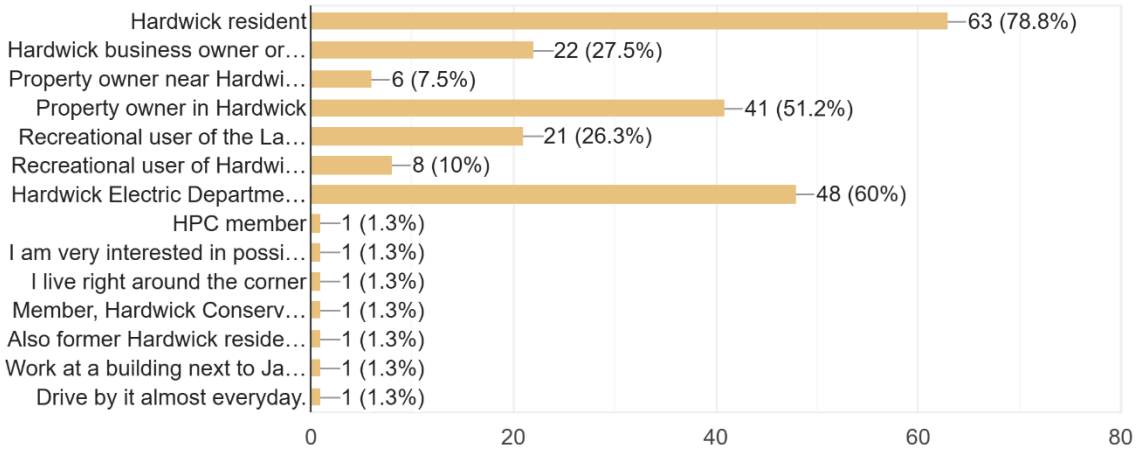
How familiar are you with the Jackson Dam project?

80 responses



How would you describe your connection to the project?

80 responses



What questions or concerns do you have about Jackson Dam? 44 responses

Can’t wait for it to be gone

Removal of the dam will destroy the Hardwick Lake ecosystem. It’s a shame to lose power to HED.

I'm very pro removal. It will help with flooding in Hardwick. It will also restore the Lamoille to it's natural habitat. Hardwick Lake is far too silted up to be of much "recreational value".

What is the main purpose of the dam? Power generation, flood control???

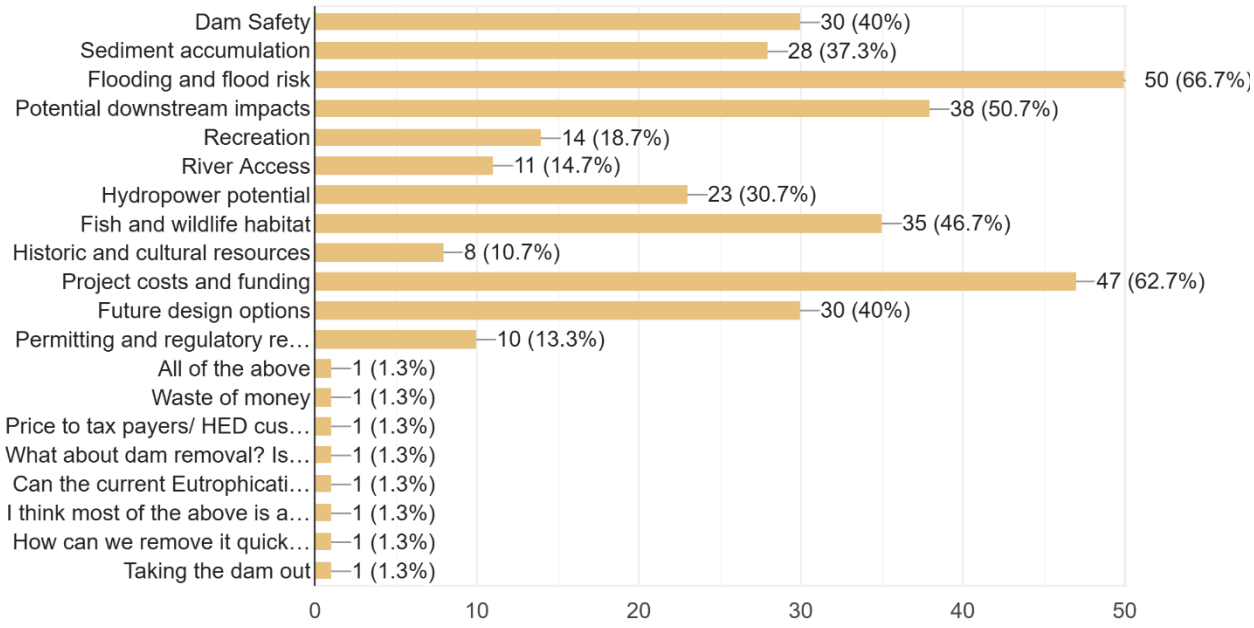
How much longer is it viable given our new age flooding potential.

Main concern is how to balance economics, protection of natural habitat, recreation, and flood mitigation.
n/a
Will what ever this project is, reduce the current electric rate?
Wild life
How is this going to impact customers pricing as rates have already increased significantly?
What are the flood risk concerns! How does this affect recreational use?
Safety issues if the dam should fail. What anre the property impacts if it were to be removed?
What is the timeline for removal? Is there funding for the removal of enough sediment to safely remove the dam? Can the sediment be relocated to "the narrow waist" of the lake, just south of the first dwelling on 14?
Leave it alone!
Why remove it when it helps to control (by holding a massive amount of water in a significant rain storm) that also may help in electrical generation in the several weeks after the rain storms.
Concerned about the eagles and what this will look like
How is it related to flood hazards and what happens to the river downstream if it’s removed permanently
What purpose does it serve? It seems to pose a threat to town/state infrastructure (destroying route 15 during the floods.) Will the Town take on maintenance and operational costs? The dam blocks fish/aquatic life passage.
How does this impact tax payers or HED customers
I am concerned about the condition of the dam and also the impact a dammed river has on Hardwick's flooding issues.
Is the lake created by the dam still an important nesting habitat for loons? If the dam is removed, will just a nasty ditch remain where the lake is now?
How would removal affect the current wildlife population, including the loons and bald eagles that call the area home? What would removal do to the Hardwick Trails access to Hardwick Lake?
Can this dam operate in a way to lower electric rates?
What are the alternatives?
What can we do to remove it?
It holds back the water leaving the village and creates flooding from there back towards the community.
How real is the possibility of the dam breaking and for those of us who work near by, what should we watch for for warning signs, who do we report concerns to, and what do we do if it breaks?
How can the dam contribute to energy production? How functional is it now?
Remove it please
I really hate to lose that lake. The dam is simply a part of the town. My main concern is that water body.
What happens to the property that used to be on the water.
Hardwick lake makes a good holding area when the ice breaks up in the spring. Without it there will be more ice causing problems below. The lake can hold a very large amount of ice until it melts Without causing damage to homes or properties.
It looks very unsafe!

just looking for more info re options and related issues.
Cost and affect on flood risk if maintained vs removed.
Cost
Debris in pottersville dam without hardwick lake to catch sediment
How can the flow of the water be controlled better?
When will sediment removal begin?
Is it good for the environment to remove the dam? How will it affect wildlife in our area? Why are dams not cost effective to make electricity anymore? Sounds like electricity is only going to get more expensive if we don't have equitable ways of producing it. Will it help with the flooding that happens in town? How will it affect communities up stream or down stream? Will many communities need to work together on a resolution? Why does it cost so much to build a new dam? Where would the money come from? Why does the sediment built up against the dam need cleaning out?
If you know a big storm is coming how come you can not lower the water level?
How and why is the dam in such a state of failure to necessitate modifications or a complete rebuild? How might modifications or rebuilding affect the local residents; human, plant, and animals? How might modifications or rebuilding affect the landscape and the lake/river? How would future modifications, repairs, or rebuilding be funded?
What happens to the lake? How much money will this cost? So many other things to put money towards why this?
How long will it be impassable?
Impact on wildlife, eagles, etc

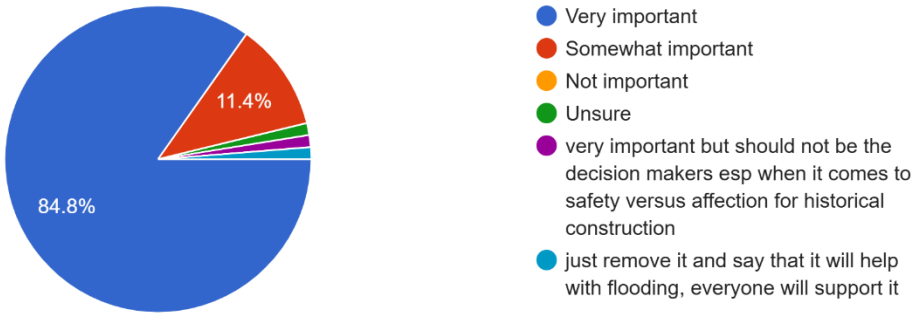
Which topics would you like more information about?

75 responses



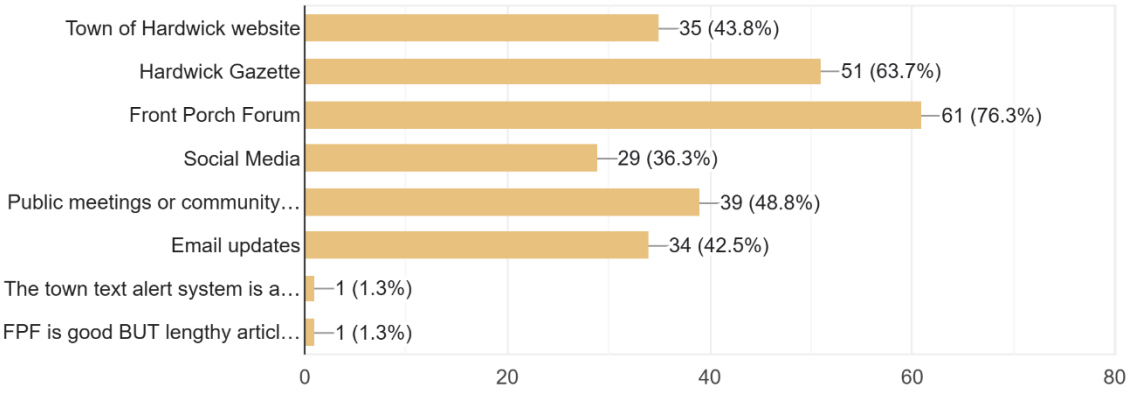
How important is it that the community continues to receive information and opportunities to provide feedback as the project moves forward?

79 responses



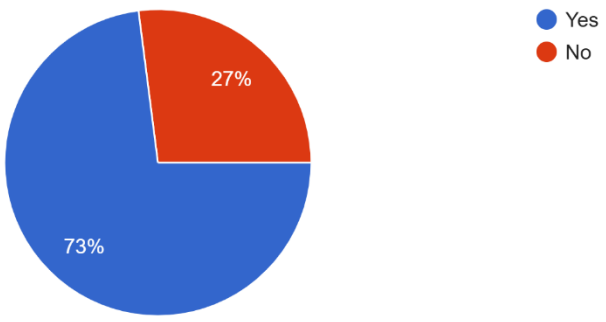
What is the best way to receive information about the project?

80 responses



Would you like to receive updates about Jackson Dam community conversations and meetings?

74 responses



Is there anything else you would like project partners to know? 23 responses

Every dam removal has been a huge success throughout the country and the globe

n/a

Anything we can do as a team to keep rates as low as possible is extremely important.

I so appreciate the careful and inclusive way our town approaches town issues. That means all of you who work so hard to organize and "spread the word".

This is such a massive and complicated project I really hope that the group works to get a diverse group of survey responses.

Thanks for working on this!

Leave alone, don't waste money!
What would it mean on the loss of the power generation?
Hardwick residents and tax payers can not handle anymore monetary increases
Removing the dam might be a really good idea, but if it is, it's important to help people understand why. The process is as important as the outcome.
No
How qualified is the design team in this project
We need as much low cost, natural and sustainable ways to produce energy.
Thank you for your thoughtfulness & intention behind the community listening & engagement process!
thank you for tackling this!
I used to enjoy canoeing on the lake, but it is now filled with slime, weed growth and is odorous in hot weather. It's no longer a pleasant place for recreation!
Listen carefully to all options - Hopefully, the best answer, at the least cost to already over extended tax payers will be the ultimate choice
What long range plans exist for energy renewal with less use of fossil fuels?
Please remove dam and dredge lake lamoille section of lamoille river
Keep the lake. Dredge it and sell the nutrients
The dam area could be made beautiful and safe. Maybe productive? (Water power) As it is now, it's an eyesore and ready to burst, next storm.
To much flooding because the water level take it out
Please educate yourselves on the ecosystem impacts that this dam creates or could create. Speak with and learn from local experts. Engage with the former faculty and students from Sterling College that are degreed people with hands-on experience on crafting safe water control systems, and long-time residents of Hardwick who are familiar with this lake and dam to provide history and context.