



APPENDIX C: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation and Outreach for Energy Conservation Plan

Events and Outreach

- November 7th, Baseline Inventory Presentation to City Council
- December 13th, Baseline Inventory Presentation to Beartooth Recreational Trails Assn.
- January 4th, Baseline Inventory Presentation to Rotary
- January 10th, Baseline Inventory Presentation to Planning Board
- February 13th, Energy Conservation Plan Update to Public Works Committee
- March 13th, Energy Conservation Plan Update to Public Works Committee
- March 13th, Energy Conservation Plan Update to City Council
- April 8th, Panel for Northern Plains on the development of our Energy Conservation Plan
- September 24th, Presentation of Final Draft to Public Works Committee
- September 29th, Public Debut of the Final Draft at the Red Lodge Soil to Sun Eco Fair

Surveys

- Energy Conservation City Employee Survey
- Energy Conservation Plan Community Survey

Media Coverage

[Mayor Larson joins 180 mayors in supporting solar power](#)

March 29, 2018

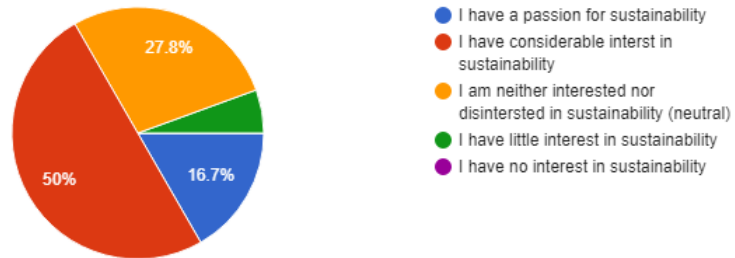
Carbon County News

Mayor Larson signs Mayors Solar Pact and discusses Red Lodge's current sustainability actions. The Energy Conservation Plan is mentioned as one of the ways Red Lodge is addressing Climate Change.

City Employee Energy Conservation Survey Results March 2018

Please indicate which of the following statements best describes your level of interest in sustainability.

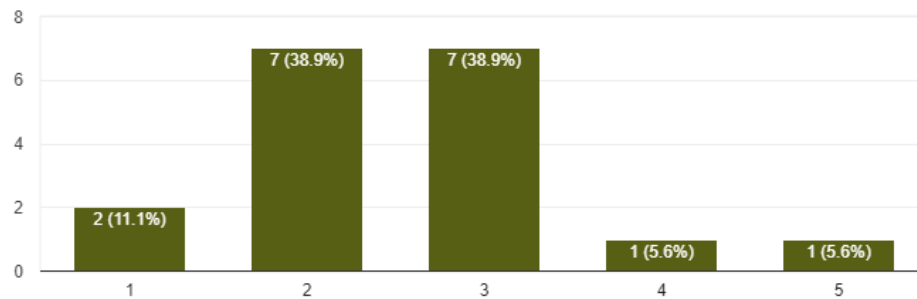
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1 meaning I agree with this statement, 5 meaning I disagree

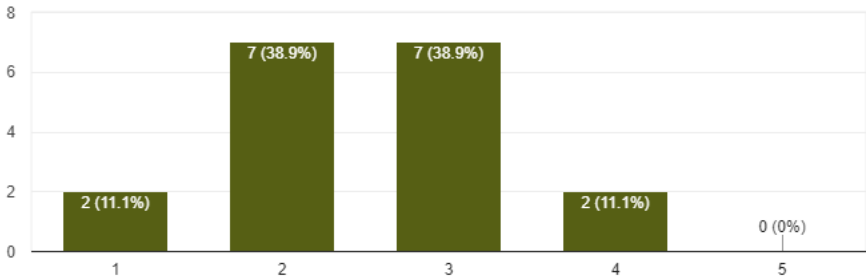
I make an effort to be knowledgeable about sustainability issues

18 responses



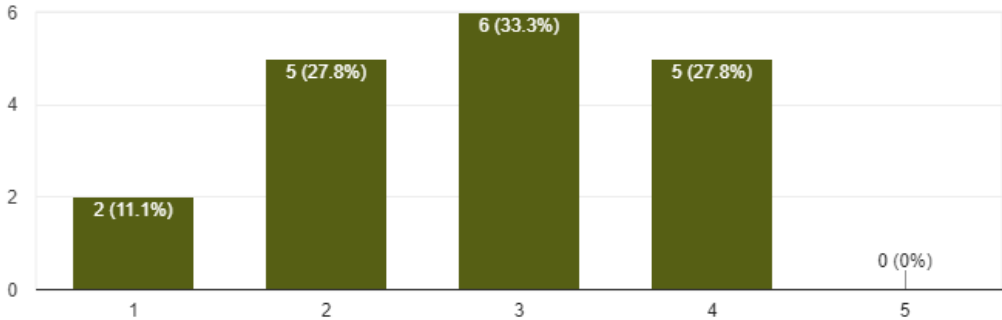
My daily behavior reflects a concern about sustainability issues

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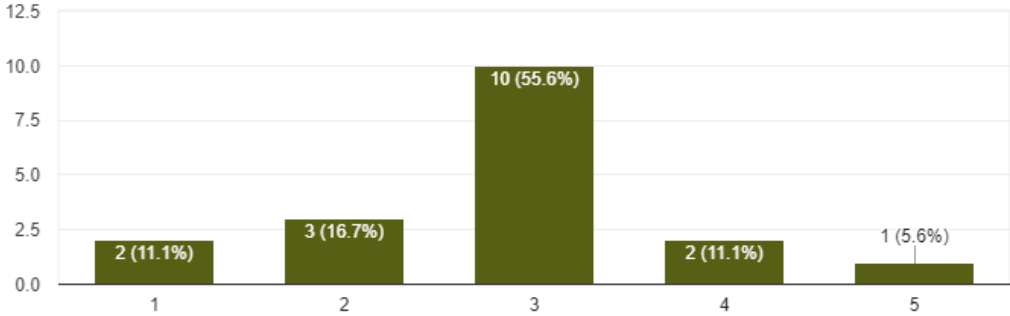
I value knowing that my food is grown locally

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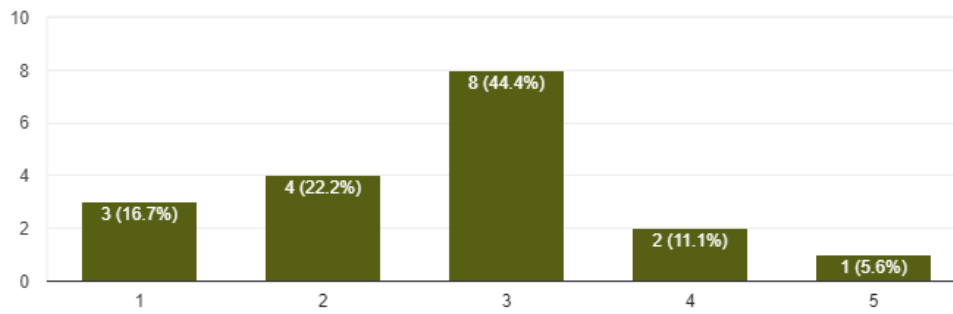
I think about how and where my clothes are made

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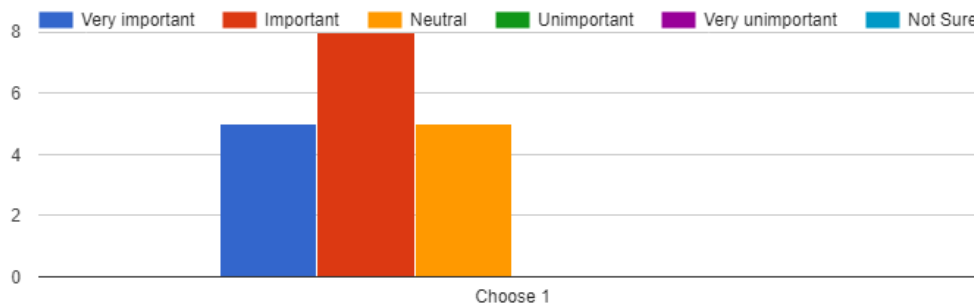


I would like to learn more about sustainability while at work

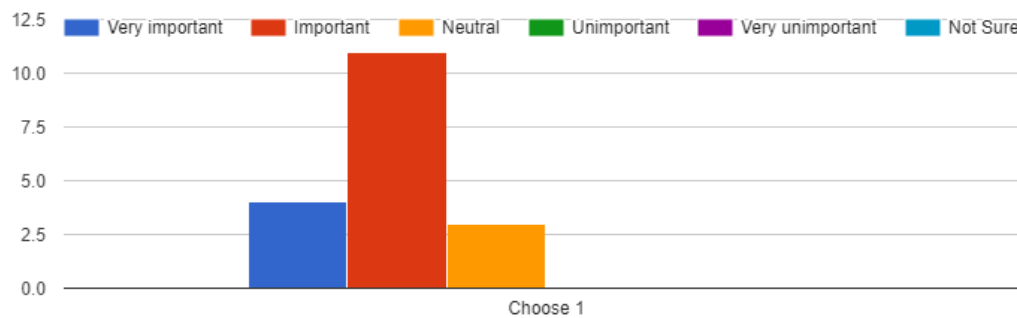
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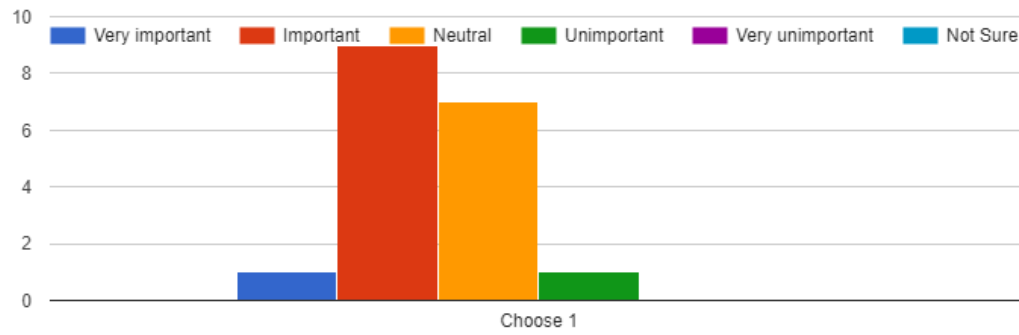
Recycling



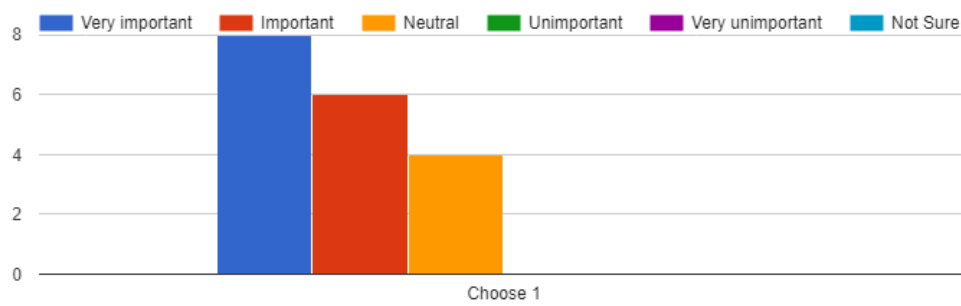
Minimizing the amount of waste going to landfill



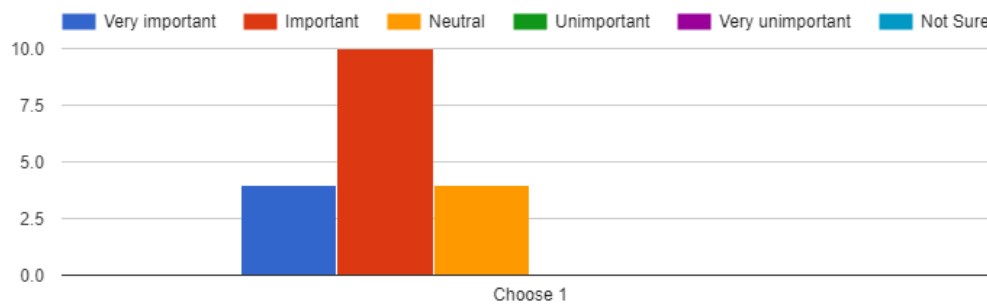
Choosing food based on its environmental impact



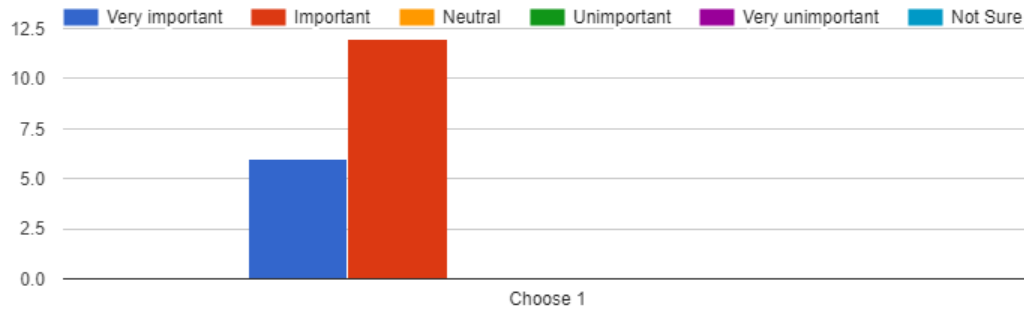
Conserving water



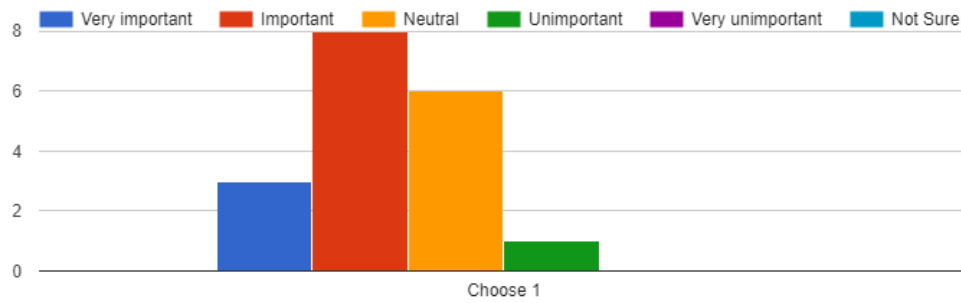
Purchasing environmentally friendly products



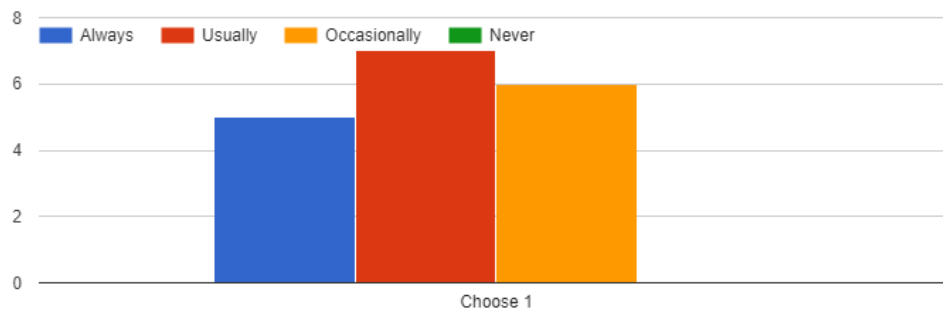
Conserving energy



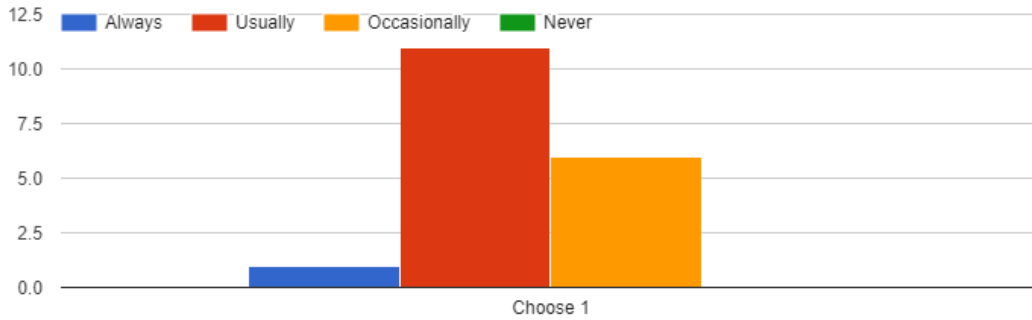
Minimizing carbon emissions from transportation



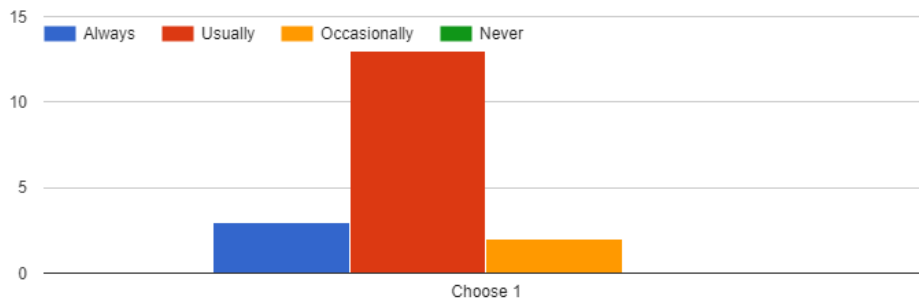
Recycle items



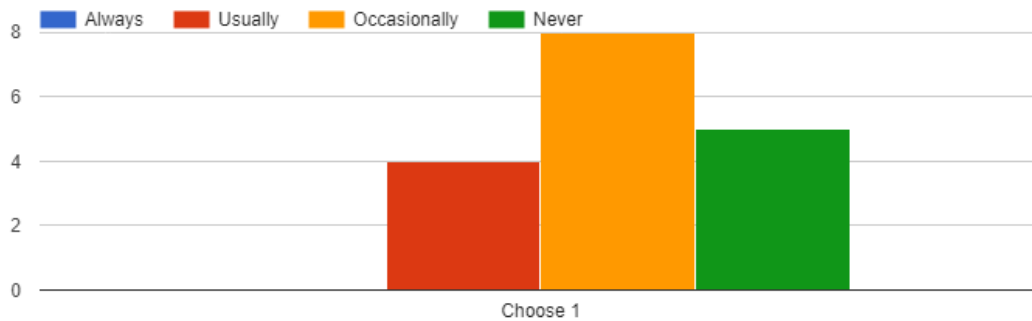
Minimize the waste you generate (for example, using reusable shopping bags or beverage containers)



Conserve energy

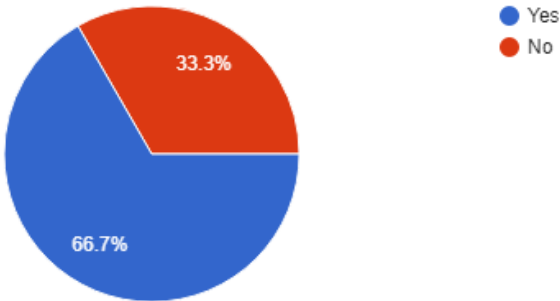


Use alternative transportation (for example, bike, walk or carpool)



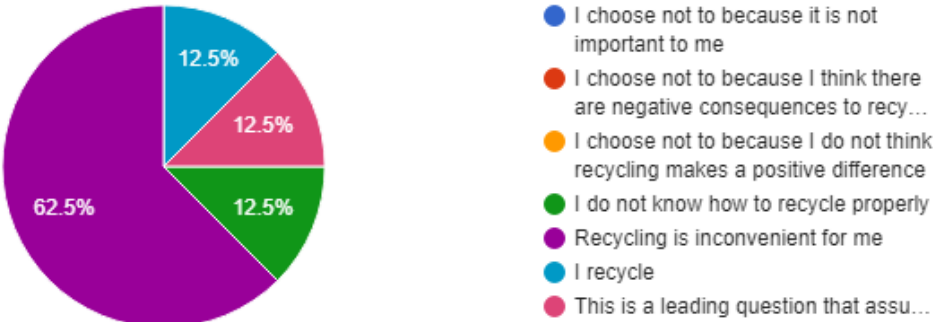
Do you recycle

18 responses



Please select the statement that best describes why you do not recycle

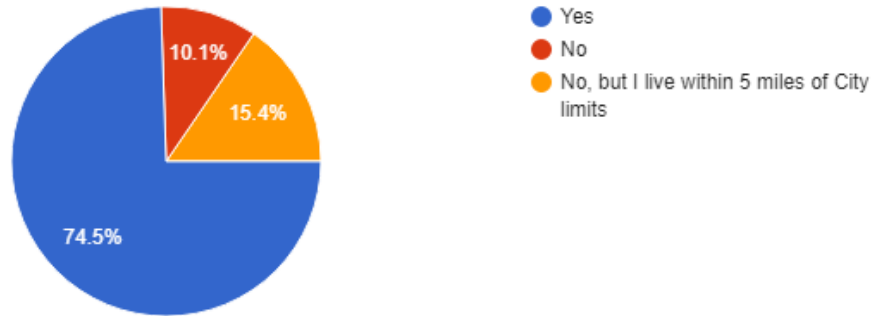
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Community Energy Conservation Plan Survey Results

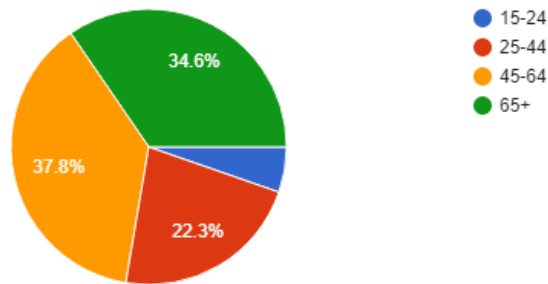
Do you live within Red Lodge City limits?

188 responses



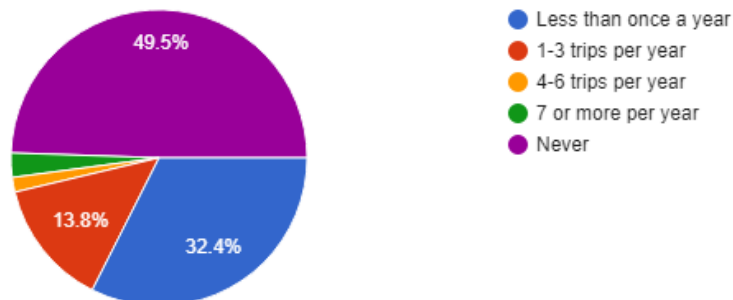
How old are you?

188 responses



How often do you make a special trip to the Billings/Cody Landfill to dispose of household debris?

188 responses

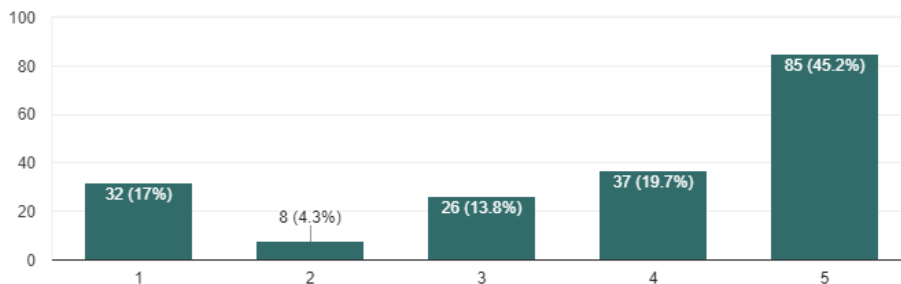


Please rate the following Strategies based on how important you feel they are for the City to address.

1 being Not Important and 5 being Very Important

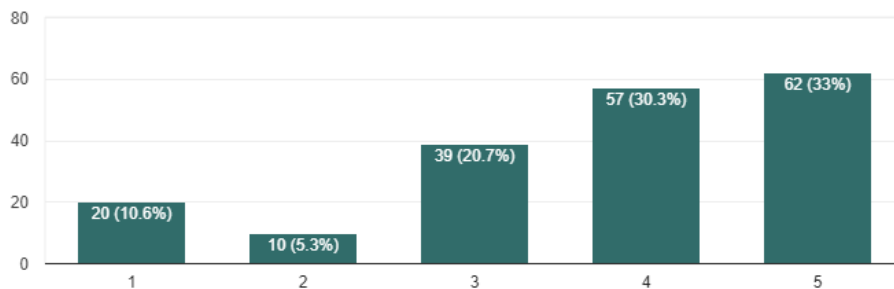
Expand the City's recycling program to include bins at all City facilities and develop business partnerships.

188 responses



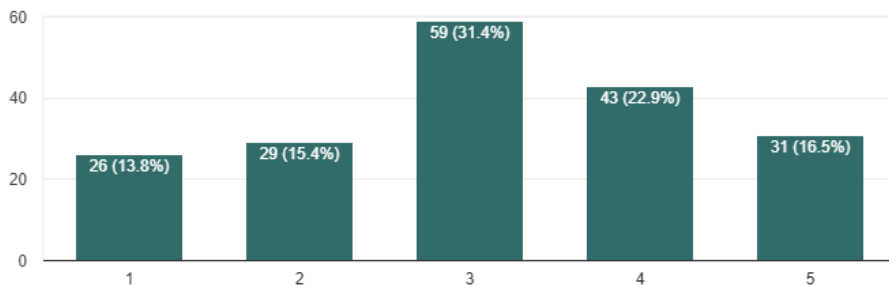
Shift document management and retention of City files to electronic form from paper copies and utilize electronic documents as often as possible.

188 responses



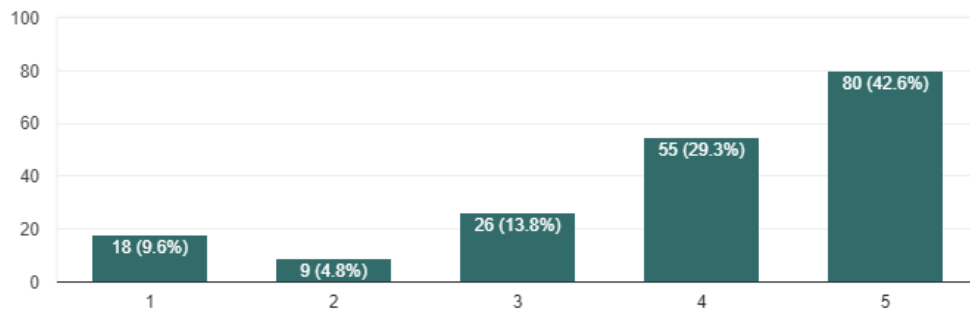
Reduce the use of office electronics in City facilities such as extra printers, space heaters, laptop/phone chargers, etc.

188 responses



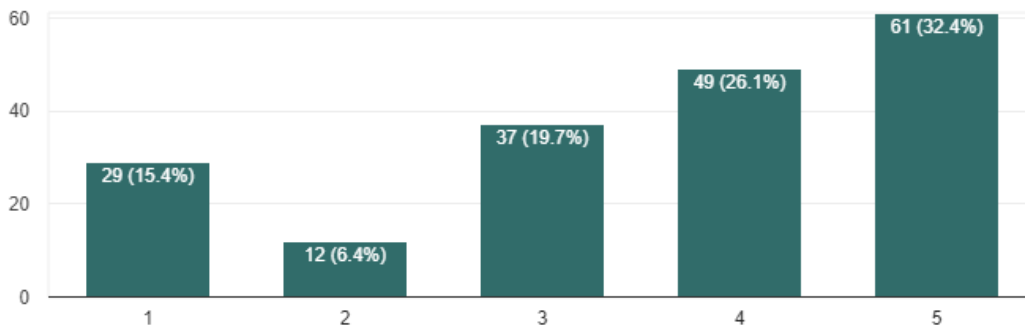
Train City employees to conserve energy and reduce waste while at work.

188 responses



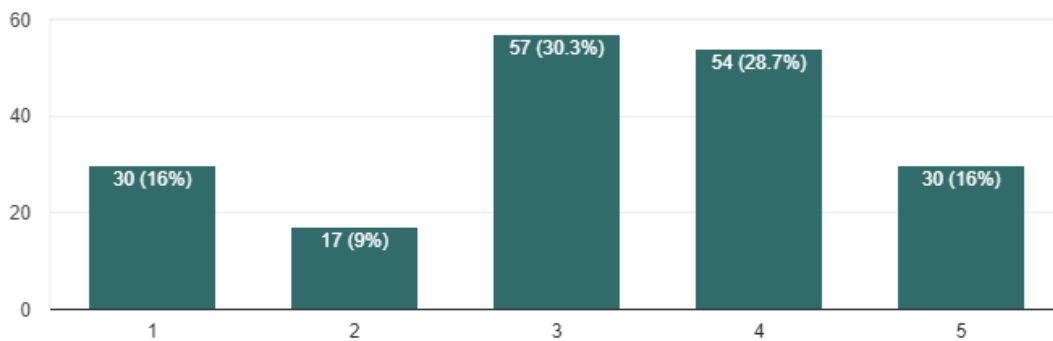
Include a Sustainability section in the Employee Handbook.

188 responses



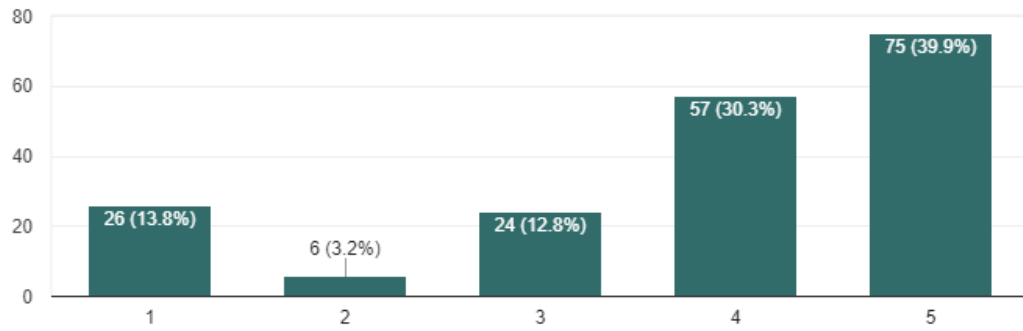
Implement flexible work scheduling to reduce employee drive time while maintaining City services. (Work 4, 10 hours days rather than 5, 8 hour days)

188 responses



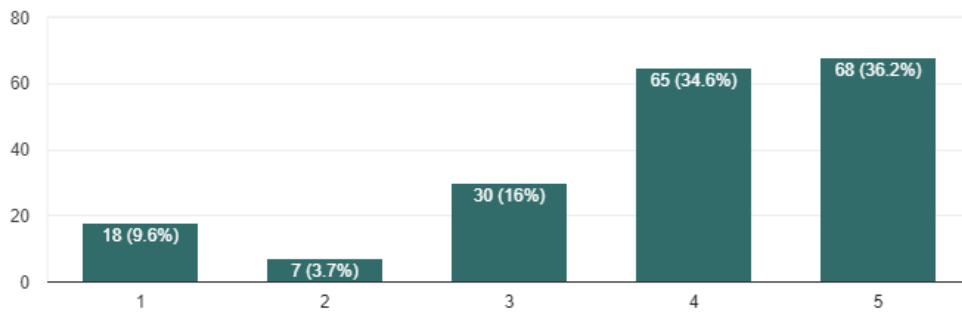
Retrofit all City buildings to LED lighting.

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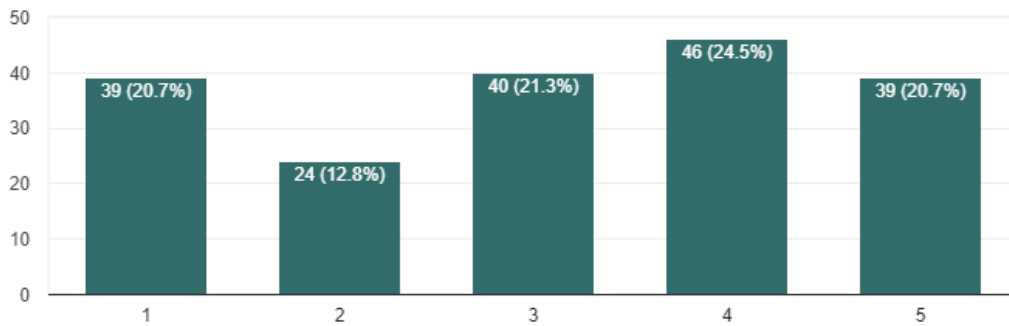
Incorporate energy efficiency improvements on existing City buildings and facilities in annual budgeting process (...sulation, Energy Star appliances, etc.)

188 responses



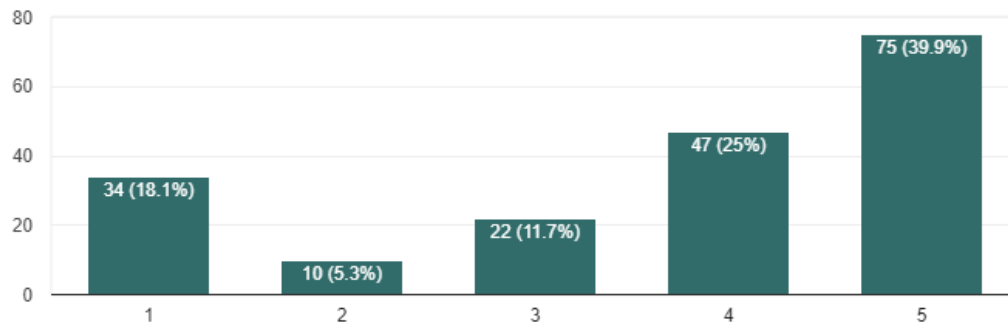
Transition our City vehicle fleet to vehicles that are hybrid or electric where applicable.

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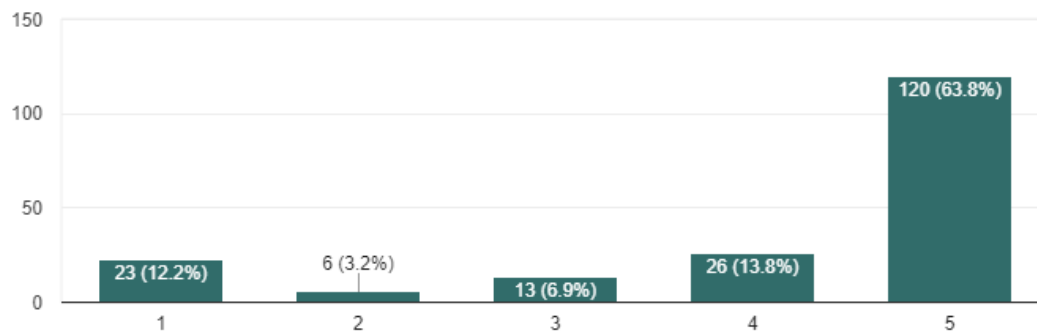
Pursue renewable energy projects to offset energy use within City facilities by installing renewable energy technology (solar panels, wind energy, etc.)

188 responses



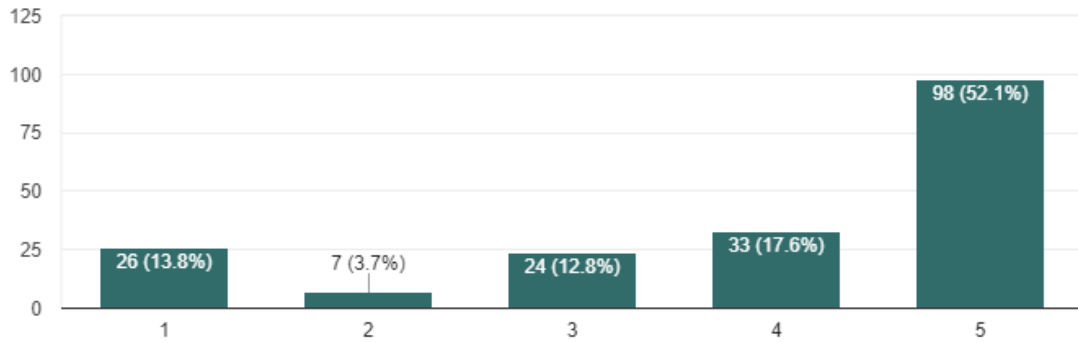
Conserve our open spaces and water resources by protecting sensitive lands and areas in Red Lodge from development.

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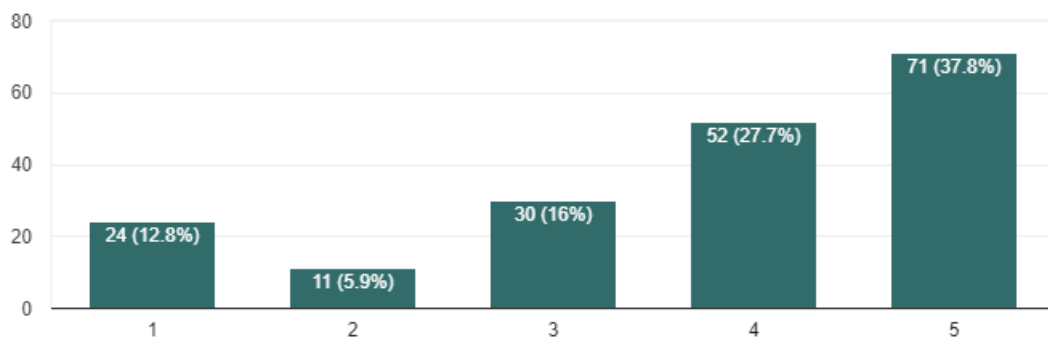
Strategically plant more trees in town to naturally cool city streets, buildings, sidewalks, and green spaces.

188 responses



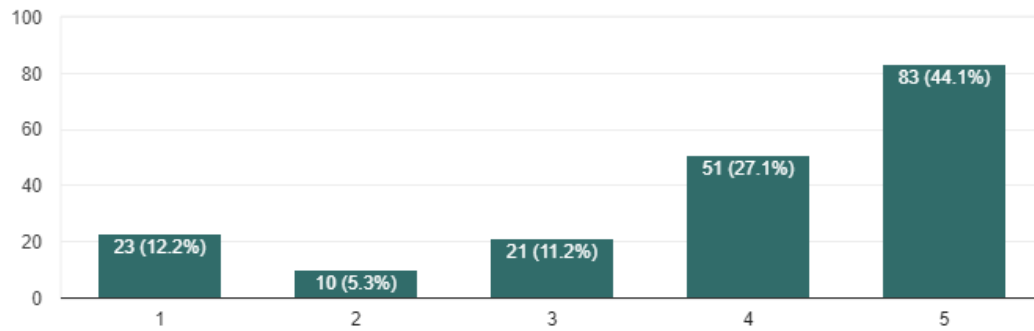
Pursue resurfacing projects that allow water to be absorbed into the ground, rather than run off into the creek and Wastewater Treatment Plant.

188 responses



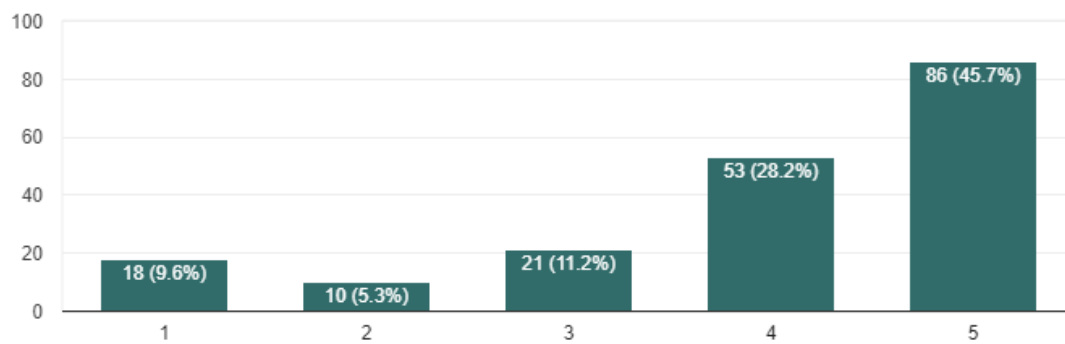
Install water-wise irrigation systems in our parks, and select drought resistant, native plants for landscaping projects.

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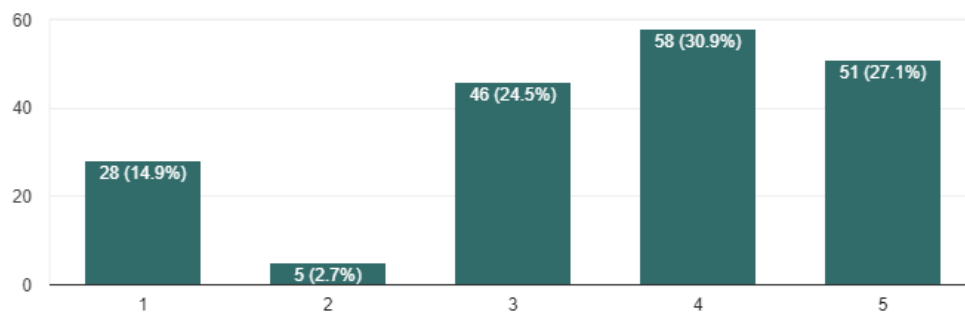
Maintain natural vegetation on unused City lands to absorb CO2.

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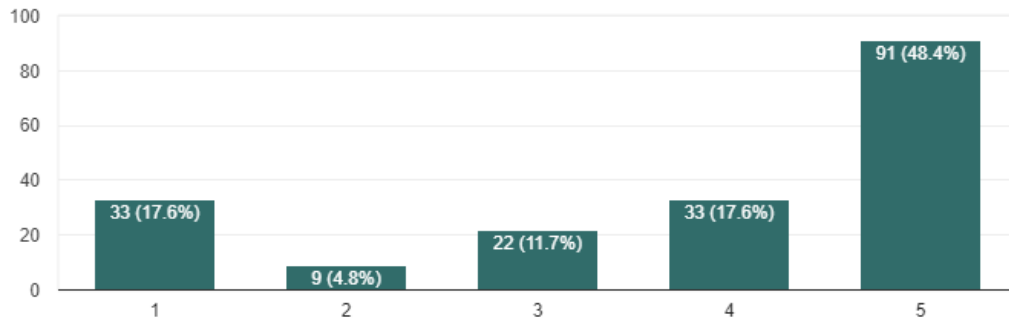
Evaluate the feasibility of creating a tree nursery or agricultural area next to the Wastewater Treatment Plant to capture nutrient rich effluent from the Plant.

188 responses



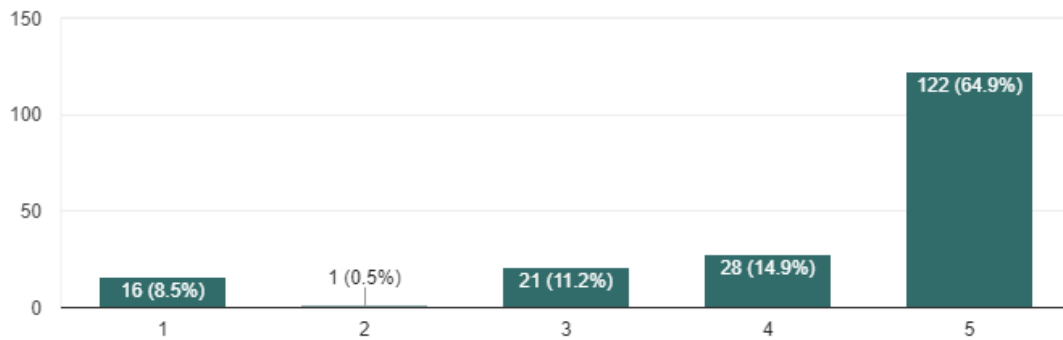
Eliminate single-use plastic bags and water bottles by installing water filling stations and switching over to paper bags city wide.

188 responses



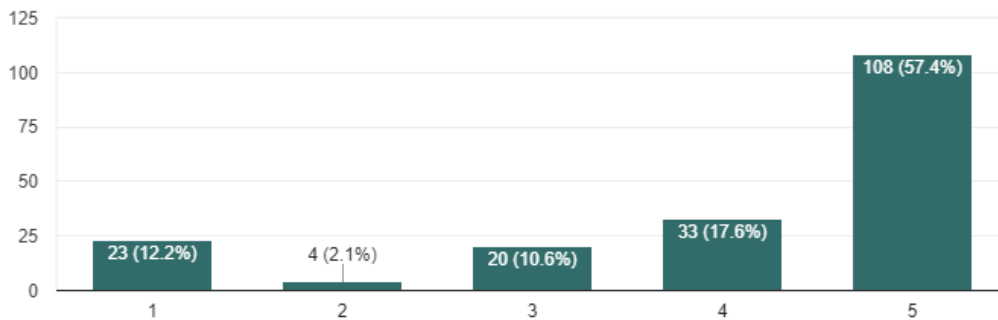
Encourage Red Lodge residents and tourists to recycle by educating the public and making the recycling center more visible and accessible.

188 responses



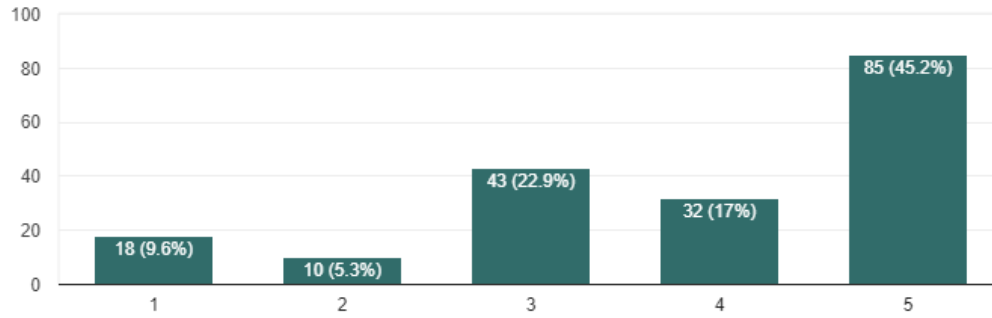
Support the composting and electronic recycling initiatives of local organizations.

188 responses



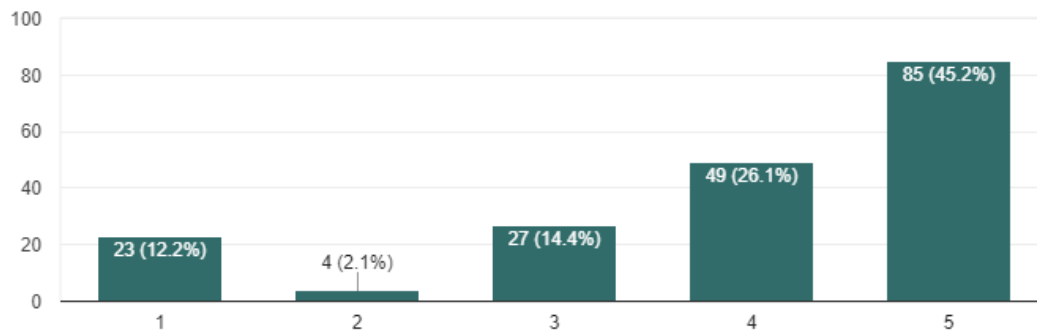
Collaborate with neighboring towns and Yellowstone National Park on recycling projects.

188 responses



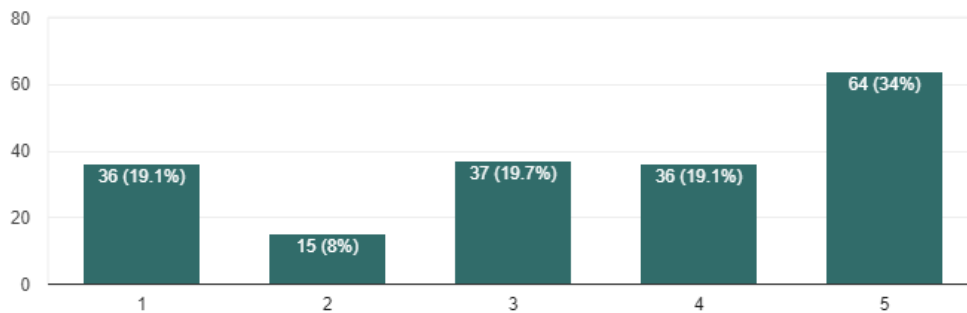
Find ways to creatively fund the recycling center employees through grants and user payment.

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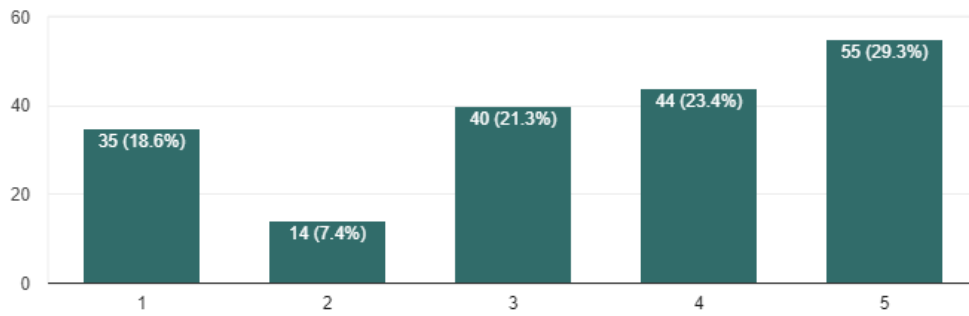
Encourage Republic Services to charge by weight (also know as a tipping fee), which would create a financial in... recycle and reduce their waste stream.

188 responses



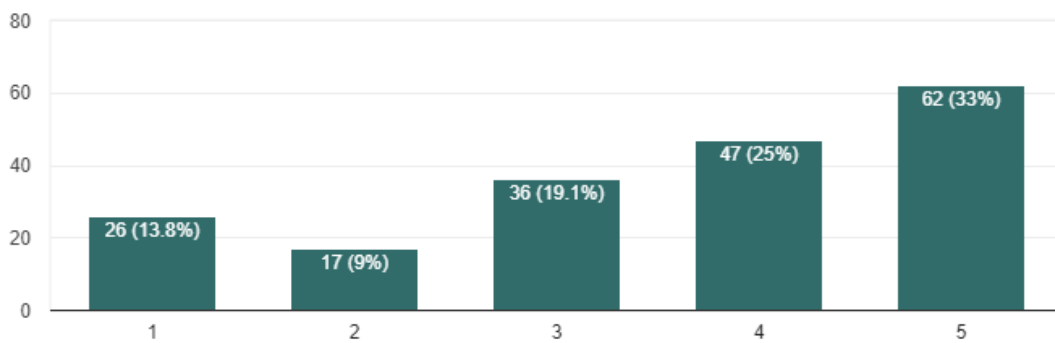
Measure the cost and carbon footprint of our current waste disposal practices, and see if a local landfill or transfer station would be more feasible.

188 responses



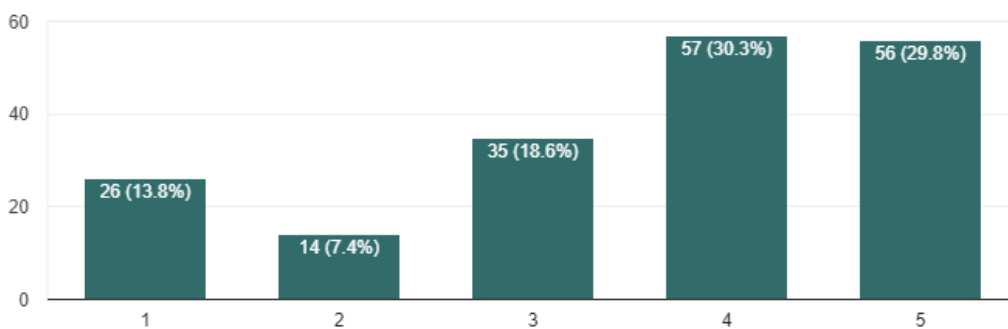
Install solar-powered lagoon mixers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to decrease the treatment plant's energy bill.

188 responses



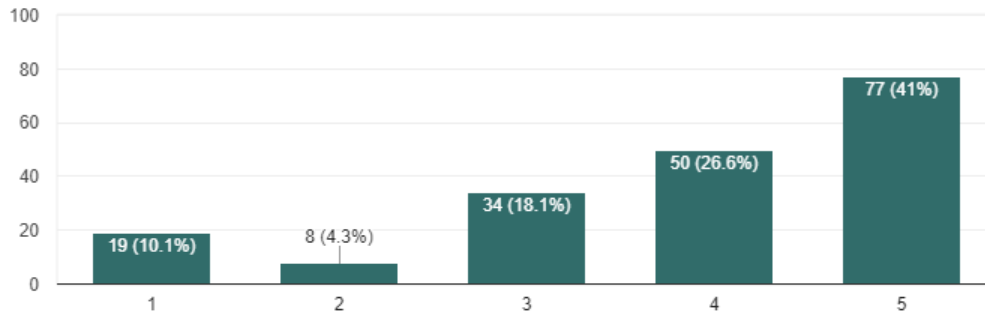
Install an anaerobic digester and methane generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in order to turn our solid waste into energy.

188 responses



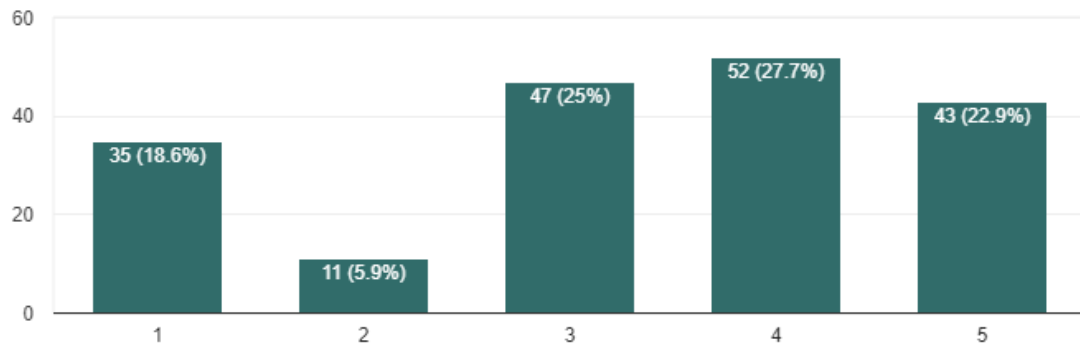
Reduce the amount of stormwater that enters our Wastewater Treatment Plant by installing a dedicated system...wer lines, water mains, and manholes.

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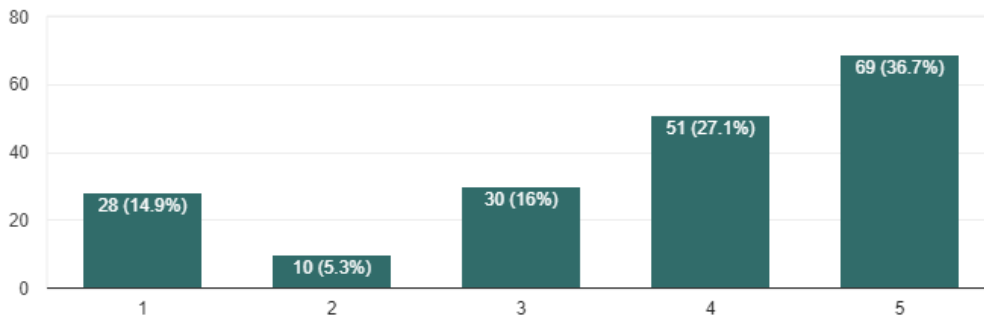
Generate energy by installing inline micro-hydropower plants in our fresh water delivery system that will also re...ery pressures in the North end of town.

188 responses



Set goals as a town to reduce our water usage by providing increased usage information on monthly bills and shifting to low water use practices.

188 responses



If you have any comments, questions, or ideas regarding these strategies, please provide it below:

Please note, some citizens use the Clark, WY landfill as a dumping site (it is closer than Billings). In addition, it is suggested the survey be addressed to both residents and workers. I do not reside in Red Lodge. However, spend a minimum of ten-twelve hours here a day and have near the impact as a resident. Thank you for the survey. I look forward to your results report.

Thanks so much for doing this! I believe I could have given more thoughtful answers to many of these questions if I had a quick cost analysis accompanying the question. I also realize that it would no longer be a quick survey if that was included.

It concerns me that the city is looking for more ways to spend money it doesn't have. I would think the city should figure out how to do basic services before they move onto these types of projects. Do people realize that some residents in the city have brown water coming from their faucets? When does that become a priority. The city likes to spend money on grand plans that aren't feasible in a town this size. Please remember you're spending public money.

When does the city just do the basic work of the city? There seems to be a small group of people who think that the money supply from the city is endless. If the city employees can't figure out how to recycle and reduce waste on their own we're in big trouble. Stop wasting tax payers money. The city can't seem to get the basics right- and until they do stop making big plans that are not cost effective.

Wow- after reading last weeks paper about the budget stuff - why would the city come up with another "plan" to spend money we don't have. Didn't the city just buy all new cop cars, trucks, plows, etc.? Now we need to get different ones- the new ones aren't even paid for yet. IT'S TIME FOR THE CITY TO GET BACK TO THE BASIC SERVICES AND STOP DREAMING UP WAYS TO SPEND LOTS OF MONEY!!! Time to cut ties with the Foundation and vistas- they are expensive to keep up with.

Design an effective curb & gutter with sidewalks in the older portion of town. Improve storm drain system. Costly project, but one that improves the city and storm water. Pay for this and golf course paving with SIDs.

Lease the recycling center to Beartooth Industries for \$1 per year and let BI and republic work out the details, educate the public and find funding/grants/payment from users. The city has no money for retrofits and lamppost purchases. The LED technology becomes obsolete faster than we can pay off the costs of purchases and labor. Maintain what we have and bring the city's budget back in compliance with best practices standards. Follow the Storm Water Plan developed by GW Engineering. Get back to the basics and let RL businesses determine whether or not to use paper or plastic. No landfills or transfer stations! We cannot afford them. You asked for my input and this is it. It's important to bring people from all perspectives into the discussion.

Who comes up with this stuff? This city has too many unused plans. When do ensure that every residents has clear water coming from their faucets? How about we work on Water/Sewer? Streets? Police? Get back to the basics and stop dreaming up all kinds of plans to spend money we don't have.

I really like all the sustainability practices. Is there anything we can do with glass? Like some kind of industry that would employ people we could get grants for? Like a glass tile factory?

Anything that does not add "an initial cost to the city" and or can be done by private businesses, agencies, groups, is great! Anything that requires a financial or time commitment from the city should not be considered. According to the city admin, we are in a financial crisis and need to get back to the basics- water (still brown on No Haggin), sewer, streets, fire, police. Period.

Where does the money come from? Spending time, money and energy on these kinds of surveys to push someone's agenda is ridiculous! Get back to the basics and stop pretending that money is no object. Not many can afford to live in the city as it is~ this will just add to the cost! So much for affordable housing. Set some priorities and learn to say no.

Stop wasting money on plans~ there is more than enough work to do without adding to the list. Once the city has it's services in order (water, sewer, solid waste, police, streets, sidewalks, etc) than maybe we can expand to other projects.

Where does the money come from? This is the reason that people like Trump get elected. If local governments can't spend the tax payers dollars responsibly than why would the State or country. This whole plan sound like the work of a few people pushing an agenda~ you can add this to the ever growing list of waste: multi use facility, ice facility, dynamic pool, rec center, an over abundance of parks, new cars and trucks for every department etc. Stop finding ways to spend more money and let's deal with the brown water on Haggin!

While I understand that surveys are valuable, how I "feel" isn't necessarily the best measure of what is needed to maintain community infrastructure that will deliver healthy, clean drinking water to every home as well as make sure that sewage is properly treated and never contaminates (which is not unusual with old pipes). The survey may however provide you with the information you need to better educate the community about the true cost of delivering clean water and how we can all work together to reduce unnecessary use. Perhaps new building and remodeling regulations should be explored. Must we continue flushing our toilets with water that has been treated for drinking? Should we be considering composting toilets or waterless toilets? Having just read "The Big Thirst" by Charles Fishman I'm a bit more curious about how we can plan ahead to avoid future problems. I also wonder if some of the technologies which are being developed for third world countries to manage waste might also help small U.S. communities. Here is an interesting article on a project supported by the Bill Gates Foundation re the Janicki Omni Processor. <http://seattlebusinessmag.com/technology/urged-bill-gates-washington-company-can-turn-waste-water-and-make-sewage-profitable>

Hello ~ encouraging reusable bags ... perhaps by charging a small fee for plastic or paper bags. Having reasonably priced reusable bags available for purchase. reusable bags are good advertising too. I agree that education is a great stepping stone to sustainability. A lot of these projects may be expensive but having goals to work toward will benefit the community.

All well and good but very expensive to implement when we have other Public Works needs.

We just bought all new vehicles for every department and we have people with brown water in town just two reasons these ideas are ludicrous. Make the madness stop! Get back to the basics and stop dreaming up ways to spend money we don't have!

Great ideas for thinking green! Hope that RL can progress with forward thinking and sustainability.

Glass recycling is MUCH needed in our town.

Other Cities and towns across Montana have a fee for use at their recycling centers. With the low revenue on the commodities, why isn't Red Lodge considering the same? It was suggested over a year ago without the Recycling Committee doing their due diligence in considering this option. There are also grant opportunities that were identified and suggested to the city with no further consideration. The energy corps vista has done an excellent job with very little visible support from the current council. With the personal agenda of an unopposed incoming council member in January, this should concern all citizens.

Pretty hard to answer mandatory questions without proper information! What would the cost of a dedicated stormwater system be? What would the cost of repairing water & sewer lines be? In my humble opinion Red Lodge needs to think within a realistic scope of ideas or ideals. The idea, as shown by the current state of our finances, should be to cut back not surge forward. This applies to projects which may seem appropriate but are not within the financial capabilities of a town of only 2000 + people. I read the link and see no answer to the question, "what is a micro-hydropower plant". What would the cost be in relation to any benefits derived? Would the pressure on the south end of town be reduced also? Anaerobic digester and methane generator. Again, what would the cost of system be in relation to benefits derived. Would government regulations be costly to meet? Would it be a little iffy if only 3% of installations produce gas pure enough to inject into natural gas lines or use in natural gas fired equipment? Transitioning the vehicle fleet to hybrid or electric is a very good idea if only done as a normal replacement of city vehicles as they age. Would consideration of using an incinerator to create electricity from our trash be worthy of a study. A check with the city of Siloam Springs, Arkansas might be worthwhile. They have been producing and selling electricity produced by incineration for over 40 years with great success. Providing a great source of income for the city and lower electric rates for their citizens.

I'm amazed by all the excellent ideas listed above - more than I could have imagined - and hope you all have the resources to see them to fruition. Excellent work and know it is appreciated.

The city should get out of the recycling business. Make it affordable for a private business or group to take it over. Lease out the building/property for a nominal amount. The equipment belongs to republic - they maintain it. The private business/agency could seek grants, fees, etc to pay for it. Why on earth do we need to train city employees to conserve paper, energy, etc, or how to recycle. It's just common sense. It seems like we're always filling out surveys about the same things. It makes it look like the city doesn't get the answers it likes, so it generates another survey.

Work on existing projects such as the brown water on Haggin. STOP spending money you don't have and wasting time doing surveys because you can't figure out what to do with a VISTA that is only here a short time and has no commitment to this community. Put Red Lodge back on track for those of us that have been here for many years instead of wasting the hard earned money you get paid with my taxes. STOP robbing peter to pay paul as the saying goes. Work harder and smarter. Do the right thing for this community as hard as it will be.

As rates have gone up so much recently that some can barely pay them, I wouldn't want to place anymore burden. I think it's better to incentivize with rewards than punishment. Also, you are asking for opinion on matters that are incredibly complex!!! I hope you realize that most of the answers you get are not going to be educated responses. Most people barely understand what some of these technologies are. And, the city can't afford this stuff right now. These technologies are awesome goals once this city gets its financial affairs in order!!

The current minimum water bill includes far too much usage and thus encourages smaller household not to care about usage; with three adults in a household that has a mixture of modern and older fixtures (including non-low-flush toilets), we rarely hit the minimum usage. Water usage is also adversely affected by wasteful use for ornamental landscaping. The city should be discouraging such practices and instead encourage the use of outdoor water to be limited to functional landscaping (i.e. gardens and sporting facilities or other uses where the landscaping is necessary to the use, not merely ornamental). The current practice of allowing a reduced rate (due to the lack of sewer impact) for outdoor fixtures instead actively encourages wasteful water use and the use of non-native plants that aren't adequately adapted to the local climate. Also, turn off the streetlights after 3 a.m., if not earlier (I'd suggest 10 p.m. off Broadway).

Retrofit streetlights to LED; install supercharger electric vehicle charging stations

I never seen people who can waste more time and money making big plans with the tax payers money. We have people in this town with brown water coming from their faucets. We spend water/sewer money paying city employees who have nothing to do with water/sewer because we can't live within our budget. Please make it stop! Get back to the basics and stop dreaming up ways to spend money. Just start spending what we have on what it was intended for and you'd be amazed at what we could get accomplished. This sounds like a small group of do gooders who don't have to work to make ends meet.

* Reduce the use of office electronics in City facilities such as extra printers, space heaters, laptop/phone chargers, etc. YES REDUCE EXTRA PRINTERS, THE REST OF ITEMS...IT DEPENDS * Shift document management and retention of City files to electronic form from paper copies and utilize electronic documents as often as possible. I'D BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE ALL DOCUMENTS (E.G. WATER BILL) ELECTRONICALLY * Include a Sustainability section in the Employee Handbook. IN MY EXPERIENCE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOKS ARE NOT USED MUCH. EDUCATION AND "PRACTICES" (E.G. RECYCLING BINS) ARE MORE "CONCRETE" / VISIBLE * Pursue renewable energy projects to offset energy use within City facilities by installing renewable energy technology (solar panels, wind energy, etc.) THERE'S A LOT OF ROOF SPACE AND MAYBE CITY OWNED LAND (E.G. ANYWHERE BEHIND FENCES; WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT?) * Eliminate single-use plastic bags and water bottles by installing water filling stations and switching over to paper bags city wide. ALSO ENCOURAGE "BRING YOUR OWN BAGS"

If the City wants to cut back on people's water usage, they should charge for what you use not a flat fee, to encourage less use. If people are paying the same amount either way, they have little incentive to decrease usage.

need glass recycling in town

Keep the spring cleanup day going and perhaps add one in the fall.

Change out those gaudy, wasteful street lights on Broadway to not only save on dirty electricity, but also to eliminate light pollution to our rural skies.

Could we reduce plastic bags by charging for them? And making reusable bags more accessible? Is paper the best choice or does that continue to produce waste downstream?

Ensure responsible/reasonable ROI (5-7 years) for any projects. Investigate thoroughly technology obsolescence so as to avoid negatively impacting ROI term and costly repair Or inability to get parts due to an early sunset of technology. Understand thoroughly technologically lifecycle. Financial Annual measurement/ tracking of ROI to ensure success and share with public.

I currently pay Republic Services to provide curbside recycling service. With the new service, I rarely fill up my garbage receptacle. Would love if this option were publicly listed/promoted to our community, as many would sign-up simply for the convenience (and not having to store recyclables, as many people don't have the space). Would also love to see recycling bins near every public garbage bin. Perhaps this would solve the problem of overflowing garbages on busy holiday weekends. Generally speaking, people are lazy... by making recycling easy, you're likely to have higher participation.

Some of the strategies you describe are too absolute, where there can be mixed or incremental strategies that would be better accepted. Also, less expensive solutions or solutions that save money should be prioritized over expensive solutions. (There are some examples I might have scored higher if implementation were projected to be totally cost effective.) Examples: At least one store in town exclusively uses "used" plastic and paper bags. (They do not buy any bags at all.) More stores can do this, which would mean far fewer bags in landfills AND significant reductions in business expenses. (If everyone in town collected their IGA bags and gave them to Broadway merchants, there would be enough that no Broadway merchant would need to purchase bags.) I'm old and can vividly remember how utterly useless paper bags can be when they get wet, so there should continue to be alternatives available, but strategies to encourage multiple uses should be supported (including multi-use fiber bags). Where plastic bottles are concerned, I think a few strategically placed water filling stations would encourage more use of personal bottles (plus, what ever happened to water fountains). But at least recycled plastic bottles have found uses in the production of very durable and weather-resistant building materials and outdoor furniture. (Come see our deck sometime.) Instituting incentives for buying and using objects made from recycled materials will ultimately make recycling more cost effective. Thanks for putting this together.

The city employees could conserve on energy use if they so desired. They should not have to be taught how to recycle or conserve, it is common sense to do so. Private businesses and residents do it everyday. Department heads should be required to work Monday thru Friday. Other city employees should be given the option to work 4-10 hour days per week, but it should never be a requirement. The work schedules need to accommodate the needs of the city. Red Lodge has purchased so many vehicles and equipment vehicles that it has put us in a financial crisis. Put cops on bikes or horses if you want better gas mileage. Encourage private businesses and residents to plant trees - Red Lodge can't even afford to maintain what we have, how can we consider planting more? Water Filling Stations? Really? Let's get clean water throughout the city first. Turn the Recycling Center over to Beartooth Industries, or some other private entity who may be interested in running it. Offer it up to qualified persons or organizations for \$1 per year and let them deal with Republic and find creative funding. Red Lodge really cannot afford it. I think who ever wrote this survey really doesn't understand the rules and laws about Landfills, transfer stations and how Republic bills the city. Let the engineering firm deal with the Storm Water Plan - that's what we paid them for.

We have brown water on haggin- it might be time to focus on that.

The state of Montana as a whole is behind the curve on its energy conservation/ recycling programs. I would love to see the utilization of sustainable energy sources, as well as a statewide recycling program that put an end to the use of plastic bags at stores and would require a deposit on not only aluminum can purchases, but also on locally bottled plastic containers as well. I dont know much about renewable energy sources, or the suggested improvements to the water plant, but I would be so proud of Red Lodge if we could help lead the way into a future with less waste through a great recycling program and recycling initiatives. Although I take the time to recycle, I believe many people in town would be more willing to recycle if the recycling

was more easily accessible, specifically, if it was open with a wider range of hours. If we even just started with an initiative to put an end to the plastic bags (my least favorite type of littler), maybe we could pave the way for other smaller communities in our state to do the same.

Recycling is beginning to fall apart with many cities now significantly restricting materials that are accepted for recycle. This fact makes it difficult to increase recycling and resulting costs as much material would be routed to a dump. Any change in recycling must be evaluated with respect to value of the material, market for it, and capability to actually be recycled. Glass is a good example as it costs more energy to recycle glass than it costs to make new glass.

The fact that the City is developing a sustainability plan and considering the the practices in the survey is very encouraging!
Thank you

Since I view almost ALL of the items above as very important, as a next step I would like to see what the implementation costs are and the impact analyzed and prioritized! Thanks for the hard work.

Many of the ideas proposed in the survey are worth-while ideas. However, I marked many as '1" because of the costs (city appears to not have to the funds for these "feel-good" and potentially worthy projects).

We have city ordinances that require new residential construction to plant trees and shrubs on the lot. It's irritating that city ordinances that are on the books are NOT enforced. Why aren't city ordinances enforced?

Don't make another plan of good intentions that collects dust. Budget for and Implement energy conservation. City government needs to exert leadership and not shy away from projects that have a higher initial cost and longer payback time. Focus on energy intensive items where big long term savings can be realized, such as wastewater plant efficiencies.

Some of these ideas are "old" and have been refuted as having value in the face of issues they cause. Why with our sunny weather and open spaces adjacent to town don't we simply focus on getting a solar farm in place? Have heard issues in past, but since it is being done all over the place, I think the issues must not be very significant.

I would LOVE to get rid of the majority of the street lights in town. We should enforce light pollution laws, and recognize light pollution as pollution (along with a waste of energy) encourage motion sensor lighting, (better for crime because when the light comes on, you pay attention) and for the cost of one months worth of street lights, we could hand out solar flashlights to all the visitors and residents... (and save money and energy) It could be a great marketing tool. Come to Red Lodge, save energy, see the night sky... have a flashlight.

I'm for everything we can do to reduce energy use. We should start with everything that's not too expensive and see if we can afford the more expensive projects over time. I am concerned about expensive projects that raise water sewer bills too much because they are already expensive for the average person. Please keep the budget of the average person in mind because there are a lot of us.

Thank you for all the hard work and research it has taken to develop this plan. Although there are up-front costs to the city with many of these strategies, I think most would save money in the long run and help Red Lodge become a more sustainable city.

Part of the effort to better channel storm and melt run-off should include: 1) a survey of places where existing curbs have been covered up and made ineffective by repetitive additions of sand/gravel road mix between asphalt street surfaces (which have, themselves, too many layers of asphalt) and curbs; 2) a phased plan to lower asphalt street crowns and shoulders (to re-expose existing and adequate curbs) when stormwater drainage system work is to be done; 3) and execution of the plan. Revamping of shoulders and curb exposures could include an option for homeowners to "surface" shoulders with brick or other porous paving systems (at their expense).

These all seem like great strategies to increase conservation in the operation of the city. Which ones can be scaled up to increase conservation in the private residences and businesses so we can work toward making our entire community more sustainable?

I've never seen people that can waste more time and money! It's time to fix the water and sewer issues. You've Up our rates enough in the past few years. STOP WASTING TIME AND RESOURCES! Get back to basic services. Leave the rest of the feel good stuff for the Foundation to waste their time and money on.

How about a survey on the spending of public funds? Or maybe someone actually work toward fixing the brown water on Haggin! The city wastes more time, energy and money on feel good projects that don't save energy or money. If the staff at city hall haven't figured out how to recycle we shouldn't trust them with the spending of public money! It is surveys like this that send people over the edge. Get the basics figured out before you go dreaming up new ways to spend the public's money. It might be time to remove the foundation from city business and actually talk to the tax payers and residents of the city

It is fantastic that discussions and ideas, presented in this survey, are being considered. This IS our future! I am a fourth generation Montanan, and am proud this is my home, but the lackluster attitude towards the reality of Global Warming is very disheartening. I really hope change (even if it is baby steps) comes soon. Thank you for listening and considering our concerns.

Maybe it's time to deal with water, sewer, streets and police! Enough of the surveys dreaming up ways to spend money. Get the basics figured out.