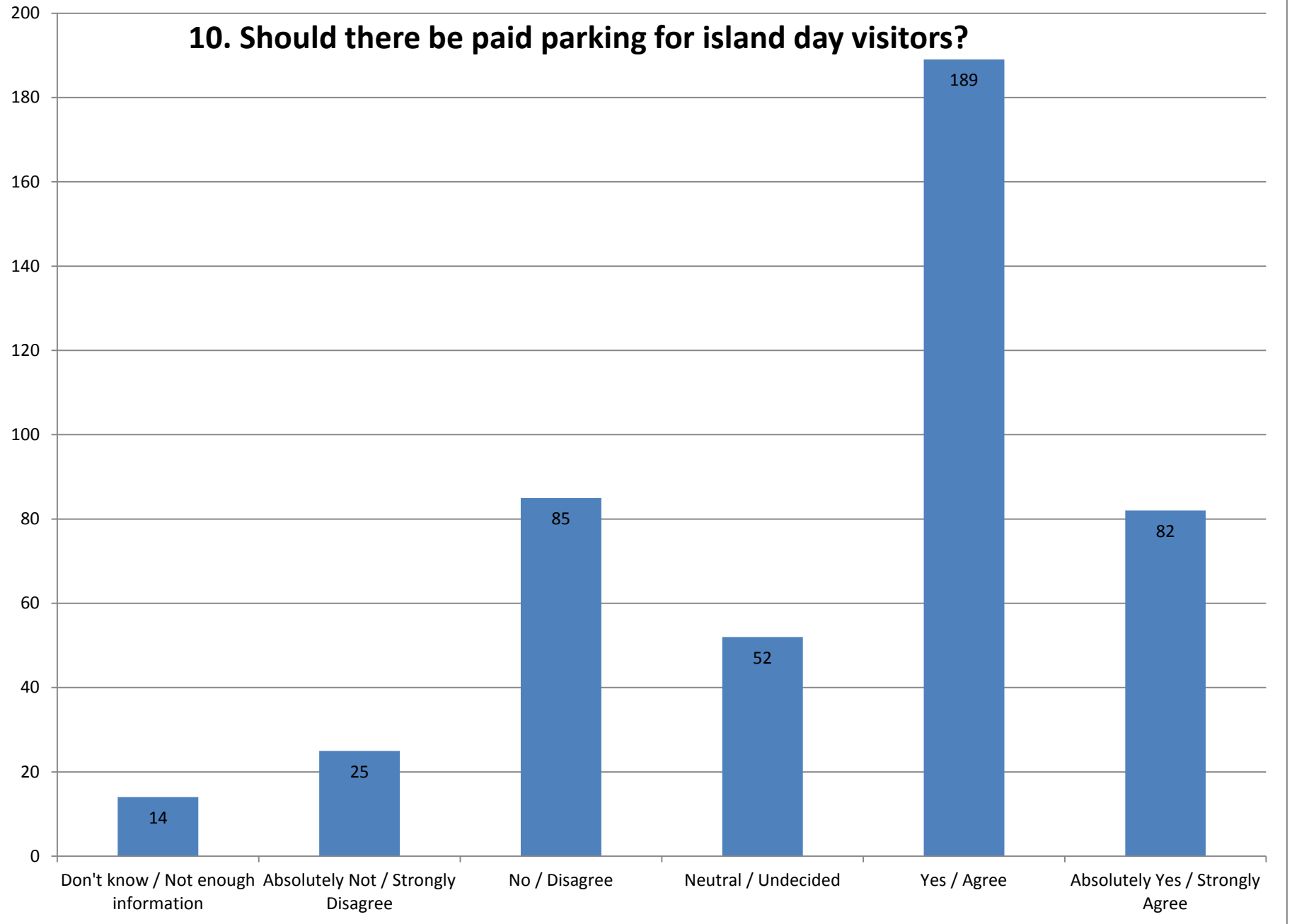
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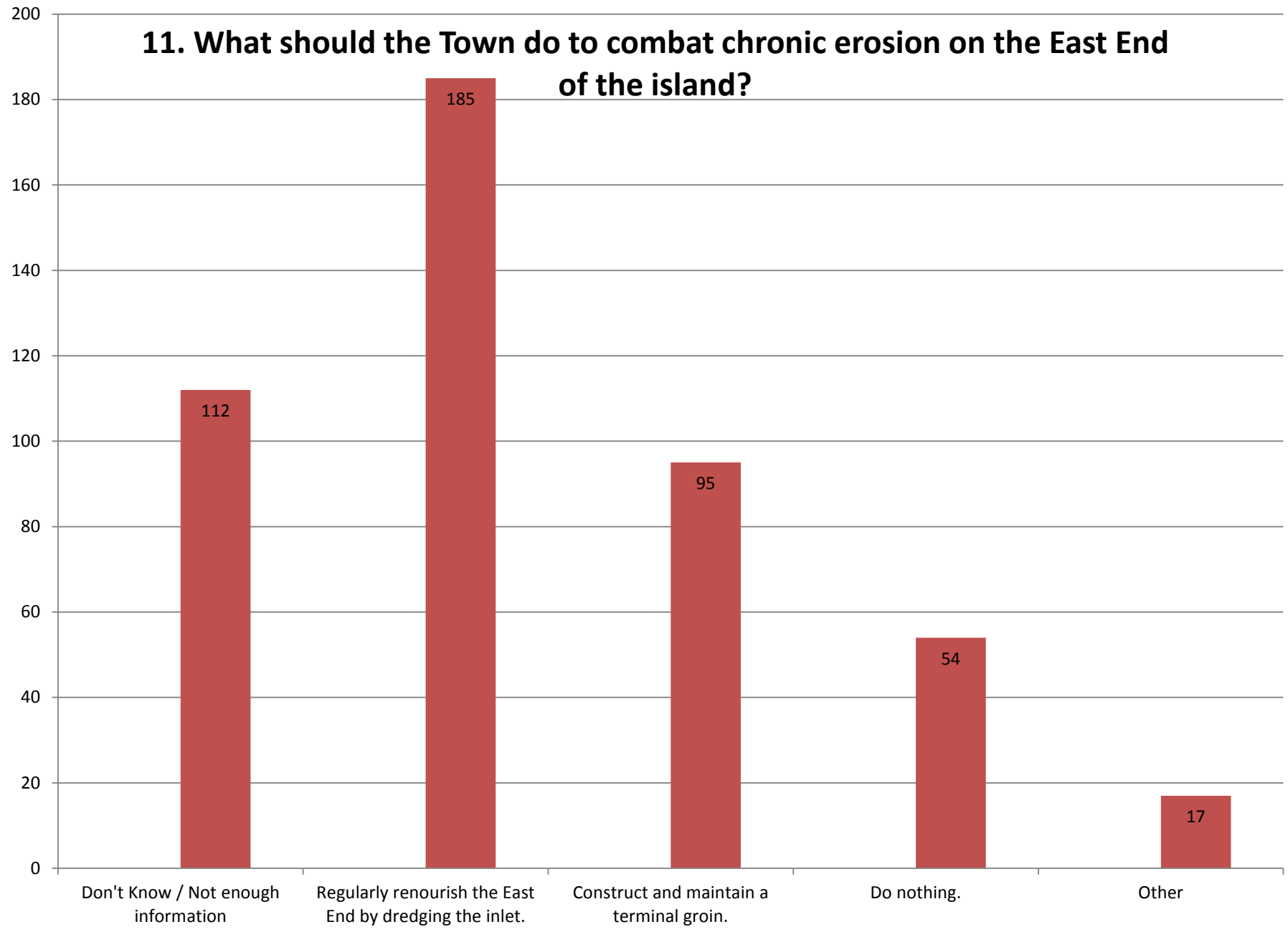
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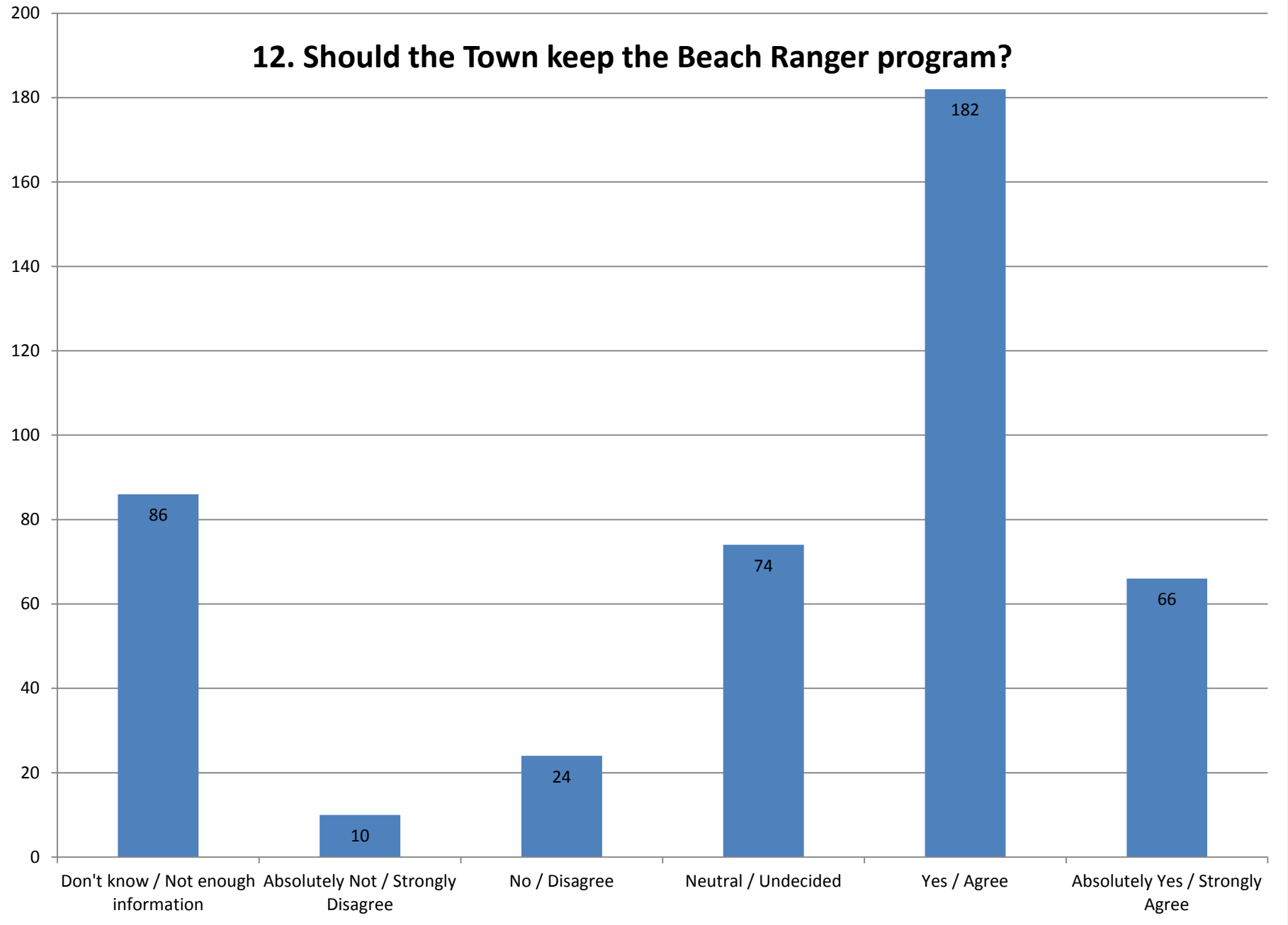
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Constant Contact Survey Results

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1. Has the Town done enough to address the problems of mega/event houses? - Comments

Answer

We are new to the community, so not aware.

I may be wrong but don't think they have taken any action other than to study options

Hopeful they continue to deny mega/event houses. parking huge issue as is. ht of houses should have been left as was previously also -- these higher structures a bit much for HB

Who cares about this? It's personal property!

Not that I think there was a problem but things seemed to have settled down.

I don't know that the noise ordinance was worth much and I'm not really sure how the building restrictions have changed....

Need strong legal deterrent/language that prevents people from taking advantage of any loopholes in current zoning rules

Parking for large parties could be addressed.

Is the new Noise Ordinance working?

What should the town do if the road is a private one?

This is a family beach and should remain that way. Houses should be limited in size to control large groups. Parking and noise are just two of the issues with large houses.

I have not seen any communication from the town on this

Why do they still exist. Don't they violate multiple zoning ordinances?

House sizes should be limited to 5000 sq ft and no combining of adjacent lots to facilitate larger homes

Holden Beach is rapidly losing our 'family beach' identity

there should be a limit on number of guests/cars/noise/etc

It is still an issue. I followed what went on and the commissioners didn't deal with P&Z sent them. The west end got taken care of but rest of the island could deal with it in the future. Need size limits like the other islands.

Mega-houses can still be built on the island, the current ordinances won't stop them. The problems will all return as soon as someone builds the next one.

Town needs to address what constitutes a "vacation rental home" vs a party venue or hotel.

I would like to see another year of positive performance before saying it is enough

Have not heard folks complaining of late.

Make an absolute limit on number of bedrooms, I would say 6.

Also mandate one parking spot per bedroom be available.

They need size limits or we will end up like the outer banks with huge party houses.

There is no limit to house size on Holden Beach

Town has mentioned the issue but I am not aware that a resolution against mega/event houses has passed.

Need to remain FAMILY BEACH

Need size limits

We still don't have restrictions in place that will prevent them from being built.

I NEED TO BE MORE ACTIVE,RIGHT NOW ALL I KNOW IS THE HOUSE AT THE WEST END WHICH CAUSED A NOISE ORDINANCE BE ESTABLISHED. I JUST DO NOT WANT ANY HOUSES BEING BUILT LARGER OR TALLER...

IT SEEMS LIKE MORE & MORE ARE BEING BUILT.

Probably too much

Still think size should be capped at 5000 sq. Ft.

It never should be approved by town in first place!!!!

I live at the west end before the gated community and have not had a problem with mega/event houses.

However, we just moved here in January of 2016 and live at the end of a street near the intracoastal waterway, so this issue may not apply to us.

The

Have not fortunately been near any houses of that sort.

I know they made curfews for loud music, but not sure what the ruling is/ was on future building of mega houses

Other than noise I am not aware that the town has done anything.

Who really cares about this?

Mega/event houses should be subject to commercial property rules, not simple rental property rules. I do believe the board has at least tried to address noise issues. I'm not convinced safety concerns have been adequately addressed, particularly related to fire and vehicle concerns.

Too much money involved.

There needs to be strict enforcement and very clear code or law set forth to prohibit these houses.

would LIKE MORE INFO ABOUT STATUS OF EVENT HOUSES

I do not feel I am informed enough, nor have the opportunity to engage in feedback.

Huge houses affect the over all enjoyment of property owners with smaller/lower houses. Most have been property owners for many years. (views, crowds, noise, outside lights that shine into other houses)

I hope we ban these really big homes and having rooms individually rented out as well as those who wish to have a "party" platform such as wedding venue, etc.

Should the Town be concerned about this.

Town could impose building requirements, nuisance regulations which would severely discourage mega housing construction.

Mega parking and residential problems

I understand why owners want to build them, but they detract from the "image" that HB wants to convey (family-friendly) and make the beach less attractive for all.

A clearly defined ordinance addressing parking, noise level, traffic is necessary.

Did not know there is a problem

I have not had a problem with the houses around me.
Holden Beach has always been a family beach. the mega houses are like a hotel creep!!!!
We should not allow this type development on the island.
Meaning leave it along. Isn't a problem now and wasn't then.
Our block was not effected by any of these homes.
I am not sure how this impacts Holden Beach
I do not know enough about the progress which I think speaks volumes as to the communication of this topic. If there is communication and progress (or not)I have not seen seen it.
We are not familiar with the issue nor what the Town has done.
To many big houses and not enough parking not an adequate number of trash cans
My lack of knowledge or pursuing more info.
They should be banned since they do not fit in with a "family beach".

When vacation rental agencies allow 4-6+ cars and multiple families to rent a single unit, a disservice is done to those who own homes and live here.
I wasn't aware this was a problem
Don't know exactly what was done. Pretty sure some regulations about excessive noise was addressed, but not aware of regulations about number of vehicles,parking,and especially regulations regarding future mega- houses, number of bedrooms,etc.Needs to be a maximum,enforceable number to discourage this.
What are mega/event houses???
Insufficient concern is giving in approving plans to the impact the new houses will have on the immediate neighbors - particularly the loss of privacy by having a mega house next to a smaller one.
Don't have the problem
I don't think that the neighbors or the town thought anything about mega houses. just tax dollars

Being new to the island we are in need of more detailed info regarding this issue. On the surface it appears to be something that may get out of hand.
Definitely not in favor of event houses within a residential area
Since we are not full time HB residents we have not yet experienced any mega/event house adverse activities.

It is vital that we KEEP our lovely FAMILY beach just that and if mega housing negatively impacts that, then let's vote against it. I believe it will!
WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF MEGA/EVENT HOUSES?
I don't know what this is in reference to.
Event homes are a problem up and down the East Coast and HB is lucky to have mostly missed the trend - so far. We need size limits or restrictions on how these homes are constructed NOW! Once someone submits a plan for a house it is too late and the neighbors will deal with it forever. Our neighboring islands already have restrictions in place.
Holden Beach is FAST losing the "Family Beach" appeal.
Property owners rights should not be infringed upon by jurisdiction mandates. An owner should be allowed to maximize their investment in property.
Holden Beach West and Dunescape are the only two areas on the island which have home sites large enough to have a 'mega' house. Both have covenants which are apparently satisfying to the owners in both subdivisions.□
We were restricted for many years by septic systems. Now, with sewer the owner should be allowed to enjoy the returns Invested!

It is none of the Town's business what a property owner does with their private property. There is restrictions in covenants that addresses the issue.
Building codes are designed and written for safety. POAs can have restrictions that governments cannot have. Mega houses onerst end should have been the responsibility of the POA. Keep Town out of that issue.
No, because homes keep getting built that are larger and larger!
I have heard there were issues but are new here at the beach and we are on the east end so not too close to the problem area.

2. Has the Town done enough to address the sewer system vulnerabilities? - Comments

Answer

New, not aware.
big concern--
I know they are working on this issue. We have to raise the pumps out of danger from flooding.
Haven't kept up with that
NO
"Study" process is taking too long. The only concrete action I have seen is the placement of aux. generators at the pump stations. Will they remain there or be stored offsite until they are needed?
Awareness has increased □
□
However the problem has not been solved for good - however good short term fix
If storm drains part of sewer system, not enough being done
Our extremely expensive sewer system construction seems to have been poorly engineered and designed. All of these mitigations are expensive and costs the town residents even more. Why isn't the town demanding that the original sewer engineers and construction companies mitigate their errors???? □
We recall that sidewalks had to be poured twice due to poor planning by them. They were also to replace the shaded benches all along Ocean Blvd that were demolished by them. They were much used!
It is my understanding the current sewer system has low lying pump stations that are vulnerable with flooding.
Very disappointing given the history on how this came to be. The risk is only increasing given the increased atlantic cyclone activity along with the recovery costs.
Not until it's fixed!!!!
The town has begun to explore options but executing the plan is the key component.
Until we have some enforced conservation program to protect the island from over-building, we will have a sewer system problem.
Not sure that anything is urgently needed. We weathered Matthew. Anything more than Matthew and we will be off the island anyway.
Trying to protect against 100/500 year hurricanes is a waste of money. It is better to be prepared and ready to recover quickly rather than spending exorbitant amounts of money trying to make the system hurricane-proof - which it can never be. We survived Matthew (a 50 year storm). The system is only designed to last 50 years anyway.

Provided that the Town follows through with current plan

I would like to see the final pumping station plans and project timeline before agreeing the town is on track. I know this is coming soon.

I think I would be moving more rapidly as it is not rocket science but I understand everyone's desire to move slowly given the costs.

Taking steps now to address issue.

If the current program is completed as scheduled, HB should avoid the disaster that a storm could cause

Vague question...have done enough as progress made...work in progress and think most residents want movement forward. Money is always the issue.

The firms that are proposing to work on the sewer system are the same firms who recommended we do the work. This is a conflict of interest - they are financially profiting from their recommendations. Their recommendations should be questioned - especially the one that says we should make changes to Station #1 to take it above the 500 year flood level. The station would be the only thing standing after a 500 year hurricane. This is a huge waste of taxpayer money.

Not enough information to know.

We need to understand the weakness of the system and make necessary upgrades. Continued growth will compromise the current system.

I have not seen enough info to determine. It concerns me that so many large homes continue to be built. I wonder how much more the island's system can handle without impacting services.

Taking too long to implement solutions.

It is a disgrace how incompetent the town was to have wasted so much money on the sewer system and to have not done it properly the first time.

Commissioning an engineering study and seriously considering remediation has been a good first step. I have not seen any in-depth information on this matter recently, however.

I don't know enough about the system to comment.

Seems as though they are taking steps to address the issue.

This could be a huge issue if it isn't addressed.

I do not feel informed enough to know what is or is not happening. I do know our water smells and tastes terrible.

Need to take action now to prevent problems later

If you mean that you are putting into place protection for our sewer system in the event of flooding and/or storms...then, yes.

Yes, if they have moved the pumping systems to the highest points on the island

Town is aware of vulnerabilities, needs to move forward to correct.

Changing geology's, needs constant surveillance and public knowledge

I don't understand why the engineering firm that reviewed/approved the original plans is not taken to task for their failure in letting the system be built with all these issues. I would hope that the town never uses that firm again.

If those fixes addressed at the town meetings are complete or on going.

Please keep on calling attention to the sewer system vulnerability

Not sure if I am impacted by this issue

Again I do not know what the vulnerabilities are which I will point to a lack of communication. I am an off island owner and only get information through neighbors and gossip. I don't think gossip is the best vehicle for communicating critical events.

Not familiar with sewer vulnerability.

Do not want to have to leave my home for storms because of the lack of sewer. Send the visitors off and let residents make their decision about leaving!

We shouldn't be in the spot to begin with in my mind. That is speaking feelings more than being totally up to speed on all the latest info.

They need to figure how to fix the vulnerabilities and then figure out how to fund the necessary fixes and then do it.

Fiducially negligent not to address this issue in an expedient manner if it requires politically unpopular actions such as a tax surcharge/increase.

We are extremely vulnerable to high water events, especially at the west end and at Greensboro Street where flooding has occurred in the past. These mega storms now seem to be a more common occurrence than they once were. We need to have the systems at a higher elevation - and certainly not underground.

In 7+ years I haven't had any sewer problems.

The system must be upgraded. Know a study is going on, but this must be remedied soon and not lost in a parade of committee meetings.

Not sure what has been done.

As long as there are results

Does the town think about anything beforehand?????

Incredibly stupid that sand is such an issue but something that could keep property owners away from their homes for months seems to be relatively insignificant. Any fix that they have suggested to date appears to be a Band-Aid-not a solution.

Sells are sometimes very strong

Would like to see more progress faster

From what I have read we are still vulnerable to certain events.

Would like more input on the situation.

COMPARED TO WHAT?

This needs to be the town's number one priority. We should collectively not pay our sewer fee to protest until this is resolved. We have been paying this sewer fee for many years for the first sewer fix.

Yes, enough has been done.

MONTHLY COST TOO HIGH AND ANNUAL FEE ON PROPERTY TAX BILL IS NOT RIGHT.

With continued 'mega house' building, adding additional tourists (which may or may not be a good thing), the sewer system's vulnerabilities will continue to rapidly increase.

I believe the town is acting responsibly

I don't think there has been enough professional research on the issue for anyone to form an opinion other than one based on unreliable rhetoric.

The sewer needs to be upgraded greatly!

They should be addressing corrective measures and seeking funding. Not sure where that stands.

3. Are you pleased with the results of the Central Reach Project? - Comments

Answer

So much money was spent and the beach erosion is evident currently. We need a permanent solution, not a band-aid of constantly dumping sand on the beach.

the summer at beach was lovely--
I love the new beach!!!

I HAVEN'T YET SEEN EXTENT DAMAGE FROM IRMA

After Hurricane Matthew the leaning over sand fencing and older fencing was all removed, rather than letting it work to build up more sand last winter. Since our oceanfront lot is to the west of this Central Reach Project, our sand fence and vegetation were not replaced. This is very short sighted and needs to be done all along the strand.

So sad that much of the sand is already gone. Hopefully this can be done again.

So far, final determination will be based on how the beach withstands erosion and whether the sand continues to migrate westward to the un-nourished portion of the beach,

Love it - worth every penny. The best thing the Town has done in years. I do wish they had made another dune though.

We should do these projects on a regular basis, and start setting aside the funds so that we don't have to raise taxes as much next time.

Have we analyzed/surveyed the results? It seems there is alot of sand now moving West ... was this expected?

Love the sand! Thank you for taking care of our island. With all the storms this year we wouldn't have a dune left if you hadn't brought in sand. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

It did what was promised

Walk the beach and will see the results.

LOVE IT. Greatest accomplishment of the last decade.

We should plan to do another one in 15 years.

IT ONLY ADDRESSES THE EAST TO CENTRAL PART OF THE BEACH, WHAT ABOUT THE CENTRAL TO THE WEST PARTS? THEY GOT NOTHING.

After last two storms I feel it may have been wasted money.

Beach nourishment is hit or miss but you have to do it. Bring on the terminal groins.

No idea what the Central Reach project encompassed.

The area filled was great.□

The quality of the sand was not so great.□

Maybe it will change over time somehow.

Was a long time in coming @ 400 block, last done in 2002 I think.δ=□

Time will tell.

I dont think town taxes should be used for this. It should be paid only by those homes directly impacted.

I think the beach nourishment was important to the overall Holden Beach community. I'm not sure that the costs to individual property owners were appropriately apportioned, however.

Cost versus benefit doesnât seem to have been worthwhile. Half the sand has already eroded.

Beach is more spacious.

All that sand was just placed -- GONE -- wow that was \$\$ well spent!

After \$15M commitment with 43% tax increase for at least 10 years, sand continues to erode.

Very nice job with good quality sand instead of the clay that was dumped on the beach during the previous restoration.

They couldn't have known we would have such storms and the grass get covered with salt water. A lot of sand has washed away. It's hard to watch but

I guess expected somewhat.

Strand looks great!

Unfamiliar with Central Reach Project.

It didn't come down enough to have any impact on the beach near our house.

I am unaware of this project

If that is the beach re-nourishment project than I'm satisfied with the initial results however I have not been back to witness the results of the beach erosion caused by Irma and other Atlantic storms. The issue has always been to me the sustainability of concept.

not familiar with Project.

Nicely done!!

Hope it holds up well.

The contractor has in effect created a new barrier island with the grading used. Makes the beach inaccessible in higher tides when someone doesn't want to remove their shoes to access the beach.□

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Moreover, I emailed the POA asking if any action was being taken on this and got no response. Whether there was action being contemplated or not, a response is expected.

What is the Central Reach Project???□

Never heard of this before ...

Central Reach???

The town should allow nearby property owners to participate in the planting at the same rate the town is paying

What an unbelievable waste!!!!

Yes, we watched the work as it was being done and the results are better than we expected.

Yes, but I feel we should have ended up with a beach with a positive slope toward the ocean. That is, a beach profile that is several feet higher at the dunes then slowly sloping downward to the ocean. Instead, in many areas, we have a neutral or even negative slope. The dunes area are slightly lower than mid area of the beach sand allowing ocean water to sometimes be trapped toward the dunes.

DON'T KNOW WHAT OR WHERE IT IS LOCATED

Didn't get my end of the beach.

Need to replace trash cans on beach

We are very pleased with the Central Reach Project other than that there should have been a dune constructed. Also, the walk-overs should go out further or a new dune will never form. Some of the sand may have washed away during Irma and the other storms, but without Central Reach we would have lost our existing dune! Kudos to the BOC for making this project happen - it had been planned for a very long time and no one had the guts to pull the trigger.

high tides still present issues gaining access to the beach; there are tidal pools which form on some high tides which erode the new vegetation and sand fences

The beach is much improved/how long will this last? As a property owner for 30+ years, I have watched added sand come and rapidly go. Am NOT pleased with in increased tax bills.

It only benefitted certain folk, put dune fencing up for all residents.

I was opposed and still feel strongly that the wrong approach to the dunes' strength was not approached in the best way. We have charged each property owner 7 cents for the sand that is already migrating westward! Our taxes have doubled in the past 10 years! All we have to show is an ever changing beach strand! We need to stop the Tax Increases!
Truthfully, how much has been washed away? Half?
Seems to have improved the beach. Time will tell.

4. Has the noise problem been adequately addressed? - Comments

Answer

No noise issues in HBW.
have not experienced issues in our neighborhood personally
One thing that is new to my existence at HB is the addition of a pool next door. The people using the pool is not a problem. What is a problem is the incessant noise coming from the filter/pump. I can hear it in my bed with earplugs in. When I want to hear the waves, I hear the pump. The pump is not in an insulated housing. When I called the codes department I was told a cover is not required.
We've never had any problems with noise on our street. I understand that this situation has improved on other parts of the island.
Never had a problem with this but no one seems to be talking about it so I guess all good.
Not really sure how enforcement is doing..
Noise from neighboring homes NOT a problem-Traffic noise-pollution IS
The police need to enforce it though.
No complaints from me.
I would like a second season of positive results before agreeing adequacy.
The noise ordinance has been a boost for law officers coping with noise complaints
Not certain it was ever an issue except for mega house.
We have some issues with noise, but they are less than they were and are understandable. We would like less fireworks on the island. Particularly outside of the July 4th holiday time.
We have a home in a very quiet neighborhood..it's never been a problem for us
Generally I think there is not a real noise problem. It's upsetting that at times there are very loud vehicles that are seemingly racing on OB...
I'm not here during season so I don't know how noisy it gets
I do not have up-to-date information on whether the noise problem has been adequately abated. I assume this question refers primarily to mega/event houses. How many incidents have occurred since the noise ordinance has been in place? Is this a significant decrease? I think it takes some time to ascertain the overall impact.
A little too much. I could be ticketed for having a conversation with a neighbor in my front yard. Unnecessary and appears to be self serving for at least one commissioner..
With the proliferation of swimming pools, noise is worse.
Created a park adjacent to residential property with no concern for the impact to adjacent property owners. Now a bright red coke vending machine shining all night!
We live beside the park and the excessive amount of cussing, and large crowd gathering is disruptive to our peace. In order to correct, change the noise ordinance to 9PM, that seems like the easiest fix to please the homeowners. We are the ones paying the bills, not the public from over the bridge, who use the facilities and create the disturbances. This has been a constant HOA issue why the avoidance in resolving? If the park was beside the leaders in Holden would they want the disruption?
Has never been a problem where I am
For the most part...I am hoping the curfew of noise from gatherings is still limited to a decent hour throughout the year.
Shouldn't have to hear toot toots of public parking locking their vehicles at ridiculous hours. Also loud mufflers of rednecks.
I do not believe there was a noise issue to begin with. The noise ordinance is ridiculous and is no better than what we originally had. I doubt that the new ordinance has provided any benefit at all.
Never was much of an issue.
Never had a problem from the start.
I have no complaints on the noise at Holden Beach
Folks! Asking these type of questions to an owner that lives off-island with no data pre or post action is pointless. What are the results of the actions and what data has been collected other than here say and opinion? I hope this survey is not an attempt to justify the small \$15.00/year fee that we pay to sustain the POA. How are we to judge the results?
Not clear which noise problem you are referring to - the noise from the Central Reach project? Noise in general?
You've taken the issues of a select few and made this an issue which has been blown out of proportion. The noise ordinance in my opinion needs to be re-addressed and a better solution needs to be resolved.
What about the racket during the day from various sources-like that race on 10/14 where the noise from the pavilion was horrid starting in the seven o'clock hour????????????????????
Traffic noise is an issue.
No problems noted.
Not aware there was a noise problem.
Don't know, since I'm not there during the high rental season.
HAVE NOT HEARD THAT THERE IS OR WAS A NOISE PROBLEM?
Good job on the new ordinance. I would like to see the police actively enforce it - not wait for a complaint.
Traffic noise is disturbing!
We are not aware of any noise problems.
No, my next door neighbors howl at the moon every weekend until all hours of the night! I don't report them, as they are neighbors! The enforcement should not be on the shoulder of the neighbor! The police patrol can ride up and down the 'side' streets and listen! There should not have to be a complaint filed to reduce the 'quiet family beach' atmosphere.
Are noise complaints down?

5. Should the Town do more to encourage recycling? - Comments

Answer

Yes! A local location to drop recycling for renters would be a great addition. Fees for monthly are not really reasonable for an owner, when it's really required when rented or at the home. So, perhaps a summer only recycling bin process / contract or a closer drop off would be great.
Weekly pickup and required participation needed

We purchased a bin for our rental which is being used! We are the property managers and find that bin full every Saturday which does not allow all renters to recycle with pick up every other Tuesday. During the summer months we feel strongly that recycling should be picked up weekly. impossible to make people comply - are there seasonal options for the blue containers -- having all home owners pay same for everything begins to discourage home owners who do not rent and come to HB several times/yr for family fun and togetherness.

I can understand the town not wanting the mess of the recycling center but the alternative is not working. The center needs to be open all week. In addition, we take our recycling in bags but we can't put bags into the recycling dumpster. But they don't have a container for the bags. When I asked the attendant she told me to take the (messy, drippy) bags to Food Lion!

EVERY home should be REQUIRED to recycle. Recycling bins should be picked EVERY week not every other week. Our recycling bin is always full. We generate 1/2 of a bag of garbage each week. Recycling saves the landfill and could make it last for 20 additional years. It breaks my heart to see what tourists throw away each week instead of recycle.

Should be mandatory island wide. Peak season pick-ups should be weekly.□

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Also, yard debris pick-up in spring and fall should be continued.□

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Both programs should have more pro-active promotion/advertising from THB.

STOP CHARGING FEES FOR IT!

Our renters and owners really are ecologically educated and recycle everywhere they go. Many have been upset at the amount of recyclables that are put into the trash all over the island. At least having the dumpster by the bridge helped out. Now it is impossible for a weekly renter to do their own recycling. In order to be effective, one recycle bin needs to be at every address and emptied on the same schedule as the trash pickup. We know of vacationers choosing resorts that recycle!

We certainly don't make it easy!

It's a terrible feeling to discard recyclables. HB needs to be more responsible regarding encouraging recycling.

For houses that purchase recycling containers the containers need to be emptied weekly in season.

This Town is ridiculous and embarrassing! The idea that we don't have island-wide weekly recycling is ludicrous. Renters recycle at home why wouldn't they here?

It is embarrassing that the rest of the world recycles and we don't. It is time to join the 20th century.

The pick up process/timing being used is not convenient. The full size pails are too much. Town needs to go out and investigate what other towns do. Make it mandatory and make it weekly.

My renters keep asking where we keep the recycling bin because the blue roll out is filled the first week and the second week renters don't know where to take it. Recycling should be weekly and required to reduce the cost to everyone.

The rest of the world recognizes the problem with plastics. HB MUST insist on recycling at each home.

Pick up recycling every week.

We are part of the county and this should come from them as our pick ups come from county tax dollars, not our community. I am happy we are no longer paying for the mainland to bring their trash here to be dumped.

Should be part of trash removal contract. Other Towns and Counties have recycling in contract. Need better CONTRACT

Again money and cost an issue...how often and how many receptacles for rental houses. Complex issue. My comments don't begin to address the problems in doing this...and MONEY needed to implement.

Weekly recycling g for everyone on trash day.

I am ashamed we don't recycle. The landfill is almost full. It is irresponsible to send things to the landfill that could be recycled. State law says we must recycle plastic bottles.

NO! BECAUSE THE TRASH COLLECTORS FROM WASTE INDUSTRIES ARE VERY SLACK AND LAZY. HALF THE TIME THIS SUMMER THEY DIDNT EVEN EMPTY MY TRASH OR MY NEIGHBORS. AND WE HAD IT OUT OF THE BINS EASILY VISIBLE THE NIGHT BEFORE. SO ALL THE EXTRA TRASH AND RECYCLE ONLY WILL CAUSE MORE LITTER AND DEBRIS THROWN AND BLOWN ALL OVER.

We recycle and have very little that goes to the landfill.

Theoretically a good idea. Prohibitive due to additional expense. Also, difficult to enforce with rental populations.

I could be wrong but it seemed like last year there were recycle bins sitting on the curb for a long period of time and it seems a bit unsightly on a daily basis

I so want to have recycle bins at my rental house or recycle can, like we have in Wake County. But for November thru March I Do not like paying wish they would address seasonal need somehow. Like having newspaper weekends, or Sunday only.

It's the right thing to do! Overcome the objections and get it done.

The town needs to return the two large recycling bins and post large signs on the bins what is acceptable. This is the most economical solution for the residents to recycle. If there is still an ongoing problem, have one for recycling and one for disposal.

As a property owner of 2 3-bedroom properties, I would like to see the option to exchange one of our required extra trash cans for a recycle container. The Town is doing nothing. In fact it's discouraged. Everyone should have a recycling container, including the Town. It should be included in the taxes like solid waste.

Yes. It really really needs to be every week, at least during the summer. I have a 5 bdrm house and I pay for 2 bins and they overflow after two weeks. There is also so much confusion for guests bc they don't know what week pick up is. They also find it gross to get to a property where the previous guests' recycling is there and they have to roll it out.

If you could get a recycling can only during the season, I might do that.

In no

Pick up weekly and stop charging fees for the container!

I miss the recycling bin. I recycled a lot of new items, and re purposed older items. Save the landfills, help the environment, why are we going backward instead of forward?

I personally believe that every home on the beach should have to have a recycling can. We are way behind the rest of the world when it comes to recycling! If cost of the can to seniors is the issue then raise taxes a little and give them a can!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Need to provide a way for property owners that do not live here year round to be able to recycle. We do not rent out our house, so it is used only in the high season.

No comments on this matter.

After threats of major storms, trash cans should be back on beach,

Until the county requires recycling, I see no requirement to push a money making project for Waste Ind. at our expense.

All rentals should be required to be involved in recycle program and not counting as one of the required number of regular trash carts. Along with an announcement in all rental houses of program. Should not be required of residents, but they should be encouraged to do so or personally perform their own recycle program.

Yes; the town should try to do more. But I also understand there are limits to what the town can do. So, try to get the word out to vacationers in the summer, but you can't force them to do the right thing.

Absolutely. There is no excuse for us not to have a viable recycling system. Especially since we are such an environment based area!!

Not sure what else could be done, but blue recycle cans don't work well during rental season--renters use them for regular garbage.

There should be a place to recycle on the island without having to pay extra for it. If all residents were provided with recycling containers then the renters would be much more likely to recycle and this is they are bulk the of trash producing visitors.

I feel that everyone who has a dwelling on HB should have a recycling bin whether they are full time residents, rent their house to visitors, etc....

Hopefully, it would probably lower our fees for yearly rental.

The current recycling program is fine for those of us who choose to participate. I am very strongly opposed to mandatory recycling. Although I recycle, I could argue that recycling is a "feel good" concept that is terribly energy inefficient and actually harms the environment. I do not believe people who choose not to recycle should be forced to participate and pay for a service they do not use.

We are not there enough to warrant a recycle can but would like a place to deposit our recyclables when we leave, like the bins by the water tower. In Raleigh, we get recycle bins for no extra charge.

Should increase pickup to weekly.

Establish more than every two week collection especially iduring vacation season.

the best way to deal with it is to add a fee to the property taxes like the canal dredging has been handled

I think we have to find a way not to have garbage toters at the street from when people leave on Sunday until the Tuesday pickup. Really hurts the beach's appearance

I'm surprised by the number of permanent residents who do not recycle.

Look at the huge trash containers after major rental periods and you can see it could be better. in my home town we have curbside pickup of recycle materials. That going to the landfill is greatly reduced.

Yes it bothers me to not recycle but I don't think we should pay for it, at our other house we actually get rewards for recycling..

Bad Idea taking out the recycling dumpsters.

I think this would be a positive improvement to Holden Beach

The blue cans collected

Ever other week is a joke. Lack of capacity

causes recyclable material to be disposed of as garage.

Rental prop owners should be required to provide recycle cans for tenants.

Waste management should recycle for us, or provide cans to do so.

The fact that we no longer have a central recycling area and the fact that some rental companies (coastal development) for one) have in the past discourage spending the monthly fee to have recycling containers I think the island is woefully under the curve in the recycling arena. I think folks want to recycle but how are renters to comply if there is no easy way to do so?

I also think it really looks bad for our guests who arrive to overflowing recycle bins for long periods of time. I would like to arrange Saturday pick up each week in the summer. THis would also open up a can for the new renters to use for their own recycling.

Even tho I don't but plan to

Current recycling is unworkable. Either move to a committed

mandated weekly program or forget it.

I would love it if recycling was picked up weekly during peak season. We don't use the service because it seems unfair to the guest who has to roll out someone else's recycling!

Yes, the town should pick up recycle each week at a minimum in the summer months.

Studies show that curbside recycling programs enhance participation and lowers the cost of MSW pickup as well as landfill costs to the city.

Contracting with recycling companies/pickup will save the HOA money in the future.

Does not effect me personally, but I do not see it being practical for ocean front & second row to have recycling pickup anything other than weekly for it to be meaningful.

Recycling pickup every 2 weeks is ridiculous -- and at times, even those are sporadic. Renters need clear instructions about what/how to recycle, i.e., is glass still recyclable? Many places, it's not, and the resultant mixed recycling all goes to the landfill.

Not only recycling but ensuring trash cans are put away after pickup. It is unsightly viewing all the garbage cans when walking or driving on the island. There are many more streets other than Brunswick avenue.

Don't care

PLACE CONTAINER BACK BEHIND POLICE STATION AGAIN

If the town is serious about recycling, the pickup should be weekly during rental season. I find it a very bad look when the recycling bins are overflowing at the street waiting to be picked up. More often than not the containers are overflowing and an eye sore. I pay for the service but it is inadequate.

Renters want it

Not charging for the sevice would encourage participation.

Donât charge the home owner

a drop off site on the island or just across the bridge on the mainland side would help. I'm big into recycling and have at times taken all my recyclables home with me to avoid putting them in the trash. Recyclable containers at the street end of the cama walkways would also help and be accessible for collection.

It's doubtful that vacationers who are there short periods of time will take the time to recycle. I would encourage permanent residents to rec ycle tho.
HARD TO CONTROL DURING RENTAL SEASON. WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE TO THE TOWN?

The town needs to do more, but I do not want to pay to have recycles picked up at my house. I was totally happy with the central self serve in the past and think the town could have made that continue to work with a little supervision.

Yes, they need to have weekly picked up during the season. I get more complaints about having a full recycle bin from renters than anything else.

Everyone should have a bin for recycling.

Too bad they removed the recycling bins.

Recycling should be required and not optional for all property owners and rentals, but if everyone is not going to be required to get cans, the recycling station at the town hall should be brought back.

It was nice when the big bins were behind town hall so people could recycle if they wanted to. Every home should have a blue can and it should be picked up every Saturday. Work it out with Waste Industries or buy a trash truck and take care of it.

Increase recycle pickup during the summer season.

Why must property owners pay to have a blue recycle bin?

Yes, and this is a simple solution with many successful examples to mimic.

Give me a canister, and I will recycle. I will not pay for another entity to make a profit.

I am not paying for my house hold waste to be recycled. Should be a free service as it is sold.

Need weekly collection. I have blue barrels at my two rental homes and barrels get substantial use. One barrel is often full after one week. Often more full than black trash barrels.

We should not spend additional money to recycle. The town tried it and it didn't work.

I was very disappointed that our town recycling center was taken away. I am very thankful to have curbside and pay for it! I wish curbside recycling could be weekly in the summer and wish there was a closer option to drop off recycled goods on the the island. Also, more education should be provided to guests about recycling options as well.

I feel recycling should be mandatory for all rental properties and that during the summer months recycling should be picked up once a week. Currently, recycling pickups are every 2 weeks. During the summer, the rental houses that do have recycling bins are usually filled when the second week start and there is no space for the new rental to use the can. People want to recycle.

6. Should the Town do more to encourage adoption of the new Flood Maps? - Comments

Answer

As long as they have been fairly researched and not hastily thrown together

It is absolutely disgraceful that the maps have NOT been approved and implement as yet! It's interesting the lengths the government goes not to give money back to its citizens. On the other hand, look at the lengths government goes to increase thier budgets/money and take money way from its citizens!! Truly a government without accountability.

being at the beach so seldom, tough to remember to keep up with this other than few times per yr. ☐

last I saw some proposed changes made no sense based on actual topography

I'm not sure what the hold up but it is taking a ridiculous amount of time to get these maps in place. Meanwhile the insurance companies continue to defraud the consumers.

It should be amongst the TOP PRIORITIES OF THE TOWN!

Process has taken too long, but I'm not sure what additional action the town can take to accelerate the federal/FEMA buearacracy.

GOOD LUCK GETTING FEMA TO RELEASE THEM!

All property owners with Flood Insurance should receive a rebate on the annual overcharging for every year since the new maps were done. It is unethical that these maps were not put into effect shortly after their completion!!! Flood Insurance is very expensive already and many have chosen to not renew theirs due to the cost. This doesn't help in the event of a major storm. RIDICULOUS!!!

Not clear that town has much influence to bring to bear.

Bogged down in government administrative delays and not much can be done.

The Town should at least look like they care about getting them adopted - not just say "oh well, we can't do anything" as they have done.

This issue is costing every property owner a lot of money - action is needed.

It is really not in our hands and our limited resources can be better used.

Though it being the federal government I am not sure what could be done.

It is not clear what can be done to accelerate the approval of the maps but we must increase pressure on politicians.

The new maps have been out way too long to have not been accepted.

Whenever possible...think town continues to make efforts in this arena. Gvt above town is problem...and insurance lobbying.

Have they done anything other than mock the HBPOA for trying?! This would save homeowners thousands!

It would save me hundreds of dollars a year.

ALL I KNOW IS MY FLOOD/HAZZARD INSURANCE WENT UP 23% THIS YEAR ALONE...

Nothing more the town can do to influence this - fed problem

If it means lower insurance, yes.

I don't know enough about the issue.

My flood insurance for ocean front rose to ☐

\$25,000.00 I need the new flood maps to help reduce my yearly bill

I don't understand how new maps are able to change very much. Are potential flood levels going to be lowered? What will be required by homeowners to be eligible for lower rates? What will the impact be on the homeowners? FEMA is overloaded with rules and regulations now. Are older homes going to lose coverage? More questions than answers.

Yes, but I'm not sure what they can do. Dealing with the fed buearacracy is like pushing a noodle. Town has no leverage.

The schedule is not influenced by the Town and its pleadings, it is our Federal Gov't at work or not working

The adoption of new flood maps is a critical issue for many of us property owners. We have put our properties up for sale because it is extremely difficult to absorb all the significant cost increases we've experienced over the past 15 years. Considering the addition of sewer costs, higher tax rates, huge increases in flood insurance plus wind/hail and hazard insurance, it is very hard to maintain our second row properties while keeping our rental rates competitive and affordable.

Needs to happen we have been promised for two years

I'm sick and tired of paying outrageous premiums with the knowledge that my insurance costs should be lower!

Who knows?

Tired of Insurance companies lobbying to delay the plans.

Not enough information.

Crazy that it has taken so long to adopt

not adopting the new flood maps is criminal! ☐

Some of the rich owners must not want to pay their fair share of flood insurance!

Yes...we need to lower these rates. They are ghastly and may have a negative impact on improvements/new construction.

Only if it brings down the cost.

Can you send the info out again or tell us where to look at it.

Obviously state and federal politicians are controlled by the insurance industry who are responsible for the delay in adopting the maps.

Absolutely!!!

YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! When you call the town they actually say "we don't know any more than you do"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

They should really push for the new maps to be adopted and the "grandfather" provisions should be eliminated. Equal treatment under the law!
I would need to understand the impact to my property to answer this question adequately
Having given my opinion what can the town do to move the federal government to fulfill its obligation.
The delay in implementation of 2014 flood maps is unacceptable. The system is broken. It will be time for re-mapping before the last mapping becomes effective. In the meantime, the delays have cost most of us many thousands of dollars.
It seems unlikely that the Town of Holden Beach could do much to influence this federal decision.

Why? The cost to the HOA would exceed the benefit. Holden Beach is a barrier island and at sea level. This is a total waste of taxpayer funds!!!
Why are they constantly delayed - where are they? Sure some businesses like insurance companies do not want them out as many premiums should be lower. This is costing a lot of us money- and we know it.
What impact could it have???
Especially if it reduces the high cost of insurance on the ocean front.
WHAT WOULD THAT DO FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER
This is a huge expense for the majority of homeowners. The Town should be using every method they can think of to get the new maps approved.
They have done nothing.
this is a MAJOR issue for all residents; this is a significant factor affecting all
The town has no control over the flood maps!!!! The last Extension by US Congress for the Flood Program was only through December. Most people do not understand. the Federal Flood Program is Broke! This is a Federal issue, not a local issue. Get educated on this matter!
The town has no say in when the new flood map will be adopted.
Delays costing me Thousands \$\$\$. My properties going from VE toAE.

7. Are you concerned about GenX in our drinking water? - Comments

Answer

This reminds me of Flint MI - they just don't know yet. And as the EPA get's weaker under this administration, who know who can protect us on this.

We are full-time residents. We have been purchasing bottled water since around July 1. We also give bottled water to our pets. Unfortunately, GenX is just the tip of the iceberg. Over 700 compounds are found in our water and the only way to know which ones are present is to test for each one. Our anger should be directed at the companies who dump harmful chemicals in our water and the gov't agencies that permit them to do so.

Seems to be a county wide / almost statewide issue

It is absolutely reprehensible that any chemicals are released into sources of drinking water!!! All companies should have to use holding tanks or impermeable ponds that are later treated by them to make them environmentally safe. The easing of the restrictions by the EPA on our waterways will kill people. We seldom know the true effect of these chemicals until it is too late and people have suffered. Think about FLINT, Michigan!!! The river that was so polluted was used for drinking water!

No one knows the long term effects

The Town should insist that the County provide reverse osmosis filters for our water. We depend on the tourists and if word gets out that there are toxins in the water it will kill the tourism industry for years.

I don't trust Dupont/Chemours - they have a shady history. Our health is at stake here.

Been there for 30 some years already.

We do not know how much of this chemical we are consuming through our water supply.

The rate of kidney cancer on this island is off the charts. I know of six people personally within a three block area who have lost a kidney and/or their life.

Our water a mix coming to us.

Town should insist on filtering of water.

Dupont can't be trusted; they have killed people before.

We need as a town to take a stand.

More information needs to be released

County appears to be taking the right actions, in spite of stagnation at the NC Legislature level.

GenX is such an unknown in terms of long-term effects and costs. I'm concerned about its impact on consumers as well as the potential to damage our reputation as a pristine beach that appeals so much to families. What does this unknown do to our future rentals? Our health? Our property values?

And the likelihood that remediation costs will be borne by we property owners (again) is concerning.

We need to learn more . Outside consultant

We stopped drinking the water. We buy bottle water.

Would like to stop having to buy drinking water!

Tired of all the talk, what are the leaders going to do to improve?

We don't drink the water! Adopt the new Flood Maps!

Our water should be safe in all respects!!

I am not concerned at this time.

That needs to be fixed

I'm tired of hearing about it! Can't the media find something else to print ---- every day.

County testing is very informative, and they communicate it well for those who make any effort to find out the facts.

I am uncertain of the impact today

There seems to be a lot of conversation about GenX (including the TV ads for litigation) but I have yet to see any information about the effects of GenX on health other than media speculation. It is difficult to tell if GenX is a real threat or media sensationalism.

I believe our water supply should be tested for this PFA, and we should be at least aware that it is there and in what amounts.

I don't know what Gen X is but if it's not natural, I don't want it in the drinking water..

Evidently GenX has been in our water (and a lot of other communities) for years, so hopefully it is not toxic. But it is outrageous that this company consciously elected to put it there with little or no testing.. Those responsible need to be arrested and dealt with thru the penal system- just fines do not sent a strong enough message.

Unfortunately, I don't think it will have much effect on someone my age. I'd be concerned about my kids if I grew up there, however.

Not in the least

There has been no conclusive evidence that the water is a health hazard.

Yes, and with the current erosion of the EPA our community needs to be aware what is being done.

We are concerned about the long term effects,
Especially if it is a health hazard.

WHAT IS GENX. WHAT IS THE CHEMICAL AND WHAT DOES IT DO TO US?

The Town may get our water from the County but the water provider is the Town of Holden Beach. They should be more proactive and install filters because they are responsible.

We only drink bottled water AND we only use bottled water for our coffee makers as a result of this. This is a serious issue that we would love to see town officials passionately address/tackle.

Would like to see information on the topic. Would be good to add updated data on the town site if it is not already there.

I've been drinking GenX, apparently, for 30 years. I'm healthy and vibrant! Please spend money and energy somewhere else!

Does our water supply come from the Cape Fear River?

This is terrible and very concerning for all of eastern NC.

8. Should the Town allow the public to park in the right-of-way on property owners' yards? - Comments

Answer

There really needs to be parking allowed on the 2nd row of the beach. For renters that use 3rd and 4th row or canal properties, it's a huge pain. Even if you rent a golf cart, there is nowhere to park them.

Allow on undeveloped property only

and if we keep our property up WHY is the town allowing this? Is the town going to come and pick up all the trash off MY property that public parking makes? Is the town going to be responsible for people that come on to my property threatening me if I don't allow parking -- that will make for a nice law suit!!!!

The town needs to find property for parking lots along OBW

The conflict the town has created with Joe Butler is ridiculous. Selective enforcement is unacceptable.

On the side roads

NO

This topic seems to be in a continuous "push the noodle" state.

The town needs to consider parking meters at all public lots and not allow parking on private property. Someone wouldn't be permitted to park at the end of my driveway, why should a yard be treated differently?

We cannot build enough parking lots by all of the CAMA access points. There is no parking on Ocean Blvd. So the only alternative is to park on our side streets in the right-of-way along the roadsides. □

If a property owner improves the area into the right of way, then it may be damaged. No fences or other obstructions should be in the right of way along our roads. This is for emergency vehicle access and mail delivery and garbage pickup also.

Time for the town employees to start balancing rights of town property owners and the the general public.

If the right of ways are maintained by the property owners, parking should be restricted.

The property owner has paid for the property/pays property taxes annually. The public should not be allowed to park uninvited;nor should parking be allowed on sidewalks or in a way to block views of traffic.

The Town should not allow day trippers (who do not contribute in any way) to park in the rights of way. Taxpayers and their guests should have priority.

The County needs to help solve the parking problem, since it is their residents that are coming here. How about a parking lot on their new County Park across the waterway, with a shuttle service from there to the beach? It will only be necessary a few weekends each year.

Right of way parking should only be allowed for emergency vehicles or town/utility vehicles but only when absolutely necessary ... emergency or for special access. I do not drive into neighboring towns and park on people's lawns. Not sure where this crazy allowance came from but it should be stopped. If town feels we need to do more to provide public parking then buy the land, pave, manage and provide it.

Most of the time the vehicles would protrude out into the roadway making the streets even more dangerous.

Day trippers should park at the pavilion or other lots. When those are full too bad, try again tomorrow or come earlier.

We have enough parking for the off Island visitors who pay nothing to support the Town but do a good job of trashing the beach and any parking area they occupy.

Not on Ocean Blvd.

Depends on location...Ocean Blvd vs side streets...too complex an issue for this question as written.

Do not cater to day trippers. Property owners rights should come first.

I ONLY HOPE THIS IS A JOKE, IF IT HAPPENS I SELL AS FAST AS I CAN... TELL ME THIS IS A JOKE PLEASE...

We have the problem now with people just pulling up & leaving their car in our side yard.

Town should provide parking on their own lots that they own.

Everyone has the right to access public beaches. Several municipal parking lots would be a □

Great help.

I think the town should charge for parking.

There should not be cars parked in right of ways. I think the island has reached the point in popularity that the decision for acquiring additional public parking areas is mandated. Side streets can only park so many near Beach accesses. It is time to purchase a few empty lots to develop safe off street parking for the public...if facilitation of public use is to be maintained.

I'm not sure why public can park on streets like Rogers or Boyd if there is no public beach access. Are these beach entries every 4th house, private beach accesses or is that just a rouse? If you are going to allow parking on streets like mentioned above, and use these so called private walkways, then they should be maintained by the city.

This type of parking creates a safety issue on Ocean Blvd. road due to the heavy traffic and poor visibility of foot traffic, walkers, runners, and other exercisers.

NO! Especially if the property owners KEEP and manage the landscape!

It is the right of way easement

This is a safety issue of much concern. Private property owners also spend time and money maintaining their property, including the right-of-way. Why should the public-at-large be allowed to park there and cause damage and deterioration to the property. There's also privacy issues for homeowners. With widespread parking also comes trespassing issues and folks who ignore the legal beach accesses in favor of short-cuts across private property.

How would this be adequately policed and not cost us?

No, it's the property owners property and responsibility.

Under no circumstances except more parking is needed for handicap parking near walkways to beach

The public/tourists disrespect our properties too much already. Now they should park in the access to our properties? Where are our rights to enjoy houses & beach we pay taxes on. R/W is not a parking area & don't think the DOT will allow it. Put parking meters along the parking areas and let the public pay for the development of additional parking. Maybe some of the businesses will allow them to park in their lots, since they depend on revenue from tourists & public. What would be the difference?

The town should deal with parking issue and not expect homeowners to manage it for them.

No, why should they? it is privately owned property, would the leaders want other people's cars dripping oil, etc on their lawns? Plus the wear and tear on roads, grass and borders?

Either yes to that or the town needs to buy more property and make parking to the public available that way. I argue this is good for the town as some visiting folks publicly parking may become property owners one day. No one owns the beach and public parking should be available!

No...No...and NO!!! This is a "right of way"...for the City's/government use and not for other individuals. I have seen them drop trash without picking up, leave ruts in the yard with their wheels of vehicles, and act as if it is their "god-given" right to park there. If I am paying taxes on any part of this property, then I have a right of who gets to use it unless it is with eminent domain from the government for their use.

No -- this is absolutely ridiculous.

Improved right of way should not be parked on unless agreed by the property owner. Improved right of ways is a property improvement that benefits the town and property values.

Parking on the right of way in residential should be restricted to only allow public parking in front of undeveloped property. Feed all property owners out of the same spoon as the town now feeds Ocean Blvd, Commercial District and other individual properties. The PD is not enforcing too close to intersections, parking in wrong direction, parking of unregistered or improperly equipped vehicles, or on traveled portions. The town manager is failing to monitor and require proper signage.

Again, I understand the town's motives here; parking is necessary for the public (especially near public access places to the beach, and near special events). But I also understand the owners wishes to avoid having people on "their" property. So, I would generally say "no" to allowing this, but you might want to think about special procedures or only allowing it on certain days/events.

Safety hazard

Misleading question...the right of way is by definition not a property owner's yard. But, I agree that I'd be upset if someone parked in the right of way at my house. The town should buy property and use it for parking/beach access..."but not next to my house".

If the right of way was paved, it would be permissible. Now they are parking in your yard which you are paying (one way or another) to keep looking nice. It is hard to have nice yards and park in them. I don't know the compromise since we can't afford parking lots at every access.

Parking on the right of way destroys the grass we have worked so hard to keep healthy

On the town's right of way, but not blocking driveways.

I already have an issue with public parking on my front lawn

An easement is an easement and is for utility purposes and can not be used for public parking. A right of way should be only granted after serious and judicious consideration. If a right of way is granted for pedestrian traffic than it should be honored as such. If for vehicular traffic it should be stated as such and for parking it should be stated as such. If it is included in the deed it is binding but there should be no ambiguity as to intent.

AS LONG AS DRIVEWAYS ARE NOT BLOCKED

Say what?

This is going to be a bigger issue if they don't protect homeowners more than visitors that don't pay the taxes for that property.

This will end up making the owners yard a dumping ground for trash that the car owner doesn't want to take home and for ocean front homes it will encourage beach access through the owner's property. This is already a problem that will become intensified.

Property owners who maintain the right of way should be allowed to put up barriers to prevent parking. Off island visitors tear up our efforts to maintain the area and show no regard for those who live in the homes. If parking is allowed, better policing of violations needs to be done and signage and barriers erected in these streets needs to be consistent.

Off island visitors tear up the lawn we have maintained and show no regard for the homeowners. Other homeowners have blocked off their properties forcing cars onto the properties of those trying to go by the rules. If this stands then all must bear this abuse. Also, these visitors are utilizing private access beach access in many cases. There should be no parking on those streets

As a property owner I DO NOT want day trippers parking near our house, leaving there litter, etc. □

Property owners should leave that space open for their private visitors when overflow parking is needed!

The people who are staying in the house yes. General public no

Better use/design of public parking areas would address this issue rather than public parking on private homeowners property.

Why doesn't the town buy property to make a public parking lot?

This would be a terrible decision, destroying the "Family Friendly" beach.

Absolutely not!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Town doesn't own my property!!!!!! I do!!!! I will make decisions concerning MY property!

OBW is narrow enough as it is, for the traffic it handles at times. The right-of-way is often sandy and would not hold up to the traffic that would be associated with parking.

But I don't know the solution to the parking issue for island visitors.

Tourists are allowed to do anything at the cost of the homeowners. Prime example-parking by the Lynch home on Ocean Boulevard East.

This is a hot button issue, which not only takes away the property owners ability to park cars on their lawn, but allows for the potential destruction of the lawns. I believe that the town should go to a paid meter system in all of the parking lots to help pay for the extra services that are required when the population swells on summer weekends

People as a rule don't care about others property. Some are polite, many more feel they are entitled to leave a wake of destruction.

town right-of-way translates to "public" r-o-w in my book. but I'm not close to the beach road so

Damages grass and property directly adjacent to personal property.

If this is not allowed, then the town should have make more parking available for day people.

The Town should address sufficient parking for visitors to the beach by purchasing and creating parking lots along the strand near the crosswalks for access to the beach. Of □

course, bathroom facilities should also be considered for sanitary purposes and the comfort of the visitors.

PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PARKING AREAS

In some areas and slow times of the year

The Town should not give permission to day-trippers to trash someone's property! Ridiculous!

I live close to the bridge. Whenever there are concerts or events, the cars park all over the place. While I don't mind if they are on the edge of the road, they should be more careful to not wreck people's lawns and block driveways.

Not only destructive to property BUT a true traffic hazard for pedestrians (especially children) and drivers of other vehicles.

While we hate to see homeowner yard "space" being taken up with parked cars, we also love to see daytime beach goers enjoy the sea. It doesn't seem right for day-timers not to have ample parking. We want the beach (and parking) to be easily accessible while not upsetting property owners with parked cars everywhere. Is this even possible?

Absolutely not! This will detract from the view of properties, will damage grass or landscaping and can create people issues if an owner does not like someone parking there.

This is a stupid QUESTION! I do not own the right of way! Just leave my driveway open for me! And, by the way, this is not respected by many on the side streets!

If it is a right of way, it is not private property.

No way! This will create huge issues all along OB in both directions! There does need to be a parking plan for events such as Sound to the sea for better parking, however.

Either come up with a reasonable solution or limit access to the island by those who don't have a legal place to park. Kicking the can down the road is only going to allow this issue to fester. It's only going to get worse. We elect people because they claim they can represent the best interest of the people. If they can't solve a parking issue, they have misrepresented themselves!

9. Should the Town purchase private property for additional parking? - Comments

Answer

Reality is that many of the day trippers are the ones that cause litter issues in areas where parking is provided like east end and under bridge. They spend little or no \$ while on the island and therefore are not helping local merchants much. I just don't see a reason to spend a lot of money to create more issues

Property purchased for parking should be at a reasonable price.

if you can do that without raising our taxes yet again--

Let the town have the expense and NOT to homeowners. WE pay enough taxes and we should be able to do what we want to with OUR property!!!!!!

We need additional parking.

If it is needed

If the town does purchase land please do it at the west end. The East end is saturated with day visitors.

Not sure, but if done it should only be in the OBW/bridge area.

If town purchases private property for additional parking -

they are using our tax dollars for the benefit of mostly non (town) tax paying public

Not sure if I want that - people are welcome to enjoy the beach - but using town tax dollars ??

Open to the idea if the additional parking is "paid parking " that will make it cost neutral to town in few years

The town is already tapped out in expenses. We are still paying for our Town Hall and Sewer System. The extra expense of maintaining these areas would be ongoing. It is better to utilize the side streets' right of way.

And charge for parking

what would they buy - not fair to owners if they buy something and start parking next to existing homes that didn't have it before. I am sure the town officials would fight anything that was next to their home.

No, absolutely not. For the most part, homeowners and renters park in their driveways. The only people who need parking are off island people who do not pay Town taxes. Let the County buy them a parking lot.

Parking is only a problem a very few weekends every year. Why waste our money (and land) for such a small number of days. If Brunswick County continues to grow, we won't be able to keep up with the demand in the long run anyway.

Depends where and at what cost

The county or state should buy it. If the town buys it that means we buy it. WE should not subsidize the recreation of all the people who do not live here.

They do not subsidize our recreation.

Why should we pay for non-taxpayers to use our services?

We own additional land that could be used as parking

Why should tax payers pay more for people who come and leave their trash behind while not spending a dime. Tired of subsidizing the day trippers.

No matter how much parking you will never satisfy those that want something for nothing.

They want front row parking which you can't get even at Disney. Put up meters and let them pay their fair share. Let them walk a little so they will look better in those bikinis.

But the town should charge a nominal parking fee for those that use it

Property already purchased with that intention.

Why would this even be considered? We are required to have a lot of parking at our houses already. I see this only as a problem for daytrippers not owners or renters.

We have enough parking except for a couple days a year.

NO, IF PEOPLE WANT TO PARK USE THE PUBLIC SPACES PROVIDED OR BUY YOUR OWN PROPERTY... NO MORE TAXES...

Depends on the location of the property and the purpose of the parking. Congestion needs relieved during summer season

No more parking. We don't want another Wilmington.

See previous response.

If owner is willing, yes

If you take care of the beach accesses also

This would be ok if the town can come up with a way for the public to fund the parking. Should public parking users pay a fee? They come and use the parking, the beach and other amenities (like the playground area and pier) without contributing to their upkeep. If they are renting on the island, they are paying through occupancy taxes. If they are county residents, presumably some portion of their tax dollars may help pay. Otherwise, day users are enjoying what we all pay at no cost whatsoever.

But people should be charged a fee for parking.

If parking meters were installed in all parking areas, then the public/tourists would pay for the parking lot upkeep, new parking areas, etc.

This should not be the burden of the tax payers of HB.

The public/tourists use the beach totally free while the HB property owners and tax payers get the bill.

It is only fair that the tourists/public should also contribute to the upkeep, parking, etc. for their enjoyment and use of Holden Beach.

Yes, but not in my backyard. Spread parking throughout the island so the central part is not as burdened.

Yes...if there is not enough parking for visitors in order to receive federal/state funding. But, it should be controlled with actual parking spots, trash refuge, limiting hours of parking, and regulated by the town.

Leave additional parking up to private investments. Not a town responsibility.

Only at a super bargain, we bought our property at market value, treat them as we were treated, pay your way.

Install parking meters under bridge and anywhere else where there is public parking. Also, mandate that any parking meter revenue is exclusively directly used to lower the property taxes for full time holden beach residents. Any parking meter revenue revenue should not be used to install new boat slips, playgrounds, etc.

Please do this on the west end, the east end is saturated with more than a fair share.

Sure; where appropriate, and where it is cost effective. I don't see this as a high-priority budget item, but it could be done.

If they do purchase private property, they should charge a parking fee to offset.

Only at reasonable price. Everyone wants to park right near the beach. Even our property owners drive to the nearest access. I wonder how it would work to charge for parking and access. One family this summer complained our access didn't have a shower to wash sand off.

If the price is right, on the east end.

Seems to be a practical solution

Not until they can find a way to collect money for parking.

If that is the way to make public parking available, then it should be done.

Not sure why it is needed.

This is a seasonal community and the season is short. Why spend tax dollars on purchasing land for use only a couple of months a year? This could have been alleviated with proper planning years ago or some vision going forward. A family beach should be accessible to families without shuttling them off the main land. I would suggest an enterprising effort to allow individuals to purchase private land and allow paid parking at those lots. Zoning and taxes TBD, town responsibility.

Where?

Possibly and charge a fee like Wrightsville Beach.

This depends on the cost and how it will be paid for. If it will be paid for by taxes then it has absolutely no benefit to home owners and I strongly oppose. We already have a problem with the use of town right of ways being used for public access. Let's find a way for the user of the service to pay for it rather than the home owner.

It might make sense down at the east end to purchase the property of the homes that are in danger of collapse due to rising seas and use that for public parking and save on the groin project.

Day trippers are the people needing parking and should be parking in the public areas. Several of the formerly private areas have been turned into public for CAMA funding. Renters have their own driveways and areas to park, and they bring the tourist revenue to the town. I am continuously picking up litter when accessing the public areas. □

Parking passes should be required at a reasonable charge, which would help bring in revenue to the town. We are the only island that has free parking. Public parking is only an issue a few occasions throughout the year. It is hard to get around on the days that we are congested, but otherwise, it is not a problem. □

□

A turn signal is needed in peak season for left hand turns off the bridge.

It's unbelievable how bad parking is for public access. But I can't imagine the town can afford to buy enough beach front property to change the situation significantly

No, redesign what we have in order to maximize parking in public areas.

If necessary.

Should charge for public parking

If they do -- they should charge for parking until the costs are defrayed.

But only if there is paid parking to cover the costs.

Yes, but only if it is a lot that requires a fee to use

Property owners would have to pay with no benefit. Does nothing to increase tax base.

Not a good use of public money

Without additional infrastructure why should we have more parking? And who would benefit? Folks coming to the beach for the day who aren't contributing to the town's businesses or tax base?

See my previous comments.

HOW MUCH MORE PARKING IS NEEDED?

yes small parking areas along the island

Why should taxpayers fund parking for day-trippers? They do not contribute in any way. Most are County residents. Let the County buy a parking lot!

If parking is metered and lots supervised by the town

This would be a good idea if available, although not critical unless it is aligned with commercial or infrastructure growth to bring in more visitors. Do not see a problem today.

why doesnt the town define what the parking space is. The could install bumpers to define each space. I see too many cars that park next to each other but the is 6 or 8 feet between the cars. We could fit more cars if the just parked closer together.

Absolutely!

So, we have money to burn now?

Seems like purchasing land for parking would be very expensive. Maybe consider charging for parking if the town goes that route.

There needs to be a more done to address parking and it needs to be expanded near the big public accesses. Have we considered requesting folks to pay for parking? I think a low cost fee for parking would be helpful in paying for our facilities for day beach goers that use our facilities and leave trash, etc behind.

Only if there is a means of recovering the cost to do so. Asking people to pay a reasonable fee, is in line with what the rest of the country is doing. I never get anything free any more....do you? However itâs done, it should NOT be a burden on the tax payers of HB!

10. Should there be paid parking for island day visitors? - Comments

Answer

Why?

But minimal, reasonable, not to hurt off island families.

Any parking that the town would choose to purchase at this point (which I am against) should absolutely be for paid parking only. Spending \$ to provide more free parking is not smart

Thinking about it, if the other islands do so, we should also.

other beaches do this -- they also enforce the rules on the books

I can't say I support meters at this time. But it might get to that point.

We are very fortunate to live in this paradise. It is very selfish of us to not share this wonderful place with our day visitors. There is a lot of poverty in Brunswick County and I would hate for us to make spending a day at the beach expensive for poor families. I don't want HB to ever become elitist like Figure Eight or Wrightsville Beach.

Possibly, have never really thought about it, but they are the people violating the current parking laws, especially on holidays.

In the OBW/Bridge area.

This is way too complicated to manage. What if I drive down to eat or shop at an island establishment? Do I have to pay since I own property here?

The public should enjoy our island and spend money and time here. Not everyone can afford to own or rent here. Michigan has a law that every body of water in the entire state must have a free public access area, unless the entire body of water is on ONE private property. Michigan welcomes tourists and so should North Carolina!

The cost of day visitors is currently borne by real property owners on the island. I think the cost of day visitors should be paid for by the day visitors. Particularly for visitors who park their vehicles and boat trailers near the pavilion, these visitors use a large percentage of the parking and the town receives no benefits.

Any fees raised by paid parking could be used to off-set the port-a-potties and extra trash pick up. It might even reduce some of the crowds. Paid parking is a great idea!

All the other islands have paid parking. This will solve a lot of the problems. It might also help offset the additional costs caused by the day visitors (e.g., trash pickup, police service).

Other beaches charge to park. So should we. It hasn't hurt Wrightsville's popularity.

Paid parking would reduce the demand for the day trippers that come here only because we do not charge for parking.

Yes. They should be the ones paying for their trash to be picked up and the police to tell them Do Not Park Here means move your car.

Day trippers should contribute something to help cover the extra costs they bring such as additional trash.

It would help offset the additional costs that day visitors cause the Town to incur.

Centrally located & offer a shuttle to beach access.

If it is needed to pay for land and new parking spaces, don't depend on private owner land.

Depends on the use of the revenue from the parking. If it is to be used for road improvements and town improvements it should be considered and all revenue put into a targeted fund. If it is used to further line the mayor and town managements pockets - absolutely not. They can work a regular job like the rest of us.

If there is designated public parking available, absolutely...a reasonable rate. Would also help pay for the purchase and maintenance of the parking areas. □

Also needs to be available parking for the increasing number of golf carts.

This is great idea, but there could be a bigger problem with public looking for side streets to park and use "private" accesses.

Yes, although property owners who are not residents (and therefore may be renting out their property) should not have to pay. County residents should possibly get some break on the cost of parking via a county sticker or similar.

Yes, and some of the monies should offset trash disposal they create.

Parking meters would help pay for lot upkeep, etc. and take a lot of the financial burden off the property/tax payers of HB.

Yes, for sure, this will help the overall cost to run the island. This will keep long term loitering to a minimum. How about paying for parking for the park usage? There is an ugly soda machine making money, what about parking meters? Like other beaches. Now that would limit the amount of over the bridge public usage, and bring down the disturbances, crime, and loitering. Charge the same high rates as other beaches, this would bring in some good income while also organizing the parking mess.

No by the town. If private enterprise wants to do it then so be it!

The last thing I want to see is hundreds of parking meters along the street

There should be free parking to encourage day visitors.

If funds are needed to provide parking for them, then yes

I think this is great idea and would help in funding regulation of parking. Hopefully, this will not impact our ability to continue with federal/state funding. Several years ago there was parking on the causeway and a small bus brought visitors over.

Pay your way. Same goes for town facilities: Fishing/observation piers and parks, Stage facilities, running showers at accesses, electricity and water near parking areas, and absolutely prohibit any commercial business/vendors from using any public parking areas to dispense any products or SERVICES(car wash, rentals, cleaning services, etc.). We should also restrict some parking for residents only, both us property owners and occupancy tax paid renters.

See comments on previous question.

Maybe? It's not a bad idea, so long as it can be done easily and the rates aren't awful. We depend on visitors for the overall economic health of HB, and we don't want to drive them away. But if the money made from paying for parking could be put back into making parking better (paving lots, expanding beach access, improving roads, public rest rooms, etc.), then visitors might be more willing to pay for the cost of parking.

Make it reasonable

The rest of the islands charge for parking.

Not worth hiring someone to enforce it.

As a last resort only.

a reasonable fee should be charged

There should be some paid parking and some free parking.

Might be necessary if you have to purchase private property in order to have public parking.

just no additional parking.

Yes, and use that money towards the up keep of the island.

If someone is using Holden Beach for the day, they should pay for parking.

Why not?

Good revenue generator. Could backfire if other beaches don't have this and folks go there instead. That too may not be all bad.

If we do this we need to make strict parking rules and make these areas the only public access to the beach. We will also need to enforce parking rule violations with fines and towing.

And no parking signs everywhere else

Answered in previous question. Would bring revenue into town.

I would rather not have to go to this expense to create paid parking, and feel that historically, I have been able to enjoy the beach without having to pay for parking, so I do not want to burden visitors with this expense.

Maybe so, the burden of providing parking for day visitors shouldn't fall on the tax payers who have a place to park

The number of daily visitors is minimal compared to renters. Unless the town purchases additional property to justify the parking passes, this will discourage what few daily visitors that do come to HB. If you can't justify it, why charge it? The pier could enforce a daily parking pass but they have the largest paved parking area with the easiest access to the beach.

Island visitors should have to pay to park.

Interesting idea, but what are the drawbacks? Need more info on this idea.

Not if they are residents of Brunswick County. For others, yes.

If it addresses the parking concerns of residents

Like everything else- neighboring beaches are doing this, but people will drive longer to come here to keep from paying. As usual we are behind.

All property owners (renters indirectly) pay with taxes. Visitors also need to contribute to the enjoyment of our island.

I'm not sure it's worth the headache that goes with time limits and enforcement of those limits.

but strictly limited to specific areas

Who would enforce the payment? What facilities would the day visitors use? Will their potential contributions to the businesses etc outweigh the cost of setting up and enforcing the paid parking? What is the underlying goal of increasing day visitors?

If other beaches are doing that.

This would certainly help defray the cost of creating parking, and would not tax the homeowners.

YES IF THEY ARE NOT RENTERS ON THE ISLAND

The day visitors should park at their hosts houses.

Yes and use the money to help build more parking

Yes, there should be paid parking. Every spot should require a parking pass or a slip from a "pay and display" kiosk. Funds could be used to cover the extra trash pickup, porta-potties and police required for day-trippers.

But for a minimal fee...maybe \$5/day?

No, but do a better job promoting the island and commercial establishments for growth and tax revenue.

Most beaches now do this.

Stupid question! Do you want this reputation?

By a private property owner as a business.

I strongly agree!!!! They use a lot of our services and pay nothing and often don't pay taxes. I think we should charge for parking at the bigger beach accesses. Or have people buy a pass for parking or pay as they come by the hour like a \$1 an hour. Many beaches charge way more.

If someone wants to open a commercial parking lot then they can charge whatever they want.

How would you tell difference from local and day. I know we have stickers but would be administrative problems.

11. What should the Town do to combat chronic erosion on the East End of the island? - Other responses

Answer

Terminal Groin - undecided

conservation & live plant growth

JETTIES?

See comment

Build jettys

Get the State involved

outside opinion

Not sure the best option

let mother nature take her course

retaining walls

Remove homes in danger and renourish the East End beach further west as needed

Apply for a grant for a rock jetty

see comment

GET PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

TERMINAL GROIN

Jetty

maintain a healthy marsh/vegetation

11. What should the Town do to combat chronic erosion on the East End of the island? - Comments

Answer

Do what's best based on town initiated analysis. I'm not an expert.

Holden Beach is a barrier island. It had been suggested from the beginning to not build homes on the island, but we did anyway. I love Holden Beach and although it was not recommended to build I love it and am happy I did even though my house could some day be gone because of a storm. It definitely was a gamble, but I want to enjoy life as I see it. East end owners knew the island is eroding and so is mine. When my house is gone from a storm I won't cry about it. I had a great time.

I don't really know but a terminal groin seems like a bad idea long term, environmentally and it is not a fix

Inlet dredging makes sense for navigation maintenance reasons. Reality is that there is little or nothing the town can do to address this issue

We need a permanent solution.

We do not need a terminal groin. It could cost \$30 million plus and still not solve the problem. The taxes generated from these properties could never justify that huge expense. We live on a barrier island that has been changing for millions of years. A terminal groin tries to change Mother Nature and we should not be doing that. Renourishment, yes. Terminal groins, no.

Renourish and DREDGE

no groin!!!

I'm still not sure about the terminal groin idea. A lot of \$\$ to "protect" an apparently small area of the east end. Most, if not all, coastal experts suggest that this is a losing battle with mother nature.

We are strongly opposed to the terminal groin as it not really a "permanent solution, and is way too costly to all owners on the island.

Do not believe there is a real engineering solution to this

Mother Nature got us on this one

Nature takes its course. We need to keep the inlet open and the sand can be placed on the East end where it came from.

No terminal groin that has more negative effects.

Mother nature wins

Assuming HB can piggyback on dredging projects with the state and county, this seems to be the most cost effective approach

Even with the groin, the east end will still need renourishment at 4 year intervals, versus 2 years. The groin is too expensive for an unproven technology.

Can't we wait to see how, or if, the Ocean Isle groin works?

The consultants have clearly stated that the groin will not provide protection in severe weather events and will likely exacerbate erosion to the east of the groin.

Do not build a groin. It might help a small portion of the beach but even that would still need renourishing. That is a bad use of funds.

Terminal Groin has not proven it will fix the problem - I do not support the Terminal Groin project!

The East End looks better now than it has for the past 20 years! What we are doing is working great, no need to change an approach that has been so successful (and at a reasonable cost). A groin will be very expensive and will bring significant risks (e.g., financial costs and downstream erosion).

Terminal groin option does not stand up to cost / benefit analysis and therefore is not a viable option

Have we looked at all options? I have heard of only one proposed solution that as I understand it, is a very large cost with very little benefit.

Let nature take its course. Stop fighting battles that in the end will be lost. Waste of time and money.

No groin! Too expensive and it might not even work!

The 2017 re-nourishment of the east end (240 OBE to 339 OBE) proved to protect the homes affected by the recent storms. Annual re-nourishment of this half mile with sand from the inlet would solve the erosion problem. The proposed Groin (an experimental device) presents far too much risk especially when annual replenishment solves the problem without risk and at reasonable costs.

I have seen groins work very well at other inlets. It would stabilize the east end but more importantly would keep inlet open. We always called them jetties. If the east end wants constant renourishment those home owners should be paying for it.

Not enough info. at the present time...at rate moving, inlet may close and not become an issue.

No groin. Worst idea ever.

Dredging has been very effective and very low cost. It is working.

Strongly disagree with terminal groin option.

Some of those properties should not have been built there.

Dredging the inlet may disrupt levels in the Lockwood Folly inlet and river which is key for boating.

I would like to see Federal Funds pay for this rather than property owners taxes.

I think the town should do reasonable renourishment activities with an efficient cost model in mind. Erosion is part of the nature of the island and the ocean. Construction of a terminal groin or other extraordinary measures would simply push the issue elsewhere.

Terminal groins!!!!!!!

Beach erosion is the natural cycle of nature. Zoning codes should prohibit homes from being built in those areas - even those that have been grandfathered in. AND the codes should be enforced. Continual spending to fight mother nature is not the right approach - Nature will win

Not sure but from what I have heard I am not sure a terminal groin is the right answer.

Complex problem. Throwing money at Mother Nature is a losing battle in the long run.

The barrier islands are like living organisms. They are in a constant state of change. I don't think that there is anything that can be done that will not create a negative influence somewhere else.

Possibly Holden Beach, Ocean Isle, Oak Island, Sunset Beach could buy and share a dredge. They could share the cost and use the dredge to

renourish all ocean front areas as needed.

Do not build a terminal groin.

Everyone knows that end will erode. People should not buy or build there. I pitched my house in 2001. It was obvious that the east end was eroding.

it is the cheaper solution over the long term with proven benefit and with known shortcomings

In concert with county and state, the island needs to help maintain the inlet for the safety of all users of this asset. The offsetting benefit of this would be sand to nourish the East End. I am not convinced that a terminal groin is of sufficient benefit to support the cost to install and maintain it. I'm also

concerned about the long-term impact of a terminal groin to other parts of the island which may experience increased erosion due in part to the changes caused by the terminal groin.

The current is much stronger and the water seems to be rougher. I'm not sure there is anything that will fix that.

No terminal groin

Contact the Corp of Engineers and get their advice of what can be done.

Tell them to move out and deal with the reality that they knew the risks when they bought/built there! Should not be everyone else's problem/expense!!

Do you really think you are going to win against mother nature. I am 63 year's old been coming here all my life and that erosion has been going on all my life and more I am sure!

Let nature take her course. She will win in the end!

let mother nature take her course. erosion will continue no matter how much is done. a terminal groin will only exacerbate the problem while pouring money literally into the ocean.

We've already been told that a terminal groin will not solve the problem. The inlet will still need dredging.

I am still in agreement with a terminal groin; although I understand there may be negative impacts in other regards should it be built.

I really haven't done a thorough study on its impact.

no groin!!!!

I'm fine with the general plans that the town has done so far. Fighting mother nature is expensive and hard.

If dredging is done, it should be jointly funded by all communities that benefit.

Let nature take its course! A terminal groin does not solve the problem.

I thought the terminal groin was something that was already in the plan.

Would like to see all proposals and cost for them

I don't know enough about it.

What are the options? Where are the studies?

No terminal groin ever

Dredging seems to be the only solution that does not negatively affect other downstream properties. The Lockwood Folly inlet has to be maintained anyway so it makes sense to use this sand for renourishment. The downside to this is that dredging requires federal funding which seems to be a problem recently.

My understanding of other terminal groin projects is that they are tremendously costly and end up causing other serious problems of erosion at other areas of the beach. Since the homes that we are most concerned about are at the East End, it makes sense to me that the Town purchase these homes or pay for moving these homes to safer areas - a much smaller cost than the financing of a huge terminal groin project whose consequences might end up being worst than the cure.

Follow the lead of OIB and apply to build a jetty to control erosion. The initial cost would be high but the annual savings in dredging would far outweigh continued dredging and beach re-nourishment programs in the future.

The best solution, but costs exorbitant.

My alternative answer is "do nothing." I'm fearful that engineering solutions will have unpredictable results on the rest of the island; the Lockwood Folly inlet needs to be dredged anyway, for the shrimp boats, so we should cooperate as good neighbors and make good use of the sand.

What nature gives it takes away. There is really nothing that can be done to change what nature is going to do. Just look at what the beaches up north have done. It just doesn't work to try and change the way the water and wind want to do.

Nature is nature and all the rearranging that man does is not going to change natural forces-winds, tides, hurricanes.

Rental fees should pay for this. We now have enough parks and trails.

Is there a long-term fix or is it just a never-ending battle with mother nature? We know who will win that one.

I would hope the decision on this issue would be based on scientific studies by the town and not on this survey.

Terminal groins that are properly positioned and constructed have been successful in other coastal areas.□

My other answer is:□

Another suggestion would be to reopen the natural inlet or mouth of the Lockwood Folly River. Work with the natural flow of the river, etc.

WHAT DOES THE ARMY COR OF ENGRS RECOMMEND?

If this can be paid for through not raising taxes on local property owners than I would support that idea. The property tax value of those homes on the East End deserves to be preserved.

This will help keep the inlet open also

The terminal groin is a horrible idea. The town could purchase all the lots the groin is designed to protect for far less than the cost of the groin. Plus, the groin will be an environmental disaster. These groins cause more problems than they solve.

The East End looks better today than it has in 20 years. The Town is doing a good job of dredging and putting the sand there. A groin would be prohibitively expensive and cause erosion further down the beach. It is unfair to ask the rest of the beach to not only pay for the groin but to be harmed by additional erosion. People who bought homes on the East End knew erosion was bad - which is why their homes cost considerably less.

Holden Beach SHOULD encourage conservation of undeveloped land and live foliage, not only on the East end but on the ENTIRE island.

That's nature, people.

Do not know enough about solutions.

Do you hear me? This has been successful in spite of the propaganda that many are propagating! Have you been to Bird Island and Little River Inlet?

Have any of you ever been to Little River Jetties? If you don't think they work just go have a look. Been there 30+ years with no dredging required.

Consider terminal groin. Meanwhile Renourishment should continue in conjunction with dredging Lockwood Folly Inlet for navigation.

This end of the beach is going to move. All inlets move, sand moves. An island migrates and needs to be able to move to also re-nourish itself. Bulk heads all over on the back of an island and no trees or vegetation limit the island's ability to re-nourish itself. No to groin!!!

12. Should the Town keep the Beach Ranger program? - Comments

Answer

Feel it is a waste of money. Maybe someone trained as a first responder.

Since this is a new program I think we need to analyze the data and see how it has worked this year before we can answer this question.

I will be interested to see the final report of Beach Ranger activities for the summer.

Polite enforcement of rules is to the benefit of all - why have rules if you are not going to enforce them ??

I spent most days on the beach this summer and saw no benefit derived from the beach rangers.

We strongly support this program and in fact brought it up at a town meeting. When we started renting at Holden Beach in 1983, there were friendly people coming by in golf carts and really helped our family get oriented and knowledgeable about this new environment. So glad that this was done this past summer!!! □

So many visitors need to be educated on beach practices and knowledge. This may be the first time to see the ocean for many! It makes Holden Beach very hospitable and welcoming!

How did it go this year. I didn't see them do much other than ride up and down the beach? They drove right by dogs on the beach and big holes.

I'd like more data on what they do - I have never seen them stop and tell people they need to fill in the holes, etc. I just see them riding up and down the beach.

Looks much better than armed police officer patrols (which don't seem very family-friendly).

Yes and extend it if possible. Currently there are dogs running rampant and unleashed at all times during the day.

The Ranger program needs to be more active in educating people about our beach safety laws. Holes continued to be dug and dogs were running loose every day.

It is a joke.

Been successful program.

I think they need to do more than ride around and look cute.

It is a friendly way to remind visitors about our regulations.

YES, WHILE I AM GUILTY OF HAVING MY DOG LOOSE ONCE IN A WHILE, OR HAVING AN OPEN CONTAINER ON THE BEACH, IT DOES LET VISITORS KNOW THEY ARE BEING WATCHED...

Has it been effective? What is their mission & at what cost?

My interactions with the beach rangers have been negative. Rather than promoting a positive impression of Holden Beach, they over-zealously appear to try to enforce dubious rules.

The young rangers provided visitors with information. They were always very kind. I spoke to them on several occasions especially when I was upset with the Turtle Patrol trying to police the nests and threaten visitors.

During peak season and more of the beach regulations should be enforced

Good idea if it's what I think it is. Could use more information.

But they need to go a little slower.

As homeowner of rental house, not there in summer so do not know, how was it received..? □

I did not like hearing about the town throwing away immediately anything left on beach at night. Don't know the answer but that seems wasteful.

People need to comply but...

Seems to be effective.

Not really sure the benefit of this program.

What is the cost, purpose, and function of the Beach Ranger program?

need to expand hours

It's probably a good idea...keeps more eyes on what's going on along the beach which may discourage undesirable behavior. Hopefully the cost is minimal to keep this program. Again, another season or two of experience would probably be beneficial in assessing the program's value. Hopefully some sort of metric has been developed to measure its effectiveness and value.

Not related to this but would love to see water tank painted a design to reflect beautiful HB. Look at Southport, OIB etc

And use some of the parking fees to pay for it.

For many reasons, nice employment for someone, keep us safe, keep resources safe.

Don't know if it did any good. What I would like to see is these folks if they are used again used to pick up random trash that is on the beach that does not make it into the garbage cans

program is the vision of a bunch of Snow Flakes!

Yes!

Police should not be used for this activity.

Since the PD did little or no responsible enforcement, the program will work just as well at a much cheaper price. The program should be expanded to include them at least monitoring parking and public facilities at least issuing oral and written warnings and notifying PD of flagrant violations. Perform these duties by following all laws, town ordinances, signs, and acting as an example in their activities, including a daily log, copies to chief of police and town administration.

Only with minimal cost.

I'm not sure what they do but if they are patrolling the beach and keeping things status quo then I prefer they stay.

It's unnecessary, ineffective, stupid...shall I go on?

What is it?

They did a good job this year. It was nice to see regular presence of "beach patrol" again. I strongly support this program.

Only in peak season

I don't see any harm, but see very little value either. We certainly should NOT have Tim Evans administering this program. □

NOTE: I would like to see a survey include questions about property owners experiences when they have to interact with town employees. For most it is frustrating, especially the Building Inspector and Town Manager. Often like a high school discussion. Answer's to questions and help is very difficult to get. Ocean Isle and Oak Island town halls MUCH MORE responsive/helpful

The ranger should be a strategic part of Holden Beach

From what I was able to observe this year the ranger program was successful. I would like to see it expanded to also address the trash issue

Possibly. How well has it worked this year?

I'm not sure if it did any good. The idea was good but the execution seemed to be lacking. On several occasions I saw the 'Rangers' drive by unleashed dogs on the beach and other minor issues. It didn't seem like they were observing anything.

I would prefer that they be called Beach Ambassadors.

They should issue tickets to those people that have their dogs on the beach and not leashed. □

I am a dog lover, but do not like being on the beach and having a dog I do not know chase or jump up on me. I saw some people this Summer that had their Daschound with them on a very hot day that barked whenever someone came down the beach entrance. Several people complained and told them dogs are not allowed on beach between 9am to 5pm. They put dog under a blanket to hide him from Beach Ranger.

I don't really know what the program is! Is it patrolling on the beach front?

Not if it costs anything. The people on the beach behave themselves well enough to not need policing

I'm not sure the ranger program is worth the money being paid to justify any/all results. If rangers handed out clear trash bags to encourage recycling, sold water/drinks to beach goers to generate revenue, and were trained in lifesaving techniques would this program be successful. In 7+ years I've had ZERO interaction with a beach ranger. The taxes paid at HB DONT JUSTIFY what's returned. County & city taxes are unwarranted and unjustifiable in every aspect with a towns this size.!!

Have not experienced it myself but have heard only positive comments from beach goers

If you were to use golf carts or make the RANGER walk. How much money was spent on this stupid program>??????

NO.. Has it changed anything? People still openly drink on the beach and have dogs down there at all hours so what is it accomplishing?

One comment: We miss out town trash can at the crossover near Dolphin. There should be one of these yearround at all crossovers, really. Residents and visitors alike will use these if they are there.

It would be wise.

IF IT IS OF VALUE TO THE PUBLIC OR RENTERS FOR SAFETY AND WILL IMPROVE QUALITY OF THE BEACH AREA.

Don't know enough to say

I never saw them do anything other than ride up and down the strand. Driving by violations gives the impression that it is OK. I will be interested to see what the final report on this season says.

There is no question related to crime. We are very concerned about the overall crime and theft rate. It seems very little has been done to discourage occurrences of off-season crime. We would greatly desire greater visibility regarding crime and crime prevention activities pertaining to the island.

Great reviews!

Excellent ambassadors for the town.

I would rather have our resources allocated to our other needs.... This could be a volunteer program... not needed.

Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: September 2017 Survey
 Response Status: Partial & Completed
 Filter: None
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1. Has the Town done enough to address the problems of mega/event houses?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Don't Know / Not enough information	Absolutely Not / Strongly Disagree	No / Disagree	Neutral / Undecided	Yes / Agree	Absolutely Yes / Strongly Agree
	119 26%	49 11%	77 17%	105 23%	98 21%	16 3%
81 Comment(s)						

2. Has the Town done enough to address the sewer system vulnerabilities?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Don't know / Not enough information	Absolutely Not / Strongly Disagree	No / Disagree	Neutral / Undecided	Yes / Agree	Absolutely Yes / Strongly Agree
	78 17%	55 12%	91 20%	106 23%	107 24%	16 4%
68 Comment(s)						

3. Are you pleased with the results of the Central Reach Project?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Don't know / Not enough information	Absolutely Not / Strongly Disagree	No / Disagree	Neutral / Undecided	Yes / Agree	Absolutely Yes / Strongly Agree
	70 15%	12 3%	33 7%	68 15%	194 43%	78 17%
55 Comment(s)						

4. Has the noise problem been adequately addressed?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Don't know / Not enough information	Absolutely Not / Strongly Disagree	No / Disagree	Neutral / Undecided	Yes / Agree	Absolutely Yes / Strongly Agree
	79 18%	8 2%	37 8%	116 26%	183 41%	27 6%
42 Comment(s)						

5. Should the Town do more to encourage recycling?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Don't know / Not enough information	Absolutely Not / Strongly Disagree	No / Disagree	Neutral / Undecided	Yes / Agree	Absolutely Yes / Strongly Agree
	4 1%	6 1%	39 9%	54 12%	161 36%	187 41%
96 Comment(s)						

6. Should the Town do more to encourage adoption of the new Flood Maps?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Don't know / Not enough information	Absolutely Not / Strongly Disagree	No / Disagree	Neutral / Undecided	Yes / Agree	Absolutely Yes / Strongly Agree
	69 15%	5 1%	12 3%	102 23%	128 29%	130 29%
56 Comment(s)						

7. Are you concerned about GenX in our drinking water?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Don't know / Not enough information	Absolutely Not / Strongly Disagree	No / Disagree	Neutral / Undecided	Yes / Agree	Absolutely Yes / Strongly Agree
	36	6	59	46	157	146
	8%	1%	13%	10%	35%	32%

45 Comment(s)

8. Should the Town allow the public to park in the right-of-way on property owners' yards?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Don't know / Not enough information	Absolutely Not / Strongly Disagree	No / Disagree	Neutral / Undecided	Yes / Agree	Absolutely Yes / Strongly Agree
	5	281	110	23	23	4
	1%	63%	25%	5%	5%	1%

83 Comment(s)

9. Should the Town purchase private property for additional parking?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Don't know / Not enough information	Absolutely Not / Strongly Disagree	No / Disagree	Neutral / Undecided	Yes / Agree	Absolutely Yes / Strongly Agree
	20	69	90	65	163	38
	4%	16%	20%	15%	37%	9%

75 Comment(s)

10. Should there be paid parking for island day visitors?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Don't know / Not enough information	Absolutely Not / Strongly Disagree	No / Disagree	Neutral / Undecided	Yes / Agree	Absolutely Yes / Strongly Agree
	14	25	85	52	189	82
	3%	6%	19%	12%	42%	18%

78 Comment(s)

11. What should the Town do to combat chronic erosion on the East End of the island?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Don't Know / Not enough information	112	25.2%
Regularly renourish the East End by dredging the inlet.	185	41.6%
Construct and maintain a terminal groin.	95	21.3%
Do nothing.	54	12.1%
Other	17	3.8%
Total	444	100%

83 Comment(s)

12. Should the Town keep the Beach Ranger program?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Don't know / Not enough information	Absolutely Not / Strongly Disagree	No / Disagree	Neutral / Undecided	Yes / Agree	Absolutely Yes / Strongly Agree
	86	10	24	74	182	66
	19%	2%	5%	17%	41%	15%

64 Comment(s)