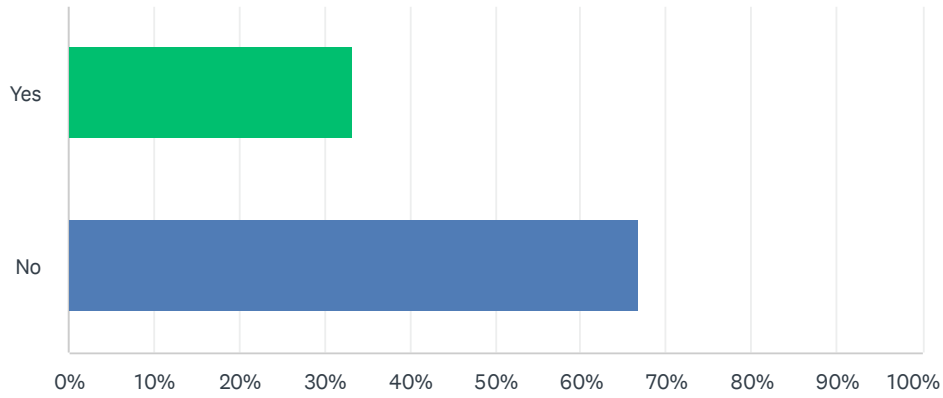


## Q1 I plan to attend or attended the June 29 community meeting for this project.

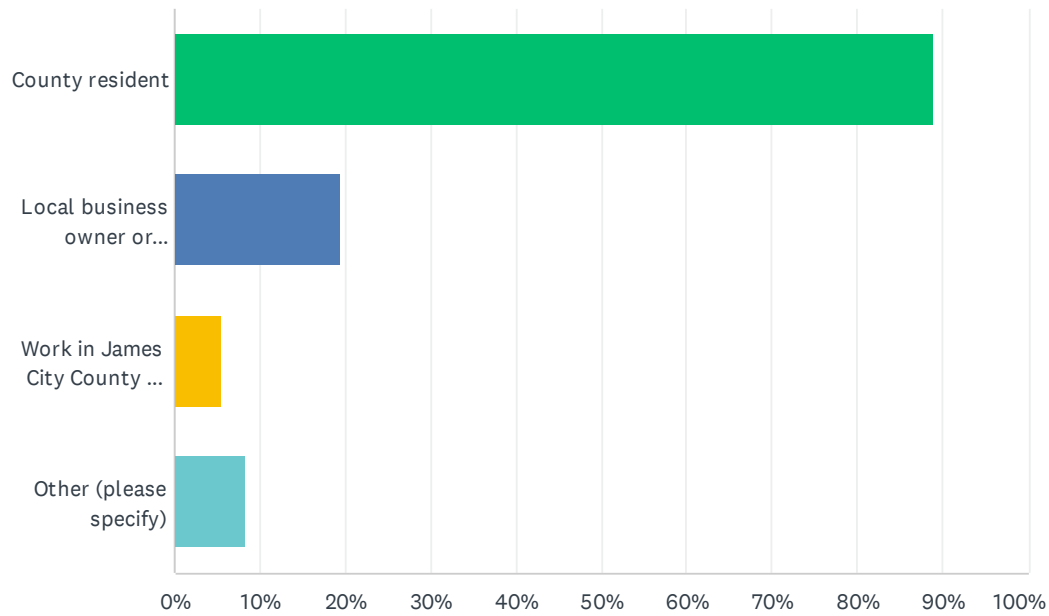
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.33%	12
No	66.67%	24
TOTAL		36

## Q2 I am a ...(check all that apply)

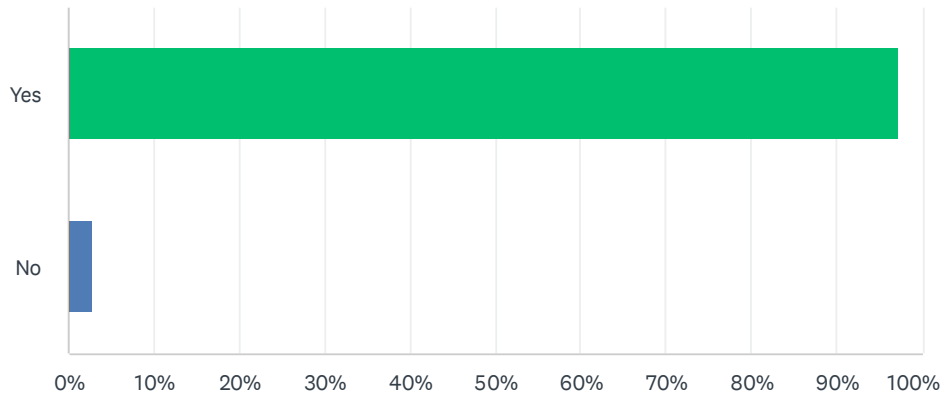
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
County resident	88.89%	32
Local business owner or manager	19.44%	7
Work in James City County but do not live here	5.56%	2
Other (please specify)	8.33%	3
Total Respondents: 36		

Q3 Please view the June 29 Open House Slide Presentation for this project before completing the survey. It can be viewed here: [Presentation](#) Please confirm you have watched the slides.

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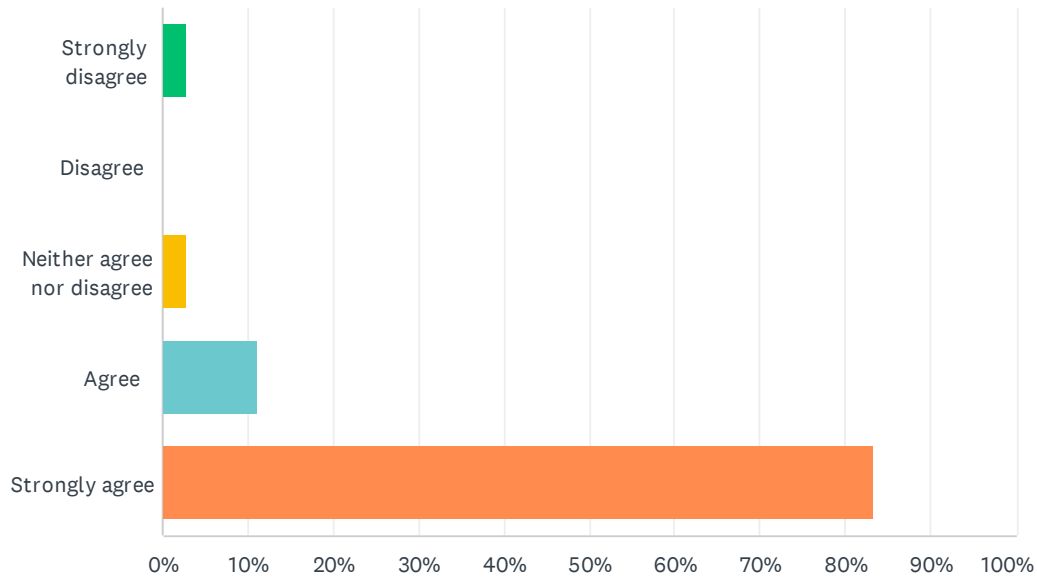
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	97.22% 35
No	2.78% 1
TOTAL	36

Q4 The James City County Natural and Cultural Assets Plan was created to meet an objective in the 2021 update to the county comprehensive plan that called for these assets to be mapped and a plan developed. The maps show the county's highest valued habitats that support native species. These intact habitat areas are called habitat cores. Corridors of native landcover help species move between them to ensure healthy populations of wildlife, birds, amphibians and plants. These habitats also support other values such as capturing water and recharging our groundwater aquifers, cleaning the air and filtering stormwater runoff and buffering properties against storms. Culturally important sites such as historic buildings, archeology sites, and county, state and national parks are also supported by this natural landscape. The project includes maps of multiple important elements such as recreation sites, agricultural soils and pick your own farms. The community contributed to building these maps along with other data from the county and state. Next we share a set of goals and objectives to help restore, protect or recognize these important assets. Please add any comments you would like to about the effort here.

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**Q5 Goal 1: Conserve and protect highest valued natural habitat cores and connecting corridors to support wildlife, trails and greenways, scenic vistas and cultural and recreational values. Do you support this goal?**

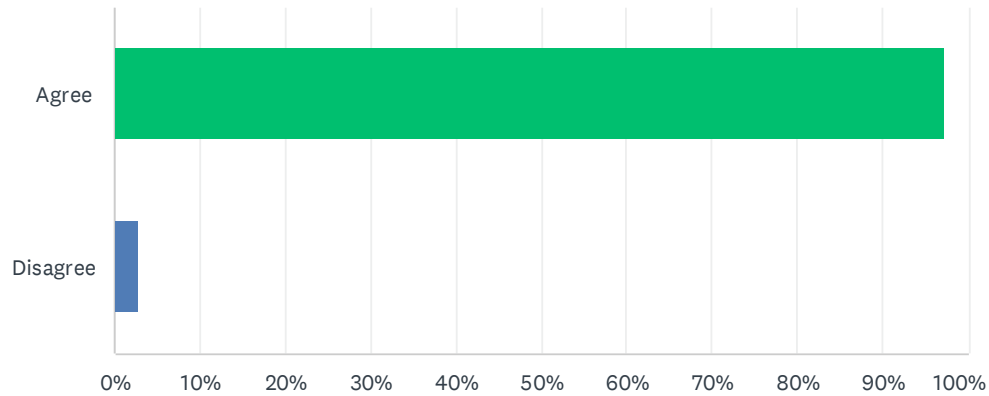
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly disagree	2.78%	1
Disagree	0.00%	0
Neither agree nor disagree	2.78%	1
Agree	11.11%	4
Strongly agree	83.33%	30
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>

**Q6 Goal1: Obj. a. Update the greenway plan to include key corridors identified in this plan (where appropriate). (The county has a greenway plan but it is to be updated.)**

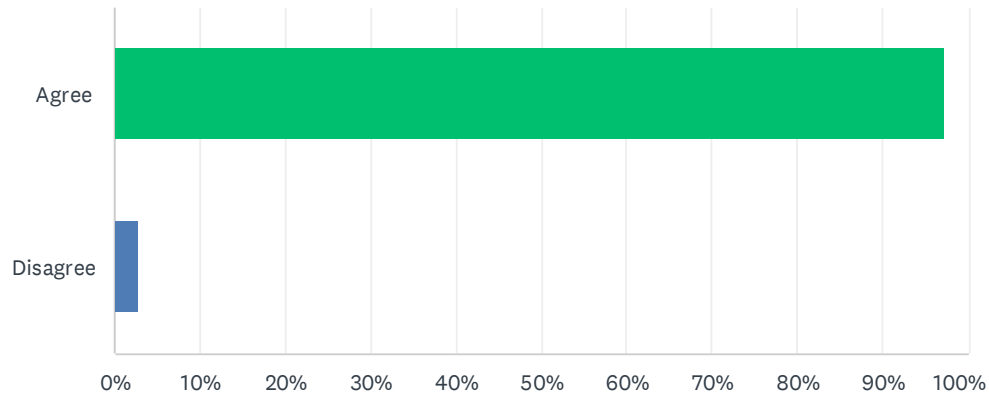
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	97.14%	34
Disagree	2.86%	1
TOTAL		35

**Q7 Goal 1: Obj. b. Conduct an education campaign for landowners.  
(Campaign to explain the best practices to conserve high value landscapes.)**

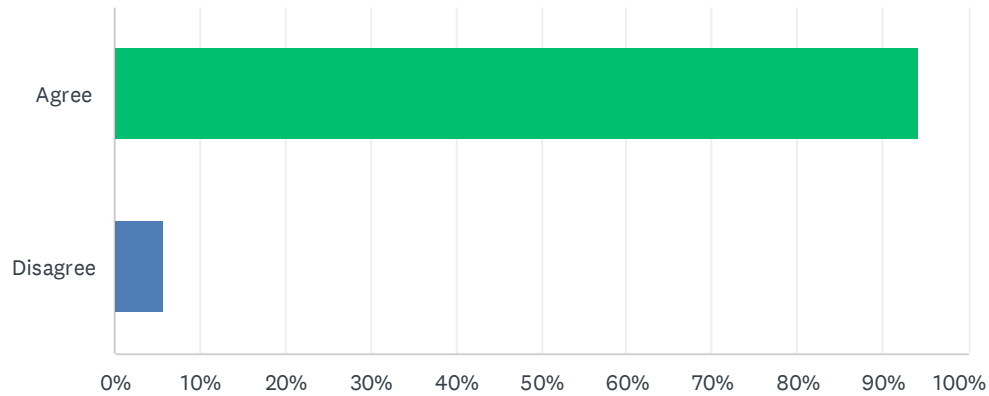
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	97.14%	34
Disagree	2.86%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35</b>

**Q8 Goal 1: Obj. c. Provide design guidance for developers about how to avoid disturbing highly valued areas as much as possible. (Developers often need to maintain some open space on site; design guidance would show best places for landscape connectivity.)**

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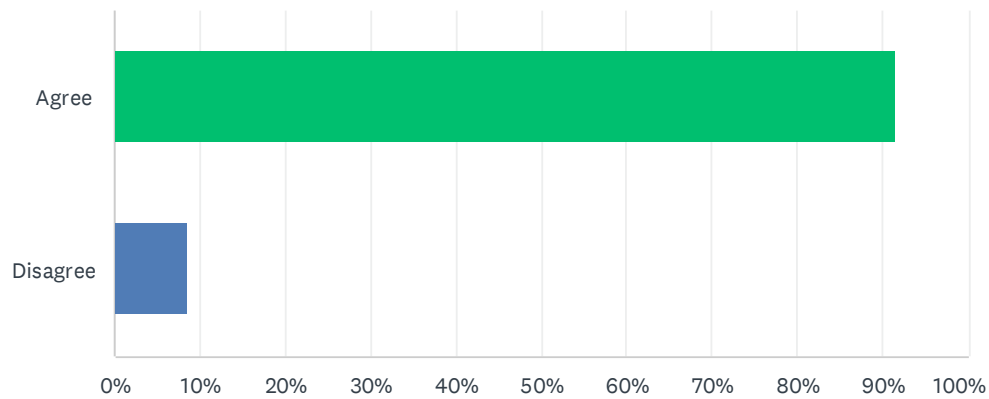


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	94.29%	33
Disagree	5.71%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35</b>



Q9 Goal 1: Obj. d. Add conservation cores and corridors as additional criteria for awarding points for purchase of development rights. (County has had a program to purchase development rights from landowners who voluntarily give up some of their land development potential. This helps the county conserve important landscapes while compensating the landowner).

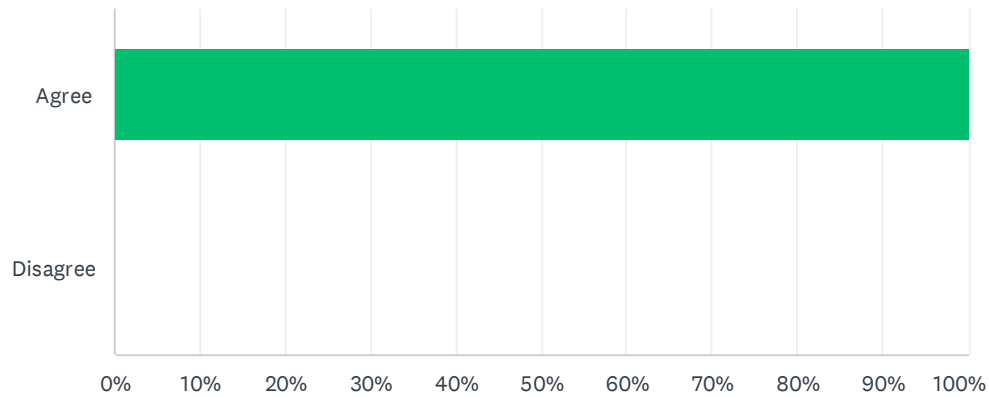
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	91.43%	32
Disagree	8.57%	3
TOTAL		35

**Q10 Goal 1: Obj. e. When evaluating sites for the County’s Greenspace Program, utilize the natural and cultural assets maps and their rankings as highly valued or at risk. (The county may work with landowners to establish easements for conservation or other uses and they can use the maps to inform these efforts as needed).**

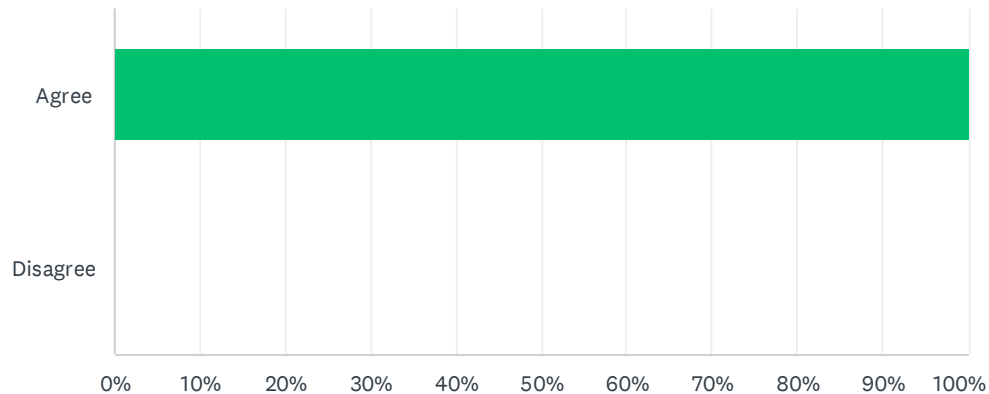
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	100.00%	35
Disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		35

**Q11 Goal 1: Obj. f. Use the Assets Risk Map to identify areas where public access or parks will be impacted by inundation (e.g. flooding) and consider whether uplands could or should be acquired to ensure similar open space access over the next 50 years. Use this information to update park master plans. (Areas subject to inundation may no longer be accessible in the future and park land expansion could be necessary to ensure continued access and use of public facilities).**

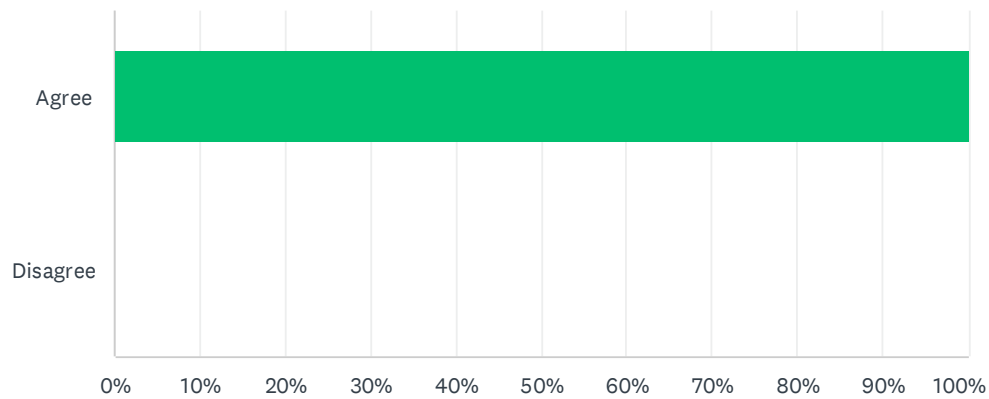
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	100.00%	35
Disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		35

**Q12 Goal 1: Obj. g. Work with the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation, Preservation Virginia and the National Park Service at Jamestowne, the 1607 Fort and Town Archaeological sites on Jamestown Island in the preservation of natural and historic resources as they deal with the impacts of sea-level rise.**

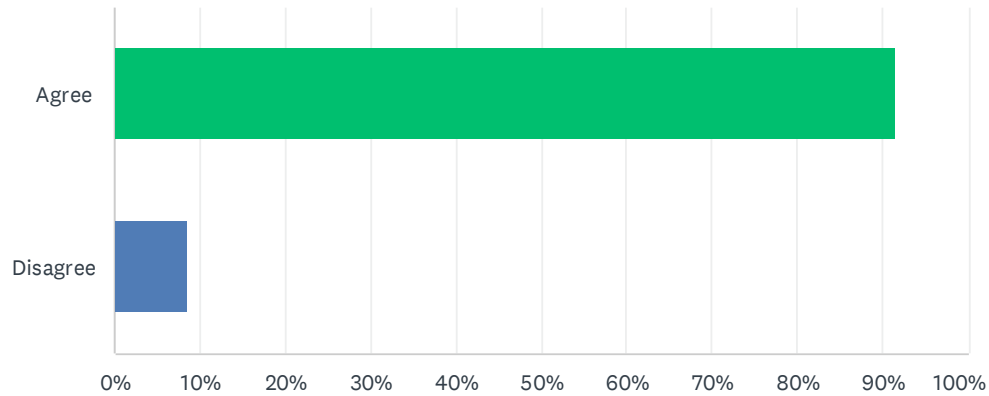
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	100.00%	35
Disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		35

**Q13 Goal 1: Obj. h. Develop zoning tools and guidance for siting large scale solar site to avoid disturbing habitat or culture assets.(The county needs to develop new policies to inform where large solar facilities are or are not appropriate and additional siting guidance.)**

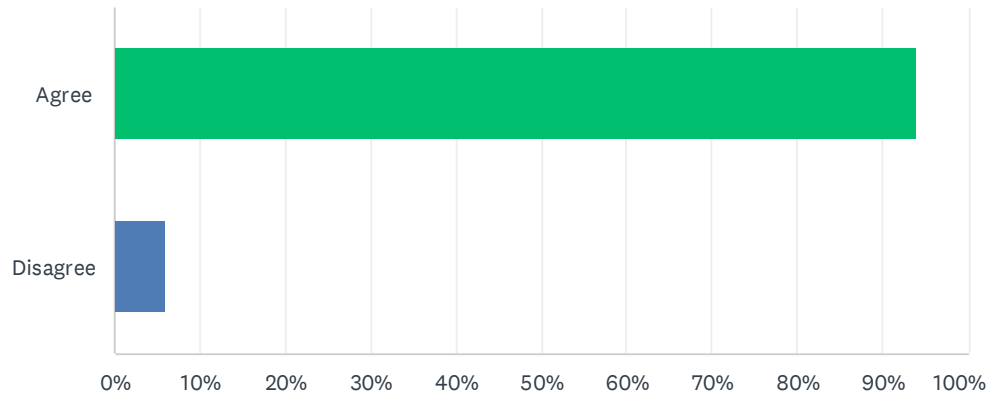
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	91.43%	32
Disagree	8.57%	3
TOTAL		35

Q14 Goal 1: Obj. i. Investigate ways to compensate landowners for keeping their land in forest cover. (Forests help support wildlife, groundwater recharge, filter stormwater and buffer against winds and there may be ways to support more landowners to keep trees on their lands.)

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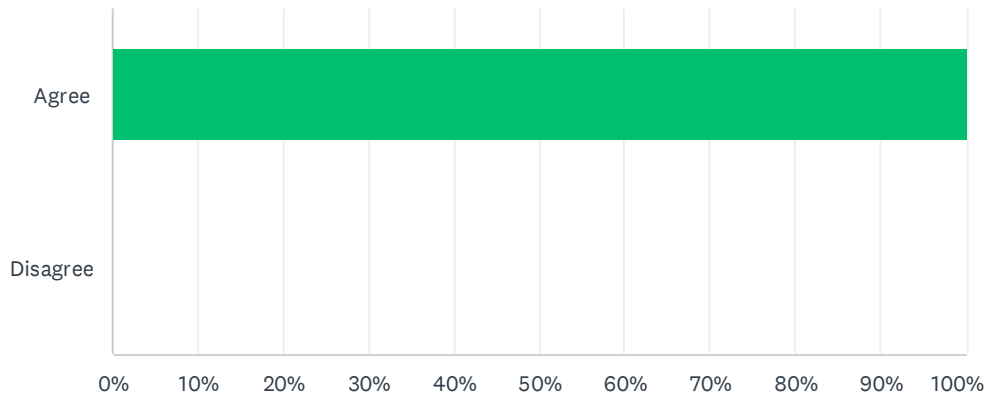


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	94.12% 32
Disagree	5.88% 2
TOTAL	34

**Q15 Goal 1: Obj. j. Partner with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, the Historic Virginia Land Conservancy and other land trusts to encourage voluntary enrollment as conservation easements for properties with high value landscapes that conserve both natural and cultural assets.**

**(Landowners may want to put some lands into conservation easements which are voluntary, allow for existing uses such as agriculture to continue and also can offer tax credits.)**

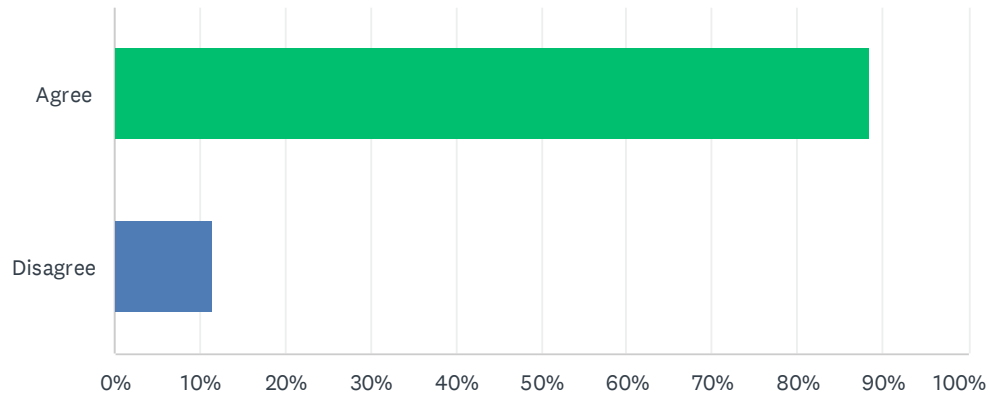
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	100.00%	35
Disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		35

**Q16 Goal 1: Obj. k. Adopt an incentive program for developers who conserve substantial amounts of high quality habitat (using cores map) or who maintain conservation corridors.**

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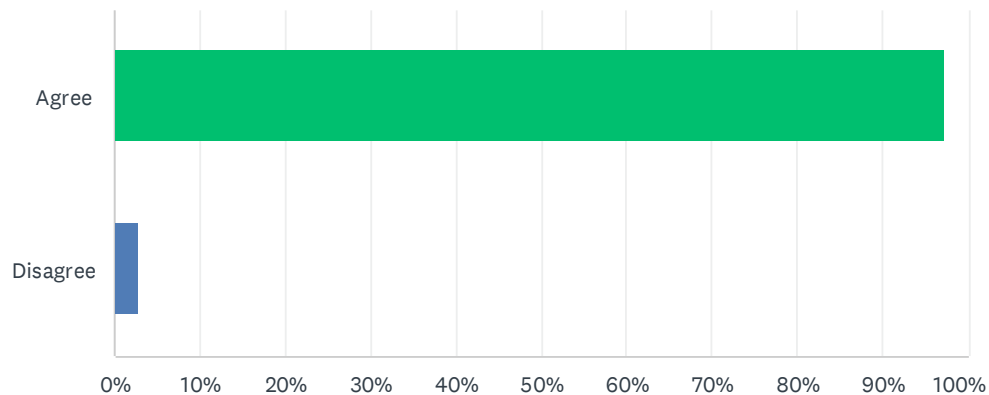


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	88.57%	31
Disagree	11.43%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35</b>



**Q17 Goal 1: Obj. I. When updating the County’s Long Range Transportation Plans and developing transportation projects, utilize the natural and cultural asset maps to inform road siting and design to avoid disturbing sensitive and highly ranked areas whenever possible. Share with the Virginia Department of Transportation areas that could be restored using their mitigation funds from land disturbance for road projects. (Roads can be sited to minimize disturbance of habitats and there are new federal funds available for states to construct wildlife crossings to minimize or eliminate animal-caused accidents.)**

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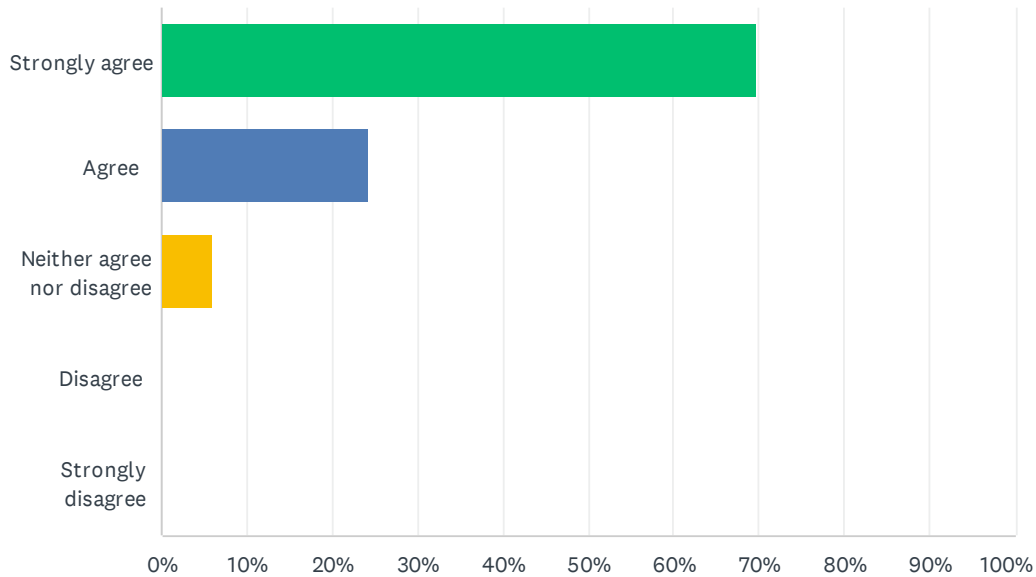
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	97.14%	34
Disagree	2.86%	1
TOTAL		35

Q18 Goal 2: Conserve and protect high value agricultural soils and historic farms to support the agricultural economy and continue the County's agrarian heritage.

Do you support this

goal?

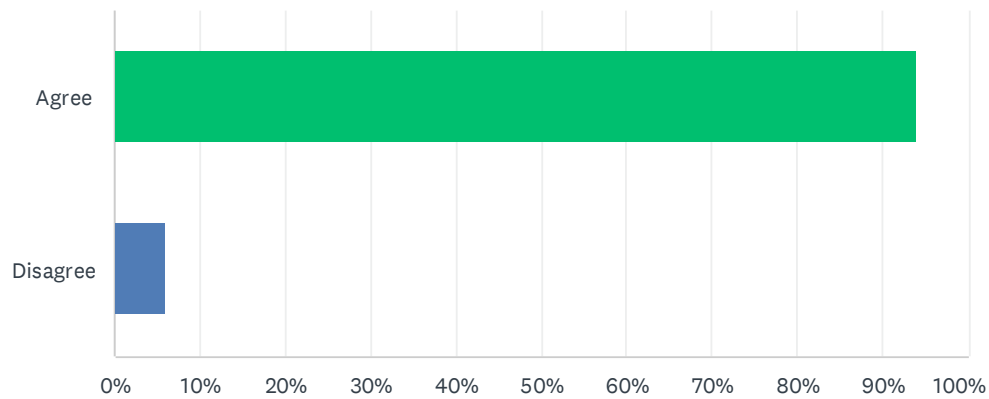
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	69.70%	23
Agree	24.24%	8
Neither agree nor disagree	6.06%	2
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33</b>

**Q19 Goal 2: Obj. a. Include high value agriculture soils maps in County Geographic Information System layers and property information and recommend minimal disturbance of those soils during development (especially for utility solar sites). (Solar sites on high value agricultural soils can disturb these soils and prevent their future use for crops.)**

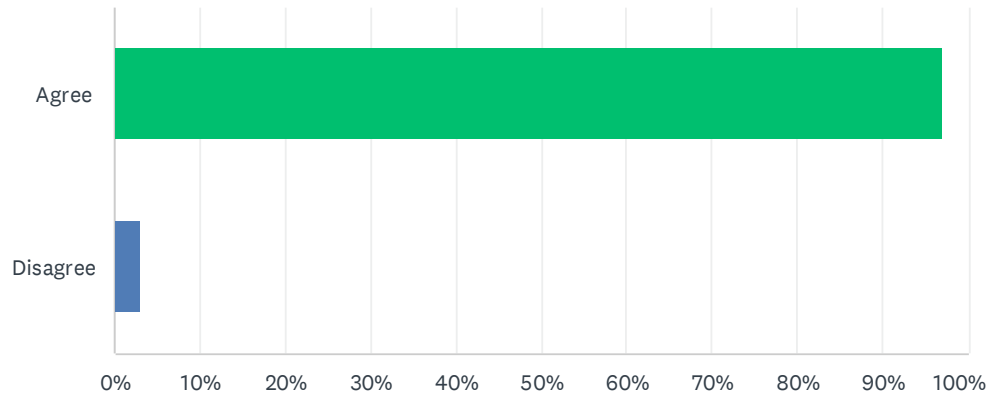
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	93.94%	31
Disagree	6.06%	2
TOTAL		33

Q20 Goal 2: Obj. b. Facilitate continued agricultural uses by promoting the farm link program to help young farmers and retiring farmers connect and make plans to keep the land in agriculture <https://virginiafarmlink.org/>  
 (This program is voluntary.)

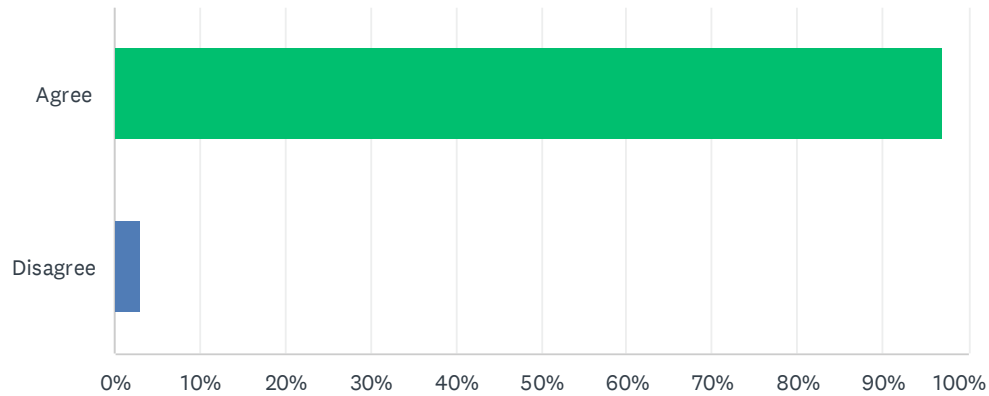
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	96.97%	32
Disagree	3.03%	1
TOTAL		33

**Q21 Goal 2: Obj. c. Promote expansion of existing agricultural and forestal districts (AFD) to those farms with highest value agricultural soils that are not currently within the district. (This program is voluntary.)**

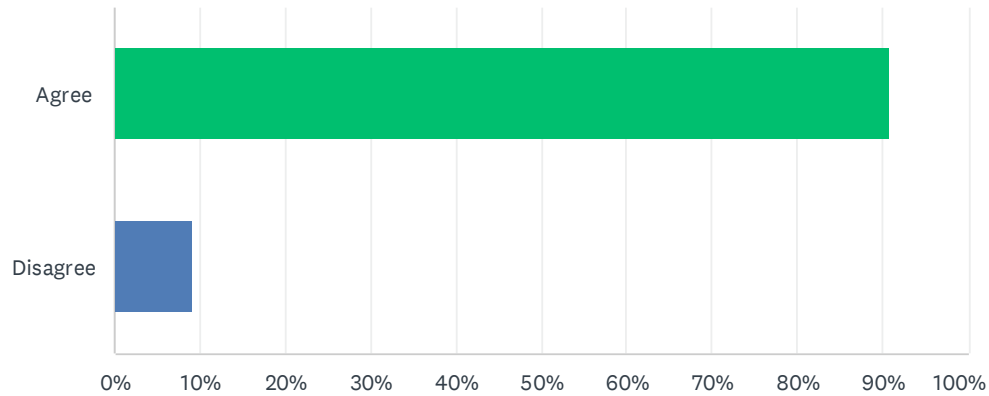
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	96.97%	32
Disagree	3.03%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33</b>

Q22 Goal 2: Obj. d. Create a heritage tourism route (map and application) to direct visitors and residents to current agritourism sites and promote this through Visiting Hampton Roads Area and on the County's website James City County Agritourism

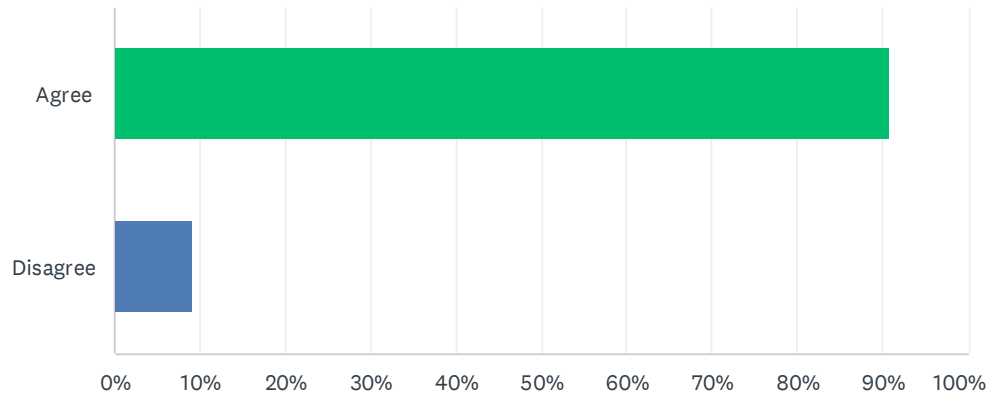
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	90.91%	30
Disagree	9.09%	3
TOTAL		33

**Q23 Goal 2: Obj. e. Host a workshop on agritourism to bring more farms into the tourism network to provide additional revenue for farms to keep them in business.**

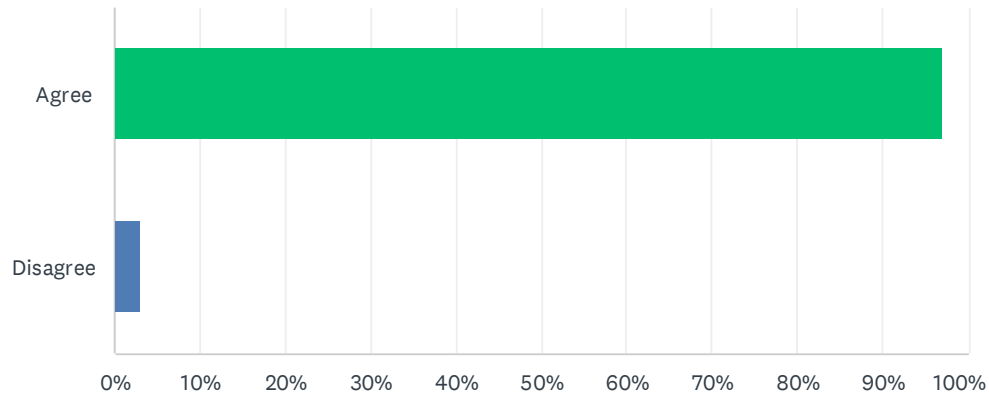
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	90.91%	30
Disagree	9.09%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33</b>

Q24 Goal 2: Obj. f. Prior to future Agricultural and Forestal Districts (AFD) renewals, continue to explore lengthening the AFD terms with property owners in order to promote the long-term stewardship of highly valued landscapes.

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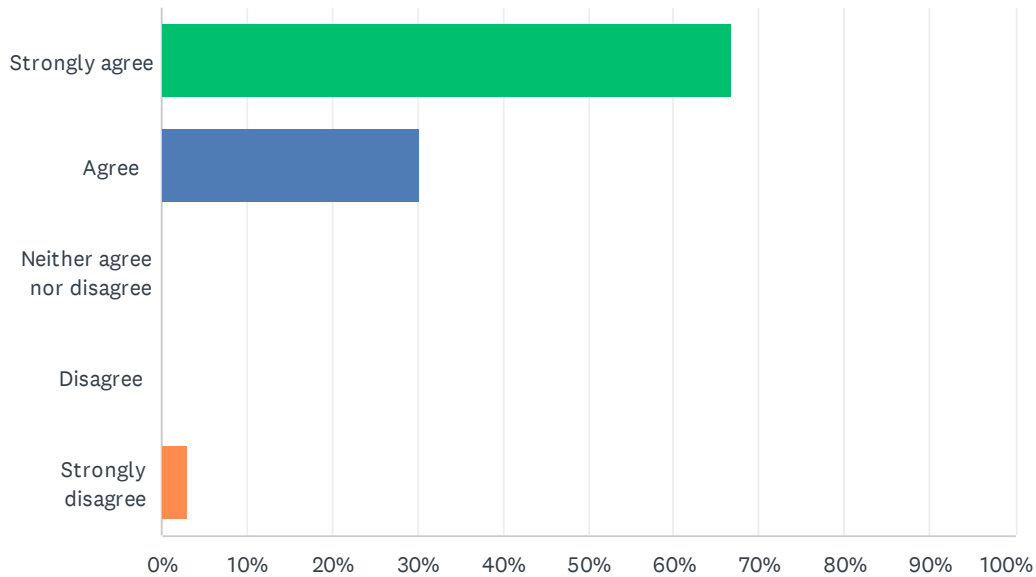


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	96.97%	32
Disagree	3.03%	1
TOTAL		33



**Q25 Goal 3: Facilitate voluntary planting projects to extend the width of vegetated buffers to serve as wildlife corridors along the County's waterways and to protect water quality. Do you support this goal?**

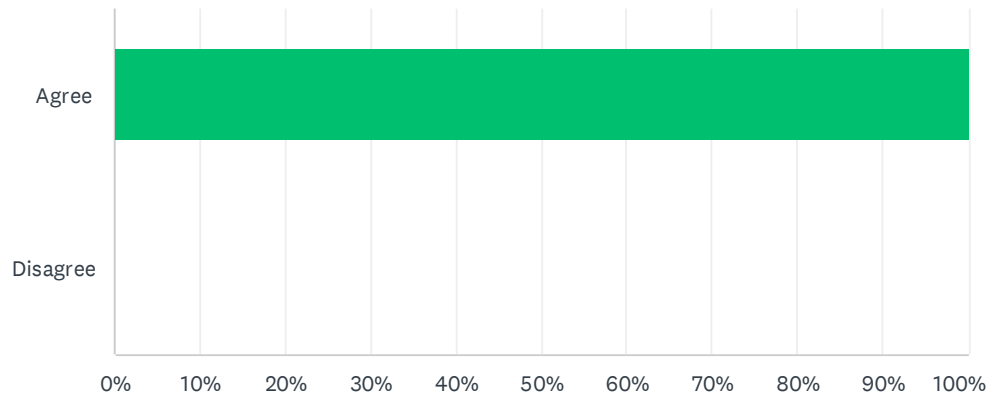
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	66.67%	22
Agree	30.30%	10
Neither agree nor disagree	0.00%	0
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	3.03%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33</b>

**Q26 Goal 3: Obj. a. Educate landowners on the importance of healthy vegetated buffers for both water quality and wildlife. (For example, use the corridor maps to identify places where tree planting could meet goals for wildlife and water quality and educate landowners about the problems of invasive species and seek funding for invasive removals.)**

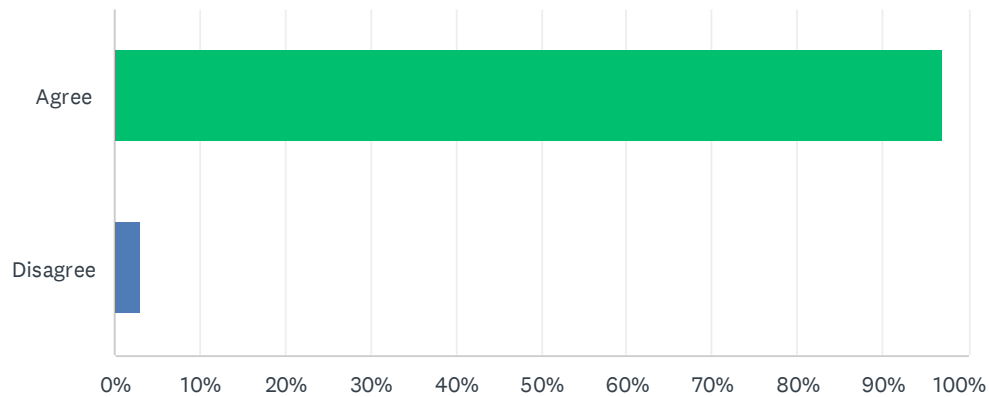
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	100.00%	33
Disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		33

Q27 Goal 3: Obj. b. Partner with the Virginia Department of Forestry to plant stream buffers along streams and prioritize those that serve as connections between highly valued landscapes. (Virginia needs to plant millions of new trees along streams to help improve the health of rivers that flow into the Chesapeake Bay. There is abundant state funding to support this planting and all planting is voluntary.)

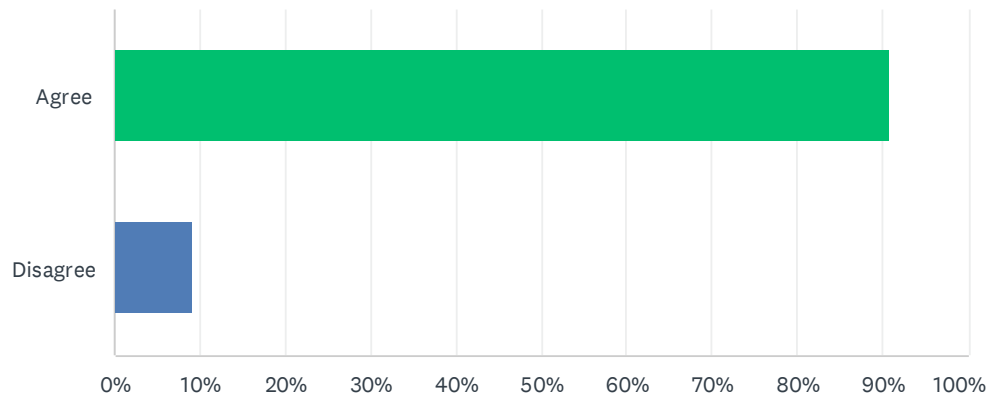
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	96.97% 32
Disagree	3.03% 1
TOTAL	33

**Q28 Goal 3: Obj. c. Seek an increase in the County’s Community Rating System points to allow for discounted flood insurance premiums for landowners. (Flood insurance rates for landowners are affected by the risk rating assigned by FEMA. Increasing the county’s points lowers its rating and if the rating is lowered by FEMA, then flood insurance costs for landowners may be reduced.)**

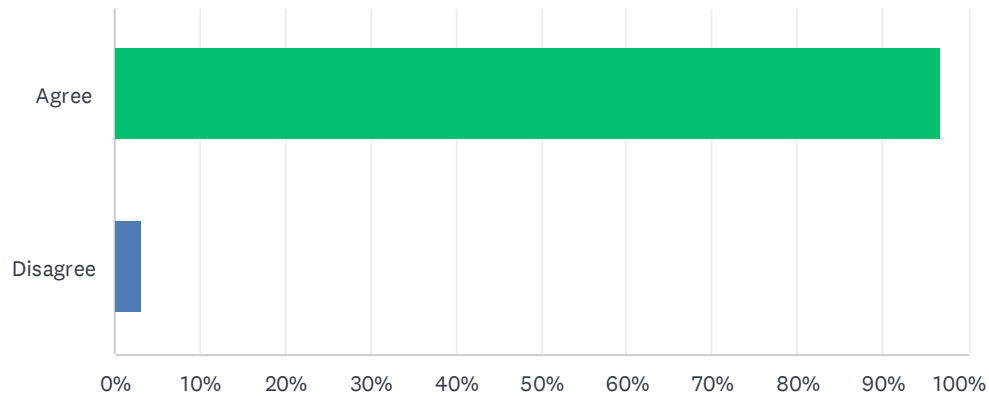
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	90.91%	30
Disagree	9.09%	3
TOTAL		33

**Q29 Goal 3: Obj. d. As per new Virginia Department of Environmental Quality requirements, create and adopt guidance/standards for stormwater management for utility scale solar developments to prevent new stormwater impacts. (The VA DEQ has ordered all communities to develop standards to manage rainwater runoff from solar panels installed as part of large solar facility projects to reduce stormwater and flooding impacts to nearby waterways.)**

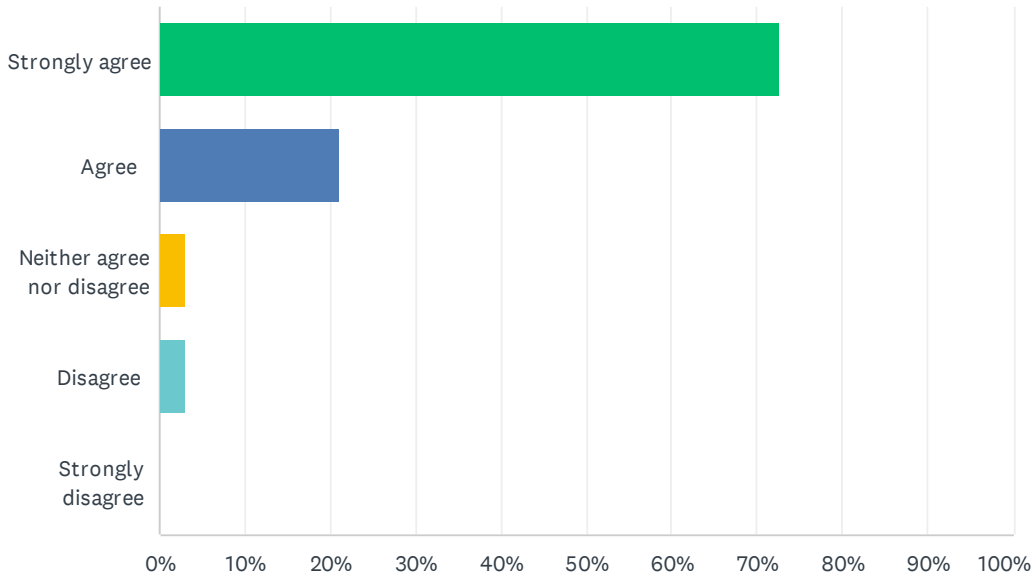
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	96.88%	31
Disagree	3.13%	1
TOTAL		32

## Q30 Goal 4: Promote biodiverse landscapes to improve habitats within the built environment. Do you support this goal?

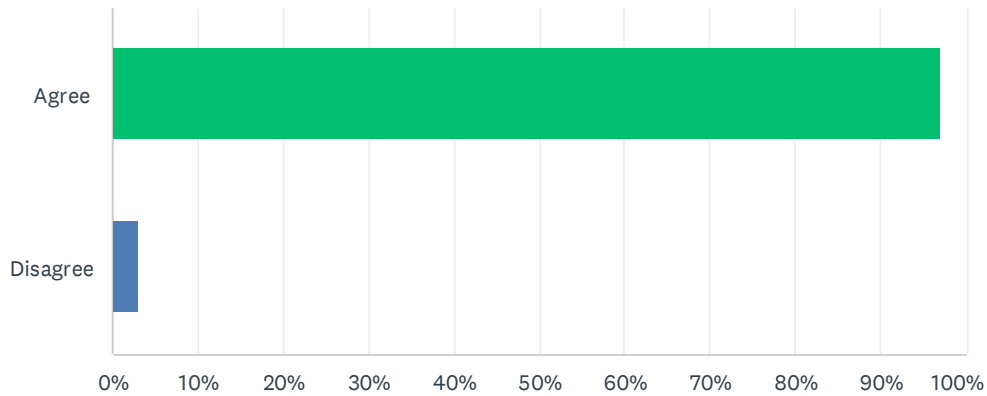
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	72.73%	24
Agree	21.21%	7
Neither agree nor disagree	3.03%	1
Disagree	3.03%	1
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33</b>

**Q31 Goal 4: Obj. a. Consider updating the existing code for street tree requirements in new developments to specify biodiverse street tree plantings of at least five different species of street/yard trees are planted, to be varied at the block level. (This is not an additional cost for a developer but it is a best practice to plant more than one type of tree in a development. This is important in case a new insect pest or disease affects a type of tree. For example, ash trees are being killed by Emerald Ash Borer. Having several types of trees ensures that if a pest kills off one type of tree, all trees in a subdivision will not be killed.)**

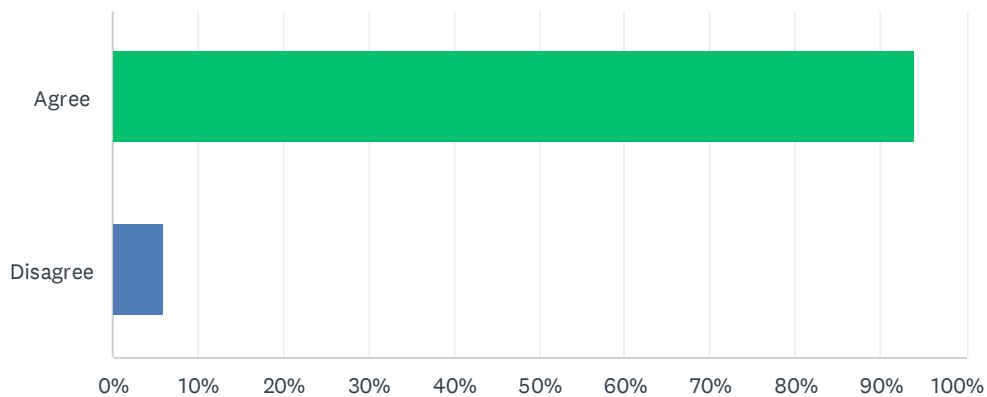
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	96.97%	32
Disagree	3.03%	1
TOTAL		33

Q32 Goal 4: Obj. b. Add a soil volume requirement to tree lawns (currently specified as only 5 feet wide) to ensure adequate planting depth and tree survival. (When trees are planted in small planting areas/boxes they die within 5-7 years because they lack nutrients and support to continue to grow. Current county planting standards specify width of planting areas but not depth. Ensuring that standards include soil depth will also make trees safer with more root area to hold them up. This is an urban forestry best management practice that many communities have adopted.)

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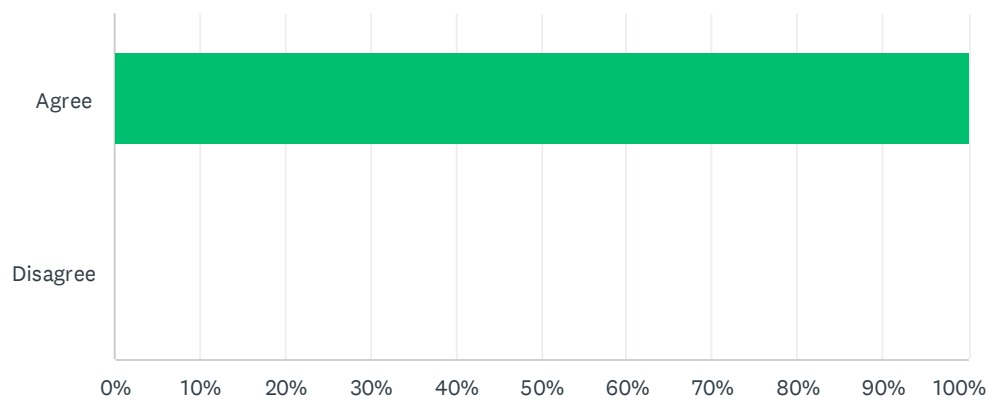


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	93.94% 31
Disagree	6.06% 2
TOTAL	33



**Q33 Goal 4: Obj. c. Review the recommended tree list to ensure it includes suitable species by locations (streets, yards, parking lots). (Consider adding species to be avoided, such as those that are invasive or have poor survival, when planting at development sites. Over time, new pests that can kill trees or new knowledge about tree suitability inform what should or should not be planted. This objective suggests that the county review it's lists to make sure they are up to date for the best species to plant for long term survivability.)**

Answered: 33 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	100.00%	33
Disagree	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33</b>

**Q34 What additional strategies would you like the county to adopt to help conserve or restore its natural and cultural assets?**

Answered: 17 Skipped: 19

Q35 Are there additional partners or non-government groups that the county could partner with to achieve any of the objectives? If yes, please specify for which objective (e.g. Goal 1, obj. b) and how this partner or group(s) could help.

Answered: 15 Skipped: 21

**Q36 Is there anything else you would like to share about these strategies with us?**

Answered: 15 Skipped: 21