

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 2024



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OVERVIEW

Prince Edward County's Comprehensive Plan update will be based on research, data analysis, and most importantly, community input. Throughout the process, this Comprehensive Plan update will take deliberate steps to ensure that all community members have opportunities to help shape the visions and goals outlined in the Plan. This report summarizes the following community engagement activities conducted as part of the initial phase of community engagement (November – December 2023):

- **Community Survey:** A survey consisting of 26 questions tailored to identify strengths, challenges, and future needs of Prince Edward County was made available to the public both online and in paper format. A total of **715 community members** completed the survey. **492 participants** have signed up to receive email updates throughout the planning process. This number may grow as others sign up for updates along the way. Updates will inform recipients of the progress of the Plan update and subsequent opportunities to give feedback.
- **Community Workshops:** During two public workshops community members were introduced to the Comprehensive Plan process and invited to share their perspectives on Countywide assets, strengths, challenges, and opportunities through a virtual Visual Preference Survey and small-group discussions and planning exercises. Approximately **60 residents** participated in the Public Workshops.
- **Focus Groups:** Community members, organization representatives, business owners, County department heads, and other regional experts representing **30 different organizations** participated in six roundtable discussion sessions. Each session focused on a topic relevant to the Comprehensive Plan update.
- **Website and Social Media:** The [Comprehensive Plan Update 2023 - 2025](#) project page on the County's website, and the [Prince Edward County, Virginia Facebook](#) page were regularly updated throughout the initial community engagement phase to inform community members of opportunities to provide input for the Comprehensive Plan. The project website and County Facebook page will continue to be updated throughout the drafting process to inform the community of joint worksessions with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to review draft materials.



PUBLIC WORKSHOPS SUMMARY

Prince Edward County held two Public Workshops to gather input from the community for the Comprehensive Plan update. The first Public Workshop was held at Crawley Forum on the campus of Hampden-Sydney College on November 16, 2023. The second public workshop was held at Robert Russa Moton Museum in Farmville on December 13, 2023. Approximately 60 people participated altogether.

The Public Workshops began with a presentation that briefly explained the comprehensive planning process and detailed the importance of public input. Attendees participated in a virtual Visual Preference Survey followed by group planning exercises and discussions to reach consensus on the County’s assets, challenges, priorities, and major topic areas. Briefly summarized below are the most common themes that emerged from the visual preference survey, exercises, and discussion. Full results are compiled in Appendices A and B.

COMMON THEMES		
Top Assets	Top Challenges	Goals for the Future
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher education institutions and resources • Town of Farmville • Abundance of state parks, natural resources, and outdoor recreation • Unique community of people and rich history • Healthcare facilities • Agricultural and timber industries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 education • Housing choices and affordability • Workforce development and professional job training opportunities • Availability and access to medical and mental health professionals • High poverty rate • Aging population and retention and attraction of young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve public schools • Increase variety and affordability of housing choices • Protect rural lands • Enhance economic development opportunities • Improve and expand community services • Improve transportation



FOCUS GROUP SUMMARY

Six focus groups were held during the community engagement process on November 16, 2023 and December 13, 2023. Berkley Group facilitated all focus groups; attendees were selected by Prince Edward County for their direct involvement and expertise in a given field:

- Community Facilities and Services
- Economic and Workforce Development
- Education – Educators
- Education – Students
- Land Use, Housing, and Transportation
- Parks, Recreation, Environment, and Culture

Attendees represented approximately 30 different local, regional, and state organizations, and County departments. The comments and concerns fell into four common themes: Education, Environment & Recreation, Housing & Community, and Economy. Briefly summarized below are some of the most common issues that were discussed, though many other topics were raised. Full results of the focus group discussions can be found in Appendix C, along with a list of organizations represented at each meeting.

COMMON THEMES			
Education	Environment & Recreation	Housing & Community	Economy
UNIQUE OR VITAL ASSETS AND RESOURCES			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-secondary education institutions • Public schools • Moton Museum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State parks & trails • Lakes & reservoirs • Organized sports • Walkability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The people – diversity, volunteerism, close-knit • Community organizations & services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central location in the state, proximity to cities • Access to highways, road infrastructure • Downtown Farmville • Agriculture & forestry • Local & small businesses • Growing collegiate sports entertainment
CHALLENGES FACING PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY TODAY			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negative perceptions of public schools • Aging public school facilities • Illiteracy in the home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change • Weather hazards • Solar industry growth without negative impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing affordability, rising costs • Systemic poverty, communication about workforce-training-jobs • Dispersed emergency services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee retention & attraction • Broadband access • Stagnant population growth • High poverty level • 3rd Street/Rt. 460 interchange
NEEDS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More resource officers • Updates to facilities • Adult classes, training • Daycare, pre-K education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor & outdoor recreation spaces for all • Bike & pedestrian infrastructure • Public swimming pool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variety of housing for sale and rent • Local contractor services and builders • Healthcare specialists, telehealth, primary care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pipeline for employees, workforce development, and employers • Professional job opportunities • Commercial space



FOCUS GROUP SUMMARY

COMMON THEMES			
Education	Environment & Recreation	Housing & Community	Economy
OPPORTUNITIES			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships between public, private, and higher education College tours Community pride/ownership of schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed recreation center Increase access and expand park assets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available land to build Compact housing and mixed-use development Support historic preservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor recreation/tourism Potential for growth Agriculture/forestry development Sandy River Reservoir
ACTIONS THAT PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY CAN TAKE			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote public education Extend resources for children to adults Adult GED program Explore new training & recruiting avenues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build new recreation center Cluster development to preserve rural lands Protect natural environment Overlay districts, buffers, land conservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-wide conversations Prepare for growth in and around the Town Designate areas for higher density & provide utilities in those areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support broadband expansion Promote the positives - quality education, quality lifestyle, outdoor tourism Carefully regulate solar facilities Expand public water capacity Coordinate with VDOT on traffic improvements at 3rd Street interchange to better manage commercial traffic flow



COMMUNITY SURVEY SUMMARY

A Community Survey was available to the public online and on paper from November 1, 2023 to January 15, 2024. A total of 715 respondents completed the survey. The highest percentage of respondents live in the Town of Pamplin City (29%) and the Town of Farmville (23%), while the majority of the remainder are spread throughout the County (39%), with a small number living outside of the County (9%). Most respondents are employed in the Town of Pamplin City (28%), the Town of Farmville (22%), and Prince Edward County (18%), while 11% are retired. Forty-two percent of respondents are in the 25-34 age group, 22% are 35-44, and 13% are 45-54. A short summary of the survey results is included below, and the full survey results are provided in Appendix D.

SUMMARIZED RESPONSES
TOP VALUED ATTRIBUTES
Sense of Community – 34%
Rural Character – 32%
Cost of Living – 28%
Natural Environment – 28%
Community safety – 22%
TOP CONCERNS ABOUT FUTURE
Public Schools – 45%
Lack of job opportunities – 32%
Housing affordability – 31%
Availability of broadband/high speed internet – 30%
Loss of farms and open space – 25%
TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE
Improving public schools and workforce development – 50%
Improving housing affordability and availability – 36%
Improving access to broadband/high speed internet – 24.3%
Improving the economy – 23%
Promoting quality development and redevelopment – 22%
MOST DESIRABLE TYPES OF NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
Affordable housing (cost <30% gross income) – 48%
Single family homes – 48%
Housing for seniors, elderly, or disabled – 41%
Townhouses – 38%
Rehab/repair of existing homes – 34%
MOST DESIRABLE TYPES OF NEW JOBS
Healthcare services – 50%
Trades – 47%
Offices and professional services – 43%
Education and childcare – 41%
Commercial businesses, such as retail, or service stores – 40%



KEY TAKEAWAYS

Five clear themes emerged from the public input collected from the Community Survey, Public Workshops, and Focus Group meetings. These themes contain key takeaways about the strengths and assets of Prince Edward County, the issues and challenges facing the community, future priorities, and the opportunities that can be seized upon to lead the County forward.





KEY TAKEAWAYS



Community Wellness

A healthy community is a thriving community. Enhancing and maintaining community wellness begins with providing adequate healthcare and mental health services, promoting active lifestyles, and fostering educational opportunities for citizens to better understand their options for health resources and food access.



Academic Excellence

A quality education lays the foundation for the future of Prince Edward County. Students need modern facilities and resources to inspire innovative ideas and foster a desire for lifelong learning. Investing in the physical infrastructure of school facilities is complemented by providing cutting-edge programming and academic opportunities for students to thrive and gain the skills needed to work in the real world. Adult learners are also encouraged to further their education and learn new skills to be competitive in the workforce.



Livability

Livable communities enjoy a high quality of life, access to community services, and a variety of housing types to fit their needs. With current projections indicating flat population growth over the next twenty years, it is vital to target strategic growth areas that will be attractive to families and young professionals, breathing new life into the future of the County. Likewise, maintaining the rural lifestyle and character that defines the local landscape will make Prince Edward a livable, enjoyable community that is inviting to all.



Prosperity

A prosperous community has robust opportunities for job creation, workforce training, and entrepreneurship. Prince Edward County is a regional hub in the heart of Virginia, making it the ideal location to attract new businesses and grow existing ones, both large and small. Employers are looking for a workforce with 21st century skills in communities that provide a high quality of life to retain workers. Attracting and retaining businesses not only adds commercial choices for residents, but also creates a base of job creators that will cement the County as the go-to location for business and industry.



Environmental Stewardship

Prince Edward County's natural beauty and rural landscapes are some of its greatest assets. With three state parks, two wildlife management areas, and one state forest, there are an abundance of outdoor recreation and conservation opportunities. Stewarding and enhancing the County's natural assets is vital not only to preserve wildlife and provide for clean water resources, but also as a key driver for ecotourism and economic growth without sacrificing land to development.

APPENDIX A

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP
RESPONSES**



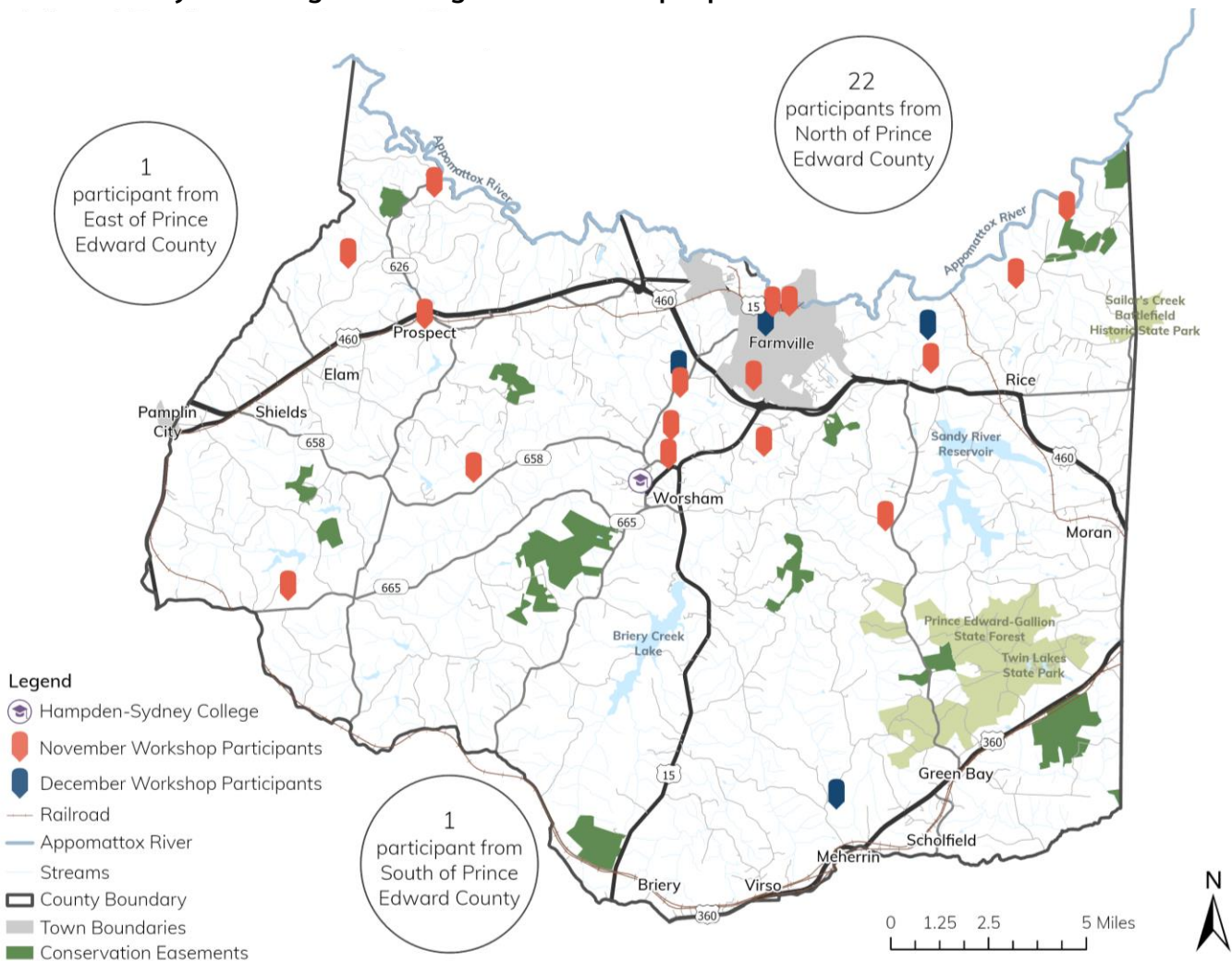
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INDIVIDUAL VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY RESPONSES*

1. Where are you coming from tonight? Click to drop a pin!



*Full visual preference survey results are provided in Appendix B.



PUBLIC WORKSHOP RESPONSES

GROUP EXERCISES – STRENGTHS, CHALLENGES & GOALS

1. Top Strengths/Assets:

- Higher education – Longwood University, Hampden-Sydney College, Southern Virginia Community College
 - Workforce training, entertainment/culture, students
 - Partnerships with Moton Museum/local history
 - Help promote the community
 - Help nonprofit organizations
- Agricultural industry/countryside/rural character
 - Local farms/cannery/local produce
 - Rural identity
 - Uncrowded
- Farmville
 - Town center of the County
 - Beautiful Main Street, thriving downtown
 - Downtown Farmville, businesses, reuse of warehouses for Green Front Furniture
 - Vibrant downtown as unofficial economic and civic hub of southside
 - Urban hub near state parks
 - Good communication between the Town and County
- Natural resources
 - State parks, natural beauty, and outdoor recreation
 - Recreation opportunities/state parks/rail-trail/tourism – varied, quiet, spread out
 - Reservoirs – reliable water sources
 - Wildlife, biodiversity, conservation potential
 - Tourism opportunities
- The people and small-town sense of community
 - Volunteerism, service focus
 - Individual leadership, traditions of collaboration
 - Mix of established residents and new arrivals
 - Dedicated, invested residents
- Local hospital in larger system – urgent care
 - Supportive healthcare/dental providers
 - Medevac services
- Rich history
 - Moton Museum – only civil rights museum in Virginia/national park affiliation
 - Asset in education
 - Drives tourism
 - Our history is complex and can help us learn
- Quality of life
 - Affordable cost of living
 - Low crime rates



PUBLIC WORKSHOP RESPONSES

- Low taxes
- Seven fire departments/EMS
- Four police forces
- Economic development
 - Central location in Virginia and proximity to metro areas – “Heart of Virginia”
 - Two highways
 - Opportunities for development because of location
 - Prospective industrial development sites

2. Top Challenges/Weaknesses:

- Public schools/K-12 education
 - Perceived or real weaknesses of public education
 - Teacher retention, funding, infrastructure
 - Engagement and public perception
 - Performance
 - Kids go out of county for education
 - Not a draw for industry or residential
- Workforce development, recruitment, retention of skilled workers
 - Job opportunities
 - Lack of higher paying jobs
 - Lack of young professionals and families
 - Lack of soft skills and technical skills
- Rural first responders – specifically ambulance – emergency medical care
 - Emergency radio system
 - Support for local rescue squads/fire departments/volunteers
- Economic development, attracting new businesses
 - Commercial longevity/patronage
 - Low level economic development
 - Only two grocery stores
 - Lack of clothing stores
 - Low revenues/taxes
 - Attracting and retaining young families for workforce – aging tax base
 - Limited utility infrastructure for larger industries
 - Food desert
- Housing
 - Lack of quality housing, affordability, choices
 - Affordable housing for workforce, low income, domestic violence, etc.
 - High poverty rates, hidden rural poverty
- Healthcare
 - Shortage of providers, including physical and mental health
 - Speed/access to appointments
 - More urgent cares and primary care physicians needed



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- Comparatively high morbidity and mortality rates (County health rankings)
- Broadband and cell service availability
 - Rural availability
 - Better speed/consistency
- Transportation
 - Lack of public transportation
 - Trail/sidewalk accessibility
 - Walkability, roads, lights, signs
 - No cab services
 - Interchange at 3rd Street and Route 460 is not conducive to large commercial vehicles
- Lack of rural recreation opportunities
 - Proximity of amenities
- Recycling/waste management
- Zoning ordinance is slow/insular, not based on best practices or learning from other communities
- History – stuck in ways/hurts schools
- Water/sewer system

3. Top Goals/Improvements the County should focus on:

- Public school outcomes
 - Higher graduation rates, reduced absenteeism, higher test scores
 - New or upgraded school facilities
 - Attract/retain good teachers
 - Better interaction with colleges
 - Civic engagement and awareness
- Housing
 - Affordable housing – more and better availability
 - Prioritize incentives
 - Update zoning code
 - Seek out developers for affordable workforce and LMI housing
 - More starter homes
 - Higher end for retirees
- Protect rural/agricultural lands
 - Preserve recreation/green space and farms
 - Limit/prohibit large solar facilities
- Local economy
 - Diversify economy to attract new businesses and increase tax revenues
 - Public information/marketing to change narrative – up and coming small town to move to – highlight success stories
 - Accentuate the aesthetics of Prince Edward County – “Heart of Virginia”
 - Capitalize on the natural beauty, history, trails



PUBLIC WORKSHOP RESPONSES

- Employment, industry
- Workforce development and skills training to increase wages and credentials of current residents
- Attract professional positions, higher paying jobs
- Investment in commercial sector – downtown, variety
- Resident retention - work here / live here motto
 - Increase residential population by decreasing in-commuting patterns
- Maintain and increase collaboration of primary asset institutions – higher education, healthcare, Town of Farmville and the County
- Tech improvements – communication, transportation, management, sustainability
- Hotels
- Façade upkeep – W. Third Street – Dowdy’s Corner
- Improve other downtowns – Rice, Pamplin, Prospect
- Community services/facilities
 - Healthcare access, more primary care providers
 - Allocating funds, preventing economic disparity with programs for those in need
 - Establish/expand public water/sewer system where feasible
 - Collection of recyclable materials
 - County-funded emergency response
 - Broadband, rural internet/technology
- Transportation
 - Improve walkability outside of Main Street
 - Regional transportation system/better transportation
 - Rural unsafe/deteriorated roads
 - Enhance gateways/corridors to Farmville
 - Improve the interchange at 3rd Street and Route 460 to help commercial vehicles better navigate without being routed through narrow downtown streets
- Leadership
 - Change mindset of leadership/elected officials for measured/thoughtful growth based on best practices from other communities
 - Do not just jump on first opportunities



PUBLIC WORKSHOP RESPONSES

GROUP 1 DISCUSSION: GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

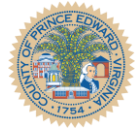
1-A.		Type(s) of residential units most appropriate in these areas							
Areas that could best accommodate residential growth or development		A. Single Family Homes	B. Duplexes/Townhomes	C. Apartments/Condos	D. Mixed-Use (e.g., residential units above commercial space)	E. Housing for Seniors/Nursing Facilities	F. Accessory Dwelling Units (e.g., basement apartment, granny flat, guest house)	G. Manufactured Homes	H. Other (specify):
1	Areas adjacent to Town and within Town limits		√	√	√	√	√		
2	Briery Creek	√							
3	Rice			√	√	√			
4	Prospect	√	√		√		√		
5	South of 460, east of 15 near schools	√	√	√					
6	North of 460, west side of town				√	√			
7	Southwest of town, north of 460					√			
8	Entire County with proper zoning regulations	√					√		



PUBLIC WORKSHOP RESPONSES

GROUP 1 DISCUSSION: GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

1-B.		Type(s) of commercial/industrial development most appropriate for these areas											
Areas that could best accommodate business growth or development.		I. Restaurants/Cafes	J. Gas Stations, Convenience Stores	K. Events, Music, Entertainment Spaces	L. Mixed-use (commercial & residential)	M. Tourism & Agritourism	N. Groceries or Farm Markets	O. Retail & Specialty Shops	P. Professional Services & Offices	Q. Community Services (e.g., healthcare, childcare)	R. Industrial & Distribution Centers	S. Hotels & Lodging	T. Other: (tech facility, tourism, camping)
1	West side of Farmville along 3 rd St.	√			√						√	√	
2	East side of Farmville	√			√						√	√	
3	East of #5, north of 460												√
4	Route 360 and rail corridor/southern part of County, Route 460 northern part of County		√								√	√	
5	Route 15 corridor and all preservation areas					√	√		√				√
6	Town of Farmville, Pamplin, Rice	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	



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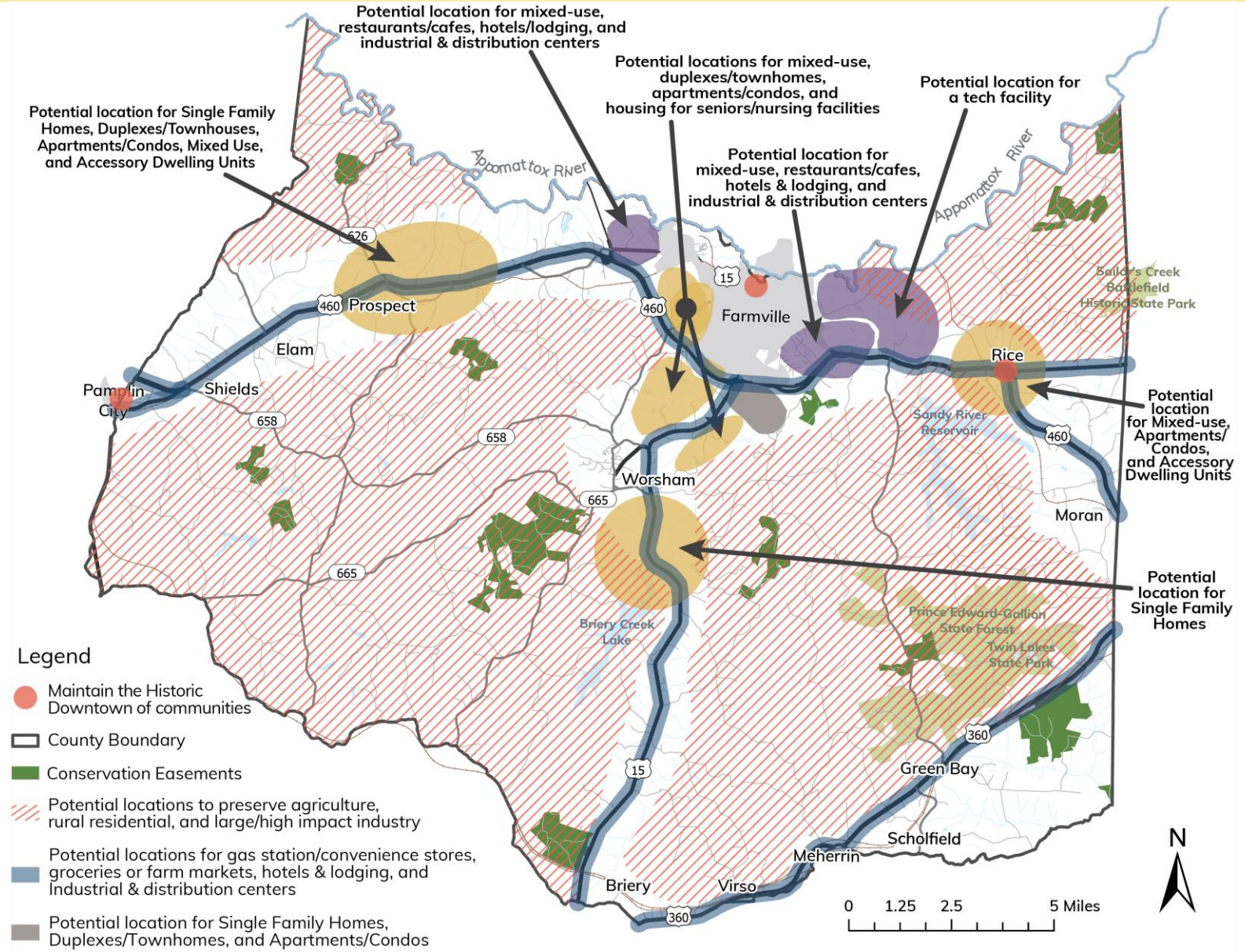
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<i>Areas/assets to be preserved or where development should be limited</i>		<i>Reason the area or asset should be protected</i>
1	Sailors Creek Battlefield Historic State Park	This area has historical significance
2	Twin Lakes State Park Prince Edward north of 360	Natural area
3	Sandy River Reservoir	Recreation, natural area
4	The Manor	Historic preservation
5	Mary Branch	
6	River Walk	
7	Away from main roads, communities, and major watersheds	Preserve for agriculture, rural residential, large industry
8	Historic Downtown communities – Farmville, Pamplin, Rice	Maintain



PUBLIC WORKSHOP RESPONSES

GROUP 1 DISCUSSION: GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT





PUBLIC WORKSHOP RESPONSES

GROUP 2 DISCUSSION: ECONOMY & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

2-A. Major economic drivers in Prince Edward County:

- Universities/higher education
- Downtown Farmville
- Greenfront Furniture, Walmart
- Healthcare sector/Hospital
- Agriculture and forestry
 - Timber, dairy, beef cattle
- Recreation/Ecotourism (natural environment, parks, etc.)
- Small/local businesses
- Government
- Human service industries
- Skilled trades, retail enterprise
- Local trucking
- Historic tourism

2-B. Economic or workforce development goals for Prince Edward County, including supporting actions that the County should take to achieve these goals:

- Encourage light industry, diversify industrial park
- Workforce/vocational training center/technical school/trade school
- Technology
- Attract industries to the industrial park
- Improve public schools, attract teachers
- Younger, more diverse commercial sector
- Attract young families – jobs and other opportunities
- Fostering higher education jobs - encourage students to stay in County
- Healthcare access – attract healthcare workers
- Value-added agriculture
- Subsidized transportation for employment, connecting infrastructure across County
- Emphasize high-density, mixed-use sites
- Event/civic center close to Farmville
- Hotel at Granite Falls/Lowes



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GROUP 2 DISCUSSION: ECONOMY & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

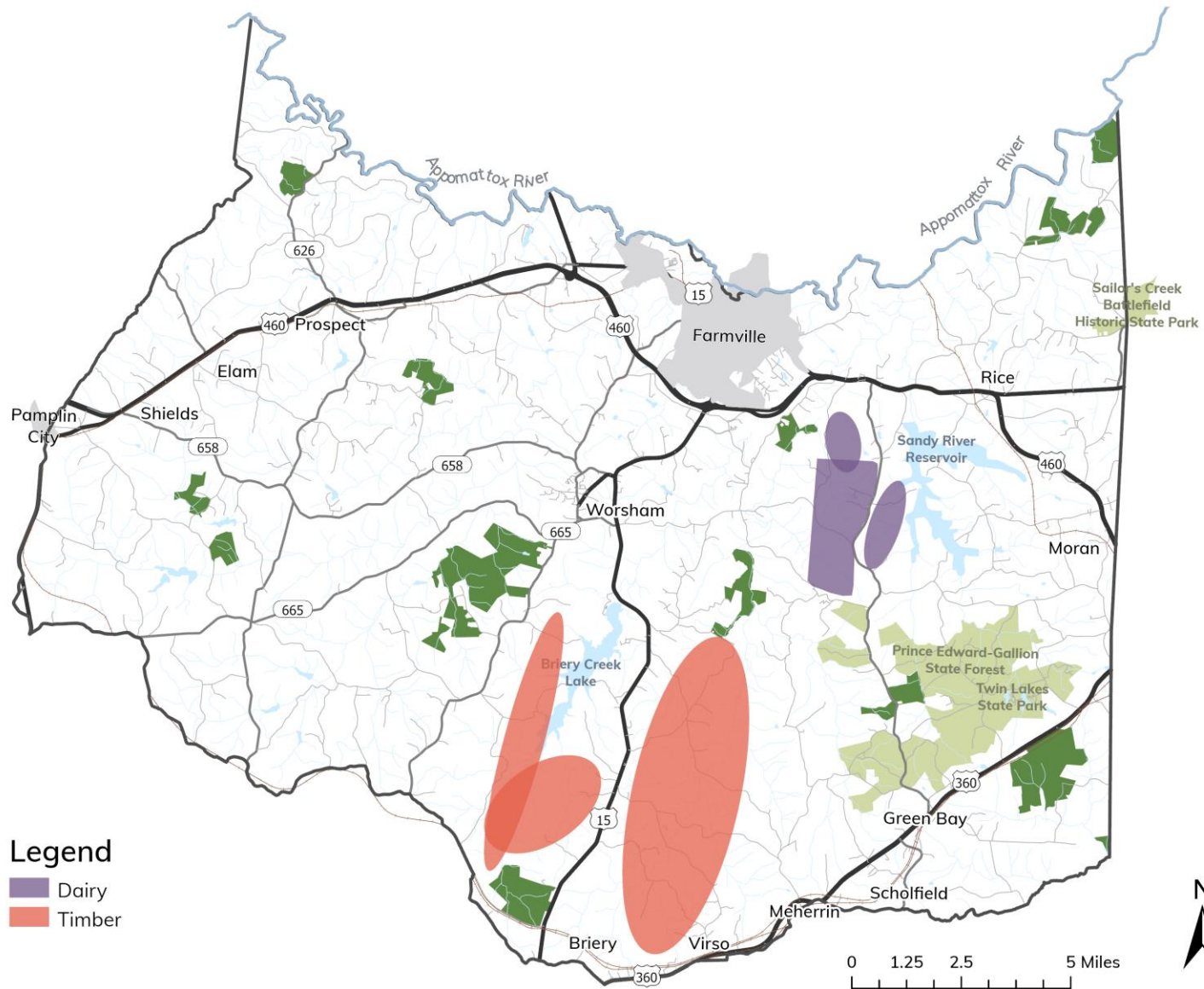
2-C. Ways that Prince Edward County can ensure that it is a successful location for the following industries:

Type of Industry/Business	Recommended Action
Agriculture/farming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage local agricultural produce usage in restaurants • Keep farmland • Understand impact of solar facilities, limit acreage • Value-added
Forestry/Timber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage maximum conservation and mitigation within industry • Maintain – clear and replant • Preserve wisely, clear/cut wisely • Value-added
Agritourism & tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise/focus on festivals and community events • Continue strong marketing • Winery, distillery, lavender farms, children’s museum
Restaurants and shopping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Younger and more diverse • Keep in Farmville – keep on corridors 460/360 • Grocery and other variety • Summer strategy, diverse menu for dietary restrictions
Professional services and offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage higher education jobs • Raise retention rate for students – locals • Highway corridors/Granite Falls/Lowes • Incentivize professionals living locally • Mental health and substance use disorder resources
Medical and healthcare services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satellite emergency rooms • Encourage expansion • Granite Falls/ Lowes • Fill gaps that burden local health outcomes including telehealth • Recruit additional providers to promote competition
Light industrial and manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage expansion, finding corporations and firms that prefer rural location/character. • Commerce – behind Lowes, Dominion Drive • Light industry in sync with local production
Heavy industrial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No actions recommended
Transportation & distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidize and connect County infrastructure for transportation • Road improvement • Interchange improvement at 3rd Street and Route 460 • Pave gravel roads • Ridesharing option
Other (specify):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater management • Wedding – forever starts in Prince Edward



PUBLIC WORKSHOP RESPONSES

GROUP 2 DISCUSSION: ECONOMY & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT





PUBLIC WORKSHOP RESPONSES

GROUP 3 DISCUSSION: CONNECTIVITY & RECREATION

3-A.

Areas needing improvements		Motor vehicle transportation improvements: Issue or type of improvement needed
1	Abilene Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widen all of 665 from Route 15 at Worsham to Charlotte County • Remove dead trees • Add lighting
2	Farmville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Transportation • Greyhound Bus
3	Abilene Road Route 604	Widen, straighten
4	Route 630 Meherrin Road	Widen, straighten
5	Intersection of Routes 307 and 460	High accident rate; better traffic pattern
6	Gully's Tavern	Improve/pave access to housing

3-B.

Areas for improvements		Pedestrian or bicycle transportation improvements: Issue or type of improvement needed
1	Sidewalk from HSC to Route 15 to Kingsville	Sidewalk
2	Crosswalk from Route 15/Williams Street	Crosswalk (Pedestrian crossing at Sheetz over 15)
3	Virso, intersection of Routes 633 and 634	Walking and biking trails
4	Manor area to Walmart	Walking and biking
5	All of Route 15	Pedestrian/bike lane
6	Zion Hill Road and Commerce Road	Sidewalks near school and YMCA
7	Between Green Front and Virginia Tasting Cellar	Connect along river



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GROUP 3 DISCUSSION: CONNECTIVITY & RECREATION

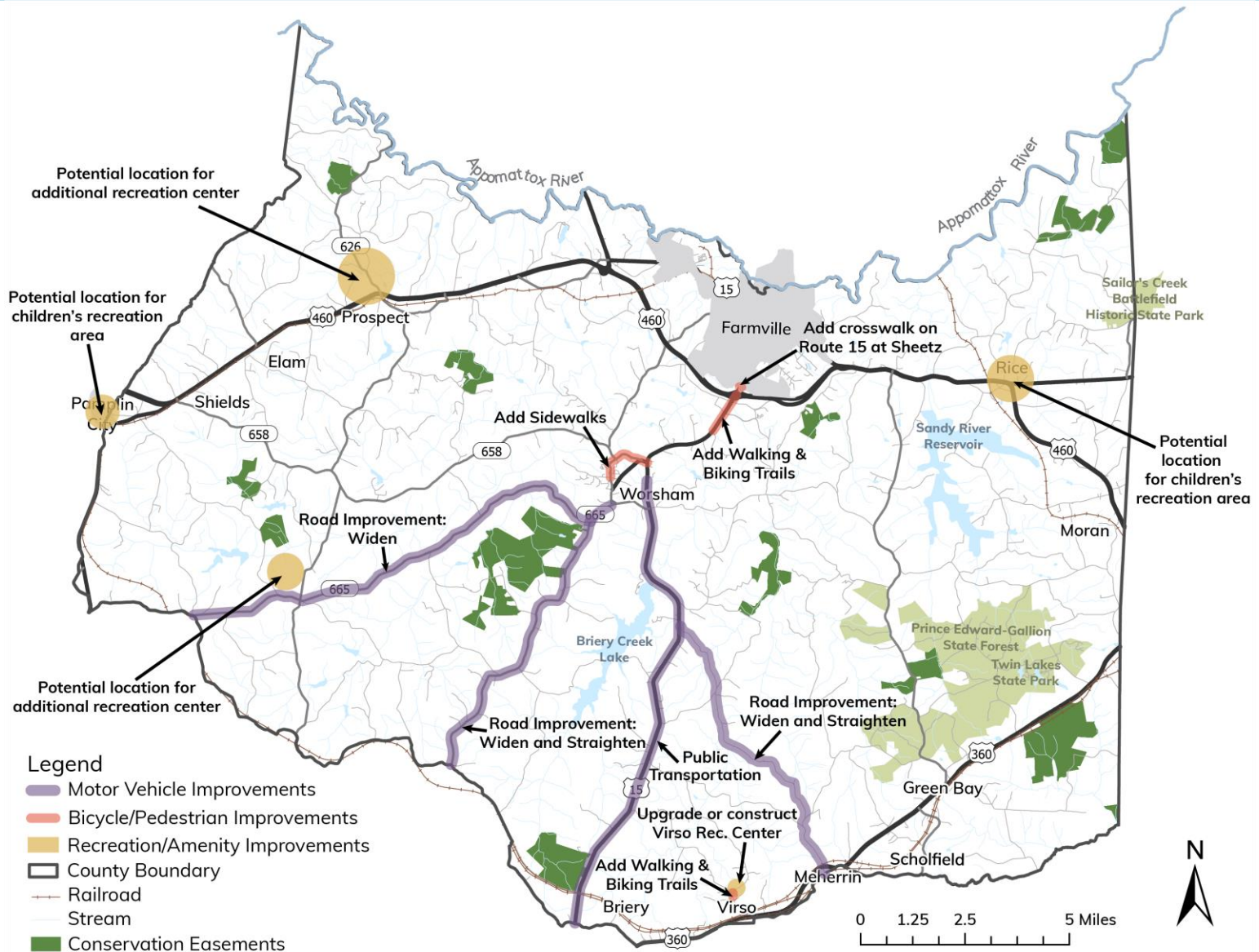
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<i>Areas needing improvements</i>		<i>Recreation or community amenity improvements: Issue or type of improvement needed</i>
1	Pamplin and Rice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s recreation area (Meherrin example)
2	Virso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Center: upgrade or construct, handicap accessibility
3	Prospect Intersection of Routes 665 and 626	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two additional recreation centers
4	County, general	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public pool needed • More activities for teenagers • Taxi/ride share
5	Public Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better traffic pattern for drop-off/pickup



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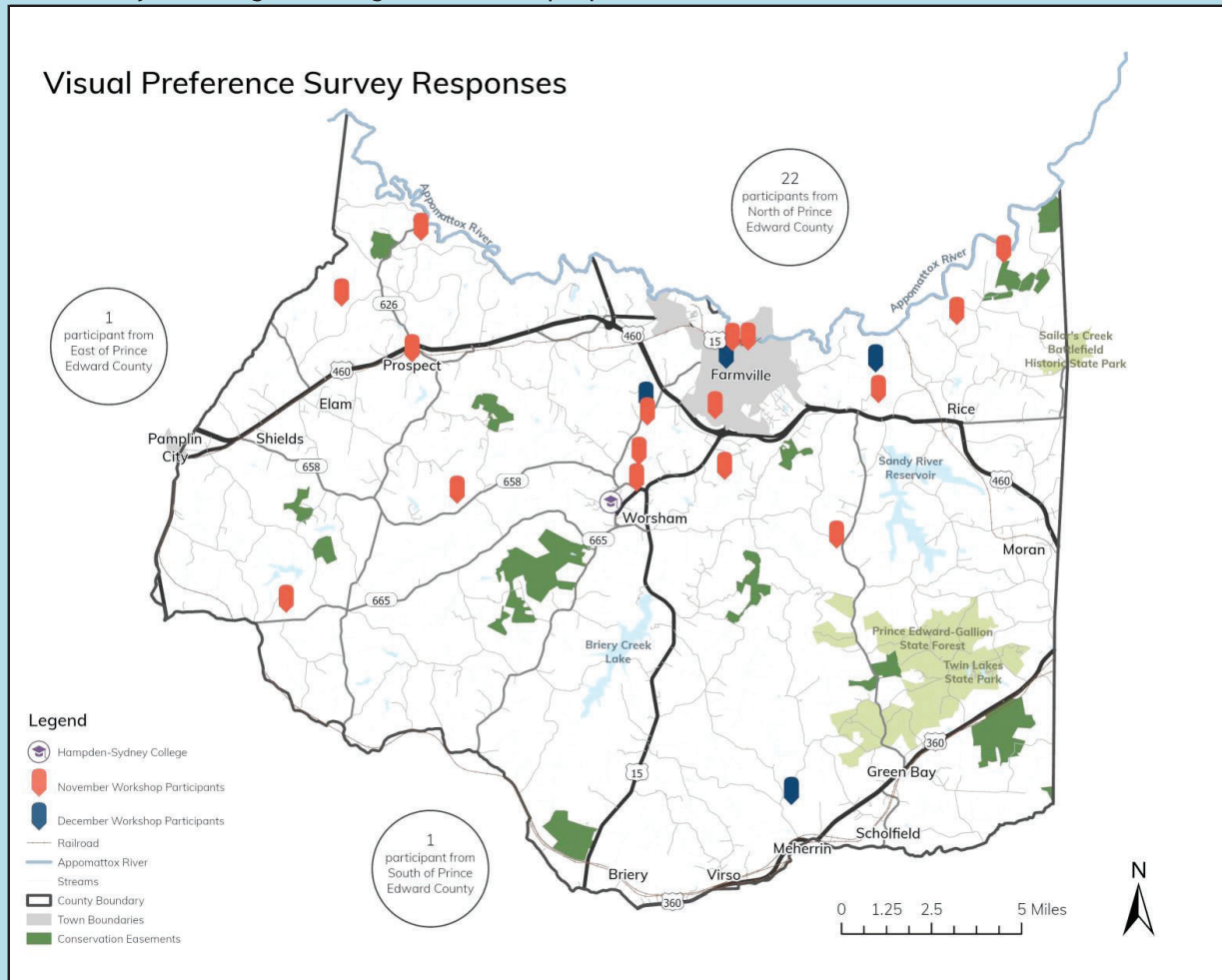


APPENDIX B

VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS

November and December 2023 Public Workshops Visual Preference Survey Results

1. Where are you coming from tonight? Click to drop a pin!



Total Responses: 44

2. Rural Residential



	Count	%
Love it / it fits perfectly in Prince Edward	18	38%
Like it / it's a good fit for Prince Edward	16	33%
Neutral / no preference	9	19%
Not my favorite, but could work somewhere in Prince Edward	5	10%
Don't like it / not a good fit in Prince Edward	0	0%
Total Responses:	48	

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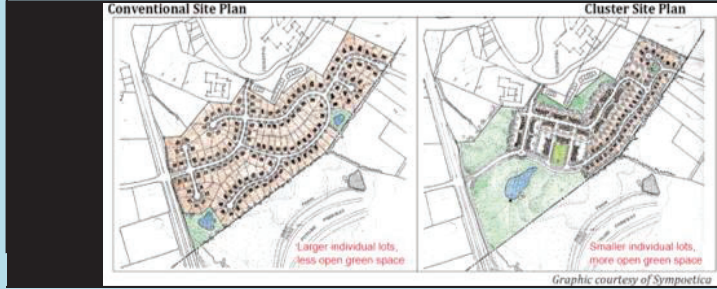
3. Rural Suburban Neighborhood		Count	%
	Love it / it fits perfectly in Prince Edward	6	12%
	Like it / it's a good fit for Prince Edward	15	31%
	Neutral / no preference	4	8%
	Not my favorite, but could work somewhere in Prince Edward	18	37%
	Don't like it, not a good fit in Prince Edward	6	12%
	Total Responses:	49	

4. Suburban Neighborhood		Count	%
	Love it / it fits perfectly in Prince Edward	3	6%
	Like it / it's a good fit for Prince Edward	18	37%
	Neutral / no preference	6	12%
	Not my favorite, but could work somewhere in Prince Edward	11	22%
	Don't like it, not a good fit in Prince Edward	11	22%
	Total Responses:	49	

5. Mixed-Use (Residential/Commercial)		Count	%
	Love it / it fits perfectly in Prince Edward	10	20%
	Like it / it's a good fit for Prince Edward	22	44%
	Neutral / no preference	11	22%
	Not my favorite, but could work somewhere in Prince Edward	4	8%
	Don't like it, not a good fit in Prince Edward	3	6%
	Total Responses:	50	

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6. Traditional neighborhood subdivisions have homes on larger lots with less open green space. Cluster subdivisions have homes on smaller lots with more open green space. Which do you prefer?



	Count	%
Traditional neighborhood subdivisions	23	49%
Cluster subdivisions	15	32%
Either	4	9%
I don't know/no preference	3	6%
Total Responses:	47	

7. For potential medium-to-large solar developments, what qualities of Prince Edward County are most important to protect?



Natural resources: Water, soils, trees, plants, water, air, habitats, forests (x21)	
Rural/natural lands, open space, environment (x19)	
Viewsheds, landscape (x9)	
Agricultural land & use of land (x9)	
State parks (x6)	
Economic benefit (taxable) for county (x3)	
Property owners rights	
Education, Economic Development, Youth	
Recreational spaces	
Locate to shade existing impervious areas such as	
Identity as outdoor/educational center	
Equality in access/uage	
Sustainable jobs	
Small businesses	
Benefits of local power to local community	
How the tax breaks the developer receives impacts school funding	
There are more negative impacts than positive.	
Solar development is not beneficial in the long run	
All qualities are important to protect	
End of life span mitigation plans for solar panel disposal	
subdivision areas, clustered together	
Power not shared to all power companies	
Solar development strips the land of all its good qualities. After 20-40 years it's impossible to restore the land to its original character.	
Solar is a necessity, while giving serious consideration to appropriate land use and residential impact.	
Total Responses:	76
Unique Participants:	42

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8. These are some items that similar communities have identified for protection. How would you rank these in importance from highest to lowest?



	Rank
Vegetation/trees	1
Rural farmland	2
Wildlife corridors	3
Scenic viewsheds	4
Quiet atmosphere	5
Total Responses:	41

9. What measures could help reduce the impact of medium-to-large solar developments? Pick your top 2 answers.



	Count	%
Increased distance from homes and roads	27	66%
Landscape/tree buffer	34	83%
Fencing	3	7%
Site location/elevation	16	39%
Other	3	7%
Total Responses:	41	

APPENDIX C

FOCUS GROUP RESPONSES



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION

On November 16, 2023, the Berkley Group facilitated a focus group meeting with representatives from organizations related to land use, housing, and transportation. This meeting was held at Hampden-Sydney College's Crawley Forum in a roundtable discussion format. Participants discussed questions regarding existing conditions and planning for the future of the County. The following is a summary of the discussion.

The organizations represented include:

- The Caton Companies
- Commonwealth Regional Council
- Harlan L. Horton, P.C.
- Maxey & Associates, P.C.
- Nash Surveying Services
- Oakwood Homes
- Piedmont Habitat for Humanity
- Prince Edward County
- Statewide Realty
- Virginia Department of Transportation

1. What are the County's greatest assets/strengths for development, housing, and transportation? Challenges/weaknesses?

Assets

- Centrally located in Virginia, easy access via Routes 460 and 360
- Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College – provide educational opportunities and are important economic drivers
- Green Front Furniture (Downtown Farmville) is a substantial tourism draw
- Ecotourism
 - Multiple public recreation areas (High Bridge Trail State Park, Twin Lakes State Park, Sailor's Creek Battlefield State Park, Prince Edward-Gallion State Forest, Featherfin Wildlife Management Area, and Briery Creek Wildlife Management Area)
 - High Bridge Trail – valuable for residents and tourism - need to protect viewsheds and buffers along trail
 - Sandy River Reservoir
- Retail center for five counties
- Locally owned retail businesses, not many national or international chains
- Having a rural environment with the Town of Farmville close – appealing to those who want a quiet life with access to town amenities
 - Walkability of the Town of Farmville brings people to the area
- Quality of life is high
- Opportunity to become a wedding destination – the County and Town have wedding venues, a dress shop, caterers, photographers, etc.

Challenges

- Lack of professional jobs and services, so young people move away for work
- Negative perceptions and low rankings of public schools make it hard to attract teachers, new families, and businesses
- Lack of housing options to attract new permanent residents and employees



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION

- Students are gone in the summer – fewer consumers and visitors to support local businesses
- Limited hospital and medical services are a constraint to older people moving here
- East of Farmville does not have full access to Route 460
 - Building more access ramps is very expensive and the area has environmental constraints
 - Funding requests to date have not been supported
- Population is too low for large retailers and industrial employers – local consumer and workforce bases are not large enough to meet their siting criteria
- 20% low-to-moderate income (LMI) population in the County
- Cell phone coverage is a problem, but Verizon is improving infrastructure and building a new tower
 - New broadband will help when it is installed

2. How would you characterize recent development trends in Prince Edward County?

- Residential – Modular and manufactured home builders
 - Building small subdivisions of speculative houses \$250,000-\$350,000
- Trends in Farmville are from tourism – niche businesses
- More hotel rooms have been built in the last 10-15 years in Farmville

How do they impact housing and transportation?

- Abilene Road needs to be widened; housing being built on the road is increasing traffic
 - Traffic impact studies are done for large projects, not small subdivisions

3. What is the current state of housing – in terms of quantity, quality, variety, and affordability? What types of housing are most needed, and where?

- Expensive/unaffordable for most
- Even manufactured homes are expensive now – they are no longer an affordable housing option
 - A new double-wide costs \$320,000; a new single-wide costs \$100,000
- A regional housing study was done a few years ago that concluded housing is not affordable, quality is low, and the County lacks inventory
- Quality new homes and renovated/rehabilitated homes
- Most of the housing is single-family – very little multi-family housing, condos, townhouses
- Students stay on campus longer – the student housing market has decreased
- Multi-family housing developers are not confident enough in the market to build
- No subdivision streets being built – too expensive

4. What other types of new development (residential, commercial, industrial, etc.) would benefit the community, and where should it be located?

- Some people do not want to see the County grow
- Growth should occur in and around Farmville
- “New traditional” developments



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION

- Overlay district along Route 15; adding some streetlights might help
- Prospect/Rice/Pamplin, around Hampden-Sydney College – Green Bay Road connector
- Prospect could be a good area for a growth village – village centers in the current Comprehensive Plan
- Culpeper is a good comparison for Prince Edward to aspire to
 - Government agencies provide good jobs

5. Are there specific zoning, regulatory, or process requirements that could be addressed to facilitate desirable development, housing, and transportation improvements?

- Duplexes and accessory apartments are allowed by-right in the A-1 and A-2 agricultural zoning districts, but we only get single-family home development applications
- Plan certain areas for higher density and provide public utilities, especially public sewer, to those areas
- Flag lot rules can be a constraint; subdivision ordinance could allow flag lots with proper requirements
- Density bonus for cluster development, allow shared drive (flag-lot situation)
- Maybe enlarge the Agricultural Residential (A2) zoning district in specific places to support more density
- The Residential Planned Community (RPC) zoning district can be used to build subdivisions that provide a variety of housing
- Bigger subdivisions are not being built – too expensive to build roads
- People like the rural environment – do not want houses every 200 feet
 - Cluster subdivisions might be more appealing
- Soils in Prince Edward do not support all development – water can usually be provided onsite but sewer and septic are more difficult

6. Are there any neighborhood amenities or transportation improvements that would contribute to safety and quality of life in Prince Edward? (more transit routes, intersection improvements, etc.)

- Meherrin, Darlington Heights Roads are too narrow
- 3rd street intersection at Route 460 (full access ramps) – biggest need for growth
 - Prevent encroachment on corridor until funding is secured
 - If development happens now it will make it harder to improve the infrastructure later

7. Are there any new or emerging development, housing, or transportation projects?

- Fiber network is coming through a VATI grant program
 - Will cover rural underserved portions of the County – should take three years

8. Do you have additional feedback or concerns that should be considered in the Comprehensive Plan?

What does the county want to be? We need to know what we want to be:

- Rural, Agricultural
- Do not want to be Chesterfield or Amelia – want to be in the middle



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION

- Land is cheaper here than many places; the people coming to buy it want to keep it Agricultural
- Do not see “gate-closers” here
 - People are open to change and know that the County is not growing
 - The school system is shrinking – most realize we need to keep young people here and bring new people in
 - 2050 projection is to grow by 1,000; surrounding areas are projected for no growth
 - How do we encourage the right growth in the right places?
 - There is room for infill and redevelopment in Farmville
- County has an appetite for progressive growth (density, mixed-use), but need to balance with protecting rural areas, High Bridge Trail, and scenic viewsheds
- Need a better marketing strategy for the area – different lifestyle, comfortable, rural – Southern Living image
 - We need tourism and business marketing
- A quality education community
 - Young families do not come here because of school ratings
 - Rankings are low
 - Public perceptions are negative, even when there are measurable improvements
 - Performance and perceptions need to be improved
 - Many kids attend adjacent school systems or private schools
 - Buildings have maintenance and upgrade needs
- Older folks are not retiring here – untapped potential
 - This is a good place to retire, need to market to retirees
 - The Manor is attractive – one level living
- Comprehensive Plan should have focus areas for older populations
- A remote-worker enclave – new high-speed fiber will open up work-from-home opportunities
- Should entertainment be a priority?
 - New arena 3,000 people Longwood University is an asset
 - Downtown events



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – EDUCATION STUDENT SESSION

On December 13, 2023, the Berkley Group facilitated a focus group meeting with 9 student representatives from Prince Edward County High School (PECHS) and Fuqua School (FS). This meeting was held at the Robert Russa Moton Museum in a roundtable discussion format. Participants discussed questions regarding existing conditions and planning for the future of education in the County. The following is a summary of the discussion.

1. What do you like about your school and overall experience going through your school system?

- Consensus among PECHS students that the system is very supportive, including counselors, advisors, teachers, and students
- Students at FS like the small community – it feels like a family; older and younger students interact
- Vocational classes
- Dual enrollment
- Governor's School
- Auto technology

2. What do you wish was different or better?

- ADA accessibility is lacking; elevator does not work well
- More resource officers to improve security and be prepared for threats to safety
- Prince Edward and Fuqua Schools are too separate
 - Would like more extra-curricular and educational activities together, similar to Bridge Builders program but open to everyone
- School facilities need to be updated/renovated
- College application assistance – not just connecting students to application opportunities, but also providing practical and technical support (how to fill out and submit the application, what documentation should be prepared before starting, etc.)

3. What do you plan to do after high school graduation?

- North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University or Drexel
- Johnson & Wales University – College of Food Innovation & Technology
- Longwood University – Cormier Honors College
- Nursing school
- Equine medicine
- James Madison University
- University of Virginia

4. Do you feel that your school is preparing you for your future career/college and life?

- Students feel prepared due to curriculum and activities available, as well as the support they receive from teachers, staff, and each other

5. Do you plan to stay in, or eventually return to, Prince Edward County?



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- Not for good, I may even want to live in another country
- Will come back for visits
- Want to start my life in North Carolina
- Go to college here, then branch out – have lived here my whole life
- Do not know; my family lives here – would not move very far away
- After college I want to leave the state and live somewhere new
- Will probably stay in a neighboring county (do not live in Prince Edward now)
- Will probably come back here to live in the country
- Will probably come back to coach
- There are more opportunities elsewhere

6. What do you like most about living in Prince Edward County/Farmville? What are your favorite places to go or things to do in the County?

- Movie theaters
- Meeting new people
- Hanging out at friends' houses, baseball, cookouts
- Sports
- Young Life
- Restaurants
- Main Street shopping
- Longwood University sports
- High Bridge Trail
- Prince Edward Farmville Youth Association (PEFYA)

7. What types of activities are missing for kids and teens in Prince Edward County/Farmville? When travelling to other places have you seen anything that you wish was here in Prince Edward County?

- Activities that are in Richmond, Lynchburg
- Indoor recreation and hangout spaces – e.g., rec center, arcade, mall
 - There are outdoor trails and recreation opportunities, but not a lot to do indoors
- Restaurants on Longwood University campus that close between semesters
- Youth sports programs are often discovered by word of mouth – can be difficult to learn how to sign up if you don't already know
- Not much to do here for kids and teens

8. Additional thoughts:

- The block schedule is hard
 - Classes are too long
 - School starts too early
 - No time between classes for locker or restroom
 - Have to carry everything in backpacks – students often don't use their lockers at all



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – EDUCATION EDUCATOR SESSION

On December 13, 2023, the Berkley Group facilitated a focus group meeting with representatives from organizations related to education and workforce development. This meeting was held at Robert Russa Moton Museum in a roundtable discussion format. Participants discussed questions regarding existing conditions and planning for the future of the County. The following is a summary of the discussion:

The organizations represented include:

- Fuqua School
- Hampden-Sydney College (HSC)
- Longwood University (LU)
- Prince Edward County Public Schools (PECPS)
- Robert Russa Moton Museum
- South Central Workforce Development Board
- Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC)

1. What are the biggest strengths of Prince Edward County's education and workforce development programs?

- Robust offering of educational opportunities at the K-12 and collegiate level
- Teacher resources and support from administration
- Community organizations
- Educational partnerships with community organizations
 - Longwood University
 - Resources provided to Prince Edward County Public Schools (PECPS) teachers
 - Camps for students
 - Hampden-Sydney College
 - Southside Virginia Community College
 - Dual enrollment program for high schoolers
 - Governor's School campus
 - Associate degree and college transfer programs
 - Workforce development classes and trainings
 - Moton Museum – historic and cultural programming
 - James Madison University program – tours for middle school students
- Diverse population in the County
- Community-based activities that homeschoolers use
- Career & Technical Education (CTE) program
 - Growing and evolving for workforce trends – agriculture, cyber security, marketing, business, etc.
- Student exposure to higher education beginning in elementary school
- History of civil rights in education is complicated but also a source of strength, inspiration



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2. What are some ways to expand upon these strengths?

- Be a community of choice – a place where people want to live
- Increase affordable housing options – if people see that they can afford to live here and have quality education, community facilities, etc. they will choose to live here
- Improve the negative perception of our public schools
 - Find ways for people to take ownership and help fix the problem
 - More public promotion about the positives of school system
- Connect students who want to stay in the area to local jobs
- Increase opportunities for parental involvement
- Support organization of a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) at the middle and high schools
- Improve synergy and communication between programs – schools, library, Department of Social Services, community action agencies, etc.
- Improve communication with parents
 - Extend hours of outreach
 - Extend resources for children to their parents
 - More community conversations to discern the needs of the whole County
 - Personal communication cannot be replaced by electronic communication

3. What are the biggest challenges to providing quality education and workforce development in the County?

- Negative perception and lack of respect for public schools
 - People hear rumors but do not really know much about the schools
- Lacking a sense of ownership among community members
- Lack of parental involvement, especially at middle school level
- Many children live with caregivers who are not able to model or support their education
 - Illiteracy in the home
- Issues facing families – systemic poverty, lack of communication about available workforce training and jobs
 - Poverty level of 26%
- Recruiting and training teachers – issues of housing, salary, benefits, etc.
- Lack of young families in the area
 - Young people go to college and move away
- Large number of homeschooling families
- Public schools are serving several different communities – difficult to get feedback about how best to serve their needs

4. What solutions might be explored to address these challenges?

- Upcoming renovations at the elementary school – funded and scheduled
- Recruiting and training quality teachers
 - Create place where teachers want to work and stay



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – EDUCATION EDUCATOR SESSION

- Housing, salary/benefits, career progression, morale/leadership – combination of factors
- Convince people to invest in public education by paying taxes
- Adult GED and literacy education
- Leverage federal grants to create plans and implement community programs to provide educational opportunities for the underserved
- Leverage our national platform regarding our history of the civil rights struggle for education to get funding for community plans and programs to overcome our challenges and serve those who are under-educated due to that history
- Need someone in the community who is respected by underserved populations to help connect them to programmatic pathways and jobs
- Improved communication network between schools, colleges, community organizations/programs, and community members
 - Community conversations about what is being done, how we can help each other
 - Community college representative meetings with groups of parents
 - Collective responsibility to communicate and inform the community about the assets and opportunities provided by our public schools
 - Explore new ways to communicate more with homeschooling families
 - Explore new ways to gather feedback from all families
 - Explore new ways to encourage parents to come to the schools and build in-person connections
 - Make sure parent concerns are responded to
- Trauma-informed training for educators
- Invest in theater, music, and athletic activities – have the capacity to bring the community into the schools and build a supportive community.
- Address negative perceptions at the elementary level – volunteers, parents at lunch, field trip chaperones, PTO/PTA, event nights at school
- Drive-by impressions, outside view of facilities are important – upgrade playgrounds, etc.
- We communicate by what we do – if people see renovation construction at the school, they know we are investing in education
- Put the correct information out – people need facts
 - Accreditation
 - State of Virginia metrics
 - Third party validation needs to be sung from the rooftops
 - Broadcast what we wish people knew about the schools
- Make school pride obvious, show it throughout the community – signs in school colors, athletic and academic successes, etc.

5. Are workforce development or vocational programs included in the County's K-12 education? If so, what is offered?

- Automotive program – includes taking students to visit post-secondary education opportunities



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – EDUCATION EDUCATOR SESSION

- Girl Power Camp – hands-on experience to learn about being an electric utility lineworker, sponsored by the Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives
- Southside electric coop field trips
- College advising and trips
 - College readiness and career readiness are taught beginning in 4th grade
 - University of Virginia (UVA) college advisor in the schools – campus tours, applications, scholarships, etc.
 - James Madison University (JMU) – provides campus tours for middle schoolers
 - Cyber security – includes taking students to LU, George Mason University (GMU)
- Start early (kindergarten) preparing students for the workforce
 - Goal to have choices in schools for every student
- Service learning to begin in 7th and 8th grade
- CTE classes
- Workplace learning partnerships – Centra, nursing homes, Haley Automotive Group
 - More partnerships needed to expand programs – growing annually now
 - A credential should be available for completion – students can get certification to build their resumes
- Short-term training at SVCC – the college has funding from Microsoft and government grants to build programs
- Dual enrollment program is very strong – need to expand
- GO VA Region 3 programs to bring technology to middle schools
- Job fairs/career expo field trips

6. What is missing?

- Marketing/public information campaign to improve reputation of the County – “Top K-12 educational community in rural America”
 - Rule of 27 – people need to see a message or ad 27 times to establish a good impression
- Financial education
- The college path and CTE path are available, the challenge is staffing
 - Have wonderful facility, but cannot find building trades teacher
 - Need to explore partnerships to train students for skilled building trades
 - Create a connection between class A contractors and skilled employee candidates
 - Average age in skilled tech jobs now is 52
 - Need to teach young people trades – HVAC, electric, painting, plumbing, etc.
 - Teacher salaries must be competitive with the industry
 - CTE teachers can make more money in other jobs, including retail



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – EDUCATION EDUCATOR SESSION

7. Over the next 5, 10, or 20 years, what trends or challenges related to education and workforce development do you anticipate? What potential solutions might address these challenges?
- Solar (SVCC was first in state to teach solar training, fiber optics)
 - SVCC trains other community colleges to provide solar training
 - Boomers are retiring, no backfill for those positions
 - Education, local government, trades, medical – most fields across the board
 - Need to get ahead of the building trades shortages
 - County support for salary differential – need incentives to get people to move to and stay in Prince Edward County
 - Grant and/or employer funding to help support livable wages to attract young families and workers
 - Reentry programs – training for those seeking reentry in the workforce from prison



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

On December 13, 2023, the Berkley Group facilitated a focus group meeting with representatives from organizations related to economic development. This meeting was held at Robert Russa Moton Museum in a roundtable discussion format. A follow-up virtual meeting was also held on January 19, 2024 to accommodate additional attendees. Participants from both sessions discussed questions regarding existing conditions and planning for the future of the County. The following is a summary of the discussion:

The organizations represented include:

- Dominion Energy
- Longwood University Small Business Development Center & SEED Innovation Hub
- Kinex Telecom
- Luck Stone Corporation
- Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Paris Ceramics
- Prince Edward County
- The Caton Companies

1. What makes Prince Edward County a good place for business?

- Good environment to start/build a business – local hospital, higher education, community college workforce training programs, growing entrepreneurial resources
 - Growth area for new businesses; a lot of potential around Longwood and Hampden-Sydney
 - Hotel infrastructure and restaurants are fantastic for bringing people into the area for business purposes.
 - Easy to find who you need – the community is closely connected and willing to help.
 - Potential for growth in many industries – technology, agriculture
 - Local shopping options support residents and attract visitors
 - There is energy and space to grow
- Support from Longwood University, Hampden-Sydney College, Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC)
 - The Longwood SBDC provides a well-connected network and resources for new businesses and startups
- Prince Edward County is the hub for the region between Lynchburg and Richmond.
 - Central location in central Virginia
 - Good proximity to bigger cities
- Pro-business county
 - The Board of Supervisors are open-minded and welcoming to new types of businesses
 - The County offers incentives for new businesses and expansion of existing.
 - The County helps with state incentives and has an enterprise zone
 - Prince Edward Economic Development and Tourism Office and Industrial Development Authority provide resources and guidance
- SOVA Innovation Hub currently being built – late summer 2024 opening
 - Technology and agriculture
 - Managed by Longwood University
 - GO VA Region 3 grants



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Entrepreneurial ecosystem
- Education programs and events for K-12 and college students
- Rural lifestyle with access to Farmville and higher education
 - Farmville is a quaint and charming town – draws people in and has a lot to offer
 - More affordable than bigger cities, but still close to them
- Good access to local highways

2. What untapped assets or opportunities exist?

- Need more public messaging about services and funding sources that are available
 - Incentives, tax rebates, and financial assistance programs
 - Workforce Investment Opportunity Act
 - Longwood Small Business Development Center
 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for health district
 - Funds for training, underrepresented groups, non-profits, etc.
- Tourism – innovative outdoor recreation, agritourism, The Manor golf course
- Small industry niches
- Recreational opportunities can increase tourism
 - State parks, trails, Sandy River Reservoir – market more effectively
- Agriculture, forestry, and timbering
 - Indoor farming opportunities – “controlled environment agriculture”
- Real estate – opportunities to build, land available to start or grow a business
- Innovative faculty research from Longwood and Hampden-Sydney that has the potential to be commercialized
 - Biomedical technology
- Strengthen the relationship with SVCC and bring a local physical campus to Prince Edward County
 - The Innovation Hub is a good opportunity to bring the community college to Longwood’s campus to reach adult learners.
- GO VA Region 3 – kicking off a workforce collaborative
- Residential development potential at The Manor – pre-approved for 1500 homes. Property is for sale as one group of multiple parcels
- Commercial/residential development potential along Business Route 15/West 3rd Street
 - Developing walkable/bikeable nodes along the corridor
 - Housing
 - Entertainment

3. What are the biggest challenges to doing business in Prince Edward County?

- Attracting and retaining employees to live and work in the area
 - Professionals commute to County for work, not as directly involved in the local community
 - Lack of jobs for “trailing” spouses and partners – if both partners cannot get a job in the area, they may not be able to move here
- Contractor services (e.g., HVAC, plumbing, construction) are coming in from other localities; not enough locally-based companies



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Low population can be a deterrent for some businesses scouting potential locations
- Not enough commercial properties for rent that are move-in ready and affordable
- Not enough available commercial properties for sale
- Discrimination in rental/sales opportunities
- Non-direct access to Interstates and the Port of Virginia
- Lack of rail access
- Inadequate supply of housing – a variety of types and price points are needed to serve everyone's needs and make it possible for more people to live here rather than commute
- Inadequate public water supply for new development

4. How might the County support existing businesses?

- Support and promote the public education system
- Telehealth access will improve when broadband is installed
- Promote all of the area's positives – hospital, schools, etc. – Prince Edward is a great place to live and do business

5. What issues does the County face regarding attracting new business and industry?

- Work ethic culture and practical experience should be included in CTE curriculum
 - Job shadowing, civic engagement, contributing member of society, show up ready to work
- Real and perceived issues in the public education system are a deterrent to attracting new families and employees
- Need to establish more extracurricular resources and opportunities such as music, dance, and sports lessons for kids
- Growth has been slower than once estimated – sales volume is currently low
 - Projected population shows zero net growth
- Access to healthcare
 - Need for more primary care providers; there is a high physician turnover
- Access to broadband
- The current housing stock does not provide what we need
 - Lack of variety, quality, and affordability in housing
 - Not easy to find a rental
 - Housing stock is mostly single-family homes, but not everyone wants a house
 - No townhouses/condos or short-term options
 - Nobody has taken advantage of by-right duplex permissions in the A-1 and A-2 agricultural zoning districts.
 - Several large housing projects have been permitted but have not been built
- Negative perception of hospital

6. Are these challenges specific to a single industry or shared across sectors?

- Generally these challenges apply across sectors

7. How might new or existing businesses grow from within the County?

- More organically – need people to come here and build from within



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Most job growth has been from small businesses that can scale up, rather than big announcements of mega-corporations
- Connect talent to job creators – need more training programs that create direct pipelines from the workforce to employers

8. How can Prince Edward County continue to be a successful location for industry and business?

- Sell the positives of the area
- Perform a market study
 - Age of population – projections and implications
 - How might we be affected by automation and artificial intelligence?
 - How might climate change affect our area? What opportunities might open up, such as climate migration moving inland from the east coast?
- Attract young adults and families – improve public education first

9. Do your employees have access to training/professional development to expand their skills to meet the needs of your business/industry and grow their careers? What workforce development opportunities are most needed?

- Growth of solar industry (utility scale facilities)
 - Bulk of the jobs generated by solar are in construction phase of solar project
 - Need programs focused on preparing locals for the industry now
 - Partner with electricity providers to create workforce training pipeline
 - Developer comes from elsewhere, Contractor hires subs.
 - Electric providers/companies need to partner and invest in local programs and education to benefit the local community
 - Long-term utility jobs – 2 to 5 full-time jobs per utility-scale solar project
 - Example: an 80-megawatt facility – 1 or 2 employees may come by every day, regional hubs for maintenance and operation
 - Utility-scale companies do not have a good job story to tell right now about supporting local economy
- Construction industry – always need electricians, mechanics, people willing to work outside
 - Will employ people without college degrees for six figures
 - Need to connect with high school students early
- Career expo for middle and high school students – expose students to a range of career options, from college to workforce/CTE, from an early age

10. Do County roads meet your transportation needs? Are there challenges receiving or shipping products & inventory? Any safety concerns to be addressed by County government and/or VDOT?

- Road infrastructure is good in most areas
- Some roads need to be upgraded in certain areas – paving, widening, etc.
 - Abilene Road
 - 3rd Street interchange



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- Trucks having to go through downtown on Main Street due to incomplete access at the 3rd Street interchange is a problem

11. How will we know the County has succeeded in accomplishing its economic development goals? What economic metrics would you suggest the County track to measure success?

- Increase/decrease in long-term residents over 5 year increments
- In/out net commuting – are the people who are working here also living here, and vice versa?
- Data to track:
 - Rooftops, building permits
 - Household income
 - Number of small businesses, startups
 - Age of population, projections for age groups
 - Simultaneous growth of residential, commercial, and industrial
 - How many times a dollar circulates through the community

12. What other concerns should be considered in the Comprehensive Plan?

- Encouraging more building/construction
- Chamber membership has been steady for the last 4-5 years
- Need to connect workforce development and talent to the job creators
- Convincing people to stay
- Teacher pilot programs to incentivize people to stay



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – COMMUNITY FACILITIES

On November 16, 2023, the Berkley Group facilitated a focus group meeting with representatives from organizations related to community facilities and services. An initial meeting was held at Hampden-Sydney College's Crawley Forum in a roundtable discussion format. Responses were also received via email and discussed in a virtual meeting on January 19, 2024. Participants discussed questions regarding existing conditions and planning for the future of the County. The following is a summary of all input received.

The organizations represented include:

- Longwood University Police Department
- Prince Edward County
- STEPS, Inc.

1. What are the County's greatest assets/strengths for community facilities, services, and emergency response? Challenges/weaknesses?

Assets

- Trusted law enforcement and court related services
- Emergency services appear to be well coordinated at this time.
- Open and honest communication
- The County provides annual funding to help support our initiatives
- Emergency response teams are excellent

Challenges

- None of the counties in our region have facilities to shelter the homeless. Shelter is being provided in hotels as much as possible, but it is expensive and difficult to provide rehabilitative services.
- Early childhood education and daycare – not enough providers in the County
- Most of Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College employees live outside of the County
 - Negative perceptions of the public education and healthcare systems are the main reasons

2. What changes or improvements are needed for County facilities and infrastructure?

- Increased funding is needed for the development of a homeless facility
- Increased funding is needed for domestic violence and sexual assault services
- Childcare options – consider a co-ownership solution.
- Transportation infrastructure – the interchange at Route 460 and East 3rd Street needs improvements
 - Currently forces large trucks to drive through downtown to get back on/off Route 460 – difficult for large trucks to navigate narrow streets downtown



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – COMMUNITY FACILITIES

3. Any existing community facility and service needs that are not currently being met?

- Broadband – this need is not currently met, however, the project to complete 1,300 miles of fiber expansion to provide broadband countywide is one and a half (1 ½) years and 400 miles into the 4-year project
 - Broadband is equally important for educational access and workforce development training and access
- Emergency services in Prince Edward County and the surrounding area are currently provided by multiple volunteer, non-governmental organizations
 - The organizations have a few career employees and a Board of Directors
 - The system can be inefficient; some calls do not get a fast response time
 - To provide adequate fire and rescue services the region should work together to form and fund a fire and rescue authority with multijurisdictional (Prince Edward, Cumberland, Lunenburg, and Buckingham Counties) oversight to streamline resources and staffing
 - The authority should be operated with paid staff supplemented by volunteers
 - The need will increase if the area experiences growth
 - Thus far the colleges have helped fill the gap, but during the summer they are not available
- Community/recreation centers are needed
 - Indoor pool, fitness center, courts, multipurpose rooms, etc. for all ages
 - Could fill a need for the community as well as attract visitors and new residents
 - Partnerships with Longwood University and other entities should be explored

4. Any facilities needing renovation, modernization, or reconfiguration?

- The hospital provides good basic care, including maternity care, but it is not a rated trauma center
 - Patients with serious conditions are flown to other hospitals
 - The County needs a new, dedicated standalone emergency room with x-ray facilities (not enough space at the hospital to expand)
- An urgent care facility for walk-in patients is also needed

5. Do all facilities have the requisite safety, hazard, and emergency equipment needed? (e.g., backup generators, PPE, etc.)

- Vehicles are well equipped and in good shape for a rural area
 - Some of the trucks are a bit older, but they are well-maintained
 - Funding is provided by fundraisers
- Farmville has a full-size ladder truck; Hampden Sydney has a smaller version

6. Are there any major projects or initiatives that your department or organization will be starting in the next few years?

- Operationalizing Madeline's House, the region's domestic violence shelter
- Supportive housing in collaboration with Virginia Supportive Housing to provide housing to previously homeless individuals who need additional support to "get on their feet"



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – COMMUNITY FACILITIES

7. How will changes in future land use and/or development in the County impact your department or organization's future capacity and maintenance needs? (e.g., increased water usage as a result of new manufacturing facilities; increased fire/rescue coverage as a result of new housing development)
- “Reimagining Longwood Village” – this is in Farmville, but there may be an impact on the County's emergency services
 - More clarity about this initiative should be available by spring 2025
 - The water volume is too low to support significant growth
 - The County is working to get additional water supply by accessing the Sandy River Reservoir
 - Public water supply is needed along Route 15 toward The Manor and to the Hampden-Sydney College campus
 - Hampden-Sydney currently uses wells and would like to connect to public water
8. What are the biggest challenges your department or organization faces in delivering quality services to the public?
- Attracting employees – we need public conversations about improving healthcare and public education
 - Lack of reliable, trainable workforce and labor pool
 - Jobs offering \$20 - \$22 per hour with benefits cannot find workers
 - Often have to bring in outside contractors instead of hiring local
 - Lack of adequate operational funds for homeless services, domestic violence/sexual assault services and childcare expansion in the County
9. What performance measures does your department or organization use to measure and track level of service to the public?
- STEPS, Inc.
 - Board of Directors has a Planning and Evaluation Committee that reviews quarterly objective/subjective measures and recipient feedback.
 - The Head Start Policy Council provides oversight to Head Start programs
 - Database system tracks demographic information on service recipients and outcomes
 - Data points and goals/objectives reporting to grant organizations
 - Customer satisfaction reports
 - Monthly financial reports
10. How do you think community facility and service delivery needs will evolve over the next decade?
- Since the COVID-19 pandemic more people are requesting more intense, multiple services for medical, psychiatric, behavioral issues, etc.
 - The 2024 presidential election will likely be extremely impactful, one way or the other
 - If funding levels are not sufficient to provide quality programs/services, we will be forced to eliminate services
 - Selling more online and shipping/delivering by ground transportation



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – COMMUNITY FACILITIES

8. Do you have any additional feedback or concerns that should be considered in the Comprehensive Plan?

Wish list items:

- A mental health facility – currently we are transporting people needing urgent mental health care all over the state
 - The costs would be reduced by saving the cost of transporting people
 - This would also bring high-paying jobs and economic benefits to the County
- Advanced life support training for paramedics
- A bike trail between Farmville and Hampden-Sydney College that would intersect with the High Bridge Trail
 - Would like to see more bike trails around Farmville, maybe even in the villages of Rice and Prospect



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – RECREATION & CULTURE

On December 13, 2023, the Berkley Group facilitated a focus group meeting with representatives from organizations related to parks & recreation and culture. This meeting was held at Robert Russa Moton Museum in a roundtable discussion format. Participants discussed questions regarding existing conditions and planning for the future of the County. The following is a summary of the discussion:

The organizations represented include:

- Prince Edward County
- Robert Russa Moton Museum
- Town of Farmville Parks & Recreation Department
- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

1. What are Prince Edward County's unique/vital environmental assets and resources?

- High Bridge Trail
 - Tourist draw
 - Additional routes and access points will be added
 - Need to protect viewsheds and natural resources of the trail
 - Overlay district to guide development and protect viewsheds
 - Increase buffers around the trail

2. What areas should be protected, and why?

- High Bridge Trail
- Scenic byways – increase buffer widths
 - Thomas Jefferson Scenic Byway
- Route 460 highway corridor
 - Expand the highway corridor overlay to all gateways, along Route 460, and 3rd Street
- Blueway – enhance ADA accessibility and appearance of facilities

3. What environmental challenges are facing Prince Edward County today?

- Untapped potential in existing natural resources
- Carbon footprint
- Noise pollution
- Air quality
- Light pollution

4. How might the County help address these challenges?

- Carefully consider types of development or business – where they are built
- Recruit grocery stores in strategic places to prevent food deserts
- Public-private partnerships
- Provide interesting childhood education/programs about natural environment, agriculture, etc.



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – RECREATION & CULTURE

5. What are the County's parks and recreation assets?

- Collaboration between the Town and County – variety of programming for residents of both localities
- Mary Branch Heritage Center – unique opportunity for collaboration
 - Historic building and former African-American school)
 - At risk of being demolished, need grant money to preserve and renovate
- Recreation center anticipated to be constructed – currently in the master plan research and funding phase
 - Office and storage space
 - Gymnasium
 - Basketball/pickleball courts
 - Weight room
 - Meeting rooms
 - Indoor walking track
 - Teen lounge

6. What are the County's Parks & Recreation gaps and needs? What opportunities exist that might be tapped for more P&R programs and facilities?

- Need more general space – community parks, community rooms, and flexible spaces
- Need space for trainings, computer access, adult literacy classes, etc.
- ADA accessible facilities
- Facilities throughout the county to serve all residents
- Playing fields – supply not meeting demand
- Places to hold larger events more affordably and smaller group events more frequently
- Ultimately will need some additional/better fields for kids to play – will take some community investment
- Space for teens to meet and hangout

7. What resources might be threatened or needing protection?

- First Baptist – older population is maintaining the church, younger generation may not follow
- Mary Branch Heritage Center
 - Cemetery next to Mary Branch Heritage center – prominent figures are buried here
- Historic one- and two-room schoolhouses around the County
- Dr. Moton's birthplace in Green Bay/Rice

8. How might the County best integrate these into future plans?

- Focus in on fewer things (big focus on Mary Branch)
- Provide supportive language for preserving documented history when physical preservation is not an option
- Tap into the Civil Rights/Civil War Tourism
- Civil rights education trail
- Farmville education trail
- Twin Lakes State Park history



FOCUS GROUP NOTES – RECREATION & CULTURE

9. What are some of the community's important local celebrations and traditions? How can they be supported and preserved?

- Annual Easter egg hunt
- Juneteenth celebration
- Fourth of July fireworks – Town and County
- Heart of Virginia Festival (September)
 - Booths, vendors, concerts, etc.
- Halloween Parade (Huge Event; trick or treating along Main Street)
- Christmas Parade, tree lighting

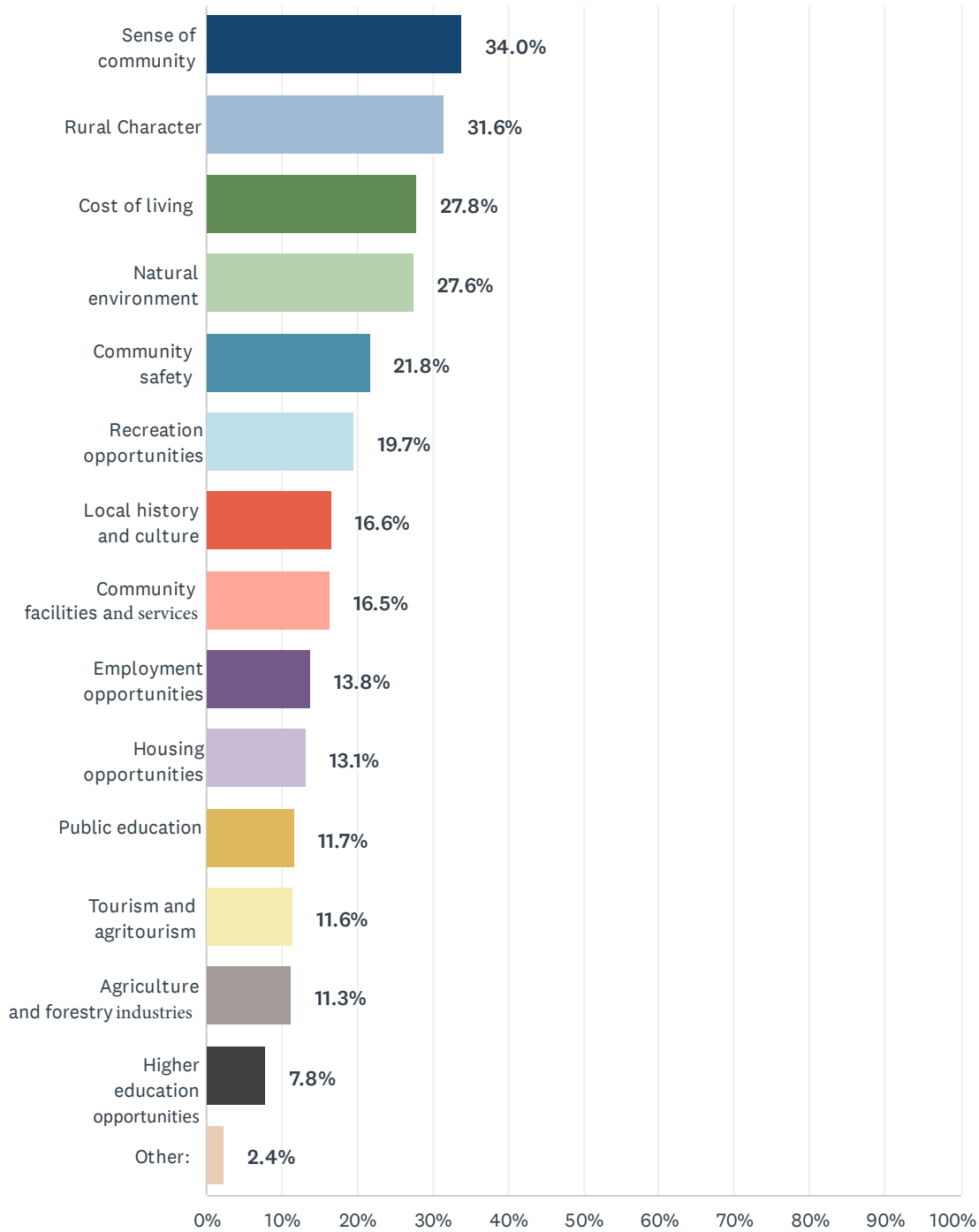
APPENDIX D

COMMUNITY SURVEY

RESULTS

Q1 What do you value most about Prince Edward County? (Choose up to three)

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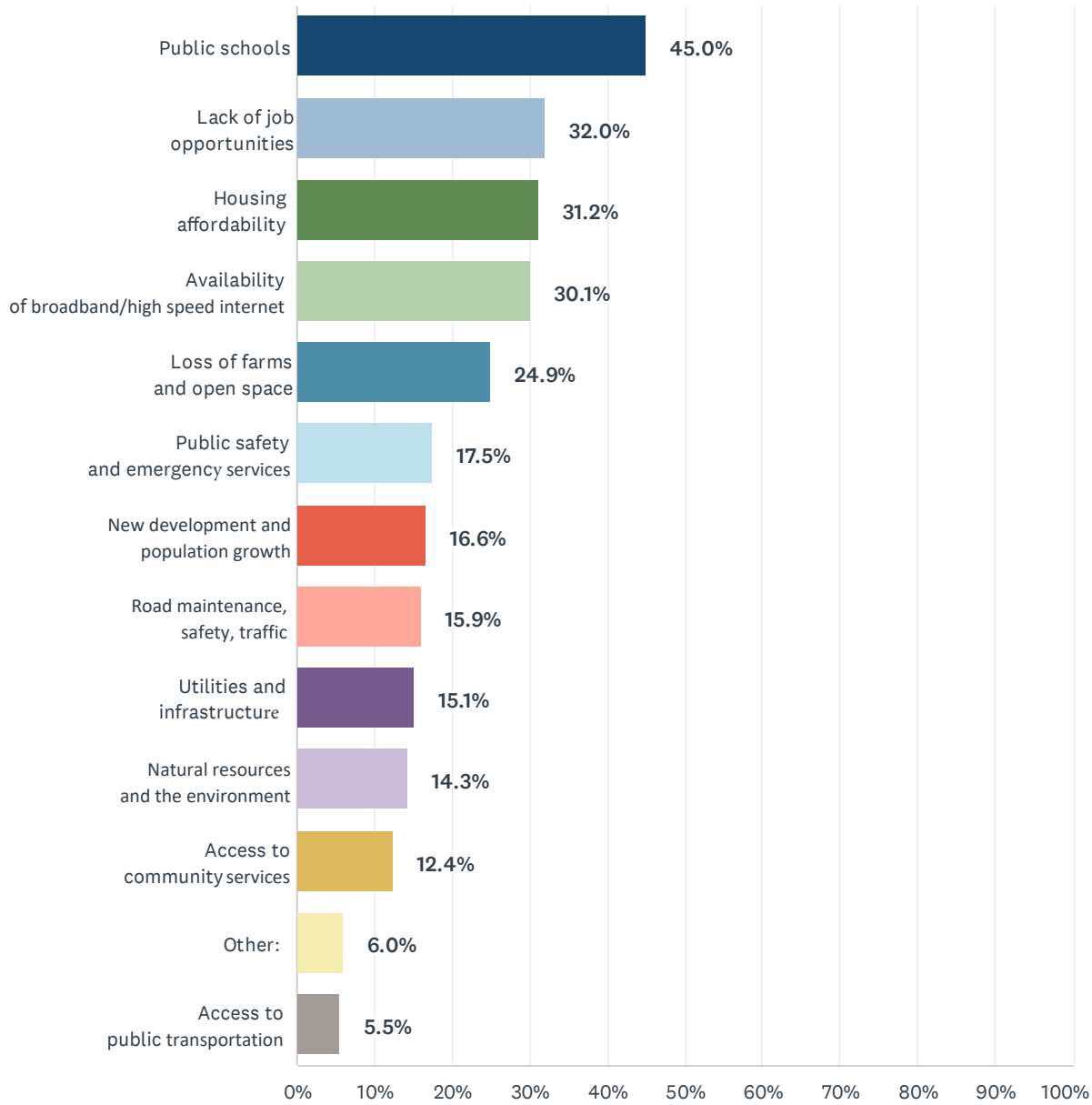
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2	The opportunity to participate in art and theater	12/21/2023 11:14 AM
3	Safe environment	12/18/2023 7:25 PM
4	Not really sure would say history but not happy with the flag regulations	12/14/2023 11:05 AM
5	We need new administration in school systems	12/13/2023 6:54 PM
6	Nothing. I would leave if I could.	12/7/2023 8:42 AM
7	Chain stores	12/7/2023 12:25 AM
8	.	12/6/2023 10:46 PM
9	Quiet rural cheap living out of town	12/6/2023 4:53 PM
10	Nothing. This county has nothing to offer anymore, except higher taxes.	12/5/2023 10:04 AM
11	Nothing mentioned above being close to family would be the best perk	11/20/2023 12:52 PM
12	None	11/20/2023 12:15 PM
13	PE County has none of these things. My friends live here. That's it.	11/20/2023 11:49 AM
14	Speed limit on 307	11/12/2023 10:01 AM
15	Do not know	11/10/2023 9:18 AM
16	Small town values	11/9/2023 9:41 AM
17	Target, kohls, Outback etc	11/5/2023 2:41 PM

Q2 What concerns you the most about Prince Edward County's future? (Choose up to three)

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1	With two colleges, P.E. really needs to start offering some type of transportation options for the young people	1/12/2024 3:37 PM
2	Lack of good grocery store choices.	1/9/2024 5:30 PM
3	Grocery stores	1/9/2024 6:48 AM
4	quality local businesses	12/28/2023 12:16 PM

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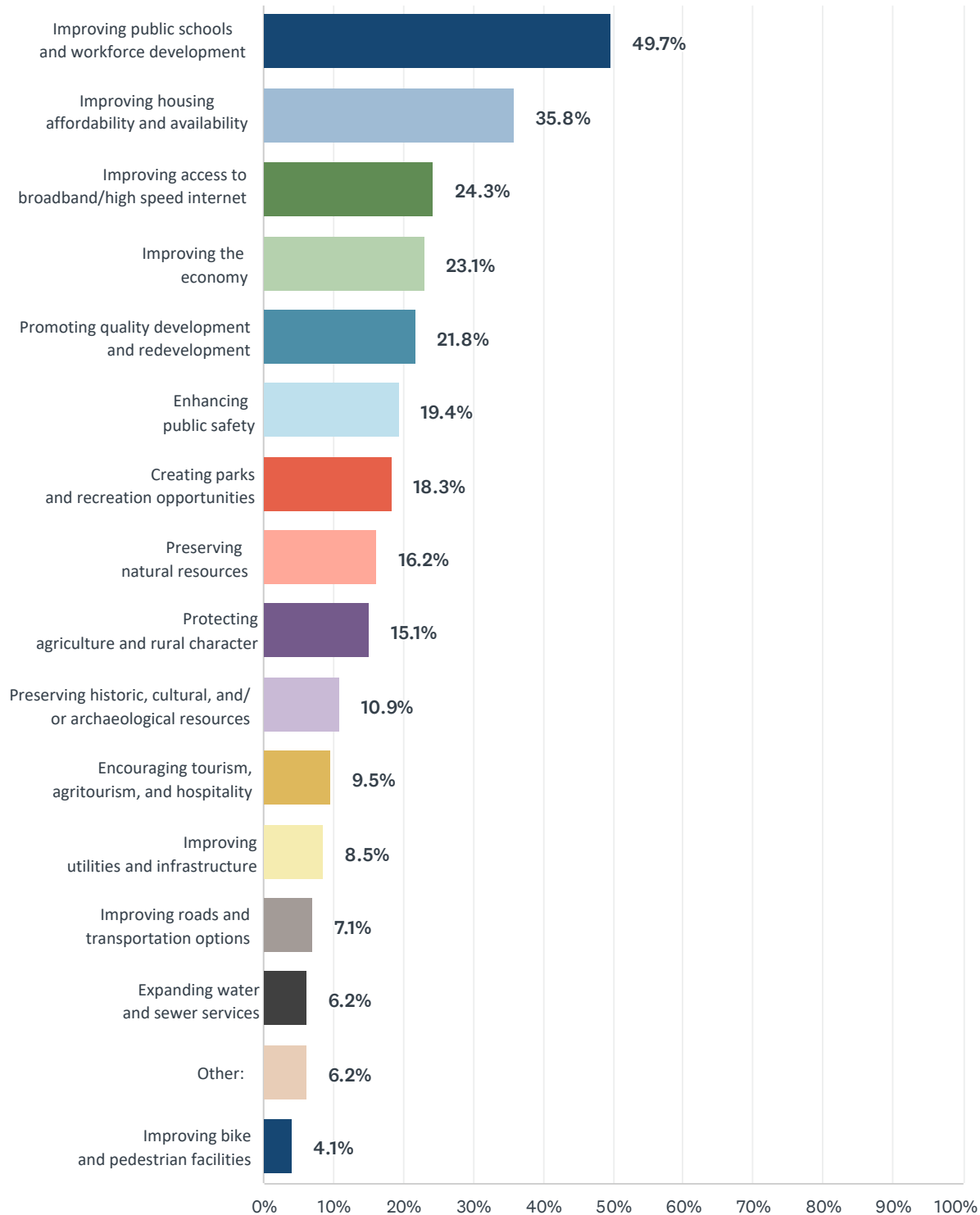
5	Availability of grocery stores to support population	12/23/2023 2:51 AM
6	Decline in enrollment at Longwood will impact economy	12/21/2023 11:07 PM
7	Unnecessary taxes, and infringement on peoples personal property, and unnecessary spending on frivolous lawsuits	12/20/2023 7:59 PM
8	Need for trash pick up outside of the town of Farmville	12/18/2023 7:25 PM
9	Needs better school facilities	12/17/2023 5:41 PM
10	The county is growing but we only have 2 grocery stores and very little for the teenagers to do.	12/14/2023 11:05 AM
11	Poor education	12/13/2023 6:54 PM
12	Need strategic plan to attract and retain permanent employers paying good salaries.	12/13/2023 4:32 PM
13	Lack of services for the elderly since they are the fastest growing population group	12/13/2023 2:19 PM
14	Need for Higher quality grocery store	12/12/2023 11:16 PM
15	Affordable housing is unattainable in Prince Edward.	12/12/2023 1:05 PM
16	lack of rehabs,detox center, substance use,over dose	12/12/2023 12:20 PM
17	Harmful effects of solar installations. Industrial use of agricultural land is destructive.	12/8/2023 6:54 PM
18	I feel that the citizens should have to vote on tax hikes or adding a fee to all personal property taxes for rescue squad and they still bill insurance and charge us.	12/7/2023 10:45 AM
19	Poor quality school administration	12/7/2023 12:25 AM
20	job pay	12/6/2023 5:48 PM
21	Schools are TRASH and no accountability. School board doesn't listen. Rent insane anywhere that's not in the sticks! No concern for kids education. Or safety.	12/6/2023 4:53 PM
22	Systemic resistance to change by a subgroup of the community	12/6/2023 10:37 AM
23	Allowing add't taxes on low income families real/personal property. Access to public transportation, Public Schools, Public safety and emergency services.	12/5/2023 10:04 AM
24	Lack of Childcare facilities	12/4/2023 11:24 AM
25	population is disproportionately older, with disabilities, with special needs: out of the workforce, on fixed or low income, dependent of community supports	12/2/2023 8:25 AM
26	Taxes	11/20/2023 11:28 AM
27	Shops like target, grocery store options like Kroger	11/18/2023 2:28 PM
28	Lack of shopping/grocery options	11/16/2023 9:20 PM
29	Invasive species ie: bamboo & cudzo	11/16/2023 10:40 AM
30	workforce	11/15/2023 6:17 PM
31	City people wanting to change our town to what they moved here to avoid.	11/15/2023 1:54 PM
32	Health Care Systems	11/14/2023 10:13 PM
33	Lack of competing elections. Too many uncontested seats.	11/14/2023 7:22 PM
34	Lack of places for teens and preteens to "hang out." Besides the movies, the Y, or some sports, there aren't any places that are safe and promote leadership. 4H J's great, but can we look into building a skating rink, youth groups, etc.	11/14/2023 1:32 PM
35	Waste management, lack of recycling	11/12/2023 9:26 AM
36	The woke liberal agenda that is infecting our area and our failing school system.	11/11/2023 7:19 PM
37	Over reaching county administration/ wasteful government spending	11/10/2023 8:05 PM
38	Continued improvement of and investment in PEC school district.	11/10/2023 8:05 AM

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39	Personal property taxes needs lowered	11/9/2023 9:41 AM
40	All things Centra	11/9/2023 5:05 AM
41	When I chose public schools, I do not mean the quality of education. I am concerned about the partnership with the parents. There is a disconnect with this part of the school system.	11/8/2023 1:32 PM
42	Public Schools- Safety and Outdated	11/7/2023 8:50 PM
43	Schools here are awful	11/5/2023 2:41 PM

Q3 What should Prince Edward County prioritize as it plans for the future? (Choose up to three)

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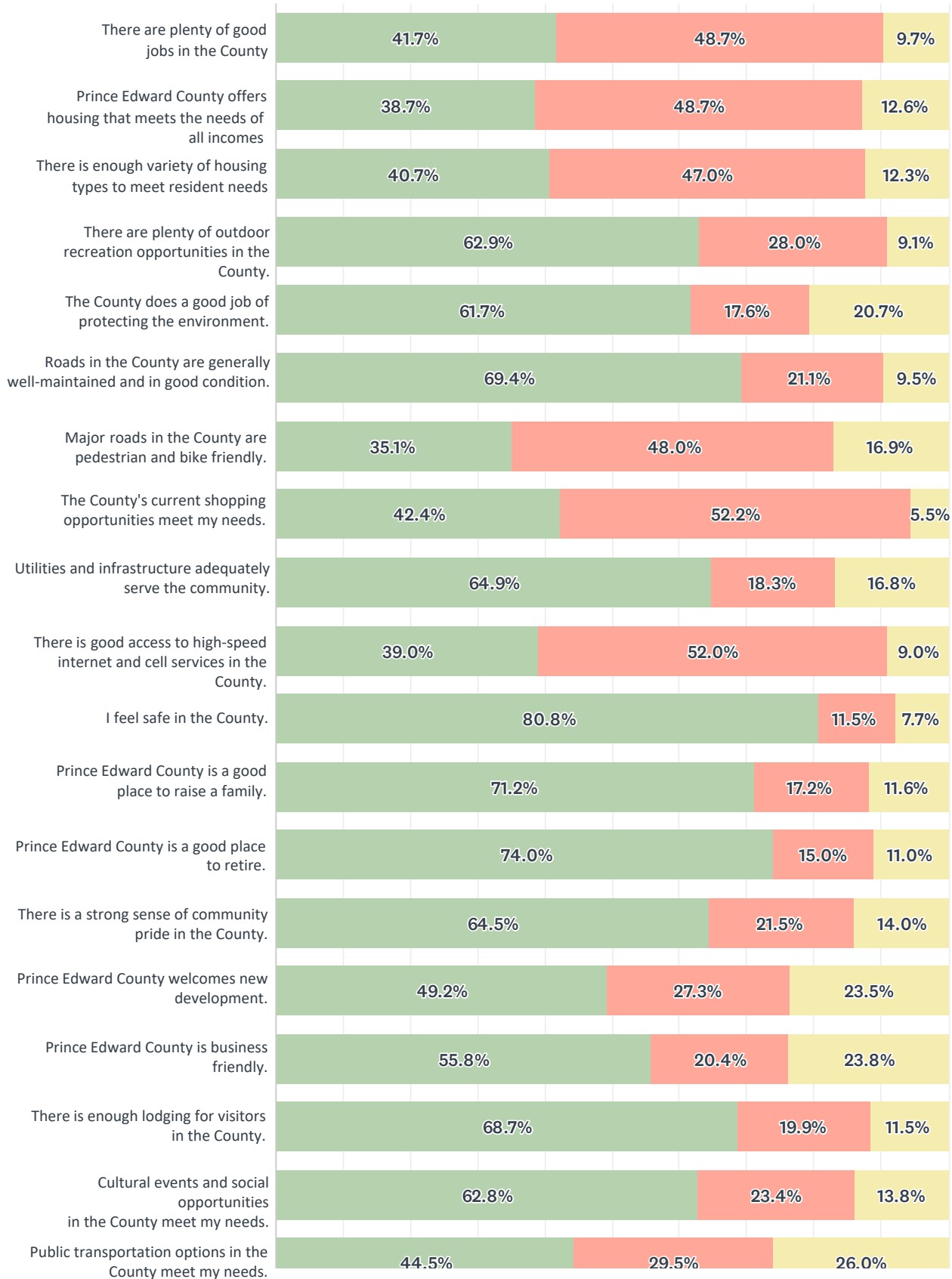
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1	Free access to Sports like swimming for youth	1/11/2024 6:22 AM
2	need widespread recycling program	1/9/2024 8:23 PM
3	Enticing a better option for grocery shopping like Aldi or Public's that offers healthy food not processed garbage like Walmart and food Lion	1/9/2024 1:58 PM
4	Taking care of Prince Edward County's senior citizens	12/24/2023 4:07 PM
5	The less you do the better. But you won't, because you see growth and \$\$\$	12/21/2023 8:02 AM
6	Making town and events more accessible	12/20/2023 11:04 AM
7	GROCERY STORE	12/19/2023 5:37 PM
8	Restrict utility solar panel facilities or drastically scale back on size/acreage of facilities allowed.	12/19/2023 8:00 AM
9	Need more grocery choices (Kroger?) Improve cell phone coverage/service	12/17/2023 5:41 PM
10	Cutting these high taxes on personal property and food tax	12/14/2023 11:05 AM
11	Please increase public library funding	12/14/2023 10:34 AM
12	Improve schools administrators	12/13/2023 6:54 PM
13	County needs businesses/government for long term employment opportunities	12/13/2023 4:32 PM
14	Services for the elderly since they are the fastest growing populations set	12/13/2023 2:19 PM
15	Promote driving services like Uber and a new grocery store	12/12/2023 11:16 PM
16	Creating affordable housing communities for the people who work in the county	12/12/2023 1:05 PM
17	reentry programs	12/12/2023 12:20 PM
18	Personal Property Taxes, don't have them right near the Holiday season, or try to split them up into two payments like other counties do. This is very stressful for people near the Holidays that want to provide for their children/families. It takes away money that could be spent on Christmas.	12/8/2023 3:06 PM
19	I live on a dirt road and pay the same in taxes as those living on well maintained roads	12/7/2023 10:45 AM
20	Bring in chains like target, kohls, Texas Roadhouse	12/7/2023 12:25 AM
21	Healthcare facilities with qualifying doctors	12/6/2023 5:20 PM
22	SAFETY IN SCHOOL AND EDUCATION STANDARDS! Teachers are awful with no accountability [REDACTED] I don't feel safe with my son there. [REDACTED]	12/6/2023 4:53 PM
23	removing excess taxes on personal/real estate, Improving public schools and workforce development, Preserving historic, cultural, and/or archaeological resources, Improving roads and transportation options	12/5/2023 10:04 AM
24	Improving more stores and businesses growing what Farmville has to offer without having to travel an hour or more to get to.	12/3/2023 3:09 AM
25	Improving lack of affordable childcare	12/2/2023 5:46 PM
26	I only picked "Improving public schools and workforce development because that should be the number 1 focus. The schools need work, teachers do not want to come here to work, and when they do most of them leave for better school systems.	12/2/2023 5:52 AM
27	Decent housing for seniors in rural areas as well as transportation	11/30/2023 3:44 PM
28	Cut taxes	11/20/2023 11:28 AM
29	Need more large chains like kohl's, target etc Outback schools suck specially middle school	11/18/2023 2:28 PM
30	developing loop road: Plank Road to West Third to Buffalo Heights to South Main	11/16/2023 10:40 AM

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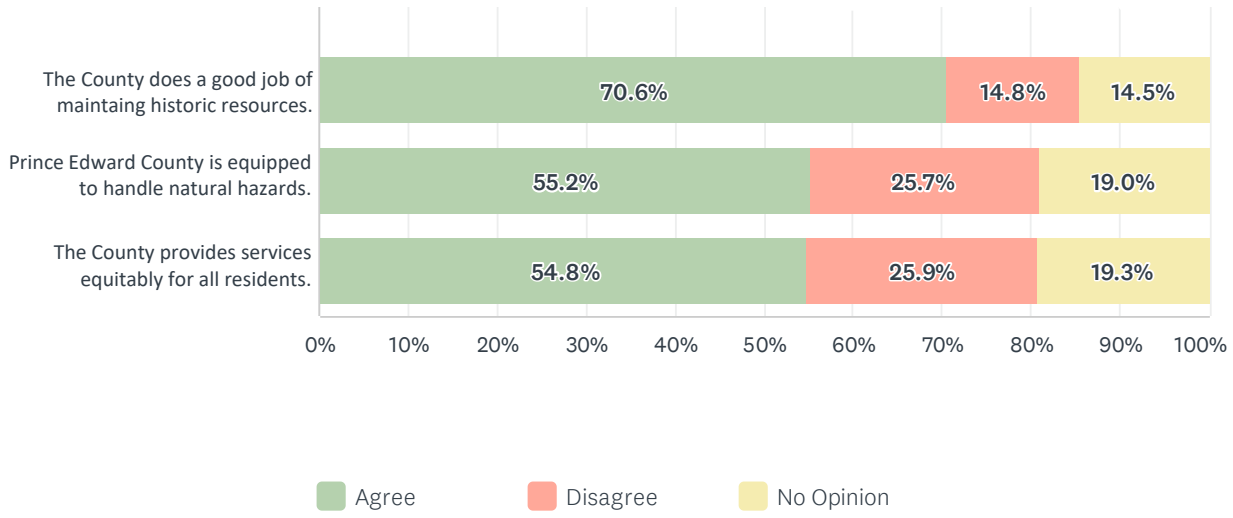
31	More clothing and grocery options	11/15/2023 10:26 PM
32	Our close knit community that newcomers are trying to tear apart.	11/15/2023 1:54 PM
33	Providing affordable early childhood care	11/14/2023 2:57 PM
34	Adjusting taxes, personal property especially	11/13/2023 4:21 PM
35	improving access to mental health and other related supports to families (i.e. drug abuse support)	11/13/2023 3:39 PM
36	A year round pool for lap swimming and an outdoor pool for recreation during the summer that is functional. The Y pool is constantly having problems and is too warm for lap swimming. Kids in this community deserve an outdoor pool for fun during the summer.	11/13/2023 10:24 AM
37	More family geared activities with children.	11/12/2023 6:44 PM
38	Develop waste stream management	11/12/2023 9:26 AM
39	Protection of our history against attack from politicians.	11/11/2023 7:19 PM
40	Lowering government spending and passing laws that impede on personal freedoms	11/10/2023 8:05 PM
41	Pulling in business for jobs	11/10/2023 11:22 AM
42	It bothers me that you put workforce and public schools together they are two separate things. The schools are struggling the teachers are leaving that needs to be the focus. Prince Edward higher ups need to allow more people in to support.	11/9/2023 7:28 PM
43	Personal property taxes needs lowered for the disabled and retired people	11/9/2023 9:41 AM
44	Improve Centra, get some Drs	11/9/2023 5:05 AM

Q4 Would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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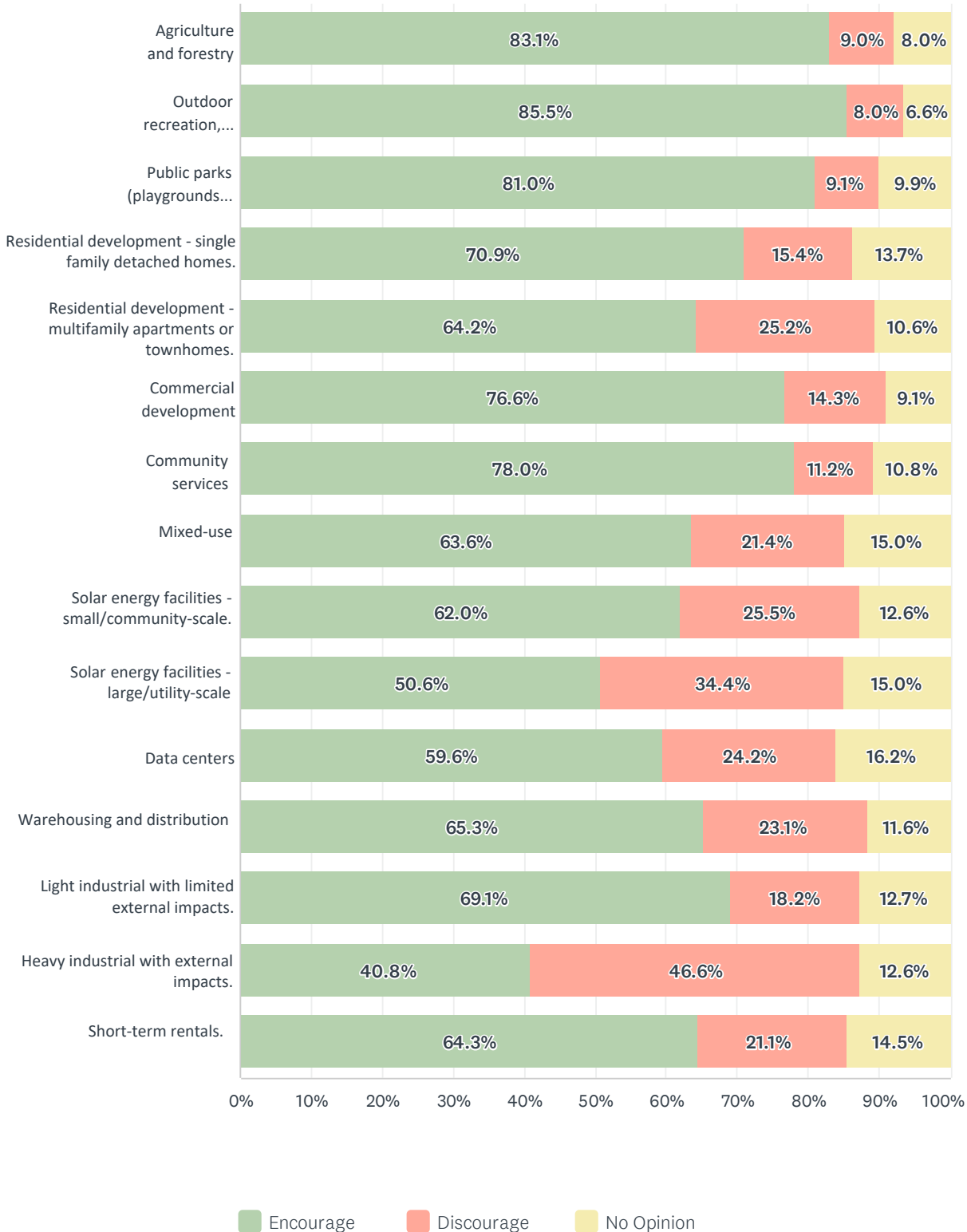


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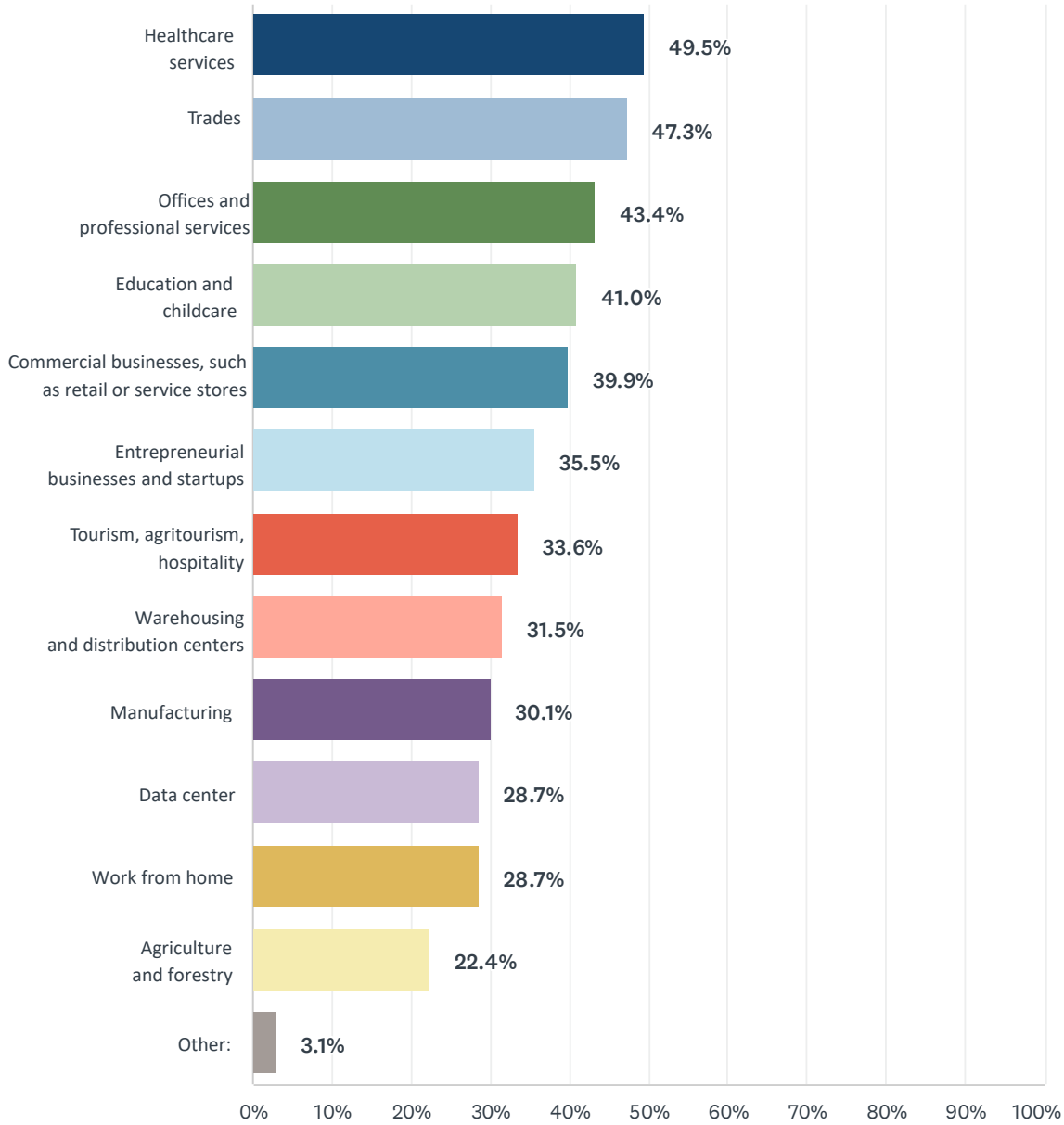
Q5 Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in Prince Edward County?

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Q6 If the number of jobs in Prince Edward County were to increase, what kinds of jobs would be desirable? (Choose as many as apply)

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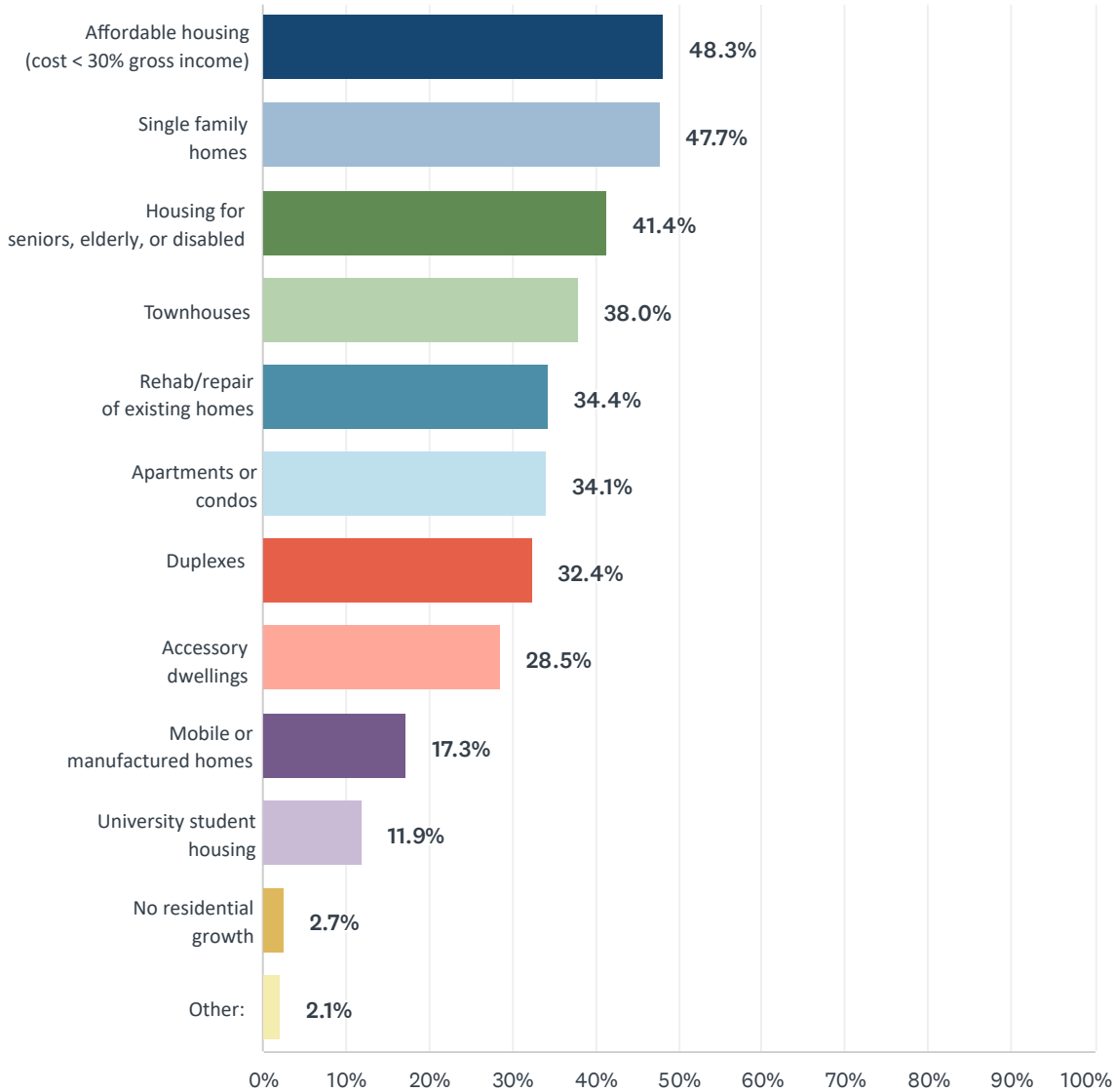
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2	We need to bring back more manufacturing to the US and Prince Edward county could be a great place for that considering its location.	12/26/2023 10:48 PM
3	We have cars. Let people drive to work in trashed counties	12/21/2023 8:02 AM
4	Especially more general practice physicians!!!	12/17/2023 5:41 PM

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5	GROCERY STORE is needed	12/14/2023 11:05 AM
6	Texas road house, target	12/13/2023 6:54 PM
7	Government (federal, state, local)	12/13/2023 4:32 PM
8	Counseling centers	12/7/2023 8:10 AM
9	need for grocery stores	12/2/2023 3:50 PM
10	Business services, information services, financial services, etc located remotely here but serving broader/distant populations	12/2/2023 8:25 AM
11	Target, kohl's, skateland, texasraodhouse etc	11/18/2023 2:28 PM
12	Restaurants- let's make Farmville a destination for foodies with local grown foods	11/16/2023 9:20 PM
13	medical professionals	11/16/2023 10:40 AM
14	Remote work, but not necessarily from home	11/15/2023 6:17 PM
15	jobs to fit the business/industry you bring in	11/13/2023 3:39 PM
16	Full-time jobs with benefits that pay over \$40,000.	11/13/2023 10:24 AM
17	Youth Development/ after-school programming	11/12/2023 9:26 AM
18	Education has jobs - again child care and education should be two separate things! There are teaching jobs but no one wants to fill it because Prince Edward schools are struggling! Appomattox county makes money off our residence because parents would rather pay the tuition to be out of county then for them to go to their own public school. Child care is needed bad for infant care!	11/9/2023 7:28 PM
19	No opinion	11/9/2023 10:24 AM
20	CHILDCARE IS A HUGE ISSUE...especially infant to school age	11/8/2023 10:49 PM
21	More jobs would come with manufacturing then data center	11/7/2023 8:50 PM
22	Target, kohl's, Texas Roadhouse etc	11/5/2023 2:41 PM

Q7 What types of new residential development would be desirable in Prince Edward County? (Choose as many as apply)

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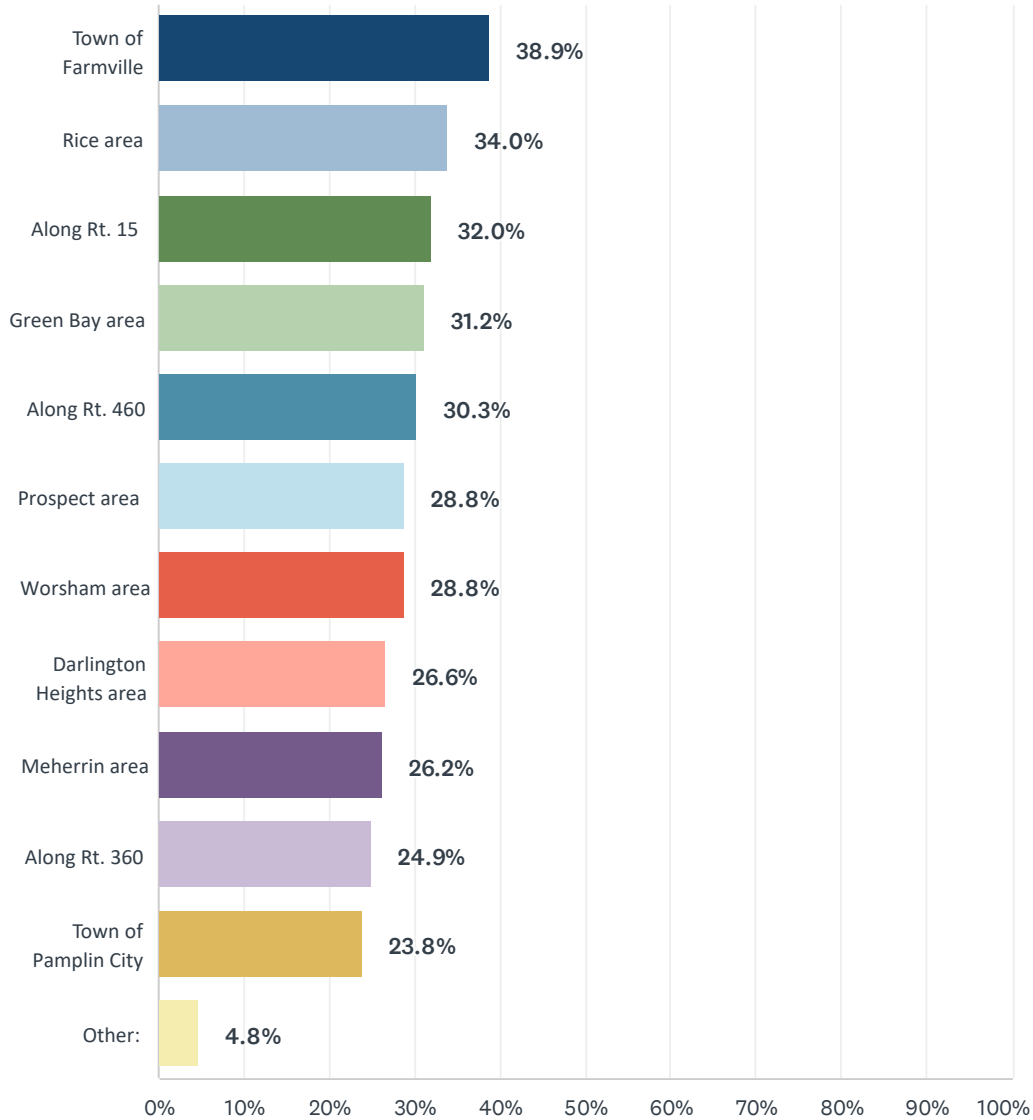
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2	Shelters for DV and homeless	1/9/2024 8:47 PM
3	Use of existing open areas to build rather than clear wooded areas and building new. Clearing wooded areas disturbs wildlife and creates less privacy and louder noise pollution for those who live here	12/29/2023 1:00 PM
4	Homeless shelters	12/23/2023 2:51 AM
5	Lose the growth greed mindset. Stop the condos and trailer parks, enough single wides.	12/21/2023 8:02 AM

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6	Multifamily homes and rentals	12/8/2023 10:46 AM
7	There needs to be focus on middle and low income housing; the market for people who aren't super-rich is very limited	12/7/2023 8:42 AM
8	Fr	12/6/2023 5:42 PM
9	Demolish trash houses and replace with livable AFFORDABLE housing. Put in townhouses for RESIDENTS not students! Many elderly lower income live here can't afford \$1200+ a month	12/6/2023 4:53 PM
10	Curtail the expansion of student housing into former single family homes	12/5/2023 3:18 PM
11	All new residential constructions should be encouraged (reduced fees?) to be wheelchair accessible on the ground and basement levels	12/3/2023 11:05 AM
12	soon are reaching the college-population demographic 'cliff' after which college enrollments are projected to drop off significantly	12/2/2023 8:25 AM
13	If someone purchases land they can put whatever type dwelling they want on it. But I don't want my tax dollars building people homes and apartments.	12/2/2023 5:52 AM
14	We do NOT need anymore student housing. Local residents need more options that are affordable and not completely run down and mismanaged. It feels almost impossible to find a place to rent that is affordable and clean.	11/20/2023 5:12 PM
15	Anything but more Longwood housing	11/20/2023 11:49 AM

Q8 Where should new residential development be directed in Prince Edward County? (Choose as many as apply)

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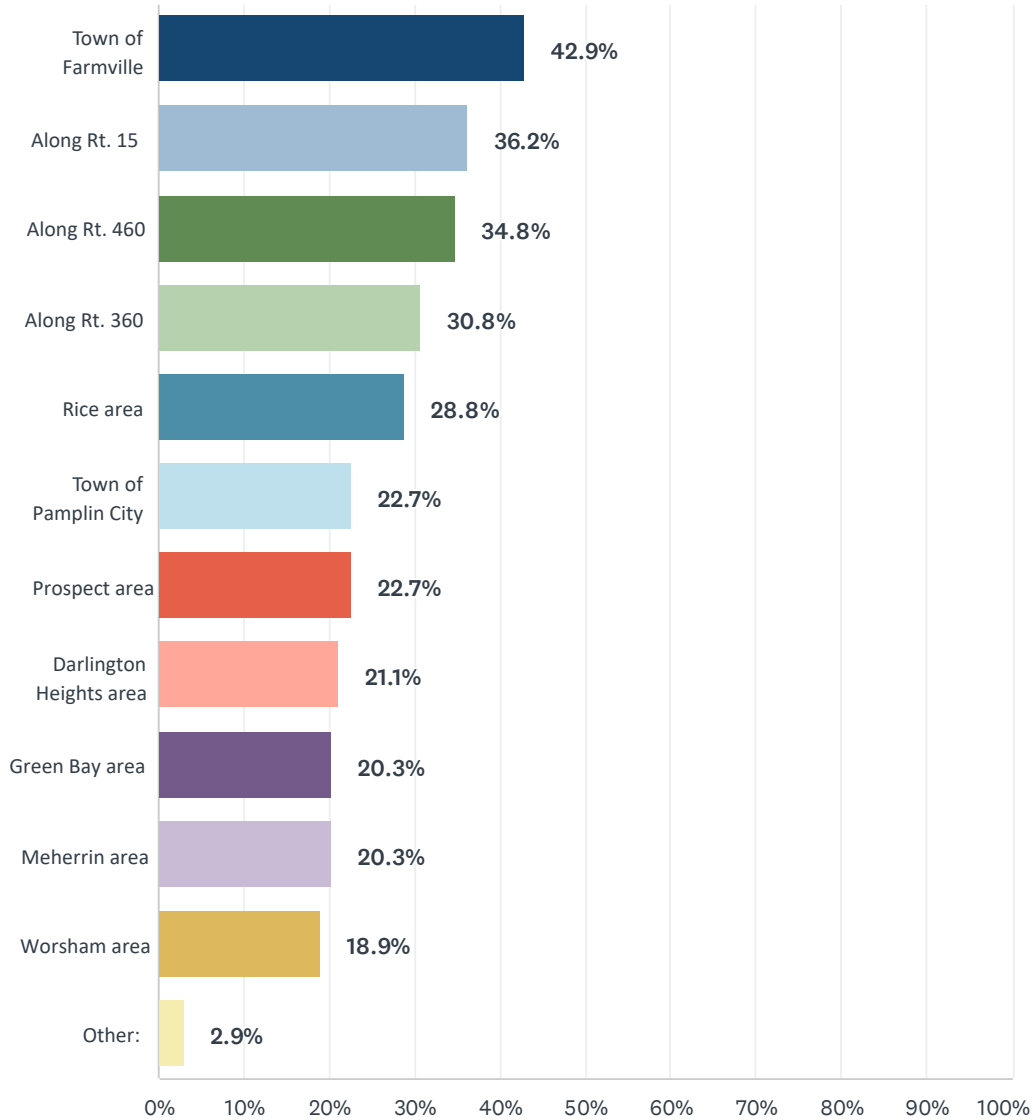
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2	Abilene Road	1/9/2024 12:05 PM
3	All of above	1/9/2024 8:49 AM
4	All areas available	1/8/2024 1:10 PM
5	As long as traffic concerns are met.	12/26/2023 10:48 PM
6	We don't need anymore	12/26/2023 4:57 PM

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7	Close to primary roads anywhere.	12/25/2023 10:52 PM
8	Farmville and east	12/21/2023 9:56 PM
9	Wherever it's needed	12/21/2023 11:14 AM
10	STAY IN TOWN. Stop developing farmland, it's awful	12/21/2023 8:02 AM
11	None	12/14/2023 11:05 AM
12	I don't have strong opinions on where it should happen, but there needs to be more affordable housing and/or starter homes available in the county.	12/14/2023 10:34 AM
13	based on proximity to employment locations	12/13/2023 4:32 PM
14	None	12/7/2023 10:45 AM
15	Along Rt. 45	12/7/2023 8:24 AM
16	KO	12/6/2023 7:12 PM
17	Any	12/6/2023 8:40 AM
18	Evenly distributed throughout the county.	12/5/2023 11:58 AM
19	I do not really know.	12/3/2023 7:33 AM
20	Wherever an individual purchases their own land. Once again I don't want my tax dollars buying land to build homes and apartments.	12/2/2023 5:52 AM
21	I don't know where.	12/1/2023 7:49 PM
22	N/A	12/1/2023 11:14 AM
23	None	11/30/2023 5:36 AM
24	No where	11/20/2023 1:00 PM
25	I don't know	11/20/2023 10:21 AM
26	Kingsville Area	11/18/2023 7:21 PM
27	no knowledge of almost any of these areas	11/16/2023 10:57 PM
28	North of Farmville	11/16/2023 9:20 PM
29	any where the property owner owns land.	11/11/2023 7:19 PM
30	Not applicable	11/11/2023 7:51 AM
31	No opinion	11/10/2023 9:18 AM
32	No opinion	11/9/2023 10:24 AM
33	Closer to town the better, however, in town is getting a touch crowded for too many additional new housing	11/8/2023 10:49 PM
34	no idea	11/8/2023 8:35 AM

Q9 Where should new commercial development be directed in Prince Edward County? (Choose as many as apply)

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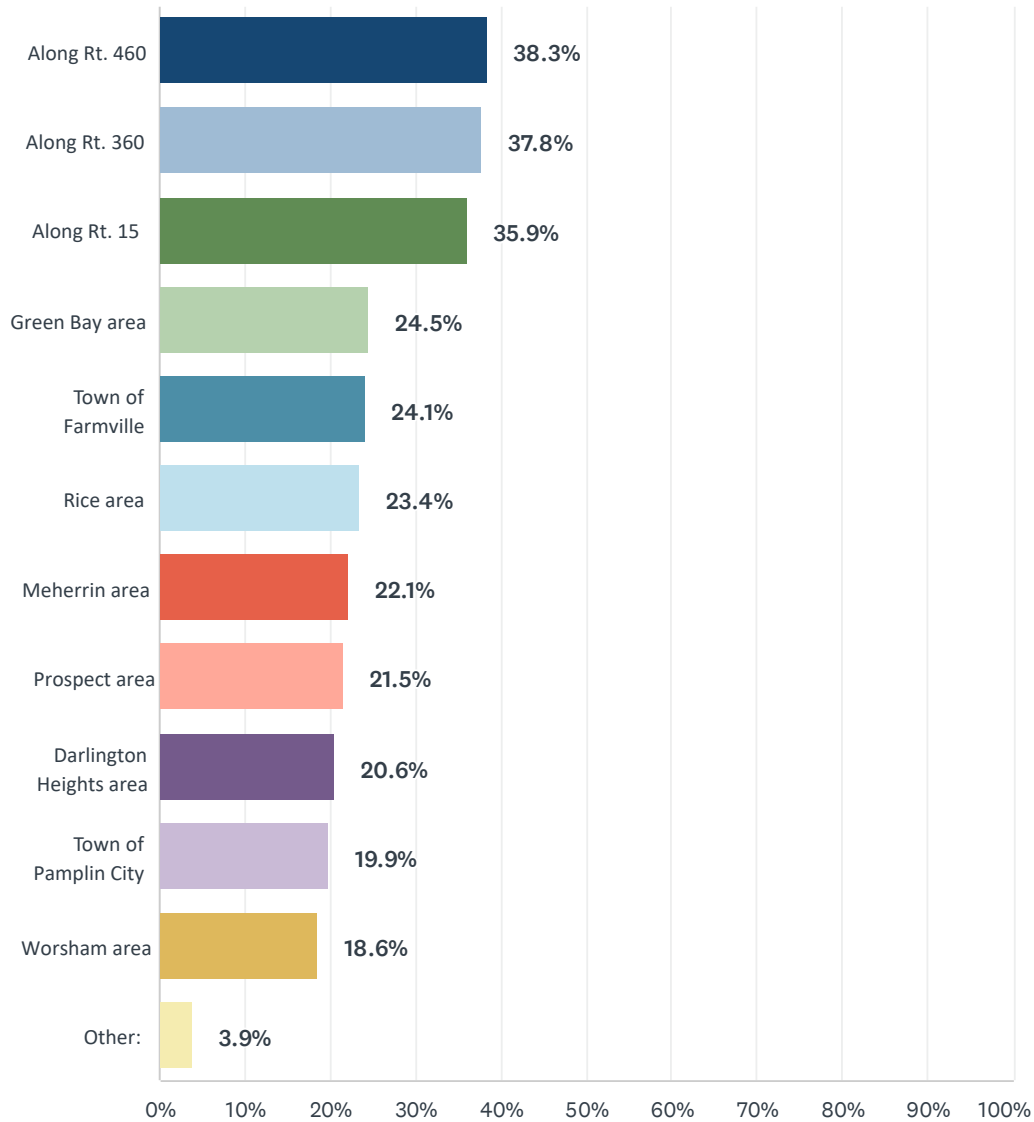
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2	All of above	1/9/2024 8:49 AM
3	N/a	1/8/2024 8:09 PM
4	Down along 3rd street. Reuse the old buildings and utilize the areas down by the sunshase area or 3rd street.	12/29/2023 1:00 PM
5	Along any primary roads	12/25/2023 10:52 PM
6	Unsure	12/22/2023 9:17 PM

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7	Wherever it's needed	12/21/2023 11:14 AM
8	STAY IN TOWN STOP DESTROYING FARMS AND FORESTS.	12/21/2023 8:02 AM
9	Third street	12/18/2023 7:25 PM
10	based on proximity to employment locations	12/13/2023 4:32 PM
11	Not sure	12/7/2023 8:10 AM
12	In village area or sections of the county properly zoned.	12/5/2023 11:58 AM
13	Again, nor sure.	12/3/2023 7:33 AM
14	I don't know.	12/1/2023 7:49 PM
15	N/A	12/1/2023 11:14 AM
16	None	11/30/2023 5:36 AM
17	I don't know	11/20/2023 10:21 AM
18	n/a for the aforementioned reason	11/16/2023 10:57 PM
19	360 / Burkeville	11/12/2023 9:26 AM
20	any where the property owner owns land.	11/11/2023 7:19 PM
21	Wherever it makes sense for the business that is coming.	11/8/2023 10:49 PM

Q10 Where should new industrial development be directed in Prince Edward County? (Choose as many as apply)

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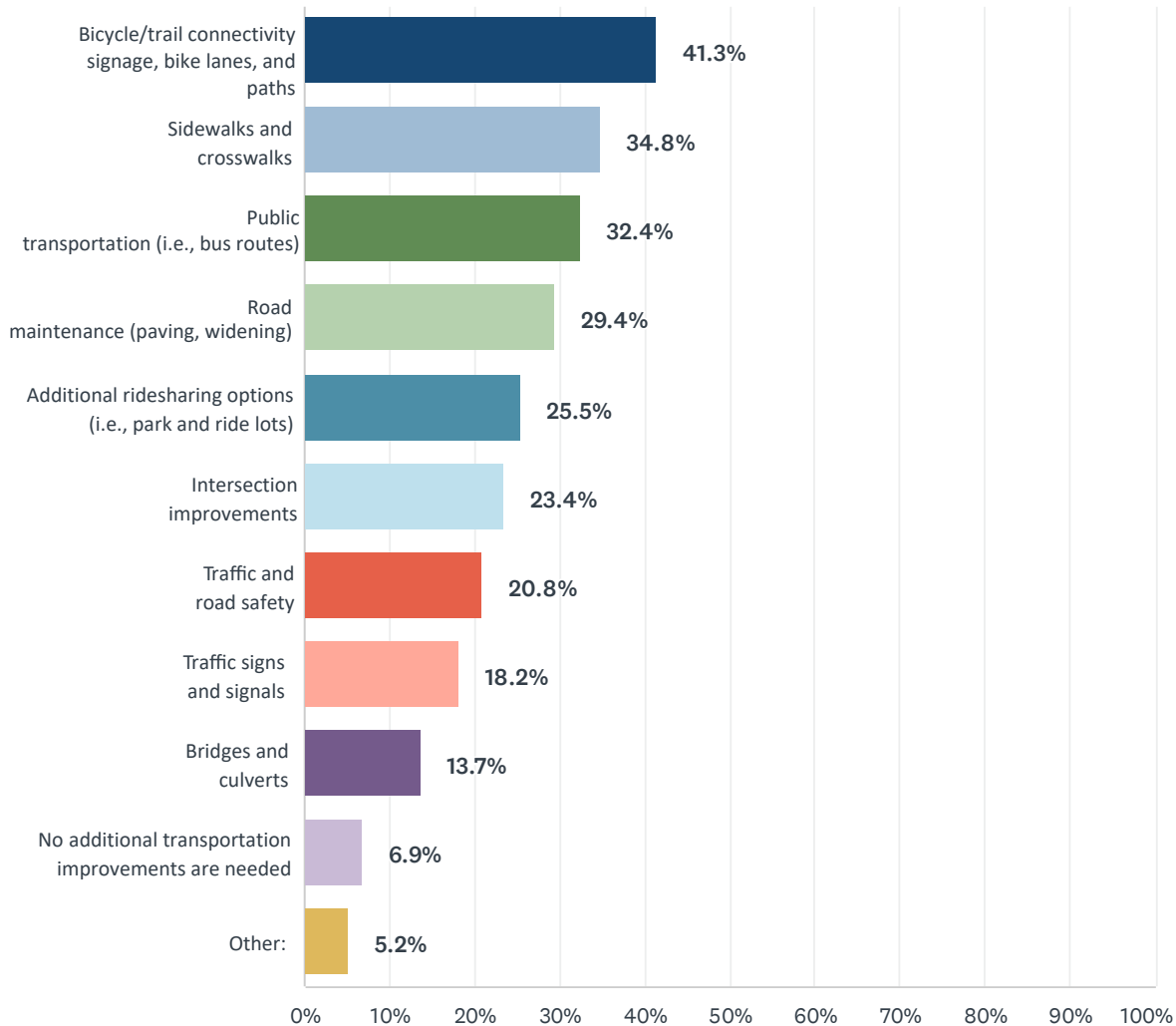
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2	Nowhere	1/9/2024 1:58 PM
3	All of above	1/9/2024 8:49 AM
4	N/a	1/8/2024 8:09 PM
5	industrial park next to Lowes	12/28/2023 12:16 PM
6	Nowhere	12/26/2023 4:57 PM

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7	Unsure	12/22/2023 9:17 PM
8	Not sure	12/21/2023 8:20 PM
9	Stop destroying farms and forests	12/21/2023 8:02 AM
10	Third street	12/18/2023 7:25 PM
11	based on proximity to employment locations	12/13/2023 4:32 PM
12	Away from population loci	12/13/2023 1:10 PM
13	?	12/7/2023 8:42 AM
14	Not sure	12/7/2023 8:10 AM
15	Not sure	12/3/2023 7:33 AM
16	None	12/2/2023 7:53 PM
17	Industrial Park	12/2/2023 3:50 PM
18	Na	12/2/2023 4:40 AM
19	I don't know, but not in town.	12/1/2023 7:49 PM
20	N/A	12/1/2023 11:14 AM
21	None	11/30/2023 5:36 AM
22	I don't know	11/20/2023 10:21 AM
23	n/a for the aforementioned reason	11/16/2023 10:57 PM
24	any where the property owner owns land.	11/11/2023 7:19 PM
25	NA	11/11/2023 7:51 AM
26	No	11/9/2023 12:13 PM
27	No opinion	11/9/2023 10:24 AM
28	no idea	11/8/2023 8:35 AM

Q11 What transportation improvements are needed in Prince Edward County? (Choose as many as apply)

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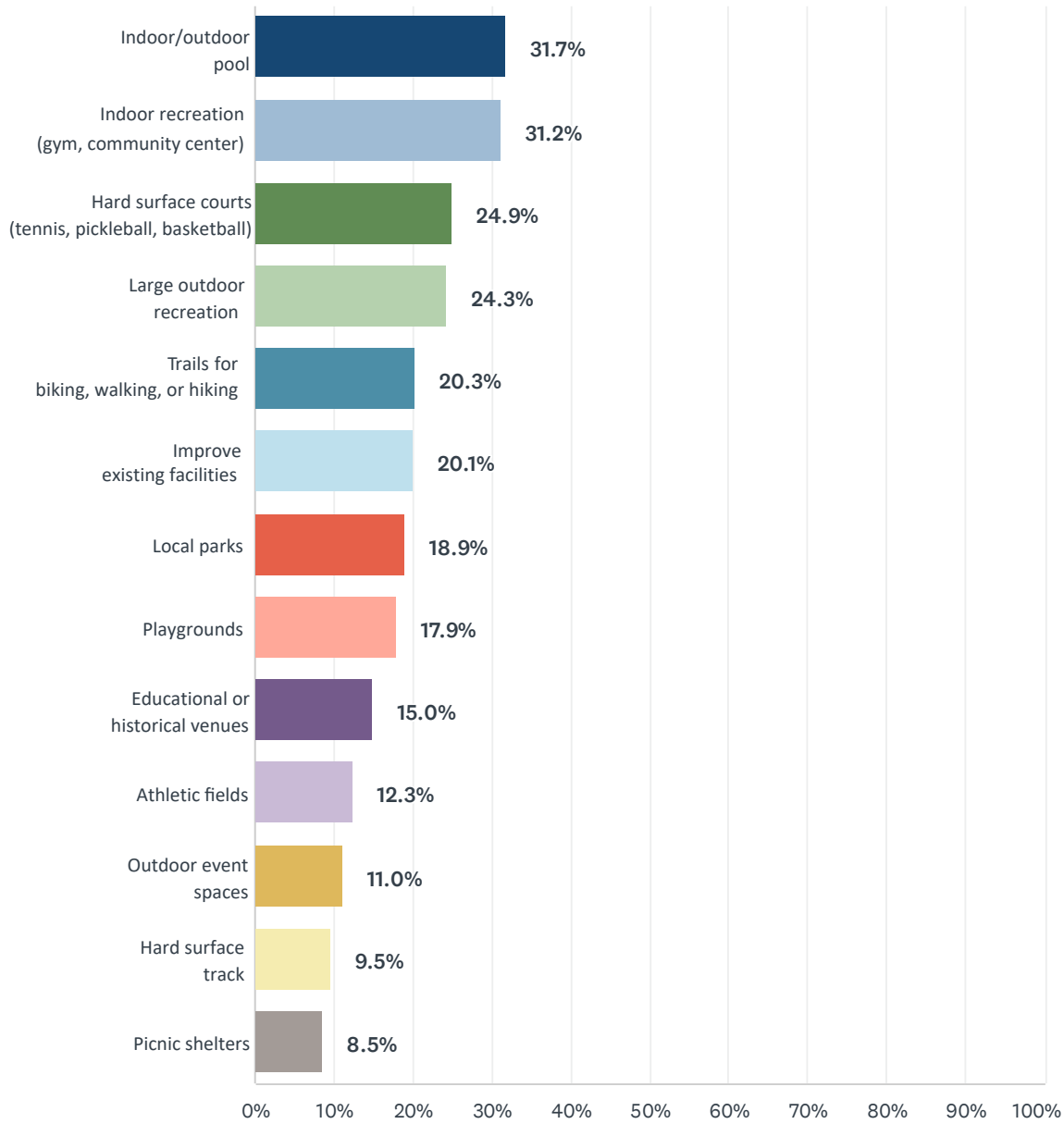
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1	Na	1/11/2024 5:58 PM
2	Parking garage	1/9/2024 7:12 PM
3	Make the high street intersection a roundabout again.	1/9/2024 1:58 PM
4	Widen Rt 15 from Farmville to Keysville	1/9/2024 9:59 AM
5	East 3rd/460	1/8/2024 1:15 PM
6	No more roundabouts	12/26/2023 4:57 PM
7	It's been 4 months since my kid's bus driver requested a bus sign be put up around a sharp curve	12/25/2023 10:52 PM
8	Regular painting of lines on highways	12/21/2023 9:56 PM

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9	Bring back the railroads	12/21/2023 7:29 PM
10	grass cutting along roadways is terrible	12/21/2023 3:49 PM
11	uber/lyft	12/21/2023 3:25 PM
12	Stop adding lights and signs everywhere. There's a reason we moved out here, it was to escape the constant cancer of increasing traffic, congestion, noise, amd light pollution.	12/21/2023 8:02 AM
13	The blinking red lights may be helpful to color blind people, but they are a trigger for photosensitive people and may cause seizures. They should be removed.	12/21/2023 12:46 AM
14	based on future growth	12/13/2023 4:32 PM
15	Senior accessible transportation	12/13/2023 2:19 PM
16	Uber or Lyft	12/12/2023 11:16 PM
17	307/460 needs completely redone	12/9/2023 10:17 PM
18	More roundabouts	12/7/2023 12:25 AM
19	Taxi	12/6/2023 4:52 PM
20	More frequent mowing by VDOT during the prime growth season	12/6/2023 10:37 AM
21	Half of farmville's roads are underwater everytime we have large amounts of rain	12/5/2023 3:18 PM
22	not sure	12/4/2023 4:16 PM
23	No traffic circles	12/3/2023 10:16 PM
24	Handicap accessible sidewalks	12/3/2023 8:20 PM
25	307 -460	12/3/2023 2:21 PM
26	county road are have mountains of litter, waste and debris! it is unusually nasty around here! it makes the community look nasty!	12/2/2023 8:25 AM
27	Please forget about roundabouts...	12/2/2023 5:52 AM
28	Tree maintenance on side of road	11/21/2023 9:32 PM
29	Drivers are terrible. I know you can't fix that but OMG	11/20/2023 11:49 AM
30	Lots of walkers on streets with no sidewalk. Road markings downtown are not following national standards	11/16/2023 9:20 PM
31	buggy accomodation	11/16/2023 10:40 AM
32	There are too many traffic lights inside Farmville	11/15/2023 3:53 AM
33	Horse drawn paths alongside highways.	11/10/2023 9:18 AM
34	Uber or other taxi like services	11/8/2023 10:49 PM
35	Train to Farmville	11/8/2023 3:59 PM
36	Traffic calming, narrowing and roundabouts where appropriate	11/3/2023 10:18 PM
37	More roundabouts	11/3/2023 4:19 PM

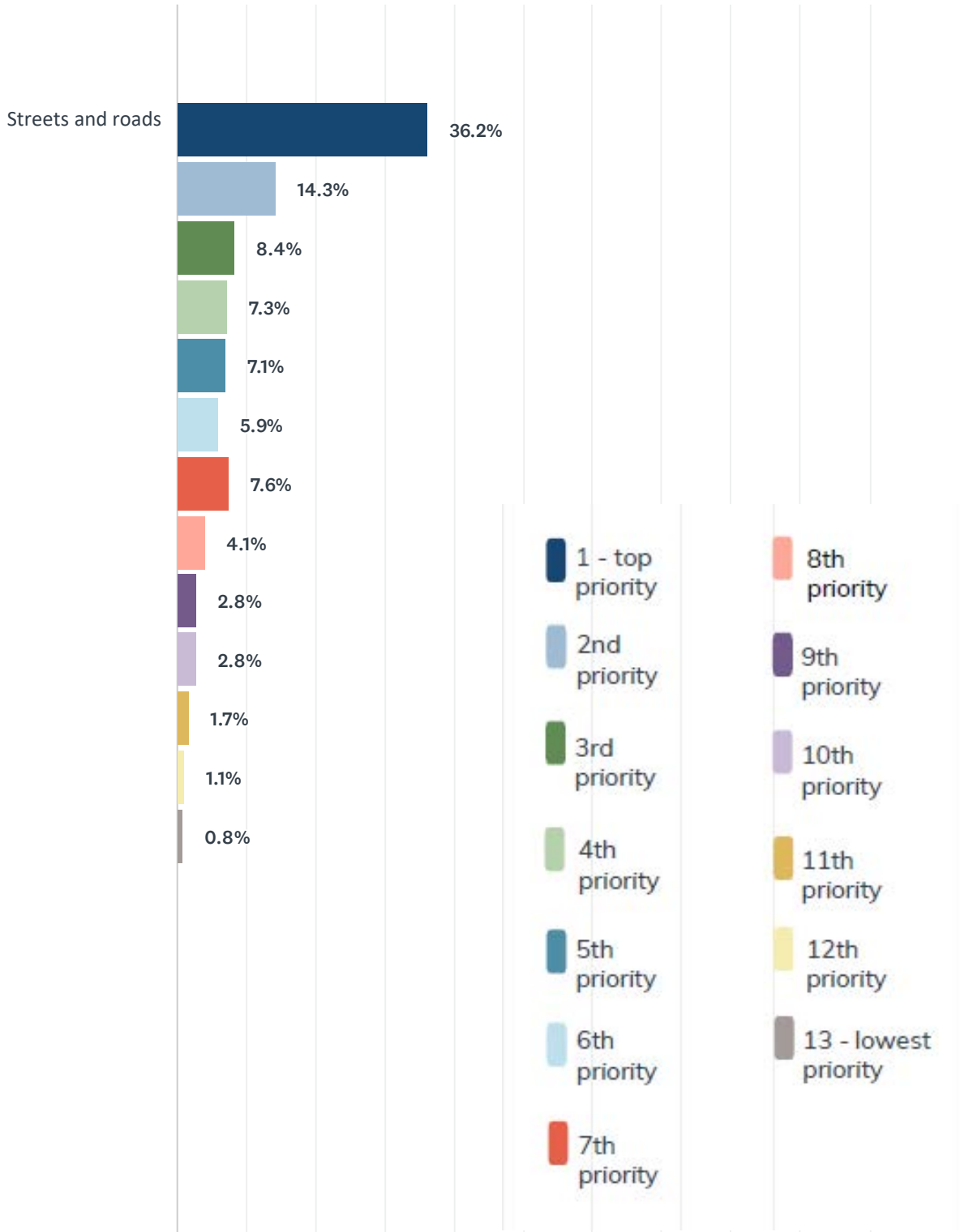
Q12 What recreation facilities do you want most in Prince Edward County? (Choose up to three)

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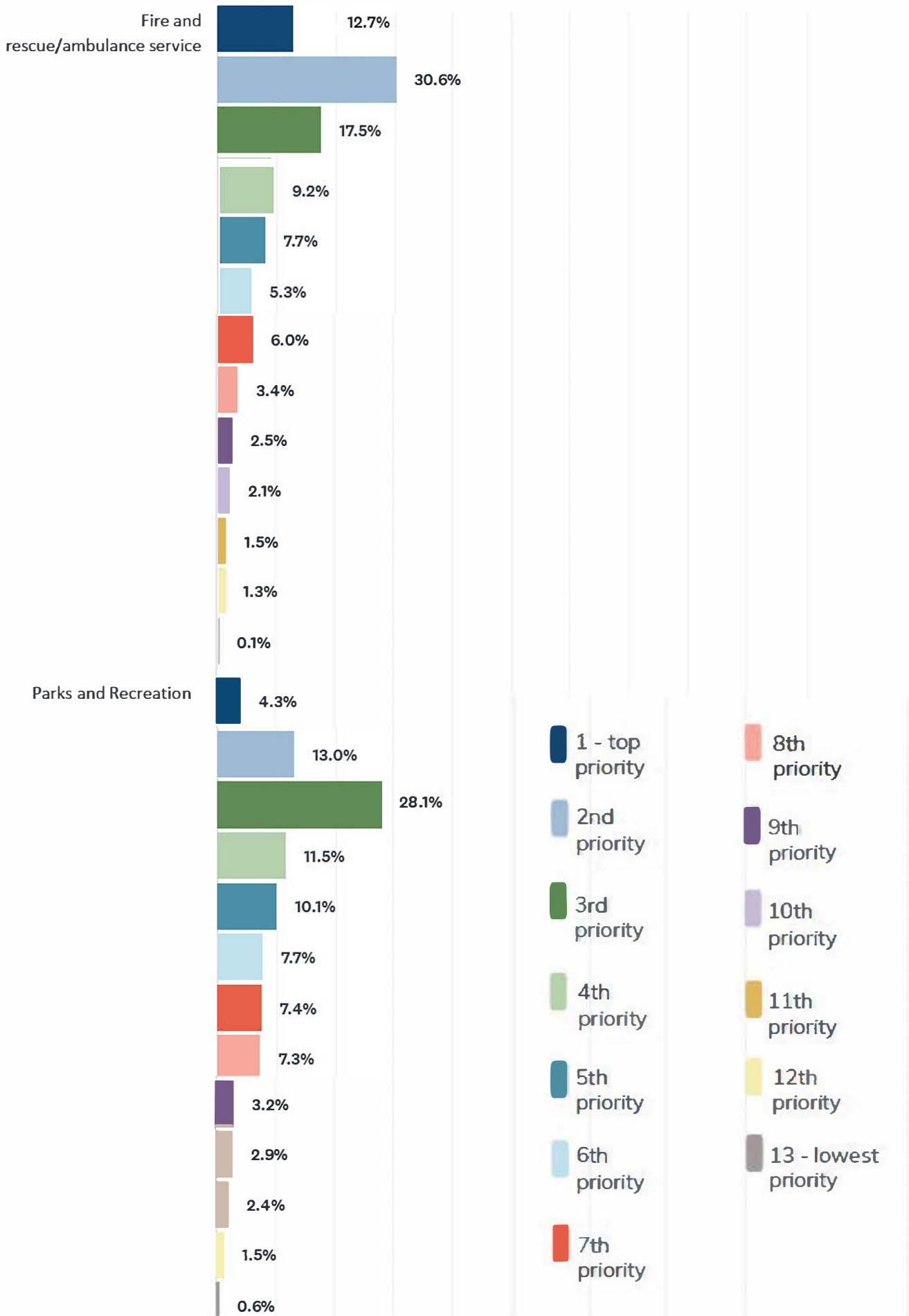


Q13 What should Prince Edward County's priorities be for improving public facilities and services? (Rank these in order of priority from 1-13 by dragging and rearranging the items in the list below, with 1 being your top priority and 13 being your lowest priority)

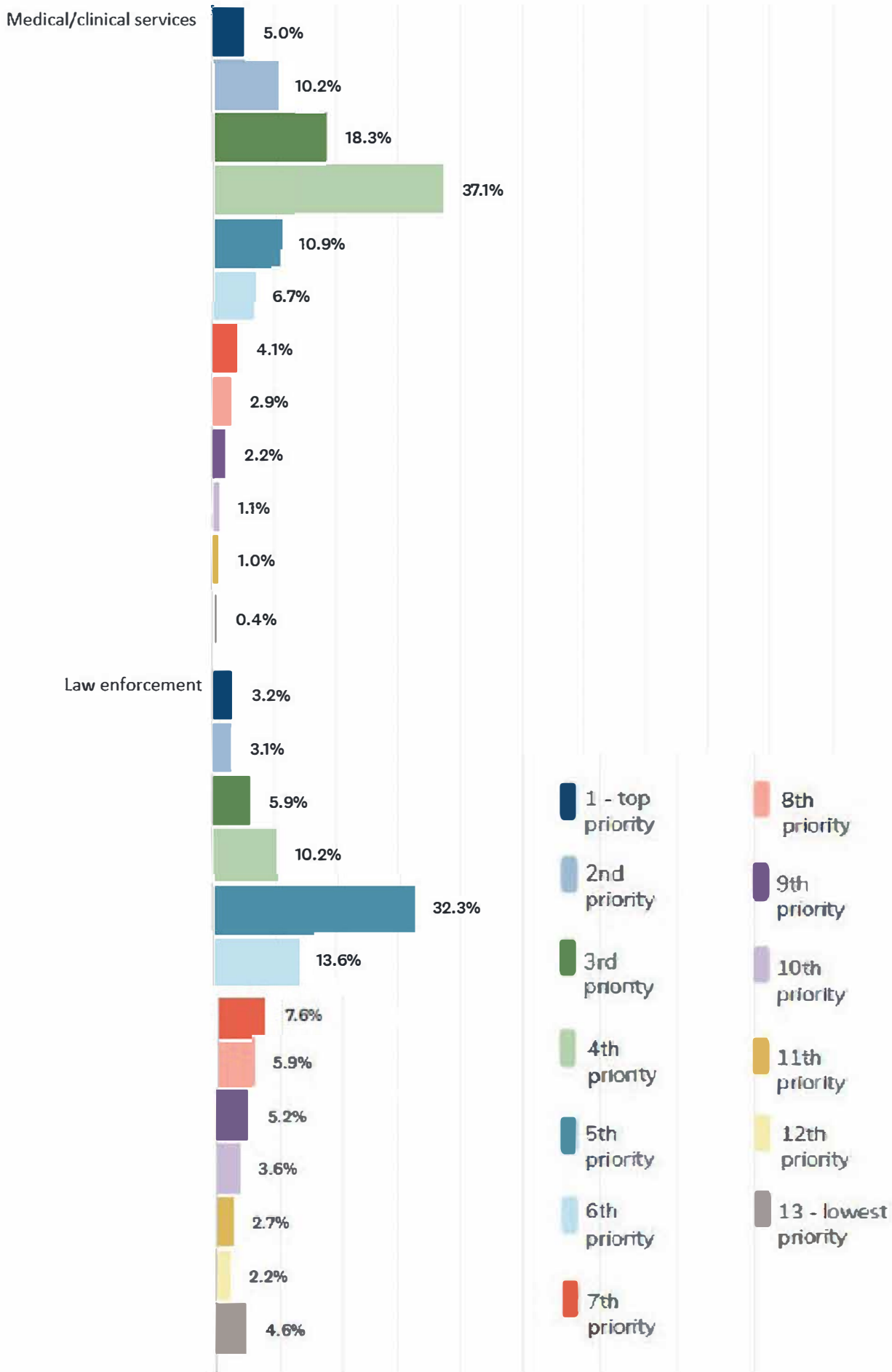
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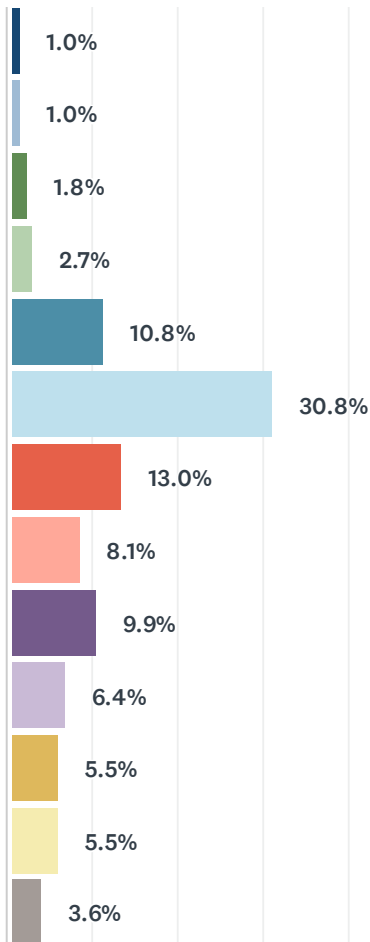


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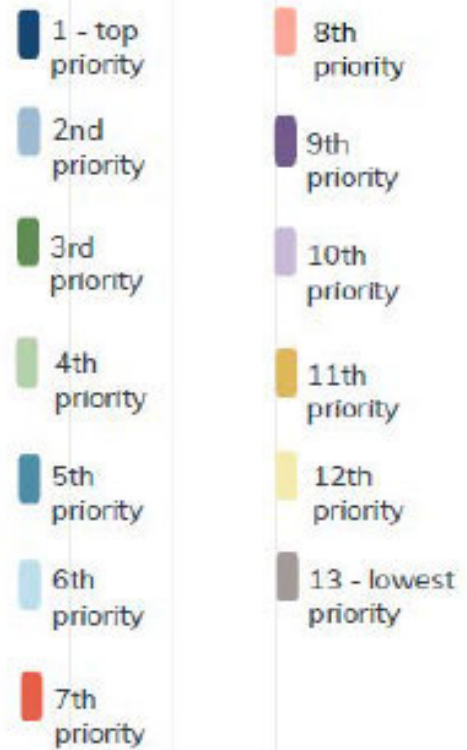
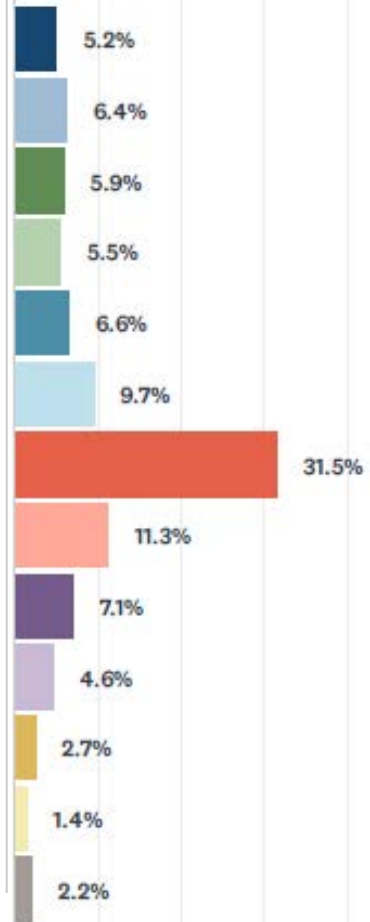


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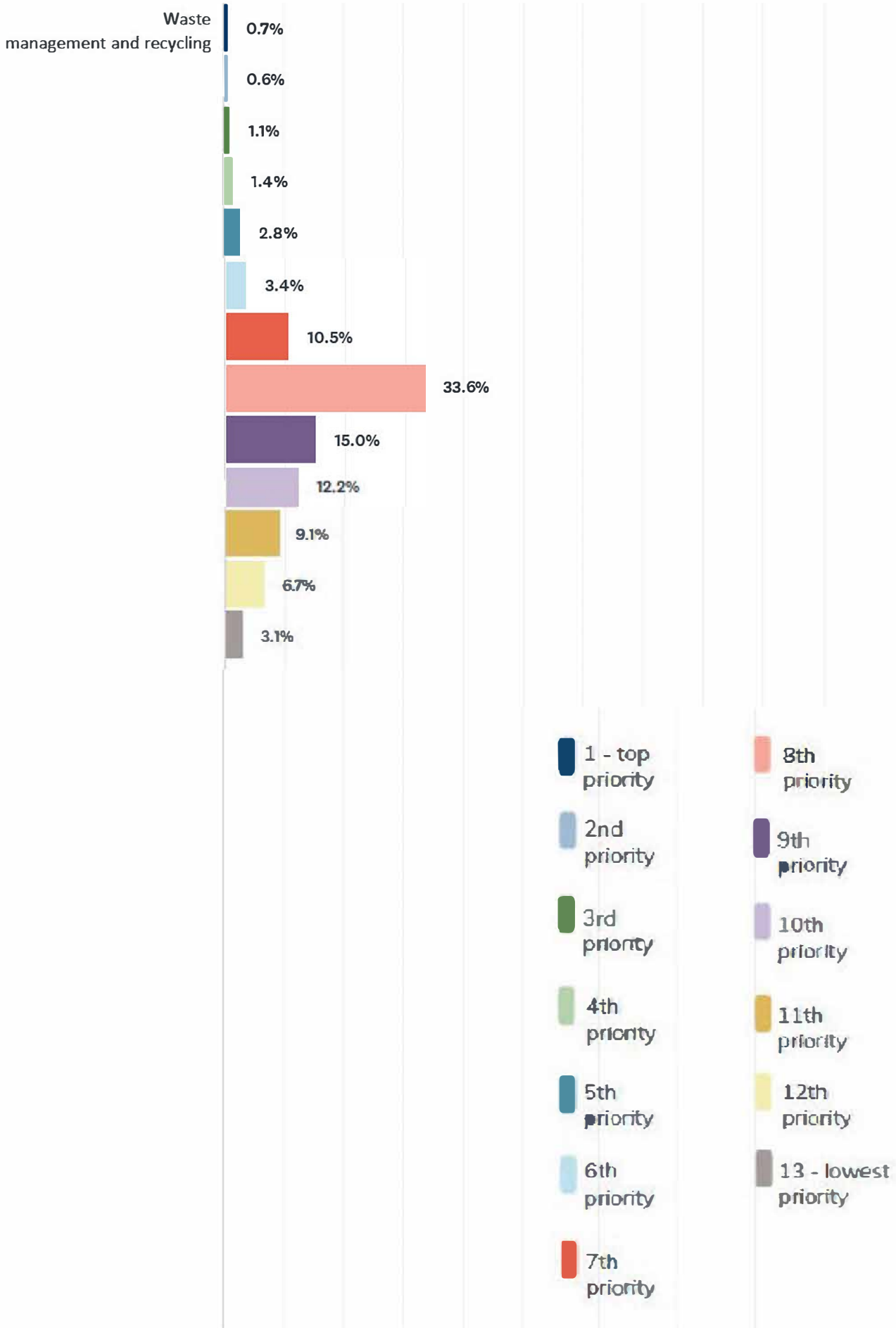
Public water and sewer



Broadband

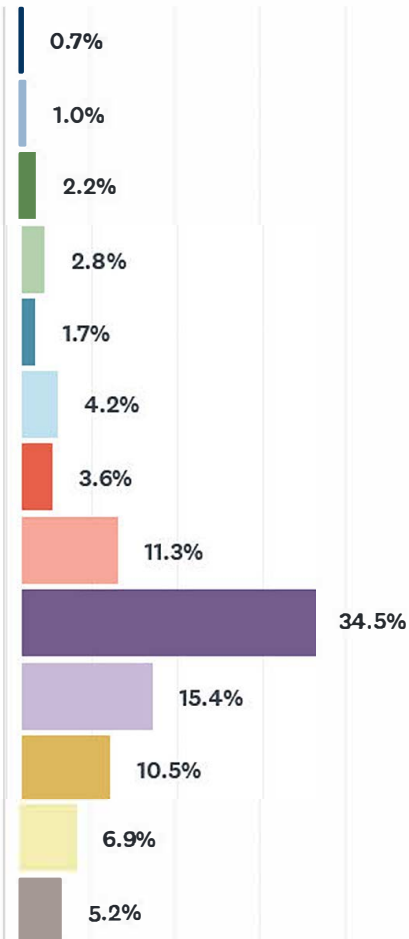


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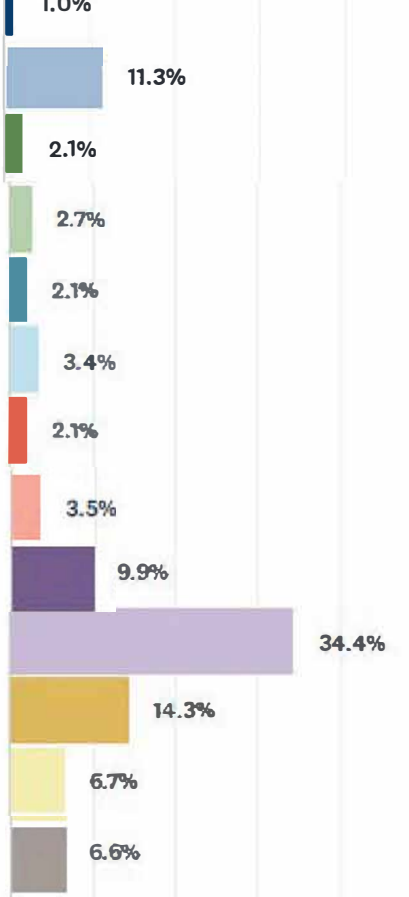


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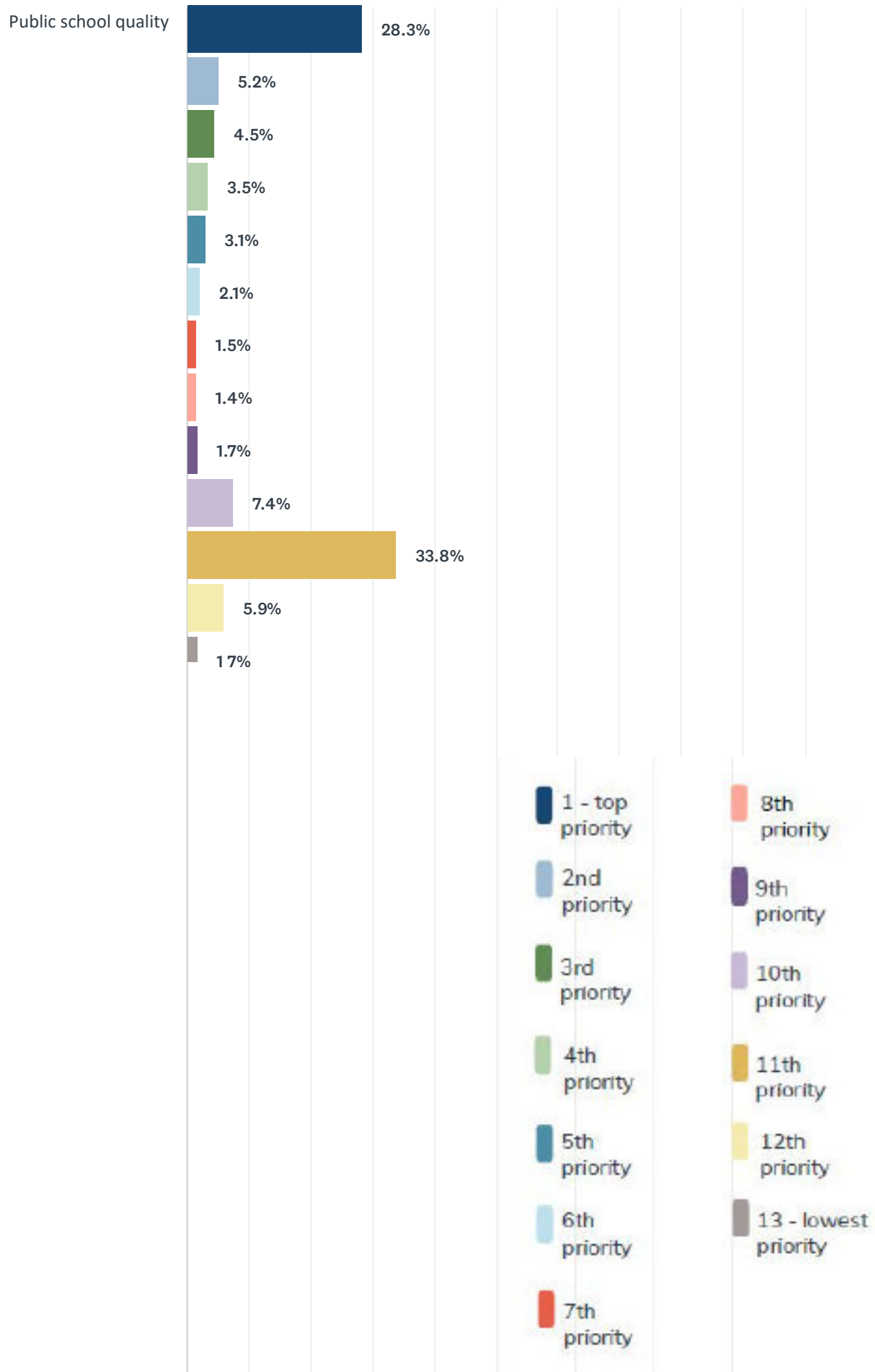
Trails and sidewalks



Public school capacity

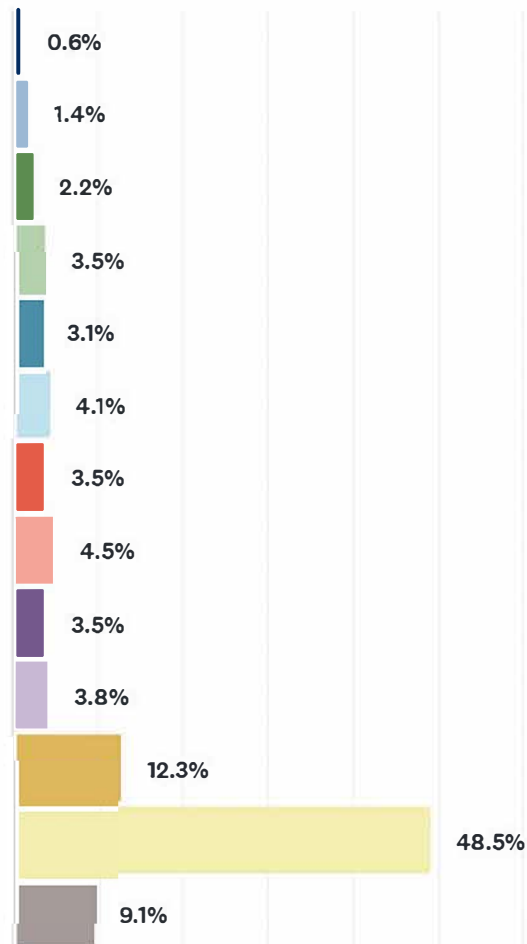


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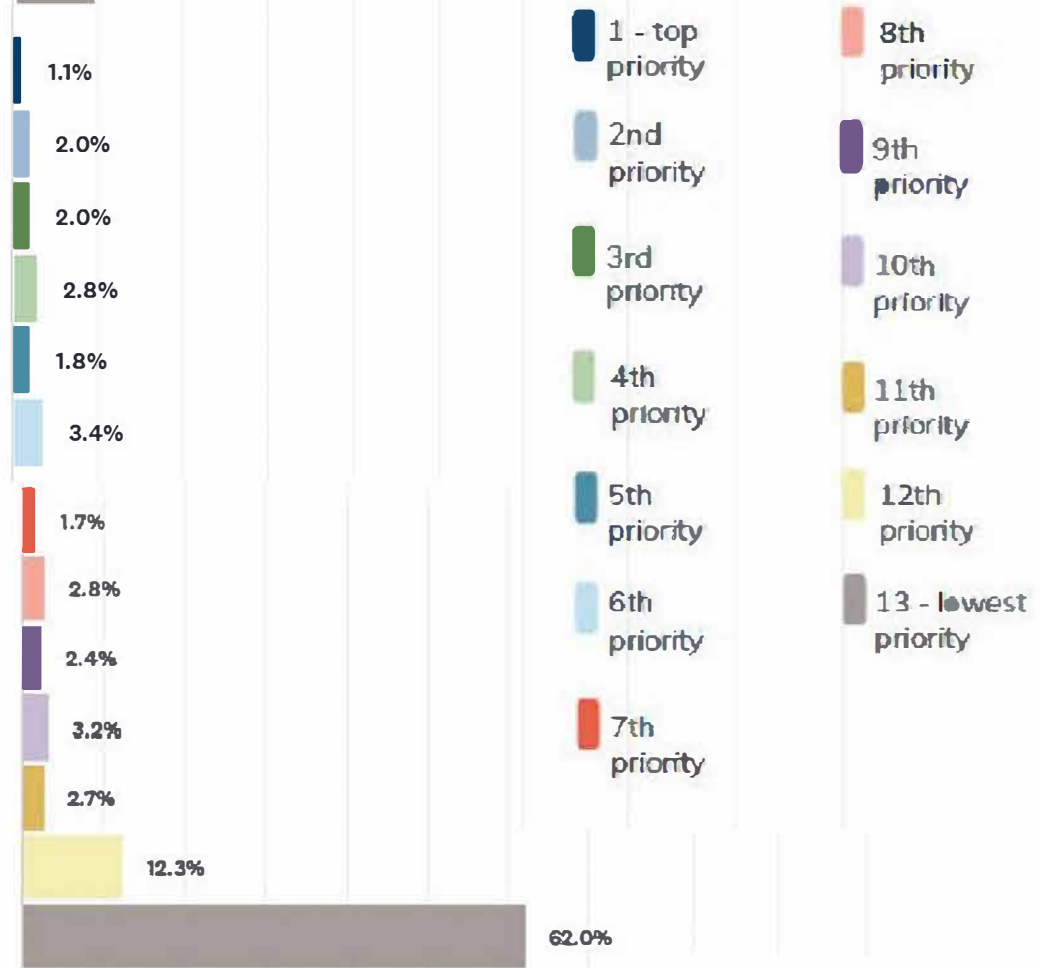


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Community services
(e.g., libraries,
community center)

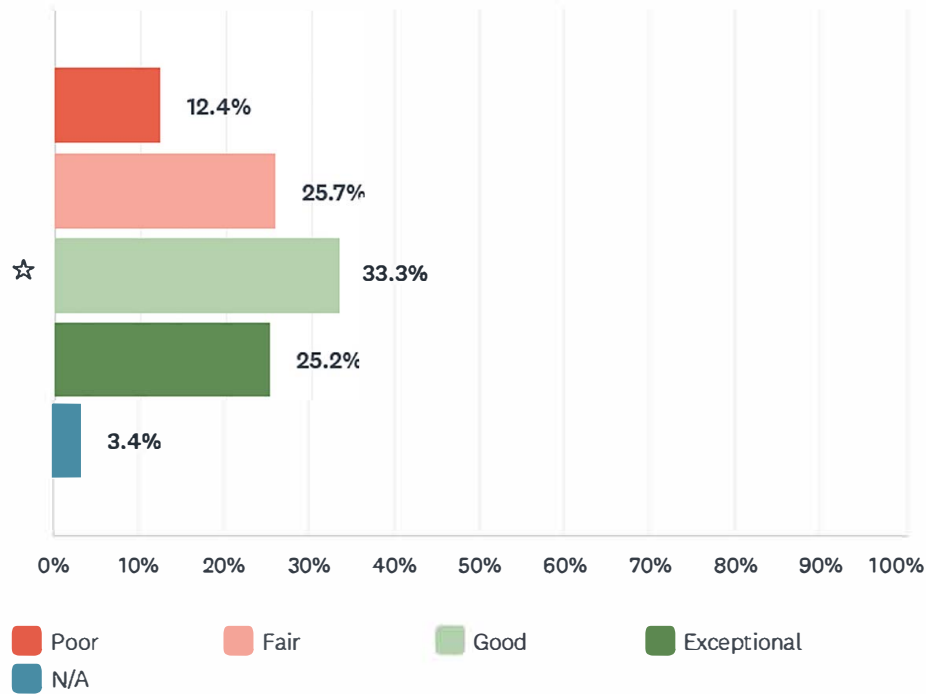


Public transportation



Q14 How would you rate the value of the County services such as those listed in Question 13 (e.g., public schools, public safety, community services) compared to the taxes you pay?

Answered: 715 Skipped: 0



Q15 Is there anything else you would like to share that would make Prince Edward County a more livable and enjoyable place for you?

Answered: 181 Skipped: 534

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Always ask for citizen input before making major decisions. Consider the quality of life that changes will bring to those most affected.	1/15/2024 12:48 PM
2	I'd really like to see more events and activities such as food festivals or weekly/monthly events that encourage community members to make connections with each other and not require traveling out of the country to find entertainment	1/14/2024 10:46 AM
3	Na	1/11/2024 5:58 PM
4	Try to attract good paying job opportunities for local residents	1/10/2024 7:38 PM
5	The public school system is in desperate need of support, especially an appropriate physical building.	1/10/2024 3:14 PM
6	It isn't livable for SO many homeless people needing housing!!	1/10/2024 10:14 AM
7	I think the biggest issue holding the county back is the school system. It always amazes me that we have universities in Farmville but the public school system is so poor. I love living in PE, but will likely have to move not too far into the future as I don't want my kids going to such poorly regarded schools.	1/10/2024 1:03 AM
8	Urgent care (a true walk in clinic) Homeless shelter	1/9/2024 8:47 PM
9	The continued loss of medical personnel, such as the closure of Centra Orthopaedics, is worrying to those of us who are aging here.	1/9/2024 8:23 PM
10	I've already indicated in the survey but bike safety would be great. We often commute to work on bikes in town and there are many main roads with limited sidewalk access, broken curbs, and there are no bike lanes. It just feels dangerous sometimes.	1/9/2024 7:28 PM
11	N/A	1/9/2024 11:03 AM
12	Widen Rt 15 from Farmville to Keysville	1/9/2024 9:59 AM
13	There is no sense in putting more money into the public schools if the school board make changes in administration.	1/9/2024 8:25 AM
14	I know I put public school quality lower than a lot of the other things but if it was better my children would go there instead of Cumberland	1/9/2024 7:36 AM
15	Focus on schools. No housing growth makes sense until the schools are amazing.	1/9/2024 7:13 AM
16	Find ways to help support, small businesses, struggling in the community!	1/9/2024 6:48 AM
17	More commercial and housing options	1/8/2024 1:15 PM
18	More grocery options	1/8/2024 12:53 PM
19	Please do not allow solar farms or other large-scale projects to be built near residential properties.	1/8/2024 10:15 AM
20	With all the new disease data out today. Having access to better nutritional food stores other than Walmart and Food lion is a huge plus for many. Or even having better access and availability of specific foods for those who than can only have specifics is a plus.	12/29/2023 1:00 PM
21	fresh air, trees, small town,	12/28/2023 12:16 PM
22	Not just local transit (getting around Farmville and the county) but transit _to elsewhere_ like a bus to Richmond, Lynchburg, Charlottesville (connect to airport and train station)	12/28/2023 5:52 AM

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23	Better shopping options for different foods. Target, Sam's club, Wegmans, etc	12/27/2023 2:27 PM
24	We need more jobs in the area, to do so we need to educate people that they need to work for their lives to be better and to become more self sufficient and not to rely on the government. We can capitalize on the trails, history of the area and local higher education to bring in tax revenue. I have seen multi plex recreation facilities that bring in numerous tax advantages for their communities.	12/26/2023 10:48 PM
25	The Public schools are horrible.	12/26/2023 8:53 PM
26	Stop building and bringing new people in. It just creates shortages, more crime and over crowding. If people need those things they shouldn't move here	12/26/2023 4:57 PM
27	Public schools should be exceptional. Continue to advertise any short or long term wins to boost morale and help retention. Career training and career-gearred jobs for the young and older. Affordable housing in urban and rural areas. Would be nice to have 24h available care options for children, disabled, and in-home elderly. If we could get a data center and become a local Healthcare hub, that would be great.	12/25/2023 10:52 PM
28	As the county develops water and sewage, the focus first should be on a main loop around entire county then begin to fill in the middle of the county last. This would provide opportunities for commercial growth on both 360 and 460 immediately, then focus could turn to residential. This could also lead to growth, within the water system for the county to sell water to other areas around us immediately. The outer loop would provide a base to grow into the rest of the county	12/24/2023 3:46 PM
29	I would be happy to pay higher taxes to improve public infrastructure including education and community resources such as trails, parks, and community centers.	12/22/2023 9:17 PM
30	Many, many	12/21/2023 10:15 PM
31	Many of the improvements that could benefit Prince Edward Co. are directly related to the quality of the public school system. For example, physicians and college professors may not want to relocate to this area if they have school age children. It is rare when all three county schools are accredited at the same time.	12/21/2023 9:56 PM
32	We very much need to improve quality and access to public transportation in addition to affordable housing. Having access to reliable public transportation will open doors for a lot of people. We also need more grocery options.	12/21/2023 9:52 PM
33	A lot more effort to preserve green spaces and historic resources. Once they are gone, we will never get them back. We already have plenty of gas stations and Dollar Generals.	12/21/2023 9:41 PM
34	more recreational activities for children and teens such as roller skating parks, trampoline parks, bowling, and laser tag	12/21/2023 8:03 PM
35	Reduce personal property tax rate on campers, RVs, and boats to encourage retirees to live here.	12/21/2023 4:42 PM
36	Improve what you have, what you have is wonderful. Don't turn this place into another Short Pump/Chesterfield nightmare.	12/21/2023 8:02 AM
37	Please improve the local school system. Leadership has to change.	12/21/2023 6:47 AM
38	More shopping options	12/21/2023 12:46 AM
39	Keep taxes down, or you will defeat what your trying to do. Continue to raise taxes and people won't be able to afford to live here. Stop messing with people's rights to do what they want on their personal property.	12/20/2023 7:59 PM
40	Keep up the hard work!	12/20/2023 11:04 AM
41	Without quality schools, none of the other will matter. We can't attract industry, people won't want to live her if we don't improve our schools. This has to be the number one priority.	12/20/2023 6:55 AM
42	Prince Edward should really take advantage of the WFH era that we're in and build housing to attract and retain young professionals who can contribute to the social infrastructure. But this requires a real investment in the public school system because private is not an option for early parents and it's reflective of how the local government invests in their community.	12/19/2023 6:19 PM
43	Assist with securing a grocery store for our area	12/19/2023 5:37 PM

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44	Prince Edward County has agriculture in its roots. The County seal depicts wheat to represent the importance of agriculture within the county. We have an abundance of land, 350 square miles of it. We need to preserve what is there and consider seriously how not to waste it. You cannot make more land, only make great use of the land we currently stand on. Allowing large solar facilities to take over agricultural land is a disservice to everything this land has to offer. The county would be holding the land hostage and stripping it of all it has to offer us.	12/19/2023 8:00 AM
45	More recreational areas will be lovely	12/19/2023 4:28 AM
46	Reinforce the need for more physicians!!	12/17/2023 5:41 PM
47	No	12/17/2023 11:45 AM
48	high quality of life	12/16/2023 2:30 AM
49	There are enough employment opportunities	12/16/2023 2:28 AM
50	有足够的就业机会	12/16/2023 2:25 AM
51	Public security is very good	12/16/2023 2:23 AM
52	people are easy to get along with	12/16/2023 2:20 AM
53	The environment is great	12/16/2023 2:18 AM
54	The environment is great and people are easy to get along with	12/16/2023 2:15 AM
55	Stop letting a few rich business owners rule the town and do a disservice to the community. The town is gentrifying and bleeding out the locals to accommodate the image a few people in town want to portray.	12/15/2023 9:14 PM
56	Affordable county wide high speed internet access.	12/15/2023 8:49 PM
57	I think the school system is really sad. All the good teachers are leaving due to poor management. Take a look at what Charlotte Co does.	12/15/2023 4:35 PM
58	Outdoor pickleball courts	12/15/2023 3:35 PM
59	The cost of living is high compared to the salary, especially compared to surrounding areas	12/15/2023 2:56 PM
60	No	12/15/2023 10:31 AM
61	I know the grocery store issue is tough, but please don't give up on a realistic store like Aldi	12/14/2023 2:39 PM
62	We need another grocery store. We need taxes on eating out in FarmVille to go down. We need personal property taxes to go down. We need something like Putt Putt golf, driving range, or some other recreational activity for the youth.	12/14/2023 11:05 AM
63	My youngest child is about to graduate, so it won't directly affect me personally, but our public schools need all the financial support you can throw at them. Teacher salaries in particular must rise.	12/14/2023 10:34 AM
64	Need more places to shop. I spend my money in chesterfield at places like Kireland, target, Kroger, kohls.	12/13/2023 6:54 PM
65	Fix the public school system and focus on the fastest growing population, the elderly	12/13/2023 2:19 PM
66	Let people do what they want on their land. This flag debacle is out of hand, and my tax dollars should not fight something y'all ok'd in the first place just to walk back on....	12/13/2023 6:50 AM
67	We desperately need a higher quality grocery store. It would also be nice to have Uber or Lyft for college student and community members to use as down town grows. A target would be nice too.	12/12/2023 11:16 PM
68	New to the area and enjoying it.	12/8/2023 6:55 PM
69	Public School system needs work. Also the County MUST pay Sheriff's Office employees better. While everyone else is at home at night, spending holidays with their families, in their homes, Law enforcement officers are working protecting the county. Sheriff's Office is hiring dispatchers for 33,000 a year, this is likely the most stressful job in the county. This ads up to 15.8 dollars per hour. If a dispatcher talks to an emergency caller for 30 minutes while waiting	12/8/2023 3:06 PM

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on deputies to arrive at an emergency situation, keeping the caller calm and collected, they get paid about 7.5 dollars for that interaction. We must do better for this.

70	Make the schools and professional jobs priority. Encourage and attract professional services.	12/8/2023 10:00 AM
71	Reparations for the black community. Free education to include higher education for descendants of RR Moton Museum pupils.	12/7/2023 6:21 PM
72	Indoor pool	12/7/2023 1:14 PM
73	More parks and outlet stores	12/7/2023 10:28 AM
74	Building/developing more uncommon businesses would attract more local (and surrounding county) customers. For example, Krispy Kreme, a Go-Kart track, Chick-fil-A (with a drive-thru system to promote/attract more customers), or all of the above.	12/7/2023 8:24 AM
75	Change the due date when the taxes are due. Take it from being due around the holidays to around the spring May or June.	12/7/2023 8:17 AM
76	NO	12/7/2023 7:52 AM
77	Quality of education system is awful. Need better administrators	12/7/2023 12:25 AM
78	Improve the schools, stop allowing the same school board and superintendent run the schools they are falling year after year. Student attendance is down because good parents are tired of the lack of respect from the administration. The parents know what is really going on, but the administration covers it up. Talk to the parents!! If a parent goes public with complaints or concerns their children suffer, retaliation is real and happening in the county schools. That is why parents don't participate or attend the school board meetings. Instead of sending a group of county employees to other schools to see what they are doing to have such high attendance, just ask the parents of the honor roll students who have had near perfect attendance in the past what is happening? When you lose those parents and students it's pretty bad.	12/6/2023 10:46 PM
79	Competitive wages, affordable housing and competitive k-12 salary to entice higher quality teachers and professionals	12/6/2023 9:40 PM
80	I think supporting our public schools would go a long way in improving our community. Kids and families will benefit, and people would be more likely to move to and stay in the county, which could ideally make improvement efforts in other areas (other community services, recreation, etc.) easier.	12/6/2023 6:22 PM
81	Available town services for areas away from the Town of Farmville, such as Dominion Power instead of Southside Electric.	12/6/2023 6:14 PM
82	Stop all the politics so things can be accomplished. You pretend you care but it politics.	12/6/2023 6:08 PM
83	More affordable housing	12/6/2023 5:42 PM
84	The school system needs to be fixed, there's too much bullying going on and we're growing as a population, so the school needs to accommodate that and they need to start separating the buses and not having all of the kids pre-K through 12th right the same bus anymore. I believe that elementary school should have their own bus, middle school should have their own bus and high school should have their own bus. There is no reason my preschooler needs to be sitting next to a 12th grader or listening to their conversation, and there's no reason a 12th grader should be interacting with my preschooler or bullying them, and if the bus situation was different, there is no way that they would have even had the chance to ever interact with one another..... The bus transportation needs to be fixed for the public schools for Prince Edward, and then the quality of Prince Edwards schools themselves needs to be attended to.	12/6/2023 5:11 PM
85	I would like to see a community/ recreation center open to all residents of the county. Also, clean up the area that once was Buffalo Shook and put a music pavilion/ amphitheater for the community	12/6/2023 5:08 PM
86	Education- schools need major overhaul from ground up both facilities and employees. [REDACTED] New school board should be placed. Kids deserve better than this standard of education! This is our future!	12/6/2023 4:53 PM
87	We need more childcare options desperately! Our Sheriff and his department are doing an amazing job. We need to keep ALL of our historical landmarks and history a priority.	12/6/2023 4:52 PM

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88	The public school here in Prince Edward County needs help, people in charge of the schools need to spend a week at the schools to see what teachers and law enforcement have to deal with.	12/6/2023 9:46 AM
89	Diversified economic base to attract families and young professionals as well as retaining college graduates. Growth! Valuation!	12/5/2023 9:27 PM
90	I would like to see the community cater more to the locals, than to the colleges. I understand a large amount of money is generated by being a two college town, however I feel like the locals are slowly being forgotten about. Our own public education system is one of, if not the worst out of our neighboring counties. Our students are the future leaders of this community, and we should be investing in their schools just as much as we do our colleges. Housing is overpriced and many landlords are only looking to rent to college students. We do not necessarily need more affordable housing, but we need more available housing.	12/5/2023 6:54 PM
91	Expansion into the Tech industry. Expansion of leisure activities that don't involve alcohol	12/5/2023 3:18 PM
92	For everything not to be based around or for the students of Longwood University. Families need to live, shop, eat, be entertained and live here as well. Born and raised in Farmville for 42 years I feel that the town caters to the students and not the general population especially those with roots here. Longwood needs a football team. They can build a stadium that will employ people within the community, bring in families and different suppliers.	12/5/2023 1:47 PM
93	Some if not ALL Board of Supervisors need to be replaced. It is time for a new/younger generation to come in with new ideas, without having to repeatedly raise taxes in the county. And actually allow the county to be heard and not just a few individuals. Limited the Board of Supervisors seat to 4 years only term.	12/5/2023 10:04 AM
94	Not everyone goes to Farmville, especially downtown. Need places outside of the town.	12/3/2023 10:16 PM
95	Major stores/mall within 30 minute	12/3/2023 6:26 PM
96	Forestry Dept. pay more attention to public forest areas. Especially along southern part of Rt. 696. Many large trees pose possible road closer in severe weather.	12/3/2023 4:46 PM
97	Decrease property taxes	12/3/2023 2:21 PM
98	Library resources contribute to significantly higher quality of life, especially for those with middle to lower incomes. Make increasing funding, especially for staff and building improvements, a priority.	12/3/2023 11:05 AM
99	I can't believe how poorly the schools have been allowed to deteriorate .	12/3/2023 7:33 AM
100	We need more store options especially groceries and clothing. Public transportation outside of the town of Farmville such as Rice and Hampden Sydney	12/3/2023 3:09 AM
101	we need more childcare. This needs to be a top priority.	12/2/2023 5:46 PM
102	A community swimming pool should be a high priority now that Fuqua pool is closed.	12/2/2023 3:31 PM
103	Limit growth overall or confine it	12/2/2023 9:53 AM
104	Do more to help small businesses start up and encourage visitors to stay in Farmville and spend their money as long as possible! I can't believe a new business owner has to start paying taxes right off the bat, when it is so hard to get a new business off the ground. Can you give them a year to get up and running before hitting them up? Please take steps to encourage commercial landlords to keep their storefronts rented. Some have been vacant for years. There are businesses who would like to move in but struggle to find locations downtown. I wanted to start a bookstore but had to give up because of uncooperative landlords and lack of a good location. I have a friend trying to open a bakery having the same challenges. Because of all the vacant storefronts, there are entire dead blocks, and no one wants to move in there. Pedestrians won't go that far from Green Front, so new businesses are forced to squeeze into the same 2 block area. It doesn't have to be like this! Please encourage downtown farmville to focus on bringing retail and restaurants to downtown, which attract tourism dollars. Also get rid of parking meters and have more free parking to encourage tourism money!!! There is so much potential being wasted. Farmville could be so much better.	12/2/2023 9:44 AM
105	Affordable housing and job opportunities are major issues that keep the poverty rate so high. Workforce development programs should be initiated to train those in poverty so they can find	12/2/2023 9:06 AM

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employment. The public school system also must do a better job at training its students.

106	We are living on 'borrowed' time since our rural areas are becoming disproportionately OLDER/JAGED with more disabilities, greater medical and social needs, and on fixed on lower incomes. WE NEED younger, working age, childrearing families, who want to live here BECAUSE we have great jobs and great life-long learning and work opportunities. They want to live and work here, raise families here, start new businesses and creative pursuits here, have their children go go college here, and then their children want to do the same. Our are should be so attractive - with state parks, arts and cultural activities, events and festivals - that we are 'regular' places people want to visit, vacation, and tell others to come here too. We should be in online and other media regularly as 'one of the best rural places'.	12/2/2023 8:25 AM
107	I personally like it just the way it is. But it would help if the Prince Edward Government would STOP wasting our tax payer money fighting that damn flag. I see it and I DONT like the flag, but the owner bought the land and was issued a permit...by the Government to erect it. It's not sending a good message to any resident or future resident to say we will change ordinances and Laws to make things the way the Prince Edward Government wants them.	12/2/2023 5:52 AM
108	No more chains - fast food, stores etc. encourage individually owned businesses and services missing/needed. Too much of the same things currently.	12/2/2023 4:40 AM
109	Restore the historic downtown district. A better grocery store than what is available. Pride in community that includes everyone. Keeping the county clean and manicured.	12/1/2023 10:32 PM
110	More grocery choices. Thai restaurant	12/1/2023 9:01 PM
111	Quality schools, good employment opportunities and decent housing options would go a long way to making the County a more attractive and livable place.	12/1/2023 7:59 PM
112	Public schools must be fixed people move to other surrounding counties because they are so poor. I have a two year old and am not going to send them to Prince Edward county public school unless they are way better in the next two years.	12/1/2023 5:39 PM
113	Attend to the blighted areas that have old and dilapidated structures and loads of debris, old cars and other junk. The attention given this matter would our community a sense of wellness and motivation to do better.	12/1/2023 3:38 PM
114	Just a clarification on question 13: the *value* of our public education system matches the amount of tax we pay. Taxes are very low, and the public education system reflects this reality. Please, please invest in public education and the common good it provides.	12/1/2023 1:01 PM
115	Better services for disabled Veterans	11/30/2023 5:36 AM
116	Get rid of personal property taxes! Why pay taxes on a vehicle you've already paid sales tax for upon purchase!	11/29/2023 2:34 PM
117	Prince Edward County needs more retail and service stores for shopping such as a Kroger, Publix, Burlington Coat Factory, TJ Max, Ross, Texas Road House, Longhorn Steakhouse, Friday's, Captain D's.	11/27/2023 11:17 AM
118	We should maintain green space and forested areas and respect historic properties more.	11/23/2023 9:44 AM
119	Improve the schools. If you do this you'll get more families. If you do this you'll bring in businesses that cater to those families which would increase the tax base.	11/21/2023 4:14 PM
120	The sidewalks are inconsistent and not made for handicapped people or people with children. We really need bike lanes throughout town, especially on milnwood road and in downtown.	11/21/2023 7:21 AM
121	We absolutely need more affordable housing options and more services that will attract families to this area to stay. Our schools are terrible and students are traveling out of county to get a decent education elsewhere. We don't offer many quality/affordable grocery options. Our community services that are offered are underfunded and poorly planned.	11/20/2023 5:12 PM
122	We need more well-paying jobs. There's too many low income jobs.	11/20/2023 2:25 PM
123	Improve the school system, get decent grocery store options (Krogers), stop the endless spending for pie in the sky projects such as a data center. Do a better job of notifying citizens about meetings and events. Not everyone subscribes to the newspapers and/or good reception for the radio - a monthly newsletter on the website listing all the upcoming events would work best.	11/20/2023 1:00 PM

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124	If there were better schools in the area to send kids to we would be able to bring more families to the area.	11/20/2023 12:52 PM
125	Taxes are really high in the area considering it is a rural area with nothing to do in close range. Not sure what all the taxes go to - the public school are horrible in the area.	11/20/2023 12:15 PM
126	Why is housing so expensive and piss poor. Farmville has higher taxes than all of the surrounding areas yet has little to no available high-paying jobs, no affordable housing, inconsistent public transportation, and seemingly weak plans to change. I sincerely hope you pay attention to these surveys.	11/20/2023 11:49 AM
127	Cut taxes	11/20/2023 11:28 AM
128	New businesses and improving the quality of our education go hand in hand. Businesses won't come with poor education, and improving education won't be easy without increased revenue and leadership change. Which came first, the chicken or the egg?	11/20/2023 10:26 AM
129	Please prioritize the schools. It will be very difficult to improve the economy without young families having access to a good education. Millage rates should be increased. Cumberland county is at .78, we're currently in the mid 50s. It's not a coincidence that Cumberland schools are much more highly rated than ours.	11/20/2023 10:21 AM
130	Seniors should have a place to go to participate in events like we previously had the SCOPE building. PSR has a great program and they are doing good. Prince Edward County should have a place like Senior Care for people to have fun and games, eat a breakfast, lunch or dinner because some do not get out at all.	11/18/2023 7:21 PM
131	We need a good overhaul of the school board and administration of the schools. We need people who do a good job. There is a lot of bullying in the school system and some coming from Administration. Needs to be corrected. We need to get new people in and start over. Hire new people and show that our system is an A quality place to live and not a sub standard education system that it has been for years	11/18/2023 2:28 PM
132	More farm lands, less city , keep Richmond in Richmond, more outdoor activities	11/17/2023 10:03 PM
133	You need to attract business. Federal agencies, or other job producing entities.	11/17/2023 8:47 PM
134	Shade trees in parking lots, along roads and required in building permit application/approval process !	11/16/2023 10:40 AM
135	Economic development will not be possible with the current state of the public schools in PE.	11/16/2023 7:24 AM
136	I would like us to invest in leveraging our existing strengths. Our major draws for visitors are High Bridge Traile, Green Front and Longwood/Hampden-Sydeny. How do we connect our trails (out to H-SC) etc to encourage park visitors to explore the rest of the county? How do we make sure Green Front Visitors spend as much time with us and money as possible? Can we have a business sales tax that allows us to leverage those visitors?	11/15/2023 6:17 PM
137	This is a wonderful small town. A lot has been changed recently to suit people living in town only. It promotes bars instead of family. Out door events that once were treasured by family's are now in bar parking lots or in town. I would love to see our festival moved back to a place where everyone could gather and enjoy each other. There is no parking in town for the people that come from rural areas .	11/15/2023 1:54 PM
138	The priority has to be the school system. My family lived in prince edward for 5 years but once my children reached school age we moved to a neighboring county to get them in a better school district. My wife and I still work in Farmville and would love to live closer to our jobs, but the school system prevents us from moving back to the area.	11/15/2023 3:53 AM
139	You are so close. Add in internet and see the impact that remote higher paid families have when they come to live the quiet life they want. We are a family with a DC job, happily living in a good internet area here, so I can attest the rural beautiful culture does attract families with income to spend locally to raise their children and be happily contributing here. If you start adding sawmills and huge solar farms and commercial in agricultural zones... well, we might as well move to northern Virginia.	11/14/2023 8:44 PM
140	I wish we had a better and bigger grocery store! Also, we go to Richmond for most of our doctors and medical needs. I wish we could stay in Farmville for these services.	11/14/2023 7:22 PM

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141	I like this county, especially town of Farmville, but there are areas for improvement. The schools, recycling options (I go 3 places just to recycle and even then I'm not 100% sure it's actually recycled), more grocery stores (bring back Kroger, Trader Joe's, Publix). Lack of trustworthy childcare places is a concern. Also, I would love it if there were more places for children, preteens, and teens to gather (not just Walmart parking lot). Yea there is the movie theater and bowling, plus great resources like the Y and 4H, but what about a skating rink? Youth club if sorts? I wish there were harsher penalties for our local establishments who sell vape products to 14 year olds as well. I love the natural area with trails, parks, Sandy River, etc., but we can always use more.	11/14/2023 1:32 PM
142	There is not a lot for families with small children to do so a lot of us travel to Lynchburg or Richmond, especially when it's colder and that's a lot of economic stimulation lost just due to lack of options.	11/13/2023 8:02 PM
143	Better informed community Major emphasis on schools and workforce development and industry with better paying jobs	11/13/2023 6:36 PM
144	Please work on bringing better grocery stores and other retailers here. We spend a lot of money and time traveling to Richmond or Lynchburg or Charlottesville to buy groceries at stores with better selections and to buy clothing or shoes etc. or we are using delivery from Amazon or Walmart, Target to meet our needs instead of bringing options to spend locally and save on gas. Please LISTEN to your community. We all want this!	11/13/2023 9:14 AM
145	Give the citizens something for all there taxes. Nothing in return for tax dollars	11/12/2023 10:19 PM
146	Longwood students have made downtown traffic deeply inconvenient. Redirecting student traffic away from downtown would be ideal. The lack of parking for businesses downtown is truly staggering. A parking deck would be ideal and generate lots of revenue.	11/12/2023 8:06 PM
147	Better public school, affordable private school, paternity leave for employees especially since we follow everything for the state except the state law paternity leave. Walmart gives 16weeks paid to full time employees to be used anytime in the child's first year, childcare for county employees before and after school. Help jobs cater to working parents. Lower tax rate or higher PPTR - helping those on a fixed income. Change the due date of the tax bills (not around a holiday - families struggle to either pay a bill or do for their children)	11/12/2023 6:44 PM
148	More places to fish around sandy river, and brewery from the Bank because the bushes has taken all a lot of the spots up a lot of seniors go up there to fish and cannot fish because of the trees around the lake	11/12/2023 10:01 AM
149	More employment opportunities in sectors requiring higher education. (Utilize graduates of 2 colleges!) And a Customer Service Training Certificate for those employees in the service sector.	11/12/2023 9:26 AM
150	Our school system is pitiful. The need for a quality educational system is much more important than a data center, a water system with no customers, and any foolhardy flag size restrictions. Any resources wasted on flag restrictions should be a criminal act. Quit WASTING our taxpayer money on useless litigation. If you want to sue people, pull out your own damn wallet! The BOS needs to refocus on the important things that we NEED. They are sorely out of touch with the citizens. The Commissioner of Revenue needs to implement twice-a-year billing and get the tax bills out on time. Our Fire and Rescue services need to be fully funded.	11/11/2023 7:19 PM
151	Good Schools- good jobs- affordable housing- this is the keystone to making the county what it can and should be. We need to attract jobs and we need schools to do that.	11/11/2023 12:31 PM
152	Taxes are going up but nothing to show	11/11/2023 7:51 AM
153	Stop raising taxes to fund a unaccredited school and poor roads. Stop letting Longwood University dictate what the town does.	11/10/2023 9:36 PM
154	Keep taxes low and let people do what they want on their private property. Limited government	11/10/2023 8:05 PM
155	The schools need to improve quickly in order to keep families in the county and attract businesses. When people hear about our schools it is all negative. Improve schools now, not just the elementary school.	11/10/2023 7:54 PM
156	right now i feel that sales/food tax is high for area with large% of lower income population	11/10/2023 6:07 PM

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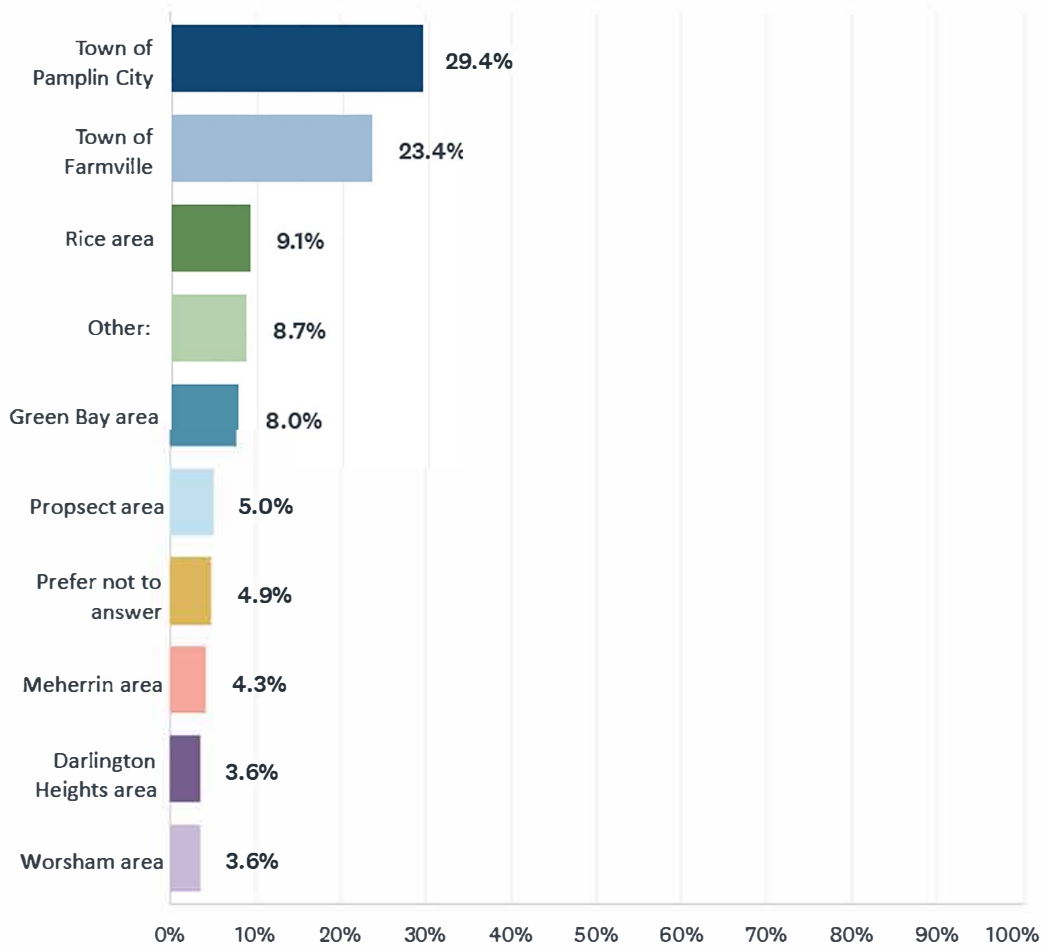
157	Better pay to encourage better employees and service. Need clothing and competitive grocery shopping desperately	11/10/2023 11:22 AM
158	Public safety in PE is quite poor- and the piecemeal volunteer run system is antiquated and unable to support a thriving community. Multi use developments are a must- including housing for college graduates if we intend to keep them in Farmville.	11/10/2023 10:26 AM
159	Better shopping options, public schools, traffic routes	11/10/2023 9:35 AM
160	Uber, Lyft, taxi service especially at night. Also home care and services for elderly like "Home Instead" or commercial services apart from Medicare or Medicaid or low income or institutional services.	11/10/2023 9:18 AM
161	Reasonable business/industry growth that takes into account all impacts of growth (traffic, safety, quality of life). A meaningful investment in public education. I can think of no greater investment that will make the community attractive for new, good paying jobs.	11/10/2023 8:05 AM
162	The schools need to improve! We have the best teacher school in the nation and the college students and professors will not send students there for experience and college students don't want to go there. Professors are sending their kids else where, residences are paying Cumberland and Appomattox schools to allow their children to attend verses Prince Edward. Central office won't let people in to support and will not admit there is so much wrong. Admin are getting punished for trying to make a change for the better.	11/9/2023 7:28 PM
163	We need a better grocery shopping option.	11/9/2023 6:19 PM
164	They're need to be more homes for permanent residents and more places for the kids to hang out	11/9/2023 12:13 PM
165	The schools must be a top priority for this community. For far too long, a lack of funds have allowed students to attend crumbling buildings with teachers paid far below the state average. As a county, we must invest in the future through spending money on our children.	11/9/2023 10:24 AM
166	Personal property taxes for the Disabled and Retirement community needs lowered	11/9/2023 9:41 AM
167	Take down the 460 exit RebelFlag.	11/9/2023 5:05 AM
168	As long as the public school system continues to be an issue, PE will never grow with the intention and quality that is desired by residents. It is the key to bringing highly sought after workforce to the area (quality education for their children) and providing a pipeline of qualified, competent citizens to inhabit, invest and improve our county.	11/8/2023 10:49 PM
169	Investing in our schools will help to address a number of the biggest problems this county faces. Better schools attract businesses, workers, and residents who will want to stay to invest in our community. Ultimately, better schools strengthen the economy.	11/8/2023 10:28 PM
170	Higher quality grocery store	11/8/2023 3:59 PM
171	I love it here and want to raise my kids here for a long time. I hope that an investment in our public schools makes that possible.	11/8/2023 8:35 AM
172	Change the negative feelings and comments about the schools and community by local officials. Come together to work together for the community. Let promote the future and invest in the future while letting the past be the past. History is wonderful but we rely on it too much. Invest is a strong Career Tech Program at the school system. To many students are getting nothing out their time at the schools. We need plumbers, electricians, medical, auto body, masonry etc.	11/7/2023 8:50 PM
173	Maybe not spend so much money on lawsuits restricting flags and expression that are dishonestly disguised as zoning issues.	11/6/2023 3:24 PM
174	I have lived here for 30 years, and the public school system is worst for my grandchildren then it was for my children. The town will not grow until the public schools are made a priority. For ex. physicians that work here live in Richmond due to the poor school system. Companies do not want to relocate here because they cannot provide their employees with a good school system. This town will draw individuals who want to retire in a quiet community but will not draw young professional families. New businesses, parks, etc. mean nothing unless you improve the education of our children. At least make it a healthy environment to learn in.	11/6/2023 12:21 PM
175	Access to more than one grocery store.	11/5/2023 6:04 PM

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176	Grocery option, child care, job opportunities	11/5/2023 5:45 PM
177	Change our property tax due date to June. Bring in more big business so there can be more jobs, need more housing	11/5/2023 2:41 PM
178	I know the Kinex project is ongoing, but please keep concentrating on rural broadband access.	11/4/2023 7:06 PM
179	Better grocery store	11/4/2023 4:34 PM
180	An unrelenting focus on what will attract and retain families with children - the key to growth. Playgrounds. Schools, desperately needed improvements for Youth sports fields. Businesses that provide resources and services. They are essential to growth.	11/3/2023 10:18 PM
181	Prince Edward is excellent as a tourist destination, but far less desirable as a place to live. The primary reasons for this are the public schools, access to essential services, and lack of recreation options for families. With failing schools, having to travel an hour away for basics (orthodontics and other medical specialistis such as thyroid doctors, healthy grocery options, etc), and no outlets for families, PE is not somewhere people want to stay. The nature trails and outdoor stuff are cool, but there's no reason we couldn't offer a rec center for kids, or something similar to Swaders in Colonial Heights, or even a public pool. After a decade of living here, it is blatantly obvious that the Good Old Boys push for whatever is in the best interest of business rather than families and children. To that end, this is the result--a county with businesses that do well during peak tourist season and a county that is not desireable to live in if you are a regular public school family.	11/3/2023 8:03 PM

Q16 What best describes the location of your primary residence?

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1	Just outside of the town limits	1/10/2024 7:38 PM
2	Keysville	1/9/2024 8:47 PM
3	Hampden Sydney area	1/9/2024 12:05 PM
4	Hampden-Sydney/Abilene area	1/9/2024 11:03 AM
5	Kingsville Area	1/9/2024 9:59 AM
6	Tuggle area	1/9/2024 7:25 AM
7	Property owner in town of Farmville too	1/9/2024 7:13 AM
8	Old Ridge Road	1/8/2024 11:37 AM
9	Dowdy's Comer	12/30/2023 9:36 PM
10	Rt 15 south	12/30/2023 2:34 PM
11	Lunenburg	12/30/2023 4:25 AM

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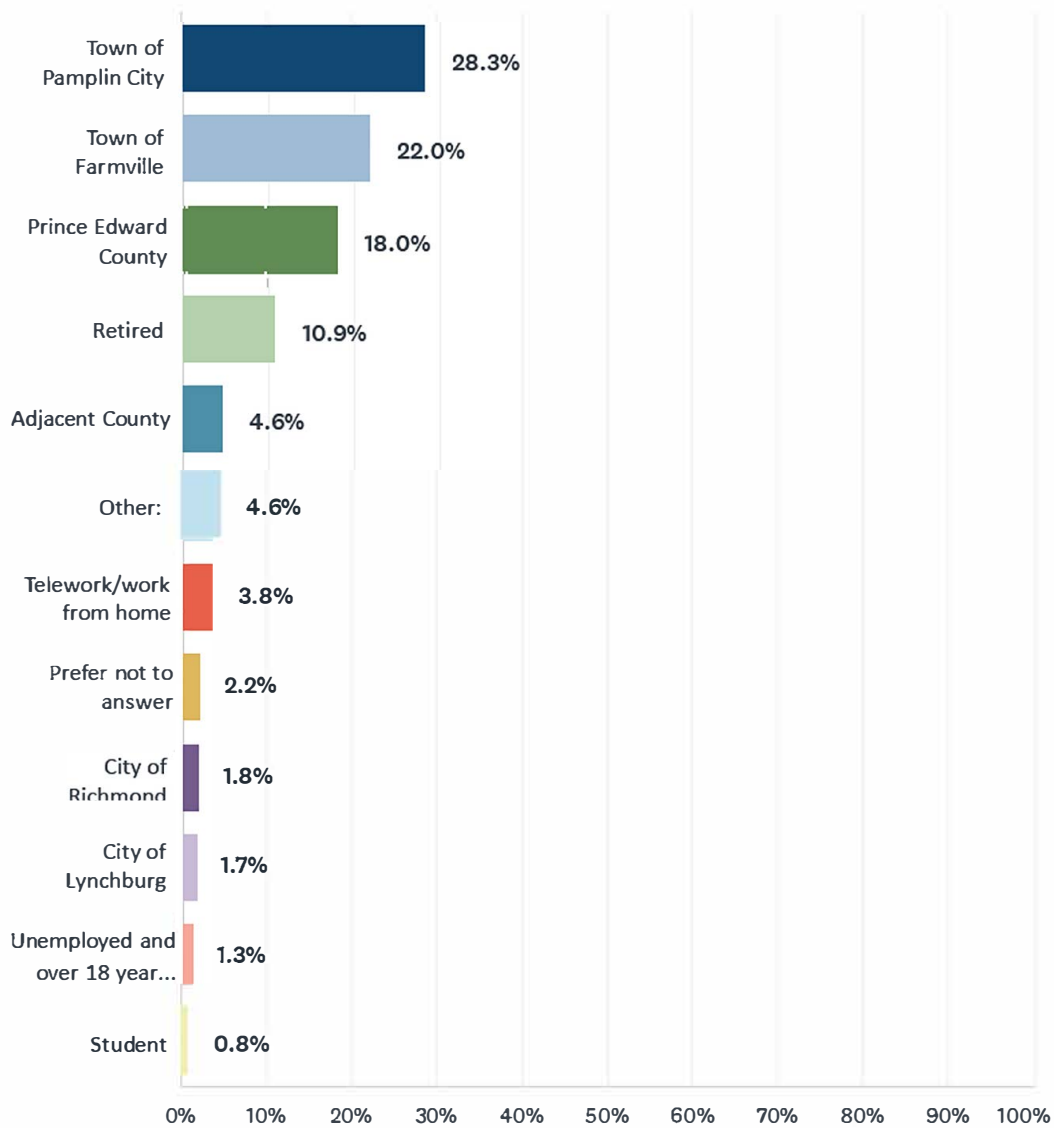
12	PE County close to Farmville	12/28/2023 12:16 PM
13	Off price drive	12/28/2023 8:26 AM
14	Cumberland County, just outside of Farmville.	12/22/2023 5:10 PM
15	Cumberland	12/22/2023 11:57 AM
16	Just outside town limits toward Kingsville	12/21/2023 9:56 PM
17	County outside fville	12/21/2023 8:02 AM
18	Hampden-Sydney	12/21/2023 6:47 AM
19	Landowner in Prince Edward	12/19/2023 5:37 PM
20	Just outside the town of Farmville	12/18/2023 7:25 PM
21	Hampden Sydney area	12/17/2023 5:41 PM
22	Hsc	12/15/2023 10:15 PM
23	Cumberland	12/15/2023 4:35 PM
24	Chesterfield County	12/15/2023 10:31 AM
25	Cumberland County	12/12/2023 5:29 PM
26	nova	12/8/2023 6:35 PM
27	outside of Farmville.	12/7/2023 3:31 PM
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29	Keysville	12/7/2023 7:52 AM
30	Abilene	12/7/2023 5:29 AM
31	Abilene	12/6/2023 7:12 PM
32	Charlotte Court House	12/6/2023 7:07 PM
33	Just outside town limits	12/6/2023 5:27 PM
34	Aww	12/6/2023 4:52 PM
35	Work in Prince Edward - Community Partner	12/6/2023 2:44 PM
36	Hampden Sydney area	12/6/2023 10:37 AM
37	Pamplin area, but not in the town.	12/5/2023 11:58 AM
38	other county	12/5/2023 11:03 AM
39	Just outside of town	12/4/2023 10:14 PM
40	Do not live in Prince Edward County	12/4/2023 9:53 AM
41	Buckingham county	12/2/2023 3:18 PM
42	Charlotte county	12/2/2023 9:44 AM
43	Hamden Sydney	12/1/2023 7:45 AM
44	Hampden Sydney	11/29/2023 7:59 PM
45	Out of Area	11/29/2023 11:11 AM
46	Cumberland	11/28/2023 4:22 PM
47	Hampden Sydney	11/27/2023 5:37 AM
48	Farmville and keysville	11/23/2023 12:01 PM
49	Edge of PEC	11/21/2023 11:27 AM

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50	Charlotte	11/21/2023 7:21 AM
51	lynchburg	11/16/2023 10:57 PM
52	County line Abilene rd	11/15/2023 10:26 PM
53	Charlotte County	11/15/2023 3:53 AM
54	Hampden-Sydney area	11/14/2023 2:57 PM
55	Prince Edward County resident	11/12/2023 9:26 AM
56	Keysville/Prince Edward County/Hwy 360	11/11/2023 11:02 PM
57	Western PE County.	11/11/2023 7:19 PM
58	Farmville	11/11/2023 6:31 PM
59	I am on the Farmville side of Cumberland county and have a business in the town of farmville	11/11/2023 12:31 PM
60	County	11/10/2023 9:36 PM
61	Tuggle rd.	11/10/2023 5:36 AM
62	Cumberland County	11/8/2023 1:32 PM

Q17 Which best describes your current location of employment?

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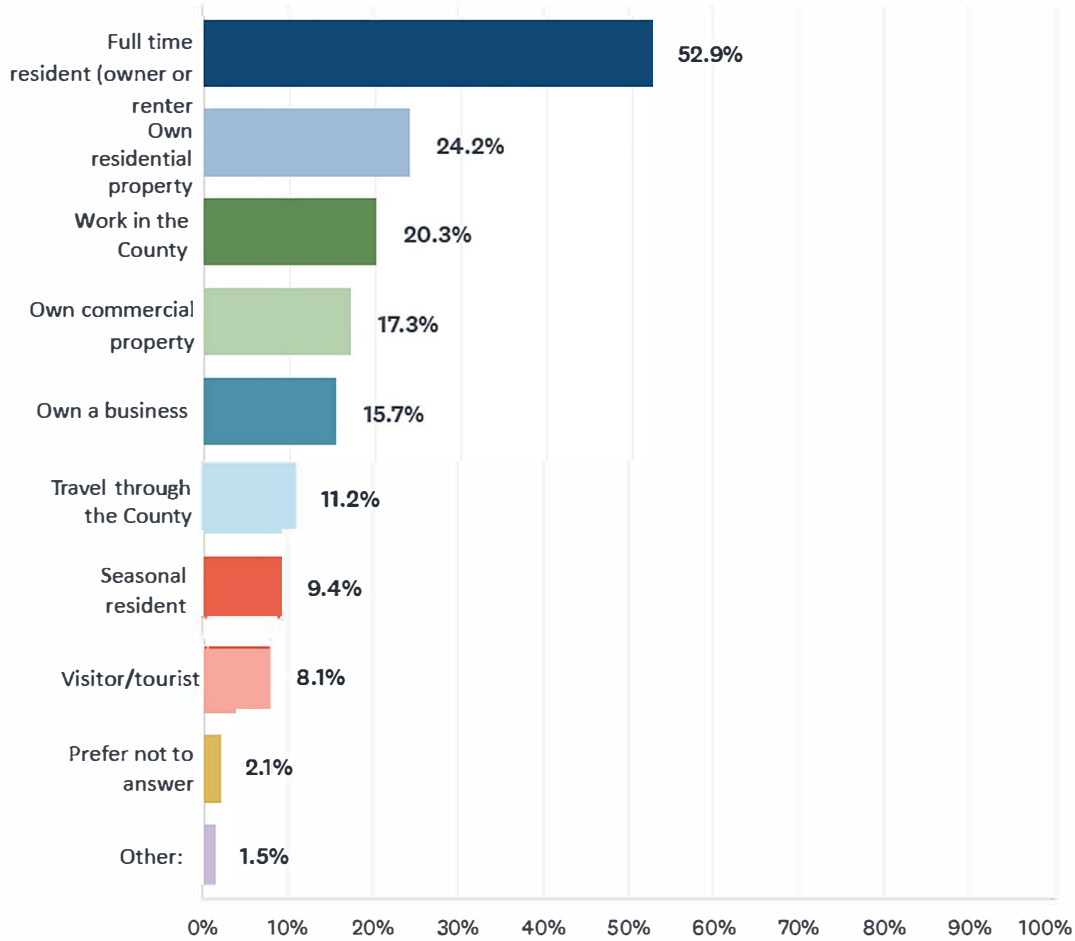
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3	Stay at home mom	1/9/2024 6:52 AM
4	Powhatan	12/29/2023 7:53 PM
5	Disabled over 18	12/29/2023 1:00 PM
6	Powhatan county	12/29/2023 12:23 AM
7	I commute over an hour.	12/26/2023 10:48 PM

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8	Cumberland	12/23/2023 2:51 AM
9	Appomattox	12/21/2023 4:27 PM
10	Tele/commute	12/21/2023 8:02 AM
11	Nottoway	12/21/2023 7:15 AM
12	Charlotte County	12/15/2023 10:15 PM
13	Cumberland	12/15/2023 8:49 PM
14	Appomattox VA	12/15/2023 4:05 PM
15	Chesterfield County/part-time telework	12/14/2023 10:34 AM
16	Higher education	12/12/2023 11:16 PM
17	Cumberland County	12/10/2023 7:37 AM
18	Buckingham County	12/7/2023 5:29 AM
19	Buckingham	12/6/2023 4:52 PM
20	Nottoway	12/6/2023 4:50 PM
21	Lunenburg County	12/5/2023 10:04 AM
22	Outside of Prince Edward	12/3/2023 10:16 PM
23	Self employed realtor	12/3/2023 10:46 AM
24	Self employed at home	12/3/2023 3:09 AM
25	Goochland county	12/1/2023 10:32 PM
26	Out of Area	11/29/2023 11:11 AM
27	Prince george	11/20/2023 9:58 PM
28	Charlottesville	11/20/2023 10:26 AM
29	Bucking ham	11/13/2023 8:24 PM
30	Meherrin	11/13/2023 6:27 PM
31	Stay at home mom	11/13/2023 5:59 PM
32	Worked in town for years with a mental health company...now stay at home.	11/8/2023 10:49 PM
33	Stay at home mom	11/4/2023 4:34 PM

Q18 Which best describes your status in regard to Prince Edward County? (Check all that apply)

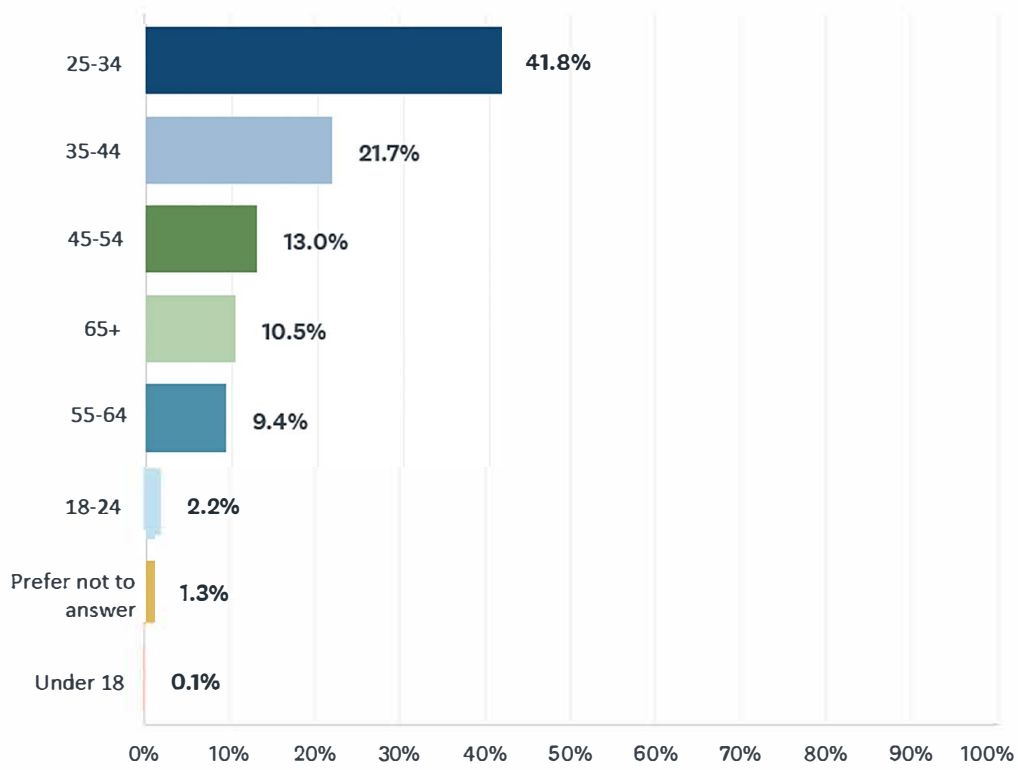
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1	Plan on being full time resident in future	1/9/2024 6:52 AM
2	Grew up in Farmville, moved out of Prince Edward, but work in Prince Edward	12/12/2023 2:05 PM
3	resident student	12/8/2023 6:35 PM
4	Born & raised.	12/7/2023 6:21 PM
5	Frequent shopper in area	12/6/2023 7:12 PM
6	Former resident, potential PE Co business owner	12/2/2023 9:44 AM
7	Longwood Student	11/28/2023 4:22 PM
8	Grew up in PE - lived there for over 30 years	11/20/2023 4:47 PM
9	get-a-way Cabin at Briery Creek Lake	11/16/2023 10:40 AM
10	Charlotte County, remote work, DC/RVA jobs spending our dollars here.	11/14/2023 8:44 PM

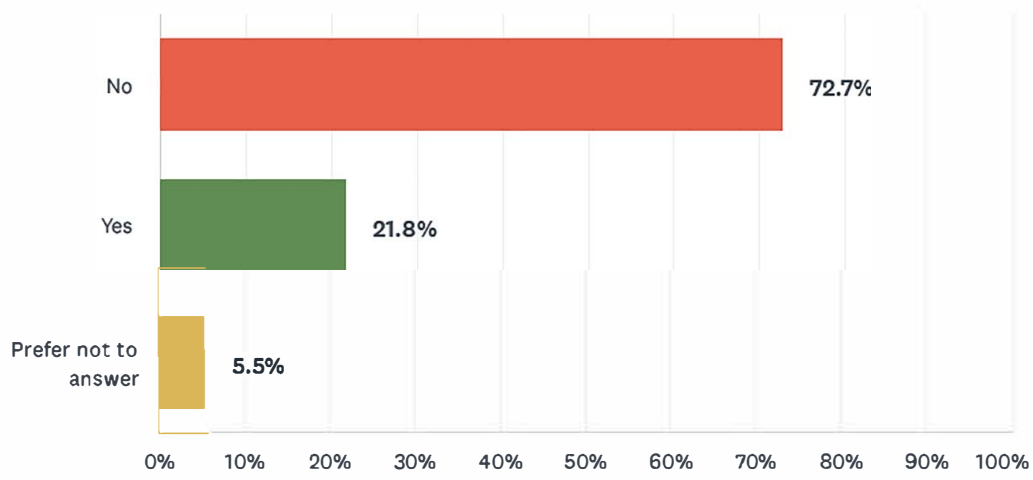
Q19 What is your age?

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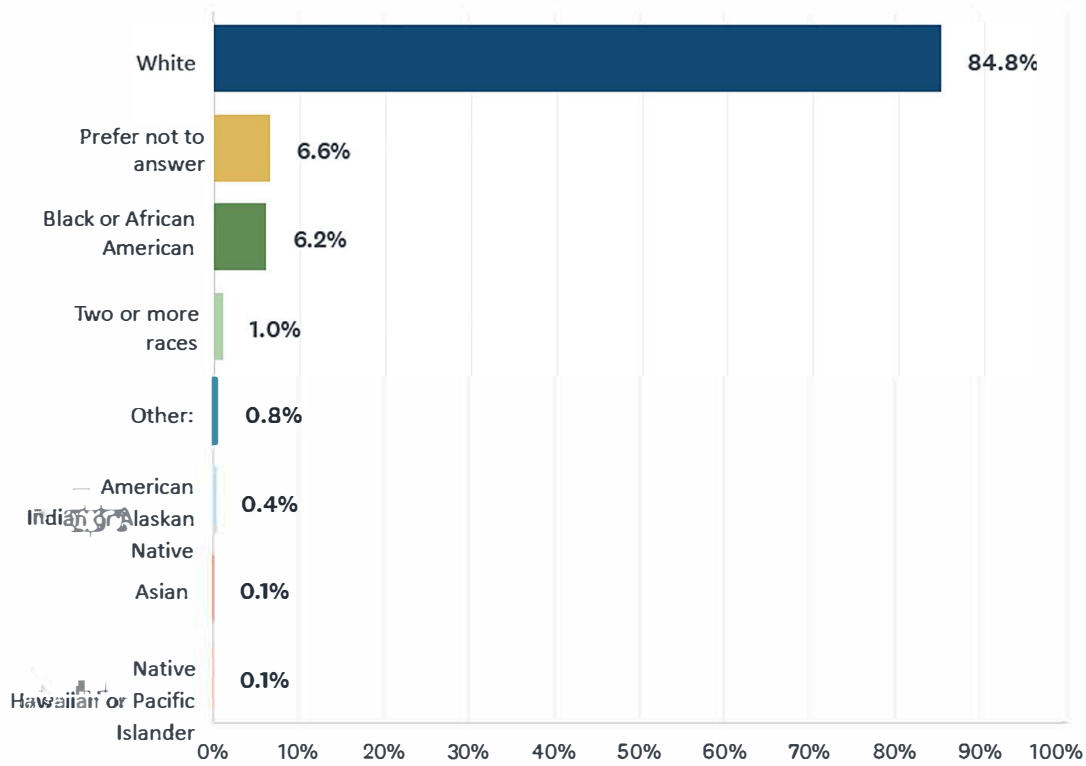
Q20 Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

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Q21 Which best describes you?

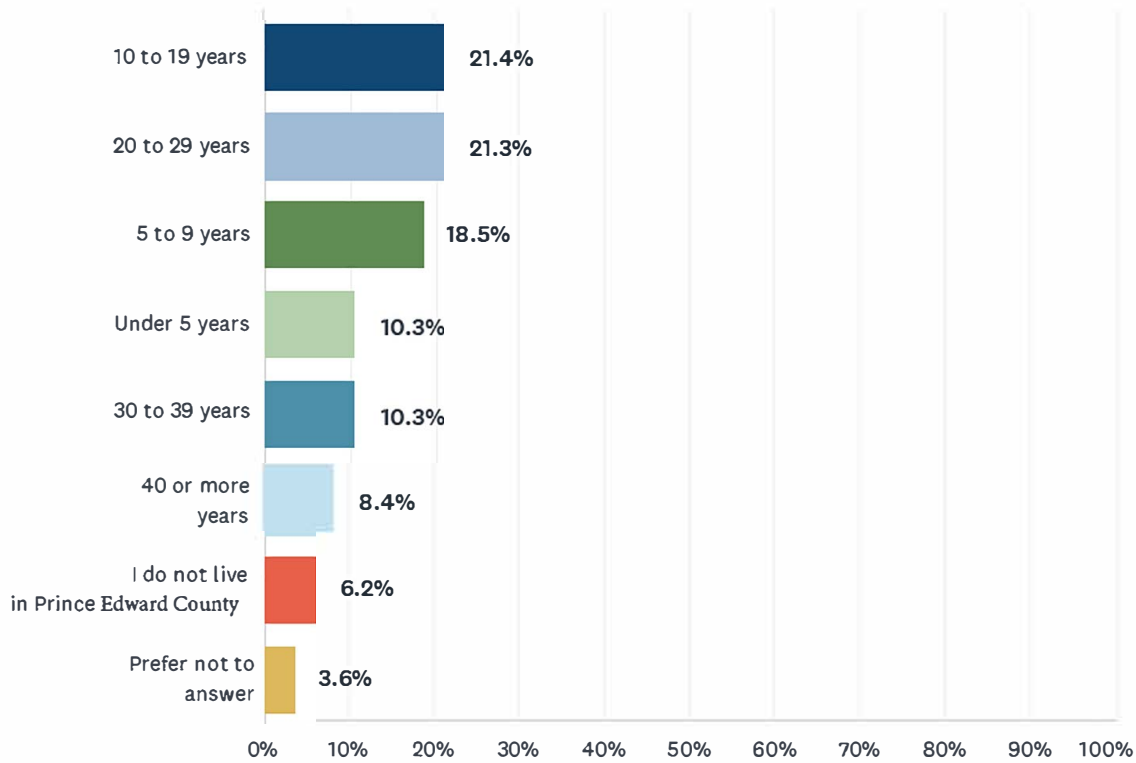
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1	American. Color and race don't matter	12/26/2023 4:57 PM
2	This question is evil and divisive	12/21/2023 8:02 AM
3	Human race	12/20/2023 7:59 PM
4	This is an irrelevant question for the survey. Disgusting	12/15/2023 9:14 PM
5	human, terrestrial (I know of no off-world, alternative universe or other DNA)	12/2/2023 8:25 AM
6	Human, God created one race	11/10/2023 8:05 PM

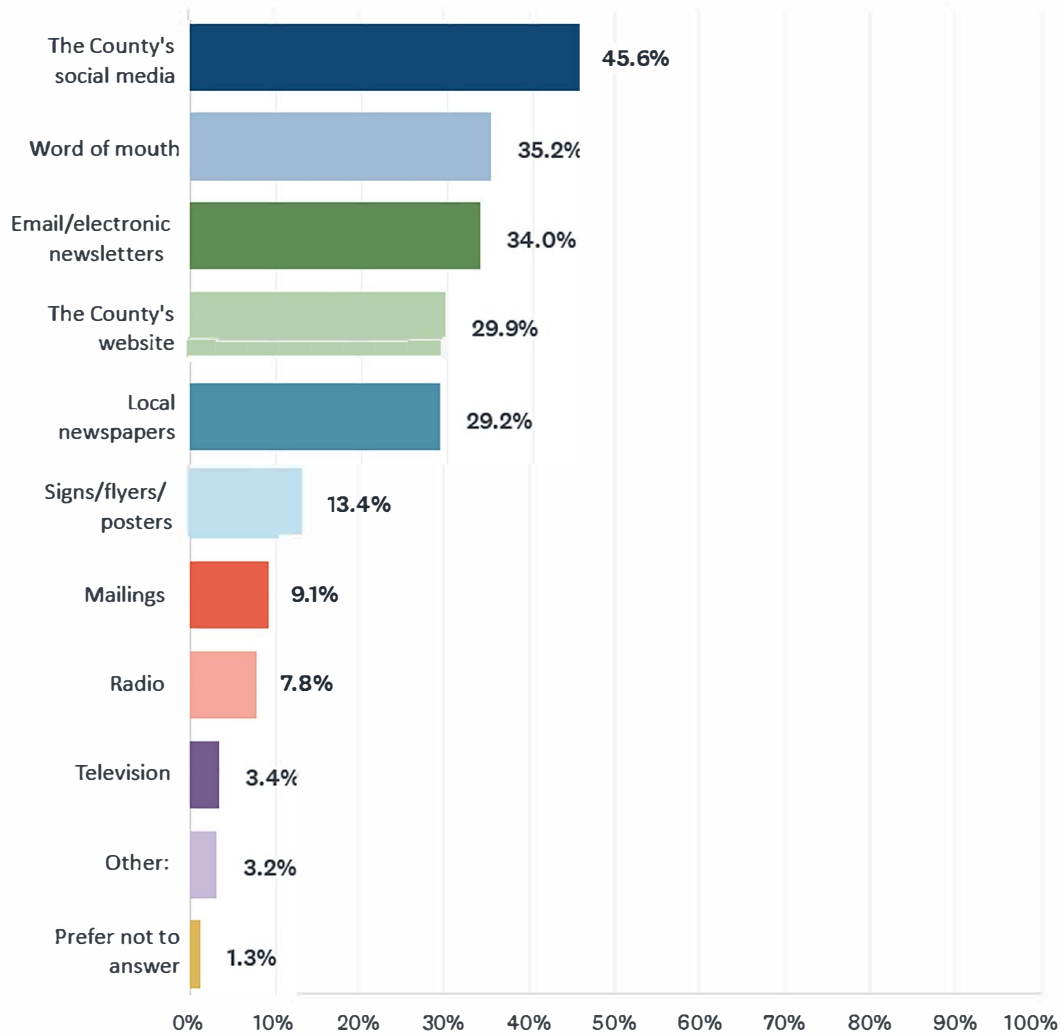
Q22 If you are a resident of Prince Edward County, how long have you lived here?

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Q23 How do you usually access information about the County, meetings, events, and programs? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 715 Skipped: 0



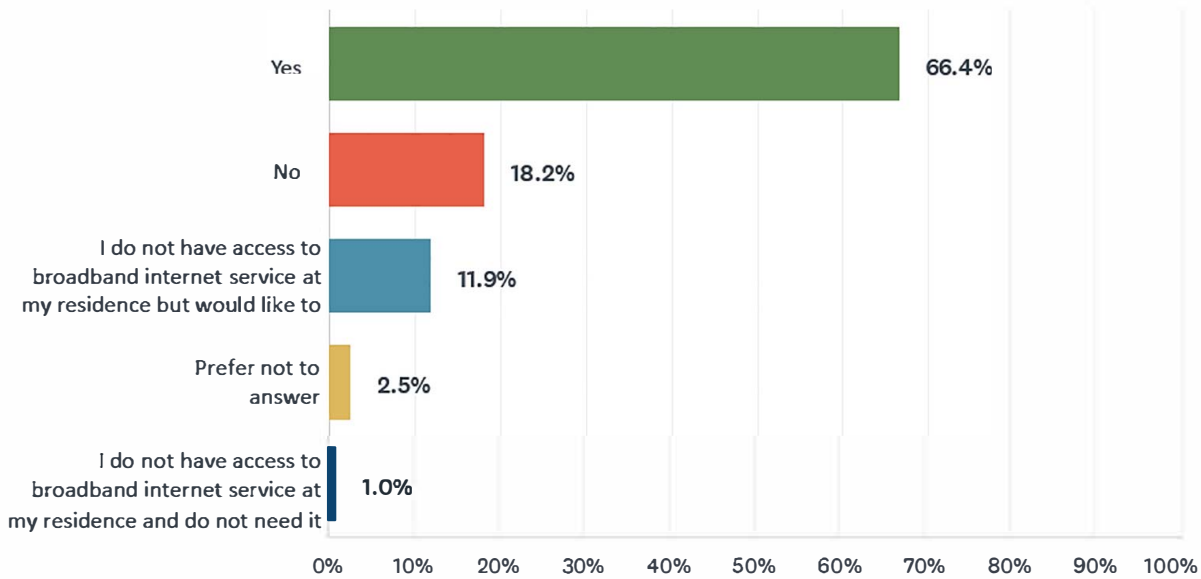
#	OTHER:	DATE
1	Community, social media, pages, not the counties page.	1/9/2024 6:48 AM
2	What's happening in farmville	1/8/2024 8:09 PM
3	Facebook	12/30/2023 2:34 PM
4	I don't hear anything.	12/26/2023 10:48 PM
5	My girl Ja	12/20/2023 11:04 AM
6	If I happen to see it somewhere	12/12/2023 10:46 PM
7	Facebook page	12/7/2023 7:18 AM
8	Facebook	12/7/2023 12:25 AM

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9	Texts	12/6/2023 4:53 PM
10	Word of mouth	12/5/2023 6:16 PM
11	social media	12/4/2023 4:16 PM
12	Next door	12/2/2023 9:53 AM
13	Facebook	12/1/2023 3:38 PM
14	Facebook	11/26/2023 10:32 PM
15	Hear from other people	11/18/2023 7:21 PM
16	Facebook	11/18/2023 2:28 PM
17	Facebook	11/13/2023 8:24 PM
18	Poor communication with publi	11/12/2023 10:19 PM
19	Social media	11/10/2023 11:22 AM
20	I'm on some town committees	11/9/2023 12:13 PM
21	Word of mouth	11/9/2023 9:41 AM
22	Facebook	11/5/2023 6:04 PM
23	Facebook	11/5/2023 2:41 PM

Q24 If internet or broadband service is available at your residence, is it sufficient for your daily needs?

Answered: 715 Skipped: 0



Q25 If cell phone service is available at your residence, is it sufficient for your daily needs?

Answered: 715 Skipped: 0

