



# Whitman County Comprehensive Plan Update

Welcome!

**Q1** Where do you live within Whitman County? Please indicate the nearest rural community you associate with.

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Pullman

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Pullman

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Hay, WA

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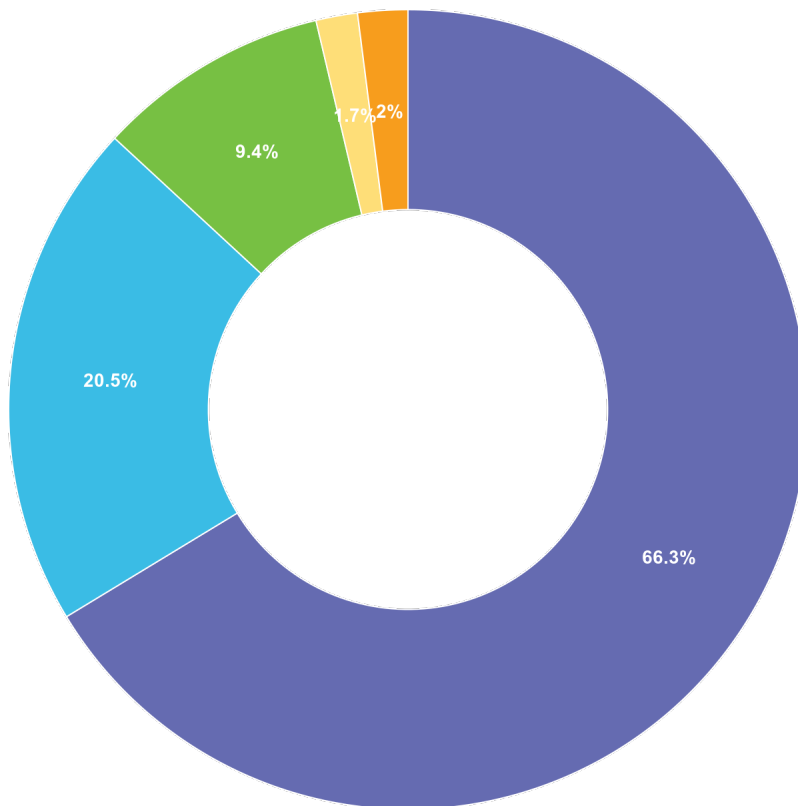
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**Q2** What describes the type of residence you live in?

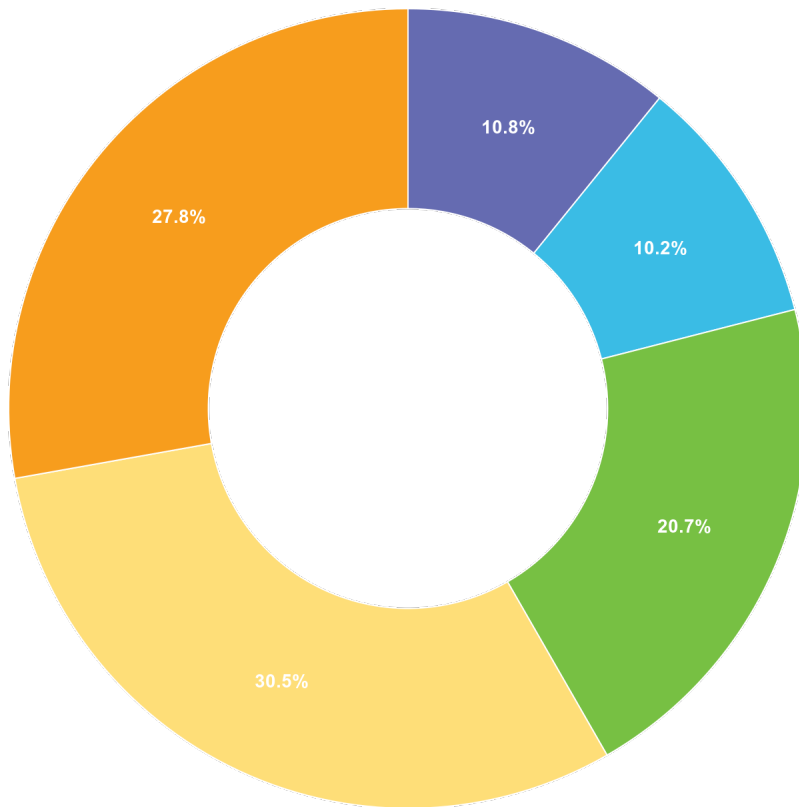


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Choice	Total
Owner-occupied, non-farm residence	197
Owner-occupied, farm residence	61
Rental property	28
Land-owner/No Residence	5
Other	6

Q3 3. How long have you lived in Whitman County?



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Choice	Total
 0 - 5 years	32
 5 - 10 years	30
 10 - 20 years	61
 20 - 39 years	90
 40 + years	82

#### Q4 What is your age?

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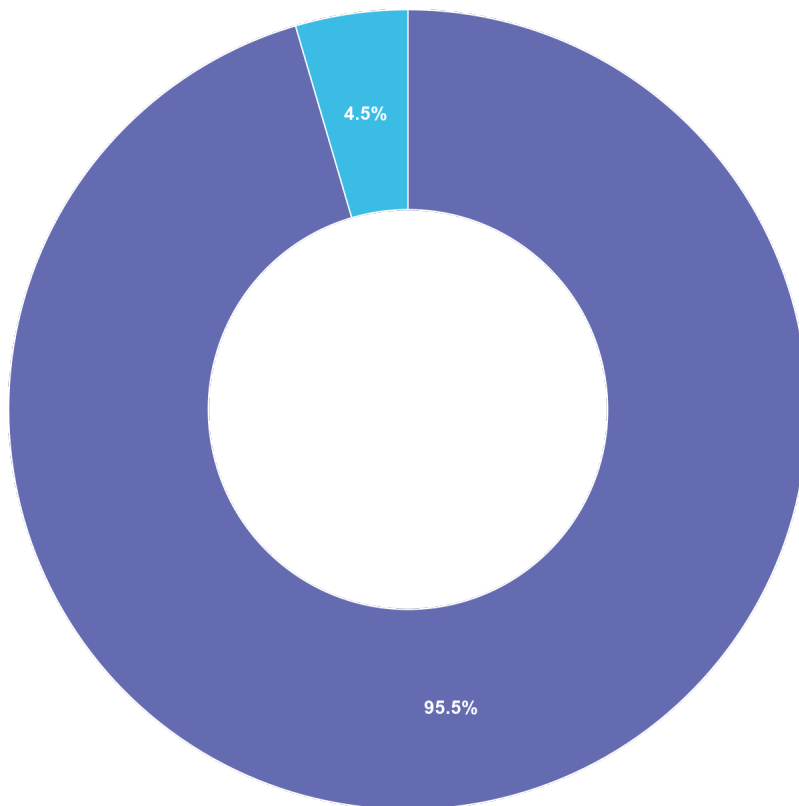
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**Q5** Do you work in Whitman County or do you commute outside the County for work?



**Answered:** 242 **Unanswered:** 71

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	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Work within county	231
	Work outside county	11

**Q6** Should agriculture remain the primary economic source of the County's economy? If not, what other sector(s)?

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yes

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Yes

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Yes!!

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It would be nice for the agriculture to be the primary source, but with the current ag economy, it is very difficult for families to make a living strictly on agriculture. If you include grain, seed dealers, machinery sales, and chemical dealers in the agriculture economy, that total might exceed the income from WSU and SEL.

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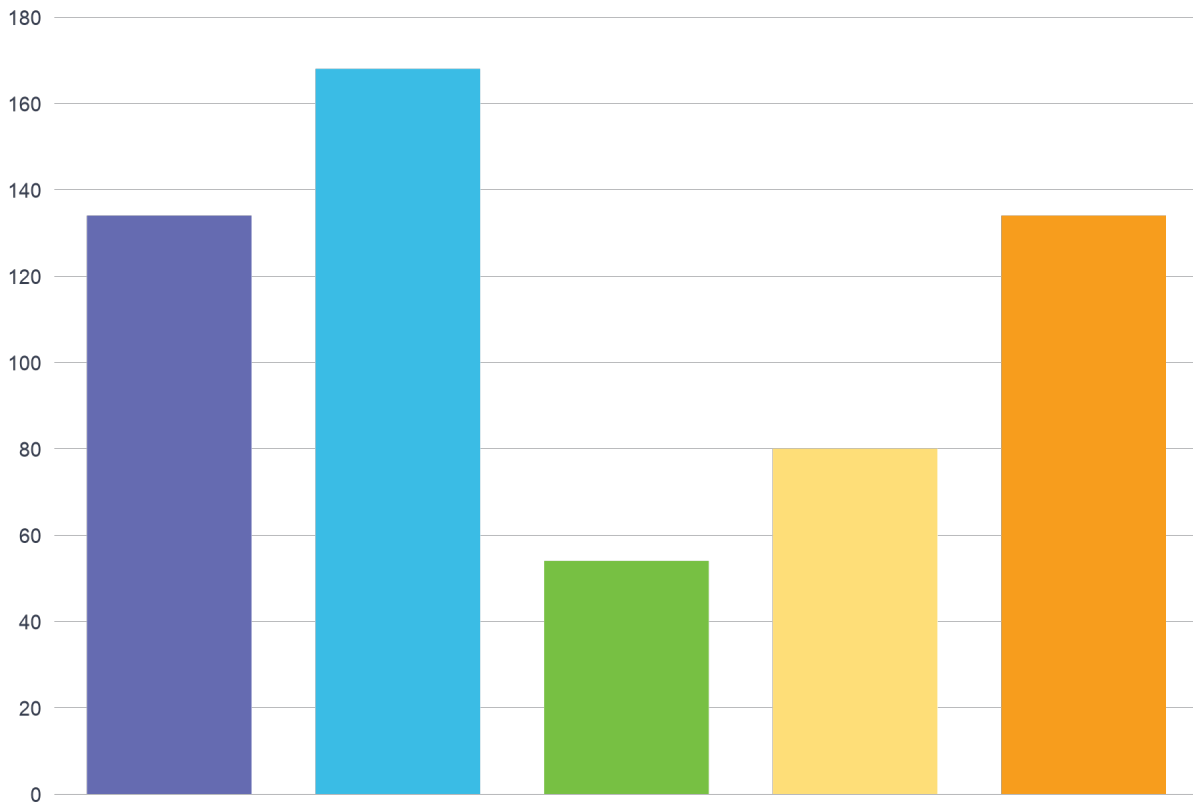
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yes

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**Q7** What are your top two priorities that you believe Whitman County should focus on over the next 20 years?



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Choice

Total

Choice	Total
 Preservation of agriculture	134
 Diversity of business and jobs	168
 Improved road network	54
 Education	80
 Natural resources/critical area preservation	134

**Q8** How should the County allow residences within the agricultural areas? For instance, should existing rural communities (Steptoe) be the primary areas or should growth be allowed to expand outside these areas? If so, why?

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I would like to see growth remain around existing rural communities. I would also like to see Pullman develop housing within its city limits rather than continue to expand its boundaries.

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Existing rural communities should be the primary areas for growth to avoid sprawl and enliven these communities and also to preserve farmland for production.

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Keep close to main towns.

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IF residences are allowed throughout the county, there needs to be some form of Right to Farm codes. People need to realize there will be dust and chemicals, etc. For this reason, maybe expansion would be better clustered around existing rural communities.

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Stay within those areas since they already have the infrastructure in place.

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**Q9** Are you supportive of the expansion of Cluster Residential zoning? Cluster zoning allows for more non-farm rural residential development while at the same time protecting the ability to continue farming and raise livestock. If so, where would you support expansion of these areas?

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I support this but do not have opinions on where they should be located.

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Cluster zoning might work around Pullman. The well restriction might negate the benefit of a cluster.

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no

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**Q10** What do you envision for the Pullman-Moscow Corridor District along SR 270 between Pullman and Moscow? It is currently zoned as a transportation and economic development corridor. Should it stay that way, or should it be zoned differently? Would this corridor be appropriate for a mixed use type of development such as multi-family residential/retail/commercial?

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I feel it is zoned correctly

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The Pullman-Moscow corridor should be preserved as an open vista with only a few businesses along it. Please do not zone it in a way that will end up with Pullman and Moscow encroaching and eventually building up to each other. The views, separation, and open landscape are part of the charm of both cities.

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I can see that are being built into a commercial / retail area. Eventually the 2 towns will collect. Not multi-family residential use!

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I don't see the corridor as a residential area. There are already to many industrial or commercial developments, i.e. rock crushing, cement, auto sales, marijuana. See more commercial or retail.

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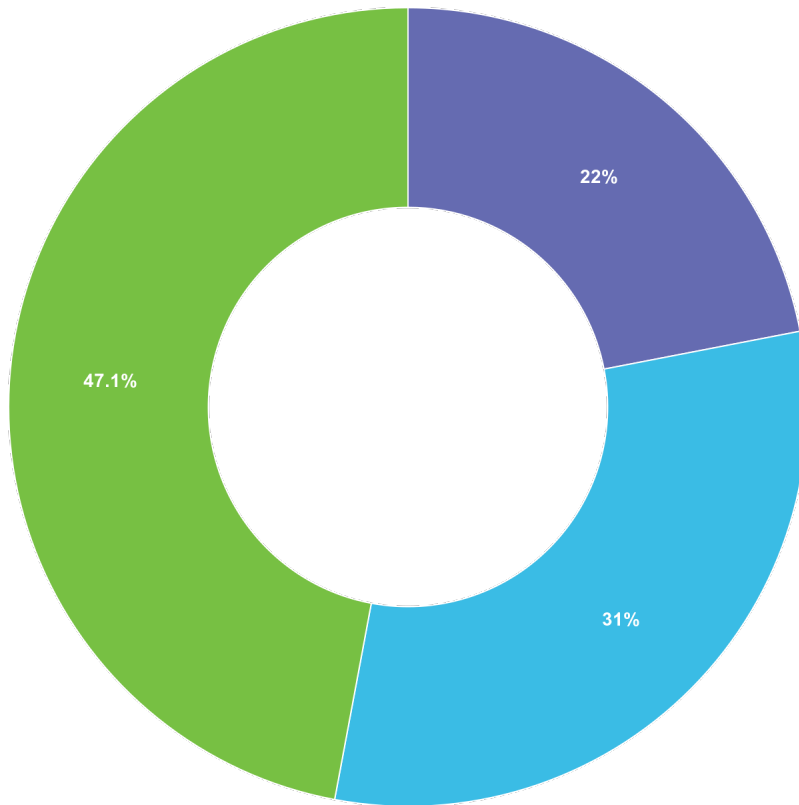
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needs to be retail, commercial

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**Answered:** 275 **Unanswered:** 38

**Q11** Are there other areas within the County that should be rezoned to allow for more commercial/industrial uses?



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Choice	Total
Yes	56
No	79
Other	120

**Q12** Where should agricultural related businesses (commercial grain storage, tractor shops, etc.) be allowed?

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wherever zoning currently allows it

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These should be near transportation corridors.

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Between Pullman's and Moscow or high traffic areas such as Dusty, Wa

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They should be allowed through the county in rural areas and near communities.

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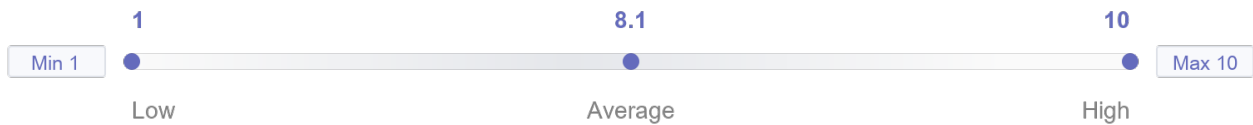
**Q13** How important is increasing alternative modes of transportation (bus, biking/walking trails) to the future of Whitman County? A score of 1 representing least important, and 10 representing most important.



**Answered:** 289 **Unanswered:** 24

**Q14** How important are parks and recreation opportunities within the County?

A score of 1 representing least important, and 10 representing most important.



**Answered:** 291 **Unanswered:** 22

**Q15** Do you believe there are enough parks and recreation opportunities in the County?

If not, where should there be more of a focus?

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yes

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No. An expanded trail system would increase the vitality of the region tremendously. Trails provide recreation opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities and have proven health benefits for communities. They also enhance community connections which are vital for rural areas. They also can bring tourism and the economic benefits associated with that.

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We have some good areas, but would be nice to have more options that offer a diverse variety of outdoor recreation from little kids to seniors!

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I think there are sufficient opportunities. Funds should be allocated to maintaining existing parks, etc., versus developing new facilities.

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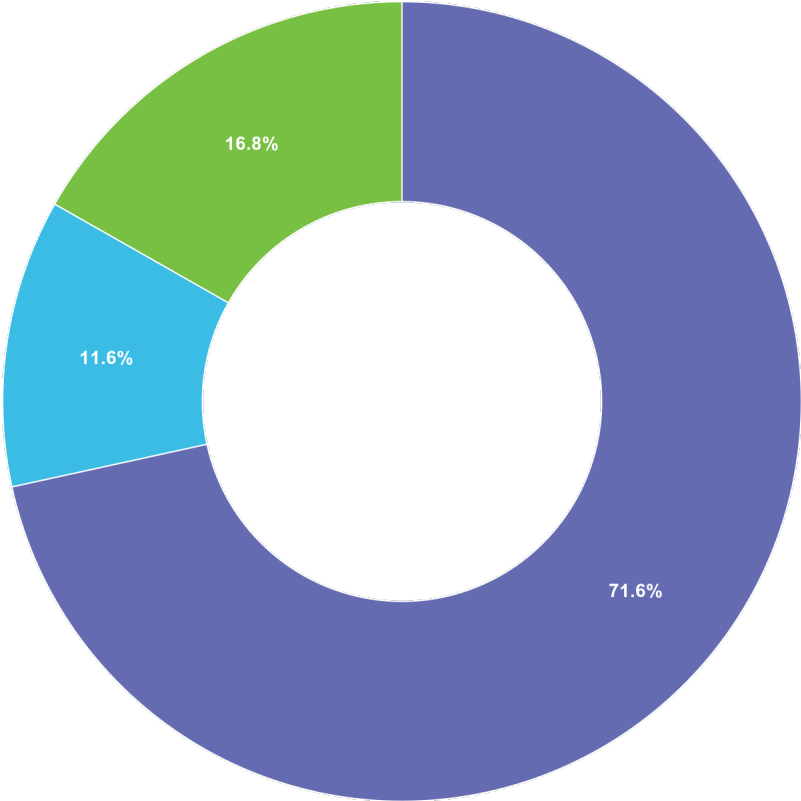
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**Answered:** 271 **Unanswered:** 42

**Q16** Do you support rails to trails initiatives (i.e. multi-use trail between Colfax and

Pullman)?



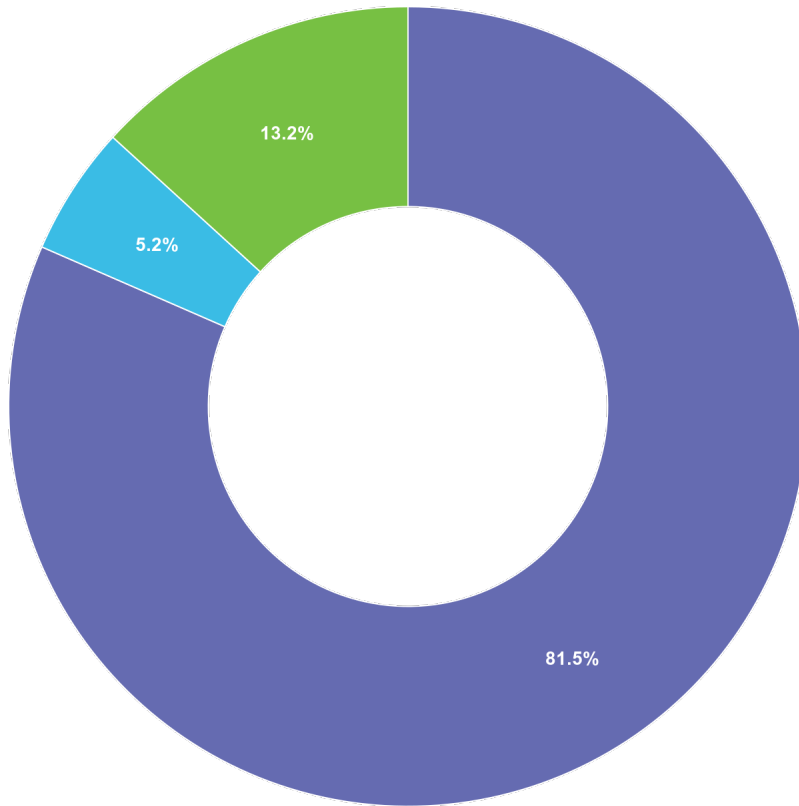
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Choice	Total
Yes	209
No	34
Other	49



**Q17** Is preservation of natural resources (quarries, Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS), Department of Natural Resources (DNR) lands) important to the future of the County?



Answered: 287 Unanswered: 26

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Choice	Total
 Yes	234
 No	15
 Other	38

**Q18** Do you support renewable energy, such as solar and/or wind turbines for energy production? Or do you believe this would diminish the overall visual appearance (viewsheds) of the County?

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yes

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I support developing the infrastructure for renewable energy but believe the comprehensive plan should address where they are appropriate and areas that should not be encroached. Planned development is essential to balance energy needs and the natural beauty of Whitman County. I agree with the concept of a "viewshed" - these are natural resources that need to be protected.

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I feel we should focus on preserving the health of our dams. We have enough wind turbines in this area already.

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I support solar and wind energy, but I also strongly support keeping the Snake river dams for hydroelectric power and for transportation.

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support solar and wind

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