

Dane County Rural Cultural Resource Planning Guide

Public Input Survey Response Summary

Methods for Data Collection

- Survey Posted and Shared to Project Website (<https://www.danecountyplanning.com/The-Dane-County-Rural-Cultural-Resource-Planning-Guide>)
- Distributed through local governments and historical societies
- Postcards requesting input sent to random sample of 1000 property owners in Dane County towns.
 - Properties with no residential structure were excluded.

Response Overview

- Total Responses: 114
- Completion Rate: 82%
- Average Time Spent: 4:40s (Completed Survey Time: 5:44s)

Represented Towns, Cities, and Villages:

Albion	Cross Plains	Mazomanie	Rutland
Belleville	Dane	McFarland	Springdale
Berry	Deerfield	Middleton	Springfield
Black Earth	DeForest	Monona	Stoughton
Blooming Grove	Dunkirk	Mount Horeb	Sun Prairie
Blue Mounds	Dunn	New Glarus	Vermont
Bristol	Fitchburg	Oregon	Verona
Burke	Lewiston	Perry	Waunakee
Christiana	London	Pleasant Springs	Westport
Cottage Grove	Madison	Roxbury	Windsor
			York

Q2 How long have you lived here?



Less than 1 ...

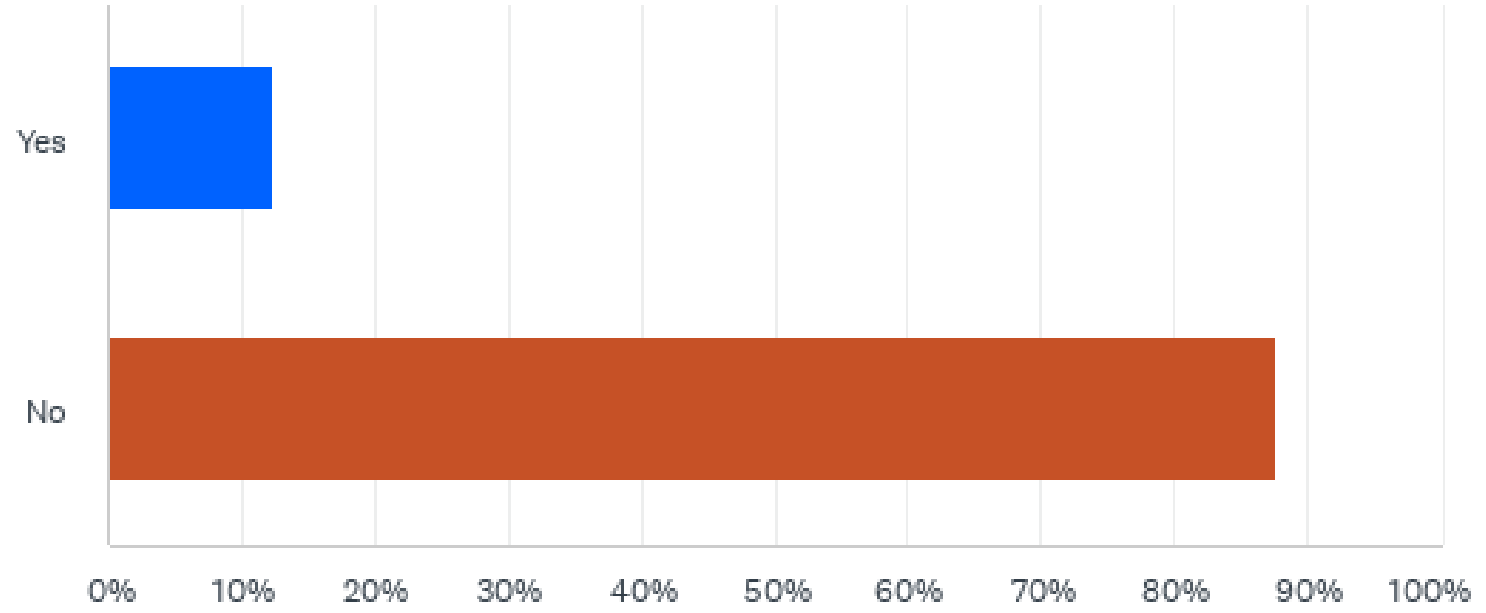
1-5 years

6-10 years

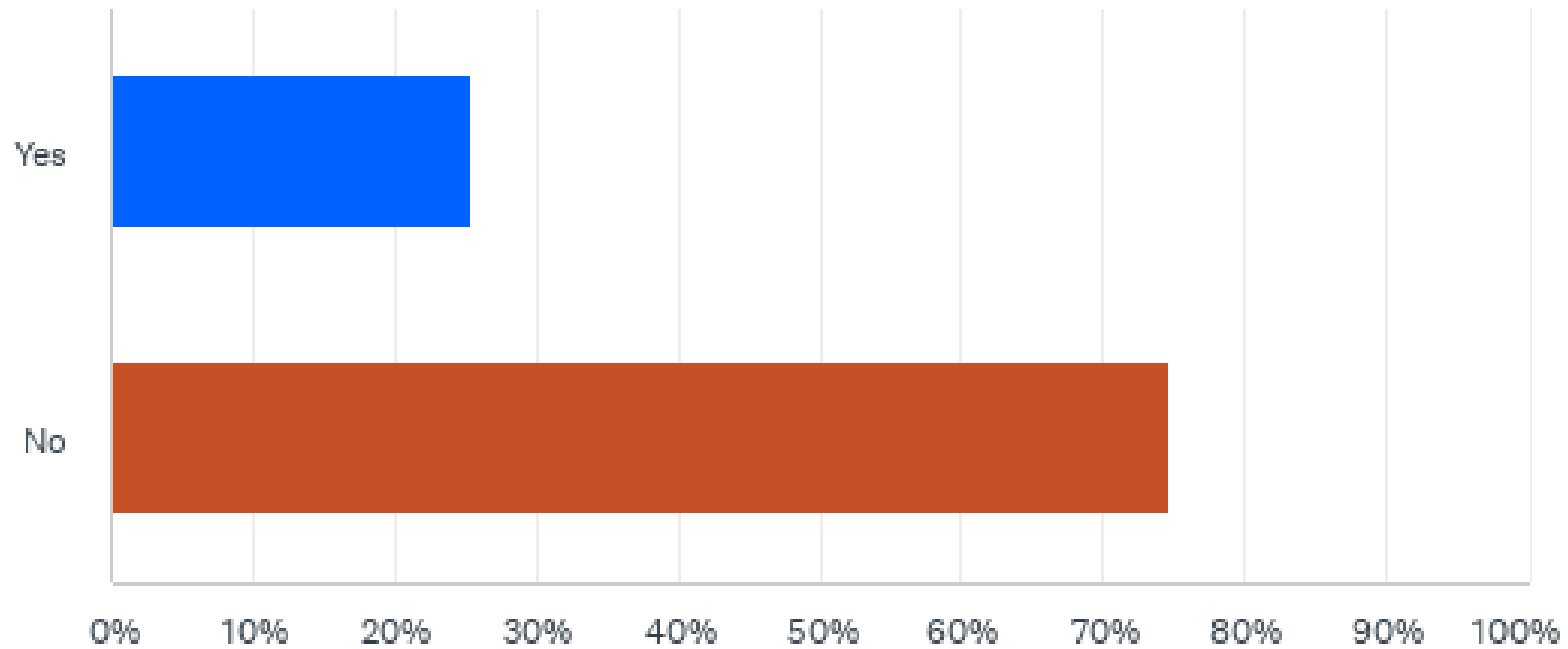
11-20 years

20+ years

Q3 Do you work in a field relating to cultural and historic preservation? (planning, architecture, etc.)



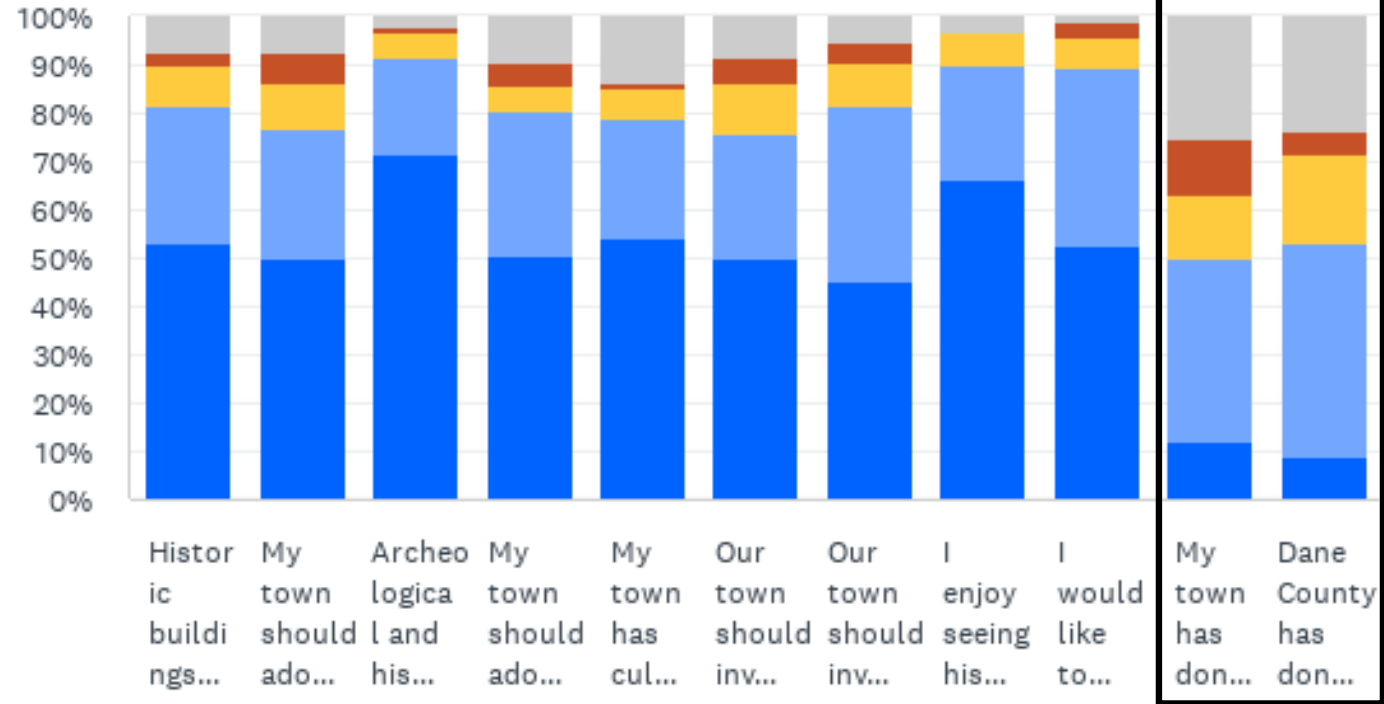
Q4 Do you have any involvement with your local historical society?



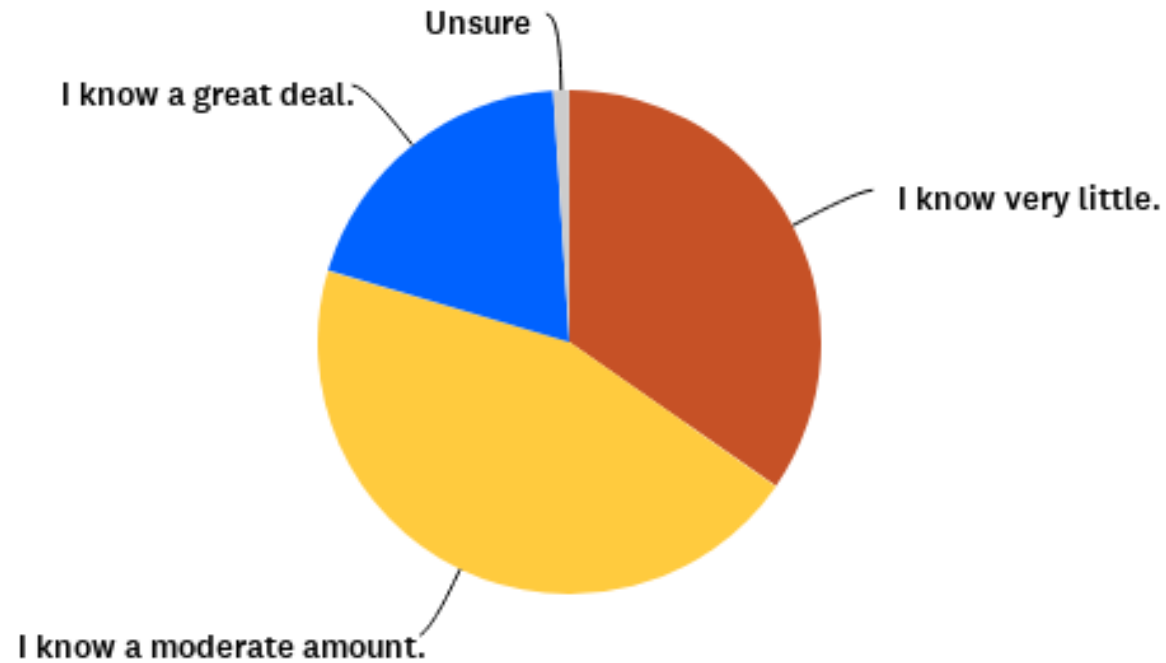
Q6 The following are statements that suggest choices about future directions for cultural and historic preservation in Dane County. Please rate each.

- Historic buildings are an important part of my community's heritage and identity.
- My town should adopt regulations requiring the preservation of historic buildings.
- Archeological and historic sites are an important part of our history.
- My town should adopt regulations requiring the preservation of archeological and historic sites.
- My town has cultural or historic resources that should be preserved.
- Our town should invest in properties in need of protection for the benefit of the community.
- Our town should invest in education initiatives to teach residents about our culture and history.
- I enjoy seeing historic buildings in our town.
- I would like to learn more about the history of my community.

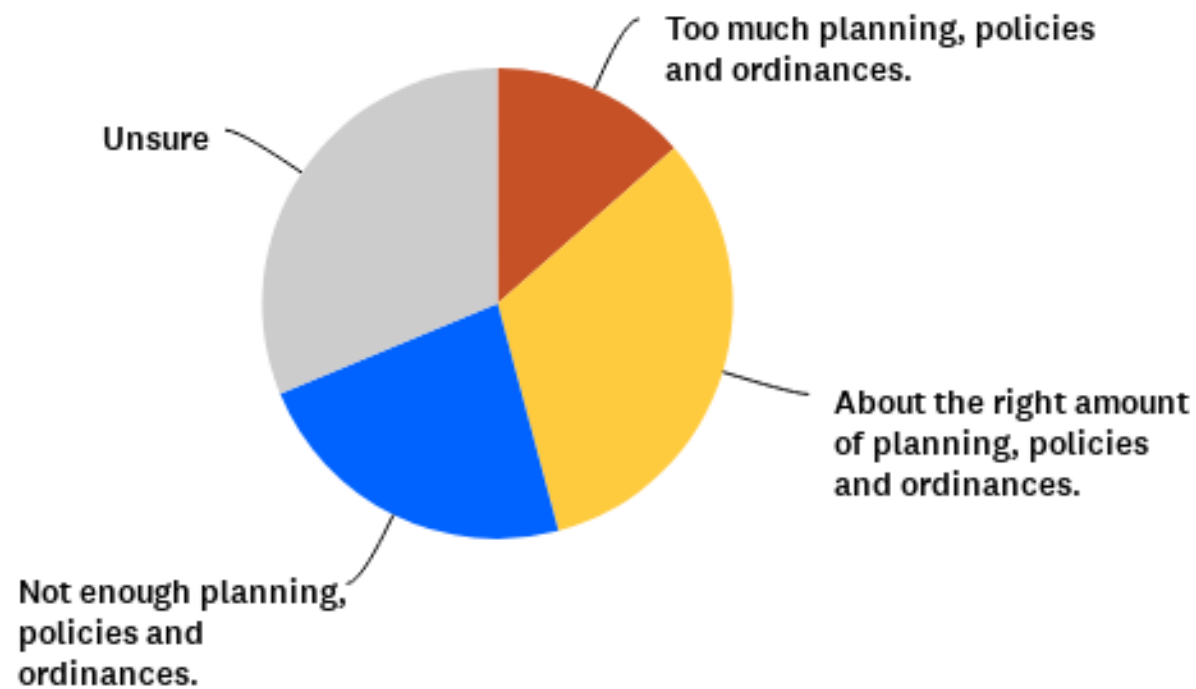
- My town has done an adequate job of protecting cultural and historic resources in our community.
- Dane County has done an adequate job of protecting cultural and historic resources in our community.



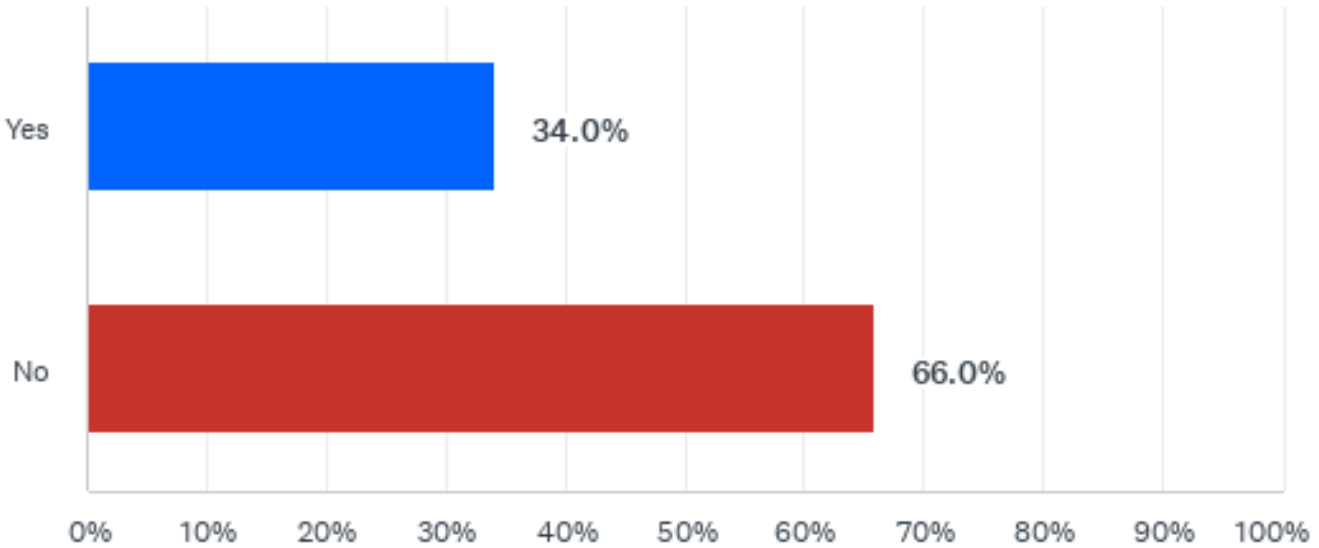
Q7 How knowledgeable would you say you are regarding archeological, historic, and cultural sites in your town?



Q8 How would you rate efforts of the County to guide where development occurs?



Q9 Do you know of any architectural, archeological, or burial sites in your town that should be protected.



Sample Responses:

“Centuries old Native American Trail between Lake Mendota and Blue Mounds”

“The viaduct bridge on Viaduct Road. Ice age trail Marsh.”

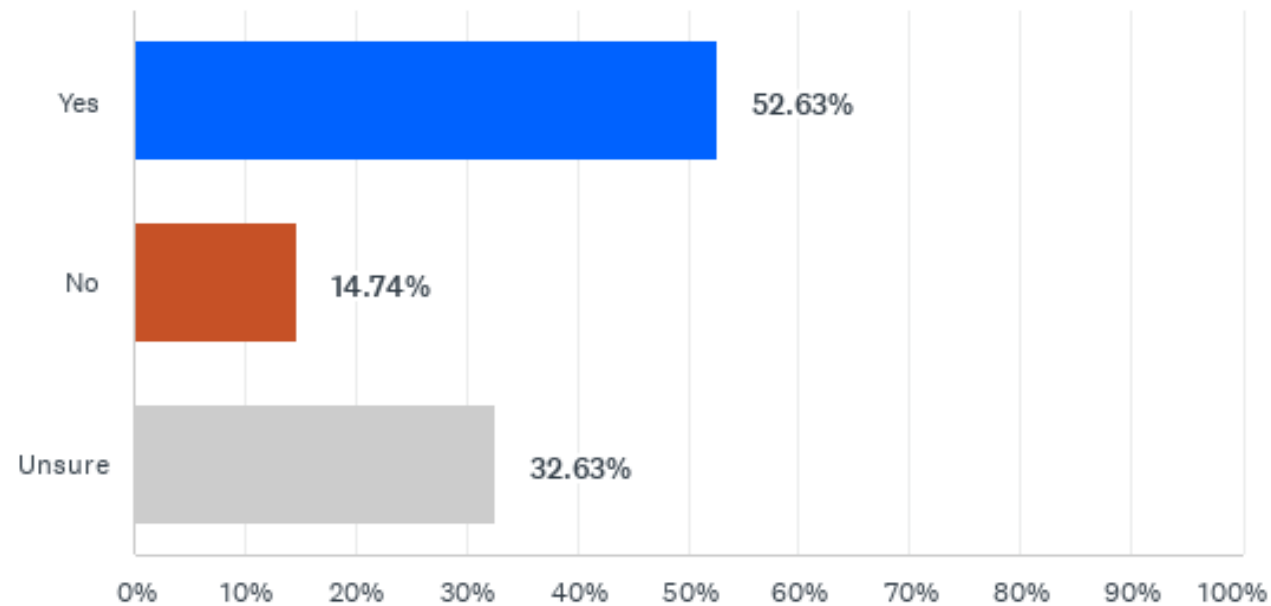
“...our house used to be a one room school house.”

“Storytown a gathering place of the 1800s. Lead trail runs thru Oregon township, from mineral Point to Milwaukee.”

“Graves Cemetery Old Stage and Center Roads in Town of Rutland.”

There are many burial mound sites that are not being protected. A unique solution should be devised for homeowners who purchase a lot with a mound.

Q11 Are there places in your town where people gather to participate in arts, public performance, folk crafts, or any other shared experiences. These places might be town halls, taverns, bars, schools, VFW posts, assembly halls, agricultural halls, or any other place people gather. Activities could include folk arts, knitting circles, cultural dance, agricultural competition such as rodeos, or anything else important to the cultural fabric of your community.



Sample Responses:

“Not so much in Blooming Grove but yes in Monona and Madison very nearby.”

“Obviously there are many in Madison.”

“In Windsor - all activities take place at the parks.”

“Dunn Heritage Park on Lake Waubesa.”

“Dorf Haus [supper club] is largely a place for social gatherings.”

“...American Legion Post 360. The former Westport Town Hall hosted folk dancing for many years but was redeveloped.”

Do you have any additional comments or concerns about historic and cultural preservation in your community?

"I think it is better to have county-wide plans and systems rather than depending on individual towns to designate and regulate archaeological and historic sites."

"I...believe that each situation is unique and while there should be some protections and potential financial options available for owners and communities to save their treasures, there are situations where preservation is not feasible..."

"There are plans done...but then very little is done to implement or protect historic places."

"I have problems walking so it is difficult to access some of these places. Since I grew up here, I have many memories of buildings which have changed over the years and I would like to see more photos of the original buildings."

Saving some of the past with its customs, beauty, design etc. let's future and current folks know what came before..it cherishes values that seem to slip away very quickly in todays fast paced society!

"More efforts need to be made to help the population that pays for these efforts (through taxes) understand cultural preservation. This creates appreciation, use, and justification for expenditures to make such efforts."