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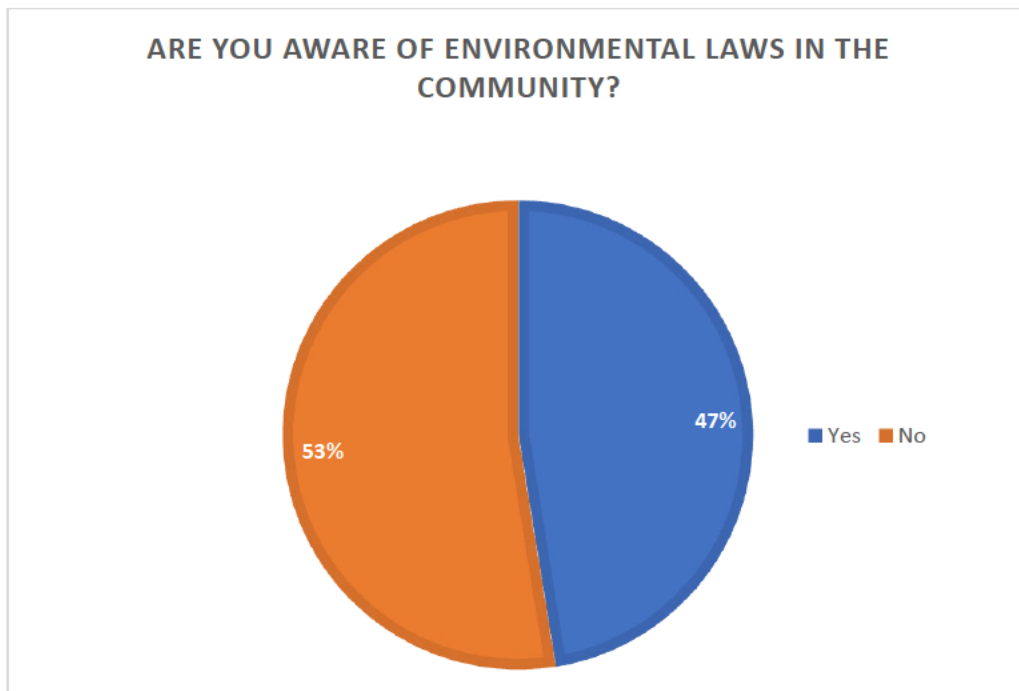


Environment Survey Results

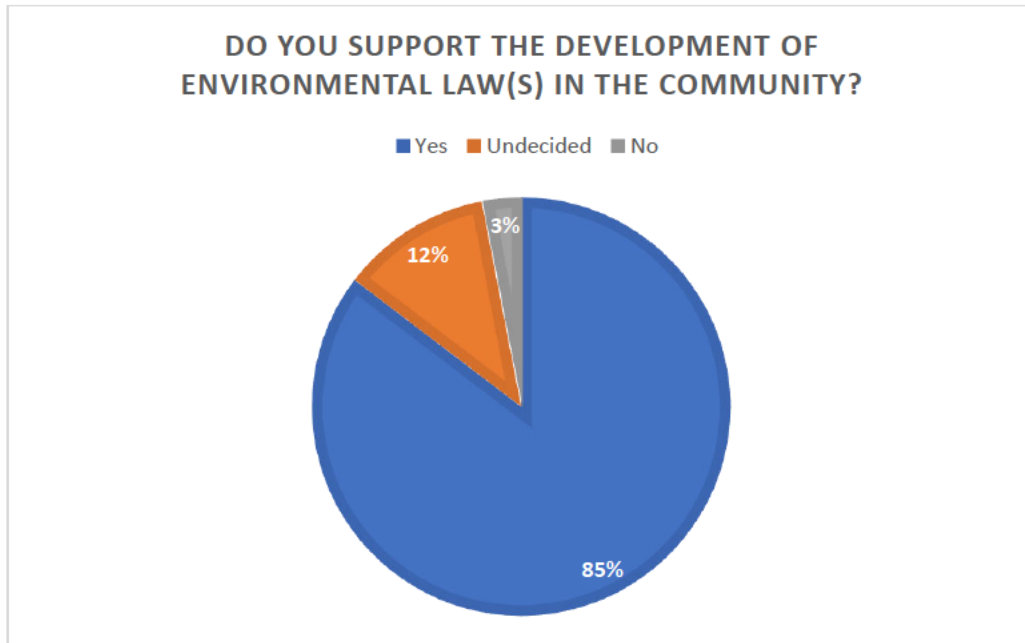
Survey Dates: February 22 – March 11, 2022

Number of Respondents: 200

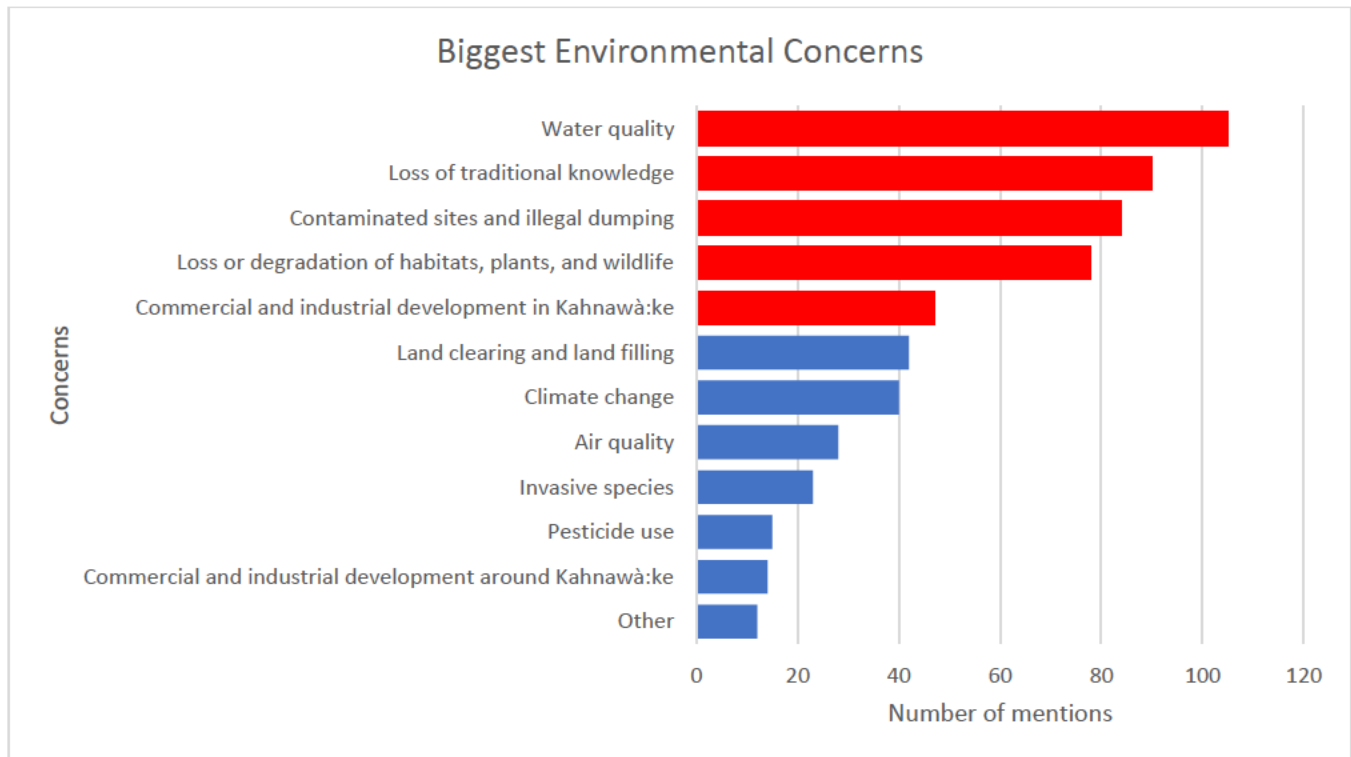
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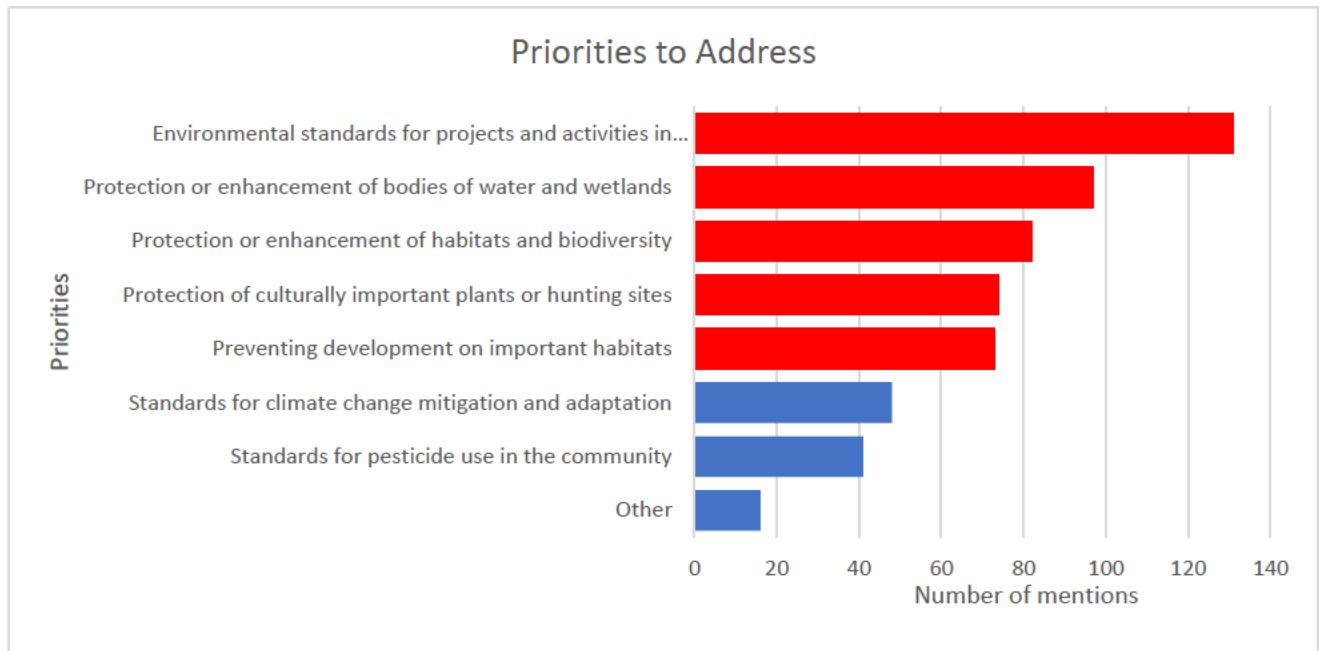
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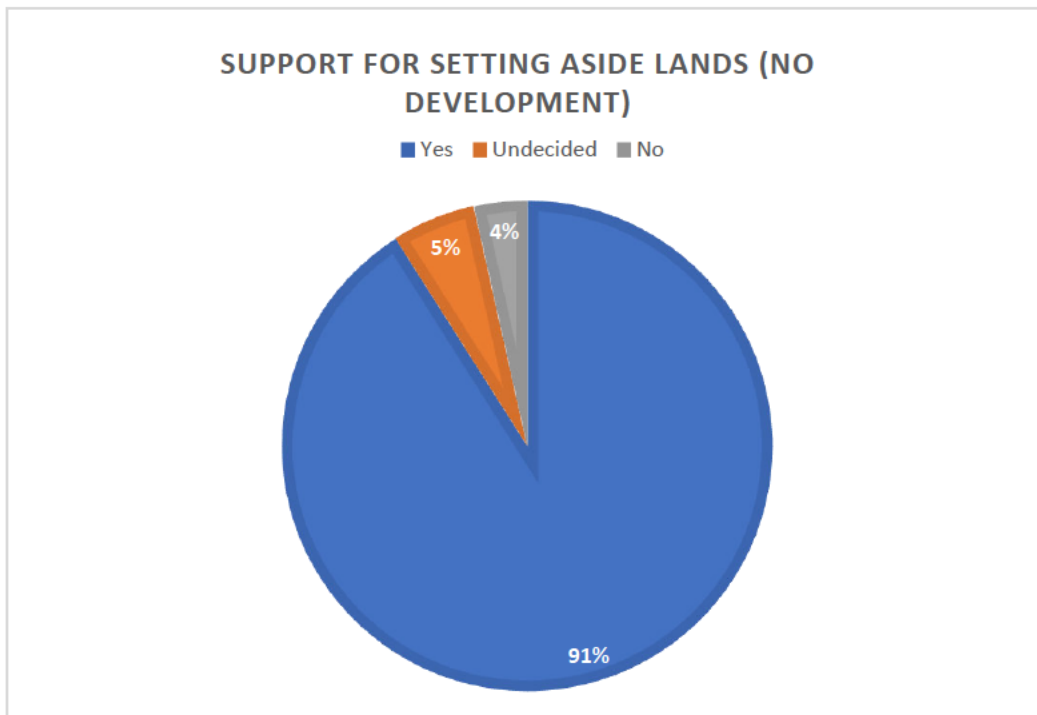
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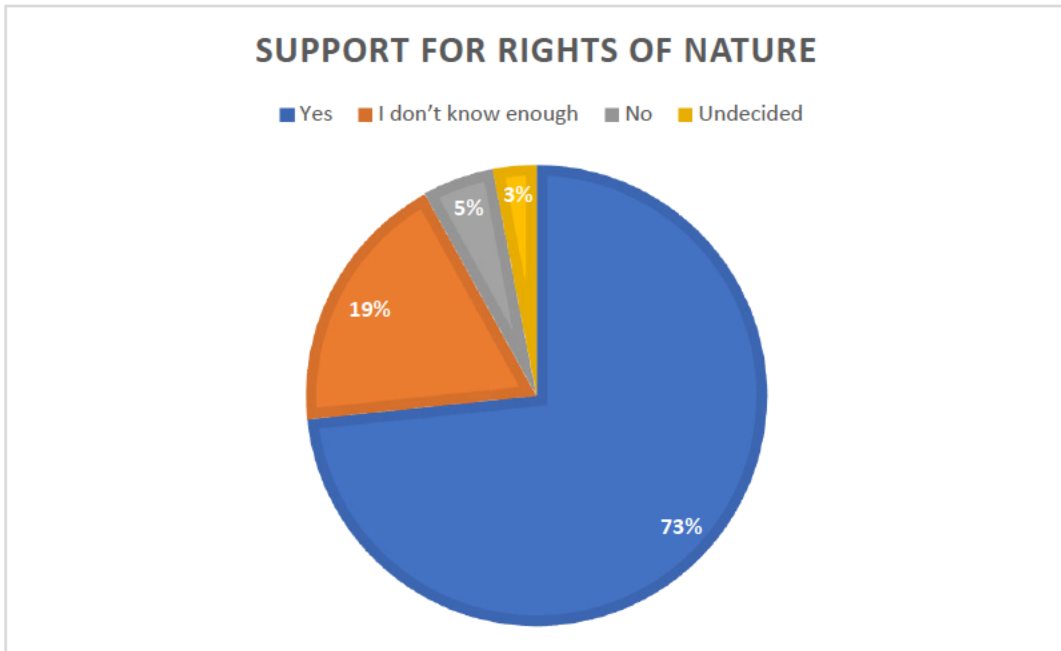
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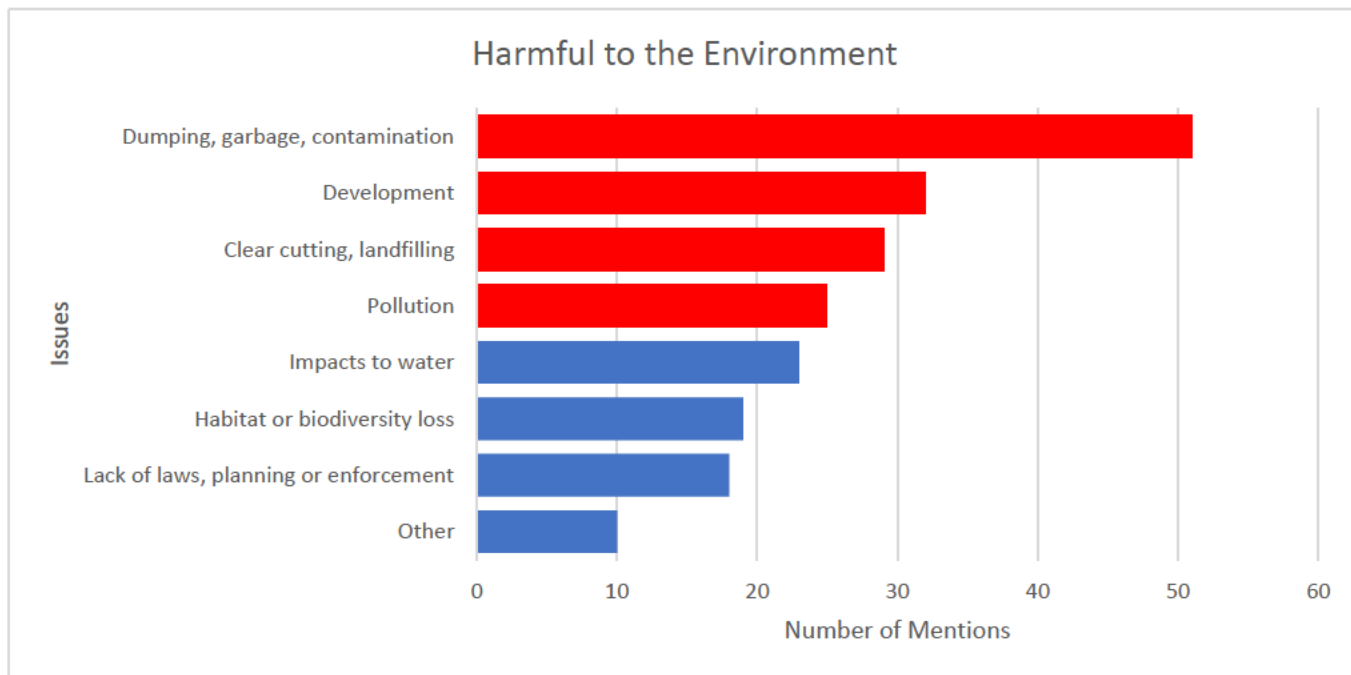
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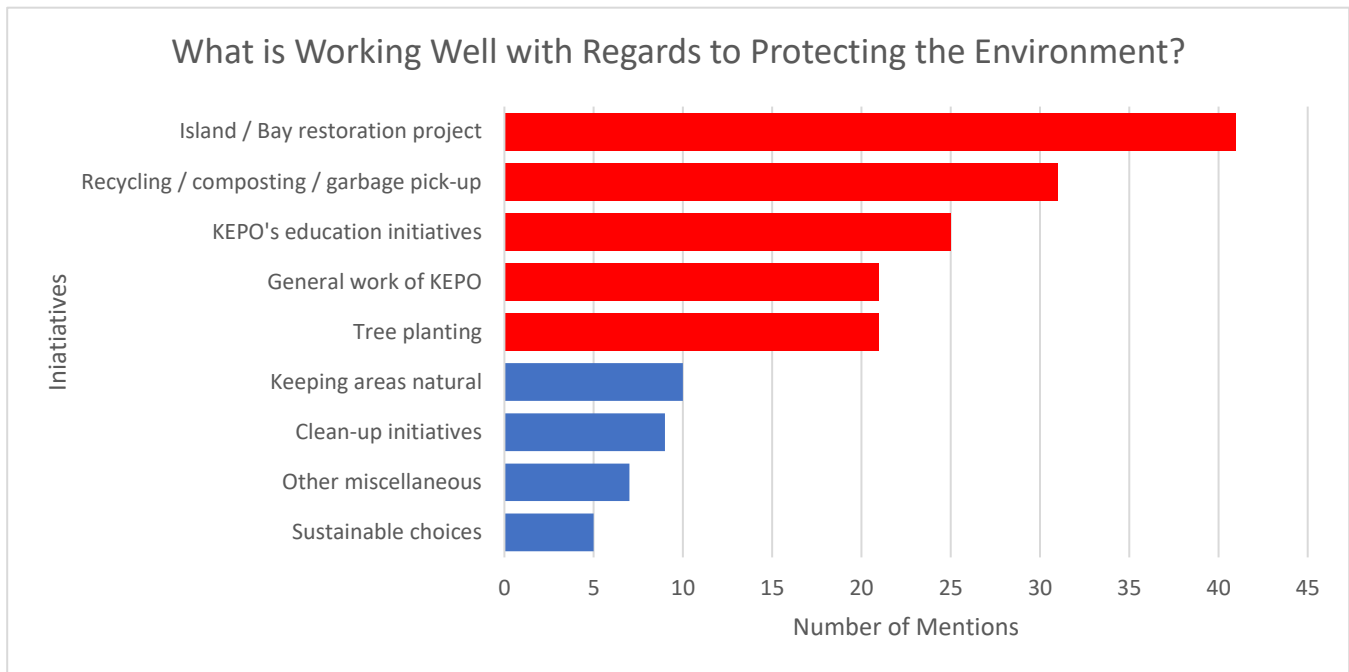
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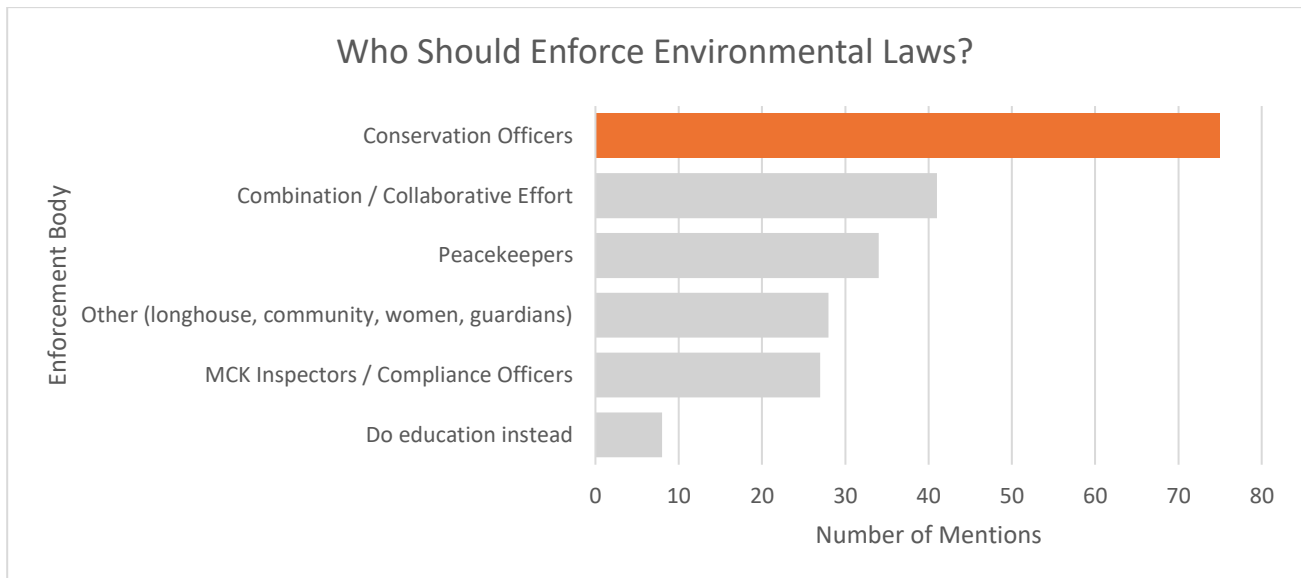
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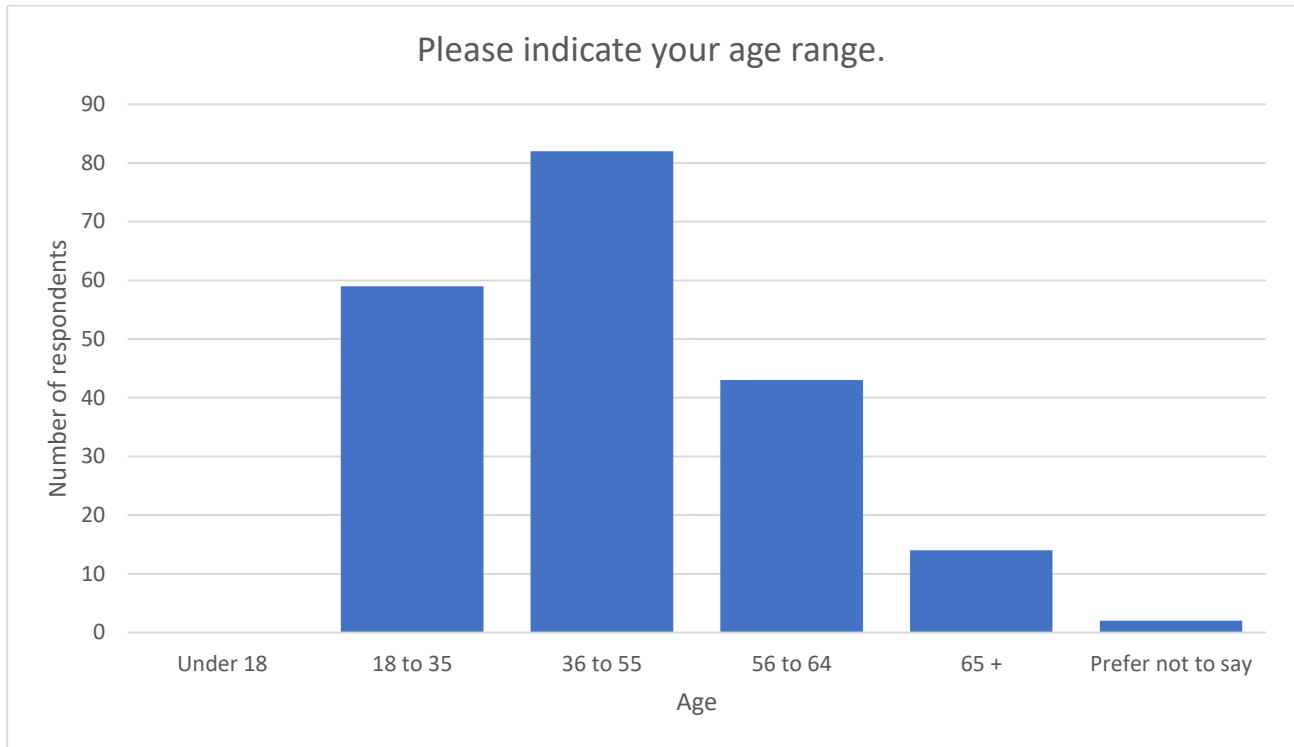
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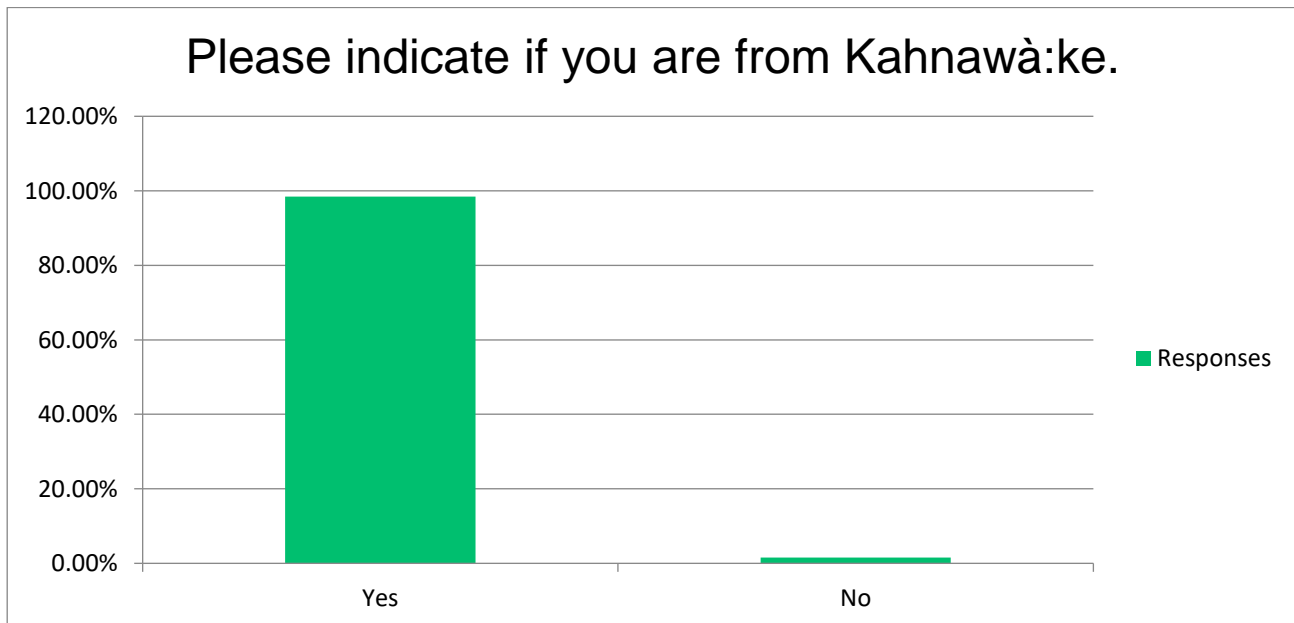
9. If environmental laws are implemented in Kahnawà:ke, please provide feedback on how they should be enforced (e.g. Guardians, Conservation Officers, Compliance Officers, Peacekeepers, etc.)?



10. Please indicate your age range.



11. Please indicate if you are from Kahnawà:ke.



APPENDIX: Survey Comments

1. Are you aware of environmental laws in the community (past, current, traditional)?

- Yes, even though we are onkwehonwe and were given original instructions to acknowledge everything in creation and thank them for continuing to carry out what they were instructed to do, with all the years of colonialism and assimilation there has been a shift in our collective consciousness that has unfortunately broken the continuity through the generations and greatly diminished our ability to care for the natural world as we should. But we share the same struggle with all human beings today to remember our original instructions and put them into daily practice for life to continue into the future.
- I'm kind of aware of some but not in any real detail
- I only know of the sanitary conditions law, the town dump law and the tioweroton zoning law... i have some knowledge on traditional laws but that's totally diff
- Yes, but none that are truly enforced.
- I was more familiar with them in the past
- Aware but not in any detail
- Not all
- I don't know the laws other than common sense
- I am aware of some of the environmental laws in our community.
- not all of the environmental laws.
- not really, kinda, could always learn more
- i am aware of common sense things to keep our community clean.
- Some
- somewhat
- Landfill, One Spoon
- Reduce, reuse, recycle.
- I'd like to know more about past environmental laws passed in town.
- That land allotments in the 40s were dictated by how far the chimney smoke went, so that you didn't disturb your neighbours.
- sanitary conditions
- Not aware of MCK laws but am aware of natural common sense laws according to our culture.
- Not clear on all the rules, somewhat aware
- Certain laws apply to certain people in the community
- Where can I find a copy of these laws.
- limited
- Didn't know there were laws, I'm aware of guidelines and best practices
- not all but some
- our traditional responsibility to protect Mother Earth and is one of our most important principles
- some but not all
- Not sure that they can be characterized as Environmental Laws

2. Do you support the development of environmental law(s) in the community?

- If laws are made, who has the final say? If new laws are created, is the future thought about when applying these laws? or Are they just being thought of what is going on currently?
- I think that environmental laws are necessary and can help ensure that here in Kahnawake what biodiversity still exists can survive and thrive into the future. If we don't act now to protect the natural world it can be likened to ignoring to care for a sick loved one who will perish when they can be spared. But of course if the natural world is allowed to perish then we who depend upon all life will meet the same fate.
- With lots of communication about what they are, why we need them, and how they will effect us
- Yes, within reasonable limitations
- Yes! Nothing is more important than the protection of Mother Earth.
- We have to keep our community safe for future generations
- It's to bad some people have forgotten their roles
- It would depend if any of our rights would be take away
- It is needed. A cigarette factory next to people's homes is not safe.
- What are the laws?
- It is up to our community to keep it healthy!
- "our cultural value and worldview, and honoring our relations with the natural world" That is our law, or original instructions. Creating new laws because many have lost that connection to the natural world doesn't sit right. Teaching and learning to live from the land will recreate that bond and respect for the land.
- We need stronger protective laws
- Depends, should always meet with community before making decisions for the community.
- It is necessary.
- With community consultation
- Not just in the community but in Tioweroton
- 100%
- I support the development of environmental laws and regulations provided the laws and regulations are based solely on proven and documented science and not based on current societal trends or beliefs and should NEVER be created out of political expediency or for political theater. I believe that any laws/regulations should weigh the short and long term positive environmental effects against any hardships that may result for individuals when the law is enacted. The law/regulation should provide processes for the mitigation of any resulting losses or changes to peoples' pre-existing business and/or lifestyle. Although usually more difficult, time consuming and costly, I believe the larger, more prevalent aspects of environmental issues must be dealt with first, before dealing with lesser and more specific issues. Examples; Don't ban wood stoves for home owners or restaurants when nothing has been done to seriously address the use of fossil fuel consumption in automobiles/small engines, home heating, etc., Don't ban or restrict individuals from fishing with rod and reel to preserve species at risk when nothing has been done to regulate commercial fishing and/or nothing has been done to prevent habitat destruction by chemical contamination due to farming, industrial by-products or sewage.
- Though I don't support the MCK's jurisdiction over such things.
- Would need examples to answer that.

- As long as the laws do not infringe on rights and freedoms.
- Only if community is involved, laws should not restrict/hinder growth and development. We did not create the current environmental problems that exist, therefore we are not subject to external policies, laws, etc.
- With our community's growth and advancement of understanding of laws, this is a strong move.
- Who will be empowered to enforce ? Will the fines be a deterrent?
- Application of Pesticides Law is needed
- Especially zoning

3. What are your biggest environmental concerns in Kahnawà:ke? Pick three (3) items from the list.

- Preservation of prehistoric sites within and around Kahnawake. Preservation of the wild animals around us. I think all the points in here are concerns. Especially air quality due to the heavy pollution we have.
- Poor soil
- I want to select traditional knowledge, but it seems limited to only land water animals plants and medicines and I think it goes far beyond that when we're talking about the rights and responsibilities that we hold for caring for our lands that is no longer the talk of the kitchen table.
- Abandoned lots, specifically those with houses which contribute to litter accumulation on the land, rodents, soil degradation, mold, overgrowth of weeds, etc.
- More education of community on respecting and protecting our land, water, and air.
- These are all important concerns. to make some more important than others in not productive
- All are important.
- All of the above
- Herbicide runoffs from the surrounding farmlands of St-Isidore, St-Constant that connect to the Suzanne River. Herbicides from the golf courses. Suzuki Foundation identified possible links between herbicides and autism.
- Chicken coops in residential areas that attract rats
- We should not have environmental policies that restrict growth and development
- I couldn't decide on 3, as all are important.

4. What are the priority areas that should be addressed first? Pick three (3) from the list below and/or add others not on the list.

- Not necessarily other priorities, but people's land that may be part of these protected areas, will they be able to use their land or is this for common lands? If it is their land, will they be able to use and if not, will they be given land back in the same size that is protected?
- More opportunities to learn and continued sharing of knowledge/information around our territory, the medicinal plants, and what's happening to it.
- A framework that addresses caretaking would encompass all of that. I think protection of habitats and biodiversity cover most of the other choices besides standards. As a third option, this framework would be sort of a regulatory type of document that can easily be modified as our community evolves. Laws become outdated quickly and people eventually find ways to "beat the system".
- Environment protection in Tioweroton.

- We need to start planting sites of trees. Trees that are at least 10 ft tall. Not little saplings like the tree give away. We need to start making forests again and not concrete everywhere.
- Composting (you have done a great job so far, I think more households/businesses/orgs need to get on board)
- Follow up on existing issues like past illegal dumping sites, scrap yards, the quarry, air quality from the highways, herbicide use on the numerous golf courses, winter salting effects etc.
- Picking only three from this list will not allow for very conclusive data
- Expanding the land base of our community, so we have enough space to live (house our families, develop businesses and a space to maintain our connection to the land (medicines, hunting, fishing)
- Zoning and regulations for private & public lands, limit the monopoly of land ownership, more energy smart community.
- My main concern at this point the disappointment of more signs and rules being adapted here, too similar to a municipality, ie no swimming here, don't do this, can't do that. I would mainly like to see a crackdown on illegal dumping in the community first.
- Engagement and cooperation with community members. Eliminate double standards where friends/relatives of the MCK get special treatment. Everyone knows this is true
- Option 2, 3, and 7 are almost the same. For option 4 I don't think people should really be hunting with guns since the territory is rather small for that type of activity. More focus on restoring some of the contaminated areas. Maybe clean up the asbestos first.
- Create our own standards that won't be restrictive to growth and development
- Again 3 was not enough, all are important.

5. Do you support setting aside certain common lands for wildlife habitat and traditional activities (i.e. no development)?

- Lands should be set aside and kept as natural as possible for the benefit of current and future generations.
- There should also be a buffer between the highways and our homes
- We are to take only what we need
- We don't have enough land. Isn't that what Doncaster is for?
- And access more lands to accomplish
- Yes, we needs lands just for that purpose alone.
- Yes especially in Tioweroton, council is allowing too many people to be building cabins!! There is going to be nothing left soon! If a family has a cabin, they should be sharing it! We need places to get back to land based activities for our people, this is how we can support mental health and addictions programs. Please do something and reserve spaces for land activites and Please reconsider the amount of cabins that are being allowed to build in Tioweroton, pretty soon we are going to have nothing left and this is some we can control at least!
- Yes but we dont have much land left and need to concentrat on getting more natural land back so we can do all that fun outdoor stuff like pick healthy medicine and hunt and fish clean environments
- Many community members do not trust MCK. Many years ago land past the tunnel was supposed to be developed for industrial purposes and small businesses, that didn't happen. It's a good idea, but I've heard

terrible stories lately of MCK stopping people from building after they invested in the purchase of very expensive land.

- Is there enough space for wildlife?
- Make them protected areas
- Large areas of land are already landlocked or the estates are unsettled with numerous owners. These lands are already serving that purpose. All common lands in Kahnawake need to be available for future housing. Kahnawake is only a speck of dust on the Canadian map. We need to think of our people first. Kahnawake needs to acquire more land before setting aside common lands for wildlife.
- Not necessary, plenty of undeveloped lands and wildlife in Kahnawake
- Difficult to be certain as there needs a balance between economic growth and development and our habitats.
- Its too bad that many of our youth are unaware of environmental concerns and should be aware.

6. Would you support giving rights to our relations in nature (e.g. rivers, wetlands, forests, species, etc.) as a way to protect them from environmental degradation or contamination? Some examples of legal rights for nature could include the right to be free of pollution and exempt from development/disruption.

- Does this mean owned properties that are not common lands?
- Excuse my language but hell yeah! It's horrible to think that corporations can be given rights of personhood but the natural world just remains expendable resources! It's too bad that man made laws favor few people in positions of power and corporate entities. It's sad to say we have to make environmental laws. Our people once followed natural law, if you pollute the water you have to drink it, and everyone and every living thing has to suffer for your crime.
- With lots and lots and lots of communication and community outreach to make sure everyone understands what this is and why we are doing it
- Yes, within a realistic limitation. Weighing the needs of humanity vs nature is always going to be a tumultuous subject, but there is a way that we can create an environment where we can coexist with balance. We just need to work together on developing it harmoniously.
- They had the rights long before us some have forgotten.
- I believe it is very important to have a balance with nature.
- I do agree, but I also don't know enough about this concept.
- Are you out of your mind?
- These rights exist already; Ohenton Kariwahtekwen; people dont know their responsibilities
- I'd rather have more nature, and less development.
- Please support traditional teachings on hunting for animals! Protect the moose and deer from being over killed.
- They already have rights, pretty soon someone will fight to take it away, doesn't make sense to me.
- Only on common lands
- Most definitely. I think it's one of the most important things on our to do list as onkwehón:we.
- Is this a real question? We have lack of housing, diminishing land base, economy based on government funding and cigarettes. Definately no.

- Anthromorphising nature is a slippery slope. We as defenders of Mother Earth can defend and protect our land as a treasured resource for the next seven generations without confusing human law with natural rights.
- We need growth and development, minimize restrictions.
- More dialog would be needed
- Educating the youth is going to have to be made priority.

7. Please describe anything happening in the community right now that you think may be particularly harmful to the natural environment and its inhabitants?

- I'm kind of concerned about the island with all the construction taking place
- Pollution, development
- Garbage near and around the water ways. Pollution from the car dismantle building next to the old kss. Pollution from the highways, railroads and Seaway. Mass tree cutting for businesses. Destruction of wetlands and water ways such as the dirty creeks.
- Growing up here in our community, I have seen over the years many habitats and biodiversity change, degrade or disappear. It really saddens me from a personal point of view, it's like seeing old friends disappear. But it's more terrifying to see all the changes through the years and wonder if there will be anything left for my children, and their future generations. The creeks are dying, where fields once were have been developed over time. Habitat and clean waterways are a great concern, especially with regards to how people often disregard the fact that they are important too.
- Landfill in general and how private lands are being misused or damaged for future generations.
- Kitchen grease dumping
- The inability to enforce laws related to clean soil and contaminated sites
- The continued pollution through the seaway
- The ■■■ quarry taking more land and clear cutting the greenery that was there
- The use of ATC in public areas (bike paths and green spaces)
- Nothing comes to mind
- The environmental laws not being beneficial for sustainability of the area.
- Indiscriminate clearing of land and filling of wetlands. No environmental standards for businesses. Environmental standards not being followed by certain MCK units.
- I find that there is a need to develop lands that is very superficial. Things like access roads, etc. There have to be better ways to balance development/protection of lands.
- Scrap yard pollution
- There is quite a bit of illegal dumping throughout the community.
- Continued land clearing by two certain families ■■■■■ for NO PURPOSE other than having huge, clear lots. Disgusting! Continued land clearing and pesticide use for the sake of golf clubs. Damage to creeks, streams, ponds, and rivers by landowners who do not know the importance of these bodies of water.
- Development on/near hunting/fishing lands, land filling wetlands, destroying beaver dams, and habitat fragmentation (due to development).
- Sites with contaminated landfill and illegal dumping
- Pete the poison man continues to provide services in Kahnawake, despite being told not to do so in the past. He should not be allowed to come into Kahnawake.
- Gravel roads, dust pollution

- Littering/illegal dumping/lack of recycling options.
- Littering is a big one. It's sad to see beer cans, trash and water bottles/plastic on the ground.
- Illegal dumping and disposal of hydrocarbons (oil/gas)
- The use of the trains carrying oil, only a matter of time before a major incident. The carries should use another bridge to transport the oil.
- Private owners, cigarette stores, factories, distillery. How are any law monitoring on any discharge, or refuse.
- Garbage dumping along seaway road.
- All invasive species in the area including bugs, birds and fish that shouldn't be here
- Overfishing. ([REDACTED] has been wrecking our fish stocks for decades.)
- Putting up big buildings for business and bringing in outsiders and destroying the land around
- Cigarette factory's dumping their product waste on the land. They should have a professional waste company remove the waste and dispose of it properly.
- Too much waste distribution, more composting is needed as well. Cutting and clearing trees in areas that have been un-touched for years and putting buildings up. Not enough gardens. Not enough people who are understanding the sovereignty of the current climate change.
- the quarry projects, the dust and pollution is extremely bad for air quality - especially for 207 residents.
- The factory behind KSS
- No more train tracks. I don't know
- The emerald ash borer and it's destruction to Ash trees. Without ash trees we lose ash baskets and without ash baskets that means we could potentially lose the art and knowledge of making them.
- Smoke/waste from factories. Factories/buildings popping up. No community regulations.
- People using pesticides, throwing plastics in the water, & some habitat loss for wildlife.
- High use of fossil fuels, large gas guzzling vehicles, co2 emissions are increasing due to poor attitudes regarding the environment, trees are being cut down without regard to air quality, fires and fire pits are adding to poor air quality, public electric vehicle charging stations,
- The turtle nesting along the 207. when they cleaned out the ditches they did not take time to investigate if and were turtles nesting
- Can't think of any
- Asbestos that was dumped in residential areas. Poor quality of water in the seaway. Lack of safe places for animals to cross highways.
- Polluting- Throwing garbage/Recycling items on the ground.
- There is a lot of unlawful dumping around the boundary lines of the surrounding boroughs
- Observed that Tewa provides a great service in giving community members the opportunity to become business owners, but they don't seem to factor environmental requirements/needs in to their approvals. (it is possible, as I have also observed through MCK where "it's people's personal land and we can't tell them what to do with it". I think that is a big problem as, while I can understand that, I think many people don't consider the environment in their decisions or care enough to ensure the environment in their plans). Much clearing and/or filling of land, taking away much needed habitat for nature. There should definitely be protected spaces for nature or they will all be destroyed.
- Nothing in particular, just worried in general for the future generations with general development of areas that could/should be protected
- Unchecked contents of landfill being distributed throughout Kahnawà:ke. Businesses disposing of harmful chemicals on their land with absolute no oversight from law enforcement bodies.
- Like to see water line go to the end of 207

- Dumping of contaminated soil, our air and land space being polluted, having non-natives running business's or occupying positions residence can fill or be trained in.
- Road salt
- Train tracks. They're spraying chemicals on it annually and the area has become our new 'Sesame Street'. What sicknesses will we see come up in future generations?
- There is so much happening that I am not aware of, or have "heard" of that I'm not sure if I would be making a comment on facts. What I do see though, is the clear cutting of large areas of land. I understand that almost all clear cut areas are private land, but that affects us all as a community and our environments. This includes the covering or filling in of creeks and ditches.
- Too many outdoor cats killing native wildlife
- Pesticides/chemicals being used on golf courses located next to or near homes that rely on well water.
- Unknown Hotspots in the community. [REDACTED] illegal peninsula and any other illegal man made structures in the St Lawrence River
- Commercial and industrial development within Kahnawake and on our borders has more impact than residential buildings.
- Clear cutting of wetlands.
- Difficult to say, there's so much unmonitored activities and development (private land) in Kahnawake that takes place without any consideration on how this affects the environment
- Salt trucks, we should convert to sand trucks instead. and the aspestus issue, they should clean & remove it properly instead of transporting it to different sites in town.
- Dumping-building materials, household garbage as well beer cans and coffee cups- on the island, walking paths and along the highways on the outskirts of the community is a real problem. Construction packaging blowing around work sites is also problematic ex. by the 207 overpass.
- A lot of littering
- Not enough options to get rid of household junk. Can't afford 600\$ to pay for an I GOT JUNK truck to pick up junk. Recycle won't take it and it's too much for the garbage trucks.
- illegal dumping
- Potentially the tree harvesting site on the 138. Blasting from JFK. Emissions from car traffic and ship traffic.
- The CN Railway system is often overlooked as an environmental disrupter and pollutant. The tracks run through major local environmental habitats including that of the HUMAN habitants in the surrounding area. There are beaver dams, heron/crane and deer (amongst other small wildlife) that reside in the areas on both sides of the railway line. Present day, there are alternative railway routes that can and should be utilized by the railway companies so as to avoid compromising the beautiful natural surroundings of our community. It's more than a safety issue, it is a sound pollution as well as an environmental problem that needs resolve.
- Off the highway 138, all the clearing for wood sales is alarming.
- The water plant is directly linked to the bay area where people swim and paddle. The pipe that leads into this water had to release sewage into the water, how can this be avoided?
- Dumping garbage and contaminated soil
- Where the road work is being done, they usually take empty lots and clear them for gravel and equipment storage. They are usually untouched and when they clear ruin the homes for the birds, rabbits, squirrels and wildlife. All the area being developed on the Jacob's farm land. Its being destroyed with all the fill.
- The Hotel proposal for the 207... I believe this will cause more pollution with excess vehicles being on the territory - traffic and with the development of this plot of land. Also on the 207, more Turtle crossing signs,

I have seen many not make it across the road, in attempts to stop to assist the turtles, motorists have not decreased their speeds causing a dangerous situation.

- Garbage buildup in the creeks and other public areas that are unsightly.
- Land clearing and land filling
- Development in the “new development” area of Kahnawake. Contaminated areas and clear cutting of forests. Illegal dumping sites which have yet to be cleaned properly and disposed of in a safe and professional manner.
- The pollution from the highways, seaway and railway are the most obvious. The golf courses and the products that they use to keep the courses weed free. After that JFK Quarry because material is also trucked in like and stored on site like rubble. They're make cement which emits pollution in the air. When JFK blasts does anyone check it's within norms? Runoff drainage from the surrounding communities that drains into our drainage water system. Lastly, does anyone check the boundary with the Chateaugay Industrial Park for illegal dumping? The trees in Kahnawake behind Melimax are full of debris. After that I would say the abandoned quarries.
- Illegal dumping
- The water quality in the inlet, contamination impacting use for fishing, boating, swimming, animals.
- There is no long-term housing planning/community planning in general. Housing and Environment need to work together to map sensitive areas.
- I don't believe community members should have the right to clear cut large parcels of privately owned lands, specifically for business/commercial use. Look at the lands heading towards the 207, they were nice before and now sit clear cut and mostly empty just so someone could sell them off without taking into consideration what the new landholders would want to keep natural. There should be some sort of assessments done similar to outside the community for development like that in order to ensure they only clear as much as is needed. Different standards/processes for residential vs. commercial use.
- Railroads (trains), seaway (ships), Roads (trucks and cars), stores/restaurants using Styrofoam plates, which take many many years to disintegrate.
- Chats shit plant, sending their crap down river to us
- Loss of space to thrive
- Uncleaness of yards, lands, private/public and waterways, ie sewers and creaks.
- Development! There are so many medicine spots and forest being lost due to development. I know it is important for housing but Kahnawake and Tioweroton are losing alot!
- Animal feces from pets potentially damaging community/personal lots.
- not sure
- Clearing of land and not doing anything with it.
- ships trains highways power lines leave our people powerless to stop constant pollution
- Unnecessary land clearing and land fill
- The careless “emergency” dumping of waste into our water systems. By our own waste facilities
- The earthquake flood disaster is more serious
- Harming animals at will
- Don't love animals and plants
- Building a house
- Cutting down trees
- Throw away lithium batteries
- Residents throw litter about
- Emitting carbon dioxide

- Discharge of hazardous substances
- And domestic sewage
- Throw the battery
- Massive tree cutting
- Free discharge of sewage
- Clear cutting and/or land-filling
- Lack of oversight, codes/rules, consequences for land-holders that own and exploit huge tracts of land, which includes MCK. MCK's cookie-cutter residential development without any regard for the natural lay of the land. Do you know how many amazing plants and animals were killed/displaced for the new developments? How can MCK be trusted to protect the environment when MCK is the one cutting down trees indiscriminately and building irresponsible, outdated, suburban neighbourhoods?
- Dumping, recreational vehicles damaging land and water, over development
- Landfilling activities without consideration of the natural environment
- Pollution from cigarette factories. too much clear cutting. atv's and 4 wheelers riding in areas that harm the environment.
- Carbon waste from engines, salt on roadways, human waste runoff from local businesses not having adequate septic facilities
- The clearing of more land for JFK quarry
- Asbestos issue
- Pollution from cigarette factories, flying recycling (plastic) and garbage that does not make into garbage truck. Individuals wanting to cover wetlands for building on that area.
- Cigarette production in close proximity to residential areas
- Low-income and minority populations are meaningfully involved in our decision-making process
- People littering
- Dumping garbage along the seaway
- Housing construction on undeveloped land while there are houses degrading and have not been lived in for years.
- Development on land, pollution.
- The amount of trees being cut down in fledgeling residential areas that are not being re-planted. Perhaps homeowners should have to re-plant X amount of trees after their home has been completed.
- Land fill
- Clear cutting properties for development; there should always be effort made to clear the least amount of vegetation as possible.
- Clearcutting, work done near waterways.
- Lack of environmental standards for development. Unnecessary mowing in greenspaces
- Water pollution, litter everywhere (water and land)
- The backfilling and development in the eastern Kahnawake wetlands, now causing loss of habitat for species wildlife.
- My neighbor continually dumping cut trees in his back yard as well as tearing down the trees already there. I think that tree cutting place on the 138 should be looked into as I've seen trucks there at 5:45 am on a Sunday morning dumping (when I'm dropping my son off at work).
- Clear cutting of lands & back filling. causing for lack of water flow, habitat destruction and noise pollution from highways.
- I believe allowing too many non-natives, like the Ministère etc., access into the waters and bridges is unacceptable! You and I both know that whenever a non-Native "investigating"/ "researching"/ "working"

for us? they are taking private notes for themselves/their government to further their invasiveness of & for their own peoples agendas. Some can/do work, yet will use their own private phones etc. on the job, by taking pictures, notes etc. for their own future private agendas. There is no doubt in my mind that helping the MTQ etc. to get a handle on more than, “another inch of our Land” is not the Route to take ... and Adding more “paved” bike paths is also harmful in many ways: Destroying the natural habitat to yet again, accommodate, the mostly non-native bikers who come in. What is often harmful about them coming in, is that, as many of us know, they are predators of more than the Environment. Continuing to “accommodate” the non-natives “needs” & “their wants” is harmful. Please stop the practice of accommodating them.

- A giant ever growing quarry and illegal dumping
- Sewage seepage, on farm areas,into creeks
- When non community members take access to areas of the community as if they are within their right to do.
- Clearing more property and trees
- Seaway pollution
- The illegal dumping!!!!
- Contamination of lands (shame on mck for doing this also) and filling in of wetlands
- I find that the blockage of natural waterways from residential and commercial development are harming the environment, as well as the continued practice of landfilling and clearing land. I feel that laws should be in place to protect the environment be it on personal lands (both private and land allotments). Lands should be protected, and if it has to be taken away from owners to be protected, so be it.
- The asbestos issue and lack of clean up. You guys were supposed to be protecting us. What happened? Herbicides from the surrounding farmlands and golf courses being dumped in our waterways. Thousands of polluting cars passing through the reserve every day. Snow plows dumping salt on the roads. Polluting ships and trains.
- Can't think of anything right now
- Illegal dumping is a big problem. Also, the pr for the community recycling and waste mgmt options needs to be better.
- Capitalism
- The seaway and railroads cutting through the territory.
- Illegal dumping and the use of off-road vehicles In natural areas.
- Dumping on the island and lots of trash after parties or from people parking cars by the water and not cleaning up. I've done a few island cleanups with a group of people and the amount of garbage thrown in the brush is out of control. I'm not sure what kind of harmful runoff dumping has caused but it concerns me that when the snow melts in the spring, and takes the trash into the water which is used for recreation all summer.
- The environment office totalitarian rule is a problem. You are an abuse of power and have zero common sense.
- Unregulated tobacco factories; illegal dumping; clearcutting lands; any type of hunting; disrespect for land by throwing trash on properties (especially empty beer cans and bottles); no zoning for businesses.
- The St. Lawrence seaway and it's constant pollution to the water and air.
- Quarrying
- Everything is very unregulated. There is no control on how much can be hunted or fished and from what areas. Nothing is stopping people from farming animals and developing factories wherever they want in the community.
- Nothing at the moment that I can think of.

- Vague regulations and mis-alignment with onkwehonwe stewardship, values and responsibilities.
- Clear cutting of trees and illegal dumping of unknown soil from outside companies, need more Conservation Officers.
- The act of littering, a lot of garbage waste.
- Presence of asbestos in lands slated for housing development. There has been little movement since the investigation of 2021.
- People
- To me Kahnawake for the most part is sadly contaminated and too costly to repair the damage from years of dumping, weve lost the battle to keep our land pristine and thriving all for the all mighty dollar. Tiowero:ton can still be saved, the younger generation need to be educated on the importance of what we have there and see its worth not monetarily, but environmentally and culturally. The parents did not teach them the importance because they were unaware and caused damage themselves and kids learn through watching adults. Change needs to happen for everyones well being.
- People who are not taking self responsibility for our community environment. That includes littering, breaking barriers for motor vehicles, taking all trees down to build etc. if everyone was doing things responsibly, it would help the community & the environment.
- No personal property laws, which allows individuals to dump, or keep construction/household waste on personal properties in residential neighborhoods.
- So many things
- Septic overflows into the ditches along Rte. 207. Contaminated water coming from Chateauguay River or further upstream.
- Not a concern, but what's happening on the island? I go for walks around the island and have no idea what's happening.
- Cigarette factories in backyards, Arenas in backyards with run off to the neighbors, motorized vehicles in water and swaplands

8. Please describe anything happening in Kahnawà:ke that you think is working well with regards to protecting the environment?

- I believe in the environmental protection team and trust that they are doing everything they can to protect our natural environment. I do know that they are doing alot on the island to help with the relocation of wildlife.
- All the activities carried out by Kepo such as tree planting, the rehabilitation of Kateri Tekakwitha, Island, etc.
- Cleaning the garbage around the island with the divers and people on land. The Corey clean up. The things that are done with the KEPO activities.
- The butterfly habitat seems to be working, along with the Turtle bay area.
- I think that People making efforts to reconnect with culture and getting out with their children and nurturing the spark of wonder, curiosity of the natural world is the most important step that people are taking. tree planting has been a good proactive choice. There are small steps being made on behalf of individuals. Alongside the ongoing efforts over the years of the KEO fighting in every possible way to protect the natural world that we all have a shared responsibility in.
- Outside the work being done by KEPO nothing comes to mind.
- Land-locked properties stay natural
- Revitalization of the waterways and clean up initiatives
- KEPO - having a dedicated office working on these issues is really encouraging and so very necessary
- I see the kepo posting more about what they're doing and making people more aware
- Tree planting initiative. The development of the island, making it a safer place for all
- Awareness building, conversations going to keep it in our collective consciousness.
- The environmental assessments going on to understand the land and restoration process to keep the place alive for fish, swimming and paddle for future generations to appreciate.
- Environmental studies, environmental education, bay and island restoration project.
- I think the KEPO crew does a lot. Despite their efforts there is still a lot of disrespect to our land, but they are doing the best that they can and this survey is just another step towards that. Although I personally have not ever stepped foot into their office, i keep abreast of the work they are doing and i truly believe they are doing the responsible work for the community that every one should be doing as individuals.
- All work done through environment office. Communication about what is in our environment. Great job!
- I feel that more people are aware of their carbon footprint and they are watching what they are emitting into the environment.
- The existing of KEPO and sharing of information. KEPO's projects.
- Work on the island/ rec bay improvements
- Education, more hunting and fishing. More and more people are getting into outdoor activities, which is giving more significance and appreciation to the natural world.
- The fact that we have an environmental office who is collaborating with scientists and other environmentalists
- Kepo
- Wetland sites
- I see businesses promoting the use of your own cup for drinks, and some offer jars for food/drinks. I like to believe this helps the environment- but there's still so many plastics on the ground.
- Possibly inspection/control of landfill material being used or brought into Kahnawake
- The island project, we need more like this and the seaway should pay

- Island restoration
- No building along waterfront.
- The project that's happening on the island to protect species. not only is it protecting them but also provides information to anyone that would be walking by that want to read about them.
- Recycling helps
- Spring cleaning garbage removal
- All the initiatives that the Environment office is doing. Community members who do recycle, compost.
- The workshops and initiatives offered are inspiring. The waste management department encouraging more composting and less waste
- the island water project, we need more investment on the island bike path to beautify it.
- Clean environment, free of clutter.
- Putting trees on the island. don't keep touching the rest of the island. Let nature take its course.
- Educating people on the importance of ecosystems within the community. The info around the island about animals that live there. Brings awareness and helps people be more mindful of their littering.
- All the work going on, on the island. Preserving wildlife and plants.
- The restoration project, the clean up that was done last summer, encouraging the youth to partake in zoom workshops, the planting of the beautiful trees in various areas of the community, and just having community members partake in various projects i.e. the bird count. The talk shows & posters are also beneficial.
- Recycling bins and compost bins given out to the community
- Do not know, I do not think we are very good stewards of the land
- Restoring the Kateri island and bay areas.
- The development that is on going on the Island.
- I think the beautification of the island and accommodating the wildlife and plant life is a step in the right direction, provided that it is still honoring the sites that have medicines
- The growing of the Environment office. People who genuinely care about it, and it's not just a job to make some cash. The info on the Island to give people information, medicine walks, etc.
- I liked the beach development, as it seems like it was positive development, though I don't know enough to say if it was environmentally helpful or not
- Recycling & composting. The Kateri Tekatwitha Island project
- Could improve local laws PK enforcement of these laws
- Trees that are given to the community, recycling initiatives, areas of town receiving access to the town water system.
- I'm not sure
- The implementing of the compost bins. I think it has encouraged many to do the same, even if at a small level. Many are seeing the benefits, it encouraged many to plant. I think during the pandemic, the sharing of positive results and encouragement from KEPO and other organizations on food sustenance helped. People felt good, productive, and wanted to do more.
- Development or marsh lands on the island.
- Land clearing
- The Environment Office is doing a great job overseeing landfill/soil testing, and environmental impact studies.
- Outside Soil Inspection. Transfer depot on the seaway for dangerous materials
- Recycling, composting, and regular garbage pick up.

- the dredging and reconstruction of the island. Information that KEPO circulates to community members online
- The youth is working well. trust the youth, consider all recommendations given by youth towards all matters related to kahawake. Listen to their voice. The rest, like scientific stuff- is for y'all to figure out.
- The garbage cans within the village area and at the playgrounds are helpful.
- not sure
- Lot of initiatives to protect areas and wildlife.
- fish studies in Tioweroton
- Tree planting project. Protection of wetlands (big fence)
- The Tekakwitha Island project appears to be quite promising and our recycling program is very successful.
- The new beach are on the island. I think the Environment Office did an awesome job at protecting that environment with the tests they oversaw.
- The project that has been started up on the island to protect species sounds positive, but the results will only be known in the future.
- Composting!!! Recycling and people showing even more interest in gardening
- The habitat on the Island, KEPO's facebook page containing important information and announcements.
- Recycling efforts as well as compost collection.
- Sustainable projects
- On the island; creation of habitats for the protection of wildlife which is essential to their survival.
- Community members watching out for the territory. MCK hides the truth from us.
- Enviro pickup
- Contro over land fill, clean up of contained soil, clearing of areas on island for natural habitation, clean up of water by canoe club. Sign on walking path describing natural plants, turtle Bay clearing n clean up.
- Waste management is proactive in waste reduction and community composting. Environmental education.
- The work on the island is great, I know it seems like a lot to some people but its environment related restoration works to try to return things to natural due to the impacts of the creation of the seaway.
- The bike path restoration and island cultivation
- No dumps or burn barrels large or personal. Recycling is not new, I remember glass bottles for milk and soda, which were returned, cleaned and reused.
- The planting of more trees
- Social media shared knowledge of different animal species with their location and plant identification
- I think our recycling program is pretty good. Seems to keep more garbage out of landfills and spread around town.
- I am no aware of anything that is protecting environment other that the project on the island
- Unsure of any current projects.
- Tree planting giveaway
- The island project which is making homes for the turtles and other wildlife
- planting trees always good
- Kateri Island upgrade
- Illegal dumping
- The recycling is great. We need more ways to recycle more diverse materials. Many things are still non recyclable and that must change.
- Annual community cleanup, tree giveaways, protected lands/ green spaces
- Do more to protect the environment and animals

- Increase the protection of animals
- Please care for animals and plants
- Plant more trees and care for animals and plants
- A variety of trees,
- garbage classification
- energy conservation and emission reduction
- Regular incineration
- Plant more trees
- Clean rivers
- There are legal safeguards
- Sorting of garbage
- Everyone's self-conscious treatment
- Landlocked parcels aren't being developed, so they aren't being degraded. The tree planting that the environment office did is a step in the right direction.
- Planting trees, gardens, bee keeping
- Education initiatives
- recycling
- The island/beach projects
- Kepo is doing an amazing job protecting the environment
- Awareness about reusable food containers and reducing use of single use plastics.
- Recreational paths and the work on the island
- Buy organic and ultimately help the environmen
- Recycling
- No clear cutting/buildings along the north wall. Studies and information being posted about the wildlife
- The changes made to Johnsons Beach and all the informative plaques along the bike path to inform the public about the natural species in our area
- Younger generation understanding climate change.
- I think KEPO's ongoing work on Kateri Island and Johnson's Beach is fantastic.
- Education is always key; people can't do better if they don't know better.
- Still large natural areas left
- Recycling and composting
- Not sure
- KEPO efforts. :)
- Paying environmental workers. I'm hoping you know, the longhouse women were the ones who started this. And I would appreciate to see them back involved. Many women have the protection of the community in mind. And I think you need to go back to the roots of the Environment Office and get their perspective back into their minds and mentality of the present workers.
- The island is shaping up nicely, hope the dredging will be successful, appreciate indigenous trees n fruit trees being planted. Stop with the signs and rules all over the place. Find other ways to continually engage w community, ask/hire our youth, promote capacity building n empowerment w regards to environmental science education, decolonization of it as well
- Transfer depot, recycling pickup
- the attempted clean up of contaminated sites
- Recycling

- Undecided
- Replanting trees, clean ups
- Kepo's educational program and continued attempts to protect environmentally sensitive areas
- I don't know of any practices. But I do see KEPO is trying, but they seem to have zero legal backing or force.
- Unknown
- The most positive thing I can think of is we don't have a burning dump anymore. The garbage and recycling get trucked off territory. After I don't see too much genuine environment protection happening.
- Trees being planted
- Composting program is excellent. Bird count is great, can it be made into a school project for "extra credit" or maybe a field trip?
- Nothing
- The works going on on the island and bike path, the tree plantings by KEO if these are left undisturbed
- Garbage pickup and recycling efforts
- I'm supportive of the island restoration and the dredging. I think that will help restore the bay and make the water a safer and healthier.
- The environment office totalitarian rule is a problem. You are an abuse of power and have zero common sense.
- I appreciate the recycling pickup service, composting service and the bins provided.
- The island refurbishment project.
- no
- New work methodologies by MBC on Mercier Bridge, they encapsulate work zones to contain dust and chemical fallout.
- KEPO initiatives/studies and growing social concern for the climate.
- There is more people composting and recycling
- Recycling program, tree planting, rehabilitation/ reintroduction of natural life on island
- All KEPO initiatives will benefit our environment. Need to bring back Conservation Officers.
- Having recycle trucks available to the community.
- I see movement in climate change initiatives, projects on our environment, and most importantly communication to the community people.
- Recycling only goes so far, I recently saw that only a portion of recycled items are actually recycled. Compost is a step in the right direction, but I don't think enough of our people participate. In reality it disgusts me when I see cars adling, people dumping on the island, garbage bags being thrown out car windows (people using OCR to get to Chateauguay) and I think a yearly spring clean up is appalling, if everyone picked up their own waste there would be no need to have this event. Our people are wasteful and it disgusts me to see what a disgrace the island looks like after the weekend.
- Recycling, work on the island with the habitats, the beach, the information & Education, reminders, composting,
- The seaway project, the transfer depot making it real easy to compost and recycle. Garbage cans placed around the community to reduce waste on the streets.
- Information bits they come out about animals, species at risk, habitat. This includes Tiowero:ton.
- Can't think of anything
- Planting of trees each year, studying of habitats

9. **If environmental laws are implemented in Kahnawà:ke, please provide feedback on how they should be enforced (e.g. Guardians, Conservation Officers, Compliance Officers, Peacekeepers, etc.)?**

- I believe that the environmental protection should have the power to issue citations through compliance officers that the peacekeepers can enforce if issues are not resolved
- Conservation Officers, Compliance officers
- Conservation officers if we still have those.
- Exactly that, who will be responsible to care take these lands or who will be the owners of the land should they be protected land?
- They should be enforced by the peacekeepers so people won't just cut down anything. To also have information sessions with KEPO and MCK on what area need the most preservation and help and where we are helping to spread good news as well. I also think we should emphasize planting in our own yards
- That is a very important question. We are talking about something that ideally is a shared responsibility. I can't say I have an answer or suggestion at this time but one that requires a lot of thought and discussion for sure. Of course the subject of protecting the natural world from further degradation and ensuring the future is not one we can afford to put off for a later date!
- Conservation Officers sound good to me.
- Peacekeepers, same as a speeding ticket. pay it at the courthouse.
- Conservation officers
- Definitely not the peacekeepers. Maybe this can be a conversation with longhouse people? Bringing in our ways and centring whatever position is created in these teachings
- Conservation officers
- Maybe more than one enforcing body.
- Laws that do not disrupt the natural habitat and have least impact on the resources should be implementable.
- Conservation Officers - bring back the Conservation Dept and train them to take care of the environment and enforce environmental protection laws.
- Save enforcement for the nay sayers. I believe education is primary overall. Getting into the schools and teaching the responsibilities (based on the laws). Showing by example how the laws are based on respect for the land, going out and using the land in accordance with the laws so there is an understanding of that coexistence between why the law exists as a protection, but is really based on our responsibility to care for it. Once that mindset is understood, the law is just there as an added layer of protection. However, to answer your question I think there should be a multi-faceted approach with some of the examples listed above. Not everyone breaking the law is doing it for the same purpose. For those who are clearing lots for example, compliance officers would recommend due process in certain ways (ex: someone clears a bog to build a house without any consideration for the habitat or extra work to do it with minimal effects. They are no longer eligible for a guaranteed housing loan, or other areas). For more destructive related activities, conservation and peacekeepers would act as the enforcers. I like the idea of the guardians, who primarily would be tasked with education.
- Conservation officers
- I feel that there should be game wardens on the North Wall to stop non native hunters and poachers.
- Conservation Officers who are on patrol 24/7.
- Conservation officers. But, it should be done in conjunction with outside science/education and with our own "traditional" knowledge. Our people should have to do cultural workshops, ceremonies, teachings, but also, learn the science and numbers of how ecosystems work and interact.
- Conservation Officers
- Conservation officers, or environmental task force ie. land protection team
- Compliance

- Conservation Officers
- All above
- I think people will only stop literally once they are fined, and it hits their wallet. Maybe tickets need to be issued to those who were littering. (I know someone who burns their trash in their backyard during the summer and winter - this can't be good for the environment!)
- Conservation officers and PKs as needed
- All the above including community members being the eyes.
- Collaboration with all we do need Conservation officers.
- Conservation Officers.
- Conservation officers and peacekeepers
- Conservation officers
- All of the above. Fines, etc. Need an official law for Peacekeepers to enforce.
- Education
- Conservation officers, compliance officers.
- Anyone not respecting environmental laws in Kahnawake should be fined. The laws should be handled as though it is a crime. First warning, then fined.
- peacekeepers, that is their job.
- All of the above
- PK's
- Conservation officers
- Not Peacekeepers. They have enough on their plate. Conservation officers.
- Conservation Officers but supported by PK's
- Conservation officers with policing powers so that they can intervene and stop anyone breaking the environmental laws
- All of the examples at different levels and different authorities
- Conservation officers
- All of the above
- Conservation Officers
- Conservation Officers
- Guardians and conservation officers for sure
- All of the above. Maybe volunteer groups like "block parents" (unless that is what a guardian is). School talks to get to the children and instill these values so they grow up actively living this way rather than needing to be corrected or fines, etc. Get them while they're young! And for those who cannot be fined, etc. (youth) I'm not sure how this would be enforced for younger offenders
- I think it needs it's own "policing" but also needs to be backed up by PKs and such
- Environmental Inspectors & Peacekeepers
- Conservation officers
- Peacekeepers
- I would have to say all...they would act as the multidisciplinary teams. It would depend on the situation and what actions are being taken.
- Individuals
- Conservation officers worked well in the past and also kept non natives out of places they shouldn't be... ex the point, flat rocks, quarry.
- The women

- Too many existing laws already have little to no enforcement as is. Good luck.
- Conservation officers
- Conservation Officers or Compliance Officers with the proper training.
- Conservation Officers step 1, Compliance Officers Step 2, Peacekeepers Step 3 (impose fines/arrests)
- Peacekeepers and Conservation officers
- Education, elders teachings on traditional practices for adults and in schools. I like the idea of guardians, but conservation and compliance officers still needed and PKs on breaking new laws.
- All of the above
- Peacekeepers should be avoided, and laws should be implemented with support from guardians and stewards. Enforcement of these laws should be stricter for businesses and organizations.
- get youth involved with environmental office so youth and community have access to the information and resources to understand what these laws will be, invite youth and community to the discussion table/meeting where these laws will be decided on and implemented. Answer their questions, concerns, remind them that they have a say in what happens in our community- decision wise.
- This should be a community wide endeavor with everyone being responsible. This is not just up to the PeaceKeepers to enforce but they are available when issues arise. Other positions of authority would also be needed as the community would have to be on board as well as knowledgeable on the laws.
- Conservation officers
- People need to asked to comply, then warned in writing and then fined, if necessary.
- conservation officers to stop dumping, garbage burning, littering
- Conservation officers
- The Conservation Officers and Peacekeepers have been effective for many years. There is no real need to add extra departments as this also contributes to pollution regarding vehicular use, carbon footprints etc.
- Conservation Officers
- There will definitely need to be the ability to enforce the law, otherwise it would be useless. Perhaps those hired to enforce the laws could be called, 'Environmental Protection Officers'.
- Some group that'll actually do their job
- Conservation Officers
- Conservation Officers- there should be fines issued for non compliance. I believe traditional values come into place, and someone should be enforcing that, or helping the community and non community members to see that.
- Some type of community effort as well as paid officials who would be named later to oversee.
- By Peacekeepers
- Guardians. Pks have no business unless there is danger to public safety. Conservation officers are overpaid and undertrained, nobody takes them seriously. Compliance officer is a new term for me but if they are close to being the same as a conservation officer there is no point. The people need to protect the environment as a whole, not just a select few who are overpaid for doing nothing.
- With the information I read in the asbestos report I have no faith in the MCK and Environment office. I'll leave this blank.
- All the above
- Conservation officers, PKs, community taking responsibility and reminding individuals when they are damaging environment.
- Get youth involved to be land stewards. If you have a law; there needs to be compliance; and thus enforcement and compliance by someone.

- We need to get Conservation Officers back; not sure why they were lost in the first place. If not in that capacity, then KEPO Inspectors that work with Landfill or other Units that may know of development or other works going on that could be detrimental to the environment.
- Conservation
- It would be great if it would be the people, but I think that is wishful thinking. I imagine all the above.
- Conservative officers
- Conservation Officers should handle this.
- Peacekeepers!
- All of the above and Good Samaritans
- Environmental Protection Department or Unit
- Pks and conservation officers
- If everyone would work as a team with community members all would work out unfortunately the ones with badges or titles usually refuse and do it their own way weather it be right or wrong
- True enforcement , not pick and choose because of friends and money
- All should be involved
- Peacekeepers, conservation officers and the mck
- More publicity of some animal and plant care activities
- Increase monitoring of people to protect animals
- Greater supervision of the environment and animals
- More law enforcement officers
- More inspections and patrols
- Peacekeepers
- Peacekeepers
- Guardian
- Protection officials
- Compliance officer
- Government departments must strictly abide by the law
- Everyone has the duty to obey the law
- Anyone could be reported
- Enforced by: Specially trained Environment Office personnel and/or Conservation Officers and if required, the Peacekeepers. If deemed necessary and if a qualified individual is not already employed by the Environment Office, specifically contracted engineers and/or scientists to do investigations/evaluations.
- Conservation officers. Consequences should include revocation of certificate of possessions/reassignment of stewardship of the space/return to common land. Areas of importance should be identified, and current 'owners' can go with the program, do land trades with MCK to relocate, or have their land go back to common ownership when they die.
- No clue, whatever makes the most sense. Probably not pks though
- Conversation officers
- Conservation officers and guardians.
- Compliance officers with the capacity to issue tickets, and the Court of Kahnawake able to enforce payment
- Conservation/ wildlife officers and Peacekeepers
- Conservation officers
- Perhaps a committee made of reps from community who have worked on creating awareness or leading environmental change/protection, elders(!!!), youth, especially people who believe in longhouse ways of

thinking, Maybe peacekeepers, and MCK (if there is an environment portfolio chief). Perhaps the environmental laws can be made in conjunction with community, similar to the shared vision statement

- Guardians like park rangers or conservation officers with authority to issue warnings, sanctions or fines for violations
- The guardian
- Not sure
- Conservation officers
- Conservation officers, considering we only had one officer who also had to function as a employee of animal protection. I believe that there needs to be a designated person(s) to help protect and implement environmental laws
- Conservation Officers
- Perhaps a new body should be created; of folks who would enforce environmental laws only.
- Peacekeepers
- Conservation Officers should be brought back for this purpose.
- Compliance or Conservation officers
- Conservation officers
- Conservation Officers
- Unsure
- Conservation & compliance officers
- conservation officers, peacekeepers, lands unit. permits for destruction or cutting trees. building permits & fines for non compliance. \$ from fines can go back into KEPO efforts.
- Well I think most of us already, as members, tell people when they're being a disrespectful. I have no problem calling the peacekeepers when I see non-natives building fires, fishing etc. so we are our own conservation officers. probably hire some youth.? Whatever it takes as a people. As you know, we could be very protective on our own which is some thing that we need to find a balance with. Allowing too many non-natives in , trying to act like we like them... don't worry about Being liked... worry about being respected and protected.
- Compliance officers who actually know how to answer questions and provide reasonable ways to change bad habits without threatening tones
- exclusion and expulsion from the community for abuses of the environmental laws ... banishment.... or arrest and or prohibitive fining of those whom are not members of the community who act against the environmental laws
- Conservation officers
- Careful consideration or a lawsuit can start.
- I think some kind of guardian
- Compliance officers with support of peacekeepers
- I say by any legal body that could stop it through the courts. Unfortunately land will have to be expropriate from private land owning individuals to save them.
- Unknown
- There are basic environment laws in place right now and they're poorly enforced. Laws in Kahnawake are enforced based on public opinion and perception. The question is not how they should be enforced but WILL THEY BE ENFORCED?
- Train Kahnawake members in new positions
- Penalty for breaking law should be requirement to pay for site remediation to community standards.

- None of the above work and are not a part of are ways as Onkwehón:we. Decolonization and eradication of that imposed system you participate in and call it Indigenous- Ribbon shirt Perfotmativity does not equal Onkwehonwehnéha.
- Peacekeepers and also some kind of compliance/conservation officers
- Community members should act as guardians with Conservation and Compliance Officers to enforce the adopted laws and regulations.
- I'm not sure, but I'd like to hear others' opinions. I'd like to think we don't need Peacekeepers to enforce environmental laws, but I've seen how careless people are so it's still an option to consider.
- The environment office totalitarian rule is a problem. You are an abuse of power and have zero common sense.
- Perhaps a compliance officer could be appointed to implement laws, although the Peacekeepers may assist if the individual does not comply.
- Give Peacekeepers the power and ability to enforce environmental laws. Fine anyone polluting (particularly business owners with large carbon footprint)
- We should follow established guidelines
- Probably all will be involved, joint effort
- Depends on what the law will be. If there is protected areas Conservations Officers are needed. If there are licenses required for people/business the Peacekeepers/Compliance Officers are needed.
- fines or community service
- Kepo should have authority with support of council (and its systems such as peecepers etc,) and consultation with traditional governance
- All of the above but for sure Conservation Officers are needed.
- Conservation Officers, it seems as they would know the most about the environment and be able to explain things, if needed.
- Conservation for sure who can also function for compliance. PK's as well to stop people from harming our lands and waters. Communication is key.
- Conservation Officers.
- Compliance Officers
- I live in an apartment with a garbage bin close to the street, there are always boxes of stems and cardboard waste in our bin. Cigarette factories should be fined when caught. I recycle I compost why are these cigarette factories allowed to use private garbage bins for their waste?
- All of the above listed.
- Everyone has to take responsibility and ownership. I agree will the examples cited above. Peacekeepers should be last resort as there is an education piece which could initially occur to make people aware.
- Conservation Officers/compliance
- Don't know
- Peacekeepers and Court