

Response Report

Cottage Grove 2037 Town Hall Meeting #2

1. Where do you live?

- A 50% In the City of Cottage Grove
- B 40% Outside Cottage Grove, but in the School District
- C 1% Elsewhere in Oregon
- D 1% Outside Oregon
- E 8% I'm an extraterrestrial (space alien)

2. How long have you lived in the Cottage Grove area?

- A 13% 1-2 years
- B 16% 3-5 years
- C 13% 6-10 years
- D 21% 11-20 years
- E 37% More than 20 years

3. How old are you?

- A 4% Under 25
- B 10% 26-40
- C 58% 41-65
- D 19% 66-120
- E 9% I'm thousands of years old, don't mess with me

4. Cottage Grove is:

- A 4% The friendliest town in Oregon.
- B 8% Home of the Bohemia Mining Days.
- C 5% About to implement a grand vision.
- D 7% Much more than a lunch stop off I-5.
- E 75% All of the above.

How important is implementation of this action?

5. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 1.1

Hold periodic town hall meetings, discussion groups, and gatherings to discuss current issues and events.

- A 24% Absolutely critical
- B 28% Very
- C 23% Somewhat
- D 12% Not very
- E 12% Not at all

6. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 1.2

Partner to enhance the "community information" links on the City's and other organizations' websites to facilitate the exchange of community information.

- A 15% Absolutely critical
- B 28% Very
- C 26% Somewhat
- D 18% Not very
- E 13% Not at all

7. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 1.3

Post periodic e-surveys on City website to gauge community opinion on key issues and offer an "e-subscription" for people interested in obtaining current City news and information.

- A 7% Absolutely critical
- B 18% Very
- C 35% Somewhat
- D 22% Not very
- E 18% Not at all

8. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 1.4

Create a bulletin board community notification system, with "postings" announcing community events and information located throughout the city.

- A 9% Absolutely critical
- B 22% Very
- C 34% Somewhat
- D 22% Not very
- E 14% Not at all

9. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 1.5

Research and implement a practical, cost-effective means for airing or streaming Council meetings on television, radio, or the web to accommodate those who cannot attend meetings.

- A 12% Absolutely critical
- B 20% Very
- C 19% Somewhat
- D 25% Not very
- E 25% Not at all

10. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 2.1

Develop a neighborhood association or similar organizing structure to “build community” and enhance community-wide communications.

- A 10% Absolutely critical
- B 19% Very
- C 31% Somewhat
- D 25% Not very
- E 15% Not at all

11. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 2.2

Incorporate local governance classes into the high school curriculum or as extracurricular opportunity.

- A 15% Absolutely critical
- B 26% Very
- C 26% Somewhat
- D 17% Not very
- E 16% Not at all

12. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 2.3

Work with The Sentinel to establish a regular series on local governance and the decision-making process.

- A 9% Absolutely critical
- B 25% Very
- C 25% Somewhat
- D 21% Not very

13. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 2.4

Foster greater interest in community leadership opportunities (City Council, City committees, City commissions).

- A 19% Absolutely critical
- B 29% Very
- C 25% Somewhat
- D 17% Not very
- E 11% Not at all

14. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 2.5

Expand the range and number of citizen committees in place to advise the City on key themes.

- A 5% Absolutely critical
- B 17% Very
- C 31% Somewhat
- D 22% Not very
- E 24% Not at all

15. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 3.1

Establish a central volunteer clearinghouse for coordinating, promoting and integrating area volunteer opportunities.

- A 15% Absolutely critical
- B 31% Very
- C 31% Somewhat
- D 14% Not very
- E 8% Not at all

16. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 3.2

Host a “Volunteer Booth” at public events to identify volunteer opportunities and ways various service groups and community organizations can coordinate and leverage resources.

- A 14% Absolutely critical
- B 32% Very
- C 26% Somewhat
- D 16% Not very
- E 12% Not at all

17. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 3.3

Work with senior service providers to identify potential mentoring opportunities or other activities that would connect Cottage Grove seniors and youth.

- A 17% Absolutely critical
- B 32% Very
- C 31% Somewhat
- D 13% Not very
- E 7% Not at all

18. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 4.1

Establish and actively-manage a welcome wagon program responsible for distributing informational packets to all new households through direct-mail or special “Grover Get-Together” events held quarterly.

- A 16% Absolutely critical
- B 37% Very
- C 27% Somewhat
- D 12% Not very
- E 8% Not at all

19. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 4.2

Organize and promote "Cottage Grove Cares" events including a "day of caring" where families and youth help seniors and others in need with yard work, home improvements and other general city clean-up activities.

- A 28% Absolutely critical
- B 41% Very
- C 19% Somewhat
- D 6% Not very
- E 5% Not at all

20. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 5.1

Expand the Executive Director Network to include faith-based community leaders and nonprofits and identify and implement programs that connect youth to the community through sports, arts, church, 4H and other activities.

- A 43% Absolutely critical
- B 35% Very
- C 15% Somewhat
- D 4% Not very
- E 3% Not at all

21. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 5.2

Continue the successful Youth Advisory Council.

- A 46% Absolutely critical
- B 39% Very
- C 13% Somewhat
- D 2% Not very
- E 1% Not at all

22. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 5.3

Analyze the feasibility of and execute a plan to locate, finance and build a new youth- and family-oriented recreation center that offers physical activities, non-school events and wellness components.

- A 48% Absolutely critical
- B 27% Very
- C 16% Somewhat
- D 6% Not very
- E 4% Not at all

23. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 5.4

Secure funding and develop an aquatic center.

- A 42% Absolutely critical
- B 25% Very
- C 20% Somewhat
- D 8% Not very
- E 5% Not at all

24. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 6.1

Provide support for agencies and programs that educate youth on the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco use.

- A 48% Absolutely critical
- B 32% Very
- C 14% Somewhat
- D 4% Not very
- E 2% Not at all

25. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 6.2

Expand and promote a locally-based early childhood prevention program for at-risk families and increase efforts to reach and involve low-income families in parenting classes through expanded partnerships.

- A 43% Absolutely critical
- B 34% Very
- C 14% Somewhat
- D 4% Not very
- E 6% Not at all

26. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 6.3

Expand healthy lifestyle training into local school curricula, either as separate courses or as part of existing mental health and food programs.

- A 34% Absolutely critical
- B 34% Very
- C 22% Somewhat
- D 7% Not very
- E 4% Not at all

27. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks

Action 6.4

Create and implement a strategic plan for daycare in Cottage Grove.

- A 21% Absolutely critical
- B 32% Very
- C 25% Somewhat
- D 13% Not very
- E 10% Not at all

- 28. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks**
Action 6.5
 Hold a community forum to identify future priorities and additional healthcare services that could be offered at or through the Cottage Grove Hospital.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 28% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 34% | Very |
| C | 29% | Somewhat |
| D | 6% | Not very |
| E | 4% | Not at all |
- 29. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks**
Action 7.1
 Establish a special panel to examine the extent of homelessness in Cottage Grove and recommend strategies for abating or preventing homelessness in the future.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 27% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 31% | Very |
| C | 27% | Somewhat |
| D | 9% | Not very |
| E | 6% | Not at all |
- 30. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks**
Action 7.2
 Identify the range of resources available to women in abusive relationships and promote those services through a formal print and radio campaign.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 22% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 33% | Very |
| C | 28% | Somewhat |
| D | 10% | Not very |
| E | 6% | Not at all |
- 31. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks**
Action 7.3
 Work with other law enforcement agencies to create a regional approach to reduce drug impact on community including, potentially, a high intensity drug traffic area enforcement strategy.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 52% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 19% | Very |
| C | 16% | Somewhat |
| D | 8% | Not very |
| E | 6% | Not at all |
- 32. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks**
Action 7.4
 Provide local rehabilitation opportunities and enhance family and drug-courts that deal with those unique issues.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 32% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 45% | Very |
| C | 16% | Somewhat |
| D | 5% | Not very |
| E | 2% | Not at all |
- 33. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks**
Action 7.5
 Develop a task force to look at opportunities to improve safety on rural roads and reduce accidents.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 22% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 29% | Very |
| C | 30% | Somewhat |
| D | 13% | Not very |
| E | 7% | Not at all |
- 34. Expanding and Integrating Community Networks**
Action 7.6
 Promote and expand local Neighborhood Watch programs through participation in nationally-sponsored events and a media-led community awareness campaign.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 23% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 30% | Very |
| C | 29% | Somewhat |
| D | 12% | Not very |
| E | 6% | Not at all |
- 35. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces**
Action 8.1
 Develop a strategic plan to expand the range of housing available downtown with the goal of establishing greater vibrancy and diversity of patrons.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 20% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 13% | Very |
| C | 29% | Somewhat |
| D | 26% | Not very |
| E | 11% | Not at all |

36. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 8.2

Develop and implement a strategy for filling vacant lots downtown, with an emphasis on more entertainment opportunities such as a movie theater.

- A 26% Absolutely critical
- B 20% Very
- C 24% Somewhat
- D 19% Not very
- E 11% Not at all

37. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 8.3

Implement strategies identified in the Downtown Enhancement and Refinement Plan, including better utilization of alleyways to create new retail access and adding awnings and other amenities.

- A 17% Absolutely critical
- B 25% Very
- C 24% Somewhat
- D 22% Not very
- E 12% Not at all

38. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 8.4

Incentivize retail and tourist-friendly businesses to locate in the historic core area.

- A 25% Absolutely critical
- B 25% Very
- C 23% Somewhat
- D 18% Not very
- E 8% Not at all

39. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 8.5

Upon completing, or as part of the infill strategy, determine the feasibility of siting a central parking garage within the downtown core.

- A 8% Absolutely critical
- B 12% Very
- C 11% Somewhat
- D 26% Not very
- E 44% Not at all

40. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 9.1

Implement the recently completed Parks Master Plan, with an emphasis on providing open spaces and pocket parks connected to community population centers.

- A 21% Absolutely critical
- B 29% Very
- C 28% Somewhat
- D 17% Not very
- E 5% Not at all

41. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 9.2

Establish a City/Friends of Mt. David working group to identify opportunities to purchase or limit development of this prominent Cottage Grove icon.

- A 20% Absolutely critical
- B 9% Very
- C 20% Somewhat
- D 23% Not very
- E 27% Not at all

42. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 9.3

Develop a strategic plan and design concepts to expand river access and highlight defining assets such as the Swinging Bridge, Chambers Railroad Bridge and bike trails.

- A 24% Absolutely critical
- B 26% Very
- C 24% Somewhat
- D 21% Not very
- E 6% Not at all

43. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 10.1

Prioritize the installation of sidewalks throughout the City to meet health and safety guidelines and improve the overall walkability of Cottage Grove.

- A 24% Absolutely critical
- B 21% Very
- C 29% Somewhat
- D 16% Not very
- E 10% Not at all

44. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 10.2

Work with garden clubs, community service organizations, churches and others to beautify neighborhoods.

- A 19% Absolutely critical
- B 33% Very
- C 32% Somewhat
- D 13% Not very
- E 4% Not at all

45. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 10.3

Establish uniform, attractive signage along community gateways and at covered bridge crossings, prominently announcing the entrance to historic downtown, scenic route to Lorane Valley and key recreational destinations.

A	20%	Absolutely critical
B	27%	Very
C	23%	Somewhat
D	22%	Not very
E	8%	Not at all

46. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 10.4

Beautify commercial strips on Highway 99 through clean up efforts, underground utilities, vegetation and other tools.

A	21%	Absolutely critical
B	30%	Very
C	23%	Somewhat
D	18%	Not very
E	8%	Not at all

47. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 10.5

Create an incentives program to provide low-interest loans, grants and other support for property owners willing to improve their facades, parking lots and other frontage areas.

A	24%	Absolutely critical
B	25%	Very
C	24%	Somewhat
D	17%	Not very
E	8%	Not at all

48. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 11.1

Establish a land trust or redevelopment authority responsible for identifying and purchasing key properties.

A	8%	Absolutely critical
B	18%	Very
C	22%	Somewhat
D	29%	Not very
E	23%	Not at all

49. Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces

Action 11.2

Create a locally-managed "Cottage Grove Mutual Fund" that would enable residents to invest in downtown improvements while also generating a return on their investment through periodic dividends.

A	13%	Absolutely critical
B	15%	Very
C	27%	Somewhat
D	23%	Not very
E	22%	Not at all

50. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy

Action 12.1

Conduct a market assessment and feasibility study to determine what type and size of convention center would be feasible in Cottage Grove.

A	13%	Absolutely critical
B	17%	Very
C	18%	Somewhat
D	27%	Not very
E	25%	Not at all

51. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy

Action 12.2

Explore the feasibility of establishing a wine-tasting center in the heart of downtown, featuring Lorane Valley wines and other local agricultural products.

A	12%	Absolutely critical
B	19%	Very
C	23%	Somewhat
D	15%	Not very
E	31%	Not at all

52. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy

Action 12.3

Expand existing and attract new events and festivals to help put Cottage Grove on visitors "annual to-do" list of recreation and leisure activities.

A	18%	Absolutely critical
B	24%	Very
C	23%	Somewhat
D	24%	Not very
E	11%	Not at all

- 53. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy**
Action 12.4
 Implement a guest services training program to maintain excellence and generate a positive experience for potential return visitors.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 6% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 19% | Very |
| C | 28% | Somewhat |
| D | 28% | Not very |
| E | 19% | Not at all |

- 54. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy**
Action 12.5
 Establish a volunteer panel to research and recommend specific actions for promoting Cottage Grove as a film destination and creating a film and media education and production network.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 9% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 23% | Very |
| C | 21% | Somewhat |
| D | 24% | Not very |
| E | 24% | Not at all |

- 55. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy**
Action 13.1
 Enhance economic development by maintaining current information on regional economic trends, property availability, workforce conditions and other "FAQ" type inquiries likely to be received from interested businesses.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 28% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 38% | Very |
| C | 18% | Somewhat |
| D | 9% | Not very |
| E | 7% | Not at all |

- 56. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy**
Action 13.2
 Establish a formal business license program or registry.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 27% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 24% | Very |
| C | 15% | Somewhat |
| D | 15% | Not very |
| E | 19% | Not at all |

- 57. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy**
Action 13.3
 Explore and execute innovative, cooperative marketing opportunities and priorities that enhance patronage of existing business establishments.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 36% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 36% | Very |
| C | 18% | Somewhat |
| D | 8% | Not very |
| E | 3% | Not at all |

- 58. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy**
Action 13.4
Identify industry and business types that "fit" with Cottage Grove locational conditions (e.g. population, setting, workforce) and would be embraced in our community.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 40% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 33% | Very |
| C | 17% | Somewhat |
| D | 8% | Not very |
| E | 2% | Not at all |

- 59. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy**
Action 13.5
 Explore and pursue viable opportunities for creating new shovel-ready commercial and industrial sites that can be marketed in and out of the region (e.g. prospector's network).
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 19% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 34% | Very |
| C | 20% | Somewhat |
| D | 13% | Not very |
| E | 14% | Not at all |

- 60. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy**
Action 13.6
 Through partnerships, offer a range of courses and instructional materials to help micro-enterprise navigate and succeed from start-up through expansion.
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|---|-----|---------------------|
| A | 30% | Absolutely critical |
| B | 38% | Very |
| C | 20% | Somewhat |
| D | 6% | Not very |
| E | 6% | Not at all |

61. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy
Action 14.1

Establish and market a formal program for placing local students and graduates into training and/or paid internship positions within local businesses.

A	37%	Absolutely critical
B	41%	Very
C	17%	Somewhat
D	3%	Not very
E	2%	Not at all

62. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy
Action 14.2

Identify opportunities to enhance entrepreneurship and career education and training within local school curricula.

A	39%	Absolutely critical
B	37%	Very
C	19%	Somewhat
D	5%	Not very
E	1%	Not at all

63. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy
Action 14.3

Ensure a range of housing options are available for a mix of employees and corresponding income levels.

A	25%	Absolutely critical
B	39%	Very
C	16%	Somewhat
D	8%	Not very
E	12%	Not at all

64. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy
Action 14.4

Make LCC Cottage Grove a hub for science and technology training in Lane County.

A	39%	Absolutely critical
B	32%	Very
C	13%	Somewhat
D	10%	Not very
E	6%	Not at all

65. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy
Action 15.1

Expand high-speed data network to provide core business and education areas with high-speed communications capacity, and systematically extend the network to encompass other locations.

A	53%	Absolutely critical
B	29%	Very
C	10%	Somewhat
D	4%	Not very
E	5%	Not at all

66. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy
Action 15.2

Explore and pursue a targeted funding mechanism for road and bridge repairs.

A	21%	Absolutely critical
B	43%	Very
C	22%	Somewhat
D	9%	Not very
E	6%	Not at all

67. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy
Action 15.3

Seek funding to develop additional water storage facilities.

A	21%	Absolutely critical
B	31%	Very
C	28%	Somewhat
D	13%	Not very
E	7%	Not at all

68. Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy
Action 15.4

Actively manage upcoming regulatory changes in stormwater, drinking water, and recycling due to the City's population exceeding a 10,000 person threshold.

A	43%	Absolutely critical
B	37%	Very
C	13%	Somewhat
D	3%	Not very
E	5%	Not at all

69. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 16.1

Make environmental asset preservation and enhancement a priority by establishing a grant writing team responsible for securing financial and technical assistance and support for top priorities.

A	27%	Absolutely critical
B	18%	Very
C	15%	Somewhat
D	18%	Not very
E	22%	Not at all

70. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 16.2

Research best practices and develop and support a Cottage Grove area conservation authority responsible for identifying and securing key lands for long-term preservation.

A	21%	Absolutely critical
B	14%	Very
C	16%	Somewhat
D	17%	Not very
E	30%	Not at all

71. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 16.3

Pursue expanded partnerships with regional, state and federal agencies to improve fish passage, water quality and supply in local streams, wetland preservation and other key environmental concerns.

A	29%	Absolutely critical
B	16%	Very
C	15%	Somewhat
D	19%	Not very
E	21%	Not at all

72. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 16.4

Improve promotion of existing Adopt-a-Park, Adopt-a-Trail and Memorial Tree Programs.

A	11%	Absolutely critical
B	25%	Very
C	22%	Somewhat
D	21%	Not very
E	20%	Not at all

73. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 16.5

Expand the City's urban forestry program by increasing the volume and diversity of trees in urban spaces and continue to support attainment of the Tree City USA award.

A	22%	Absolutely critical
B	24%	Very
C	18%	Somewhat
D	20%	Not very
E	16%	Not at all

74. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 16.6

Research and implement a litter patrol and/or youth-based recycling education program within the School District.

A	26%	Absolutely critical
B	24%	Very
C	20%	Somewhat
D	18%	Not very
E	12%	Not at all

75. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 17.1

Consider the outdoor market at Trailhead Park as a covered, permanent location for a farmers' market.

A	24%	Absolutely critical
B	22%	Very
C	20%	Somewhat
D	19%	Not very
E	15%	Not at all

76. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 17.2

Establish an oversight board that includes a marketing and promotion function to build a sustainable volume of vendors and shoppers and a research and development arm that considers future additions and growth.

A	14%	Absolutely critical
B	15%	Very
C	25%	Somewhat
D	23%	Not very
E	24%	Not at all

77. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 17.3

Encourage schools to start their own gardening programs and sell produce at Farmers' Market.

- A 25% Absolutely critical
- B 22% Very
- C 15% Somewhat
- D 19% Not very
- E 20% Not at all

78. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 17.4

Coordinate and support Community-Supported-Agriculture (CSA) by identifying participants, education and marketing "sign-ups" through an annually updated directory.

- A 20% Absolutely critical
- B 18% Very
- C 22% Somewhat
- D 16% Not very
- E 24% Not at all

79. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 18.1

Create and promote events that celebrate the natural world and local assets.

- A 18% Absolutely critical
- B 20% Very
- C 23% Somewhat
- D 17% Not very
- E 22% Not at all

80. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 18.2

Promote and market a visitor package that builds on our environment and amenities to stimulate local prosperity.

- A 19% Absolutely critical
- B 25% Very
- C 28% Somewhat
- D 13% Not very
- E 15% Not at all

81. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 18.3

Expand activities and events conducted by Bohemia Mining Days, Western Oregon Expo and Timber Family Fair to put Cottage Grove on the map for Oregon's Sesquicentennial Anniversary celebration in 2009.

- A 21% Absolutely critical
- B 28% Very
- C 21% Somewhat
- D 16% Not very
- E 13% Not at all

82. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 18.4

Investigate the feasibility of offering real mining opportunities and timber production educational tours for tourists, as part of a combined wine-tasting, trail riding package.

- A 11% Absolutely critical
- B 15% Very
- C 19% Somewhat
- D 26% Not very
- E 28% Not at all

83. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 18.5

Explore the possibility of expanding the current Cottage Grove Riding Club (rodeo) to attract equestrian national associations while also providing local recreational opportunities.

- A 6% Absolutely critical
- B 15% Very
- C 30% Somewhat
- D 24% Not very
- E 25% Not at all

84. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 18.6

Enhance partnerships with regional, state and federal agencies with the goal of packaging tourism activities.

- A 17% Absolutely critical
- B 22% Very
- C 21% Somewhat
- D 18% Not very
- E 21% Not at all

85. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 19.1

Formulate and adopt a forward-looking local energy policy focused on carbon-neutrality, resource preservation, reduced use and diversified energy source development.

A	31%	Absolutely critical
B	16%	Very
C	11%	Somewhat
D	16%	Not very
E	27%	Not at all

86. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 19.2

Seek grant support to research and identify opportunities for the greater Cottage Grove area to secure, operate and proceed from owning its own alternative energy source or sources.

A	24%	Absolutely critical
B	19%	Very
C	17%	Somewhat
D	16%	Not very
E	25%	Not at all

87. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 19.3

If feasible, develop a pilot project to produce an empirically verifiable percentage of "own-power" to determine an appropriate scale and pace for expanded investment.

A	14%	Absolutely critical
B	22%	Very
C	15%	Somewhat
D	15%	Not very
E	34%	Not at all

88. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 19.4

Establish a policy to incentivize the use of solar panels for at least some percentage of new homes' and new commercial and public buildings' power source.

A	32%	Absolutely critical
B	21%	Very
C	14%	Somewhat
D	11%	Not very
E	22%	Not at all

89. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 19.5

Develop and encourage a resource conservation program for Cottage Grove.

A	29%	Absolutely critical
B	19%	Very
C	16%	Somewhat
D	15%	Not very
E	20%	Not at all

90. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 19.6

Expand recycling services in Cottage Grove.

A	36%	Absolutely critical
B	18%	Very
C	16%	Somewhat
D	12%	Not very
E	18%	Not at all

91. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 19.7

Review policies on backyard burning.

A	21%	Absolutely critical
B	12%	Very
C	14%	Somewhat
D	15%	Not very
E	38%	Not at all

92. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 20.1

Inventory and promote efforts to "go local green" (e.g. water reuse, Green Power partner status).

A	32%	Absolutely critical
B	20%	Very
C	13%	Somewhat
D	11%	Not very
E	24%	Not at all

93. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 20.2

Create and promote a local "Nobel Prize" for citizens that design or implement successful energy-conservation ideas.

A	21%	Absolutely critical
B	20%	Very
C	19%	Somewhat
D	9%	Not very
E	32%	Not at all

94. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 20.3

Work with The Sentinel and Register-Guard to establish a "green corner" column that recognizes innovative efforts.

- A 16% Absolutely critical
- B 18% Very
- C 19% Somewhat
- D 14% Not very
- E 34% Not at all

95. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 20.4

Expand use of reclaimed water to reduce source development costs and provide a lower-cost option for commercial and industrial users.

- A 26% Absolutely critical
- B 26% Very
- C 17% Somewhat
- D 10% Not very
- E 21% Not at all

96. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 20.5

Seek funding opportunities that would allow the proactive installation of conduits for future infrastructure, retrofit undersized stormwater pipes and digitize city utilities to ensure an accurate system map.

- A 21% Absolutely critical
- B 23% Very
- C 21% Somewhat
- D 16% Not very
- E 19% Not at all

97. Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets

Action 20.6

Create systems for rainwater and watershed catchments and recharging of aquifers.

- A 28% Absolutely critical
- B 19% Very
- C 19% Somewhat
- D 16% Not very
- E 19% Not at all