

# Sustainable Clinton: Survey Results

1. Please indicate which of the following steps you have taken to help reduce your carbon footprint. Select as many as apply.

	Response Percent
recycling	88.5%
driving less, carpooling	46.2%
weatherproofing my home	57.7%
reducing consumption	38.5%
not purchasing bottled water	84.6%
reducing use of plastic grocery bags	80.8%
communicating priorities to my elected officials	46.2%
volunteering with local clean-up efforts	23.1%
buying fresh, local foods or growing my own	69.2%
Other (please specify) <a href="#">Show Responses</a>	19.2%

Other: Purchased more energy efficient washer/dryer dishwasher, writing elected officials and submitting editorials to the news media, cleaning toilets with baking soda & vinegar, train trip vacation, sharing (quietly) with friends and family what we are doing!

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<b>2. Please indicate your level of concern about the following environmental issues:</b>					
	<b>very concerned</b>	<b>somewhat concerned</b>	<b>not sure</b>	<b>not very concerned</b>	<b>not concerned at all</b>
<b>Our nation's reliance on fossil fuels; promoting alternative energy</b>	<b>96.2%</b>	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>air quality</b>	<b>76.9%</b>	23.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>water quality</b>	<b>80.8%</b>	19.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>food quality (organics, GMOs, local production)</b>	<b>68.0%</b>	32.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>reducing consumption</b>	<b>76.0%</b>	16.0%	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>hydraulic fracturing gas mining, a.k.a. "fracking"</b>	<b>56.0%</b>	24.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>privitization of water</b>	<b>73.1%</b>	11.5%	11.5%	3.8%	0.0%

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<b>reducing landfill growth</b>	<b>64.0%</b>	20.0%	12.0%	4.0%	0.0%
<b>energy efficiency</b>	<b>88.5%</b>	11.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>municipal recycling programs</b>	<b>61.5%</b>	30.8%	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>improving availability of public transportation</b>	<b>53.8%</b>	38.5%	3.8%	3.8%	0.0%
<b>preserving wilderness and wildlife</b>	<b>80.8%</b>	15.4%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>environmental legislation</b>	<b>73.1%</b>	19.2%	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>environmental education</b>	<b>76.0%</b>	16.0%	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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## 3. Which topics would you be interested in learning more about?

	Response Percent
How to encourage the government to make sound environmental decisions.	67.9%
How to take steps in my own life to reduce my carbon footprint.	57.1%
How to encourage my neighbors to make environmental concerns a priority.	32.1%
Identifying threats to the environment that exist in our community.	71.4%
Helping make my local community more self-sufficient and sustainable.	78.6%
Other (please specify) <a href="#">Show Responses</a>	10.7%

Other: renewable energy sources, reducing Clinton's air pollution, promotion of local foods & farmer's markets.

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## 4. Why is sustainability important to you? (Check all that apply)

	Response Percent
I am concerned about the economy.	53.8%
I worry about the earth that our children will inherit.	96.2%
I am concerned about our health and safety.	84.6%
A more sustainable community will lead to growth and prosperity for all.	57.7%
I feel the choices we make are having adverse effects on the world's most vulnerable inhabitants.	88.5%
Other (please specify)	7.7%

Other: God expects us to be good stewards, I want everyone to appreciate & love our beautiful Earth.

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## 5. How satisfied are you with the level of attention given to sustainability issues by...

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
<b>your workplace?</b>	18.2%	<b>45.5%</b>	31.8%	4.5%	0.0%
<b>our schools?</b>	4.0%	<b>32.0%</b>	20.0%	<b>32.0%</b>	12.0%
<b>our federal goverment?</b>	0.0%	7.4%	11.1%	<b>44.4%</b>	37.0%
<b>our state government?</b>	0.0%	7.7%	11.5%	<b>53.8%</b>	26.9%
<b>our local government?</b>	0.0%	4.0%	16.0%	<b>48.0%</b>	32.0%

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## 6. What do you feel are the biggest challenges to making more progress towards sustainability in our community?

- The conveniences of the world make it easy for us to forget about the things that are truly important in maintaining ourselves and the world. The majority of people are too lazy and have too many things going on in their daily lives to even think about being more friendly to the earth and especially to their bodies. The rate of health problems including cancer, obesity, and child diabetes is rapidly increasing. The increase in toxic productivity; pretty much everything around us, and toxic ingestants; the food we eat, the pills we take, and even the water we drink, and the rate of health problems isn't just a coincidence. The two are very much in correlation with each other. Education is the key but not enough people are willing to learn about it and even if they are, the toxic lifestyle is too convenient to overcome for most people. Factory farms make it difficult for environmentally conscious farmers to make a living.
- Knowing about what is happening, being done

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- Most of the ways to save the planet are inconvenient and most people do not want to be bothered. Some things take radical change and need government intervention. I just try to do my part.
- Quality of life issues
- Lack of interest. Even if interest was heightened lack of financial resourced to devote to sustainability.
- People ignorant of the consequences of their choices.
- Getting enough voters willing to spend more money to achieve the above goals.
- Educating the public & the city officials... enforcing compliance with local industry to curtail their pollution practices.

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## 6. What do you feel are the biggest challenges to making more progress towards sustainability in our community?

- more efficient use of machines, cars, factories, etc. insulation of homes for economic use of fuel local use of food products, to decrease transportation
- Sorting the facts from rumors and myths. Getting the facts out to people. Prioritizing the challenges that face us as a society.
- Awareness and LEADERSHIP! Thanks to the Franciscans for leadership!
- apathy of city officials
- It will cost money from government, taxpayers, and or businesses who in turn will fight progress on this.
- Relying less on automobiles
- Helping people to understand that we have only one Earth, and people have the power to save or destroy it.

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6. What do you feel are the biggest challenges to making more progress towards sustainability in our community?

- Getting residents really committed to the importance of sustainability.
- apathy and ignorance
- Willingness of the public and local government to fund costs involved w/sustainability measures, largely due to local government's priorities and decision-making, and lack of public awareness or concern regarding sustainability in general. This community is so far behind in this area it's nearly criminal.

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