

# Findings At-a-Glance: 2016 Ridgewood Needs Assessment of Older Adults

In 2015-2016, the Ridgewood Community Center Advisory Board conducted a survey to learn about the assets and needs of older adults, aged 55 years and older who live in Ridgewood, NJ. More than 700 older adults in Ridgewood participated and shared their opinions. The information below provides a brief summary of some of the findings from this survey.

## HOUSING

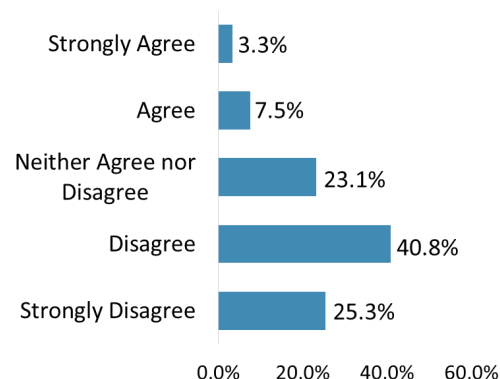
### ASSETS

- Property value
- Curb appeal
- Important to quality of life

### NEEDS

- Lower taxes for older adults
- Housing options that are affordable and smaller in scale
- Support services for property maintenance

*Percentage of agreement that Ridgewood has excellent housing options for adults aged 55 years and older*



## 5 KEY FACTS

**66.7%** Feel there are not enough affordable housing options

**60.4%** Feel there are not enough housing options

**58.8%** Favor age-restricted housing

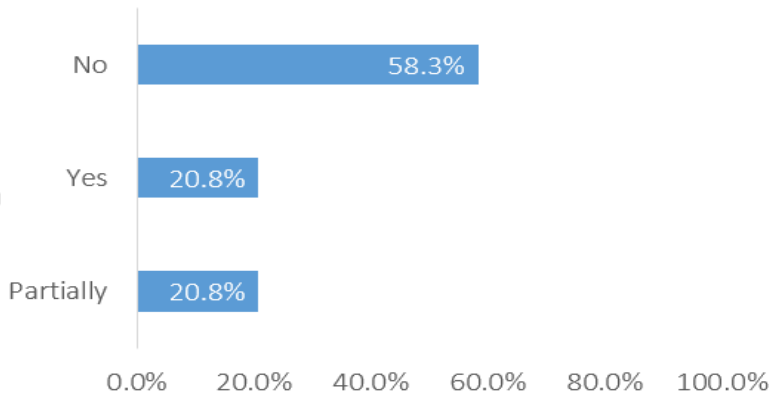
**23.2%** Plan to leave Ridgewood

**19.8%** Need support to maintain their home

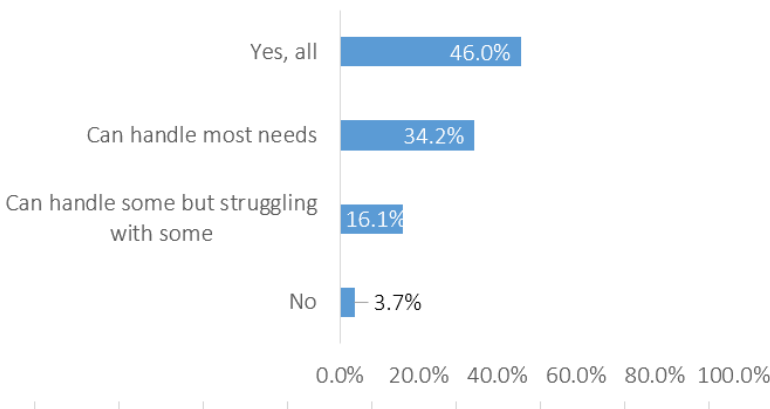


# HOUSING ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Percentage reporting that their home as it is today suitable if they were to develop physical limitations (e.g., bedroom on main floor, wheelchair-accessible doorways, manageable stairs)



Percentage reporting that they are able to handle the maintenance needs of their home either by performing oneself or arranging for others to help



Percentage who would like to stay in Ridgewood if they decided to downsize

