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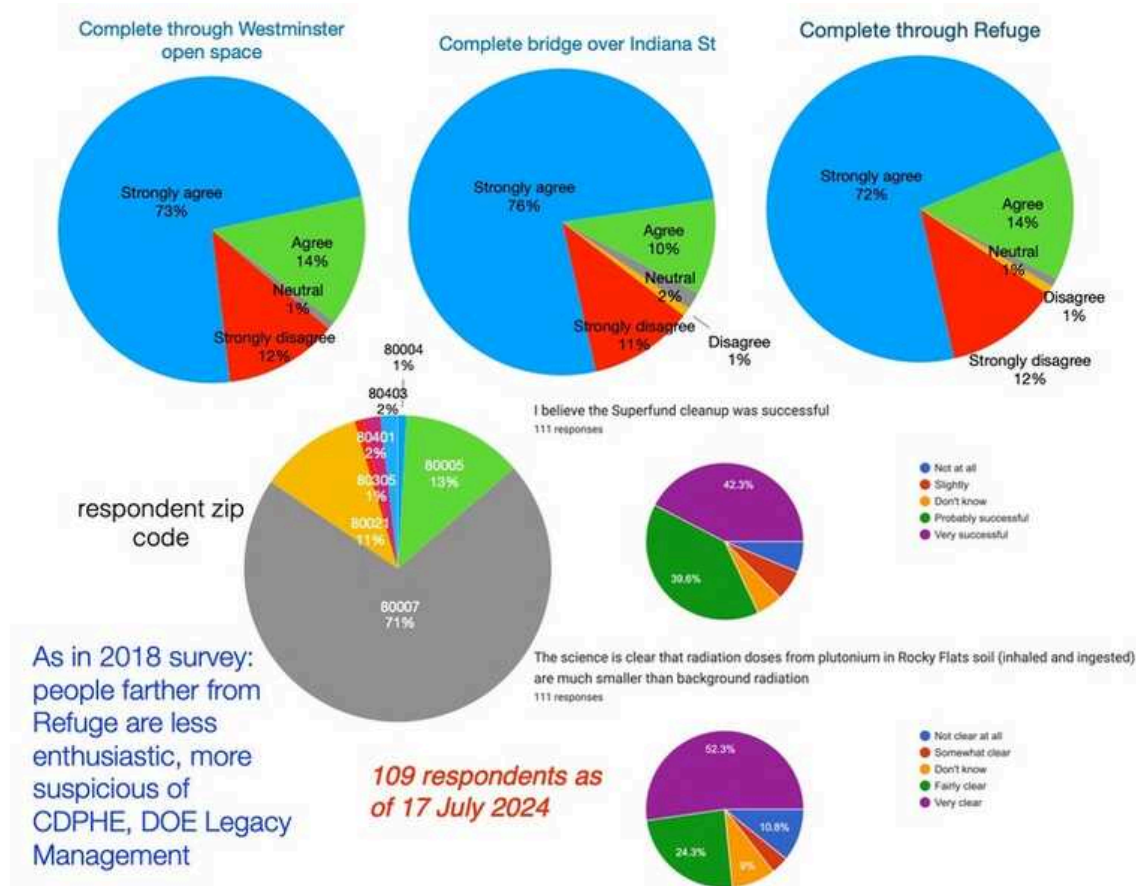
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RESULTS OF SURVEY OF REFUGE/GREENWAY NEIGHBORS, June-July 2024



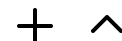
Thanks to everyone who filled out the Google Forms survey! It will stay open for a while but (like making a measurement in quantum mechanics), posting results shifts downstream responses. As always, people living around the Refuge are enthusiastic about it AND the Greenway. Older people living in developments farther away are more suspicious.

I have used results from surveys like this to fight claims that by the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center that they represent residents around Rocky Flats. Now we can add Randy Stafford's "Rocky Flats Public Health Advocates" to the list. Open the image in a new tab to get a better view.



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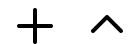
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Caramba! A tempest in a teapot! Don't like the results? Blame the methodology.

Carol's last comment clarifies why. "The disruption of soil will affect the health of many hundreds of thousands of people many miles away." My favorite objection from Deborah Segaloff (on the anti-nuclear side, one of the two pet Ph.D chemists who know nothing about radiation dose) is that the Greenway will track plutonium to Rocky Mountain National Park. She didn't seem to have noticed that the Greenway connections on the north and west side, where hikers depart the Refuge en route to ROMO, have among the lowest plutonium concentrations in the Refuge, lower than nominal background values

Golly, poor Westminster! They've already finished the Greenway up to the Indiana Street crossing. When I last checked, Denver is MUCH closer to the Indiana crossing (where Pu levels are the highest in the Refuge) than is the national park. This means that any eastbound traffic on the Greenway will track plutonium to Denver! Oh the lawsuits! Oh the troubles which attend believing people with an ideological agenda!



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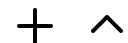
Very worrisome unless (as Segaloff did not) you check on how readily stuff in dirt is tracked from place to place (often measured using tracers). Typically less than 1 gram on most shoe sole types, and gone by a couple tens of meters. What other zany possibilities will stick to the wall of public attention? As usual, on rockyflatsneighbors.org (<http://rockyflatsneighbors.org>) are bibliographies on the matter. Other information pertinent to the Greenway is in the flyer: <https://rockyflatsneighbors.org/wp-content/uploads/FlyerUncompr.pdf> (<https://rockyflatsneighbors.org/wp-content/uploads/FlyerUncompr.pdf>)

For Carol G: This survey was by design biased because its existence was broadcast by Nextdoor and Facebook groups, of course a self-selecting sample. It targeted people living AROUND Rocky Flats and I explicitly acknowledged its affiliation with "Friends of the Rocky Flats of the National Wildlife Refuge". It was successful in that 71% of respondents (no matter what their opinions) were from zip 80007. The margin of error can be computed from the number of respondents already specified on the graphic. By contrast, about 60% of LeRoy Moore's 2016 anti-Refuge petition, purporting to reflect local opinion, were from Boulder or outside the state.

The horrifying prospect that Candelas and other Refuge neighbors are well-educated on the subject of Rocky Flats, did due diligence, and then moved here is unbearable, eh?

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Too bad the same insistence on statistical





punctiliousness wasn't brought to bear on results of the 2016 Downwinder's survey, anecdotal data from folks told for 26 years to blame Rocky Flats for their illnesses. Metro State withdrew from further affiliation with the Downwinders as a result.

I'll post a little more survey results (about the perceived credibilities of sources and websites) soon.

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Thank you for doing this work. It sounds like we need to present facts rather than bias or hysteria!

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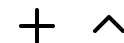


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I am a retired physics professor from CSM who did lots of due diligence before buying in Candelas, read what I had time for in the scientific literature. More at <https://rockyflatsneighbors.org/why-about-us-2/> (<https://rockyflatsneighbors.org/why-about-us-2/>) Few are more independent than physicists. When I had time I read a lot, set up a website, became a gamma ray spectrometrist, and acquainted myself thoroughly with the International Commission on Radiological Protection on how measurements of soil radioactivity are converted into body-wide radiation doses and epidemiological risk. Perhaps most importantly, I educated myself on the hallmarks of pseudo-science and conspiracy theories. I'd appreciate Laura C-M's comments on <https://rockyflatsneighbors.org/detecting-misinformation-and-pseudo-science/>

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(<https://rockyflatsneighbors.org/detecting-misinformation-and-pseudo-science/>) and her qualifications.



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