

#	2024 Community Survey Question 14 Responses	Response Category (Primary)
	<i>What do you think should be the City of Sumas' top priority for the next 20 years? Why?</i>	
1	Ensuring homes won't flood again	Flood
2	Resilience and independence	Flood
3	infrastructure and community to sustain the future growth and stability of the generations	Infrastructure
4	Cleaning up all the houses that havent been touched since the flood	Flood
5	Flood prevention so people won't be afraid to stay or invest in the city	Flood
6	Attracting more businesses to our community so we can stay local for our needs	Business
7	Flood management.	Flood
8	Flooding since we have been waiting for a fix since 1990!! >:(Flood
9	Nothing	
10	Figure out how to serve the people who live in Sumas opening more businesses that are competitive with Lynden to build the revenue from the home town. With all the packaging places we are servicing our neighbors to the north more than our own people.	Business
11	Family friendly activities	Recreation
12	CHILDCARE CENTER-feel free to give Carrie (Adams) Turnberg, as this is her hometown and would love to own a center	Business
13	Fixing up downtown	Curb Appeal
14	Getting sidewalks updated and down every street! There needs to be sidewalks from hovel housing into town.	Infrastructure
15	Flood mitigation/water dispersement. Residential and commercial growth	Flood
16	More business, hardware store, fast food	Business
17	Making sure residents can get their basic needs without having to go to Lynden or Bellingham	Business
18	Expansion and continuing to grow	Growth
19	Flood control and affordable preparation for flooding or post flood survival	Flood
20	Na	
21	beautify downtown Cherry Street to better depict smalltown America. I say this because when I tell people I have moved to Sumas, many of them are calling it dumpy. I disagree with this, however, they	Curb Appeal
22	Building more businesses and more flood management	Business
23	Clean out the nooksack river there is absolutely no reason we should worry about fliid water	Flood
24	Preventing floods. It is over 2 years and lot of folks are still not back in their homes	Flood
25	Flood prevention - don't want to be in constant stress when it rains too much	Flood
26	Preventing flooding	Flood
27	Growth	Growth
28	ACCESS TO NECCASITIES/ GROCERY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS/FAST FOOD	Business
29	Fixing flood issues, I have lost to much in 2 different floodings.	Flood
30	new businesses - homes are being built and lots of new families are moving into the area. Creates more job opportunities. Lots of traffic through town with the border, could provide good options as people are passing through. We have to rely on Nooksack, Lynden, Bham for may of the amenities would be nice to have some of these options within Sumas city limits	Business
31	Flood prevention because it is a high risk every year and nothing major has been done about it	Flood
32	Preparation for wildfires, chances of extreme heat in summers is increasing	Disasters
33	better plan for flooding	Flood
34	Prioritizing public works such as maintaing and improving our roads as well as other public spaces would go a long way towards enticing people to move and/or visit Sumas.	Infrastructure
35	Childcare/preschool facility. Community Center.	Recreation
36	Grow as a community Flood control	Growth

37	Growing the town - getting 'on the map' for a festival or event of some sort.	Growth
38	Infrastructure to accommodate growth as it happens	Infrastructure
39	Good security and quality family atmosphere	
40	Expanding businesses	Business
41	Make the main street look nicer	Curb Appeal
42	Flood management, nature trails	Flood
43	A little bit more businesses. Not gas stations or shipping places we have enough of that.	Business
44	Building a City that is flood resilient for the citizens want to stay - less risk	Flood
45	Clean up creeks and rivers	Flood
46	flood prevention strategy	Flood
47	Get a sidewalk & brudge in and fix Hovel Rd.	Infrastructure
48	Public sidewalk on Hovel road to connect the new housing development to the town and fixing the bridge on Hovel that was damaged in the last flood.	Infrastructure
49	Affordable housing. Prices have gone up so much in our area. People are needing to move out of the area to find affordable living. The city also needs to put pressure on the county to make improvements to the Nooksack river to prevent future flooding.	Housing
50	Fix the flood problem	Flood
51	no answer	
52	Resolution to the floods	Flood
53	To give solution to the floods, to have a family stability and thus make Sumas a prosperous place.	Flood
54	Stop building so many apartments	Housing
55	Active flood control measures	Flood
56	Flood Control - The 2021 Flood	Flood
57	Flood Preparedness	Flood
58	Flood management. After 3 days of rain, my property will be ok, but my neighbor has a lake in front of door, <:(Flood
59	flood control, it is Sumas biggest negative about living here and people wanting to come besides low income	Flood
60	Clean up the whole town.	Curb Appeal
61	less taxes/less smelly train garbage	Nuisance
62	Flood Control	Flood
63	get army corps to allow gravel removal from river. Draw businesses that residents can afford. Streets and sidewalks. Be people friendly.	Flood
64	Dredging the rivers/creeks to help with flooding.	Flood
65	Preserving the small town nature of this community, but also becoming more accessible. Proper curb ramps, cross walks with flashing lights, especially on Garfield and Cherry. Dr. office, dentist, and legitimate grocery store. It seems there are a lot of retirement age people here tht would greatly benefit from the reduced necessity of travel from having those basic amenities in town.	Infrastructure
66	Small town feel but with more amenities	Business
67	Rads and safety plans	Infrastructure
68	Cheaper Housing	Housing
69	Reduction of industrial pollution in the air and soil. And build up banks of the river to prevent future flooding of homes + businesses	Nuisance
70	Limit new builds to ensure we keep that small town feel.	Growth
71	Maintain as much independence as possible from federal, state, and county governments	
72	Managed growth	Growth
73	Flood Control	Flood
74	Maintaining municipal controlled utilities	Infrastructure
75	flood situation, clean up	Flood
76	More amenities	Business

77	road fixes, building a youth center, Both of these will lead to safer city. & investing in our youth is NEVER a bad idea.	Infrastructure
78	flood situation	Flood
79	Dr + dentist	Business
80	Get Rivers and Ditches cleaned out.	Flood
81	Our street is often blocked by trucks	Border
82	Flood Prevention	Flood
83	more restaurant or fast food	Business
84	Careful planning for more housing developments which will bring people who can support new businesses in the downtown area.	Housing
85	increasing home values to keep trend with Whatcom Co.	Housing
86	Flood mitigation ; threatens properties and livelihoods	Flood
87	After school programs/places for kids to go. Lots of families could benefit. More families moving to Sumas.	Recreation
88	growth in amenities to self sustain	Growth
89	industrial growth while maintaining small town vibe	Business
90	Flood control	Flood
91	Stop taking foreign garbage. Direct water away from Sumas that heads our way, when it thaws. Maybe build aqueducts going back to sea or SE.	Flood
92	Flood mitigation - 11/15/2021 ruined lives. Widen Rock Rd. Sumas river bridge for pedestrians	Flood
93	Mainstreet Business Development and Flood protection	Business
94	Continue to get housing development accomplished, get a reader board, get waterways cleaned up - look horrible, because of flood potential, continue to develop safe businesses in the City.	Housing
95	affordable housing and creating livable wage jobs. I believe this will create a strong community	Housing
96	Flood Control	Flood
97	flood control	Flood
98	Safe environment, for health for us and children/grandchildren	Safety
99	Just clean up /update the main street so that it doesn't look so old and unkept.	Curb Appeal