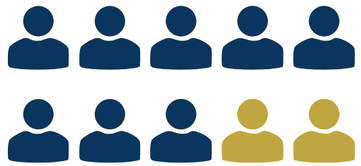
MONTCO 2050 Feedback Snapshot: Open Space and the Environment

The top concern related to the environment was preserving open space.

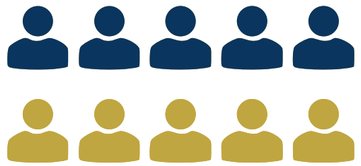


77%

identified loss of tree cover or open space as their major environmental concern.

When asked what they find valuable about open space, the top answers were:

- **Biodiversity and wildlife habitat**
- **Having undeveloped land**
- **Public access and community use**



Air and water quality were a top concern for over half of respondents.

(51% air, 52% water)

When asked if they had ever been impacted by an environmental or infrastructure hazard, the most common hazards were:

- **Flooding**
- **Power outages**

Many respondents were very concerned about weather-related impacts of climate change:

"The Canadian wildfire smoke shut us inside for a few days. We're concerned about heavy metals and PFAs in the water."

"We have experienced more frequent power loss over the past 5 years. Additionally, flooding has been of a higher concern than it once was."

"A storm knocked out our power for 36 hours and we were lucky the weather was mild after."

"[**Open space should be**] green space, free of developed buildings etc. for communal use that is PERMANENTLY protected."

"Open space is valuable as a greenhouse gas emissions sink, stormwater management control, plant & animal habitat, and recreational opportunity."