

CIVIL WAR PRESERVATION TRUST
CITY OF FRANKLIN VOTER POLL - FEBRUARY 2005

How the poll was conducted: This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Washington, D.C. on February 9 and 10, 2005. A total of 400 registered voters from the City of Franklin were interviewed.

Those interviewed were selected by the random variation of the last four digits of telephone numbers. A cross-section of exchanges were utilized to ensure an accurate profile of the city electorate.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than plus or minus 5 percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all city voters were surveyed.

QUESTION 1

The city of Franklin has a rich Civil War History. On November 30, 1864, the city was the scene of one of the most terrible battles of the Civil War. More than 9,000 Soldiers in blue and gray fell as a result of the battle. Are you aware of this unique event in Franklin's history?

YES	NO
95%	5%

QUESTION 2

Unlike many communities throughout the country, until recently Franklin has done little to protect the remains of the Franklin battlefield. Do you support or oppose further preservation of Franklin battlefield?

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	UNDECIDED
74%	10%	16%

QUESTION 3

Do you believe that Franklin City has a responsibility to protect the Franklin Battlefield and other historic resources in the city, or not?

YES	NO	NOT SURE
78%	14%	8%

QUESTION 4

A coalition of national and local nonprofit groups has joined forces to transform the Franklin County Country Club into the city's first battlefield park. The 110-acre park would include walking trails and a battlefield interpretive center. Do you support or oppose this project?

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	UNDECIDED
62%	23%	15%

QUESTION 5

If the Franklin Country Club property is not preserved as a battlefield park, it may be developed as a residential subdivision. Were you aware of this, or not?

YES	NO
42%	58%

QUESTION 6

Opponents of the battlefield park have repeatedly claimed in the local media that the Franklin Country Club property is not historically important. Historians and preservationists disagree. Do you believe the property is or is not historically important?

Yes, it is historically important	No, it is not historically important	Not Sure/ No Opinion
61%	14%	25%

QUESTION 7

Last fall, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen agreed to set aside \$2.5 million for the purchase and preservation of the Franklin Country Club site as a battlefield park. This funding is contingent upon the nonprofit community raising the other \$2.5 million to purchase the site. Do you support or oppose this use of public funds for historic preservation in Franklin?

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	UNDECIDED
61%	26%	13%

QUESTION 8

Would you be more likely or less likely to support public officials who advocate preservation of Franklin's history?

MORE LIKELY	LESS LIKELY	NO EFFECT
71%	12%	17%

QUESTION 7

Are you personally interested in the Civil War and historical events that occurred in Franklin, or not?

YES	NO
67%	33%

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QUESTION 8

How long have you lived in the City of Franklin?

Less than 10 years	108 (27%)
10-19 years	179 (43%)
20+ years	118 (30%)
Refused	1

QUESTION 9

What is your age?

18-34	57 (14%)
35-49	135 (34%)
50-64	117 (29%)
65+	89 (22%)
Refused	2 (1%)

