

Monterey Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey Responses- Individual Responses

Question 2

Tell us about your favorite place in Monterey.

Backroads	Benedict Pond	Brewers Pond by the dam
Beach, General Store	Benedict Pond	Community Center
Beartown State Forest , hiking loop	Benedict Pond - all seasons	Community Center
Beartown	Benedict Pond trail	Definitely the town beach
Beartown	Benedict pond was my favorite place, but I haven't been there since they are now charging \$30. for an out of state plate, and they have discontinued the out of state summer pass.	Diane's trail
Beartown		Diane's Trail
Beartown Mountain Road and Beartown State Forest		Diane's trail and Bidwell house woods for walkin
Beartown Mtn Forest		Diane's trail
Beartown St Forest, great variety during any season.	Benedict Pond without a doubt.	Diane's Trail
Beartown State Forest	Beware pond trail because it's near my house	dirt roads
Beartown State Forest	Bidwell	Dirt Roads to walk or Bike
Beartown State Forest	Bidwell House Museum	Garfield
Beartown State Forest	Bidwell Park	Gould Farm gravel pit
Beartown State Forest	Bidwell Park	Greene Park
Beartown State Forest - 4 seasons of fun (but am greatly annoyed by new high parking fees with no discount for anyone but MA residents)	Bidwell Park has special resonance for me. A great place for quiet contemplation.	hiking trails
Beartown State Forest at the end of Beartown Road.	Bldwell property	Hunger mountain
Beartown, Benedict pond	Bob's Trail	Hunger Mountain State Forest trails (daily) 300+ times/year
	Bob's Trail	Hupi Rd., where I live, at the top of the garden every morning for sunrise
	Bobs way	I like walking though bear town state park at the

entrance on Beartown mountain road

I love my backyard and gardens, and love the town beach. my family has spent countless hours at each.

it used to be the general store

Lake

Lake Garfield. We are new to the lake community. We love it.

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Lake Garfield (not necessarily the public beach part)

lake garfield and brakenbrae farm stand. and roadside cafe when it's open. also love the dump

Lake Garfield and my property

Lake Garfield Beach

Lake Garfield is the jewel of Monterey :-)

Lake Garfield!

Lake Garfield!

Lake Garfield, concerned about milfoil and jet ski noise pollution

Lake Garfield, live on the lake

Lake Garfield. I row most days in the summer, fish, and own a house on the lake.

Lake Garfield--it is beautiful and a wonderful place to see wildlife and kyack when there are not too many motor boats.

Lake Garfield

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MCC, Church, or Swap Shop

Monterery community center. 1. Brings people together, 2. community garden

Monterey Community Center

Monterey Preservation Land Trust is a treasure.

Monterey Town Beach and Diane's Trail

Mount Hunger state forest

Mount Hunger Trail.

Mt. Hunger Peak (NOT Hunger Mountain trail) near cemetery off Hunger Mountain Rd was an awesome surprise find (almost no mention or even way to google for it because of conflation with Hunger Mountain)

My boathouse

My family loves Lake Garfield and Brewer's Pond Trail!

My family often visits Benedict Pond, Bob's Way, Diane's Trail. We love the new playground at Greene Park. We love the beach in the summer.

My home on Stevens Lake!

My own family summer homestead on Lake Buel

Our lakeside home, allowing for our most frequent activities.

Quiet country roads for cycling

Road and trail around Stevens Lake (where I live)

Sitting on a rock I call
"Stillpoint" at Benedict
Pond.

State forest behind my
house on Hupi Road

Steadman is terribly
infested with Ticks.
Dangerous to go there and
needs to be remediated. I
had more than 100 ticks on
me the last time I walked
there.

Steadman,
Beartown/Benedict Pond
and Lake Garfield Beach

The "real Mount Hunger"
(summit) on Hunger
Mountain State Forest land
and surrounding trails

The Appalachian Trail
heading north from
Benedict Pond

The Bear Town State Forest
trails between Hupi Rd and
Hunger Mountain Rd

The Bidwell trails

The church at the center of
town - coffee club, food
pantry, etc.

the community center and
the gronds

The deck at my house with
view across valley

The falls at Bidwell park

The lake!

The lake! And we live on
Hupi so love the MT Huger
trails behind our house

The library

The Library!

The town beach

The undeveloped shores of
Lake Garfield.

this is a question for
visitors; I don't visit, I live
here

Top of the gravel quarry,
Gould Farm

Town beach

Trails on Gould Farm
property

Walking along Curtis road.
Dianes Trail

Wellman road for walking.
Roads around Gould
farm/dianes trail

Question 3

What suggestions do you have for improving your favorite places in Monterey?

1) Allow homeowners on Lake Buel to expand their homes more than the current zoning allows, as long as it doesn't infringe on the Lake. 2) Add additional Bike Paths on the main roads.

1)Support the construction of a pavilion at the Monterey Community Center 2)Develop a trail at the Monterey Community Center property

A cooperatively owned food market or farmers market with healthy food essentials in a location accessible to town center such as in the old school house or even a small grocery food truck parked at the library. They

do this in Japan to add food security to aging populations in mountainous climates with spread out populations similar to ours.

A rail path from the beach to the water would greatly help the elderly and/or disabled to swim at the town beach.

A walking path around Monterey

Adding a Pickle ball court.

Adult swings

banning wave boats

Better parking and allowing the use of the town hall bathrooms without getting yelled at

Bidwell Park, remove dam

Brewers pond trail is not a complete loop and impossible to exit onto Tyringham Rd with dog.

Build a tennis court

Build Tennis and pickleball courts

Change the parking fee structure at Beartown State Forest to accommodate frequent non-MA resident visitors (ie season pass)

Clearer indications of where to park-not signs, but cleared areas.

Community purchase of Monterey General Store

Complete renovation of softball field infield so that it's playable come Spring.

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Connecting trails to go from Brewer Trail, for example, to center of town.

Continue the beautification of Bidwell Park

Continue the great lifeguard/goose poop cleaning at the lake.

Continue to promote the ecological health of Lake Garfield

Continue weed control

Create affordable housing opportunities (with hopes to attract young families); make homes deed restricted to preclude second/multiple home owners or real estate rental investment. Set up a Monterey volunteer trail maintenance club (possibly affiliated with parks and rec) to coordinate efforts to maintain trails regardless of trail ownership (with ownership permission of course)

Create bike and walking paths in the area next to the Konkapot.

Disallow motorboats on Lake Garfield; at least limit jet skis and allow electric motors or minimum HP only

Dog park

Easier walking accessibility

eliminate snowmobile and dirt bikes, increase bird watching, create a dog park

Enforce no dogs on the beach and enforce leash law in other town parks

Ensure no hunting in vicinity of trails where hikers may be unaware of season It's hard to see how recreational snowmobiling (as fun as it is) is good from an environmental/wildlife perspective. Limit dates and hours?

Expansion :-)

fallen tree removal

Fine as they are

Hope General Store will open soon

I did not even know there was a mount Hunger trail or a Brewers Pond trail! I probably pass it every time I go to my home! So well maintained trails and better signage would be my answer.

i have none

I love Lake Garfield and I can't think of anything to improve.

I use the town beach a lot. Love the shade, and the view of the lake. I wish the town had bought the Amadon house when it was on the market. The boat landing seems dangerous to me, I actually fell there from tire trackers in the sand. My arm is still sore, (this happened over a year ago) Also the beach would be so much nicer if that strip of land that belongs to the house was part of the beach. I know they want to rebuild the cottage, maybe the town could do an exchange?

I wish there were tennis courts available somewhere. I would love sidewalks to walk more safely along Main Road and Tyringham Road (particularly the part between town center and the beach).

I would love for there to be some pickleball courts and a ping pong table somewhere. It would also be nice to have some outdoor exercise equipment in a park

I'd like to see trails established and maintained through the Monterey Land Trust property. Seems to be a wasted opportunity. New Marlborough has several properties that are very user friendly.

I'd like to be able to safely walk or bike to more of my favorite places in town.

Improve ice rink pavilion surface and boards; add refrigeration equipment if possible

Improve lake Garfield parking and beach area. Veterans park needs improvements. Looking quite sad with the wood planks showing.

Improve the section of Old Beartown Road that runs from the lower gate into the State Forest to the gate where it joins Benedict Pond Road

Improve the weed growth

Improve trail access everywhere; add sidewalks and bike lanes. Allow or improve access to private protected lands.

In Season Full Time Life Guards

Increase lot sizes so that every last square inch around Lake Garfield is not covered in houses. Implement town-wide Dark Sky policies to prevent further light pollution. Implement policies to reduce jet-ski noise pollution. Increase slow-traffic zones in town. Increase mowing-reduced plantings in

yards and on public properties (as a way to reduce noise pollution).

Informational signage about healthy land practices

Innovative playground

Introduce more native species to support pollinators. Better signage on Mount Hunger trail.

It would be amazing to have somewhere outside at the MCC where events could be held where folks would be protected from less desirable weather - a rainy, summer concert sounds like a blast!

It would be great to have a public tennis court by one of the parks

It would be great to have more pickleball courts

Just keeping up those trails. And not building on open land which is Monterey's greatest asset in my eyes. It's why people who weren't born here choose to come here.

Just to keep every thing up to date, the trails, etc.

Keep Lake Garfield healthy

Keep up the weed control

Keeping weeds under control and eliminating or curtailing the use of jet skis.

Keep-up the good work that's being done to maintain these special spaces.

Lake Garfield is too crowded with non-residents the lifeguards take up too much space on the small beach

less jet skis too noisy and makes the lake so busy

Maintain hiking trails clean & walkable. Maintain trees, shrubs etc. Restrict noise

pollution; snowmobiles, dirt motorcycles, etc.

Maintain its natural secluded nature.

Maintain the natural beauty while making them as accessible as possible. Eliminate invasive plants and highlight or plant Natives.

Maintaining health of the lske

Maybe there's a way to "weed" the vegetation that grows in the water in the swimming area and just outside its perimeter. I'll volunteer if there was such a weeding mechanism!

Monitor and maintain the town beach with regard to cleanliness and safety.

More and better attention to hiking trails
Improved boat ramp, Lake Garfiled

More dedicated trash pick-up and clean up especially because cans/plastics and other garbage does accumulate over time. Even once or twice a year like January and June would be helpful to minimize trash. If it can only be done once a year, it could be done right before the summer season. We've found even an abandoned toilet out in the middle of the woods.

More forest trails

more hiking trails in preserved properties
better maintenance of trails

More information about resources

more kayak racks, fix issues with geese and cleaning up of beach area and the water areas with weeds and grasses where we swim and enter the water

more nativ plants in open areas

More paths at the community center and a dog park

More sand at the beach! Take better care of the beach.

more signage and upkeep

More trail maintenance.

More walker friendly and safe. Protect the lake and enforce the rules on speed and wakes. Too many people drive their boats and jet skis dangerously.

Move the boat ramp driveway away from the town beach! These should be separated. Motor boat operators are not respectful of kayakers/canoers.

Multipurpose trail (pedestrian and biking) between village and Lake Garfield beach

n/a

Need walking path from town to public beach!

New picnic table at Bidwell Park. More sand at town beach

No chemical weed treatment. Continue to maintain as is.

NO more motor boats in the lake (garfield) and no more drawdown, which kills native plants and animals and is done purely for property value and misunderstood notions of good plants, bad plants.

none

None

None

None, I think it's great just the way it is.

Not sure.

Nothing

Our Town (with Gould Farm's consent) should make Diane's Trail into a fully accessible trail including limited, closer, accessible parking. This would be an admirable goal for other

(relatively) flat trails such as around Brewer Pond also.

Par course outdoors in Greene Park around the field.

Perfect the way it is.

Pickleball court

Playground improvement for our grandchildren

Please ban wave boats! They stir up the lake bottom and can cause erosion.

Please do NOT put lights all over the new solar array at the gravel pit. It's the best dark-sky spot for watching sunsets and stars

Provide a building to change clothes by the beach. Clearing the weeds at the base of the boat ramp.

rec leagues outside of softball (soccer!)

Reduce noise on lake. I'd ban wake boats; they are noisy, deteriorate lakeshores, and can be dangerous to kayak, canoe and other times when people are entering/exiting crafts on docks and bulkheads.

Residents use only, no motor boats.

Restore the nature trail fully around Brewers Pond which Bonner constructed a couple of decades ago.

Skate park!

Skateboard/rink for summer use. New sand for beach/expand?

stop mixing up open space and recreation. Stop promoting Monterey for recreation...how about farming and gardening?

tennis/pickleball court would be great addition

The addition of the coffee truck one day per week has been wonderful. Since Monterey has a lack of spots to pick up a treat and enjoy the great outdoors, we would love more of the truck and other similar types of mobile food/drink amenities, farmer's market and pop-up stands, etc... otherwise we are really quite satisfied. And the reopening of the Gould Farm Cafe will help (and hopefully the General Store).

The Parks/Recreation Commission has worked hard to improve the parks. The best condition they have been in the last 15 years.

There are a lot of weeds on the surface of the lake on the smaller, shallower side of the lake. It is a constant struggle to keep up cleaning it in June, July and August. I'm not sure what can be done but It's all over that side of the shallow part of the lake. It impedes swimming and the weeds get tangled in the boat motors.

They replaced the soil on the softball field and now it is unusable when it rains. Please fix it!!!

Trail maintenance

Unlimited kayak spaces

Very careful and vigilant preservation of natural landscape.

We need the General Store back as a community anchor.

We need the general store to reopen. Monterey will be more of a nice stop on a bike ride destination and place for locals to gather

Weed management. Also, I know it is not within the town's capabilities, but I would love provisions that set a speed limit for boats and limit and/or ban the use of jet skis and wake boats.

What happened to the baseball/softball field?
It's a cryin shame...

Wish there wasn't a charge to park.

Would like a dog run.

Would like to see the pavilion completed.

Would love a safe place for dogs to run.

Question 5

Elaborate on your response here.

A dog park is an extremely important communal space

a tennis court

ADA-friendly community garden access.

Afternoon community center classes

Bike and pedestrian paths into town

Continue to develop activities at community center

Dog park

Dog Park

dog park (only if it can be maintained)

Dog park and exercise equipment for older adults.

dog park would be nice.

dog park, adult fitness equipment

Evaluate town parks to improve use for people with disabilities

I believe that Monterey should concentrate on the public lands it already has and maintains. Suggesting that we need to set aside

more and more land only exacerbates a housing inequality that is quickly aging our community.

Monterey needs to balance this hunger for woodlands and natural resources with a need to grow our community to include the children born in Monterey and the families that desire to move here.

I don't think so

I think we need to look at needs going forward. I keep bringing up pickleball because there will be more and more demand so it would be great to get ahead of it now

I would love a dog park

I would love to bike more if there were safe bike lanes

Important that natural beauty be available to all.

It needs safe areas for bike riding. The roads are VERY dangerous.

It would be fun to have a community dance/ fund raiser

like to see access on certain trails, though don't know much about this

Monterey should purchase the old eagle camp gym and make it available for winter activities for everyone.

More for kids and families

More promotion. Increase awareness.

Most of us can probably benefit from more exercise

No interest in additional activities

No real trails here for mobility challenged people. Hopefully that changes. BNRC has an opportunity to use the old subdevelopment roads on the newly acquired land for that, and that is something missing here.

None Its great just the way it is

Pickleball courts

Place for dogs away from Green Park and beach

Public tennis/pickleball court(s)

Refrigerate ice rink

Safety issues walking on roadway. Are a concern

See answer to ? #3: always try to maximize accessibility

Seniors

Soccer field

stop with the recreation

Tennis and pickleball courts would be an attractive and well-used community facility.

Tennis courts

The COA does a great job in providing recreational opportunities for the elderly.

The creation of a trail guide would be ideal and help raise visibility. This should be coupled with a fundraising campaign. Something analogous to Friends of the Public Library, but dedicated to Monterey's Public Spaces and Recreation.

The new playground is great. We would love more family-friendly recreational opportunities for young children.

we are not full time so not sure about what is needed here

We have a wonderful community center and library.

We need a dog park. Many residents have dogs they would like to socialize.

We need more youth/families

We seem very fortunate in Monterey to have many places nearby to get into the woods and enjoy our small lakes.

we would love additional outdoor organized activities for kids (especially young kids)

Winter activities such as the hocky/ice skating rink are to be encouraged

Would love to have a dog park like Egremont

Would love to see a dog park

Younger adults

Youth is traditionally underserved.

Question 6

Where would you prefer it?

Oommunity center

1) Greene Park 2) MCC

any location but maybe the community center

Any of the above

Any of those

Benedict Pond

Brewer's Pond

Brewers pond or the community center

Brewer's Pond would be awesome!!

Community Center

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Community Center	Community Center for accessibility - our town doesn't seem to be getting any younger!	Greene park
Community Center		Greene Park
Community center		Greene Park
Community Center	Community center has a lot of acres and it makes the most sense there	Greene Park
Community Center		Greene Park
Community Center	Community Center or Brewer's Pond	Greene Park- flat area, plenty of parking, easy access, fewer ticks and mosquitos. This would be great, I would use it and bring friends for regular excercise.
Community center	Community center or Greene Park	
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community center	Community CenterWoo	Greene Park or Brewer's Pond I think.
Community Center	Convenient to parking	Greene Park or Community Center
Community Center	depending on what is was we might use it not 100% sure	Greene Park or Community Center
Community Center		Greene Park or Community Center
Community center	different pieces at different parks	Greene Park since it could be used before/after basketball, while kids on playground, etc.
Community Center	Green Park	
Community center	Green Park	
Community center	Greene	Grounds of Community Center
Community center	Greene	Green Park is more centrally located
Community center	Greene	
Community Center	Greene park	Have used lees once
community center	Greene Park	I don't know what you mean by senior equipment
Community Center and a park or near the current b-ball courts across from the post office	Greene Park	I doubt I would use it, but I support this. At Community Center.
	Greene Park	
Community center and Greene Park.	Greene Park	I would support it but probably not use it.
	Greene Park	indoors
	Greene Park	

MCC	outdoor ping pong table is wonderful for all ages, particularly seniors and families	The community center would be best.
MCC		
Mustering field on Beartown Mtn rd	Park	town Park near Town Hall
Near playground	Same park as children's playground	unsure
no preference		Would use it anywhere
not sure		

Question7

What do you think is the most important resource in Monterey to be conserved (note- this does not have to be your favorite)?

Affordable housing

affordable housing for the common folk, not tourists or second home owners	interested in maintaining and evolving Monterey to continue to foster this robust, dedicated community	not further parcel our open areas.
Agricultural open spaces should be farmed at a higher level. Any of our rivers and cold water fisheries.	Courts and lake beach	Farm land
Beach, General Store	Dark skies, undisturbed ridge lines, healthy forests	Farm land. Trails. Rivers
beartown. bidwell park	Downtown	farmland
Benedict Pond	Downtown Monterey	farmland and water
Bidwell House	Downtown. The look and feel.	Forest land
Bidwell House and the grounds. There new trails are awesome.	Ecologically healthy land, both public and private	Forest.
Church	Expanses of natural undeveloped land. Note this does not mean I wouldn't support development and/or new construction in Monterey. But I would support new development in areas that already have existing infrastructure. We should	Forested and open space, natural landscape.
Clean, safe water for swimming in Lake Garfield.		Forested land!
Community, open conversation.		Forests (in my mind conserved can also mean managed)
COMMUNITY: we need a next generation who are		Garfield
		General Store
		general store
		Green space. We do well but need to maintain it.
		Green spaces

Green Spaces	Lake	Lake Garfield
Hiking trails	Lake Garfield	Lake Garfield
Hiking Trails, lake Garfield	Lake Garfield	Lake Garfield
Historic Village - Church building, General Store, School Building, historic homes	Lake Garfield Lake garfield Lake Garfield	Lake Garfield Lake Garfield Lake Garfield
I think the town beach is a much used area. the boat launch and beach itself. could be made safer and prettier. I'd be willing to contribute or pay more taxes for that.	Lake Garfield Lake Garfield Lake garfield Lake Garfield Lake Garfield	lake garfield need to make sure it stays clean from invasive weeds and stays safe for swimming and boating Lake Garfield & Lake Buel Beartown
I think there is more than enough conserved land at this point, such that there is very little room for new growth. The land that is conserved could be better utilized. It is the most important resource, and there is so much more that could be done with what already has been conserved.	Lake Garfield Lake Garfield Lake Garfield Lake Garfield Lake Garfield lake garfield Lake garfield Lake Garfield	Lake Garfield (weeds, accessibility, health of lake) Lake Garfield and all the open trails. Lake Garfield and Beach Lake Garfield and Lake Buel Lake Garfield and Lake Buel Lake Garfield safe swimming beach
I think we need to get serious about protecting Lake Garfield. I believe that means getting rid of boats with large and/or loud motors.	Lake Garfield Lake Garfield Lake Garfield Lake Garfield	lake garfield town beach Lake Garfield, since there's only one small public access Lake Garfield.
Integrity of land/lack of development	Lake Garfield Lake Garfield	Lake Garfield. I consider it to the the keystone feature of the town
It's peacefulness and of course it's nature.	Lake Garfield	Lake garfird
its trails and open space	Lake Garfield	
Keep lake Garfield clean and free of weeds	Lake Garfield Lake Garfield	Lake, hiking trails, undeveloped land (open fields and forests.)

lakes	Open land and wooded trails	Quiet.
Lakes		rural environment and working people
Lakes	Open Space	
Lakes and open spaces, community events	open space	scenic mountains health of lakes and rivers
Lakes and streams	Open space	Stedman pond
Land/rivers/streams	Open space	The church.
Leave open space untouched	Open space	The forest
Library and community center!	open spaces	The great ponds
Library, community center	Open Spaces	The grounds of the Community Center
Library, park land, lake Garfield, community center	Open spaces for people to hike and explore.	the lake
Locals being able to afford to live here	Our beauty.	The lake
Maintain it's bucolic nature & quiet	our families!	the lake
Maintain natural environment; resist further development	Our water sources - rivers, streams, lakes - with one question about how future extreme weather and flooding could impact the integrity/cleanliness of these sources are knowing how contaminated the Housatonic is.	The Lake for sure
Monterey	Pedestrian paths	the lakes
Monterey's beautiful roads with their tree canopies.	Public accessibility to wild spaces, especially including lakes and woods	the Lakes and hiking trails
Mt. Hunger Trails	Public space broadly is critical for current residents and future generations.	The lakes and the beach and beyond open space, the library.
Natural beauty		The lakes and woods
Nature. Natural beauty. Open spaces		The lakes, the library and the community center.
Need to create affordable housing		The lakes.
Old buildings and making sure new buildings aesthetically match our historic character.	Quiet and dark nights.	The land and the community. However I would not want an easement on my property.
	Quiet gravel roads and open fields.	The library
		The old school house building
		The open fields by the "Flats" on route 23, just

past the Roadside.
Everyone passes there and
that open feeling is so
beautiful

The open space areas and
Lake Garfield

The quiet and the dark at
night

The trees and I wonder why
so many have been cut
down around town in the
past few years.

The watersheds of Lake
Garfield, Lake Buel and
Stevens Pond

This might not apply, but
the possible sale of the
meeting house church is a
very significant resource
that would harm the town if

it became unavailable to
town functions.

trails

trees

Trees and natural space

TREES!!! We need those
trees especially that are
mature...

Uncommercialized natural
beauty.

Undeveloped land

Undeveloped land, dirt
roads and hiking trails

Undeveloped space, trails

unsure

Vibrant small downtown
and it's community and

keeping the small town
rural character of Monterey,
ie no dog parks, city type
recreation

walking trails

Water

water and waterfront

Water forest people

Water supply

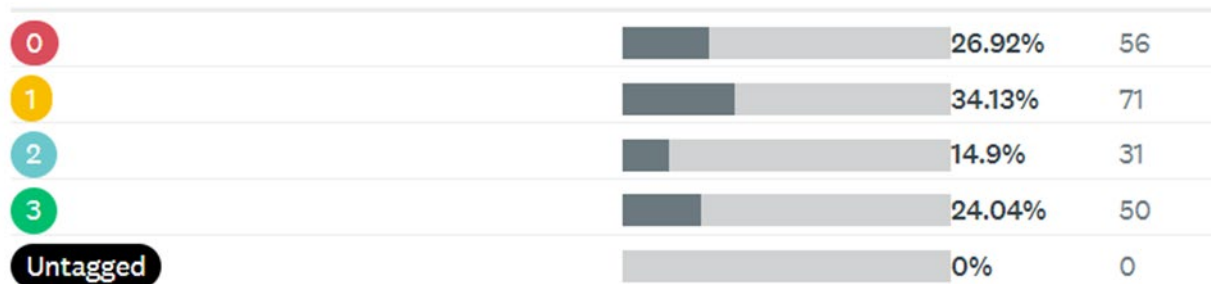
Wooded and vacan lots,
meadows, field for wildlife
to thrive.

wooded areas and lakes

Woodland and trees along
the roads

Woodlands but not at the
sacrifice of workforce
housing.

Question 8



Question 12

Use this space to tell us about something we missed or other concerns regarding open space in Monterey?

Our street lights should be turned off after 11 PM. This would save electricity, save money, and be better for town center residents' quality of sleep. It is also important for diurnal plants/animals/insects. We have a ridiculous amount of lights- its overkill. Plus they are too bright. We could turn off half of them and still have ample illumination.

a new playground would be terrific

American Chestnut Tree Restoration

An interconnected trail network for longer distance hiking, such as connecting Bob's Way-Mt Hunger-Steadman Pond-Bidwell House

Another trail improvement opportunity is from Beartown Mountain Rd. To the YES Lodge. Can be hiked currently but would benefit from work.

Any thoughts to the open space behind Greene Park?

Benches in the mustering field .

closely monitor and limit the height of new construction to legal limits

Cycling/walking trails along the Main Road, Tyringham Road and through wooded areas along Konkapot.

Encourage walkers to wear reflective gear

Enforce rules for existing homeowners consistently and in line with what new builds must abide by

Evaluate options for the reuse of the Monterey church

Financial support for maintenance of native plant initiatives and educational outreach to all landowners in Monterey on this topic.

Fire pavilion is under utilized

Housing is the most critical problem facing the southern berkshires. There needs to be more discussion about housing in Monterey and how it can be a positive part of the open space discussion

I am in total support of making walking paths to get from monterery center to the town beach and as far up as Art School Road.

I applaud your efforts and this questionnaire suggests your group is thinking along lines I support. Monterey is full of open space and outdoor recreational opportunities. In the past, what was lacking was a comprehensive view that takes them all into account and presents a unified vision for bringing them together -- for example with a townwide sidewalk & trail network. Why can't we walk from town center to the lake or town center to the MCC without braving roadside death?

I do not use insecticides, etc. I allow all plants the option to grow.

I have the recurring concern that someday state land will be turned over for development. I hope that day never comes. I would love to see regulations rather than mere suggestions regarding things like nighttime lighting, planting of invasives for any reason, use of lawn fertilizers and toxic chemicals that compromise flora and fauna, etc. or some incentives for private property owners to refrain from these things.

I think it is very important that the character of the town is maintained.

I vehemently oppose bike paths in town. Roads are already narrow. There aren't enough bikers to justify it.

I wonder about the Konkapot, whether a trail, and one connecting more parks like Bidwell Park and the library's, could happen in/near the village and/or out to Brewer's Pond

I would like to see jet skis outlawed on Lake Garfield. They pollute the water and the noise in the summer months is absolutely terrible. It is NOT what you want on a lake. If we could get rid of all gas powered water craft that would be preferable but I would like to start with jet skis. They are just awful, people go way too fast on them and it truly ruins what should be a very beautiful and peaceful lake.

I'd just like to make sure we have intact wildlife corridors to ensure that plants, animals and pollinators can move around to adapt to our changing climate.

If a multi use path is to be constructed between town and the lake it should be accessible to all and include access to the Brewer Pond trail and waterfront.

If a walking path was being planned along a river on my property I WOULD NOT be supportive

In spite of the digital speed monitor, people rage over the hill from Tyringham and race into the reduced-speed zone, creating a traffic hazard at the corners of Hupi and along Tyringham Road. Similarly, people accelerate up the hill after passing Lake Garfield in spite of speed limit and low road visibility of pedestrians, animals, etc. Scary!

Installing a multi-use path between downtown and the town beach should be fairly simple and not involve tax increases.

The road seems wide enough to move the side markers in somewhat (1-2'), thus make the lanes narrower and create a marked safe space for walking/cycling on the side. I am cyclist myself and consider the road fairly safe for riding as it is. Another thing to possible consider is a community organized coffee shop/deli in downtown, maybe at the Community Center. After all it doesn't look like the general store will ever open and a coffee shop/deli staffed by volunteers could be a great place for the community to gather and meet.

Is this a lead in to have town vote to consider adoption of community preservation act?

It would be great to have a dog park!

it would be great to have the general store reopen. it is important to have a gathering space. Can the town play a role here?

Karen

looks good!

Monterey is blessed with beautiful open space and low taxes. Is it possible to maintain this and somehow provide housing to entice young families to the town?

Monterey is distinguished by its stunning forested landscape. Vigilant care should be taken to preserve the Town's unspoiled character.

More bike paths on the roads are needed.

More solar power

my main concern about Monterey is that it has become a place where regular work a day folks can't afford to live. I have a hard time answering many of these question with a good attitude in tact...sorry.

Need to adopt CPA so as to receive state funds for open space, affordable housing & historical preservation.

Nothing

Please do not limit lights at night - where I live, I need lights at night to ensure that I am not coming up on an animal wondering around my home from the woods. For me it is a safety issue.

Re: question 4 above, I am willing to loan tools to improve trails, etc, but cannot afford to donate these outright

Replace all or most of the trees that were cut down in the past year or two especially on Tyringham Rd from the Store to the Beach

Restrictions on the height of buildings to preserve open views of the landscape. Map of all public trails in Monterey and Beartown Park published in Monterey News and available at Library in printed form.

Thank you for putting this survey together.

Thank you for sending this survey. We appreciate the opportunity to give input and feedback.

Thanks for your efforts!

The mess left by the state when they clear cut the areas on Blue Hill and Brett Road are a disaster. They have told me they will be fine in 10/20 years. That's way too long!

The Monterey DPW does an excellent job on maintaining the roadways and cutting back the bush and undergrowth. It reduces the possibility of hitting a deer or other animal crossing the road and it helps the town look clean and sharp. The town should be aware the Congregational Church in the center of town will be soon on the real estate market. Are the town leaders aware of this and are plans being formulated for what happens next?

Think of the library for meeting or other programming / outreach needs!

Town lacks awareness of importance of baseball/softball field. Should have hired an outside source to update field rather than a shortcut of town workers. Lost use of field for entire fall due to ineptness.

We love living here!

Question 14

	One Person	Two People	Three People	Four People	Five People	Total	Percentage
under 10	11	32	9	0	0	52	9.92%
10-19	12	24	0	0	0	36	6.87%
20-29	8	10	3	0	0	21	4.01%
30-39	10	10	3	8	5	36	6.87%
40-49	16	30	3	4	0	53	10.11%
50-59	21	36	0	0	0	57	10.88%
60-69	24	68	0	0	0	92	17.56%
70+	33	144	0	0	0	177	33.78%
						524	Individuals represented by Survey responses.

Question 15

Berkshire Eagle
 Calendar on web site
 Email of minutes
 Family
 Friends
 friends
 Friends

Gossip
 I have requested to get on the Monterey Google Group.
 I'm on the committee.
 Maybe see flyers at Library
 My husband is on the committee.
 Neighbors.
 Stumbled on it while searching the town website for something else, via Monterey News

Talking to my neighbors and friends in town
 Town Google Group?
 word of mouth
 word of mouth
 Word of mouth
 Word of mouth aka: gossip
 was overheard from other residents I read a