

Volente Community Survey – Quick Glance

General Demographics (no demographics information available from the original survey)			
Age 32% - 55 to 64 23% - 65 to 74 22% - 45 to 54	Sex 45% female 55% male	Length of residency 23% - More than 25 years 18% - 6 to 10 years 16% - 1 to 5 years	Lot size 43% - one/two acres 25% - half acre/one acre 17% - two/three acres
# in the household 52% - Two 17% - One 15% - Four	# Under the age of 18 76% - None 12% - One 10% - Two	Type of profession #1 – Retired #2 – Engineer #3 – Real Estate	Work commute 15% - Home 11% - 21/25 miles 9% - 16/20 miles *41% Not Applicable, i.e. retired
Home ownership 97%	Live within the Village 83% within the Village 16% outside the Village	Live outside village but own property 74% of the 16% from the previous question	
Satisfied with overall quality of life 53% - Satisfied 27% - Very Satisfied 12% - Dissatisfied	Most desirable about Volente - Rural Country Living - Peace & Quiet/Serene - Lake Travis		Least desirable about Volente - Over-regulation - City Govt/Local Politics/Lack of Resident's understanding - Tourist impacts/Noise
What a Community Should Be? (Numbers in blue are results of the original survey)			
Agree			
Retirement community 70% (78%) Agree/Strongly Agree 25% (18%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Environmentally-friendly community 85% (90%) Agree/Strongly Agree 7% (8%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Hometown community (lives & work) 65% (55%) Agree/Strongly Agree 29% (38%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree	
Bedroom community 82% (76%) Agree/Strongly Agree 15% (18%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Family-oriented community 92% (98%) Agree/Strongly Agree 5% (2%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Rural community 82% (84%) Agree/Strongly Agree 15% (16%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree	
Split			
Tourist Destination community 40% (19%) Agree/Strongly Agree 54% (76%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Pedestrian-friendly community (pedestrians/bikes take precedence over autos) 37% (23%) Agree/Strongly Agree 55% (69%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree		
Disagree			
Urban community 7% (8%) Agree/Strongly Agree 90% (90%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree			

Goals for the Community

(Numbers in blue are results of the original survey)

Agree

<p>Maintain small town village-like atmosphere 90% (95%) Agree/Strongly Agree 8% (3%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Protect the natural environment 92% (97%) Agree/Strongly Agree 5% (2%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Enhance safety of entrance routes to the community 67% (77%) Agree/Strongly Agree 23% (18%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>Promote volunteer spirit 83% (89%) Agree/Strongly Agree 6% (3%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Manage growth and development 78% (91%) Agree/Strongly Agree 20% (7%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Promote efficient/safe flow of traffic 82% (86%) Agree/Strongly Agree 13% (11%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>Maintain diverse nature of future developments 79% (75%) Agree/Strongly Agree 13% (14%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Maintain rural atmosphere 85% (88%) Agree/Strongly Agree 11% (11%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Encourage low density housing 80% (84%) Agree/Strongly Agree 17% (15%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>Encourage parks/open spaces 65% (78%) Agree/Strongly Agree 30% (18%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Honor the history of the community 77% (87%) Agree/Strongly Agree 11% (5%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Provide coordinated/well-planned growth 76% (82%) Agree/Strongly Agree 23% (12%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>Ensure public services/facilities serve community needs 71% (83%) Agree/Strongly Agree 25% (13%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Promote a full life-cycle community 62% (58%) Agree/Strongly Agree 20% (23%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	
Split		
<p>Encourage mixed-use development (retail/office/residential) 40% (26%) Agree/Strongly Agree 56% (71%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Encourage human-scale development (small buildings/sidewalks/bike paths) 52% (53%) Agree/Strongly Agree 44% (42%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Create community center (as focus of commercial activity) 49% (46%) Agree/Strongly Agree 42% (48%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>Promote artistic & education opportunities 46% (50%) Agree/Strongly Agree 39% (35%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Encourage Hill Country style architecture 46% (61%) Agree/Strongly Agree 44% (30%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Encourage local living, working, & shopping in Village 42% (33%) Agree/Strongly Agree 52% (60%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>Encourage extensive pedestrian linkages (to provide alternative for shorter trips) 43% (49%) Agree/Strongly Agree 46% (40%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	<p>Enhance the beauty of the Village (by encouraging landscaping) 54% (72%) Agree/Strongly Agree 37% (20%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree</p>	

Disagree		
Create Austin suburb/Less independent 14% (11%) Agree/Strongly Agree 82% (87%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Encourage high density housing 9% (7%) Agree/Strongly Agree 88% (90%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Encourage commercial development (w/tax abatements) 20% (12%) Agree/Strongly Agree 74% (85%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree
Promote roadway improvements (to encourage additional development) 34% (23%) Agree/Strongly Agree 59% (72%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Create family recreational opportunities 46% (47%) Agree/Strongly Agree 43% (42%) Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Create an urban atmosphere 7% (4%) Agree/Strongly Agree 90% (92) Disagree/Strongly Disagree
Growth Management/Role of the Village of Volente Council (Numbers in blue are results of the original survey)		
Strong/Moderate		
Regulating commercial buildings height 77% (85%) Strong/Moderate 22% (13%) Minimal/None	Regulating multi-family residential buildings height 78% (83%) Strong/Moderate 22% (16%) Minimal/None	Regulating type of development close to Lake Travis and hillsides 68% (78%) Strong/Moderate 32% (21%) Minimal/None
Regulating where commercial & industrial areas are developed in the community 80% (91%) Strong/Moderate 20% (8%) Minimal/None	Regulating commercial signs in the community 77% (88%) Strong/Moderate 23% (11%) Minimal/None	Regulating the amount of space buffering between commercial & residential areas 80% (82%) Strong/Moderate 19% (16%) Minimal/None
Regulating commercial/industrial development along major roadways 78% (88%) Strong/Moderate 22% (11%) Minimal/None	Regulating where multi-family housing is located in the community 76% (89%) Strong/Moderate 23% (11%) Minimal/None	Regulating where traditional housing developments are located in the community 64% (72%) Strong/Moderate 36% (27%) Minimal/None
Regulating the size of commercial buildings 76% (88%) Strong/Moderate 24% (12%) Minimal/None	Regulating the number of single-family residential buildings per acre 63% (73%) Strong/Moderate 37% (27%) Minimal/None	Regulating the number of multi-family residential buildings per acre 78% (84%) Strong/Moderate 22% (16%) Minimal/None
Split	Other	Minimal/None
Regulating single-family residential buildings height 51% (53%) Strong/Moderate 49% (46%) Minimal/None	58% Strong/Moderate 12% Minimal/None	N/A

Infrastructure/facilities/amenities - Village of Volente could sponsor/undertake

(Numbers in blue are results of the original survey)

Strongly Agree/Agree

Creation/protection of natural/green space

70% (85%) strongly agree/agree
29% (13%) strongly disagree/disagree

Work w/TxDOT on traffic flow (Bullick Hollow & 2769)

73% (76%) strongly agree/agree
25% (20%) strongly disagree/disagree

Split

Own its own water supply facility

38% (35%) strongly agree/agree
53% (59%) strongly disagree/disagree

Provide community parks/playgrounds

39% (54%) strongly agree/agree
53% (40%) strongly disagree/disagree

Establish trails for hiking, biking & walking

45% (60%) strongly agree/agree
50% (36%) strongly disagree/disagree

Establish trails for wildlife and/or nature viewing

39% (55%) strongly agree/agree
54% (39%) strongly disagree/disagree

Develop a recycling program

53% (60%) strongly agree/agree
39% (33%) strongly disagree/disagree

Pursue a permanent city hall and/or community center

43% (56%) strongly agree/agree
49% (36%) strongly disagree/disagree

Strongly Disagree/Disagree

Own its own sewer/wastewater facility

23% (31%) strongly agree/agree
70% (63%) strongly disagree/disagree

Establish its own police force

15% (18%) strongly agree/agree
79% (75%) strongly disagree/disagree

Establish trails for horse riding

16% (23%) strongly agree/agree
75% (64%) strongly disagree/disagree

Indoor activity center for all ages

21% (36%) strongly agree/agree
68% (53%) strongly disagree/disagree

Other

39% (77%) strongly agree/agree
9% (77%) strongly disagree/disagree
52% no opinion

Quality of Life/What the Village of Volente Should Provide

(Numbers in blue are results of the original survey)

Very Important/Important

Opportunities to voice opinion on Village matters

97% (96%) very important/important
3% (4%) very unimportant/unimportant

A plan for the future to limit residential & business growth

65% (83%) very important/important
33% (17%) very unimportant/unimportant

Policies for protection of existing large trees & vegetation

59% (73%) very important/important
39% (25%) very unimportant/unimportant

Restrictions/ordinance on excessive outdoor noise

70% (67%) very important/important
27% (33%) very unimportant/unimportant

Very Unimportant/Unimportant

Adequate community events 36% (36%) very important/important 57% (58%) very unimportant/important	Recreational opportunities for children 25% (30%) very important/important 67% (66%) very unimportant/important	Recreational opportunities for adults 21% (20%) very important/important 74% (74%) very unimportant/important
Encourage a Hill country style of residential architecture 28% (38%) very important/important 66% (59%) very unimportant/important	Encourage a Hill country style of commercial architecture 37% (47%) very important/important 56% (50%) very unimportant/important	
Split	Other	
Restrictions/ordinance on excessive outdoor lighting 52% (63%) very important/important 43% (34%) very unimportant/important	58% very important/important 0% very unimportant/important 42% no opinion	

Attitudes about Different Types of Residential/Commercial Development

(Numbers in blue are results of the original survey)

Strongly Support/Support		
Commercial – Neighborhood Services 59% (48%) strongly support/support 36% (46%) strongly oppose/oppose	Single-family residences 95% (91%) strongly support/support 4% (7%) strongly oppose/oppose	1 story office building 64% (52%) strongly support/support 30% (42%) strongly oppose/oppose
Grocery stores 61% (43%) strongly support/support 34% (53%) strongly oppose/oppose	Restaurants (other than fast food) 80% (59%) strongly support/support 18% (37%) strongly oppose/oppose	B&B Lodging 66% (64%) strongly support/support 28% (28%) strongly oppose/oppose
Split		
2 story office building 46% (31%) strongly support/support 48% (64%) strongly oppose/oppose	Neighborhood retail centers 51% (44%) strongly support/support 45% (52%) strongly oppose/oppose	Medical/healthcare facilities 42% (46%) strongly support/support 50% (47%) strongly oppose/oppose
Retirement facilities 35% (42%) strongly support/support 53% (54%) strongly oppose/oppose	Entertainment venues (inside) 44% (37%) strongly support/support 45% (53%) strongly oppose/oppose	Recreational venues (outside*) 39% (22%) strongly support/support 52% (71%) strongly oppose/oppose *2003 survey said (commercial)
Entertainment Venues (outside) 38% (34%) strongly support/support 51% (57%) strongly oppose/oppose		
Strongly Oppose/Oppose		

Commercial – Big Box 1% (2%) strongly support/support 95% (95%) strongly oppose/oppose	Multi-family 2 units p/building 38% (34%) strongly support/support 57% (60%) strongly oppose/oppose	Multi-family 3 units p/building 25% (13%) strongly support/support 70% (83%) strongly oppose/oppose
Multi-unit 4 units p/building 22% (13%) strongly support/support 74% (83%) strongly oppose/oppose	Multi-unit >4 units p/building 8% (10%) strongly support/support 86% (86%) strongly oppose/oppose	3 story & taller office building 9% (9%) strongly support/support 86% (88%) strongly oppose/oppose
Major retail centers 7% (5%) strongly support/support 91% (93%) strongly oppose/oppose	Fast food restaurants 18% (8%) strongly support/support 78% (89%) strongly oppose/oppose	Warehouse/storage facilities (inside) 25% (10%) strongly support/support 69% (84%) strongly oppose/oppose
Storage facility (outside) 23% (10%) strongly support/support 70% (85%) strongly oppose/oppose	Light industrial/manufacturing 24% (9%) strongly support/support 73% (87%) strongly oppose/oppose	Equestrian facilities 25% (25%) strongly support/support 63% (62%) strongly oppose/oppose
Hotels/motels 19% (18%) strongly support/support 77% (76%) strongly oppose/oppose	HUD code-manufactured homes 12% (12%) strongly support/support 80% (74%) strongly oppose/oppose	
Other 36% strongly support 14% strongly oppose 50% no opinion		

What Are We Willing to Pay Taxes On?

(Numbers in blue are results of the original survey)

No/Minimal Taxes		
City police force 78% (73%) - \$0 14% (15%) - \$0-\$25	Hire additional city workers 79% (70%) - \$0 10% (21%) - \$0-\$25	Curbs/gutters on residential streets 85% (84%) - \$0 8% (9%) - \$0-\$25
Recycling program 66% (54%) - \$0 21% (32%) - \$0-\$25	Community Parks/Playground 56% (54%) - \$0 27% (28%) - \$0-\$25 10% (9%) - \$26-\$50	Trails for nature/wildlife viewing 60% (53%) - \$0 17% (31%) - \$0-\$25 7% (8%) - \$26-\$50
Trails for horse riding 85% (85%) - \$0 3% (8%) - \$0-\$25	Permanent city hall and/or community center 60% (44%) - \$0 23% (34%) - \$0-\$25	Tax rebates to encourage commercial development 81% (92%) - \$0 6% (3%) - \$0-\$25
Split		

Traffic/street improvements 35% (35%) - \$0 26% (34%) - \$0-\$25 18% (14%) - \$26-\$50 5% (7%) - \$51-\$75 2% (3%) - \$75-\$100 13% (5%) - \$100+	Waste water utility services 67% (68%) - \$0 10% (14%) - \$0-\$25 7% (10%) - \$26-\$50 3% (4%) - \$51-\$75 2% (0.5%) - \$75-\$100 8% (5%) - \$100+	Water utility services 54% (67%) - \$0 10% (14%) - \$0-\$25 11% (8%) - \$26-\$50 3% (4%) - \$51-\$75 5% (0.5%) - \$75-\$100 16% (3%) - \$100+
Hiking/biking/walking trails 55% (46%) - \$0 20% (32%) - \$0-\$25 10% (12%) - \$26-\$50		
Moderate Taxes	Other	
N/A	37% - \$0 4% - \$0-\$25 8% - \$26-\$50 0% - \$51-\$75 4% - \$75-\$100 11% - \$100+	

Future Residential/Commercial Development Requirements

(Numbers in blue are results of the original survey)

Residential - well/septic 72% (54%) 1 acre 36% (12%) 1 ½ acres 30% (18%) 2 acres 31% (16%) >2 acres	Residential - organized water & wastewater 8% (7%) 1/8 acres 11% (3%) ¼ acre 41% (25%) ½ acre 63% (31%) 1 acre 31% (6%) 1 ½ acres 34% (27%) >2 acres	Residential – green space to remain 7% (24%) - greater than 80% 14% (23%) - 80% to remain 47% (36%) – 50%-80% to remain 18% (6%) - less than 50% to remain 7% - no opinion
Commercial– green space to remain 13% (35%) - greater than 80% to 17% (15%) - 80% to remain 40% (29%) - 50-80% to remain 15% (11%) - less than 50% to 9% - no opinion	Residential– amount of pollution removal 7% (19%) - greater than 95% 8% (10%) - 95% removal 17% (24%) - 80% removal 46% (37%) - 70% removal 16% - no opinion	Commercial– amount of pollution removal 17% (33%) - greater than 95% 15% (19%) - 95% removal 15% (18%) - 80% removal 34% (22%) - 70% removal 12% - no opinion

Level of storm water run-off pollution treatment requirements

(Question did not delineate between commercial/residential)

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31% (23%) roads with drainage system	32% (2%) catch basins	8% (3%) curbs and gutters
46% (6%) ditches	46% (15%) manmade vegetated open channels	8% (2%) man-made concrete retention ponds
12% (3%) storm drains	20% (38%) no opinion	