

District: Block Island, RI

STANDARD RESIDENTS SCREEN

1. Do you (1) strongly favor, (2) somewhat favor, (3) somewhat oppose, or (4) strongly oppose protecting more open space on Block Island? (5) unsure

(1) 72% (2) 11% (3) 09% (4) 05% (5) 03%

2. At this time, would you say Block Island is (1) being developed too fast and we need to discourage some growth, (2) developing at a good rate that is good for the community or (3) not developing enough and growth needs to be encouraged? (4) unsure

(1) 30% (2) 57% (3) 08% (4) 05%

3. The Block Island Comprehensive plan sets a target of 50% of the land to be set aside as open space. Currently, about forty-three (43%) percent of the land has been conserved. Do you (1) strongly support, (2) somewhat support, (3) somewhat oppose, or (4) strongly oppose the goal of preserving 50% of the land on the island? (5) unsure

(1) 71% (2) 14% (3) 04% (4) 09% (5) 02%

4. Would you say you are (1) very concerned, (2) somewhat concerned, or (3) not really concerned about you or your family's exposure to tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease? (4) unsure/refused

(1) 54% (2) 30% (3) 16% (4) 00%

5. Would you (1) strongly support, (2) somewhat support, (3) someone oppose, or (4) strongly oppose significantly reducing the deer population on Block Island, even if that means using lethal means to do so? (5) unsure/refused

(1) 60% (2) 18% (3) 07% (4) 14% (5) 01%

IF (1) STRONGLY SUPPORT OR (2) SOMEWHAT SUPPORT, ASK QUESTION 6-10, OTHERWISE SKIP TO QUESTION 11.

In order to reduce the deer population on Block Island would you support the following measures: (1) yes (2) no (3) unsure/refused

6. allowing weekend hunting
(1) 64% (2) 32% (3) 04%
7. managed hunts
(1) 85% (2) 04% (3) 12%
8. baiting
(1) 71% (2) 21% (3) 09%
9. allowing bow hunting on Block Island conservation lands?
(1) 87% (2) 10% (3) 03%
10. allowing shotgun hunting on Block Island conservation lands?
(1) 76% (2) 19% (3) 05%

Money raised from the real estate transfer fee goes to the Block Island Land Trust for open space protection. I'm going to read you some of the things the Land Trust is doing with these funds. Please tell me if you think each of these goals is (1) very important, (2) somewhat important, (3) somewhat unimportant, or (4) not really an important goal for the Land Trust. (5) unsure

How important is it for the Block Island Land Trust. . .

11. to buy land to protect the scenic rural views and landscapes on Block Island?
(1) 65% (2) 21% (3) 04% (4) 10% (5) 00%
12. to provide a safe habitat for many types of birds, as well as, rare and endangered plants and animals?
(1) 57% (2) 31% (3) 04% (4) 07% (5) 01%

13. to buy land which could be used for recreational purposes such as walking, fishing and bird watching?
 (1) 55% (2) 29% (3) 04% (4) 11% (5) 01%
14. to buy land which could be used for parks and outdoor sports like baseball and soccer?
 (1) 24% (2) 37% (3) 10% (4) 28% (5) 01%
15. to purchase open space on the island to keep it from being developed?
 (1) 60% (2) 22% (3) 08% (4) 10% (5) 00%
16. to protect clean, freshwater resources?
 (1) 83% (2) 13% (3) 01% (4) 03% (5) 00%
17. to provide land for community gardens?
 (1) 25% (2) 40% (3) 11% (4) 21% (5) 03%
18. Do you feel the availability of affordable year-round housing on Block Island is a (1) very serious problem, (2) somewhat serious problem, (3) not really a serious problem, or (4) not a problem? (5) unsure
 (1) 34% (2) 37% (3) 16% (4) 13% (5) 00%
19. Block Island has met the state's requirement of providing 10% affordable housing. Do you think there still needs to be more affordable housing built? (1) yes, (2) no, (3) unsure/refused
 (1) 58% (2) 33% (3) 09%

IF YES, ASK QUESTION 20, OTHERWISE SKIP TO QUESTION 21

20. Should Block Island build more affordable housing for (1) seasonal residents or (2) year round residents? **NOT VERBAL** (3) both, (4) unsure
 (1) 00% (2) 97% (3) 03% (4) 00%

I am going to read you some statements. Please tell me if you (1) strongly agree, (2) somewhat agree, (3) somewhat disagree or (4) strongly disagree with each one. (5) unsure

21. I think the size of houses being built on Block Island are too big and are changing the character of the island.

(1) 53% (2) 23% (3) 16% (4) 06% (5) 02%

22. The Town should develop stricter regulations regarding the tearing down of existing homes.

(1) 31% (2) 33% (3) 19% (4) 12% (5) 05%

23. The Historic District Commission's oversight should be expanded to include other historically important structures outside the historic district.

(1) 30% (2) 28% (3) 17% (4) 22% (5) 03%

24. While tourism is important, there are too many visitors coming to Block Island.

(1) 20% (2) 25% (3) 22% (4) 29% (5) 04%

25. The town should create its own Port Authority which can give Block Island control of its harbors and regulate the points of entry on the island.

(1) 43% (2) 22% (3) 13% (4) 17% (5) 05%

26. About 43% of Block Island has already been set aside for open space. We do not need to acquire more land for open space.

(1) 19% (2) 14% (3) 21% (4) 45% (5) 01%

27. Growth, development and overcrowding are hurting the quality of life on Block Island.

(1) 17% (2) 25% (3) 29% (4) 23% (5) 06%

28. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to do more to protect the scenic views and landscape on Block Island.

(1) 56% (2) 28% (3) 10% (4) 05% (5) 01%

29. The Town should continue to resist expansion of marinas in New Harbor.

(1) 69% (2) 16% (3) 01% (4) 09% (5) 05%

Electric rates on Block Island are at an all time high. The following are proposals for addressing this problem. Please tell me if you (1) strongly support, (2) somewhat support, (3) somewhat oppose, or (4) strongly oppose each one. (5) unsure

30. Would you support building an offshore wind farm off the southeast coast of Block Island which would include a cable to the mainland?

(1) 41% (2) 22% (3) 04% (4) 27% (5) 06%

31. Would you support the town building a municipal wind turbine to help reduce the cost of electricity?

(1) 39% (2) 23% (3) 09% (4) 18% (5) 11%

32. Do you (1) strongly support, (2) somewhat support, (3) somewhat oppose, or (4) strongly oppose the Land Trust policy of only using organic and natural fertilizers as opposed to synthetic fertilizer on its properties? (5) unsure

(1) 34% (2) 18% (3) 08% (4) 27% (5) 13%

I am going to read you a list of some groups. After I read each one, please tell me if you think they are doing an (1) excellent, (2) good, (3) only fair, or (4) poor job in terms of protecting the environment or determining land use policy on Block Island. (5) recognize but can't rate, (6) don't recognize

Rotate order of presentation

33. The Nature Conservancy

(1) 49% (2) 36% (3) 10% (4) 02% (5) 03% (6) 00%

34. The Town Council

(1) 06% (2) 44% (3) 24% (4) 22% (5) 02% (6) 02%

35. The Block Island Land Trust

(1) 31% (2) 43% (3) 16% (4) 07% (5) 03% (6) 00%

36. The Block Island Conservancy
 (1) 46% (2) 41% (3) 08% (4) 04% (5) 01% (6) 00%
37. The Block Island Planning Board
 (1) 07% (2) 37% (3) 30% (4) 15% (5) 08% (6) 03%
38. The Block Island Zoning Board
 (1) 03% (2) 42% (3) 36% (4) 14% (5) 03% (6) 02%
39. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 (1) 11% (2) 46% (3) 12% (4) 09% (5) 16% (6) 06%
40. Block Island Conservation Commission
 (1) 15% (2) 38% (3) 19% (4) 06% (5) 16% (6) 06%

I NEED TO KNOW A COUPLE OF THINGS, JUST FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES.

41. Into which of the following age categories do you fall? (1) 18-34, (2) 35-50, (3) 51-65, (4) over 65? (5) refused
 (1) 06% (2) 11% (3) 37% (4) 46% (5) 00%
42. Which of the following income categories best represents your family's total income for a year - (1) less than \$20,000 (2) \$20,000 to \$50,000, (3) \$50,000 to \$100,000, or (4) more than \$100,000? (5) unsure/refused
 (1) 06% (2) 24% (3) 36% (4) 25% (5) 09%
43. Do you live on Block Island. . . (1) year round, (2) 6 to 9 months, or (3) fewer than six months? (4) refused
 (1) 68% (2) 21% (3) 11% (4) 00%

IF (1) YEAR ROUND OR (2) 6 TO 9 MONTHS, ASK QUESTION 44 OTHERWISE SKIP TO QUESTION 45.

44. Have you lived on Block Island. . . (1) all your life, (2) for twenty years or more, (3) between five and twenty years or (4) less than five years? (5) unsure
- (1) 14% (2) 48% (3) 30% (4) 08% (5) 00%
45. What best describes the reason you live here. Is it because (1) you grew up here, (2) you retired to this area, (3) you came because of a job opportunity, or (4) it is a good place to live. (5) unsure
- (1) 17% (2) 12% (3) 09% (4) 61% (5) 01%
46. Are you registered to vote on Block Island? (1) yes (2) no (3) refused
- (1) 78% (2) 22% (3) 00%
47. Do you own or rent your home? (1) own, (2) rent, (3) refused
- (1) 82% (2) 17% (3) 01%

IF (2) RENT, ASK QUESTION 48 OTHERWISE SKIP TO QUESTION 49

48. Do you rent your home (1) year-round, or (2) part of the year? (3) refused
- (1) 88% (2) 13% (3) 00%
49. Do you pay real estate taxes on Block Island? (1) yes (2) no (3) refused
- (1) 99% (2) 01% (3) 00%
50. Is the home you own valued at (1) less than \$500,000, (2) between \$500,000-\$1,000,000, (3) between \$1 million - \$1.5 million, (4) between \$1.5 -\$2.0 million (5) more than \$2 million dollars? (7) refused
- (1) 12% (2) 29% (3) 34% (4) 07%
(5) 10% (6) xx% (7) 07%

THAT'S ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAVE. THANK YOU AND HAVE A NICE EVENING.

51. Gender: (1) male (2) female
- (1) 50% (2) 50%

