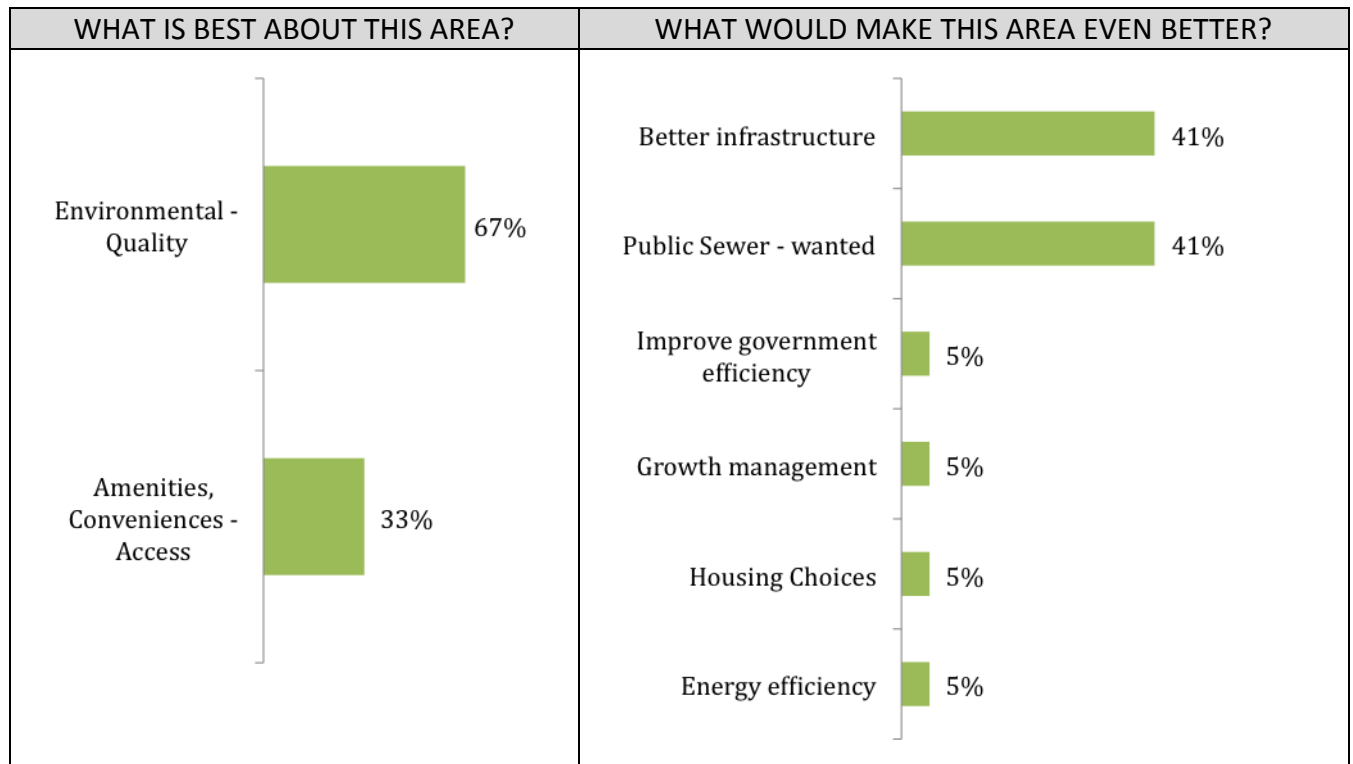


What We Heard About Water Infrastructure and Energy Efficiency

Of the 771 respondents to the opinion survey, 24 responses were related to the Water infrastructure, and Energy Efficiency and Green Building Planning chapter. Each of these sections was combined into one chapter due to the small number of comments. Within those responses, 39 suggestions were assigned to “What is best about this area” that described what people currently like about either of these sections in the region. Of these comments environmental quality (67%) and amenities, conveniences – access (33%) were the two suggestions that related best to Water Infrastructure and Energy Efficiency and Green Building.

The vast majority of the related comments were contained within 46 different upgrades that were suggested in response to the question “What would make this area even better?” Almost half of the comments were related to Public Sewer and Better Infrastructure (41%). Numerous suggestions were made that public water supply should be available throughout the entire city or town (41%). Improvement to the infrastructure of the sewage system was also a top priority with 41% as well. Some of these comments were also related to the Energy Efficiency and Green Building section. Energy efficient housing (5%) and redevelopment were also common suggestions made.

Overall, Water Infrastructure and Energy Efficiency and Green Building was a common theme found throughout the opinion surveys. Water Infrastructure plays a significant role in the region’s growth, such as restaurants coming to the town because of public water access. It is important that energy efficiency and green building is a priority in the future because of increasing temperatures and health of the community.



Many of the comments received directly relate to the categories of Water Infrastructure, and Energy Efficiency and Green Building Planning. Responses related to Water Infrastructure are linked through public water supply, and sewer conditions. Energy Efficiency and Green Building Planning includes comments that revolve around the redevelopment of current buildings and housing. The following quotes are examples of the many comments received.

WHAT IS BEST ABOUT THIS AREA?	WHAT WOULD MAKE THIS AREA EVEN BETTER?
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H2O quality - Milford 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More municipal water coverage – Litchfield • Public water and public sewer on Standish Circle or Pilgrim Drive. – Litchfield • Public sewer – would bring businesses (restaurants into town) – Pelham • Access to city sewer, garbage pickup service – Litchfield
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND GREEN BUILDING PLANNING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment – Nashua • Rural, country atmosphere – Mont Vernon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better clustered, energy efficient housing. – Mont Vernon • Unified plan for growth and roads – Merrimack • Do over old Mills – Nashua • Build up empty malls instead of building new ones. A different supermarket – Merrimack