



TOWN Talks

SAVANNAH + UNINCORPORATED CHATHAM

As Part of The Plan 2020 Comp Plan Update to
Engage Neighborhoods



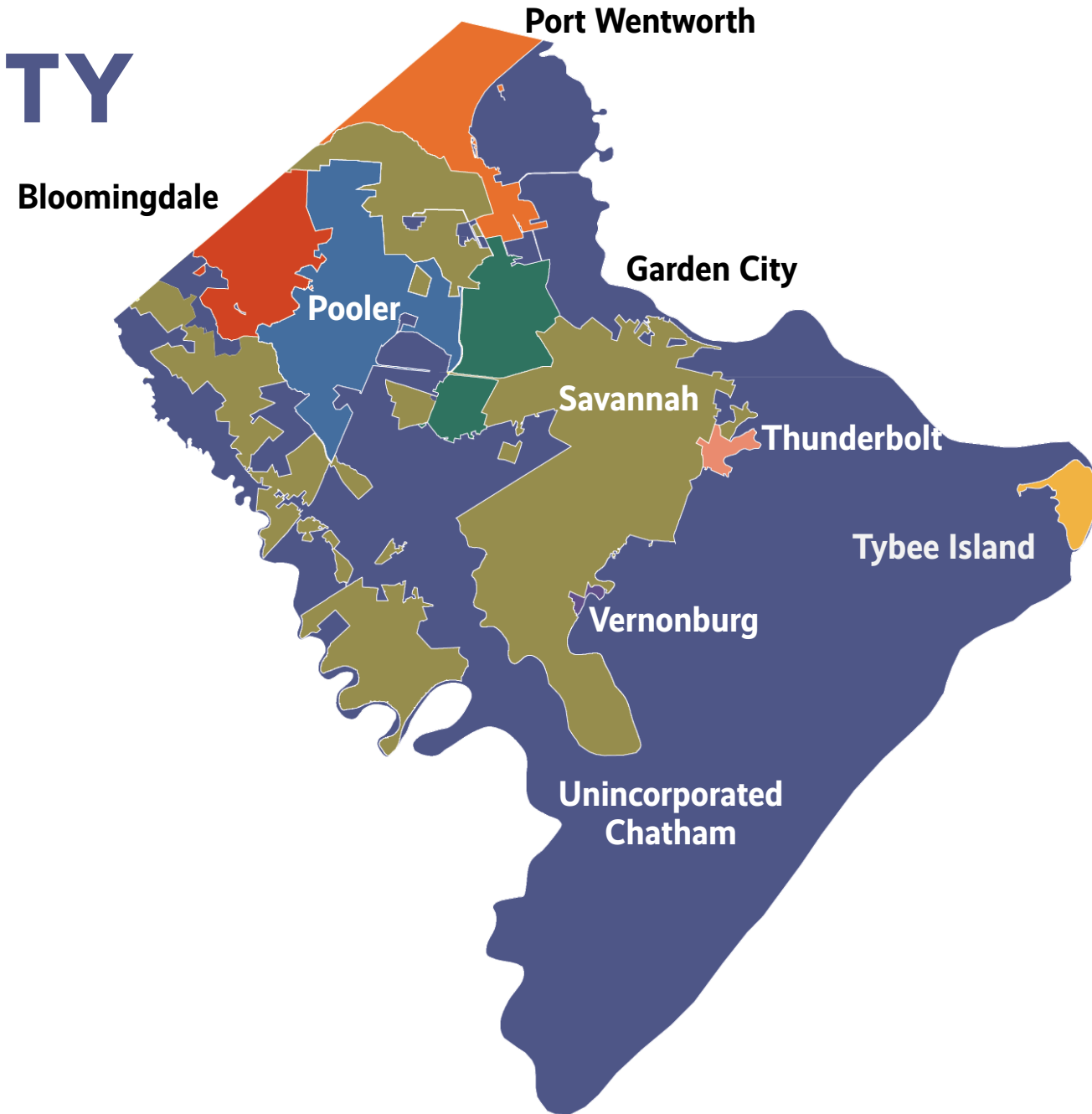
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CHATHAM COUNTY

433.1 square miles
668.2 people per square mile
289,430 (2019) total population
9 Jurisdictions

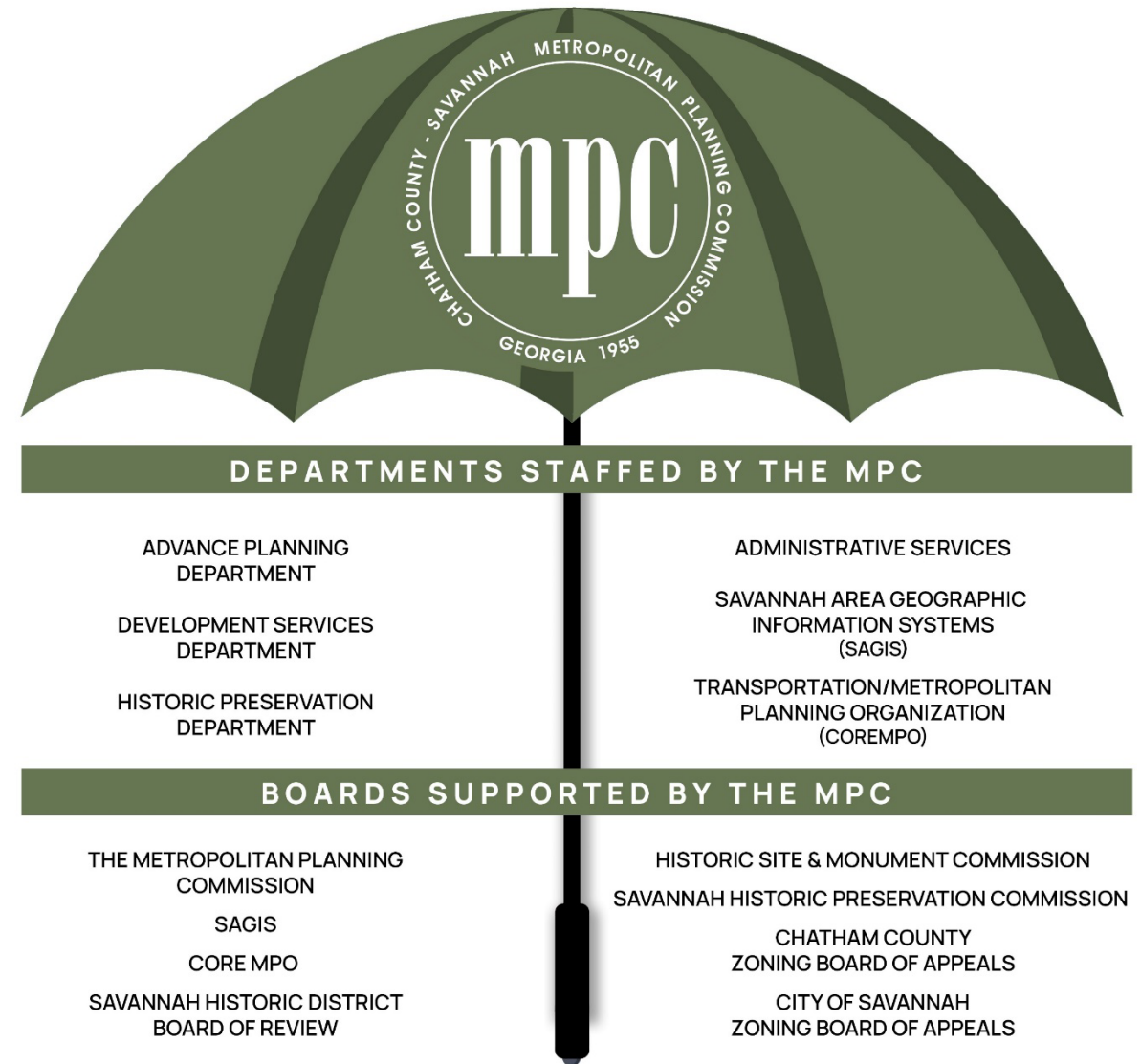


Source: ACS 2019 1-year data

WHO WE ARE

Our Vision – The MPC will be the leader in planning, development, and preserving a greater community through partnerships and an open process.

Our Mission – It shall be in the mission of the MPC to provide an accessible planning process, sound professional planning products, and recommendations to ensure a greater quality of life for all to enjoy a community that is historic, sustainable, mobile, and prosperous.”



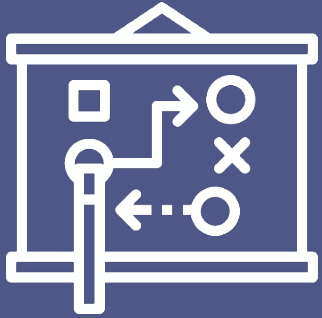
OUR PURPOSE

The MPC was created by the Georgia General Assembly in 1955 at the request of the City of Savannah and Chatham County. In accordance with the Act, it is the duty of the MPC to make a Master Plan for the orderly growth of Chatham County and the City of Savannah.

The MPC is composed of twelve members, all of whom are required to be residents of Chatham County. Six members of the Commission are appointed by Chatham County, with the County Manager serving as an Ex-Officio member. Six of the members of the Commission are appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, with the City Manager serving as an Ex-Officio member.



OUR SERVICES



**ADVANCE
PLANNING**



**DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES**



**HISTORIC
PRESERVATION**



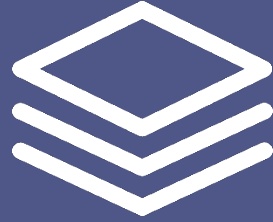
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**TRANSPORTATION
CORE MPO**



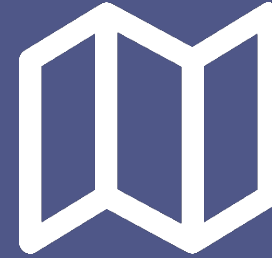
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



ZONING



SUBDIVISION



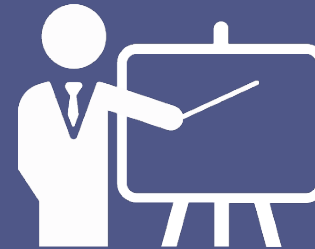
SITE PLANS



**MASTER ADDRESS
DATABASE**



**DEVELOPMENT OF
REGIONAL IMPACT**



**BOARDS OF
APPEALS**

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- Responsible for the preservation Savannah's historic resources.
- Staff reviews and approves Certificate of Appropriateness (COAs) for exterior building changes within Local Historic Districts and other Historic Properties through Chatham County and Savannah.
- Staff multiple MPC Commissions and Boards, coordinate historic resource identification, assists in drafting National Register nominations, draft ordinances.
- Performs Section 106 Reviews for the City's Housing Departments.



Maridon (Eureka Club)



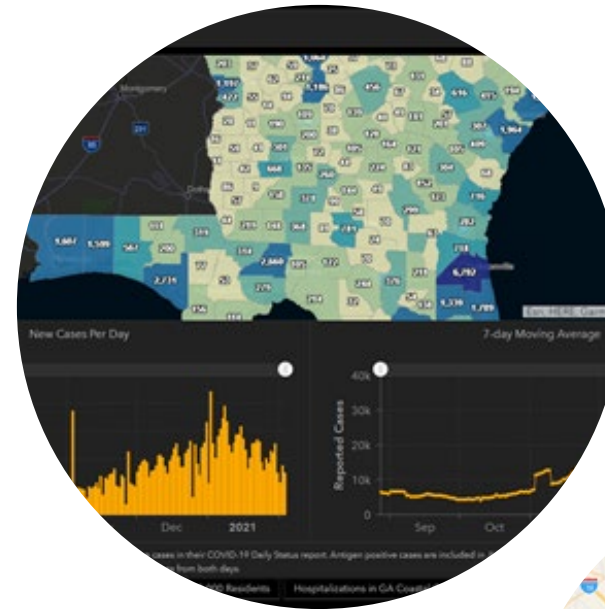
Pennyworth Island



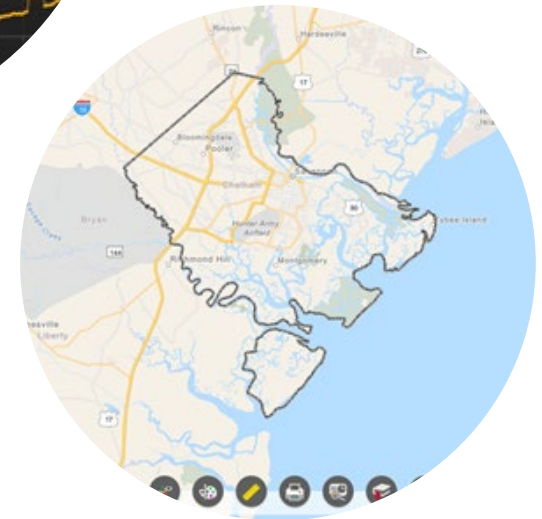
New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church

SAGIS

- SAGIS is a cooperative enterprise Geographic Information System between Chatham County, City of Savannah, and the Metropolitan Planning Commission, along with other regional jurisdictions.
- Consolidates GIS database administration, data distribution, and data sharing under one department, providing a cost share to Chatham County and the City of Savannah for the applications, hardware, and professional expertise.
- Supports Public Safety GIS by leading the GIS and Mapping Subcommittee for the E911 Advisory Board and providing GIS data editing, administration, and analysis for 911 Dispatch.



COVID-19 Hub & Dashboard




SAGIS Map Viewer

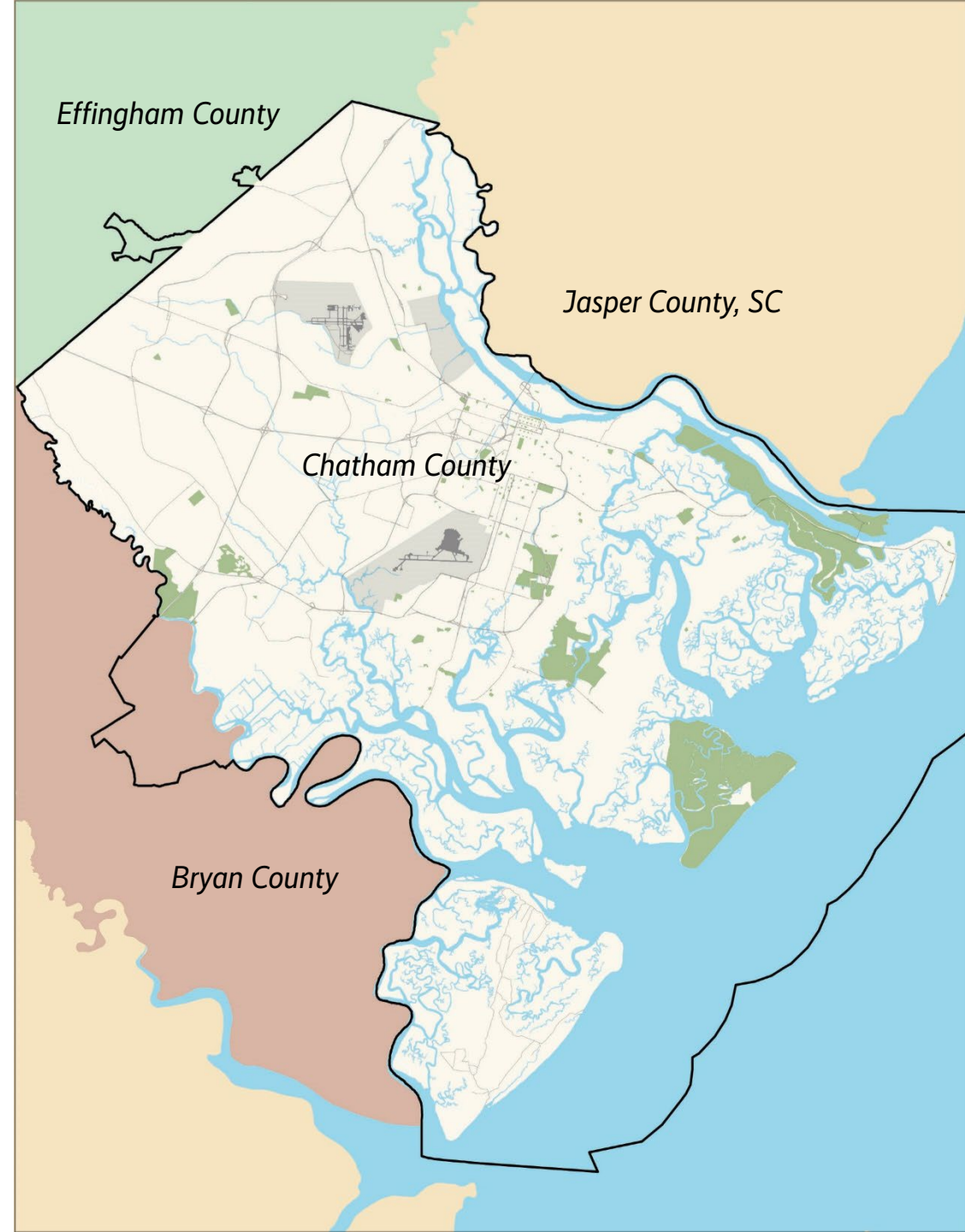
CORE MPO

Coastal Region (CORE) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

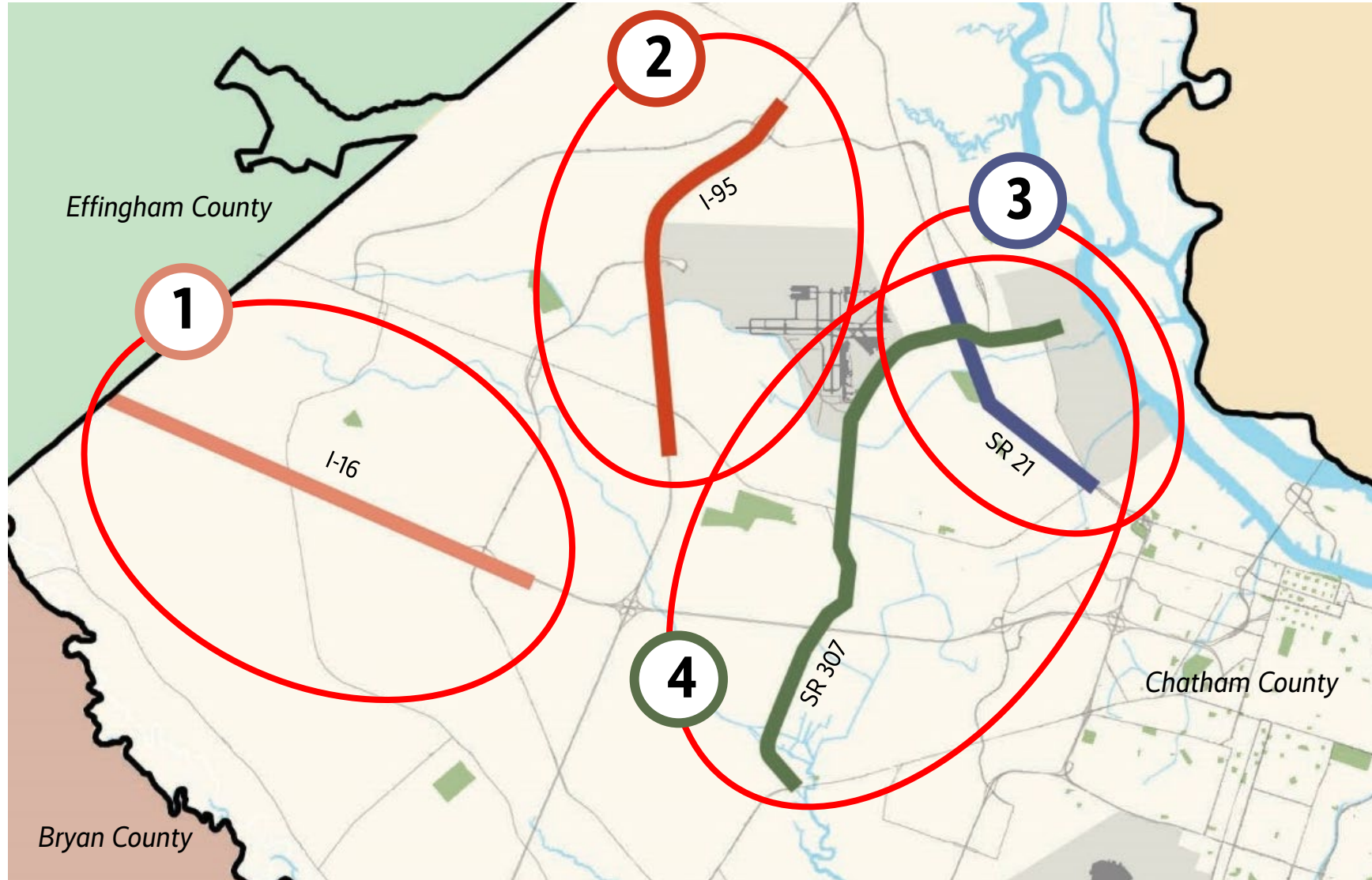
- CORE MPO coordinates Transportation...
 - Policies
 - Plans
 - Studies
 - Programs
- Through coordination the CORE MPO address issues such as...
 - Congestion
 - Funding Resources & Allocation
 - Transit
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety
 - Project Planning & Prioritization



CORE MPO Planning Area 



CURRENT STUDIES



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	Study	Start Date	Completion Date	Sponsor	Local Match	Total Cost
1	Savannah MPO Interchange Traffic Study (I-16 Little Neck 2018)	May 1st, 2018	December 31st, 2019	Chatham County	20% Local Match	\$369,009.00
2	Savannah MPO Interchange Traffic Study (I-95 Airways 2018)	May 1st, 2018	December 31st, 2019	Savannah Airport Commission	20% Local Match	\$397,389.10
3	Metropolitan Transportation SR 21 Access Management Study	March 5th, 2021	December 31st, 2021	Garden City	20% Local Match	\$149,728.80
4	Metropolitan Transportation SR 307 Corridor Study	March 22nd, 2021	February 28th, 2022	Chatham County	20% Local Match	\$249,560.00

ADVANCE PLANNING

- Oversees specially requested projects, analysis, and evaluations for the City and County.
- Drafts and facilitates the updates on the **Comprehensive Plan** for Chatham County, Savannah, and most recently Garden City and Pooler.



PLANNING TEAM



Melanie Wilson



Jackie Jackson



Nic Fazio



Asia Hernton



Kait Morano



- Since the 1980's, the MPC has been the entity overseeing the update and submittal of Comprehensive Plans throughout the County.
- Last full update of each City's Comp Plan was done between 2006 and 2008 with minor amendments approved in 2016.
- We are updating Comprehensive Plans for Unincorporated Chatham County, Garden City, Pooler, and the City of Savannah.

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**CITIES HAVE
THE CAPABILITY
OF PROVIDING
SOMETHING FOR
EVERYBODY, ONLY
BECAUSE, AND
ONLY WHEN, THEY
ARE CREATED BY
EVERYBODY**

”

- Jane Jacobs

WHAT *IS* A COMP PLAN?

And the Answer is...

**PLAN
2040**
ADVANCING TOGETHER
REDEFINING TOMORROW

A **Comprehensive Plan** presents a **vision for the future**, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect the local government such as Transportation, Landuse, Historic Preservation and Natural Resources.

Most plans are written to provide direction for future activities over a 10-to 20 year period after plan adoption. However, plans should receive a review and possible update every five years.

Make sure your opinion is heard,
Follow us **@PLAN_2040** for updates...

- Comprehensive Plan process is overseen by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA).
- Each local government must prepare, adopt, maintain, and implement an approved comprehensive plan as specified in the State of Georgia's standards to maintain "Qualified Local Government" (QLG) status.
- QLG status allows cities and counties access to financial resources to aid in implementing their plans (ex: CDBG, GEFA, CIG, water/sewer loans, OneGeorgia Authority funds, etc.).



- The Comp Plan's vision, goals, and strategies are developed through a public process that involves community leaders, stakeholders, and residents in making key decisions about the future of the community.
- The Comp Plan is intended to be a roadmap and resource to track implementation of community-based policies as well as create an environment of predictability for local government, business, and the general public.



SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO LOOK BACK TO MOVE FORWARD...

THE COMP PLAN 2016 UPDATE

Did you know that our last comprehensive plan update was completed in 2016?
Check [bio](#) for link...

Check out our previous plan
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PLAN ELEMENTS

1. Executive Summary
2. Community Profile
- 3. Community Vision and Goals**
- 4. Economic Development**
- 5. Land Use**
- 6. Transportation**
7. Housing
8. Natural Resources
9. Quality of Life
 - a. Community Health
 - b. Education
 - c. Public Safety
 - d. Broadband**
 - e. Historic & Cultural Resources
- 10. Community Strategic Plan & Work Program (STWP)**
- 11. Community Participation Program**
- 12. Service Delivery Strategy (Current)**

■ = Required by the Georgia DCA



THEMES



PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Goals and strategies are the framework for the policy directions established in the Plan.

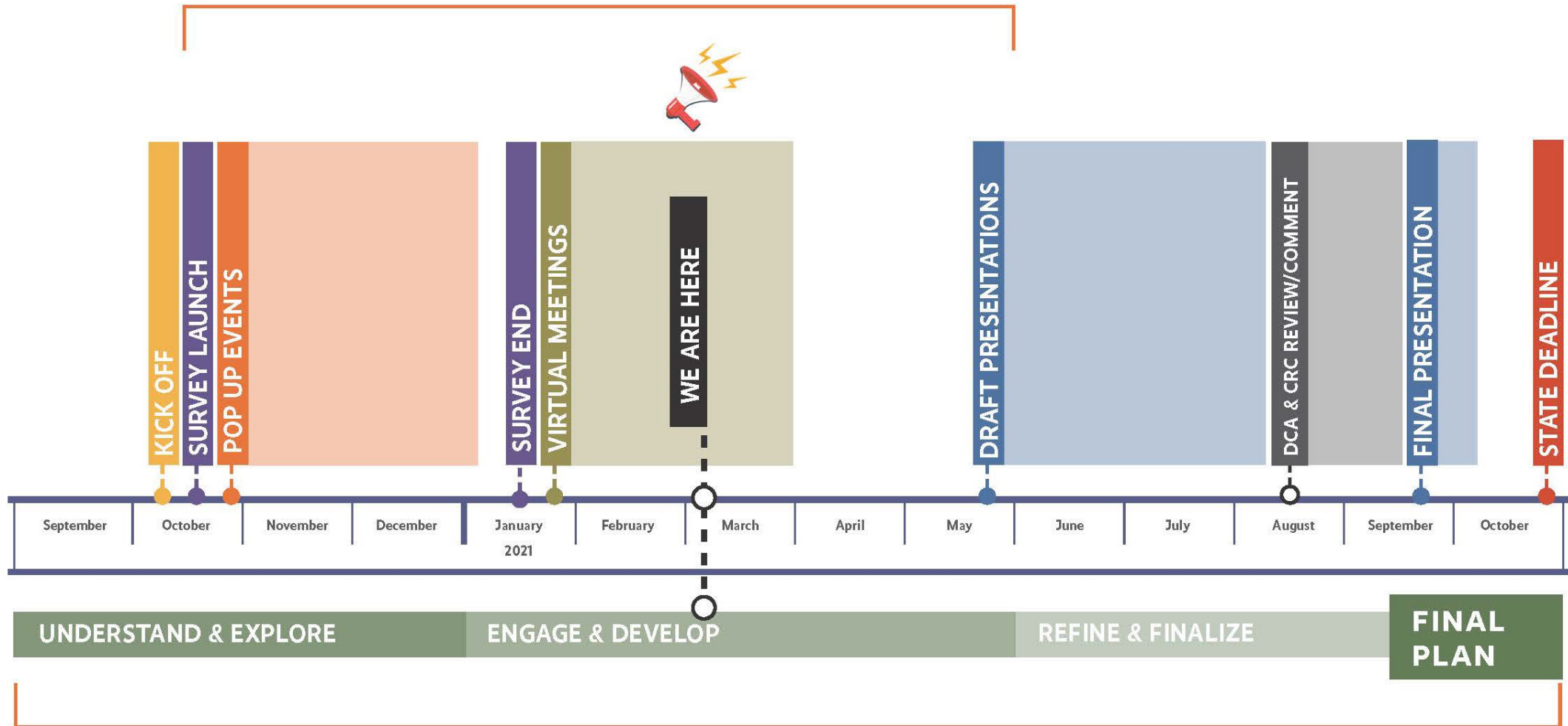
- “**Goals**” are general overarching, broad statements describing the direction that a community wants to go.
- “**Strategies**” are statements with actions that should be taken, identifying how much, who and when the action should occur.



Together, the overarching **goals** are achieved by implementing the **strategies** within the Comprehensive Plan

PROJECT TIMELINE

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PHASE



PLANNING PHASES

MEETINGS & POP-UP EVENTS

Community input opportunities allowing input and feedback on goals and strategies will continue through the spring.

- **October 21** – Starland Yard Mini Market
- **October 24** – County Recycling Event
- **November 21** – Forsyth Farmers' Market
- **November 24** – Garden City Senior Center
- **December 9** – Garden City Gym
- **December 12** – Forsyth Farmers' Market
- **December 15** – Garden City City Hall Meeting
- **January 12** – Garden City City Hall Meeting
- **January 22** – Pooler City Hall Meeting
- **January 26** – 5:30 P.M. Countywide Virtual Meeting
- **January 27** – 10:30 A.M. Countywide Virtual Meeting
- **January 27** – 3:00 P.M. Countywide Virtual Meeting
- **February 22** – 5:30 P.M. Countywide Virtual Meeting
- **February 23** – 10:30 A.M. Countywide Virtual Meeting
- **February 26** – Pooler City Hall Meeting
- **March 30** – 10:30 AM & 3:30 P.M. Countywide Virtual Meeting
- Various Neighborhood Assns.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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144 followers

182 following

The MPC

A Community Planning Effort to Provide Transparency & Collaboration. 🏠🏢🏡

@cityofsavannah, @chathamcountyg, @visitgardencityga, @poolerchamber

www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPCPlan2040

POSTS

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TAGGED

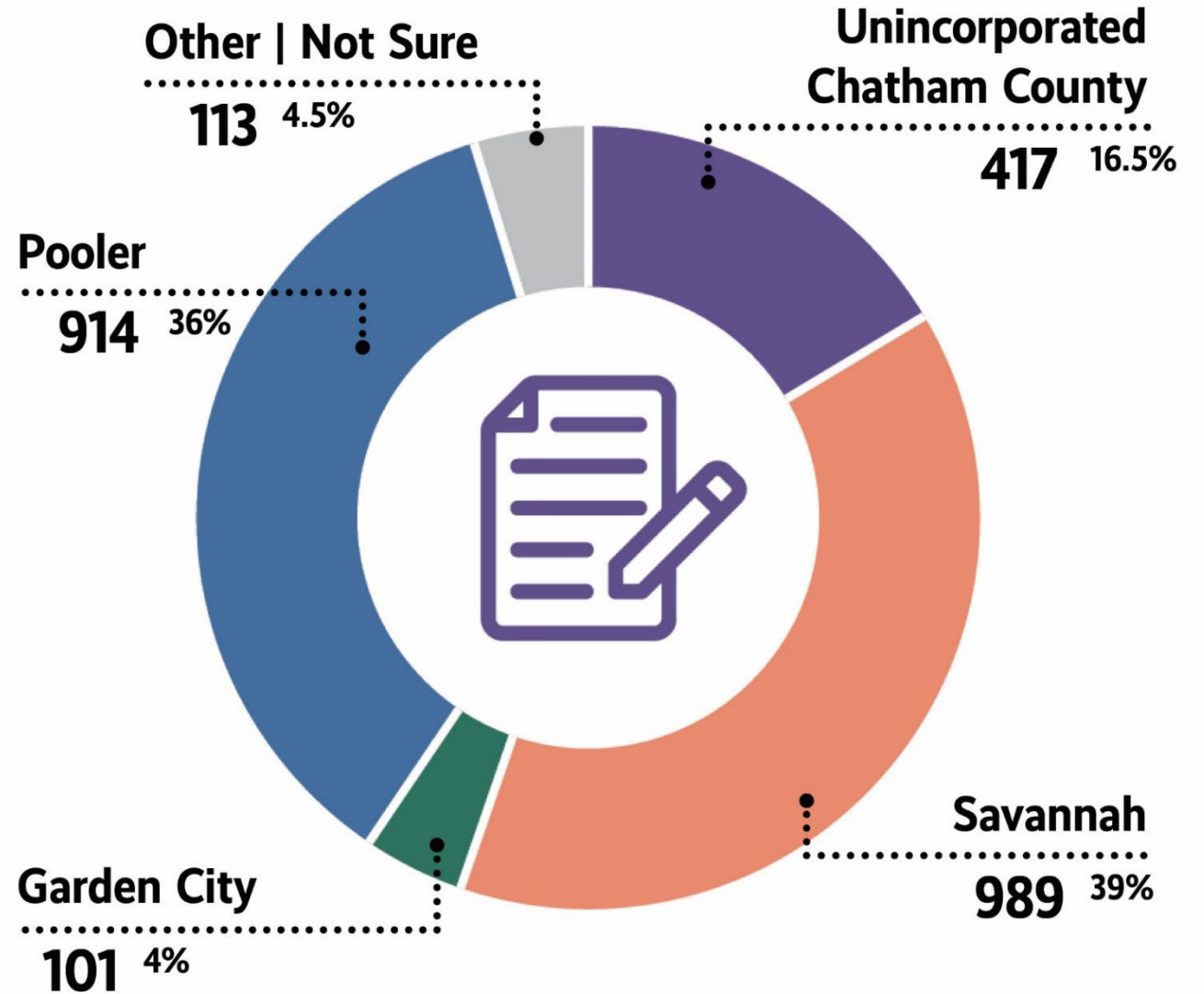


PUBLIC SURVEY

Survey topics included:

- Land Use
- Transportation/Infrastructure
- Housing
- Climate Change & Sea Level Rise
- Education
- Public Safety
- Historic/Cultural Resources

Total Survey Responses: 2,534



CHATHAM COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS

POPULATION

Total Population

289,430

Median Age

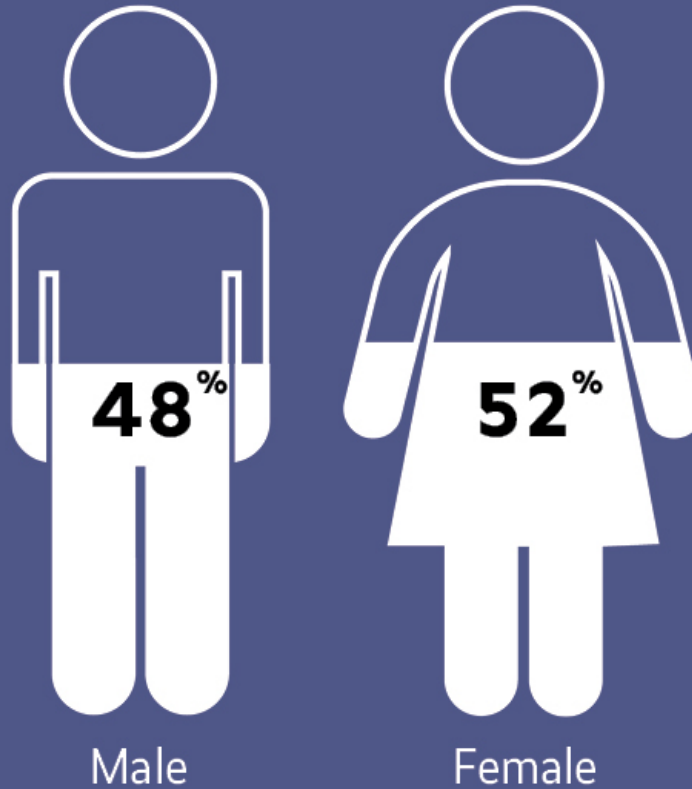
36

% Foreign Born

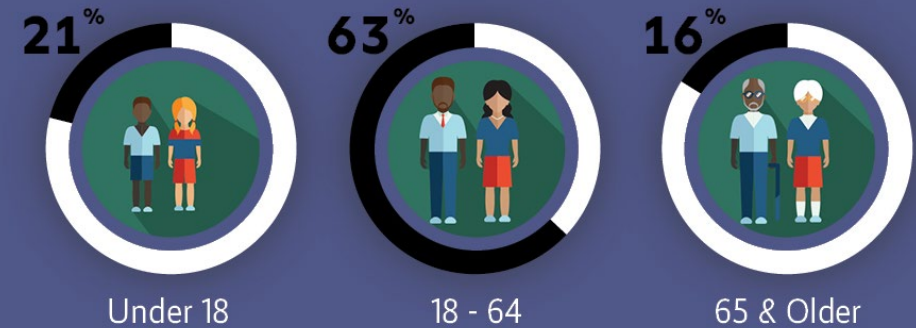
6.5%

Percent Poverty

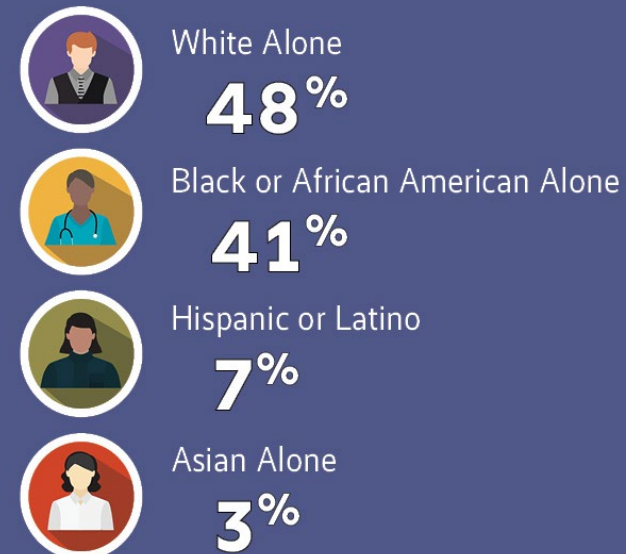
14%



AGE DISTRIBUTION



RACIAL DISTRIBUTION



CHATHAM COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

% With College Degree or Advanced

33.6%

% With No Degree

17.3%

Median Household Income

\$57,611

Top Industry



Educational Services
Healthcare
Social Assistance



Retail Trade



Arts & Entertainment
Recreation

HOUSING

Total Housing Units

127,435

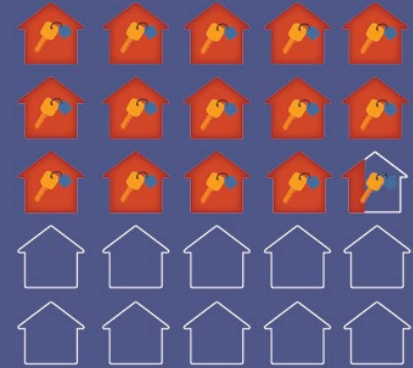
Median Gross Rent

\$1,085

Renters Cost Burdened

49.5%

Tenure



56%
Own

44%
Rent

 = 5,000 Housing Units

COMMUTING



Average Commute Time

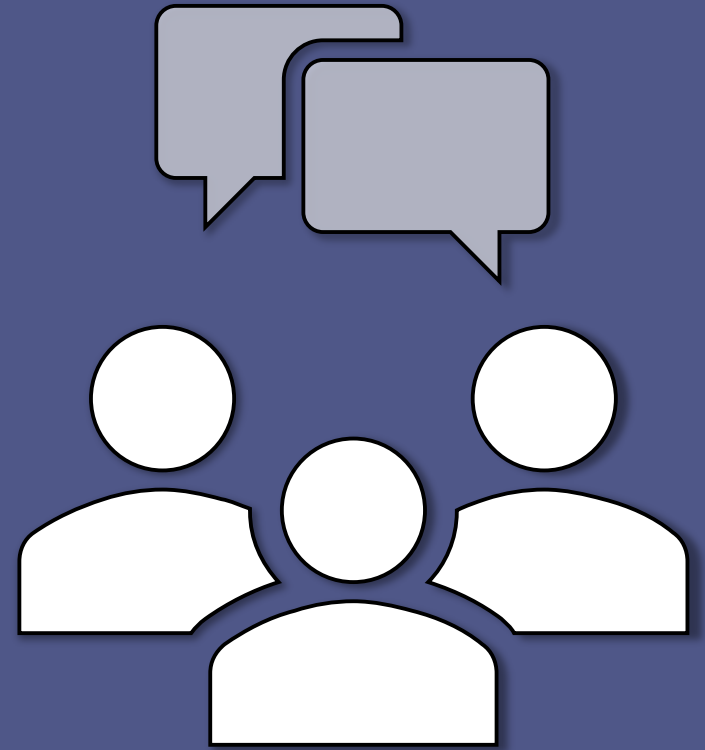
22.2 Minutes



Preferred Commute Mode

74%

WHAT WE HEARD



TRANSPORTATION

Poll: Would you like to see the expansion of public transportation throughout the County even if that meant the community would have to pay for services provided?

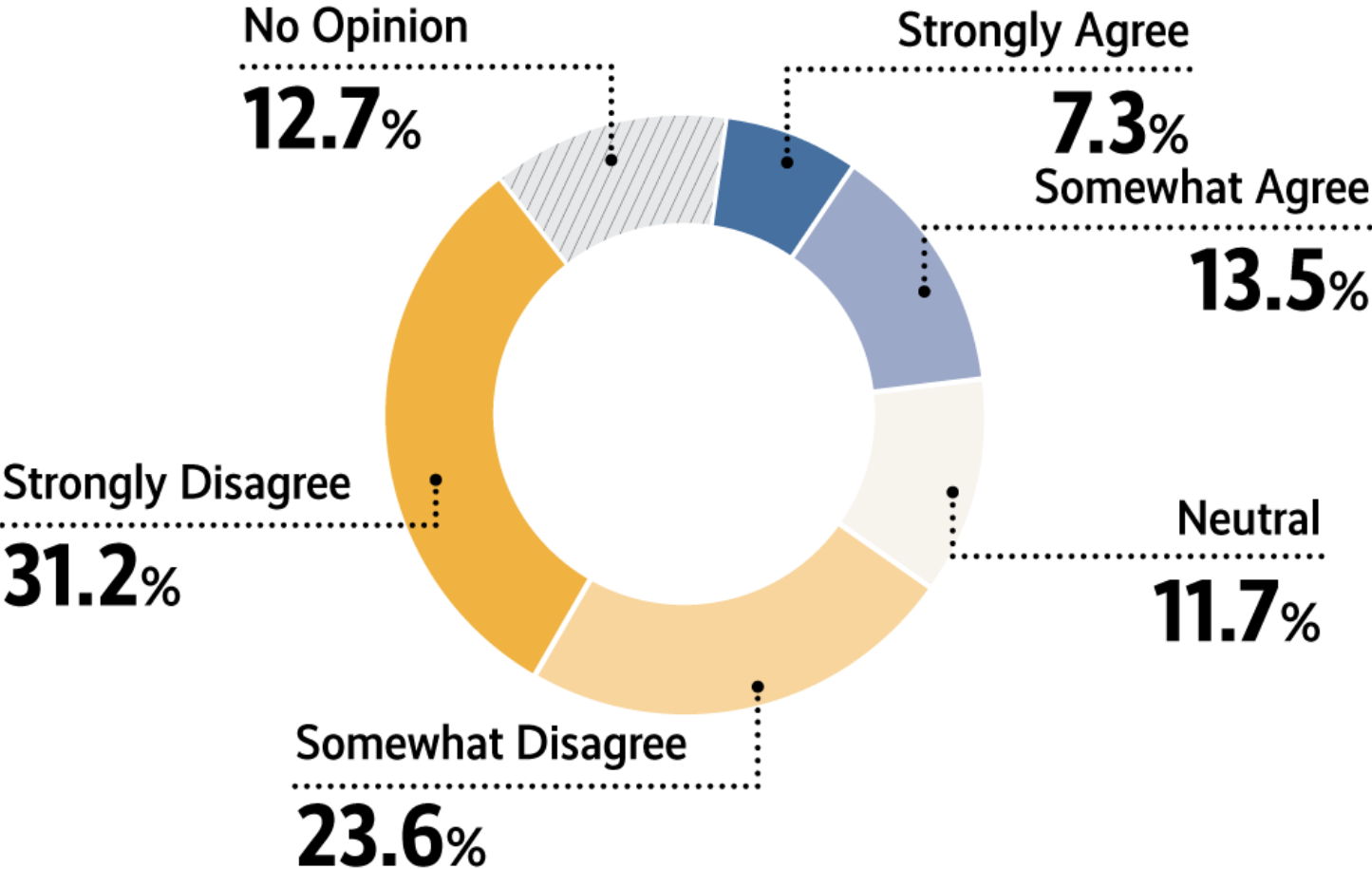
Existing Transportation Goal:

Improve and expand a regional public transportation system that provides all residents access to employment centers, institutions, commercial areas, recreational facilities, and other destinations regardless of their age, income, or disability.



SURVEY QUESTION: HOW STRONGLY DO YOU AGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT?

“I am satisfied with the bicycling infrastructure such as bike lanes, sharrows, and bike racks in my community”



OPEN SPACE

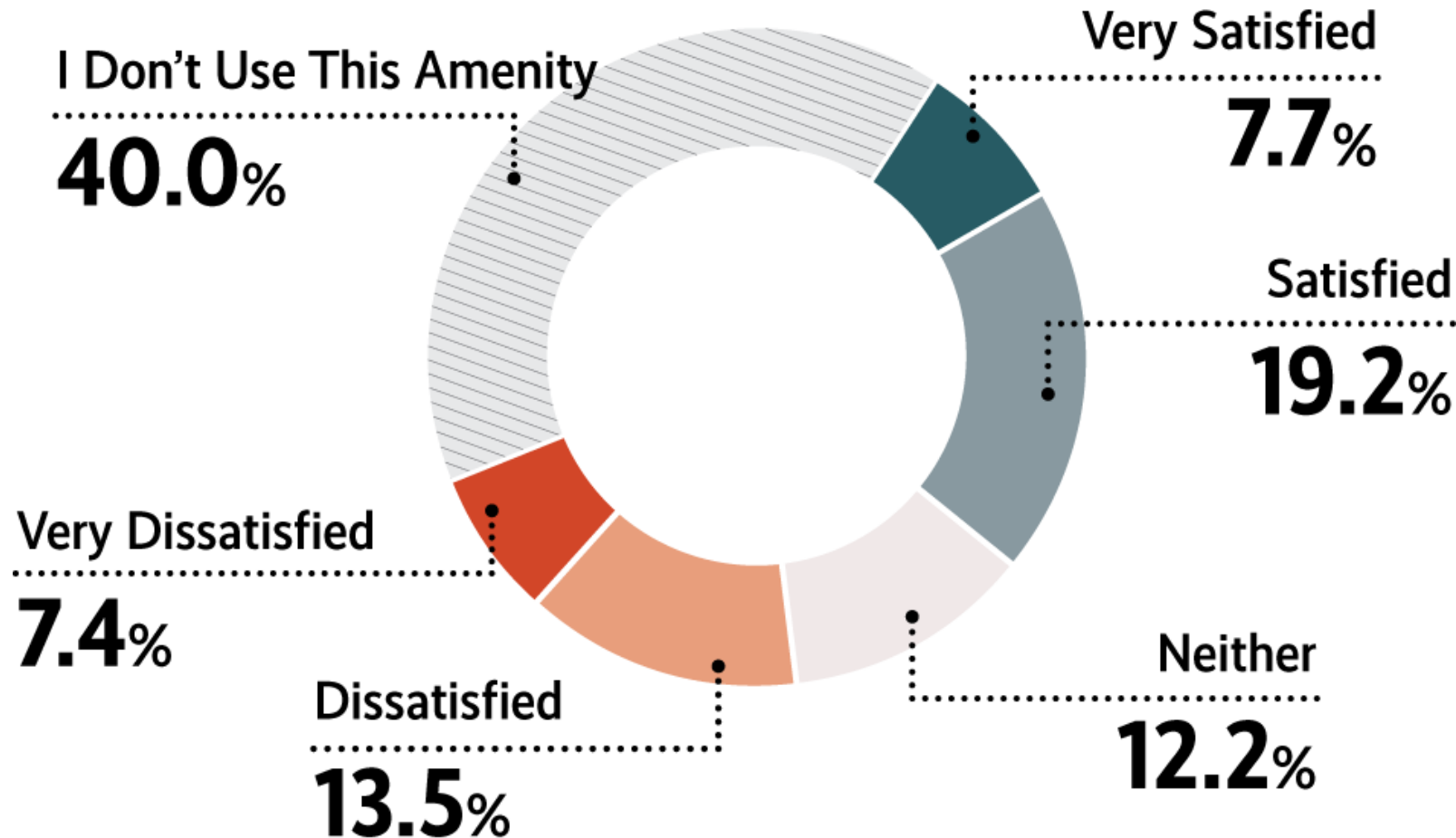
Poll: Which of the following would you like your community to prioritize in its Annual Budget?

- a. Many small urban “pocket parks” in neighborhoods
- b. Large open spaces of conserved land to help protect residential areas.
- c. Conservation of properties vulnerable to flooding and threatened by development.



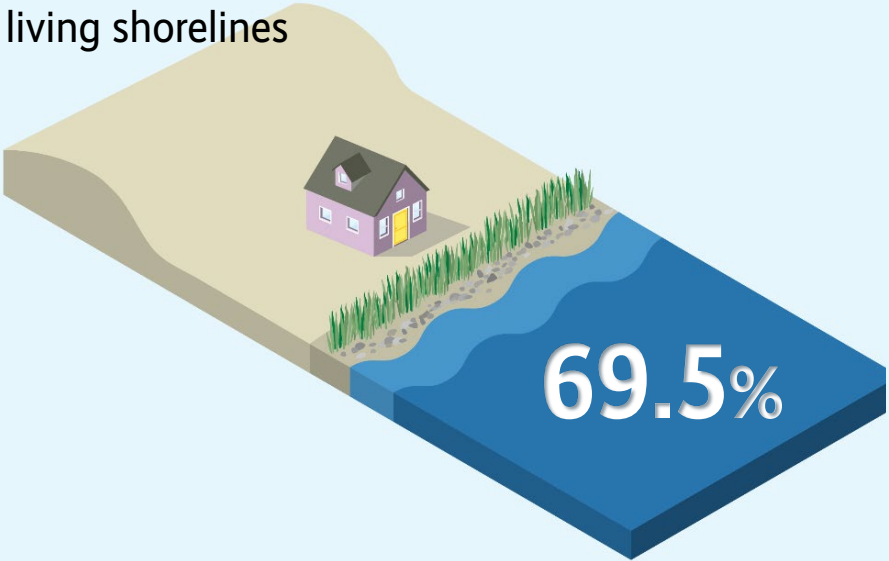
SURVEY QUESTION: PLEASE RATE YOUR SATISFACTION WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES AND SERVICES.

Recreational Opportunities for Children

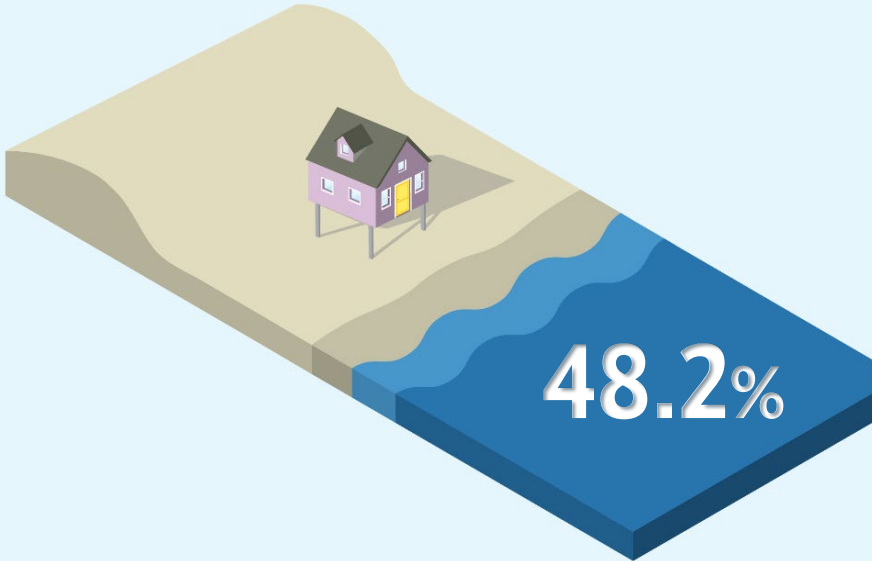


Which of the following strategies would you support to protect Chatham County from hazards related to climate change?

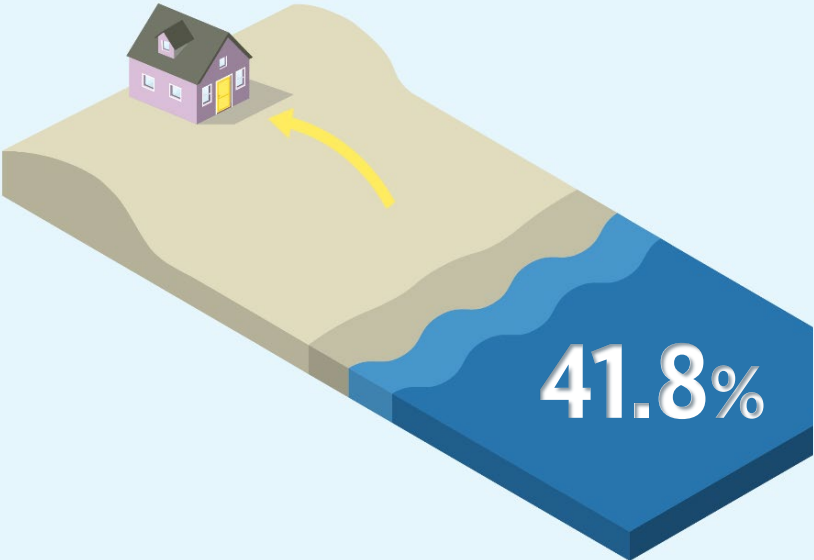
Build soft protection structures such as living shorelines



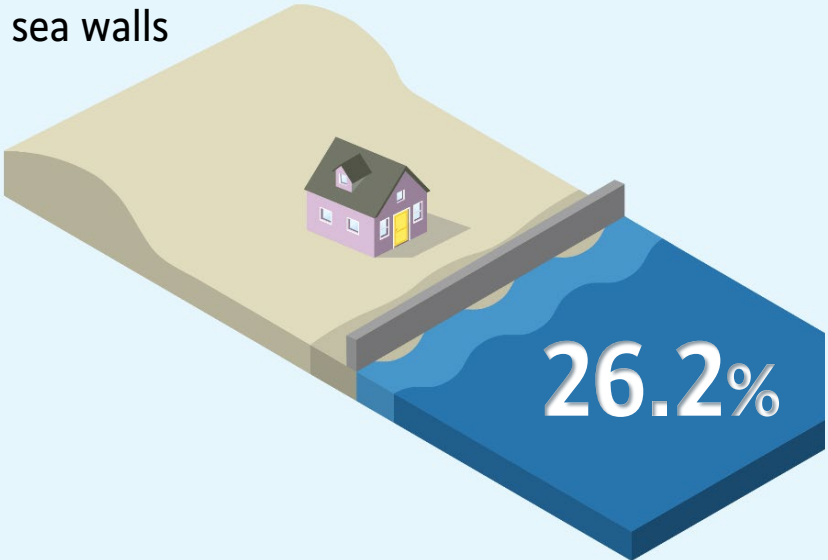
Elevate buildings and infrastructure



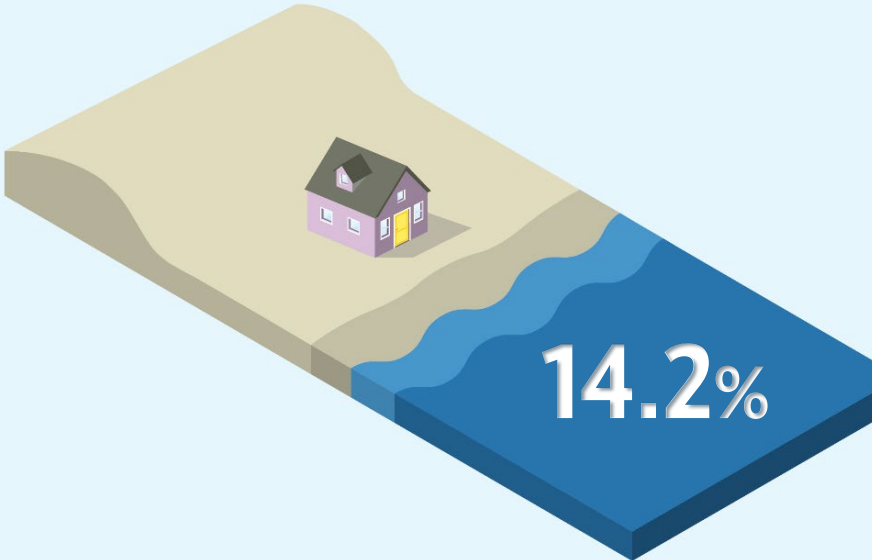
Voluntary relocation of structures



Build hard protection structures such as sea walls



No strategy is necessary



HOUSING

Poll: Which of these statements apply to affordable housing in your community?

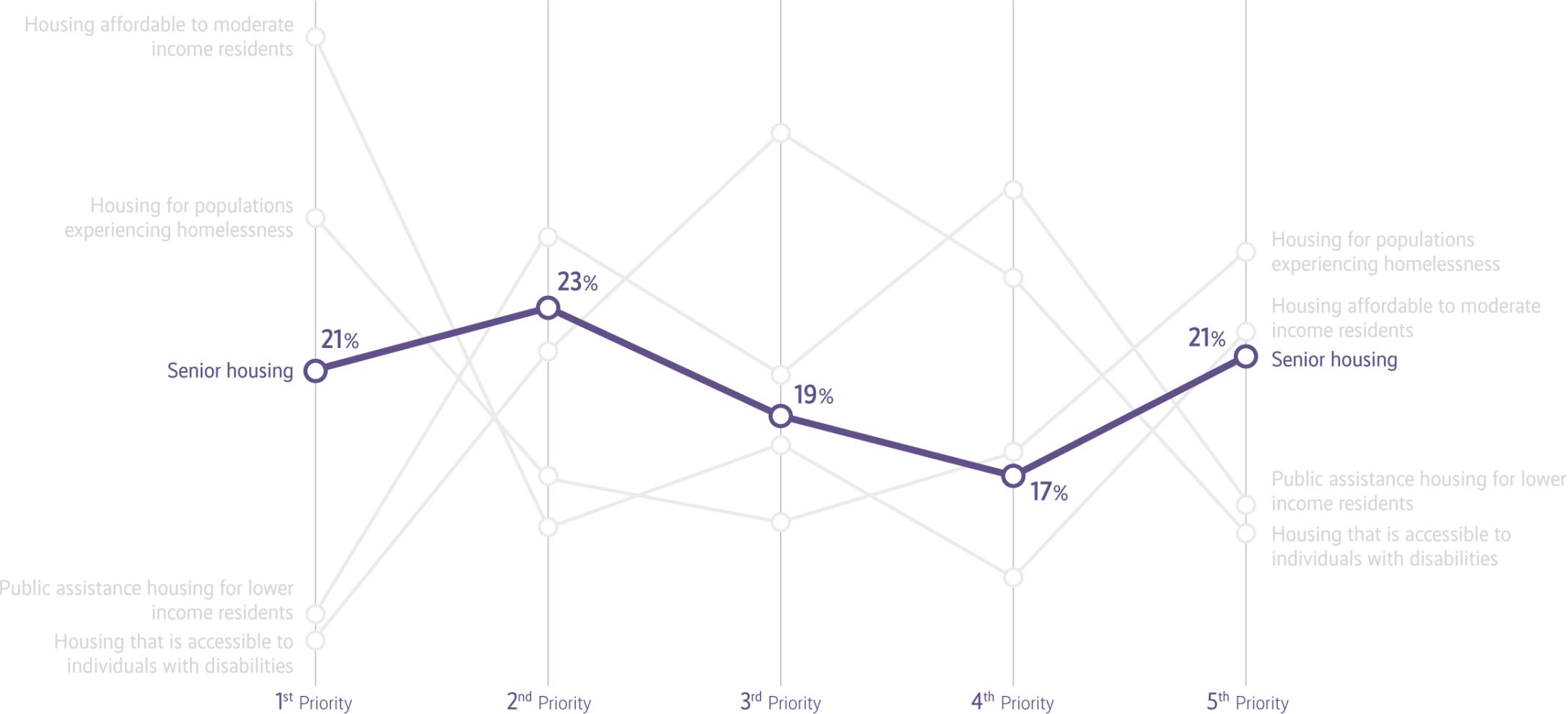
- a. Too little supply of affordable housing.
- b. Enough supply but it's too expensive for most.
- c. I don't know.
- d. This doesn't impact my neighborhood.

Existing Housing Goal:

Provide affordable housing for all levels of income within the community, including the homeless, disabled & elderly.



Please rank the following housing options in order of how they should be prioritized in Savannah in the next 5 years, with 1 being the highest priority and 5 being the lowest.



NEXT STEPS

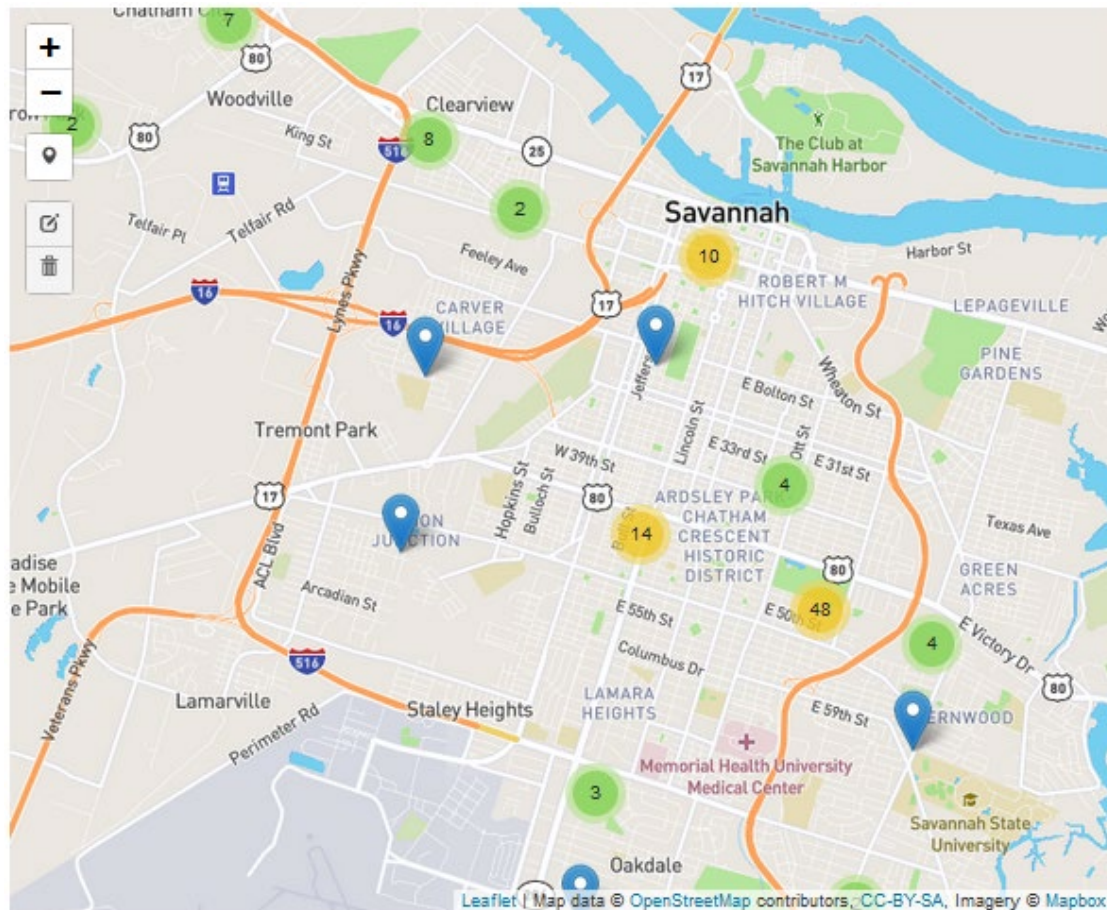
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GET INVOLVED!

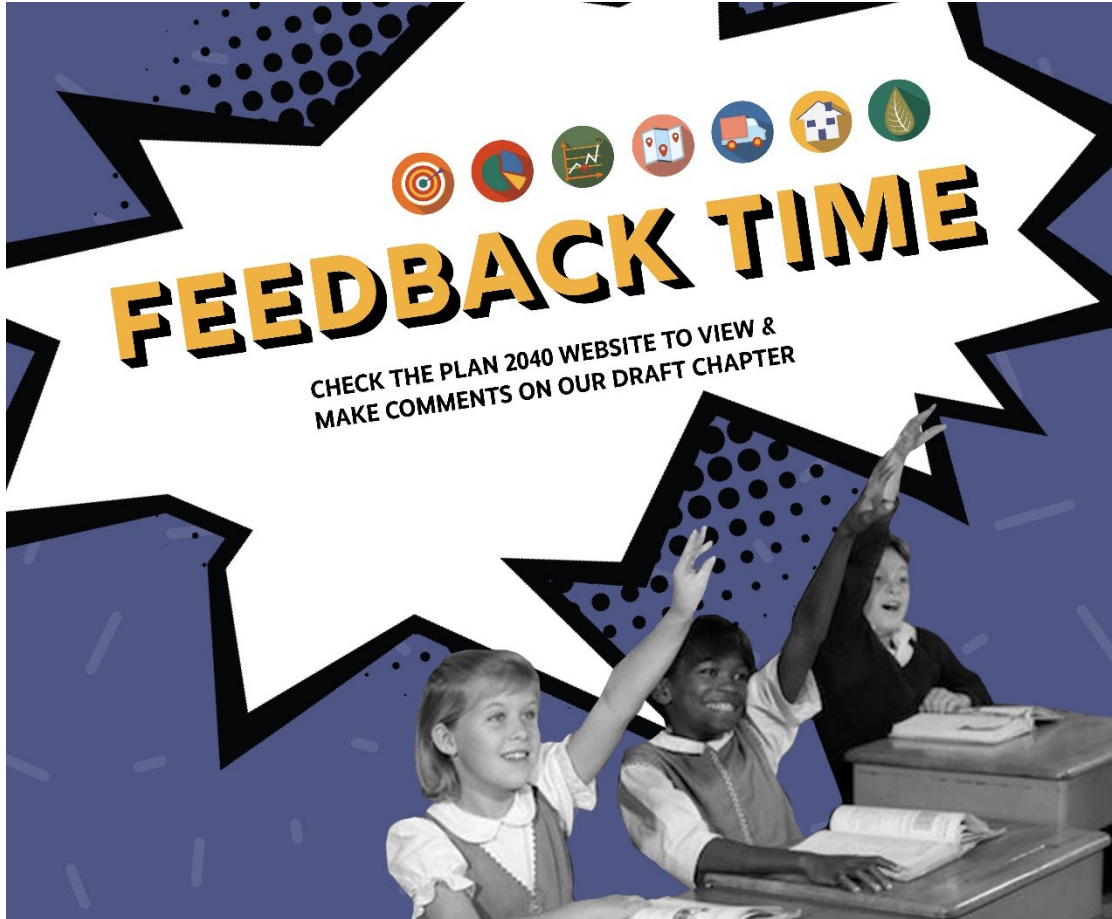
Chatham County, Garden City, Pooler, and Savannah are asking residents to share their ideas and visions for the future of our communities.

As the plan continues to take shape, the MPC will engage with as many community members as possible. Check out the various ways you can be involved in the plan below.

PUT YOUR IDEAS ON THE MAP 



NEXT STEPS



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GET INVOLVED!

Check out our website to view & make comments on our draft chapters.

To comment, click the “Provide Comments” link under the specific chapter you want to comment on. It’s that easy!!





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QUESTIONS?

