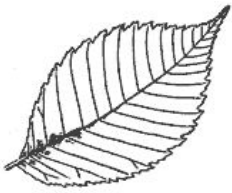


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## **Attitudes Towards Climate Change and Carbon Sequestration**

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The attached survey summary reflects statistics from all respondents to the 2010 Massachusetts Woodland Owner Survey on attitudes towards climate change and carbon sequestration. This summary report was provided to survey respondents who were interested in receiving results.



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## Attitudes Towards Climate Change & Carbon Sequestration

### Facts about Respondents

- 🌲 402 woodland owners responded to the survey, or 43% of all who received the survey
- 🌲 Most people (68%) live on their woodland
- 🌲 73% of respondents were older than 55 years old
- 🌲 73% were male

### Harvesting History & Future Harvesting Plans

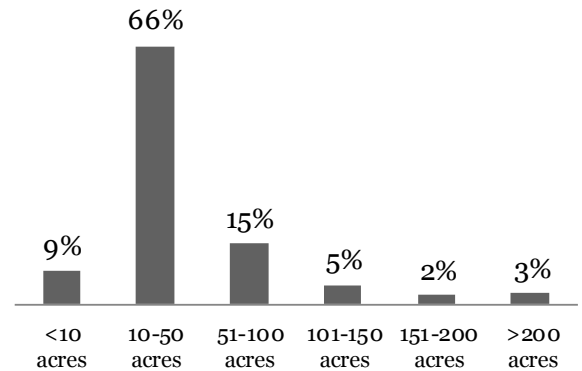
- 🌲 43% said that **trees have been harvested** and sold from their land since they owned it.
- 🌲 52% said they **planned on harvesting and selling trees** from their land in the future.

### Carbon Sequestration Programs

- 🌲 60% of all respondents said that they **would not enroll** their woodland in any type of carbon sequestration program.

### Amount of Woodland Owned

- 🌲 Most respondents own less than 50 acres:



### Reasons for Owning Woodland

- 🌲 **At least half** of all respondents said that the following are **very important** reasons to own their woodland:
  - 🌱 To enjoy beauty or scenery
  - 🌱 To protect nature and biologic diversity
  - 🌱 For privacy
  - 🌱 As part of a home or vacation home
  - 🌱 To protect land from development

### Climate Change Opinion Questions

|                                                                                                    | AGREE | NEUTRAL | DISAGREE | DON'T KNOW |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|----------|------------|
| Human activity is causing climate change at unprecedented rates                                    | 60%   | 13%     | 21%      | 6%         |
| Forests can help to reduce the impact of climate change                                            | 79%   | 8%      | 6%       | 7%         |
| Cap-and-trade legislation would be the best way to reduce overall emissions from current polluters | 14%   | 11%     | 28%      | 47%        |
| A carbon tax legislation would be the best way to reduce overall emissions from current polluters  | 24%   | 12%     | 28%      | 36%        |