



Town of Brentwood Council Update

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BARTLETT PARK DESIGN WORKSHOP

APR
12
2025

Use your voice to help us
improve our
neighborhood park



1:30 - 3
PM

Help stop flooding and
drought. Meet at the
Community Center -
4300 39th Place



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BARTLETT PARK DISEÑO TALLER

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Usa tu voz para ayudarnos
a mejorar el parque de
nuestro vecindario



1:30 - 3
PM

Ayude a detener las
inundaciones y las sequías.
Nos vemos en el Centro
Comunitario - 4300 39th Place



Sign up for more info: greensbrentwood@gmail.com



ANACOSTIA
WATERSHED
SOCIETY



2025 EARTH DAY CLEANUP

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

CLEANUP

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

1:30 PM

38th Avenue Neighborhood Park



Climate action planning for a resilient Brentwood



Budgeting for Climate workshop results	Climate survey results <i>See appendix</i>	Climate survey recommendations <i>See appendix</i>
Help community in heat waves & to address flooding (public safety)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents are most concerned about hotter temperatures, increased flooding/extreme storms • Respondents want the Town to help them prepare for extreme weather events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate about rebates from Pepco, Washington Gas, WSSC • Educate about environmentally-friendly household technologies and how to use community solar and renewable energy. • Continue providing splash frog and playground misting stations – explore water conservation options • Emergency services and training for community • Household emergency tools like weather radios
Green community space	Some respondents plant native and non-native plants, and some don't know about native plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote gardening with native plants and their importance • Mulching, pruning, taking care of park resources • Tree canopy on US1
Sustainable materials to reduce waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most respondents believe their actions contribute a moderate or little amount to climate change • Respondents are concerned about the amount of trash going to the landfill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big reusable drinking water tank for events • Green purchasing for office supplies • All electric fleet and tools • Training for municipal employees
Education and resources	Respondents want the Town to help them use clean energy and learn about electric vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote tax breaks and other incentives for purchasing electric vehicles • Town volunteer day • Social worker/program coordinator
Diversity, equity, inclusion & accessibility	Respondents with higher-incomes own EVs and hybrid vehicles more than lower-income; Hispanic respondents haven't considered EV purchases	Help community learn about EVs and find job training in green jobs

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**Maryland-National Capital
Park & Planning Commission
Planning Assistance to
Municipalities & Communities**

**Flooding and Stormwater
Hazard and Risk Management
Analysis for both Brentwood
and North Brentwood**

and

**Brentwood Climate Action
Plan (CAP)**

Goals



Identify all flooding/stormwater risks
Identify mitigation measures



Strategies to reduce/eliminate hazards
Sustainability and climate action goal establishment



Sustainability-themed Placemaking Event
Community engagement and outreach



Final Climate Action Plan
Final Risk Management Analysis

Contractors would like to interview certain households in Brentwood about experiences with flooding on their property. Residents may receive invitations to interviews.

Flooding & Stormwater milestones (January 2024 – May 2025)

Date

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Gather utility and agency information	January-March 2024
Research, field work and interviews	March 2024 – March 2025
Preparation of Draft Report + new Storm Drain Adequacy Report	Nov 2024 – March 2025
Presentation of draft findings to town councils and staff	April 2025 
Completion of Final Report	May 2025

Climate Action Plan milestones (April 2024 – April 2025)

Date

Kick-off meeting and tour	April 2024
CAP Advisory Committee first meeting (goals, priorities)	June 2024
CAP research, data collection	July 2024
Public engagement (events & survey)	September-October 2024
UMD School of Public Policy survey results	March 2025
CAP Advisory Committee meeting	April 2, 2025 from 6:00 – 7:30pm 
Presentation of draft CAP (includes Flooding/Stormwater)	June 2025
Publication and printing of CAP	July 2025

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Locations

Brentwood, MD 

Charleston County, SC

Cook County, IL

Coushatta Tribe, LA

East Palo Alto, CA

Fremont, NE

Grand Caillou/Dulac Band of the Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw, LA

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, SD

Ottawa County, OK

Sandpoint, ID

South San Francisco, CA



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Goals



Apply Climate Action Plan recommendations



Empower communities to be climate resilient

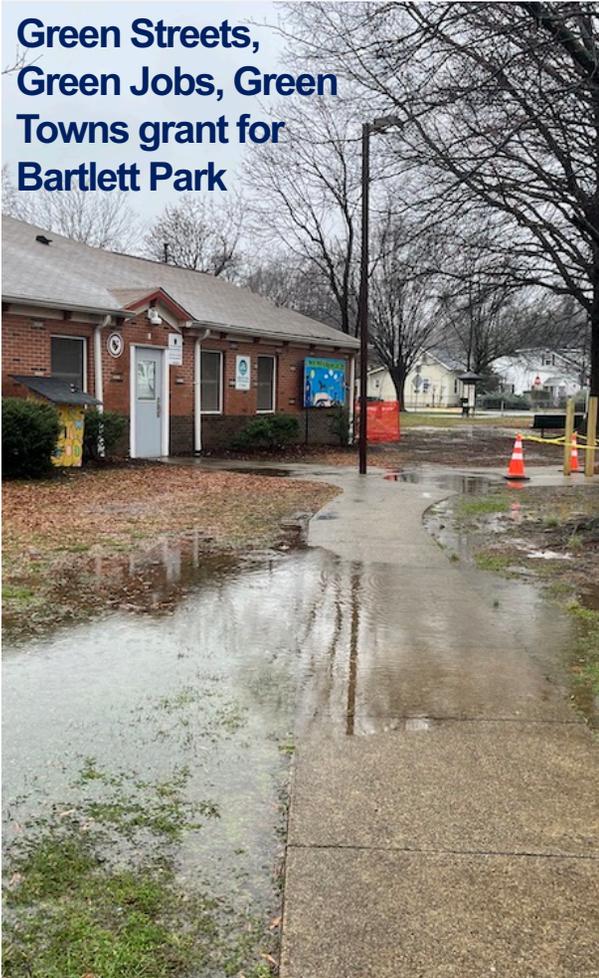
Activities

Community engagement activities about climate risks and adaptation strategies
 Support for CAP implementation
 Green infrastructure training
 Advance two CAP adaptation strategies

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Project milestones (August 2024 – August 2025)	Date
Initial Kick-off Meeting	August 2024
Plan community engagement strategies, community outreach	October 2024 – January 2025
Municipal climate budgeting <i>Open meeting</i>	February 1, 2025
Municipal green infrastructure training with Nature Forward	April 4, 2025 from 10 -12 
Climate Action Plan education and outreach	April 2025 – August 2025
Report delivered on CAP implementation funding sources and application materials for adaptation projects	June 2025 – July 2025
Deliver green infrastructure project design (pocket park)	August 2025

Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns grant for Bartlett Park



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Goals



Increase green spaces in urban areas



Ensure equity and accessibility in recreation



Reduce stormwater runoff



Enhance quality of life and livability

Activities

Hold a charrette to hear input from residents, business owners, communities of faith, and others who enjoy Bartlett Park.

Deliver a design concept, engineering design, and recommended next steps to the community.

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Project milestones (September 2024 – September 2025)

Notional Dates

Contract awarded to Bradley Site Design and Warp + Weft LLC

November 2024

Kickoff meeting

December 2024

Charrette planning

January 2025

Charrette planning & data collection, site visit

February 2025

Outreach for charrette

March 2025



Charrette

April 12 2025

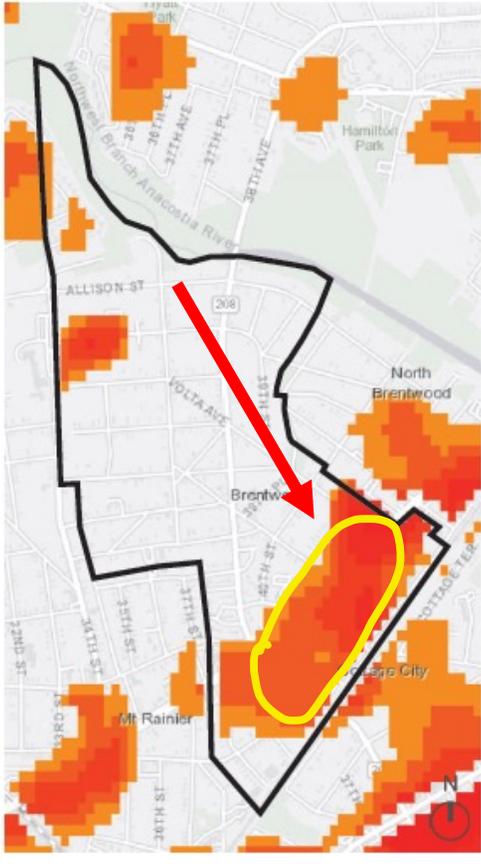
Analysis, technical studies & design work and feedback

May – June 2025

Report and final concept/design, strategy for implementation

July 2025

Heat Concentration
Concentración de calor



Tree planting and maintenance MOU with MDOT SHA on US1/Rhode Island between 38th Street & Volta (20 trees)

Connected with Casey Trees for discussions on this project and the March 1 due date for MDNR Forest Service Catalyst Funds application or other sources.

CANCELED DUE TO FEDERAL FUNDING WITHDRAWN – INVESTIGATING OTHER POSSIBILITIES

Brentwood also experiences **extreme heat** in areas where there is less greenery to provide shade and more paving and buildings to absorb the sun's heat.

- Areas most at risk for high temperatures include those along and east of Rhode Island Avenue / Route 1.
- Trees cool their surroundings by providing shade and other benefits. Approximately 30% of Brentwood has existing tree canopy.

Brentwood también enfrenta el calor extremo en áreas con menos vegetación que brinde sombra y más pavimento y edificios que absorben el calor del sol.

- Las zonas con mayor riesgo de presentar altas temperaturas son las situadas a lo largo y al este de Rhode Island Avenue y Route 1.
- Los árboles refrescan su entorno y garantizan la presencia de sombra y otros beneficios. Aproximadamente el 30 % de Brentwood cuenta con cobertura de árboles.

Tree Canopy
Dosel de los árboles





Keep plastic out of our Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River
and our Anacostia Watershed

Watch the Town of Brentwood video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUr2DQyVEPY>

APPENDIX



How Brentwood Residents Think About Climate Change, Policies to Improve the Environment, and Their Role in Climate Change Mitigation

Lessons Learned from the Brentwood Town Climate Survey

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3/11/25



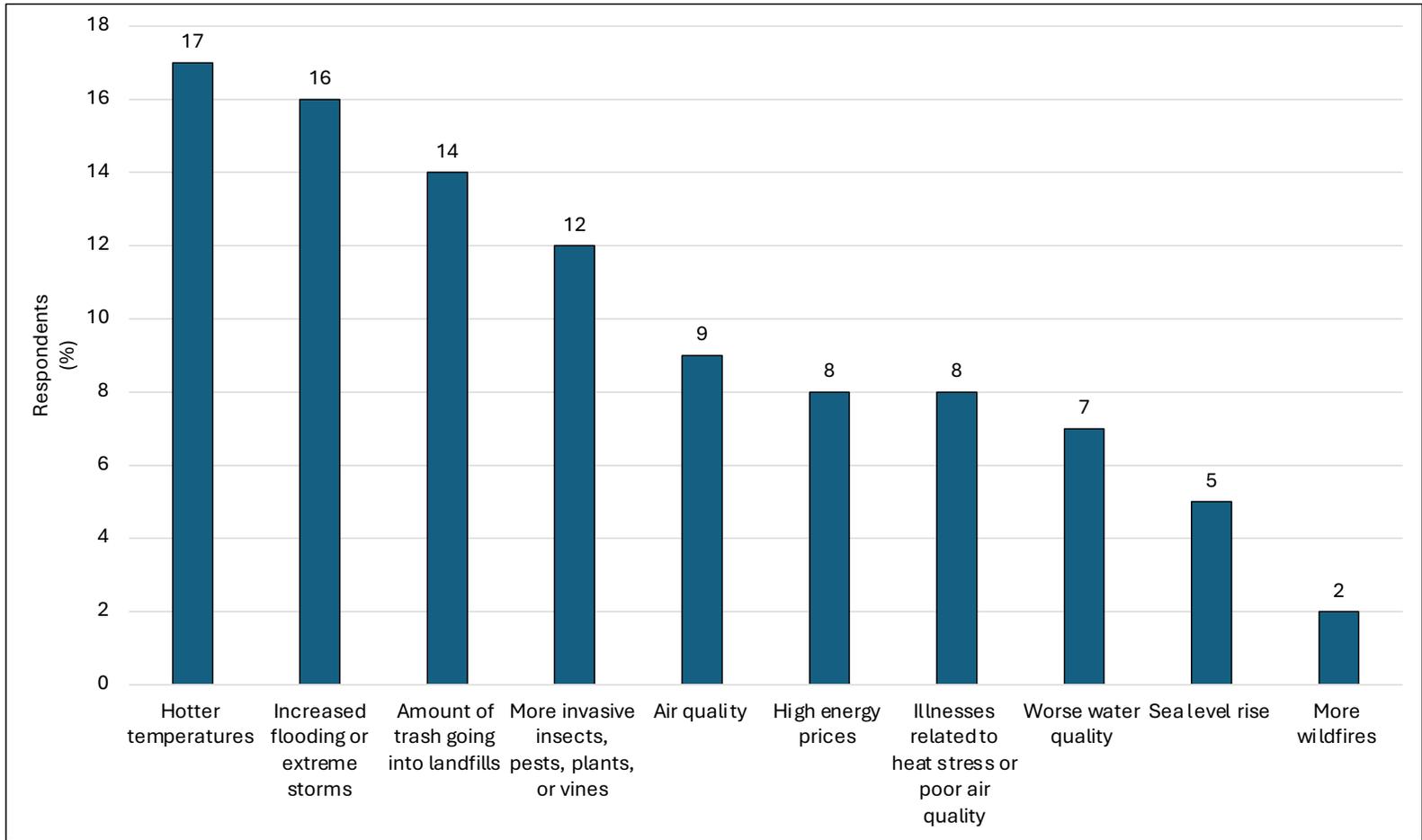
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PUBLIC POLICY

Survey Methods and Representativeness

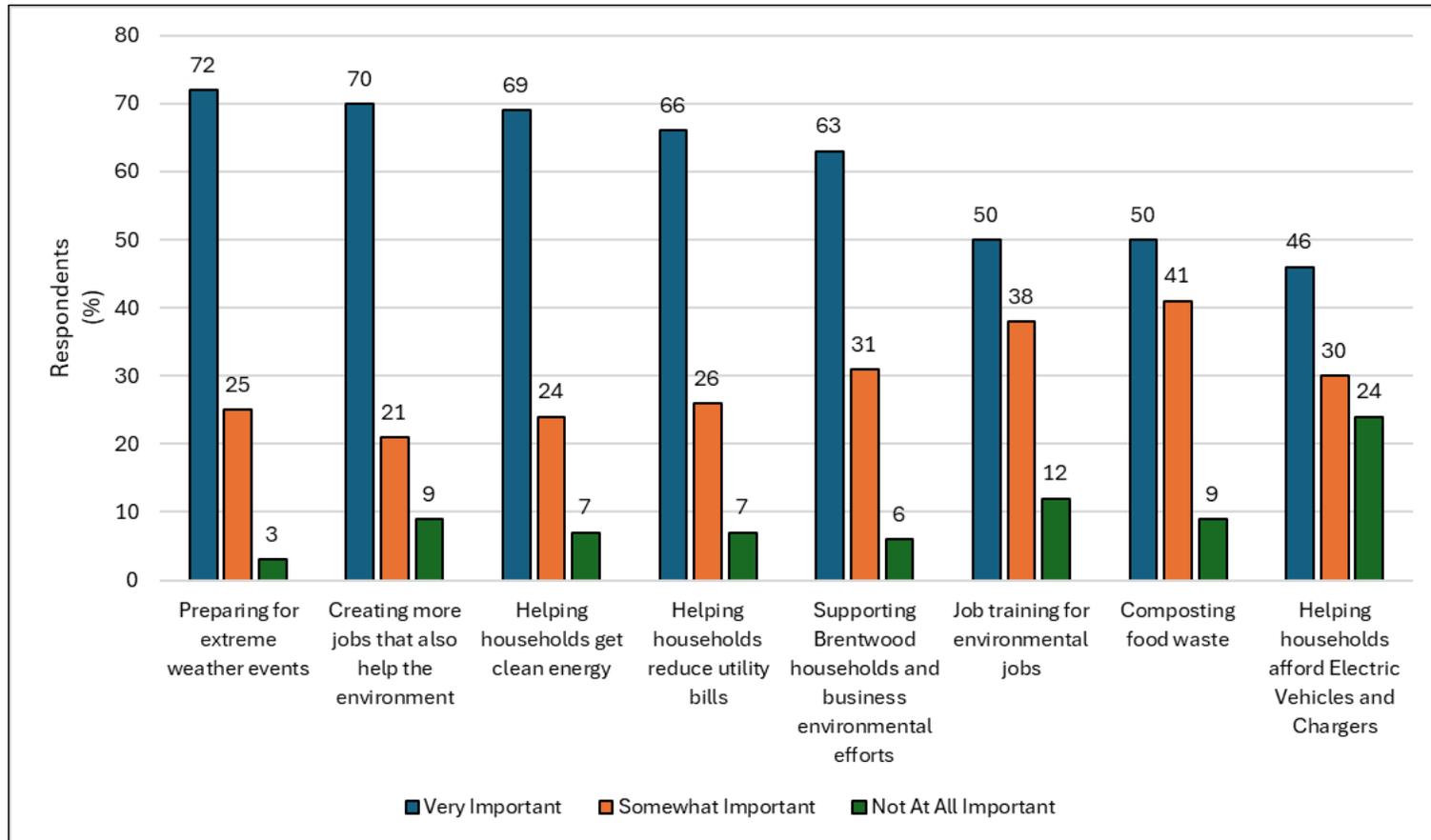
- **Methods**

- Conducted between Friday, October 18th, and Monday, October 21st
 - Five groups of door knockers (60 students enrolled in PLCY 306 for Fall 2024) spread throughout those days
- For all apartment residents, the survey was open until the end of November since they were notified later about the survey
- In total, 130 households took the survey, very few apartment residents resounded

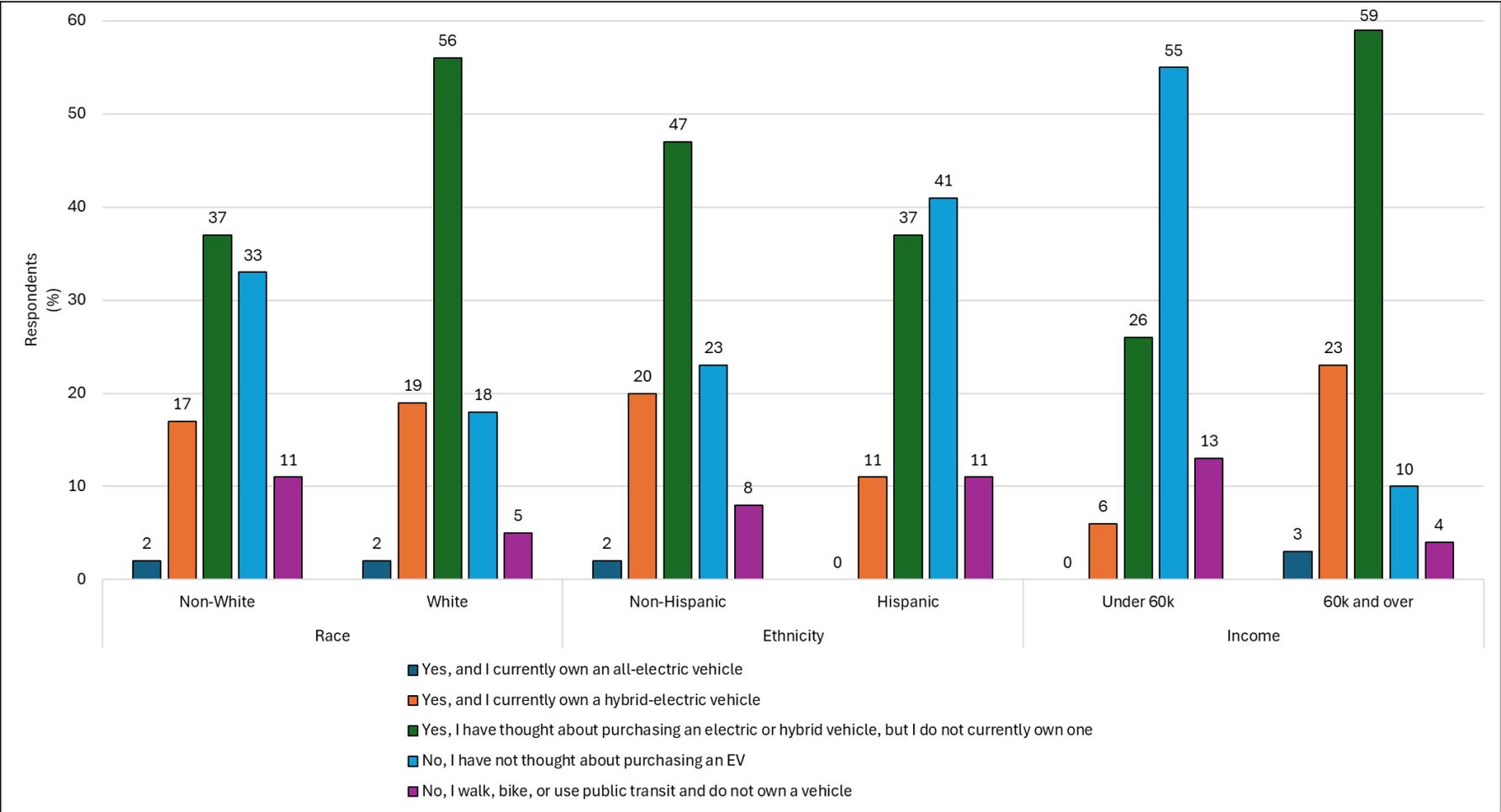
**Brentwood Residents Are Most Concerned About:
Hotter Temperatures, Increased Flooding/Extreme Storms, and the Amount of Trash Going Into Landfills**



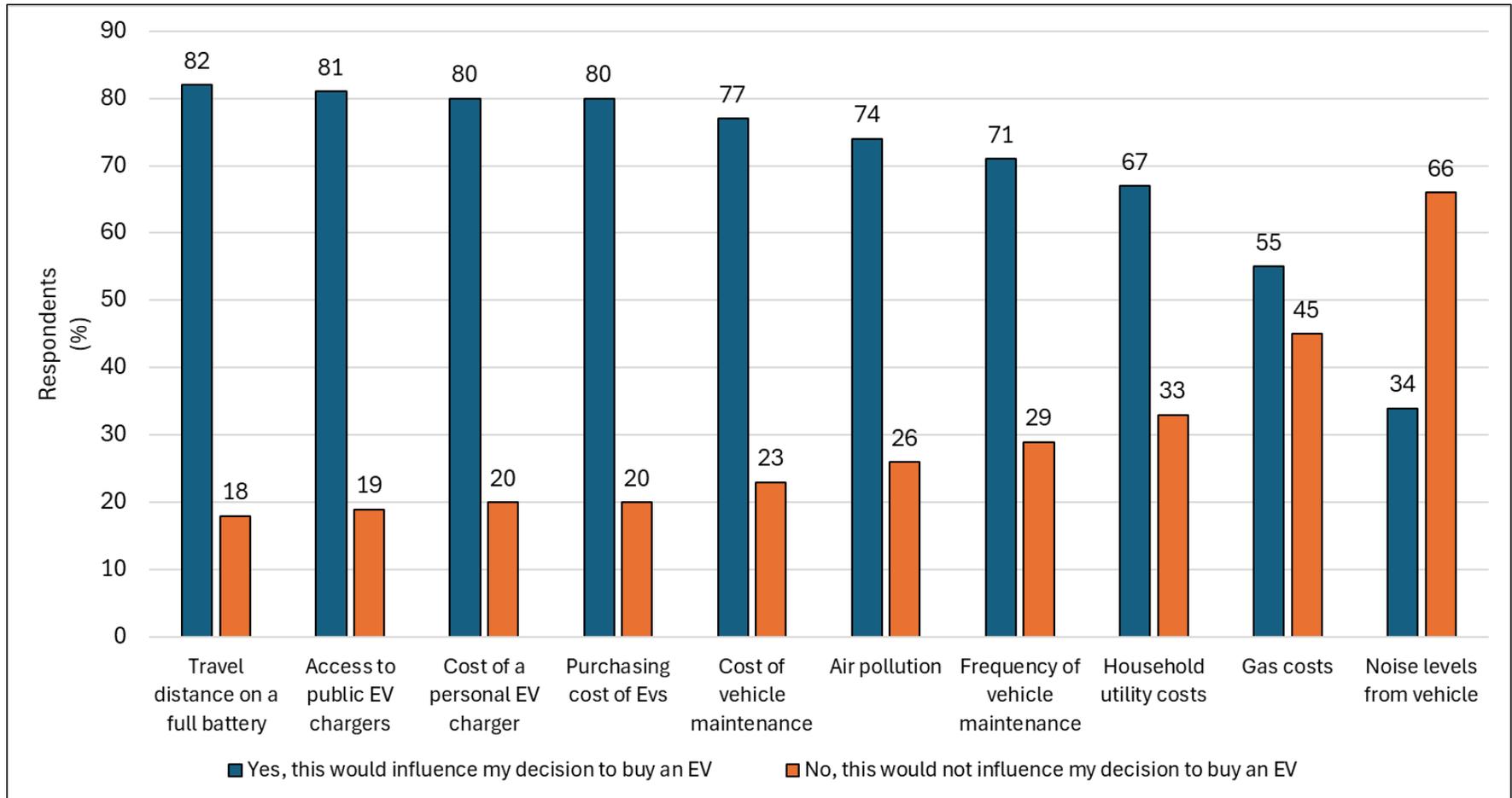
**Brentwood residents support the government:
 Preparing for extreme weather events, Creating more jobs that also help the environment, and Helping households get clean energy**



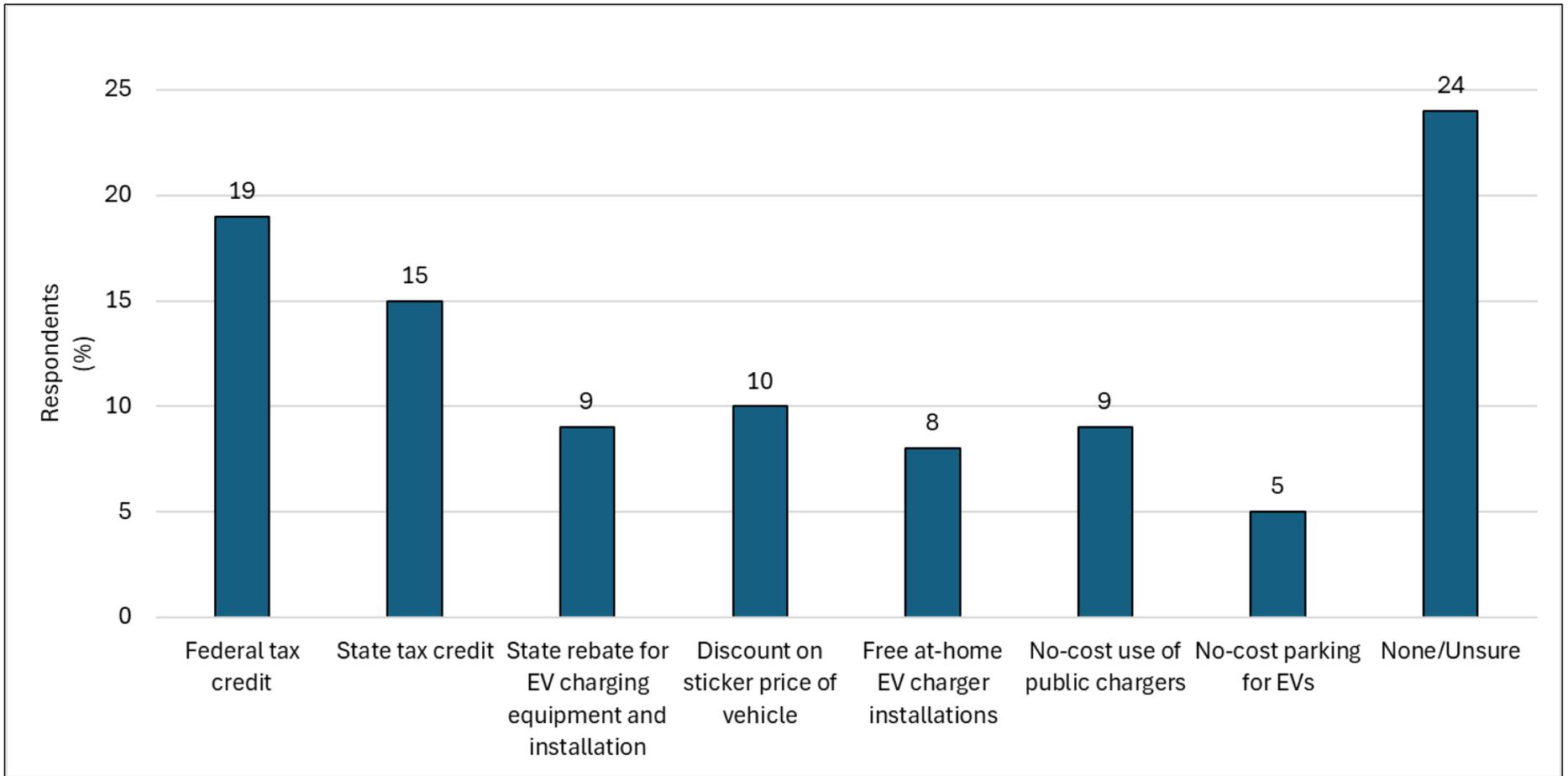
White and Higher-Income Brentwood Residents Own More EVs and Hybrid Vehicles Than Non-White and Lower-Income Residents; Hispanic Residents Have Thought The Least About Purchasing an EV



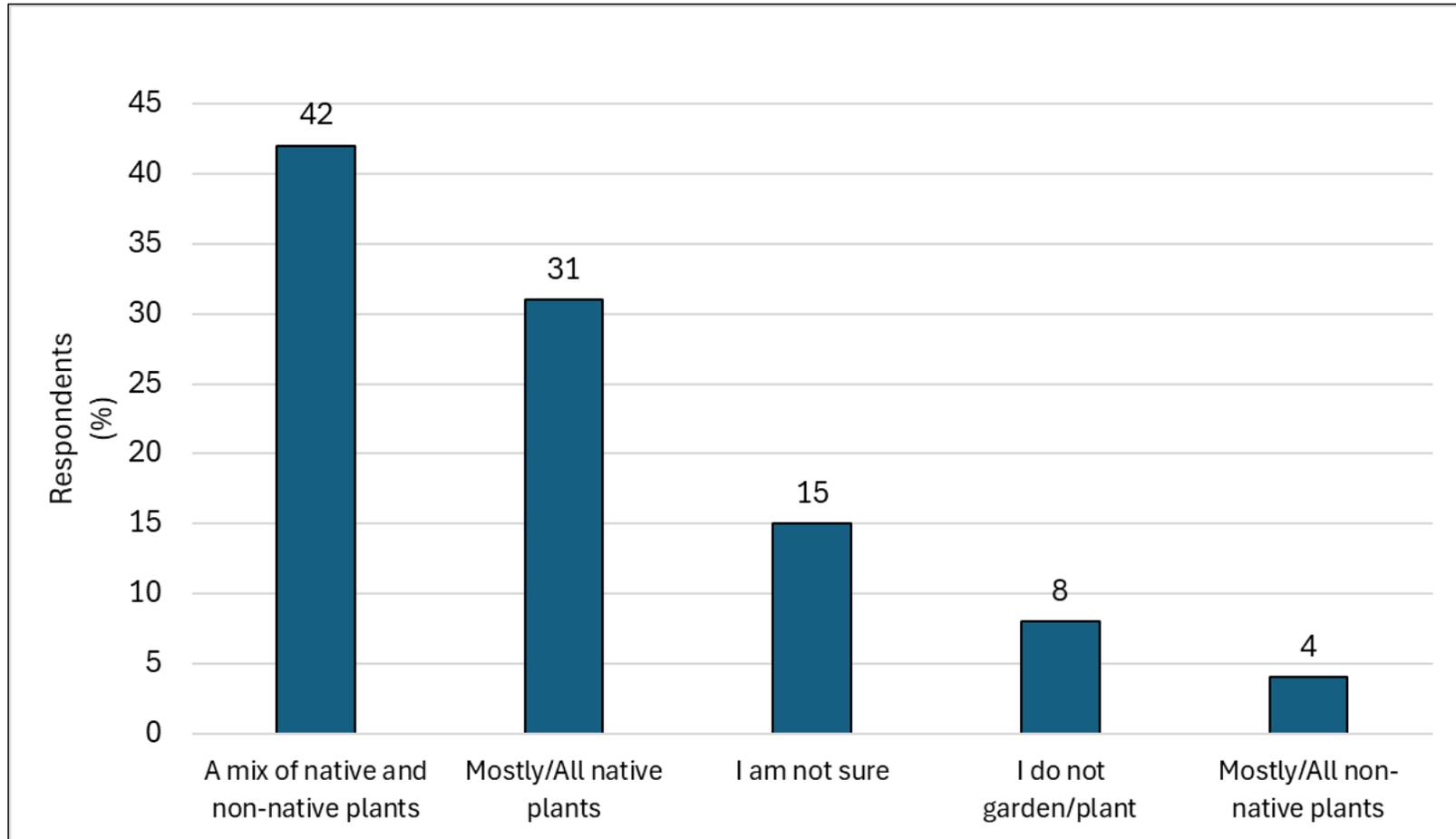
Travel Distance of an EV Battery, Access to Public EV Chargers, and Cost of EVs and Chargers Influence the Car Purchasing Decisions of Brentwood Residents



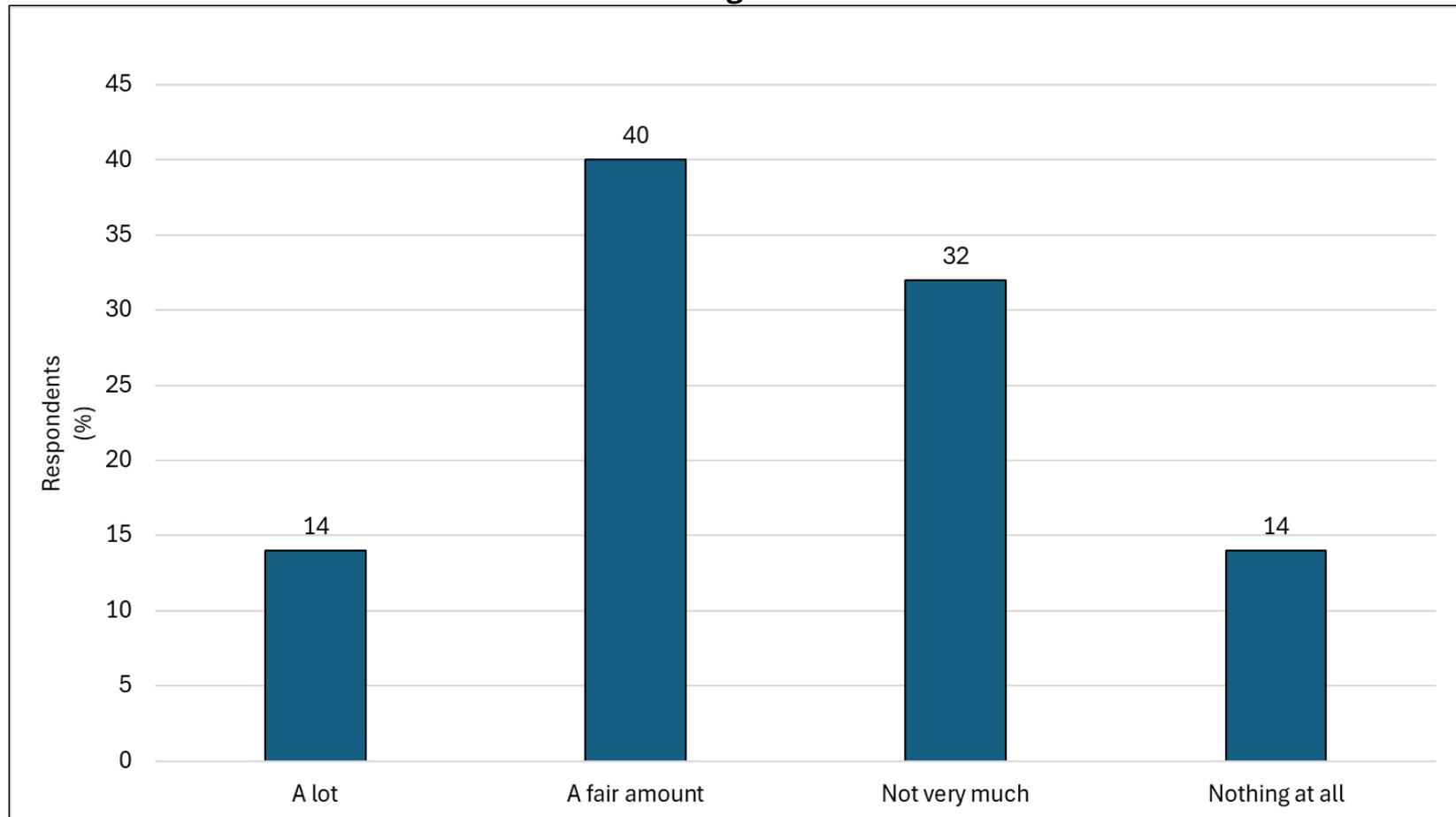
**Most Brentwood Residents Do Not Know About Any Federal or State Incentives for Electric Vehicles.
The Most Well-Known Incentives are the Federal Tax Credits and the State Tax Credit. Many residents thought programs exist that do not.**



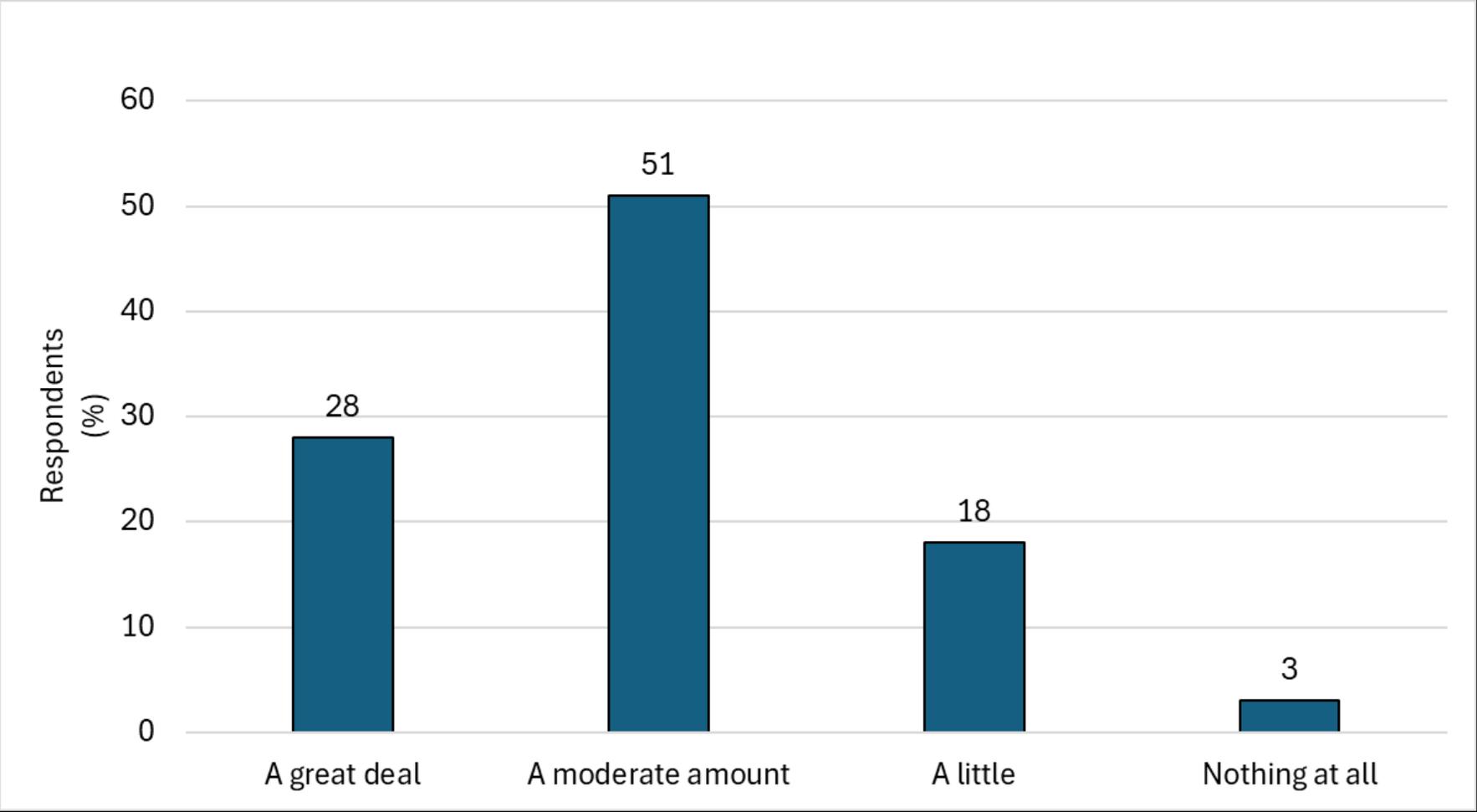
***Most Brentwood Residents Plant with Mostly/All Native Plants or
A Mix of Native and Non-Native Plants***



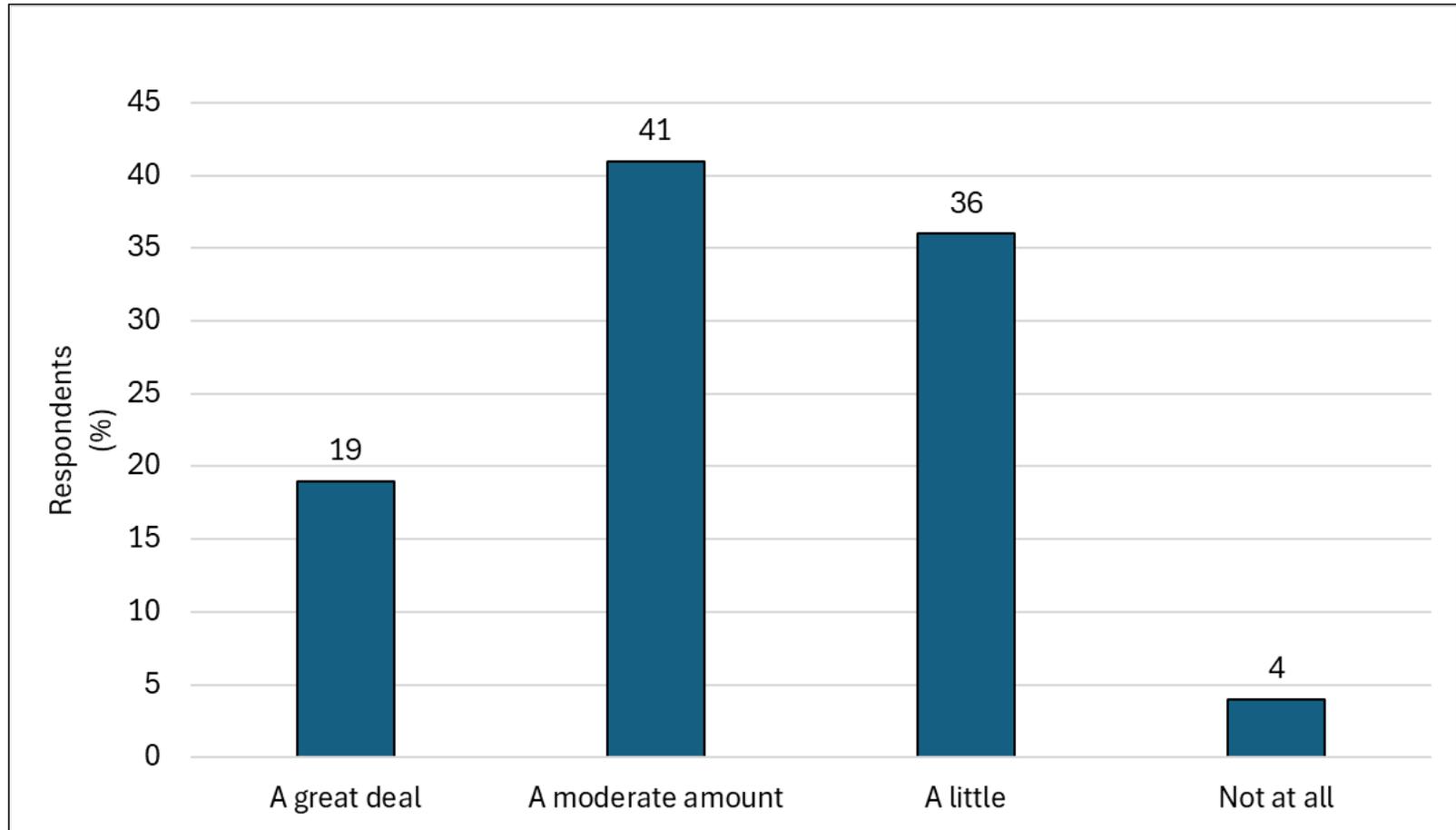
About half of Brentwood Residents Say they Know Nothing or Very Little About Gardening with Native Plants



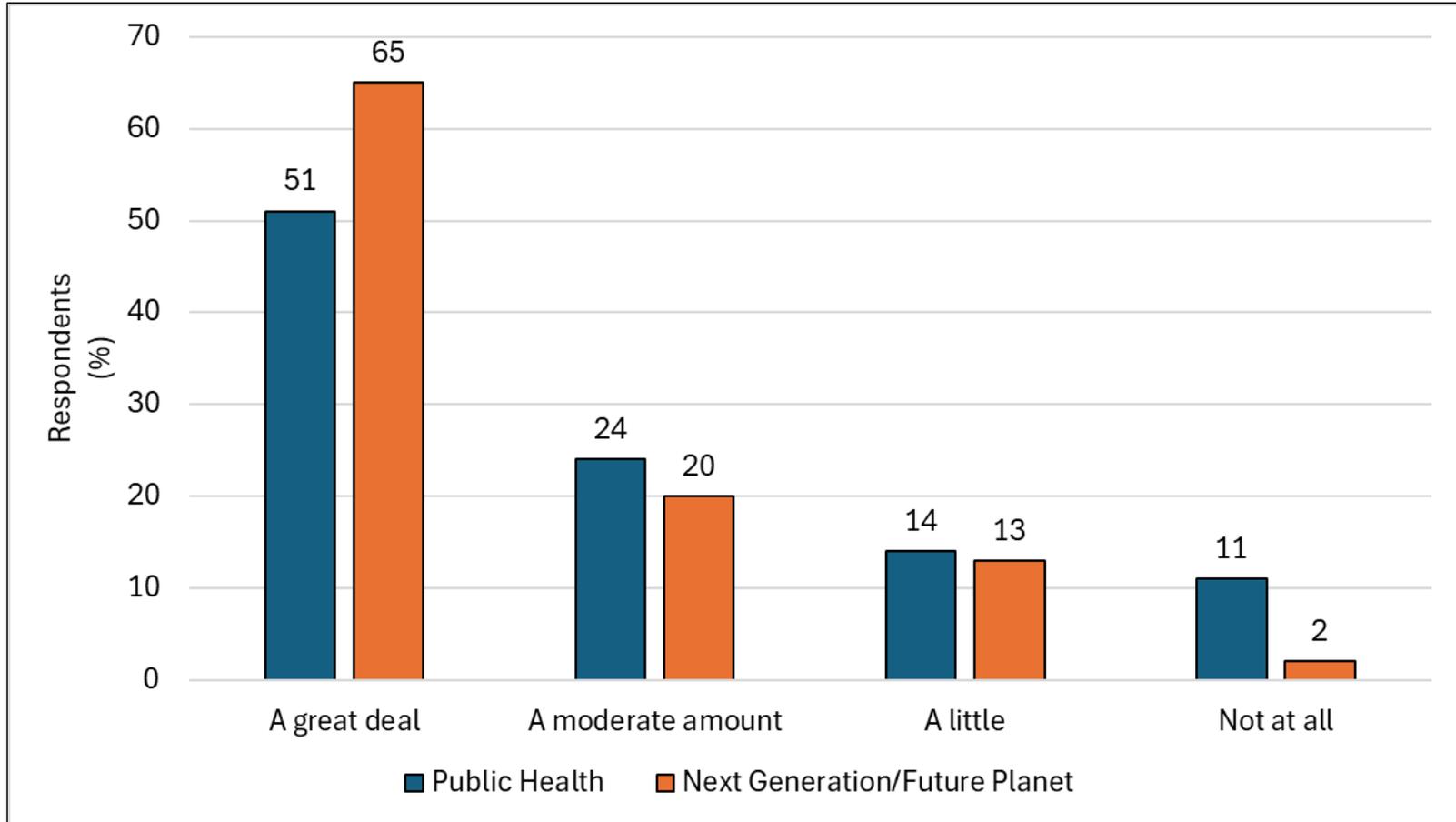
Most Brentwood Residents Know Some, But Not a Lot About Climate Change



Most Brentwood Residents Believe Their Household Actions Contribute A Moderate Amount or Only A Little To Climate Change



Framing Climate-friendly Actions in terms of the benefits to children and future generations may motivate the adoption of these actions by Brentwood Residents



Summary of Key Recommendations and Findings

- 1. Spread information about tax breaks and other incentives for purchasing electric vehicles and other climate-friendly utilities. This may help increase adoption.**
- 2. Frame climate-friendly actions in terms of the benefits to children and future generations to motivate adoption.**
- 3. Provide residents with information about how to garden with native plants and why to do so.**
- 4. Invest in helping residents see their individual role in climate change.**
- 5. Invest in helping residents find job training in green jobs, possibly through partnering with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. Those who work in “green” jobs are more likely to live in an environmentally friendly way.**
- 6. Provide more information about environmentally friendly household technologies.**
- 7. More education is needed (and desired by residents) regarding the benefits of gardening with native plants.**
- 8. Households think having access to energy from cleaner resources is important. Providing information on how they can access electricity from renewable sources may be helpful.**