

Shaping Unley

Tree Canopy on Private Land

Community Consultation Outcomes

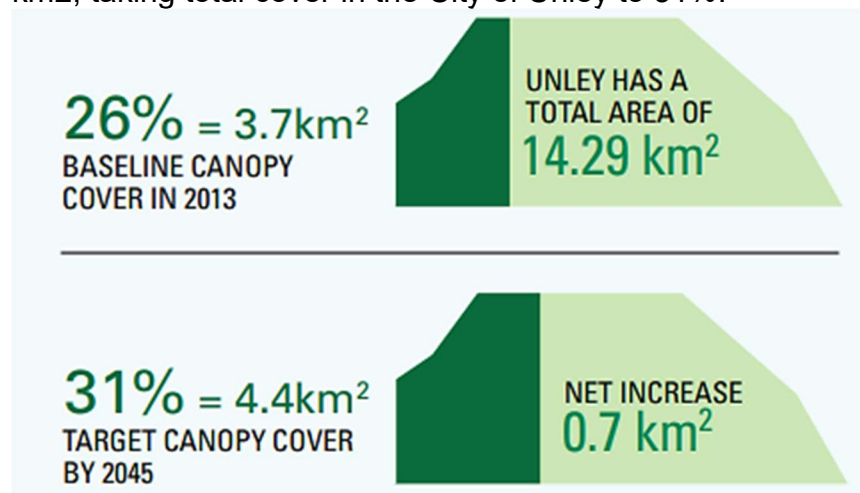
October 2023



Introduction:

The State Government has set a target to increase urban green cover by 20% across metropolitan Adelaide by 2045 in recognition of the many benefits of green cover to urban cooling, local character, physical health, mental health and the biodiversity and liveability of our suburbs.

To achieve this target, the City of Unley needs to increase tree canopy cover by 0.74 km², taking total cover in the City of Unley to 31%.



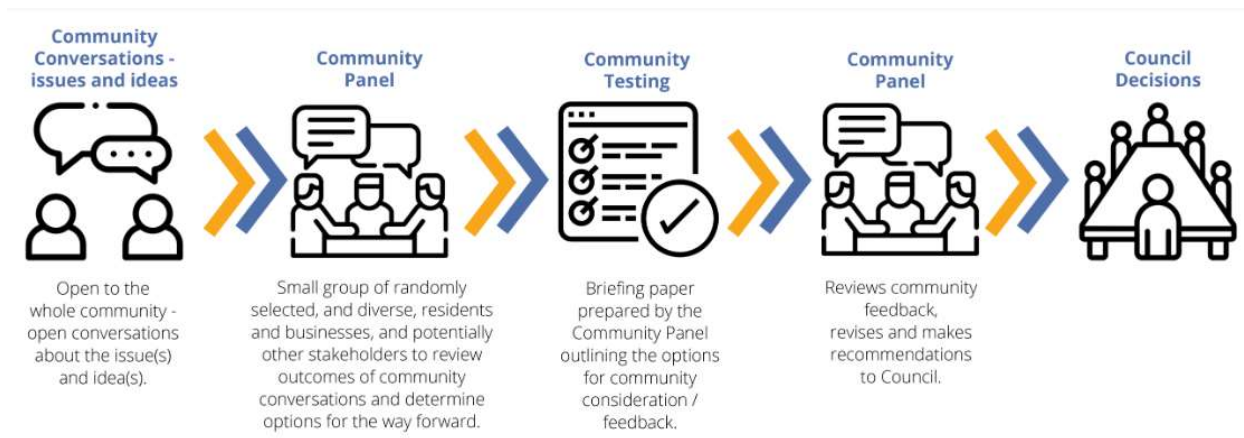
Source: [City of Unley Tree Strategy](#)

The City of Unley has an active tree planting program in place, however, Council-owned space available for tree planting is limited, and at the current rate of planting, there will be no Council land available for tree planting left by 2026.

With 80% of land in the City of Unley being privately owned, canopy cover on private land needs to increase either via the growth of existing trees or the planting of new ones to achieve 31% tree canopy cover in the City of Unley.

Community Engagement:

Although the Shaping Unley process has been followed for both projects (as outlined in the diagram below), there has been a stronger focus on a digital approach to the Shaping Unley Tree Canopy Consultation.



Phase 1: Community Conversations

This digital approach to Shaping Unley has been embraced by the community, with community engagement rates for the Tree Canopy Consultation being the highest ever for any City of Unley community consultation, surpassing all expectations.

In Phase 1 – ‘Community Conversations’, the community’s ideas, concerns, and sentiments were captured via an online survey and ideas board.

Phase 1 was live from Monday 14 August 2023 to 5 pm, Thursday 7 September 2023. Over this 24-day period, there were 3,262 visits to the Engagement HQ project page and 2,384 completed contributions to the survey and ideas board.

More specifically, 1,096 surveys were submitted and 1,159 complete contributions to the ideas board were made, including 111 ideas, 1014 likes on the ideas board, and 34 comments.

A further 129 people registered an Expression of Interest to be part of the online and face-to-face Community Panel meetings taking place in October 2023, taking total completed contributions in Phase 1 to 2,384

Marketing Campaign:

Phase I of the Tree Canopy consultation was supported by a visually strong marketing campaign including:

- E-newsletters
- Social media and website coverage
- Posters and flyers
- Digital screens and outdoor signage.

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to build greener neighbourhoods

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or scan the QR Code to share your ideas



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Connect



**Welcome to Unley Connect, a new e-newsletter
connecting you to all things Unley.**

You will be hearing from the Unley Connect team from time to time about a range of projects, programs, community engagement opportunities and other events and activities happening in the City of Unley, so keep an eye on your inbox for the latest updates from Unley Connect.



There's a lot to love about trees.

Tell us how we can work together to build greener neighbourhoods!

The City of Unley is aiming to increase total tree canopy cover in our Council Area to 31% by 2045. This target recognises the many benefits of trees for urban cooling, character, community health and wellbeing, biodiversity and the liveability and sustainability of our suburbs.

Respondents were invited to the Your Say Unley Engagement Webpage to share their feedback.



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Building greener neighbourhoods together



There's a lot to love about trees

The City of Unley is aiming to increase tree canopy cover in our Council Area to 31% by 2045. This target recognises the many benefits of trees for urban cooling, character, community health and wellbeing, biodiversity and the liveability of our suburbs.

Council has an active tree planting program on public land, however 80% of land in the City of Unley is privately owned, and data shows that the number of trees on private land is declining.

To achieve the Council-wide 31% target, we need your help to reverse this trend. We want to learn if there's anything stopping you from increasing tree cover in your gardens and outdoor spaces, why you may have removed trees previously and what could assist you in planting new or growing your existing trees.

Tell us how we can work together to build greener neighbourhoods!

You can do this by [completing this survey](#) or by suggesting ways that Council can support property owners' efforts to increase tree canopy in their gardens and outdoor spaces via this [ideas board](#).

Key Dates

 Consultation opens
14 August 2023

 Consultation closes
07 September 2023

 What will happen with my feedback?

 Can I join the Shaping Unley Community Panel?

Consultation Results:

Community consultation commenced on 14 August and closed on 7 September 2023.

Community feedback was captured through a survey and an interactive ideas board.

Participation rates for this project were high, with the following number of responses achieved

1,096

**survey
responses.**

111

**ideas
posted.**

1,014

**likes and
comments
on the ideas.**

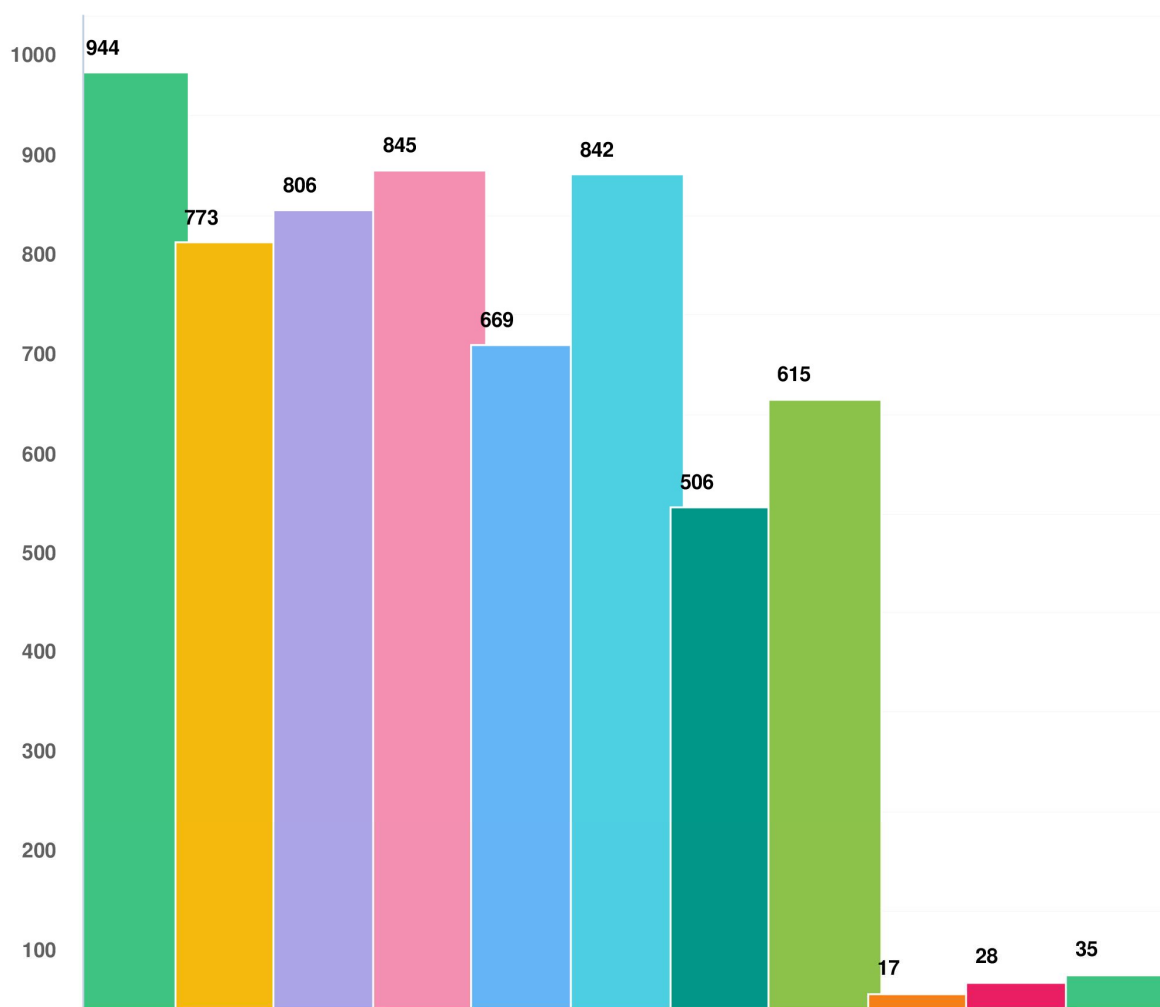
Key Findings:

ENGAGEMENT TOOL: SURVEY TOOL

Tree Canopy Survey

Visitors	1542	Contributors	1085	CONTRIBUTIONS	1096
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What do you value most about having trees on your property? (Please select all that apply)



Question options

- They provide shade
- They provide cooling to my home, lowering energy costs
- They are a feature of my front or back yard
- They provide habitat for wildlife
- They improve the presentation of my property and its value
- They have a positive impact on my health and well-being.
- They produce food to eat
- They improve privacy
- I don't value the trees on my property
- I don't have trees on my property
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (1096 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

These responses have been grouped into areas that capture the key ideas and sentiments expressed regarding the importance of trees in the community and the environment.

1. Environmental Benefits and Climate Change Mitigation:

- Trees make the area cooler.
- They help lessen the impact of global warming and clean the air of traffic pollutants.
- They remove carbon dioxide and provide oxygen.
- They reduce urban heat from hard surfaces.
- Trees are necessary for the sustainability of our world.
- Trees provide an opportunity to bring back native trees to the neighbourhood.

2. Aesthetic and Visual Appeal:

- They improve aesthetics and amenity.
- They provide a lovely outlook for neighbours.
- Much better to look at than a concrete jungle.

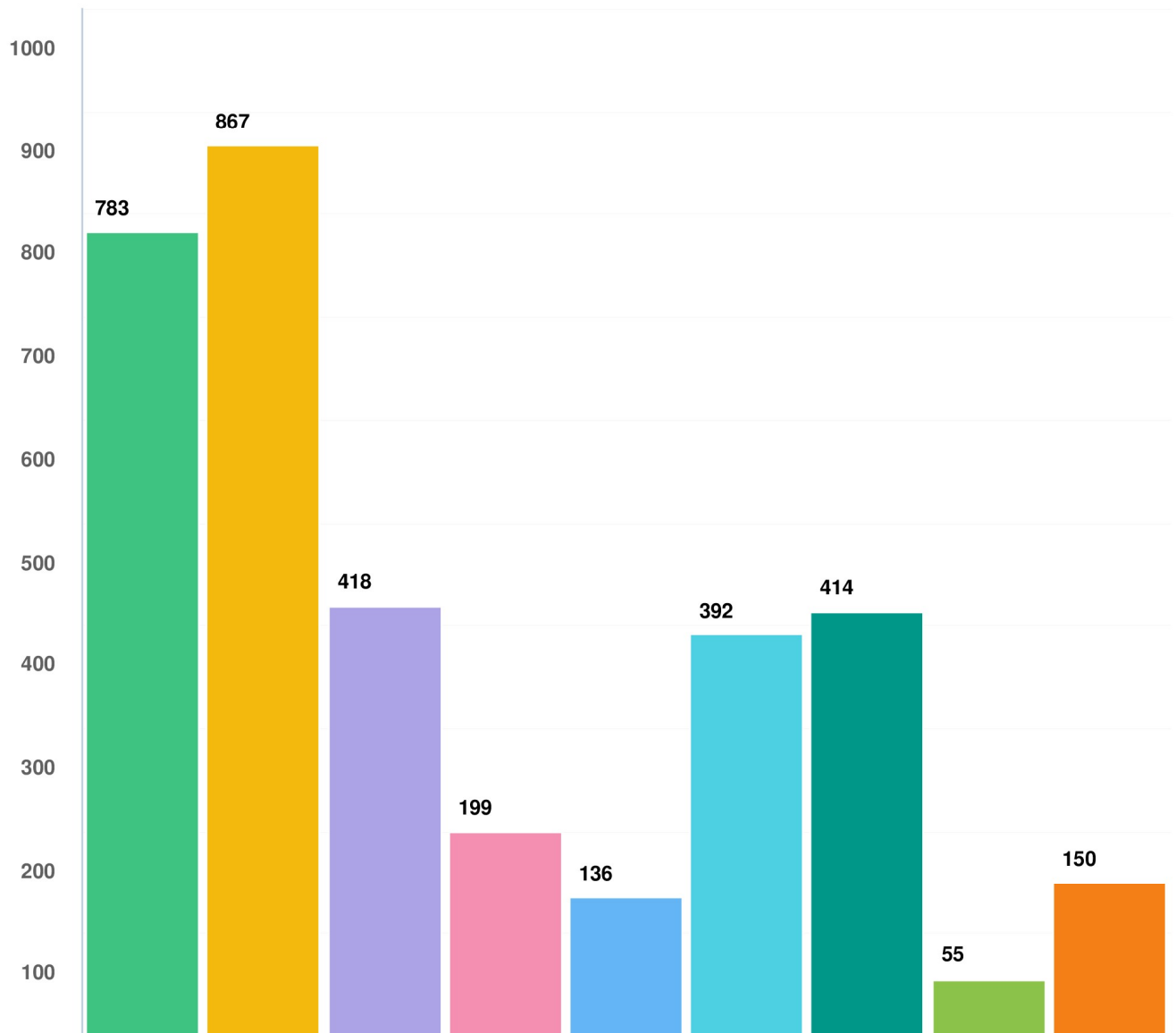
3. Property and Health Benefits:

- Trees on properties regulate temperatures and reduce energy costs.
- Being in contact with nature reduces stress and improves physical well-being.
- Great for your mental health and wellbeing.
- Trees provide shade for cars and businesses.

4. Wildlife and Ecosystem Support:

- Trees are habitats for wildlife like possums and bees.
- They provide food resources for bees when they are in flower.
- They increase biodiversity.

In your opinion, what are the main factors contributing to the decline in tree canopy on private property within the City o...



Question options

- Home extensions, new car garages and sheds
- Clearing of land for new residential and/or commercial developments e.g. apartment blocks
- Removal of trees for swimming pool installations
- Tree damage
- Invasive pests or diseases
- Safety concerns
- Tree maintenance e.g. pruning, cleaning gutters and debris
- I am not sure
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (1096 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q: In your opinion, what are the main factors contributing to the decline in tree canopy on private property within the City of Unley? Summary of responses listed as “Other”.

These themes reflect the complex interplay between urban development, changing lifestyles, environmental concerns, and perceptions of trees within the community. It's clear that there are varied opinions and challenges related to tree preservation and maintenance.

1. Challenges in Tree Maintenance and Cost:

- Concerns about the exorbitant cost and difficulty of maintaining large trees.
- Property owners feeling discouraged from installing solar panels due to tree cover over their roofs.
- Tree maintenance costs leading to disputes between neighbours.
- Some individuals view trees as a nuisance, particularly landlords who see them as creating extra hassle and financial inconvenience.

2. Urban Development and Space Constraints:

- Subdivisions, infill, and the construction of multi-story residences are decreasing available space for large trees.
- Increasing urban density and the construction of larger homes occupy most of the available land, leaving little room for trees and gardens.
- The trend of building larger homes and garages is reducing available green space.

3. Cultural and Lifestyle Changes:

- Cultural and lifestyle changes have led to shifts in priorities, with some people not focusing on trees and gardens around their houses.
- People are opting for low-maintenance landscapes and engaging in other activities instead of investing in trees and gardens.

4. Community Awareness and Education:

- Lack of awareness about the cooling effects of trees, their importance for mental and emotional health, and their contribution to cooling.
- Misconceptions about tree risks, with some believing that all gum trees pose a danger.
- Call for educational initiatives to inform the public about tree-related issues.

5. Council Policies and Property Rights:

- Some property owners actively avoid planting trees and even remove them to avoid being subject to these rules.
- Suggestions for councils to show more diversity in tree planting and to promote trees in professional landscaping.

Q: Thinking about the factors you selected above, what ideas do you have to counteract this type of tree loss?

These themes encompass the primary concerns and ideas expressed by respondents, focusing on tree preservation, responsible urban development, community involvement, and proactive measures for tree care and replanting.

1. Tree Preservation and Regulation:

- Enforcing stricter regulations on tree removal, especially during construction.
- Requiring developers to incorporate existing trees into their plans.
- Implementing penalties for unauthorized tree removal.
- Balancing urban development with tree preservation.
- Proactive role of local councils in preserving and promoting trees.
- Setting minimum canopy requirements.
- Support for retaining large and significant trees.
- Mandating minimum green space requirements in new developments.
- Ensuring that every property has sufficient space for trees and gardens.

2. Incentives for Tree Planting and Maintenance:

- Offering council rate rebates or subsidies for tree planting and maintenance.
- Providing financial support or discounts for tree purchases.
- Encouraging residents to replace trees when they are removed.

3. Community Education and Engagement:

- Educating the community about the benefits of trees.
- Community orchards and tree planting programs.
- Guest speakers and resources to promote tree-related initiatives.

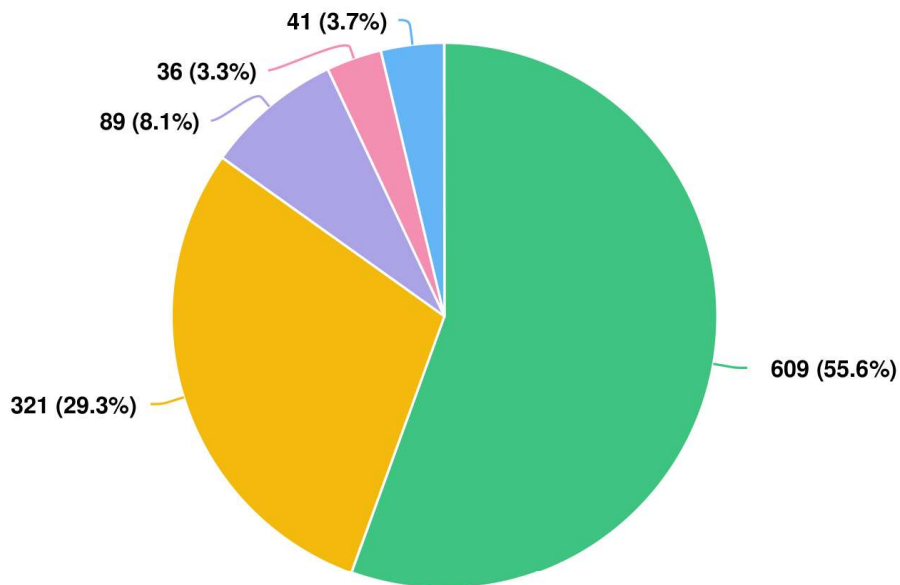
4. Council Action and Support:

- Maintaining and planting street trees.

5. Alternative Greening Solutions:

- Encouraging rooftop gardens and green roofs, especially in commercial buildings.
- Consideration of other forms of vegetation besides trees.

What is your level of concern about declining tree canopy on private property within our community?



Question options

☒ Very concerned ☐ Moderately concerned ☐ Neutral ☐ Slightly concerned ☐ Not concerned

Mandatory Question (1096 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q: What are your main concerns?

1. Environmental Impact and Climate Concerns:

- Concerns about declining tree cover affecting climate, heat, and biodiversity.
- Worry regarding the urban heat island effect and its impact on the environment and health.
- Loss of wildlife habitat and the need for Unley to address climate change.
- Worries about rising temperatures, heat retention, and the need for shade.
- Awareness of the relationship between tree canopy and temperature control.
- Impact on energy usage and health due to increased heat.

2. Community Well-being and Aesthetics:

- Residents value green, "leafy" suburbs for their well-being.
- Trees contribute to mental health, aesthetics, and a connection to nature.

3. Development and Urban Planning:

- Critique of overdevelopment, roof-to-roof housing, and insufficient green space in new developments.
- Dissatisfaction with council decisions related to tree preservation and urbanization.
- Desire for more green spaces within developments.
- Concerns about the changing streetscape and a preference for green environments.
- Concerns about the impact of house expansions and urbanization on tree canopies.

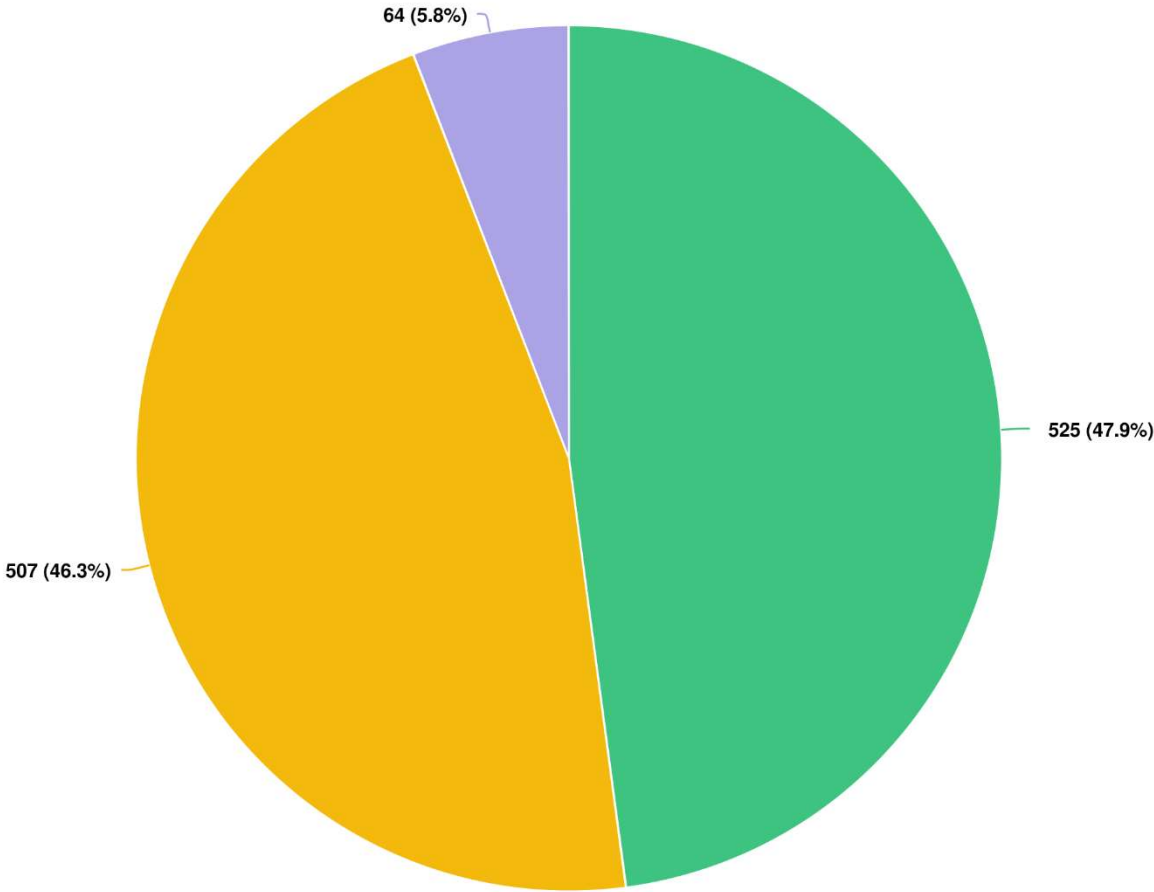
4. Council Action and Regulation:

- Calls for stronger regulations and penalties for tree removal.

5. Lack of Awareness and Education:

- Perception that higher awareness of tree benefits is needed
- Need for education on tree planting and maintenance.
- Desire for responsible tree management practices.

Do you/have you faced any challenges in maintaining trees on your property? (e.g. pest infestations, disease, etc.)



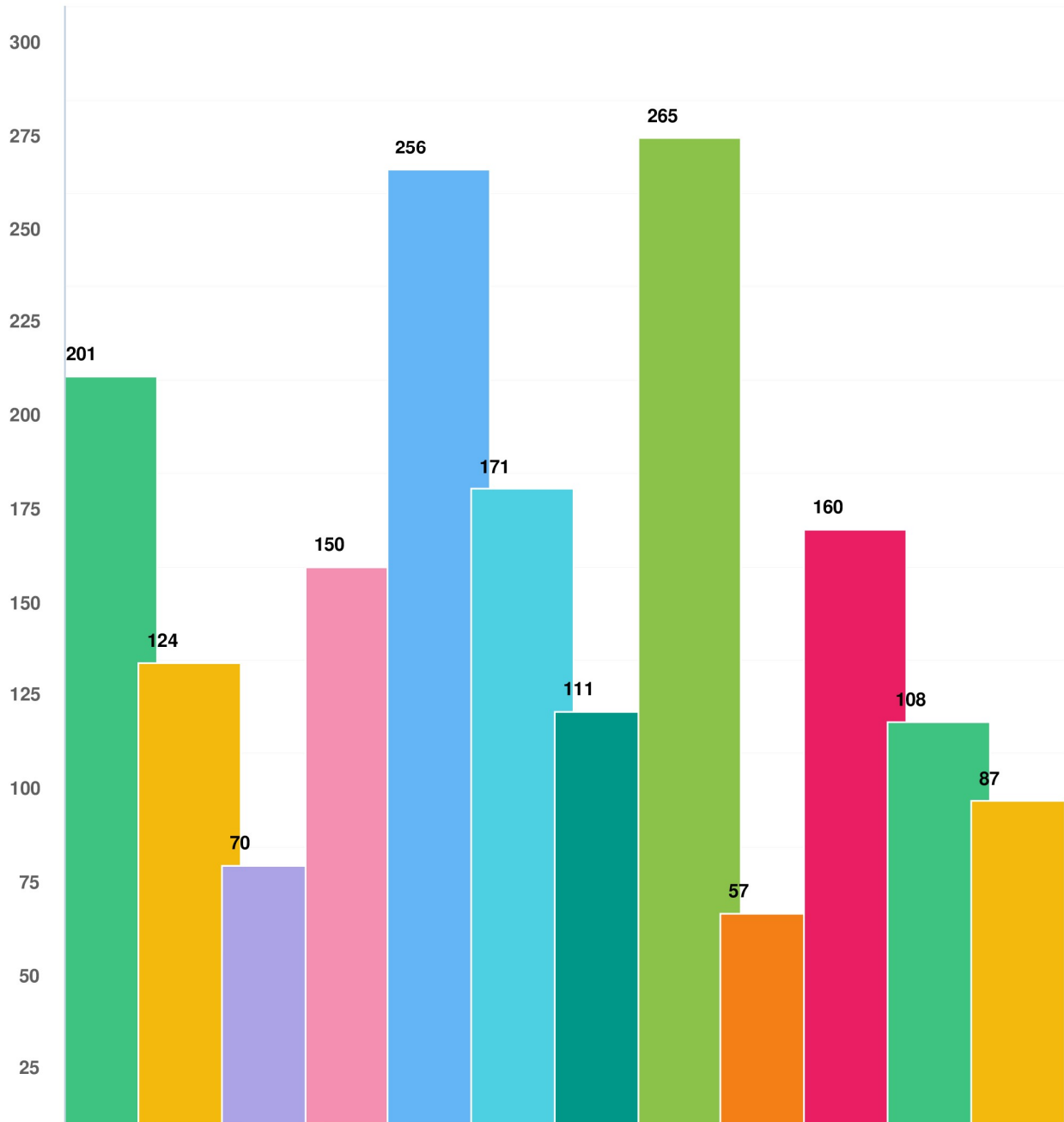
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable to me - I don't have to maintain my trees

Mandatory Question (1096 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

What are the main challenges you face? (Select all that apply or use the 'other' option to add your own)



Question options

- Pest infestations or disease
 ● Tree damage
 ● Lack of knowledge in maintaining trees.
- Physical inability to maintain trees
 ● Gutter cleaning
 ● General garden maintenance and cleaning
- Neighbour complaints
 ● Maintenance costs e.g. pruning/arborist costs
 ● Water restrictions
 ● Impact on buildings
- Safety concerns
 ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (525 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q: What are the main challenges you face? Summary of responses listed as “Other”.

1. Tree Maintenance and Impact on Infrastructure:

- Ongoing need for pruning to manage tree size and prevent damage to buildings, roofs, and gutters.
- Concerns about falling branches and their potential hazards.
- Impact on plumbing, gas pipes, and power lines due to tree roots and overgrowth.
- Cost of maintenance, including gutter cleaning and arborist services.

2. Neighbour Relations and Tree Disputes:

- Neighbour-related issues, including disputes over tree maintenance and removal.
- Concerns about neighbours not valuing trees or maintaining them properly.
- Impact on property values

3. Environmental Impact and Sustainability:

- Environmental concerns, including damage to fences, water depletion, and weed infestations.
- Challenges posed by climate change, such as the need to plant appropriate trees and manage pests like the Elm Leaf Beetle.
- Desire for more sustainable practices and education about managing trees and their benefits.

4. Urban Development and Shade Loss:

- Impact of new buildings and tree planting on privacy and views.
- Loss of shade due to overdevelopment and the impact on gardens.
- Struggles with restricted space in suburban settings.

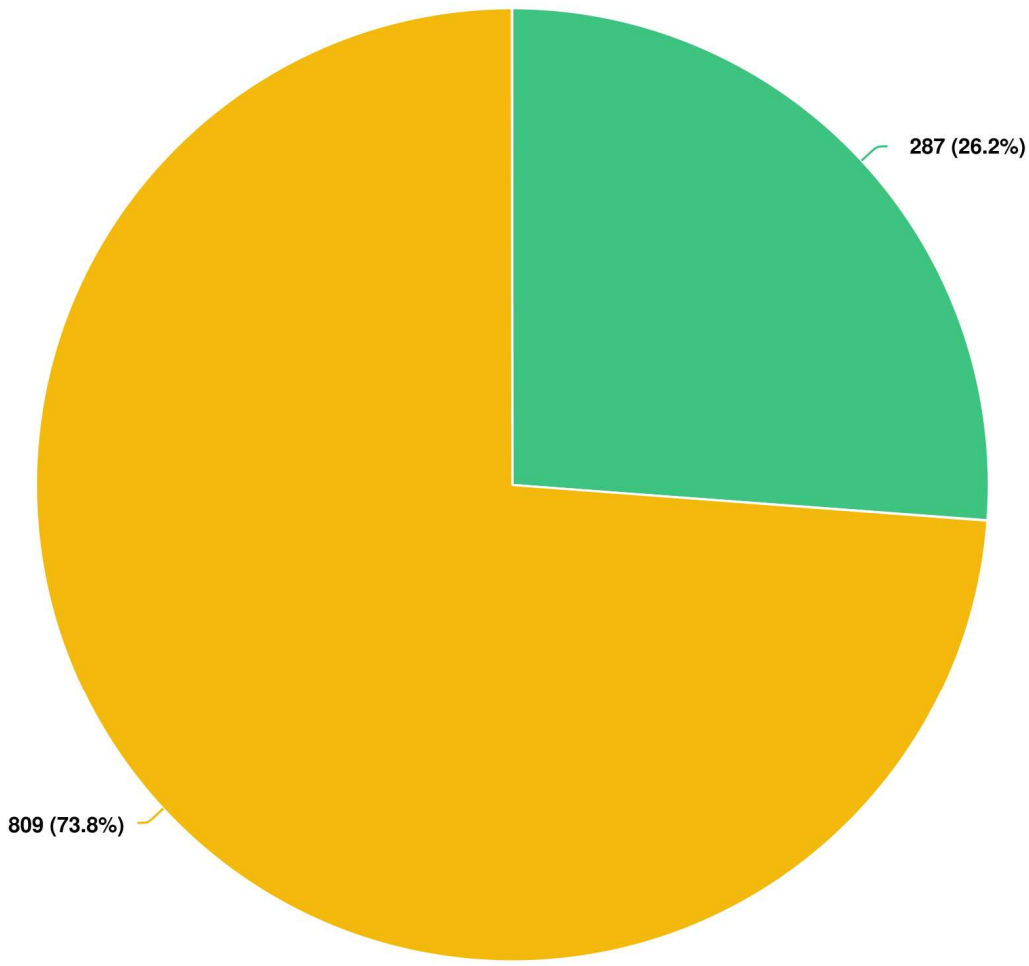
5. Council Involvement and Regulation:

- Dissatisfaction with council decisions and enforcement
- Calls for mandated professional pruning of indigenous trees.

6. Green Waste and Bin Limitations:

- Challenges related to disposing of green waste, including limitations of green bins.
- Issues with leaves and debris from council trees, impacting gutters and walkways.
- Concerns about the impact of leaves on footpaths and safety.

Are you aware of any Council initiatives or programs in the City of Unley aimed at preserving or increasing tree canopy coverage on private property?



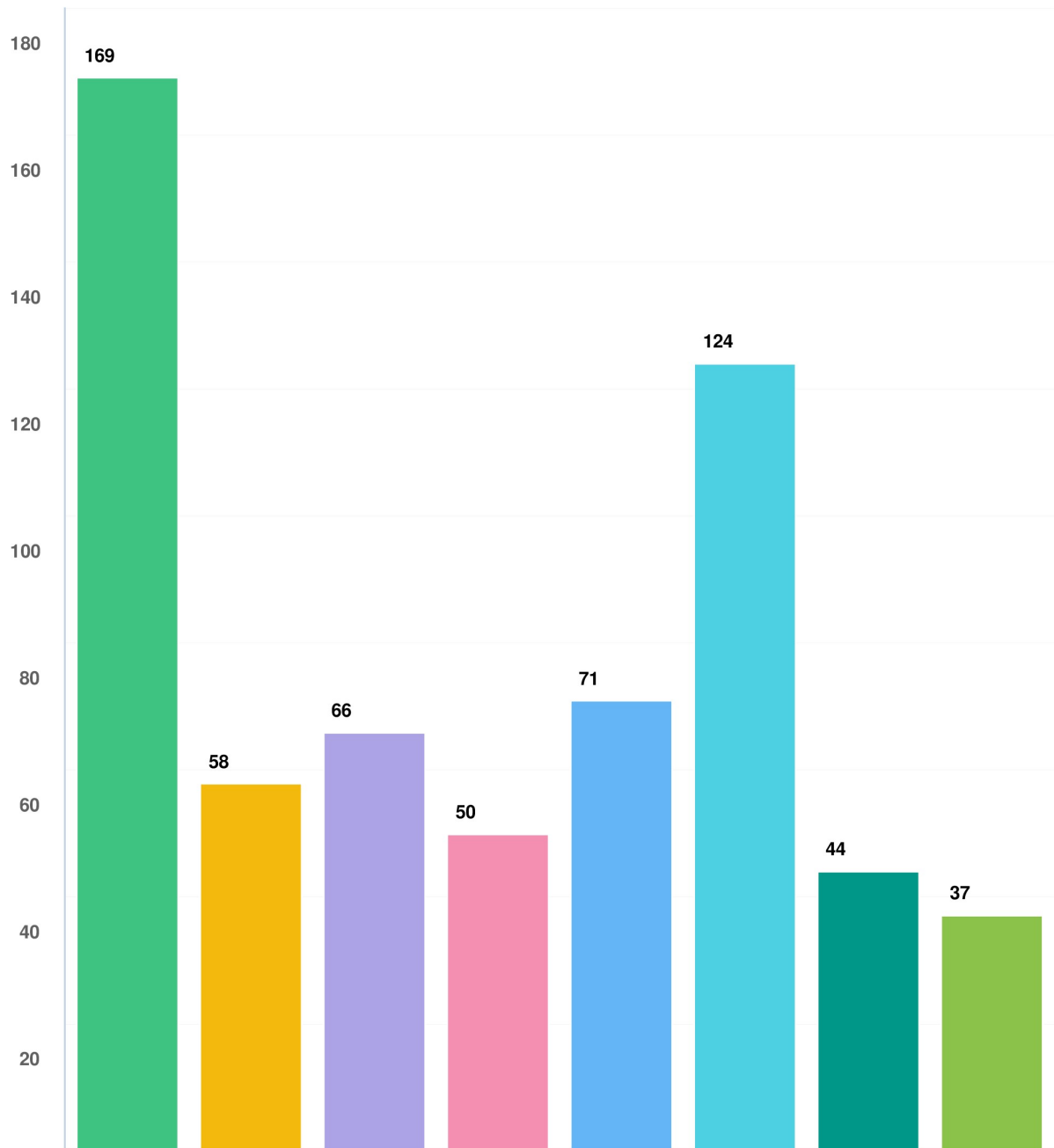
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mandatory Question (1096 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Which ones are you familiar with (Please select all that apply)



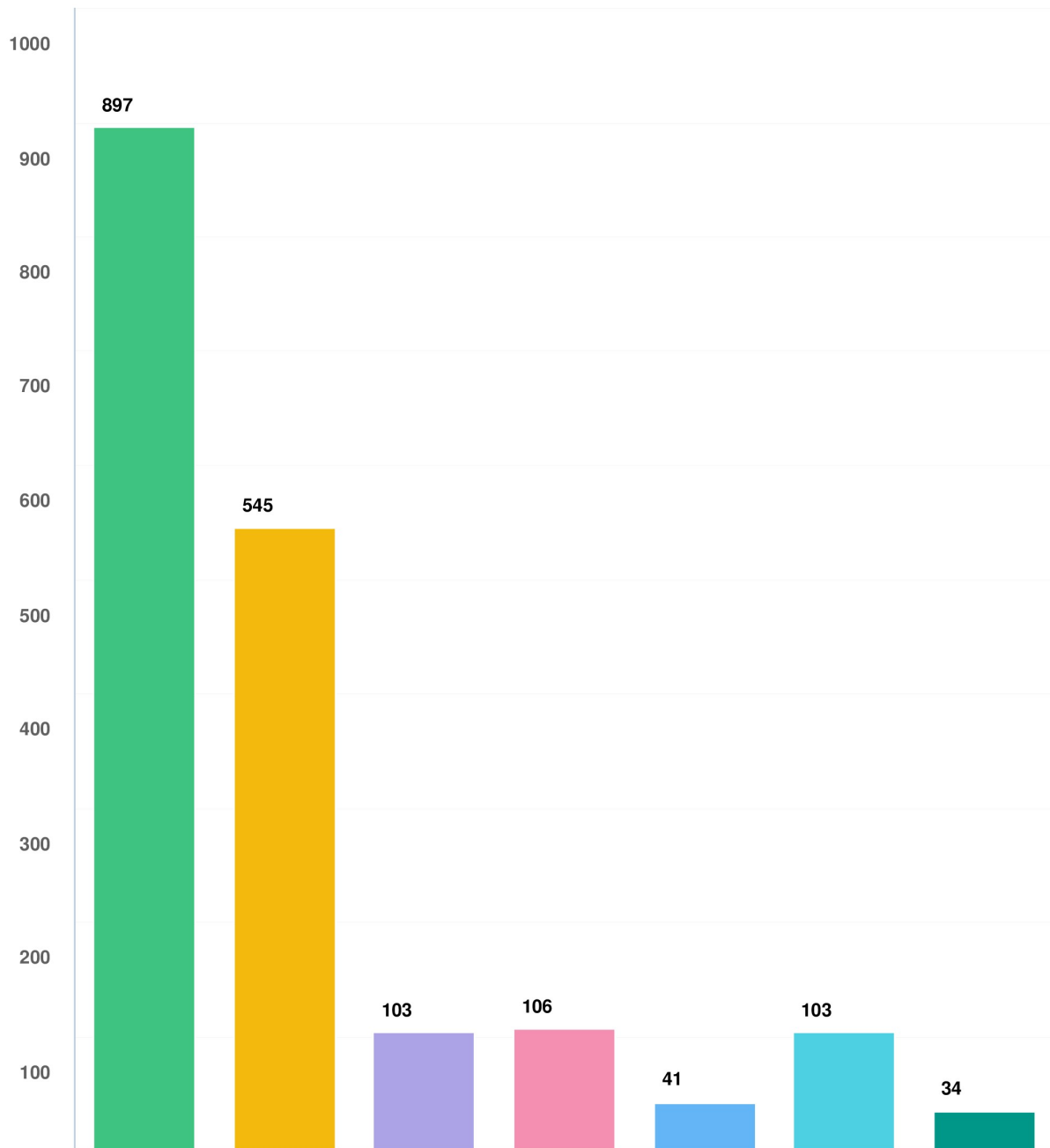
Question options

- Tree Vouchers
- Conservation Grants
- MyCanopy App
- Tree Fact Sheets
- Additional green bins
- Street cleaning
- Gardening assistance through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (287 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

What is your connection to the Council area? (Select all that apply)



Question options

- ☐ I am a property owner in the Council area ☐ I live in the Council area ☐ I work in the Council area
☐ My child or I study in the Council area ☐ I own a business in the Council area ☐ I regularly visit the Council area.
☐ Other (please specify)

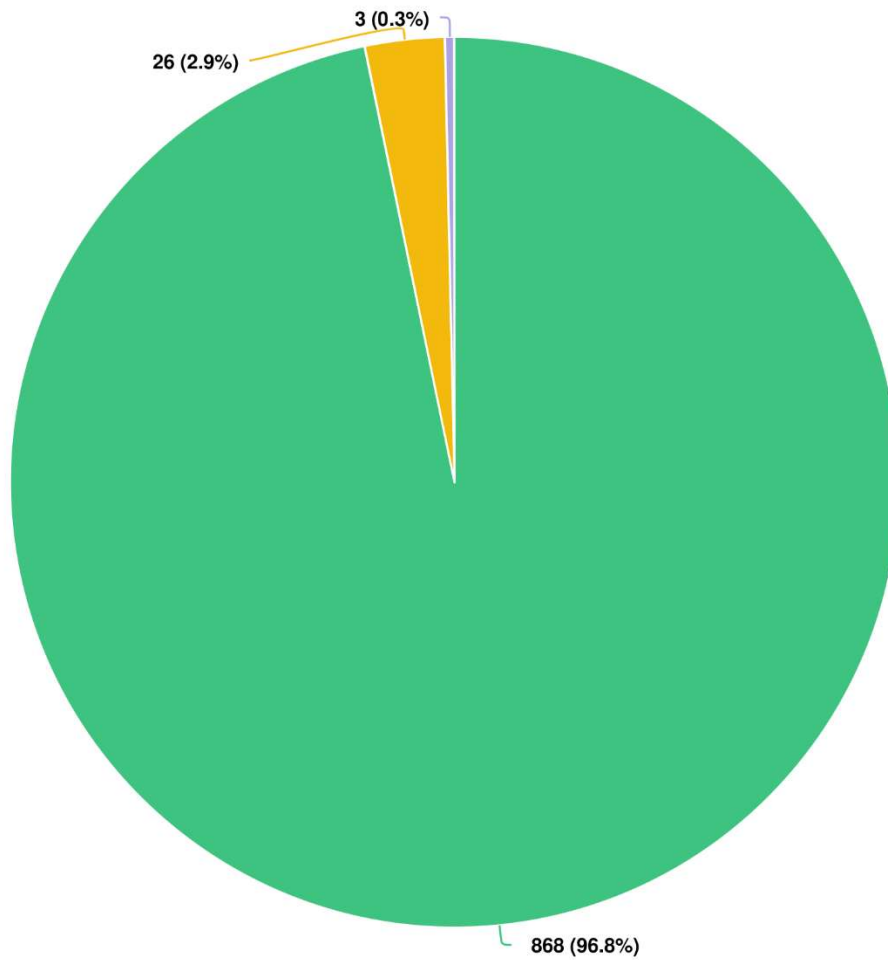
Mandatory Question (1096 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q: What is your connection to the Council area? Summary of responses listed as “Other”.

- I live on the edge of the council areas of Unley and Burnside
- Live in adjoining area I both own and rent in the city (and run my business from home)
- I have grown up in this council area I regularly walk around the Council area.
- I use many of the council facilities.
- I moved out of the council area because of the loss of tree canopy.
- My children and grandchildren live, study and work in the council area”.
- I used to live and own property in the council area Occasionally visit Council.
- Am a tenant in the council area

Do you currently have trees on your property?



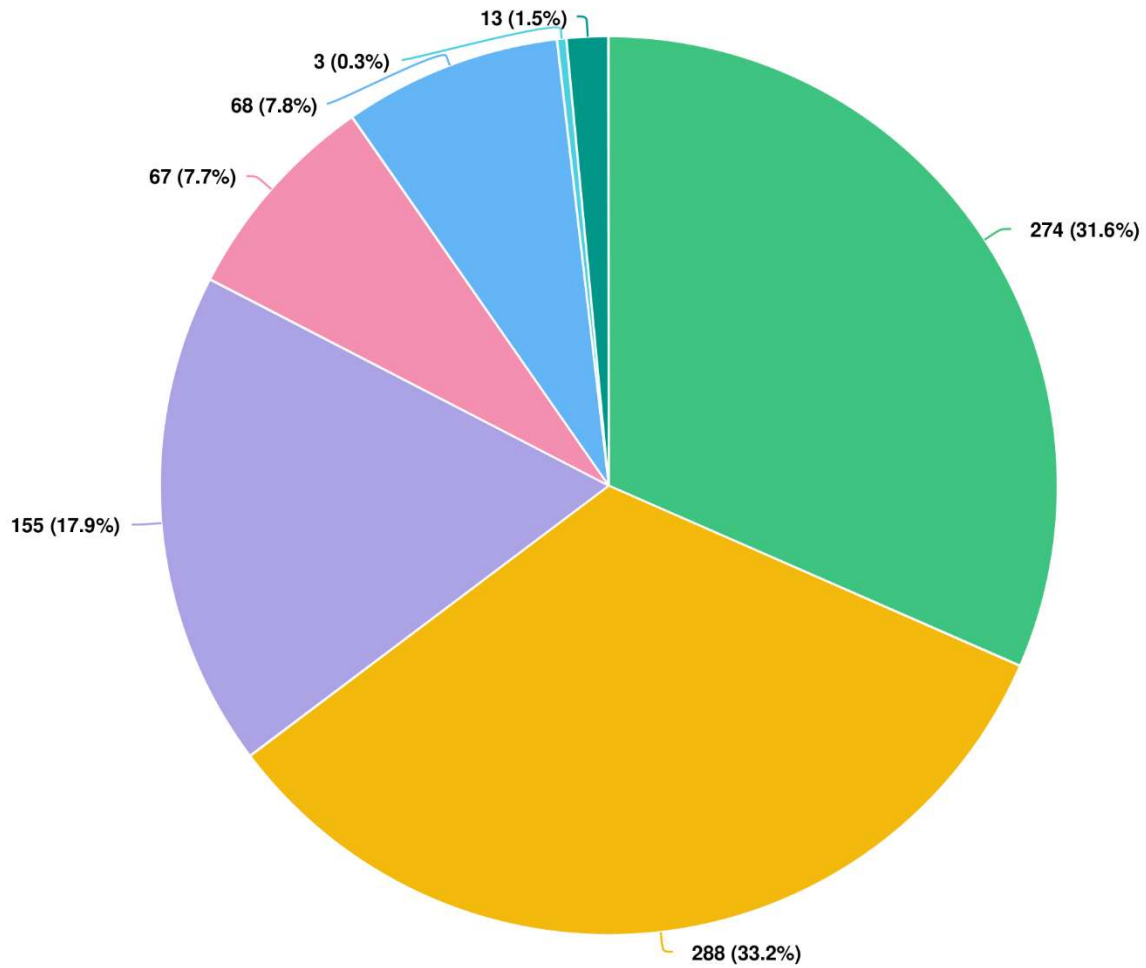
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Mandatory Question (897 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Approximately how many trees are on your property?



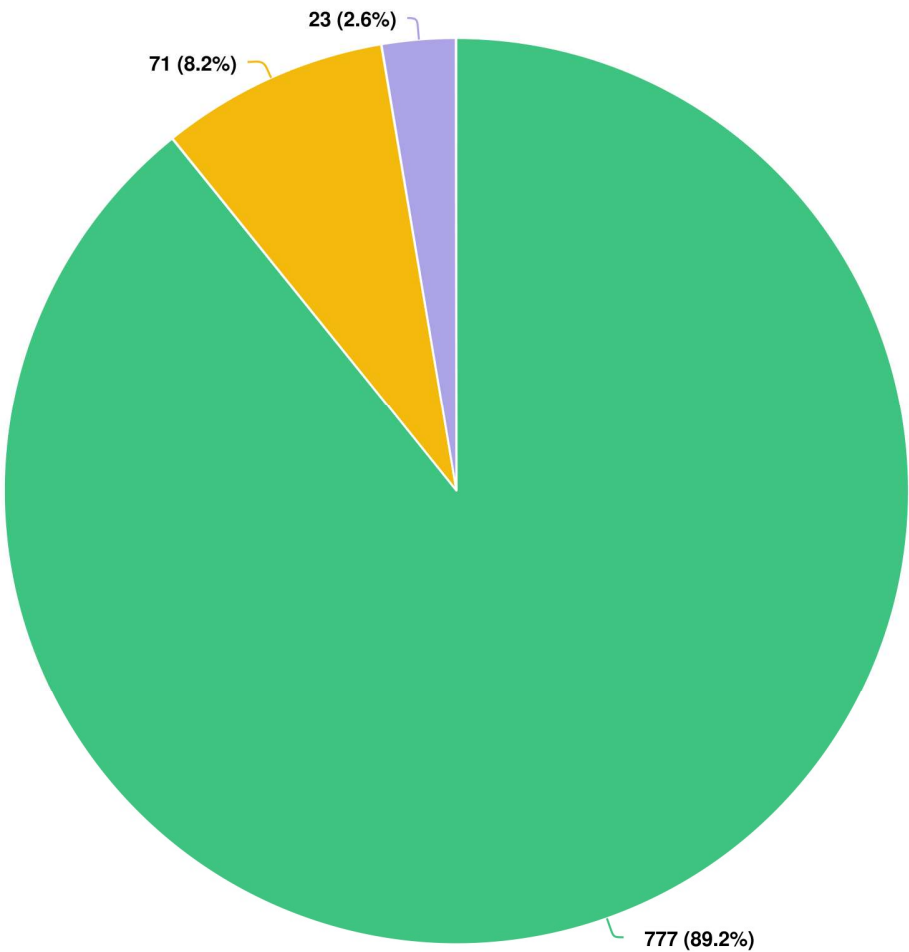
Question options

0-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 20 or more I am not sure Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (868 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

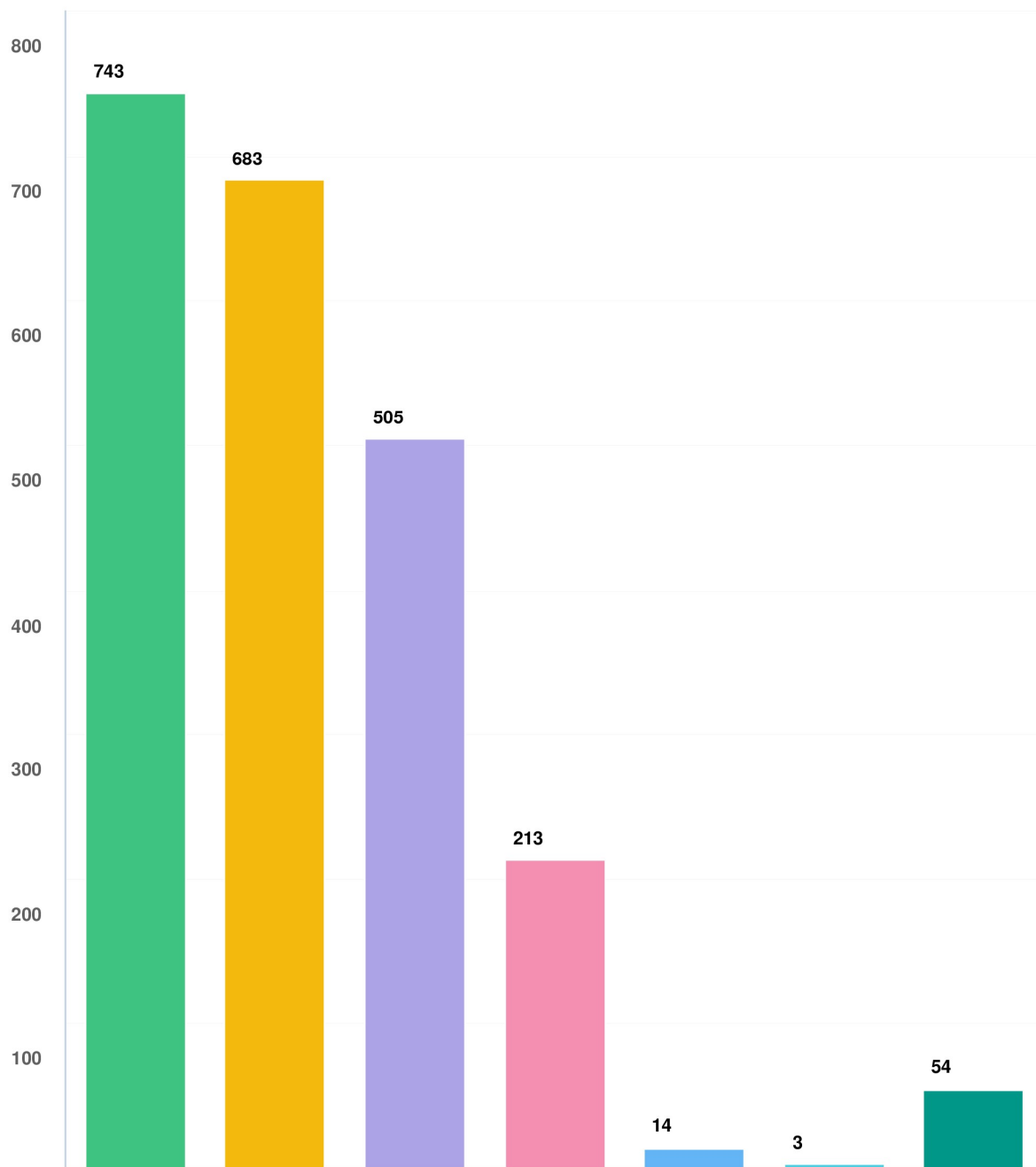
Have you taken any actions to maintain or preserve the trees on your property in the past 3 years?



Question options
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Mandatory Question (871 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

What actions have you taken? Please select all that apply



Question options

- ☒ Pruning ☒ Watering ☒ Mulching ☒ Arborist assessment ☐ Applied and or used a Significant Tree Conservation Grant through Council ☐ None of the above ☐ Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (777 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q: What actions have you taken? Summary of responses for “other”

1. Tree Planting and Replacement:

- Planting new trees, often as replacements for old or removed ones.
- Efforts to maintain and enhance tree canopy through planting.

2. Pest and Disease Management:

- Treating trees for pests like elm beetle, gall wasp, and Gaul wasp.
- Managing fungal growth and insect infestations on trees.

3. Tree Maintenance and Pruning:

- Regular pruning and maintenance, including professional services.
- Trimming and thinning of tree canopies for various purposes.

4. Landscape Planning and Renovation:

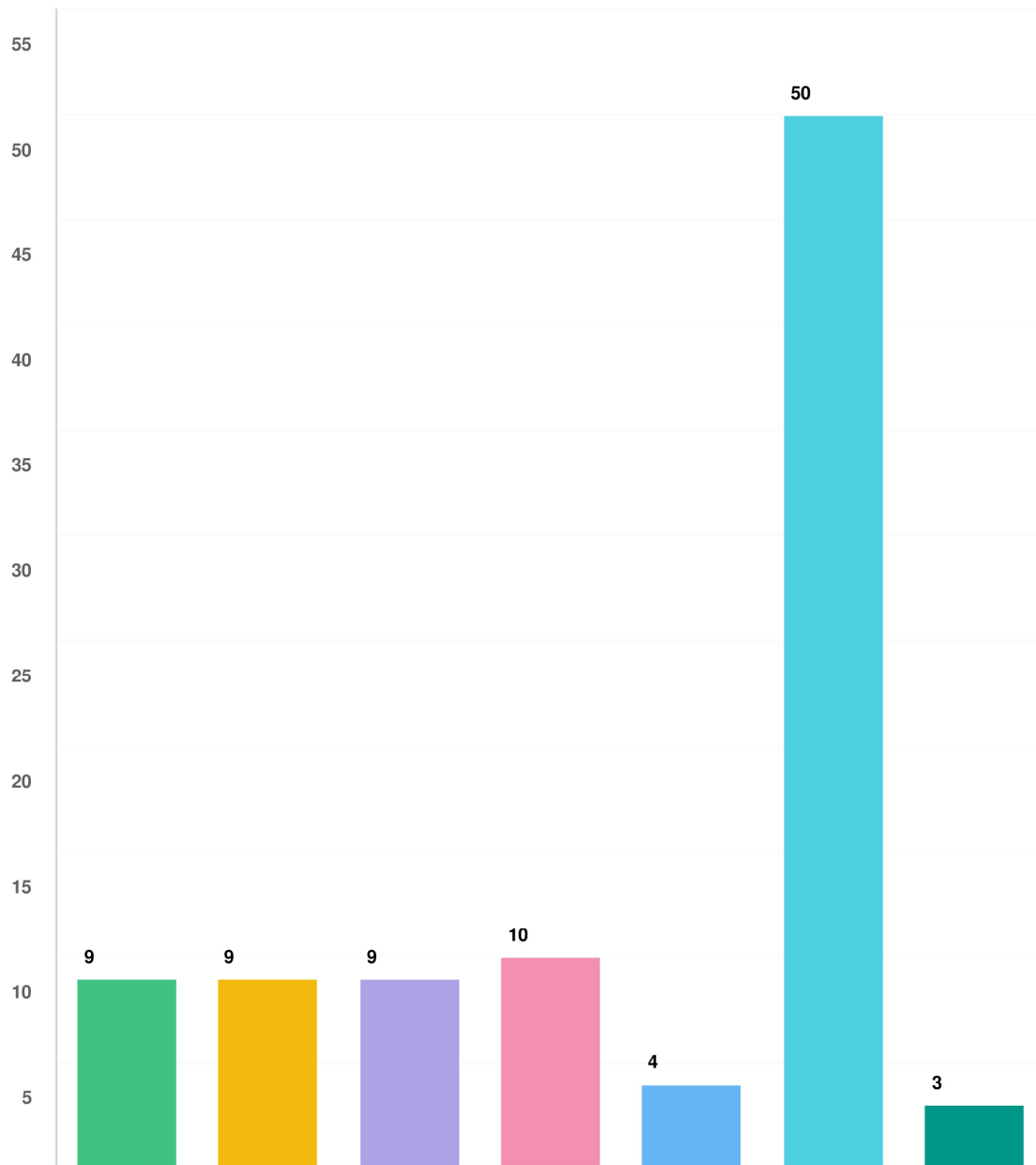
- Landscaping and garden planning to support tree health and growth.
- Removal of paving and concrete to create space for trees and gardens.

5. Neighbour Interactions and Disputes:

- Neighbour-related challenges, including disputes over tree removal.
- Balancing tree maintenance to keep neighbours satisfied.

Respondents who selected “No” to Q: Have you taken any actions to maintain or preserve the tress on your property in the past 3 years – were asked What are the main reasons why?

What are the main reasons why? (Please select all that apply)



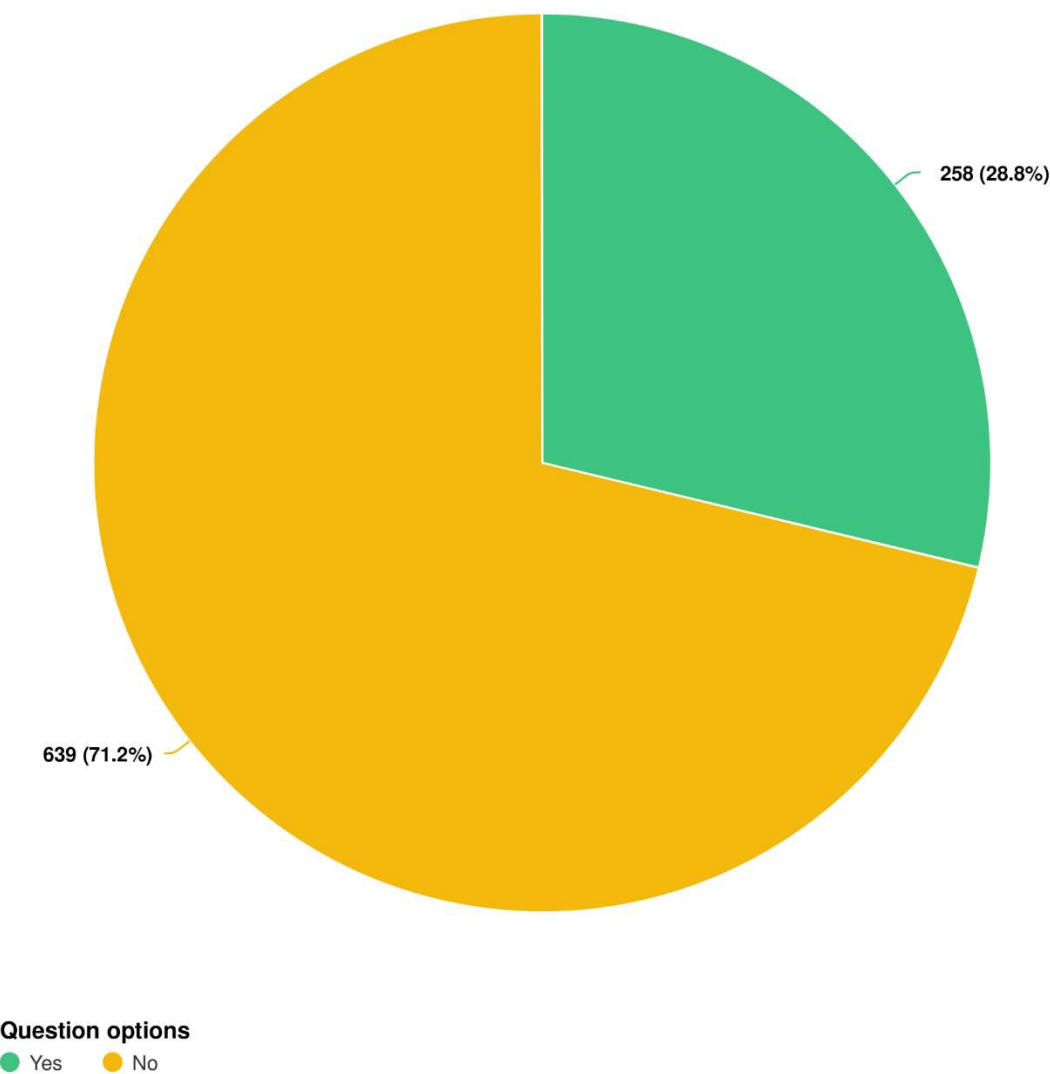
Question options

- ☐ Lack of knowledge of maintain trees ☐ Physical inability to maintain trees ☐ Lack of time ☐ Financial constraints
☐ Unsure how to treat pest infestation/disease ☐ I haven't needed to ☐ Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (71 response(s))

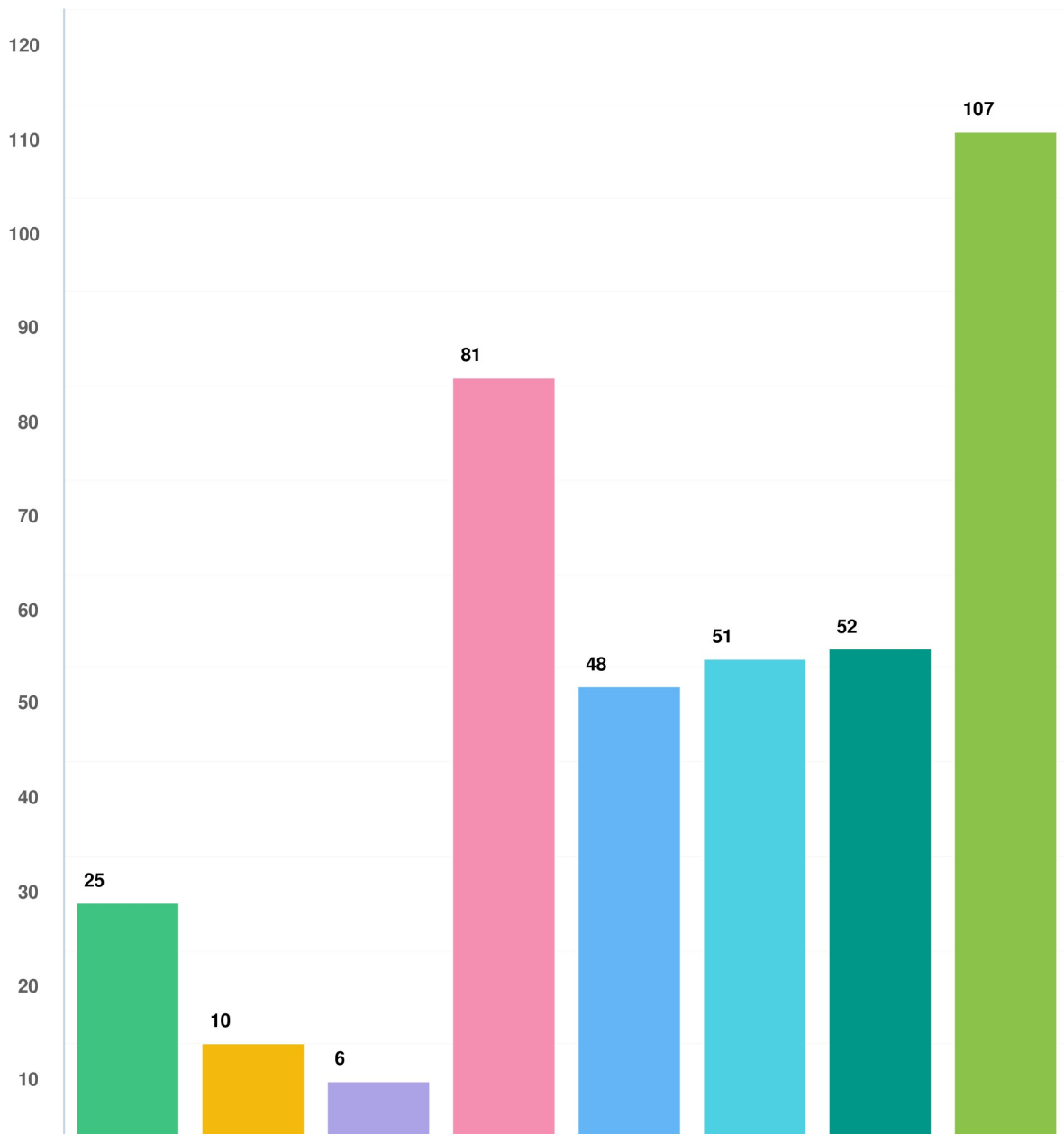
Question type: Checkbox Question

Have you removed trees on your property in the last 3 years?



Mandatory Question (897 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

What were the main reasons you removed trees? (Select all that apply)



Question options

- Home extensions, new car garage or shed
- Clearing of land for new residential and/or commercial developments e.g. apartment blocks
- Removal of trees for swimming pool installations
- Tree damage
- Invasive pests or diseases
- Safety concerns
- Tree maintenance e.g. pruning, cleaning gutters and debris
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (258 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q: What were the main reasons you removed trees? Summary of “other” responses:

These themes reflect a variety of factors and motivations behind tree removal and replacement decisions, including considerations related to health, safety, aesthetics, and environmental impact.

1. Tree Health and Age:

- Several trees were removed because they were old or dying.
- Some trees were affected by pests or diseases.

2. Inappropriate Species and Size:

- Some trees were considered unsuitable for their location.
- Invasive species were removed.
- Trees that had grown too large for the available space were removed and replaced with smaller or more suitable varieties.
- Trees were replaced with better choices for the space.

3. Root Damage and Infrastructure Issues:

- Tree roots were causing damage to driveways, walls, sewer pipes, and infrastructure, leading to tree removal.
- Trees were removed due to their proximity to power lines and cables, which caused damage and safety concerns.

4. Neighbour Complaints and Privacy:

- Neighbours' concerns, such as encroachment on their property, litter, and branches, led to tree removal.
- Privacy issues arose when deciduous trees did not offer privacy for part of the year.
- Trees were removed to accommodate fence replacements.

5. Landscape and Aesthetic Changes:

- Landscaping changes or redesign of yards and gardens necessitated tree removal.
- Trees were removed for aesthetic reasons, such as replacing ugly or unwanted trees with more attractive varieties.

6. Safety and Liability Concerns:

- Safety concerns related to falling branches, gum nuts, and noise were factors in tree removal decisions.
- Liability concerns influenced decisions, particularly regarding trees within 10 meters of a residence.

7. Compliance with Regulations:

- Compliance with local regulations and council rules influenced some tree removal decisions.

8. Pet and Animal Safety:

- Trees with toxic fruits or berries were removed due to concerns for pet safety.

9. Overcrowding and Crowding Other Trees:

- Some trees were removed to alleviate overcrowding and create more space for growth.

10. Maintenance Costs:

- High maintenance costs, including gutter cleaning and debris cleanup, led to tree removal.

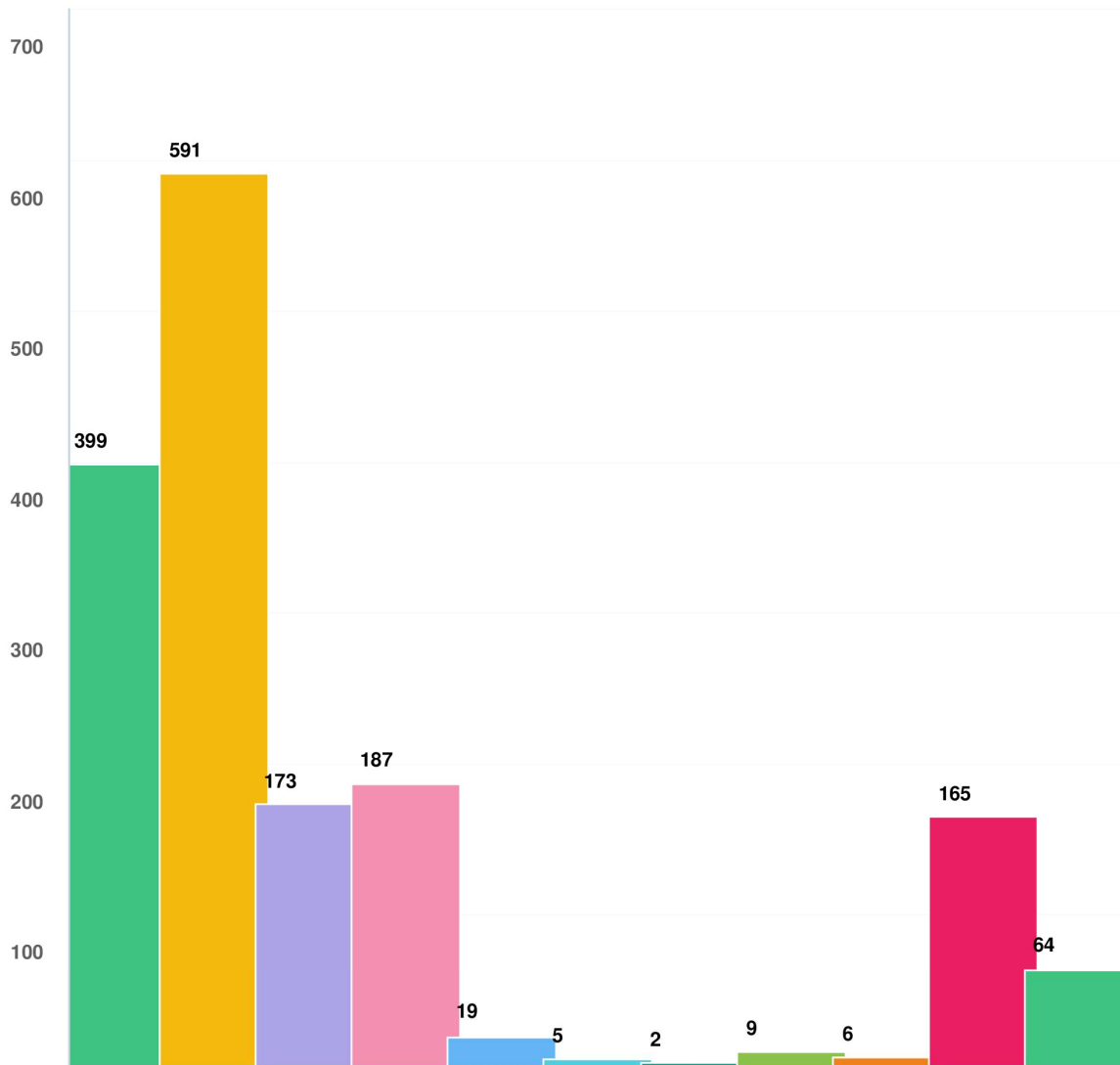
11. Ownership and Travel:

- Travel and absence from home influenced tree removal decisions, particularly when deciduous trees shed leaves.

12. Replacing with Natives and Suitable Species:

- Some trees were replaced with native species for ecological reasons or better suitability for the environment.

Council would like to work with you to build greener neighbourhoods. How might you be willing to contribute to an increase in tree canopy cover on private property in the City of Unley?



Question options

- Plant trees in your own garden/outdoor spaces
- Maintain or grow the trees in your garden/outdoor spaces
- Help plant trees on other people's properties
- Learn more about tree care via education/information sessions
- I could provide voluntary or discounted tree and gardening maintenance for residents
- I could provide voluntary or discounted gutter cleaning for residents
- I could provide discounted equipment hire for Unley residents
- I could provide discounted landscape design services for Unley residents
- I could provide discounted gardening/landscaping services for Unley residents
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (897 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q: Council would like to work with you to build greener neighbourhoods. How might you be willing to contribute to an increase in tree canopy cover on private property in the City of Unley? Summary of “other” responses

1. Supporting Tree Planting and Maintenance:

- Some suggest supplying trees, providing vouchers, or supporting tree planting days.
- People are interested in contributing to education and promotion campaigns about the importance of trees.

2. Community Involvement:

- Residents express a desire to be actively involved in tree-related activities, such as planting, watering, and maintaining trees.
- Some mention hosting workshops or sharing gardening advice with neighbours.

3. Environmental Concerns:

- Concerns about tree loss and overdevelopment are prevalent.
- Residents want the council to address invasive tree roots and encourage the planting of more trees.
- Some suggest that the council should resist reducing property sizes to protect green spaces.

4. Education and Information:

- Residents emphasize the need for education about tree selection, care, and the benefits of trees.
- Suggestions include learning about local indigenous species and providing information on effective ways to reduce surface and air temperature and reduce carbon dioxide.

Q: How can the Council support homeowners' efforts to increase tree canopy on their properties? Please share your ideas.

1. Education and Outreach:

- Providing educational resources and workshops for residents about the benefits of trees, tree selection, planting, and maintenance.
- Promoting native trees that are suitable for local environments.
- Advising residents on selecting appropriate trees for their specific garden settings.
- Promoting tree initiatives through various means such as pamphlets, email campaigns, and awareness campaigns.

- Providing instructions for planting and caring for young trees.

2. Financial Incentives:

- Offering financial incentives such as grants, subsidies, rate discounts, or tax credits for tree-related expenses.
- Rewarding property owners with higher tree canopy coverage through rate reductions.
- Providing compensation or subsidies for maintaining large and old-growth trees.

3. Tree Planting and Maintenance Programs:

- Organizing tree giveaway events to distribute tree seedlings to homeowners.
- Implementing tree protection rules and permits to regulate tree removal.
- Providing assistance and services for tree maintenance, including workshops and mulch distribution.
- Offering support for tree maintenance, including pruning and removal of problematic branches.
- Providing tree inspection services and assistance with maintenance tasks.
- Offering discounted arborist services for maintaining existing trees.
- Offering mulch at reduced or no cost to residents.

4. Community Engagement:

- Encouraging community involvement in tree planting and maintenance.
- Partnering with local businesses and volunteers to support tree initiatives.
- Engaging youth through educational programs, competitions, and collaborations with universities.

5. Policies:

- Developing policies to promote tree replanting.
- Incorporating tree canopy levels into rate calculations.
- Advocating for changes in planning laws to protect and replace trees during development.
- Encouraging developers to plant mature trees or replace removed trees on development sites.

6. Green Waste Management:

- Addressing green waste management issues with more frequent collections and reduced fees.

Q: How can Council support local business and commercial property owners' efforts to increase tree canopy on their properties? Please share your ideas.

1. Encouraging Tree Planting and Maintenance:

- Encourage businesses to plant and maintain trees on their properties.
- Offer incentives, advice, and financial support for tree planting.
- Provide free trees or subsidies for tree planting.

2. Regulations and Mandates:

- Advocate for changes in regulations to protect trees and green spaces.
- Mandate tree planting in commercial properties and new developments.
- Impose penalties for tree removal without proper justification.

3. Financial Incentives:

- Provide financial incentives like rate reductions, rebates, and subsidies for tree-related initiatives.
- Create sustainability incentive schemes to promote green initiatives.

4. Public Awareness and Education:

- Conduct public awareness campaigns about the benefits of trees.
- Offer free tree-related education, consultations, and advice.
- Recognize and promote businesses engaged in tree planting and maintenance.
- Highlight the energy-saving benefits of tree canopies.
- Provide guidance on suitable tree species and promote native tree planting.

5. Collaboration and Support:

- Collaborate with organizations like Trees for Life and local businesses.
- Engage businesses in partnerships to maintain green spaces.

6. Tree Canopy Assessment and Monitoring:

- Regularly assess and monitor tree canopy coverage on commercial properties.
- Provide maintenance services and support for businesses facing tree-related issues.

7. Penalties for Non-compliance:

- Increase fines for non-compliance with tree-related initiatives.
- Prohibit developments from removing trees without replacements.
- Penalize developers for excessive tree removal.

8. Greening Urban Spaces:

- Promote green initiatives like rooftop gardens, vertical gardens, and green walls.
- Encourage outdoor dining areas with shade trees.

- Explore alternatives to artificial shading with trees in car parks.

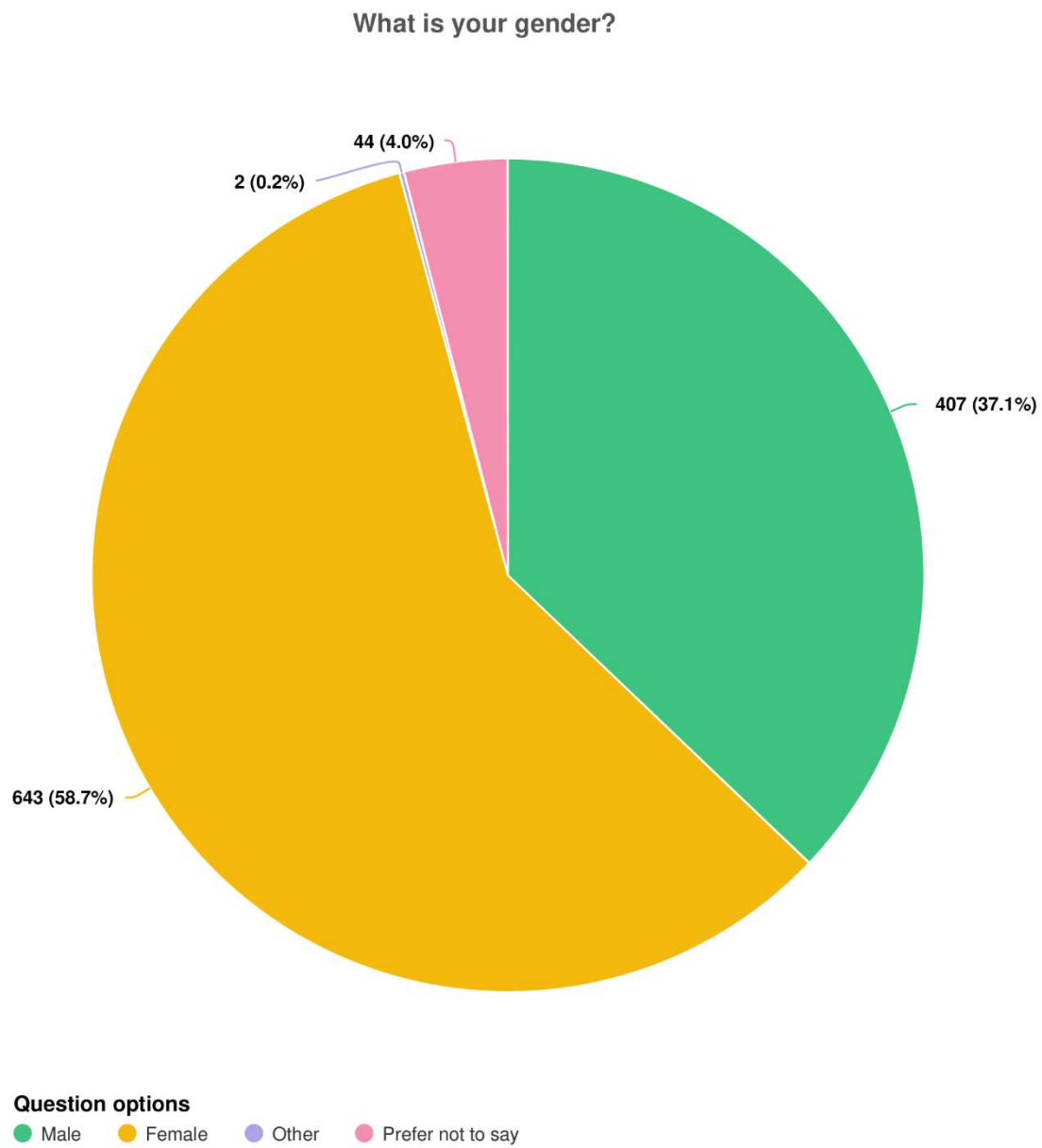
9. Community Engagement:

- Involve the business community through focus groups, volunteer events, and awards.
- Recognize compliant businesses with awards and public recognition.

10. Support for Unique Situations:

- Address specific issues, such as contaminated land rehabilitation, with subsidies.
- Tailor approaches for businesses with limited outdoor space.

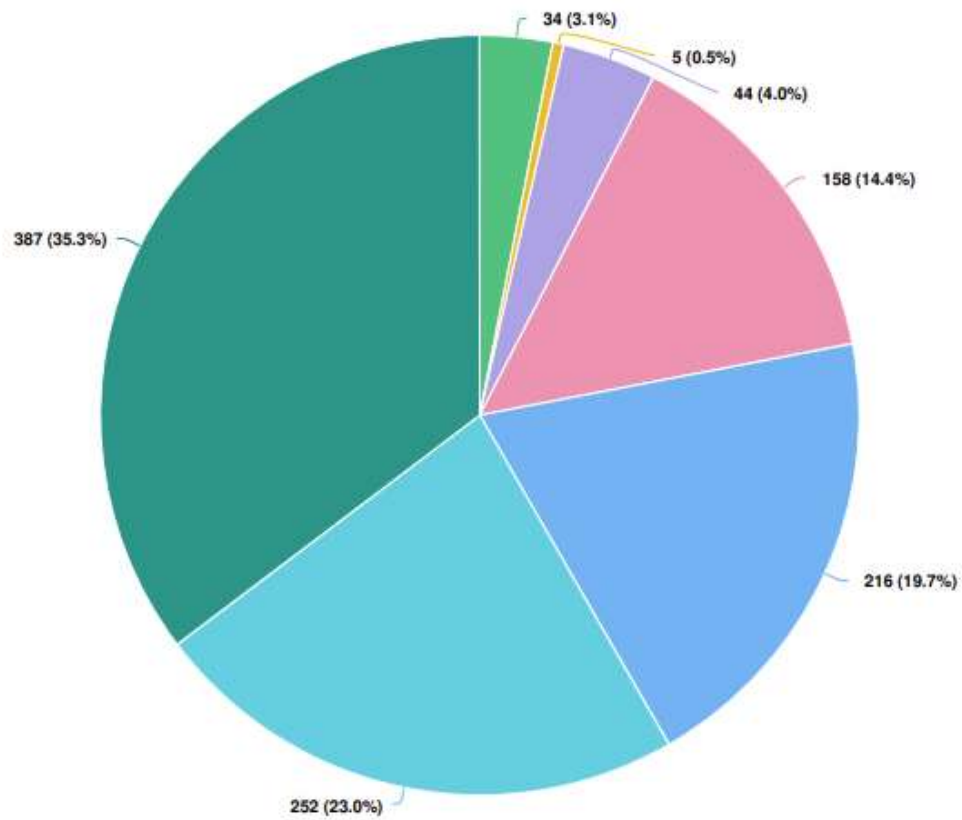
Demographic Details:



Mandatory Question (1096 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Into which age group do you fall?



Question options

☐ Under 18 ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ Over 65

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Ideas Board: Summary of Findings

In addition to the survey, an interactive ideas board was hosted on the Your Say Unley page to provide participants with another option for providing their feedback. The top 10 ideas are listed below:

Ideas board: top 10 ideas

112 new ideas were suggested during the consultation, attracting 34 comments and 1014 likes. The top ten ideas (based on likes) were:



Catherine

a month ago

For residents with significant trees on their property, replace the 'heritage' grants for tree management with scheduled arborist visits.

Share

4 Comments

49



Jillp

a month ago

The council should not approve new builds or renovations that occupy the majority of the land Should be a minimum of 2 trees per block

Share

1 Comment

45



Garden lover

a month ago

A free council arbourist visit for advice please.

Share

0 Comment

31



RobynM

a month ago

We need more native verge gardens and native plants in public space areas

Share

1 Comment

25



bwbishoprta

a month ago

Why don't you stop approving developments where they have to cut down trees and can build to within about 2mm of their borders?

Share

2 Comments

26



SMK

a month ago

Many new homes being built take up the entire block - space to grow a garden / tree needs to be taken into consideration during planning

Share

1 Comment

23



RECC

a month ago

All car parks should have a quota of trees. What a difference to the climate and our happiness that would make! The "Plan" should enforce it

Share

1 Comment

29



The Swarbricks

a month ago

Incentivise home owners to increase tree canopy

Share

0 Comment

28



LS

a month ago

Reward those properties with good tree cover with a council rate rebate

Share

1 Comment

27



Rocket Ros

a month ago

New housing developments need to have a requirement for xx trees based on size of land.

Share

1 Comment

26



Conclusion:

Further analysis of the key themes and ideas generated by participants in the community survey open-ended response questions and the ideas board has allowed us to identify 7 overall key themes. These themes will underpin the work of the Shaping Unley Community Panel during stage 2 of the Shaping Unley Framework.

The overall key themes are:

Theme 1: Environmental

- Better planning and maintenance strategies for trees
- Emphasising the value and role of trees within the community
- Advocating for proper tree maintenance, management and planting
- Addressing concerns related to fruit trees and pest attacks, and
- Emphasising suitable and native species, replanting, and removal of invasive species
- Considering replacement choices due to age, sickness, or damage.

Theme 2: Maintenance

- Preserving and enhancing the existing tree canopy
- Suggesting measures to stop damage or degradation.
- Mitigating property and infrastructure damage caused by tree roots, leaning, and proximity to houses.
- Focus on preventive measures and maintenance.

Theme 3: Green Initiatives

- Maximising green space and minimum block development to preserve and expand the tree canopy, particularly in new developments.
- Focus on the health and sustainability of trees.
- Importance of new tree plantations, especially for developments and extensions.

Theme 4: Planning Approvals - Development

- Emphasising the role of the council
- Aiming to provide clarity and information for effective decision-making
- Addressing concerns about tree loss in developments
- Advocating for proper tree maintenance, management, and planting in urban areas
- Maximising green space and minimum block development, particularly in new developments

- Importance of new tree plantations, especially for developments and extensions
- Addressing complaints and issues with neighbours regarding trees, roots, and fence proximity
- Aiming for better tree placement and conflict resolution
- Importance of incorporating tree planting in new developments, focusing on garden spaces and ensuring tree inclusion in building projects.

Theme 5: Incentives/Financials

- The focus is on ensuring the health and sustainability of trees
- Suggesting measures to stop damage or degradation
- Advocating for education on the importance of trees
- Advocating for financial incentives, discounted services, education, and advice for maintaining trees
- Aiming to reduce costs and offer significant help to residents
- Promoting tree-related discounts, rebates, and incentives based on rates
- Aiming to support local arborist services and encourage native tree planting
- Focuses on rate reduction or offset ideas for planting and maintaining trees.

Theme 6: Planning Approvals – Significant Tree Rules

- Addressing the community's concerns about tree loss
- Advocating for proper tree maintenance, management, and planting in urban areas
- Suggesting better planning and maintenance strategies for trees
- Urging the reduction of tree removal, especially in existing spaces and properties
- Discouraging further approvals for tree removal.

Theme 7: Education and Promotion

- Highlighting the necessity of preserving and expanding the tree canopy
- Emphasising the value and role of trees within the community
- Focus on landscaping and planting.
- How to plant and maintain trees, providing advice and guidance based on needs and preferences
- Guidance on suitable tree-planting techniques
- Encouraging planting in specific areas, and supporting the growth of native trees
- Stress the value of planting and maintaining trees within properties.
- Underline the significance of trees in enhancing property appeal.

- Educate homeowners, neighbours, and the community about the benefits of trees.
- Promote the positive value of trees through various channels, including schools and local publications.
- Provide lists of recommended trees for different spaces and needs.
- Conduct information sessions and workshops on tree care.
- Promote indigenous plants and trees suited to the area.