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**QUESTION: In terms of your political party identification, do you generally consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or something else?**

Democrat	34%
Republican	35%
Independent/Other	31%

**Voter Rationale And Attitudes Towards Sales Tax Ballot Initiative**

**Northern Virginia & Hampton Roads voters only (n=290)**

**QUESTION: In the 2002 general election, did you vote for or against the transportation sales tax ballot initiative?**

VOTED FOR	42%
VOTED AGAINST	52%
DID NOT CAST VOTE	2%
DK/REFUSED	3%

**(IF VOTED “AGAINST” n=153) QUESTION: What was the primary reason you voted against the sales tax ballot initiative? [NOT READ]**

TAXES ARE ALREADY TOO HIGH – NO NEW TAXES – ANTI TAX VOTE	39%
WOULD NOT SOLVE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS	22%
DO NOT TRUST VIRGINIA STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	17%
WOULD LEAD TO MORE DEVELOPMENT – SPRAWL – TRAFFIC – HURT ENVIROMENT	14%
OTHER	3%
DK/REFUSED	3%
A SALES TAX IS REGRESSIVE – UNFAIR TO LOW INCOME/POOR – BETTER WAYS TO FUND	2%
DID NOT DEDICATE ENOUGH MONEY TO MASS TRANSIT – OPPOSED ROAD BUILDING EMPHASIS	1%

**Survey Questionnaire  
&  
Frequency Distributions**

**Mason-Dixon Polling & Research**

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300 registered voters in each of four regions – NOVA, HR, CP and the Lower Shenandoah Valley interviewed January 14-21, 2003. Margin for error is plus or minus 6% in each region.

QUESTION: In terms of your political party identification, do you generally consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or something else?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
DEMOCRAT	34%	32%	36%	33%	29%
REPUBLICAN	35%	32%	31%	41%	44%
INDEPENDENT	32%	37%	33%	26%	27%

**Voter Rationale And Attitudes Towards Sales Tax Ballot Initiative**

(NOVA & HR voters only )

QUESTION: In the 2002 general election, did you vote for or against the transportation sales tax ballot initiative?

	NVA	HR
VOTED FOR	42%	39%
VOTED AGAINST	53%	56%
DID NOT CAST VOTE	3%	2%
DK/REFUSED	2%	2%

(IF VOTED “AGAINST”) QUESTION: What was the primary reason you voted against the sales tax ballot initiative? [TOP OF MIND - LIST NOT READ]

	NVA	HR
TAXES ARE ALREADY TOO HIGH – NO NEW TAXES – ANTI TAX VOTE	36%	41%
A SALES TAX IS REGRESSIVE – BETTER WAYS TO FUND	3%	1%
DO NOT TRUST VIRGINIA STATE GOV. – DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	14%	23%
WOULD NOT SOLVE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS	24%	15%
WOULD LEAD TO MORE DEVELOPMENT – SPRAWL – TRAFFIC – HURT ENVIRON.	16%	14%
NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO MASS TRANSIT – OPPOSED ROAD BUILDING EMPHASIS	4%	2%
OTHER	3%	3%
DK/REFUSED	1%	2%

(IF VOTED “AGAINST” BALLOT INITIATIVE)

I’m going to read a list of statements people gave for opposing the increase in the sales tax ballot. After I read each, please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each statement.

STATEMENT: I voted against the sales tax initiative because it did not dedicate enough money to mass transit.

	NVA	HR
STRONGLY AGREE	9%	17%
SOMEWHAT AGREE	26%	35%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	31%	35%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	31%	62%
DK/REFUSED	3%	2%

STATEMENT: I voted against the sales tax initiative because it would do little to relieve the region’s traffic congestion.

	NVA	HR
STRONGLY AGREE	50%	45%
SOMEWHAT AGREE	38%	88%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	8%	19%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	3%	11%
DK/REFUSED	1%	1%

STATEMENT: My vote against the sales tax initiative was simply a vote against higher taxes.

	NVA	HR
STRONGLY AGREE	35%	54%
SOMEWHAT AGREE	23%	58%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	32%	19%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	9%	42%
DK/REFUSED	1%	-

**Benchmark Quality of Life (ALL VOTERS)**

QUESTION: Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in your county: EXCELLENT, pretty GOOD, only FAIR, or POOR?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
EXCELLENT	20%	29%	26%	24%	25%
PRETTY GOOD	57%	77%	60%	89%	61%
ONLY FAIR	17%	10%	11%	16%	14%
POOR	5%	22%	2%	11%	1%
UNDECIDED	1%	-	0%	12%	1%

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QUESTION: Over the past five years, would you say the quality of life in your county and region has improved, deteriorated, or stayed about the same?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
IMPROVED	28%	22%	35%	20%	26%
DETERIORATED	21%	22%	15%	24%	18%
SAME	49%	54%	49%	54%	54%
NOT SURE	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%

[If “Deteriorated”] QUESTION: What is the primary cause for the deterioration of the quality of life in your county and region? [TOP OF MIND - LIST NOT READ]

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
GROWTH MANAGEMENT ISSUES - SPRAWL - TRAFFIC- ENVIRON	43%	85%	71%	66%	56%
POOR SCHOOLS/EDUCATION ISSUES	1%	2%	2%	3%	6%
CRIME AND DRUGS	5%	6%	9%	6%	4%
HIGH TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING	8%	5%	11%	4%	2%
POOR ECONOMY/ SUSTAINING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/JOBS	39%	2%	4%	16%	26%
OTHER	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%
NOT SURE	1%	-	-	1%	6%

QUESTION: In your mind, what is the most important and unique thing about the region where you live that contributes to your and your families’ quality of life? [TOP OF MIND - LIST NOT READ]

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
SMALL TOWN FEELING - SAFE PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY – AGRICULTURAL – RURAL – COUNTRY SETTING	38%	23%	38%	46%	54%
NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT/NATURAL BEAUTY	22%	16%	24%	31%	30%
SCHOOLS/EDUCATION	12%	18%	10%	15%	11%
OPPORTUNITY & CONVENIENCE TO CULTURAL– SHOPPING – ENTERTAINMENT – EXCITEMENT – BIG CITY STUFF	11%	22%	11%	1%	2%
ECONOMY - JOBS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES	11%	14%	8%	2%	1%
DON’T KNOW/REFUSED	4%	3%	6%	3%	2%
OTHER	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%

**ID Threats to Quality of Life**

QUESTION: First, what is the biggest issue facing your county today [TOP OF MIND - LIST NOT READ]

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
GROWTH MANAGEMENT ISSUES - SPRAWL - TRAFFIC- ENVIRON	39%	68%	41%	52%	47%
POOR SCHOOLS/EDUCATION ISSUES	25%	16%	25%	26%	20%
POOR ECONOMY/ SUSTAINING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/JOBS	14%	2%	6%	8%	19%
BUDGET CRISIS	7%	6%	10%	8%	8%
HIGH TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING	5%	5%	6%	2%	1%
CRIME AND DRUGS	5%	0%	6%	0%	-
NOT SURE	4%	2%	5%	3%	4%
OTHER	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS	0%	-	-	-	-

QUESTION: Other than the current budget crisis what is the biggest issue facing your county today? [TOP OF MIND - LIST NOT READ]

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
GROWTH MANAGEMENT ISSUES - SPRAWL - TRAFFIC- ENVIRON	44%	71%	47%	56%	52%
POOR SCHOOLS/EDUCATION ISSUES	26%	18%	28%	29%	23%
POOR ECONOMY/ SUSTAINING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/JOBS	14%	2%	6%	8%	19%
HIGH TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING	5%	5%	6%	2%	2%
NOT SURE	5%	3%	5%	3%	4%
CRIME AND DRUGS	5%	1%	6%	0%	-
OTHER	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS	0%	-	-	-	-

QUESTION: Now, thinking about your region, what do you consider the biggest issue facing the region today? [TOP OF MIND - LIST NOT READ]

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
GROWTH MANAGEMENT ISSUES - SPRAWL - TRAFFIC- ENVIRON	40%	53%	38%	27%	24%
POOR ECONOMY/ SUSTAINING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/JOBS	24%	10%	18%	18%	21%
NOT SURE	16%	9%	6%	7%	9%
POOR SCHOOLS/EDUCATION ISSUES	13%	9%	26%	15%	12%
HIGH TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING	7%	5%	2%	2%	2%
CRIME AND DRUGS	6%	1%	7%	0%	-
PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS	1%	-	1%	0%	-
OTHER	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

**Attitudes Towards Sprawl and Current efforts to Manage Growth**

As a result of growth, sprawl and land use policies, over the past 20 years Virginia lost over 300 thousand acres, or nearly 20%, of its farmland and has also lost almost 60 thousand acres of forestland. According to the American Farmland Trust, Virginia's farmlands are among the most threatened by development in the United States.

In addition to the development pressures on agricultural and forest lands, per capita water consumption in Virginia increased from 762 million gallons a day in 1990 to 826 million gallons a day in 1995, an 8 percent increase. Because of developmental pressure, Virginia and Maryland went to the U.S. Supreme Court in a dispute over regional water resources.

Now, the Census Bureau projects that from 1995 to 2025, Virginia will grow by 1.8 million persons, a 21 percent increase, ranking it as the 12th most populous state. In order to accommodate this growth under current land use policies, Virginia would lose an additional estimated 600 thousands acres of forests and farmland.

QUESTION: Given this information, how concerned are you about the impact of the current land use policies in your region and county?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
VERY CONCERNED	52%	56%	56%	56%	49%					
SW CONCERNED	28%	80%	26%	82%	29%	85%	33%	89%	39%	88%
NOT TOO CONCRD	13%	12%	11%	9%	10%					
NOT CONCERNED	6%	19%	6%	18%	3%	14%	2%	10%	2%	12%
NOT SURE	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%					

QUESTION: If current growth and land use policies continue over the next five years, would you say the quality of life in region/county will improve, deteriorate, or stay about the same?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
IMPROVE	10%	6%	9%	6%	3%
DETERIORATE	58%	65%	58%	75%	69%
SAME	31%	28%	32%	18%	28%
NOT SURE	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%

**Awareness And Attitude Towards Current Tools And Authority  
Given To Local Communities To Manage Their Growth And Protect Their Quality Of Life**

QUESTION: How familiar are you with laws and regulations that Virginia's state and local governments use to manage growth, development and land use: very familiar, somewhat, not too, not at all?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
VERY FAMILIAR	8%	13%	6%	13%	9%
SW FAMILIAR	39%	47%	40%	54%	44%
NOT TOO FAMILIAR	36%	40%	29%	45%	44%
NOT FAMILIAR	17%	53%	7%	46%	21%
NOT SURE	0%	-	-	-	-

QUESTION: How would you rate your local county government's efforts over the past several years to curb runaway sprawl and protect your quality of life in your county: excellent, pretty good, just fair, or poor?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
EXCELLENT	6%	7%	2%	1%	2%
PRETTY GOOD	23%	29%	24%	31%	21%
ONLY FAIR	39%	29%	24%	31%	23%
POOR	23%	62%	27%	64%	24%
UNDECIDED	9%	5%	10%	3%	10%

QUESTION: How would you rate the Virginia state government's efforts and support of local communities over the past several years to curb sprawl and protect your quality of life in your county: excellent, pretty good, just fair, or poor?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
EXCELLENT	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
PRETTY GOOD	23%	24%	15%	16%	19%
ONLY FAIR	37%	41%	39%	39%	38%
POOR	23%	60%	32%	73%	28%
UNDECIDED	16%	11%	13%	18%	18%

Now I'd like to read a brief statement:

Most states that have been impacted by tremendous growth, sprawl and a declining quality of life have adopted policies that empower local communities with a set of tools to better manage growth and development.. These tools promote protection of open space, farmland and forests, revitalize downtowns, create walkable communities, link development to transit, and reduce traffic. These policies and practices are commonly referred to as "Smart Growth"

Among the most common and useful tools that local communities use are:

- Adequate Public Facility Ordinances that empower local communities to delay development in specific areas until the infrastructure like schools, roads, water and sewer systems needed to support the development are built or improved.
- Impact fees which are paid by the developer of a specific project to help offset the cost to the taxpayer for building schools, roads and other infrastructure.
- State technical assistance, planning support and incentives to local communities that adopt smart growth policies.

The state of Virginia provides no such empowerment or assistance to local communities.

To address this lack of local input, the Virginia Coalition of High-Growth Communities, an alliance of Republican and Democratic officials from 25 city and county governments is asking the state legislature to empower local communities with the option to use these smart growth tools.

Supporters say that this legislation is critical to protect the quality of life in communities where schools and roads are already overcrowded and more unchecked growth will only further deteriorate the quality of life. Supporters also say that the development industries should pay its fair share for the infrastructure required to support their development projects, not the taxpayer.

Opponents say that this legislation would hurt land owner's property values, infringe on property rights, drive up the cost of housing, and hurt the development industries.

QUESTION: Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the Virginia state legislature empowering local communities to adopt 'Smart Growth' legislation to better manage growth and development? Is that strongly support/oppose or somewhat support/oppose?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
ST SUPPORT	36%	45%	40%	49%	38%					
SW SUPPORT	41%	76%	34%	79%	40%	80%	32%	81%	41%	79%
SW OPPOSE	14%	13%	14%	15%	15%					
ST OPPOSE	6%	20%	5%	18%	2%	16%	1%	16%	2%	18%
NOT SURE	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%					

QUESTION: Specifically, do you support or oppose the Virginia state legislature empowering local communities to adopt 'Adequate Public Facility Ordinances' so that communities may delay development in specific areas until the infrastructure like schools, roads, water and sewer systems needed to support the development are built or improved.?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
ST SUPPORT	43%	51%	55%	66%	51%					
SW SUPPORT	35%	78%	25%	76%	35%	90%	23%	89%	31%	82%
SW OPPOSE	12%	15%	6%	9%	12%					
ST OPPOSE	6%	18%	5%	20%	2%	8%	2%	11%	3%	16%
NOT SURE	4%	4%	2%	0%	2%					

QUESTION: Specifically, do you support or oppose the Virginia state legislature empowering local communities to adopt "impact fees" to lessen the taxpayer's burden and require developers to pay a greater share of the cost of infrastructure like schools, roads and other infrastructure.

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
ST SUPPORT	48%	49%	64%	63%	53%					
SW SUPPORT	34%	82%	34%	83%	26%	90%	21%	84%	30%	83%
SW OPPOSE	9%	9%	8%	13%	12%					
ST OPPOSE	6%	15%	5%	14%	1%	9%	2%	14%	2%	14%
NOT SURE	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%					

QUESTION: Do you support or oppose the state of Virginia providing local communities with technical assistance, planning support and incentives to adopt "Smart Growth" policies to better manage growth and development in the own communities?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
ST SUPPORT	47%	45%	59%	65%	54%					
SW SUPPORT	38%	84%	37%	82%	31%	89%	20%	85%	28%	82%
SW OPPOSE	8%	10%	9%	11%	13%					
ST OPPOSE	5%	13%	5%	15%	1%	9%	2%	13%	3%	16%
NOT SURE	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%					

QUESTION: Suppose the elections for state legislature were being held today and a candidate opposed legislation to empower local communities with the ability to adopt 'adequate public facility ordinances' and other 'smart growth' tools to better manage growth and development at the local level. Would that candidate's opposition to this legislation make you more likely or less likely to vote for that candidate? Is that much more likely, somewhat likely or somewhat less likely or much less likely?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
MUCH MORE	7%	5%	7%	10%	7%					
SW MORE	15%	22%	12%	17%	9%	16%	7%	17%	10%	17%
SW LESS	29%	30%	28%	32%	32%					
MUCH LESS	30%	59%	34%	64%	37%	64%	37%	70%	33%	65%
NOT SURE	19%	19%	19%	14%	19%					

QUESTION: How important a factor will a candidate's position on growth, land use and curbing sprawl be in your decision on who you vote for in the next local and statewide election?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
VERY IMP	39%	43%	39%	55%	51%					
SW IMP	42%	81%	46%	89%	45%	84%	37%	92%	40%	91%
NOT TOO IMP	12%	8%	9%	7%	7%					
NOT AT ALL IMP	5%	18%	2%	10%	7%	16%	1%	8%	1%	8%
NOT SURE	1%	1%	0%	-	1%					

**General Policy Agreement for High Impact Regions Only**

QUESTION: People have different opinions about the future direction of growth, land-use and transportation policy for Virginia's communities. I'm going to read two statements about these issues. Please tell me which one best represents your views. (ORDER ROTATED)

Here's statement A:

The current pace and type of growth in the county is needed to sustain our economy and job growth. In addition, it is unrealistic to think that re-development can meet the demand for housing and commercial space. It is also unrealistic to think that an emphasis on mass transit will solve the county's traffic problems. The solution to the county's traffic congestion is giving priority to building new highways. People who are opposed to development and road construction simply don't want it built in their own backyard.

Here's statement B:

The current type and pace of growth in the county is unsustainable and is deteriorating the quality of life. If current policies continue, we will simply repeat the mistakes of wasteful runaway sprawl and the resulting traffic congestion, overcrowded schools and poorer air and water quality. The solutions to sprawl are reinvestment in existing communities, improvements to existing roads and investment in mass transit. Building new major highways will only open more farms, forests and open space to wasteful sprawl, waste taxpayer's dollars and primarily benefit the development industry.

Now, which one of those statements best represents your views?

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV
STATEMENT A	33%	36%	29%	26%	21%
STATEMENT B	53%	54%	61%	60%	57%
DK/NEITHER	14%	11%	10%	14%	22%

Now I'd like to read a few brief statements and I would appreciate your telling me if you agree or disagree with each.

STATEMENT: Building more roads will not solve the traffic congestion problem but only lead to more development and traffic congestion. The real solution to our traffic problems is to stop runaway sprawl and better plan and manage growth.

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
ST AGREE	41%	37%	45%	47%	42%					
SW AGREE	34%	75%	37%	74%	28%	70%				
SW DISAGREE	14%	15%	10%	22%	27%					
ST DISAGREE	9%	23%	9%	24%	10%	20%	2%	24%	2%	28%
NOT SURE	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%				

STATEMENT: In order to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution, I support providing tax incentives to employees to use van pools, metro rail and other forms of mass transit.

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
ST AGREE	47%	47%	45%	52%	40%					
SW AGREE	29%	76%	35%	82%	29%	74%	24%	76%	33%	73%
SW DISAGREE	13%	9%	14%	20%	23%					
ST DISAGREE	10%	23%	8%	17%	12%	25%	3%	22%	1%	24%
NOT SURE	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%					

STATEMENT: I am concerned that the current pace of growth and sprawl is threatening the quality of life in my county.

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
ST AGREE	45%	46%	45%	66%	52%					
SW AGREE	29%	74%	30%	76%	30%	76%	17%	83%	24%	77%
SW DISAGREE	16%	13%	12%	14%	19%					
ST DISAGREE	9%	24%	9%	23%	11%	22%	2%	16%	4%	23%
NOT SURE	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%					

STATEMENT: I am concerned that local government's use of zoning and land use policies are reducing the value of land-owners property and development industry's right to develop land as they see fit.

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
ST AGREE	23%	8%	37%	22%	26%					
SW AGREE	18%	41%	13%	21%	23%	60%	18%	40%	15%	42%
SW DISAGREE	38%	46%	26%	37%	50%					
ST DISAGREE	18%	56%	28%	74%	11%	37%	22%	58%	5%	55%
NOT SURE	4%	5%	3%	1%	3%					

STATEMENT: Our region will greatly benefit from reinvesting in and revitalizing our older cities and towns. This would provide a host of benefits: It would focus development where it is needed and wanted; it would provide new housing and economic growth; it would reduce the burden that taxpayers currently pay to subsidize developer projects where infrastructure doesn't exist, and reduce road traffic by providing convenient access to mass transit.

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
ST AGREE	46%	44%	52%	45%	39%					
SW AGREE	38%	83%	37%	82%	27%	80%	36%	82%	45%	84%
SW DISAGREE	9%	9%	16%	15%	12%					
ST DISAGREE	5%	14%	7%	16%	2%	18%	1%	17%	2%	14%
NOT SURE	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%					

STATEMENT: I am concerned that the growth and land use policies of the neighboring counties in Virginia are or will soon negatively impact the quality of life in my county.

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
ST AGREE	39%	32%	44%	36%	34%					
SW AGREE	25%	64%	28%	60%	28%	72%	29%	65%	30%	64%
SW DISAGREE	24%	29%	14%	28%	30%					
ST DISAGREE	9%	33%	9%	38%	13%	27%	4%	32%	3%	34%
NOT SURE	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%					

STATEMENT: In order to preserve Virginia's rich rural character, as well as its historic and cultural heritage, I support investment and re-development in existing residential and commercial centers in Virginia's small towns and communities.

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
ST AGREE	50%	48%	55%	47%	39%					
SW AGREE	35%	85%	33%	81%	35%	91%	43%	90%	48%	87%
SW DISAGREE	8%	12%	7%	8%	10%					
ST DISAGREE	5%	13%	6%	18%	0%	8%	1%	10%	2%	11%
NOT SURE	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%					

STATEMENT: In order to preserve Virginia's rural heritage and way of life, I support policies that promote Virginia's agricultural, forestry and other natural resource based industries.

	VA	NVA	HR	CP	LV					
ST AGREE	56%	51%	59%	58%	56%					
SW AGREE	35%	90%	39%	90%	29%	88%	35%	93%	37%	93%
SW DISAGREE	8%	8%	11%	6%	5%					
ST DISAGREE	1%	9%	1%	9%	0%	11%	0%	6%	1%	6%
NOT SURE	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%					

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STATEMENT: I support promoting Virginia's agricultural, forestry and other natural resource based industries so that landowners have an economic incentive to keep their lands as working farms, forests and open space.

	VA	NVA		HR	CP		LV			
ST AGREE	56%	52%		64%	74%		67%			
SW AGREE	33%	89%	34%	86%	28%	93%	17%	91%	25%	92%
SW DISAGREE	9%	11%		6%	7%		7%			
ST DISAGREE	1%	10%	2%	13%	1%	6%	1%	8%	1%	8%
NOT SURE	1%	1%		1%	1%		1%			

STATEMENT: Building new major highways will open up farms and forests to development and result in increased traffic congestion.

	VA	NVA		HR	CP		LV			
ST AGREE	44%	38%		50%	49%		46%			
SW AGREE	26%	69%	28%	65%	19%	69%	23%	72%	25%	71%
SW DISAGREE	21%	23%		17%	24%		26%			
ST DISAGREE	8%	29%	11%	33%	12%	29%	3%	26%	2%	28%
NOT SURE	2%	1%		2%	1%		1%			

**DEMOGRAPHICS:**

- What is your age?	18-34	98	(15.7%)
	35-49	215	(34.3%)
	50-64	162	(25.9%)
	65+	147	(23.5%)
	Refused	4	(0.6%)

- What is the highest level of education you have completed?

High School or less	158	(25.2%)
Some College/Technical School	138	(22.0%)
College Graduate	229	(36.6%)
Graduate Degree	95	(15.2%)
Refused	6	(1.0%)

- How long have you lived in the Virginia?

Less than 10 years	95	(15.2%)
10-19 years	95	(15.2%)
20+ years	433	(69.2%)
Refused	3	(0.5%)

- How would you describe the community where you live?

City/Urban	169	(27.0%)
Suburban	261	(41.7%)
Small town	100	(16.0%)
Rural	89	(14.2%)
DK/Refused	7	(1.1%)

- Is your race:

White/Caucasian	527	(84.2%)
Black/African-American	85	(13.6%)
Hispanic, Asian or Other	7	(1.1%)
Refused (NOT READ)	7	(1.1%)

- NOTE SEX:

Male	308	(49.2%)
Female	318	(50.8%)

- NOTE REGION:

Northern Virginia	171	(27.3%)
Piedmont/Shenandoah	87	(13.9%)
Richmond Metro	87	(13.9%)
Hampton Roads	134	(21.4%)
Lynchburg/Southside	74	(11.8%)
Roanoke/Southwest	73	(11.7%)

## Definition of High Impact Regions

<p><b>Northern Virginia Region</b></p> <p><i>Arlington County</i></p> <p><i>City of Alexandria</i></p> <p><i>Fairfax County</i></p> <p><i>Loudon County</i></p> <p><i>Prince William County</i></p>	<p><b>Hampton Roads</b></p> <p><i>City of Norfolk</i></p> <p><i>City of Portsmouth</i></p> <p><i>City of Virginia Beach</i></p> <p><i>City of Chesapeake</i></p> <p><i>City of Suffolk County</i></p> <p><i>City of Hampton</i></p> <p><i>City Posquoson</i></p> <p><i>City of Williamsburg</i></p> <p><i>York County</i></p> <p><i>James City County</i></p>
<p><b>Lower Valley Region</b></p> <p><i>City of Winchester</i></p> <p><i>City of Harrisonburg</i></p> <p><i>Frederick County</i></p> <p><i>Warren County</i></p> <p><i>Page County</i></p> <p><i>Shenandoah County</i></p> <p><i>Rockingham County</i></p>	<p><b>Central Piedmont</b></p> <p><i>City of Charlottesville</i></p> <p><i>City of Fredericksburg</i></p> <p><i>Albemarle County</i></p> <p><i>Spotsylvania County</i></p> <p><i>Orange County</i></p> <p><i>Culpeper County</i></p>