



# RICE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner's Room / Government Services Bldg. / Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

## SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
  - A. Roll Call
  
- II. Other**
  - 1. Future Steering Committee Meeting Dates**  
to notify the Rice County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee of future meeting dates.
  
  - 2. Public Notice of Steering Committee Meetings**  
to inform the public of upcoming Rice County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meetings.
  
- III. Old Discussion Items**
  - 1. Finalize Rice County Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement**  
to discuss and finalize wording of the Rice County 2040 Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement.
  
- IV. New Discussion Items**
  - 1. Rice County Land Use Maps & Statistics**  
to present a comparison of land use maps from the 2002 Rice County Comprehensive Plan update to existing Rice County land use maps and review current Rice County land use statistics.
  
  - 2. Rice County Land Use Goals**  
to facilitate discussion of updating the 2002 Rice County Comprehensive Plan Land Use goals.  
  
Land Use Goals Survey Results - *Add-On*
  
- V. Adjournment**



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### 2018 Comp Plan Steering Committee Meeting Dates and Topics

<b>One hour prior to            BOA/PC Meeting</b> (6:00 pm – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month)	<b>8:30 am - Board of            Commissioner –            Committee of Whole</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month)	<b>Topics for Steering            Committee Meetings</b>
N/A	January 16	Comp Plan update, Vision approval, FIG updates, Citizen Survey & Forum summaries, Meeting Schedule
February 1	February 20	Land Use, Goals & revised Vision statement
March 1	March 20	Ag Economics
April 5	April 17	TBD
May 3	May 15	TBD
June 7	June 19	TBD

Attachment: Comp Plan Meeting Dates\_External\_shortened (2875 : Future Meeting Dates)

## Notice of Meetings

Notice is hereby provided that the Rice County Board of Commissioners members may attend a **6:00 pm** meeting prior to the following Rice County Board of Adjustment/Planning Commission meetings for purposes of discussion and providing feedback on the Rice County Comprehensive Plan Update as members of the Steering Committee: **February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7, 2018.**

Notice is also hereby provided that the Rice County Planning Commission members may be in attendance at the following Rice County Board of Commissioners Committee of Whole meetings for purposes of discussion and providing feedback on the Rice County Comprehensive Plan Update as members of the Steering Committee: **February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 19, 2018.**

## DRAFT Vision Statements

1. As Rice County grows and evolves into the future, we will maintain the small town feel of our cities and preserve the rural agricultural character of the community. Rice County will have a diverse local economy and a livable community design providing a high quality of life for its citizens.
2. As Rice County moves into the future, we will build on our community assets and learn from our past. The community character will be defined by the preservation of agricultural land and maintenance of a rural small town feel. Strategic local economic growth and a livable community design will provide a high quality of life for our citizens.

### Revised after 1/16/18 COW meeting:

3. As Rice County grows and evolves into the future, we will support and encourage orderly growth and a diverse economy that will continue to create jobs and a high quality of life for our citizens. We will aspire to maintain the small town feel of our cities and preserve our agricultural heritage.

## **Land Use Goals**

Support and Encourage Orderly Growth and Development.

Create and maintain County ordinances and zoning regulations to encourage orderly development.

Identify areas for mixed use development and support urban growth.

Promote the opportunity to lead active and healthy lifestyles through the coordinated development of infrastructure or supporting programs which promote active lifestyles.

Preserve Agricultural Land and Natural Areas.

Minimize conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural uses.

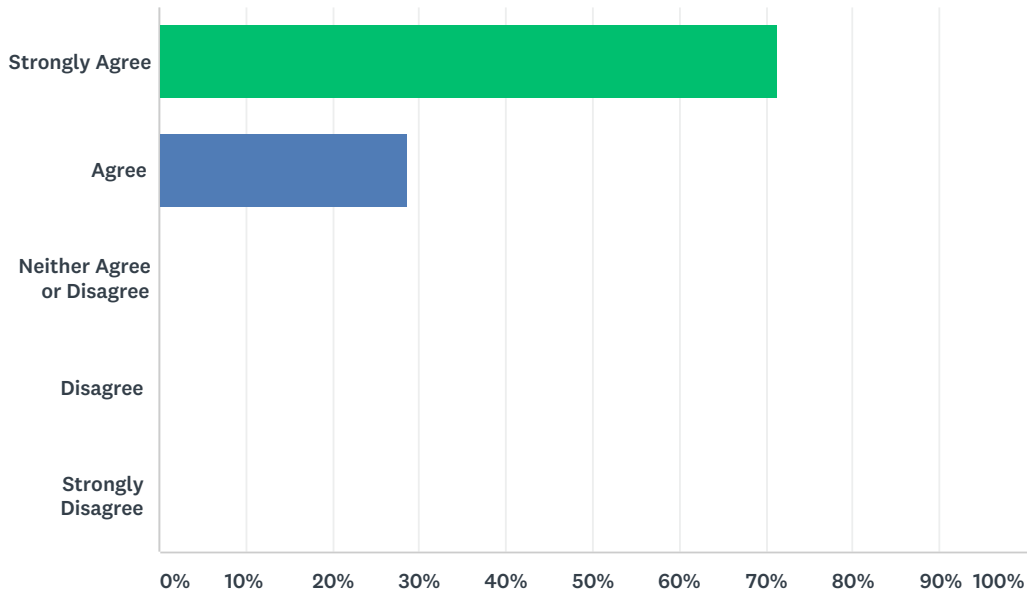
Preserve, protect and improve the surface and underground waters including, but not limited to, rivers, streams, lakes, groundwater and aquifer recharge areas.

Minimize the potential for air, waters and, land contamination and pollution that could result from the development process.

Support land use patterns that encourage alternative modes of transportation.

# Q1 Support and encourage orderly growth and development

Answered: 7 Skipped: 0



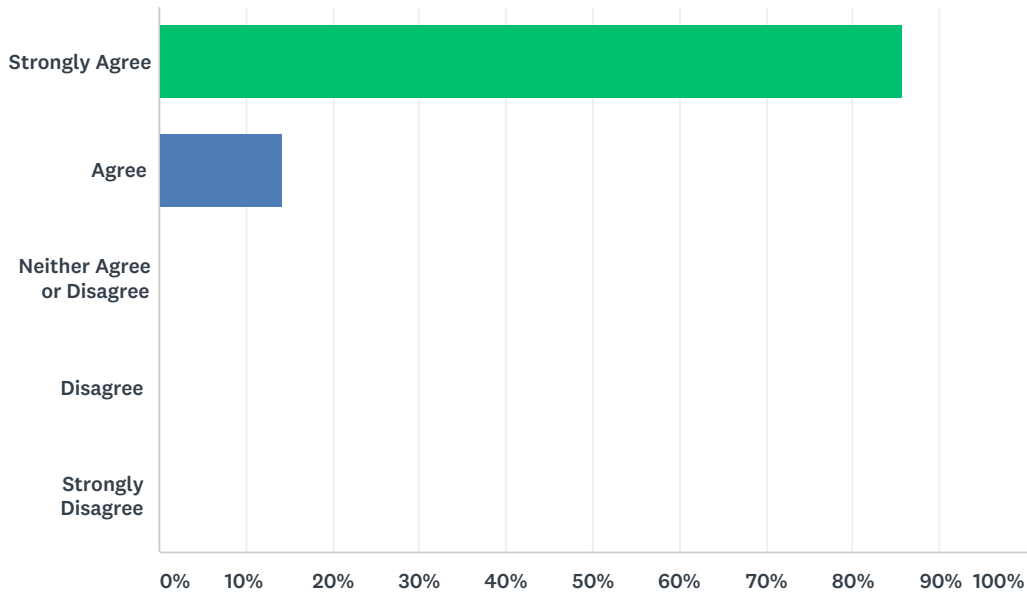
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	71.43%	5
Agree	28.57%	2
Neither Agree or Disagree	0.00%	0
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 7		

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Plan has to allow for flexibility as things change but needs control.	2/1/2018 9:48 AM

Communication: Land Use Goals Survey Results (New Discussion Items)

## Q2 Preserve agricultural land and natural areas

Answered: 7 Skipped: 0



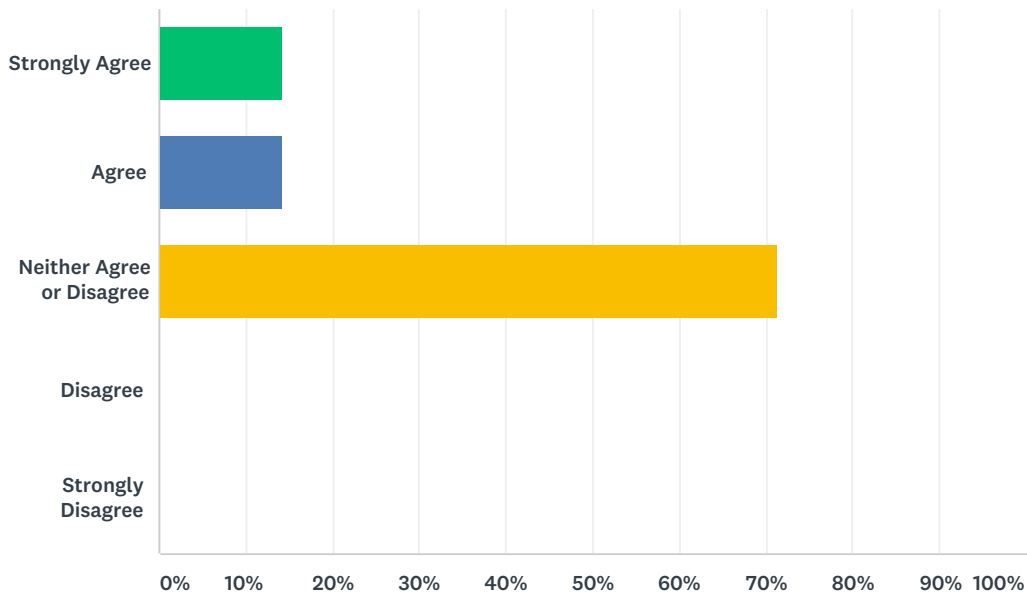
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	85.71%	6
Agree	14.29%	1
Neither Agree or Disagree	0.00%	0
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 7		

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Fortunately we are not too rural & not to urban.	2/1/2018 9:48 AM

Communication: Land Use Goals Survey Results (New Discussion Items)

### Q3 Support land use patterns that encourage alternative modes of transportation

Answered: 7 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	14.29% 1
Agree	14.29% 1
Neither Agree or Disagree	71.43% 5
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 7	

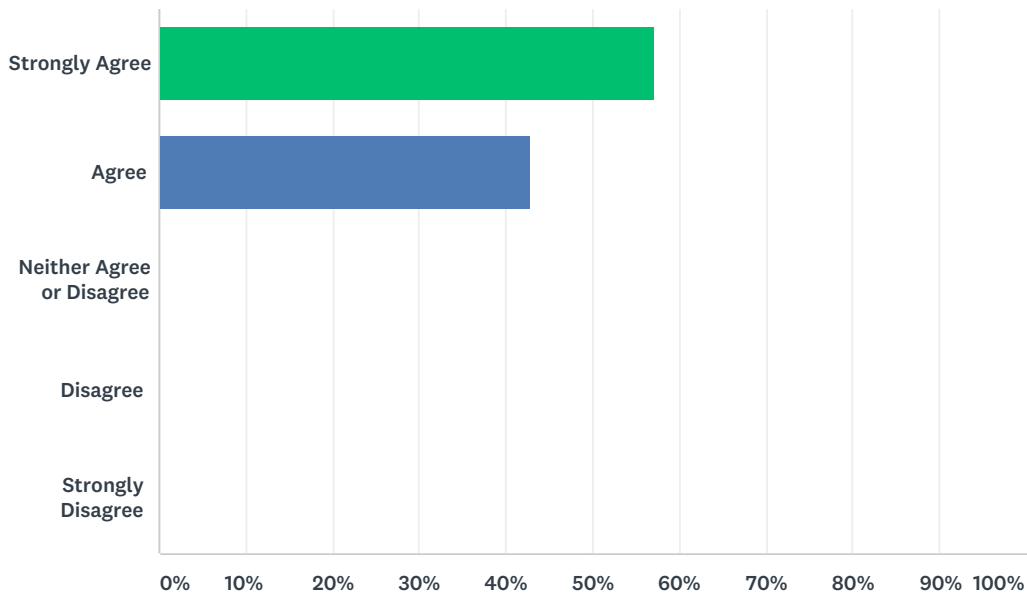
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1	We know what works in Rice County, MN. Improve & maintain current system!	2/1/2018 9:48 AM

Communication: Land Use Goals Survey Results (New Discussion Items)



## Q4 Create and maintain County ordinances and zoning regulations to encourage orderly development

Answered: 7 Skipped: 0



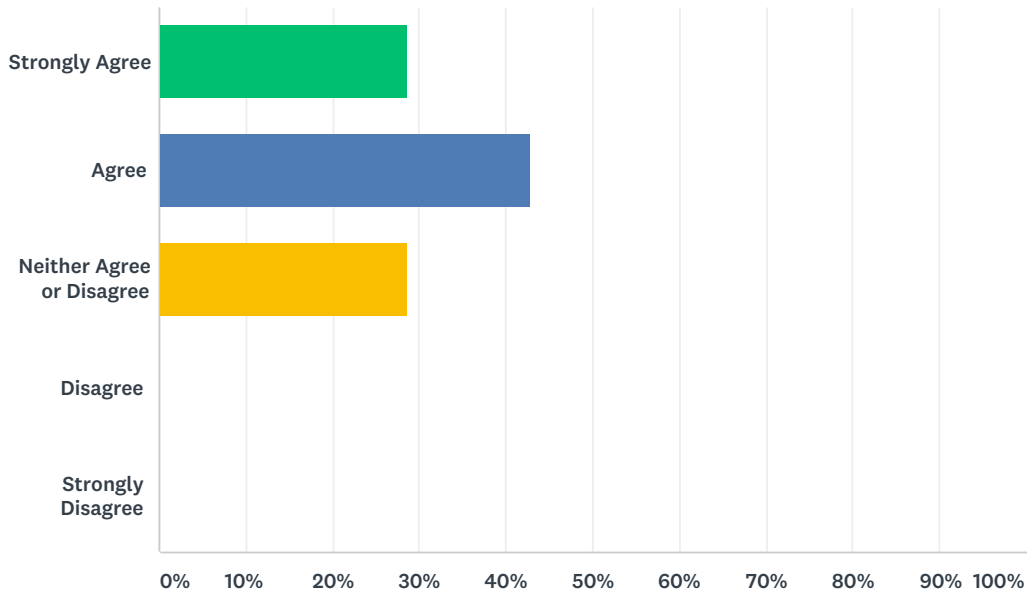
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	57.14%	4
Agree	42.86%	3
Neither Agree or Disagree	0.00%	0
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 7		

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Communication between all entities. Urban Reserve needs to be re-evaluated due to non development by cities & restrictions by zoning it as such. Cluster developments belong there & only under certain discretion in the ag district. for many reasons which will be discussed.	2/1/2018 10:08 AM

Communication: Land Use Goals Survey Results (New Discussion Items)

### Q5 Identify areas for mixed use development and support urban growth

Answered: 7 Skipped: 0



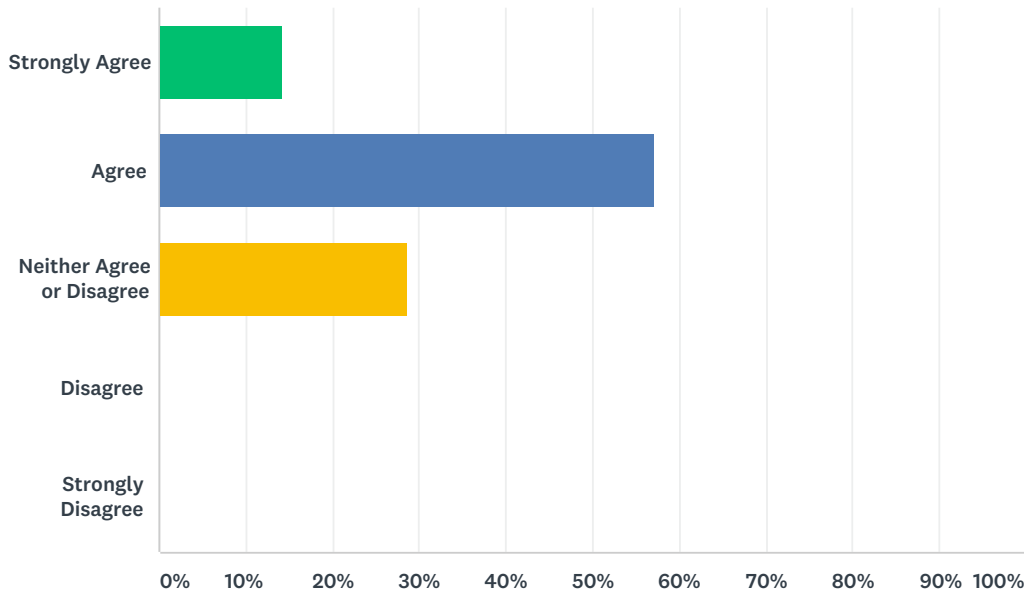
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	28.57% 2
Agree	42.86% 3
Neither Agree or Disagree	28.57% 2
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 7	

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Bigger Question: Is our growth projection really accurate?	2/1/2018 10:08 AM

Communication: Land Use Goals Survey Results (New Discussion Items)

## Q6 Promote the opportunity to lead active and healthy lifestyles through the coordinated development of infrastructure or supporting programs which promote active lifestyles

Answered: 7 Skipped: 0



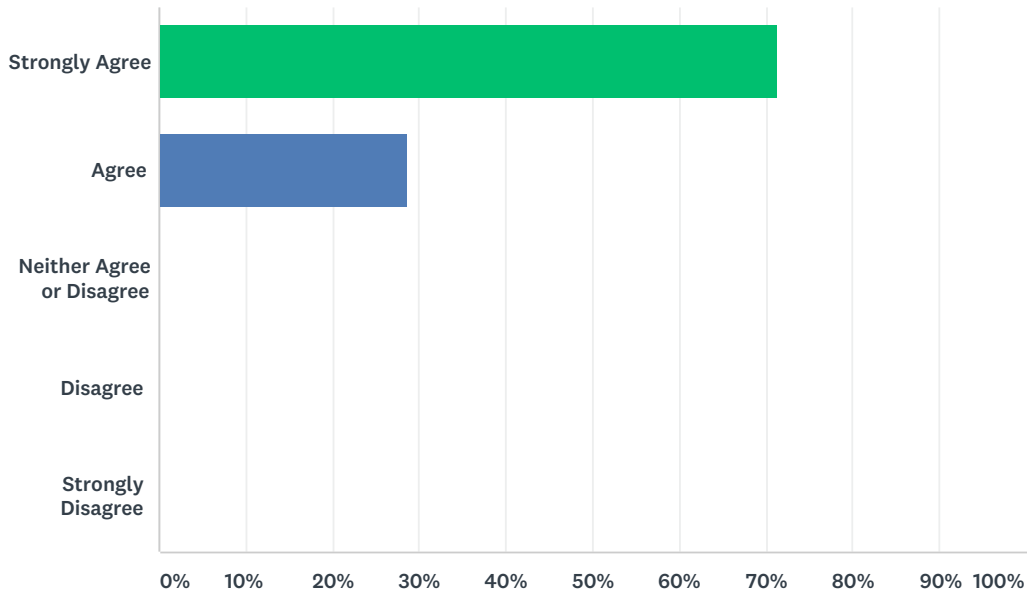
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	14.29% 1
Agree	57.14% 4
Neither Agree or Disagree	28.57% 2
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 7	

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Need safer county roads first for bikers/walkers&motorists. Widen them & pave them to the edge. We can build all the trails we want & people will still use the road. Put the money in the right spot!	2/1/2018 10:08 AM

Communication: Land Use Goals Survey Results (New Discussion Items)

### Q7 Minimize conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural uses

Answered: 7 Skipped: 0



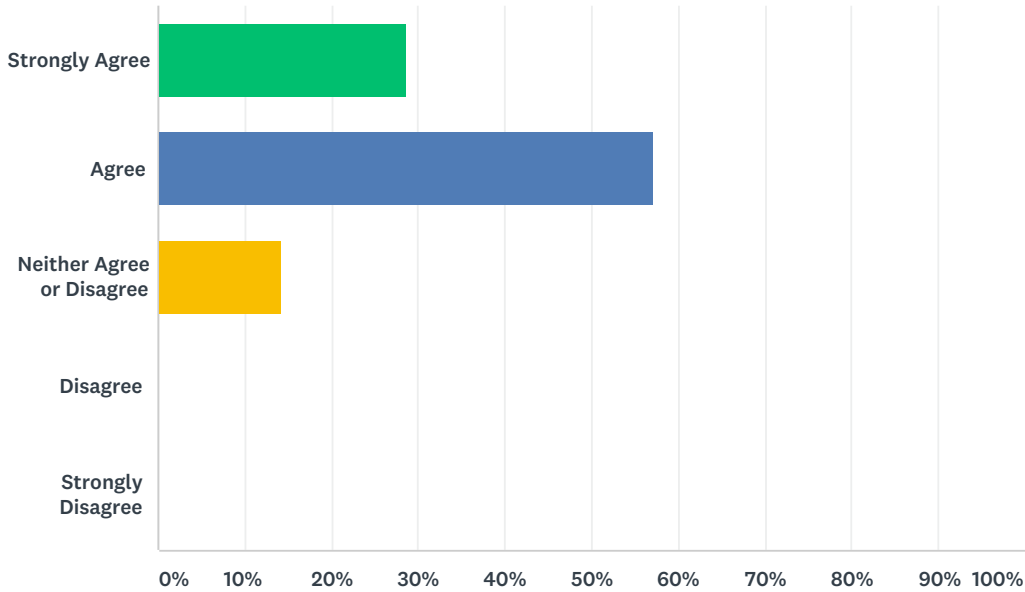
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	71.43%	5
Agree	28.57%	2
Neither Agree or Disagree	0.00%	0
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 7		

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Plenty of gray areas here.	2/1/2018 10:08 AM

Communication: Land Use Goals Survey Results (New Discussion Items)

### Q8 Preserve, protect and improve the surface and underground waters including, but not limited to, rivers, streams, lakes, groundwater and aquifer recharge areas

Answered: 7 Skipped: 0



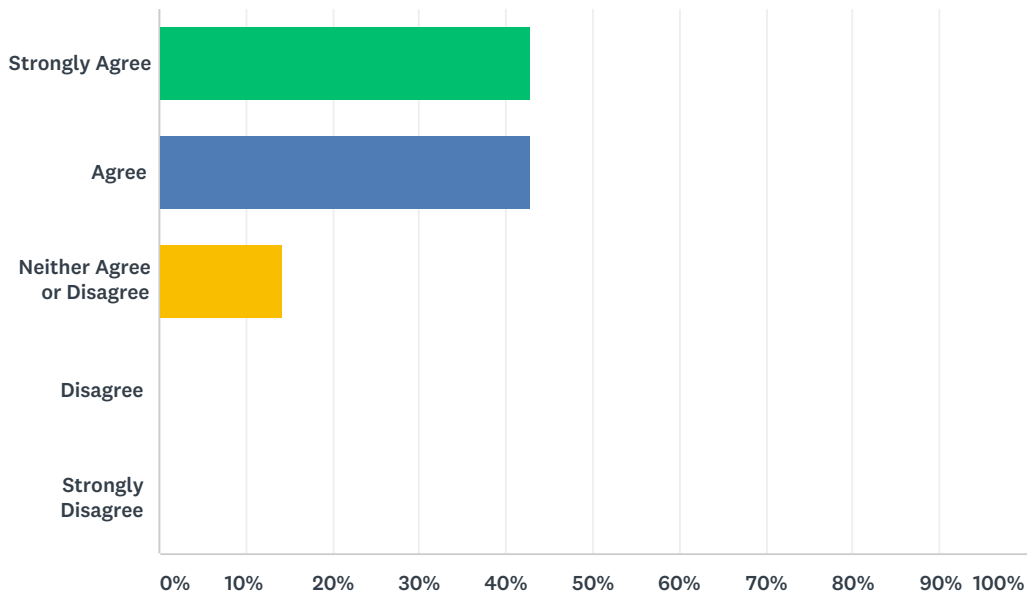
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	28.57% 2
Agree	57.14% 4
Neither Agree or Disagree	14.29% 1
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 7	

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Everyone needs to be accountable, from Wal Mart to farmers.	2/1/2018 10:08 AM

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### Q9 Minimize the potential for air, water and land contamination and pollution that could result from the development process

Answered: 7 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	42.86% 3
Agree	42.86% 3
Neither Agree or Disagree	14.29% 1
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 7	

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Can't be crazy but is there a cheaper way to require an environmental study for more projects?	2/1/2018 10:08 AM

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