

**Vision Statement: "We envision a world full of healthy, joyful human beings living harmoniously upon a planet of immense ecological diversity: a Web-of- Life that overflows with beauty, balance and dynamic abundance." When you envision our vision at it's fullest expression, on the land, what do you see... What images, animals, moments, themes come up for you**

Active caretaking and stewardship, designated wild places, quietness and stillness, birds, water, work parties, bustling activity - play and work, food\* farmed, hunted, and foraged - if you serve it, they will come, relaxation, healing places.

Heritage breeds of livestock with minimal infrastructure needs built from traditional methods, mostly grass based rotational feeding systems promoting natural ecological increase of wildlife habitat & that require a low to no stress management system.  
The relationship with these animals, are as much a part of a teaching process as they are a source of sustenance and sustainable life way.

Laughter and circles of community  
Lush vegetation  
Sharing of food  
Casual but intentional multi-generation interactions between land, plants, animals, and humans  
Medicines growing & being harvested sustainably  
Slow, nourishing, natural pace of life

I see people and animals of all ages enjoying a rich landscape with minimal disturbance.

Theme: A welcoming place with an obvious orientation "start"/check in/meet up/get info/sign up for events and volunteering/library/maybe a looped video about HNS and Wilderness Awareness movement.

Images: Multigenerational activities going on.  
Nothing comes to mind re: animals and/or moments.

I envision an actual web that is woven from plant materials. The web has captured bits and pieces of other elements of nature in it...some birds, insects, animals, lots of leaves. It's a very thick and colorful web...very bright but predominantly green.

All in cooperation in service to the earth first. The joy of service and growth.

The Sweat Lodge for Riley and Vermont debrief.

healthy systems ecologically and socially  
compassionate communication  
hummingbird  
fox  
bloodroot

A community of folks interested in learning and practicing the 64 points.

The first thought I had was shadows and the monstrousness of life - but in an integrated whole way... in the way of yin and yang? That there isn't only the giddy but also the terrifying. So - integrated monsters, acknowledged and understood shadow sides that make a person ready and able to act. This work is hard and probably a bit gritty. There will be ups and downs, challenges... maybe some

cursing and some jubilant praise. But in the end I imagine everyone (including non-human people) involved being stronger and healthier for it.

I imagine intricate art pieces symbolizing a newly established and current 'mythology'. I can't help but think of Anastasia and the Ringing Cedars... because the images of the ancient healthy, beautiful Vedic Rus outlined in those fantastical books is exactly what this mission statement is... a shared vision in the least. Along with the 200 year plan of healthy families and communities flowing in concentric rings.

I suppose a frog has popped up. Perhaps people have already lived this way... and the knowledge is just sort of ... stuck in the mud and needs a bit of thawing to come back to life.

Piles of cupcakes that reach the moon... it's actually a space highway.

1) Lots of shared campfires- Elder fires, fires for parents to connect around, fires at Hoedown time and fires for programs of course:)

2) Plants and set ups to encourage our pollinators to be around-insects and birds.

3) Vast number of "moments" where people feel good about themselves and about being "seen" within the HNS community. And of course, all kinds of moments of connection with the land, plants and creatures out there!

4) Lots of ways to support crafting-maybe even blacksmith's shop?

5) More medicinal plant gatherings- walking the land and creating them together :)

6) A fundraising event- once trails are established, as long as they're wide enough, it would be awesome to have 5k run gatherings-European style with mud and logs to leap over ect.

i think that what i have read is good.

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Questions about our region. What about our place will add harmony to our region, and how will that brighten the planet. It seems scary and overwhelming even as it pulls at the heart.

I'd like to see a world not quite so full of human beings, but a receding tide of humanity leaving resurgent biodiversity in its wake as in E.O. Wilson's Half Earth proposal.

Make Kin, Not Babies says Donna Haraway, suggesting new family constellations that include several adults, a human baby, and existential responsibility for (and with) an other-than-human being.

A campfire after a long day of gardening and preparing soup, on the fire.

the oldsters and youngsters are honored and encouraged to lead songs & stories....

there is a very sensible latrine system set up on the land that is discreet and clean; discreet & clean.

The vision of harmony between land, animals, and, humans is easy for me to see! I too see a web of life that not only extends through and from the forest and land and animals but reaches people!

Reaches people through love. The love will spread and a network will continue to grow! A network of life and stability.....

I see a thriving community in harmony with the natural surroundings. I see a model of sustainable community/education governed by love and inclusiveness

I envision the HNS community continually evolving in their knowledge and practices that can begin to heal the earth and it's inhabitants. It will be important to share this knowledge and those practices

with the wider community through events, workshops, etc. so they too can participate in their own lives.

A working village that is flexible but with a solid core able to sustain camps, workshops, classes, ceremonies. A farm that is embedded in the land that gives as much as it takes. An abundance of wildlife in all its forms: birds, plants, animals, water, insects. A place for fire, a place of learning, of contemplation of growth.

It's a beautiful vision statement. When I sink into it, I hear birdsong, frogs, insects; quiet. I see human reinhabitants that have learned to tune back in to the dynamic balance, which they express in their home economies, agriculture, community gatherings, rituals, and the way they walk through the land.

love, laughter, playfulness, spontaneity, compassion, ego liberation, interdependence, multi-generation, hand holding, song, dance, spirit, colorful energies of sound, vision, and taste; kindness, wisdom of youth and elders, natural birth and natural dying, helpfulness, healing, purity, diversity, fullest potential, hope, animal and plant communication, cooperation, harmony, ceremony,

Health, wholeness, reciprocity  
Gentle deer  
Laughter

I see people standing in their power, knowing at least some of their gifts, feeling safe and respected by the community, exhibiting respect and love thus contributing to the safety of the community. I see this respect, love, and sharing of individual gifts extended to the plants, animals, land, and planet. I see this love and respect and sharing of gifts extended to communities outside the HNS community to the local communities, to the people of the state, to the people of the country, to the people of the world.

Land stewardship! I'm really excited about working in a hands-on way to restore the land - removing invasives, planting trees, etc.

Dancing, singing, playing, learning, walking, laughing,  
Eating / feasting  
Prayer / reverence  
Teaching & learning

Foxes  
Deer  
Opossums  
Spiders  
Coyotes  
Birds  
Fish / creek life  
Humans

A very limited number of domesticated animals & pets in order to give priority to the wilds

Rites of passage  
Sleepovers  
Elder fires  
Maple syrup time  
Family & solitary time

**This survey is intended to gather many perspectives and voices from our community, including yours! Beyond the human community, what plants, animals or beings do you feel connected to, drawn to and able to help speak for?!**

Medicine plants, flowers, fruiting plants, some fruiting trees, vegetable producing plants.

Goats, Guinea Hen Flock, Heritage Chickens & Ducks. Turkey, Geese, Meat Rabbits. Guard animals such as a flock dog, Llama, Donkey. Triple use animals like Heritage Breeds of Cattle.

Opossums  
Coyotes  
Deer  
Lemon balm  
Sweet grass  
Calendula  
Water  
Cedar  
Crows

Trees, Trees, Trees.

Michigan native plants - all kinds and their role in healthy eco system diversity. Herbs for health and healing. Birds - lots of happy, nourishing habitats for native species. Animals - I am only relating to domesticated dogs just now. I think Will and Gaia would have an excellent vision of animals for the land.

Plants - I feel very connected to trees. I'm in awe of them, and I see them as intelligent beings who give off good energy. This especially applies to the trees in our region (some favorites of mine are hemlocks, white pines, cedars and oaks)  
Animals - Honey bees, Fox, Owls, Cats

sassafras and other medicinals

woodcock  
marsh marigold  
soil dwellers (nematodes, spring tails, macro and micro nutrients)  
spring ephemerals

'invasives'. I guess I'm feeling lead to be a spokesperson for some invasive plants. I currently feel that they have a place and story that we don't quite understand. I'm not saying plant them, but let's use them and try not to be angry or resentful towards them. Phragmites is supposedly the best thatching material ever... black locust burns at buku btus, autumn olives just so cute and delicious... haha. It's not a popular view... and likely there's some investment the other direction, but for some reason I felt like I had to say something.  
Possums! They eat ticks for one... which seems to be a modern blight. Adaptive masters that have been around for millions of years... just playing dead to be revived. I've been feeling the shadowy underdogs I guess!

Beavers - HUGE! I want to hear of beavers being welcomed as co-engineers and architects. Industrious, community-supporting creatures.
All of them - plants, beings, animals (well maybe not snakes or skunks!) that are and will continue to be a part of the land. Important to me that the natural habitat be maintained and preserved and that the activities and improvements we make there do not disrupt the environment but contribute to it.
I like this question! Last year was the "year of the tree" for me. Carol recognized this in me and told me to claim it! Trees creating woods is the imprinting left on me from childhood. It's recent, but I hear trees communicate with me. Maybe I'd be able to help speak for them, but this is a new idea. I'm not sure how that would manifest.
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Domesticated beasts we created and now have responsibility for. Research of best pactices (not a being, but thats how we can best speak for those without voice)
beetles, lately. Especially the endangered burying beetle. Don't know whether they're found at the land, though.
All MY Relations
I feel connected to all plants and animals that I have developed a relationship with.
I'm drawn to all aspects of the land, particularly the spirit of the land
Wetlands get a bad rap from most people who don't understand their gifts. Many believe they should be eradicated or filled in for development without realizing they offer rainwater retention when there's flooding, water filtration of pollutants and it's own ecosystem that thrives there. Also Raccoons :)
I am best able to speak for the plants and the birds.
I can't speak *for* anyone else, but I hear the stones speak around me all the time. I hear murmurs of the stories of glacial history, erosion, geologic time, etc, and I enjoy relaying those stories to others as I hear them.
rivers/water, birds, trees (they give such good hugs!), worms, possums, deer, dragonflies, butterflies, bees, turkeys, beaver, muskrat, frogs, I am grateful for the messages my animal and plant friends bring my way, I wish to serve them better by unlearning the many damaging things I was taught as a child of the 70s/80s.
Water and trees Conservation of wild edibles and plant medicine
I am drawn to all trees and many plants. I don't know how I can speak for these.
Birds, mammals, and native wildflowers. Overall ecology of the different ecosystems present.
The ancestors + possible descendants
Ticks. I have such an awareness of them. Maybe they are calling me to increase my understanding of them so I speak for them?
New paradigm thinking (post-capitalist or capitalist-lite, trusting instead of suspecting, connecting with our inner wisdom daily, growing and holding space for / leading the way for evolution and

regeneration on all levels)

Women & men & both / neither

LGBTQ alliances

Spiritual stuff

Colonialism awareness & education

Grief & what lies beyond grief

Cedars

Mycillium

Mushrooms as cleansing / regenerative partner on the land

**Comments are welcomed!**

I'm especially interested in the thinking and planning of this land use spatially and in flow with the seasons, as well as planning for the change of the seasons in ways unknown, for heritage breed/domestic animal and human cohabitation as well as the migration of the wildlife through and around this landscape.

Kriya -

This is a good survey.

Thanks for the opportunity. Hope Gaia and Will are filling it out. I know they dream on these themes - permaculture/healthy farm environments.

Martie

keep up the journey

Ya'll rock!

I just heard a woodcock spiraling downward in his magical mating dance, timed well with the blossoming apples, pears and cherries.

As far as what's important... I feel if the space is created the people will come and the programming will follow naturally. Make the space absolutely beautiful, functional, and true to the mission will make people want to be there... the people that are looking. Hmm. Which perhaps is why I rank extension to broader community as low...I'm trying out thoughts on focusing energy on the becoming and doing...which in turn will attract/help manifest? Definitely easier to spread work and market when shit is going down.

Natural Building workshops ranked high because firstly I'm biased and secondly infrastructure is expensive even just acquiring the tools needed for natural building... let alone roofing unless one thatches? hm. Still a lot of time and resources! Plus we have the beautiful and wonderful Deanne Bednar in our region as well as Thomas Hirsch and I'm sure other passionate builders... : )

100% renewable energy is a really hard task and while I think it's important, I also think that it's a really hard thing to strive for with a lot of moving parts and people. Perhaps aiming for just portions of the land... like one house in the village... to two houses... I think the agricultural aspect would be a great place to start with water alone... how to slow the water, how to mulch, swale, berm, hugelkultur, catch rain water, make earthen ponds.... : )

I'm particularly interested in natural building and ceremony... I think natural building is pretty up there for me at this time... of which gardening and art are aspects. (edible perennials and art in the villllaaage)

These small text boxes are making it easier for my tendency to be sporadic and off in the air to manifest itself haha... I apologize if this is kooky to read. : )

I answered the last three questions with Doug in mind too. :) Please keep us in the loop about hands needed to work on the land this summer.

my concern about having a lot of people there would be losing the peace and quiet of the area. high volume requires more services and could put a lot of pressure on the land.

It's a wonderful vision and opportunity. The HNS spirit, skills, and energy can bring it to fruition. Something to know about and maybe connect with down the road is the International Ecovillage Network. Do we know whether there are any rare or endangered species on the land? If so, their habitat should be sacred space, well protected. Propagating threatened or endangered plant species, along with anticipating and fostering plant communities that can survive the coming weird weather could be an important mission. Finding ways to approach that with coyote wisdom will be quite a cultural contribution! Bright Blessings upon this hopeful and far-seeing work!

I love being in the Human Nature Family!

In rating the not important to important, I felt some things will happen naturally and didnt need any mark, but I couldn't go back and un mark them. ;) hope this helps!

I'm impressed with the plans for this property and the activities on it and believe 7th Generation was an excellent choice for assisting with HNS' visions.

I am looking forward to being part of imagining.

Super excited to engage with this as we move forward!

Thank you for inviting us to share in this mission, vision, and journey! I am overjoyed...! When our girls were two years old we got rid of all of our "stuff" and packed the four of us, our three cats, dog, fish, and a bunch of books in an old motor home and went out east seeking this sort of connection and vision.... we explored various intentional communities and remain so grateful for all we gained with the experience, yet we never fully took root. We returned to Michigan to be closer to family and made our way to northern Michigan still holding the dream of "community" and shared love/purpose in our hearts. What I continue to discover is that the organic growth of community and shared vision is something that needs to happen at a natural and patient pace -- as pieces and parts come together -- magic happens! This feels like magic unfolding and I am beyond grateful to be a part.... For me this is not about personal satisfaction or joy (although why shouldn't we all have the opportunity for fullness and joy?), instead it is about creating a tomorrow that embraces my children and allows them

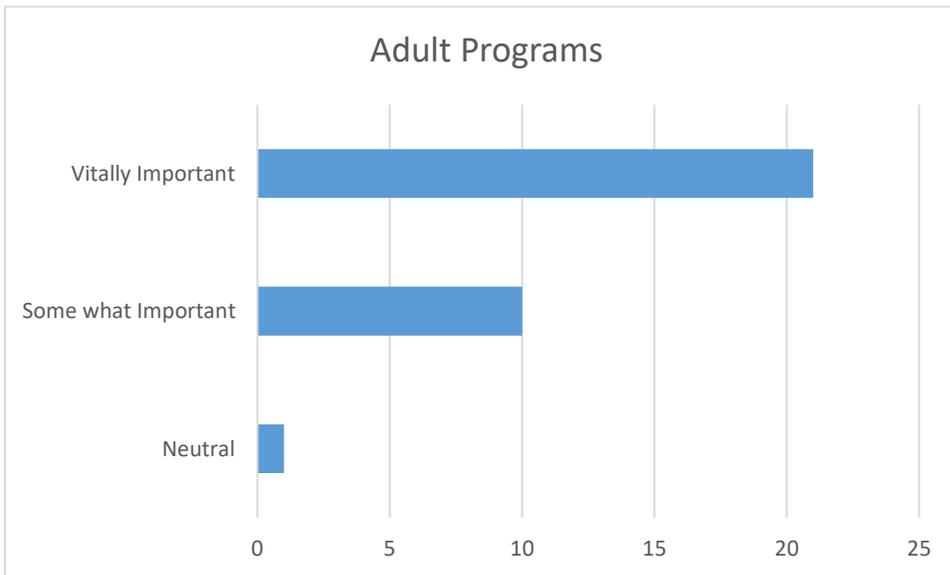
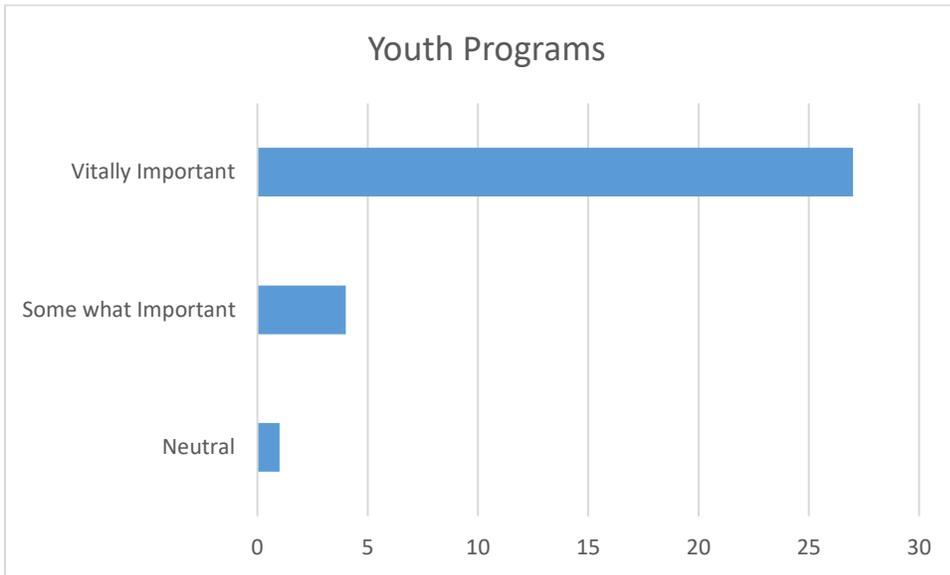
to engage wholly with all of the earth. As this vision takes shape it is my hope that there is room for birthing and dying on this land in a way that leaves corporation out of the process and embraces the very natural state of these events. May we also remain intentional about embracing our elders in a way that celebrates their wisdom and purpose -- inter-generational spaces, events, ceremonies please! May this land and its inhabitants and all who steward know peace, healing, love, and compassion. Thank you, again, for your open arms and willingness to invite diverse voices to this....  
Nic Piechotte

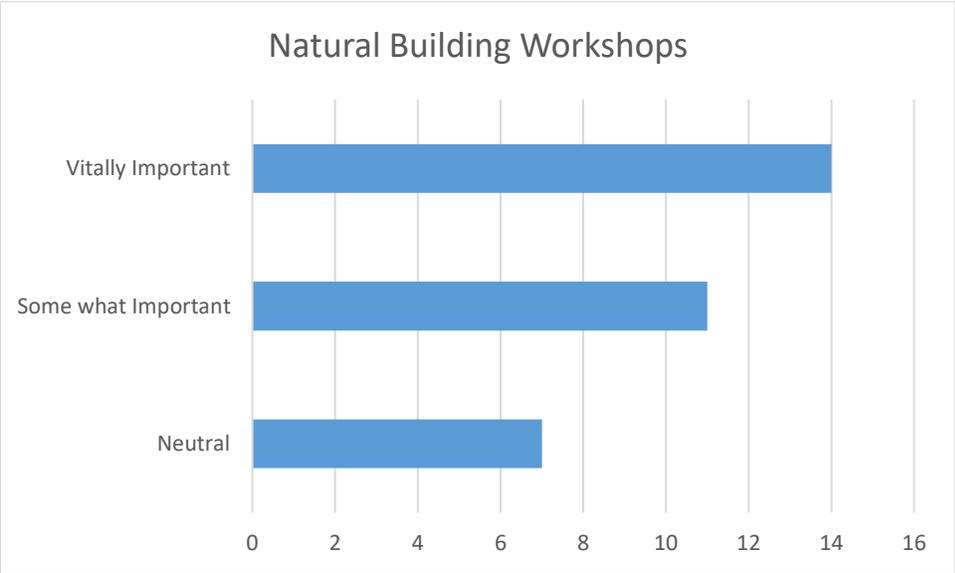
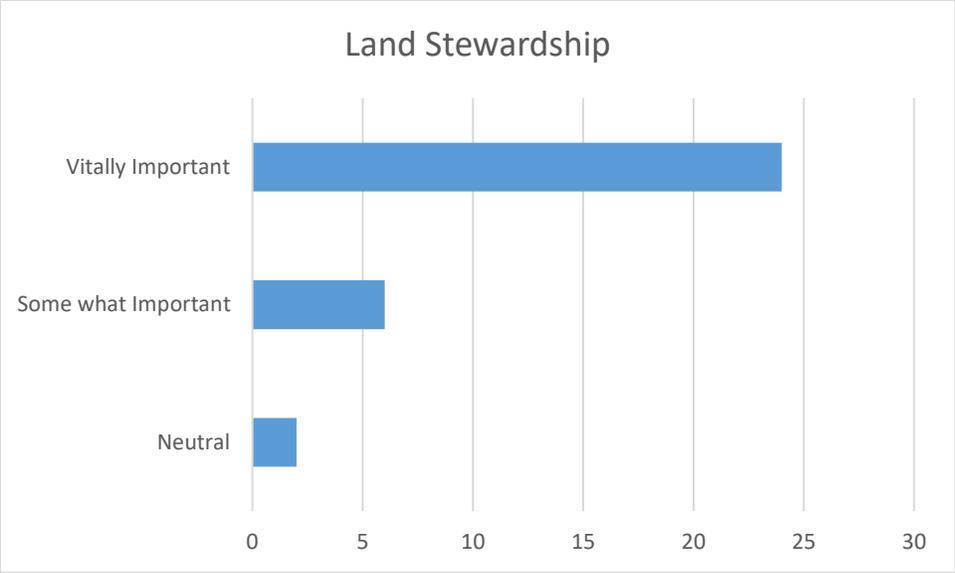
Thank you for your time and attention in laying put this vision. Its really big. It feels right.

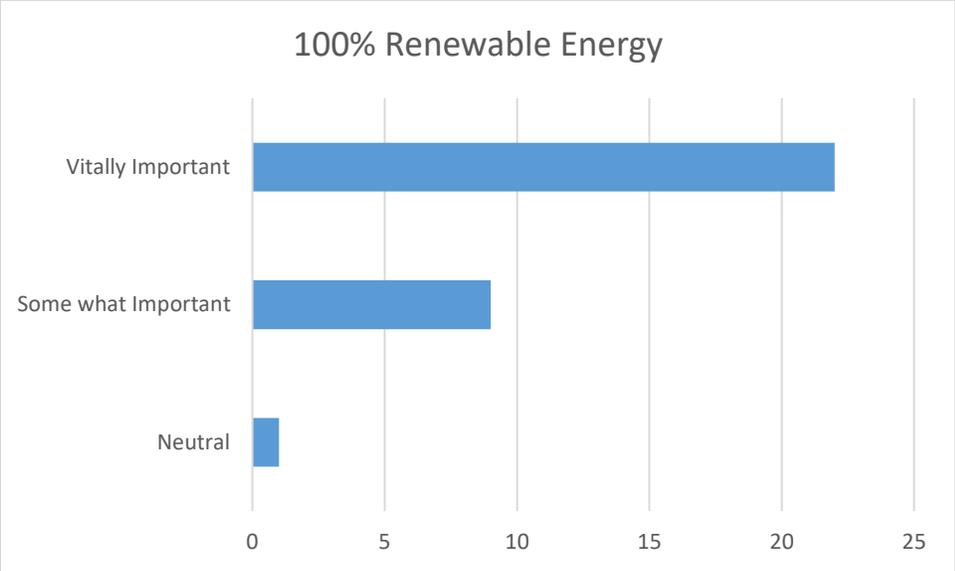
I hold space for this vision as it evolves and I hold it in prayer with great intention.

The sustainable building thing...I very much want to learn about and help build an Earthship and would also love to learn how to build an earthen home, both within the correct, above-boards permitting process (so I can learn about how to get such a building approved, too)

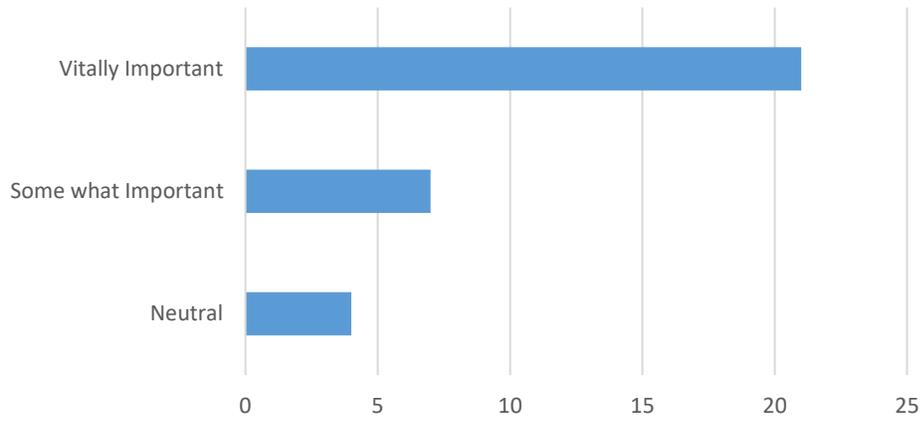
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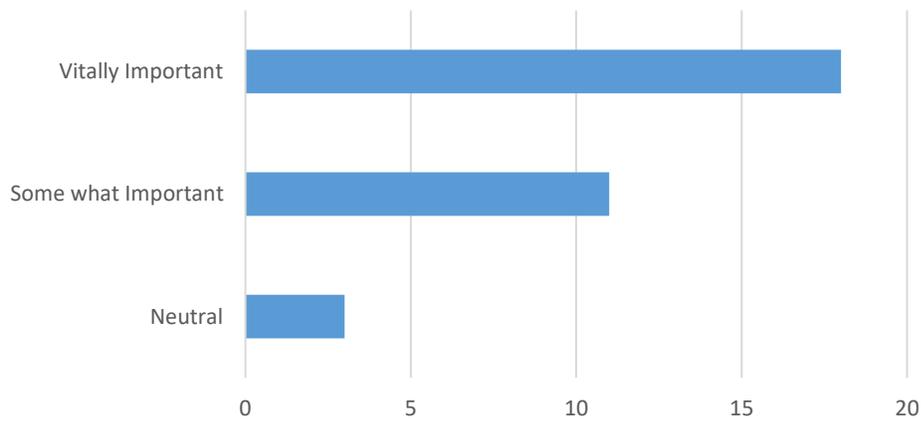




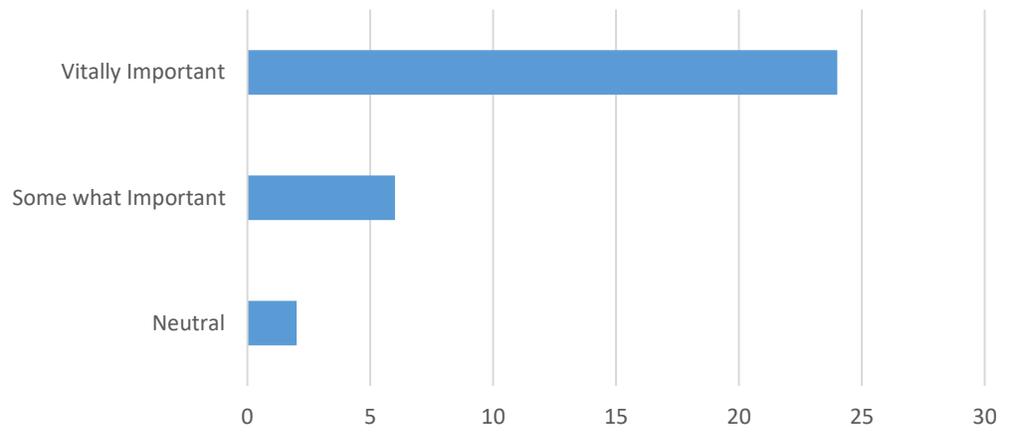
### Strengthening connections within the broader community



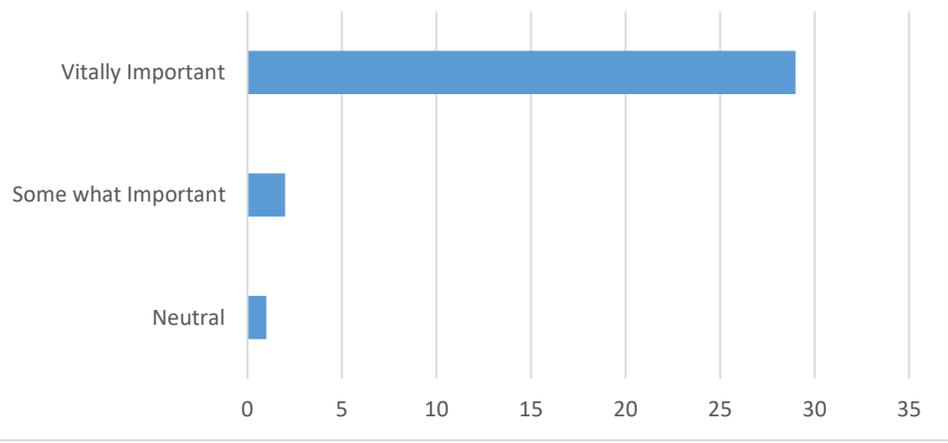
### Beauty is an important part of buildings and spaces



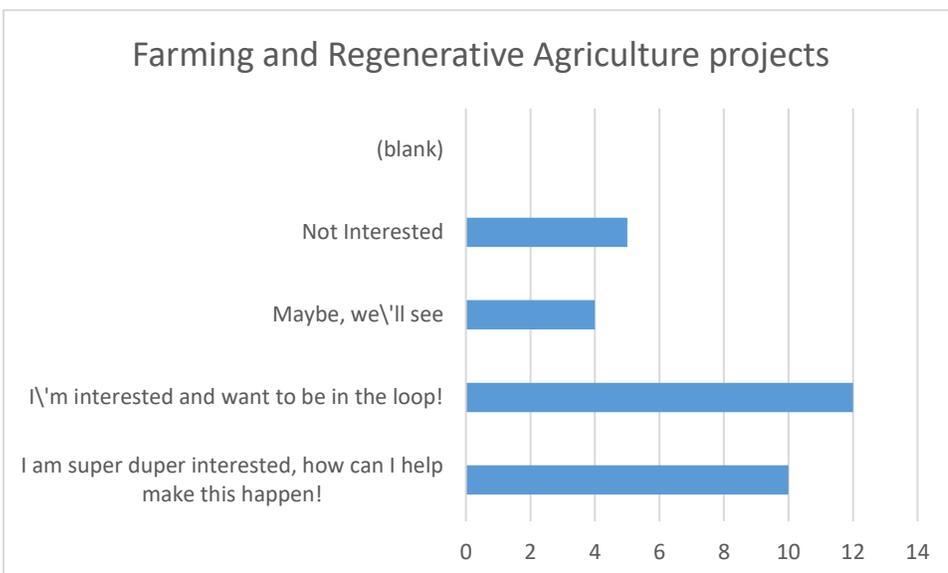
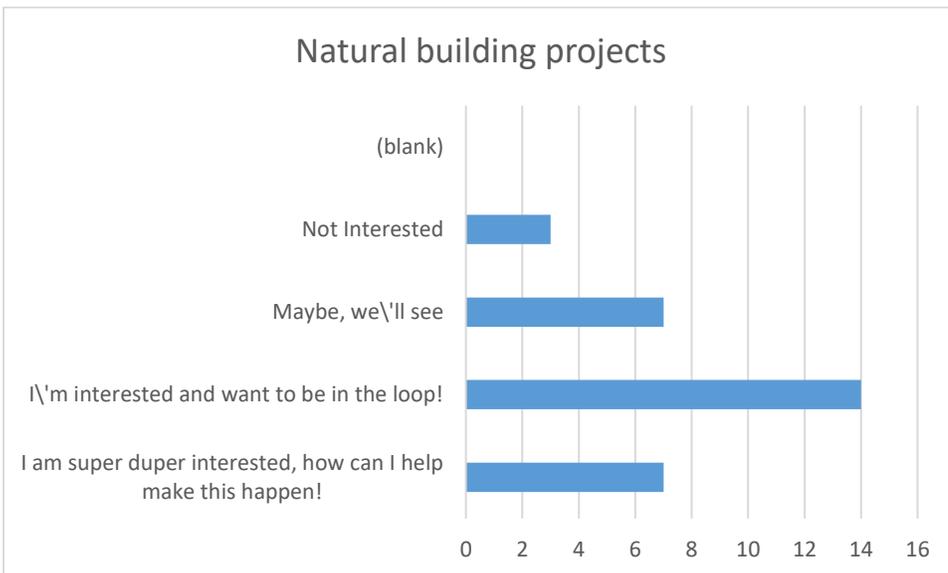
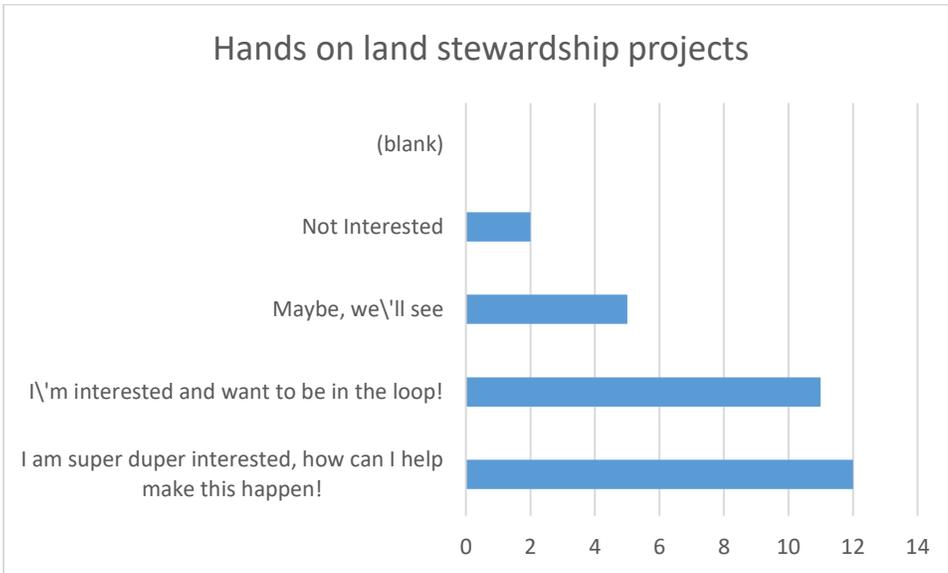
### Function and efficiency is an important part of buildings and spaces



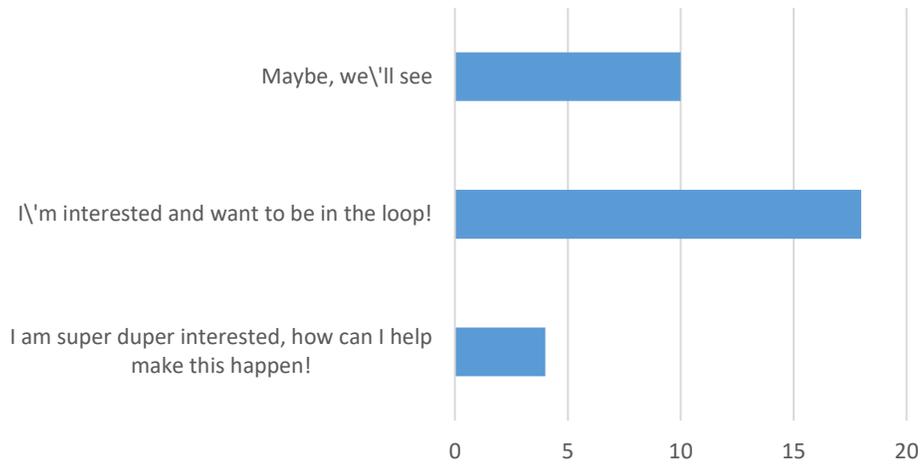
### Humans feel welcomed and a sense of belonging to community and the land.



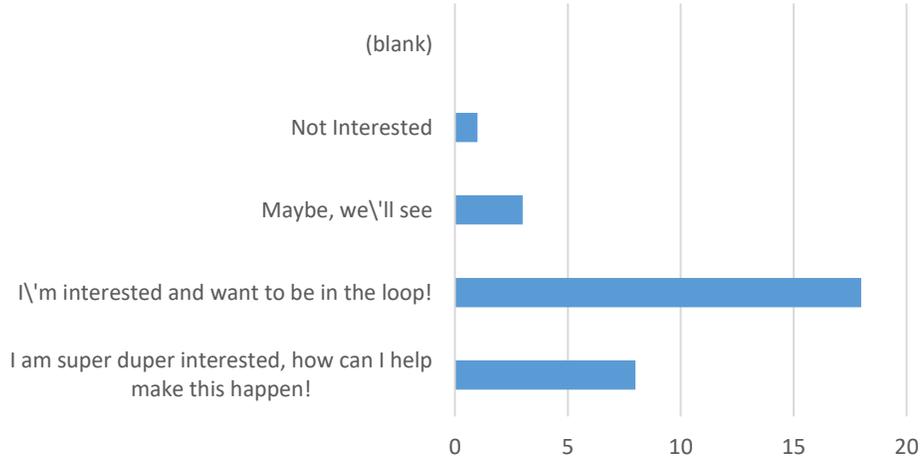
# What ways would you personally like to be involved?



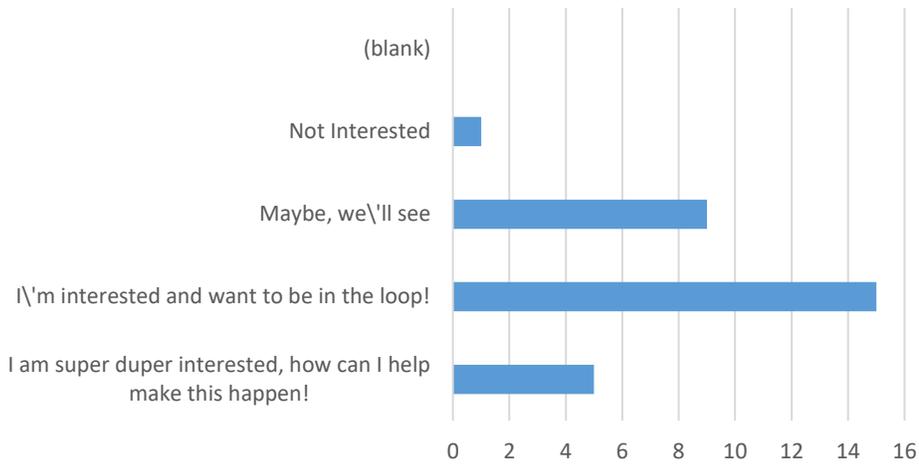
### Elders Fires



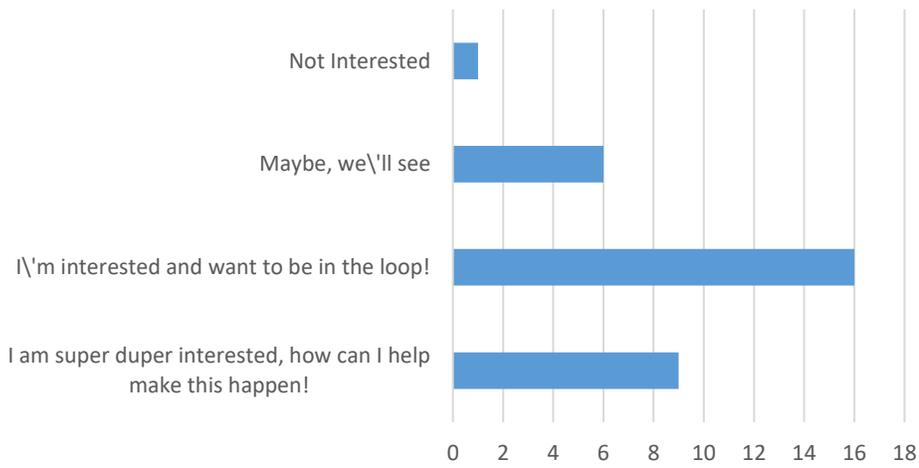
### Count of Community Events



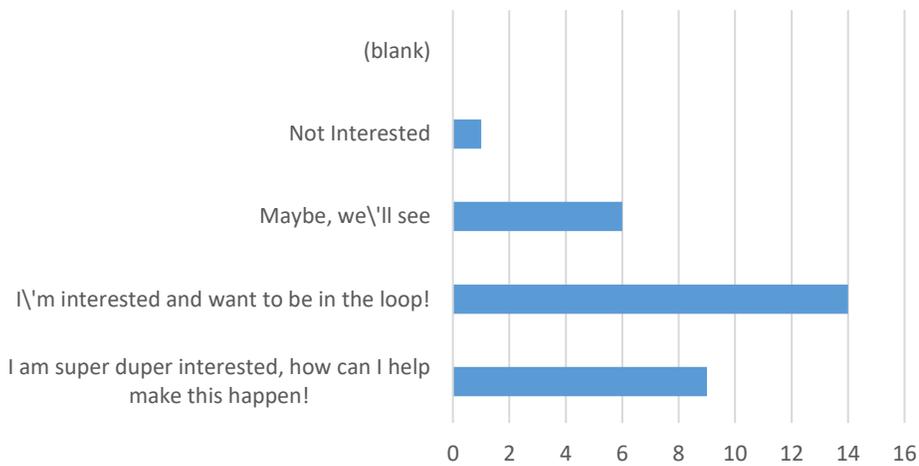
### Trail Work



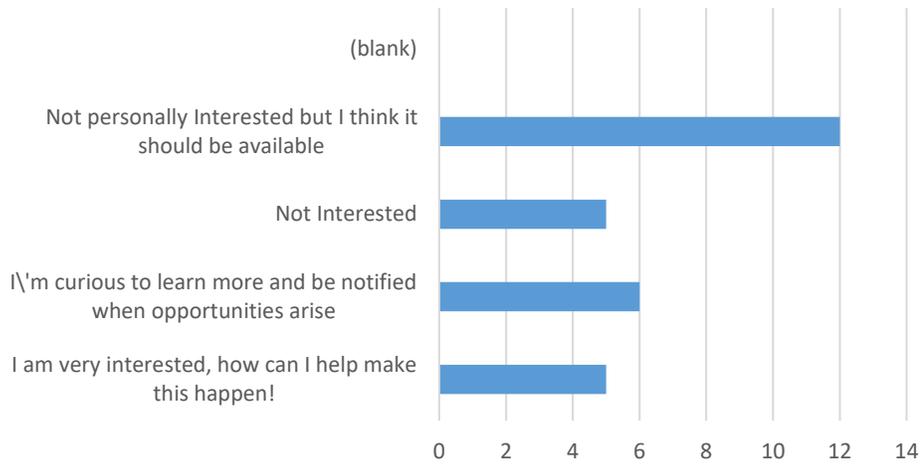
### Ceremonies



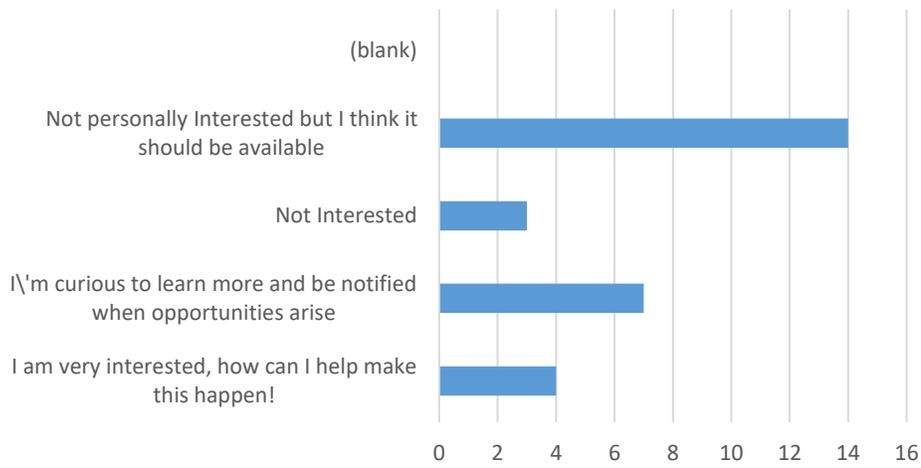
### Creating nature art and beautiful spaces



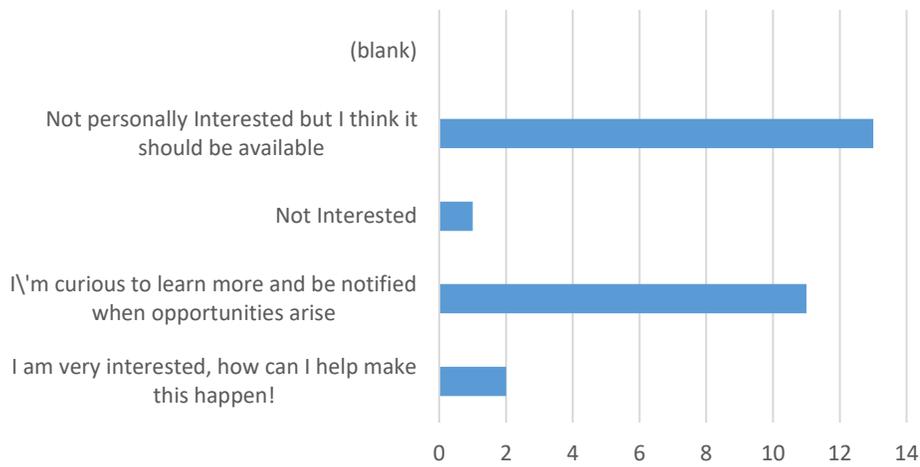
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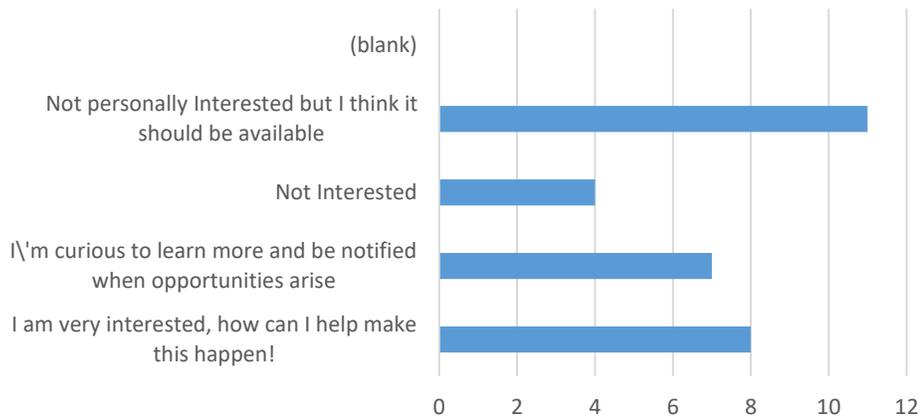
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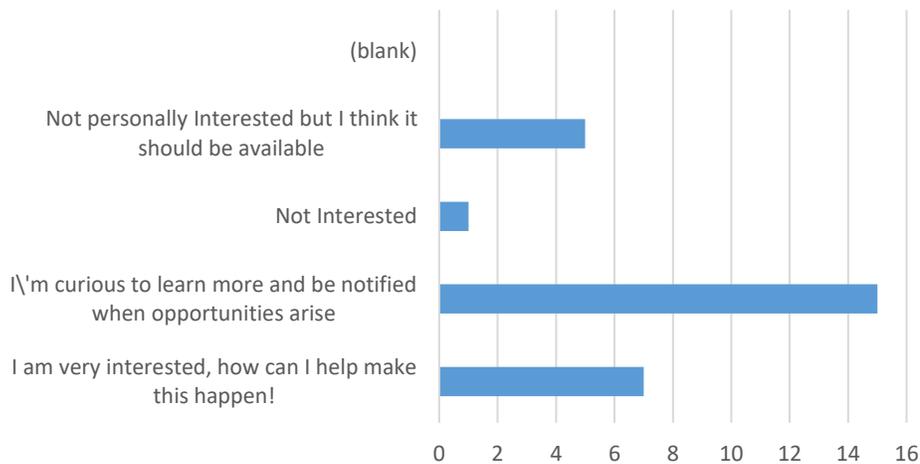
## Internship/Apprenticeship Opportunities



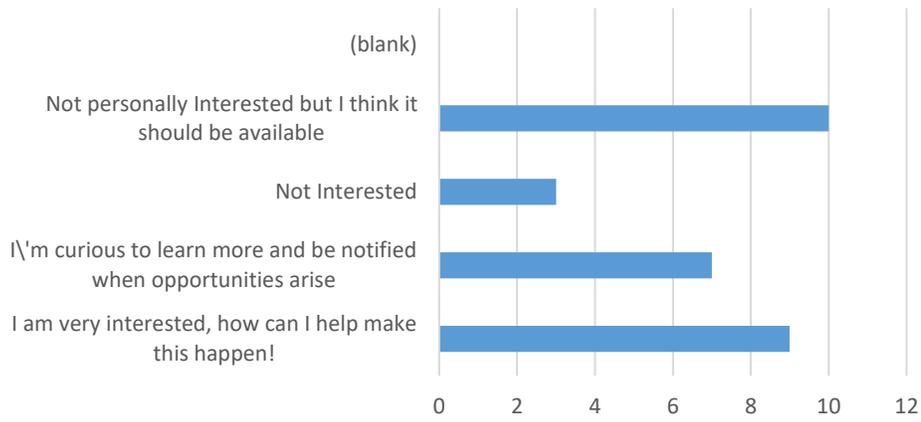
## Short term cabin rentals for short term employees, interns or guests.



## Inviting friends and family to land.



## Long term home rentals for employees/land stewards/farmers



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