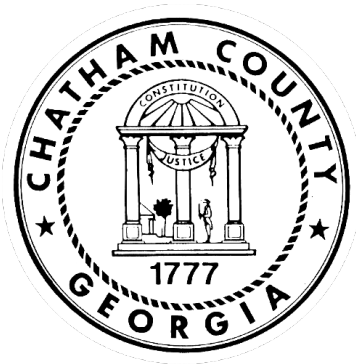




PLAN 2040

Comprehensive Plan Update



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- 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...

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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.

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- 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.).



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.

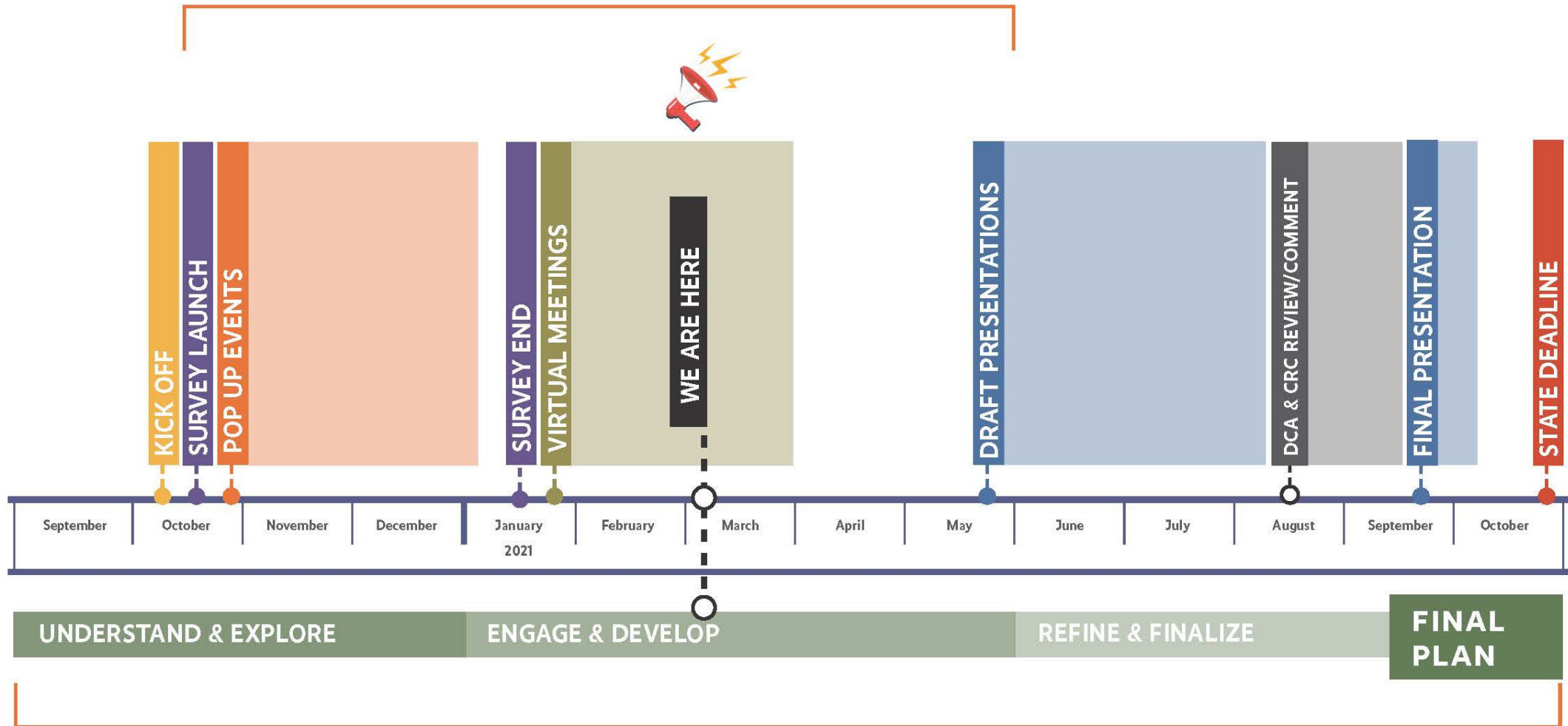
- “**Goals**” are general overarching, broad statements describing the direction that a community wants to go.
- “**Strategies**” are statements with actions that should be taken, identifying how much, who and when the action should occur.



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

PROJECT TIMELINE

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PHASE



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 24** 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.



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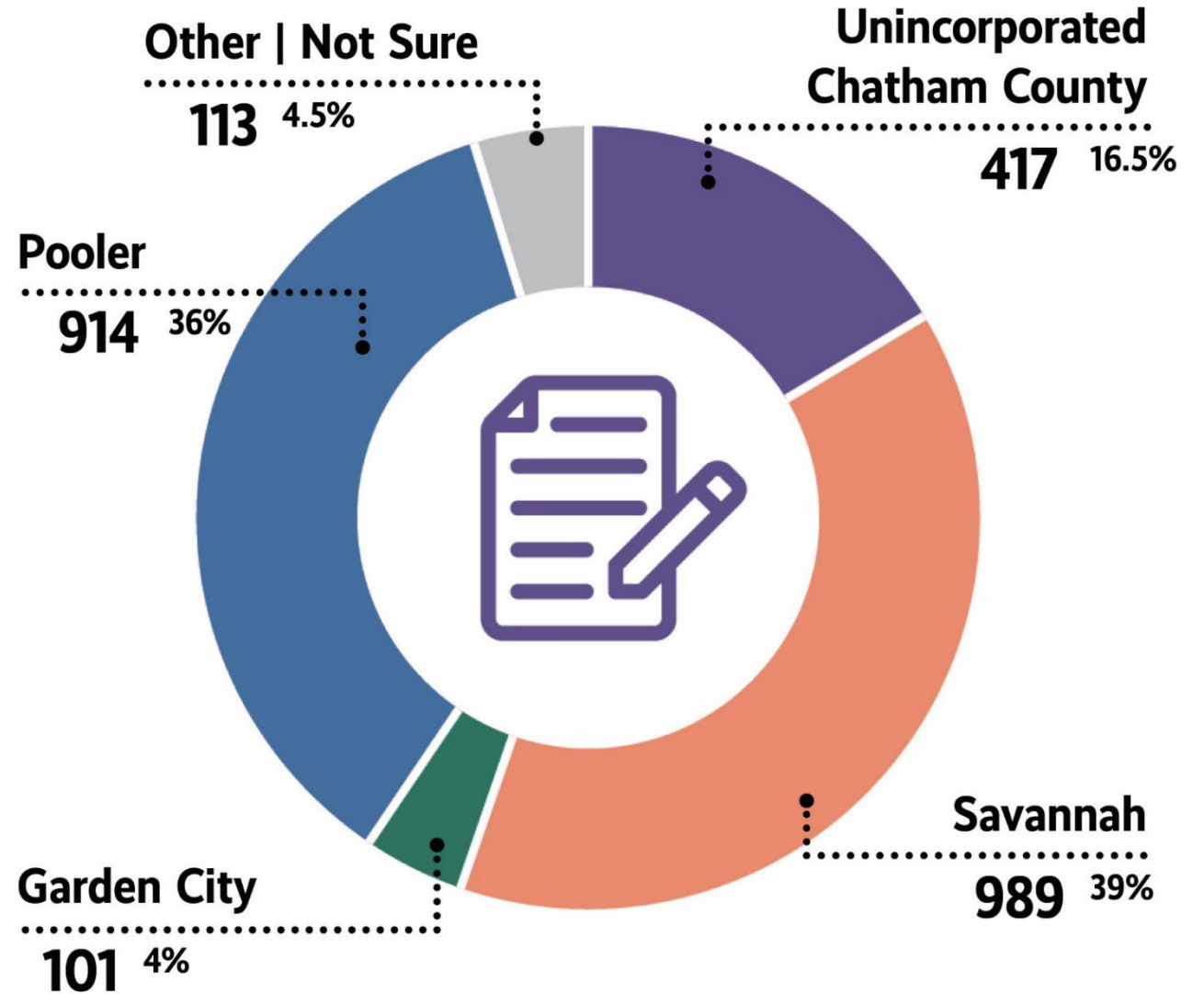


PUBLIC SURVEY

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

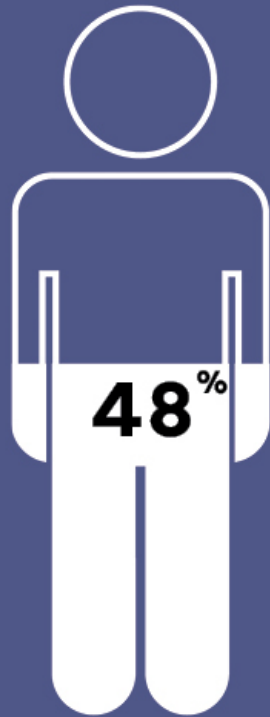
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% Foreign Born

6.5%

Percent Poverty

14%

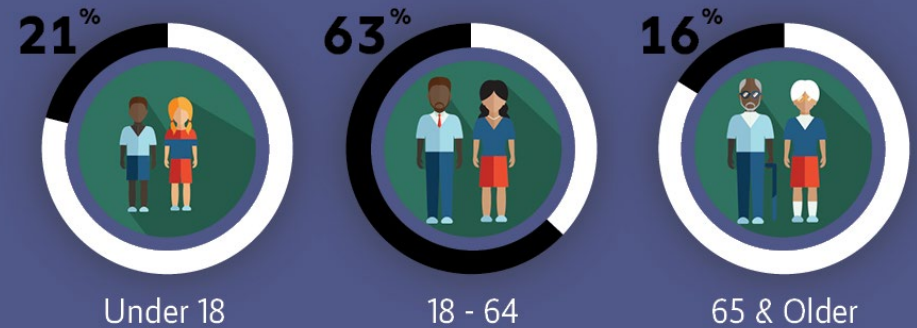


Male

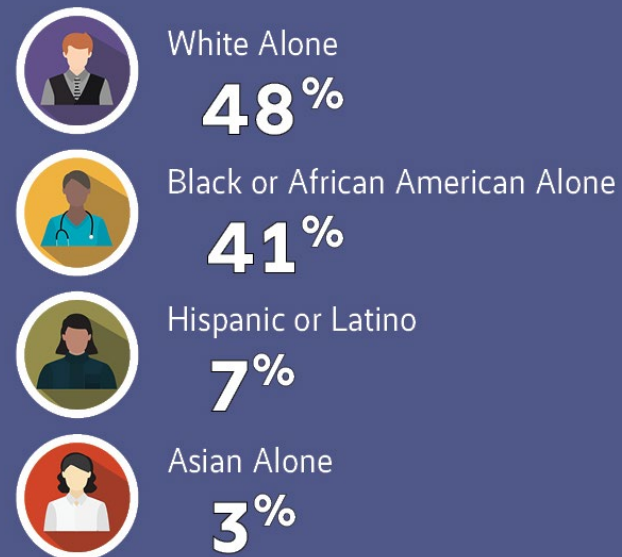


Female

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

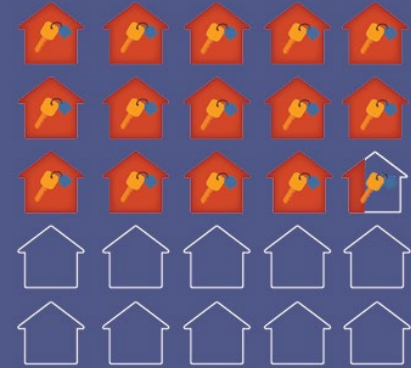
Median Gross Rent

\$1,085

Renters Cost Burdened

49.5%

Tenure



56%
Own

44%
Rent

 = 5,000 Housing Units

COMMUTING



Average Commute Time

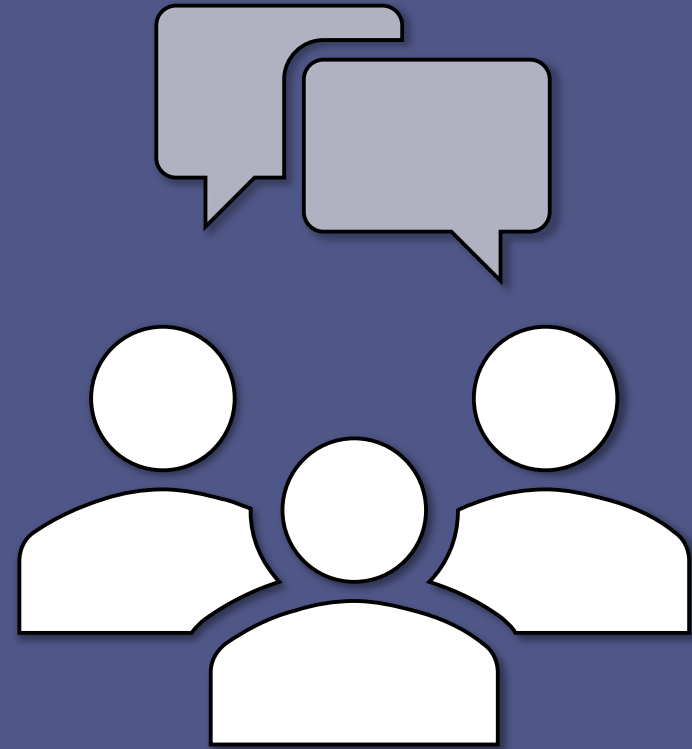
22.2 Minutes



Preferred Commute Mode

74%

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU



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.



OPEN SPACE

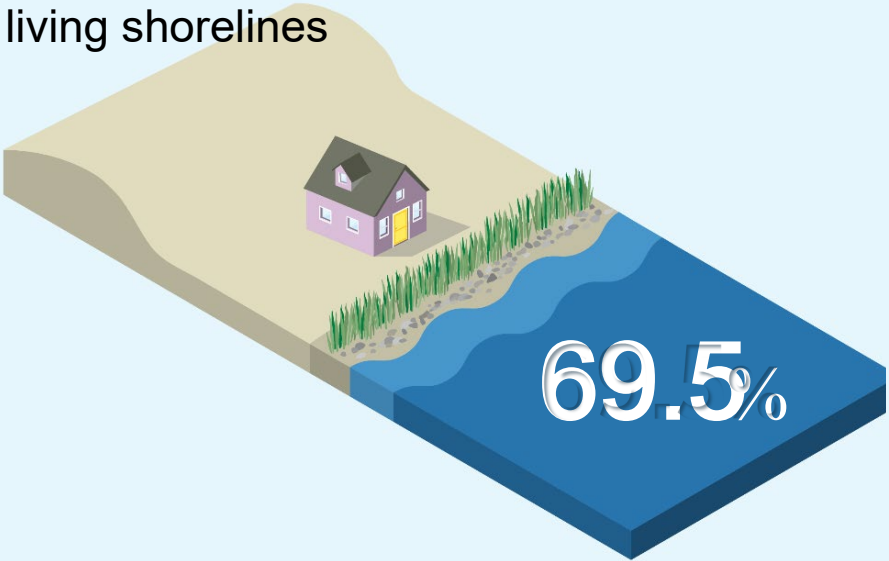
Poll: Which of the following would you like your community to prioritize in Annual Budget?

- 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

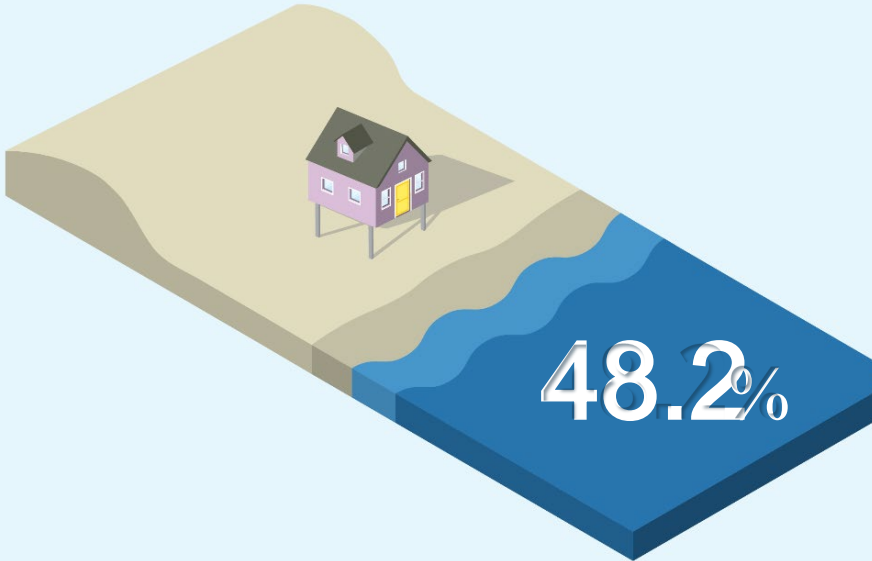


Which of the following strategies would you support to protect Chatham County from hazards related to climate change?

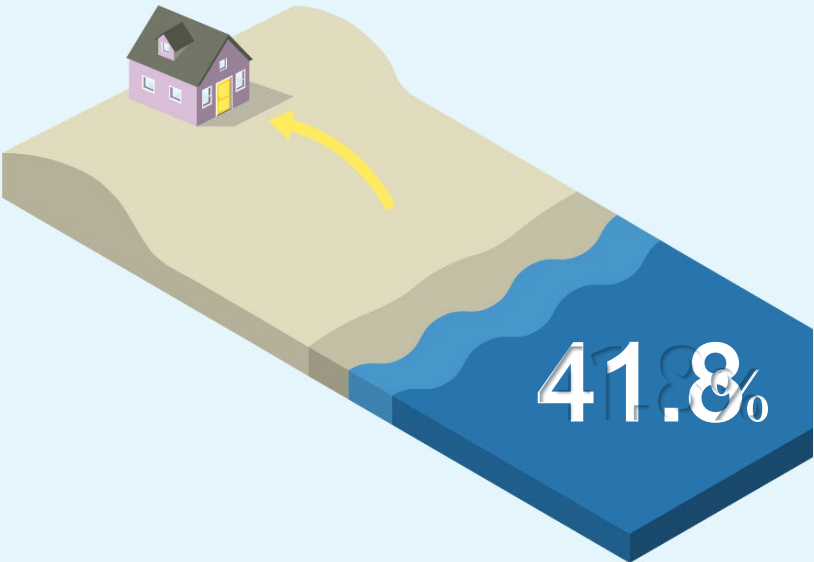
Build soft protection structures such as living shorelines



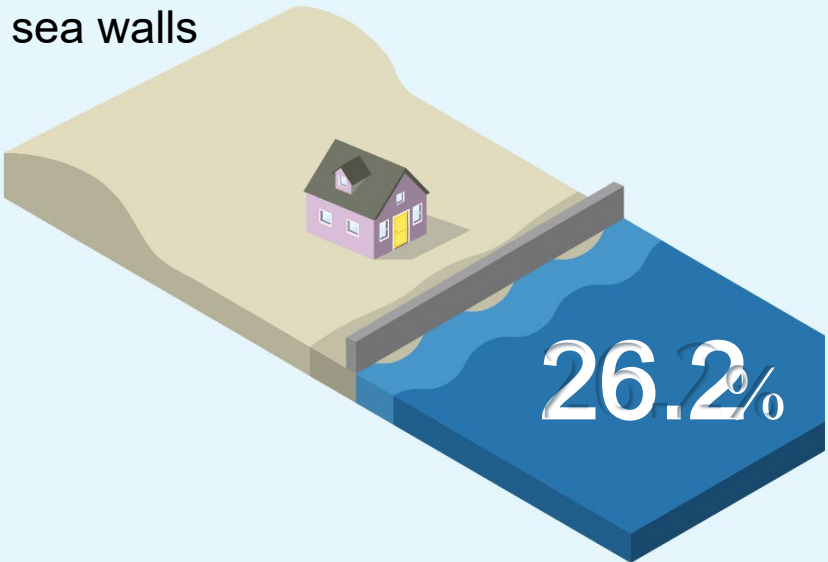
Elevate buildings and infrastructure



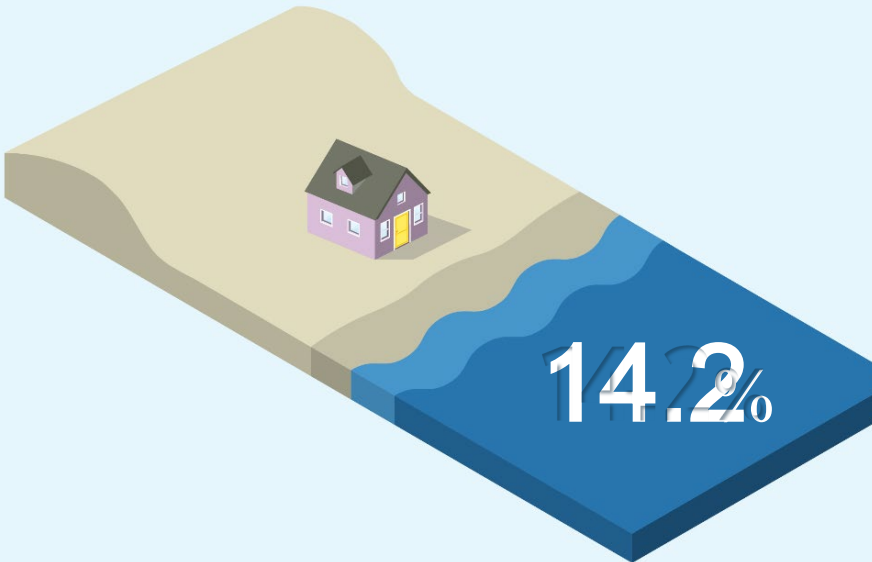
Voluntary relocation of structures



Build hard protection structures such as sea walls



No strategy is necessary



HOUSING

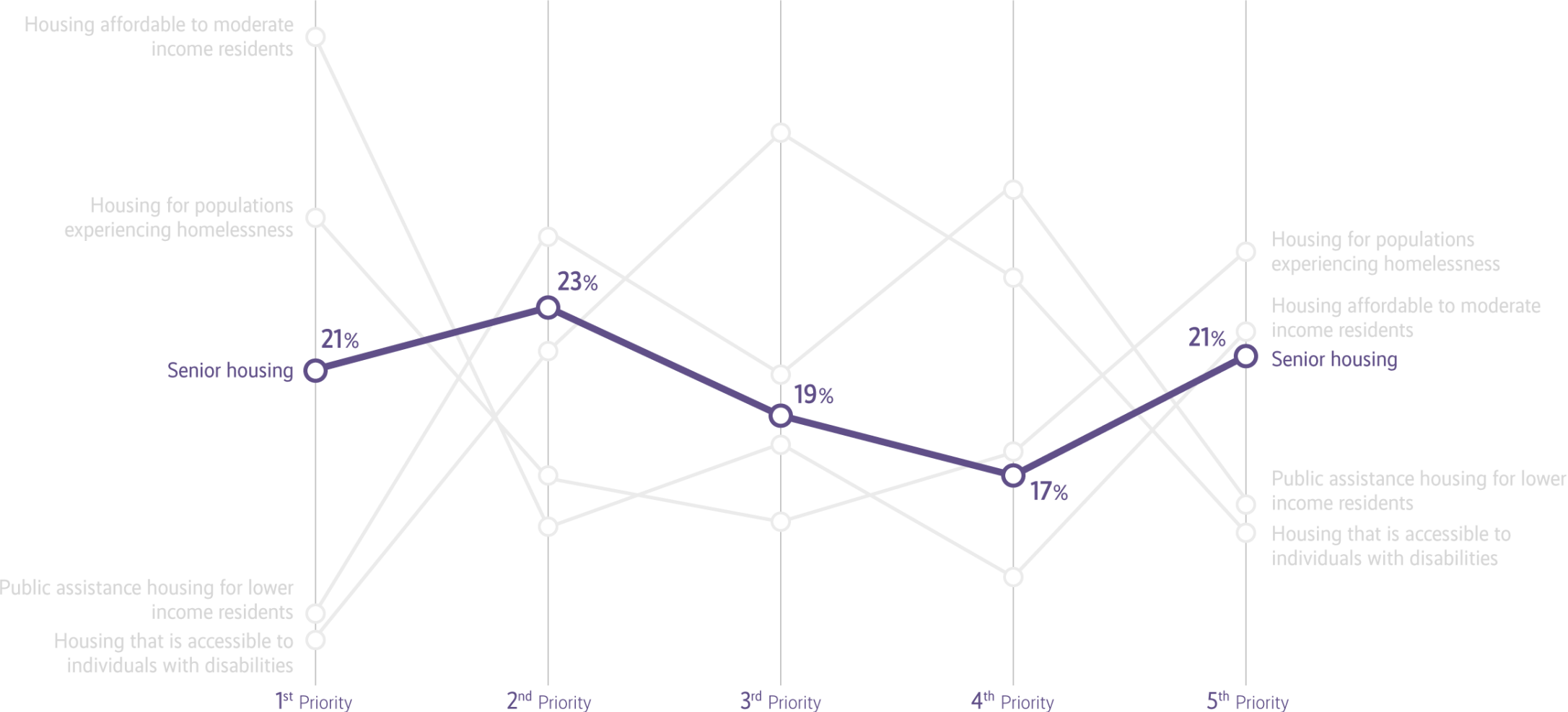
Poll: Which of these statements apply to affordable housing in your community?

- 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

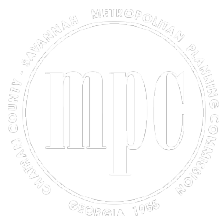
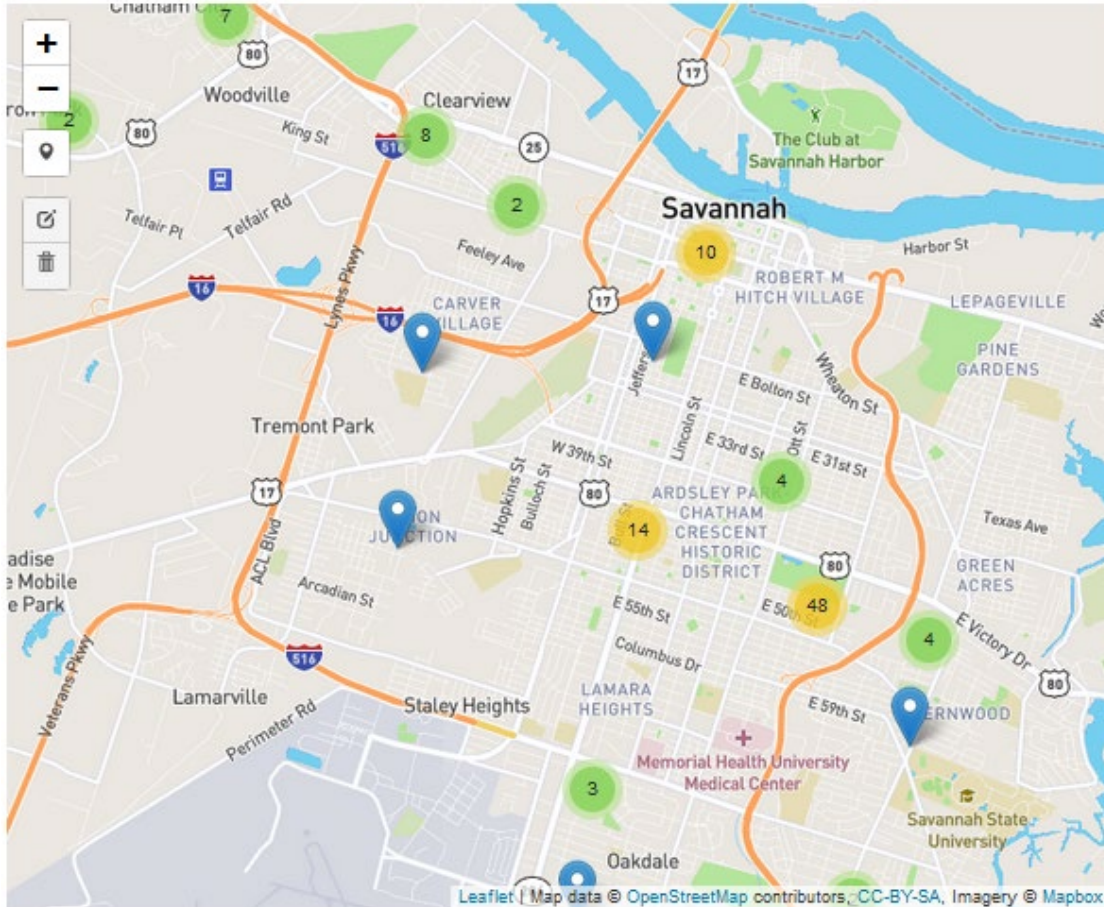
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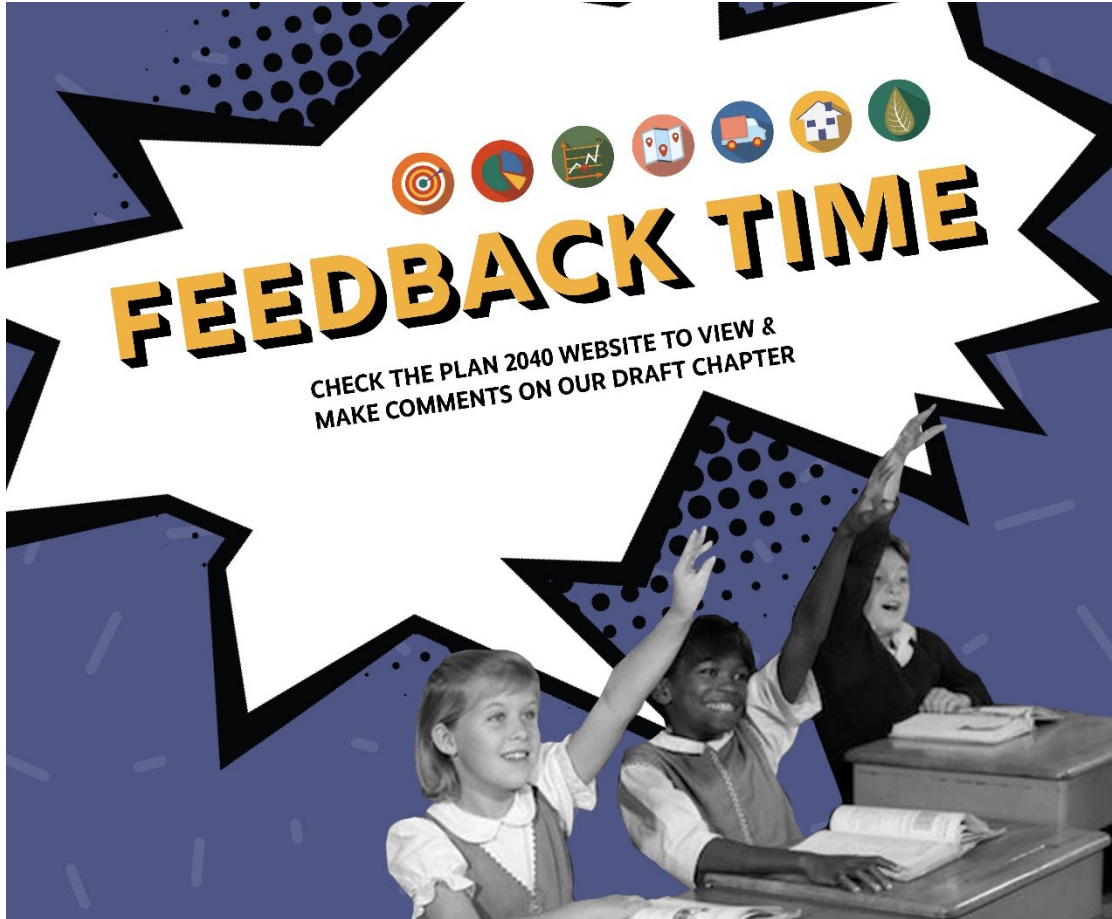
Chatham County, Garden City, Pooler, and Savannah are asking residents to share their ideas and visions for the future of our communities.

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 



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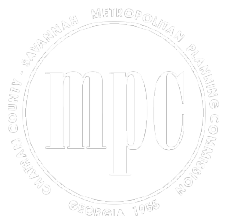


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