



## **Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Community Survey July-October 2018**

A community survey was created by Natasha Rathlev, Education Coordinator, and reviewed by Cindy Krum, Executive Director, and Patty Renaud, Membership and Development Manager, in early July of 2018. The goal of the survey was to learn what Cape residents cherish most and to determine what more the Land Trust can do in collaboration with Cape Elizabeth community members. Survey responses were collected from the end of July through the end of October 2018 via in-person collection as well as an online form. These efforts resulted in a total of 229 responses over the course of three months. The following organizations in Cape Elizabeth were reached out to via email or in-person:

### **Survey was distributed online through the organization email list:**

- Cape Elizabeth Lions Club
- Rotary Club
- Friends of the Thomas Memorial Library
- Fort Williams Park Foundation
- Cape Elizabeth Middle School Parent's Association
- CEEF
- Stonegate Neighborhood Association
- Hobstone Neighborhood Association

### **Survey was distributed in person by Natasha Rathlev at:**

- Cape Farm Alliance
- Cape Elizabeth Historical Society
- Pond Cove School Parents Association

### **Survey was made available on site at:**

- Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church
- Judy's Pantry
- Thomas Memorial Library

### **Organizations contacted but survey was not distributed included:**

- St. Bartholomew Catholic Church
- St. Alban's Episcopal Church
- C Salt Gourmet Market
- Cape Elizabeth High School Parents Association

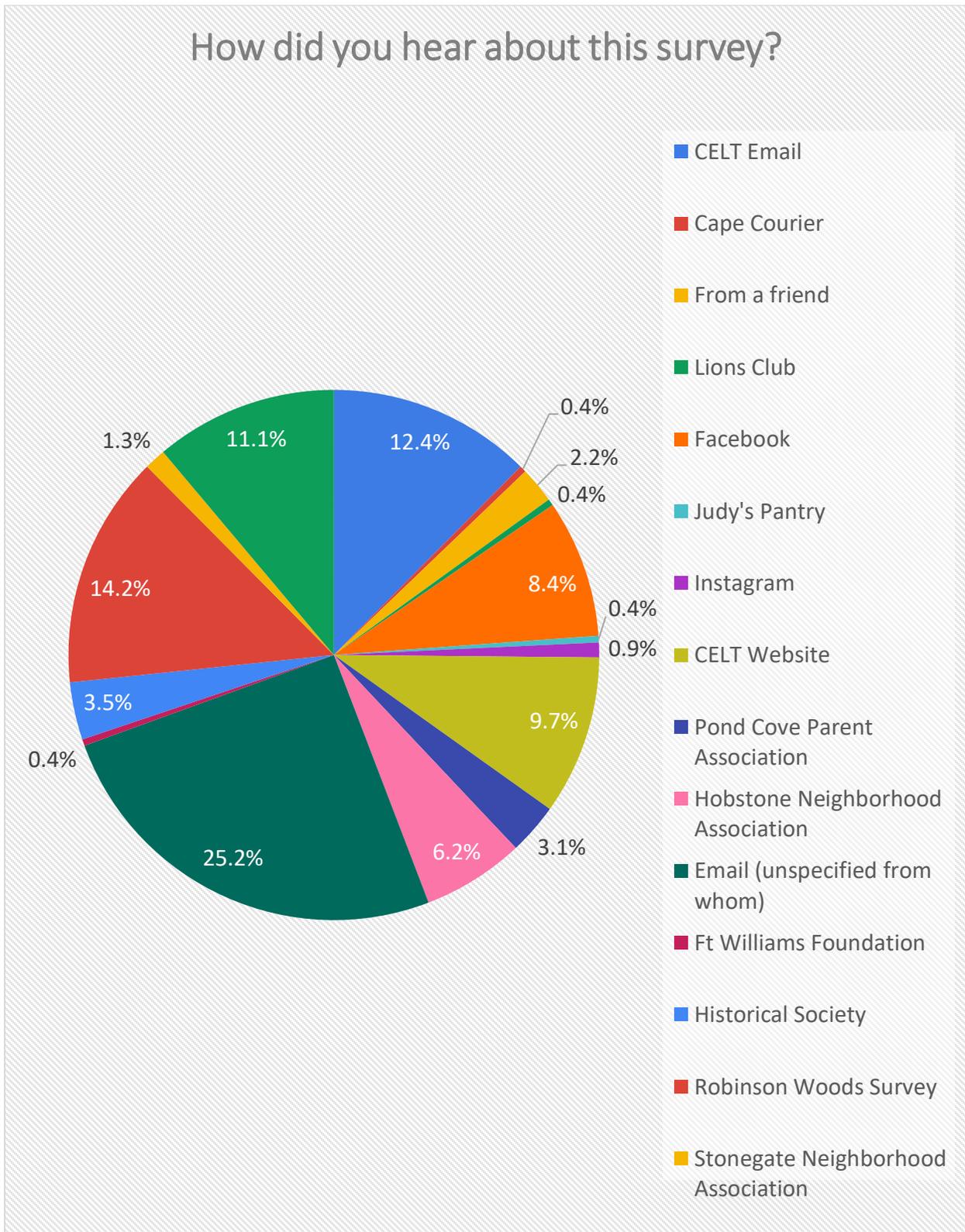
### **Survey answers were also collected in person at:**

- The entrance to Robinson Woods on Shore Road, August 27-August 31 from 4:00-6:00pm.

### **A link to the online version of the survey was made available on:**

- The CELT website
- CELT Facebook and Instagram pages
- An email sent out to all CELT members

The chart below shows a breakdown of how the survey responses came to CELT:



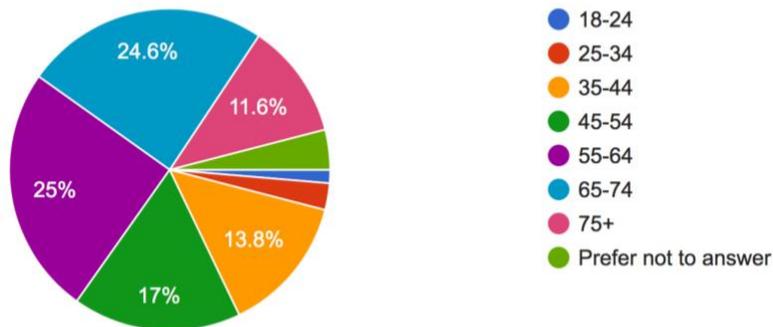
**The Survey included the following questions:**

1. What is your age?
2. Are you a resident of Cape Elizabeth?
3. If yes, how long have you been a resident?
4. What do you cherish most about Cape Elizabeth?
5. How important to the Cape community is the work the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust does?
6. Why or why not do you think the work CELT does is important to the community?
7. What ideas do you have for another things CELT can do for the Cape community?
8. One idea we have heard is the need for an outdoor community gathering space. Do you think Cape needs this kind of space?

**Below are the results of all questions except for 6 (this question was not required, and therefore yielded few results).**

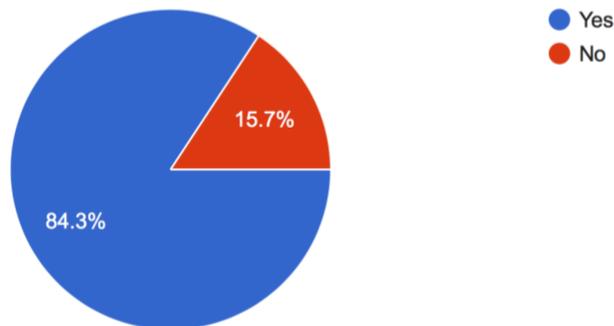
**1. What is your age?**

224 responses



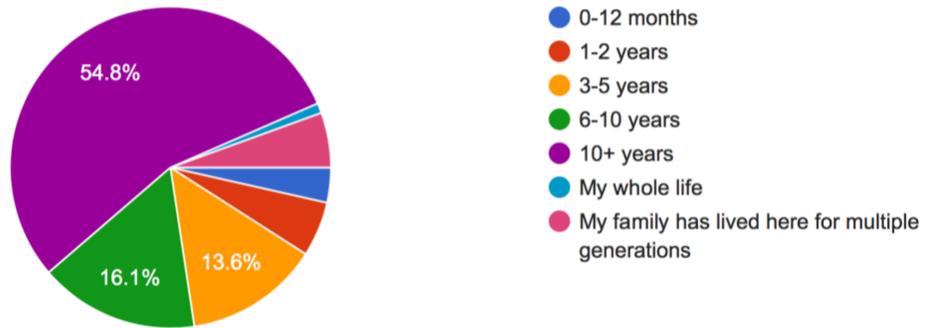
**2. Are you a resident of Cape Elizabeth?**

229 responses



### 3. If yes, how long have you been a resident?

199 responses



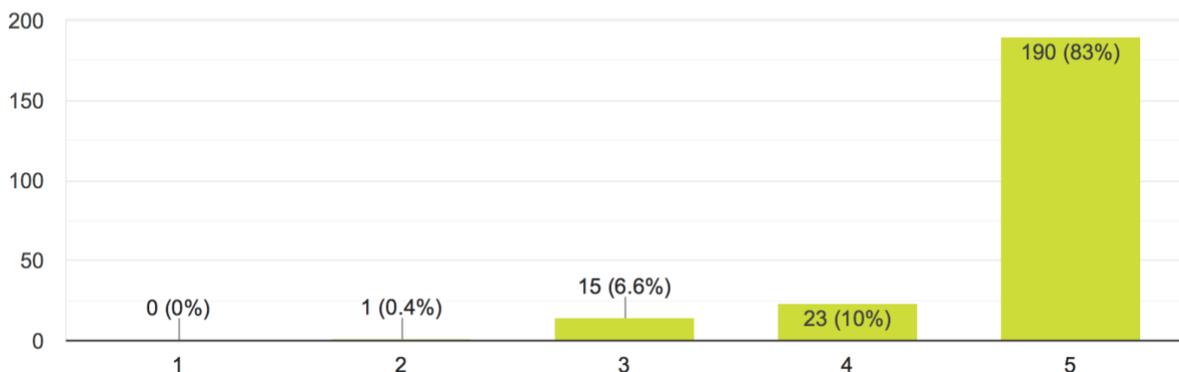
### 4. What do you cherish most about Cape Elizabeth?

229 responses

- 110/229 responses (44%) mentioned access to water in some form: coastline, ocean access, sea access, public beaches
- 50/229 responses (22%) included open spaces: these “open spaces” were not always specific about the actual type (i.e. farmland, open for access, or vistas to appreciate)
- 48/229 responses (21%) included natural elements in some form (excluding water); woods, the environment, wildlife habitat
- 40/229 responses (17%) indicated natural beauty as what they cherish most
- 36/229 responses (16%) referred to some positive aspect of the community/people/neighborhood
- 25/229 responses (11%) included the trails
- 23/229 responses (10%) cited the rural character of the town
- 21/229 responses (9%) cited the state parks
- 16/229 responses (7%) included farmland
- 15/229 responses (6%) included the work that CELT does

### 5. How important to the Cape community is the work the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust does (1 being not all and 5 being very important)?

229 responses



**7. What ideas do you have for other things CELT can do for the Cape community?**

161 responses

- 31/161 responses (19%) requested more community programs (this included, but was not limited to, presentations on special topics, outings on properties, informational meetings with board members and more)
- 22/161 responses (13%) highlighted more education programs for students
- 18/161 responses (14%) included more stewardship efforts both by the land trust and with community members
- 13/161 responses (8%) highlighted the need for more trails and/or more trail connectivity
- 13/161 responses (8%) said more land preservation, without specifying a type of land
- 10/161 responses (6%) said more land preservation that would allow for public shoreline access
- 8/161 responses (5%) requested more community gathering events similar to the harvest party
- (i.e. clean up days, invasive species information for homeowners)
- 7/161 responses (4%) described the need for a community green/gathering space in the town center
- 4/161 responses (2.5%) said more dog friendly trails/trail times
- 4/161 responses (2.5%) said universal access trails, specifically for elderly/limited mobility
- 3/161 responses (2%) said support for farmland and farmers
- 3/161 responses (2.5%) said alternate fundraising opportunities for CELT (i.e. athletic fundraiser)

**8. One idea we have heard is the need for an outdoor community gathering space. Do you think Cape needs this kind of space (1 being strongly disagree and 5 being strongly agree)?**

229 responses

