

VILLAGE OF PHILMONT

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS





INTRODUCTION & METHODS

Introduction

The Village of Philmont is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan and has developed a robust public outreach strategy including a series of public workshops and a public survey. This report summarizes the results of the public survey, which was offered online and via paper copy, between July and October 2023.

Outreach Methods

The public survey was advertised on the Village website, email blast and through word of mouth at community events. Flyers were posted throughout the Village as well. Members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) tabled at Community Day on July 1st to hand out hard copies of the survey as well as QR codes for people to access the survey online. Finally, members of the CPC went door to door in October to ensure that hard to reach populations in the Village were reached. Hard copies of completed surveys were returned to the CPC and entered into the SurveyMonkey online platform to be tabulated.



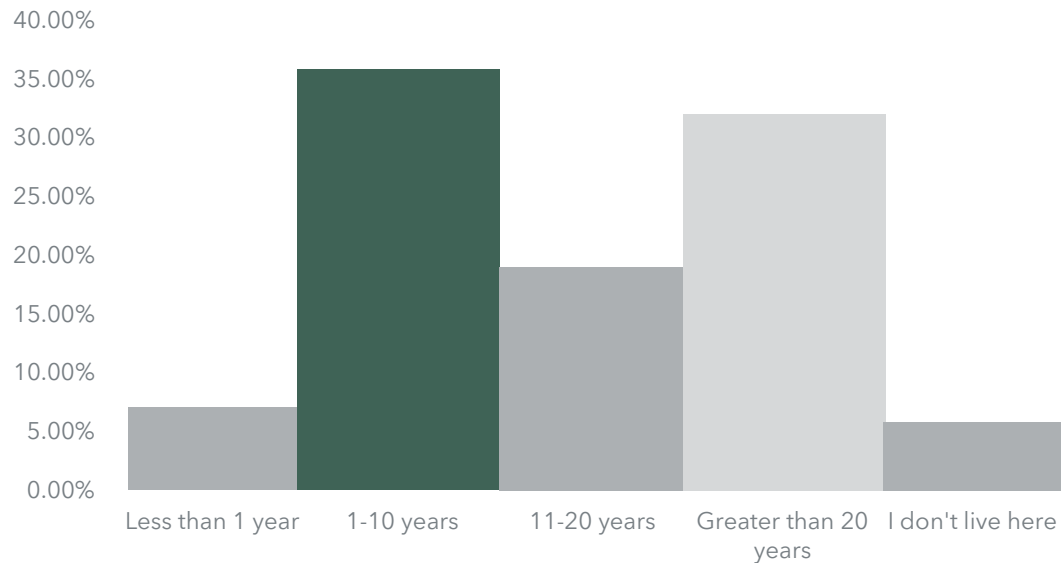
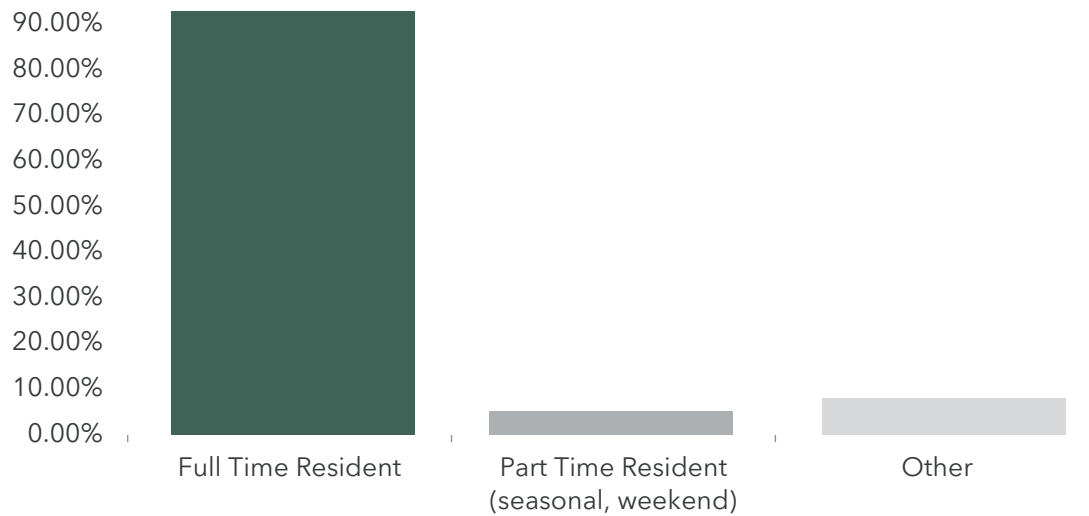
Members of the CPC hand out surveys at Community Day. Photo Credit: Robin Andrews

Survey Summary Methods

The survey was developed by the CPC and contained 20 questions including multiple choice and open ended response questions. The survey asked about respondent age, household makeup, housing tenure and length of time living in Philmont. Questions about housing, economic development, parks and recreation and other needs were also posed, and respondents could provide answers in an open ended format. Respondents were also asked what they love about Philmont, their vision for a future Philmont, and what they see are the major challenges for the Village in the next 10 years.

Certain open ended questions are depicted in this report using a “word cloud” format (questions 8, 10, 16 and 17). This is utilized where responses are one or two words or short phrases. The more often a word or term is used, the larger the word is shown in the word cloud. Longer open ended responses are summarized by quantifying the number of times a key word or category is used or referenced, these are often referred to as “tags”. Once response may list a number of ideas, and therefore may be associated with a number of tags. Thematic responses have been pulled out in the corresponding table for these questions. For example, concerns around “housing” (tag) may have included comments related to “landlords”, “affordability,” and “housing quality” (thematic responses).

Finally, it should be noted that responses to question seven (7) have been omitted from this report as they are not statistically significant. The question asked whether respondents are landlords, and whether they rent all or a portion of their home for short or long term use. 70 out of 155 people responded, and the vast majority of respondents (approximately 80%) indicated that the question does not apply.



Q1, 3 

COMMUNITY

81%

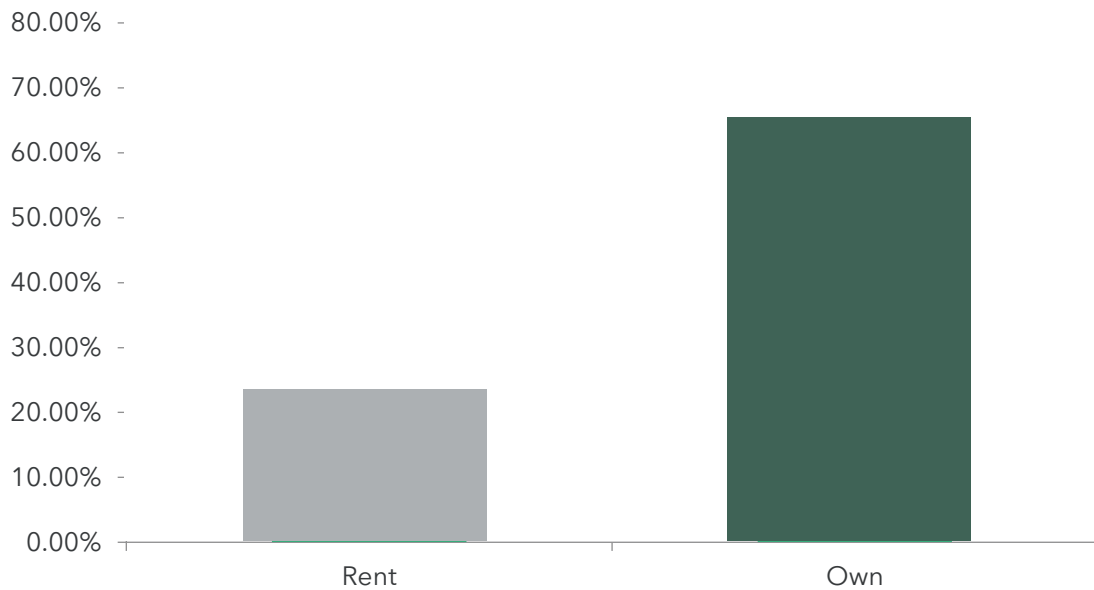
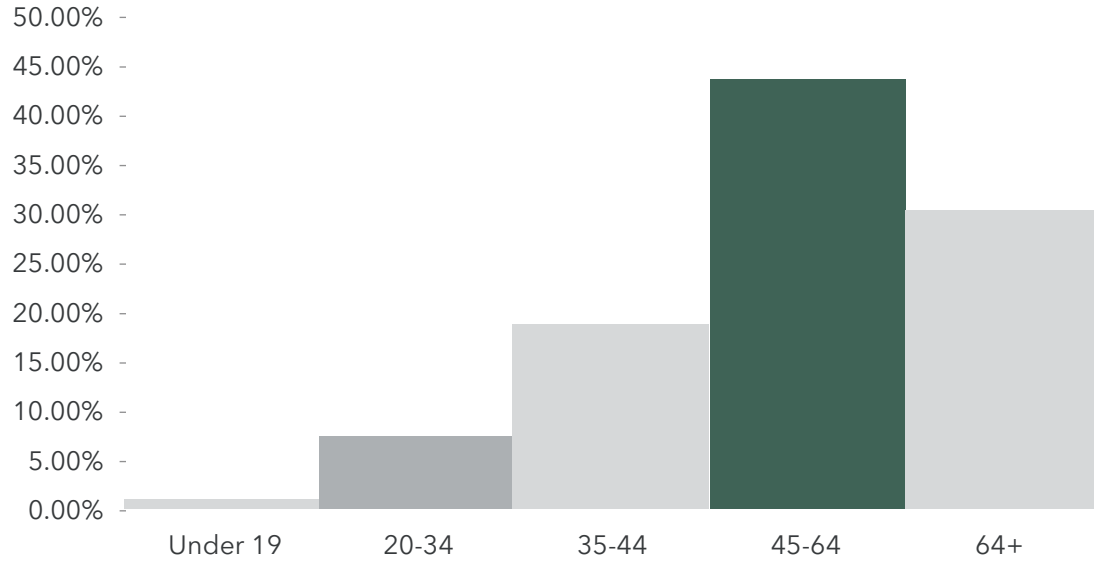
OF RESPONDENTS

Claimed to be **FULL TIME** residents

36%

OF RESPONDENTS

Claimed to have lived in Philmont for between **1-10** years



Q 2, 4



COMMUNITY

44%

OF RESPONDENTS

Claimed to be **45-64** years old

67%

OF RESPONDENTS

Claimed to **OWN** their homes in
Philmont

Q 5



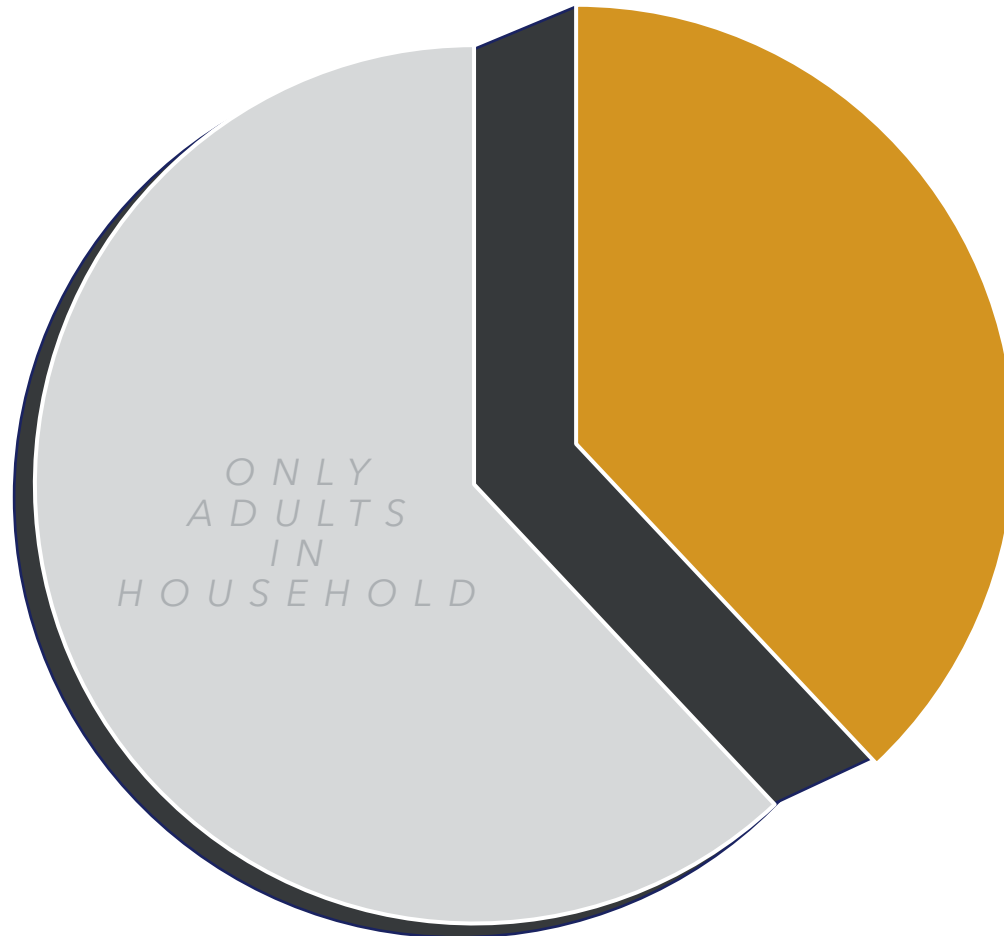
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HOUSING
TWO
PEOPLE



Was the average **HOUSEHOLD SIZE**
among village residents

Q 5



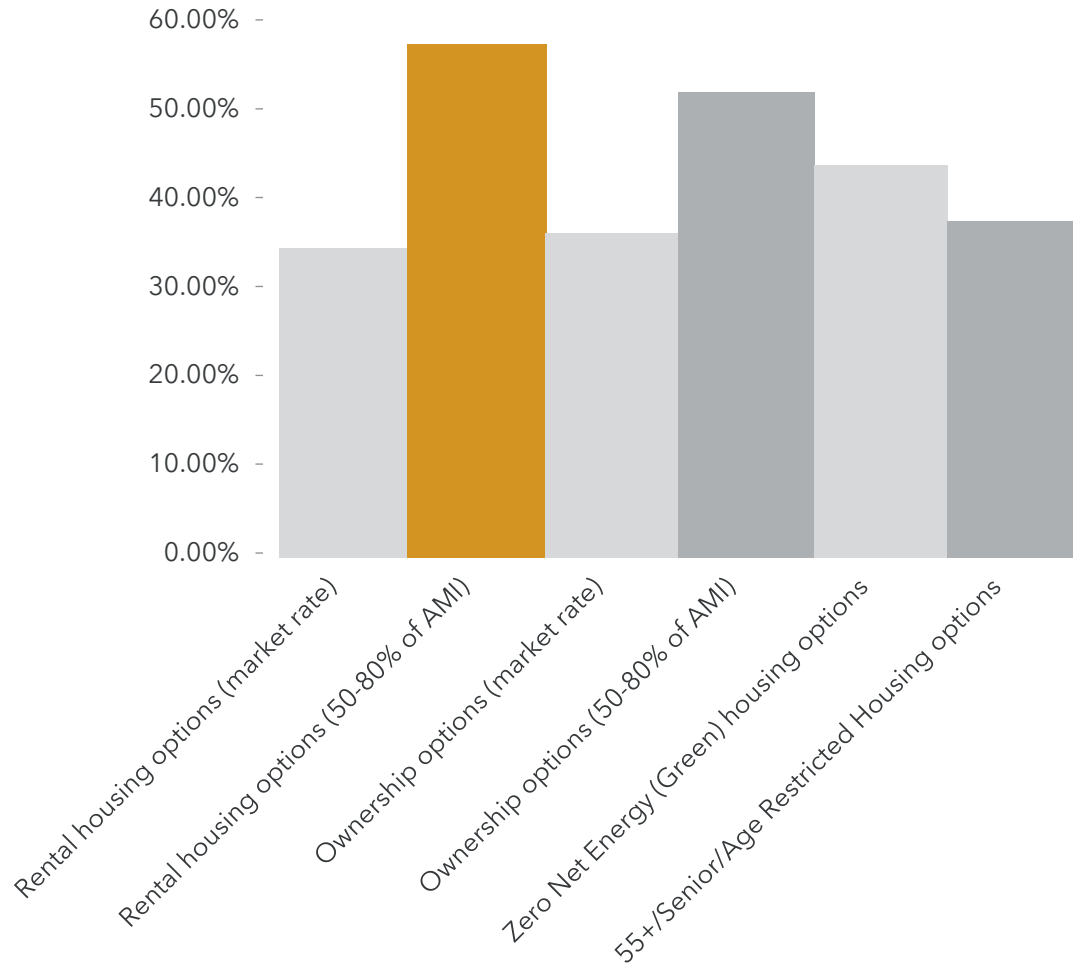
HOUSING
38%

OF RESPONDENTS

Claimed to have at least one resident

UNDER 18 in their household

Q 6



HOUSING
57%
OF RESPONDENTS

Chose **AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING** as a needed housing option

 **52%** AFFORDABLE OWNERSHIP

 **44%** GREEN HOUSING OPTIONS

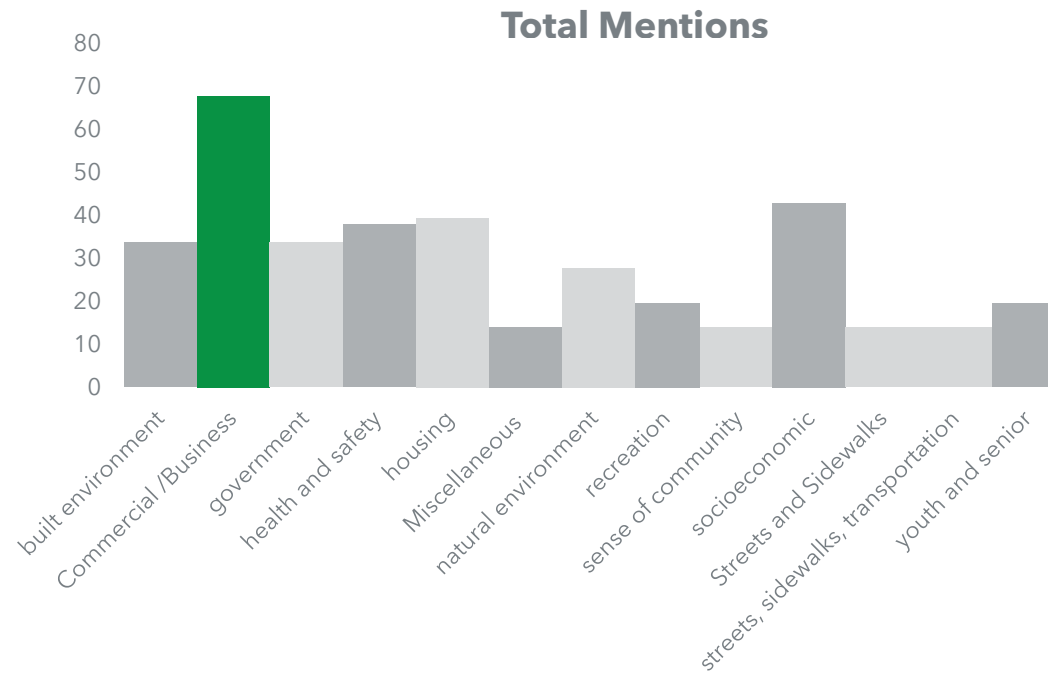
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NEEDS



Please list the needs, issues, or challenges for the Village of Philmont over the next 10 years (50 characters)

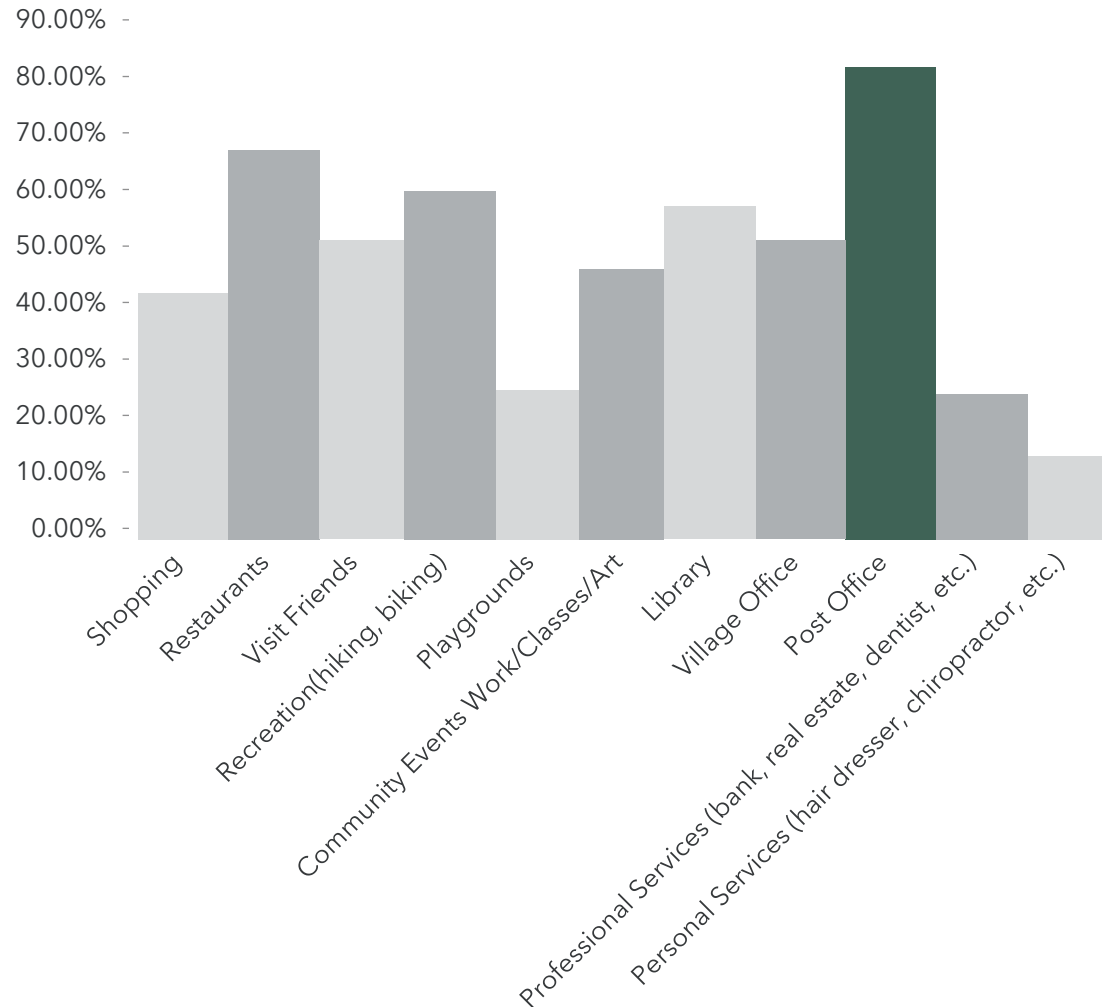


Tag	Mentions	Thematic Responses
Built Environment	35	Property Maintenance, Fire Damage, Vacant Buildings
Commercial /Business	68	Revitalization, Cafés/coffee, family friendly, Main Street upgrades, laundromat, drug store, liquor/wine
Government	34	Clean water, services and cost, sidewalks, snow plowing
Health And Safety	36	Policing, drugs, speeding issues
Housing	39	Housing development, landlord issues, costs, affordable housing
Miscellaneous	11	Better and cheaper internet, use of fireworks, electricity prices, racoons in my garage, positive attitude
Natural Environment	28	Tree preservation, greening of buildings, maintenance of undeveloped land, lake stewardship, invasive species
Recreation	18	Upgrade public facilities, community center, dog park, biking, swimming
Sense of Community	17	Maintain community character, embrace history, restore pride
Socioeconomic	41	Gentrification, more businesses, living wage, rising taxes, maintain housing for locals
Streets, Sidewalks, Transportation	16	Public transportation: access to main street, work and shopping, surrounding urban centers; sidewalk maintenance and lighting
Youth and Senior	21	Activities for youth, place for elderly, more recreation
Grand Total	364	

Q 11



COMMUNITY



RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED
WHAT THEY DO in Philmont



84%

POST OFFICE



69%

RESTAURANTS



62%

RECREATION

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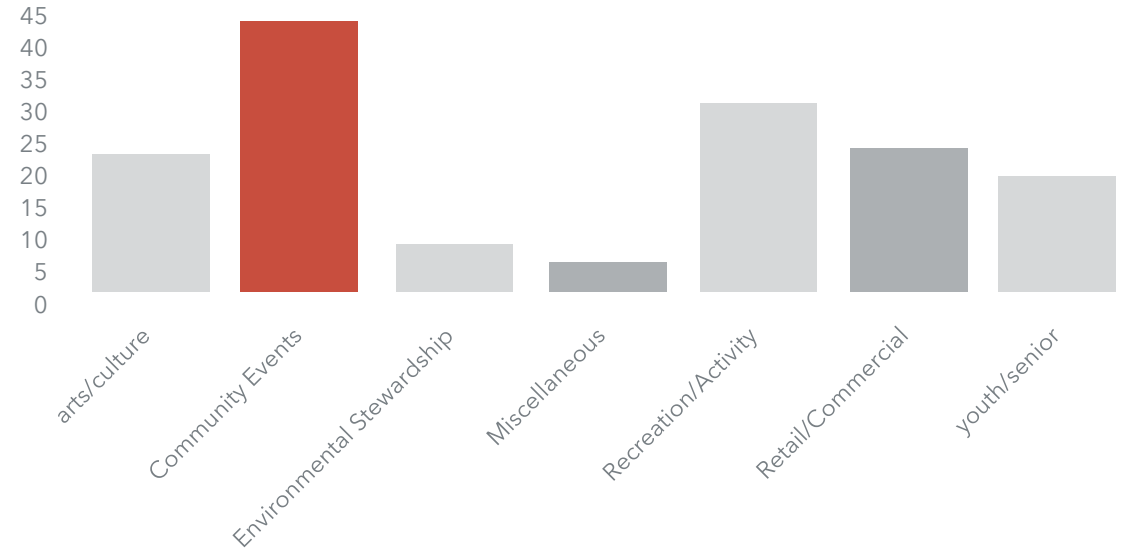


ACTIVITY



What kind of activities would you like to see happening in the Village? (open ended)

Total Mentions



Category	Mentions	Summary of Responses
Arts/Culture	20	Music and theater, community events, public art, art shows, dance venue, craft fairs
Community Events	41	General community events, carnivals/ fairs, food festivals, organized walks/races, block parties, shopfront display competition, community yard sale, clean up days
Environmental Stewardship	6	Awareness of invasive species, native gardens
Recreation/Activity	29	Swimming, boating, reservoir/lakefront, ball field, homework help, nature walks, bike trails
Retail/Commercial	22	Restaurants, shopping, better businesses, main street
Youth/Senior	18	More activities for children, more spaces/activities for teens
Miscellaneous	4	Political statements, "all good!"
Grand Total	136	

Q 13

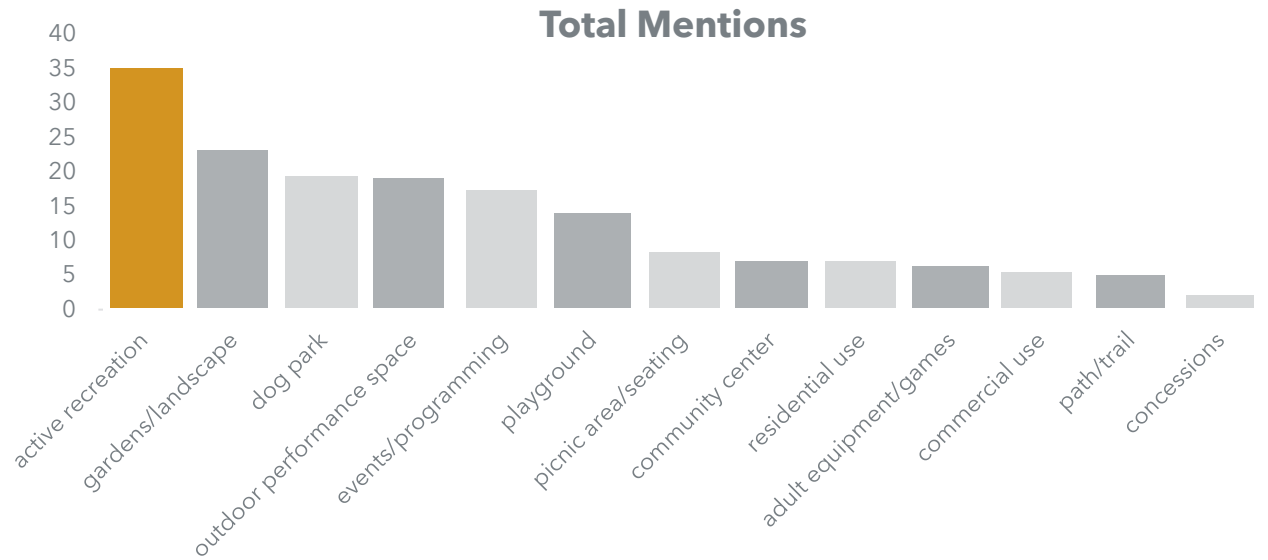
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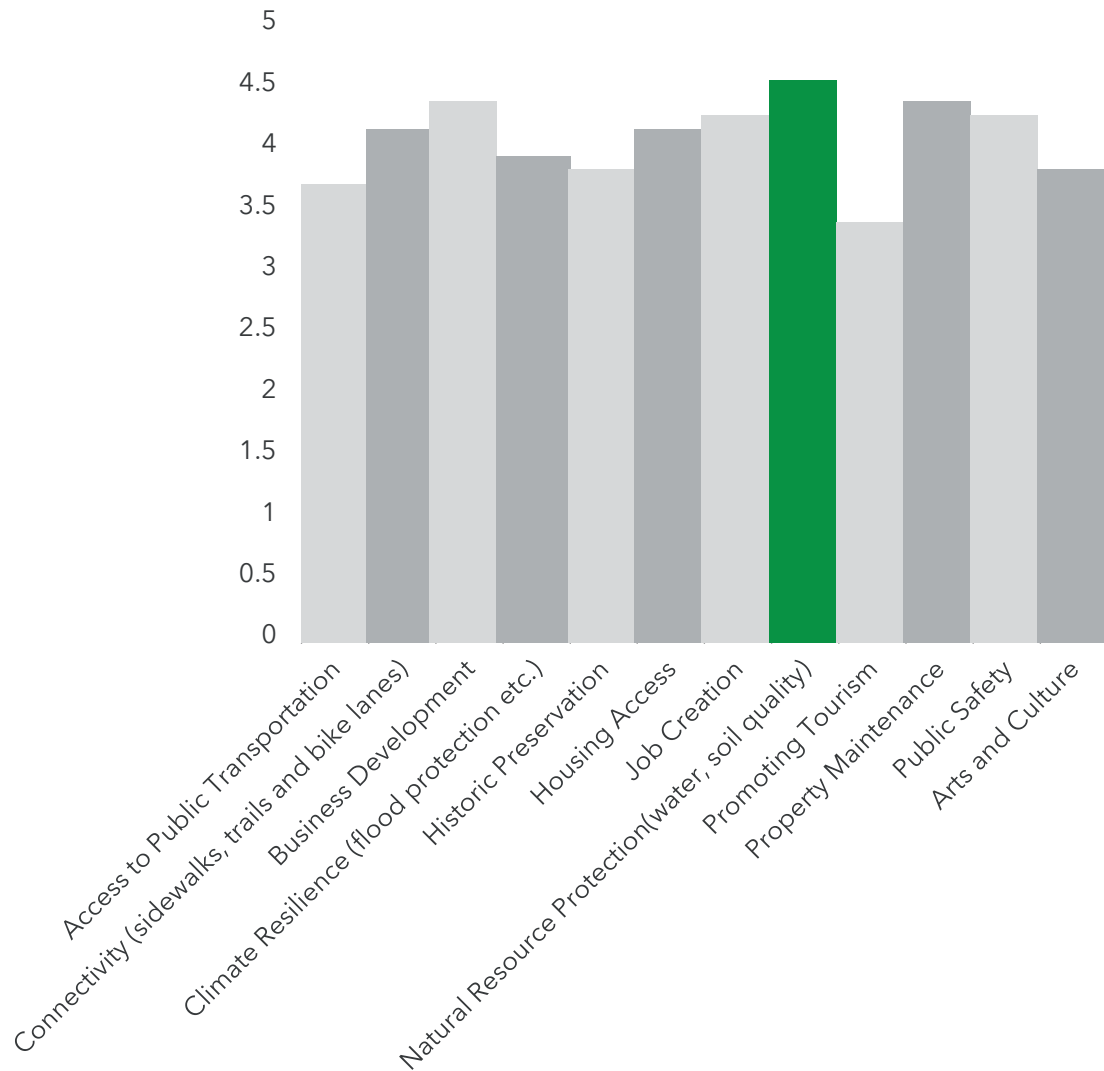
BIG IDEAS



What would you like to see at Memorial Field?



Tag	Mentions	Thematic Responses
active recreation	35	Soccer field, mini golf, pool, softball field, skateboard park
gardens/landscape	23	Botanical gardens, community orchard, flower garden
dog park	19	Fenced off dog park, dog park
outdoor performance space	19	Summer concerts, amphitheater, gazebo
events/programming	17	Flea market, concert series, music venue with a dance floor
playground	14	Clean/safe playground
picnic area/seating	8	More seating/ green space, picnic area
community center	7	Universal usage, fitness classes
residential use	7	Create affordable housing, sell most of it for development
adult equipment/games	6	Outdoor fitness area/workout circuit, lawn games
commercial use	5	Pharmacy, supermarket, business investment
path/trail	5	Trails, walking paths
concessions	2	Memorial field concession stand, ice cream
Total	161	



PRIORITIES

69%

Q 14



OF RESPONDENTS

Scored **NATURAL RESOURCE**

PROTECTION as (5) highest priority for

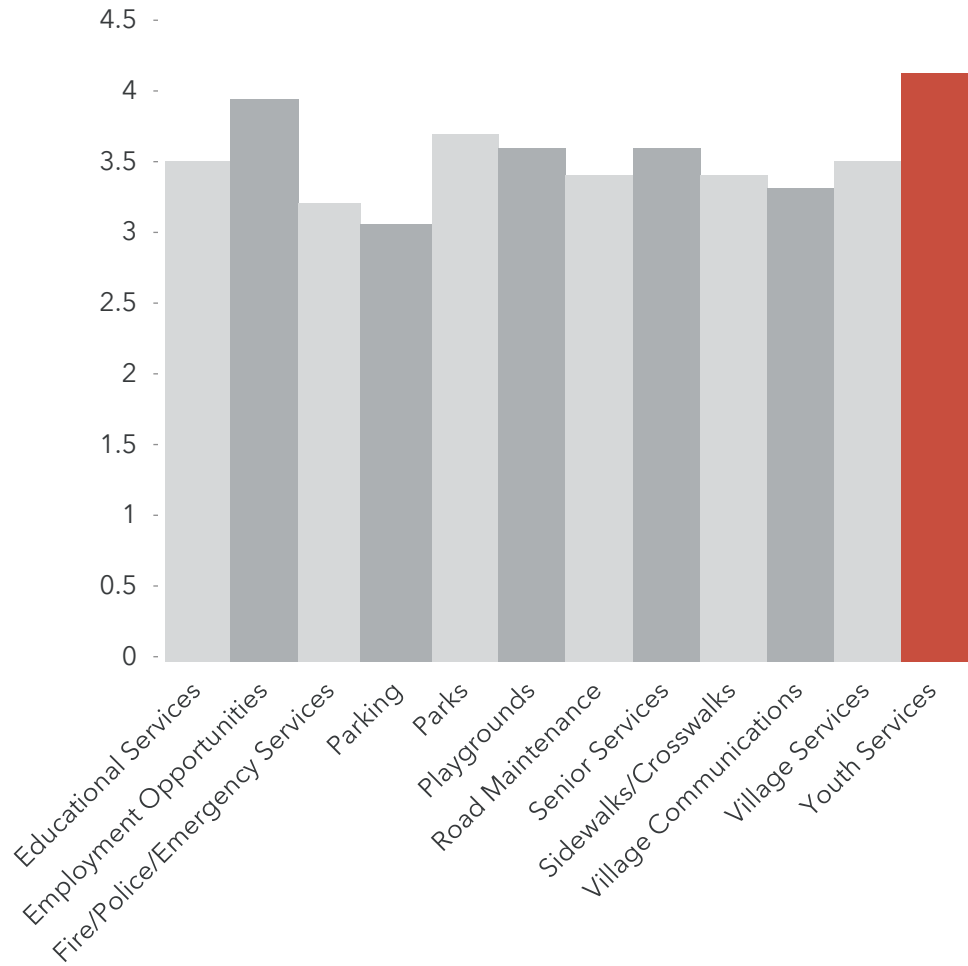
"Future Philmont"

(tie)  **62%** **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

(tie)  **62%** **PUBLIC SAFETY**

 **59%** **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

** weighted average shown



IMPROVEMENTS

39%

Q 15



OF RESPONDENTS

Scored **YOUTH SERVICES** as (5)
most in need of improvement



30%

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



26%

PLAYGROUNDS

** weighted average shown



Q 18

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INCLUSIVITY



How can Philmont become a more inclusive Village? (open ended)

Tag	Mentions	Thematic Responses
Acceptance	7	Acceptance of all, Act neighborly
Activities	27	Celebrate different cultures, holding community events, getting children involved
Beautification	8	Discourage hate speech, property maintenance
Communication	20	Communication/sharing, be that friendly face
Community Development	15	Encourage business growth, support inclusive businesses, goods at different price points
Housing	14	Affordability/diversity, ownership options, higher quality rentals, landlord issues
Miscellaneous	23	Political statements, Unsure how to answer, not an issue of concern
Grand Total	114	

