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Please share your favorite thing about the Town of Avon on the poster at the front of the room.



Town of Avon Comprehensive Plan Update

Open House
May 14, 2024
7:00pm



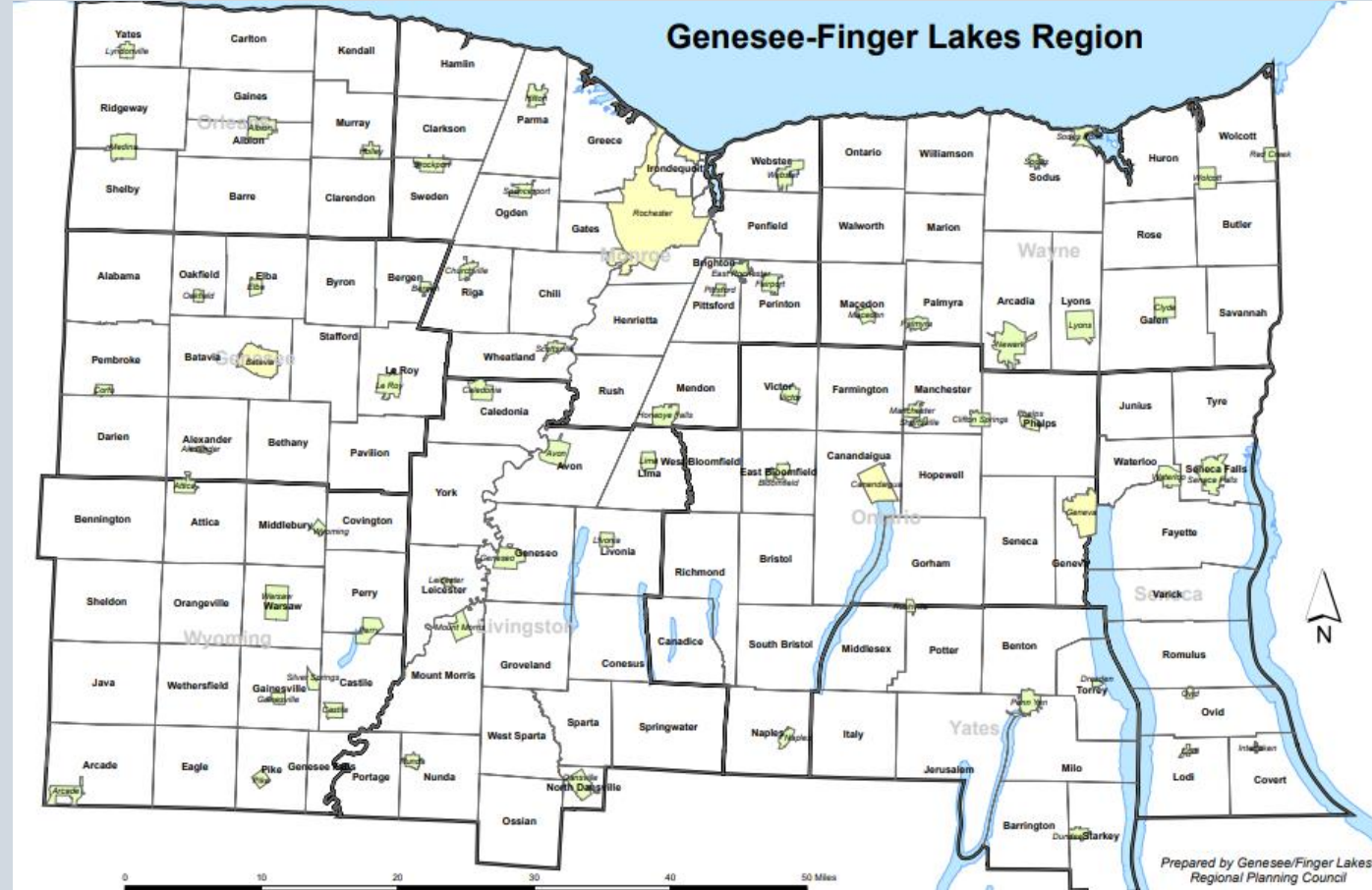


Agenda

- Introductions
- Presentation:
 - What is a comprehensive plan & why are we updating it?
 - Town of Avon's process
 - Ways to engage
- Q&A
- Prioritization exercise
- Discussion

Who is Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council

- Local planning council serving the nine-county Genesee- Finger Lakes region.
- We work with municipalities throughout the region providing planning and local government technical assistance.
- The Town of Avon has contracted with us to provide technical assistance in updating the comprehensive plan.



Comprehensive Plan Committee



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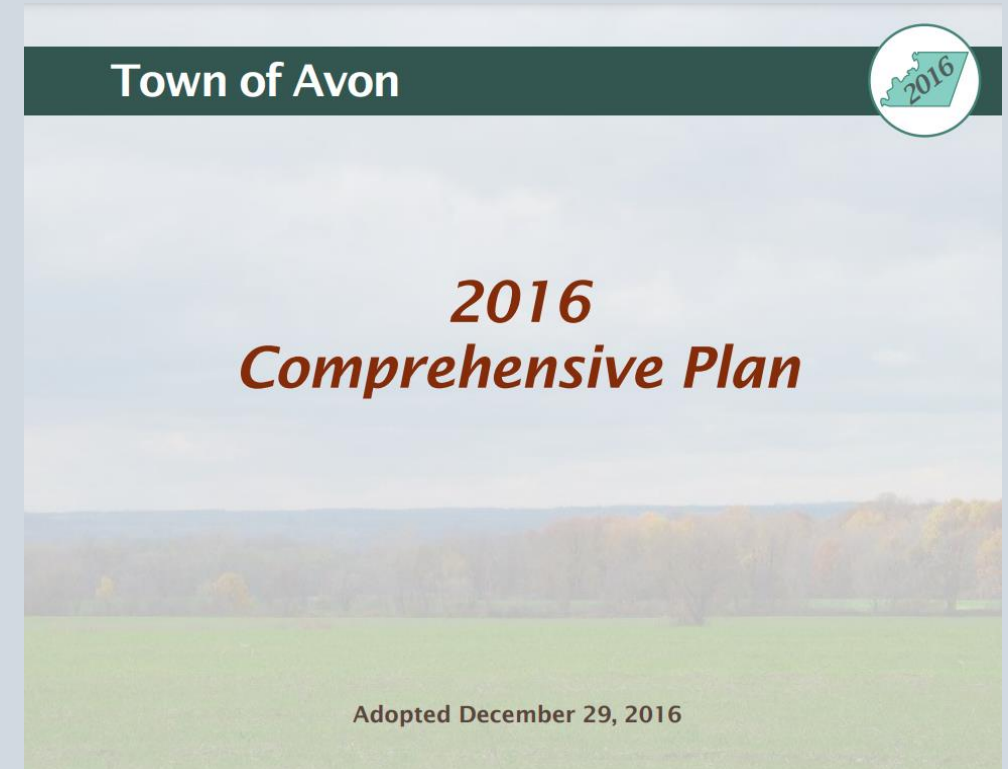
What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- Goals and a vision for the future of a community.
- The Plan informs several Town functions:
 - Budgeting and capital improvement
 - Cultural and economic development efforts
 - Grant acquisition
 - Zoning, subdivision, and land development



Why Update the Comprehensive Plan?

The Town of Avon's current Comprehensive Plan was adopted on December 29, 2016, and may not reflect the challenges and opportunities the Town of Avon currently faces today or will face in the future.



Build on
previous
plans &
studies

Incorporate
Smart
Growth
principles

Incorporate
renewable
energy best
practices

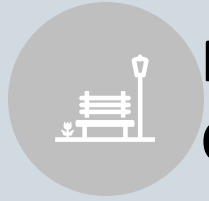
Leverage
public input
& support

Benefits of a Plan



- Represents policy & priorities by the Town.
- Provides direction for decision-makers.
- Increases the Town's standing in the face of legal challenges.
- Increases the chance of receiving funding.
- Fosters economic development.
- Strengthens community partnerships.
- Provides a forum for discussion.

Topic Areas



Municipal &
Community Services



Housing



Transportation



Economy



Agriculture



Natural
Resources, Parks,
& Recreation



Energy



Current & Future
Land Use

Smart Growth

Smart growth covers a range of development and conservation strategies that help protect our health and natural environment and make the Town more attractive, economically stronger, and more socially diverse.



Smart Growth Principles

Mix of land uses

Compact development & developing within existing neighborhoods

Housing choice

Walkable neighborhoods & transportation choices

Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place

Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas

Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective

Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions

Avon Planning Process

Where are we now?

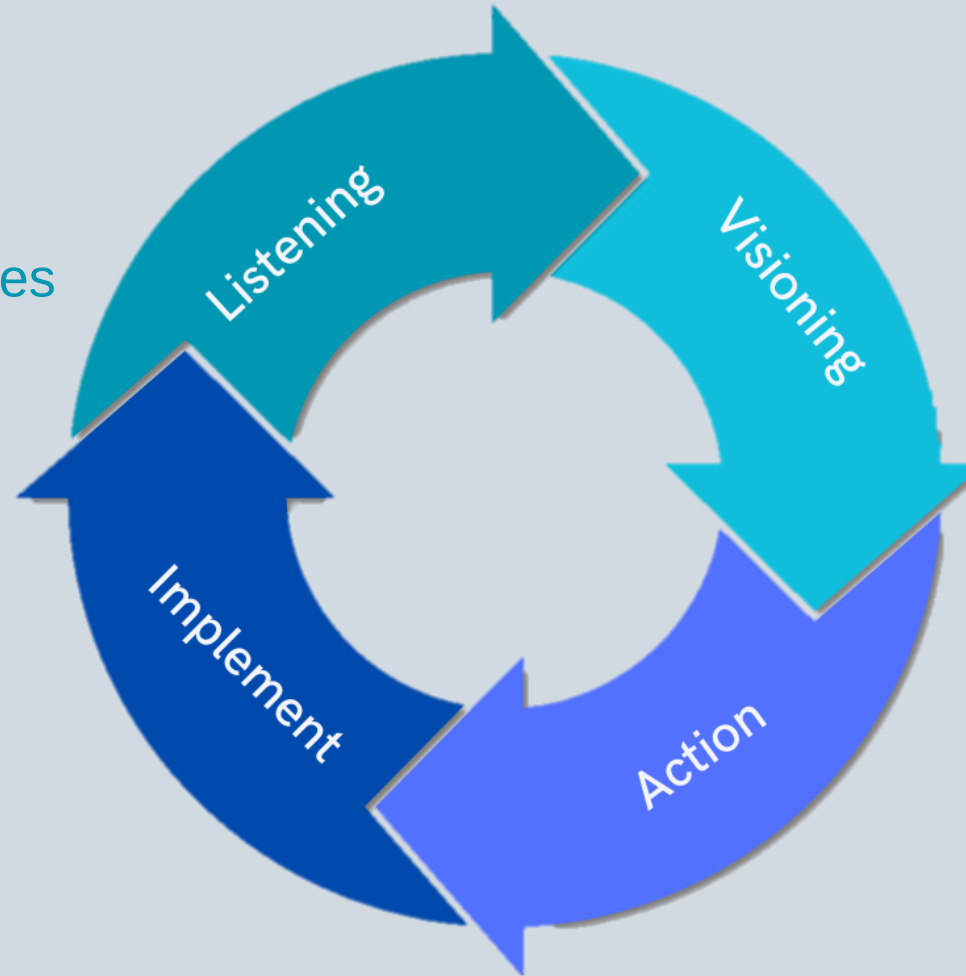
- Hear from the Community about challenges and values
- Understand existing conditions

Where are we headed?

- Develop a vision for the future

How do we get there?

- Strategies to realize the vision



Adopt & Implement the Plan

Avon Planning Timeline



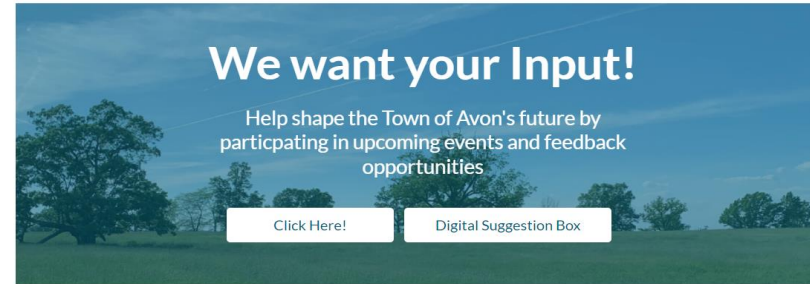
Ways to Engage

- Visit the Project Website
- Attend Public Meetings & Events
- Participate in Surveys & Online Discussions

Project Website



Town of Avon Comprehensive Plan Update



The Town of Avon is updating our Comprehensive Plan to meet the challenges and opportunities the Town of Avon faces today and in the future. Last completed in 2016, the process will include three phases: Listening, Visioning, and Implementing. Join the discussion today!

Take our online survey [HERE](#) today to make your voice heard!

A paper version of the survey can be obtained in the Town Hall – or click [HERE](#) to print.

Be sure to sign up to receive updates on the comprehensive planning process and to receive notifications of upcoming community workshops by clicking the follow button on the **top right** of the page.

Upcoming Events

Avon Comprehensive Plan Open House

🕒 May 14, 2024 7:00 PM - May 14, 2024 8:30 PM

📍 Avon Town Hall, Opera Block Floor 3, 23 Genesee Street, Avon, NY, USA

Join the Town of Avon's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to help shape Avon's future. This session will inform you about the importance of a Co...

Timeline

✓ Establish a Comprehensive Plan Committee

Gather representatives from the Town planning board, Town staff, and residents.

[See more](#)

<https://engage.gflrpc.org/TownofAvonCompPlan>

Preliminary Survey Results

- Survey opened on March 11
- Currently have 171 survey responses
- 30% of respondents are between 40-49
- 45% of respondents have lived in Avon for over 20 years

Preliminary Survey Results

What is your favorite parts about the Town:



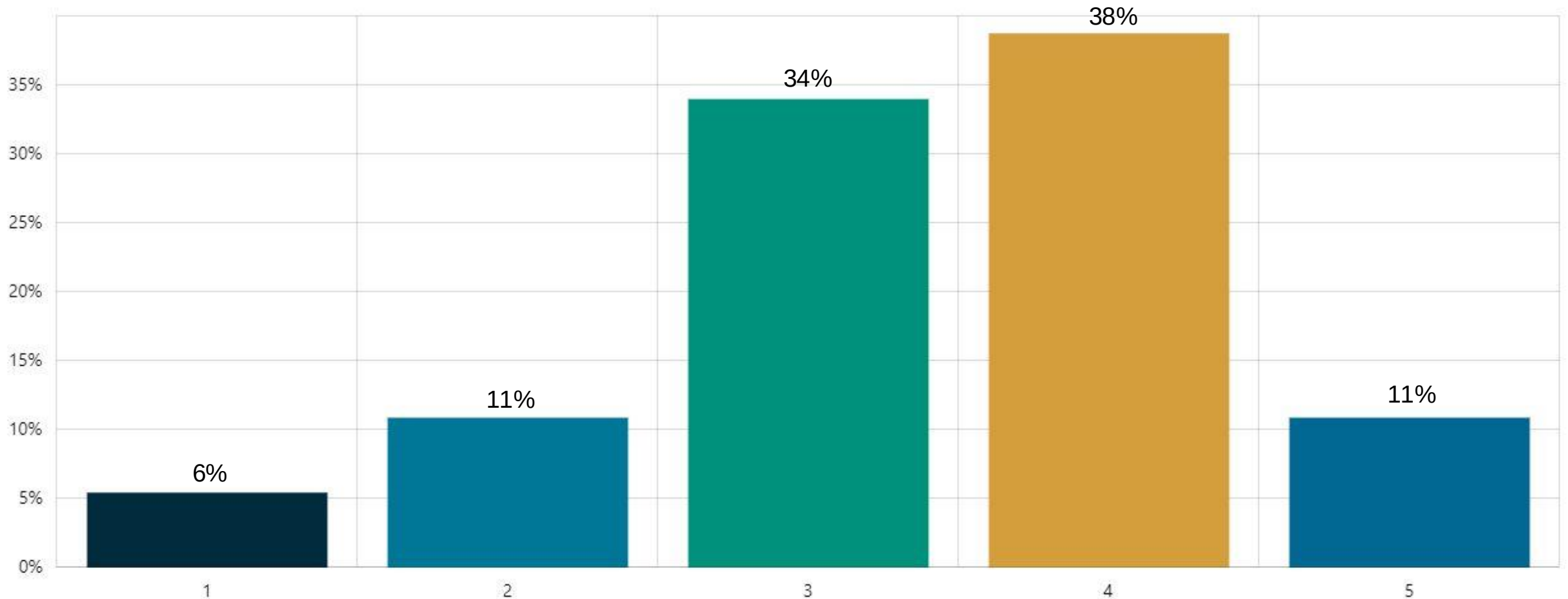
Preliminary Survey Results

If you could change one thing about the Town, what would it be?



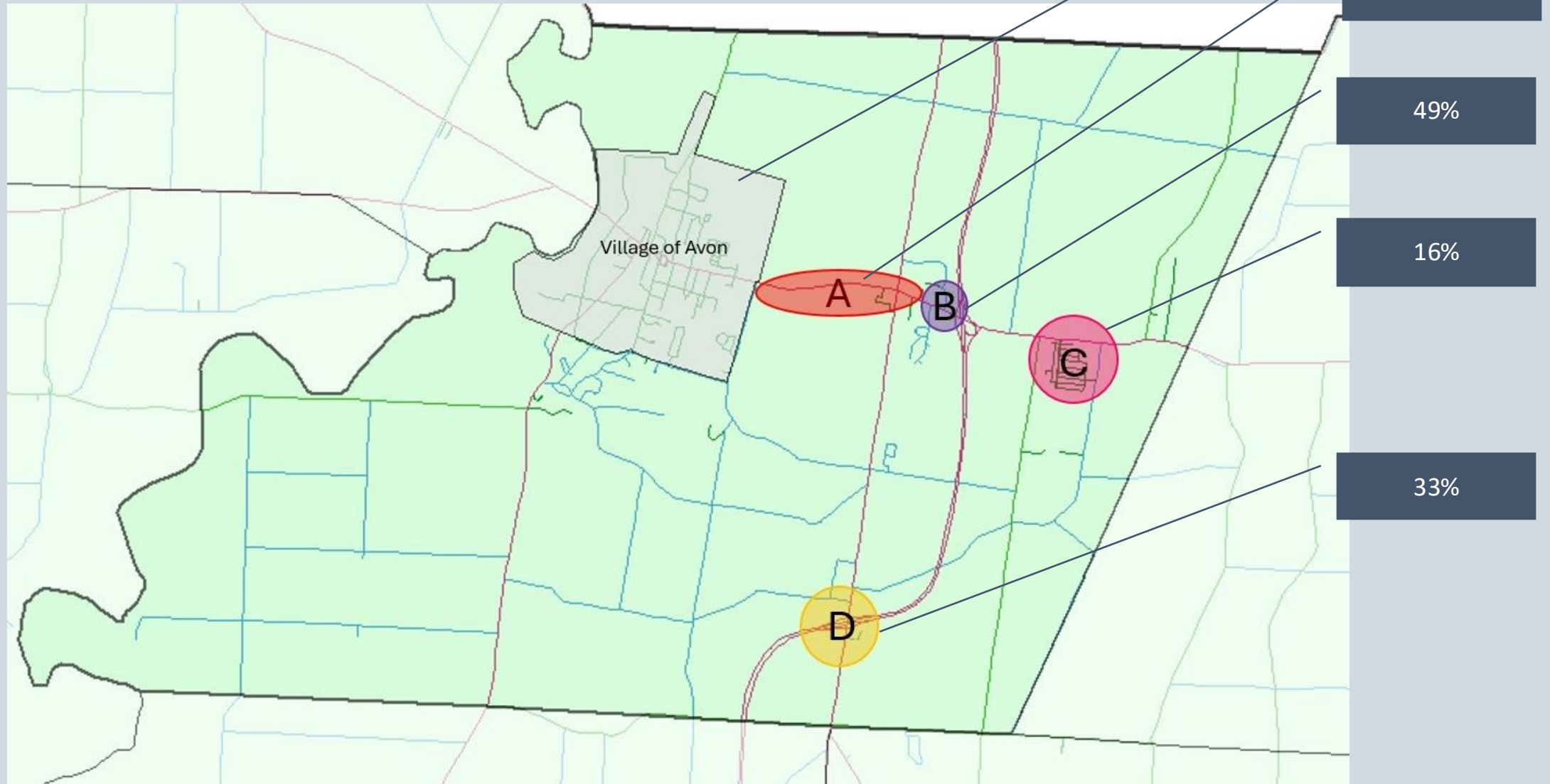
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How do you view the changes that have taken place in the last 10 years in the Town?



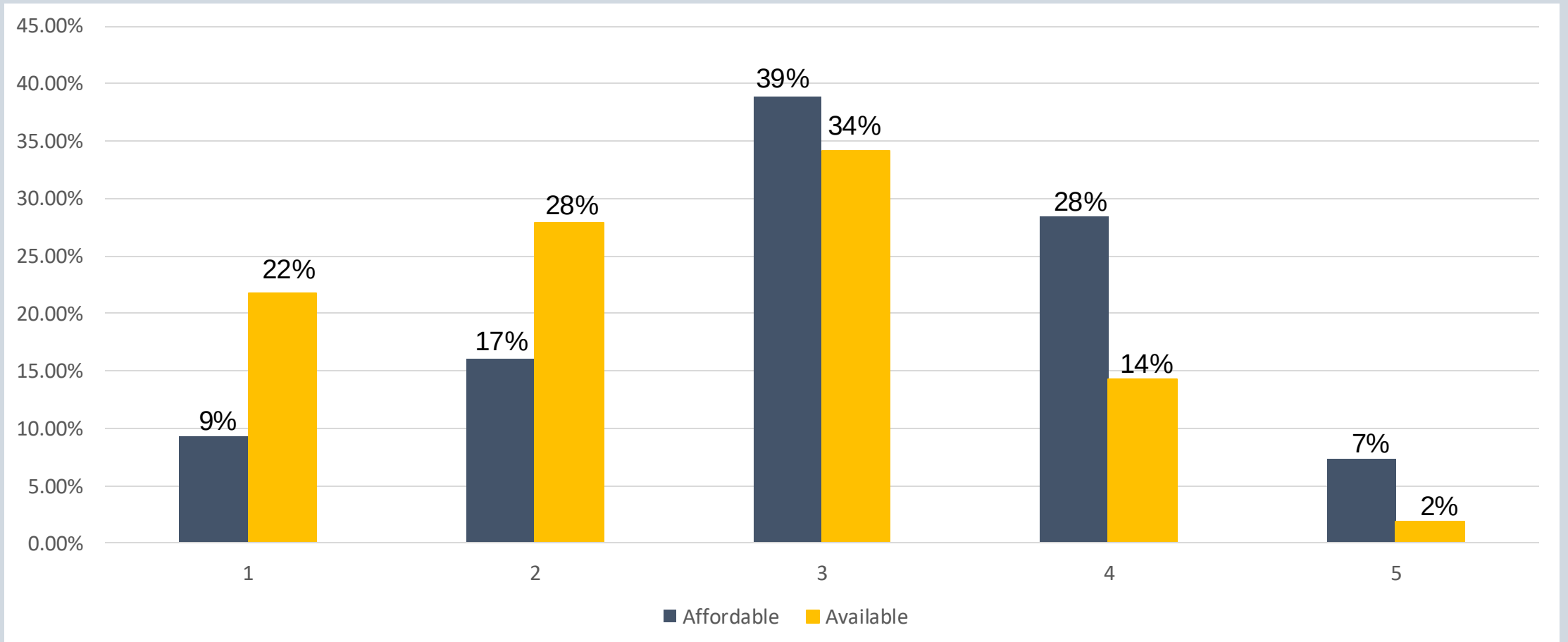
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Where should the Town prioritize development?



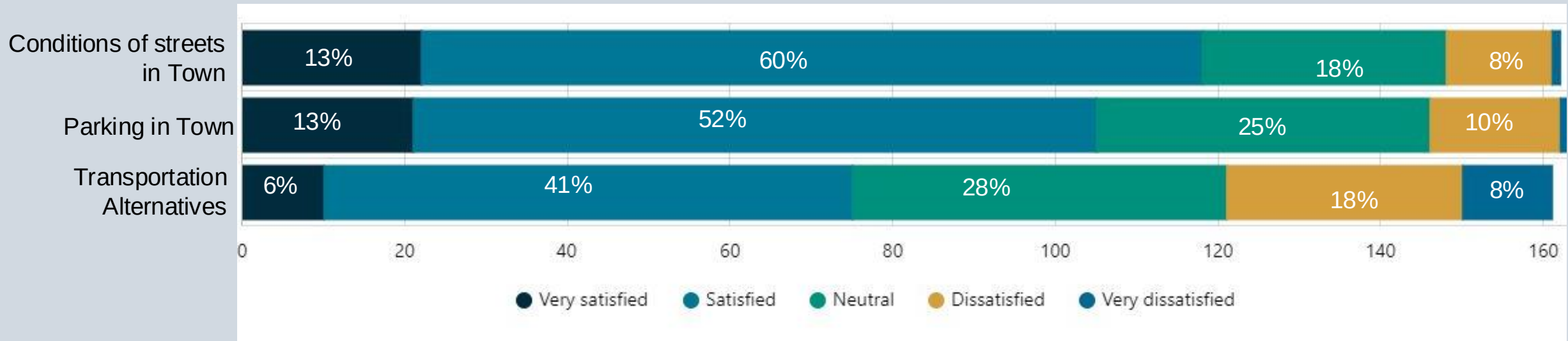
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Is housing affordable and available in the Town?



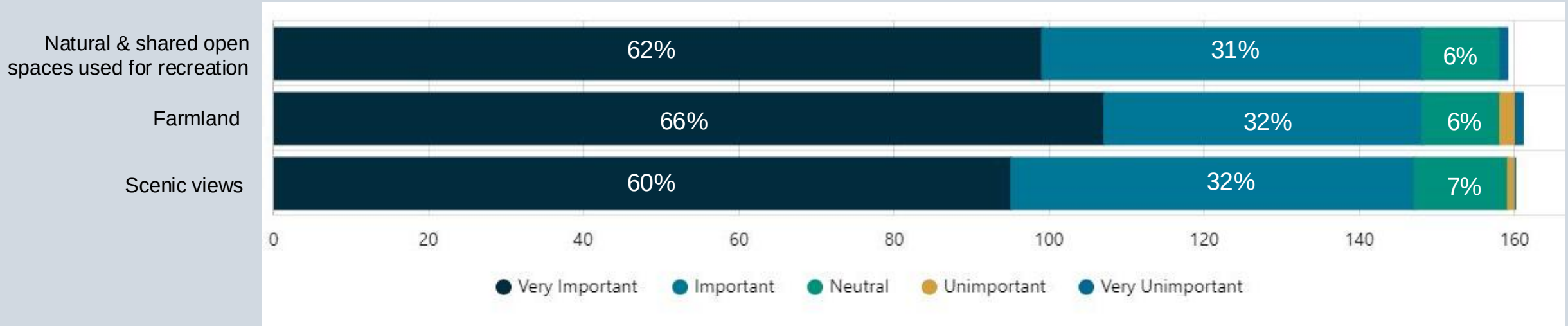
Preliminary Survey Results

Rate your satisfaction with transportation-related issues in the Town



Preliminary Survey Results

How important is it for the Town to preserve and protect natural spaces?



A photograph of a multi-arched stone bridge spanning a river. The bridge is constructed from grey stone blocks. The river reflects the bridge and the surrounding trees. The foreground is filled with fallen autumn leaves. The background shows more trees and a blue sky with wispy clouds. The word "Questions?" is written in white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

Questions?

Prioritization Exercise

Directions: take a dot and place it next to the topic(s) that you feel should take the highest priority. You can use all your dots on one topic, or you can spread them around.

Everyone will have **six** dots



Discuss the Following...

1. If you could describe the community in one word, what would it be?
2. What exactly makes Avon a special place for residents?
3. What are the issues or challenges limiting the town from growing and improving?
4. What opportunities, initiatives or projects would you suggest?

Thank You!

Please Reach Out

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