

## **Wakulla County Airport Master Plan Survey**

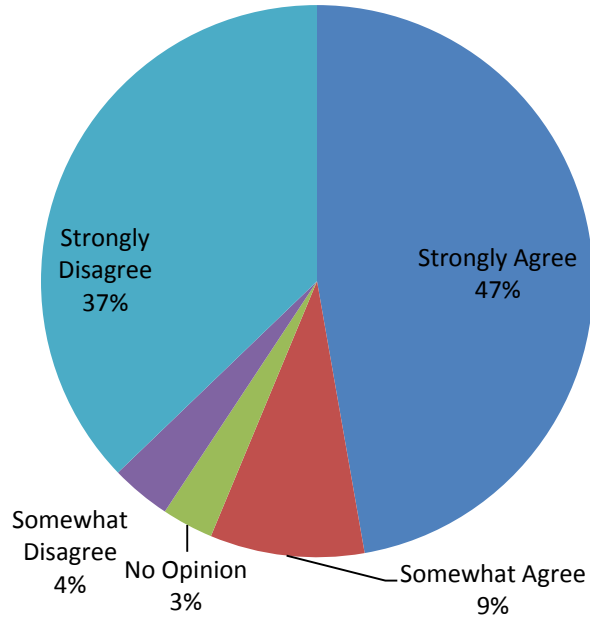
As part of the Wakulla County Airport Master Plan, a survey was developed to gauge citizens' perceptions of the airport. The survey was available online from April 15, 2013 through May 31, 2013. The survey was conducted using the website SurveyMonkey.com, and was available to the public on the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners website, the City of St. Marks website, and the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce website. The City of Sochoppy declined the request to make the survey available on their website. Additionally, the survey was announced at the April 15, 2013 Commission meeting. The survey was also distributed by members of the project advisory committee, the citizen group responsible for providing input and feedback throughout the project. Because the survey was conducted online and was not done as a random sample, the information is simply the opinion of those who responded. Therefore, there is no margin of error for the survey and the results are presented as they were received. In total, there were 209 respondents to the survey. After the survey was taken offline, the results were analyzed for inclusion in the Wakulla County Airport Master Plan.

The survey included five questions related to the residence and airport usage of the respondents, such as the zip code of the respondent and whether the respondent currently uses the airport and if the respondent would use the airport if it were more developed. These questions were included as a way to correlate how location and usage of the airport affects perceptions of the airport. Response to these survey questions varied. While many people who live in close proximity to the airport find it very useful and support further development, others believe that development will change the nature of the area or cause an increase in noise levels. Some respondents had never used the airport and did not live near it, but still wanted to see development at the airport as a means to bring jobs and tax revenue to the county.

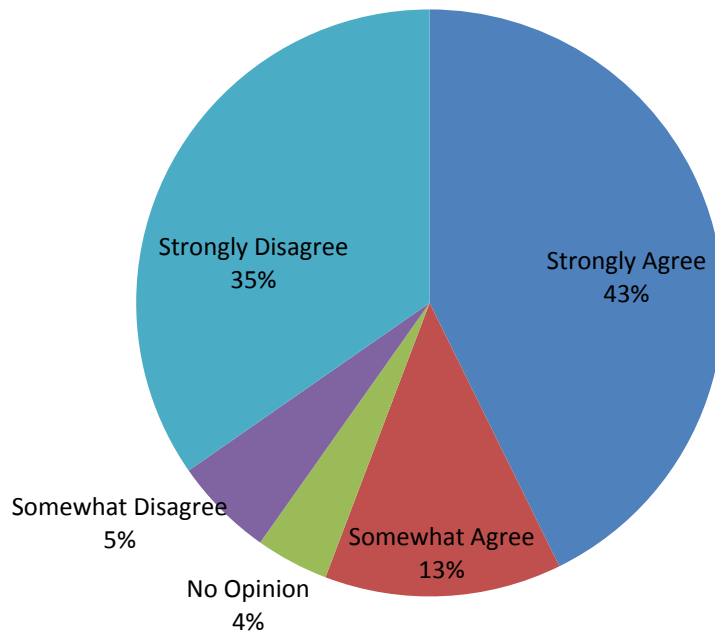
The survey also included six weighted statements that were used to determine how respondents felt about the airport. This section included statements like; "The airport contributes to the quality of life in Wakulla County," "The airport adds to the economic viability of the County," and "I support the Wakulla County Airport." For each statement, respondents were able to select from a five-level Likert item that ranged from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree. The results show that 56 percent of respondents were in support (strongly agree and somewhat agree) of the airport, and 39 percent did not support (strongly disagree and somewhat disagree) the airport; the remaining five percent had no opinion. Fifty-six percent of respondents felt that the airport was a resource to the community, and 46 percent stated that it made a difference to them as to where they lived or worked.

The Wakulla County Airport Master Plan provided useful insight into how citizens of Wakulla County view the airport. The feedback received through the survey will be considered and incorporated in the development of the master plan.

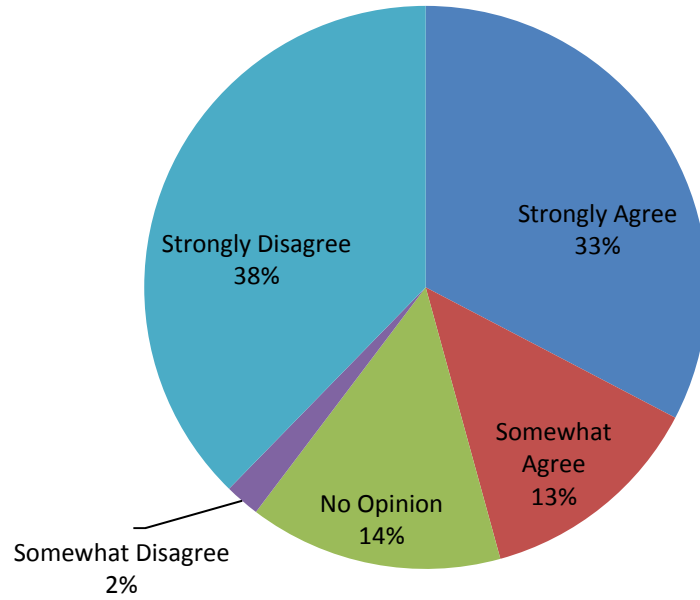
**1. Much like a community center or library, the airport is a vital feature of Wakulla County.**



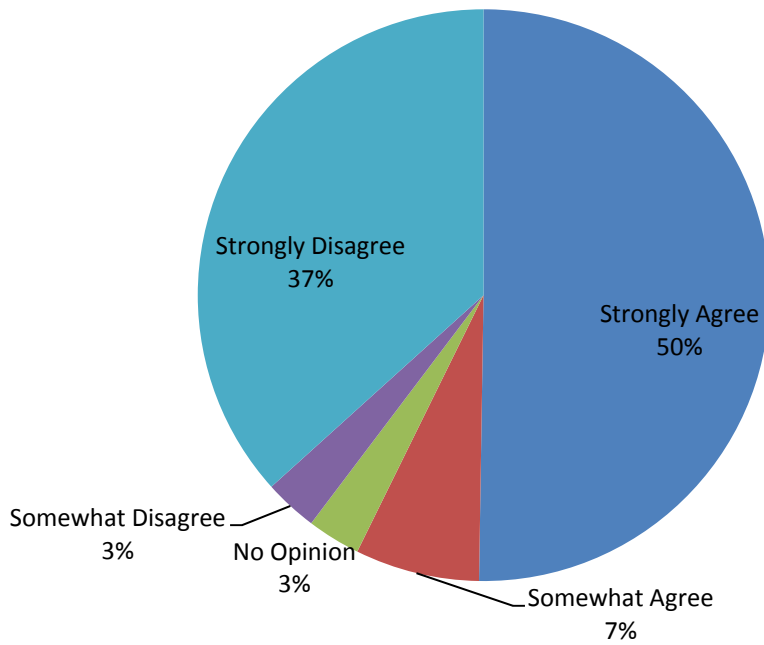
**2. The airport contributes to the quality of life in Wakulla County.**



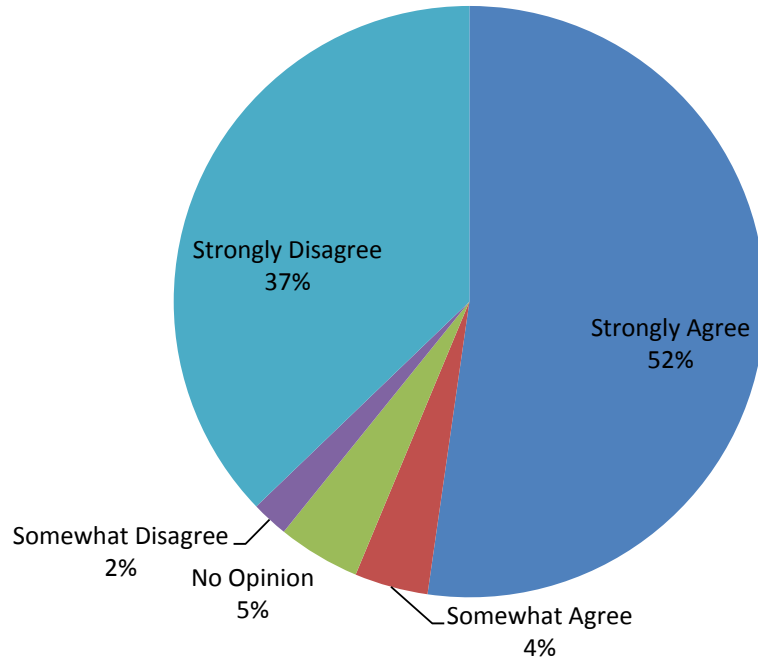
**3. The airport makes a difference to me with regards to where I live or work.**



**4. The airport adds to the County's economic viability.**



**5. I support the Wakulla County Airport.**



**6. I do not support the Wakulla County Airport.**

