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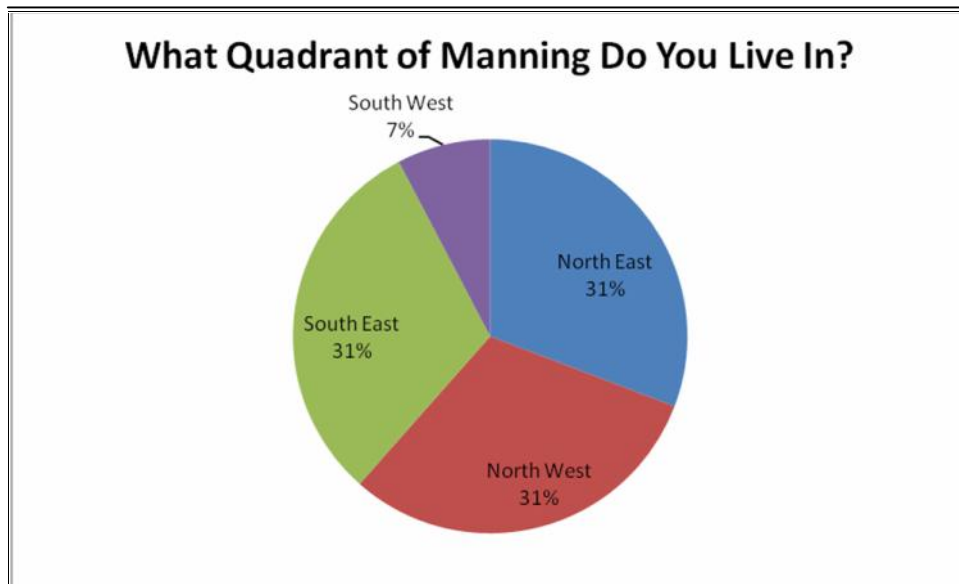
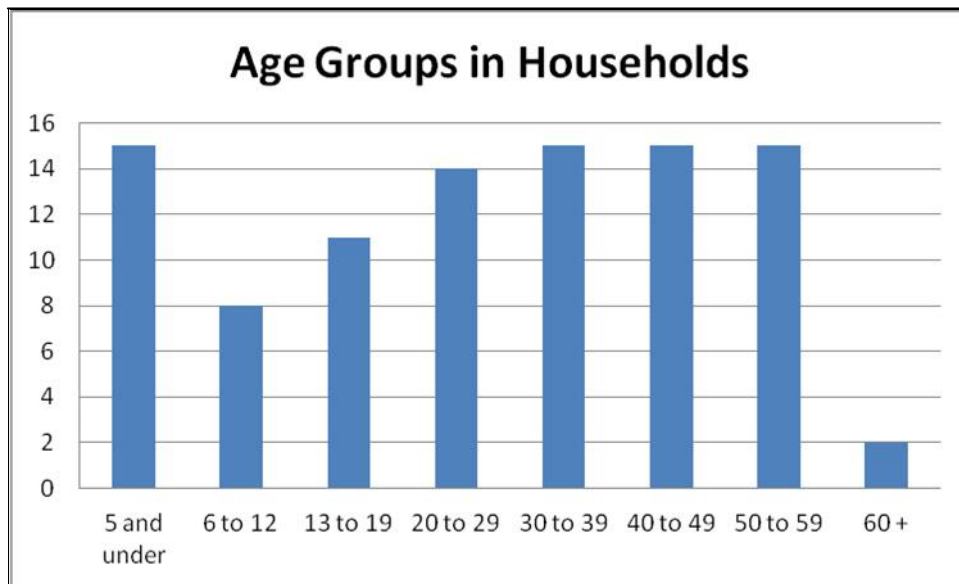
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## Introduction

A survey in regards to a community garden in Manning was conducted online and sent out in Town utility bills in August and September 2015 to gauge the interest in a community garden as well as see if there were any interested residents willing to take the project on. The survey was created by Public Health Promotions and Manning and District Family Community Support Services in response to the “Planting the Seeds of a Community Garden” Workshop that was held in Manning on October 23-24, 2014.

## Respondent Demographics



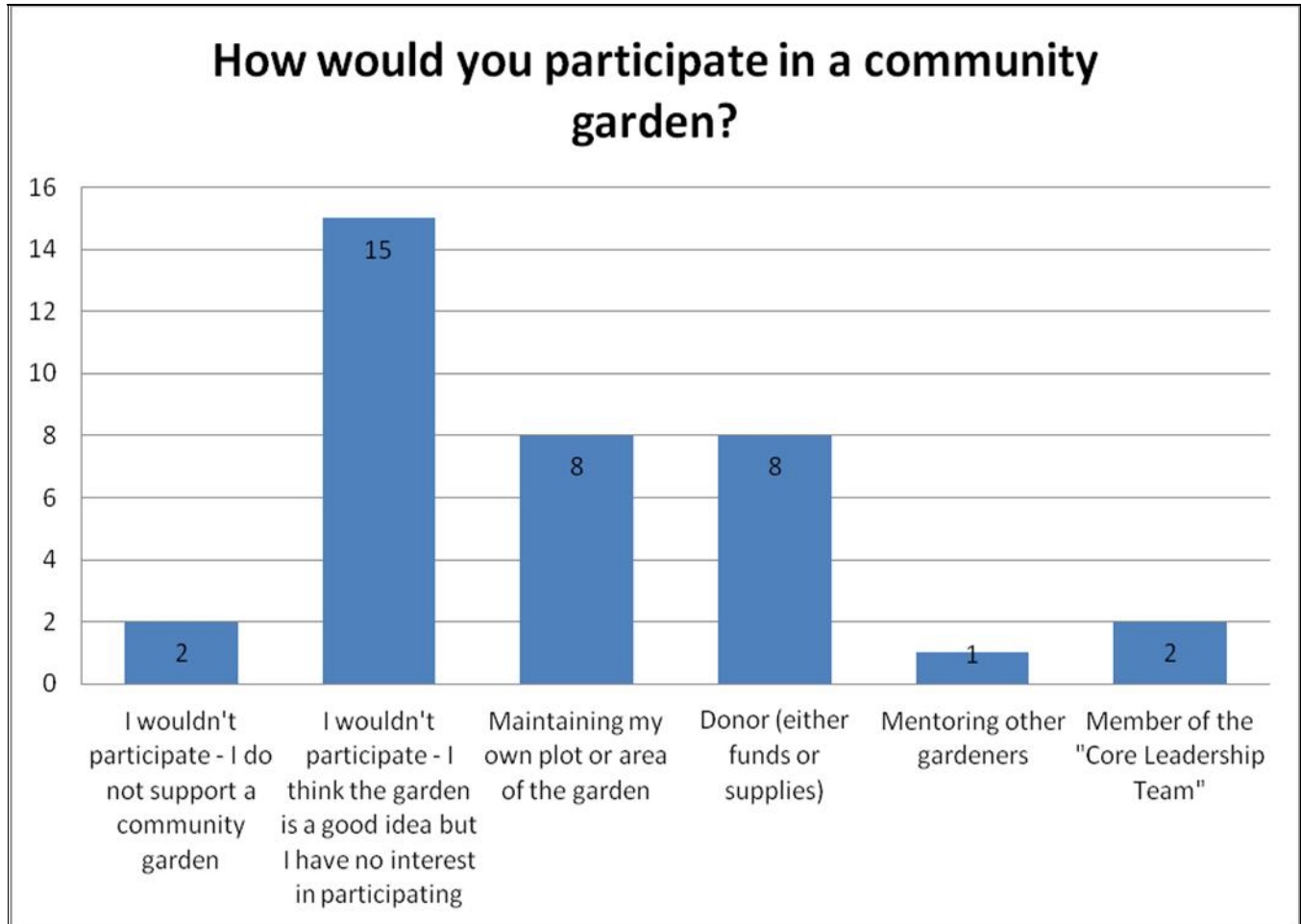
A total of 31 people responded to the survey.

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## Survey Results

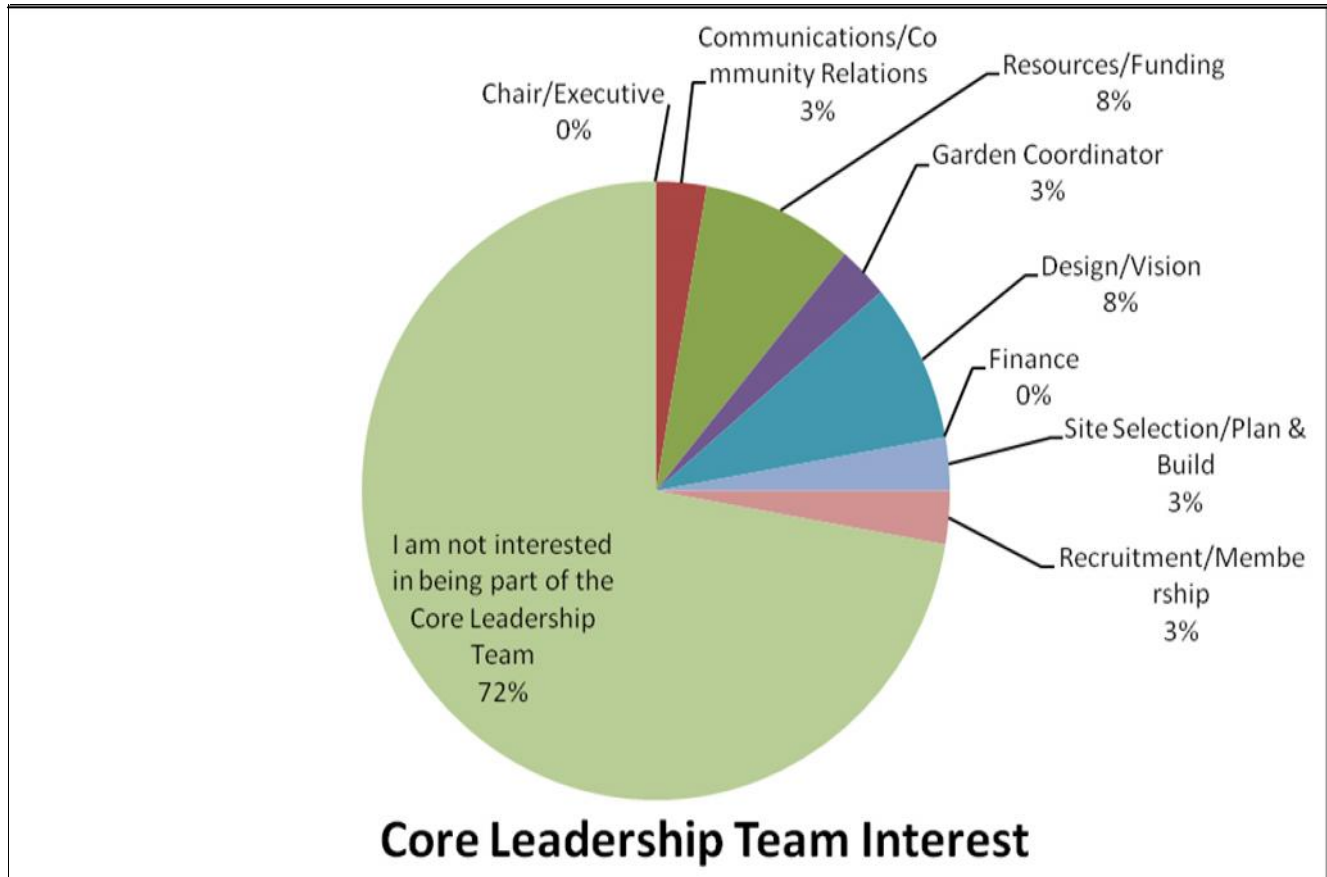


Based on the surveys, the majority of respondents think the garden is a good idea but wouldn't participate. Because of this, it is very difficult to start a community garden as residents aren't wanting to take on the responsibility.

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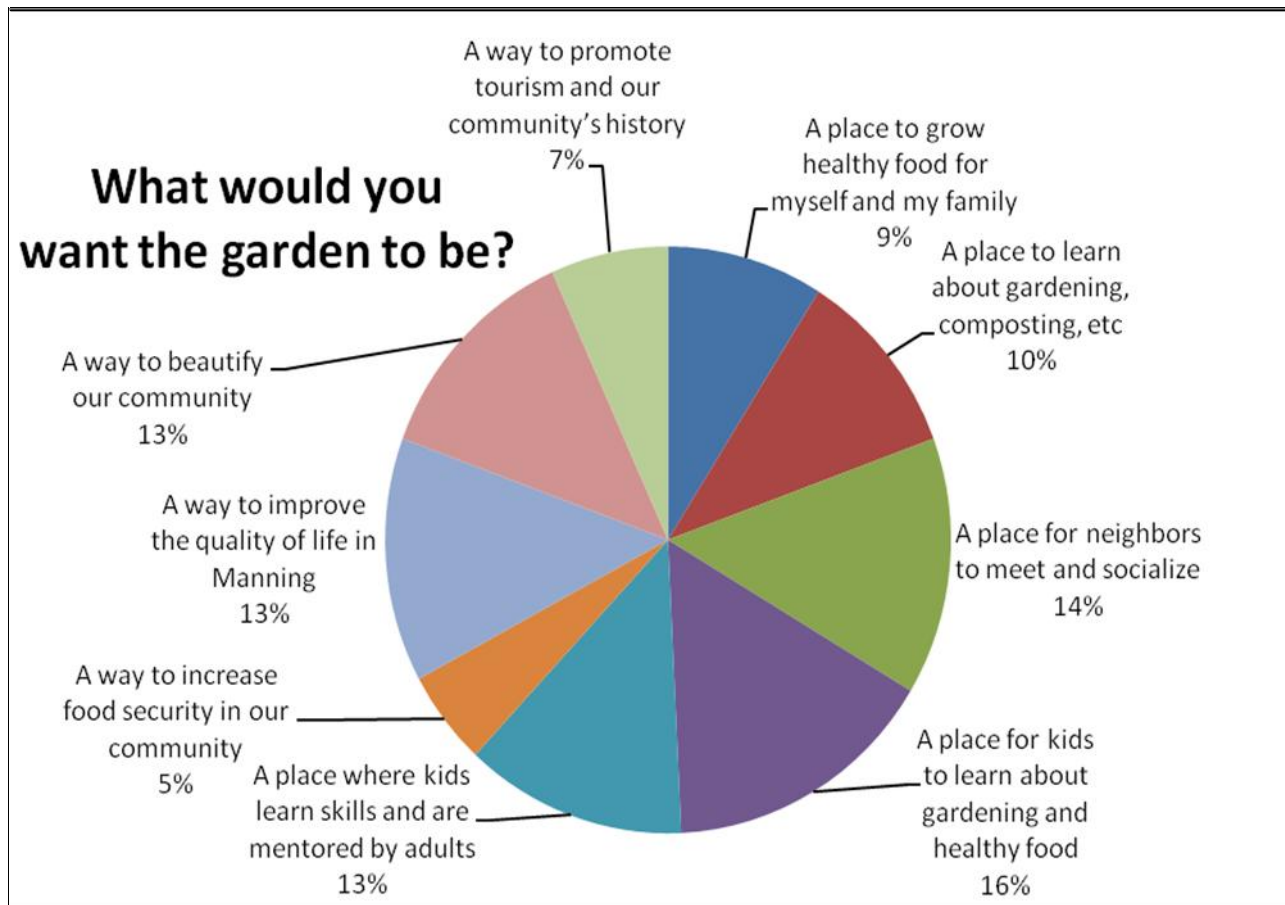
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As the graph show, the majority of respondents are not interested in being part of the Core Leadership Team and none were interested in being the Chair or on the Executive. There was slight interest in a few other team positions, but without a Chair or Executive, it is very difficult to move forward.

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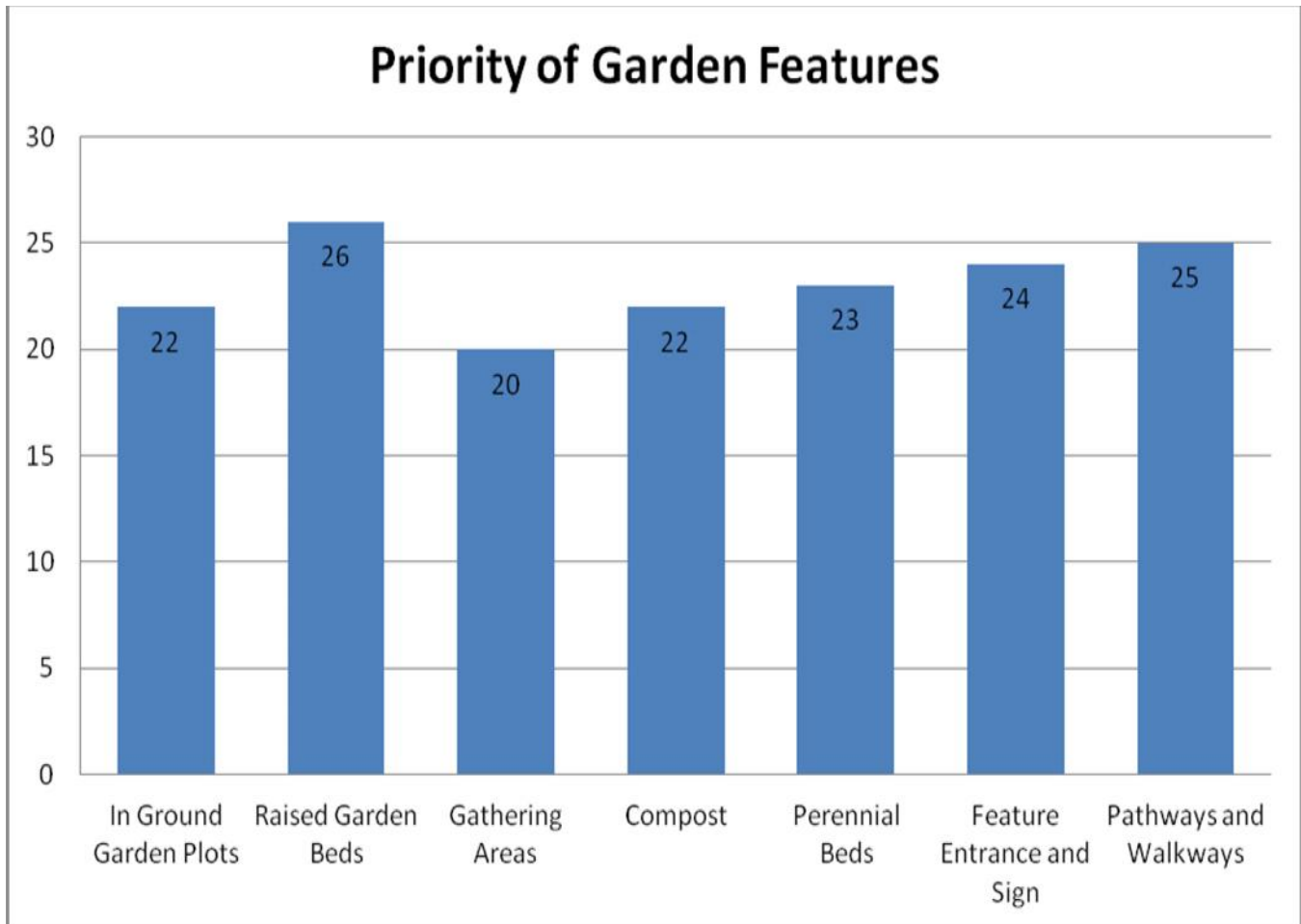


Based on the surveys, there were many ideas for what the community garden should be. The two most popular categories were dealing with children (a place for kids to learn about gardening and healthy food and learn skills/mentored by adults) and a way to improve Manning (a place for neighbours to meet and socialize, beautify the community, and improve the quality of life in Manning). The survey shows that there were not a high percentage of respondents looking for a place to grow healthy food or increase food security in Manning.

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The respondents' highest priority in a community garden was raised garden beds followed closely by pathways/walkways, feature entrance and sign, and perennial beds. The priority of raised garden beds doesn't reflect the respondent's idea's as what they wanted the garden to be (only 9% were in favour of a place to grow healthy food and only 5% saw it as a way increase food security in Manning).

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## Comments from Surveys

- I think a community garden is a great idea and would very much enjoy visiting it. It will be another great way to bring our community closer together.
- If in need of help maybe a letter to Royal Purple would help.
- Great idea to build community but I have my own garden space.
- I do not support the idea of a community garden.
- Great idea! Business sponsorship and subsequent recognition could also be a great way to advertise local businesses. Although I'm sure this has been considered already!
- Would like to see it start off with flowers/herbs and such that were on homesteads in the area. Heritage flowers and medicinal flowers. I feel that it would be a better start and if it continues to grow in popularity, then venture into fruits/vegetables. I think having a beautiful garden to admire will draw locals and tourists in. Not to mention the photo ops!

## Conclusion

From the results of the survey, it seems that there is not enough interest from the community to continue with the planning and implementation of a community garden. Unfortunately, no residents put forth their name to take on the responsibility of the Chair/Executive or Garden Coordinator to start the process.

However, there was higher interest expressed for the garden to beautify and improve the quality of life in Manning versus a place to grow produce or increase food security in Manning. This could be considered by the Town in future plans.

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## Appendix A – Community Garden Interest Survey

Over the years there has been talk of creating a community garden in Manning. A garden has existed in the past and we are looking for input on the possibility of a new one.

The purpose of this survey is to identify interest in establishing and maintaining a community garden. Community gardens are a great way for residents to come together and work towards a common goal.

The garden will only be successful if it is fully embraced and supported by the community so we would like to hear from you!

Please fill out this survey and drop it off at the Town of Manning Office or submit your thoughts through our online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VVPBWKG>.

### 1. Are you a resident of Manning or the County of Northern Lights? (please circle)

If you are a resident of Manning, what quadrant of town do you live in?

North East    North West    South East    South West

### 2. How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

\_\_\_ Under 5   \_\_\_ 6-12   \_\_\_ 13-19   \_\_\_ 20-29   \_\_\_ 30-39   \_\_\_ 40-49   \_\_\_ 50-59   \_\_\_ 60+

### 3. If there were a community garden in Manning, how would you participate? (check all that apply)

- I wouldn't participate – I do not support a community garden in Manning.
- I wouldn't participate – I think the garden is a good idea, but I have no interest in participating.
- Maintaining my own plot
- Donor (either funds or supplies)
- Mentoring other gardeners
- Member of the Core Leadership Team - The Core Leadership Team will be the “hub” of the community garden project and will be willing to commit to the organization, implementation and maintenance of a community garden. A garden needs this core team in order to grow and be successful.

### 4. I would be interested in being part of the Core Leadership Team for Manning's community garden as (check all that apply).

- Chair/Executive
- Site Selection/Plan & Build
- Communications/Community Relations
- Recruitment & Membership
- Resources/Funding
- Garden Coordinator
- Finance
- Design/Vision
- I am not interested in being part of the Core Leadership Team

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**5. What do you want the garden to be? Please check all that apply.**

- A place to grow healthy food for myself and my family
- A place to learn about gardening, composting, etc
- A place for neighbors to meet and socialize
- A place for kids to learn about gardening and healthy food
- A place where kids learn skills and are mentored by adults
- A way to increase food security in our community
- A way to improve the quality of life in Manning
- A way to beautify our community
- A way to promote tourism and our community's history

**6. Prioritize the following garden features from 1-7 (1=Most Like to See, 3=Neutral, 7=Least Like to See – please use number only once).**

- a) In-Ground Garden Plots – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- b) Raised Garden Plots – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- c) Gathering Area – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- d) Compost – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- e) Perennial Beds – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- f) Feature Entrance & Sign – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- g) Pathways & Walkways – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

**7. Any additional ideas or comments?**

**8. Please leave your contact information if you are interested in participating in the Community Garden.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

**If you know of others who may be interested in the community garden,  
please encourage them to fill out the survey.**