

West Haven Harbor Management Survey Summary



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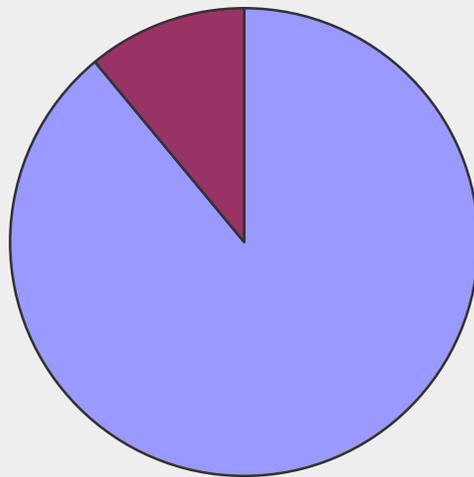
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1) Are you a West Haven resident?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	89.0%	512
No	11.0%	63
<i>answered question</i>		575
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Are you a West Haven resident?



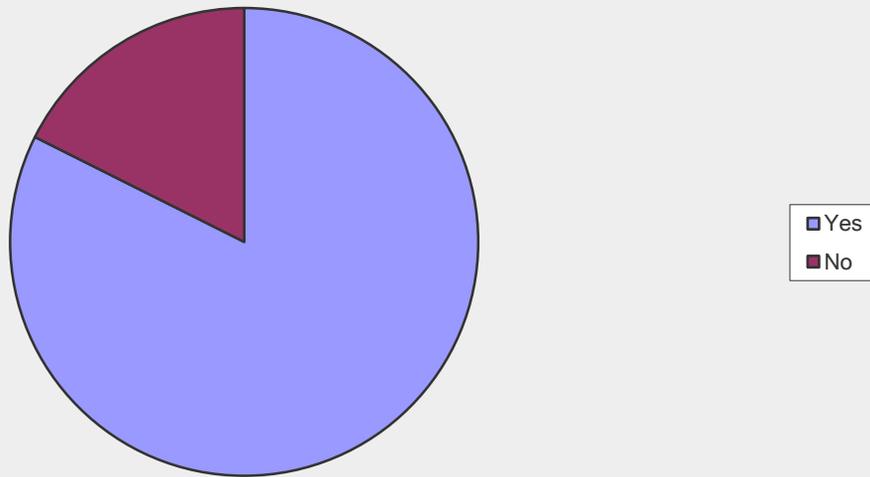
■ Yes
■ No

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2) Do you live on or near (within walking distance) of the shore?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	82.4%	474
No	17.6%	101
<i>answered question</i>		575
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Do you live on or near (within walking distance) of the shore?



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3) Congestion in the city's coastal waters is such that boating is unsafe at times.

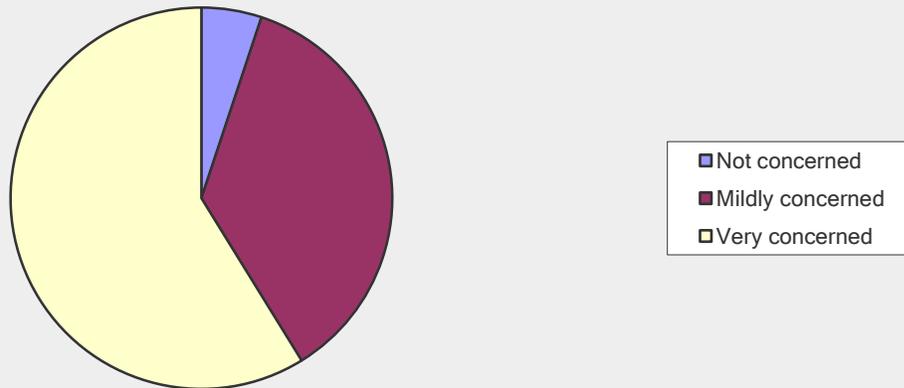
Answer Options	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
	7	63	218	180	66	3.44	534
	<i>answered question</i>						534
	<i>skipped question</i>						41

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4) We live in an environment that is exposed to coastal storms with erosion and flooding. How concerned are you about exposure to coastal hazards and the resiliency of our

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Not concerned	5.1%	27
Mildly concerned	36.1%	193
Very concerned	58.8%	314
<i>answered question</i>		534
<i>skipped question</i>		41

We live in an environment that is exposed to coastal storms with erosion and flooding. How concerned are you about exposure to coastal hazards and the resiliency of our shoreline after storm damage?

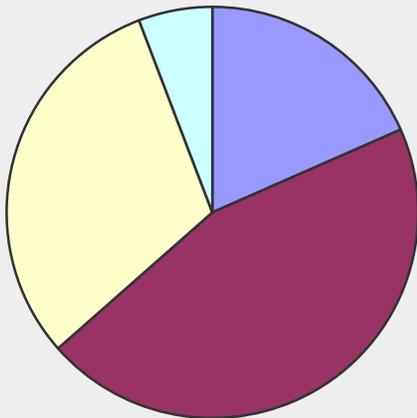


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5) When using the beaches and shoreline, we want to ensure that a safe environment is provided. Do you feel safe when going to and using the beach and shoreline?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, the areas are open, well-lighted where they need to be and patrolled	18.4%	98
I feel reasonably safe, provided I pay attention to my surroundings	45.1%	241
At times, I don't feel safe and avoid night time and areas where people congregate	30.7%	164
My main concern is traffic and street crossings	5.8%	31
<i>answered question</i>		534
<i>skipped question</i>		41

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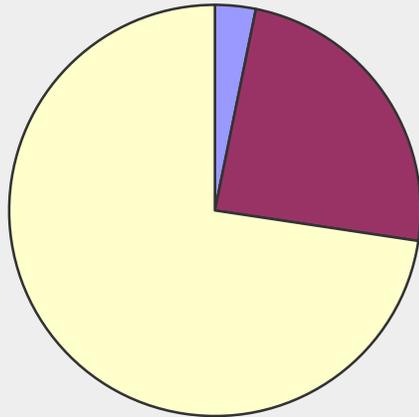
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6) Waterfront sounds can range from pleasant calls of gulls and waves to noise from high powered boat traffic. How would you rate water-based noise?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
There is too much water based traffic noise when I want	3.2%	17
Only too much noise at the busiest times of summer	24.2%	129
Never an issue really	72.7%	388
<i>answered question</i>		534
<i>skipped question</i>		41

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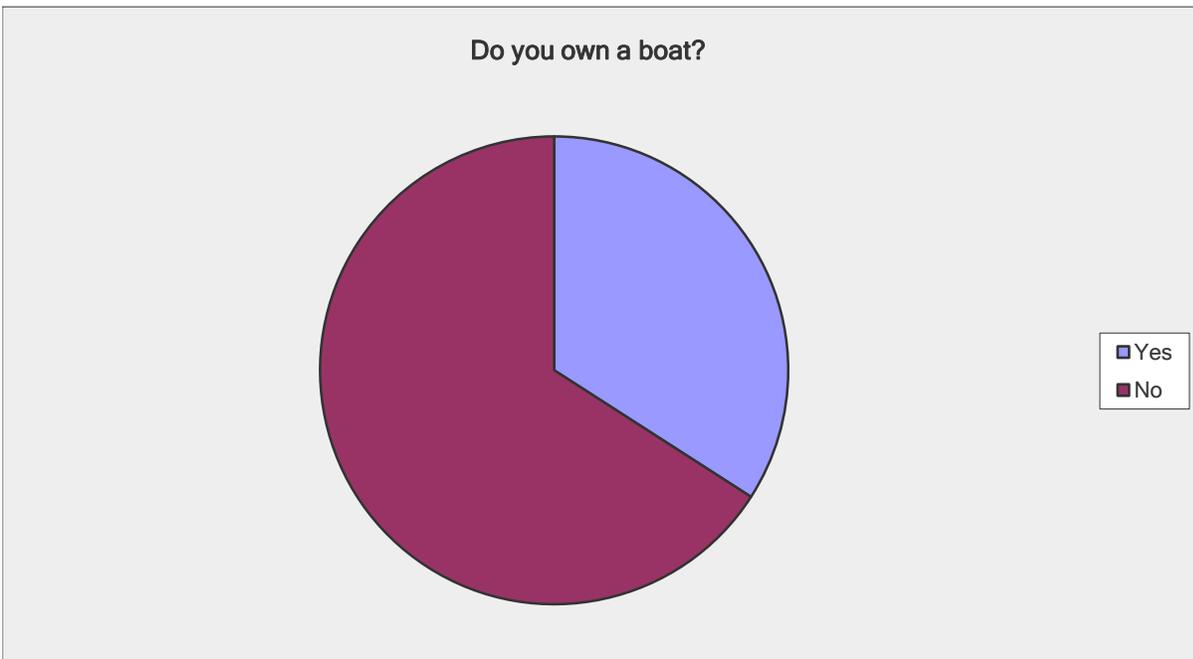


- There is too much water based traffic noise when I want to enjoy the water and waterfront
- Only too much noise at the busiest times of summer
- Never an issue really

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7) Do you own a boat?

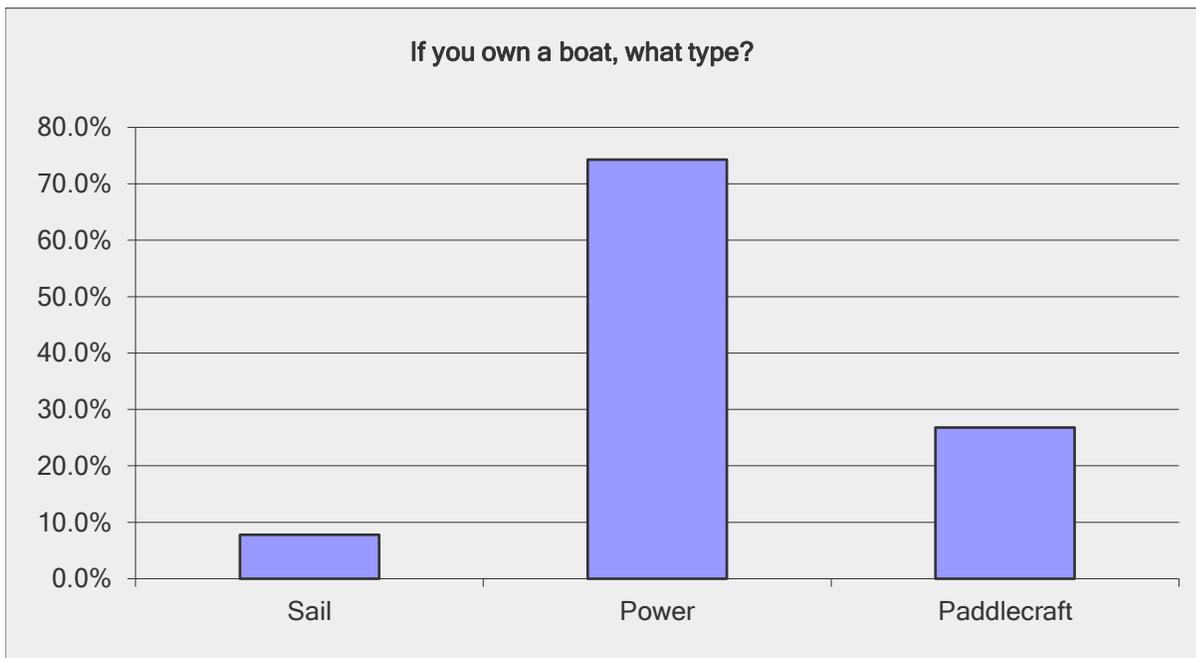
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	34.1%	168
No	65.9%	324
<i>answered question</i>		492
<i>skipped question</i>		83



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8) If you own a boat, what type?

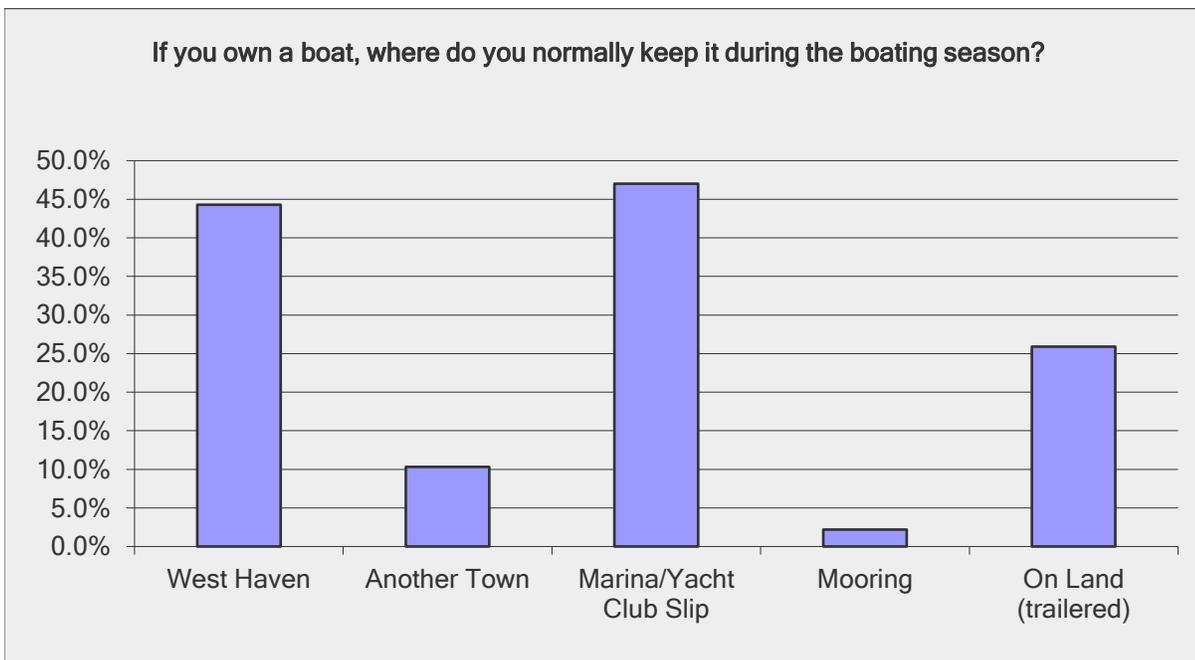
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Sail	7.8%	14
Power	74.3%	133
Paddlecraft	26.8%	48
<i>answered question</i>		179
<i>skipped question</i>		396



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9) If you own a boat, where do you normally keep it during the boating season?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
West Haven	44.3%	82
Another Town	10.3%	19
Marina/Yacht Club Slip	47.0%	87
Mooring	2.2%	4
On Land (trailered)	25.9%	48
<i>answered question</i>		185
<i>skipped question</i>		390

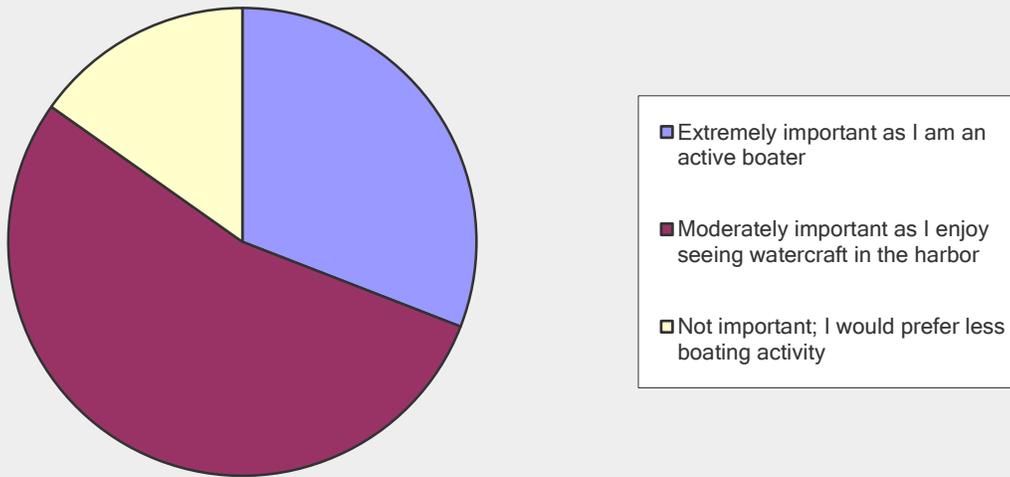


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10) How important is using our coastal waters for boating to you?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely important as I am an active boater	30.9%	152
Moderately important as I enjoy seeing watercraft in the harbor	53.9%	265
Not important; I would prefer less boating activity	15.2%	75
<i>answered question</i>		492
<i>skipped question</i>		83

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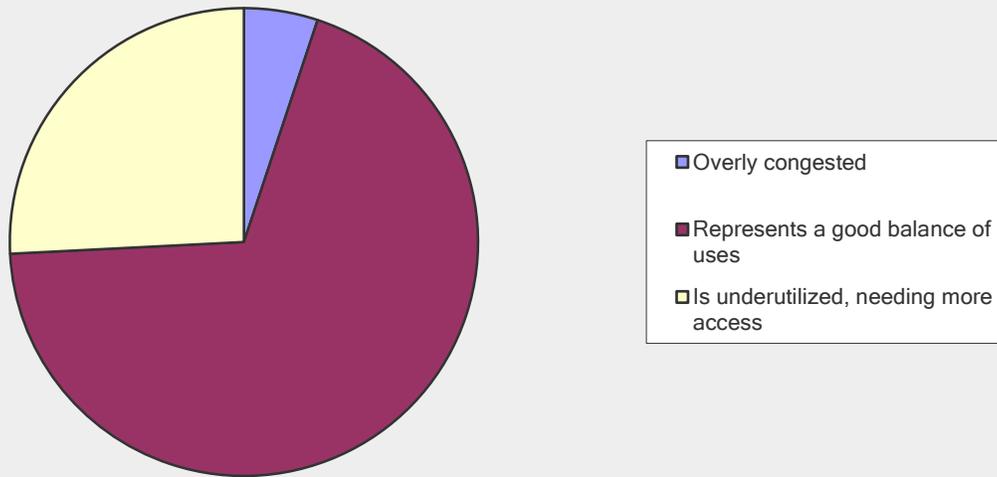


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11) Do you consider current boating use of our waters to be:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Overly congested	5.1%	25
Represents a good balance of uses	69.1%	340
Is underutilized, needing more access	25.8%	127
<i>answered question</i>		492
<i>skipped question</i>		83

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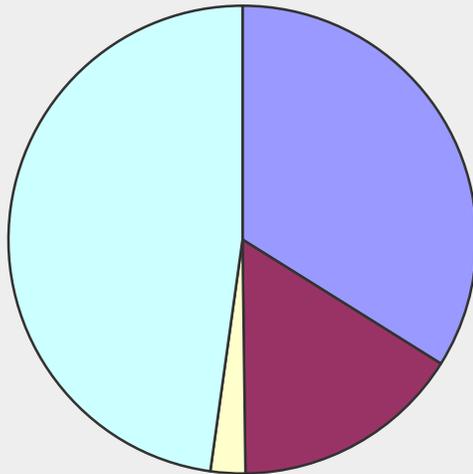


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12) The existing boat launch:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Is not large enough or in good enough condition to meet	33.9%	167
Provides adequate access, enough to meet demand.	15.9%	78
Is an excellent facility that provides the access we need	2.4%	12
No opinion/ does not apply to me	47.8%	235
<i>answered question</i>		492
<i>skipped question</i>		83

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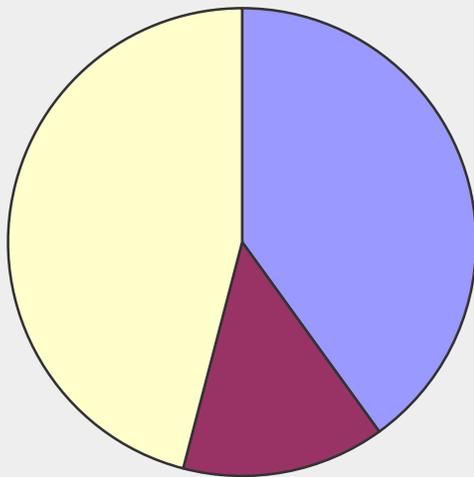
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13) Do you think we need a new or expanded boat launch?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	40.0%	197
No	14.0%	69
No opinion/ does not apply to me	45.9%	226
<i>answered question</i>		492
<i>skipped question</i>		83

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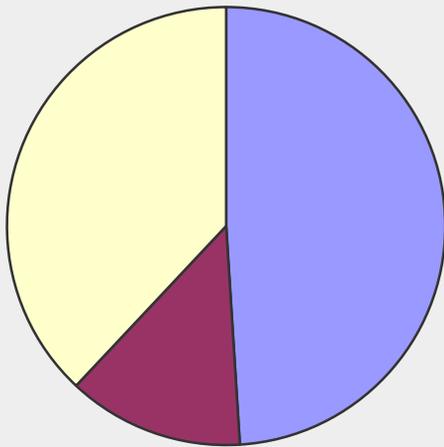
- Yes
- No
- No opinion/ does not apply to me

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14) Is there a need for more paddle sport access such as car-top launch sites for vessels?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	49.0%	241
No	13.0%	64
No opinion/ does not apply to me	38.0%	187
<i>answered question</i>		492
<i>skipped question</i>		83

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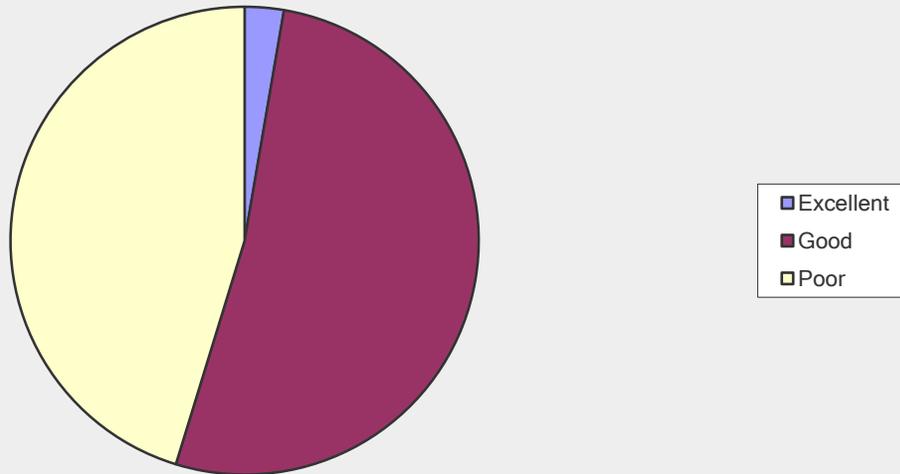
- Yes
- No
- No opinion/ does not apply to me

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15) Do you think the water quality in the City's coastal waters is:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	2.7%	13
Good	52.1%	253
Poor	45.3%	220
	<i>answered question</i>	486
	<i>skipped question</i>	89

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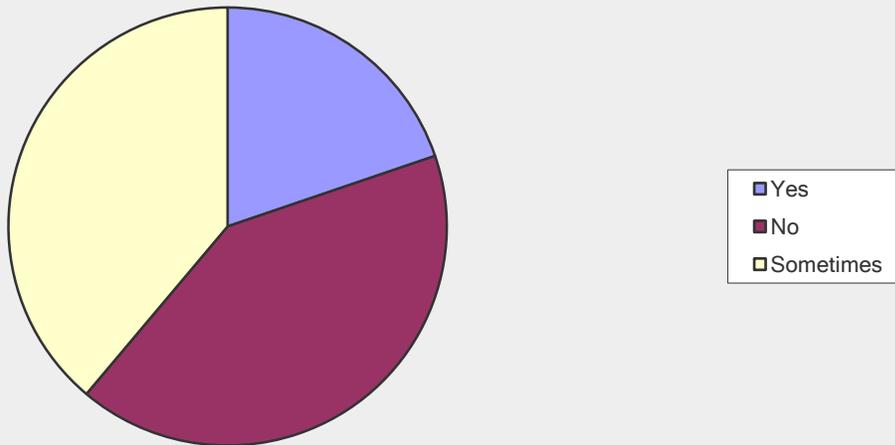


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16) Do you think the water quality is good enough to go swimming in the Harbor?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	19.8%	96
No	41.4%	201
Sometimes	38.9%	189
<i>answered question</i>		486
<i>skipped question</i>		89

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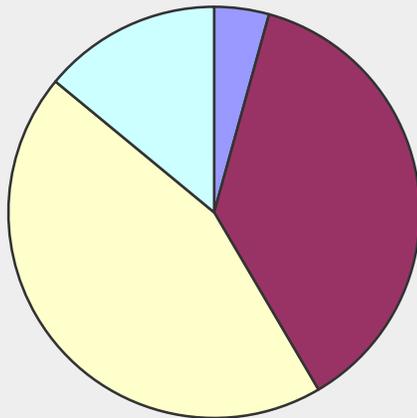


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17) Trash and litter is picked up by the City from receptacles along the beach and shoreline. How would you characterize the cleanliness of the beaches and the amount of litter in the water?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very clean, the City does a great job	4.3%	21
Sometimes there is litter from beach users, that is hard to keep up with	37.2%	181
There is a lot of trash - there should be more trash barrels and public signage	44.4%	216
The amount of plastics and other debris in the water is noticeable	14.0%	68
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<i>skipped question</i>		89

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18) There are enough public amenities provided along the waterfront including parks, associated facilities like bathrooms, and public gathering places like restaurants.

Answer Options	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
	21	92	72	195	88	3.51	468
						<i>answered question</i>	468
						<i>skipped question</i>	107

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19) Safe public access is reasonably available without barriers to different groups such as young children, elderly, handicapped or people with less money.

Answer Options	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
	26	227	124	73	18	2.64	468
						<i>answered question</i>	468
						<i>skipped question</i>	107

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20) Access to the water, beaches and shoreline is an important part of the quality of life in West Haven.

Answer Options	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
	303	148	13	0	4	1.41	468
	<i>answered question</i>						468
	<i>skipped question</i>						107

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21) How do you enjoy West Haven's waterfront and coastal waters? (Check as many activities as apply)

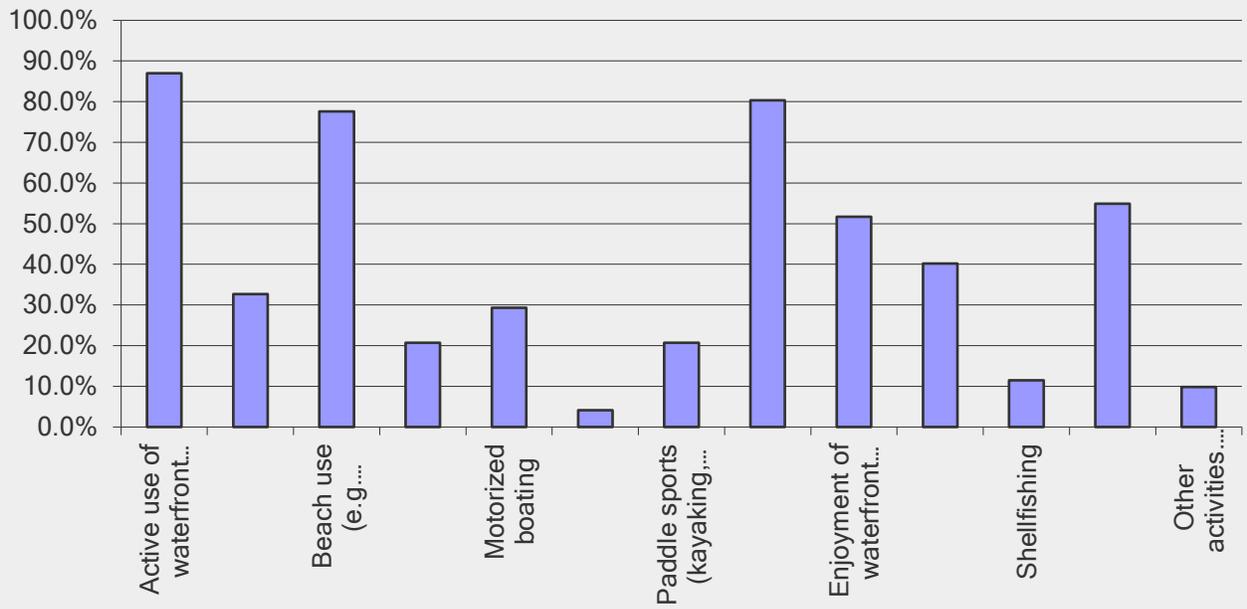
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Active use of waterfront paths, piers, and walkways (e.g., Swimming)	87.0%	407
Beach use (e.g. walking, picnics, reading, beach sports)	32.7%	153
Paddle boating (e.g., canoeing, kayaking, rowing)	77.6%	363
Motorized boating	20.7%	97
Wind-powered boating (sailing, board sailing)	29.3%	137
Paddle sports (kayaking, canoeing)	4.1%	19
Enjoyment of open space and water views	20.7%	97
Enjoyment of waterfront restaurants	80.3%	376
Fishing	51.7%	242
Shellfishing	40.2%	188
Nature Observation	11.5%	54
Other activities. Please describe:	54.9%	257
	9.8%	46
	<i>answered question</i>	468
	<i>skipped question</i>	107

Number	Response Date	Other activities. Please describe:	Categories
1	Jun 2, 2016 12:37 AM	Kite flying, playground, bocce courts	
2	Apr 19, 2016 12:50 PM	Enjoy walking and experiencing a passive, non-commercial shoreline park environment!	
3	Apr 5, 2016 9:05 PM	opportunities to use water front open space for seasonal permit tent and or trailer camping.	
4	Mar 22, 2016 3:09 AM	running on the beach	
5	Mar 21, 2016 2:05 AM	we love to play bocce, sit in the sun, we enjoy the festivals each summer,	
6	Mar 19, 2016 8:43 PM	concerts on the beach;	
7	Mar 19, 2016 7:30 PM	biking	
8	Mar 15, 2016 9:23 PM	hunting sandy point sand bar	
9	Mar 14, 2016 11:00 PM	Water Skiing, Jet Skis	
10	Mar 14, 2016 8:25 PM	People Watching	
		Bocce	

11	Mar 12, 2016 4:55 PM	Biking. I would like more bike trails along the beach.
12	Mar 11, 2016 9:24 PM	kite flying, sunbathing
13	Mar 11, 2016 9:46 AM	concerts Concerts Just relaxing. As I like to do at South Street Beach. Except when the young people are speeding through the parking lot thinking they are being "cool". And then the ones that are having sex in thier cars down there in broad daylight not caring who's around. Ya can't cook a hot dog at the beach but ou can have sex and disturb the peace of others!!
14	Mar 11, 2016 6:16 AM	others!!
15	Mar 11, 2016 3:59 AM	Sunbathing
16	Mar 11, 2016 3:03 AM	Photography
17	Mar 11, 2016 2:45 AM	Volleyball
18	Mar 11, 2016 2:35 AM	Duck Hunting. The boardwalk is wonderful,as well as The Grove. The Music.
19	Mar 11, 2016 2:23 AM	
20	Mar 11, 2016 1:14 AM	Love the concerts Savin rock fest and fireworks
21	Mar 10, 2016 5:27 PM	Dog walking
22	Mar 10, 2016 5:25 PM	The July 4th fireworks
23	Mar 10, 2016 5:23 PM	I
24	Mar 10, 2016 5:12 PM	Fairs
25	Mar 10, 2016 5:52 AM	crabbing Would to do shellfish ing not clean enough
26	Mar 10, 2016 1:00 AM	not clean enough
27	Mar 9, 2016 11:31 PM	duck and goose hunting Not from West Haven, Little or no access to beaches
28	Mar 9, 2016 1:52 PM	beaches
29	Feb 17, 2016 3:49 PM	Drawing/painting Shellfishing is now allowed in West Haven waters!
30	Jan 23, 2016 12:41 AM	
31	Dec 10, 2015 4:38 PM	Painting, Shell collecting, fossil & artifact collecting

		I can NOT get on the beach I'm in a wheelchair. I would give anything to be able to put my feet in the water I
32	Dec 4, 2015 9:51 PM	more time!!! Sitting on
33	Nov 21, 2015 12:52 PM	beach:socializing
34	Nov 21, 2015 7:20 AM	photography
35	Nov 21, 2015 12:36 AM	There are not enough waterfront restaurants
36	Nov 20, 2015 8:14 PM	The beeeze
37	Nov 20, 2015 9:52 AM	Music at pier, boce Would not swim in the water it's absolutely disgusting need to do something with the sewer
38	Nov 20, 2015 3:31 AM	plant
39	Nov 20, 2015 2:36 AM	walking the boardwalk
40	Nov 20, 2015 2:08 AM	Sport outdoors. Taking pictures of
41	Nov 20, 2015 1:54 AM	shoreline and nature. More beach sports, different activities for
42	Nov 20, 2015 12:31 AM	various skill levels
43	Nov 20, 2015 12:21 AM	Waterfowl hunting
44	Nov 20, 2015 12:00 AM	Relaxing on the Beach Just being there and listening to the waves and the birds and smelling the salt air soothes my soul and
45	Nov 16, 2015 7:13 PM	relaxes me.
46	Nov 9, 2015 8:30 PM	bocci, music

How do you enjoy West Haven's waterfront and coastal waters? (Check as many activities as apply)



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22) What (City-owned) waterfront facilities/areas do you use? (Choose as many that apply and select how many times per year you use the facility)

How many times per year

Answer Options	One	Two	Three	Four	Many	Response Count
Boat Launching Ramp	30	20	11	2	56	119
Beaches	12	11	15	22	341	401
Beach Parking Lots	20	14	14	21	291	360
Sandy Point Nature Preserve	34	20	19	21	99	193
Savin Rock	19	17	16	20	291	363
West Cove Marina Cooperative	29	4	0	4	71	108
West Haven Yacht Club	21	4	1	2	20	48
Bayview Park	18	6	2	3	34	63
Morse Park	20	9	10	7	71	117
Old Field Creek	18	5	5	1	23	52
Bradley Park	11	14	6	13	230	274
Abbott Park	16	9	8	5	45	83

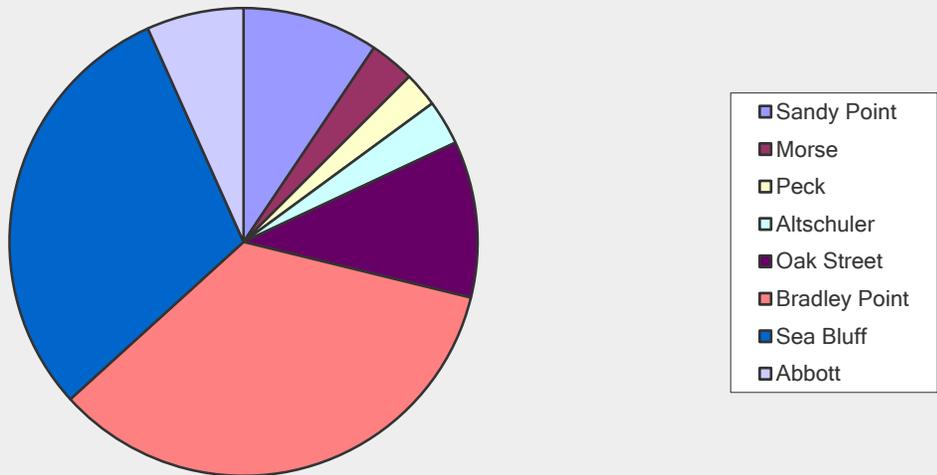
						Question Totals	
						<i>answered question</i>	468
						<i>skipped question</i>	107

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23) Which beach do you most often go to?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Sandy Point	9.4%	39
Morse	3.1%	13
Peck	2.4%	10
Altschuler	3.1%	13
Oak Street	10.8%	45
Bradley Point	34.4%	143
Sea Bluff	30.0%	125
Abbott	6.7%	28
<i>answered question</i>		416
<i>skipped question</i>		159

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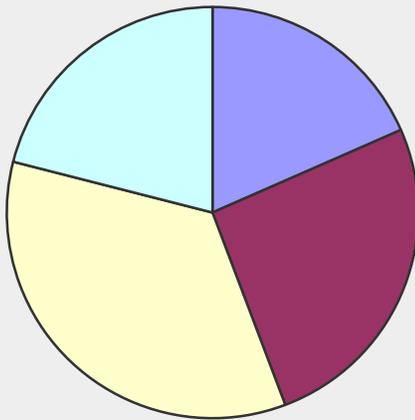


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24) There are areas of our waterfront that could be developed and several proposals are under consideration. Do you agree that the City should seek to develop the waterfront?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, wherever we can including some of the current open space parks	18.4%	85
Yes, in areas that were former industrial and commercial sites	25.8%	119
Yes, but keeping as much open space and access for the public including current open space	34.7%	160
No, I would rather see commercial development away from the waterfront	21.0%	97
<i>answered question</i>		461
<i>skipped question</i>		114

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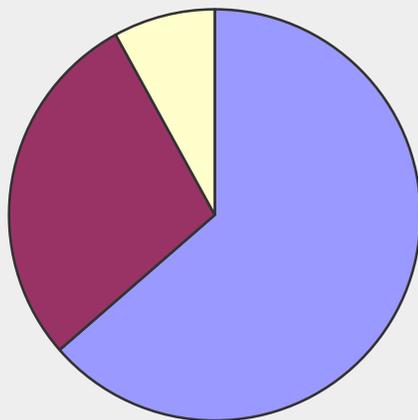
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- No, I would rather see commercial development away from the waterfront

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25) How important is it that public use be incorporated in new development projects and that the projects make best use of the waterfront location?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very important that public uses be incorporated and that projects 'face the Harbor'	63.6%	293
Important that projects make good use of the Harbor location	28.4%	131
Projects should be free to include design that mostly faces the street rather than the Harbor (e.g. place parking along the Harbor)	8.0%	37
<i>answered question</i>		461
<i>skipped question</i>		114

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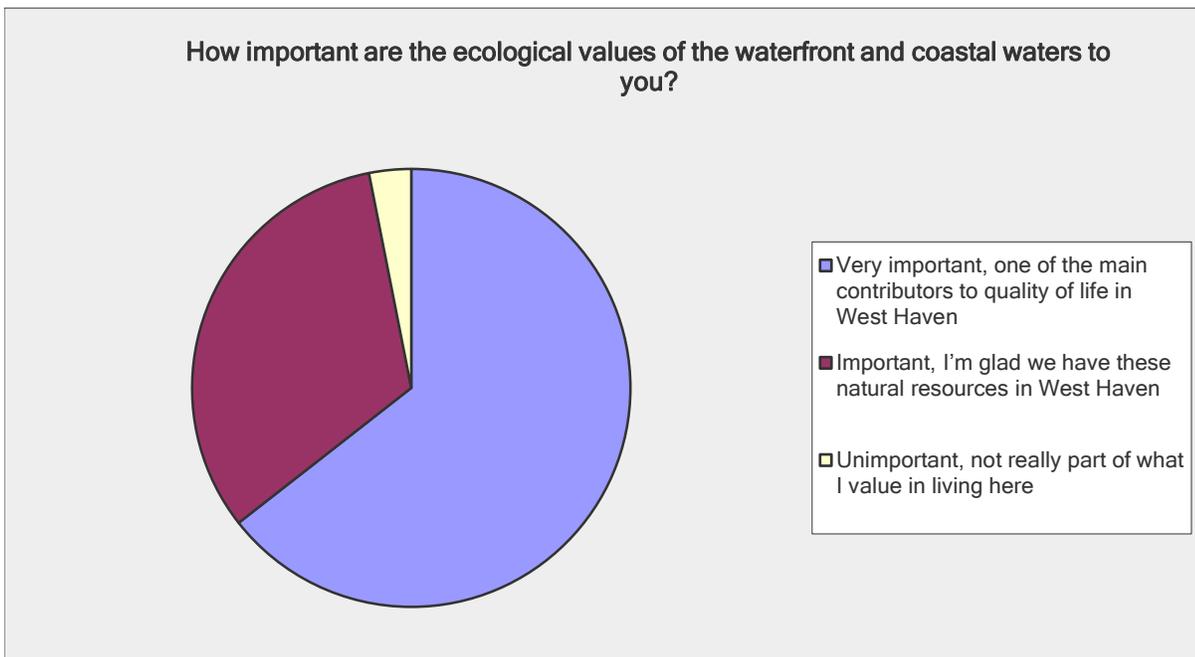


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26) How important are the ecological values of the waterfront and coastal waters to you?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very important, one of the main contributors to quality of life in West Haven	64.5%	294
Important, I'm glad we have these natural resources in West Haven	32.5%	148
Unimportant, not really part of what I value in living here	3.1%	14
<i>answered question</i>		456
<i>skipped question</i>		119



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27) We invite you to add additional comments that express your interest in the waterfront and what you would like the City to consider in developing a Harbor Management Plan.

Answer Options	Response Count
	183
<i>answered question</i>	183
<i>skipped question</i>	392

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Jun 2, 2016 12:29 AM	Keep it as is. We don't need any more development. There are so many places in with that can be used for development
2	Jun 1, 2016 11:53 PM	1. Ban duck hunting at Sandy Point 2. Hope an improved boat launch area continues to be in the plan. 3. Balance development and open space as best as possible.
3	May 4, 2016 1:41 PM	Redevelop the motel - but a higher end model. Need to replace Chicks and Captain's Galley with viable restaurants. Add museum type signage with information/education/historical facts along the shoreline.
4	Apr 25, 2016 5:41 PM	the area from Stowes on down past Sandy Point needs something! Take down the Debonair and the awful Captain's Galley building and make the sites attractive.
5	Apr 22, 2016 8:09 PM	More Restaurants, and public activities.
6	Apr 19, 2016 12:54 PM	PLEASE KEEP THE BEACH WATERFRONT FREE FROM ANY FORM OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT!!!
7	Apr 6, 2016 11:27 PM	The City needs to better enforce the noise and boating congestion caused by the Prospect Beach club. The jet ski's there have become a nuisance to kayakers and swimmers and have contributed to police and fire incident increases due to accidents. The city should consider revoking the clubs lease if they do not comply with stringent changes to the way they operate. The beach I most frequent is Lake St which was not listed. The City should consider developing the land side of Beach St. into a mixed commercial and residential with businesses below and housing on top, a separate angle in parking street should also be created to keep the foot traffic off of Beach St. Tear down the Captains Galley using blight laws.

8	Apr 5, 2016 9:28 PM	The WH shorefront is the greatest asset to the City, however with the current prohibitive control of development of open space by the Land Trust- has stymied the economic growth potential for the City. Lifting that control from a special interest group should be pursued so that tasteful and prudent waterfront economic development based around recreational & leisure opportunities(an actual W.H.Community Center building, marina with conference facilities) for the public to enjoy. This could create sustainable jobs and guarantee revenue for the City of West Haven for future generations.
9	Apr 2, 2016 5:47 PM	Commercial development should be planned for the area from Second avenue to Washington Avenue along Beach street. We have enough "open space" already.
10	Mar 31, 2016 7:30 AM	Keep as much open space as possible. Do not want to see tall buildings and a lot of concrete. Would like a park like environment, like Bradley Pt.
11	Mar 30, 2016 7:28 PM	The shore has too many high rise apartment buildings. I would not allow more to be built. I would like to see many of the current shops and liquor stores be gone and replaced by business that is more shore related. Rockport MA would be a good example of what I'd like to see.
12	Mar 27, 2016 10:36 AM	I have concerns regarding the residential property values declining surrounding the proposed plans
13	Mar 24, 2016 8:04 PM	The stretch of beach front, unobstructed property that stretches from south St to where the proposed Shopping area site is should remain free from Industry and high rise buildings as the WH ordinance assures us. I believe West Haven is the only city in the State that can boast of free unindustrialized beaches for the public and is West Haven's greatest access and draw.

14	Mar 24, 2016 12:55 AM	<p>Ensuring the resilience of West Haven's public coastal areas should be our number one priority. This involves marsh restoration projects and natural shoreline restoration projects, even returning previously developed shoreline the city's possession wherever possible for use as a natural area. Although commercial buildings on the shoreline are great for business, IF THERE IS NO SHORELINE due to erosion and weather events, then there will definitely be no business. I urge you to protect and restore our natural areas as a long term plan to protect commercial and residential properties.</p>
15	Mar 23, 2016 11:31 AM	<p>Along the beach area we should have small seasonal boutiques to buy a pair of sunglasses, flip flops, a swimsuit instead of having to drive to Milford. Small food stands would be nice. Why can't the West Haven shoreline look like Madison or Clinton? Why is it open to everyone while the citizens pay such high taxes?</p>
16	Mar 22, 2016 8:27 PM	<p>I think there should be more developement to off set taxes the only people that are using and destroyin the water front are not even tax payers or residents</p>
17	Mar 22, 2016 3:34 PM	<p>Conservation of beaches. Flood prevention. There is too much paved surface close to the water. During recent hurricanes, this allowed flood waters to travel a longer distance, flooding properties that should not have been impacted.¶ Properties within flood zones should be landscaped with this in mind. Gravel instead of asphalt, additional drainage, etc.</p>

18	Mar 22, 2016 3:25 AM	<p>Please consider a trash/recycling center that develops a designated area in each parking lot, park, and fishing pier. Each central location must be an obvious trash/recycling containers.</p> <p>Currently, we use Barrels, which most have no tops. They are prone to being tipped over, ripped through by birds, and trash blows all over the lot and in to the sound. It happens in every lot. Why not create a wood structure that has color coded bins. (Research towns in Cape Cod and here at http://beachfests.org/future/initiatives/)</p> <p>The Trash bins on the boardwalk are the same color and design as the flower planters. Not a good idea. There is only one container at Old Grove Park that has a recycle option. This should be in every lot and at the beginning of every pier. Every year I have to take trash bags full of trash off the pier because there is no culture of good trash management along our shores. We need to make it part of our lives because the ecology along the shoreline is tied directly to all of our loves regardless if peoples value the shoreline. The leaders of this town must make it a high priority because we need to be the stewards of the water that touches each part of our city. When you look at where trash bins are located in lots throughout the city they are typically in hard to reach spots that are hidden when a car parks in front of it. It's time to make trash/recycle centers in lots and beaches that are noticeable, up to date, and meets the demands of heavy use and weather.</p>
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19	Mar 22, 2016 1:19 AM	<p>I think that the waterfront is our city's greatest asset. I ride my bike or Walk every morning, and it is so wonderful through Savin rock path along the beach. From the Stowes corner down to the water treatment plant, the waterfront appears dilapidated .. the old hotel, empty run down bait shop, the chick's property and the run down captains galley are waterfront disappointments and eyesores... something needs to be done to be more attractive, cleaned up, useful.... The committee who installed and maintained the lovely landscaping beds last year did a nice job but the pretty stuff on the waterfront side of the street was overshadowed by the run down, sadness of the empty dilapidated commercial properties across the street. It is a very nice "PERK" that the city combs and cleans the beach so often...otherwise it would be a real mess.. thank you ! I look forward to future improvements to enhance the beauty and uniqueness of our precious westhaven shoreline !</p>
20	Mar 21, 2016 3:47 PM	<p>We should bring back the Carousel -- the land use boards should not be fighting against that. They were kind of stupid to fight that playground for the Sandy Hook girl, but at least a good site was found. The rule should be good useful development allowed, where everyone agrees it's a good usage, not "no development whatsoever" that the current land use board seems to think.</p>
21	Mar 21, 2016 3:15 PM	<p>Upgrade boat ramp and shallow dredge to 4ft at low water, unpowered craft launch site at South St, New Jetty system in West Shore, Sand barrier from Dawson ave to Ivy st</p>
22	Mar 21, 2016 2:13 AM	<p>I feel that open space along the harbor and ecological concerns need to take center stage. I do however support the Haven, and hope that the water front which borders the development will be developed to provide new areas for the public to walk, bike, picnic and sail.</p>
23	Mar 20, 2016 6:57 PM	<p>I would advise strongly against building condos/housing along the waterfront. We do not need more housing in West Haven.I would also strongly advise as to any development that would take away from the visibility of the shoreline (e.g. tall buildings, etc.)</p>

24	Mar 20, 2016 6:34 PM	The waterfront should connect to downtown West Haven, making the entire route pedestrian-friendly. This will encourage business in the center of town. Also, ecology MUST be the primary consideration for all projects. West Haven hosts a wide variety of amazing birds, great numbers of which are migratory, and overdevelopment could destroy their habitat.
25	Mar 20, 2016 1:46 PM	Direct Access and view of the water should never be denied to the public. Just the view alone of the water is West Havens Greatest asset don't obscure it from view at any cost!!!
26	Mar 20, 2016 1:38 AM	There should be no commercial development along our shoreline from the former Captains Galley to South Street, except for abandoned commercial properties like Chick's, Captains Galley and Debanoir Inn. There should be free access to the beaches and parking for city residents. Out of town visitors should continue to pay a fee.
27	Mar 19, 2016 8:47 PM	Please no more development as I walk with my mom, wife granddaughter, fish, bike. It is all we have left in West Haven, the center is a mess.
28	Mar 19, 2016 7:31 PM	make the sewer plant not such an eye sore
29	Mar 19, 2016 2:43 PM	Sound pollution is very bad along the beachside in the summer. Police need to enforce restrictions on noisy vehicles and racing along Captain Thomas Blvd.
30	Mar 18, 2016 10:22 PM	Miniature golf course in Grove park where the current bocci courts are located.
31	Mar 18, 2016 7:36 PM	Keep it clean---keep it safe---keep it as it is!!
32	Mar 17, 2016 7:12 PM	City Point Yacht Club should not be included in the Harbor Management Plan.
33	Mar 16, 2016 1:32 AM	Piers into the sound that can accommodate restaurants and shops for residents and visitors to enjoy and provide activities.
34	Mar 14, 2016 8:28 PM	Keep up the great work that you all do that you do so well.
35	Mar 14, 2016 5:09 PM	The waterfront is an important draw to West Haven. Beside beach access, the ability to walk/run/bike along the waterfront is equally important to the quality of life for residents and as a draw to the businesses that rely on traffic from outside of town. Expanding access to the beachfront beyond what is currently available would be beneficial for all involved. A wide multi-use walkway extending all the way from Elm St. to at least South St. would provide more access and one of the longest shoreline multi-use paths in the state.

36	Mar 14, 2016 3:25 PM	As I live on the marsh and Cove River, I greatly implore you to replace the old tidal gates which are not effective, as they are extremely old and malfunction, which creates great flooding. I know you are well aware of this situation. PLEASE PURSUE!!! Thank you.
37	Mar 14, 2016 2:03 PM	The addition of waterfront restaurants would be of great benefit to West Haven residents and guests alike. The time for no development of the shorefront should be over. Controlled development would help the cities financial issues by growing the grand list through development without destroying the open appearance.
38	Mar 14, 2016 1:44 PM	We need to make it a destination for out of town people to come and spend the day or invest in our housing market. We need to redo Campbell Ave. so people can come and shop in quaint little shops AND SPEND SOME MONEY!
39	Mar 12, 2016 9:42 PM	open flexible space and eateries that take advantage of the views - some sense of exclusivity for west haven residents - destinations with bathroom facilities. Love the shore line. Hate portable johns.
40	Mar 12, 2016 4:59 PM	I would like to see better development projects where current older development already exists.
41	Mar 12, 2016 1:00 PM	I,am a life long resident of West Haven in the past we used to dradge the sound, now it seem were just filling it in. Can someone explain the logic here
42	Mar 12, 2016 3:34 AM	I believe the havens or something similar should be built no slipping apartments in there we can't afford that
43	Mar 11, 2016 11:23 PM	High rise public housing must go. □ Loitering by vulgar people must go. □ Beach cleanup must occur daily.
44	Mar 11, 2016 7:41 PM	We have a treasure that could include development with restrictions re business type, appearance etc. Eyesores such as Chicks, Captains Gallery, the Debonnair and trailer homes MUST be addressed!!!
45	Mar 11, 2016 6:44 PM	No more housing!
46	Mar 11, 2016 4:23 PM	The City is doing a wonderful job on The Haven. The next porject should be developing a balance between open space and commerce. No easy but critically important.

47	Mar 11, 2016 2:54 PM	I think we need to improve the infrastructure that is already present such as all the abandoned building along beach street. Once these spaces are improved, I think the focus needs to be on preserving the waterfront and stabilizing the beach with planting of seagrass and other methods to prevent erosion and curb pollution runoff
48	Mar 11, 2016 2:37 PM	I would love too see 1 or 2 NICE restaurants along beach rd. Towards chick's. A better walkway /bike path. Definitely needs parking rules enforcement. Better trash cleanup and possibly more police patrols near Sandy Point.
49	Mar 11, 2016 2:30 PM	<p>development, the city should put preference on better maintaining what exists. For example, there are several parts of the shoreline that need to be consistently groomed and improved. The beach area looks wonderful, but that's not true for other areas of our town.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>New Haven Avenue near the Baybrook beach is the western entrance to our city. However, the roundabout and plantings (put in by the state) have deteriorated over the years because the city has chosen to depend on volunteer maintenance of that area. Therefore, anyone entering West Haven from Milford is faced with an image of neglect. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>In the same way, the eastern end of Beach Street from the water company property onward needs to be established visually as a welcoming entrance to our city shoreline with landscaping that is maintained on a regular basis. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>The Water Street area under consideration for a mall or retail development should have more of a focus on the harbor as a unique asset, perhaps via a high-use walkway and observational areas or platforms. Residents and visitors should be encouraged to visit and enjoy that area, not just shop there.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I live along the Oyster River. This river and other parts of town need continued eradication of</p>
50	Mar 11, 2016 1:52 PM	No housing please. No housing at all. Yes to development of restaurants, shopping and tastful arts and entertainment. Turn the boardwalk into a tastful attraction.
51	Mar 11, 2016 9:49 AM	A kayak storage would be a good addition.[] Make West Haven a leader in environmental education with regard to the shore.

52	Mar 11, 2016 7:31 AM	More police presence in view to enforce littering.
53	Mar 11, 2016 6:20 AM	Just do it. What are you waiting so long for? It looks like a sh**hole down there.
54	Mar 11, 2016 5:50 AM	More police control of very loud and speeding motorcycles and more close to shore non-access for wave runner operation.
55	Mar 11, 2016 5:11 AM	No taking property by eminent domain!!!!
56	Mar 11, 2016 5:05 AM	Keep the open spaces. Encourage businesses where folks can buy food,snacks,beach supplies, etc. No more housing!
57	Mar 11, 2016 4:55 AM	Eco camp is a great two-week activity for enrolled local school children. It's so important to learn about the ecology of our fragile environment. Could Park Rec instill a bird/ nature walking tour of our fragile marine population for children and adults? We should also have a study group go out to RI and/or MASS and survey the resources and development other shoreline communities have developed. We may be able to learn some new ideas from other shoreline communities.
58	Mar 11, 2016 4:10 AM	As a newer "Westie" I believe the City has an untapped resource awaiting development that can benefit the whole City. I feel as a resident we should not have to pay to park and those who are coming into the beach from out of town should. There needs to be more garbage cans available with regular pick up and general maintenance of the park. I would be up for a upgraded beach like in Milford has where it is state owned. West Haven has the chance to turn this area into a spot on point for outdoor recreational activities for the whole family. Good Luck! If you do read this...consider some form of creative permanent art. Link: http://www.ct.gov/cct/cwp/view.asp?a=3933&q=464312

59	Mar 11, 2016 3:51 AM	<p>The smell at the water treatment facility has improved over the last 10 years but it still smells like sh** occasionally. The noise coming from the treatment plant is an issue. It sounds like loud machinery, squeaking, and banging at all hours of the Night. There are also obvious signs that human waste (hopefully treated) is being released into the Long Island Sound. Foaming sh** bubbles are not fun to swim in or kayak through. I was kayaking by the waste treatment facility a few years ago and there was a fountain of sh** coming out of the water. After several weeks, I watched a bulldozer cover the broken sewage pipe with sand. Not good...</p>
60	Mar 11, 2016 3:48 AM	<p>Don't put any more housing along our shoreline. Any type.</p>
61	Mar 11, 2016 3:48 AM	<p>Areas to walk that are clean with good lighting and monitored by police. Laws such as picking up after your dog should be enforced. More trash receptacles that are emptied. People that leave trash and don't pick up after themselves and their dogs should be fined. More cameras should be installed and monitored. People are using the dumpster in the parking lot to dump their garbage, including a subway shop. We need our beach to be clean and safe. There are several of us who walk our dogs at the every night and see people using our beach as their personal dump. There should be music and dancing every night in the summer. There should be more events that are family friendly.</p>
62	Mar 11, 2016 3:39 AM	<p>Anything that will bring money into the city and relieve the burden on taxpayers of the city!</p>
63	Mar 11, 2016 3:05 AM	<p>I can see developing that old parkade where Adams used to be, and down near Chicks on the side of the street Chick's is on, but not anywhere else, leave it open to beach goers.</p>

64	Mar 11, 2016 3:04 AM	<p>Morse Park is neglected each year by the city. It hosts our Little League which consists of more than 400 of our city's children. The site also hosts tournaments with teams from many other cities and towns. The amount of garbage there, as well as the poor maintenance of the fields, dugouts and fences is embarrassing to the city. The city should invest some time and man power into bringing this site back to its prior condition. Then,encourage development at the former Chicks and Debonaire sites that would promot families to stay in our city after a game to get a bite to eat, shop etc...[]</p>
65	Mar 11, 2016 2:45 AM	<p>We need to keep our shore open where it is and develop the areas that already have business locations. Chicks, Captains Galley need to be developed in a citizen safe and tasteful manner. We need more information on the Haven - we barely know anything.</p>
66	Mar 11, 2016 2:34 AM	<p>I like to see not to allow food trucks. near the beaches.[]</p>
67	Mar 11, 2016 2:32 AM	<p>Any project has to have broad public input and have the smallest of impact on the ecology and landscape of the coastline. Our coastline is our "Grand Canyon" and must always be protected, especially against short term gain.</p>
68	Mar 11, 2016 2:30 AM	<p>We are so lucky to have the water front, just feel that it's under utilized. We need more business along the walkway. If we can't build because of the Land Trust, then why not make use of the piers and put store fronts on the piers. We are losing out on so much revenues with not being able to use the open land at our shore front. We have a gem but unfortunately it's not polished.....</p>
69	Mar 11, 2016 2:26 AM	<p>I think the plan for the harbor area is ridiculous.</p>
70	Mar 11, 2016 2:15 AM	<p>The highway entrance in that area is horriblr</p>
71	Mar 11, 2016 2:06 AM	<p>The Haven's is a terrible idea.</p>
72	Mar 11, 2016 2:02 AM	<p>No development on the land trust property.</p> <p>The bird sanctuary should be maintained. Currently empty businesses (Debonair, Chicks and Captains Galley) are becoming eye sores and are ripe for business development. I believe police presence should be funded and monitored at the West Walk/beach area as I have witnessed fighting there.</p>

73	Mar 11, 2016 1:50 AM	Our water front should be utilized from Beach Street to First Ave land side ONLY! From April St to Kimberly Ave redevelop the whole area. Build revenue producing properties. We do have the largest shoreline in the State of Ct. It's about time it is utilized to its full potential.
74	Mar 11, 2016 1:46 AM	I think this is a mute point - the decisions have already been made.
75	Mar 11, 2016 1:43 AM	Protected multi use pathways for walking and cycling should extend the entire shoreline. Greenway
76	Mar 11, 2016 1:40 AM	DO NOT BUILD THE MALL, that is also part of our harbor!!!!!!!!!!!!!! You will be left with a large building and a parking garage. That will be an eyesore when entering West Haven. It will just turn into low income housing when the Mall goes bankrupt! Knock down Captains Galley it is an eyesore. Revamp the old Chick's and Debonair Motel. That could be prime real estate for a Beach Club and bring revenue to the city! You are only left with Stowe's and Jimmies, more Seafood Restaurants with outdoor seating would be great! A splash pad for the kids would also be nice. Fix up the old Adam's shopping plaza or knock it down. That would make for some additional beach parking for out of town visitors and can again bring revenue to the city.
77	Mar 11, 2016 1:26 AM	No takings by eminent domain for projects that transfer property from working/middle class people to private developers!
78	Mar 11, 2016 1:24 AM	Our shoreline is probably our greatest asset. We need to utilize our shoreline to attract value to our city all while maintaining the integrity of our shore.
79	Mar 11, 2016 1:22 AM	I hope in light of all the city's other failings that they can preserve our shoreline, access to and trash removal. Presently trash on this city disgusts me. The lack of responsibility is unacceptable...grow some and die! Show pride for our resources.
80	Mar 11, 2016 1:18 AM	No commercial development should interfere with access we have now, or decrease the open space there nowyou should LEASE the conference center to a restaurant or banquet facility and make owners of debonair, bait shop captain galley clean up those pathetic disgusting eye sores

81	Mar 11, 2016 1:16 AM	West haven could be so beautiful and inviting to outsiders.I've lived here for 63 yrs.Would love to see a beer garden,some kind of splash pad.I have to go to other towns and pay admission for there use.I would love to stay in my own town.More smaller shops that aren't top end.
82	Mar 11, 2016 1:12 AM	the property under the auspices of the land trust should remain as such, that area is a beautiful spot in our city that should not be commercially developed. The area at Capt Thomas Parkade should be sold, knocked down and completely rebuilt. The same for the old Debonair and Capt's Galley
83	Mar 11, 2016 1:09 AM	This survey is a joke cause the Mayor is gonna do what he wants to do just like he does now..
84	Mar 11, 2016 1:06 AM	Restaurants/hotels at old Debonair, Chick's, and Captain's Gallery are necessary to improve the reputation of the area. Street parking also needs to be more strictly enforced near the beach in the summer.
85	Mar 10, 2016 11:50 PM	Keep the area waters clean and police the area. Check fishing licenses of those along the harbor that fish. Too much illegal taking of fish.
86	Mar 10, 2016 11:09 PM	Oyster River restaurant area should be more commercial with specialty shops in order to draw more crowds of people up Ocean Avenue. The sea walls need to be higher to prevent water damage to homes on waterside of ocean ave. There should be a pier to help break up heavy waves and for residence to go fishing
87	Mar 10, 2016 8:40 PM	I'd love to see something done with Chick's and the old Captain's catch. There is a great deal of out town traffic there in the summer and local foot traffic during the winter. A gym or yoga studio by shoreline utilizing the great view of the ocean. A beer garden or Gastropub. There is a local farm in Oxford called Rich farm that has THE best ice cream, it would be great in that area of other concepts joined in. (They are looking to franchise.) Or just build an epic playground for all ages next to the skate park. Include life size chess, checkers, connect four, a water playground, etc. but you will have to embrace the sand that comes inland during the storms or find a way to stop that from happening.
88	Mar 10, 2016 6:19 PM	More shopping/resturaunts like they have in New Jersey boardwalks. More parking between Dawson Ave beach & South St.

89	Mar 10, 2016 5:52 PM	Let's utilize our waterfront to make West Haven a destination and shift the tax burden to businesses and away from homeowners!
90	Mar 10, 2016 5:39 PM	Enforce leash laws. Enforce blight laws on vacant property (Debonair, captain's galley, bait and tackle). Development on Savin Rock Parkade! Concerns about The Haven project are a unified look on First Ave. Street scaping on both sides! First ave is our GATEWAY to our beaches.
91	Mar 10, 2016 5:25 PM	I would like to see ramps for handicapped access to the beaches themselves. Some state parks have such ramps
92	Mar 10, 2016 5:20 PM	There should be a place we can store canoes, kayaks, sunfish
93	Mar 10, 2016 5:15 PM	Please no apartments or condos!! Something useful, for all to use.
94	Mar 10, 2016 2:02 PM	A mall is a bad idea. It will turn into the boulevard flea market and no one will want to go. I wont go to the post mall anymore because of the people that just go and hang out there.
95	Mar 10, 2016 6:08 AM	I am against the Haven project. Better use of some of the property should be considered. The boat ramp is too shallow at low tides and should be dredged to accept larger boats, and I am sure we would see an increase in activity and more revenue for the city. I would like to see another boat ramp here also, as I have a 24 foot at west cove (city point west) marina and a 16 foot which I trailer and do not use the boat ramp here because of the low water conditions.
96	Mar 10, 2016 1:02 AM	Clean water / additional commercial use that makes Wedt Haven a destination site for Boaters. le waterfront dining with boat tie ups.
97	Mar 10, 2016 12:53 AM	leave commercial building away from shore
98	Mar 9, 2016 11:33 PM	non residents should pay to use beaches and policed better. The board walk and grove perfect example sometimes a danger at night
99	Mar 9, 2016 10:28 PM	for most part everything is okay but care should be taken with respect to beach erosion
100	Mar 9, 2016 10:05 PM	Regulation of noise (Motorcycles) along the shoreline should be more evident as it disrupts the beach, parks, and residential uses.
101	Mar 9, 2016 9:43 PM	west cove is now city point yacht club. the original redevelopment was poor. the city spent millions to preserve the shore around Bradley rock and I would hate to see mistakes as the original redevelopment occur again. it is no place for business.

102	Mar 9, 2016 7:48 PM	As A Long Time Former Resident Of West Haven I Would Like To See The City Spend More Time In Keeping The Road And Beach Area Clean And Up Graded There Should Be A Small Wall All The Way From Savin Rock To South St. To Contain Erosion With Parallel Parking And A Walking And Bike Path. I Have Always Admired The Beaches For There Scenic Beauty. After All The West Haven Shore Line Has Some Of The Nicest Beaches On The East Coast.
103	Mar 9, 2016 7:42 PM	Keep the area for the public and out of commercial hands
104	Mar 9, 2016 6:10 PM	It needs to be devolved a little without hurting existing marina's
105	Mar 9, 2016 3:26 PM	Issue a public notice when updates are available. Not only at City planning meetings.
106	Mar 9, 2016 3:20 PM	Restaurants and making West Haven a boaring "destination" would be a huge uplift for the city. I know how much money I spend every summer at other Marinas and it is significant.
107	Mar 9, 2016 3:12 PM	Open space an natural to preserve native species. The current park is overdeveloped.
108	Mar 9, 2016 2:38 PM	Give a reason for non residents to come to the city and spend money. The city needs revenue and using the water front could be one of way.
109	Mar 9, 2016 2:29 PM	Born and raised in this city. All I hear my family talk about is how we missed the good old west haven and Savin rock. You go to any other city there are beach front restaurant parks places to shop we need to build our beach front and use it the right way
110	Mar 9, 2016 2:03 PM	In previous years, we used to see the Police boat monitoring the water. This past summer, I rarely saw it and the jet skis off of Lake St. were a little dangerous. It would be nice to see some police presence. I am not saying take away someone's PWC, but make sure all jet ski drivers have the proper certifications to operate their PWC.
111	Mar 9, 2016 2:02 PM	Move the boat launch into the west river possibly by the compost site. Currently there is no boat access to the existing ramp at mid or low tide. If the launch is on the west river by the compost site there is plenty of deep water access there.
112	Mar 9, 2016 1:55 PM	We should development our West haven Harbor area to reflect Port Jeff. They did it right.

113	Mar 9, 2016 1:55 PM	A couple of your questions are for residents only as I am not I really could not answer questions about using the beaches or ramps correctly.
114	Mar 9, 2016 1:50 PM	West Haven Boat Ramp can not be used at low tide. Is a digging a channel being considered?
115	Mar 4, 2016 6:35 PM	Sandy Point should be protected as a bird sanctuary and a passive park area with more plantings and shrubs and less parking area.i am on the Sandy Point Restoration Committee.
116	Feb 23, 2016 9:46 PM	We need a higher class of restaurants that currently exist on or near the beaches at Seabluff, Savin Rock area..... Also some shops would be nice,
117	Feb 23, 2016 2:41 PM	protect us on first ave. water front from erousion
118	Feb 17, 2016 4:25 PM	<p>air restaurants. Absolutely the best way for so many people to truly enjoy a day at the beach, not to mention the revenue steam. It's not just about swimming and tans when you go to the beach. And let's face it, how many people died from a Jimmy's hot dog when they sold them open air. Health regulations are a little (a lot) out-of-balance!!</p> <p>□</p> <p>Keep it upscale with good architecture and maintenance to maintain property values and minimize the gang issues that the old Savin Rock created.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>Make 1st Avenue one-way with perpendicular parking on one side across from the beach to maximize easy access to the whole beach. (One way will make it safer for crossing from parking to beach.) □</p> <p>□</p> <p>Create shade spaces on the beach. Maybe "sail" style pergolas here and there.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>Fire-pits for night-time bonfires that anyone can bring wood to and use. (Think Corona del Mar Beach in CA.) Extend really enjoyable use of the beach to 11pm, especially along Sandy Point that is pretty distant from residences.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>Set-up mega-size blow-up screen and do "drive-in" (only lawn chair) movies during the summer months. Sub-contract this to a regular movie-</p>

119	Feb 3, 2016 5:34 PM	I would like to see more dredging efforts in specified areas especially the area of the west river between West Haven and New Haven. This has been deteriorating for far too long and will eventually become dangerous for boaters that are located at City Point Yacht Club.
120	Jan 8, 2016 12:30 PM	West Haven really needs a new boat launch with access to deep enough water at all tide levels. It would be nice to see one as part of the "Haven project". Somewhere in the elm and water street area. It should be available to outside residents for a fee. It would be a great addition to the cities waterfront. The current launch is hardly useable and in need of repair.
121	Jan 4, 2016 9:29 PM	Vegetation along Ocean Ave from street to beach level needs better management. In terms of beachfront development. I would only support city owned property that is leased. I would not support outright sale of such.
122	Jan 1, 2016 4:41 PM	We should not do anything to increase the pollution in the sound.
123	Dec 31, 2015 10:43 AM	Area should have more restaurants, marinas etc, not junk stores with apartments above them. Just look at how ell downtown Milford, Captains Cove etc utilize their waterfront. Oh and get rid of the Djs that blast the music at night when you try for some peace and quiet down there and the green areas now resemble a cemetery with the ground stones and flowers left by the grieving. Nice touch.
124	Dec 13, 2015 4:54 PM	Beach/coastal areas should be left primarily open and I would love to see parks and bike paths close to the water, rather than parking lots. A few SMALL public facilities (restrooms, showers) with a cafe vendor would be desireable with PATHS. we do not need to DRIVE right up to the beach. The idea should be get outside. ADA accessible. CARS AND PARKING LOTS ARE UGLY AND RUIN BEACH AREAS. Also would like to see some guidelines on architect and signage so we dont have these ugly concrete structures visually polluting nature.

125	Dec 10, 2015 5:00 PM	<p>The dumpsters behind the Dollar Store at Bayview are submerged in tidal waters after a lot of rain and high tides. They are out of view and need to be managed. This is one source of tidal trash in Oyster River beach. The recycle area at the base of the large landfill is an eye sore to the public on I-95. It keeps growing and should be contained. The West River Tributary areas should be cleaned up and restored to include paddle boating. Chicks restaurant property should not be allowed to develop condos and should be kept as commercial restaurant area. The Bridge at the Cove River needs to be restored and to include a bike path and possible paddle boat launch. It is a vital connection to the rest of the Savin Rock park area. Bradley Rock duck hunting should be discontinued. It's too residential and should be a bird preserve for migratory birds and sea mammals.¶</p> <p>The boat ramp is hidden behind tall phragmites grass and should be redesigned. Some people do not know it's there.</p>
126	Dec 10, 2015 1:24 AM	<p>Build some kind of attraction at saving rock park. That generates revenue for the city. And attract tourists. And please change light post to L.E.D</p>
127	Dec 5, 2015 12:08 AM	<p>wajk ways along water front with trees benches play park for little kids and enjoying watching the boats on coastal waters..also to enjoy the waterfront been a long time coming ...Mall is not bad like that....</p>

<p>128</p>	<p>Dec 4, 2015 10:07 PM</p>	<p>NO more Condos and apartments down by the beach please. I await the Havens opening. However, I don't see this happening. If it does happen use the harbor for the public better than a parking lot. My gosh. Look to Providence and what they have done with their waterway. Our beaches are NOT handicapped accessible. there is not one point where someone in a wheelchair or a scooter can get onto the beach. We need more facilities ie bathrooms, food stands, changing facilities, rental places for paddle boards, canoes, kayaks, sea runners bicycles and such. Why is there a private beach club Prospect Beach, closed to persons that only live in that area? Don't say that it is open to all. You get snubbed. Help Turks get into this century They are so antiquated. There used to be eco camps for kids in the summer how about having eco camps for all ages in spring, summer, and autumn. Please expand the Boardwalk!!! Have more festivals down at the grove and at Savin Rock. Have concerts for all different age groups. Not just play the same bands when Dodi and John Ireland started the band stand going. I can keep going on and on. Please inform the residents of meetings concerning the beach through newspaper, social media, and the West Haven Robo call system!!!!!! I almost missed this survey by several days except I just happened upon it.</p>
<p>129</p>	<p>Dec 4, 2015 9:00 PM</p>	<p>I frequent Seaview Ave beach and the amount of watercraft traffic is high. There need to be tougher restrictions on where jet-skis can/should be anchored along the beach. I would like to see Mideast development if the shoreline w/ more activities during the summer, seasonal shops, bike and kite rentals, ect and more. A splashpad would be an excellent addition to our shore. We need to place tighter restrictions on non residents parking on streets adjacent to our beaches and also increase our beach parking fees. More trash receptacles along the beach would be wonderful as well. The beach raking over the summer was horrible, they need to do a better job. Also, Savin Rock (the symbol of our city) is in desperate need of TLC. The overgrowth of trees, weeds, and shrubs is out of control and the rock is starting to break apart. This needs to be cleared out. Thank you for allowing me to participate in this survey.</p>

130	Nov 21, 2015 6:12 PM	Consider putting a splash pad or some kind of water park near one of the beaches. Could charge and make money for the city.
131	Nov 21, 2015 2:30 PM	Development brings tourism which brings spenders which bring more businesses which brings more development all of which increase the grand list!!
132	Nov 21, 2015 12:57 PM	Improve areas along the beach that already exist, including Captains Galleys site and strip mall across from Roasting Co.
133	Nov 21, 2015 7:23 AM	NO MORE APARTMENTS OR CONDOS NEAR/AT THE BEACH!!!
134	Nov 21, 2015 2:04 AM	I would love to see the return of more restaurants along the water. We need a hotel to attract tourists. Movie theater and other family friendly places to go. We have industrial space... Can't we turn that as a an indoor soccer field? I would also love to see West Haven residents get preferred job placement opportunities when these business open. I would love to see a community center to benefit wide range of ages.
135	Nov 21, 2015 12:40 AM	The most important thing is to protect and preserve the shoreline from erosion. The water is rising and we are not addressing the fact that land needs to be protected from erosion.
136	Nov 21, 2015 12:00 AM	It's prime real estate and should be developed to attract businesses and people. No more condos though.
137	Nov 20, 2015 11:37 PM	There is currently no where on the waterfront to buy simple things....water sun tan lotion. There should be highly visible security after dark.
138	Nov 20, 2015 10:00 PM	Development should be AROUND the beaches NOT on the beach.. small beach type restaurants.. small shops.. not dollar stores. places to sit and enjoy not ruin with high rises such as a Marriot or condos - it takes away from US the tax payers - Newport type small and family orientated
139	Nov 20, 2015 8:23 PM	We need mindful development of open beach front areas.
140	Nov 20, 2015 8:16 PM	Leave the shoreline alone. The Land trust is there for a reason.
141	Nov 20, 2015 2:46 PM	I would love for the city to make at least part of the beachfront 'dog-friendly'. A lot of folks enjoy bringing their animals down onto the beach, where it is not allowed. If an area was designated for dogs, people would stay on that part and people from out of town would come and visit with their pets.

142	Nov 20, 2015 1:00 PM	West Haven only has the beaches and great restaurants as quality of life, it is inexcusable to develop the waterfront further with commercial properties- we pay large taxes and should be able to have full use of the waterfront for the residents; I would endorse stronger parking fees or non residents.
143	Nov 20, 2015 11:30 AM	My main concern is, erosion, erosion, erosion!! We are losing our beaches. Within a couple of years beach street will be under water. That should be a priority!! Our current administration is not doing anything.
144	Nov 20, 2015 11:20 AM	The crazy amount of sand brought in over the years at the bottom of Fairview and Ivy has amounted in nothing but sandbars and a ruined beach I once loved
145	Nov 20, 2015 11:13 AM	We need a balance of aesthetically pleasing structures and preservation of existing open spaces with minimal, if any, impact on the natural elements
146	Nov 20, 2015 11:02 AM	Would love to see some sort of beach club type business where you have storage for your beach stuff and can lock it up.
147	Nov 20, 2015 9:55 AM	I wish there was more trash cans, more police in areas that have a lot going on so you can feel safe, better upkeep by the city of parks along beach
148	Nov 20, 2015 5:07 AM	Does this mean Ed and the band of thieves plan to dissolve the land trust and f*** even more than they have already? He butchered the havens since the first day in office, what else can we allow him to do
149	Nov 20, 2015 4:12 AM	Make the boat ramp deeper.. More patrols for unruly people..
150	Nov 20, 2015 3:53 AM	Garbage cans should be out all year at beach access areas!! Thanks for doing a survey!
151	Nov 20, 2015 3:50 AM	NO development along the shore. Keep it open and pristine.
152	Nov 20, 2015 3:35 AM	More restaurants .fun stuff to do like rentals jet skis maybe minute golf an arcade maybe some water slides a splash pad and our carousel.what we don't want are more high rise condos
153	Nov 20, 2015 3:34 AM	No more housing. Need to add business. End the land trust
154	Nov 20, 2015 2:40 AM	Offer more things to do besides just july fourth fireworks. And savin rock festival. How about doing reenactments about the revolutionary war down at the rock

155	Nov 20, 2015 2:30 AM	More trash cans/frequent trash pick up are needed during summer months. The public beaches are the ONLY draw to West Haven, and access and environmental protection are the most important to me.
156	Nov 20, 2015 2:18 AM	Boat ramp is inadequate, south st is a great place to have a dog beach (to the right), keep left for kayak/paddle board launch. There is no where along the shoreline to purchase bathing suits/towels. Kiosks and a hot dog/hamburger stand near Bradley point would be great, chicks dead and Jimmies only caters to people from Waterbury. Heavy beach and boat user from platt Av. More residential parking near sea bluff and prospect beach.
157	Nov 20, 2015 2:10 AM	Need update bathrooms.
158	Nov 20, 2015 2:10 AM	I consider not only the water to be important but also the shore where many people from all over come to enjoy our shore. There should be more attention to cleanup of trash, monitoring the dog feces People have no regard for property. I love to bike ride on the bike path however its difficult because people walk on the bike path and people ride their bike on the walking path.I would love to see more activity that would bring revenue into the city. Why can't there be festivities like the event in July with vendors and food more often? Yes, there are weekly music shows but they could bring in bigger names and draw a bigger crowd that would also increase business. I feel there is so much that could be done to maximize the potential of the shoreline.
159	Nov 20, 2015 2:05 AM	Please no more housing. I think we under utilize the space where we could have more restaurants and stores (think coffee shops and ice cream parlors) but the first thought is always to build condos. Please no more. That is my fear of what will happen down where Chicks is.
160	Nov 20, 2015 1:56 AM	Do not develop the waterfront, we are lucky to have as much open spaces and beaches as we do. Once they are gone, they are gone.
161	Nov 20, 2015 1:36 AM	I would like to see the conference center area but the rock turned into an amphitheater type venue for concerts, plays. Camden Maine has similar area.

162	Nov 20, 2015 1:36 AM	We love West Haven and have the luxury of being able to walk to the beach I wish they would control more of the non-residents coming here. They need to enforce the no parking and charging like other towns do.
163	Nov 20, 2015 1:30 AM	Keep things as open to the public as possible. Increase garbage pick-up.
164	Nov 20, 2015 1:21 AM	we need more commercial business including restaurants on the waterfront to encourage people to visit. NOT MORE CONDOS. Do NOT turn Chicks into Condos please. All this beautiful beach and no business for people to come and spend money!
165	Nov 20, 2015 1:02 AM	The boat ramp is unacceptable. Not deep enough to launch a boat & the slope is nothe correct
166	Nov 20, 2015 12:46 AM	I think the beaches should be fixed up. The wooden fences were taken down leaving the half broken stairs over the beach. Not a pretty site. The beach in front of chicks is horrible to look at. The entire walkway along the beach needs to be replaced/repaved. The cracks and dips in the sidewalks are dangerous. More lighting could also be put up along the boardwalk. [] [] Instead more money was spent on putting more dirt down for the ocean to swallow. [] [] Having more events at the beach/oak grove area would bring more people and more excitement than another condo building. []
167	Nov 20, 2015 12:43 AM	#1 need cleaner water[] #2 boat trips would be nice if reasonably priced[] #3 restaurant s to replace chicks and captains galley
168	Nov 20, 2015 12:37 AM	There is no water at low tide at the boat ramp on April st until this is fixed doing any thing down there is a waste of money
169	Nov 20, 2015 12:33 AM	Boat ramp is awful no grade to it useless,red sand they put on beach is bad its like clay
170	Nov 20, 2015 12:19 AM	I am a young man with a growing family. In the near future, I hope to move from West Haven to a neighboring town that has invested in smart, sustainable development of its shorefront, which has lead to economic growth and vibrancy. West Haven has a great deal of potential, especially with regard to its shorefront, but the politics get in the way of progress.

171	Nov 19, 2015 11:54 PM	Need restaurants to replace chicks and captains galley. Also increased year round rec activities
172	Nov 19, 2015 11:33 PM	I think we need a better boardwalk with shops, open restaurants, an entertainment venue for concerts.. An opportunity to draw in big name acts that would generate business here in West Haven, with Chicks gone, captains galley.. Alot of this can be tied into the havens. It would be an awesome opportunity to tie the shoreline from Bradley point down.. Talk to the residents last thing any of us want is more condos or apartments think shopping, dining, entertainment
173	Nov 16, 2015 7:17 PM	My favorite beach is the South Street Beach. I also enjoy watching the various birds at the Boat Launch.
174	Nov 14, 2015 4:05 PM	As a new resident, I am disappointed by how little information I receive about projects and subjects like this. If I had not happened to click on the West Haven page, I never would have known there is a Harbor Management Plan in the works.
175	Nov 14, 2015 12:58 AM	the order of the air is almost bad enough to think about moving. Cannot enjoy outside deck during these evenings when smell is so bad. I live near Bradley Point
176	Nov 9, 2015 8:35 PM	should be able to buy water, soda, quick food, ice cream along the board walk, eateries would be nice along the beach.
177	Nov 9, 2015 2:01 PM	Parking permits in the surrounding streets on the shoreline a couple of blocks back. in the Summer out of town residents park all over the streets to avoid paying parking. This solution would also help with the excessive amount of cars 2-3 family rental properties have while at the same time raising revenue for the town for road repairs etc.
178	Nov 5, 2015 8:20 PM	Need to provide more portapotties at beaches & cleaned more often. Need to repave parking lots especially Bradley point lot multiple pot holes. Needs total redo NOT just filling in holes. Trash recepticles need to be emptied more often. need clean up along waterline of debris. They do a GREAT job of cleaning the sandy areas daily but debris seen in water. Thanks

179	Nov 5, 2015 9:03 AM	I have lived here all my life. I would like to see an area put aside for residential, I stress RESIDENTIAL shellfishing. Too many out of towners coming to the shoreline, especially Sea Bluff, tearing up the low tide areas like an aircraft just made a bombing run out there.
180	Nov 3, 2015 9:07 PM	There is an area of beach street (and with the closing of Chick's will be larger) that is old commercial space that lies vacant. It would be great to see this developed either as new commercial properties, or incorporated into the city for land development. It's prime real estate space and we have very few, good water facing restaurants/bars/hotels on that side of West Haven.
181	Nov 3, 2015 8:38 PM	<p>I would like the city to consider incorporating the current brick factory building on Kimberly into the design and perhaps continuing to use it as arts space.. We are losing all for our history and character with redevelopment. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>I am also concerned about the amount of traffic this project will generate. We live in the area near this proposed project and since they have closed the Kimberly Avenue exit, there is a limited amount of options available for accessing West Haven. ☐</p> <p>☐</p>
182	Nov 3, 2015 12:45 AM	Senior housing on the beach should be converted to commercial use and moved to another area of the town.
183	Nov 2, 2015 9:15 PM	investigate and alternative to the constant fog horn noise which goes on for a days at a time

