

Fairlington Meadows 2024 Priorities Survey Results Executive Summary

Q1: Should the Board consider replacing external wood trim with an aesthetically comparable synthetic alternative (generally considered acceptable for historic structures) to minimize recurring painting and wood replacement costs?

Respondents said yes, 92 to 55.

Q2: Should the Board develop a plan for the installation of permanent trash corrals (similar to North Fairlington's)?

Respondents said no, 94 to 51.

Q3: Concerning landscaping improvements, should the Board pursue (select all that apply)

Respondents said to pursue drainage projects (116), lawn repair (79) and other projects (43), including mosquito control.

Q4: Finish capping "chimneys" (10 to go out of 150) with one standard chimney cap. Should the Board use this standard cap for all chimneys when replacement is necessary?

Respondents said yes, 124 to 13, but 27 indicated a lack of information or no preference.

Q5: Should the Board increase reserve fund contributions above 2023 Reserve Study recommended levels?

Respondents said no, 126 to 35.

Q6: If yes to question 5 then where will the increased funds come from?

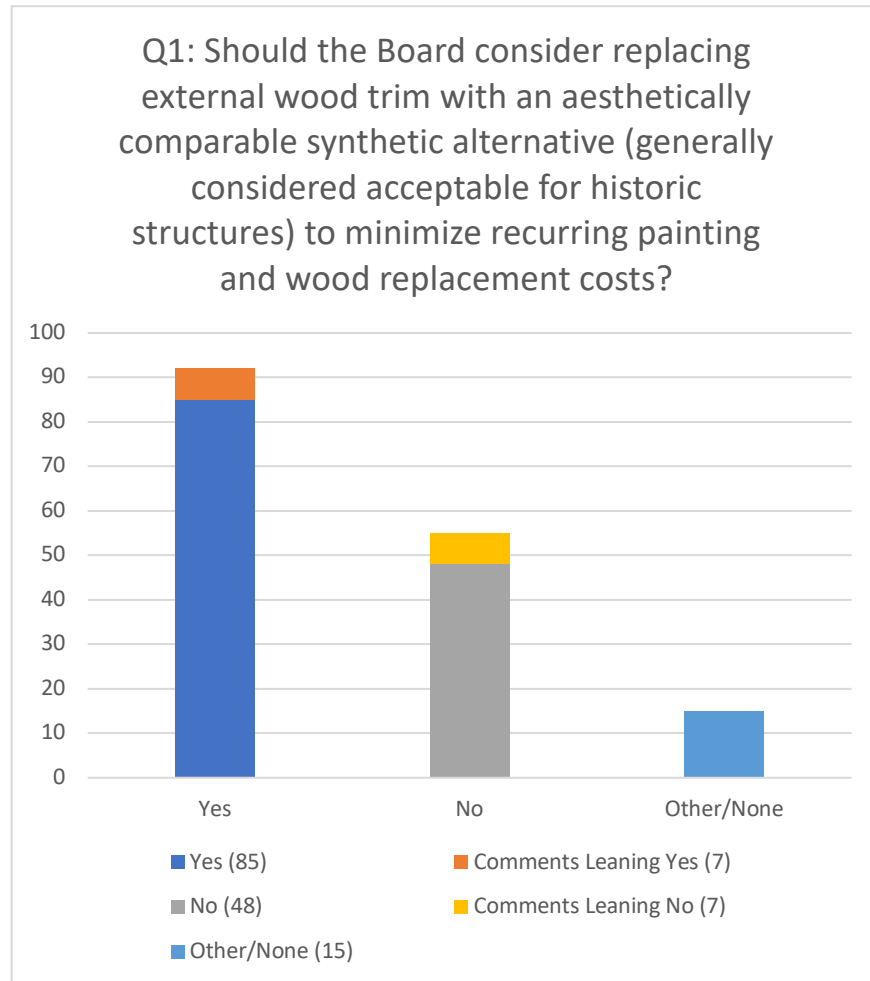
Respondents suggested a water usage fee, a condo fee increase, and the reduction of maintenance activities, in that order.

Q7 What other specific topic(s) would you like the Board to focus on?

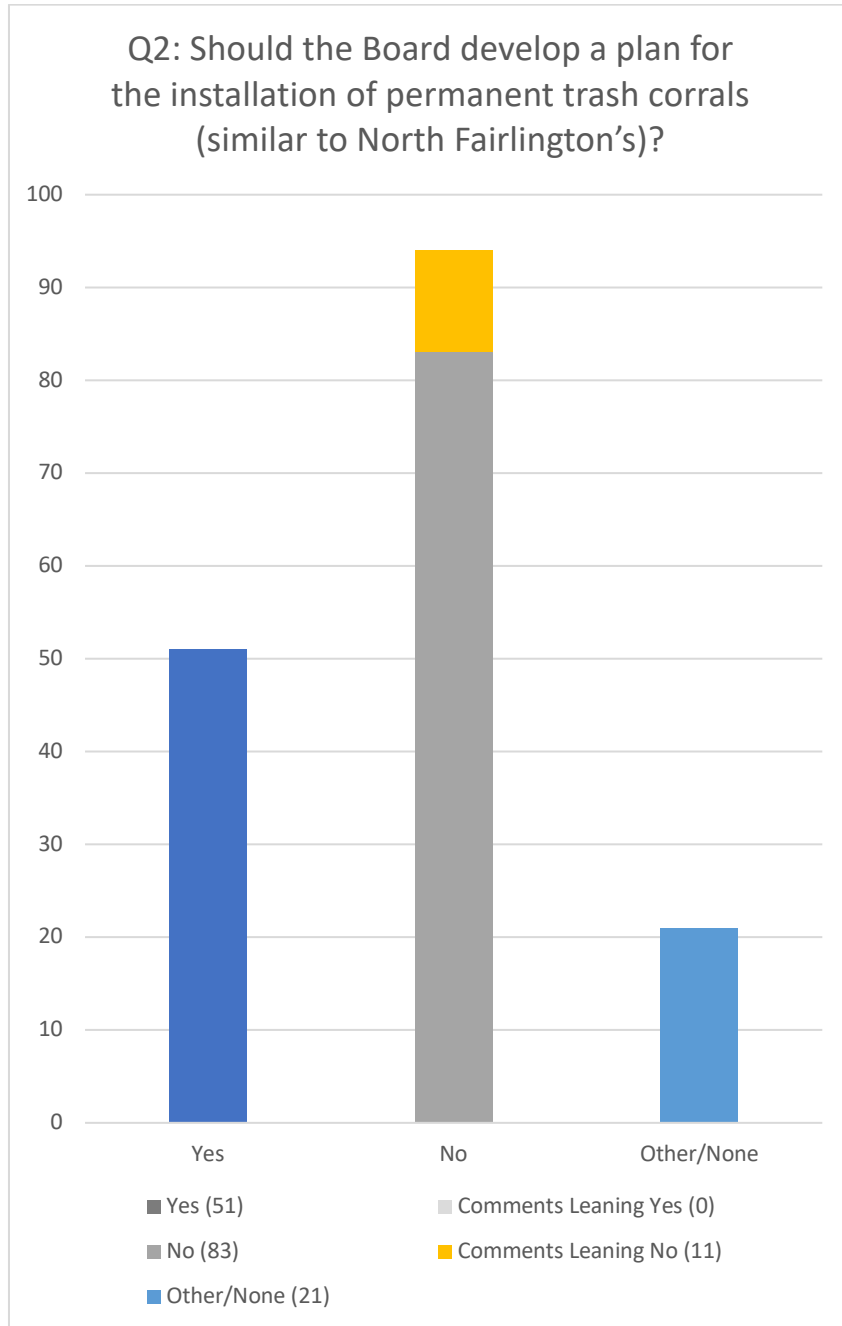
Notes on Q7: Respondents provided 68 suggestions, with some reiterating topics such as landscaping and finances discussed elsewhere in the survey, but also new issues. New topics included concerns about the management company and responsiveness to resident requests, recycling and compost, traffic issues, masonry (on porches and elsewhere), civility and meeting decorum, venting of dryers and bathrooms and zoning, and "lifestyle amenities" such as a picnic pavilion, outdoor grill area and bocce court, among others. (See addendum for complete list.)

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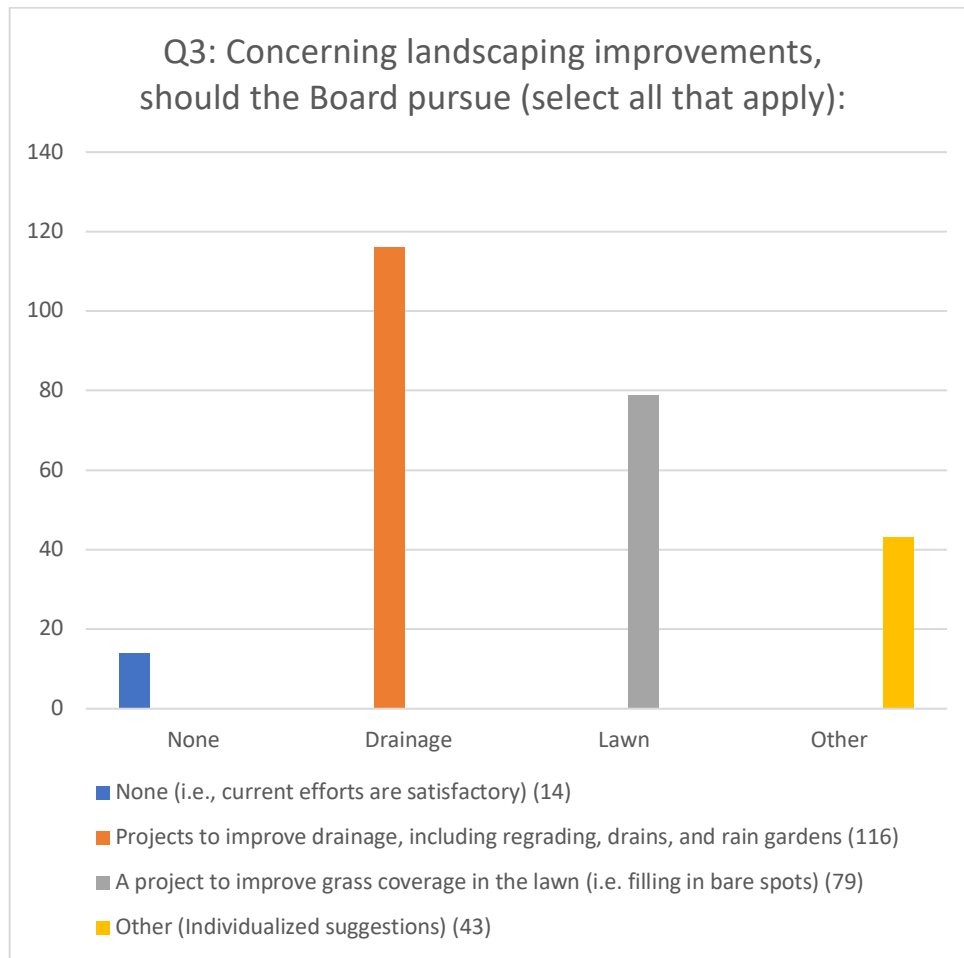
The survey received 167 responses. Where questions received comments that could be understood as supporting or opposing the action, they were coded as “Comments Leaning Yes” or “Comments Leaning No.” Every comment received is provided in the Survey Addendum. Note that responses may not always add to 167 because some residents skipped some questions.



Notes on Q1: Several of the responses coded as Other concerned requests for additional information about the specifics of the synthetic material, including the costs. A few additional comments indicated that respondents were open to using a synthetic material, but wanted to replace the materials only at the end of the useful life of the wood rather than en masse, which is what would allow for minimizing painting and wood replacement costs.

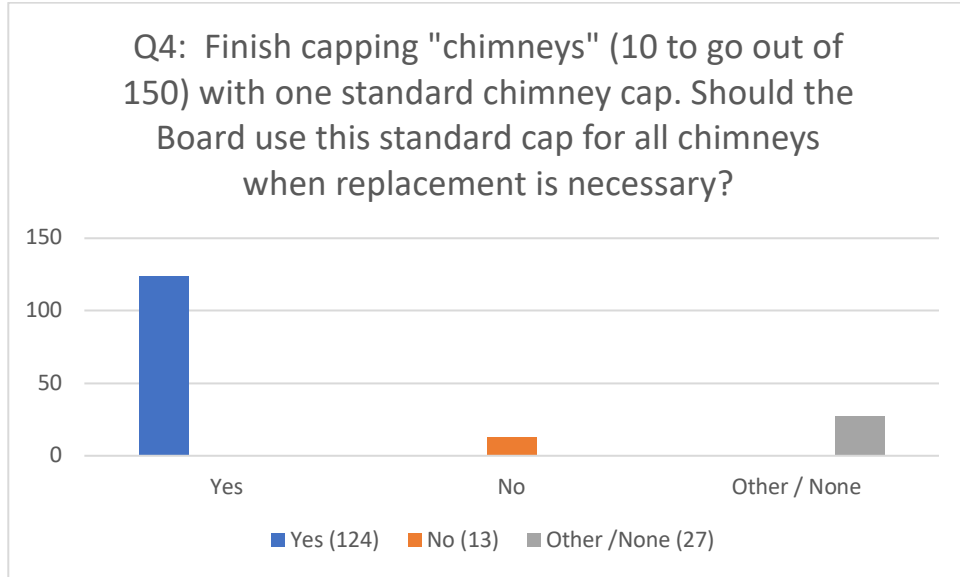


Notes on Q2: Again, most of the comments submitted under Other concerned requests for additional information on cost, location, appearance, and the relationship between the corrals and the current practice (i.e., some residents appeared to understand this as possibly in addition to the current schedule, or something that could be added just near the bus stops).

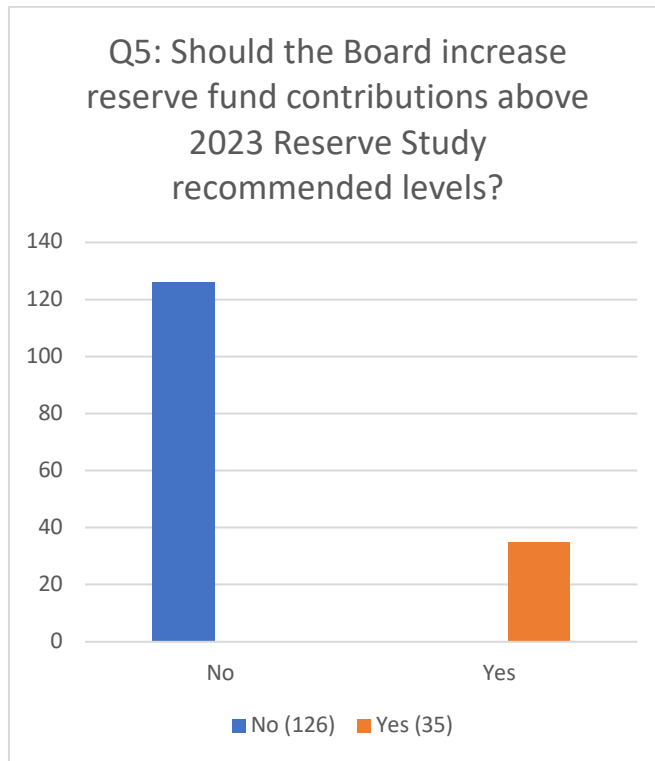


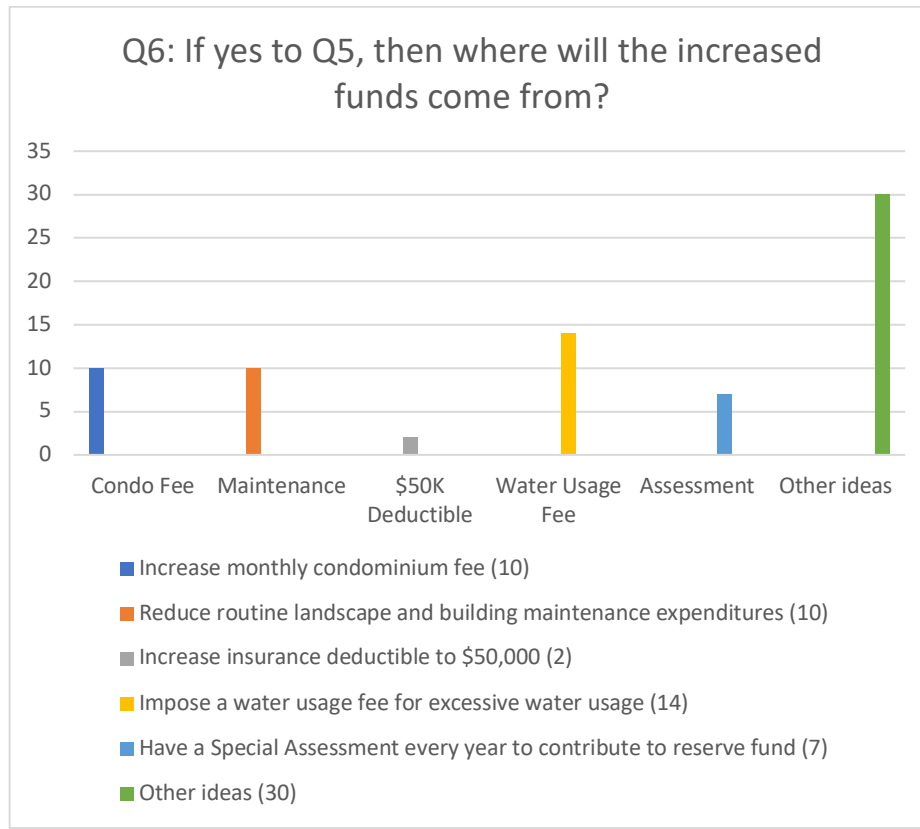
Notes on Q3: Individualized suggestions addressed a range of views.

- *A number of comments reiterated the need for drainage projects as one component of better managing mosquito problems and basement issues.*
- *Many comments also reiterated things that are already occurring (i.e., native plants and plants that support pollinators, replacing dead plants under warranty with Lancaster Landscaping, organic lawn treatments), indicating a need for better or repeated communications on the subject.*
- *Opinions were divided on things such as the replacement of trees – some residents wanted old trees that dropped branches removed, others called for working to try to keep each mature tree.*
- *Other suggestions included opening the pool for early morning lap swimming, more screening of Quaker Lane and adding a grill area and a dog park.*



Notes on Q4: Nearly all comments were to the effect that the respondent either did not have enough information to make a choice, or didn't care.



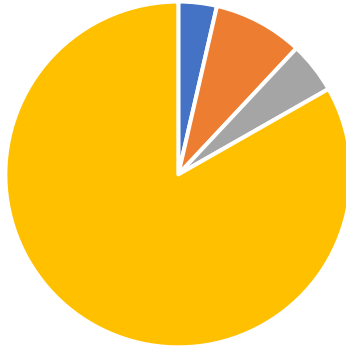


Notes on Q6: One comment proposed a special assessment every three years instead. Several comments simply reiterated a variation of “stop spending” without specification; a few comments noted landscaping and the B building refresh project as items that should be cut.

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Q8: Respondent Type



- Non-Resident Owner of single unit (6)
- Renter (14)
- Resident Owner of multiple units (8)
- Resident Owner of single unit (139)