

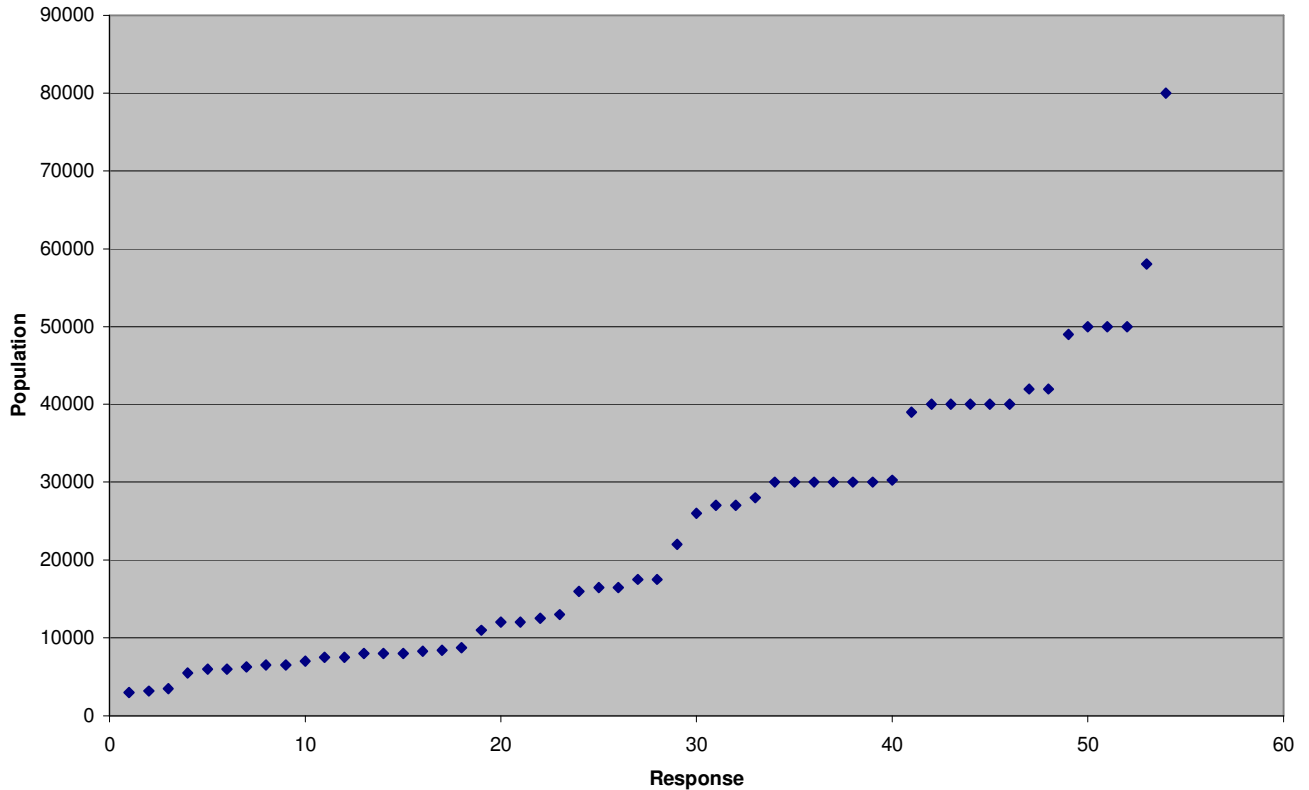
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Results from the 2005 Workshop Topics Survey

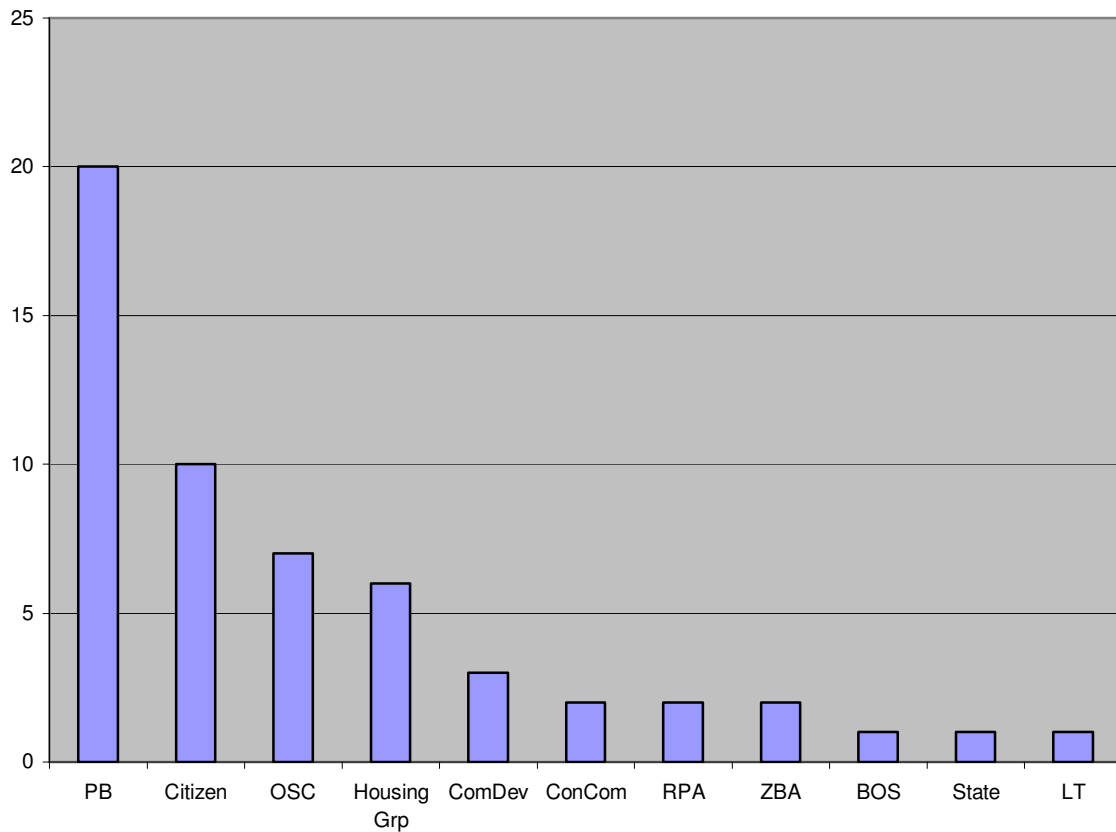
Approx. # sent: 300 # of Responses: 55 Approx. Response Rate: 18%

COMMUNITY SIZE



The majority of respondents were from communities of under 31,000, with about half of that group being under 10,000.

REPRESENTATION



PB = Planning Board

Citizen = self explanatory

OSC = Open Space Committee

Housing Grp = Housing Partnership, Authority, Non-profit

ComDev = Community Development

ConCom = Conservation Commission

RPA = Regional Planning Agency

ZBA = Zoning Board of Appeals

BOS = Board of Selectmen

State = State Government

LT = Land Trust

Many respondents have multiple roles. The largest group was Planning Board members. Not everyone indicated where they were from and unfortunately we missed this obvious question, although it was answered by many in response to this question. The communities mentioned were Amesbury, Andover, Beverly, Essex, Gloucester, Groveland, Hamilton, Ipswich, North Andover, Salem, and Wenham.

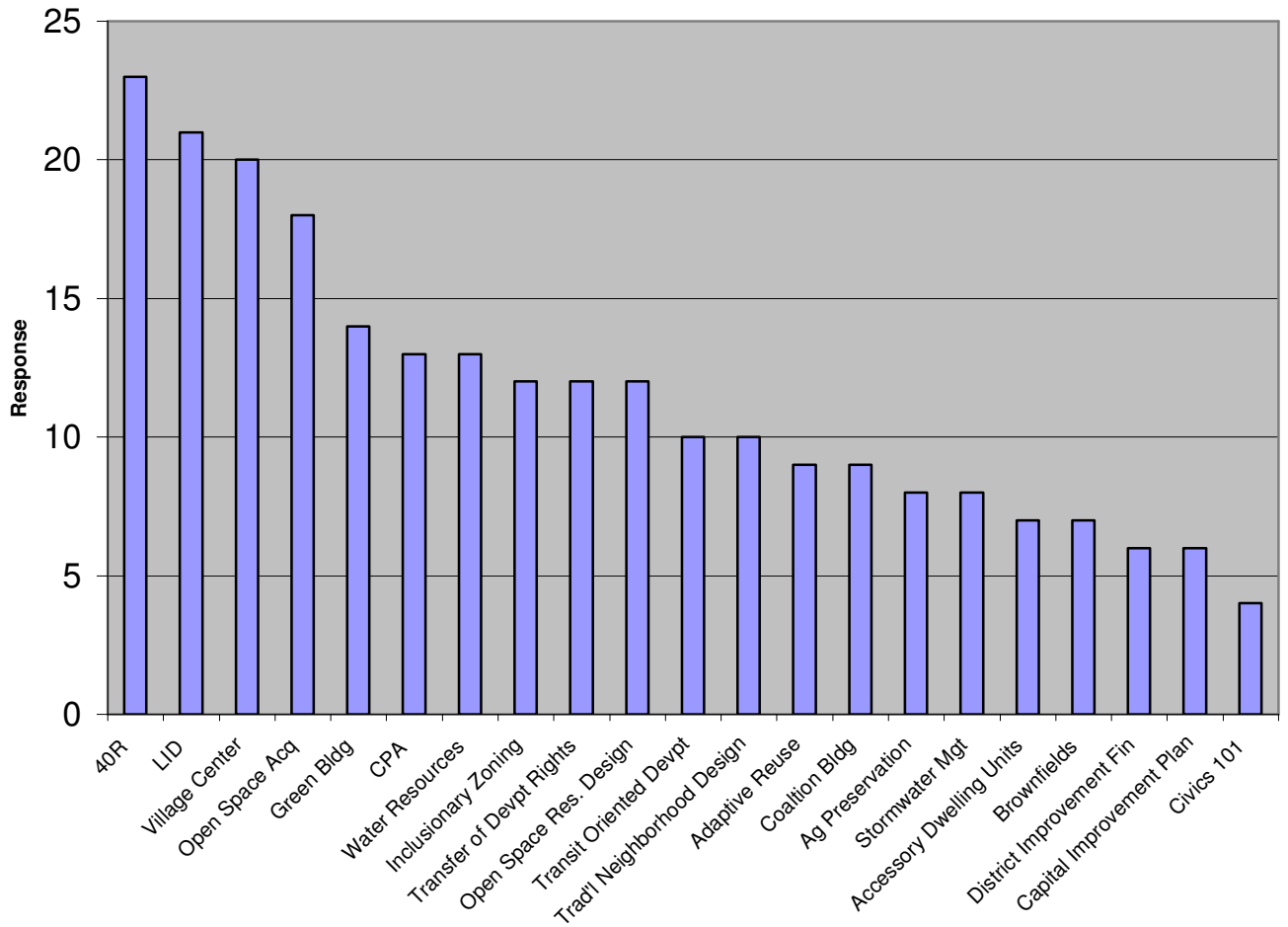
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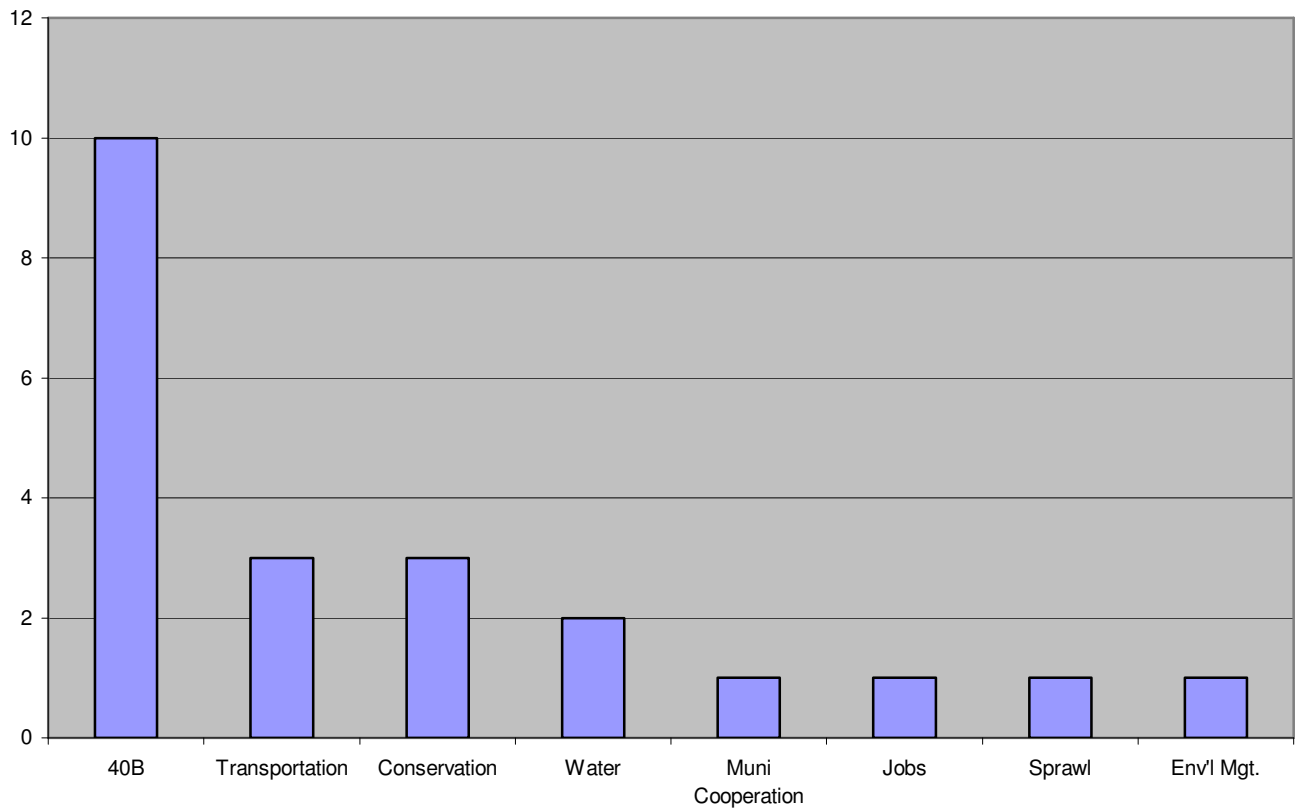
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Topic Ranking



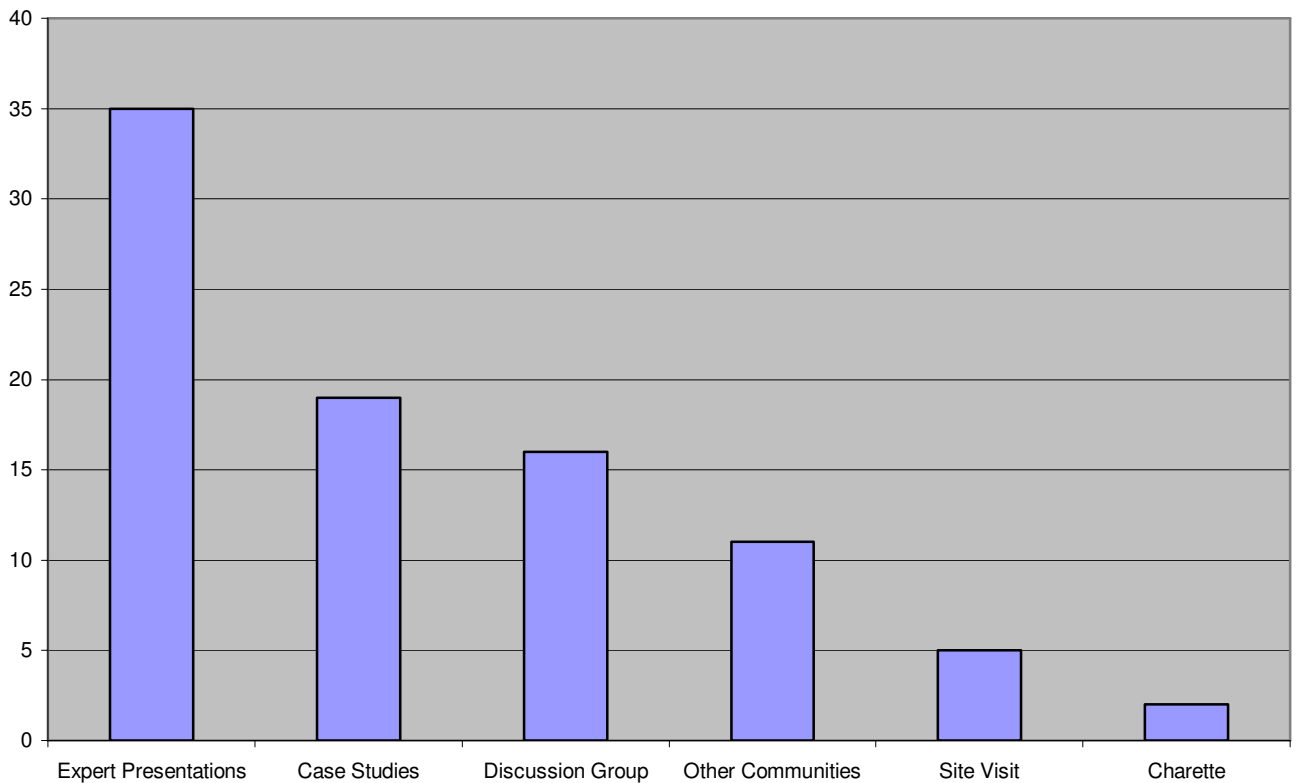
The top four topics were 40R Smart Growth Zoning, Low Impact Development, Main Street/Village Center Revitalization, and Open Space Acquisition. There is also a strong interest in design and development that protects water, preserves open space, and builds in already built areas.

OTHER TOPICS



40B had by far the biggest interest for other suggested topics, followed by Conservation and Transportation.

FORMATS



Many wanted to see presentations by experts followed by case studies and discussion groups with examples from other communities working on the same issues.

Top Four Days & Times

First	Wednesday Evening
Second	Thursday Evening
Third	Tuesday Morning
Fourth	Saturday Morning

Additional Comments:

“Case studies are important and pictures are essential. Too many presentations about land or buildings or communities contain no visual information.”

“...try to involve small & large business founders & executives, lenders, politicians & ordinary citizens.”

“Parking, parking, parking!”

“Anything that doesn't preach to the converted.”

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