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I. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

New Hampshire's Statewide Program of Action to Conserve our Environment (SPACE) commissioned Pan Atlantic SMS Group, a leading New England based market research and consulting firm, to conduct a telephone survey of Current Use landowners. SPACE is a non-profit coalition of conservation interests, agricultural and recreational user groups and land owners who support the Current Use land program in New Hampshire. Periodically SPACE conducts a survey of Current Use landowners to evaluate support for the program, awareness of benefits and restrictions associated with Current Use land, and attitudes toward Current Use regulations, the Land Use Change Tax and other related issues.

Previous surveys were administered by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center in 1993 and 2001. The current survey benchmarks issues addressed by the 2001 survey as well as covering new topic areas.

The objectives of the current research project are:

- To gather demographic information regarding Current Use property and landowners including length of enrollment, manner of enrollment, acreage held in Current Use etc.;
- To gather information regarding farm and forest related income generated by Current Use land;
- To understand landowners reasons for owning Current Use land;
- To measure awareness of and attitudes toward assessment values and the Land Use Change Tax;
- To measure attitudes towards the issue of stewardship and forestry management plans, as well as agricultural and forestry practice standards;
- To measure levels and types of public access that Current Use landowners allow or disallow on their property;
- To assess Current Use landowner opinions regarding the public benefits and uses of their Current Use land;
- And to evaluate their intentions to sell, conserve, or develop their current use land under a variety of different circumstances.

II. METHODOLOGY

In order to meet the objectives of the research study, Pan Atlantic SMS Group conducted a statewide survey of Current Use landowners. Respondents did not qualify for participation in the survey if they did not own Current Use land in New Hampshire, or if they were unable or unwilling to provide an estimate of the number of acres of Current Use land that they own. All surveys were conducted in July 2007 on a Computer Aided Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system. There was a 9.9% refusal rate for this survey.

Pan Atlantic SMS Group developed a new survey instrument for the 2007 survey administration, based on the 2001 survey and additional information provided by SPACE. The final survey instrument was approved by SPACE prior to being fielded. The survey instrument can be found in Appendix A.

SPACE provided Pan Atlantic SMS with a membership list; this list was used to survey Current Use landowners. While there are an estimated 29,984 Current Use landowners, the complete database provided to Pan Atlantic SMS had 4,823 usable phone numbers. From among these 4,823 Current Use landowners, 500 randomly selected interviews were conducted.

Respondents were surveyed according to the sampling plan in the chart below. For the purposes of creating regional groupings, counties were recoded into the following groups: Northern Region (Coos County), Western Region (Sullivan & Cheshire Counties), Central Region (Grafton, Merrimack, & Carroll Counties), Lakes Region (Belknap County), Hillsborough, and Seacoast (Rockingham & Strafford Counties).

County	# of Surveys	County	# of Surveys
Belknap	35	Hillsborough	66
Carroll	37	Merrimack	73
Cheshire	56	Rockingham	54
Coos	41	Strafford	30
Grafton	74	Sullivan	34
Total – 500			

Results were tabulated and analyzed using standard statistical methods. The total results of this study command statistical validity at the 95 percent confidence interval level with a margin of error of ± 4.2 percent. In other words, if the study were to be replicated, 95 times out of 100 the results would be within ± 4.2 percentage points of the results obtained for the current survey. The margins of error for specific sub-samples or demographic groups are higher.

Please note that all figures may not add up to 100.0% due to the rounding of decimals.

Throughout this report where “Top Answers” are reported, the complete list of responses is available in the volume of cross tabulation tables.

III. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Characteristics of Current Use Land

Approximately half of participants have more than 50 acres of land enrolled in the Current Use program. The majority of participants reported having enrolled in the program themselves and three-fourths of all respondents have been enrolled for more than 20 years. In 2007, the vast majority of participants in the Current Use program said that an individual or family owns their land.

- Approximately one-half of respondents indicated that they currently have more than 50 acres of land enrolled in the Current Use program in New Hampshire.
- Three out of four respondents reported that their Current Use land has been enrolled, either by themselves or by previous owners, in the Current Use program for more than 20 years.
- Six in ten respondents reported having enrolled their land in the Current Use program themselves, while nineteen percent (18.6%) of respondents reported having purchased land already in Current Use, and sixteen percent (16.0%) indicated having inherited land already enrolled in the program.
- Eight in ten respondents said that an individual or family owns their Current Use land.
- *Long-term enrollment in the Current Use program is very high, which suggests that most landowners remain satisfied with the program. However, new enrollments in the program have decreased from 1993 to 2007. A decrease in the number of new enrollments may have more to do with a lack of awareness of the Current Use program rather than dissatisfaction with what the program has to offer or saturation of the potential base of land which could be enrolled.*

The majority of participants categorized their Current Use land as a forest. Of those that reported having land in farm or any farm-related category, more than two-thirds said that this land is no longer pasture or cropped.

- More than one-third of those surveyed stated that their Current Use land is categorized as a forest. Twenty-one percent (21.4%) categorized their land as a combination of a forest and a farm, and nineteen percent (18.8%) categorized their land as a combination of a forest and unproductive land.
- More than two-thirds of respondents with land in any farm or farm-related category said that this land is no longer pasture or cropped, and is being mowed just to keep it open.

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Income Generated from Current Use Land

A strong majority of participants in the Current Use program do not generate any farm- or forest-related income from their land. Of those who generate such income, the majority reported taking in less than \$1,000 a year and stated timber as the primary source of such income.

- Less than one-third of respondents indicated that they generate any farm- or forest-related income from their Current Use land.
- Nearly forty percent generate less than \$1,000 a year in farm- or forest-related income.
- Of those respondents who indicated that they generate farm- or forest-related income from their Current Use land, nearly two-thirds reported generating such income from timber.

Participants' reasons for owning Current Use land fall within four main response categories.

- Responses from those surveyed indicated the top reasons for owning Current Use land are: Saving money on property taxes (35.6%), personal / family enjoyment of land (35.4%), non-economic value / protecting land from development (35.0%), and legacy / family lands (24.6%).

Assessment Values and the Land Use Tax

More than half of the Current Use landowners surveyed said that they are not familiar with the land assessment values set by the Current Use Board. Three-quarters of participants are familiar with the Land Use Change Tax, but a much smaller percentage of respondents claimed to actually know what the current rate is. Almost all of those who claimed to know what the current Land Use Change Tax is were correct.

- More than half of respondents reported not being familiar (either “not at all” or “not very”) with the land assessment values set by the Current Use Board.
- Three out of four respondents said they were familiar (either “moderately” or “very”) with the Land Use Change Tax.
- Of the respondents who indicated that they are “not very familiar,” “moderately familiar,” or “very familiar” with the Land Use Change Tax, nearly six out of ten reported not knowing what the current Land Use Tax rate is.
- Of those respondents who indicated that they know what the current Land Use Tax rate is, nearly all (96.8%) were correct in reporting this rate as 10%.

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- ***Familiarity with the Land Use Change Tax has increased since 1993 and 2001, and in 2007 a very high percentage of respondents indicated that they were familiar with this tax. Despite being familiar with the Land Use Change Tax, a large number of respondents said they did not know what the current tax rate is and a majority of respondents reported not being familiar with land assessment values. This suggests that more could be done to make participants aware of current tax rates and assessment values set by the Board.***

The majority of landowners think that the current Land Use Change Tax rate is “about right.” If the tax rate were to double from 10% to 20%, three quarters of those surveyed reported that they would not sell any of their land. Of those that would sell their land, six out of ten reported they would sell all of it.

- When asked whether the current Land Use Change Tax of 10% is too high, too low, or about right the majority of respondents said that the current rate is “about right.”
 - If the Land Use Change Tax were to increase from 10% to 20%, more than three-quarters of respondents reported that they would not sell any of their land.
 - The majority of those who indicated that they would sell their land if the Current Use Tax rate increased from 10% to 20% stated that they would sell all of it.
- ***Thus, a total of 6.4% of respondents said that they would sell all of their Current Use land if the Land Use Change Tax were increased.***

Nearly half of participants oppose a requirement mandating landowners to manage their land according to certain standards of appropriate agricultural and forestry practices.

- Forty-five percent of respondents (45.2%) oppose (either “strongly” or “moderately”) requiring Current Use landowners to meet Agricultural Practice Standards.
- More than four out of ten respondents also oppose (either “strongly” or “moderately”) requiring Current Use landowners to meet Forestry Practice Standards.

Stewardship and Forestry Management Plans

The vast majority of respondents said that at least some of their Current Use land is forestland. Of those who own forestland, a strong majority said they do not have any portion enrolled in the stewardship category and/or have a written management plan signed by a N.H. forester.

- Nearly nine out of ten respondents indicated that some of their Current Use land is forestland.
- Of those who own forestland, seven out of ten indicated that they do not have any portion enrolled in the “forestland with documented stewardship” category.

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- Seven out of ten respondents indicated that they do not have a written management plan signed by a licensed forester. Of those respondents who indicated that they do have a written management plan, more than three-quarters reported having seen some / significant improvement as a result of the plan.
- Half of all respondents stated that they believe eligibility for the “stewardship” category should require a management plan that is signed and approved by a licensed N.H. forester.
- Half of respondents indicated that the option of qualifying for reduced assessment under the Forestland with Documented Stewardship category was not a meaningful incentive for them to manage their land.

Public Access

Respondents support a reduction in land assessment values for those who voluntarily meet agricultural or forestry standards, or keep their land open for non-motorized public access. Participants also support requiring Current Use landowners to keep their land open for non-motorized public access.

- Nearly two-thirds of respondents support (either “strongly” or “moderately”) reductions in land assessment values for landowners who voluntarily meet agricultural or forestry standards, or keep their land open for non-motorized public access.
- More than half of respondents indicated that they support (either “strongly” or “moderately”) requiring Current Use landowners to keep their land open for non-motorized public access.

Fifty percent of respondents were not aware that they could qualify for a 20% reduction of their assessment if they do not post against some types of access for recreational activities. Nearly half of respondents said that this reduction in assessment values would be a sufficient incentive to not post against access to such activities. Seven out of ten landowners stated that no part of their land is posted against activities in terms of public access and/or any type of public access.

- Half of those surveyed said they were not aware that under current law that those who do not post their land against some kinds of access for recreational activities qualify for a reduction of 20% of their assessment.
- Nearly half of those surveyed reported that a reduction of their assessment is a sufficient incentive for not posting against access to such recreational activities.
- Close to seven out of ten respondents indicated that they do not post against any activities in terms of public access. The top activities posted against in terms of public access were: No hunting / firearms (14.6%), no motorized vehicle / wheeled vehicles (5.0%), no trespassing (4.6%), and no ATV's / 4-wheelers / dirt bikes (4.4%).
- Nearly one-fifth of respondents stated that they post all of their land against any type of public access.

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- Approximately eight out of ten surveyed indicated that they do allow hunting on their Current Use land with personal permission.
- ***Although most respondents reported that they do not post against activities in terms of public access, more could be done to increase public access to Current Use land. In particular, SPACE should work to increase landowner's awareness of the incentives that go along with allowing public access to their land.***

The top benefit to Current Use land, listed by nearly half of all landowners surveyed, was “Open Space-Recreation.” The majority of respondents stated that their Current Use land is used for “Hiking / walking.”

- The majority of respondents listed “Open Space – Recreation” as a public benefit they believe their Current Use land is providing. Other top public benefits included “Wildlife / Biodiversity” (21.6%), “Prevent development” (14.0%), “Open Space – Aesthetic” (14.0%), and “Reduce municipal costs / taxes” (7.4%).
- The majority of respondents stated that their Current Use land is used for “Hiking / walking,” while other top uses for land included “Hunting” (35.8%), “Wildlife habitat” (21.2%), “Skiing / Snowshoeing” (21.2%), and “Other recreation” (15.0%).

Conservation Easement

Most landowners surveyed have land that is not subject to a Conservation Easement.

- Approximately eight in ten respondents said their land is not subject to a Conservation Easement.

Future Plans for Current Use Land

The vast majority of respondents plan to permanently conserve or protect all of their Current Use land, and have no future plans to sell or develop any of the land. Those who plan to conserve or protect their land said they would do so by keeping the land as is, or keeping it in Current Use. Of those respondents who indicated they were likely to sell their land, most said they would do so within 2-5 years or indicated that they don't know when or if they would actually sell the land. Most respondents who planned to sell their land said they would sell all of it or less than half, and would do so primarily for retirement purposes. Of those respondents who indicated they plan to develop their land, the majority stated that they don't know when or if they would develop the land and less than 10% of the land would be developed.

- Respondents were asked what percentage of their Current Use land they planned to permanently conserve or protect, sell, or develop, assuming that no changes would be made to Current Use Law. More than three quarters of respondents reported that they plan to permanently conserve or protect all of their Current Use land. More than eight in ten respondents stated that they have no plans to sell any portion of their Current Use land. Nine out of ten surveyed indicated that they do not plan to develop any of their Current Use Land.

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- One quarter of those who indicated that they will likely conserve or protect at least some portion of their Current Use land, stated they would do so by keeping the land as is, or keeping it in Current Use.
- Of the small portion of respondents who indicated that they have future plans to sell their land, most indicated they would do so either within 2 to 5 years or that they don't know when or if they would be likely to sell in the future. Of those respondents who plan to sell their land, 30.8% indicated they would sell all of their land and one-third indicated they would sell less than half. Three out of ten respondents who plan to sell their land said they would do so for retirement related purposes.
- The majority of respondents answered "don't know" in regards to when they plan to develop their Current Use land. More than half of those who indicated future plans to develop their land and cited a rough time frame for doing so, stated they plan to develop less than 10% of the land.

If the Current Use program were eliminated today, half of respondents said they would be likely to sell their land. The majority of those that would sell indicated that they would sell all of their Current Use land. Close to half of all respondents reported that they could not afford to keep their land if the program were eliminated.

- If the Current Use program were eliminated today, half of respondents said they would be likely (either "somewhat" or "very") to sell their Current Use land.
 - The majority of those who indicated they would sell some portion of their land if the Current Use program were eliminated today stated that they would sell all of it.
 - Nearly half of respondents reported that they could not afford to keep their land if the Current Use program was eliminated and the land was taxed at normal rates. One quarter of respondents said they could afford to keep their land, but it would be a burden, and 8.4% said they could only afford to keep a portion of their land.
- ***A large portion of respondents appear to rely on the existing Current Use program to be able to afford conservation land in New Hampshire. The difference in Current Use tax rates versus rates at which the land would normally be taxed provides incentive for landowners to remain enrolled in the program and to aid in the conservation of land for the future.***

Respondent Suggestions for the Current Use Program

The majority of responses from those surveyed were positive, including comments that the program is "great" and that it should continue to exist. Many respondents emphasized the need to preserve the Current Use program, and stressed that they would not like to see the program eliminated. Please see Appendix B for a complete list of verbatim responses to this question.

IV. FINDINGS: CHARACTERISTICS OF CURRENT USE LAND

Acres in Current Use

Approximately how many acres of land do you currently have enrolled in the Current Use program in New Hampshire?

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=451)	2007 (N=500)
10 acres or less	10%	7%	5.6%
11 to 20 acres	33%	35%	23.2%
21 to 30 acres			9.6%
31 to 40 acres	17%	14%	7.4%
41 to 50 acres			6.8%
51 to 100 acres	17%	20%	23.4%
101 to 200 acres	13%	12%	14.6%
201 to 500 acres	6%	7%	7.2%
501 to 1,000 acres	2%	2%	1.8%
Over 1,000 acres	1%	2%	0.4%

2007 Results:

Out of the 500 participants surveyed, 52.6% reported having 50 or less acres of land enrolled in the Current Use program. The most common amount of land enrolled under 50 acres fell into the "11 to 20 acres" category and accounted for 23.2% of the acreage held by the entire sample. Forty-seven percent (47.4%) of participants reported having over 50 acres of land enrolled in the Current Use program. The most common amount of land enrolled over 50 acres fell into the "51 to 100 acres" category and accounted for 23.4% of the acreage held by the entire sample.

Trend Results:

The acreage held by Current Use Landowners has remained relatively constant from 1993 and 2001 to present.

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Number of Years Land has been in Current Use

Approximately how many years has this land been enrolled in Current Use, either by you or by the previous owner or owners?

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=427)	2007 (N=500)
Under 10 years	39%	6%	4.2%
10 to 19 years	25%	34%	18.0%
20 to 30 years	22%	51%	37.4%
More than 30 years	14%	9%	37.4%
Don't know	N/A	N/A	3.0%

2007 Results:

Three-quarters of respondents (74.8%) indicated that their land has been enrolled in the Current Use program for twenty or more years; 37.4% have been enrolled “20 to 30 years” and 37.4% have been enrolled “more than 30 years.” Eighteen percent of respondents (18.0%) reported that their land has been enrolled for “10 to 19 years” and 4.2% reported that their land has been enrolled “under 10 years.” Three percent (3.0%) responded that they “don’t know” how long their Current Use land has been enrolled in the program.

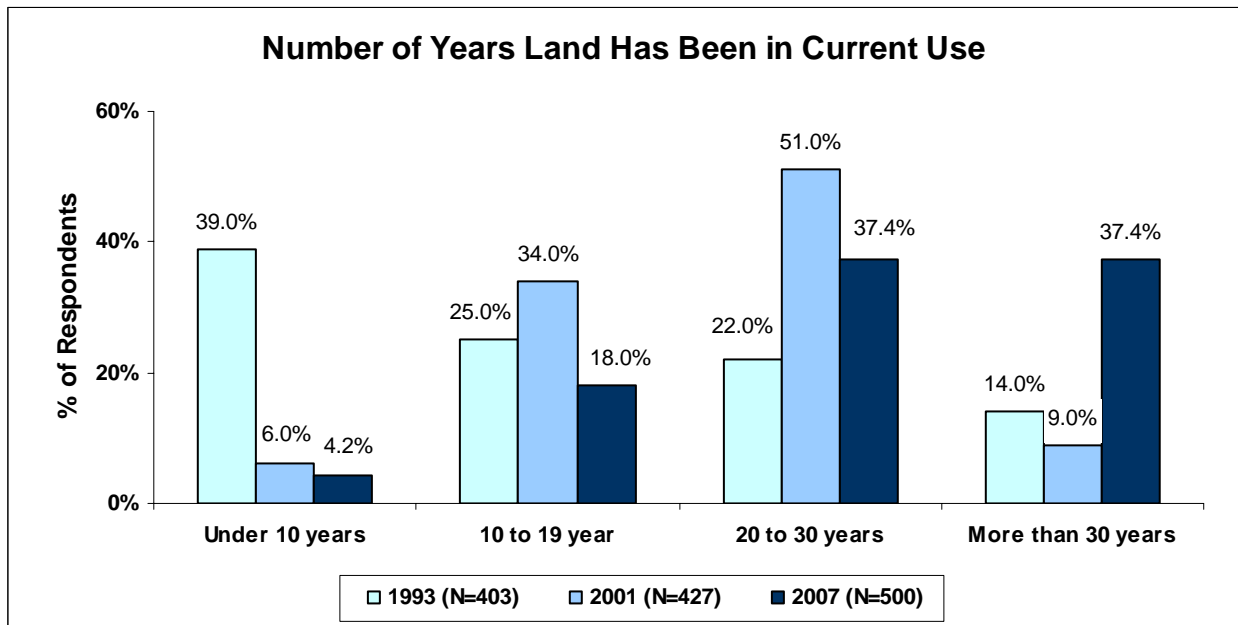
Enrolled In Current Use Program for 20 to 30 Years	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who own 20 acres or less (47.2%) or 21 to 50 acres (43.7%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who own more than 201 acres (27.7%) or 51 to 200 acres (28.4%)
Enrolled In Current Use Program for More than 30 Years	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who own 51 to 200 acres (49.5%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who own 20 acres or less (23.6%) or 21 to 50 acres (27.7%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents ages 56 to 65 (39.4%), 66 to 75 (41.5%) and 76 or older (39.3%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents ages 46 to 55 (25.8%) and 45 and under (15.4%)

IV. FINDINGS: CHARACTERISTICS OF CURRENT USE LAND

Number of Years Land has been in Current Use (Continued)

Trend Results:

There appears to have been significant change in the number of years that a respondent has had land enrolled in Current Use from 1993 to 2007. The percentage of short term enrollment (less than 10 years) has decreased from 39% in 1993 to 6% in 2001 and 4.2% in 2007. Enrollment for 10 to 19 years and 20 to 30 years increased from 1993 to 2001 and then decreased again in 2007. Finally, enrollment for more than 30 years has dipped from 14% in 1993 to 9% in 2001 and then increased to 37.4% in 2007. This suggests that long term enrollment is high, but new enrollment in the Current Use program appears to be decreasing. This trend is to be expected given the aging demographic of Current Use landowners.



IV. FINDINGS: CHARACTERISTICS OF CURRENT USE LAND

Manner of Enrollment

Which of the following best describes how your land became enrolled in the Current Use program? [Options were read and rotated.]

	2001 (N=459)	2007 (N=500)
Enrolled land in Current Use yourself	68%	63.0%
Purchased land already in CU	18%	18.6%
Inherited land already in CU	12%	16.0%
Part enrolled oneself, other purchased in CU	N/A	0.4%
Inherited part, purchased part in CU	N/A	0.4%
Don't know	2%	1.6%

* New question in 2001.

2007 Results:

The majority of respondents (63.0%) reported that they enrolled their land in the Current Use program themselves. Nineteen percent (18.6%) “purchased land already in Current Use” and sixteen percent (16.0%) “inherited land already in Current Use.”

Enrolled Land in the Current Use Program Themselves	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men (66.9%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women (58.2%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who have owned CU land for 10 to 19 years (86.7%) or 20 to 30 years (68.4%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who have owned CU land for more than 30 years (49.2%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents ages 76 or older (77.5%) and 66 to 75 (64.4%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents ages 56 to 65 (50.5%), 46 to 55 (45.5%) and 45 and under (30.8%)

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Manner of Enrollment (Continued)

Purchased Land Already in Current Use	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respondents who own 20 acres or less (28.5%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respondents who own 21 to 50 acres (15.1%) or 51 to 200 acres (14.2%)
Inherited Land Already in Current Use	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NH natives (22.8%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respondents born in other states (11.2%)

Trend Results:

The manner of enrollment in the Current Use Program in the current survey is consistent with that reported in 2001.

IV. FINDINGS: CHARACTERISTICS OF CURRENT USE LAND

Type of Current Use Landowner

Which of the following best describes the ownership of your Current Use land? My Current Use land is owned by: [Options were read]

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=460)	2007 (N=500)
An individual or family	95%	82%	81.0%
A trust	0%	12%	16.6%
A corporation	0%	2%	0.8%
A non-profit organization	1%	0%	0.2%
A real estate or development concern	N/A	N/A	0.0%
A forest industry concern	2%	0%	0.0%
A partnership	1%	1%	0.6%
A combination	1%	2%	0.4%
Conservation	N/A	N/A	0.2%
Refused	N/A	N/A	0.2%

2007 Results:

Individual / family ownership (81.0%) and trust ownership (16.6%) were the most reported forms of ownership of Current Use land. All other forms of ownership were reported below one percent and included: "A corporation" (0.8%), "a non-profit organization" (0.2%), "a partnership" (0.6%), "a combination" (0.4%), and "conservation" (0.2%). No respondents indicated that their land was owned by a "real estate or development concern" or "a forest industry concern." Less than one percent of respondents (0.2%) "refused" to answer the question.

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Type of Current Use Landowner (Continued)

Individual / Family Ownership	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Residents of Northern (92.7%) and Western New Hampshire (88.9%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Residents of Central (79.3%), Hillsborough (78.8%), Seacoast (76.2%), and Lakes (71.4%) regions
A Trust	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Respondents ages 76 or older (23.7%) and 66 to 75 (17.8%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Respondents ages 46 to 55 (12.1%) and 56 to 65 (9.1%)

Trend Results:

Individual / family ownership rates decreased from 95% in 1993 to 82% in 2001 and remained flat in 2007 at 81.0%. Ownership by “a trust” has increased from 0% in 1993 to 12% in 2001 and 16.6% in 2007. All other forms of ownership have remained the same over this period.

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Category of Current Use Land

Which category or categories is your Current Use land in? Is it the forest, farm, or unproductive category or in a combination of categories?

	2007 (N=500)
Forest	35.8%
Farm	3.2%
Unproductive	7.6%
A combination – forest and farm	21.4%
A combination – farm and unproductive	2.6%
A combination – forest and unproductive	18.8%
A combination of all three	8.4%
Don't know	2.2%

** Note: In 1993 and 2001, this was treated as a multiple response question, therefore results are not directly comparable with 2007 data.*

2007 Results:

The most common categories of Current Use land are “forest” (35.8%), “a combination of forest and farm land” (21.4%) and “a combination of forest and unproductive land” (18.8%). Three percent of respondents (3.2%) reported that their Current Use land is “farm” land (3.2%) while eight percent (7.6%) said that their land is “unproductive.” Three percent of respondents (2.6%) reported having “a combination of farm and unproductive land” and 8.4% reported that their Current Use land is “a combination of farm, forest, and unproductive land.”

Forest Category	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents from the Lakes region (54.3%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents from the Seacoast region (22.6%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents with an annual household income of \$75K or more (41.4%) and \$45<\$75K (36.9%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents with an annual household income of less than \$45K (26.1%)

IV. FINDINGS: CHARACTERISTICS OF CURRENT USE LAND

Current Use Farmland that is Being Mowed Just to Keep it Open

2007 Wording: Do you have farmland in Current Use that is being mowed just to keep it open? That is, do you have any Current Use farmland that is no longer pasture or cropped? [Asked of those who reported having Current Use land in the farm category or a combination of categories]

2001 Wording: Is the farmland you have in Current Use being mowed just to keep it open? That is, is it no longer pasture or cropped? [Asked of those who reported having Current Use land in the farm category]

	2001* (N=62)	2007 (N=178)
Yes	50%	67.4%
No	50%	32.0%
Don't know	N/A	0.6%

** New question in 2001. In 2001, this question was asked only of those who reported having Current Use land in the farm category. In 2007 it was asked of those with Current Use land in farm or a combination of categories.*

2007 Results:

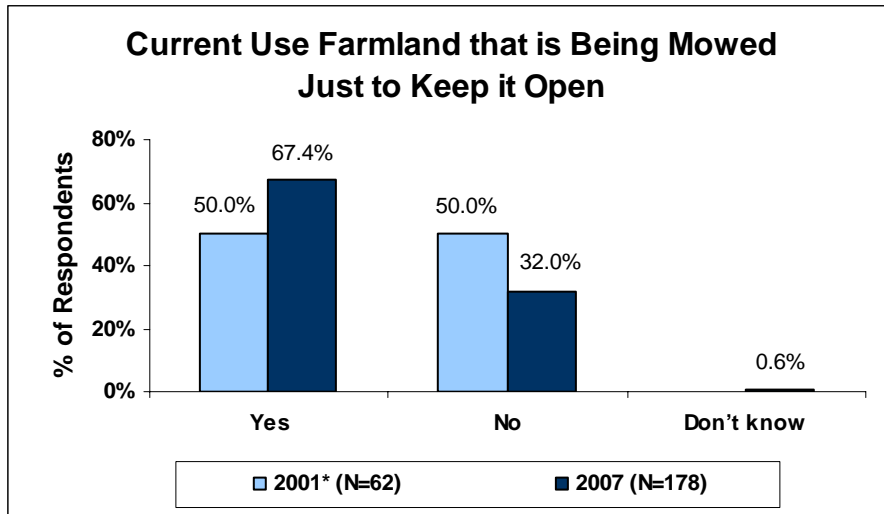
More than two-thirds of respondents (67.4%) said “yes,” they have some Current Use farmland that is no longer pasture or cropped, and is being mowed just to keep it open. Thirty-two percent (32.0%) responded “no” and less than one percent (0.6%) said “don’t know.”

Trend Results:

With the inclusion of combination farmland and other categories in 2007, the percentage of respondents reporting that they have Current Use farmland that is being mowed just to keep it open increased from 50% in 2001 to 67.4%. This is to be expected given that the current survey includes those whose land falls into the combination categories of “farm and unproductive,” “forest and unproductive,” and “farm, forest, and unproductive” land.

IV. FINDINGS: CHARACTERISTICS OF CURRENT USE LAND

Current Use Farmland that is Being Mowed Just to Keep it Open (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: INCOME GENERATED FROM CURRENT USE LAND

Whether Current Use Land Generates Income

2007 Wording: *Does your Current Use land generate any farm- or forest-related income for you?*

1993 and 2001 Wording: *Does your Current Use Land generate any income for you?*

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=460)	2007 (N=500)
Yes	15%	27%	27.4%
No	80%	72%	72.4%
Don't know	5%	0%	0.2%

2007 Results:

Seventy-two percent (72.4%) of respondents do not generate any farm- or forest-related income from their Current Use land. Twenty-seven percent (27.4%) reported that their Current Use land does generate farm- or forest-related income and 0.2% of those surveyed said they “don’t know.”

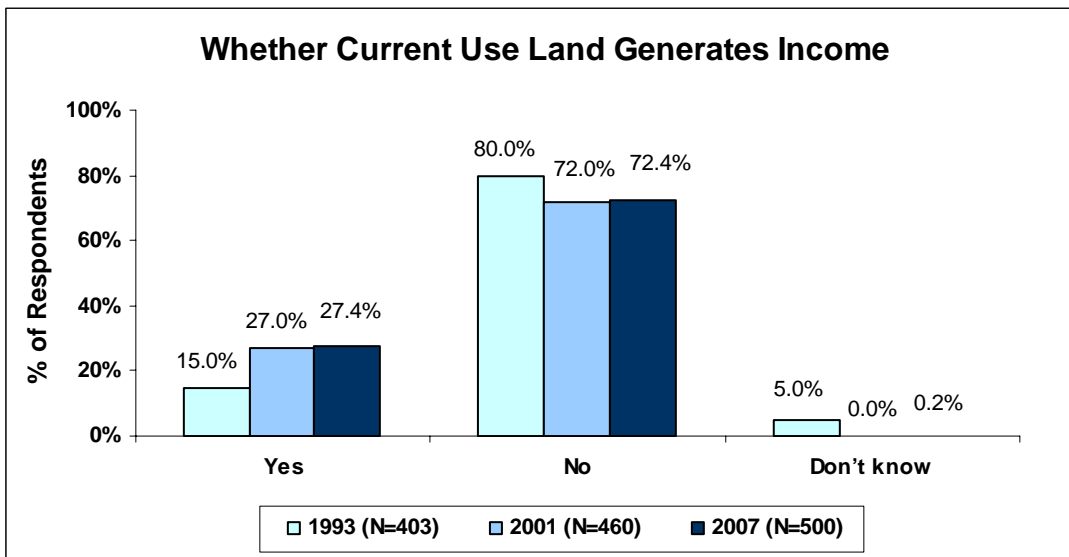
Current Use Land Generates Farm or Forest Related Income	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land owned by a trust (39.8%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land owned by an individual / family (24.0%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men (30.9%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women (23.1%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own more than 201 acres (74.5%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with 51 to 200 acres (36.3%), 21 to 50 acres (12.6%) and 20 acres or less (12.5%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land has been enrolled in Current Use for more than 30 years (40.1%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land has been enrolled in Current Use for 20 to 30 years (20.3%), 10 to 19 years (18.9%), and less than 10 years (14.3%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of \$75K or more (35.3%) or less than \$45K (29.5%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of \$45 < \$75K (23.3%)

IV. FINDINGS: INCOME GENERATED FROM CURRENT USE LAND

Whether Current Use Land Generates Income (Continued)

Trend Results:

The percentage of respondents indicating that their Current Use land generates an income increased from 15% in 1993 to 27% in 2001 and 27.4% in 2007.



IV. FINDINGS: INCOME GENERATED FROM CURRENT USE LAND

Amount of Annual Income Generated by Current Use Land

Approximately how much income is generated from your Current Use land each year? [Unaided; Asked of those who reported that their Current Use land generates farm- or forest-related income]

	1993 (N=61)	2001 (N=88)	2007 (N=137)
Under \$1,000	39%	32%	38.7%
\$1,000 to \$4,999	44%	42%	23.4%
\$5,000 to \$9,999			10.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12%	13%	4.4%
\$20,000 to \$24,999			2.2%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	0%	1%	2.2%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	0%	2%	2.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	0%	6%	0.0%
\$100,000 or more	0%	5%	2.2%
Don't know	5%	0%	7.3%
Refused	N/A	N/A	6.6%

2007 Results:

Of those participants who reported generating any farm- or forest-related income, 73.0% generate less than \$10,000; 10.9% generate between “\$5,000 to \$9,999,” 23.4% generate “\$1,000 to \$4,999,” and 38.7% generate “under \$1,000.” Of those that generate more than \$10,000 the largest percentage of respondents reported generating “\$10,000 to \$19,999” (4.4%). Seven percent of respondents (7.3%) said they “don’t know” and 6.6% “refused” to answer.

Income Under \$1,000	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land owned by an individual / family (44.3%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land owned by a trust (21.2%)

IV. FINDINGS: INCOME GENERATED FROM CURRENT USE LAND

Amount of Annual Income Generated by Current Use Land (Continued)

Trend Results:

Consistent with the 1993 (83%) and 2001 (74%) surveys, the majority of 2007 respondents (73.0%) indicated that their Current Use land generates less than \$10,000 per year in income.

IV. FINDINGS: INCOME GENERATED FROM CURRENT USE LAND

How Income is Generated from Current Use Land

How is the income generated? [Unaided; Multiple responses were recorded; Asked of those who reported that their Current Use land generates farm- or forest-related income]

Top Answers	2001 (N=124)	2007 (N=137)
Timber	65%	64.2%
Farm products	19%	38.7%
Hay	N/A	8.0%
Leasing land	6%	2.9%
Christmas trees	6%	2.2%
Don't know	N/A	1.5%

**New question in 2001.*

2007 Results:

Top answers of how farm- or forest-related income is generated include “timber” (64.2%), “farm products” (38.7%), “hay” (8.0%), “leasing land” (2.9%), and “Christmas trees” (2.2%). Less than two percent (1.5%) responded that they “don’t know” how their farm- or forest-related income is generated.

Trend Results:

The percentage of respondents indicating that their Current Use land generates an income from “farm products” increased from 19% in 2001 to 38.7% in 2007. Income from “timber” has remained constant (65% in 2001, 64.2% in 2007).

All other responses were provided by a small percentage of respondents; these figures can be found in the cross tabulation tables.

IV. FINDINGS: INCOME GENERATED FROM CURRENT USE LAND

Reasons for Owning Current Use Land

What are your reasons for owning your Current Use land? [Unaided; Multiple responses were recorded]

Top Answers	2001* (N=457)	2007 (N=500)
Saving money on property taxes	18%	35.6%
Personal / family enjoyment of land	39%	35.4%
Non-economic value / protecting land from development	27%	35.0%
Legacy / family lands	25%	24.6%
Making owning open space land affordable	11%	8.2%
Economic value in its farm or forestry income	6%	6.8%
Investment for future timber / farm value	6%	4.2%
Investment for future development	3%	1.4%
Equestrian uses	N/A	0.4%

**Note: Comparisons will not be made to 1993 as multiple responses were not recorded for this question*

2007 Results:

The top reasons for owning Current Use land, determined by the 500 participants surveyed, were reported as “saving money on property taxes” (35.6%), “personal / family enjoyment of land” (35.4%), “non-economic value / protecting land from development” (35.0%), “legacy / family lands” (24.6%), “making owning open space land affordable” (8.2%), “economic value in its farm or forestry income” (6.8%), “investment for future timber / farm value” (4.2%), “investment for future development” (1.4%), and “equestrian uses” (0.4%).

IV. FINDINGS: INCOME GENERATED FROM CURRENT USE LAND

Reasons for Owning Current Use Land (Continued)

Non-Economic Reasons / Protecting Land from Development	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women (42.2%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men (29.1%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Seacoast (54.8%), Hillsborough (40.9%), and Western (36.7%) regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Lakes (17.1%), Northern (19.5%), and Central (29.9%) regions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of \$75K or more (41.4%) or \$45 < \$75K (39.8%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of less than \$45K (27.3%)

Personal / Family Enjoyment of the Land	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Northern (43.9%), Hillsborough (39.4%), Central (37.5%), and Seacoast (36.9%) regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Lakes (20.0%) and Western (28.9%) regions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born in another state (38.6%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NH Native (28.8%)
Legacy / Family Lands	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land owned by a trust (37.3%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land owned by an individual / family (22.2%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NH Native (29.3%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born in another state (19.5%)

Trend Results:

The most common reasons for owning Current Use land are consistent with the 2001 findings, although the percentage of respondents citing these reasons has shifted. “Saving money on property taxes” [2007 (35.6%), 2001 (18%)], “personal / family enjoyment of the land” [2007 (35.4%), 2001 (39%)], and “non-economic value / protecting land from development” [2007 (35.0%), 2001 (27%)] are the top three reasons. The fourth most common reason, “legacy / family lands” was mentioned by a similar percentage of respondents in 2001 (25%) and 2007 (24.6%).

All other responses were provided by a small percentage of respondents; these figures can be found in the cross tabulation tables.

IV. FINDINGS: ASSESSMENT VALUES AND THE LAND USE TAX

Familiarity with Land Assessment Values

As you may know, each year the Current Use Board in the state sets the land ASSESSMENT VALUES for land enrolled in Current Use. The taxes you pay on your Current Use land are then based on the assessment ranges the Board sets. How familiar are you with the land assessment values set by the Current Use Board? Are you: [Options were read and rotated]

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=460)	2007 (N=500)
Not at all familiar	50%	36%	21.4%
Not very familiar	26%	32%	33.4%
Moderately familiar	17%	21%	31.8%
Very familiar	7%	11%	11.8%
Don't know	1%	1%	1.6%
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Not at all / Not very familiar	76%	68%	54.8%
Moderately / Very familiar	24%	32%	43.6%

2007 Results:

More than half the respondents (54.8%) indicated that they are “not at all / not very familiar” with the land assessment values set by the Current Use Board. In contrast, forty-four percent (43.6%) of respondents indicated that they are “moderately / very familiar” with the land assessment values set by the Board. Less than two percent of respondents (1.6%) indicated that they “don't know” how familiar they are with the land assessment values set by the Current Use Board.

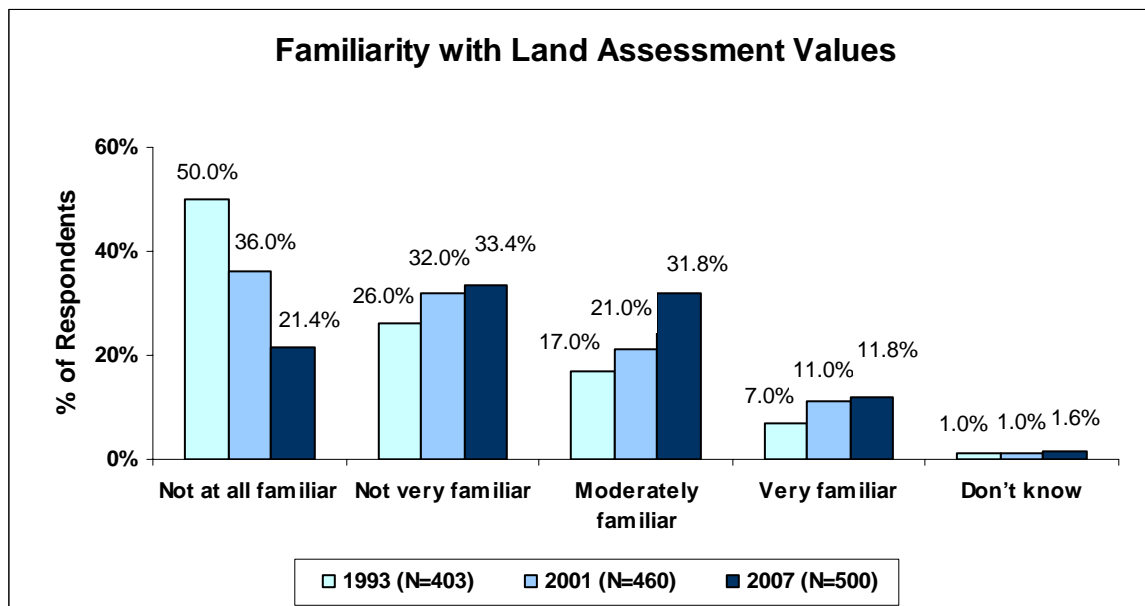
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Familiarity with Land Assessment Values (Continued)

Very / Moderately Familiar with Land Assessment Values	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Western (56.7%) and Lakes (48.6%) regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Northern (29.3%), Seacoast (40.5%), Central (41.3%) and Hillsborough (42.4%) regions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men (47.6%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women (38.7%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 201 acres or more (53.2%) and 51 to 200 acres (46.3%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 21 to 50 acres (42.9%) and 20 acres or less (37.5%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who have had land in Current Use for 10 to 19 years (48.9%) and more than 30 years (48.7%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who have had land in Current Use for 20 to 30 years (39.6%) or under 10 years (28.6%)

Trend Results:

2007 Current Use respondents are more familiar with the land assessment values set by the Current Use Board than respondents from past years; 43.6% of 2007 respondents are “moderately / very familiar” with the land assessment values compared to 24% in 1993 and 32% in 2001.



IV. FINDINGS: ASSESSMENT VALUES AND THE LAND USE TAX

Familiarity with the Land Use Change Tax

Now I'd like to ask you about the Land Use Change Tax – which is the penalty you pay when you take all or a portion of your land out of Current Use. How familiar are you with the Land Use Change Tax? Would you say that you are: [Options were read and rotated]

	1993 (N=400)	2001 (N=460)	2007 (N=500)
Not at all familiar	18%	18%	8.6%
Not very familiar	24%	28%	15.4%
Moderately familiar	27%	25%	37.2%
Very familiar	23%	28%	38.2%
Don't know	8%	1%	0.6%
Not at all / Not very familiar	42%	46%	24.0%
Moderately / Very familiar	50%	53%	75.4%

2007 Results:

Three quarters of those surveyed (75.4%) indicated that they are “moderately / very familiar” with the Land Use Change Tax. In contrast, twenty-four percent (24.0%) of participants replied that they are “not at all / not very familiar” with the Land Use Change Tax. Less than one percent (0.6%) of participants said they “don't know” how familiar they are with the Land Use Change Tax.

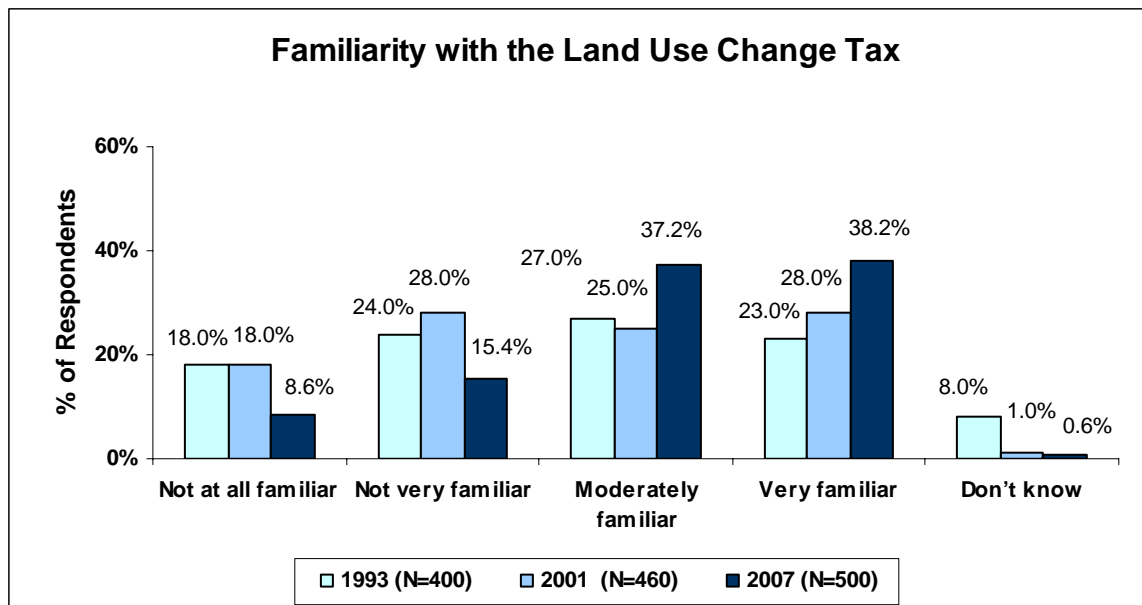
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Familiarity with the Land Use Change Tax (Continued)

Very / Moderately Familiar with the Land Use Change Tax	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Hillsborough (80.3%), Lakes (77.1%), Western (76.7%) and Central (75.5%) regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Northern region (58.5%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men (78.9%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women (71.1%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of \$45 < \$75K (79.6%) or \$75K or more (75.9%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of less than \$45K (67.0%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents ages 46 to 55 (86.4%), 56 to 65 (77.8%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents ages 45 and under (30.8%)

Trend Results:

2007 Current Use respondents are more familiar with the Land Use Change Tax than respondents from past years; 75.4% of 2007 respondents are “moderately / very familiar” with these values compared to 50% in 1993 and 53% in 2001.



IV. FINDINGS: ASSESSMENT VALUES AND THE LAND USE TAX

Self-Reported Knowledge of the Current Land Use Change Tax Rate

Do you happen to know what the current Land Use Change Tax rate is?

2007: Asked of those who indicated that they are ‘not very familiar’, ‘moderately familiar’ or ‘very familiar’ with the Land Use Change Tax.

2001 and 1993: Asked of all respondents.

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=458)	2007 (N=454)
Yes	44%	42%	41.6%
No	56%	58%	58.4%

2007 Results:

Of those who indicated that they are “not very familiar,” “moderately familiar,” or “very familiar” with the Land Use Change Tax, 58.4% responded that they do not know what the current Land Use Change Tax rate is. Forty-two percent (41.6%) responded that they do know what the current rate is.

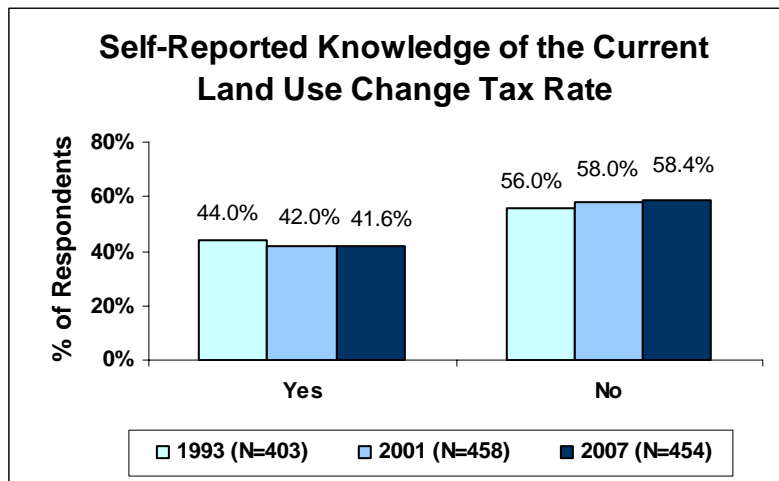
Report Knowing What the Current Land Use Change Tax Is	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men (47.6%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women (34.0%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 201 acres or more (63.6%) or 51 to 200 acres (47.4%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 21 to 50 acres (33.6%) or 20 acres or less (32.8%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents ages 46 to 55 (53.1%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents ages 56 to 65 (43.3%), 66 to 75 (42.3%), 76 or older (37.7%) and 45 and under (33.3%)

IV. FINDINGS: ASSESSMENT VALUES AND THE LAND USE TAX

Self-Reported Knowledge of the Current Land Use Change Tax Rate (Continued)

Trend Results:

Self-reported awareness of the current Land Use Change Tax is consistent with previous years: 1993 (44%), 2001 (42%), 2007 (41.6%).



IV. FINDINGS: ASSESSMENT VALUES AND THE LAND USE TAX

Belief of Current Land Use Change Tax Rate

What is the tax rate? [Asked of those who indicated that they know what the current Land Use Change Tax rate is]

	1993 (N=177)	2001 (N=192)	2007 (N=189)
Less than 10%	N/A*	N/A*	1.1%
10%	86%	79%	96.8%
More than 10%	N/A	N/A	2.1%
Don't know	7%	12%	0.0%
Think rate is 10%	86%	79%	96.8%
Think rate is other than 10%	7%	7%	3.2%

**Note: In 1993 and 2001, the results were only reported for "think rate is 10%," "think rate is other than 10%" and "don't know."*

2007 Results:

Almost all (96.8%) of those who indicated that they know what the current Land Use Change Tax rate is, were correct in saying that it is 10%. Three-percent (3.2%) stated that the current rate is something other than ten percent; 1.1% thought the rate is "less than 10%" and 2.1% thought the rate is "more than 10."

Trend Results:

The estimates for the Land Use Change Tax provided by 2007 Current Use landowners are more accurate than those provided in 1993 and 2001. In 2007, 96.8% of respondents accurately estimated that tax to be 10% compared to 86% in 1993 and 79% in 2001.

IV. FINDINGS: ASSESSMENT VALUES AND THE LAND USE TAX

View on the Current Land Use Change Tax Rate

The current Land Use Change Tax is currently 10%. In your view, is this too high, too low, or about right?

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=422)	2007 (N=500)
Too high	17%	11%	12.8%
Too low	7%	8%	10.6%
About right	38%	41%	58.4%
Don't know	38%	40%	18.2%

2007 Results:

Nearly sixty-percent (58.4%) responded that they think the current Land Use Change Tax rate of 10% is “about right.” Thirteen percent (12.8%) reported that the current rate is “too high” and eleven percent (10.6%) reported that the current rate is “too low.” Eighteen percent (18.2%) responded that they “don’t know” if the current rate of 10% is too high, too low, or about right.

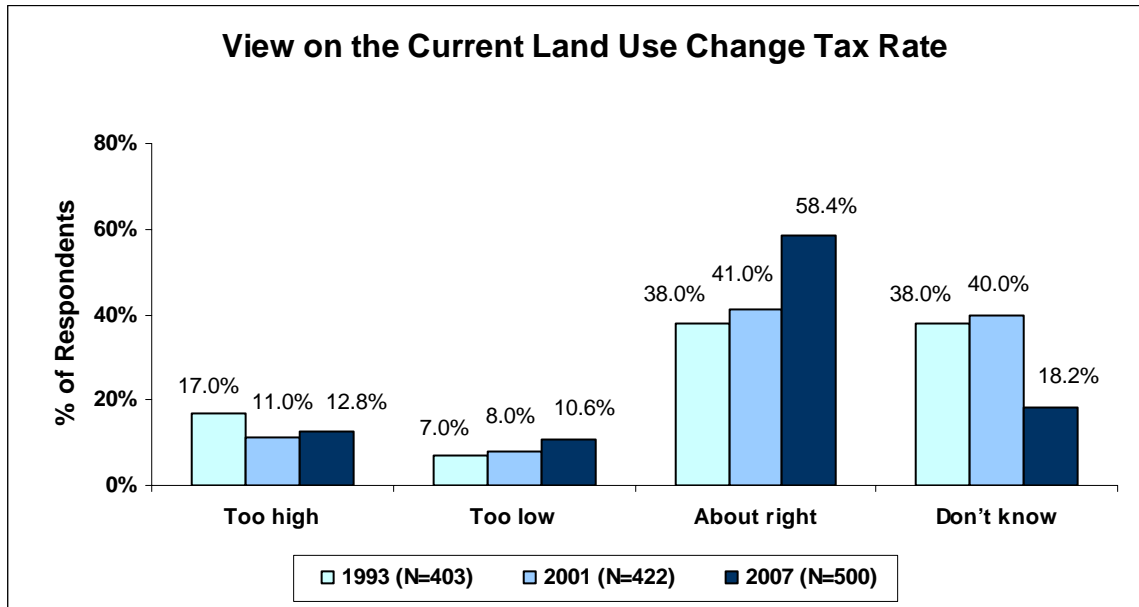
Think that the Land Use Change Tax of 10% is Too High	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Northern (26.8%), Seacoast (20.2%), and Western (15.6%) regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Lakes (5.7%), Hillsborough (6.1%), and Central (8.7%) regions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents ages 45 and under (38.5%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents ages 66 to 75 (10.4%), 56 to 65 (12.1%), 76 or older (13.3%), and 46 to 55 (13.6%)

Trend Results:

The percentage of participants reporting that the Land Use Change Tax is “about right” has increased from 38% in 1993 and 41% in 2001 to 58.4% in 2007.

IV. FINDINGS: ASSESSMENT VALUES AND THE LAND USE TAX

View on the Current Land Use Change Tax Rate (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: ASSESSMENT VALUES AND THE LAND USE TAX

Plans to Sell Land if Land Use Change Tax were to be Increased from 10% to 20%

As a way of generating additional local or state revenue, some people have proposed increasing the Land Use Change Tax - or penalty - from 10 percent of the total value of the land to 20 percent of the total value. If the Land Use Change Tax were increased from 10 to 20 percent*, would you sell any or all of your land?*

* *In 2001 and 1993, the question referred to a Land Use Change Tax increase from “10 percent to 15 or 20 percent.”*

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=458)	2007 (N=500)
Yes	26%	12%	10.4%
No	61%	73%	76.2%
Don't know	13%	14%	13.4%

2007 Results:

More than three-quarters of respondents (76.2%) indicated that if the Land Use Change Tax were to increase from 10% to 20% they would not sell any or all of their land. Ten percent (10.4%) indicated that they would sell at least some portion of their land, and 13.4% replied that they “don’t know” if they would sell their land if the Land Use Change Tax increased.

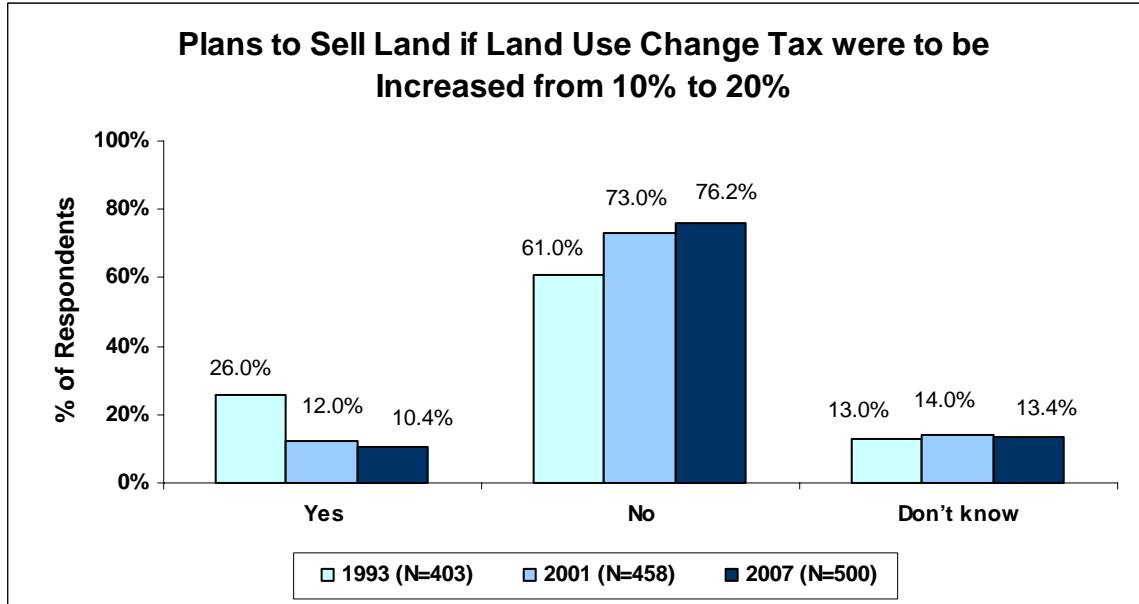
Would Sell Any or All of their Current Use Land if the Land Use Change Tax Were Increased to 20%	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents who own 201 acres or more (14.9%), 51 to 200 acres (12.6%) and 20 acres or less (10.4%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents who own 21 to 50 acres (5.0%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents with an annual household income of \$45K < \$75K (16.5%) or less than \$45K (14.8%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents with an annual household income of \$75K or more (5.2%)

Trend Results:

The percentage of respondents who said “yes” they would sell any or all of their land if the Land Use Change Tax were raised to 20% decreased from 26% in 1993 to 12% in 2001 and 10.4% in 2007.

IV. FINDINGS: ASSESSMENT VALUES AND THE LAND USE TAX

Plans to Sell Land if Land Use Change Tax were to be Increased from 10% to 20% (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: ASSESSMENT VALUES AND THE LAND USE TAX

Amount of Land to be Sold if Land Use Change Tax were to be Increased from 10% to 20%

Approximately what percentage of your Current Use land would you sell? [Asked of those who indicated that they would sell their land if the Land Use Change Tax increased from 10 to 20%]

	2007 (N=52)
Less than 10%	0.0%
10% to 19%	3.8%
20% to 29%	1.9%
30% to 39%	1.9%
40% to 49%	0.0%
50% to 59%	3.8%
60% to 69%	0.0%
70% to 79%	0.0%
80% to 89%	1.9%
90% to 99%	5.8%
100%	61.5%
Don't know	19.2%

**New question format in 2007; previously recorded as "Part," "All," or "None."*

*** Please note the small sample size for this question*

2007 Results:

Among the 52 respondents who indicated that they would sell some or all of their land if the Land Use Change Tax increased from 10 to 20 percent, 61.5% reported that they would sell all of their Current Use land. Approximately eight percent of these respondents (7.6%) reported that they would sell less than 50% of their land. Twelve percent of respondents (11.5%) reported that they would sell half or more of their Current Use land if the Land Use Change Tax increased from 10% to 20%. Please note the small sample size for this question.

IV. FINDINGS: ASSESSMENT VALUES AND THE LAND USE TAX

Amount of Land to be Sold if Land Use Change Tax were to be Increased from 10% to 20%

	1993* (N=403)	2001* (N=458)	2007 (N=500)
None	61%	73%	76.2%
Part	12%	4%	2.0%
All	14%	8%	6.4%
Don't know**	13%	14%	15.4%

**In 2001 and 1993, the question referred to a Land Use Change Tax increase from "10 percent to 15 or 20 percent."*

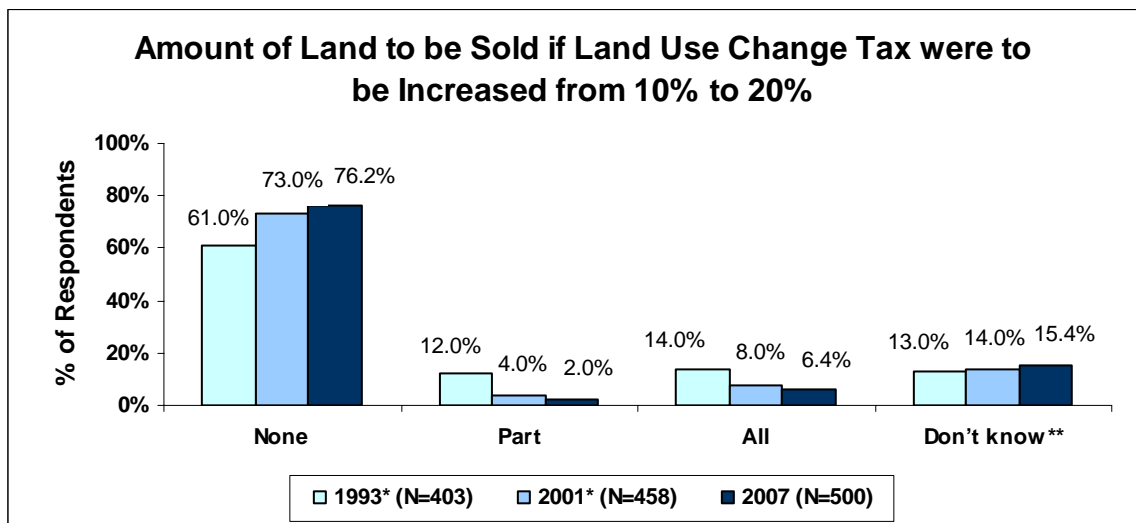
***For 1993 and 2001 "don't know" represents respondents who were unsure if they would sell their land. For 2007, "don't know" is an aggregate figure for Q15/Q16 of those who were unsure if they would sell, and those who were unsure how much land they would sell.*

2007 Results:

From among all 500 respondents, only 6.4% indicated that they would sell all of their Current Use land if the Land Use Change Tax were to be increased from 10% to 20%. More than three fourths of respondents (76.2%) indicated that they would not sell any of their Current Use land if the Land Use Change Tax were to be increased to 20%.

Trend Results:

The percentage of respondents who would not sell any of their Current Use land if the Land Use Change Tax increased from 10% to 20% rose from 61% in 1993, to 73% in 2001 and 76.2% in 2007. The increase in those who would not sell indicates that the Land Use Change Tax is an effective deterrent.



IV. FINDINGS: AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY PRACTICE STANDARDS

Requiring Landowners to Meet Agricultural Practice Standards

Some people argue that people who pay reduced taxes because their land is enrolled in Current Use should be required to manage their land according to certain standards of appropriate agricultural and forestry practices. Do you support or oppose requiring Current Use landowners to meet AGRICULTURAL PRACTICE STANDARDS? Is that strongly or moderately support/oppose? [Options were rotated]

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=459)	2007 (N=500)
Strongly oppose	23%	34%	30.0%
Moderately oppose	15%	17%	15.2%
Neutral	15%	17%	8.2%
Moderately support	28%	18%	14.6%
Strongly support	15%	10%	17.4%
Don't know	4%	3%	14.6%
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Strongly / Moderately oppose	38%	51%	45.2%
Strongly / Moderately support	43%	28%	32.0%

2007 Results:

Of the 500 participants that were surveyed, forty-five percent (45.2%) “strongly / moderately oppose” being required to meet agricultural practice standards to help manage their land. In contrast, thirty-two percent (32.0%) “strongly / moderately support” being required to meet agricultural standards. Fifteen percent (14.6%) responded “don't know.”

IV. FINDINGS: AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY PRACTICE STANDARDS

Requiring Landowners to Meet Agricultural Practice Standards (Continued)

Strongly / Moderately Oppose Requiring Current Use Landowners to Meet Agricultural Practice Standards	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land owned by a trust (56.6%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land owned by an individual / family (43.2%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Hillsborough (53.0%), Central (50.5%), and Seacoast (48.8%) regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Lakes (31.4%), Northern (34.1%) and Western (35.6%) regions

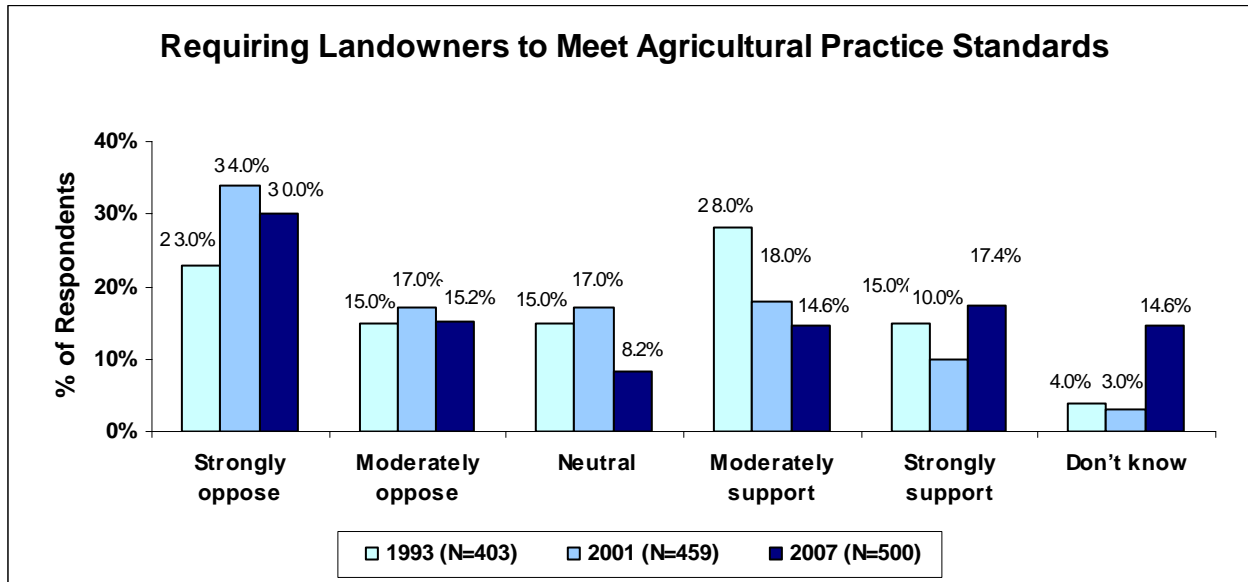
Strongly / Moderately Support Requiring Current Use Landowners to Meet Agricultural Practice Standards	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of \$75K or more (40.5%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of \$45 < \$75K (32.0%) or less than \$45K (25.0%)

Trend Results:

Support for requiring Current Use landowners to meet Agricultural Practice Standards decreased from 43% “strongly / moderately support” in 1993 to 28% in 2001 and rose slightly to 32.0% in 2007. It is interesting to note that opposition to this concept peaked at 51% in 2001, and that the percentage of “don’t know” responses was much higher in 2007 than in 1993 or 2001 [1993 (4%), 2001 (3%), 2007 (14.6%)].

IV. FINDINGS: AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY PRACTICE STANDARDS

Requiring Landowners to Meet Agricultural Practice Standards (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY PRACTICE STANDARDS

Requiring Landowners to Meet Forestry Practice Standards

What about forestry practice standards? Would you support or oppose requiring Current Use landowners to meet FORESTRY PRACTICE STANDARDS? Is that strongly or moderately support/oppose? [Options were rotated]

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=458)	2007 (N=500)
Strongly oppose	18%	30%	27.6%
Moderately oppose	14%	14%	13.6%
Neutral	14%	16%	7.0%
Moderately support	29%	23%	16.0%
Strongly support	20%	13%	20.0%
Don't know	4%	4%	15.8%
Strongly / Moderately oppose	32%	44%	41.2%
Strongly / Moderately support	49%	36%	36.0%

2007 Results:

Of the 500 participants that were surveyed, forty-one percent (41.2%) “strongly / moderately oppose” being required to meet forestry practice standards to help manage their land. In contrast, thirty-six percent (36.0%) “strongly / moderately support” being required to meet forestry practice standards. Sixteen percent (15.8%) responded “don’t know.”

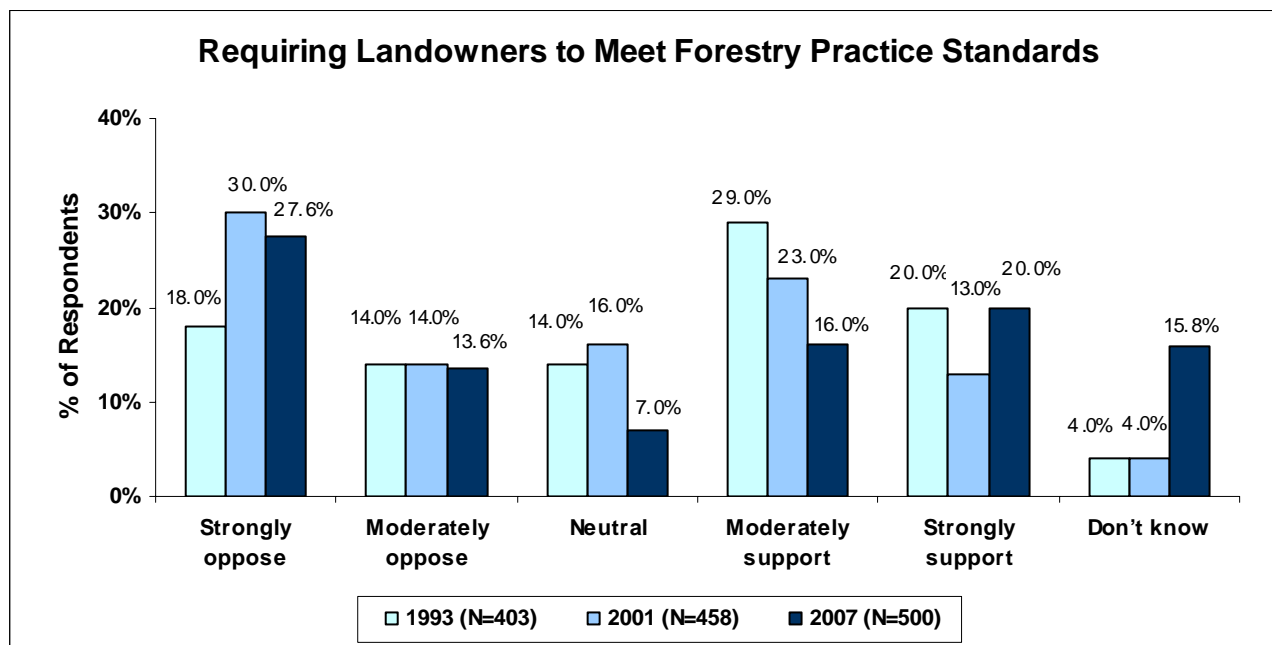
IV. FINDINGS: AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY PRACTICE STANDARDS

Requiring Landowners to Meet Forestry Practice Standards (Cont.)

Strongly / Moderately Support Requiring Current Use Landowners to Meet Forestry Practice Standards	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 201 acres or more (53.2%) or 51 to 200 acres (40.5%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 20 acres or less (25.7%) or 21 to 50 acres (34.5%)

Trend Results:

Support for requiring Current Use landowners to meet Forestry Practice Standards decreased from 49% in 1993 to 36% in 2001 and 2007. The percentage of “don’t know” responses is much higher for the current survey (15.8%) than in 1993 (4%) or 2001 (4%).



IV. FINDINGS: STEWARDSHIP AND FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Current Use Forestland

Do you have any Current Use land that is forestland?

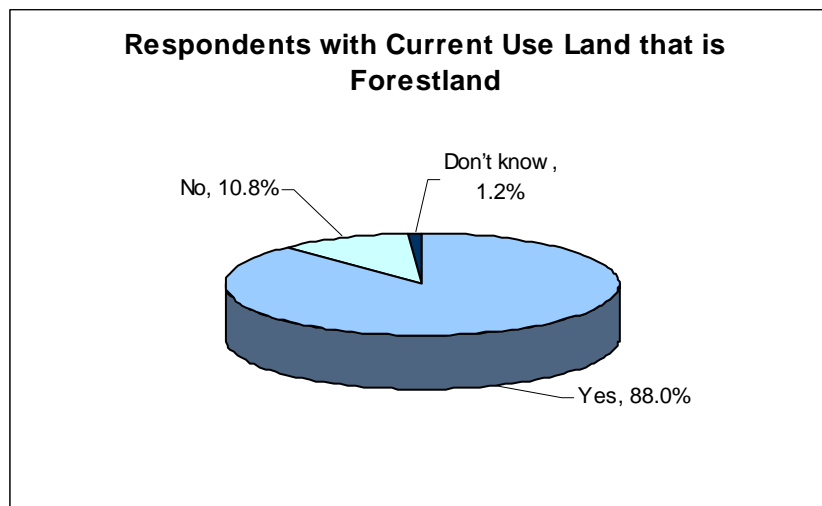
	2007 (N=500)
Yes	88.0%
No	10.8%
Don't know	1.2%

**Question asked in multiple response format in 1993 and 2001; participants were asked to categorize their current use land as farm, forest, unproductive, or a combination of categories. Results not directly comparable.*

2007 Results:

Nearly nine in ten respondents (88.0%) indicated that some of their Current Use land is forestland.

Own Current Use Land that is Forestland	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land owned by a trust (97.6%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land owned by an individual / family (85.9%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 201 acres or more (95.7%) or 51 to 200 acres (94.7%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 21 to 50 acres (87.4%) or 20 acres or less (77.1%)



IV. FINDINGS: STEWARDSHIP AND FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Forestland with Documented Stewardship

Is any of your Current Use forestland enrolled in the “forestland with documented stewardship” category? [Asked of those who indicated that they own Current Use forestland]

	2001* (N=423)	2007 (N=440)
Yes	19%	24.1%
No	69%	71.4%
Don't know	11%	4.5%
No longer enrolled	1%	0.0%

* New question in 2001, but due to changes in skip patterns, the results are not directly comparable.

2007 Results:

More than seven out of ten respondents (71.4%) who own Current Use forestland reported not being enrolled in the “forestland with documented stewardship category.” Twenty-four percent (24.1%) indicated that they are enrolled in the “forestland with documented stewardship category” and 4.5% responded “don't know.”

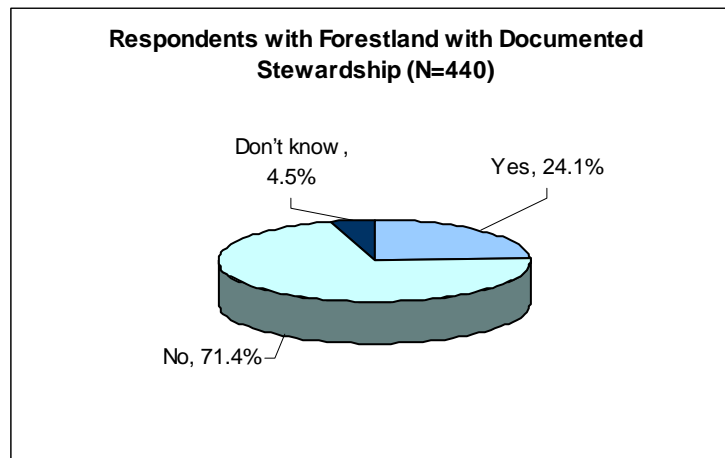
Current Use Land is in the “Forestland with Documented Stewardship” Category	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Northern (32.4%), Western (29.3%), and Central (27.1%) regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Seacoast (11.9%), Hillsborough (18.3%) and Lakes (21.4%) regions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 201 acres or more (55.6%), or 51 to 200 acres (30.0%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 20 acres or less (9.9%) or 21 to 50 acres (15.4%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents whose land has been in Current Use for under 10 years (55.0%) or more than 30 years (30.5%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents whose land has been in Current Use for 10 to 19 years (15.6%) or 20 to 30 years (17.7%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of \$75K or more (34.9%) or \$45 < \$75K (27.0%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of less than \$45K (17.1%)

IV. FINDINGS: STEWARDSHIP AND FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Forestland with Documented Stewardship (Continued)

Trend Results:

Among those who own Current Use forestland, self-reported enrollment in the “forestland with documented stewardship category” has remained similar from 2001 (19%) to 2007 (24.1%).



IV. FINDINGS: STEWARDSHIP AND FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Written Management Plan for Current Use Forestland

Do you have a written management plan signed by a licensed forester for any of your Current Use forestland? [Asked of those who indicated that they own Current Use forestland]

	2007 (N=440)
Yes	29.3%
No	68.2%
Don't know	2.5%

**This question was asked of different subsets in 2007 therefore figures are not directly comparable to the results from 2001.*

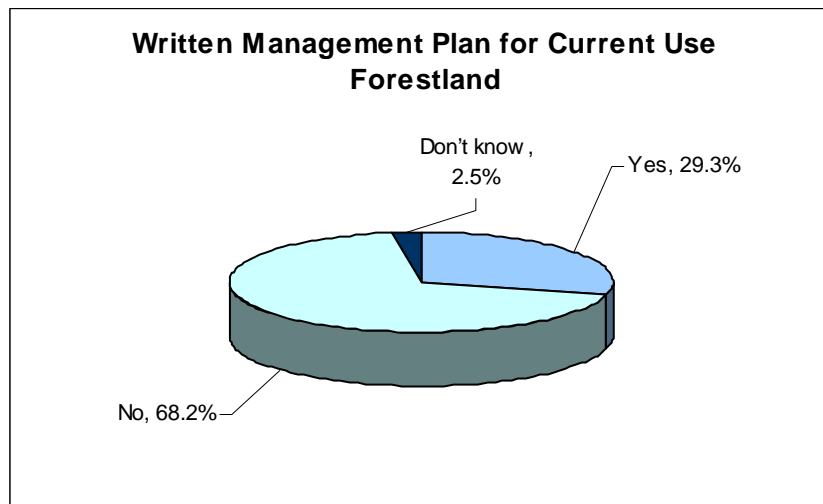
2007 Results:

Twenty-nine percent of respondents (29.3%) who own Current Use forestland reported that they have a written management plan signed by a licensed forester.

Have a Written Management Plan for Current Use Forestland	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents who own 201 acres or more (62.2%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents who own 20 acres or less (9.9%), 21 to 50 acres (22.1%), or 51 to 200 acres (37.2%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents whose land has been in Current Use for under 10 years (50.0%) or more than 30 years (35.6%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents whose land has been in Current Use for 20 to 30 years (22.2%) or 10 to 19 years (26.0%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents with an annual household income of \$75K or more (41.5%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents with an annual household income of less than \$45K (21.1%) or \$45 < \$75K (28.1%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents ages 46 to 55 (44.4%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents ages 56 to 65 (25.6%), 66 to 75 (25.6%) and 76 or older (31.0%)

IV. FINDINGS: STEWARDSHIP AND FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Written Management Plan for Current Use Forestland (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: STEWARDSHIP AND FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Improvement as a Result of Having a Written Management Plan

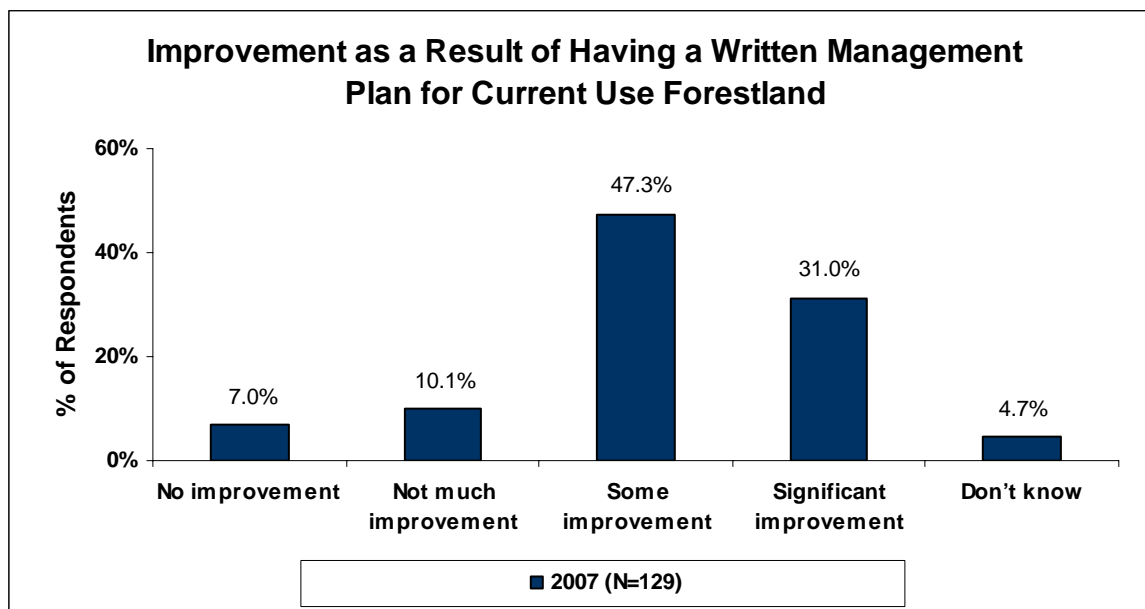
To what extent do you believe that having a management plan has resulted in improvement of your land? As a result of having a management plan has there been: [Options were rotated; Asked of those who have a written management plan signed by a licensed forester]

	2007 (N=129)
No improvement	7.0%
Not much improvement	10.1%
Some improvement	47.3%
Significant improvement	31.0%
Don't know	4.7%
No / Not much improvement	16.9%
Some / Significant improvement	77.7%

* New question in 2007

2007 Results:

More than three-fourths of respondents to this question (77.7%) reported that having a management plan has resulted in “some / significant improvement” in their land.



IV. FINDINGS: STEWARDSHIP AND FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Eligibility for the ‘Stewardship’ Category Requiring a Signed Management Plan

Do you believe that eligibility for the “stewardship” category should require a management plan that is signed and approved by a licensed N.H. forester?

	2007* (N=500)
Yes	49.6%
No	38.4%
Don't know	12.0%

**Significant wording and skip pattern changes from 2001, when the question was “do you believe stewardship plans should be written or approved by a licensed forester?” These results are not directly comparable.*

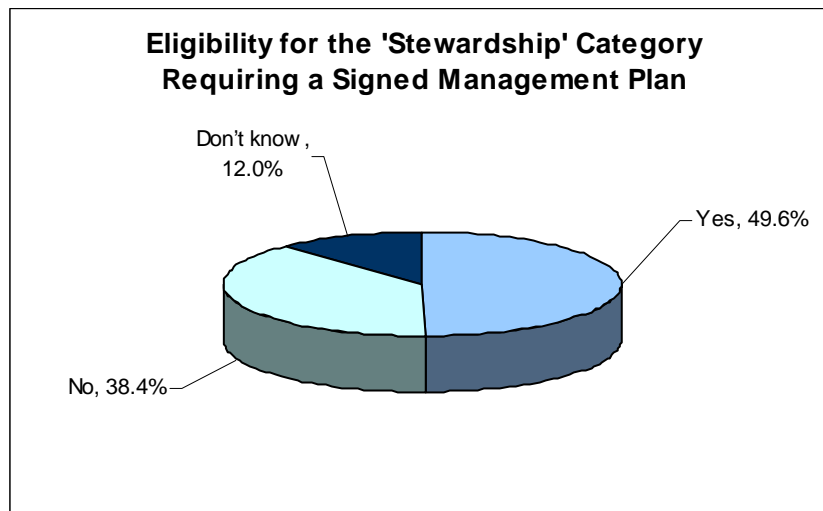
2007 Results:

Half of all respondents (49.6%) reported that they believe eligibility for the “stewardship” category should require a management plan that is signed and approved by a licensed N.H. forester. Nearly forty percent of respondents (38.4%) indicated that they believe this should not be a requirement while 12.0% said that they “don’t know.”

Think Eligibility for Stewardship Should Require a Management Plan Signed and Approved by a Licensed NH Forester	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents born in other states (55.6%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NH Natives (41.4%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents with an annual household income of \$75K or more (64.7%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents with an annual household income less than \$45K (45.5%) or \$45 < \$75K (51.5%)

IV. FINDINGS: STEWARDSHIP AND FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Eligibility for the 'Stewardship' Category Requiring a Signed Management Plan (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: STEWARDSHIP AND FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Incentive to Manage Land under the Forestland with Documented Stewardship Category

Currently, forest landowners have the option of qualifying for reduced assessment under the “forestland with documented stewardship” category. Is this a meaningful incentive for you to manage your land?

	2001* (N=456)	2007 (N=500)
Yes	43%	38.0%
No	44%	49.0%
Don't know	13%	13.0%

**New question in 2001.*

2007 Results:

Nearly fifty percent of all respondents (49.0%) indicated that the option for qualifying for a reduced assessment under the “forestland with documented stewardship” category is not a meaningful incentive for managing their land.

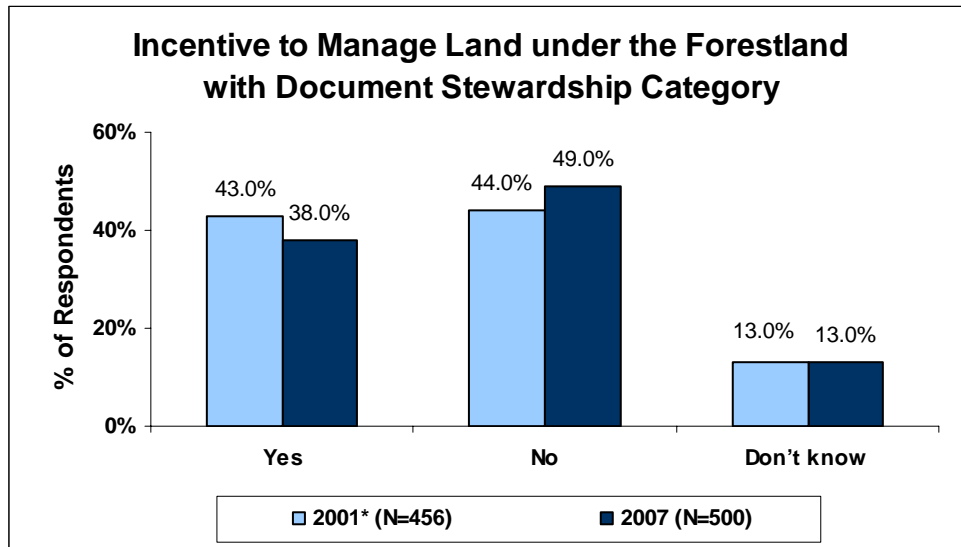
Indicated that a Reduced Assessment is a Meaningful Incentive to Manage Their Land	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents who own 201 acres or more (53.2%) or 51 to 200 acres (43.7%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents who own 20 acres or less (29.2%) or 21 to 50 acres (33.6%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents with an annual household income of \$75K or more (48.3%) or less than \$45K (43.2%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents with an annual household income of \$45 < \$75K (33.0%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents ages 46 to 55 (47.0%) and 76 or older (42.8%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents ages 56 to 65 (29.3%), 45 and under (30.8%), and 66 to 75 (37.0%)

Trend Results:

The percentage of 2007 Current Use landowners (38.0%) who reported that the option of qualifying for a reduced assessment under the “forestland with documented stewardship” category is a meaningful incentive for them to manage their land is consistent with the results of the 2001 survey (43%). There is no statistically significant difference across the two survey administrations for this question.

IV. FINDINGS: STEWARDSHIP AND FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Incentive to Manage Land under the Forestland with Documented Stewardship Category (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Support for and Opposition to Reductions in Land Assessment

Apart from requiring ALL Current Use landowners to meet the standards and practices we just discussed, would you support or oppose reductions in land assessment values for those landowners who VOLUNTARILY meet agricultural or forestry standards, or keep their land open for non-motorized public access? Is that strongly or moderately support/oppose? [Options were read and rotated]

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=455)	2007 (N=500)
Strongly oppose	10%	8%	5.6%
Moderately oppose	12%	6%	5.8%
Neutral	14%	12%	10.2%
Moderately support	35%	39%	26.4%
Strongly support	26%	30%	36.8%
Don't know	3%	5%	15.2%
Strongly / Moderately oppose	22%	14%	11.4%
Strongly / Moderately support	61%	69%	63.2%

2007 Results:

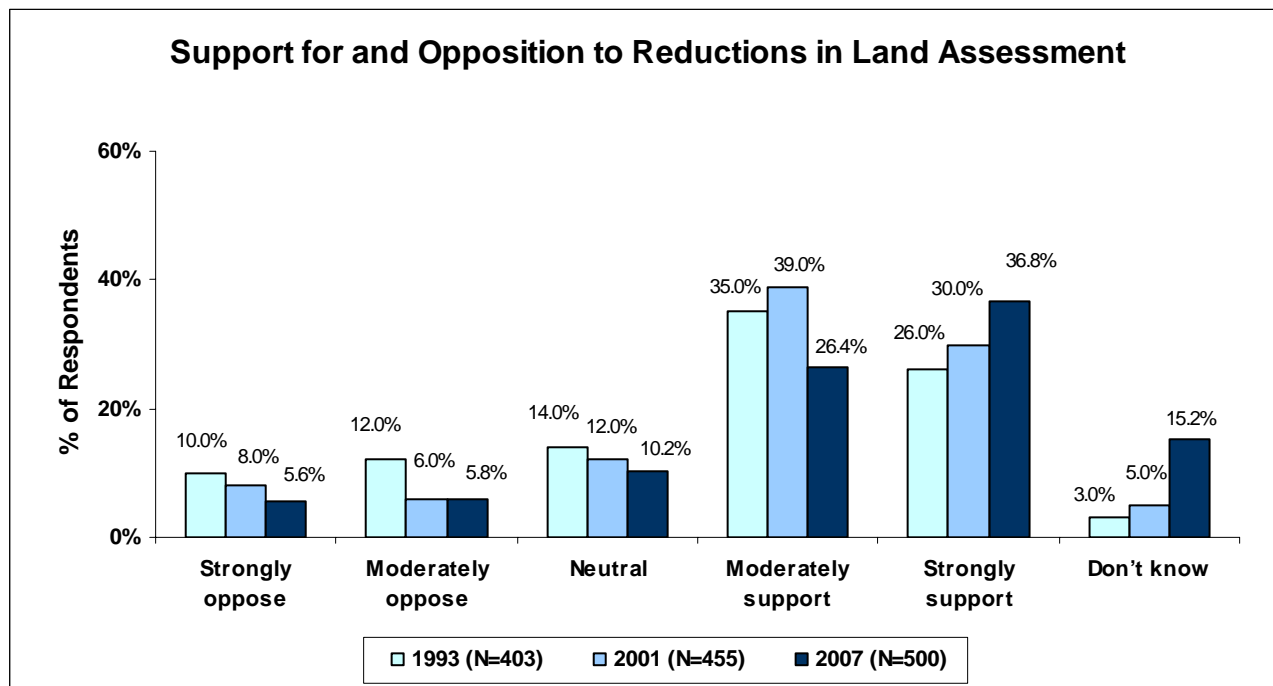
Sixty-three percent of all respondents (63.2%) “strongly / moderately support” reductions in land assessment values for landowners who voluntarily meet agricultural or forestry standards, or keep their land open for non-motorized public access.

Strongly / Moderately Support Reductions in Land Assessment Values	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Central (70.1%), Northern (65.9%) and Lakes (65.7%) regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Western (53.3%), Hillsborough (59.1%) and Seacoast (59.5%) regions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 201 acres or more (74.5%) or 51 to 200 acres (66.8%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 21 to 50 acres (63.0%) or 20 acres or less (54.9%)

IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Trend Results:

Support for reductions in land assessment values for those landowners who VOLUNTARILY meet agricultural or forestry standards, or keep their land open for non-motorized public access rose from 61% in 1993 to 69% in 2001 and then declined to 63.2% in 2007. However, it should be noted that opposition to this concept declined consistently during this 14 year period [1993 (22%), 2001 (14%), 2007 (11.4%)], while the percentage of “don’t know” responses increased [1993 (3%), 2001 (5%), 2007 (15.2%)].



IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Requiring Current Use Land Owners to Keep Their Land Open for Non-Motorized Public Access

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about public access to your Current Use land. Do you support or oppose requiring Current Use landowners to keep their land open for non-motorized public access? Is that strongly or moderately support/oppose? [Options were read and rotated]

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=459)	2007 (N=500)
Strongly oppose	34%	36%	25.4%
Moderately oppose	16%	18%	10.8%
Neutral	13%	10%	6.4%
Moderately support	20%	20%	25.0%
Strongly support	14%	16%	27.8%
Don't know	3%	1%	4.6%
Strongly / Moderately oppose	50%	54%	36.2%
Strongly / Moderately support	34%	36%	52.8%

2007 Results:

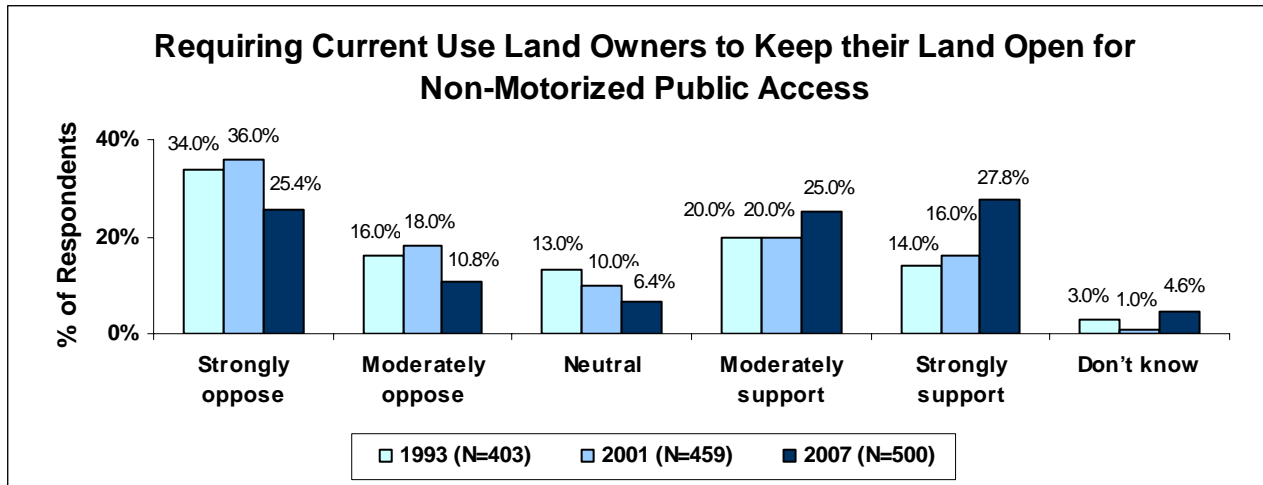
More than half of all respondents (52.8%) "strongly / moderately support" requiring Current Use landowners to keep their land open for non-motorized public access.

Trend Results:

Support for requiring Current Use Landowners to keep their land open for non-motorized public access has increased to more than half of all 2007 respondents (52.8%), a significant gain over the levels of support recorded in 1993 (34%) and 2001 (36%).

IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Requiring CU Land Owners to Keep Their Land Open for Non-Motorized Public Access (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Awareness of Land Assessment Reduction for Non-Posting

Are you aware that under the current law, those who do not post their land against some kinds of access for recreational activities such as cross country skiing, hunting, observing the environment etc. qualify for a reduction of 20% of their assessment?

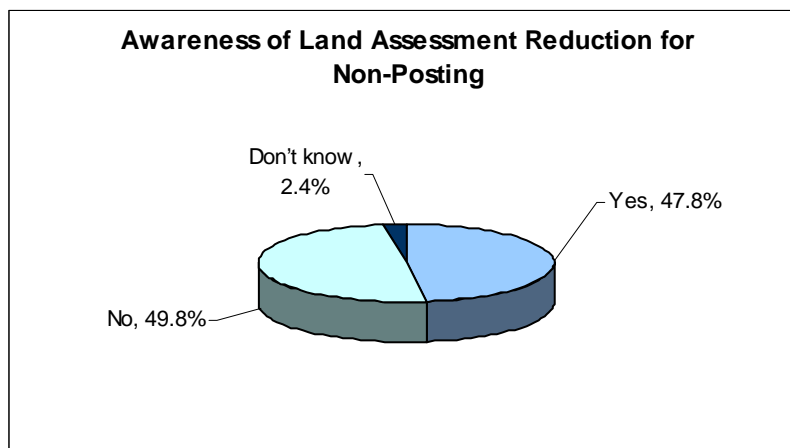
	2007 (N=500)
Yes	47.8%
No	49.8%
Don't know	2.4%

** New question in 2007.*

2007 Results:

Approximately one-half (47.8%) of respondents reported being aware of the 20% reduction in assessment available to landowners who do not post their land against some kinds of access for recreational activities, while the remaining half (49.8%) are unaware of this policy.

Aware of 20% Reduction for Allowing Some Kinds of Access for Recreational Activities	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men (54.9%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women (39.1%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 201 acres or more (68.1%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 51 to 200 acres (50.5%), 21 to 50 acres (45.4%) or 20 acres or less (39.6%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NH Native (52.6%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondent born in another state (43.3%)



IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Land Assessment Reduction as Incentive for Non-Posting

Is this incentive sufficient for you to not post your lands against access to such activities?

	2001 (N=459)	2007 (N=500)
Yes	59%	47.4%
No	36%	43.8%
Don't know	5%	8.8%

* New question in 2001.

2007 Results:

Approximately half of all respondents (47.4%) said that a land assessment reduction of 20% is a sufficient incentive for not posting their land against access to recreational activities.

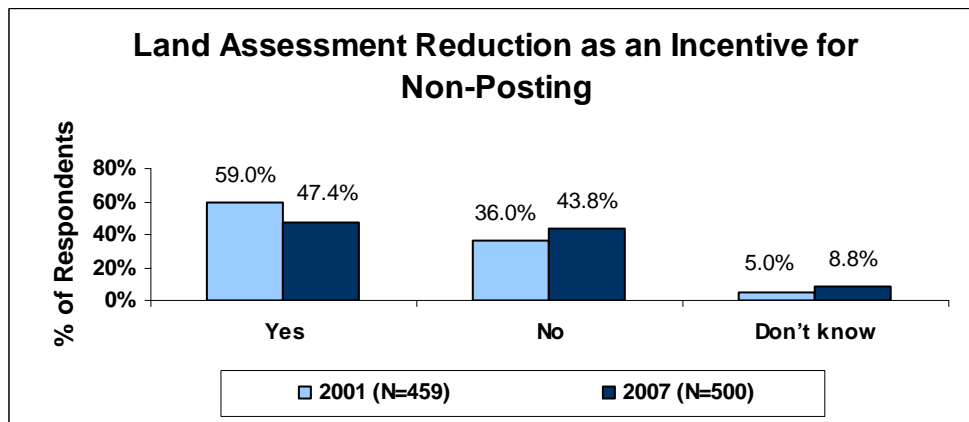
Indicates that 20% Reduction is Sufficient Incentive Not to Post Lands Against Some Kinds of Access for Recreational Activities	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondent born in another state (52.0%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NH Natives (42.3%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of \$75K or more (53.4%) or less than \$45K (51.1%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of \$45 < \$75K (39.8%)

Trend Results:

The percentage of respondents who reported that the 20% reduction in assessment for not posting against some recreational activities is a sufficient incentive not to post their lands against these activities has declined from 2001 (59%) to 2007 (47.4%) by more than 10%.

IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Land Assessment Reduction as Incentive for Non-Posting (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Activities Posted Against in Terms of Public Access to Current Use Land

Keeping in mind all of your Current Use land, what type(s) of activities do you post against in terms of public access? [Unaided; Multiple responses were recorded]

Top Answers	2007 (N=500)
Do not post / none	68.4%
No hunting / firearms	14.6%
No motorized vehicle / wheeled vehicles	5.0%
No trespassing	4.6%
No ATV's / 4-wheelers / dirt bikes	4.4%
No snowmobiles	1.8%
Hunting by permission	1.4%
No hunting near residence	1.0%
Don't know	0.4%

**New question format in 2007, not directly comparable with previous years.*

2007 Results:

Nearly seven in ten respondents (68.4%) indicated that they do not post their Current Use lands against any activities. The most common activities that landowners reported posting against were "hunting / firearms" (14.6%), "motorized / wheeled vehicles" (5.0%), "trespassing" (4.6%), "ATV's / 4-wheelers / dirt bikes" (4.4%), "snowmobiles" (1.8%), "hunting by permission" (1.4%), and "no hunting near residence" (1.0%).

All other responses were provided by a small percentage of respondents; these figures can be found in the cross tabulation tables.

IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Percentage of Current Use Land that is Posted Against any Type of Public Access

Approximately what percentage of your Current Use land is posted against any type of public access?

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=459)	2007 (N=500)
None	79%	59%	68.6%
Part	8%	10%	11.4%
All	12%	12%	17.8%
Don't know	1%	19%	2.2%

**Question formatted differently in 1993, 2001. Results categorized as "none," "part," "all" or "don't know." Detailed 2007 results can be found in the cross tabulation tables.*

2007 Results:

Nearly seven out of ten respondents (68.6%) reported that they do not post any part of their Current Use land against any type of public access.

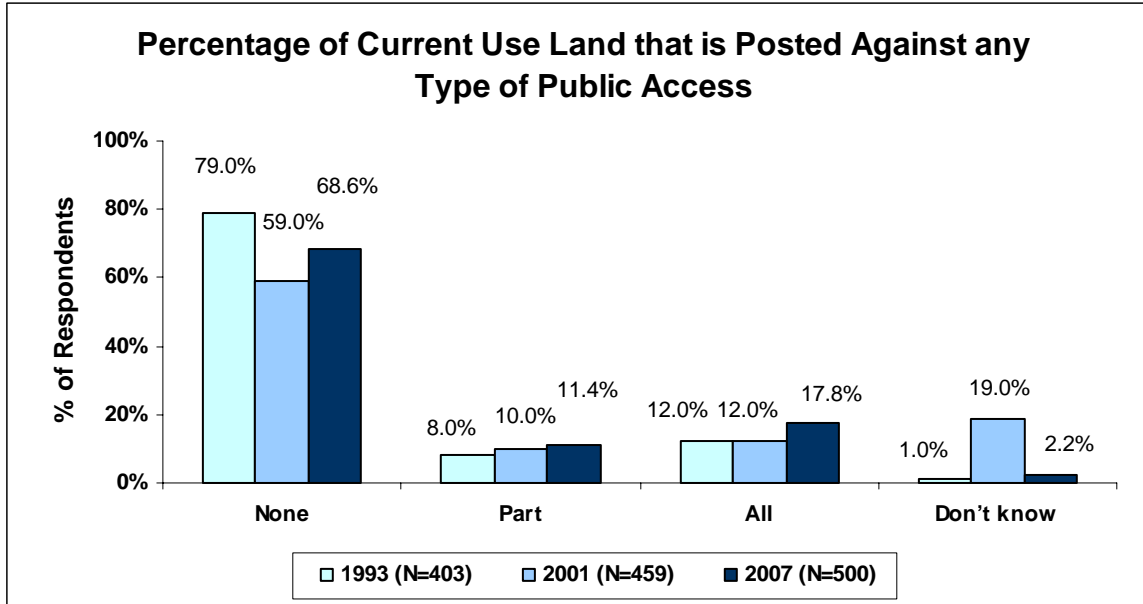
All of Current Use Land Posted Against Any Type of Public Access	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Seacoast (33.3%) and Hillsborough (24.2%) regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Northern (4.9%), Lakes (5.7%), Central (14.1%), and Western (16.7%) regions

Trend Results:

The percentage of respondents who reported that they do not post their land against any type of public access decreased from 79% in 1993 to 59% in 2001 before increasing to 68.6% in 2007. The seven in ten respondents (68.6%) who do not post against public access to their Current Use land remains significantly lower than the initial level measured in 1993 (79%). However, the 17.8% of respondents who indicated that they post all of their Current Use land shows an increase over the 12% recorded in 1993 and 2001.

IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Percentage of Current Use Land that is Posted Against any Type of Public Access (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Allow Hunting on Current Use Land with Personal Permission

Do you allow hunting on any of your Current Use land with personal permission?

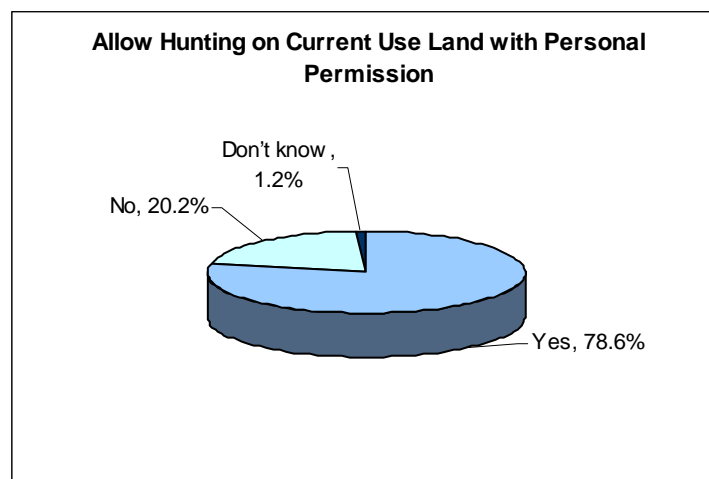
	2007* (N=500)
Yes	78.6%
No	20.2%
Don't know	1.2%

**Asked only of a subset of participants who allowed hunting in 1993 and 2001, asked of all respondents in 2007 therefore figures cannot be directly compared.*

2007 Results:

Nearly eight in ten respondents (78.6%) indicated that they allow hunting by personal permission on at least some of their Current Use land. Twenty percent of respondents (20.2%) do not allow hunting by personal permission on any of their Current Use lands.

Allow Hunting on Any of their Current Use Land with Personal Permission	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents who own 201 acres or more (91.5%) or 51 to 200 acres (86.3%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents who own 20 acres or less (68.1%) or 21 to 50 acres (73.9%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men (84.7%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women (71.1%)



IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Public Benefits Provided by Current Use Land

What public benefits, if any, do you believe your Current Use land is providing? [Unaided; Multiple responses were recorded]

Top Answers	2007 (N=500)
Open Space – Recreation	48.6%
Wildlife habitat / Biodiversity	21.6%
Prevent development	14.0%
Open Space – Aesthetic value	14.0%
Reduce municipal costs / taxes	7.4%
Protect environment / clean air / water	6.2%
Preserve rural character	4.2%
Public access	3.6%
Protect watershed / supply	3.2%
Timber	2.4%
Agricultural products	2.4%
Don't know	3.0%
None / nothing	2.6%

**Please note that while this question was asked in 1993 and 2001, due to the open ended nature of the question we have not benchmarked these responses.*

2007 Results:

In 2007, the most commonly mentioned public benefits of Current Use land were “open space for recreation” (48.6%), “wildlife habitat / biodiversity” (21.6%), “preventing development” (14.0%), “open space / aesthetic value” (14.0%), “reducing municipal costs / taxes” (7.4%) and “protecting the environment / clean air / water” (6.2%). All responses provided by less than 5.0% of respondents can be found in the cross tabulation tables.

All other responses were provided by a small percentage of respondents; these figures can be found in the cross tabulation tables.

IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Ways Current Use Land is Used

Think for a minute about all the ways you or anyone else uses the land you have in Current Use. Please tell me all the ways that the land you have in Current Use is used. [Unaided; Multiple responses were recorded]

Top Answers	2001 (N=447)	2007 (N=500)
Hiking / walking	40%	46.6%
Hunting	40%	35.8%
Wildlife habitat	11%	21.2%
Skiing / Snowshoeing	16%	21.2%
Other recreation	15%	15.0%
Farming	13%	14.2%
Snowmobile	15%	13.4%
Timber	13%	12.4%
Open space	10%	11.6%
Other extractive	4%	9.6%
Education / wildlife observation	10%	9.2%
Firewood	8%	8.6%
Scenery	5%	8.0%
Fishing	9%	7.0%
Horseback riding	6%	6.8%
Other (unspecified)	0%	5.0%
ATV	N/A	3.6%
Not used	5%	3.2%
No answer	N/A	2.8%
Don't know	N/A	2.2%

IV. FINDINGS: PUBLIC ACCESS

Ways Current Use Land is Used (Continued)

2007 Results:

The top responses for ways in which landowners or anyone else uses land in Current Use are “hiking / walking” (46.6%), “hunting” (35.8%), “wildlife habitat” (21.2%), and “skiing / snowshoeing” (21.2%).

Trend Results:

The most common responses for how participants Current Use land is used are similar to those reported in 2001. The top four most common activities in these years were “hiking / walking” [2001 (40%), 2007 (46.6%)], “hunting” [2001 (40%), 2007 (35.8%)], “wildlife habitat” [2001 (11%), 2007 (21%)], “skiing / snowshoeing” [2001 (16%), 2007 (21.2%)].

All other responses were provided by a small percentage of respondents; these figures can be found in the cross tabulation tables.

IV. FINDINGS: CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Land Subject to a Conservation Easement

Is your land subject to a Conservation Easement?

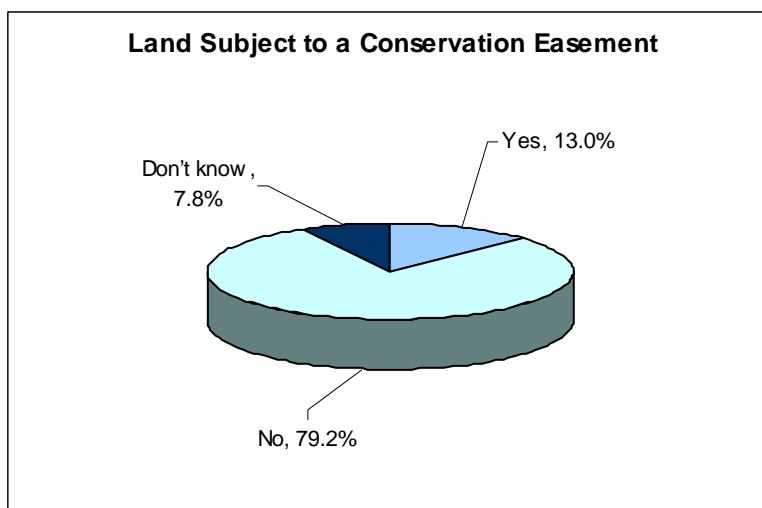
	2007 (N=500)
Yes	13.0%
No	79.2%
Don't know	7.8%

**New question in 2007.*

2007 Results:

Nearly eighty percent (79.2%) of respondents have land that is not subject to a Conservation Easement, while only 13.0% reported that their land is subject to a Conservation Easement.

Land is Subject to a Conservation Easement	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men (83.3%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women (74.2%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 201 acres or more (31.9%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents who own 20 acres or less (8.3%), 21 to 50 acres (10.9%), or 51 to 200 acres (13.2%)



IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Future Plans for Current Use Land

Assuming that there are no changes in the Current Use law, approximately what percentage of your Current Use land do you plan to permanently conserve or protect, sell, or develop? Out of 100%, approximately what percentage of your Current Use land do you plan to:

FUTURE PLANS – PERMANENTLY CONSERVE OR PROTECT

	2007 (N=500)
None	5.2%
Under half	1.0%
Half or more	7.4%
All	76.4%
Don't know – likely to protect	8.0%
Don't know – unlikely to protect	2.0%

** New question in 2007.*

2007 Results:

More than three-fourths of respondents (76.4%) plan to permanently conserve or protect all of their Current Use land. Only 5.2% do not plan to permanently conserve or protect any of their Current Use land.

Plan to Permanently Conserve or Protect All of their CU Land	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respondents who own 20 acres or less (82.6%) or 21 to 50 acres (81.5%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respondents who own 201 acres or more (61.7%) or 51 to 200 acres (72.1%)

IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Future Plans for Current Use Land (Continued)

FUTURE PLANS – SELL

	2007 (N=500)
None	83.6%
Under half	2.8%
Half or more	2.4%
All	2.4%
Don't know – likely to sell	3.4%
Don't know – unlikely to sell	5.4%

** New question format in 2007. In 1993 and 2001 respondents who planned to sell were asked what percentage they would sell.*

2007 Results:

More than eight in ten respondents (83.6%) do not plan to sell any of their Current Use land. Only 2.4% of respondents plan to sell either “half or more” or “all” of their Current Use land.

Trend Results:

In 1993 84% of all respondents (N=403) did not intend to sell, in 2001 88% did not intend to sell any or all of their land (N=459), and in 2007 83.6% of all respondents (N=500) did not intend to sell any or all of their land.

IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Future Plans for Current Use Land (Continued)

FUTURE PLANS – DEVELOP

	2007 (N=500)
None	89.6%
Under half	2.8%
Half or more	0.8%
All	0.0%
Don't know – likely to develop	1.6%
Don't know – unlikely to develop	5.2%

**New question format in 2007. In 1993, 2001 respondents were asked when they would develop, not what percentage.*

2007 Results:

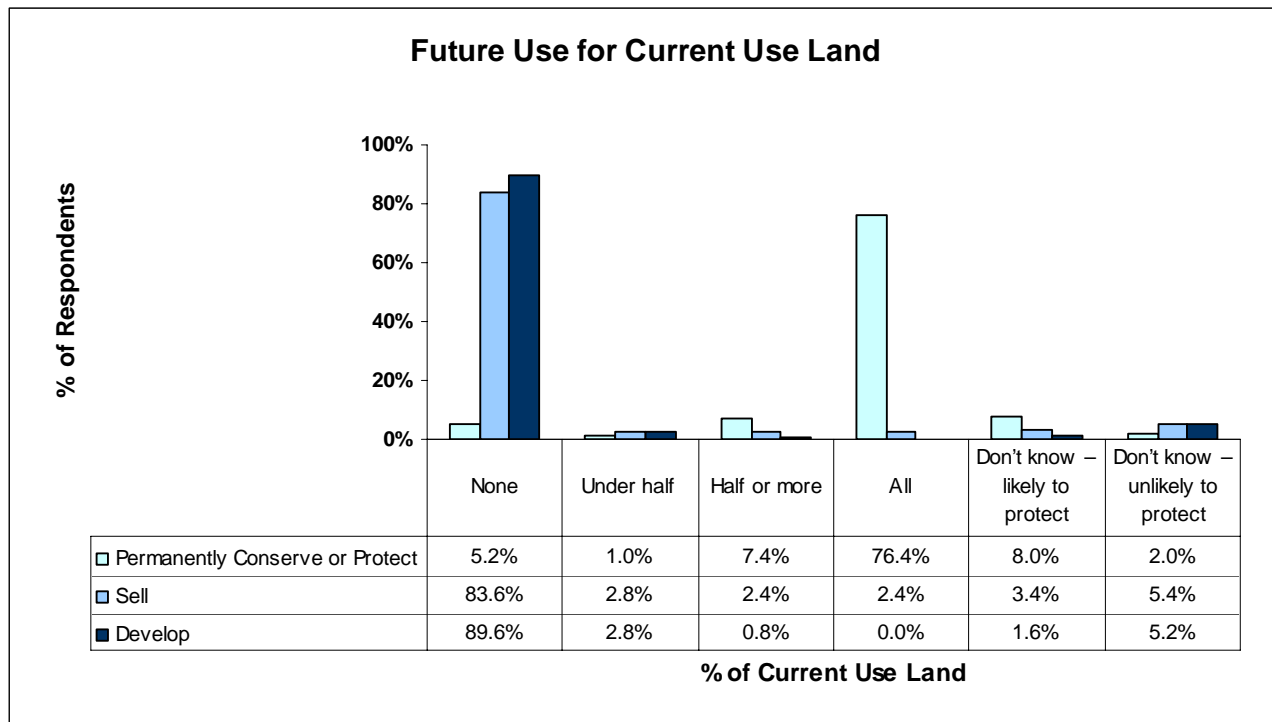
Nine in ten respondents (89.6%) reported that they do not plan to develop any of their Current Use land. There were no respondents who plan to develop all of their Current Use land, less than one percent (0.8%) plan to develop “half or more,” and three percent (2.8%) plan to develop “less than half” of their Current Use land.

Trend Results:

In 1993, 94% of respondents (N=403) indicated that they did not plan to develop their Current Use land. In 2001, 95% of respondents (N=458) said that they did not plan to develop their Current Use land. In 2007, 89.6% (N=500) reported that they did not plan to develop their Current Use land.

IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Future Plans for Current Use Land (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Plans of How to Permanently Conserve or Protect Current Use Land

How do you plan to permanently conserve or protect your Current Use land? [Unaided; Multiple responses were recorded; Asked of those who indicated that they plan or are likely to conserve or protect at least some of their Current Use land]

Top Answers	2007 (N=464)
Keep as is / Keep in Current Use	23.5%
Conservation Easement	19.8%
Keep as family land	16.2%
A trust	4.7%
Post signs	4.3%
No specific plans	2.8%
Nothing / No	1.5%
Other	5.2%
Don't know	18.8%

2007 Results:

The most common ways that respondents plan to permanently conserve or protect their current use lands were: “keep as is / keep in current use” (23.5%), “Conservation Easement” (19.8%), and “keep as family land” (16.2%). Other top mentions include “a trust” (4.7%) and “post signs” (4.3%). Nearly nineteen percent of respondents (18.8%) reported that they “don’t know” how they plan to permanently conserve or protect their land.

All other responses were provided by a small percentage of respondents; these figures can be found in the cross tabulation tables.

IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Plans of When to Sell Current Use Land

Approximately when do you plan to sell your Current Use land? [Unaided; Asked of those who indicated that they will likely sell at least some of their Current Use land]

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=459)	2007* (N=55)	2007** (N=500)
No plan to sell	84%	88%	N/A	89.0%
Within the next year	5%	3%	14.5%	1.6%
Within 2 to 5 years	2%	3%	29.1%	3.2%
Within 6 to 10 years	2%	2%	10.9%	1.2%
Within 11 years or more	1%	1%	16.4%	1.8%
Don't know	7%	2%	29.1%	3.2%

**Different question format from 1993 and 2001; asked of all respondents in these years.*

*** Recalculated for comparative purposes.*

2007 Results:

Nearly nine out of ten respondents (89.0%) indicated that they have no plan to sell their Current Use land. Those who indicated they were likely to sell said they would do so “within the next year” (1.6%), “within 2 to 5 years” (3.2%), “within 6 to 10 years” (1.2%), or “within 11 years or more” (1.8%). Approximately three percent (3.2%) said they “don’t know” when or if they would be likely to sell.

Trend Results:

The percentage of respondents who reported that they do not plan to sell their Current Use land has increased to 89.0% in 2007 from 88% in 2001 and 84% in 1993.

IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Percentage of Current Use Land to be Sold

Approximately what percentage of your Current Use land do you plan to sell at that time? [Unaided; Asked of those who indicated that they will likely sell at least some of their Current Use land and cited a rough timeframe for when they plan to sell the land]

	1993 (N=55)	2001 (N=44)	2007 (N=39)
Less than half	29%	30%	33.3%
Half or more	22%	11%	20.5%
All	49%	52%	30.8%
Don't know	0%	7%	15.4%

2007 Results:

Of those respondents who indicated they will likely sell at least some of their land and cited a rough timeframe for doing so, one-third (33.3%) said they are likely to sell “less than half.” Thirty-one percent (30.8%) said they are likely to sell “all” of their land, twenty-one percent (20.5%) said they are likely to sell “half or more” of their land, and fifteen percent (15.4%)t said they “don’t know.”

Trend Results:

Among those who plan to sell, the percentage of respondents who reported that they plan to sell “all” of their Current Use land in the future has decreased from 49% in 1993 and 52% in 2001 to 30.8% in 2007. However, the percentage who plan to sell “half or more” of their land has increased from 11% in 2001 to 20.5% in 2007, commensurate with the 22% measured in 1993. The percentage of “don’t know” responses has increased over time [1993 (0%), 2001 (7%), 2007 (15.4%)].

IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Most Important Reason for Selling Current Use Land

What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason why you plan to sell your Current Use land? [Unaided; Asked of those who indicated that they will likely sell at least some of their Current Use land]

Top Answers	2001 (N=44)	2007 (N=55)
Retirement	18%	30.9%
Raise money to pay property tax	11%	12.7%
Sell to family members	2%	7.3%
For money / liquidate assets	N/A	7.3%
Relocating / Buy elsewhere	7%	5.5%
Sell for conservation	2%	5.5%
Investment has matured	N/A	3.6%
To develop the land	N/A	3.6%
Age	N/A	3.6%
Financial / Economic reasons	N/A	3.6%
Don't know	2%	9.1%

** New question in 2001.*

2007 Results:

Thirty-one percent (30.9%) of those who indicated that they are likely to sell their land said they would do so for “retirement” purposes. Other top responses listed include: “Raise money to pay property tax” (12.7%), “sell to family members” (7.3%), “for money / liquidate assets” (7.3%), “relocating / buy elsewhere” (5.5%), and “sell for conservation” (5.5%).

IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Most Important Reason for Selling Current Use Land (Continued)

Trend Results:

The top two reasons for planning to sell Current Use land, “retirement” and “raising money to pay property taxes” were similar in 2007 and 2001, although the specific percentages differ somewhat. In 2001 18% of respondents mentioned “retirement” while 30.9% mentioned this issue in 2007. This increase is to be expected given the aging demographic of Current Use landowners.

Raising money to pay property taxes (11% in 2001, 12.7% in 2007) remains a top reason to sell Current Use land. In 2007, 7.3% of respondents plan to sell their land to family members, while only 2% mentioned this issue in 2001.

All other responses were provided by a small percentage of respondents; these figures can be found in the cross tabulation tables.

IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Plans of When to Develop Current Use Land

Approximately when do you plan to develop all or part of your Current Use land? [Asked of those who indicated that they plan or are likely to develop at least some of their Current Use land]

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=458)	2007 (N=26)	2007** (N=500)
No plan to develop	94%	95%	N/A	89.6%
Within the next year	2%	0%	19.2%	1.0%
Within 2 to 5 years	2%	2%	15.4%	0.8%
Within 6 to 10 years	1%	1%	11.5%	0.6%
Within 11 years or more	1%	0%	19.2%	1.0%
Don't know	2%	2%	34.6%	7.0%

**New question format in 2007.*

*** Recalculated for comparative purposes.*

2007 Results:

Nine out of ten of all respondents (89.6%) reported that they have “no plan to develop” their Current Use land. For those who tried to cite a rough time frame for developing their land, seven percent (7.0%) said they “don’t know” when or if they are likely to develop the land.

Trend Results:

The percentage of Current Use landowners who do not plan to sell their Current Use land has decreased from 94% in 1993 and 95% in 2001 to 89.6% in 2007. The majority of the change in the 2007 responses appears to be in the “don’t know” category, with 7.0% indicating that they don’t know if or when they will sell their current use land, compared with 2% of respondents in 1993 and 2001.

IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Percentage of Current Use Land to be Developed

Approximately what percentage of your Current Use land do you plan to develop at that time? [Asked of those who indicated that they will likely develop at least some of their Current Use land and cited a rough timeframe for when they plan to develop the land]

	2007 (N=17)
Less than 10%	52.9%
10% to 19%	23.5%
20% to 29%	0.0%
30% to 39%	5.9%
40% to 49%	0.0%
50% to 59%	11.8%
Don't know	5.9%

**New question in 2007.*

2007 Results:

Half of all respondents who plan to develop their land (52.9%) plan to develop “less than 10%” of their Current Use land, while one quarter (23.5%) plans to develop “10 to 19%.” Please note the small sample size for this question.

IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Likelihood of Selling Land if Current Use Program Were Eliminated

If the Current Use program were eliminated today, how likely is it that you would sell any or all of your Current Use land?

	2007 (N=500)
Not at all likely	26.8%
Not very likely	15.6%
Somewhat likely	16.2%
Very likely	33.4%
Don't know	8.0%
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Not at all / Not very likely	42.4%
Somewhat / Very likely	49.6%

**New question in 2007.*

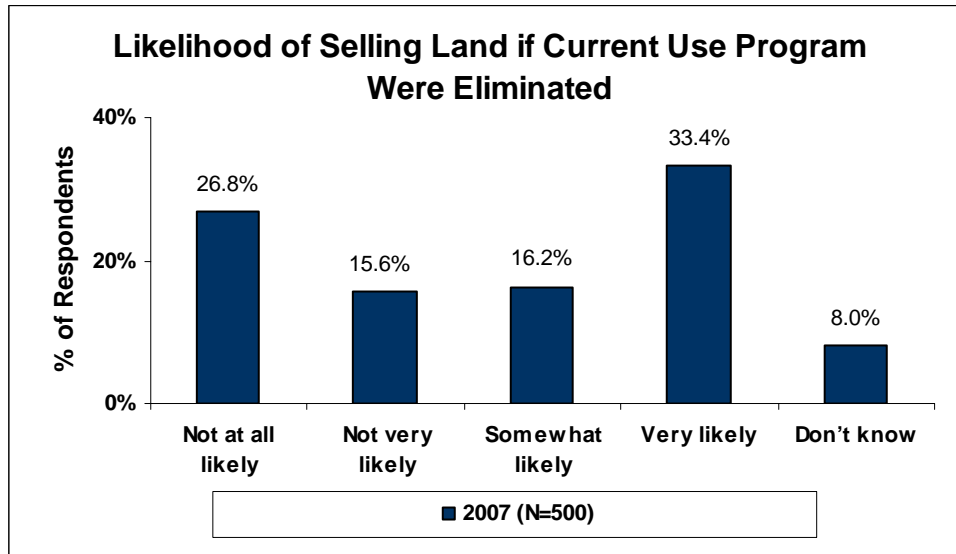
2007 Results:

Fifty percent of all respondents (49.6%) reported that they would be “somewhat / very likely” to sell any or all of their Current Use land if the program were eliminated. In contrast, 42.4% reported that they would be “not at all / not very likely” to sell their Current Use land if the program were eliminated.

Very / Somewhat Likely to Sell Any or All CU Land if CU Program Were Eliminated	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents who own 201 acres or more (57.4%), 51 to 200 acres (54.7%), or 21 to 50 acres (53.8%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents who own 20 acres or less (36.8%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents ages 66 to 75 (56.3%), 56 to 65 (51.5%) and 46 to 55 (50.0%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents ages 45 and under (38.5%), 76 or older (43.9%)

IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Likelihood of Selling Land if Current Use Program Were Eliminated (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Percentage of Current Use Land that Would be Sold

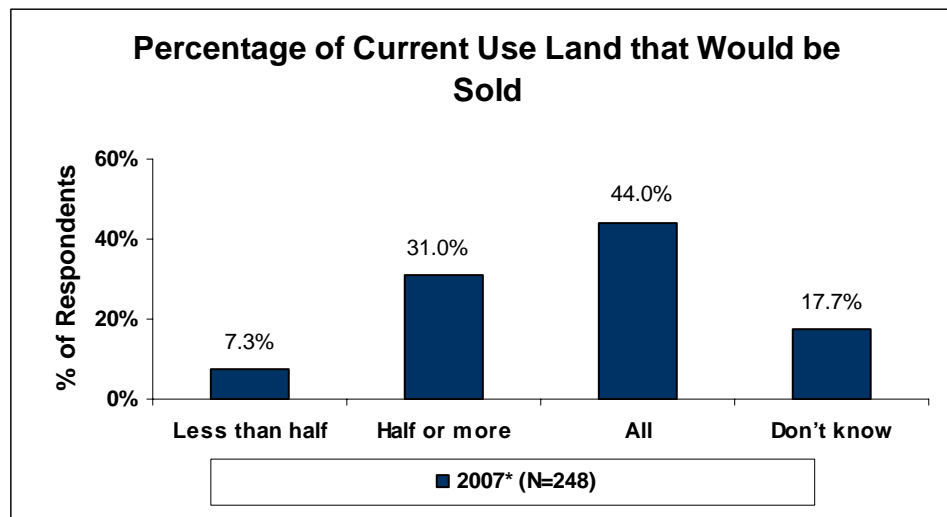
Approximately what percentage of your Current Use land would you be likely to sell? [Asked of those who indicated that they would be “somewhat likely” or “very likely” to sell any or all of their land if the Current Use program were eliminated today]

	2007* (N=248)
Less than half	7.3%
Half or more	31.0%
All	44.0%
Don't know	17.7%

** Asked of all respondents in 2001, but a subset in 2007. Due to changes in skip patterns, these figures are not directly comparable.*

2007 Results:

Among those who would be “somewhat / very likely” to sell their Current Use land if the program were eliminated, 44.0% reported that they would sell “all” of their Current Use land. Three in ten respondents (31.0%) indicated that they would sell “half or more” of their land, while 7.3% would sell “less than half.”



IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Affordability of Current Use Land Taxed at Normal Rates

If the Current Use program were eliminated today, could you afford to keep the land if it were taxed at normal rates? [Options were read and rotated]

	2001 (N=457)	2007 (N=500)
Yes	22%	10.2%
Yes, but it would be a burden	16%	24.4%
Yes, but I could only keep a portion of it	4%	8.4%
No	51%	47.4%
Don't know	7%	9.6%

**New question in 2001.*

2007 Results:

Nearly half of all those surveyed (47.4%) reported that if the Current Use program were eliminated today, they could not afford to keep their land if it were taxed at normal rates.

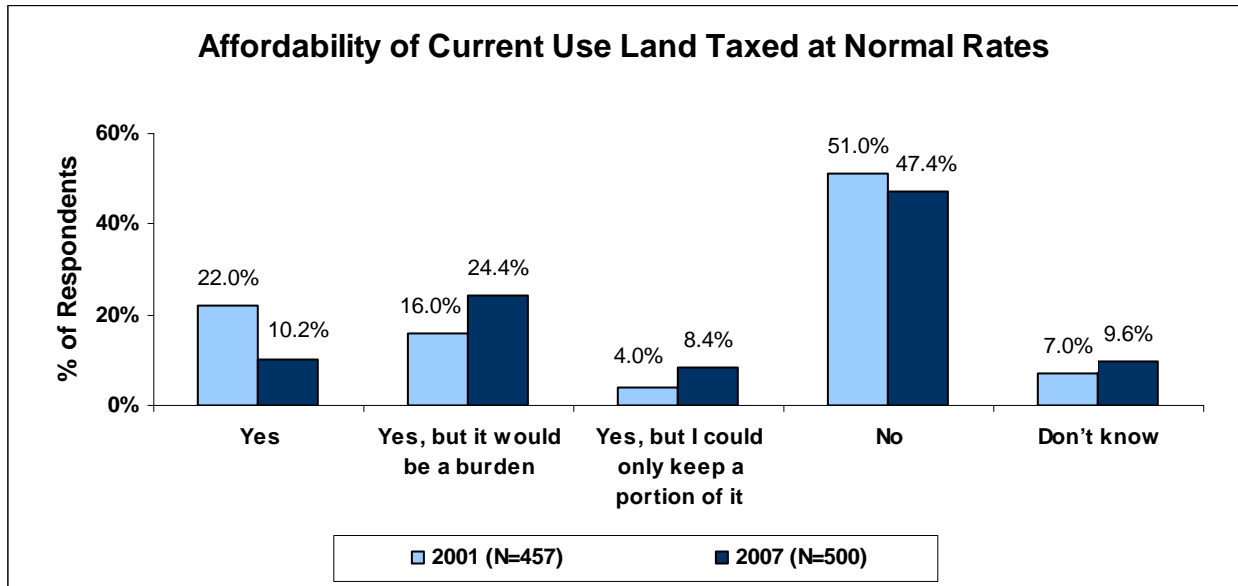
Could Not Afford to Keep Current Use Land if it Were Taxed at Normal Rates	
Higher	Lower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Seacoast (54.8%) and Hillsborough (54.5%) regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Western (37.8%), Lakes (45.7%), Central (46.2%), and Northern (48.8%) regions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NH Native (58.1%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondent born in another state (38.6%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income less than \$45K (55.7%) or \$45 < \$75K (54.4%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents with an annual household income of \$75K or more (37.9%)

Trend Results:

The percentage of respondents who reported that they would not be able to keep their land if it were taxed at normal rates has remained consistent from 2001 (51%) to 2007 (47.4%). However, the percentage of respondents who reported that they could afford to keep their Current Use land if the land were taxed at normal rates dropped from 22% in 2001 to 10.2% in 2007. At the same time, the percentage who reported that they could keep the land, "but it would be a burden" rose from 16% in 2001 to 24.4% in 2007. The percentage claiming that they could only keep "a portion" of their Current Use land doubled from 4% in 2001 to 8.4% in 2007.

IV. FINDINGS: FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

Affordability of Current Use Land Taxed at Normal Rates (Continued)



IV. FINDINGS: RESPONDENT SUGGESTIONS FOR CURRENT USE PROGRAM

Percentage of Current Use Land that Would be Sold

Are there any other ideas or suggestions you would like to share regarding the “Current Use” program? [Unaided; Multiple responses were recorded]

Overall Themes

One hundred and sixty-six respondents (166) did not provide an answer to this question, while 3 indicated that they “don’t know” what other ideas or suggestions they would like to share regarding the Current Use program.

The majority of responses to Question 45 were positive, including comments that the Current Use program is “great” and should continue to exist. Many respondents wrote in that it is important to preserve the Current Use program, and they do not want to see this program eliminated. Please see Appendix B for the complete list of verbatim responses.

Other popular themes echoed were:

- The need to educate communities about the Current Use program and the benefits to the public / town / state of having open land;
- The benefits of reducing municipal costs;
- The importance of preventing development;
- The fact that the program keeps property taxes affordable and allows families, farmers etc. to keep their land;
- There were mixed opinions regarding the Land Use Change Tax;
- Some respondents would like to see the Land Use Change penalty lowered for those who would like to pass their land to heirs / family members;
- Some respondents expressed concerns about the difficulty of posting their lands and liability issues;
- Some respondents advocated for more rigid enforcement of current use enforcements such as allowing recreational use, and not allowing development.

V. DEMOGRAPHICS

Town(s) Where Current Use Land is Located

What town / towns is your Current Use property located in? [Unaided; Multiple responses were recorded]

Top Answers, 2007 (N=500)			
Canterbury	1.8%	Lee	1.2%
Claremont	1.8%	Lyme	2.0%
Colebrook	1.4%	Marlborough	1.0%
Deerfield	1.2%	New Ipswich	1.0%
Durham	1.0%	Northfield	1.0%
Gilmanton	2.0%	Ossipee	1.0%
Gilsum	1.0%	Pittsfield	1.2%
Hanover	1.0%	Rochester	1.2%
Hillsborough	1.8%	Rumney	1.6%
Hopkinton	1.8%	Swanzey	1.2%
Keene	1.0%	Tamworth	1.4%
Kensington	1.0%	Whitefield	1.0%
Lancaster	1.4%		

**All other towns were mentioned by less than 1.0% of respondents.*

V. DEMOGRAPHICS

Age of Landowner

Based on the question: What year were you born?

	1993 (N=403)	2001 (N=451)	2007 (N=500)
45 and under	25%	6%	2.6%
46 to 55	23%	18%	13.2%
56 to 65	21%	26%	19.8%
66 to 75	20%	25%	27.0%
76 or older	11%	25%	34.6%
Refused	N/A	N/A	2.8%

**Categories in 2001 report are different than those use for the banner headings. The categories are as follows; 44 and younger, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 and older.*

Born in NH

Were you born in N.H. or another state?

	2007 (N=500)
New Hampshire	43.0%
Other state	55.4%
Refused	1.6%

V. DEMOGRAPHICS

Household Income

How much TOTAL income did you and your family receive in 2006, not just from wages or salaries but from ALL sources – that is, your gross household income before taxes and other deductions were made? Was it: [Choices were read]

	1993 (N=301)	2001 (N=352)	2007 (N=307)
Less than \$15,000	13%	7%	3.9%
\$15,000 to \$29,999	30%	18%	9.8%
\$30,000 to \$44,999	20%	15%	15.0%
\$45,000 to \$59,999	17%	16%	19.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	8%	12%	14.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	13%	31%	12.7%
\$100,000 to \$124,999			11.1%
\$125,000 to \$149,999			3.9%
\$150,000 or more			10.1%

**The income figures provided exclude respondents who refused to provide this information. In 2007, 193 respondents declined to provide their income.*

Gender

Recorded Based on Interviewer Observation

	1993	2001 (N=459)	2007 (N=500)
Male	N/A	59%	55.0%
Female	N/A	41%	45.0%

APPENDIX A
SURVEY INSTRUMENT

S.P.A.C.E. Current Use Survey 2007

Respondent's phone number: _____

ID _____

Hello, my name is _____ from Pan Atlantic SMS Group; we are a New England-based market research firm. We're conducting a survey of people who have land enrolled in New Hampshire's Current Use program. Let me assure you that we are not trying to sell you anything. This is strictly a research study and your identity will remain confidential. Your opinions will be very helpful to the SPACE program so we appreciate your time. First of all,

CRITERIA QUESTIONS

C1. Can I speak to the person who is most familiar with your Current Use land?

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Correct respondent | → | CONTINUE |
| 2. Correct respondent not available | → | ASK FOR A CALLBACK TIME |
| 3. Don't have land in current use | → | THANK PERSON AND TERMINATE CALL |
| 96. Don't know | → | THANK PERSON AND TERMINATE CALL |
| 99. Refused | → | THANK PERSON AND TERMINATE CALL |

C2. Do you live or own land in _____ county? **[READ COUNTY FROM CALL SHEET AND SELECT BELOW. IF RESPONDENT OWNS LAND IN MULTIPLE COUNTIES, SELECT THE COUNTY ON THE CALL SHEET.]**

1. Belknap
2. Carroll
3. Cheshire
4. Coos
5. Grafton
6. Hillsborough
7. Merrimack
8. Rockingham
9. Strafford
10. Sullivan

C3. Approximately how many acres of land do you currently have enrolled in the Current Use program in New Hampshire? **[DO NOT READ, SELECT APPROPRIATE CATEGORY]**

- | | | |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. None | → | THANK PERSON AND TERMINATE CALL |
| 2. 10 acres or less | | |
| 3. 11 to 20 acres | | |
| 4. 21 to 30 acres | | |
| 5. 31 to 40 acres | | |
| 6. 41 to 50 acres | | |
| 7. 51 to 100 acres | | |
| 8. 101 to 200 acres | | |
| 9. 201 to 500 acres | | |
| 10. 501 to 1,000 acres | | |
| 11. Over 1,000 acres | | |
| 96. Don't know | → | THANK PERSON AND TERMINATE CALL |
| 99. Refused | → | THANK PERSON AND TERMINATE CALL |

CHARACTERISTICS OF CURRENT USE LAND

1. Approximately how many years has this land been enrolled in Current Use, either by you or by the previous owner or owners? **[READ OPTIONS IF NECESSARY.]**

→ **IF RESPONDENT HAS MORE THAN ONE PARCEL OF LAND, RECORD THE LONGEST PERIOD GIVEN.**
→ **IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE ABOUT THE LENGTH OF TIME LAND WAS ENROLLED BY PREVIOUS OWNERS, RECORD AMOUNT OF TIME ENROLLED BY RESPONDENT.**
 1. Under 10 years
 2. 10 to 19 years
 3. 20 to 30 years
 4. More than 30 years
 96. Don't know [DO NOT READ]

2. Which of the following best describes how your land became enrolled in the Current Use program? **[READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS]**

→ **IF RESPONDENT HAS MORE THAN ONE PARCEL OF LAND, HAVE RESPONDENT ANSWER FOR THE PARCEL THAT THEY ARE MOST FAMILIAR WITH.**
 1. Enrolled land in Current Use yourself
 2. Purchased land already in Current Use
 3. Inherited land already in Current Use
 - Other (specify) _____
 96. Don't know [DO NOT READ]

3. Which of the following best describes the ownership of your Current Use land? My Current Use land is owned by: **[READ OPTIONS]**
 1. An individual or family
 2. A trust
 3. A corporation
 4. A non-profit organization
 5. A real estate or development concern
 6. A forest industry concern
 7. A partnership
 8. A combination
 - Other (specify) _____
 96. Don't know [DO NOT READ]

4. Which category or categories is your Current Use land in? Is it the forest, farm, or unproductive category or in a combination of categories?
 1. Forest only → SKIP TO Q6
 2. Farm only → CONTINUE WITH Q5
 3. Unproductive only → SKIP TO Q6
 4. A combination of forest and farm → CONTINUE WITH Q5
 5. A combination of farm and unproductive → CONTINUE WITH Q5
 6. A combination of forest and unproductive → SKIP TO Q6
 7. A combination of forest / farm / unproductive → CONTINUE WITH Q5
 96. Don't know → SKIP TO Q6

5. Do you have farmland in Current Use that is being mowed just to keep it open? That is, do you have any Current Use farmland that is no longer pasture or cropped?
 1. Yes
 2. No
 96. Don't know

INCOME GENERATED FROM CURRENT USE LAND

6. Does your Current Use land generate any farm- or forest-related income for you?
 1. Yes → CONTINUE WITH Q7
 2. No → SKIP TO Q9
 96. Don't know → SKIP TO Q9

7. Approximately how much income is generated from your Current Use land each year? **[DO NOT READ, SELECT APPROPRIATE CATEGORY]**
 1. Under \$1,000
 2. \$1,000 to \$4,999
 3. \$5,000 to \$9,999
 4. \$10,000 to \$19,999
 5. \$20,000 to \$24,999
 6. \$25,000 to \$49,999
 7. \$50,000 to \$74,999
 8. \$75,000 to \$99,999
 9. \$100,000 or more
 96. Don't know
 99. Refused

8. How is the income generated? **[UNAIDED, DO NOT READ, SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**
 1. Timber
 2. Christmas trees
 3. Farm products
 4. Leasing land
 - Other (Please Specify) _____
 96. Don't know

9. What are your reasons for owning your Current Use land? **[UNAIDED, DO NOT READ, SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**
 1. Economic value in its farm or forestry income
 2. Non-economic value / protecting land from development
 3. Investment for future development
 4. Saving money on property taxes
 5. Making owning open space land affordable
 6. Investment for future timber / farm value
 7. Personal / family enjoyment of land
 8. Legacy / family lands
 9. Equestrian uses
 - Other (please specify) _____
 96. Don't know

ASSESSMENT VALUES AND THE LAND USE TAX

My next set of questions concerns land assessment values and the Land Use Tax.

10. As you may know, each year the Current Use Board in the state sets the land ASSESSMENT VALUES for land enrolled in Current Use. The taxes you pay on your Current Use land are then based on the assessment ranges the Board sets. How familiar are you with the land assessment values set by the Current Use Board? Are you: **[READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS]**
1. Not at all familiar
 2. Not very familiar
 3. Moderately familiar
 4. Very familiar
 96. Don't know [DO NOT READ]
11. Now I'd like to ask you about the Land Use Change Tax – which is the penalty you pay when you take all or a portion of your land out of Current Use. How familiar are you with the Land Use Change Tax? Would you say that you are: **[READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS]**
1. Not at all familiar → SKIP TO Q14
 2. Not very familiar → CONTINUE WITH Q12
 3. Moderately familiar → CONTINUE WITH Q12
 4. Very familiar → CONTINUE WITH Q12
 96. Don't know [DO NOT READ] → SKIP TO Q14
12. Do you happen to know what the current Land Use Change Tax rate is?
1. Yes → CONTINUE WITH Q13
 2. No → SKIP TO Q14
13. What is the tax rate?
- _____
996. Don't know [DO NOT READ]
14. The current Land Use Change Tax is currently 10%. In your view, is this too high, too low, or about right? **[READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS]**
1. Too high
 2. Too low
 3. About right
 96. Don't know [DO NOT READ]
15. As a way of generating additional local or state revenue, some people have proposed increasing the Land Use Change Tax - or penalty - from 10 percent of the total value of the land to 20 percent of the total value. If the Land Use Change Tax were increased from 10 to 20 percent, would you sell any or all of your land?
1. Yes → CONTINUE WITH Q16
 2. No → SKIP TO Q17
 96. Don't know → SKIP TO Q17

16. Approximately what percentage of your Current Use land would you sell? **[DO NOT READ, SELECT APPROPRIATE CATEGORY]**
1. Less than 10%
 2. 10% to 19%
 3. 20% to 29%
 4. 30% to 39%
 5. 40% to 49%
 6. 50% to 59%
 7. 60% to 69%
 8. 70% to 79%
 9. 80% to 89%
 10. 90% to 99%
 11. 100% (All Current Use land)
 96. Don't know

AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY PRACTICE STANDARDS

Some people argue that people who pay reduced taxes because their land is enrolled in Current Use should be required to manage their land according to certain standards of appropriate agricultural and forestry practices.

17. Do you **support** or **oppose** requiring Current Use landowners to meet AGRICULTURAL PRACTICE STANDARDS? Is that strongly or moderately support/oppose? **[READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS]**
1. Strongly oppose
 2. Moderately oppose
 3. Neutral [DO NOT READ]
 4. Moderately support
 5. Strongly support
 96. Don't know [DO NOT READ]
18. What about forestry practice standards? Would you **support** or **oppose** requiring Current Use landowners to meet FORESTRY PRACTICE STANDARDS? Is that strongly or moderately support/oppose? **[READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS]**
1. Strongly oppose
 2. Moderately oppose
 3. Neutral [DO NOT READ]
 4. Moderately support
 5. Strongly support
 96. Don't know [DO NOT READ]

STEWARDSHIP AND FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLANS

19. Do you have any Current Use land that is forestland?
1. Yes → READ INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH AND CONTINUE WITH Q20
 2. No → READ INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH AND SKIP TO Q23
 96. Don't know → READ INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH AND SKIP TO Q23

In the Current Use program, owners of forestland can receive an additional reduction in value if that land is enrolled in the “Stewardship” category. A Current Use program member qualifies if he/she has an approved management plan signed and stamped by a N.H. licensed forester or is currently enrolled in the tree farm program.

20. Is any of your Current Use forestland enrolled in the ‘forestland with documented Stewardship’ category?
1. Yes
 2. No
 96. Don’t know
21. Do you have a written management plan signed by a licensed forester for any of your Current Use forestland?
1. Yes → CONTINUE WITH Q22
 2. No → SKIP TO Q23
 96. Don’t know → SKIP TO Q23
22. To what extent do you believe that having a management plan has resulted in improvement of your land? As a result of having a management plan has there been: _____? **[READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS]**
- **IF RESPONDENT HAS MULTIPLE PARCELS OF LAND THAT APPLY TO THIS QUESTION, RESPONDENT SHOULD ANSWER FOR THE LARGEST PARCEL OF LAND.**
1. No improvement
 2. Not much improvement
 3. Some improvement
 4. Significant improvement
 96. Don’t know [DO NOT READ]
23. Do you believe that eligibility for the ‘Stewardship’ category should require a management plan that is signed and approved by a licensed N.H. forester?
1. Yes
 2. No
 96. Don’t know
24. Currently, Forest landowners have the option of qualifying for reduced assessment under the Forestland with Documented Stewardship category. Is this a meaningful incentive for you to manage your land?
1. Yes
 2. No
 96. Don’t know

PUBLIC ACCESS

25. Apart from requiring ALL Current Use landowners to meet the standards and practices we just discussed, would you **support** or **oppose** reductions in land assessment values for those landowners who VOLUNTARILY meet agricultural or forestry standards, or keep their land open for non-motorized public access? Is that strongly or moderately support/oppose? **[READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS]**
1. Strongly oppose
 2. Moderately oppose
 3. Neutral [DO NOT READ]
 4. Moderately support
 5. Strongly support
 96. Don't know [DO NOT READ]
26. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about public access to your Current Use land. Do you **support** or **oppose** requiring Current Use landowners to keep their land open for non-motorized public access? Is that strongly or moderately support/oppose? **[READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS]**
1. Strongly oppose
 2. Moderately oppose
 3. Neutral [DO NOT READ]
 4. Moderately support
 5. Strongly support
 96. Don't know [DO NOT READ]
27. Are you aware that under the current law, those who do not post their land against some kinds of access for recreational activities such as cross country skiing, hunting, observing the environment etc. qualify for a reduction of 20% of their assessment?
1. Yes
 2. No
 96. Don't know
28. Is this incentive sufficient for you to **not** post your lands against access to such activities?
1. Yes
 2. No
 96. Don't know
29. Keeping in mind all of your Current Use land, what type(s) of activities do you post against in terms of public access? **[THIS IS UNAIDED. WRITE IN ALL RESPONSE(S) BELOW.]**
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30. Approximately what percentage of your Current Use land is posted against any type of public access? **[DO NOT READ, SELECT APPROPRIATE CATEGORY]**
1. 0%
 2. Less than 10%
 3. 10% to 19%
 4. 20% to 29%
 5. 30% to 39%
 6. 40% to 49%
 7. 50% to 59%
 8. 60% to 69%
 9. 70% to 79%
 10. 80% to 89%
 11. 90% to 99%
 12. 100% (All Current Use land)
 96. Don't know
31. Do you allow hunting on any of your Current Use land with personal permission?
1. Yes
 2. No
 96. Don't know
32. What public benefits, if any, do you believe your Current Use land is providing? **[DO NOT READ RESPONSES. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**
1. Preventing development
 2. Relieving municipal tax burden by reducing demand for services
 3. Providing open space for the community – (aesthetic value)
 4. Providing open space for public use – (recreation)
 5. Providing wildlife habitat – (biodiversity)
 6. Providing timber
 7. Providing agricultural products
 8. Protecting watershed or water supply
 - Other (specify) _____
 96. Don't know
 98. None / Nothing
33. Think for a minute about all the ways you or anyone else uses the land you have in Current Use. Please tell me all the ways that the land you have in Current Use is used. **[WRITE IN RESPONSE(S) BELOW.]**
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96. Don't know

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

34. Is your land subject to a Conservation Easement?
1. Yes
 2. No
 96. Don't know

FUTURE PLANS FOR CURRENT USE LAND

35. Assuming that there are no changes in the Current Use law, approximately what percentage of your Current Use land do you plan to permanently conserve or protect, sell, or develop? Out of 100%, approximately what percentage of your Current Use land do you plan to: **[BE SURE THAT PERCENTAGES ADD UP TO 100%]**

- A. Permanently conserve _____% 996. Don't know %, but likely to protect some land
or protect 998. Don't know for sure, but unlikely to protect
- B. Sell _____% 996. Don't know %, but likely to sell some land
998. Don't know for sure, but unlikely to sell
- C. Develop _____% 996. Don't know %, but likely to develop some land
998. Don't know for sure, but unlikely to develop

[TRY TO HAVE RESPONDENTS GIVE FIGURES THAT ADD UP TO 100%...UNLESS RESPONDENT IS UNSURE OF AT LEAST ONE AREA.]

→ **ASK Q36 IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED >0% OR 996 IN Q35A (Permanently conserve or protect)**

36. How do you plan to permanently conserve or protect your Current Use land? **[THIS IS UNAIDED. CIRCLE OR WRITE IN RESPONSE(S) BELOW.]**

- 1. Conservation Easement
- 2. Gift of land
- Other (specify) _____
- 96. Don't know

→ **ASK Q37 THROUGH Q39 IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED >0% OR 996 IN Q35B (Sell).**

37. Approximately when do you plan to sell your Current Use land? **[DO NOT READ OPTIONS. SELECT THE EARLIEST APPROPRIATE CATEGORY.]**

- 1. Within the next year
- 2. Within 2-5 years
- 3. Within 6-10 years
- 4. Within 11 years or more
- 96. Don't know → SKIP TO Q39

38. Approximately what percentage of your Current Use land do you plan to sell at that time? **[DO NOT READ, SELECT APPROPRIATE CATEGORY]**

- 1. Less than 10%
- 2. 10% to 19%
- 3. 20% to 29%
- 4. 30% to 39%
- 5. 40% to 49%
- 6. 50% to 59%
- 7. 60% to 69%
- 8. 70% to 79%
- 9. 80% to 89%
- 10. 90% to 99%
- 11. 100% (All Current Use land)
- 96. Don't know

39. What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason why you plan to sell your Current Use land? **[DO NOT READ. USE LIST FOR CODING PURPOSES ONLY. ENTER ONLY 1 RESPONSE.]**

1. Retirement
2. To raise money to pay property taxes
3. The investment has matured
4. Relocating or purchasing land elsewhere
5. To develop the land
6. Sell to family members
7. Sell to a developer
8. Sell for conservation
- Other (Please specify) _____
96. Don't know

→ **ASK Q40 AND Q41 IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED >0% OR 996 IN Q36C (Develop).**

40. Approximately when do you plan to develop all or part of your land?

1. Within the next year
2. Within 2-5 years
3. Within 6-10 years
4. Within 11 years or more
96. Don't know → SKIP TO Q42

41. Approximately what percentage of your Current Use land do you plan to develop at that time? **[DO NOT READ, SELECT APPROPRIATE CATEGORY]**

1. Less than 10%
2. 10% to 19%
3. 20% to 29%
4. 30% to 39%
5. 40% to 49%
6. 50% to 59%
7. 60% to 69%
8. 70% to 79%
9. 80% to 89%
10. 90% to 99%
11. 100% (All Current Use land)
96. Don't know

→ **ASK Q42 OF ALL RESPONDENTS**

42. If the Current Use program were eliminated today, how likely is it that you would sell any or all of your Current Use land? **[READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS.]**

1. Not at all likely → SKIP TO Q44
2. Not very likely → SKIP TO Q44
3. Somewhat likely → CONTINUE WITH Q43
4. Very likely → CONTINUE WITH Q43
96. Don't know [DO NOT READ] → SKIP TO Q44

43. Approximately what percentage of your Current Use land would you be likely to sell? **[DO NOT READ, SELECT APPROPRIATE CATEGORY]**
1. Less than 10%
 2. 10% to 19%
 3. 20% to 29%
 4. 30% to 39%
 5. 40% to 49%
 6. 50% to 59%
 7. 60% to 69%
 8. 70% to 79%
 9. 80% to 89%
 10. 90% to 99%
 11. 100% (All Current Use land)
 96. Don't know
44. If the Current Use program were eliminated today, could you afford to keep the land if it were taxed at normal rates? **[READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS]**
1. Yes
 2. Yes, but it would be a burden
 3. Yes, but I could only keep a portion of it
 4. No
 96. Don't know [DO NOT READ]

RESPONDENT SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CURRENT USE PROGRAM

45. Are there any other ideas or suggestions you would like to share regarding the "Current Use" program?

98. No

DEMOGRAPHICS

These last few questions are for statistical purposes only.

46. What town / towns is your Current Use property located in? **[RECORD UP TO 3 RESPONSES. IF RESPONDENT OWNS CU LAND IN MORE THAN THREE TOWNS, RECORD THE THREE TOWNS WHERE THE MOST LAND IS OWNED.]**

47. What year were you born? **[ENTER LAST 2 DIGITS OF YEAR OF BIRTH]**

19____

96. 1900 or earlier
 99. Refused

48. How much TOTAL income did you and your family receive in 2006, not just from wages or salaries but from ALL sources – that is, your gross household income before taxes and other deductions were made? Was it: **[READ CATEGORIES]**

1. Less than \$15,000
2. \$15,000 - \$29,999
3. \$30,000 - \$44,999
4. \$45,000 - \$59,999
5. \$60,000 - \$74,999
6. \$75,000 - \$99,999
7. \$100,000 - \$124,999
8. \$125,000 - \$149,999
9. \$150,000 or more
99. Refused

49. Were you born in N.H. or another state?

1. Born in N.H.
2. Born in another state
99. Refused

For quality control purposes, may I please have your first name only: _____.

Those are all of my questions. Thank you very much for your time.

50. Gender of Respondent **[Interviewer record below. DO NOT ASK.]**

1. Male
2. Female

INTERVIEWER: _____ LENGTH: _____ DATE: _____

APPENDIX B
VERBATIM RESPONSES FOR QUESTION 45

Verbatim Responses for Q45

SMS ID	Verbatim Responses for Q45
26	1. DO NOT CHANGE IT; 2. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE LAND FROM THE CURRENT USE AT LANDOWNER'S REQUEST AS OPPOSED TO THE CURRENT LAW (AT OWN INITIATIVE, SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE LAND OUT)
172	A 20% PENALTY IS AN INSIGNIFICANT AMOUNT. I THINK THE IDEA OF CURRENT USE HAVING RANGE OF VALUES SHOULD BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT LOCAL VALUES. IT'S NOT AS EQUITABLE AS IT SHOULD BE.
56	A GOOD PROGRAM
70	A GOOD PROGRAM THAT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED – AN INCENTIVE NOT TO DEVELOP
391	A GOOD PROGRAM, ALLOWS US TO HAVE THE LAND, COULDN'T AFFORD THE TAXES NORMALLY
33	A GOOD PROGRAM, BENEFITS AND PROTECTS THE LAND PREVENTING IT FROM BEING DEVELOPED, ENHANCES THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA AND LAND, LIVES AND PEOPLE.
360	A WEBSITE WOULD BE GREAT THAT WOULD EXPLAIN ALL THE BENEFITS. A GREATER PRESENCE ON THE WEB. INTERNET WITH EMAIL DISTRIBUTION GROUP.
283	ALL FOR IT, KEEP NH OPEN, NEED CURRENT USE
92	ALL REPUBLICANS IN CURRENT USE ARE CHEATING TAXPAYERS – SOME PEOPLE SAY
112	AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM, AND IT SHOULD CONTINUE. SATISFIED WITH ITS PRESENT FORM.
303	AS A SMALL LANDOWNER, MAINTAIN A QUALITY FOREST AND WATER, STEWARDS OF THE LAND
500	BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO US
323	BEST IN NATION AS IS
78	BEST WAY TO MANAGE LAND
444	BETTER KEEP IT!!! A LOT OF FARMERS WHO WOULD GO OUT OF BUSINESS WITHOUT IT.
43	BROADER EDUCATION, THAT IT SAVES ALL TAX PAYERS MONEY WHEN LAND ISN'T DEVELOPED, SAVES THE TOWN MONEY WHEN LAND IS UNDEVELOPED
394	BROCHURE THAT COMES IN THE MAIL...IS GREAT.
213	COMMUNITIES NEED TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT ADVANTAGES OF NOT DEVELOPING LAND
186	CONCERNED ABOUT LIABILITY ISSUES AND OPEN LAND- EITHER BREAK ON INSURANCE OR 'AT YOUR OWN RISK' A GIVEN
383	CONTINUE THE PROGRAM IT IS ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUE OWNING LAND IN SO NEW HAMPSHIRE
395	CURRENT USE IS KEEPING THE STATE LANDS OPEN, DON'T CHANGE THE RULES AND REGULATION. THANK GOD FOR ALL OF YOU!
160	CURRENT USE WORKS LESS WELL IN SOUTHERN NH WHERE PRESSURE TO DEVELOP IS HIGH. IT DOES WORK THOUGH. FIND A WAY TO KEEP OPEN SPACE IN SOUTHERN NH. STRONGER INCENTIVES FOR OPEN SPACES
114	DEFINITELY SHOULD KEEP IT IN PLACE – NEED TO KEEP NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTED FOR TOURISM

Verbatim Responses for Q45

SMS ID	Verbatim Responses for Q45
474	DO ANYTHING TO KEEP PROGRAM GOING
260	DO NOT GET RID OF THIS PROGRAM!!
379	DOCUMENTATION OF SOME SORT GOING FORWARD TO NEW OWNERS OF LAND THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY IN CURRENT USE- MORE PUBLICITY OF PROGRAM IN GENERAL
6	DOING A GOOD JOB AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK
393	DOING A GOOD JOB, KEEP IT UP
318	DOING A GREAT JOB, SPACE IS WONDERFUL, WILL CONTRIBUTE WHEN I CAN
196	DOING A PRETTY GOOD JOB.
265	DONE A GOOD JOB, ESPECIALLY IN LEGISLATION
187	DONE A GOOD JOB, NO CHANGES NEEDED.
232	DON'T CHANGE IT
335	DON'T DO US IN
299	DON'T GET RID OF THE PROGRAM
145	DON'T LET IT STOP. MAKE SURE IT CONTINUES!
199	EXCELLENT PROGRAM, THINK THAT'S WHY THERE IS AS MUCH OPEN SPACE AS THERE IS
400	EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE TAX BURDEN
41	FARM RELATED BUILDINGS THAT PROMOTE CONTINUED USE OF OPEN SPACE, THE LAND BENEATH THEM SHOULD RECEIVE THE CURRENT USE RATE
315	FEEL GUILTY ABOUT NOT KNOWING MORE ABOUT IT; HAVEN'T REALLY FOLLOWED UP ON IT EVEN THOUGH I RECEIVE NEWSLETTER; HOPE IT DOES CONTINUE; DEVELOPMENT IS BECOMING SO RAPID; LIKE TO KEEP NATURAL NH
32	FEEL THEIR LAND IS UNIQUE, HAVEN'T REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT OTHER PEOPLES' LANDS, OURS THERE IS NO ENTRY
314	FIGHT HARD TO KEEP IT.
489	GET RID OF HALF THE POLITICIANS - AND CITY WORKERS - REDUCE THE TAXES. WE DON'T NEED ALL THESE PEOPLE RUNNING THE TOWN.
409	GET THE WORD OUT BETTER TO PEOPLE WITH LAND
403	GIVES PEOPLE THE BETTER ART(?) TO BUY LAND AND KEEP IT FROM DEVELOPMENT.
282	GLAD THAT WE HAVE THE CURRENT USE PROGRAM, IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM
256	GLAD THE SPACE PROGRAM EXISTS AND IT'S CRITICAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE RURAL STATE. CURRENT USE LANDOWNERS ARE SOMETIMES TARGETS FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR THE STATE
59	GLAD WE HAVE IT.
442	GOOD FOR PEOPLE TO GIVE THEIR LAND OVER TO CONSERVATION; LEAVE IN WILL; AS MANY AS ARE ABLE TO LEAVE IN CONSERVATION

Verbatim Responses for Q45

SMS ID	Verbatim Responses for Q45
95	GOOD IDEA
202	GOOD IDEA, ALLOWS LAND TO BE PROTECTED FROM DEVELOPMENT. KEEP IT GOING. SOME RESTRICTIONS FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT ARE OK.
138	GOOD PROGRAM
203	GOOD PROGRAM
369	GOOD PROGRAM THE WAY IT IS, CAN'T BE TINKERED WITH
8	GOOD PROGRAM, MAKES SENSE FOR NH, AND IT SHOULD BE CONTINUED
424	GOOD, FORTUNATE TO HAVE QUALIFIED FOR IT
165	GOT TO KEEP PROGRAM, PREVENT OVERPOPULATION
233	GREAT IDEA – OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO HOLD ON TO THEIR FAMILY LAND WITHOUT BEING TAXED SO HIGHLY – PROTECTS ORIGINAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE NATURAL HABITAT AND THE UNIQUE GROWTH FOR ANIMAL HABITAT
29	GREAT IDEA/LEAVE IT ALONE
328	GREAT JOB
137	GREAT NEWSLETTER, DONATES MONEY TO PROTECT CURRENT USE LAWS. FEELS SO STRONGLY ABOUT PROTECTING LAND FROM DEVELOPMENT, EVERYTHING WOULD BE DESTROYED TO BUILDING EXPENSIVE PROPERTY.
105	GREAT PROGRAM, ALLOWS US NOT TO DEVELOP LAND IN ORDER TO KEEP IT
322	GREAT PROGRAM, DON'T STOP PROGRAM
435	HAPPY WITH IT
133	HAPPY WITH THE WAY IT IS
27	HAS ISSUES WITH CONSISTENCY OF TOWN'S DECISIONS AS TO WHAT WILL AND WON'T QUALIFY FOR CURRENT USE AND HOW UNDEVELOPED LAND CAN BE USED AND STILL REMAIN IN CURRENT USE –
71	HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT CONTINUE AND IT'S DOING A VERY GOOD JOB
357	HELPED SLOW DOWN THE TOWN DEVELOPMENT, COULDN'T PAY MORE TAXES THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE. IT SLOWS DOWN THE GROWTH OF THE SCHOOLS WHICH IS A GOOD THING.
239	HELPS A LOT TO KEEP LAND THAT'S BEEN IN THE FAMILY A LONG TIME
316	HIGHER TAXES WHEN THE LAND IS SOLD WOULD KEEP MORE LAND PRESERVED, LOVE THE PROGRAM, PROTECTS LAND AND WILDLIFE. SIMPLIFY THE FORM AND SO MUCH TIME TO PROCESS.
103	HOPE AND WISH THE PROGRAMS REMAIN IN PLACE
437	HOPE IT KEEPS UP; OURS IS THE LAST BIG PIECE NOT DEVELOPED IN THE CITY; WHERE WOULD THE ANIMALS GO? THE CARBON DIOXIDE WOULD BE BAD; NO GOOD HEALTHY AIR
270	HOPE IT REMAINS

Verbatim Responses for Q45

SMS ID	Verbatim Responses for Q45
57	HOPE THAT IT STAYS THE WAY IT IS
254	HOPE THEY DON'T MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN IT.
1	HOPES IT CONTINUES
327	I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE PROGRAM – WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION SENT TO ME ABOUT IT.
175	I DON'T THINK WE NEED ANY CHANGES. SATISFIED FOR WHAT I KNOW. IF I COULD GET MORE OF A REDUCTION I'D LIKE TO KNOW. WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO EXPLAIN MORE ABOUT ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES. HUSBAND DIED 7 YEARS AGO.
467	I FEEL STRONGLY THAT WE ARE, LOSING OPEN LAND – WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING OR IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO PROTECT AGAINST DEVELOPMENT. NH IS FORTUNATE IN HAVING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP OPEN LAND.
441	I HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETINGS ABOUT CURRENT LAWS @CURRENT USE. WONDERING IF THEY CAN PUBLICIZE IT BETTER.
238	I REALLY BELIEVE IT IS A GOOD PROGRAM - IT WOULD CHANGE THE WHOLE OUTLOOK OF THE LAND WITHOUT IT. DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE OUT OF CONTROL WITHOUT IT.
127	I SURE AM DISTRAUGHT ABOUT THE VIEW TAX. IT JUST IS CONFISCATION.
479	I THINK - CHANGE TAX - SHOULD BE 20% ... THERE SHOULD BE A GRAPH THAT CLEARLY DEPICTS WHY CURRENT USE IS IMPORTANT TO TOWNS – I.E. WHAT DEVELOPMENT DOES TO TAXES - OPEN SPACE REDUCES TAXES - DEVELOPMENT INCREASES – PEOPLE THINK DEVELOPMENT DECREASES IT
473	I THINK IF PEOPLE ARE SO SHORTSIGHTED THAT THEY TAKE IT OFF, DEVELOPMENT WILL RUN WILD, BECAUSE PEOPLE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD THE TAXES ON OPEN SPACE; IT WOULD BE A REAL SPRAWL
113	I THINK IT PROVIDES BENEFIT FOR OPEN SPACE AND BEAUTY OF REGION, PROTECTS NEW HAMPSHIRE AND REST OF THE WORLD AGAINST LARGE SCALE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
152	I THINK IT'S A WONDERFUL PROGRAM.
312	I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING – WITHOUT IT, IT WOULD ALL BE DEVELOPED
305	I THINK IT'S THE BEST THING IN THE WORLD TO STOP DEVELOPMENT. IF CURRENT USE WERE GONE - MOST PEOPLE COULDN'T AFFORD TO PAY THE TAXES ON.
216	I THINK THE CHANGE TAX IS EXCESSIVELY HIGH. IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR CHILDREN TO INHERIT IT. CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY IT.
359	I WISH THAT SOMEONE HAD SENT ME SOME INFORMATION ON CURRENT USE - SO THAT I COULD ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS!

Verbatim Responses for Q45

SMS ID	Verbatim Responses for Q45
268	I WOULD LIKE FOR SOMEHOW SOMEONE TO INFORM HER ABOUT THE OTHER ISSUES ON HOW TO HELP HERSELF REGARDING ALL CURRENT USE ISSUES. A DVD...OR PROGRAM...A LOCAL INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM...NOT A COMPLAINT SESSION.
287	I'D LIKE TO DO ALL I CAN TO SUPPORT IT. I CONTRIBUTE TO SPACE. I THINK THE LEGISLATIVE ALERTNESS IS VERY IMPORTANT. IT'S AN EASY TARGET BUT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN.
226	I'D LIKE TO SEE IT LEFT ALONE.
122	IF A TOWN WANTS TO MAINTAIN A RURAL NATURE TO ATTRACT PEOPLE, THEY NEED OPEN LAND.
135	IF IT ISN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT
157	IF THEY COULD HAVE A WAY TO GO ONLINE - FOR PEOPLE TO BE AWARE OF THESE ISSUES WE HAVE DISCUSSED. NOW IT IS VERY COMPLICATED TO GET INFORMATION.
461	I'M VERY HAPPY WITH IT - WORKS WELL.
329	IMPORTANT TO NH
431	IN FAVOR OF IT, SOMEWHAT CONFUSING ON CLASSIFICATION OF LAND
21	IN FAVOR OF IT, SPACE IS A GOOD PROGRAM. WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT GET BETTER. GIVE HIGHER TAX BENEFITS AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC.
140	IN FAVOR OF IT. KEEPS LAND OUT OF DEVELOPMENT
63	IN SO. NH IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE CURRENT USE, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY LAND LEFT.
64	INHIBIT'S DEVELOPMENT, VERY GOOD PROGRAM.
493	IS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS! HELPED WITH THE LEGISLATION!
158	IT A GOOD PROGRAM, LET YOU HAVE THE LAND, OPENED TO EVERYONE
481	IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE PEOPLE OF NH - IF THEY SEE CURRENT USE IS BEING MISUED – NH MUST STEP IN.
476	IT DOES KEEP IT OPEN; IF IT WASN'T THERE, THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE 6 HOUSES ON PROPERTY
421	IT HELPS TO KEEP OUT BIG COMPANIES TO TAKE OVER AREA.
471	IT IS A GOOD PROGRAM – IS A WAY TO PROTECT OPEN LAND WITHOUT IT – A SMALL LANDOWNER COULDN'T KEEP IT.
195	IT IS A PROGRAM THAT KEEPS NH WHAT IT IS, OPEN LAND IS ESSENTIAL, AND THIS PROGRAM MAKES IT WORK. STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.
18	IT IS A VERY GOOD PROGRAM FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.
294	IT IS WORKING.

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189	IT PROVIDES LANDOWNERS WITH OPPORTUNITY TO MAINTAIN A PIECE OF PROPERTY – IN A GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL WAY. IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY – THAT PROVIDES FOR GOOD WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT. SOME OF THE WILDLIFE IS COMING BACK. IT GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO GOOD.
445	IT SAVED ME AND MY PROPERTY...I FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT IT.
338	IT SEEMS TO BE OK.
150	IT SHOULD REMAIN INTACT, SO PEOPLE CAN PROTECT THEIR LAND FROM ENVIRONMENT.
67	IT WORKS VERY WELL, IT ALLOWS THE PERSON TO MAINTAIN THEIR PROPERTY WITHOUT IT BEING TAXED TOO STEEPLY. HOPE THE PROGRAM CONTINUES, I THINK IT BENEFITS EVERYONE IN THE STATE. WE MAINTAIN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CURRENT USE AND WE ARE TAXED OUTSIDE THAT.
168	IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THE LAND USE CHANGE TAX REVENUES WERE DEDICATED TO LAND CONSERVATION.
99	IT WOULD BE NICE TO LET LAND BE, NO AGRICULTURAL STANDARDS, ETC.
206	IT'S A FABULOUS PROGRAM, AND THE LEADING AND MOST REASONABLE CONSERVATION TOOL IN NH.
177	IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM
345	IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM – HATE TO SEE IT LEAVE...OPEN SPACE THAT PEOPLE LIKE TO WALK ON...CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS.
276	IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM, KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS AND DON'T WEAKEN IT.
377	IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM, NH SHOULD HAVE A SALES TAX TO EASE THE TAX BURDEN.
433	IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM, THE INTENTION WAS FOR THE FARMERS TO KEEP THEIR LAND - BUT THE YOUNGER COULD BUY LAND ALREADY IN CURRENT USE. IT WOULD BE SAD TO LOSE NH'S OPEN SPACE. TOO MUCH DEVELOPMENT. I GREW UP ON A FARM – THAT WAY OF LIFE IS DYING OUT...
155	IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM. HE HATES THE VIEW TAX.
181	IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM.
274	IT'S A GREAT IDEA
313	IT'S A GREAT IDEA...IT WORKS FOR US
373	IT'S A GREAT MANAGEMENT TOOL FOR KEEPING OPEN SPACE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT.
417	IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM.
201	IT'S A GREAT THING.
244	IT'S A VERY GOOD PROGRAM.
367	IT'S A VERY GOOD PROGRAM.
368	IT'S A VERY GOOD PROGRAM, BUT THERE SHOULD BE NEW LEGISLATION TO ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION SO THAT LANDOWNERS DON'T HAVE TO SELL.

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255	IT'S A VERY GOOD PROGRAM, IT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO KEEP THE LAND OPEN AND CARE FOR IT.
284	IT'S A VERY GOOD SYSTEM.
279	IT'S A VERY NICE PROGRAM.
450	IT'S AN AWESOME PROGRAM.
358	IT'S BEEN A PROGRAM THAT HAS ALLOWED US TO KEEP THE LAND...WANT IT TO CONTINUE.
456	IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL PROGRAM, LIVED THERE ALL HIS LIFE, SAW WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE THERE WAS ONE, AND THIS PROGRAM HAS SAVED MANY LANDS FROM BEING SOLD.
28	IT'S BEEN GOOD FOR US; IF IT WASN'T FOR THE CURRENT USE LAND LAW, WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.
252	IT'S DOING A GOOD JOB FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED IT.
497	IT'S DOING A PRETTY GOOD JOB THE WAY IT'S OPERATING NOW; IT HAS GIVEN FOLKS ABILITY TO ENJOY OPEN LAND; NOT AS MUCH SERVICES ON TOWN.
61	IT'S DOING A VERY WELL JOB AND KEEP IT UP.
164	IT'S DOING ALRIGHT.
380	IT'S DOING AWESOME.
272	IT'S DOING GREAT AND IT SHOULD CONTINUE.
144	IT'S DOING GREAT, PEOPLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM.
159	IT'S DOING WELL FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED IT.
241	IT'S FAIR TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO USE LAND FOR NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES.
320	IT'S GOOD FOR TAX REDUCTIONS FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT.
275	IT'S GOOD TO KEEP DEVELOPMENT DOWN.
148	IT'S GREAT FOR PEOPLE USING IT AND FOR THE FAMILIES.
224	IT'S THE BEST PROGRAM THAT NH HAS.
253	IT'S VERY NICE FOR THE TAX REDUCTION.
321	JUST GLAD WE HAVE IT.
130	JUST THAT MORE PEOPLE GET INTO IT AND RESPECT THE LAND AND ENVIRONMENT.
77	KEEP AS IS.
91	KEEP AS IS.
271	KEEP AS IS.
382	KEEP AS IS.
365	KEEP AS IT IS.
143	KEEP IT.
162	KEEP IT.

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264	KEEP IT.
291	KEEP IT .
443	KEEP IT AND BE STRICT.
492	KEEP IT GOING.
428	KEEP IT IN PLACE.
193	KEEP IT IN PLACE, ENFORCE IT, ELIMINATE VIEW TAX AND WATERFRONT PROPERTY TAX, AND GET AN EXEMPTION THAT IS WORTH SOMETHING; SAVE THE FARMS, NOT DEVELOP IT ALL.
136	KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS.
280	KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS.
147	KEEP IT UP, IT DOES WELL FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE ENROLLED IN IT.
4	KEEP IT UP, IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM. IT'S A GOOD THING, PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE, WILDLIFE QUARTERS. FINANCIALLY, COSTS LESS THAN TAX BASE TO HAVE OPEN LAND.
488	KEEP IT; DON'T LET THE DEVELOPERS PUSH THE CONSERVATION GROUPS INTO A CORNER AND MAKE LAND UNAFFORDABLE AND OVERTAXED.
290	KEEP IT; IF NOT, TOWN IS GOING TO STARVE.
228	KEEP PROGRAM- SPACE PROGRAM IS VERY IMPORTANT.
389	KEEP THE CURRENT USE PROGRAM, DO NOT RAISE THE CHANGE TAX RATE, MY NEIGHBORS ENJOY MY LAND.
47	KEEP THE CURRENT USE PROGRAM. IT BENEFITS THE STATE AND KEEPS THE LAND SAFE FROM OVER-DEVELOPMENT.
465	KEEP THE NEWSLETTERS COMING (SPACE), GET THE WORD OUT TO OTHER PEOPLE SOMEHOW.
370	KEEP THE PROGRAM.
354	KEEP THE PROGRAM AS IT IS.
293	KEEP THE PROGRAM IT'S GREAT.
351	KEEP THE PROGRAM THE WAY IT IS
269	KEEP THE PROGRAM, IT'S REALLY GOOD.
407	KEEP THE PROGRAM, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO SELL.
386	KEEP THE SPACE PROGRAM.
406	KEEP THE SPACE PROGRAM – WE NEED MORE GREEN SPACES (FORESTLAND).
247	KEEP UP WITH THE WONDERFUL PROGRAM, AND KEEPING TRACK OF WHAT IS GOING ON.
171	KEEPS LAND OWNERSHIP IN THE HANDS OF MORE AVERAGE CITIZENS NOT JUST THE RICH.

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90	KEPT IT GOING, EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR TAX BENEFITS TO PROTECT FROM DEVELOPMENT, GREAT FOR ANIMAL PROTECTION, CRITICAL TO PROTECT PRISTINE LAND FROM DEVELOPMENT AND MULTIPLE HOUSE LOTS BY DEVELOPERS.
296	LAND UNDER CURRENT USE SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC.
415	LANDOWNERS WHO ENROLL IN CURRENT USE WHO REALLY WANT TO EVENTUALLY DEVELOP IT SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO DO THAT.
387	LAWS, REGULATIONS, ETC., SEEM TO BE WORKING WELL, 'IF IT ISN'T BROKE DON'T FIX IT; KEEP AS IS.
458	LEAVE IT THE WAY IT IS.
491	LIABILITY ISSUES CLARIFIED CONCERNING ACCESS.
490	LIKE IT.
106	LIKE IT THE WAY IT IS.
234	LIKE THE PROGRAM. PREVENTS TOO MUCH DEVELOPMENT.
48	LIKE TO BE A MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE PROGRAM... HOW CAN I?
339	LIKE TO KEEP MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED.
13	LIKE TO SEE IT CONTINUE AS IS, AND TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF TAX REDUCTIONS.
183	LIKES IT VERY MUCH.
81	LIKES IT VERY MUCH, ENABLES HER TO KEEP PROPERTY WILD AND WITHIN THE FAMILY.
261	LIKES THE PROGRAM AND THINKS IT'S REALLY GOOD.
211	LIKES THE PROGRAM- KEEPS LAND FROM BEING OVER DEVELOPED.
451	LOCAL PROPERTY TAX SHARED BY ALL IS A RESULT OF CURRENT USE USED BY SOME.
74	LONG LIVE THE CURRENT USE PROGRAM.
432	LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD SELL IF ELIMINATED.
343	LOVES THE PROGRAM.
363	MAKE IT NOT TOO COMPLICATED, KEEP IT SIMPLE.
82	MINIMUM AMOUNT OF ACREAGE WOULD BE DECREASED TO EIGHT ACRES.
108	MORE INCENTIVE TO KEEP MORE OPEN SPACE MOWED.
173	MORE INTERCHANGE BETWEEN CURRENT USE OWNERS AND TOWN ABOUT THE LAND AND THE PROGRAM.
50	MORE OF A GOOD THING.
156	MOTORIZED VEHICLES DAMAGE PROPERTY, NEED MORE TEETH FOR RESTRICTIONS.
45	MUST MAINTAIN SOME UNDEVELOPED LAND.
207	NECESSARY FOR TAXES.

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94	NECESSARY FOR THE STATE AND FOR PEOPLE WHO OWN LAND AND WOULD LIKE TO NOT HAVE TO SELL IT TO DEVELOPERS.
499	NEED TO KEEP IT: WITHOUT IT FARMS WOULD DISAPPEAR.
469	NEW HAMPSHIRE NEEDS TO BE KEPT SCENIC – WITHOUT CURRENT USE THE STATE WOULD BE TERRIBLE.
85	NEW HAMPSHIRE NEEDS TO KEEP UP ON FOREST MANAGEMENT – NOT LET CLEAR CUTS AND OVERGROWTH.
470	NEWSLETTER IS GOOD – MORE COMMUNITY EDUCATION WOULD BE NICE.
448	NICE IF MORE PEOPLE PARTICIPATED.
396	NICE IF PEOPLE COULD BE MORE AWARE OF THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS LIKE THE STEWARDSHIP CATEGORY.
418	NO – SPACE DOES A GOOD JOB KEEPING US IN THE LOOP OF WHAT HAPPENS LEGISLATIVELY.
40	NO FAULTS WITH IT.
304	NO HIGHER TAXES OR PEOPLE WILL BE FORCED TO SELL LAND.
5	NO, HE BELIEVES IT HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AND THE SPACE PROGRAM IS DOING VERY WELL, AND VERY WELL NEEDED.
337	APPRECIATE THE PROGRAM
281	NOT UP-TO-DATE ABOUT ISSUES. THE ONLY INFO IS WHAT SPACE SENDS HIM.
454	OFFER EDUCATION TO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO ELIMINATE CURRENT USE.
102	OFTEN THE LEGISLATURE WANTS TO GET RID OF THE PROGRAM, THINKING THE CURRENT USE PROGRAM IS ONLY FOR WEALTHIER PEOPLE. BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE FOR MANY PEOPLE .
484	ONE OF THE FINER PARTS OF LIVING IN NH IS CURRENT USE - A WONDERFUL PROGRAM. IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO IT - IT WOULD BE DEVASTATING...EXPAND THE PROGRAM. PUT FUNDS INTO PROTECTING OPEN SPACE AS WELL AS FARMLAND.
96	ONLY WAY TO ENSURE GREEN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. COULDN'T AFFORD IT OTHERWISE.
84	OUGHT TO KEEP IT; FIND WAYS TO GIVE INCENTIVES TO KEEP LAND IN.
25	PENALTY SHOULD BE LOW TO NONE
23	PEOPLE FROM THE CITIES FOST THEIR LAND AND STILL FROM CURRENT USE (?)
342	PEOPLE OUGHT TO HAVE TO MEET CERTAIN STANDARDS TO KEEP UP THE LAND.
131	PEOPLE WHO RUN IT DO AN EXCELLENT JOB, DON'T CHANGE ANYTHING.
209	PLEASE KEEP PROGRAM
248	PLEASED THE PROGRAM IS STRONG, GOOD FOR THE LAND.
180	PLEASED WITH IT THE WAY IT'S GOING.
356	PRETTY GOOD AS IT IS....

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20	PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE BEST TO KEEP NH A DESIRABLE STATE. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROGRAMS THAT THEY'VE EVER COME UP WITH.
179	PROGRAM IS STRONG, A MODEL. BASICALLY SOUND AS IS. DON'T OPEN IT UP FOR MINOR THINGS – THAT WILL LEAVE IT OPEN TO DRASTIC CHANGES THAT WOULD NOT BE GOOD.
258	PROGRAM MAKES SENSE. DOING A GOOD JOB, WATCHING LEGISLATION IS IMPORTANT.
333	PROGRAM SEEMS TO PROTECT THE LAND.
263	PUBLICIZE IT A LITTLE MORE; SOME PEOPLE DON'T KNOW IT'S AVAILABLE TO THEM, EXPLAINING TAX BENEFITS TO PRESERVE OPEN SPACE.
460	PUT UNDUE BURDEN ON THE FARMLAND – USED TO BE CATEGORY FOR INACTIVE FARMLAND, NOT ANYMORE, HAS TO PAY HIGHER TAX ON THIS LAND WISHES IT COULD GO BACK TO ORIGINAL INTENT OF BILL.
397	RE SPACE PROGRAM: KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS
466	REALLY GOOD PROGRAM AND HAVE BEEN GOOD IN PUBLICATIONS BUT NEED TO GET MORE WORD OUT TO AVERAGE TAX PAYER THAT CURRENT USE IS A GOOD BUSINESS PRACTICE AND GOOD CONSERVATION PRACTICE GOOD FOR LOCALITIES AND THE INDIVIDUAL TAX BURDEN.
251	REGARDING POSTING, IF YOU POST IT, YOU SET YOURSELF UP FOR LIABILITY ISSUES; AND YOU CAN'T JUST NAIL UP 1 OR 2 SIGNS SAYING NO TRESPASSING; YOU'D HAVE TO POST 1,000'S OF SIGNS – LOOSEN POSTING REGULATIONS A BIT.
453	REMINDE PEOPLE THAT THIS IS PROTECTED UNDER OUR CONSTITUTION..AND THE STATE AS WELL. IT CAN'T BE DONE AWAY WITH UNLESS THEY AMEND THE CONSTITUTION. WE NEED TO BE OFFERING MORE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO SAVE IT.
398	RUNNING FINE THE WAY IT IS, A GREAT JOB.
306	SATISFIED WITH SPACE.
146	SEEMS TO BE WORKING FINE.
58	SHE'S REALLY GLAD IT HAS HAPPENED AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
496	SHOULD ACCOUNT FOR THE HIGHER COSTS FROM MANAGEMENT PLANS AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS IN DETERMINING RATE.
235	SHOULD CONTINUE THE PROGRAMS, CONSERVATION INCENTIVES MIGHT BE GOOD, BUT NOT BY INCREASING CHANGE TAX.
170	SHOULD NOT BE USED TO SHELTER PEOPLE.
308	SO FAR IT HAS WORKED PRETTY GOOD [sic] FOR ME.
348	SPACE DOES A TREMENDOUS JOB.
340	SPACE IS DOING A GOOD JOB.
220	SPACE – KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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212	SPACE PROGRAM DOES PRETTY WELL.
194	STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM SHOULD BE MADE A LOT EASIER, SHOULD BE SIMPLIFIED.
246	STOP LAND DEVELOPMENT, GREAT PROGRAM.
129	STRENGTHEN THE CURRENT PROGRAM, ALLOW PEOPLE TO KEEP THEIR LAND. MIGHT RAISE COST TO DISCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT.
192	SUPPORT HAVING INOPERABLE LAND BEING ELIGIBLE FOR CURRENT USE
190	SURE APPRECIATE IT.
288	SURPRISED SPACE IS DOING THIS, THEY KEEP HANDLE AND REPORTS ARE GOOD. VERY CONTENT. SPACE POSITION ON RAISING THE 20% WAS VERY GOOD, REMINDS ME WHY THE PROGRAM WAS PUT INTO EXISTENCE.
378	TAMPERING WITH IT IS GOING TO CAUSE DEVELOPMENT CLAUSE; PEOPLE ARE AFRAID. IF THERE IS SOME WAY TO PERMANENTLY ENSURE THE FUTURE TAX LIABILITY ON THE LAND.
44	TAX ASSESSMENTS SHOULD BE LOWER IF THE LAND IS OPEN TO PUBLIC.
411	TAX BREAK IS A GREAT IDEA – NICE TO KEEP DEVELOPMENT DOWN.
169	TELL GOVERNMENT TO QUIT SPENDING SO MUCH AND THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY SO MUCH.
372	TELL THE LEGISLATURE TO LEAVE THE CURRENT USE PROGRAM ALONE.
22	THE BENEFITS OF CURRENT USE/SHAPE SHOULD BE KEPT IN FRONT OF THE PUBLIC.
188	THE CURRENT USE PROGRAM HELPS KEEP A LOT OF LAND OFF THE MARKET AND KEEPS A LOT OF SPACE OPEN
245	THE DEVELOPERS ARE TRYING HARD TO GET RID OF THE CURRENT USE - PEOPLE WILL BE TAXED OUT OF THEIR HOMES. I WANT TO KEEP CURRENT USE.
390	THE FISH AND GAME SHOULD ASK PERMISSION BEFORE GOING ON HIS LAND, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
65	THE FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP IS UNPALATABLE – SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY ARE FORESTERS ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY UNSOUND; DON'T THINK FORESTRY SHOULD BE THE ONLY ONES WHO SHOULD GUIDE PEOPLE TO PROPERTY MANAGEMENT; BECAUSE IT CAN BE TECHNIQUE. (?)
217	THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM.
24	THE ONE WE DISCUSSED FINE; PEOPLE WHO POST THEIR LAND SHOULD PAY HIGHER TAX; THOSE WHO DON'T POST AND LET IT BE USED IS FINE; IF YOU WANT TO PASS IT TO AN HEIR, LOWER THE PENALTY.
208	THE PENALTY FOR TAKING OUT OF CURRENT USE SHOULD BE MORE, BUT IT'S DOING A GREAT JOB.

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381	THE PROGRAM IS NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD TO OWN CURRENT USE LAND, YOU PAY LESS TAXES, BUT HAVE BEEN DISCOURAGED FROM POSTING, WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. PEOPLE ARE NOT AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS WHEN THE LAND IS IN CURRENT USE.
447	THE SYSTEM IS WORKING VERY FINE. IT'S NOT ALWAYS PUBLICIZED TO THE PUBLIC IN BEING CURRENT USE.
236	THEY SHOULD ENFORCE THE RECREATIONAL USE OF THEIR CURRENT LAND...SOMEBODY SHOULD GO AROUND TO SEE IF SOMEONE IS POSTING AND IF THEY ARE ON CURRENT USE.
125	THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THIS PROGRAM, FORESTS KEEP AIR CLEAN.
289	THINK IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL THING, AND IT CERTAINLY HELPS PROTECT THE WATER AS MUCH AS HELPING THE TOWN, DON'T HAVE TO BUILD NEW SCHOOLS AND ROADS, ECONOMICALLY GOOD FOR THE TOWN TO HAVE CURRENT USE.
215	THINK THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB, CONTINUE THE PROGRAM.
205	THINKS IT IS WONDERFUL.
167	THINKS IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM, SO MUCH DEVELOPMENT GOING ON AND WE SHOULD CONSERVE THE LAND.
16	THINKS PROGRAM IS VERY CRITICAL TO OUR GLOBAL SITUATION
230	TRY AND KEEP THE PROGRAM THE WAY IT IS, WITHOUT THE NEW TAXES. WHEN PEOPLE TAKE LAND OUT OF CURRENT USE, THE MONEY GOES BACK TO THE TOWN, AND THAT'S A GOOD THING. COULDN'T AFFORD THE LAND OTHERWISE.
118	VERY GOOD PROGRAM AND I HOPE IT CONTINUES.
459	VERY HAPPY WITH IT – BIG SUPPORTER.
123	VERY HAPPY WITH IT THE WAY IT IS.
124	VERY HAPPY WITH IT. WOULDN'T CHANGE MUCH. ESSENTIALLY I THINK IT'S GOOD.
478	VERY HAPPY WITH PROGRAM – VERY PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM.
371	VERY HAPPY WITH SPACE...WORKS FINE NOW – THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE NIPPING AWAY – TRYING TO FIND MONEY FROM SOMEONE.
440	VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO REQUIRING CURRENT USE OWNERS TO ALLOW HUNTING. I THINK THE CURRENT USE TAXES ARE VERY LOW AND VERY FAIR...WHEN YOU CONSIDER WHAT YOU'D BE PAYING WITHOUT IT. NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE TAX. I THINK A SLIGHT INCREASE WOULD BE FAIR.
120	VERY SATISFIED AS IT IS; MAIN REASON FOR NATURE CONSERVANCY IS TO PROTECT FOR THE FUTURE.
425	VERY VALUABLE.
98	VERY VALUABLE PROGRAM.

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37	VERY WELL THOUGHT(OFF? OUT?) PROGRAM. WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT CONTINUE.
430	WANTS SOMEONE TO CONSERVE THE WATER SUPPLY.
161	WANTS TO PROTECT LAND AGAINST DEVELOPMENT, IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT RAISING THE PENALTY TAX, THEY COULD USE THE FUND LCPRP, A STATE PROGRAM THAT HELPS LAND CONSERVATION.
485	WE DON'T GO TO THE MEETINGS...DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY.
410	WISH PEOPLE WHO CRITICIZED THE PROGRAM WOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS DOING IN THIS STATE.
457	WISHES TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM PARTYING ON HIS LAND.
419	WITH ALL THE PROGRAMS INVOLVED, WITH CHANGES, AND WHAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR IT WOULD BE NICE IF THEY SENT OUT INFORMATION AND TOLD ABOUT IT.
325	WONDERFUL PROGRAM
17	WONDERFUL PROGRAM AS LONG AS IT STAYS AS IT IS.
243	WORK HARD TO KEEP IT IN EFFECT.
429	WORKING VERY WELL, THINKING MAYBE STATE COULD DO MORE TO CLARIFY WHAT THE SPACES ARE (SPECIFY WHICH IS GARDEN, OPEN, ETC.).
151	WOULD APPRECIATE IT GREATLY TO KEEP THE LAND AND HAVE THE REDUCTION IN TAXES.
210	WOULD LIKE A SUMMARY STATEMENT OF WHAT KINDS OF INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE – HOTLINE SERVICES, ETC... A BOOKLET AND GUIDE FOR PEOPLE WITH LAND IN CURRENT USE ESPECIALLY ABOUT LEGAL ISSUES – OTHER RESOURCES AND WEBSITES FOR INFORMATION NATURAL----
68	WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON MANAGEMENT - FORESTRY IDEA OR ANYTHING COULD BENEFIT FROM
242	WOULD LIKE MORE INFO ABOUT ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR ADDITIONAL LOWER RATES, BETTER COMMUNICATIONS.
302	WOULD LIKE SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO CONSERVE PROPERTY FOR FUTURE.
480	WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT POWER THE TOWN HAS TO TAX OUT OF CURRENT USE.
472	WOULD LIKE TO SEE ISSUE OF LITTERING ADDRESSED – HAS A BIG PROBLEM WITH TRASH NEAR ROADS AND RIVER.
60	WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT KEPT INTACT. FOR A PERSON OUT OF STATE, SO MUCH LAND IN NH, THOUGHT IT MIGHT BENEFIT THE STATE IF I COULD PUT A 3 SEASON HOME UP THERE AND BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL TAXES AND IT WOULD BENEFIT THE STATE.
182	WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE FORESTRY MANAGEMENT, GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT, HELP EDUCATE/CONSULT...
295	WOULD LIKE TO SEE PARTICIPANTS HAVE TO KEEP LAND OPEN TO PUBLIC (NON MOTORIZED).

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231	WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME ENFORCEMENT – SOMEONE HAS LAND IN CURRENT USE WITH BARBED WIRE AND NO TRESPASSING SIGNS– FEELS LIKE THAT VIOLATES RULES OF CURRENT USE.
240	WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PROGRAM SPREAD TO OTHER STATES, KEEP CURRENT USE, FIGHT AGAINST LEGISLATIVE CHANGE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, IT'S FAIR THE WAY IT IS. DOESN'T NEED ANY HELP, THE BOARD IS FAIR.