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Draft Comprehensive Plan

Dated: Tuesday, March 16th, 2021

The Planning and Zoning Committee will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 6:30 PM to consider the draft 2021 Comprehensive Plan. Public comment about the plan will be heard in an open meeting at the J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center. Attendance will be limited, so please call Gary Shogren at 785-227-3355 to request a seat.

The plan is attached and can also be found at
<https://www.lindsborgcity.org/planning-zoning>

A printed copy may also be obtained by contacting City Hall at 785-227-3355.



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PLANNING COMMISSION DRAFT PLAN PRESENTATION

DATE: Tuesday, March 23, 2021
TIME: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
LOCATION: J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center

MEETING PURPOSE:

Review the Comprehensive Plan framework and discuss the proposed Future Land Use map. Build consensus for the Comprehensive Plan for adoption recommendation to the City Council on April 19, 2021.

| Time | Agenda Item | Discussion Lead |
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| 6:30 pm | Welcome & Public Comment | Gary Shogren, Community Development Director |
| 6:45 pm | Introductions | Tyler Waldorf, Shockey Consulting |
| 6:50 pm | Process & Engagement Overview | Tyler Waldorf |
| 7:00 pm | Steering Committee Report | Molly Johnson & John Mattox |
| 7:05 pm | Comprehensive Plan Framework | Tyler Waldorf |
| 7:50 pm | Future Land Use Discussion | All |
| 8:15 pm | Questions & Additional Discussion | Tyler Waldorf |
| 8:20 pm | Other Planning Commission Agenda Items | Gary Shogren |
| 8:30 pm | Adjourn | |



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Framework

What components make up the Comprehensive Plan?

Vision Statement

What is our ultimate aspiration for Lindsborg in 2040?

Vision Statement



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In 2040...

People choose Lindsborg, Little Sweden USA, a welcoming, diverse, and sustainable community with a high quality of life where we embrace the arts, innovation, and lifelong learning so everyone can flourish. Lindsborg is home.

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Comprehensive Plan Framework



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Chapter 1:

Community Identity



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History & Heritage



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GOAL 1:

Celebrate our unique community identity.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Preserve our history and heritage.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy:

Preserve the traditions of Lindsborg's Swedish heritage as a foundation of our community's identity.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Encourage community leadership involvement in the training of cultural event and festival committees to maintain traditions and improve planning efforts. ●
- Continue to strengthen efforts to promote the City as a tourist destination and encourage businesses offering goods and services to the traveling public. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Evaluate the City's alcohol regulations related to enhancing events and festivals.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Encourage City leadership to engage in neighborhood and community-wide events. ★
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- Continue efforts of the Sister City Committee to strengthen community ties with Munkfors, Sweden.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Evaluate the impact and revenue benefits of a Visitors' Center that highlights Lindsborg's Swedish heritage and engages the community in sharing that story.



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GOAL 1:

Celebrate our unique community identity.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Preserve our cultural legacy of the arts, innovation, and creativity.

Chapter 1: Community Identity – History & Heritage

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy:

Support and enhance the artistic, innovative, and creative culture.

Local Actions:

Practice Improvements:

- Encourage the Smoky Valley School District to continue incorporating arts programming into the local schools. ●
- Encourage the Lindsborg Arts Council to explore opportunities to increase and promote funding for the arts.

Plan Development:

- Develop a Public Arts Maintenance Plan.

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Explore opportunities for small-lot residential and alternative housing types as options for local artists and artists-in-residency. ●
- Evaluate live-work opportunities in areas like Downtown and the Old Mill Complex.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Strengthen partnership with the Lindsborg Arts Council for continued support, funding, and promotion of local artists and art.
- Investigate additional public/private partnerships to provide support to local artists.
- Encourage community partners to increase arts programming for all ages.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Consider a centralized makers' space and arts education facility to further encourage innovation and creativity.
- Utilize the Swedish Pavilion to provide studio and display space for local artists for increased interaction with the community, especially during events.

Programs or Services:

- Encourage local organizations to offer donation and art material swaps to support artists and art education needs in the community.
- Encourage community partners in their efforts to create a Christmas Village during the holiday to supplement existing holiday events, offering opportunities to promote local artists, Swedish holiday traditions, and provide a range of holiday-related foods and activities. ●



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GOAL 2:

Welcome, include, and embrace all residents and visitors.

OBJECTIVE:

Increase people's sense of belonging in the community.

Chapter 1: Community Identity – History & Heritage

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy:

Expand beyond our Swedish beginnings to include and celebrate the heritage and culture of all, attracting new residents and ensuring the highest quality of life for the entire community.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Provide outreach to all educational institutions to ensure engagement of all age groups in community-wide events, organizations, and opportunities. ●
- Engage in a community conversation with concrete outcomes to retire the sentiment that if you weren't born in Lindsborg, you're not really from here. ●

Practice Improvements:

- Ensure that all City-wide efforts have a multigenerational focus. ●
- Encourage festival committees to expand programming to include more people and cultures in existing community events – anyone who wants to participate in our community life is welcome and we declare them a Lindsborgian from day one. ★
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Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Connect high school and college students to leadership opportunities with the City, Downtown, businesses, and community organizations.
- Support greater presence of the Bethany College host family program throughout the community.
- Explore opportunities with Bethany College and other community and faith organizations to create a multicultural festival or event, like “World Culture Days.”

Programs or Services:

- Create a Welcome Wagon to improve community cohesion, especially for new residents.
- Develop a welcome page on the City's website to provide resources and links to community organizations and events.
- Leverage the Lindsborg Art Walk to encourage more significant community interaction for all residents. ★
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- Increase recreation opportunities to bring more residents together. ●
- Encourage neighborhoods to host block parties to create greater community and resident cohesion. ★
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Cultural & Historic Resources



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GOAL:

Preserve our historic and cultural resources.

OBJECTIVE:

Strengthen the preservation efforts of our most valued historic buildings and sites for future generations.

Chapter 1: Community Identity – Cultural & Historic Resources

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Preserve, restore, and reuse historic resources such as buildings, sites, landmarks, or districts with exceptional value, quality, or that illustrate the cultural heritage of Lindsborg.

Local Actions:

Plan Development:

- Encourage partners as they build upon the 2019 D. Stephen Elliott McPherson County Old Mill Museum Report to enhance the complex and ensure this asset continues to attract new and repeat visitors. ●

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Consider adopting a policy aimed at the restoration and preservation of districts and structures that have local historic significance.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Work with McPherson County to identify the best course of action to revitalize the McPherson County Old Mill Museum and property. ★
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Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Explore historic survey and assessment opportunities for existing facilities and districts.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Assess improvements needs for Heritage Square and the Swedish Pavilion, the Baptist Church, and the McPherson County Old Mill Museum to evaluate opportunities for expanded community use. ●



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Unique Attractions



GOAL:

Promote Lindsborg as a unique community offering a wide range of opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Increase the number of visitors and the City's tax base through unique attractions and community events.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Expand our unique events, cultural amenities, and attractions to draw new and repeat visitors to our community.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Increase promotion of the Lindsborg Golf Course to draw more regional visitors.
- Continue to promote facilities and activities which will attract outside visitors on a continuing basis, particularly with respect to the interim periods between significant festival dates. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Strengthen promotion of Lindsborg's reputation as an artist community to attract visitors to the many museums, galleries, and artist studios.
- Utilize social media platforms to have a broad promotional reach to all generations bringing greater awareness to Lindsborg.
- Promote the educational aspects and benefits of many of the cultural festivals to the schools and families.

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Evaluate regulations to allow for increased opportunities for unique vacation rentals.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Partner with the Kansas Department of Transportation to increase the planting of species in the right-of-way that attract pollinators and butterflies to increase environmental and ecological tourism.
- Work with the Kansas Department of Transportation to improve wayfinding and marketing signage for Lindsborg at both existing I-135 interchanges. ●
- Develop an attractions revitalization task force to collaborate with the Convention & Visitors Bureau and Advisory Board to identify improvements and funding needs for local attractions.

Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Identify gaps in community events and festivals and expand opportunities to highlight other community strengths and resident interests, talents, and cultural backgrounds.
- Encourage Bethany College to use Presser Hall for community performing arts needs.

Practice Improvements:

- Enhance the City's website to promote Things To Do in Lindsborg beyond historic and cultural attractions.

Programs or Services:

- Encourage local restaurants to provide unique dining experiences.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Enhance Heritage Square and the McPherson County Old Mill Museum campus to better provide excellent experiences to draw new and repeat visitors. (2019 D. Stephen Elliott McPherson County Old Mill Museum Report) ●



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GOAL:

Promote Lindsborg as a unique community offering a wide range of opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Increase resident and tourist visits to Downtown Lindsborg.

Chapter 1: Community Identity – Unique Attractions

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Enhance attractions and opportunities in Downtown Lindsborg.

Local Actions:

Practice Improvements:

- Increase and improve wayfinding to draw more visitors into Downtown Lindsborg.

Plan Development:

- Evaluate the need for a plan to guide continued investment and redevelopment of Downtown and the Central Business District to encourage diversified goods and services while protecting the vitality and historic integrity. (combined from 2005 Comprehensive Plan) ●

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Seek opportunities to renovate or adapt older buildings to flex space for greater community use. ●
- Consider a policy to allow live-work spaces and mixed-use facilities to increase critical mass and vitality of Downtown.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Encourage the creation of a partnership of Downtown businesses to establish and promote community events and support local businesses.

Enforcement & Incentives:

- Strive to infill vacant storefronts to increase the vibrancy and activity Downtown. ●

Programs or Services:

- Provide opportunities to increase local goods and art with the creation of centrally located makers spaces.
- Encourage activity-based businesses to increase the number of new and repeat visitors. ●

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Continue to improve pedestrian-friendly environments and facilities to promote walkability to and within Downtown.
- Invest in creating effective public gathering spaces.
- Increase the number of street trees and amount of street furniture to enhance the pedestrian experience Downtown while maintaining ADA standards and accessibility for all.
- Consider opportunities for added green space to provide a variety of spaces to support and supplement the retail and commercial businesses and activity.



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Community Appearance



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GOAL:

Enhance our community's visual appearance.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Improve the visual appearance of neighborhoods, major commercial corridors, historic sites, and community gateways.

Chapter 1: Community Identity – Community Appearance

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:


Beautify all areas of our community to provide a high quality of life for all residents and provide a welcoming environment for visitors.

Local Actions:

Practice Improvements:

- Continue to maintain and enhance the Central Business District.
- Continue to encourage the application of common aesthetics for all commercial districts.
- Continue to strengthen and enhance the City's high-quality living environment.

Plan Development:

- Maintain an ongoing strategy for marketing the City as a high-quality living environment as a facet of the economic development program. (2005 Comprehensive Plan) 
- Evaluate and update the 2008 Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Work with the Kansas Department of Transportation to improve wayfinding and marketing signage for Lindsborg at both existing I-135 interchanges.

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Adopt codes and policies, and encourage design standards when appropriate, that align with the community context of Lindsborg.
- Create a subdivision tree ordinance that requires a minimum number of trees to be planted per lot.
- Implement a commercial development landscape requirement.
- Practice Complete Street ideas and policies when constructing new or maintaining existing infrastructure to encourage a mix of vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle activity.
- Enhance the environment through tree planting and encourage good landscaping on all private property. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Consider adopting an open space and land dedication requirement for new development.



Enforcement & Incentives:

- Establish public-private partnerships to fund public art.
- Incentivize new development to include public art.

Programs or Services:

- Continue to remain active in the Tree City USA program.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Improve physical connections throughout the community to strengthen the sense of place, reduce the need for shopping elsewhere, and stimulate the local economy. 
- Evaluate the need to increase gateways, signage, and wayfinding markers and ensure they are welcoming, prominent, attractive, informative, and represent Lindsborg's community identity. 
- Make maintenance and aesthetic improvements to existing City facilities so they are more welcoming.



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GOAL:

Enhance our community's visual appearance.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Increase the presence of public art throughout the community.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Support efforts to enhance Lindsborg's beauty through public art installations.

Local Actions:

Practice Improvements:

- Develop a policy that requires a percent of public projects to be reserved for public art.
- Encourage the painting of murals on buildings in commercial corridors to serve as points of interest for visitors to Lindsborg.

Plan Development:

- Develop a Public Arts Maintenance Plan.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Establish public-private partnerships to fund public art.

Programs or Services:

- Create a Percent for Art program to dedicate funding for public art.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Enhance community trails through public art and storytelling.
- Incorporate public art into public projects. ●



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Chapter 2:

Safe & Healthy Community



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Public Health & Well-Being



GOAL:

Enhance the physical and mental health and well-being of all generations in our community.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Increase access to quality, integrated, and supportive healthcare resources for all community members.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Encourage equitable access to health care services – available to all people, regardless of social or economic backgrounds.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Leverage the City newsletter to provide community-wide education and communication to make residents aware of available healthcare services in Lindsborg.
- Promote the Dala Bus Transportation Program as a way for people in need to access healthcare services.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Plan for improved health and safety for at-risk populations (e.g., based on race or ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geography, gender, age, behavior, or disability status).
- Encourage improved communication and collaboration among healthcare organizations and providers.

Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Create a consolidated database of physical and mental healthcare resources and make it easily accessible to all community members.

Programs or Services:

- Encourage ride-hailing programs and other transportation options to provide greater access to healthcare services and providers for all.
- Encourage the Smoky Valley School District to expand their counseling program in the schools to assist with mental health issues, intervention, and preventative care. ●

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Leverage public facilities as locations to promote healthcare services and information.
- Explore opportunities to upgrade community-wide digital communications technology for increased access to healthcare providers and services via telehealth appointments.



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GOAL:

Enhance the physical and mental health and well-being for all generations in our community.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Increase opportunities for healthy lifestyle choices.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Promote healthy living as part of daily life and activity.

Local Actions:

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Plan for green and open space to ensure that all residents live within a 10-minute walk to recreational amenities.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Encourage local healthcare providers and social assistance organizations to educate the community about the importance of daily exercise, healthy eating, and mental health.
- Encourage McPherson County to provide supportive physical and mental health resources.

Enforcement & Incentives:

- Incentivize development that promotes walkable and bikeable neighborhoods. ●

Programs or Services:

- Encourage expansion of the community farmers' market to offer a greater variety.
- Partner with local organizations and the Smoky Valley School District to encourage increased physical activity for Lindsborg's youth. ●
- Expand programming and activity opportunities for all ages, especially the elderly. ●

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Continue to maintain and develop City sidewalks and trails to make walking and biking convenient, accessible, and safe in every part of the community.



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Public Safety



GOAL:

Provide public safety services for all that maintain standards of excellence.

OBJECTIVE:

Improve public safety response times to provide the highest level of service for Lindsborg residents, even as the community grows.



Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:


Enhance public safety services and programs.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Increase police department outreach to make residents more familiar with public safety services and officers.
- Keep the community informed about all public safety services and policies, especially as the community grows and services change.  
- Conduct a marketing campaign to remind Lindsborg residents of the importance of reporting crimes and suspicious activity to maintain a safe environment for all.


Practice Improvements:

- Explore opportunities for private or county-wide EMS. (2020 City Budget) 
- Continue to provide up-to-date training practices for all public safety officers and providers.
- Explore minimum physical health requirements for servicemembers.

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Plan for increased public safety and reduced crime and injuries by implementing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles (e.g., placement of landscaping, lighting, and encouragement of pedestrians and bicyclists in streets to slow traffic).

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Explore opportunities to expand services to address issues of mental health on 911 service calls (e.g., co-responders, de-escalation training, cross-training staff). 
- Continue to work with Bethany College to familiarize students with public safety services.
- Continue to work with the school district to improve safety through work with School Resource Officers.


Enforcement & Incentives:

- Increase drug and DUI enforcement to improve public safety.

Programs or Services:

- Expand public safety services to meet demand as the City grows. 

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Expand, upgrade, and modernize public safety facilities as required to maintain a desired level of service. 



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Recreation & Leisure



GOAL:

Support a healthy and happy community by improving recreation opportunities for all.

OBJECTIVE:

Increase indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities.


Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:


Plan for equitable access to parks, recreation, arts, cultural, and leisure programs and facilities – reachable by all persons regardless of social or economic backgrounds.

Local Actions:


Education & Outreach:

- Explore youth arts, cultural, and recreation after-school opportunities.
- Facilitate community dialogue and focus on decision making for a new community-owned recreation and wellness activity center. (2018-2020 City Council Strategic Plan) 

Practice Improvements:

- Seek out grant program opportunities to provide funding for future recreation programs. 
- Promote conservation and improvement of existing outdoor recreation space in the community. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Plan Development:

- Provide accessible parks, recreation facilities, greenways, and open space near all neighborhoods.
- Develop a Master Plan and implementation schedule for the jointly owned property with USD 400.
- Continue to implement the Välkommen Trail plan and expand future phases to fill gaps and increase connectivity throughout the community to the schools and recreation facilities on the north and east, utilizing floodplain areas and existing infrastructure. 
- Develop land acquisitions, funding sources, and tools to execute the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. (2007 Parks and Recreation Master Plan)

Policy & Code Adjustment

- Adopt green space and park requirements for new development to continue to exceed the national standard to have parks within a 10-minute walk to parks or open space as the community grows.
- Monitor, assess, and adjust existing City ordinances, tools, goals, policies, and implementation strategies to meet changing or unforeseen conditions and needs in Lindsborg. (2007 Parks and Recreation Master Plan)

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Plan for equitable access to parks, recreation, arts, cultural, and leisure programs and facilities – reachable by all persons regardless of social or economic backgrounds.

Local Actions, continued:

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Partner with Bethany College to explore opportunities to share arts, cultural, and recreation facilities.
- Enhance partnerships with the Smoky Valley School District to improve recreation opportunities for all youth.
- Partner with the Lindsborg Arts Council to better integrate community-wide programming.
- Work with McPherson County to explore opportunities to enhance the Old Mill Campground.

Inventory, Assessment, or Survey:

- Assess current recreation needs and recommend project prioritization for the near-, mid-, and long-term.

Programs or Services:

- Utilize technology and software to generate a City database to improve efficiency and effectiveness in recreation program development.
- Create more adult recreation opportunities. ●
- Encourage the creation of more leisure activities like painting classes.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Develop additional indoor and year-round recreation spaces and facilities.
- Continue to maintain all existing park and recreation facilities to continue to provide quality service to Lindsborg residents.
- Increase amenities at the Lindsborg Swimming Pool complex.
- Provide maintenance updates to the Lindsborg Swimming Pool complex to be more attractive to residents and guests.
- Encourage the development of the Scandinavian spa culture as a leisure activity and unique attraction for the community.
- Explore enhanced recreational amenities along the Smoky Hill River.
- Consider converting some tennis facilities into pickleball courts. ★



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Chapter 3:

Built Environment



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Neighborhoods & Housing



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GOAL 1:

Create quality neighborhoods that provide our residents with the highest quality of life.

OBJECTIVE:

Improve the appearance and condition of neighborhoods.

Chapter 3: Built Environment – Neighborhoods & Housing

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 1:

Enhance neighborhood infrastructure and connectivity.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Encourage residents in established neighborhoods to engage in the beautification and improvement of their neighborhoods

Plan Development:

- Evaluate and update the 2003 Subdivision Regulations.

Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Conduct a windshield survey to assess the overall condition of neighborhoods and their infrastructure.

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Encourage improvement of housing conditions for owner-occupied and rental properties.
- Encourage the development of planned neighborhood expansions. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Maintain harmonious and environmentally safe neighborhoods. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Create policies that advance community vitality and long-term growth. (2018 City Council Strategic Plan)
- Evaluate parking requirements for new residential developments.

Enforcement & Incentives:

- Continue the Rural Housing Incentive District program to update potential tracts of developable land.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Improve sidewalk conditions and fill gaps to strengthen connections and improve walkability. ●
- Improve street lighting in neighborhoods to ensure safety while minimizing the impact of light pollution on residents.

Potential Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 2:

Rehabilitate older housing stock.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Educate homeowners and rental property owners on resources available and the importance of proactive maintenance.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Encourage firms and tradespeople to provide rehabilitation services for the older and historic housing stock. ●

Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Conduct a windshield survey to assess the housing condition of individual structures.

Enforcement & Incentives:

- Enhance proactive code enforcement of residential properties.

Programs or Services:

- Implement the rehabilitation grant as part of the Capital Improvement Program to provide housing improvements to residents in need.



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GOAL 2:

Support a range of housing types and prices to meet the market demand and resident needs.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Expand the variety of housing types to support residents of all ages and abilities.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Provide a range of housing types – size, configuration, tenure, age, and ownership structure – to accommodate changing demands.

Local Actions:




Practice Improvements:

- Ensure the number of available housing units aligns with workforce growth in the community.

Plan Development:

- Update the 2015 Residential Development Plan to align with current market analysis demand projections.


Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Consider adoption of policies to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in existing residential neighborhoods.  
- Evaluate the accommodation of tiny homes and smaller lot sizes. 
- Explore code modifications to encourage Universal Design for new residential development.
- Encourage additional residential units in Downtown Lindsborg, as allowed.

Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Update the 2003 housing inventory of existing dwelling units to identify current number, type, location, structural condition, and occupancy characteristics. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Enforcement & Incentives:

- Incentivize residential developments that provide varied housing types, connections to existing infrastructure, and subdivision amenities. 



GOAL 2:

Support a range of housing types and prices to meet the market demand and resident needs.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Increase options that provide a range of housing prices.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Fill gaps in the range of available housing price points to ensure attainable and affordable housing options for all.

Local Actions:

Practice Improvements:

- Encourage an increase in the number of available quality, market-rate rental housing units. ●
- Evaluate opportunities to encourage workforce housing that enables the recruitment and retention of workforce including healthcare, education, and public safety employees.

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Adopt policies and codes that allow for a wide range of housing types in neighborhoods throughout the community to ensure a range of housing prices.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Partner with the Lindsborg Housing Authority and other quality non-market rate rental housing providers to increase available housing units.
- Encourage the formation of a non-profit housing corporation to increase the quantity and quality of rental housing.

Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Conduct a needs study to evaluate the number of affordable units currently available in Lindsborg and the alignment with future demands.



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Mobility & Transportation



GOAL 1:

Support a multimodal transportation network that is complete, equitable, and accessible for all ages and abilities.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Accommodate a variety of transportation choices, modes, and users.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Plan for a multimodal transportation system that allows people to use various transportation modes, including walking, biking, and other mobility devices.

Local Actions:


Education & Outreach:

- Increase awareness of the Dala Bus Program as a public transportation service for the community.

Practice Improvements:

- Promote the development of alternative transportation modes to reduce auto use and conserve fossil fuel. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Plan Development:

- Plan for expansion of the Välkommen Trail system to increase opportunities for walking and biking throughout Lindsborg. 
- Complete the Lindsborg Transportation Plan and implement it to ensure a robust multimodal transportation network.

Policy & Code Adjustment

- Ensure that parking in commercial areas provides a high level of service but does not detract from the community's appearance or impede promoting other transportation modes.
- Consider policies that allow for autonomous vehicles and micro-mobility transportation modes.
- Require adequate setback, access control, and parking design. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Enforcement & Incentives

- Incentivize development that provides the infrastructure to support multimodal transportation.

Partnerships & Collaboration

- Partner with Bethany College and ride-hailing companies to help make service more available, especially for the college student population.
- Continue to partner with state, regional, and local agencies to increase accessibility and investments in the trail network. 

Enforcement & Incentives

- Incorporate safe, convenient, accessible, and attractive design features that beautify the community and promote walking and biking (e.g., sidewalks, bike street furniture, bicycle facilities, street trees, gateway monuments, and wayfinding signage).



GOAL 1:

Support a multimodal transportation network that is complete, equitable, and accessible for all ages and abilities.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Enhance connections between where people live and where they work and play.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:


Fill gaps in the transportation network.

Local Actions:

Practice Improvements:

- Ensure that connective infrastructure like trails and sidewalks are accessible to people of all abilities.


Plan Development:

- Plan for expanding the Välkommen Trail system to better connect all neighborhoods to schools, services, and amenities. ● 

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Partner with the Smoky Valley School District to improve walkability between residential neighborhoods to schools, filling gaps within ¼ mile of schools.
- Identify alternate funding sources to fill gaps in the sidewalk network.

Inventory, Assessment, or Survey:

- Conduct a sidewalk study and develop a plan to enhance sidewalks and provide safe walking throughout the community. 
- Assess needs and opportunities to increase options for new east-west thoroughfares to connect the community better.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements

- Fill gaps in the sidewalk network to remove barriers and better connect destinations in Lindsborg. ●
- Continue to evaluate road design for new and redeveloped roads to meet changing transportation demands, modes, services, and improved connectivity.



GOAL 2:

Enhance the movement of people and goods through efficient and sustainable infrastructure.

OBJECTIVE:

Improve convenience, flexibility, and safety of the transportation system.


Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 1:

Improve regional transportation.

Local Actions:

Plan Development:

- Continue planning for the proposed interchange at I-135 and Wells Fargo Road to provide a more direct route into Lindsborg for residents and visitors. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)  ●
- Align land use planning with regional transportation investments.

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Continue to monitor policies related to autonomous vehicles to improve and evaluate local adoption to enhance convenience and levels of service.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Coordinate regional transportation investments with job clusters to improve transportation efficiency and economic development.
- Explore USDOT and KDOT grant opportunities to expand and improve the transportation network. ●

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements

- Implement the recommendations for the 2020 Harrison Street Extension & K-4 Grade Separation Removal Study. 

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 2:

Increase safety by managing congestion and improving maintenance.

Local Actions:

Plan Development

- Reduce the impact of large farm equipment on public infrastructure while improving safety to vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Policy & Code Adjustment

- Update street design guidelines to minimize conflict areas between motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.


Partnerships & Collaboration

- Continue to work with KDOT to make improvements to Kansas Highway 4.


Enforcement & Incentives

- Enforce residential speed limits more proactively.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements

- Explore pedestrian crossing facilities for improved safety at the Wells Fargo Road and 14th Avenue intersection.
- Implement pedestrian crossing facilities plan on Harrison-Cole at State Street. 

Inventory, Assessment, or Survey

- Conduct targeted traffic assessments to identify opportunities to reduce congestion and improve safety. 
- Complete corridor studies for Wells Fargo Road and 14th Avenue to maintain service level as the community grows.
- Evaluate the need to implement access management solutions in select areas.
 - Address intersection and driveway issues to reduce crash frequency.
 - Install turn lanes at intersections as necessary to reduce risk of rear-end collisions.
 - Ensure drivers and pedestrians have full visibility around landscaping, signage, and parked vehicles.
- Evaluate the need to implement traffic calming solutions including pedestrian refuge islands, raised crosswalks, raised intersections, and on-street parking with curb extensions.
- Evaluate congestion and the need for improved traffic flow near Soderstrom Elementary School.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 3:

Incorporate new technology to ensure a flexible and resilient transportation network.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach

- Promote the use of new technologies to inform residents of upgrade benefits.

Plan Development

- Create a phased plan for updating pedestrian crossings with audible pushbuttons, shorter pedestrian crossings, high visibility retroreflective pavement markings and signs, and activated warning lights.

Policy & Code Adjustments

- Ensure the codes and policies allow for charging stations for electric vehicles in new commercial development.

Inventory, Assessment, or Survey

- Assess which locations would benefit from Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) implementation, including traffic observation CCTV cameras, Dynamic Message Signs, or Variable Speed Limit Signs.

Enforcement & Incentives

- Encourage developments to include adaptive and emerging technology such as electric charging stations and smart parking technology.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements

- Evaluate electric utility ownership of Level 3 electric vehicle charging.
- Attract branded Level 3 electric vehicle charging.





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Infrastructure & Utilities



GOAL:

Provide infrastructure and utilities that are flexible, efficient, and support a high quality of life for future generations.

OBJECTIVE:

Provide and maintain infrastructure at a sustainable cost.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 1:

Maintain quality existing infrastructure and invest in new infrastructure that supports growth.

Local Actions:

Practice Improvements:

- Size infrastructure to adequately serve existing and future development based on demand and changes in weather patterns. ●
- Improve redundancy in the water supply using loop systems and reduce the number of dead-end lines.
- Consider Design-Build practice for small infrastructure projects such as neighborhood street replacement.

Plan Development:

- Continue to update the Water Master Plan to evaluate source and capacity. ●
- Identify funding within the Capital Improvement Plan for annual repair and resurfacing of the existing City roads. ●
- Maintain and update the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan.

Policy & Code Adjustments:

- Consider policies that reduce utility maintenance issues and reduce waste and pollution. ●

Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Evaluate the need for a third water storage facility to provide reserve capacity for developments on the east side of town.
- Conduct regular pavement condition assessments to prioritize maintenance and reconstruction projects.
- Survey water and wastewater infrastructure to evaluate improvement needs.

Enforcement & Incentives

- Prioritize infill redevelopment of underutilized parcels of land served by existing infrastructure and services. ★
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Programs or Services:

- Create a line loss reduction program for the water system.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Upgrade and maintain existing infrastructure and facilities to meet future generation needs and demands.
- Work with developers to expand sanitary sewer and other infrastructure to support future development to the north and east of town.
- Replace clay tile sanitary sewer pipes to align with system upgrades.
- Evaluate needs to repair and replace brick street infrastructure as necessary to maintain appearance and safety.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 2:

Implement technology to improve infrastructure performance and expand telecommunication utilities.

Local Actions:

Practice Improvements:

- Encourage competitive cellular and broadband service providers to offer residents, businesses, and visitors a range of choices and the highest level of service.
- Use technology monitoring systems for utilities to track performance and notify public works of issues.

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Evaluate policy recommendations to increase the availability of high-speed internet service in new developments..

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Work with internet providers to increase access, reliability, speed, and internet user experience at a reasonable cost. ●


Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 3:


Enhance the efficiency and reliability of energy through renewable sources.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Promote the City's diversified power supply portfolio and provide educational materials to the community regarding renewable energy benefits. 



Practice Improvements:

- Continue to manage the electric utility for reliability and economic efficiency as renewable energy generation becomes more available.
- Continue to evaluate renewable energy opportunities to expand the power supply mix, ensure stable supply, and improve electric utility efficiency.
- Explore solar and battery storage opportunities to continue to diversify the City's power supply portfolio further. 

Policy & Code Adjustments:

- Monitor and update residential renewable energy and distributed generation policies.

Programs or Services:

- Evaluate the benefit of an outage management system.
- Implement an automated metering infrastructure system. 
- Evaluate residential Level 2 electric vehicle charging. 



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Public Facilities



GOAL:

Provide public facilities and City services for all that meet standards of excellence.

OBJECTIVE:

Maintain best practice levels for City services as we grow and develop.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Distribute public facilities throughout the community to support equitable City services.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Promote equitable availability of all services to all existing and future areas of the community. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Practice Improvements:

- Serve public facilities and spaces by different transportation modes to make them more accessible to people with mobility impairments.

Plan Development:

- Continue to plan for new parks and facilities to provide adequate recreational opportunities for all residents today and into the future. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Develop public services guidelines for schools, libraries, fire, police, and utilities. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Strengthen partnerships with the Smoky Valley School District and Bethany College to expand shared access to parks, recreation, and cultural facilities.
- Create new partnerships and avenues for the efficient and effective delivery of municipal services. (2018-2020 City Council Strategic Plan)

Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Evaluate ADA accessibility of facilities and develop a phasing plan for improvements where needed. ●
- Assess relocation of the elementary school closer to the high school and middle school facilities to improve access.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Distribute public facilities throughout the community to support equitable City services.

Local Actions, continued:

Programs or Services:

- Explore funding options to make necessary accessibility improvements to public facilities.
- Continue to provide efficient collection and disposal services with a reduction in solid waste volumes. (Community Vision, Transportation and Development)
- Maintain the Recycling Center as a community asset. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Maintain City Hall to ensure the highest level of service.
- Consolidate Public Works facilities to continue to attract a skilled workforce and improve efficiencies. 
- Rehabilitate parks to enhance accessibility to people with disabilities.
- Ensure public safety facility amenities are expanded and maintained to better recruit and retain a quality workforce into the future. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Ensure public facilities, especially schools, maintain highest air quality standards post-pandemic.



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Chapter 4:

Natural Environment



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Natural Resources



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GOAL:

Preserve natural resources and protect our environment.

OBJECTIVE:

Meet environmental regulations for air, water, and land.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 1:

Improve water quality and protect the natural habitats along our streams and rivers.

Local Actions:

Practice Improvements:

- Promote conservation and improvement of existing outdoor recreation space in the community. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Encourage incorporating native plantings in public spaces and new developments.

Plan Development:

- Plan for providing and protecting a network of green spaces, including parks, greenways, and protected lands for wildlife habitat, stormwater management, and recreational opportunities. ●

Enforcement & Incentives:

- Enforce open space requirements for developers to ensure the preservation of natural resources.

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Restore, connect, and protect natural habitats, sensitive lands, and floodplains. ●
- Mitigate the impacts of construction on natural resources, including soils, vegetation, and water systems.
- Strengthen floodplain development restrictions.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Work with adjacent jurisdictions to reduce agriculture run-off into Smoky Hill River. ●
- Strengthen collaboration with Friends of the River Smoky Hill River renewal project.

Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Regularly assess tree canopy health.

Programs or Services:

- Seek ways to promote pollinators and protect their habitats through enhancing trails.
- Enhance riparian corridors to reduce erosion along streams and rivers.
- Consider participation in Bee City USA.
- Maintain participation in Tree City USA.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Explore the use of the riverbanks to allow for increased recreational opportunities.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 2:

Protect the quality and availability of our drinking water.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Educate residents on the benefits of conserving water.

Practice Improvements:

- Reduce water use for buildings and landscapes through water conservation and planning for a lasting water supply.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Support the responsible management of the Equus Bed Aquifer to preserve and protect the City's water supply.

Strategy Statement 3:

Protect and maintain our air quality.

Local Actions:

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Evaluate needs to set carbon emission standards.



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Sustainability



GOAL:

Protect our community from the impacts of natural and human-made events.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Reduce flood risk and damage to properties.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Reduce community vulnerability and minimize adverse effects of flooding on the environment, economy, and public health.

Local Actions:

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Partner with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to evaluate regional stormwater detention locations outside of Lindsborg.

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Update floodplain maps and development regulations to accommodate more intense and frequent rainfall events.
- Take natural topography into account in planning for private development and public infrastructure to reduce construction costs and minimize natural hazard risks from flooding or landslides.

Enforcement & Incentives:

- Enforce the City's floodplain and stormwater management regulations.

Programs or Services:

- Remove buildings from the floodplain that repetitively experience flood damage, where practical.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Maintain stormwater infrastructure to ensure adequate capacity and condition to convey stormwater out of Lindsborg, thus reducing flooding.



GOAL:

Protect our community from the impacts of natural and human-made events.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Encourage resilient practices to protect the future of our community.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 1:

Prepare for disasters and post-disaster economic recovery.

Local Actions:

Practice Improvements:

- Promote environmental justice – the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income in developing, implementing, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.
- Implement systems that improve economic activity following damage or destruction by a natural or human-made disaster.

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Investigate options for sustainable upgrades to older buildings
- Ensure accessibility to tornado shelters for the whole community.
- Consider developing a tornado shelter requirement for developers.
- Adopt policies and implementation tools to direct recovery after a disaster event has occurred.
- Evaluate construction standards to mitigate damage from seismic events.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 2:

Prioritize resource efficiency, waste reduction, pollution prevention, and building occupant health and productivity.

Local Actions:

Practice Improvements:

- Reduce water use for buildings and landscapes through water conservation and planning for a lasting water supply.
- Increase tree coverage throughout the community.
- Promote the development of alternative transportation systems to reduce automobile use and conserve fossil fuels. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Promote a safe, sanitary, and pleasing community environment with regard to the surrounding natural setting. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Seek additional opportunities to invest in solar energy partnerships to expand renewable energy sources. ●

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Evaluate existing environmental policies and update as needed.
- Encourage further use of renewable energy derived directly or indirectly from solar and wind power sources. ●
- Evaluate needs to set carbon emission standards.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Increase the number of electric vehicle charging stations in town, including a Level 3 station downtown.
- Protect and enhance the natural environment and develop parks, trails, and outdoor recreation facilities in an environmentally sensitive manner. (2007 Parks and Recreation Master Plan)

Programs or Services:

- Participate in a lead paint abatement program to protect the health of children living in older homes.
- Provide alternate options for waste disposal, including recycling and composting. ●
- Enhance the environment through tree planting programs and landscaping of all parks and public buildings, and encourage good landscaping on private property. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)



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Chapter 5:

Resilient Economy



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Childcare



GOAL:

Support childcare opportunities to meet the needs of all.

OBJECTIVE:

Increase the availability of high-quality childcare.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Ensure the community has quality service providers and facilities.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Continue to promote childcare as a fundamental economic development strategy for Lindsborg to attract new families and support the local workforce. ●

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Evaluate local zoning ordinances that might present obstacles to the provision of regulated group and family childcare in all zoning districts that are appropriate and safe for children.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Collaborate with the Smoky Valley School District and the Parks and Recreation Departments to increase childcare opportunities before and after school. ●
- Encourage the State of Kansas to increase agency staff participation and allocation of public funds to support childcare efforts in Lindsborg and the region.

Enforcement & Incentives:

- Incentivize developers who provide space for childcare in various types of projects, where appropriate.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Support the completion of the new Sprout House Project Future childcare facility and plan. ●
- Identify opportunities in future public and private facilities to include childcare spaces and services (e.g., recreation/activity center with childcare) to increase collaboration and attract more people.



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Education



GOAL:

Enhance education opportunities for all ages and abilities.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Strengthen education opportunities to grow our population and increase our prosperity.


Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:


Ensure the success and growth of the City, USD 400, and Bethany College into the future.

Local Actions:





Education & Outreach:

- Continue to promote the Smoky Valley School District as a well-respected public school system to attract new families to Lindsborg. 

Practice Improvements:

- Encourage continued enrollment growth for the Smoky Valley School District. 

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Expand partnerships and identify opportunities to connect people to local community college and statewide resources for up-skilling and degree completion. 
- Connect Bethany College and Smoky Valley School District students with Lindsborg business owners to increase job opportunity awareness.
- Work with Smoky Valley School District to improve graduation rates. 
- Support the Smoky Valley School District in efforts to provide the kinds of learning experiences offered in the most highly rated school districts in Kansas. 
- Support the Smoky Valley School District as they continue to champion for all students and their: 
 - social and emotional well-being,
 - resiliency,
 - academic excellence,
 - love of the arts,
 - technological savvy,
 - civic engagement, and
 - physical fitness.



GOAL:

Enhance education opportunities for all ages and abilities.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Increase opportunities for lifelong learning.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Expand lifelong learning programs.

Local Actions:

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Encourage collaboration between the Lindsborg Community Library, Bethany College, Smoky Valley School District, and the City's Recreation Department to evaluate programming and facilities to support lifelong learning. ●
- Encourage maker spaces and apprenticeships to increase learning opportunities that support and continue the creative heritage of Lindsborg.

Programs or Services:

- Encourage community partners to develop new programs that provide opportunities for lifelong learning for all Lindsborg residents. ●



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Jobs & Workforce



GOAL:

Prepare Lindsborg's workforce for the jobs of the future.

OBJECTIVE:

Attract a highly skilled and diverse workforce to fill available jobs.


Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Increase the available workforce and ensure they are trained to meet job demands.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Market Lindsborg, and its high quality of life, to a regional, national, and international audience to attract a larger workforce. 
- Leverage the relationship with Go McPherson to increase the promotion of Lindsborg as a desirable community in McPherson County to live.

Practice Improvements:

- Plan for workforce diversity – employing a wide range of people in terms of age, cultural background, physical ability, race and ethnicity, and religion.
- Promote attraction and retention of new industries to strengthen local employment and payroll levels. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Target and solicit businesses and industries which will maximize use of available local resources. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)


Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Collaborate with regional partners to recruit new workers into the region. 
- Connect our workforce to training and education opportunities to meet workforce demands of the future, focusing on educational attainment, career advancement, and lifelong learning programs.
- Support local businesses in their marketing strategy and implementation.
- Partner with Bethany College and Smoky Valley School District to promote local employment opportunities.
- Encourage local businesses and organizations to develop mentorship and succession planning programs to keep local talent in the Lindsborg job market.

Programs or Services:

- Focus efforts to develop jobs that match existing skills within the Lindsborg workforce.
- Maintain an aggressive recruitment program for businesses in growing job sectors within the region.

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Improve broadband and telecommunications utilities to provide the highest quality of service and attract workforce that works remotely.
- Improve childcare to help locals who might choose to stay in the workforce and to invite people to relocate to Central Kansas. 



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Economic Activity



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GOAL:

Ensure Lindsborg's economy is sustainable and resilient to future impacts

OBJECTIVE 1:

Increase collaboration with regional economic development partners.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement:

Leverage regional relationships to enhance economic development.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Promote Lindsborg among regional partners as a community for workforce to call home. ●

Practice Improvements:

- Encourage continued cooperation between the private and public sectors in all aspects of finance, real estate, taxation, planning, and provision of public and private services, particularly with regard to promotion of economic expansion and business diversification. (2005 Comprehensive Plan) ●

Plan Development:

- Collaborate with the Salina Community Economic Development Organization and the McPherson Chamber of Commerce to develop mutually beneficial economic development plans to ensure regional prosperity.

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Partner with Go McPherson to provide resources and financial support to entrepreneurs and small businesses to encourage new and expanding local businesses.
- Maintain active participation in the Regional Economic Area Partnership of South Central Kansas.

Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Identify viable local businesses that match regional workforce skillsets.



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GOAL:

Ensure Lindsborg's economy is sustainable and resilient to future impacts.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Diversify the economic base.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 1:

Encourage community-based economic development and revitalization.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Promote the economic impact and benefit to a commercial presence's tax base with a proposed interchange at I-135 and Wells Fargo Road. ●

Practice Improvements:

- Encourage using local resources in ways that enhance economic opportunities while improving social conditions and supporting locally owned and produced goods and services.
- Maintain efforts to attract businesses and industries that will utilize locally available raw materials and merchandise on a regional and national basis. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Encourage diversified retail merchandising of goods and services within appropriately planned areas, while protecting the vitality and historical integrity of the central core area. (2005 Comprehensive Plan) ●
- Support an atmosphere that allows business and industry to grow and prosper, encouraging enterprises that will provide needed goods and services to the local and regional community and improving resident livelihood. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Plan Development:

- Promote continuing development of the Harrison-Cole commercial district for tourist travel-oriented businesses. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Plan for continued growth of commerce and industry based on sound land development practices that comply with the land use policies outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. (2005 Comprehensive Plan) ★
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- Provide ample space for industrial and commercial development with convenient access to major transportation systems. (2005 Comprehensive Plan) ★
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Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 1:

Encourage community-based economic development and revitalization.

Local Actions, continued:

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Maintain and enhance the present Central Business District. (2005 Comprehensive Plan) ●
- Evaluate and update the 2006 Economic Development Incentives Policy to meet the future needs of business attraction.
- Evaluate the need for improving the Business Development Guide.

Programs or Services:

- Increase investment in and revitalization of downtown, commercial areas, neighborhoods, and other place-based community resources.

Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Evaluate the need for a commercial business park.

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 2:

Encourage and support local and small businesses.

Local Actions:

Education & Outreach:

- Continue to promote Lindsborg's restaurants, lodging, and retailers to the region through the Convention & Visitors Bureau. ●

Practice Improvements:

- Promote and support in businesses that serve local needs and are compatible with the community's vision, character, and cultural values. ●

Plan Development:

- Maintain Downtown Lindsborg as a vibrant and thriving environment to attract repeat visits to local businesses. ●
- Maintain an economic improvement strategy oriented toward strengthening the market position of the commercial district businesses. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Facilities or Infrastructure Improvements:

- Advocate for technology opportunities that enhance small businesses. ●

Strategies & Local Actions:

Strategy Statement 3:

Increase tourism.

Local Actions:



Education & Outreach:

- Strengthen efforts to promote the City as a tourist destination and encourage businesses offering goods and services to the traveling public. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Policy & Code Adjustment:

- Promote continuing development of the Harrison-Cole commercial district for tourist travel-oriented businesses. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Partnerships & Collaboration:

- Encourage the development of attractions, including the Old Mill Complex, and expanded artist-in-residence programming. 
- Pursue a downtown hotel that supports tourism and conference center activities. 

Inventory, Assessment or Survey:

- Evaluate suitable businesses that would maximize capturing tourist dollars at the proposed interchange of I-135 and Wells Fargo Road.

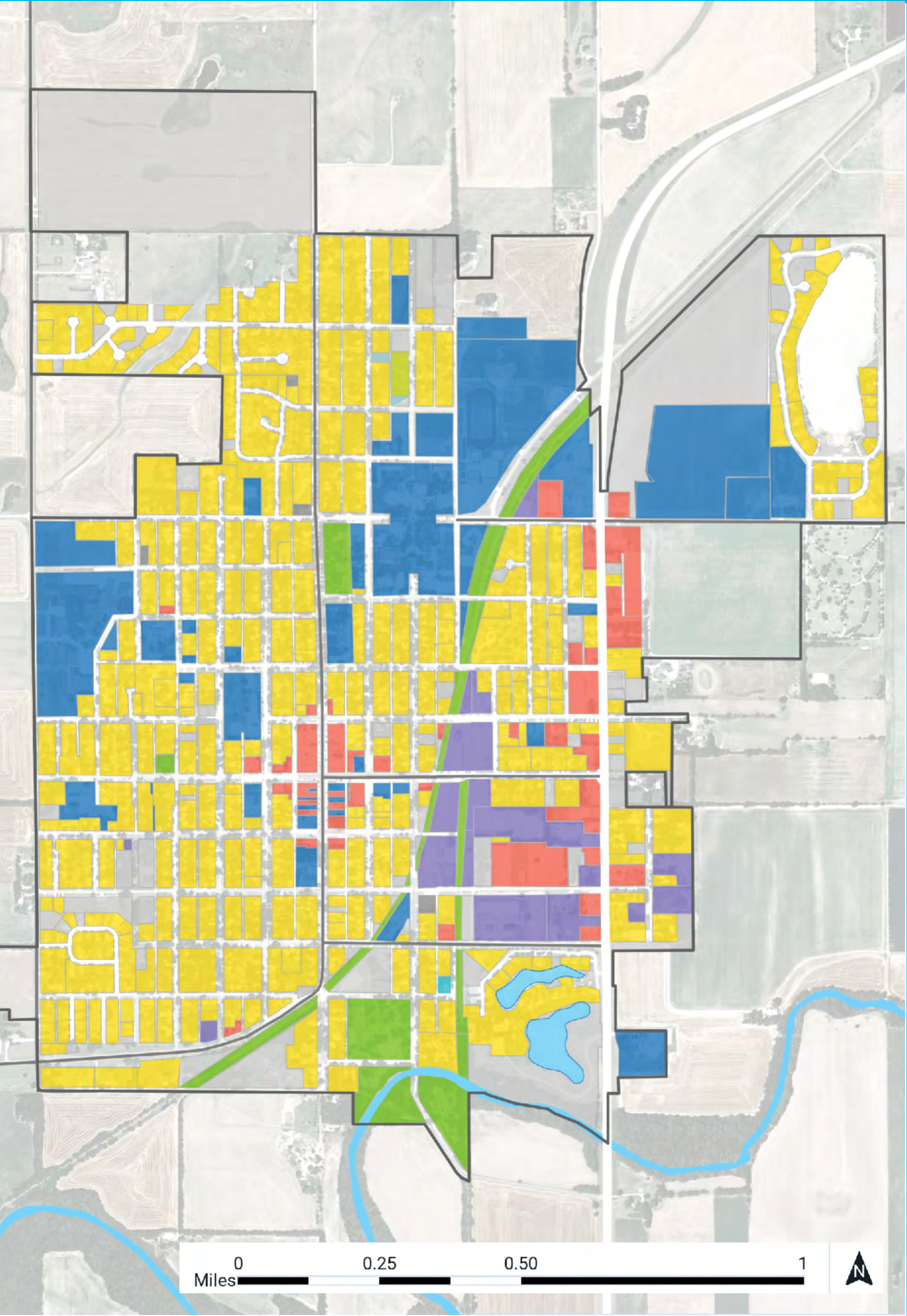


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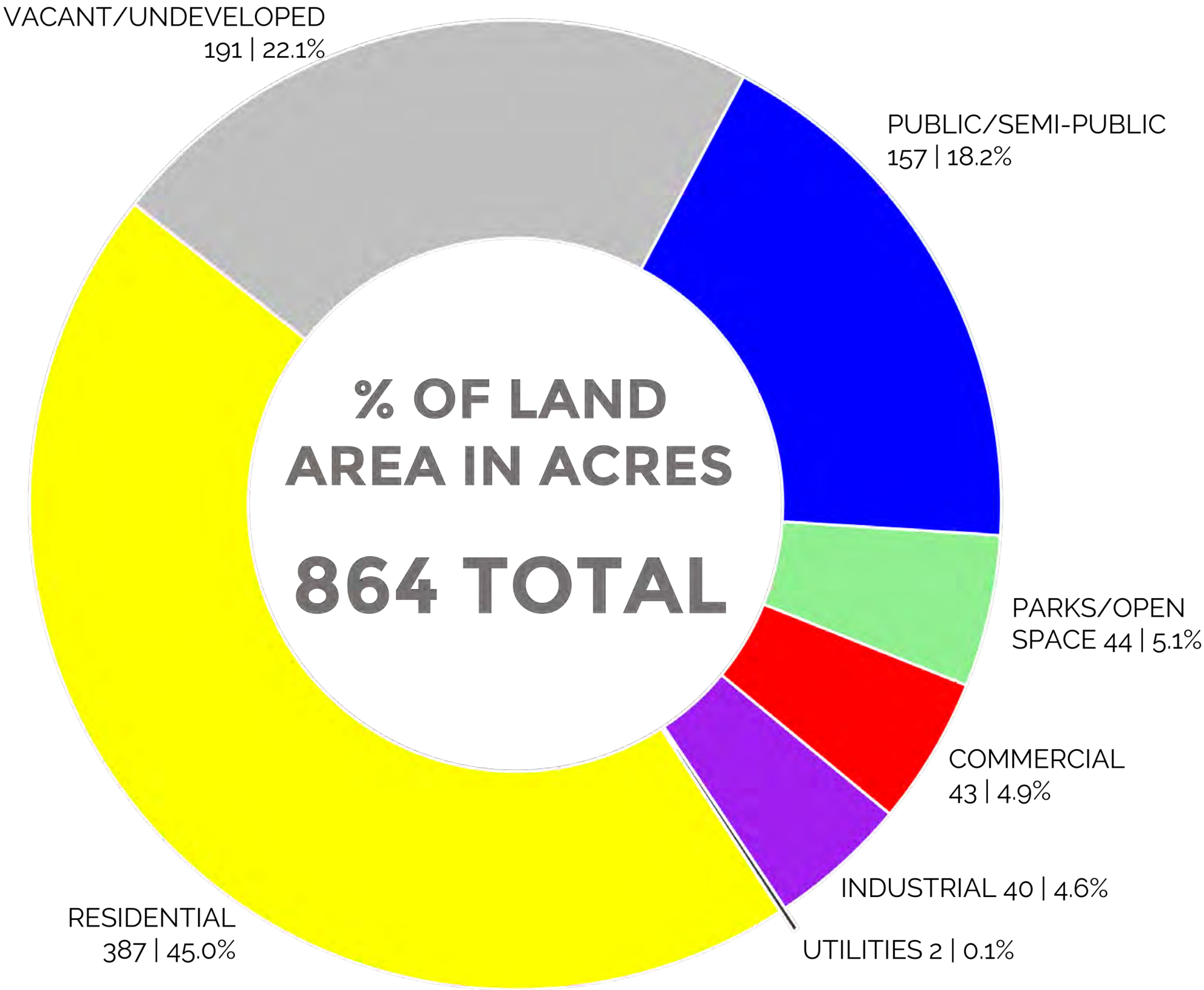
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Current Land Use

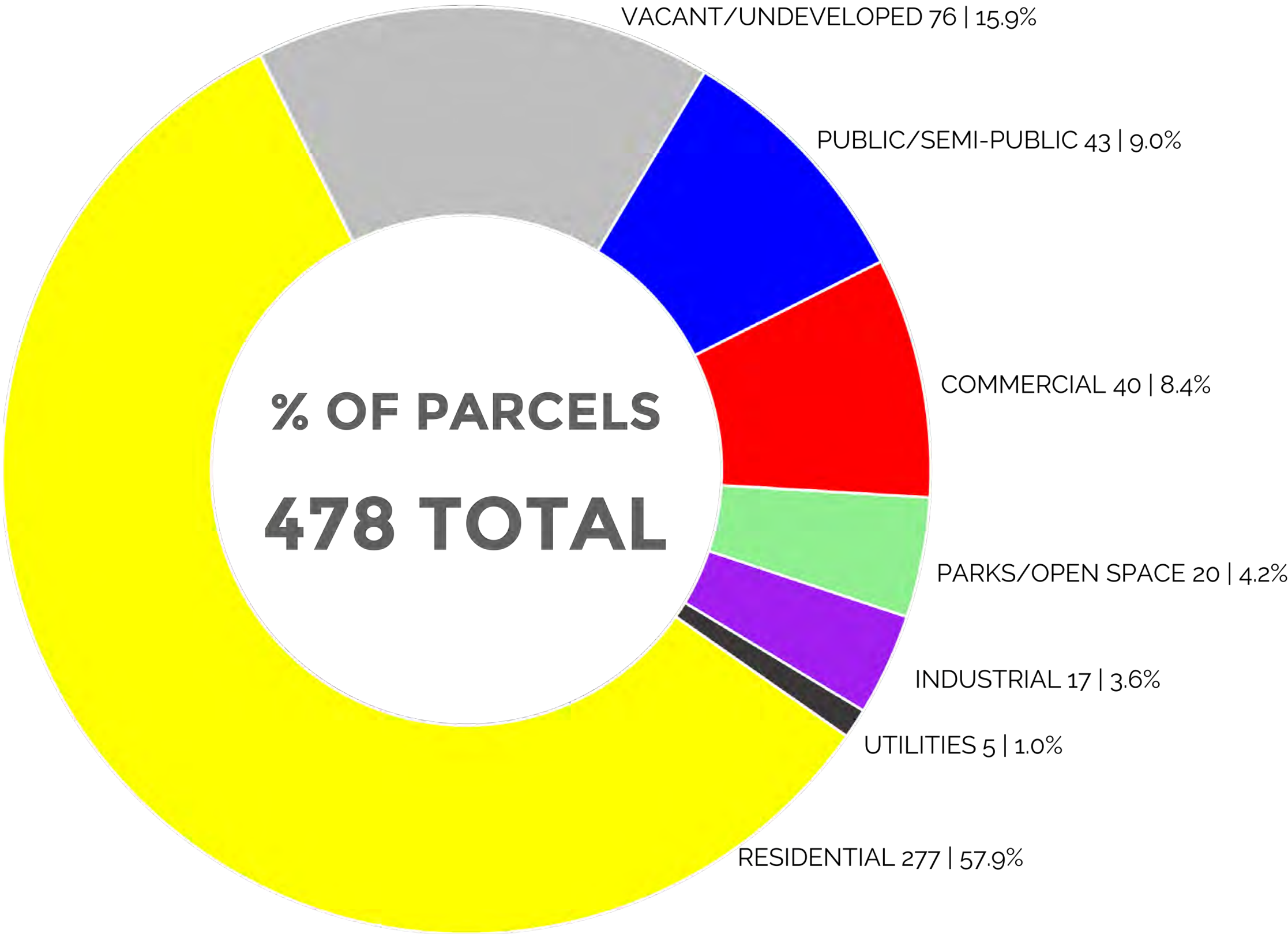
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Current Land Use



Source: Lindsborg GIS, 2020



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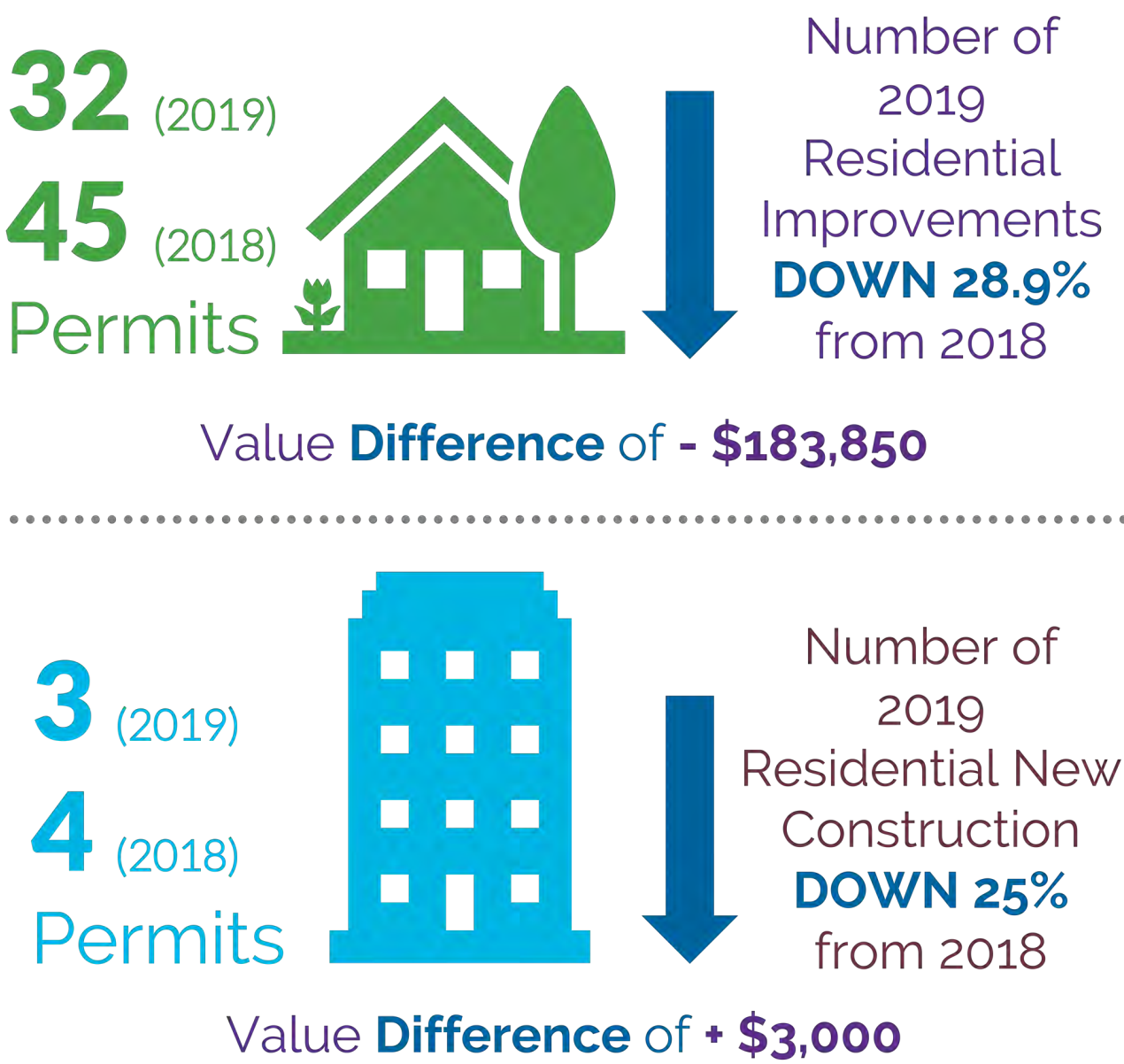
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NON-RESIDENTIAL PERMITS



Source: Lindsborg Community Development, 2018 and 2019

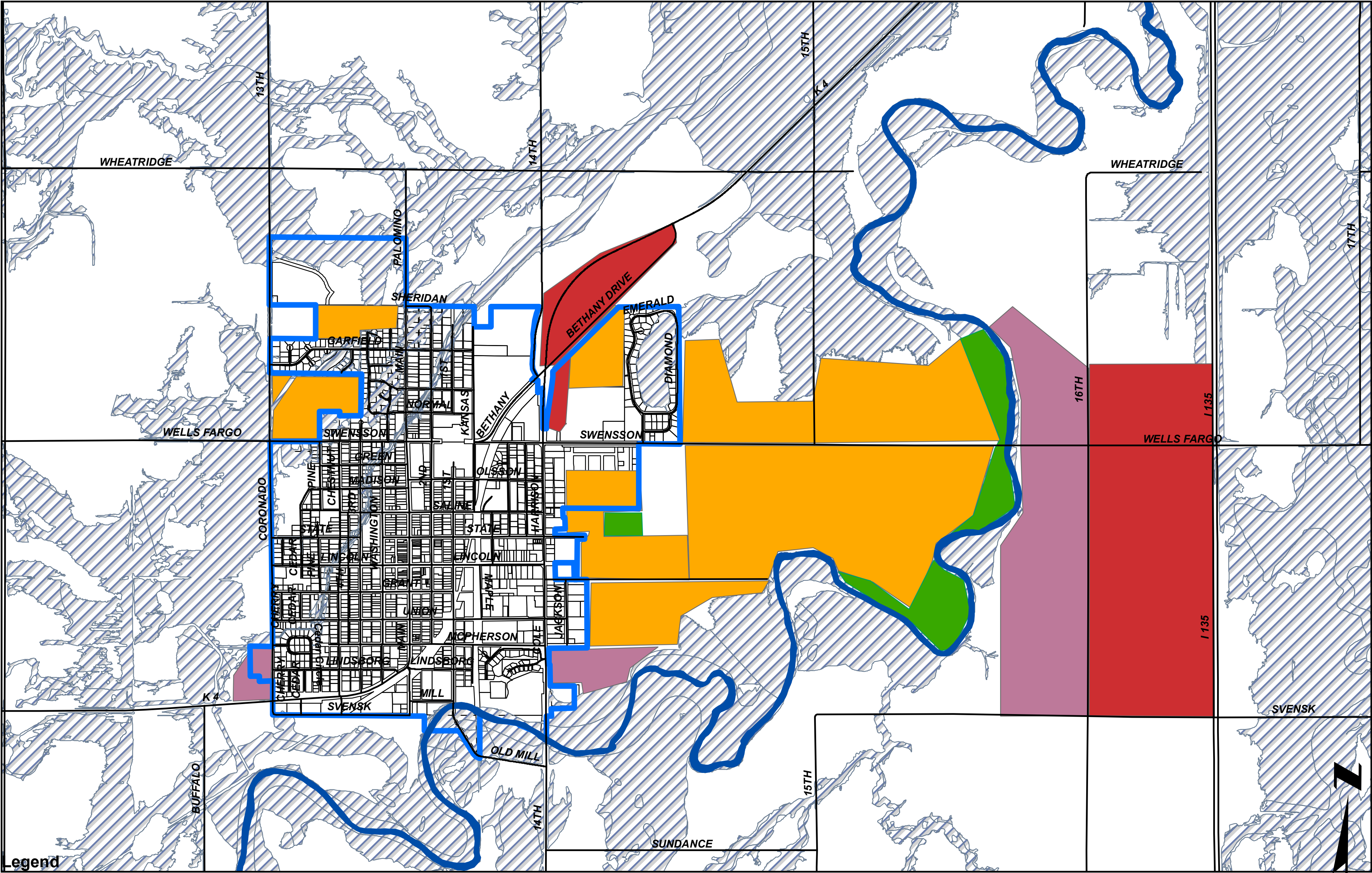
RESIDENTIAL PERMITS



Source: Lindsborg Community Development, 2018 and 2019

Future Land Use - DRAFT

- CityBoundary2019
- Future Residential
- Future Commercial
- Future Industrial
- Future Parks/Trail





GOAL:

Promote growth and development that is sustainable, responsible, and meets the needs of future generations.

OBJECTIVE:

Develop in a sustainable manner so that resources are available for future generations.

Policy & Code Adjustment Local Actions:

Community Identity:

- Evaluate the City's alcohol regulations related to enhancing events and festivals.
- Explore opportunities for small-lot residential and alternative housing types as options for local artists and artists-in-residency.
- Evaluate live-work opportunities in areas like Downtown and the Old Mill Complex.
- Consider adopting a policy aimed at the restoration and preservation of districts and structures that have local historic significance.
- Evaluate regulations to allow for increased opportunities for unique vacation rentals.
- Seek opportunities to renovate or adapt older buildings to flex space for greater community use.
- Consider a policy to allow live-work spaces and mixed-use facilities to increase critical mass and vitality of Downtown.

Community Identity, continued:

- Adopt codes and policies, and encourage design standards when appropriate, that align with the community context of Lindsborg.
- Create a subdivision tree ordinance that requires a minimum number of trees to be planted per lot.
- Implement a commercial development landscape requirement.
- Practice Complete Street ideas and policies when constructing new or maintaining existing infrastructure to encourage a mix of vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle activity.
- Enhance the environment through tree planting and encourage good landscaping on all private property. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Consider adopting an open space and land dedication requirement for new development.

Public Health:

- Plan for green and open space to ensure that all residents live within a 10-minute walk to recreational amenities.

Public Safety:

- Plan for increased public safety through the reduction of crime and injuries by utilizing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles (e.g., placement of landscaping, lighting, etc.).

Recreation:

- Adopt green space and park requirements for new development to continue to exceed the national standard to have parks within a 10-minute walk to parks or open space as the community grows.
- Monitor, assess, and adjust existing City ordinances, tools, goals, policies, and implementation strategies to meet changing or unforeseen conditions and needs in Lindsborg. (2007 Parks and Recreation Master Plan)

Policy & Code Adjustment Local Actions:

Neighborhoods & Housing:

- Encourage improvement of housing conditions for owner-occupied and rental properties.
- Encourage the development of planned neighborhood expansions. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Maintain harmonious and environmentally safe neighborhoods. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Create policies that advance community vitality and long-term growth. (2018 City Council Strategic Plan)
- Evaluate parking requirements for new residential developments.
- Consider adoption of policies to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in existing residential neighborhoods.
- Evaluate the accommodation of tiny homes and smaller lot sizes.

Neighborhoods & Housing, continued:

- Explore code modifications to encourage Universal Design for new residential development.
- Encourage additional residential units in Downtown Lindsborg, as allowed.
- Adopt policies and codes that allow for a wide range of housing types in neighborhoods throughout the community to ensure a range of housing prices.

Mobility & Transportation:

- Ensure that parking in commercial areas provides a high level of service but does not detract from the community's appearance or impede promoting other transportation modes.
- Consider policies that allow for autonomous vehicles and micro-mobility transportation modes.
- Require adequate setback, access control, and parking design. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Continue to monitor policies related to autonomous vehicles to improve and evaluate local adoption to enhance convenience and levels of service.
- Update street design guidelines to minimize conflict areas between motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.
- Ensure the codes and policies allow for charging stations for electric vehicles in new commercial development.

Policy & Code Adjustment Local Actions:

Infrastructure & Utilities:

- Consider policies that reduce utility maintenance issues and reduce waste and pollution.
- Evaluate policy recommendations to increase the availability of high-speed internet service in new developments.
- Monitor and update residential renewable energy and distributed generation policies.

Public Facilities:

- Develop public services guidelines for schools, libraries, fire, police, and utilities. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)

Natural Environment:

- Restore, connect, and protect natural habitats, sensitive lands, and floodplains.
- Mitigate the impacts of construction on natural resources, including soils, vegetation, and water systems.
- Strengthen floodplain development restrictions.
- Evaluate needs to set carbon emission standards.
- Update floodplain maps and development regulations to accommodate more intense and frequent rainfall events.
- Take natural topography into account in planning for private development and public infrastructure to reduce construction costs and minimize natural hazard risks from flooding or landslides.

Natural Environment, continued:

- Investigate options for sustainable upgrades to older buildings
- Ensure accessibility to tornado shelters for the whole community.
- Consider developing a tornado shelter requirement for developers.
- Adopt policies and implementation tools to direct recovery after a disaster event has occurred.
- Evaluate construction standards to mitigate damage from seismic events.
- Evaluate existing environmental policies and update as needed.
- Encourage further use of renewable energy derived directly or indirectly from solar and wind power sources.
- Evaluate needs to set carbon emission standards.

Policy & Code Adjustment Local Actions:

Childcare:

- Evaluate local zoning ordinances that might present obstacles to the provision of regulated group and family childcare in all zoning districts that are appropriate and safe for children.

Economic Activity:

- Maintain and enhance the present Central Business District. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)
- Evaluate and update the 2006 Economic Development Incentives Policy to meet the future needs of business attraction.
- Evaluate the need for improving the Business Development Guide.
- Promote continuing development of the Harrison-Cole commercial district for tourist travel-oriented businesses. (2005 Comprehensive Plan)



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Engagement Report
October 2, 2020 – March 1, 2021

Engagement Methods

Future Lindsborg Engagement Website

Gathered public input from October 2020–March 2021

Yard Signs

Placed around the community encouraging people to participate online.

Conversation Kits

Downloadable activities designed to gather in-depth feedback

Steering Committee

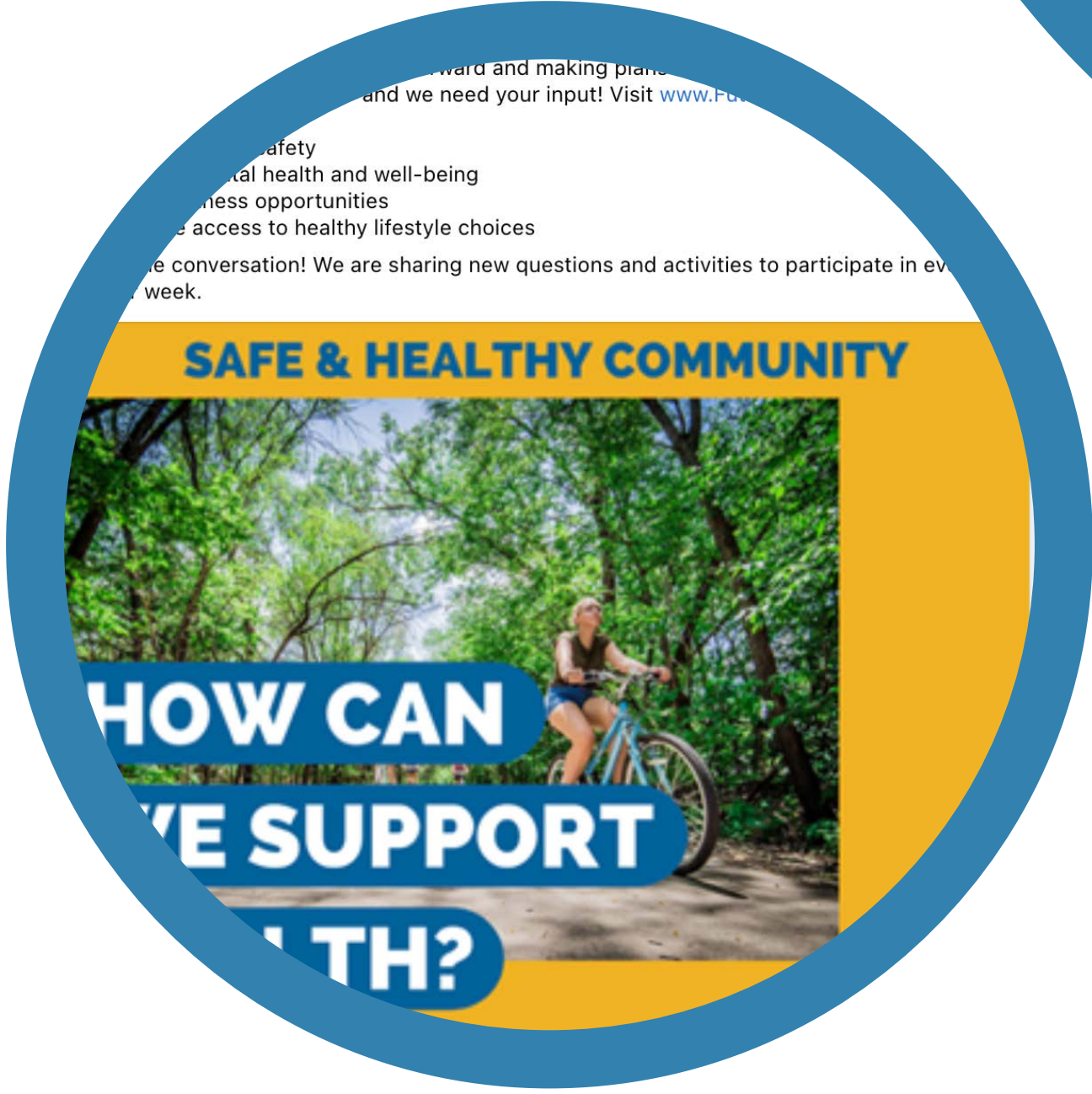
Met virtually four times to provide in-depth feedback and shape the plan framework





Facebook Campaign

20 POSTS



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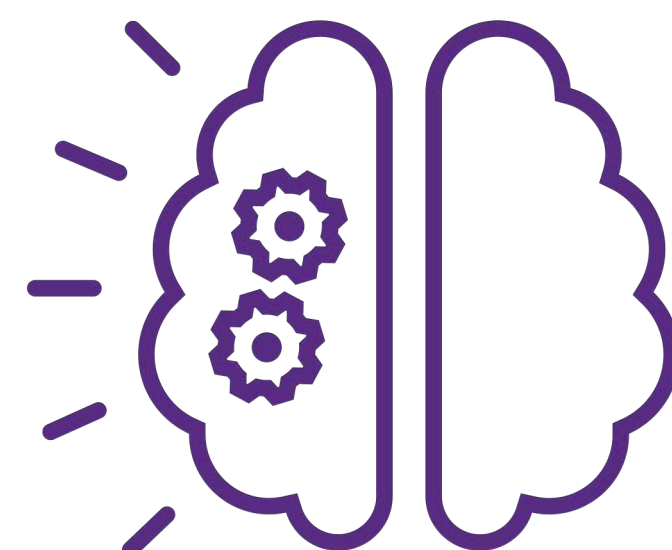
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**REGISTERED
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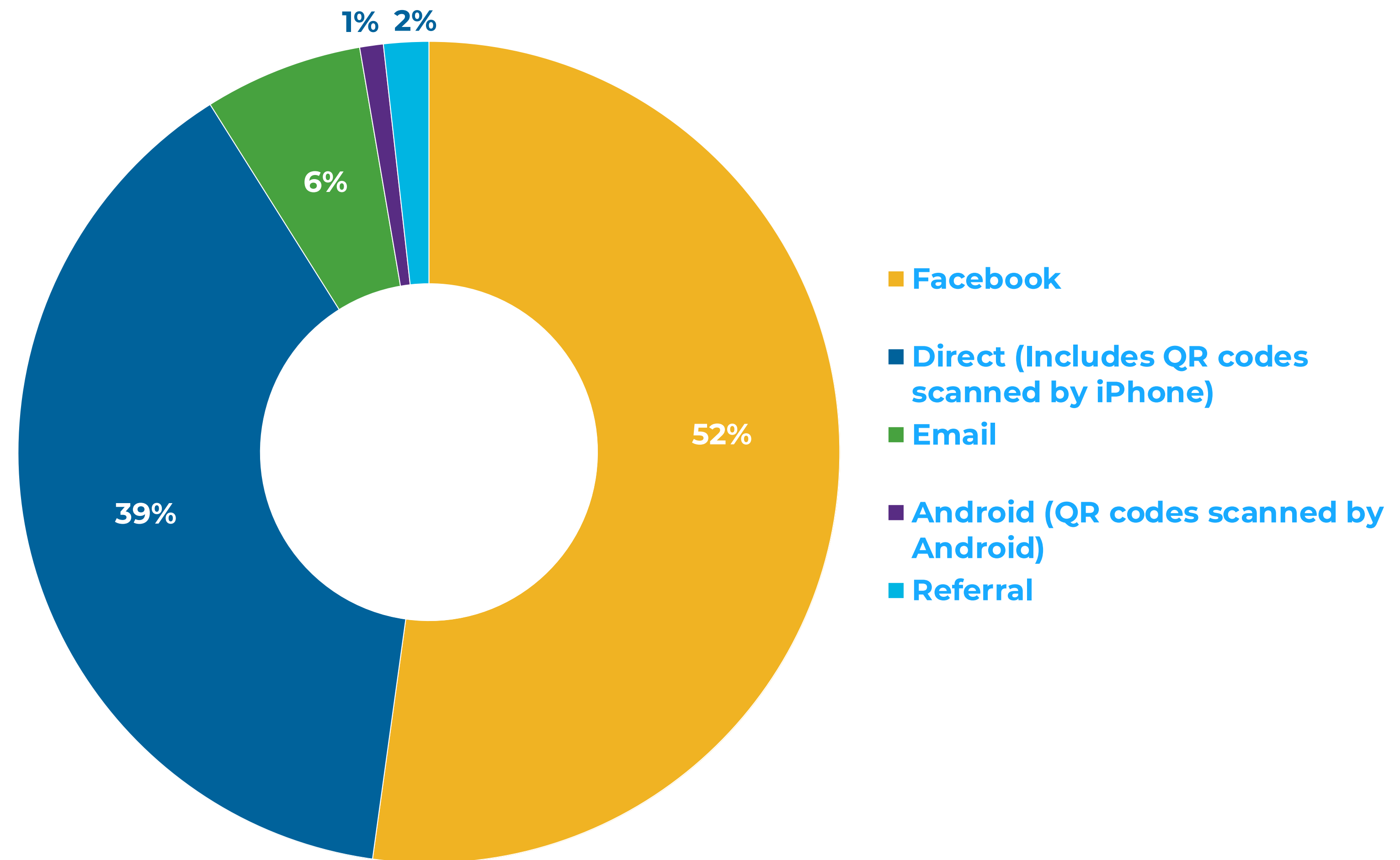


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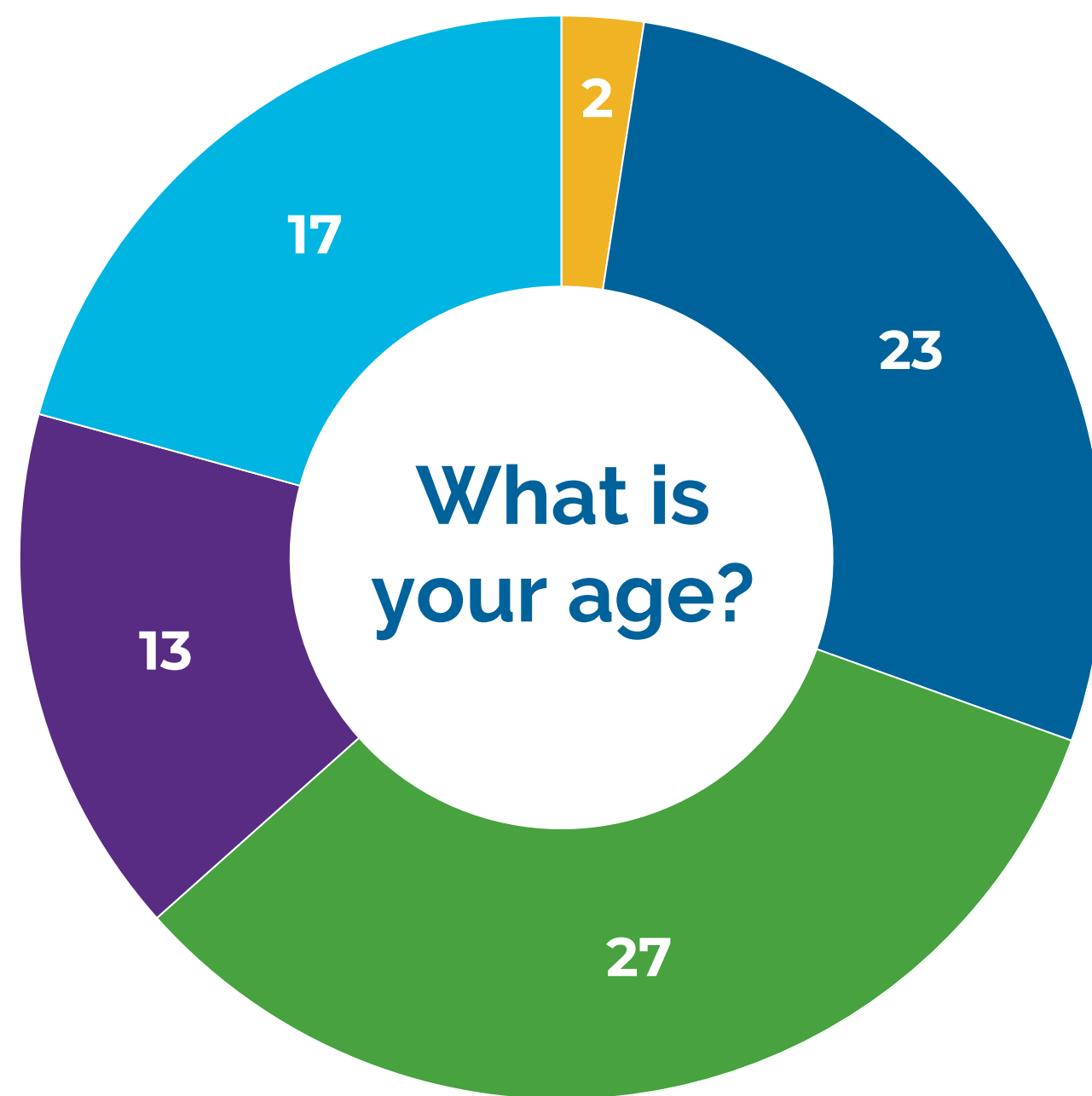
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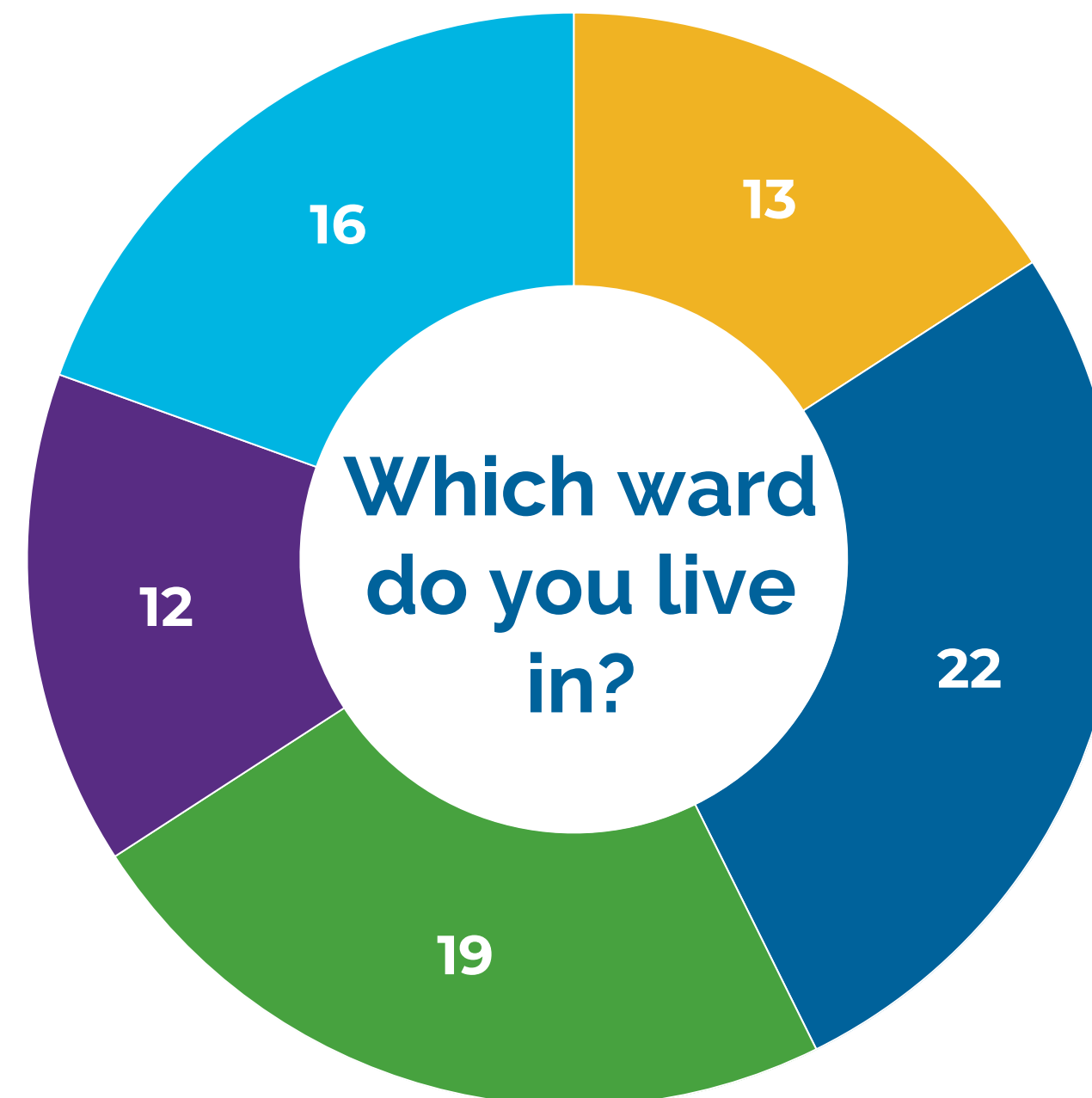
Participant Demographics

FUTURE LINDSBORG REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

■ 19 years old or younger ■ 20 to 34 years old
■ 35 to 54 years old ■ 55 to 64 years old
■ 65 to 84 years old ■ 85 years old or older



■ Ward 1
■ Ward 2
■ Ward 3
■ Ward 4
■ I don't live in Lindsborg



■ I live here
■ I work here
■ I visit here
■ I am a student here
■ I own a business here
■ Other

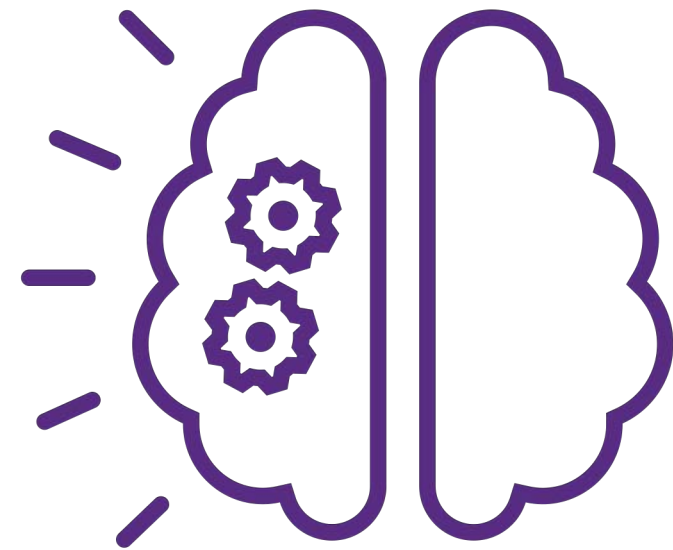


“About the Plan” Page Statistics



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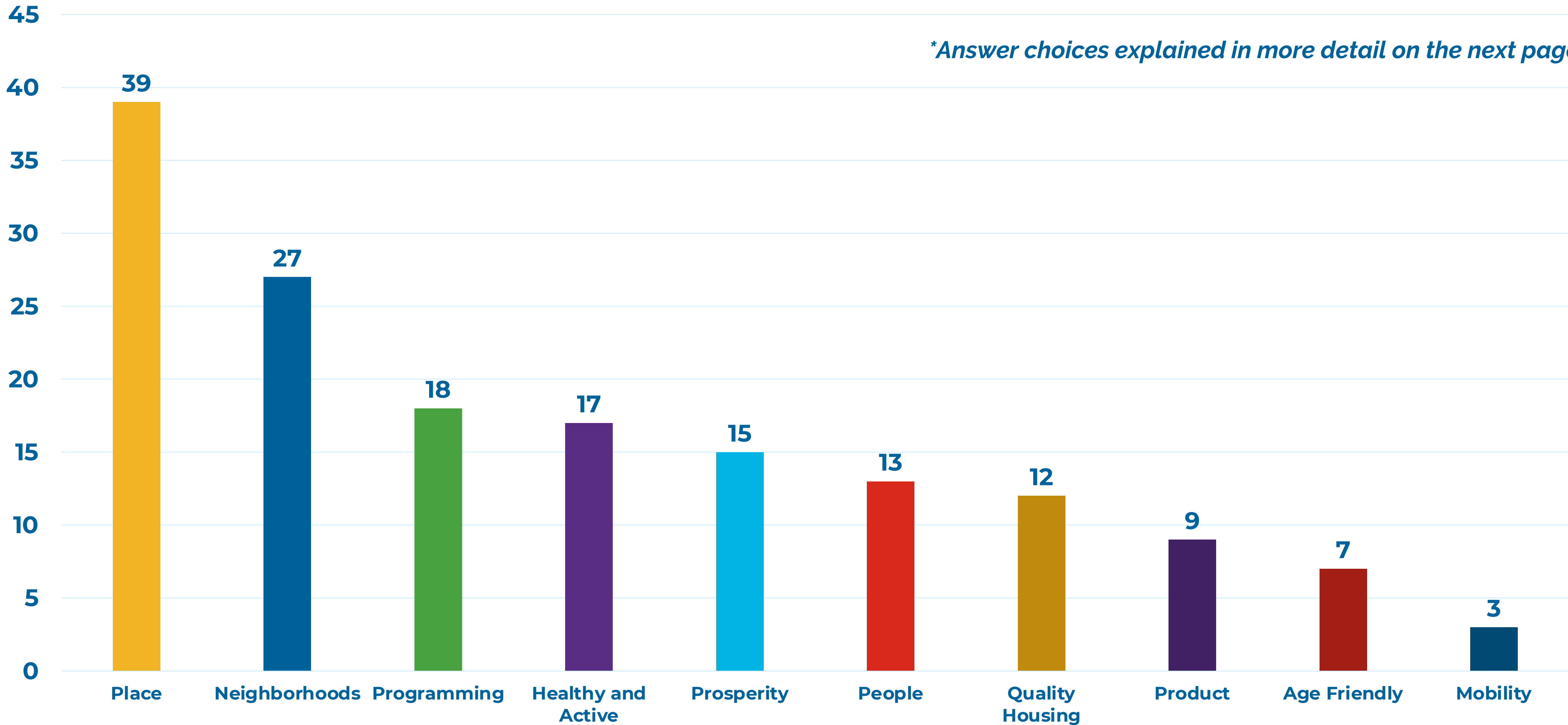
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Lindsborg is developing a Comprehensive Plan to guide future development.
Help city leaders plan our future! What do you want to be able to say about Lindsborg in 2040?

LET’S TALK FUTURE LINDSBORG SURVEY

 **54 Contributors**

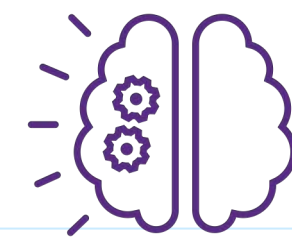
 **128 Visitors**



- **Place** – Our community is a place where people feel welcome and want to live, work and play. Our gathering places and unique points of interest draw both locals and visitors.
- **Neighborhoods** – Lindsborg's strong neighborhoods are accessible to parks, schools, goods and services, and are places where people feel safe and are connected to each other.
- **Programming** – We leverage the power of art, culture, recreation, nature, and experiential retail to bring our spaces to life with people.
- **Healthy and Active** – Our world class health services and second-to-none recreational opportunities allow residents of all ages to thrive physically, socially and emotionally.
- **Prosperity** – Lindsborg is a community of choice for businesses large and small. Our talented, well-paid, and economically secure workforce drive business innovation and financial prosperity for all.
- **People** – Our diverse, resilient people are our community's most valuable resource.
- **Quality Housing** – We offer a variety of housing options so people of all income levels and all stages of life can call Lindsborg home.
- **Product** – Our community's ongoing investment in superior infrastructure is paying off, attracting businesses and investment of all kinds.
- **Age-Friendly** – We are a community that respects seniors, values their contributions, and actively supports their safety and wellbeing.
- **Mobility** – Lindsborg's forward-thinking transportation network connects people to places they want to go whether by car, transit, bike or walking.

What are Lindsborg's greatest strengths? Pick your top three choices.

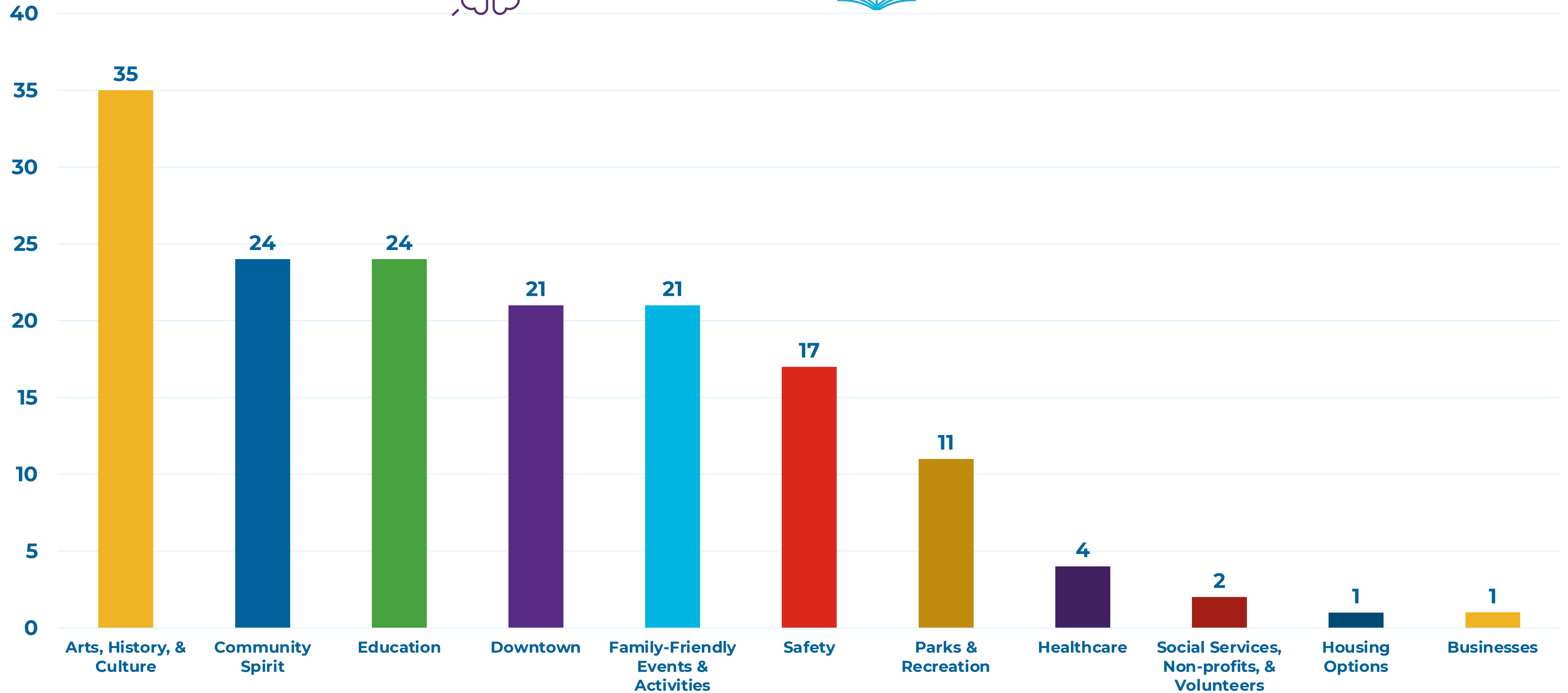
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What are Lindsborg's biggest challenges? Pick your top three choices.

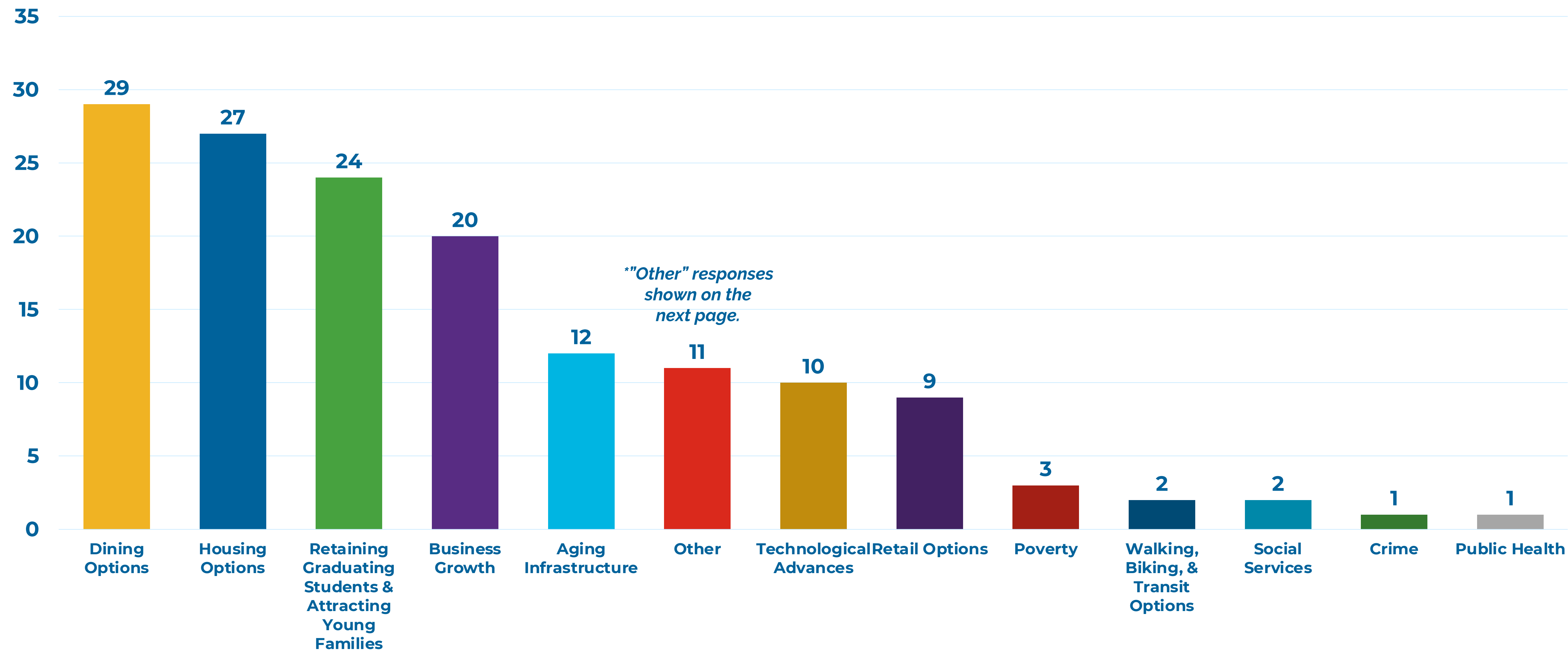
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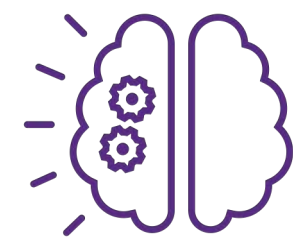
“OTHER” RESPONSES

- Fitness Options
- EMS does not get enough support & childcare
- After school care at school
- Recreational facilities open for public use
- Diversity
- Lack of childcare options
- Childcare
- Childcare for 0 through school age in one location
- Childcare for birth to after school care
- Sports (youth and college) are given entirely too much consideration in the decisions made for both USD 400 and Bethany College. Decisions should be based on academics first, not athletic teams/sporting.
- An undercurrent of people who, whether intentionally or not, are unwelcoming to people of color.



What do you love the most about Lindsborg?

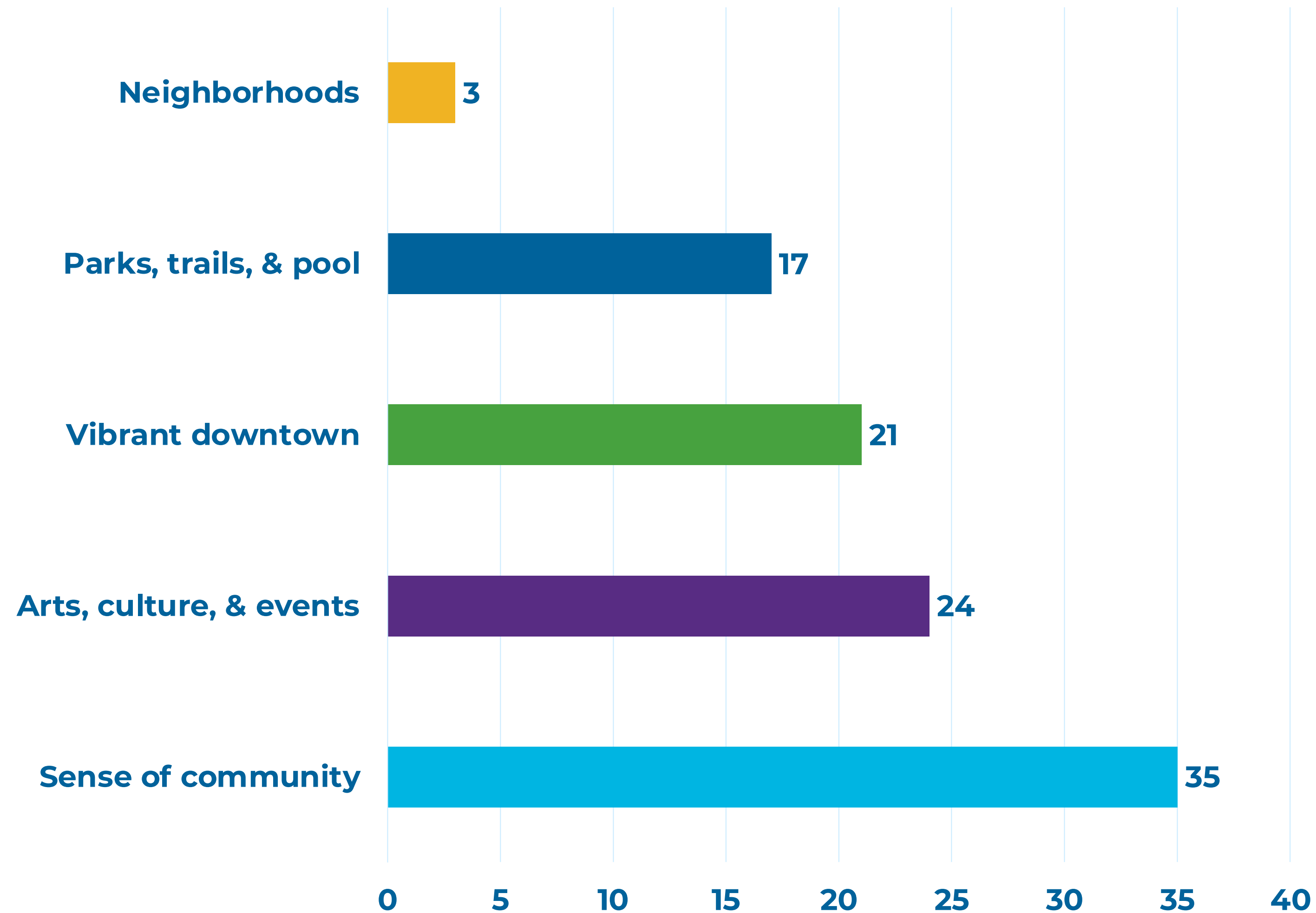
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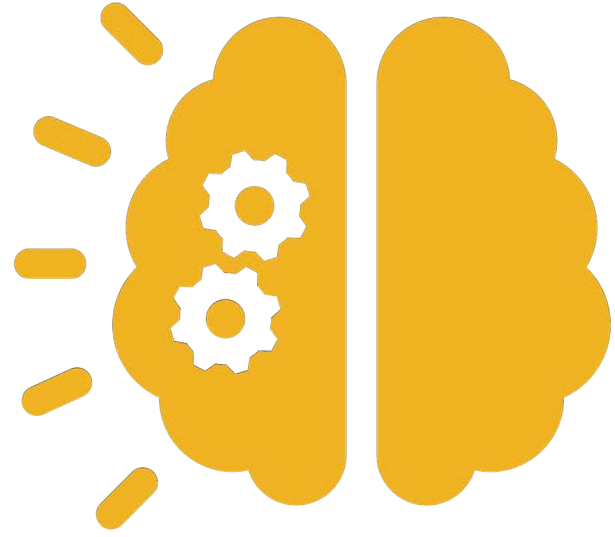


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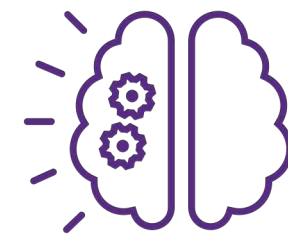
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What is your BIG IDEA to move Lindsborg forward? Be creative! Dream BIG!

BIG IDEAS



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- Paint street names on walking trail.
- Collect bagged leaves during November.
- Activity Center with Enclosed Childcare: We have a great childcare program foundation in Lindsborg however it needs to be built upon and advanced with community backing. If there were an activity center that had weights, gyms, a pool (similar to a Y) and you combined it with a childcare center for 0-school age all in one building, not only would that allow opportunities for more jobs, more recreational activities for the community, but more childcare spots available, and bring in revenue with sports tournaments.
- Support Lindsborg Arts Council in becoming a central coordinating body for all art related functions.
- Support efforts to care for our community cats. There are several cats that are not fixed which creates unwanted kittens. Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) programs help care for cats in the community by getting them fixed, vaccinated, medical care, and homes if tame.
- An 18-hole disc golf course. Family friendly. Relatively low cost and low maintenance. Options for tournaments that could draw visitors.



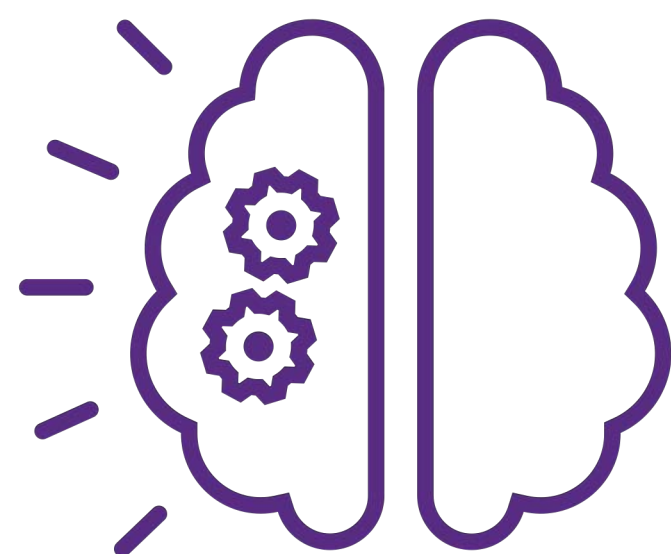
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COMMUNITY IDENTITY



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Please use this map to identify and describe areas that you love in Lindsborg.

PLACES YOU LOVE



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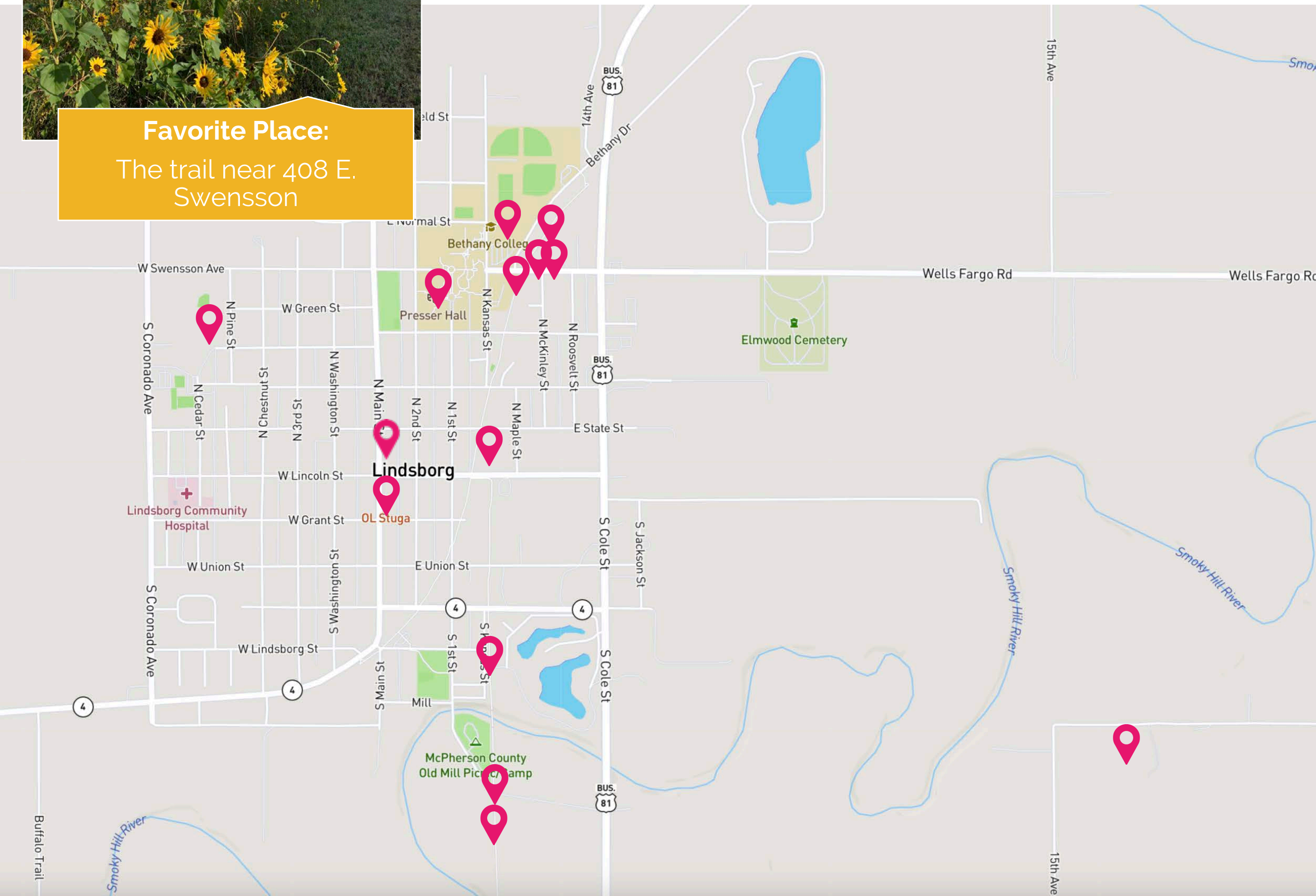


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Favorite Place:

The trail near 408 E. Swensson

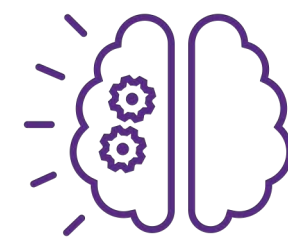


- **North Kansas Street** – We love watching sporting events and walking around campus. We are happy to see kids move back onto campus in the fall.
- **408 W. Madison Street** – We believe the school district is one of the best. Love the administration, teachers, and staff. Also enjoy using their facilities for work and entertainment.
- **408 E. Swensson Avenue** – The trail is a huge hit for our family. We love being able to use it when the weather is nice.
- **1541 Svensk Road** – The Lindsborg Golf Course is a benefit for my husband and I. We used to drive to McPherson for our golf membership, but have changed to Lindsborg due to convenience and pricing.
- **121 S. Main Street** – The Ol Stuga is a great place to enjoy in Lindsborg. Our restaurant options are limited, but we appreciate the ones we do have and the work they do.
- **408 E. Swensson Avenue** – The trail
- **524 S. Kansas Street** – Best trail in the surrounding communities.
- **14th Avenue** – Best addition to McPherson County
- **421 N. 1st Street** – The Messiah!
- **14th Avenue** – Meadowlark Trail
- **320 E. Grant St.** – Valkommen Walking/Biking Trail
- **112 N. Main St.** – Downtown Lindsborg



What is your favorite festival or event?

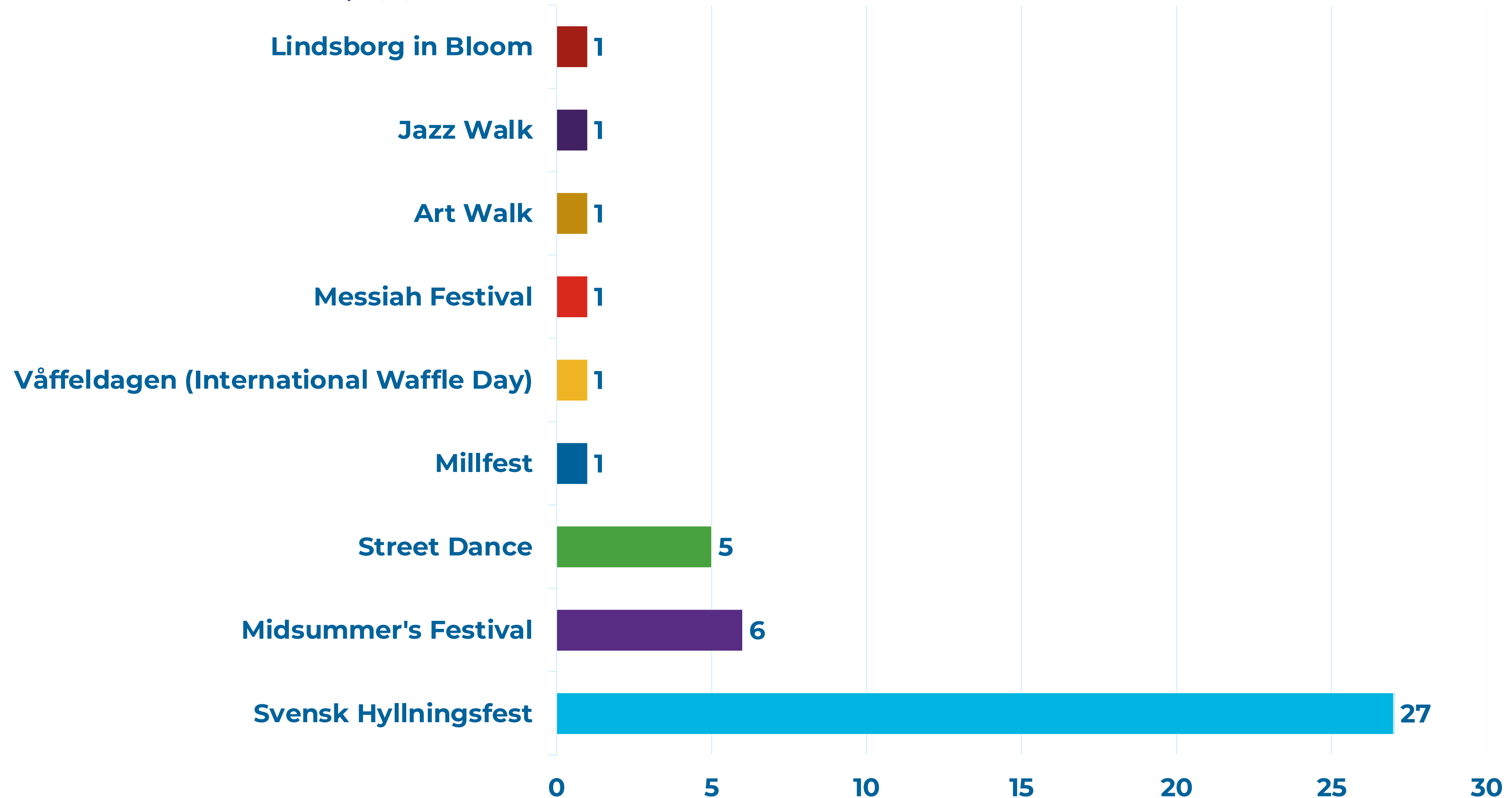
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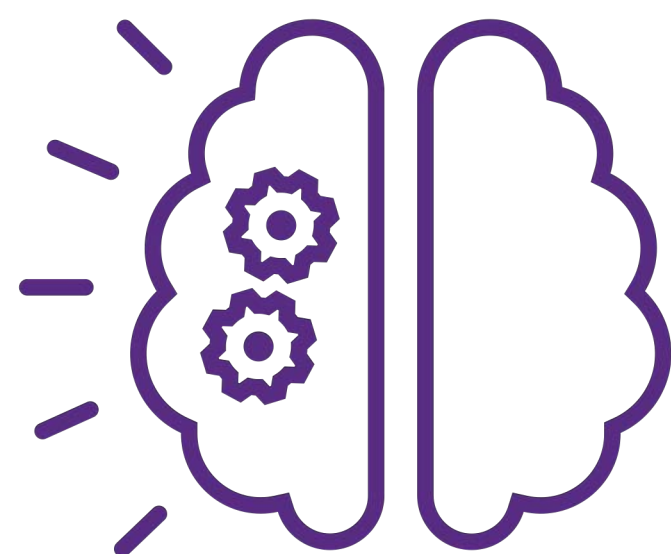
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SAFE & HEALTHY COMMUNITY



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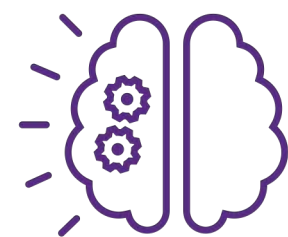
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What are your top health concerns for our community? Pick your top three.

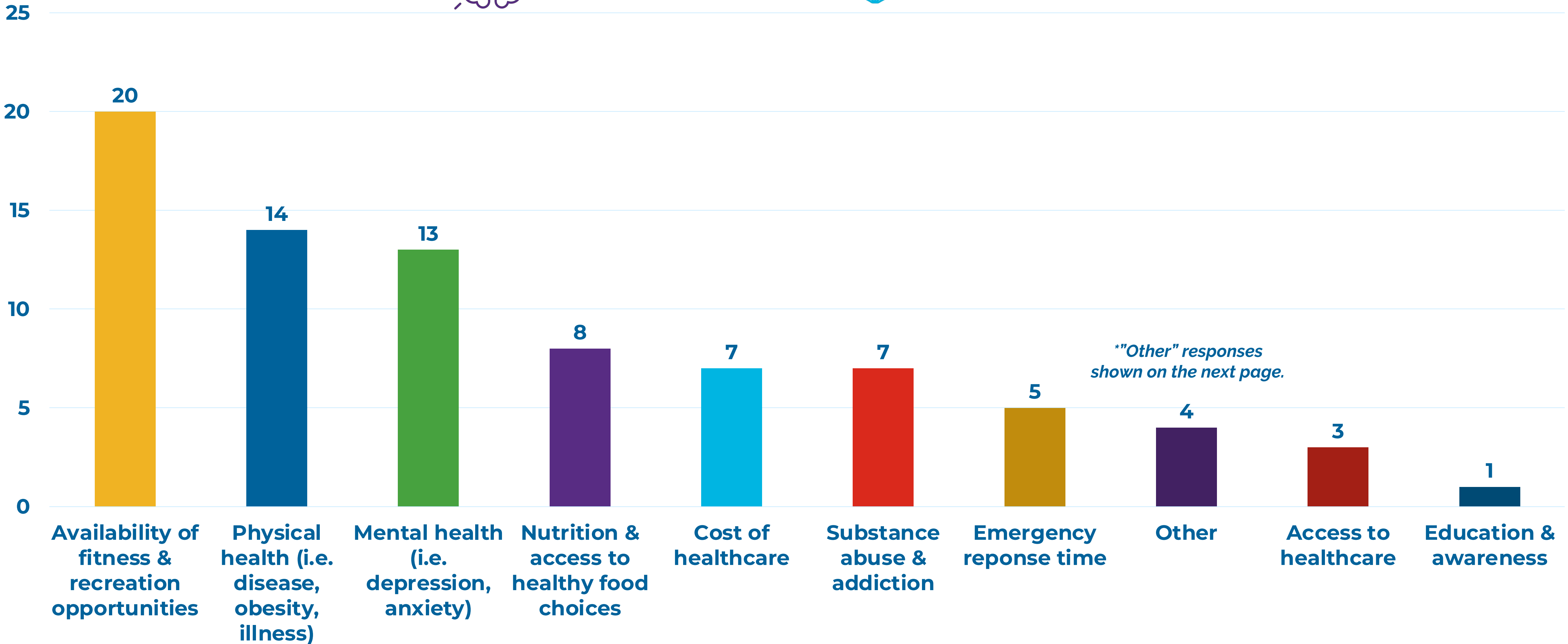
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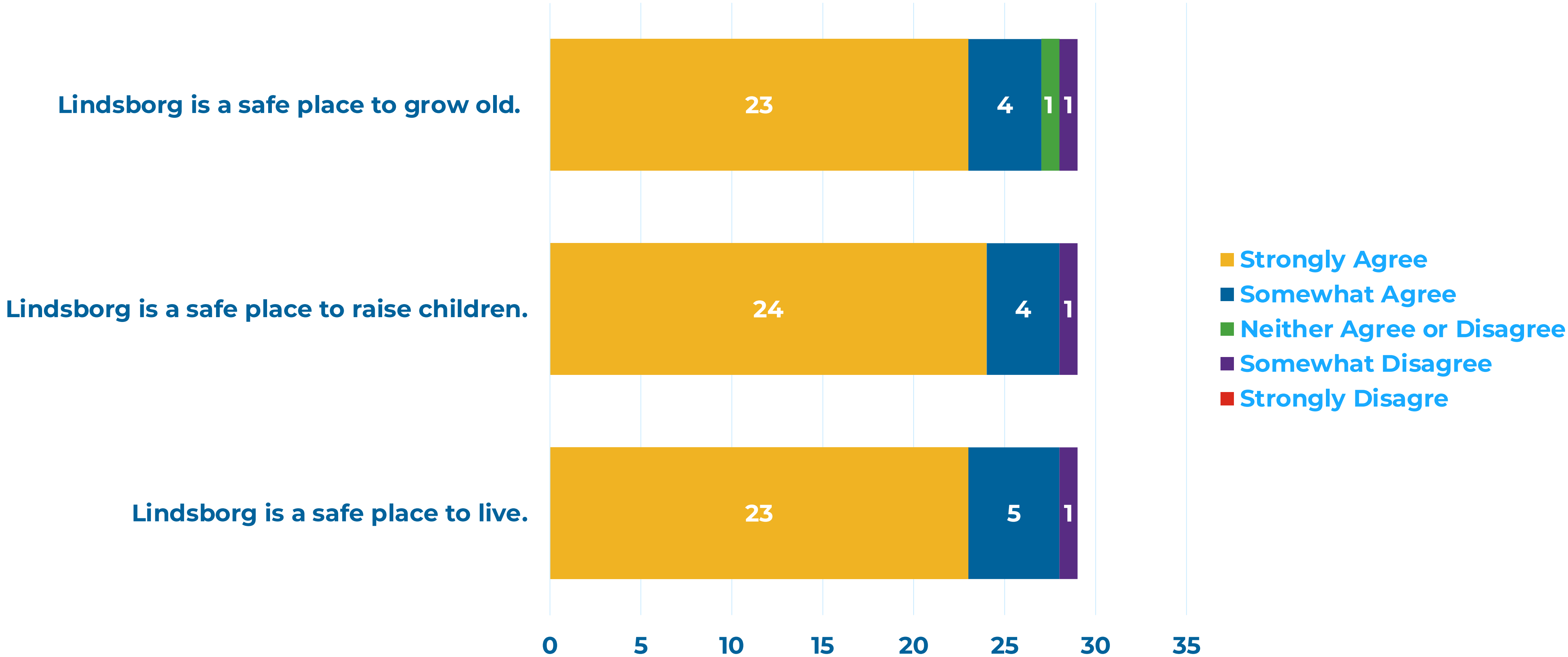
- Better safety signage
- Full time EMS
- Maintaining body autonomy, freedom to choose for myself and my family which type of medical procedures, medications and biologics we accept. No COVID vaccine mandates, tracking, passports, etc.
- Bullying – it is present and very active among our adult population as well as for kids. We have no hope of fixing it for our youth until we call it out with adults and deal with it. We have bullying in our schools because we have bullying in our community. In the short term, the biggest health concern in our community is the blatant disregard for COVID-19 health protocols. Many businesses/schools do not adhere to the mask mandates & social distancing with their employees (banks, NAPA, Foodliner, USD400, BC, Dollar General, Casey's, etc.). Much like the rest of the nation, we have a very divided community, but it is especially disheartening to hear employees from the community's biggest employers say one thing publicly, and then do the opposite in their personal lives or encourage disregarding the protocols in their work environments by their own personal example.

How would you rate the safety of our community?

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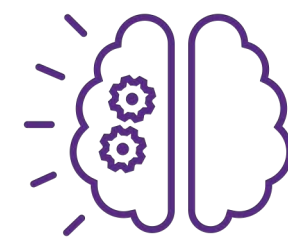
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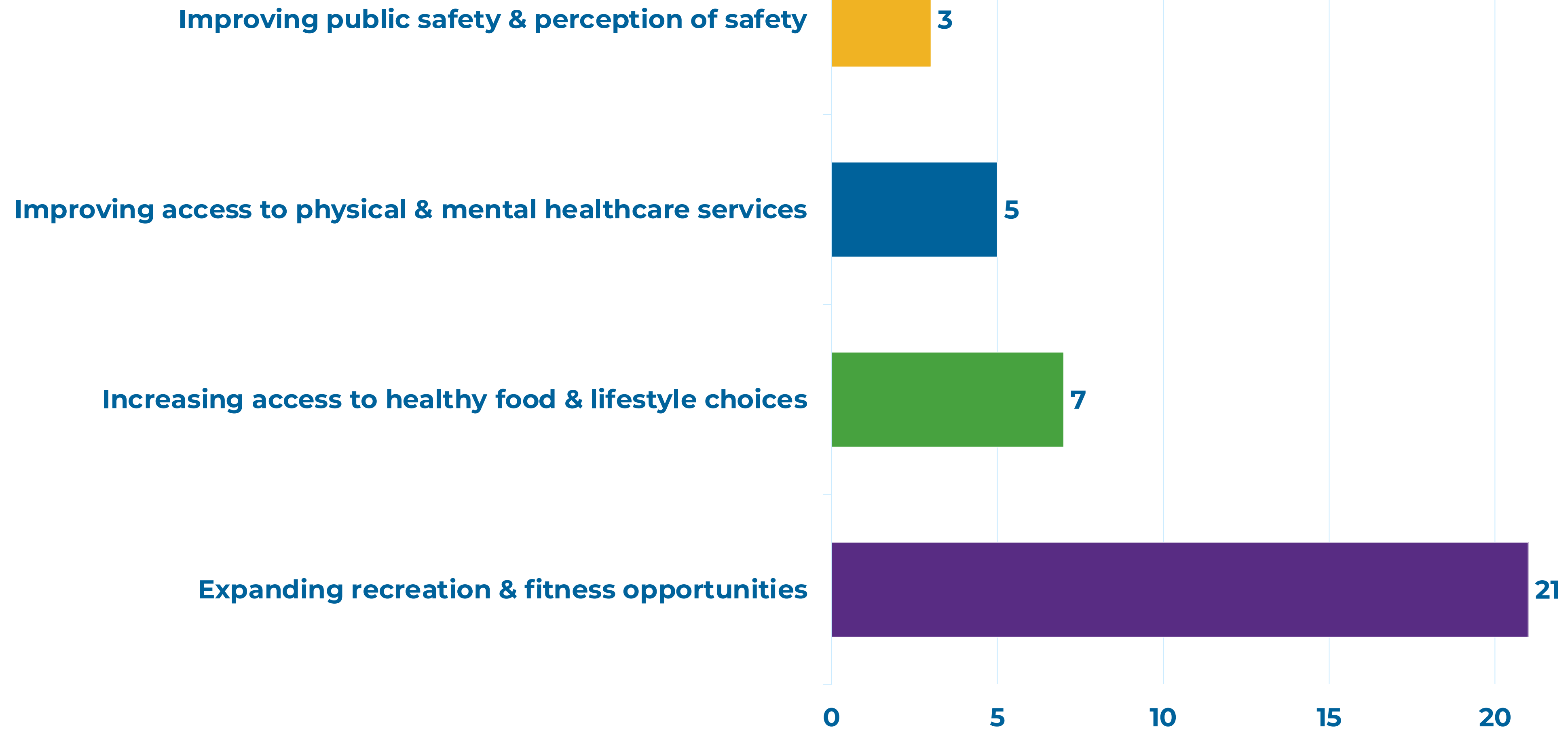
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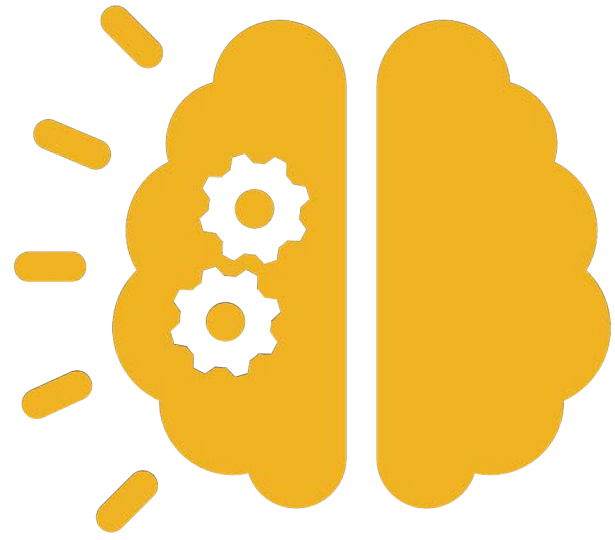


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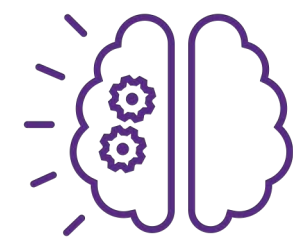
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What parks, amenities, and recreation facilities are needed?

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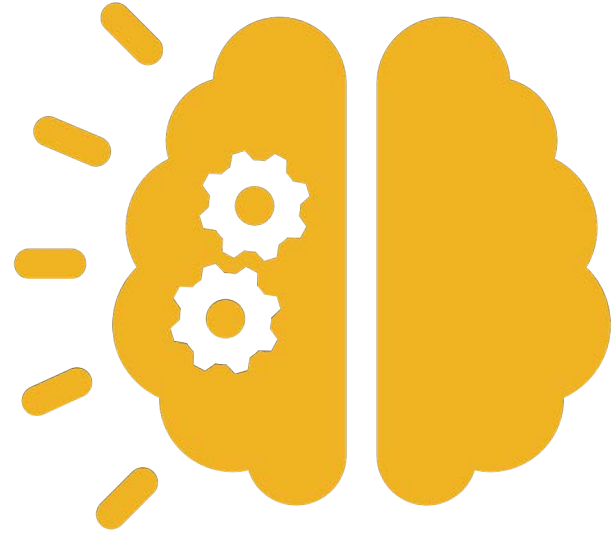


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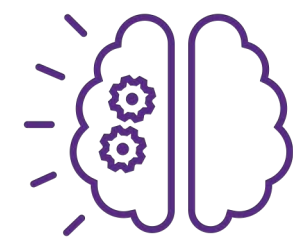
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- Updated/Additional Recreational Spaces. We have great people who work at the city, a dedicated Rec Board and a motivated and engaged rec director. We need space and opportunities for more activities to occur, and a cohesive effort to make this happen. ~Update/Upgrade grounds at shared baseball fields. It is next to impossible for a family to enjoy a rec baseball game when the entire area around the field where siblings want to play, is muddy and rocky. Please make that space more usable. Sell some bottled water and popcorn and make it more of a community feel. ~Adult rec activities and space to do them- Sundstrom Building? Surely the city can use that space at a highly discounted rate. ~Utilize Swedish Pavilion area for recreational opportunities! It appears to sit empty 99% of the year. ~Splash Park ~Expanded putting green at Lindsborg Golf Course ~Replace basketball goals/resurface courts in city parks ~Kids tumbling/dance/gymnastics- families regularly support these activities in other towns, which means they also support stores and restaurants in those towns while they are there. Efforts like these can't just be left up to a rec director and rec board and their budget and volunteers. Are the city and the community willing to come together to make some of these things happen?



What parks, amenities, and recreation facilities are needed? (cont'd)

IDEAS



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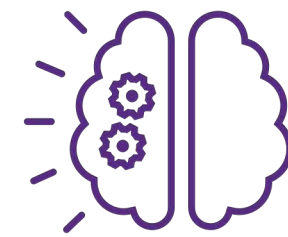
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- A community accessible, recreation and entertainment "plan". All taxpayers have a "Rec card" providing access to a wide range of amenities. The little Virginia town I grew up in, created a plan to offer a wide variety of recreational and entertainment opportunities for members of the town. This particular town built a putt-putt golf course, refurbished its two indoor tennis courts, AND built a combo restaurant/outdoor (but covered) ice skating rink. Each town resident was issued a "Rec Card" that they could use to access these opportunities free of charge, as well get vouchers to bring guests a certain number of times a year. Non-town members would pay a fee to utilize these opportunities. The restaurant was leased to a long-term tenant in order to cover costs. Lindsborg wouldn't have to do these exact same things (though offering ice skating in a Swedish heritage town has a nice feel!): maybe it's a small bowling alley and restaurant combo; maybe its a recreations center (and pool?) named in other ideas; or something else. The point being to offer amenities that would make Lindsborg an even more attractive place to bring a family to live.
- An indoor recreation center, especially with an indoor pool.



How can we improve access to care and opportunities for healthy lifestyle choices?

IDEAS

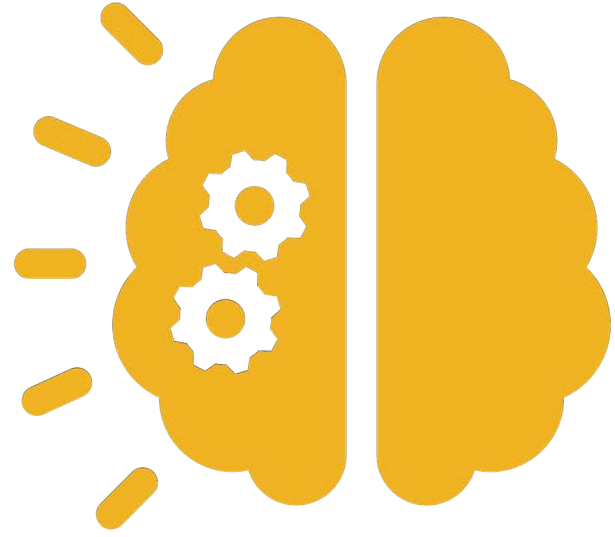


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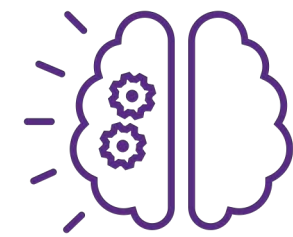
13 Visitors

- Extending the walking/biking path. The central bike/walk path that runs N to S through town, is one of this community's greatest assets. Let's expand it. Let's build it so kids from every corner of town could ride their bike to the elementary/middle/high school. Let's expand it as a sell-able aspect to young families looking for active ways to spend time with their kids. Let's expand it because there will be visitors who are attracted by the idea of having miles and miles of bike trails to explore. There is already an "unfulfilled spur" on the south side of town that points longly west on K-4. Let's take that at least to Burma ... but why not all the way to Marquette: Let's take it up Burma to the middle/high school (what a safe route to school!) ... but why not to the entrance of Coronado Heights? Let's extend a path through the "flood" area south of Garfield St., around the north side of town and out east to the new ball field, circling back south past the soccer fields to join up the trail at the intersection where the latest trail build was completed. There would be an "interstate" of trails for the community to enjoy, to safely travel around, and to attract visitors to use. Win, win, win!



How can we improve access to care and opportunities for healthy lifestyle choices? (cont'd)

IDEAS



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13 Visitors

- Increase sidewalk safety around our schools. I'm thinking particularly of the Soderstrom to SVHS/SVMS walking "corridor". The corner of Saline and Chestnut Sts. (SE corner of Bethany Home) is a particularly dangerous one for pedestrians and vehicle traffic alike. At school drop-off and pick-up times, this intersection is quite full...and dangerous for students. Also, from the corner of Saline and Pine Sts. west to Cedar St just east of SVHS tennis court parking lots, there are NO sidewalks. Students walk this block every day in the street, at some of the busiest times of the day: school drop-off and pick-up times. Lastly, as a way of improving pedestrian and vehicle traffic around the SVHS and SVMS, what about a round-a-bout that encompasses the Saline/Cedar and Cedar/Viking St. intersections? Along with a more comprehensive "safety corridor" between our school buildings, a round-a-bout at this location could not only provide more safety for our students, it could be the location of some spectacular public art to showcase whenever others travel to our HS and MS for sporting and regional educational events.
- There needs to be better access to mental health professionals and social services.



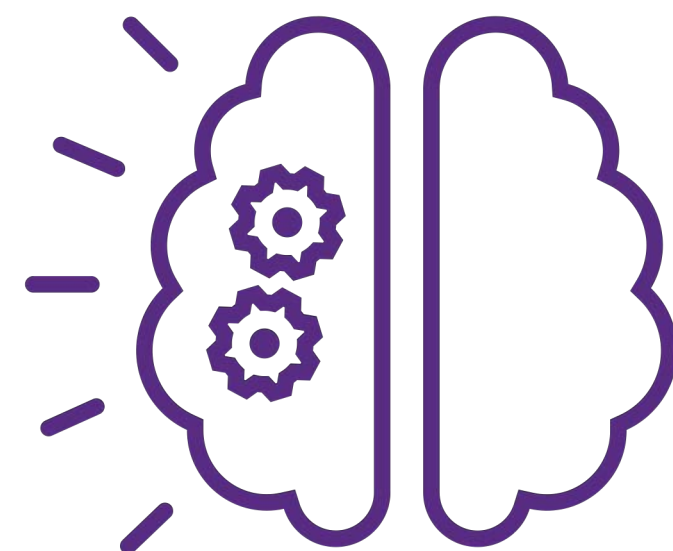
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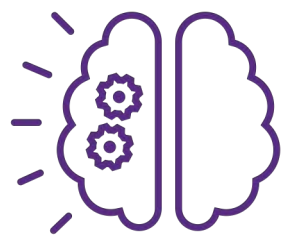
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What types of housing options do we need more of in Lindsborg? Pick your top three.

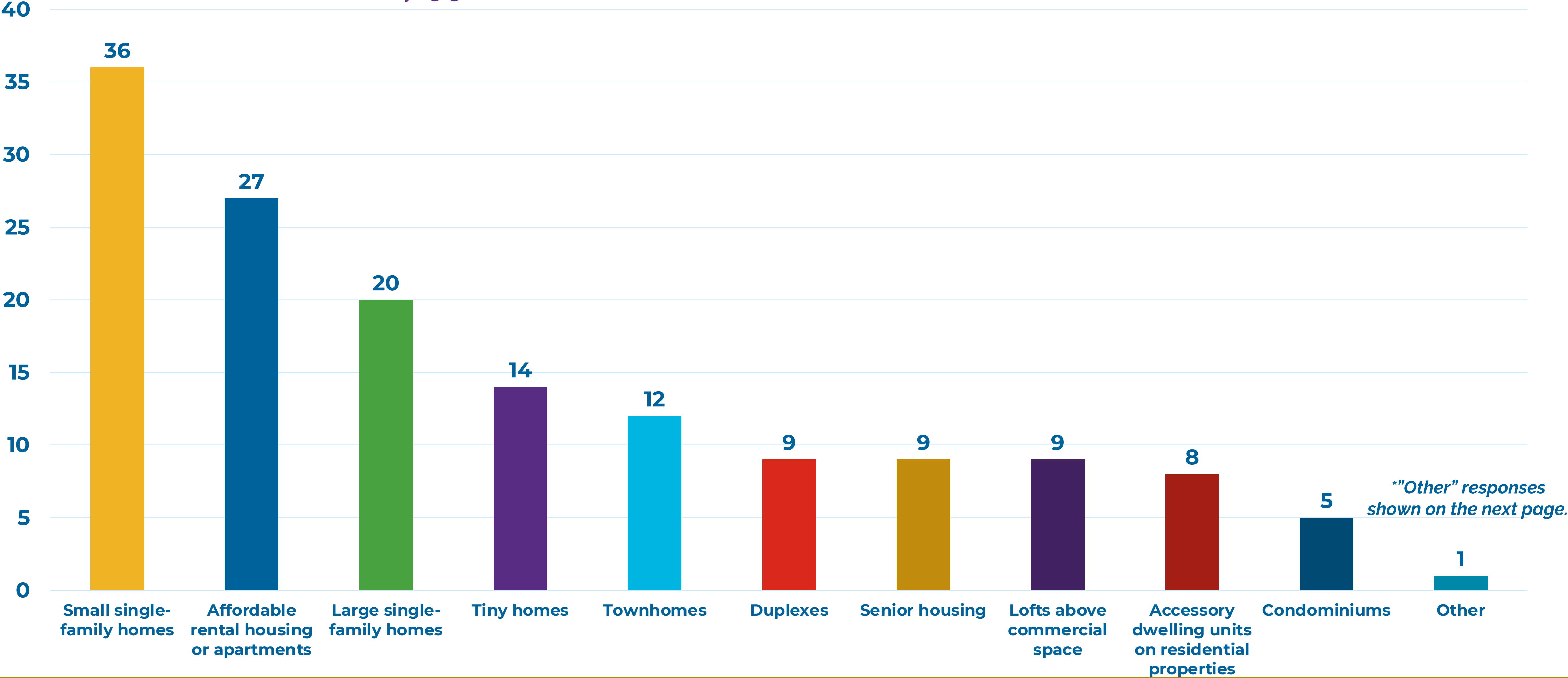
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“OTHER” RESPONSES

- Not sure how "Large single-family home" is defined. Middle income housing would be nice (\$200,000-\$250,000 range)

Future housing in Lindsborg should... Pick your top three.

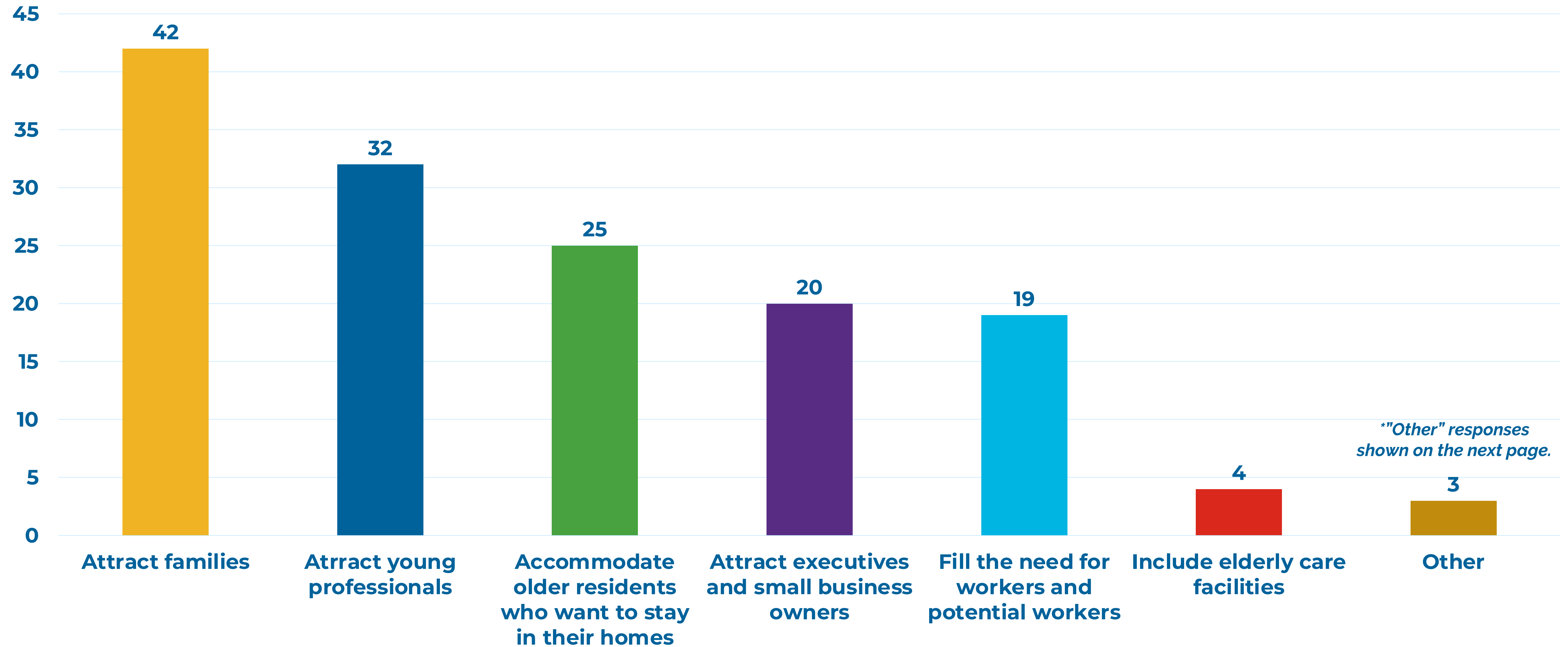
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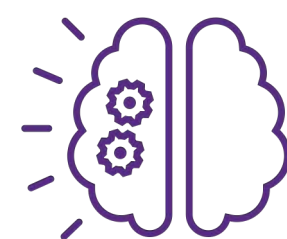


“OTHER” RESPONSES

- Should be affordable. No matter how you spin it, the new houses being built are not affordable for many families. Some of the older houses in town aren't good options for those of us with young children and affordable rentals are few and far between.
- Be affordable for lower class
- Attract the younger generation

Future neighborhoods in Lindsborg should... Pick your top three.

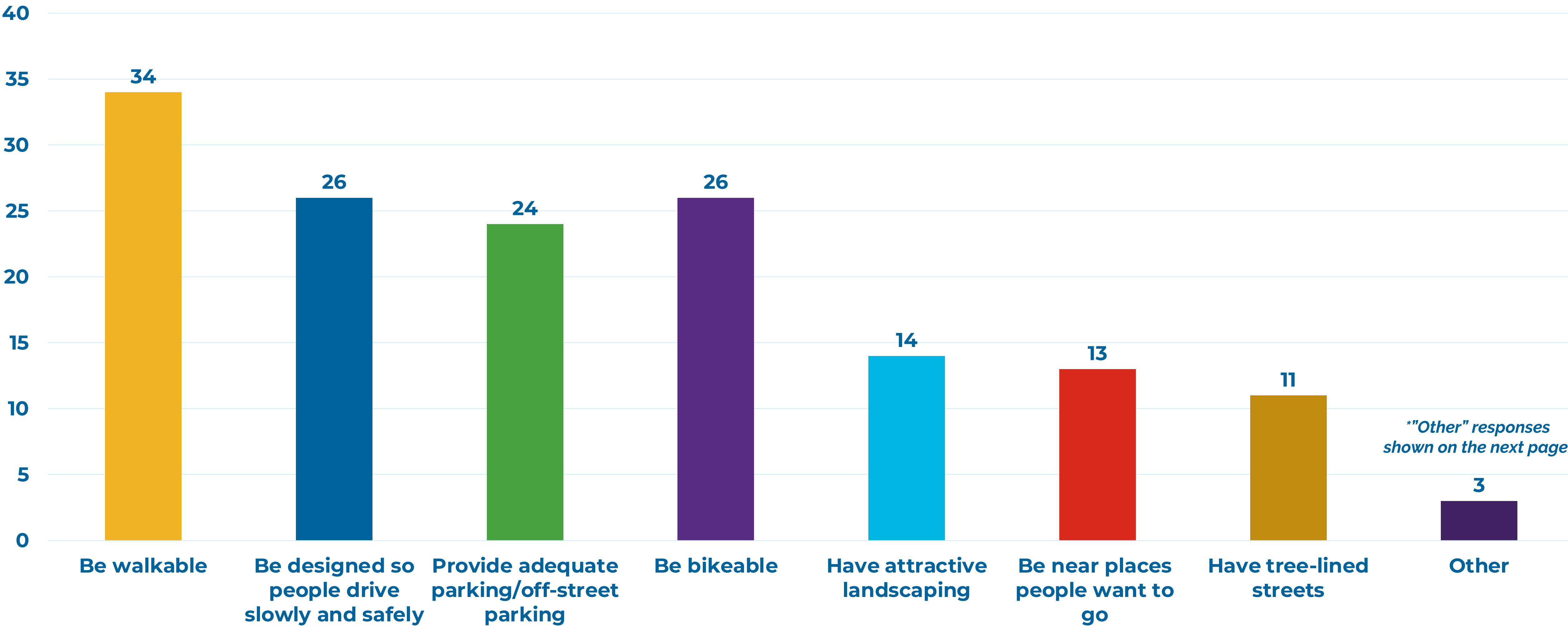
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- Be affordable, and to have a choice at various pricing levels. While we aren't renters, we've also noted that the average rent in Lindsborg far exceeds what many would pay for a mortgage payment. There's also not a lot of choice typically available for those attempting to move here and purchase a home.
- Have a park or green space nearby-3-4 block walk max.

What types of facilities and infrastructure do we need to build or expand in Lindsborg? Pick your top three.

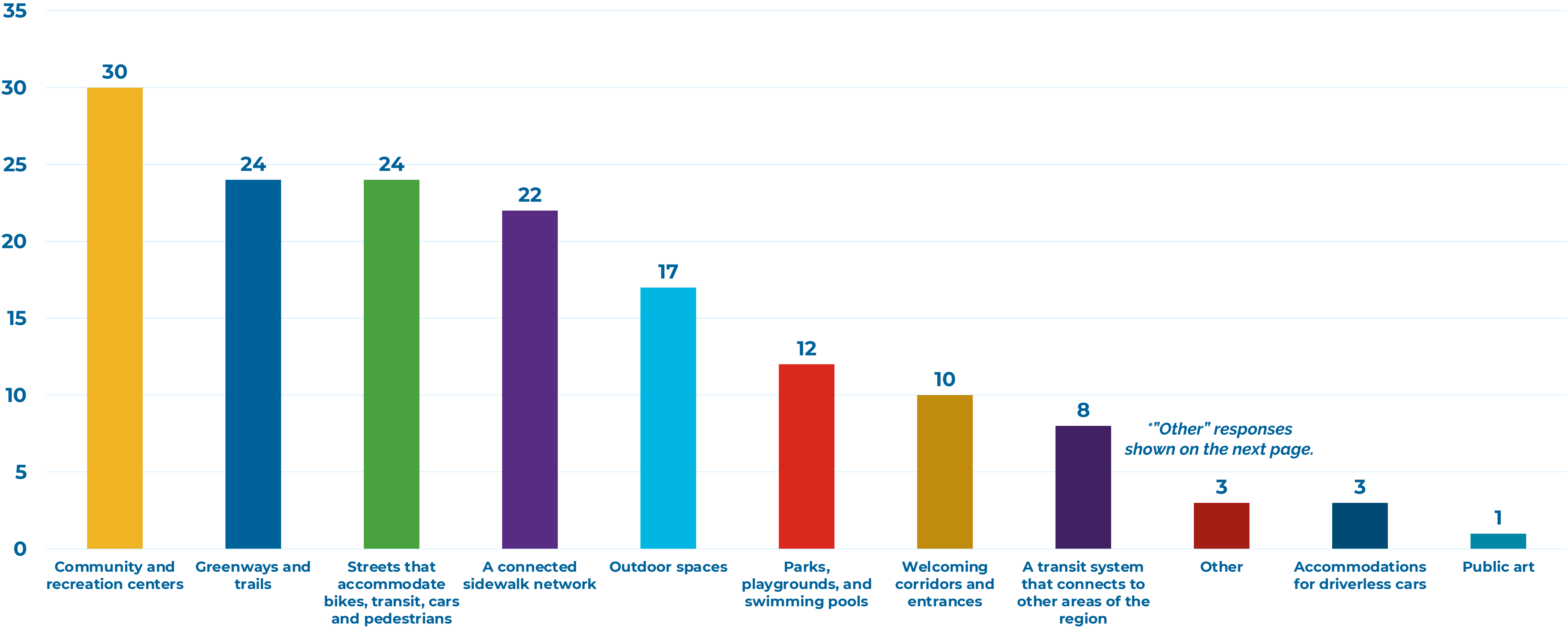
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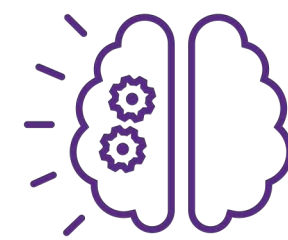
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- I feel like community rec centers, swimming pools, parks/playgrounds is one concept but perhaps because I envision a community center that encompasses all these existing features in our south park.
- Rebuild flood control ditch west of town for better protection.
- The existing sidewalks need work in many parts of town. Additionally, it would be nice if there was consistency with the existing sidewalks. Some blocks do not have a sidewalk at all on either side of the street.



It's important to me that Lindsborg has infrastructure, utilities, and facilities that...

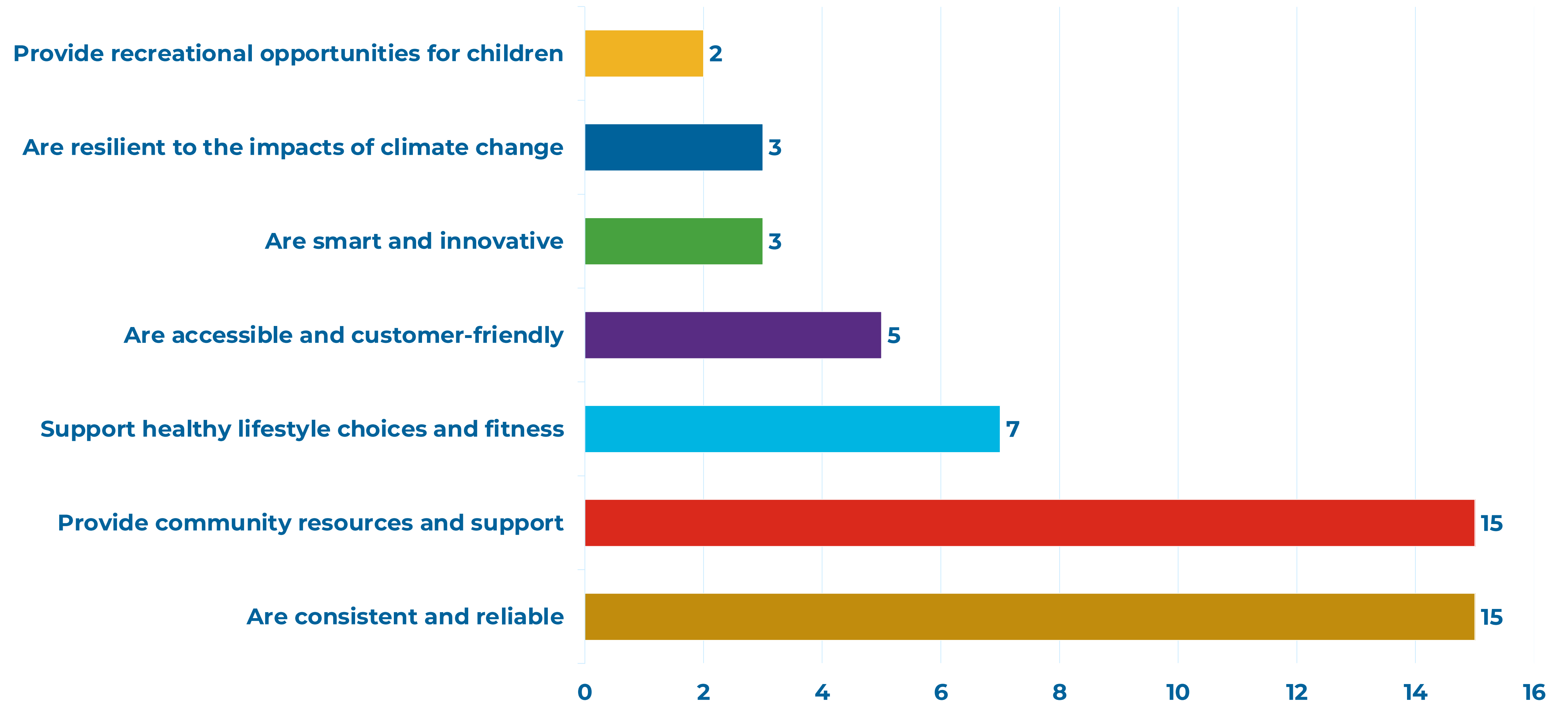
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Do you support tiny homes in Lindsborg?

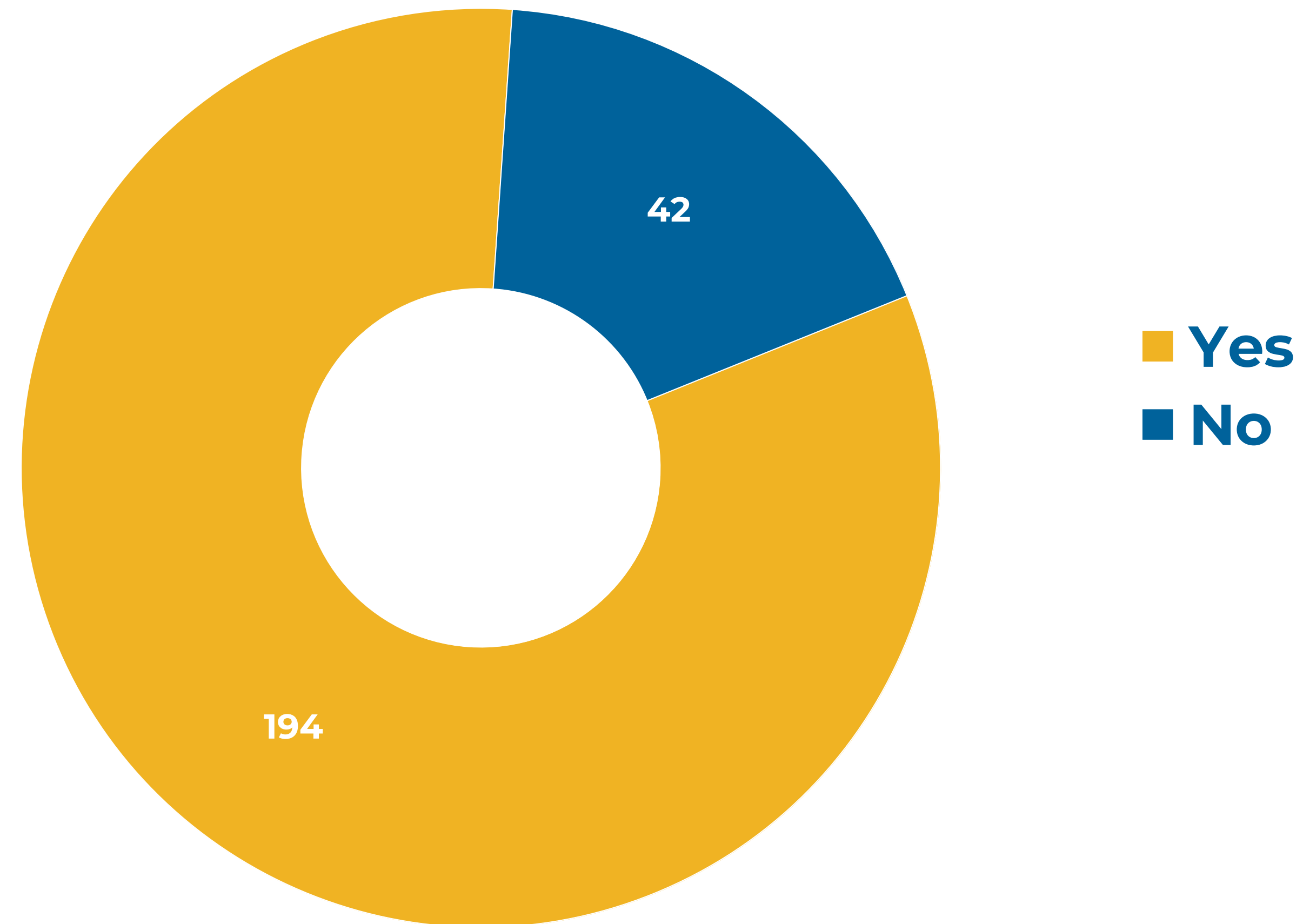
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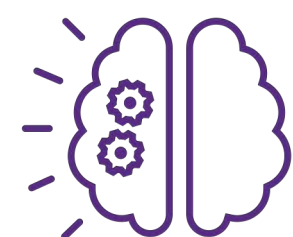


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I think tiny homes would best support...select all that apply.

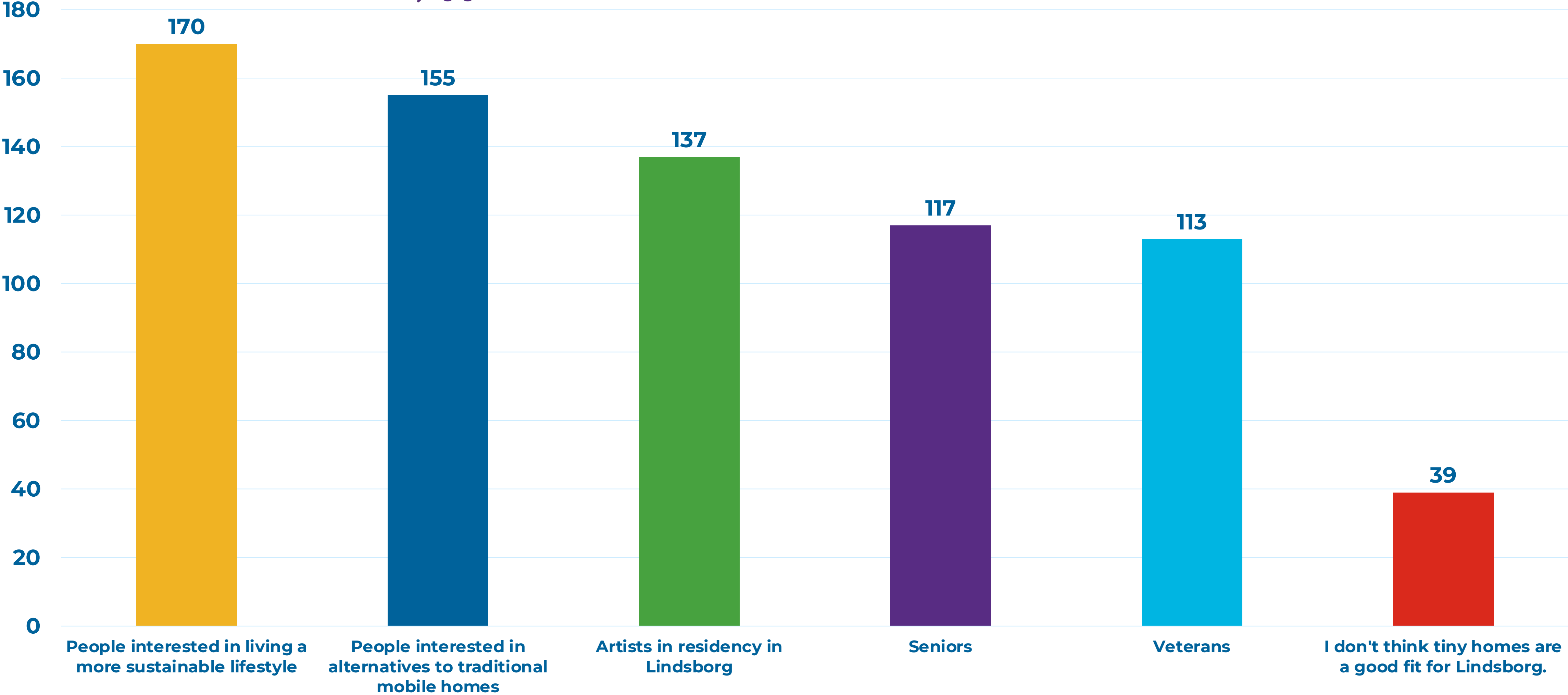
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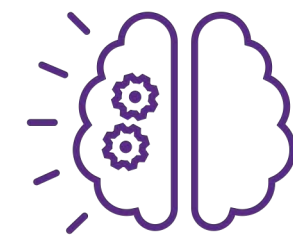


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Should tiny homes be used to provide affordable housing options?

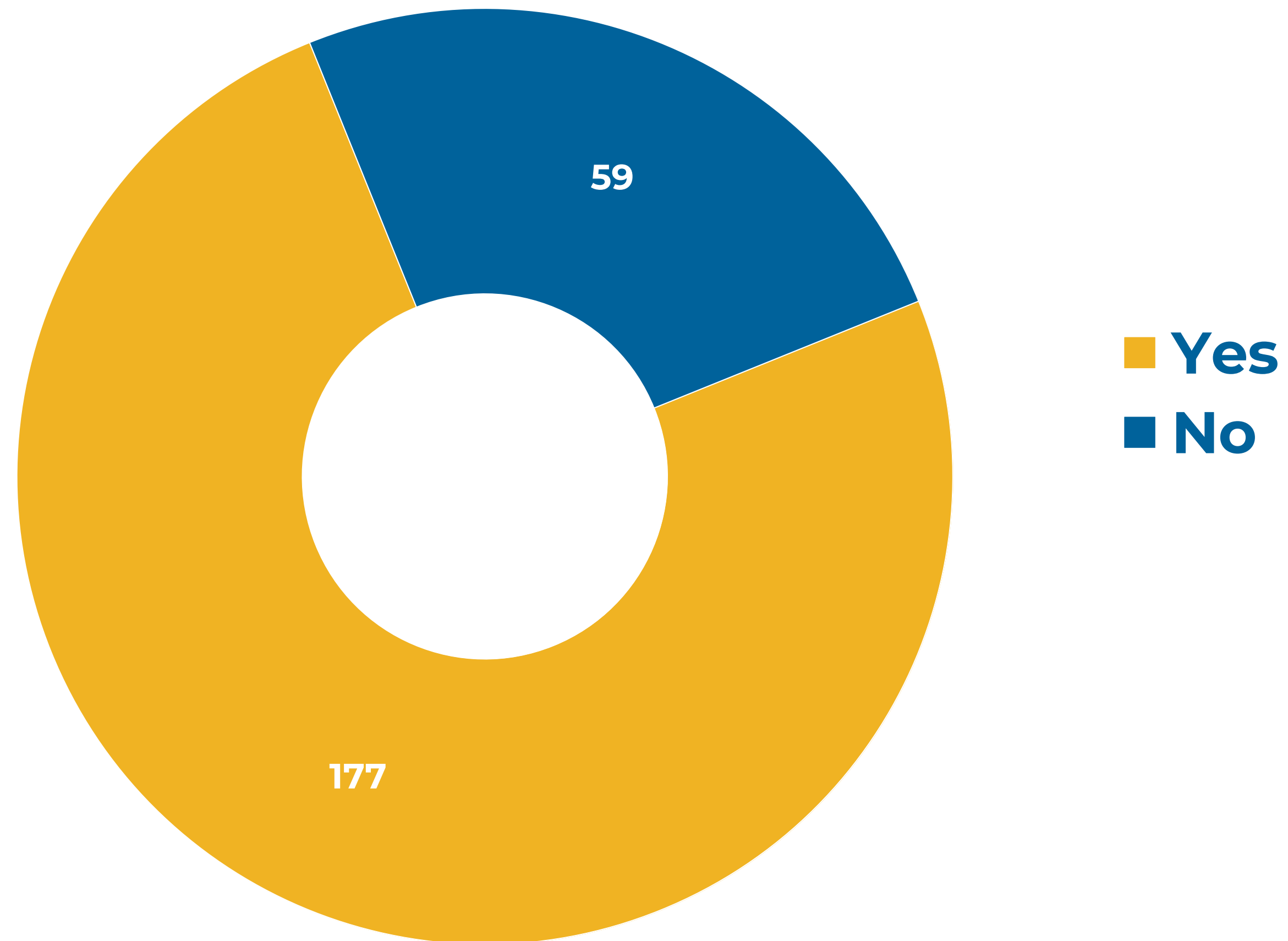
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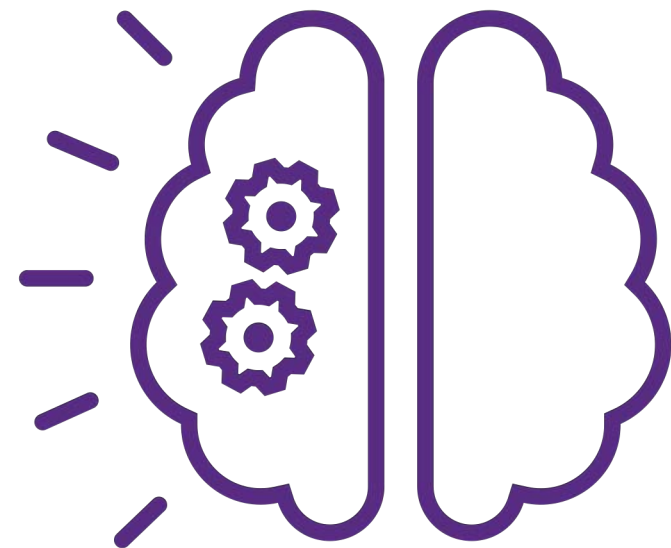
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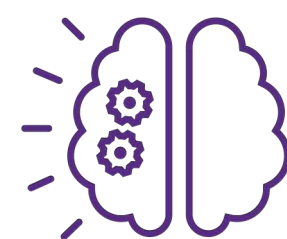
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Which sustainability issues should be Lindsborg's top concern? Pick your top three.

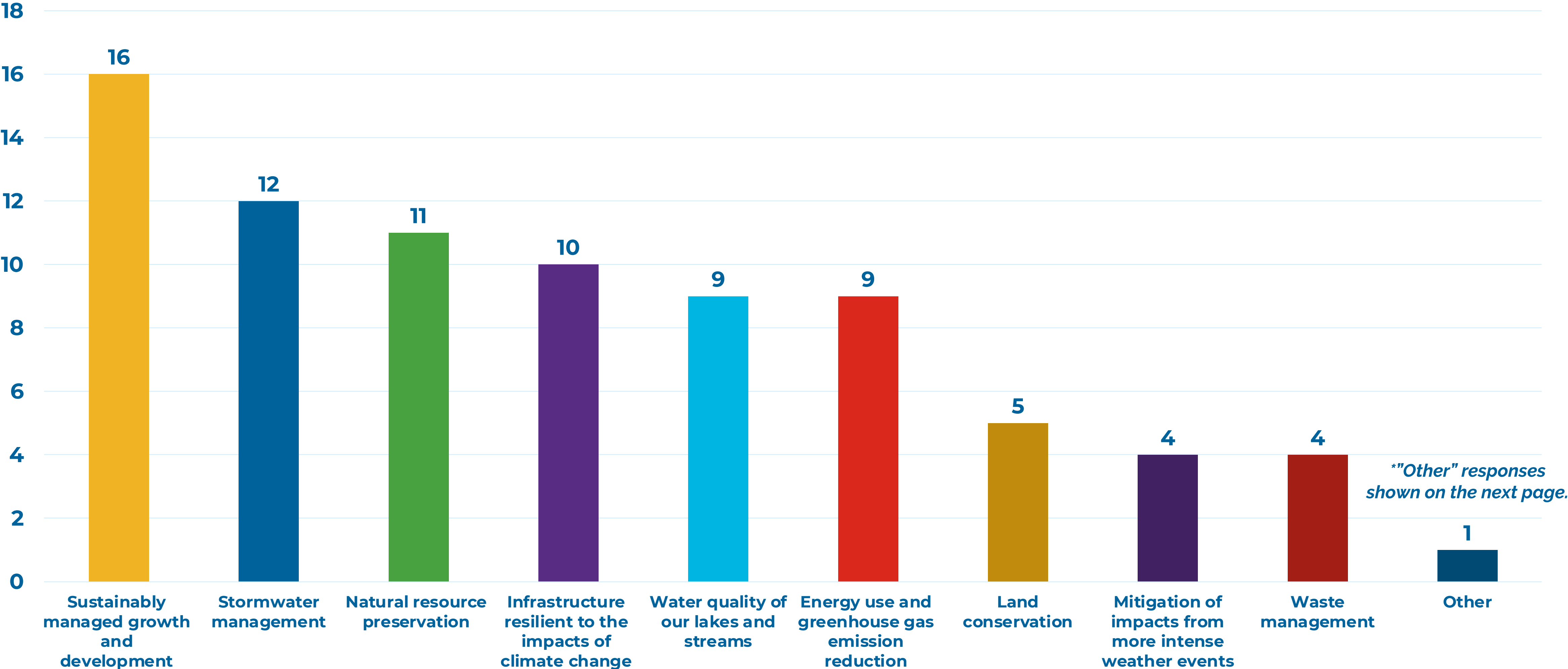
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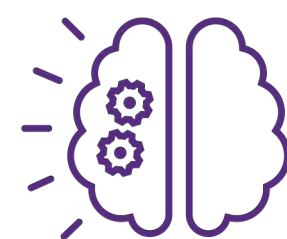


“OTHER” RESPONSES

- Water Conservation

Which methods will help ensure a thriving community for present and future generations? Pick your top three.

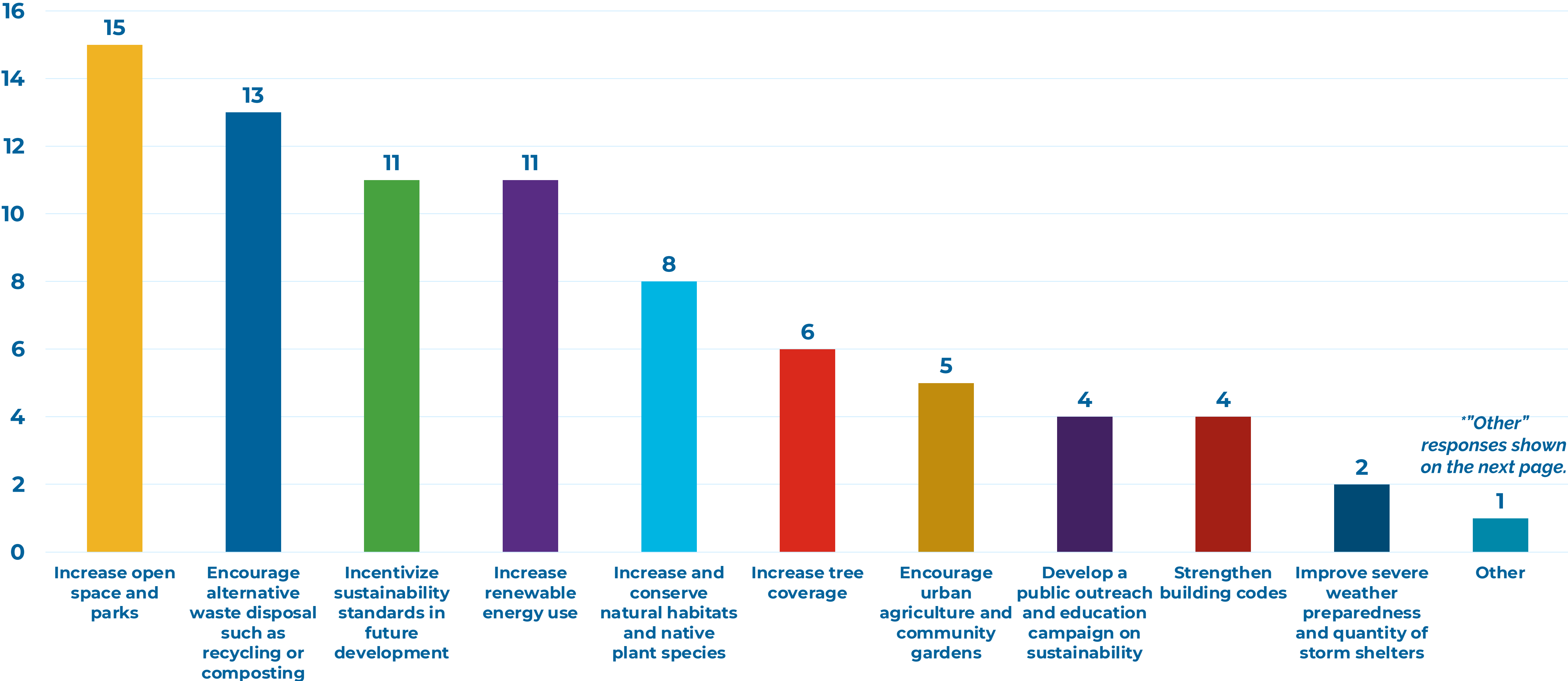
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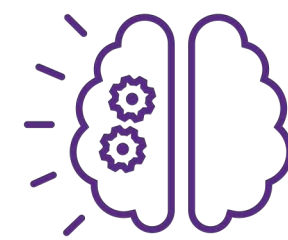
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- Don't equate any of the above to a "thriving community".



Should the City emphasize environmental sustainability in decision-making?

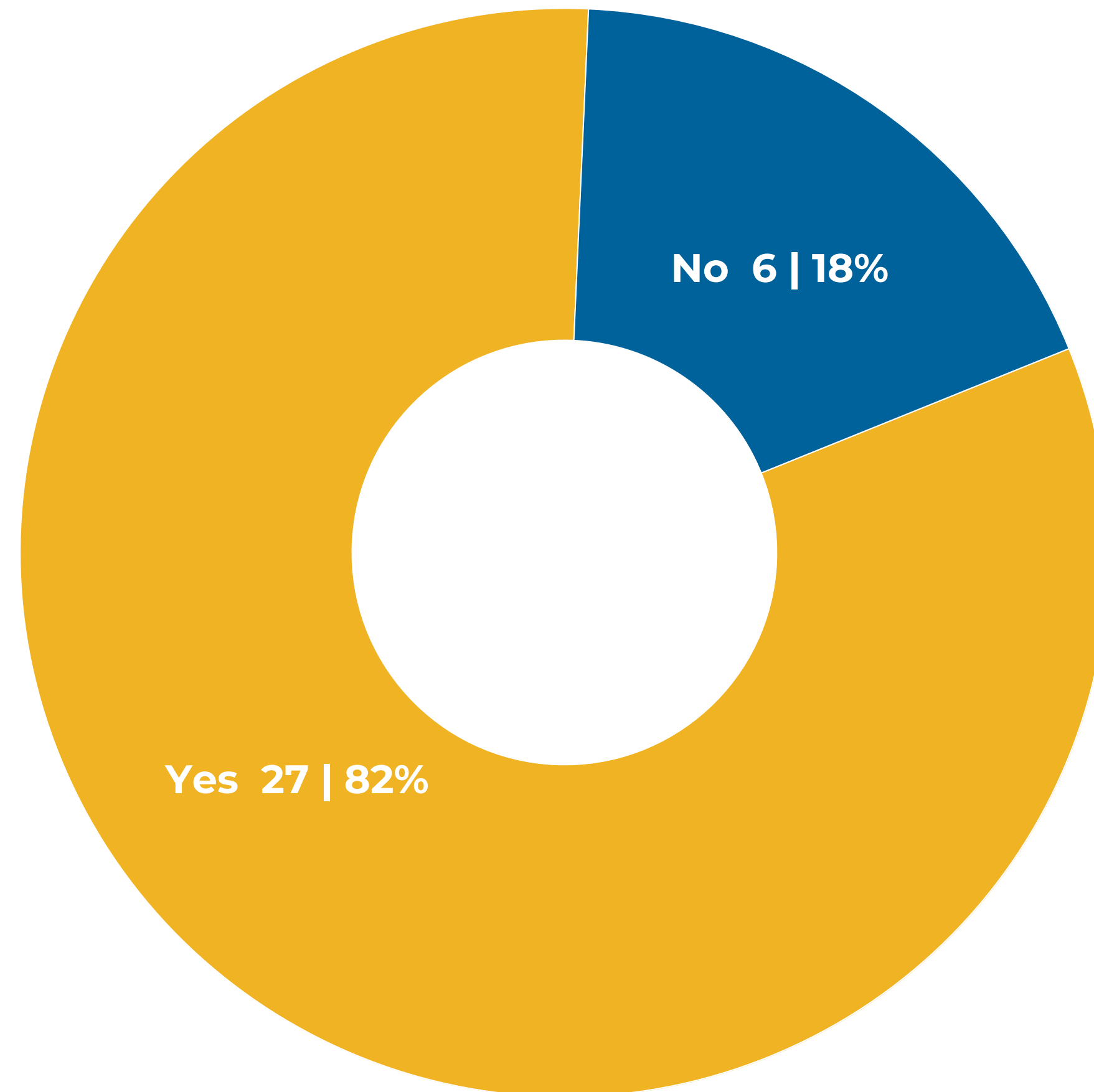
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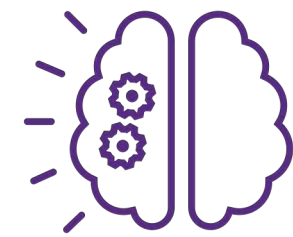
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What is your BIG IDEA to improve the environment in Lindsborg?

BIG IDEAS



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- How can renewable energy be integrated into the community? How can Lindsborg lead the way in becoming a zero-emission community? What would it look like to incentive solar panel use: on homes, on businesses, on school and college buildings? I know windmills are controversial. They are also highly effective energy sources. This town is surrounded by areas that are not suitable for agriculture or future building. Might they be suitable for windmills and/or a solar panel farm? To really put us "on the map" (more than a Swedish tourist spot), we have to think more than 5-10 years down the road. The world is headed toward green technology/energy. Let's invest early.



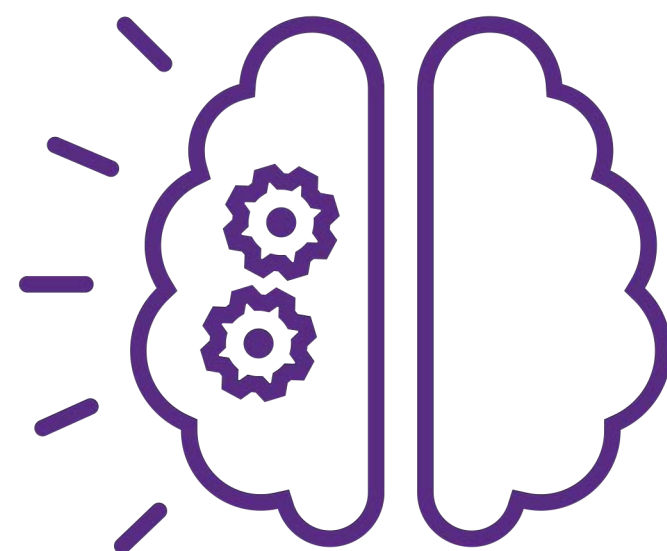
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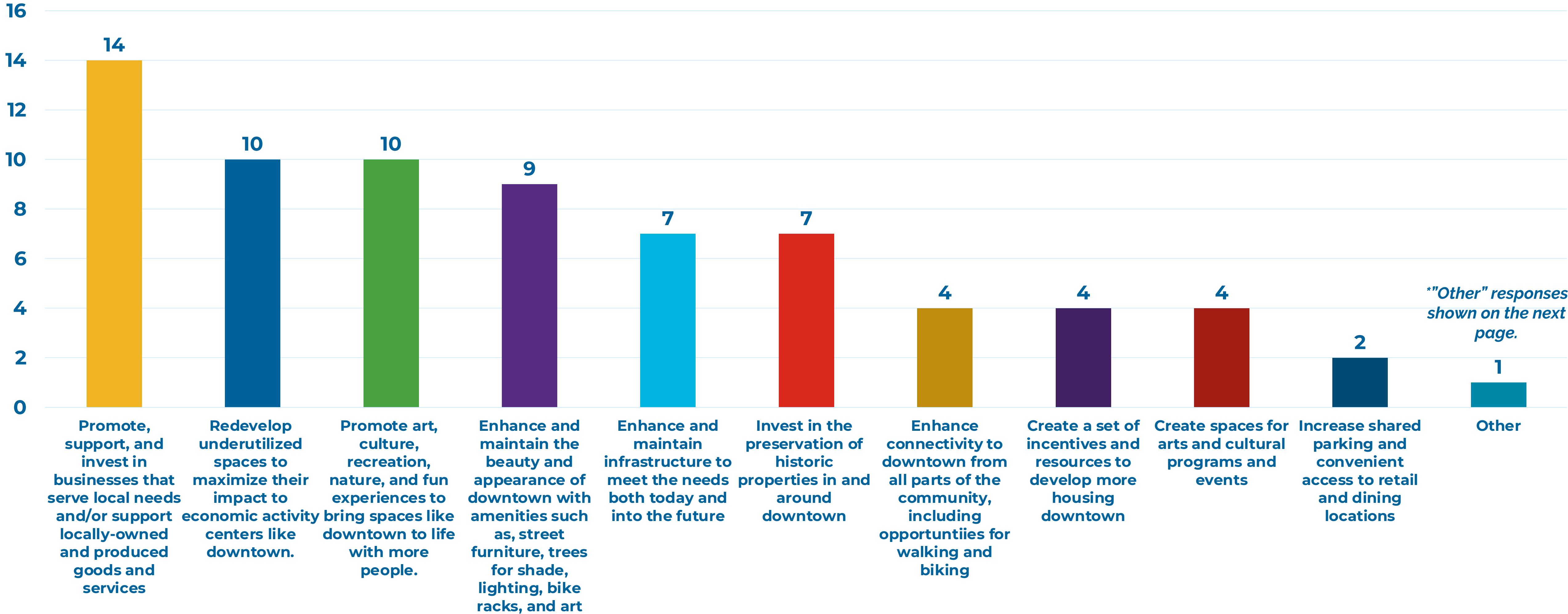
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What are the most important ways to strengthen downtown Lindsborg? Pick your top three.

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“OTHER” RESPONSES

- More dining options, focus on filling empty downtown spots.

What elements of downtown Lindsborg do you want to see in other areas of town, such as the Harrison-Cole corridor?

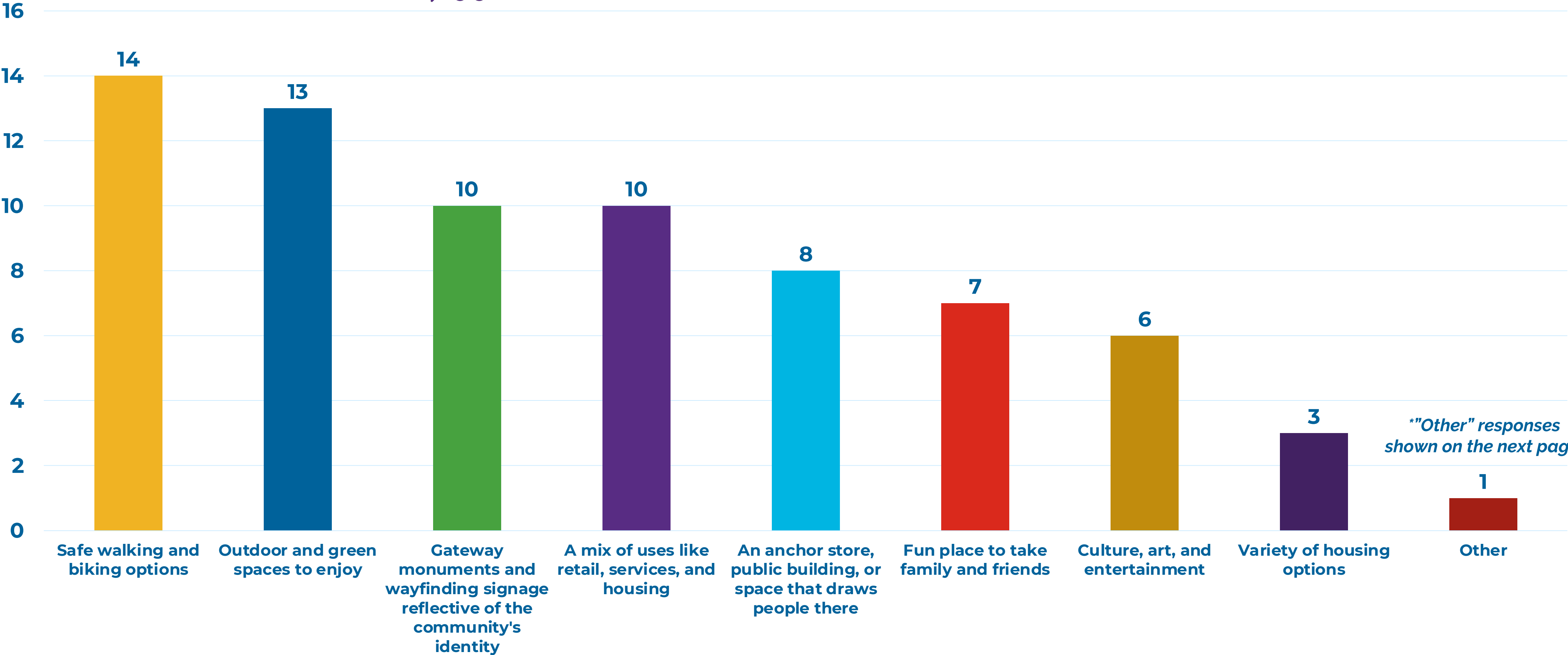
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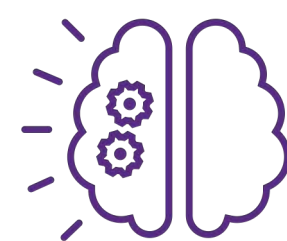


“OTHER” RESPONSES

- Harrison-Cole corridor needs to be more welcoming. It doesn't have the same vibe as the rest of town.

How can the City best support businesses and address trends in retail? Pick your top three.

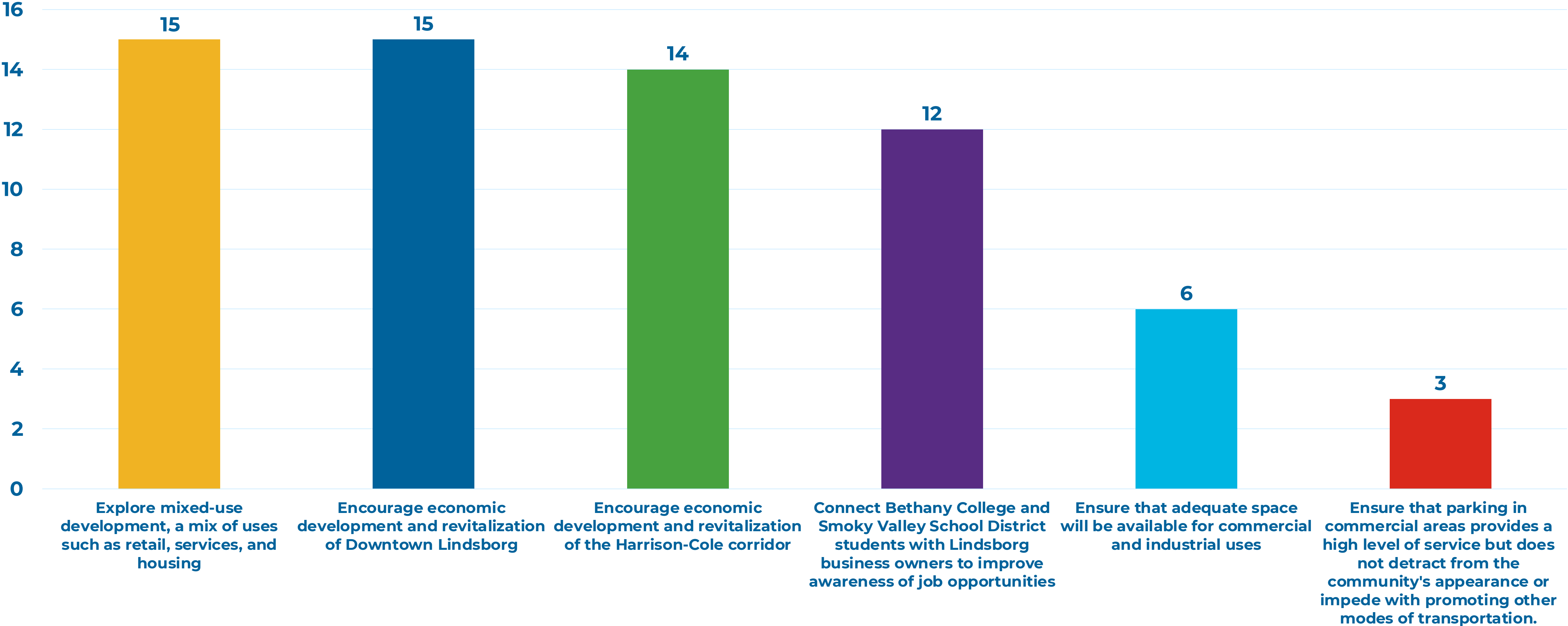
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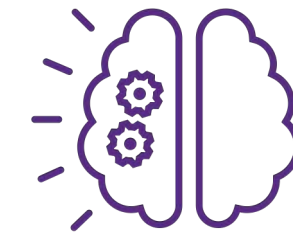


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What do you view as the most important community asset to attracting a skilled workforce for Lindsborg?

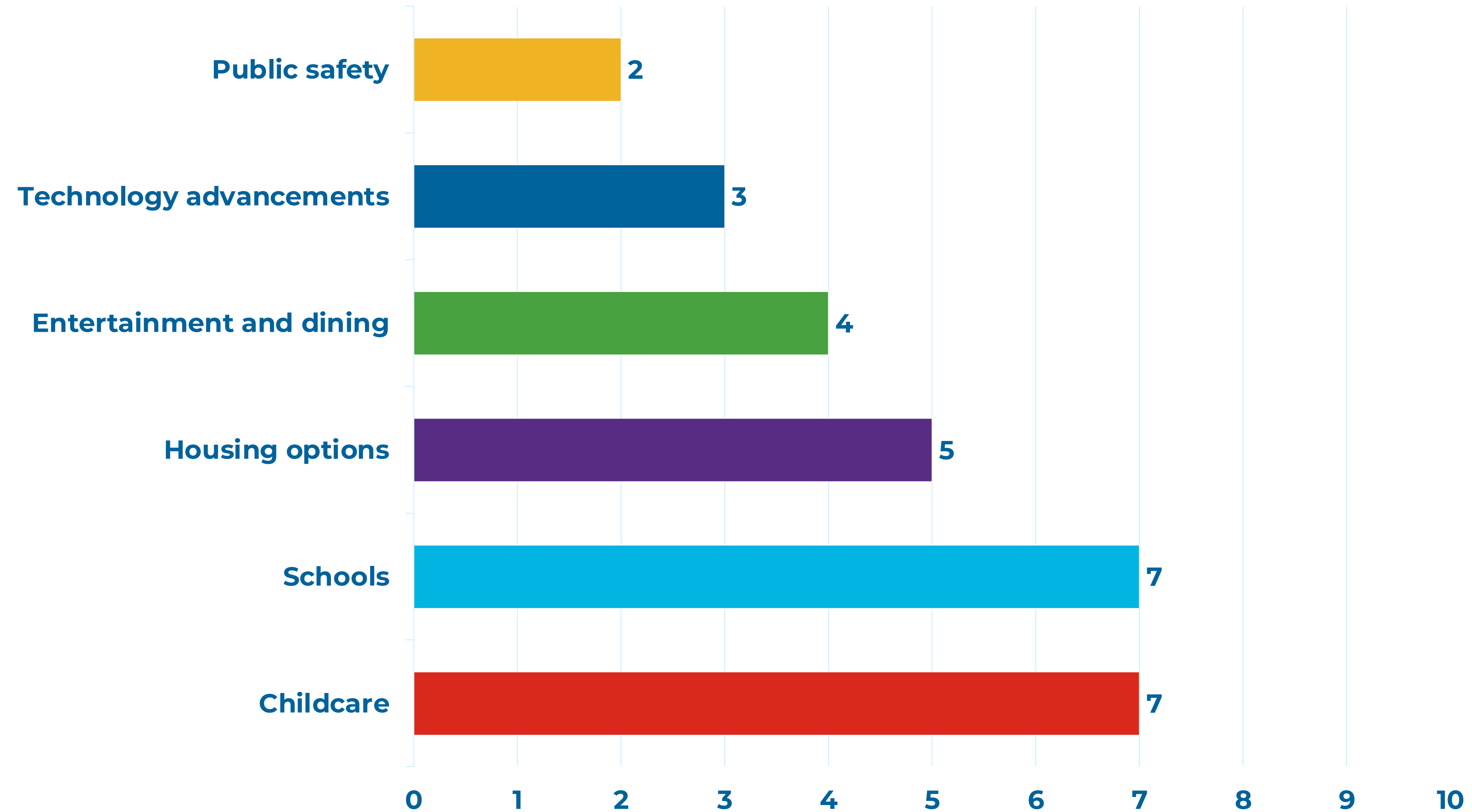
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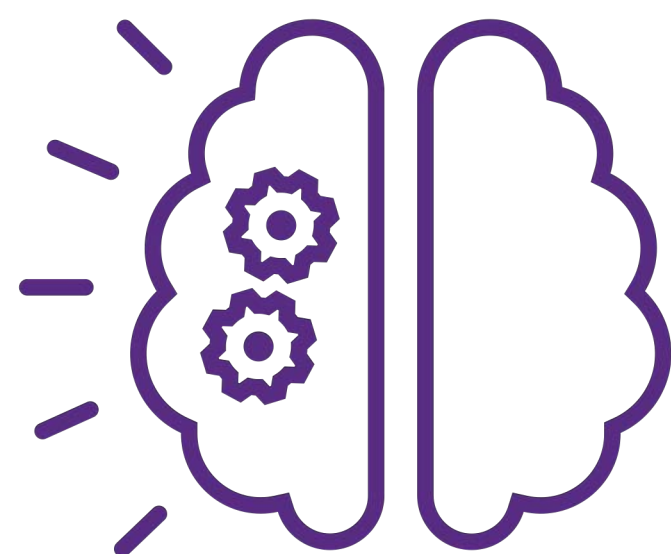
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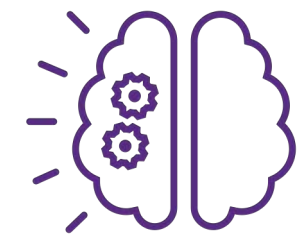
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Identify locations throughout our community that we want to preserve, enhance, strengthen or transform to achieve our vision and meet the needs of Lindsborg residents in 2040 and beyond.

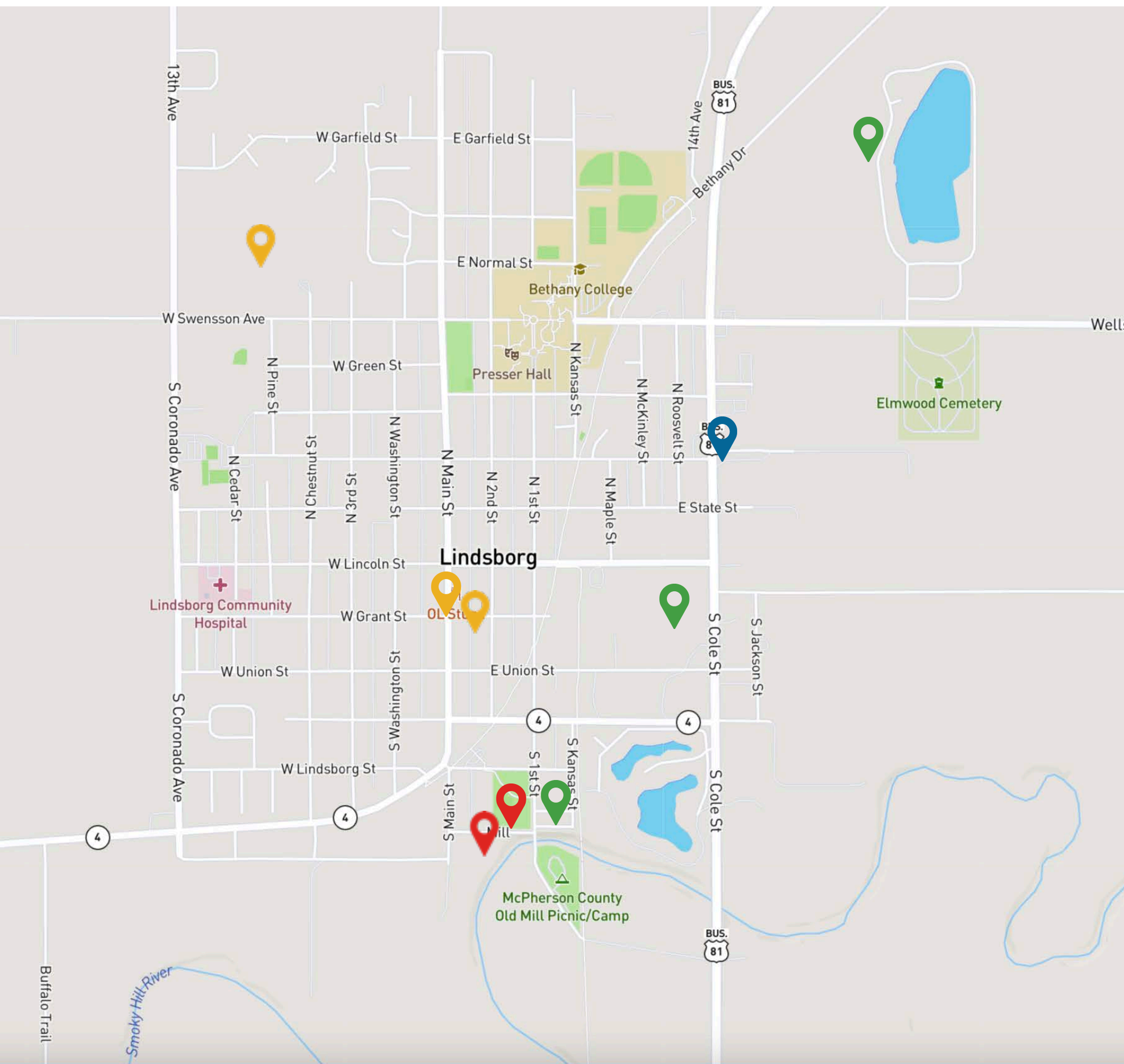
PRESERVE, ENHANCE, STRENGTHEN, AND TRANSFORM



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Preserve

- **120 Mill** – Preserve heritage
- **120 Mill** – Preserve & Enhance the entire Mill Park complex. It is an absolute jewel in Lindsborg's crown!

Enhance

- **111 E. Grant Street** – Enhance historic buildings
- **111 E. Grant Street** – I'm sure the NE corner of Main & Grant is privately owned, but I feel there could be an anchor business or greenspace here. Something to draw guests & residents alike to the south end of Main Street.
- **618 N. Chestnut Street** - Need a walking link from the NW corner of town, down Burma & around south end connecting to trail.

Strengthen

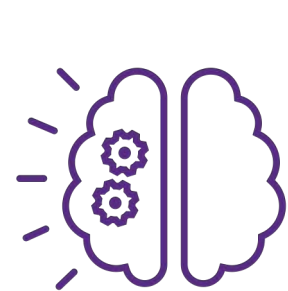
- **300 N. Harrison Street** – Enhance Harrison-Cole Corridor

Transform

- **745 Emerald Drive** – More walking/biking trails around the city to attract more tourists
- **525 S. 1st Street** – Again, I know it is a private property, and it has improved over the past few years, but still such an eyesore close to our lovely park, great pool & Old Mill. Maybe this is a good location for a well-designed tiny home community. It has good access to the trail.
- **425 E. Union Street** – Attract more industrial and/or cottage businesses.

What are the most important ways to manage responsible land use as we grow and develop? Pick your top three.

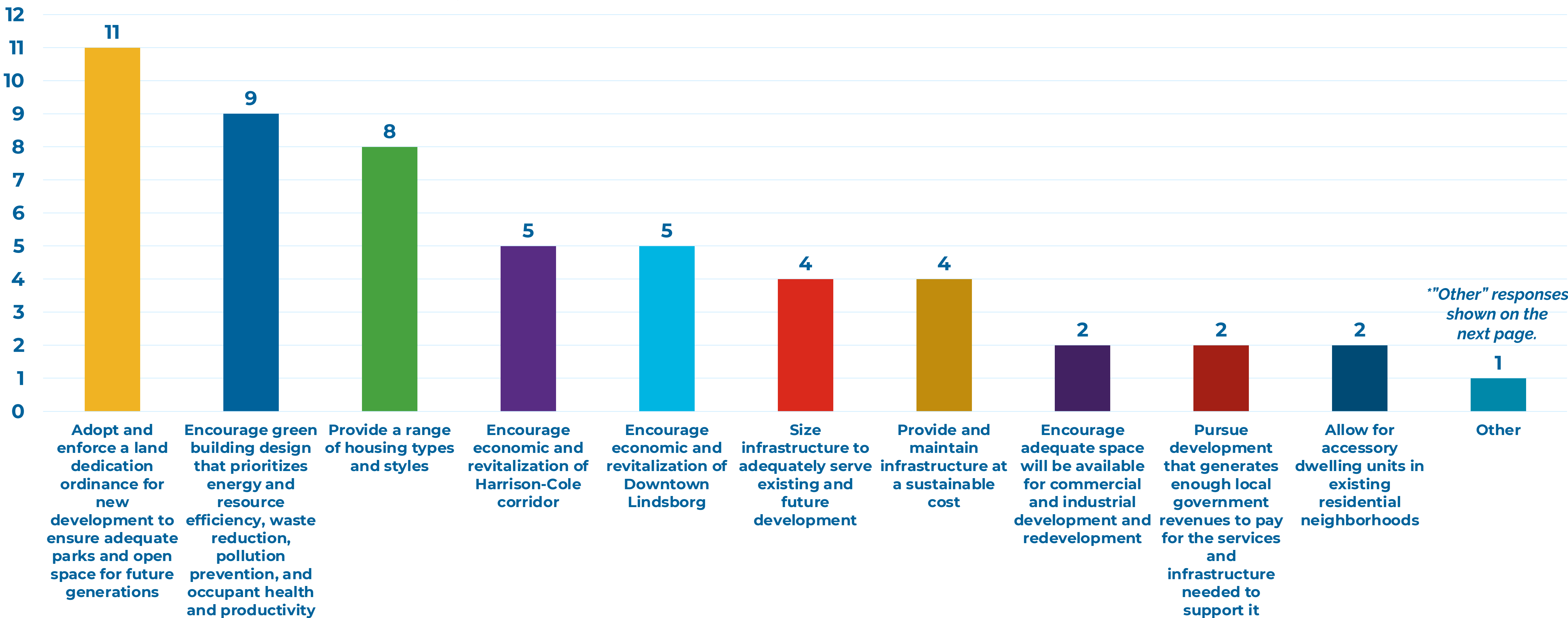
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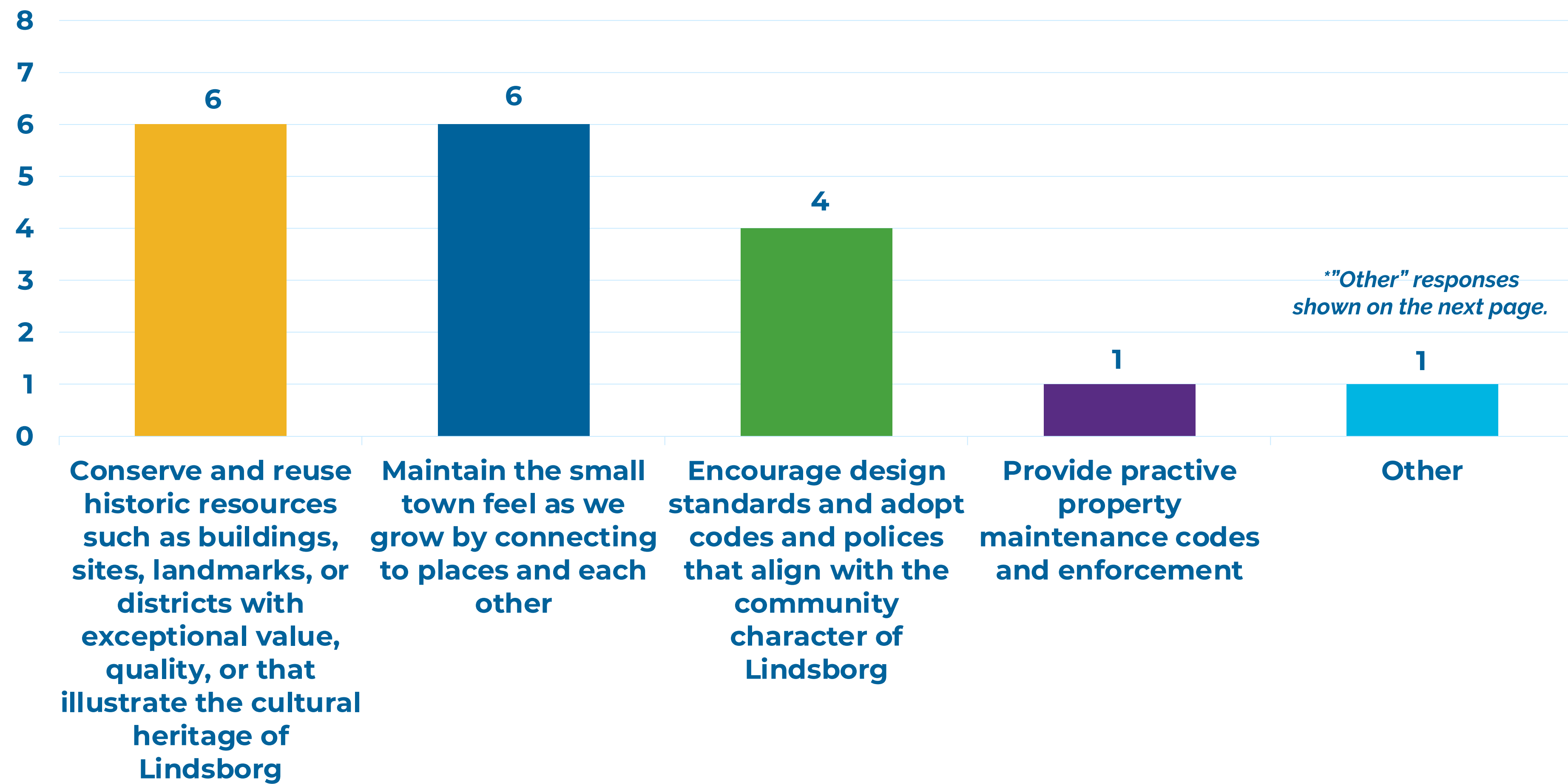
“OTHER” RESPONSES

- Look for ways to pursue development in other areas of town as well...such as around the Old Mill, Lindsborg Greenhouse, south part of Burma (by the vet), etc.

What is the most important way to maintain and enhance community design?

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“OTHER” RESPONSES

- All of the above sound appropriate.



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