

Mancos 2010 Community Survey

1200 postcards inviting citizens to respond to the community survey were mailed out to postal customers in town and within 3 miles of the town limits. Postcards were also displayed and available at local retailers. 246 surveys were completed. Complete survey results are available upon request at the Mancos Town Hall, 117 N. Main Street.

Parks, Recreation & Trails

Riverwalk Trail

A total of 200 respondents chose the Mancos Riverwalk Trail as one of their top three projects, 104 of which chose it as their first.

Community Gardens

136 respondents chose Community Gardens as one of their top three project, most of which (57) selected it as their third choice, followed by 52 selecting it as their second choice and only 27 selecting it as their first choice.

Indoor Fitness & Recreation Center

A total of 117 chose an indoor fitness and recreation center as one of their top three, making it the third most popular project for parks, recreation and open space. Of those, 59 respondents chose it as their first choice.

Summary of other project choices

Town campgrounds, neighborhood parks, water play features, and new ball fields each were chosen by less than 75 respondents as one of their top three parks and recreation projects. The least popular choice was wading pools.

Street Projects

Sidewalks & Paths

177 respondents chose new and improved sidewalks as one of their top three street projects, making sidewalk construction and repair the top street project.

Paved Streets

151 respondents chose paving streets as one of their top project choices, 106 of which chose paved streets as their #1 project priority for streets.

Visual Enhancements to Downtown

Streetscaping in Downtown Mancos was the third most popular street project, with 132 respondents choosing it as one of their top three projects.

Summary of other project choices

77 or less respondents chose building a pedestrian crosswalk across Hwy 160, adding visual enhancements to streets in residential neighborhoods, and improving the pedestrian connection between North and South Mancos as one of their top three street projects.

Economic Development

Revitalizing Downtown Mancos

154 respondents chose revitalizing downtown Mancos near Grand and Main St. as their first choice for economic development projects.

Assistance to Local Businesses

Offering assistance to local businesses was a close second according to respondents, with 147 choosing this as one of their top three.

Attracting Outside Businesses to Relocate

Attempting to attract local businesses to town was a close third with 145 choosing it as one of their top three.

Summary of other project choices

Adding visual enhancements and encouraging historic preservation were both chosen by 103 respondents as one of their top three projects. 76 picked branding and marketing the Town's image as third.

Environmental

Water Quality

152 respondents chose protecting the quality of the Town's drinking water as one of their top three projects, of which 103 selected it as their first priority.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation

Preserving wildlife habitat was second among the top three choices for environmental protection projects with 135 selecting it. Potentially related, protecting open space was chosen by 104 respondents as one of the top three projects.

Developing Renewable Energy

122 respondents chose developing renewable energy as one of their top three priorities.

Issues

Among the issues selected as most important were: water quality (208), viability of locally owned businesses (203), appearance of town (197), emergency services (194), local jobs with livable wages (193), water quantity (190), air quality (189) and educational opportunities (183).

Among the least important issues were: public transportation (61), public parking (59), traffic frequency and circulation (50) and daycare (26).

Jobs

Mancos was chosen by the most number of respondents as their primary location of employment (86), followed by 48 who stated they were not currently employed (includes retired or unemployed), and Durango (44). 98 respondents stated that they would not use public transit for commuting to work. Of the 131 who would, 82 would ride the bus, 60 would ride a commuter van and 47 would car pool.

Shopping

118 respondents out of 237 stated that they shop in Mancos several times a week for necessary items like food. For discretionary items 87 stated they shop in town several times a year and 78 stated they shop in town several times a month. Many commented that they would shop in town more often if there were a wider variety of goods at lower prices. A number of respondents specifically mentioned the need for a hardware store.

Growth

Respondents to the survey felt that town should encourage development of vacant lots but be proactive about how growth occurs in the surrounding area, and not let the market be the sole factor in determining how growth occurs within the Mancos Valley. Most respondents wanted to see some population growth, with 91 opting for a final build-out at around 2,600 people. 59 had no opinion on population growth but another 50 wanted to see the population stay the same. 109 respondents want to see growth happen a little faster than the current rate of growth, but in a controlled manner, while 79 wanted the population to grow at the same rate as the past 10 years.

Town Services

Respondents overall were very positive about town water, sewer, and the farmers market, as well as service at the Town Hall. The majority of respondents were generally satisfied with the Town's parks and recreation programs and facilities, as well as police protection. Respondents were less positive about sidewalks and storm water drainage.

Housing

Respondents were open to a variety of land use code and zoning options which would allow for an increase in housing stock and density in Town, including more mixed use buildings in the commercial district, with the exception of allowing more single-wide manufactured houses. 158 respondents disagreed with the statement that Town should allow more single-wide mobile homes.

Values

Respondents valued the following characteristics of the Mancos region most: natural scenery, small-town atmosphere, friendliness, safety, and the surrounding natural environment, although 72% of respondents said that they could be convinced to leave the region for the right reason (primarily financial).

Demographics

The education sector had the highest number of respondents selecting it as their industry of employment (40), although 55 chose other and 42 stated they didn't work. 13 of the respondents who selected "other" or "don't work" commented that they were retired. 38 respondents chose "professional services" for their occupational industry, followed by 28 in government and 24 in agriculture.

163 respondents stated that they were year round residents of the Mancos Region, of which, 63 stated they resided inside the Town limits.