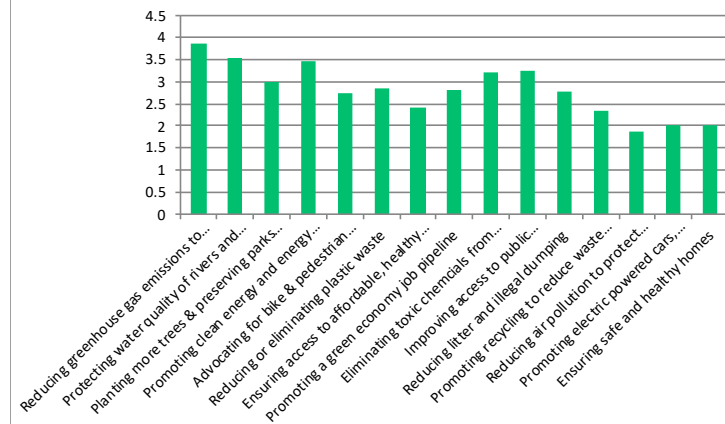## ACOTE Survey of Community Priorities
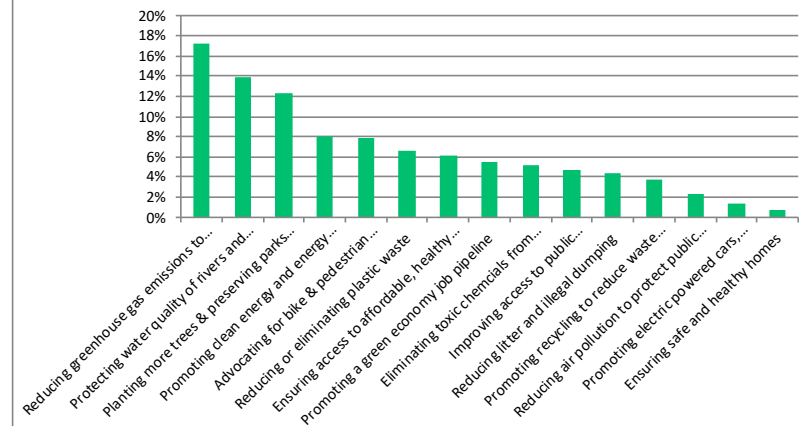
From the list of environmental issues listed below, which would you consider to be the three most important to your health and quality of life?

	Most important		2nd most important		3rd most important		Total	Weighted Average	Total	Scaled
Reducing greenhouse gas emissions to prevent climate change	64.00%	16	16.00%	4	20.00%	5	25	3.88	97	17%
Protecting water quality of rivers and lakes	50.00%	11	27.27%	6	22.73%	5	22	3.55	78	14%
Planting more trees & preserving parks and green spaces	39.13%	9	21.74%	5	39.13%	9	23	3	69	12%
Promoting clean energy and energy efficiency	38.46%	5	46.15%	6	15.38%	2	13	3.46	45	8%
Advocating for bike & pedestrian friendly streets	25.00%	4	37.50%	6	37.50%	6	16	2.75	44	8%
Reducing or eliminating plastic waste	23.08%	3	46.15%	6	30.77%	4	13	2.85	37	7%
Ensuring access to affordable, healthy food in all neighborhoods	14.29%	2	42.86%	6	42.86%	6	14	2.43	34	6%
Promoting a green economy job pipeline	27.27%	3	36.36%	4	36.36%	4	11	2.82	31	6%
Eliminating toxic chemcials from products	22.22%	2	66.67%	6	11.11%	1	9	3.22	29	5%
Improving access to public transportation	37.50%	3	37.50%	3	25.00%	2	8	3.25	26	5%
Reducing litter and illegal dumping	33.33%	3	22.22%	2	44.44%	4	9	2.78	25	4%
Promoting recycling to reduce waste disposal	0.00%	0	66.67%	6	33.33%	3	9	2.33	21	4%
Reducing air pollution to protect public health	14.29%	1	14.29%	1	71.43%	5	7	1.86	13	2%
Promoting electric powered cars, transit, and school buses	25.00%	1	0.00%	0	75.00%	3	4	2	8	1%
Ensuring safe and healthy homes	0.00%	0	50.00%	1	50.00%	1	2	2	4	1%
		63		62		60	Answered		63	561
							Skipped		0	

Relative importance of environmental concerns

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Do you have any specific comments about your choices or any of the issues listed above?

All of the above are important - none should be ignored- even if it means taking small steps on those that do not emerge at top priorities.

The warming of the climate will soon become overwhelming.

Although all of these are important, I think the focus should be primarily on issues that we can affect directly in Hartford

NO

It was difficult to select just three as all the issues above are important. One large cause of plastic waste is take-out containers that are plastic where we just carry them home and throw them away. We need restaurants and grocery stores to use biodegradable takeout containers and get rid of plastic.

Lots of those issues are important

In Hartford we have a JobCorps site which is directly managed at the Federal level but there's no connection to green job opportunities.

More trees; less litter; more bikes

Awfully hard to pick

These are all essential, and most effectively managed if approached from a strategic standpoint versus working on issues based on how important they are to stakeholders. For example, money saved from energy efficiency projects could fund a commitment to sustainable procurement of less toxic and locally produced goods and services, can help to transition to a sustainable economy. Additionally, putting an internal price on carbon (see Yale Carbon Project as example), can generate funds to invest in clean energy projects that further reduce emissions, etc.

Most of the issues are as important as the others. I would have rather ranked them, rather than just pick three.

These are all SO critical for the human race right now that it's difficult to pick only three. I placed "reduce litter and illegal dumping" as first only because I feel that the trickle-down benefit will help to promote one or two of the other choices.

Some border on being redundant.

Hard to make a choice -they are all Important and it shows the interconnectedness of the solutions of saving Mother Earth

I would have voted for preserving parks and green spaces, but planting more trees was lumped in with that. We do not need more trees in most areas in Hartford.

Trees that are being cut down at a rapid rate need to be replaced. When we replace trees we need to plant the right varieties in the right place.

Garbage dumping and Litter in parks!! Keeping parks safe and welcoming.

How can we find more grants/funding for trees.

Get GMO (non-organic) Corn and Soy out of our food. Its full of RoundUp herbicide.

was difficult to choose only 3   I chose 3 different ones each time I read it   all so impaortant

It's not possible to do all at once. So, do what you can with what you have now.

They are all important

no

I believe that climate change as it is not manifesting itself is an existential threat to humanity (and many other species). Clean energy and electrifying transport are two supporting strategies. But - I think also - that all you other steps are important too.

They are all important to me nearly equally.

Until it looks like we take pride in our city, people will not invest in its future.

all are important, tough to pick only 3

I would have liked to check more!

All are important

I don't think tree planting and parks should be bundled. Trees are the number one choice for green infrastructure in combating climate change.

I would love to see more community/rooftop gardens, a municipal compost program, and more bike/ pedestrian access

All of these issues are important!

There is so much to be done. It's difficult to prioritize. All are very important. Need to reflect one's priorities in relation to what we collectively can do and what we as individuals can do.

Those are all very important issues, so it was hard to decide.

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Are there any of the issues listed above that you would be willing to volunteer to help address with a group of other volunteers?

I am willing to volunteer on whichever are selected/

No

Already up to my ears in tree work

The trees and green space and making healthy food affordable in all neighborhoods

All 3

Not at this time.

I do work on making streets safer and increasing access to public transportation.

Already am

I already am and don't have additional capacity

Yes, assisting with strategic approach.

No

I am already a member of PRAC and involved with one of the Friends group.

Unfortunately, my time and the limit of my physical abilities limit me from doing this any longer.

I already "address" many of them in numerous ways.

I am not a committee person but would be glad to get the word out on specific items -like recycling , #noplastic or saving water or in Hartford bulk pick up or anti litter

Any or ALL of them

Not at this time.

Tree planting, pruning of young trees and mulching trees to protect the trunks from mower damage by DPW crews in parks and other city property.

Parks

Tree plantings in parks and green spaces

Anti-GMO Advocacy

probably

Reduce litter and illegal dumping.

no

I would like to work with Hartford two ways - sharing plans etc . with West Hartford - and also working on the 100PercentCT project with your group.

Yes

Sure, all of them.

n/a

Yes any one of them

Depends on time involved

Access to healthy food for all neighborhoods

Plastic reduction, green jobs, tree planting, water quality

I would be interested in volunteering for waste reductions (composting, less plastic, etc.)
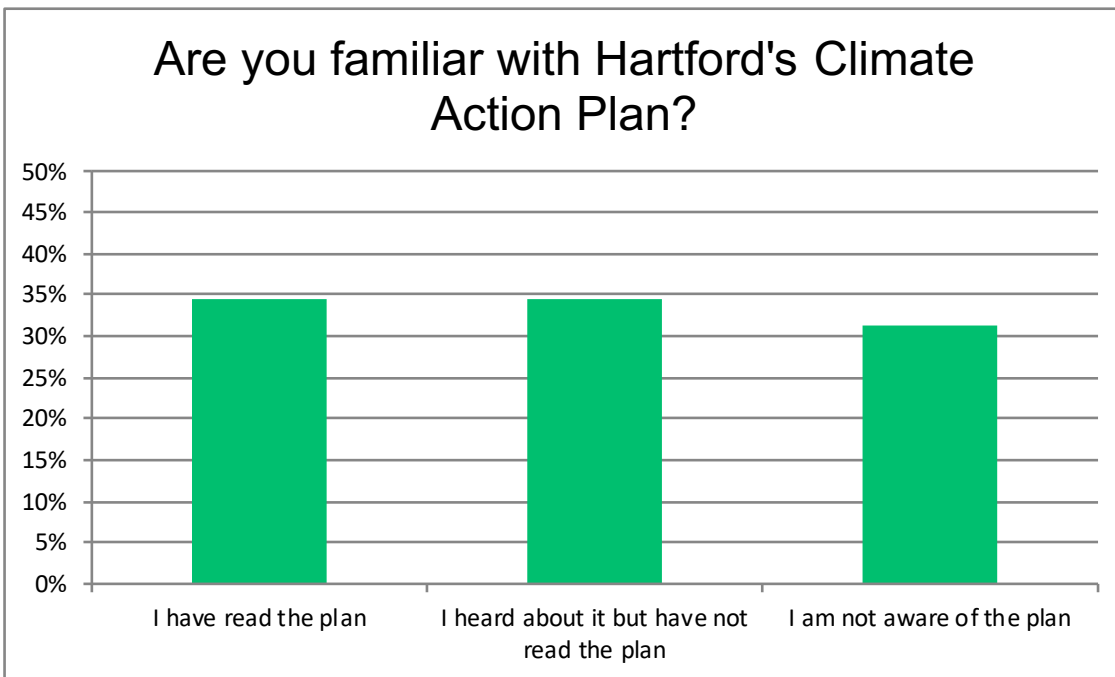
Yes

At this particular time, want to focus my time and efforts on what I can do in my church community. But be open to supporting efforts outside my church too.

I think the reduction of plastic and recycling efforts can go hand-in-hand. That's something I could help with.

planting trees and working with organizations concerned about water quality.

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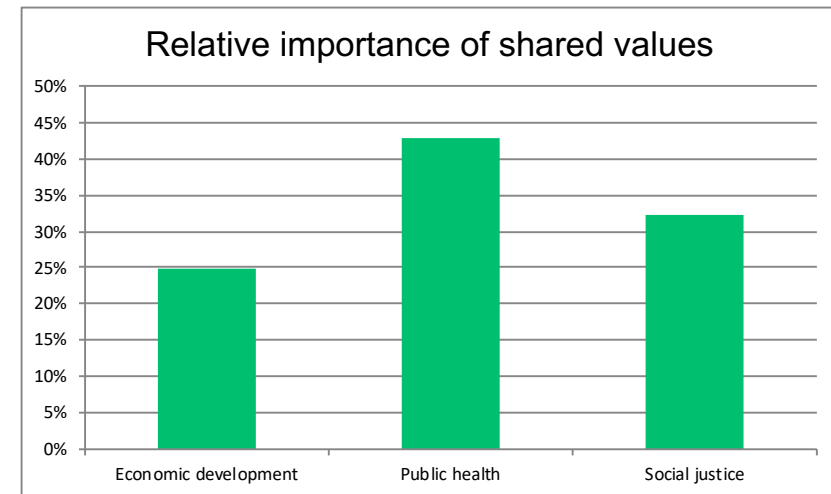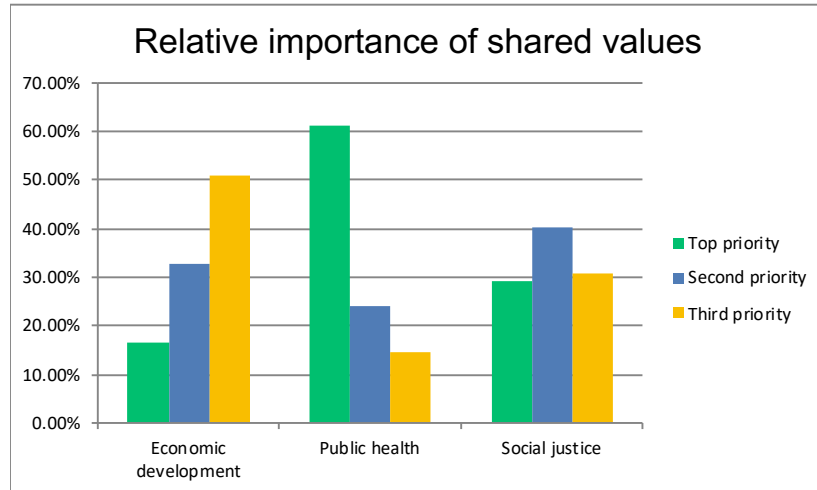**Are you   familiar with Hartford's Climate Action Plan?**

Answer Choices	Responses	
I have read the plan	34.43%	21
I heard about it but have not read the plan	34.43%	21
I am not aware of the plan	31.15%	19
Answered		**61**
Skipped		**2**

Are you familiar with Hartford's Climate Action Plan?

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The climate action plan is grounded in three fundamental values- economic development, public health, and social justice. Our actions will at times require tough trade off decisions among these values. How would you rank the relative importance of these values?

	Top priority		Second priority		Third priority		Total	Sum	Scaled
Economic development	16.39%	10	32.79%	20	50.82%	31	61	141	25%
Public health	61.29%	38	24.19%	15	14.52%	9	62	244	43%
Social justice	29.03%	18	40.32%	25	30.65%	19	62	184	32%
					Answered		**62**	569	
					Skipped		**1**		

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Do you have any particular environmental concerns that were not listed above?

No

Worthwhile projects mediate win-win-win-win solutions, that are inclusive and generously expansive.

Yes, Cleanup of land or property already contaminated from previous past practices of businesses and owners.

No

No

No

Need GMO labeling; Need more trash pickup along entrance and exit ramps in Connecticut to improve the cleanliness of our city's and towns, especially in New Britain; Need some way to crack down on cars and trucks not meeting exhaust standards; too many animals are getting killed on the roads in Connecticut and they are not being picked up and removed.

Creating a pipeline for young people to be part of Commissions including ACOTE. Especially given Magnets that focus on environmental issues.

More solar and wind; need a windmill atop the landfill and Avery Heights

No

No, but I will say this questionnaire is well thought through and reflective of the difficult decisions necessary to bring about change.

No

Visual Pollution (cars parked on the lawns, illegal dumping, graffiti, etc.)

Banning all GMOs and outlawing use of pesticides on food crops. Our physical bodies are the most important environment we have.

Taxing the top 100 corporations responsible for pollution.

While not of an environmental nature, we must take an all-hazards approach to choices. Lack of cyber security could endanger all othe roher enviro choices. We are supposed to be more aware, yet we are not.

Not sure what this means

The ongoing stormwater-sewer separation project is important and should be completed.

No

no

Establishing our own recycling capability, as China is no longer taking our plastic.

No

Preventing development of CT River floodplains

No.

no

Animal agricultures destructive nature

The three underpinnings of the Climate Plan are hard to rank - we need them all. And they all depend on each other.

No

n/a

No

no

No

Pipelines

N/A

No

n.a