

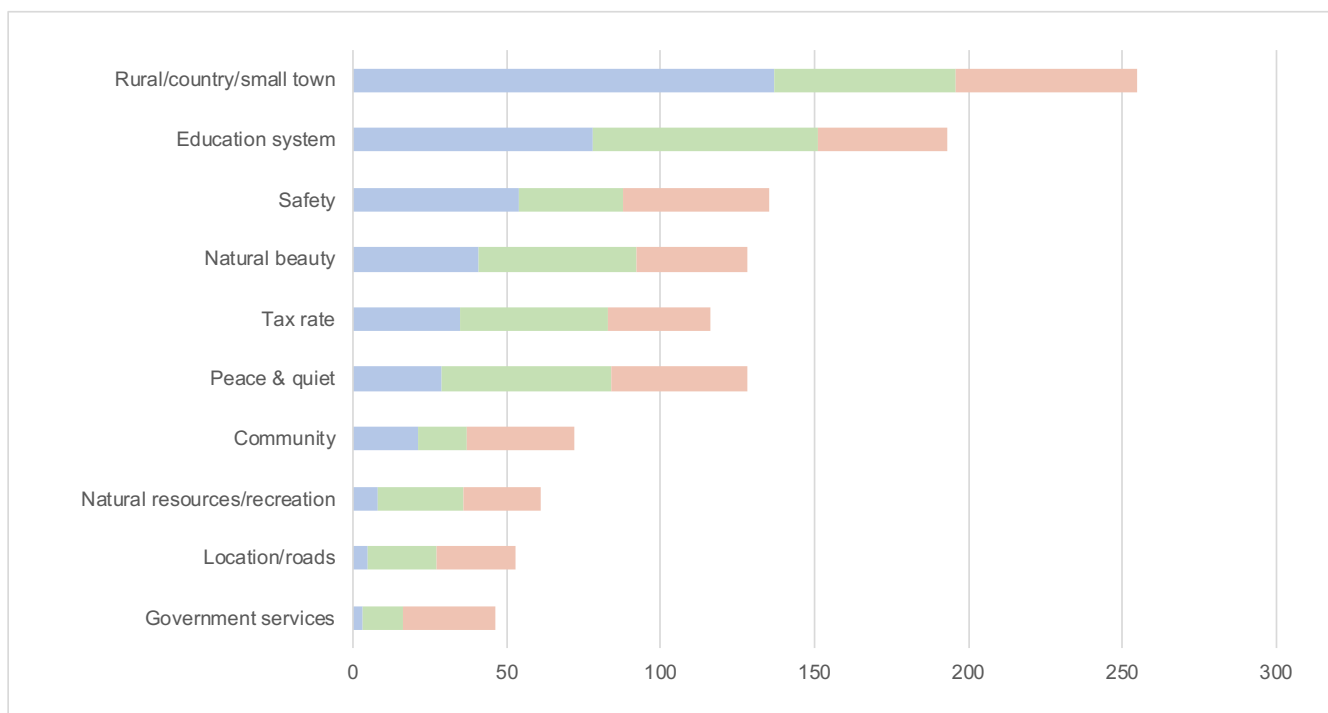
Rehoboth, MA **2019 Economic Development Survey**

Q1 What do you feel are the most important qualities of life in Rehoboth? Pick your top three in order of importance.

Answer Options	First in Importance	Second in Importance	Third in Importance	Response Count
Rural/country/small town	137	59	59	255
Education system	78	73	42	193
Safety	54	34	47	135
Natural beauty	41	51	36	128
Tax rate	35	48	33	116
Peace & quiet	29	55	44	128
Community	21	16	35	72
Natural resources/recreation	8	28	25	61
Location/roads	5	22	26	53
Government services	3	13	30	46

Answered Question: 411

Skipped Question: 1



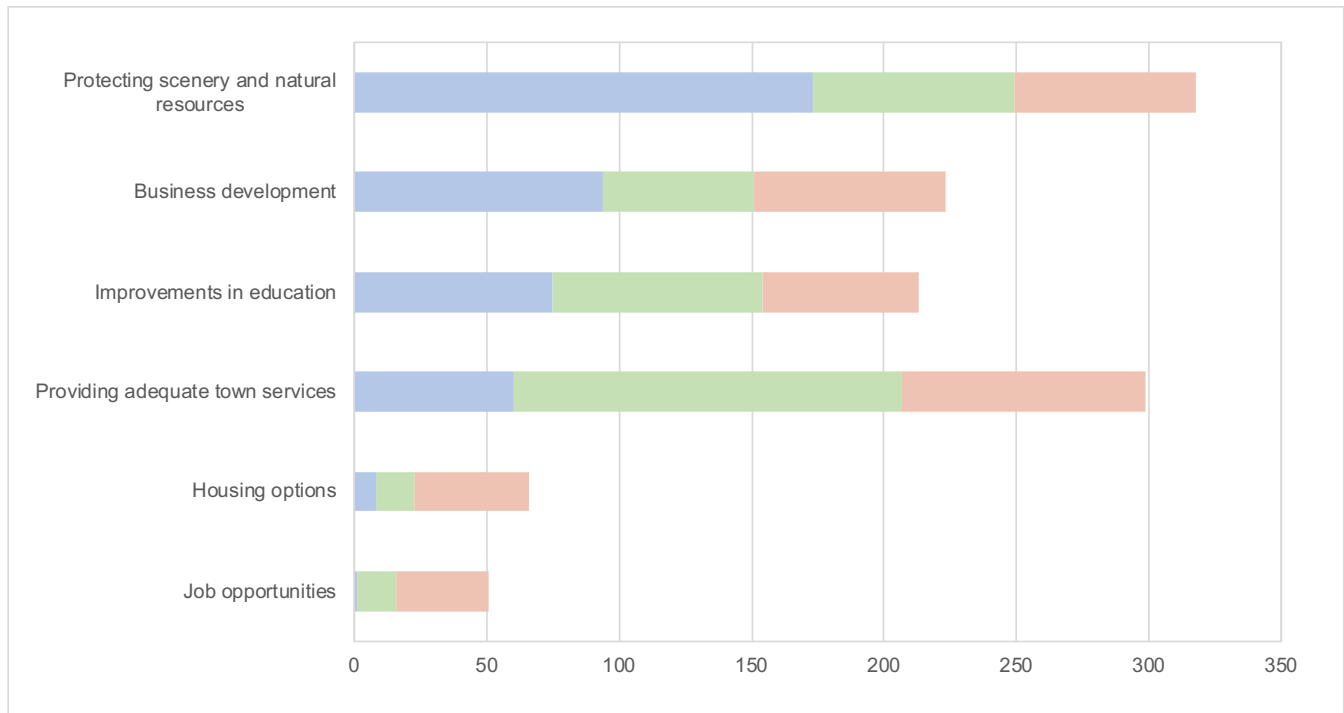
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Q2 In terms of growth and development, what is Rehoboth's greatest need? Pick your top three in order of importance.

Answer Options	First in Importance	Second in Importance	Third in Importance	Response Count
Protecting scenery and natural resources	173	76	69	318
Business development	94	57	72	223
Improvements in education	75	79	59	213
Providing adequate town services	60	147	92	299
Housing options	8	15	43	66
Job opportunities	1	15	35	51

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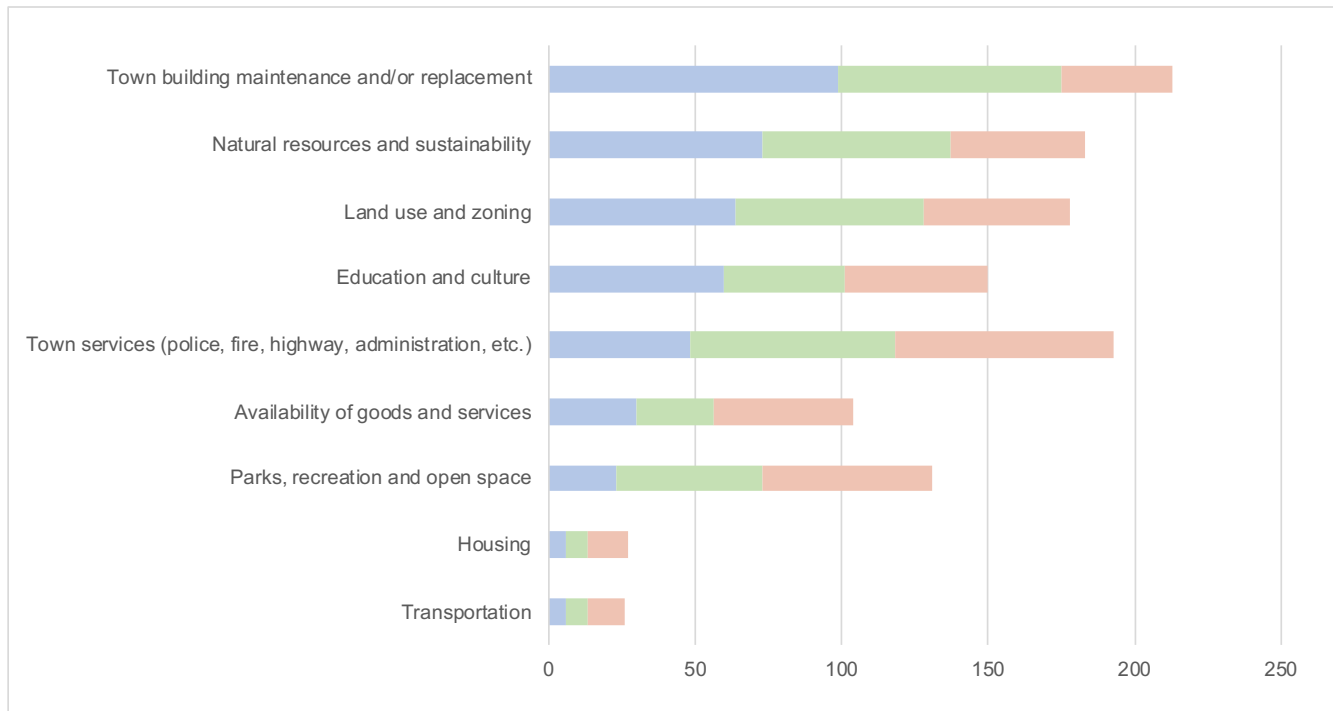
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Q3 Which of the following areas are in most need of attention in Rehoboth? Pick your top three in order of importance.

Answer Options	First in Importance	Second in Importance	Third in Importance	Response Count
Town building maintenance and/or replacement	99	76	38	213
Natural resources and sustainability	73	64	46	183
Land use and zoning	64	64	50	178
Education and culture	60	41	49	150
Town services (police, fire, highway, administration, etc.)	48	70	75	193
Availability of goods and services	30	26	48	104
Parks, recreation and open space	23	50	58	131
Housing	6	7	14	27
Transportation	6	7	13	26

Answered Question: 409

Skipped Question: 3



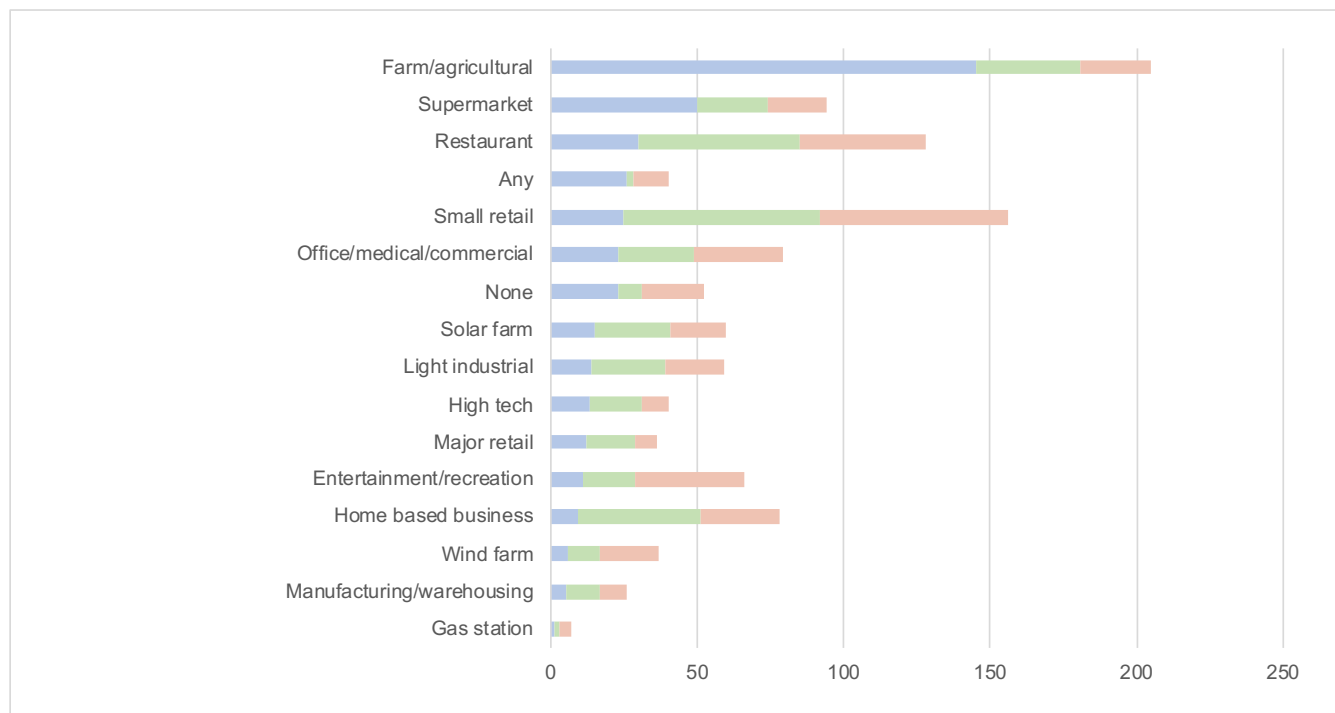
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Q4 What kinds of business development do you favor most in Rehoboth? Pick your top three in order of importance.

Answer Options	First in Importance	Second in Importance	Third in Importance	Response Count
Farm/agricultural	145	36	24	205
Supermarket	50	24	20	94
Restaurant	30	55	43	128
Any	26	2	12	40
Small retail	25	67	64	156
Office/medical/commercial	23	26	30	79
None	23	8	21	52
Solar farm	15	26	19	60
Light industrial	14	25	20	59
High tech	13	18	9	40
Major retail	12	17	7	36
Entertainment/recreation	11	18	37	66
Home based business	9	42	27	78
Wind farm	6	11	20	37
Manufacturing/warehousing	5	12	9	26
Gas station	1	2	4	7

Answered Question: 408

Skipped Question: 4



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Comments on Question 4 - "What kinds of business development do you favor most in Rehoboth?"

Pot Shop for Tax Revenue

Compressor Station natural gas infrastructure

Any future forward thinking business that brings in tax revenue

Pet Care

Adding solar and wind to town owned property for revenue

should create central village area and attract small business, retail, restaurant with charm in keeping with Rehoboth atmosphere

Auto repair

Outdoor recreation (trails (walking & hiking), fishing, boating, golf)

It's 2019, please let our town reflect that. It's like it's stuck in the 70's.

none

I would favor a small industrial park off the beaten path.

Lack of diverse foods/takeout, bakery, Starbucks

Fish market

NO MAJOR RETAIL

Bringing in large businesses can be tastefully done through planning while keeping a rural character.

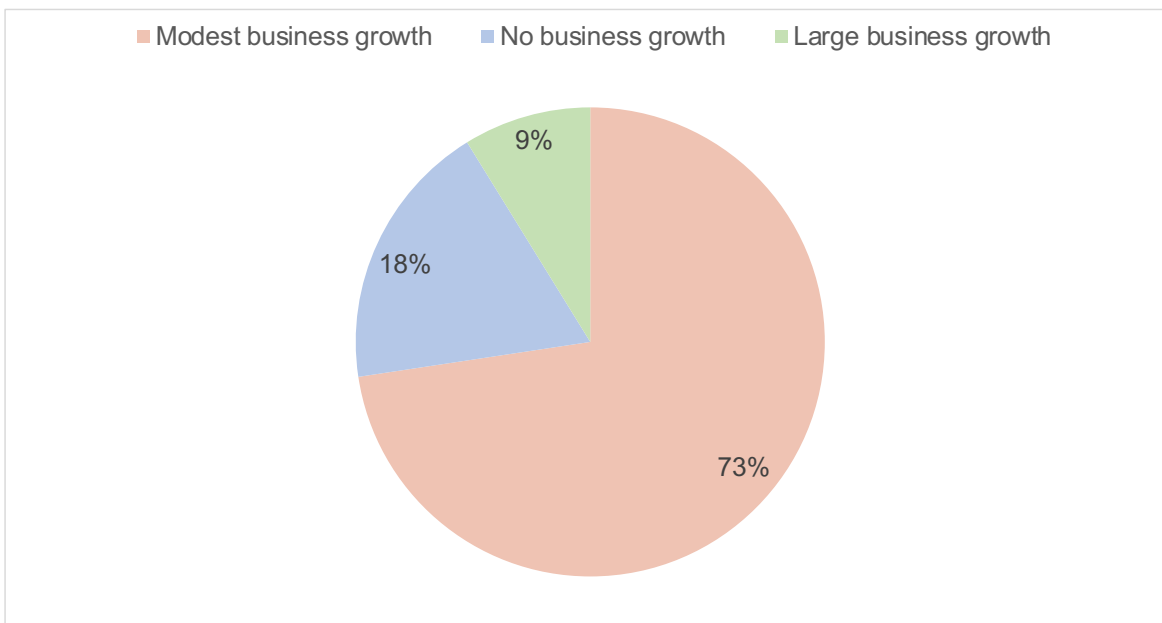
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Q5 With regard to business growth, I am in favor of (choose 1):

Answer Options	Response Percentage	Response Count
Modest business growth	72.62%	297
No business growth	18.58%	76
Large business growth	8.80%	36

Answered Question: 409

Skipped Question: 3



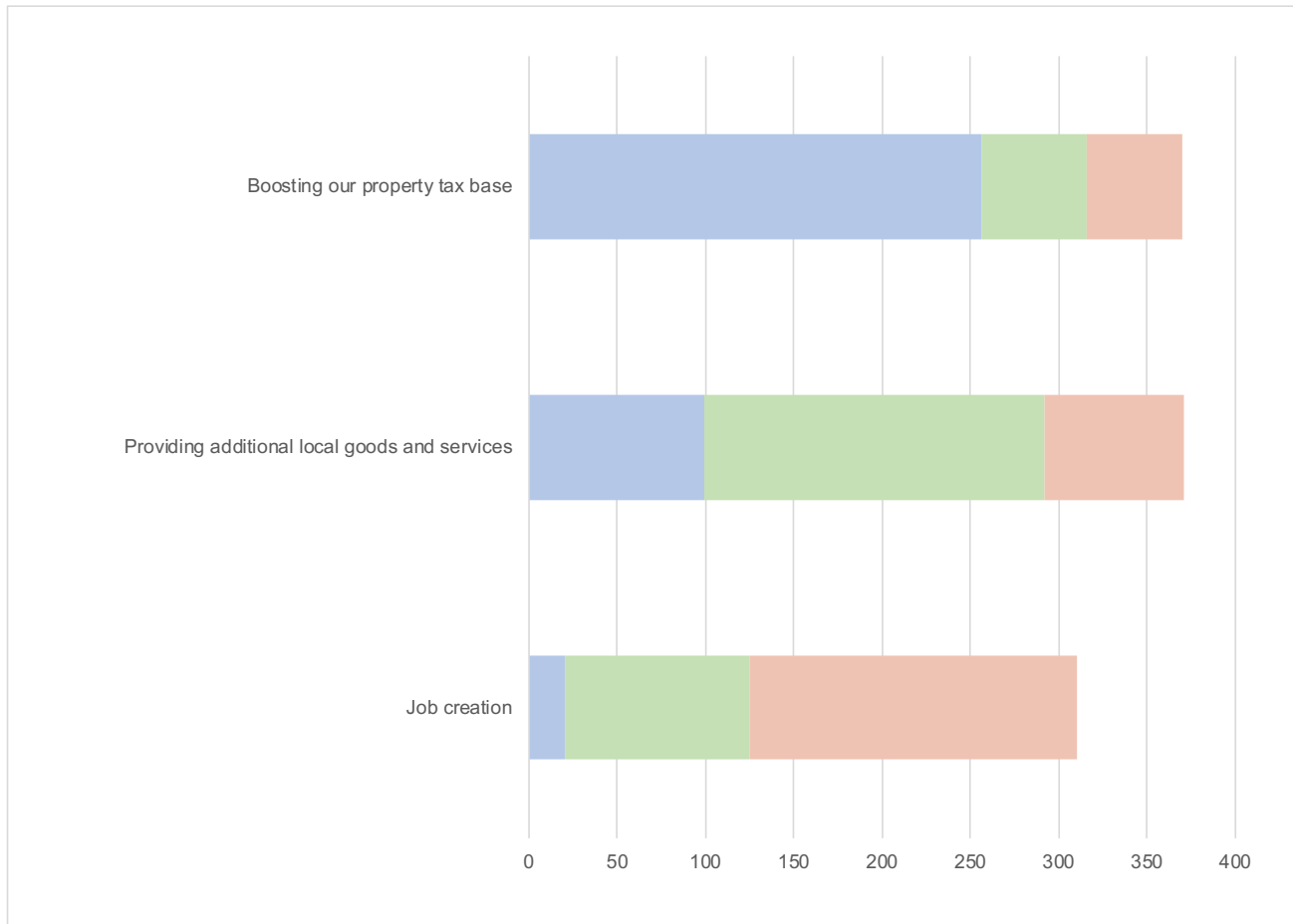
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Q6 In terms of positive results of business growth, what do you see as the most important benefit? Rank in order of importance.

Answer Options	First in Importance	Second in Importance	Third in Importance	Response Count
Boosting our property tax base	256	60	54	370
Providing additional local goods and services	99	193	79	371
Job creation	20	105	185	310

Answered Question: 375

Skipped Question: 37



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Comments on Question 6 - "In terms of positive results of business growth, what do you see as the most important benefit? - Boosting our property tax base"

Assess a usage tax, if you have a 2500 > sqft house you pay X% more since you will be using more, they have done this in Virginia around Washington DC. McMansion Tax, gated community folks should pay their share.

dual tax rate

Self employment

I don't want to pay more taxes!!!

Making Rehoboth more balanced in jobs being close to dwellings

No benefit

I see no benefit vs wanting to maintain ruralness

Business opportunities

We don't need government and/or taxes!

Lowering ha ha

No importance

I do not support business growth

maintaining one tax rate for business and private

Business and commercial property

Maintaining Rural and Agricultural

allow home businesses like in the past

Not only property tax in town

Lower home taxes

Education

Comments on Question 6 - "In terms of positive results of business growth, what do you see as the most important benefit? - Providing additional local good and services"

Small businesses will create the jobs; quit crucifying the small business applicants

No benefits

I see no benefit vs wanting to maintain ruralness

No importance

I do not support business growth

we are a farming/bedroom community. I like it that way

Comments on Question 6 - "In terms of positive results of business growth, what do you see as the most important benefit? - Job Creation"

Ex: bookstore, local coffee shop with "ambiance"

Maintaining ties between residents and local businesses

Driving less miles to get basics would save time, energy, fuel, etc. and provide taxes (on buildings) and jobs (service providers)

No benefits

I see no benefit vs wanting to maintain ruralness

Enhance our rural environment

Anything!

I can shop in Attleboro for what I want in "goods and services"

No importance

I do not support business growth

do not install public water/sewer

None

Opportunity to do business locally.

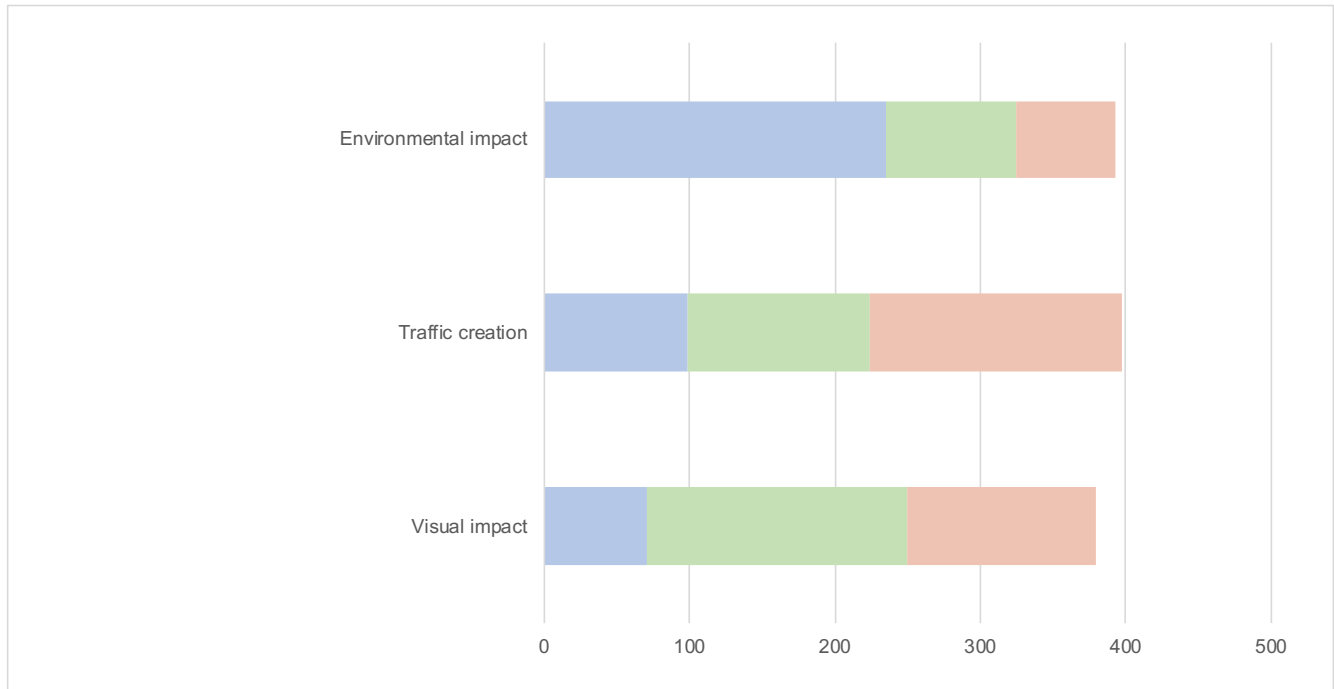
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Q7 In terms of negative results of business growth, which of the following is most concerning to you? Rank in order of importance.

Answer Options	First in Importance	Second in Importance	Third in Importance	Response Count
Environmental impact	235	90	68	393
Traffic creation	99	125	173	397
Visual impact	71	178	130	379

Answered Question: 405

Skipped Question: 7



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Comments on Question 7 - "In terms of negative results of business growth, which of the following is most concerning to you?"

Economic effect - use of town resources - police, fire, etc.

I am very concerned with the addition of harsh, blinding lighting from businesses, streetlights, and homes. I find this lighting too bright, causing hazardous visual driving conditions, and an ugly, industrial atmosphere which is detrimental to the country character of Rehoboth.

None of these are very important if existing laws are followed

Just look at Seekonk to recognize the negative results of bus. growth

NO MORE DEVELOPMENTS and no businesses, negates ruralness

Diminishing open space

Bring it on

ALL THREE!!

Don't think we need any more gas stations, car/junk business. No more housing.

As long as it is planned and zoned I see no problem to visual/traffic or environment

It

None. Business equal lower taxes for home owners

Stop lining the builders pockets...we are big enough!

None

Crime, litter

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Q8 What type of housing development do you think is most needed in Rehoboth? Pick your top three in order of importance.

Answer Options	First in Importance	Second in Importance	Third in Importance	Response Count
Senior housing/assisted living	195	99	35	329
Detached single-family homes	138	94	52	284
Townhouses/condos	28	92	123	243
Apartment buildings	9	23	62	94

Answered Question: 370

Skipped Question: 42

