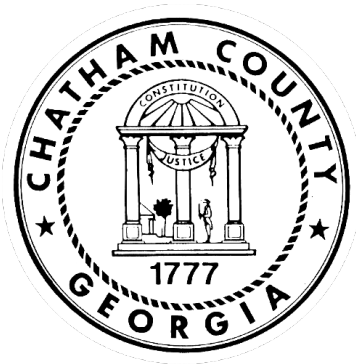




PLAN 2040

Comprehensive Plan Update



PLANNING TEAM



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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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”

- 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.).



- 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



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

- The 2021 update must be approved and adopted by each City's Council and County Commission.
- Lastly, the plan must be approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs by October 31, 2021.



2020

September	Public Meeting for CORE MPO to give background on Comprehensive Plan history and update process
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October 2020 — March 2021	MPC internal review of document and data
October	Comprehensive Plan Update Kickoff
November 2020 - February 2021	Plan Element Subcommittee Meetings
November 2020 - February 2021	Community outreach to gain public input, comments, and feedback

2021

April — May	Community outreach to present final draft and maps for public comment
July	City Council Meeting to present final draft for comment (DCA requires 2 public hearings)
August (45 Days)	Forward to DCA and Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) for review and comment
September	Make any changes to Comprehensive Plan as required by DCA and CRC
September	Present to Garden City City Council for Final approval
October 31st	State deadline for adoption

MEETINGS & POP-UP EVENTS

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

- **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



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



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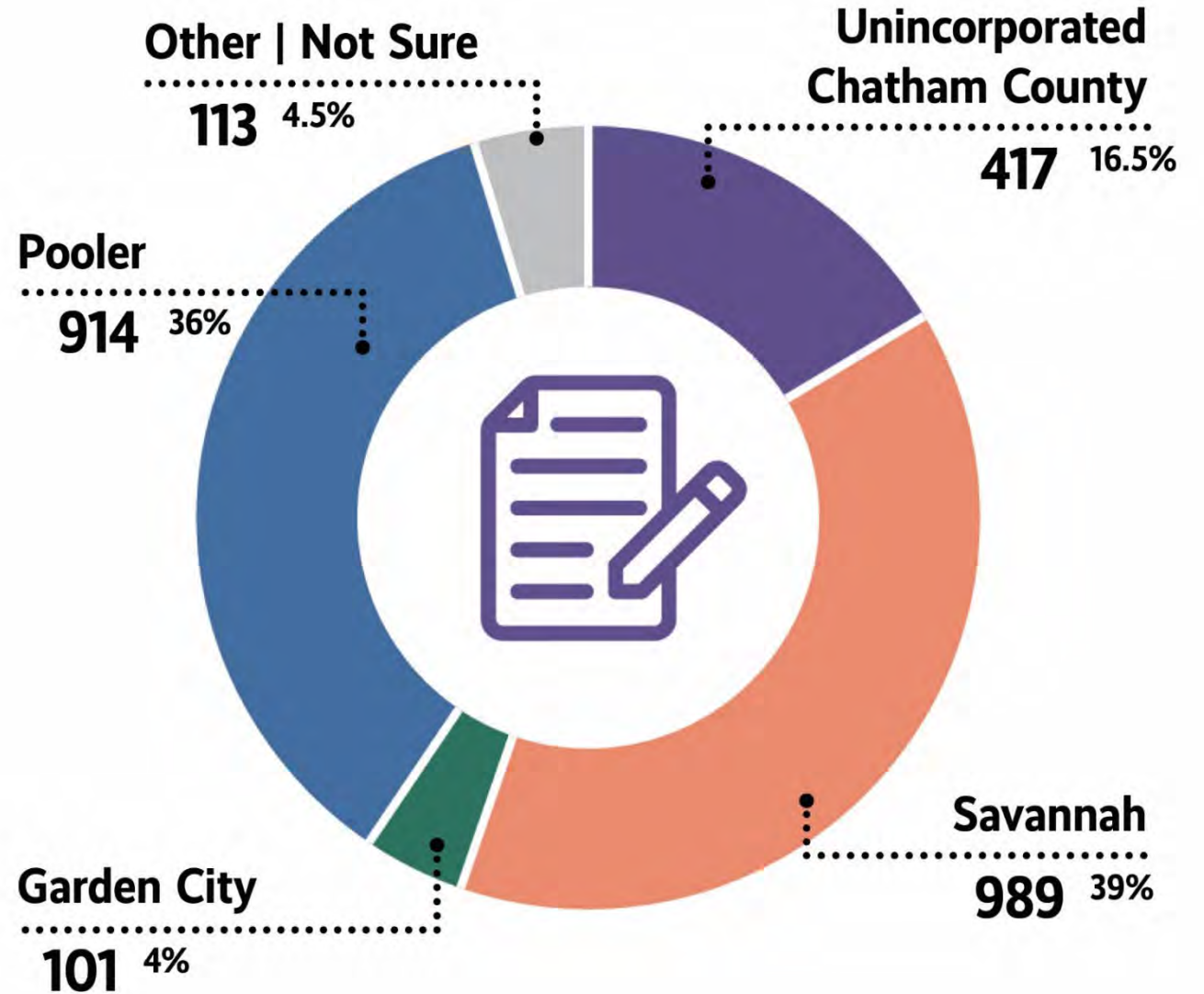


PUBLIC SURVEY

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

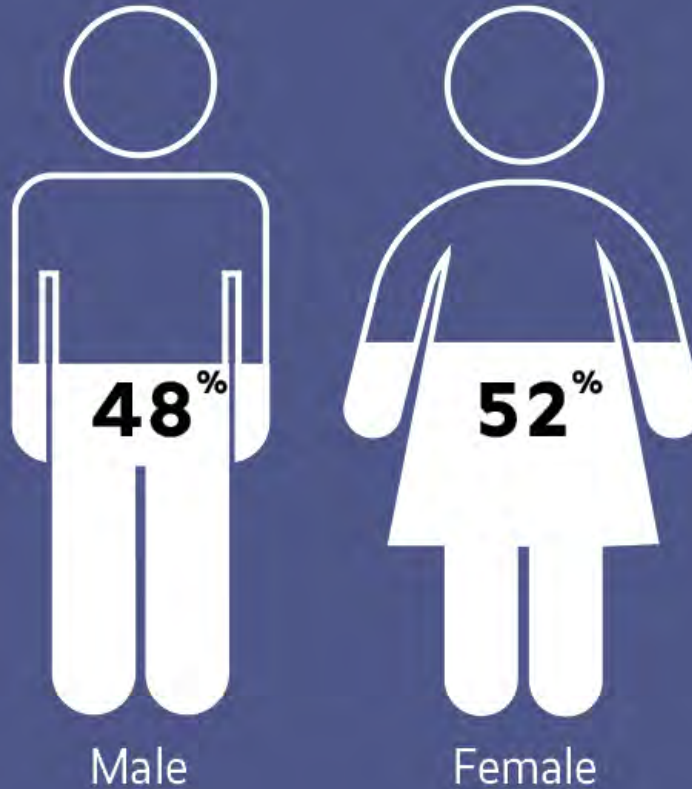
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% Foreign Born

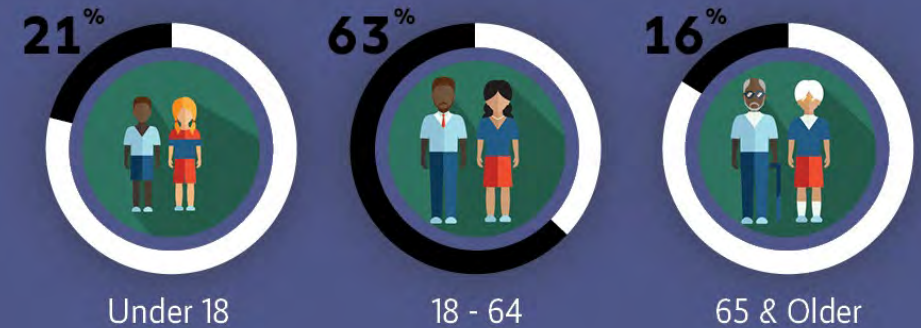
6.5%

Percent Poverty

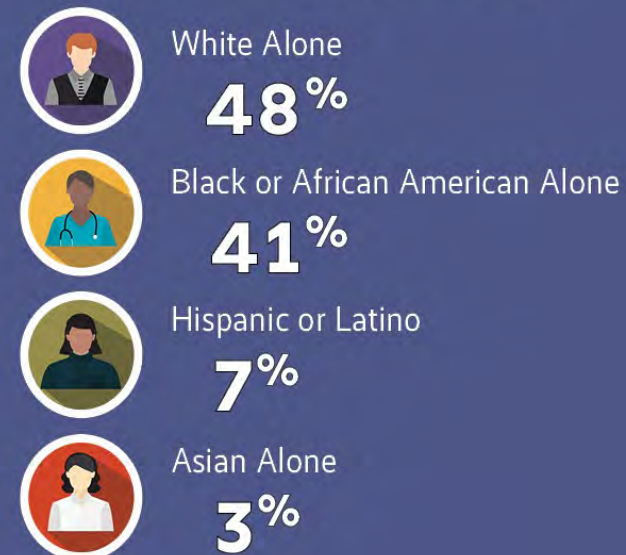
14%



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

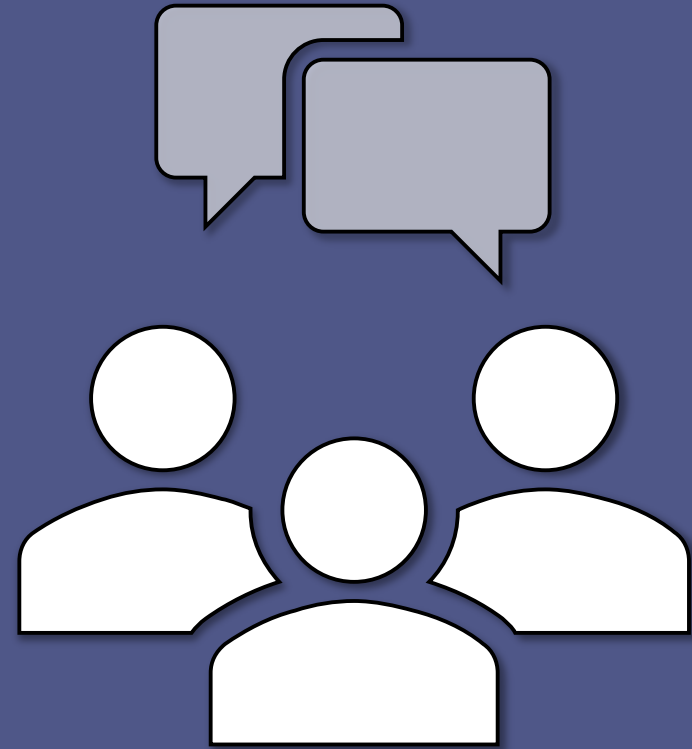
22.2 Minutes



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?

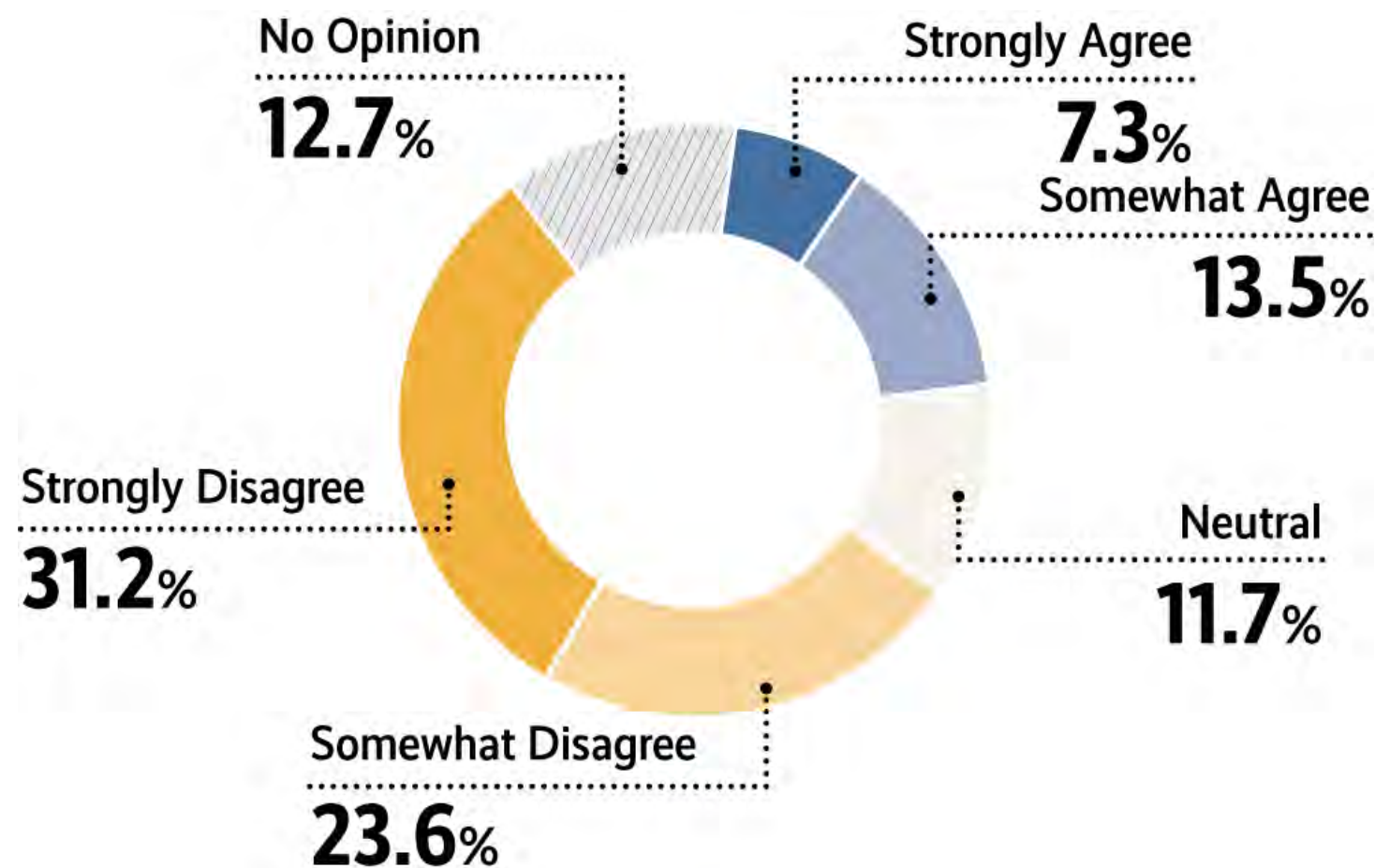
Existing Transportation Goal:

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.



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

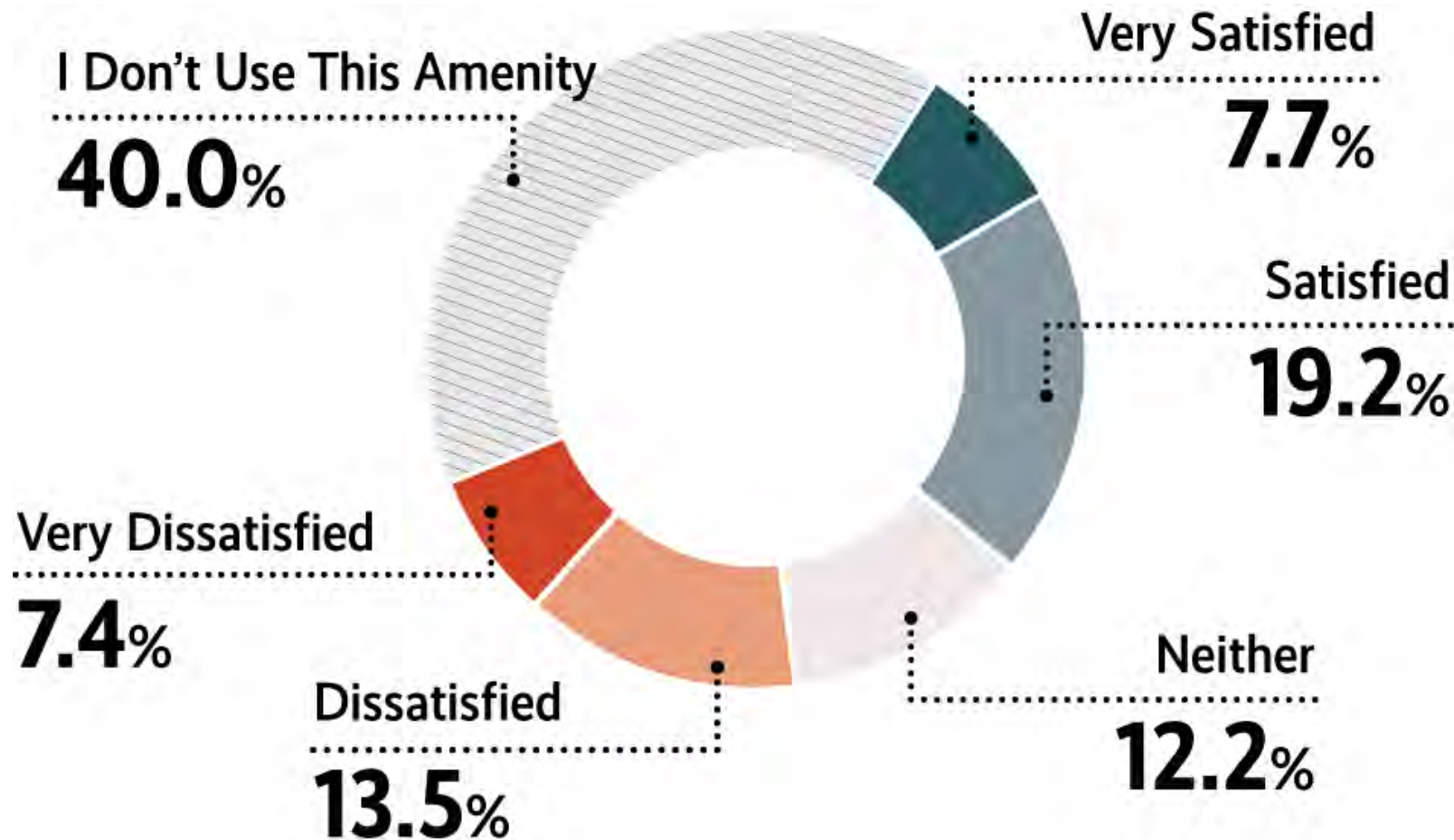
Poll: How would you most like to see your community dedicate a portion of its Annual Budget funding?

- 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



NATURAL RESOURCES

DO THESE GOALS STILL REFLECT OUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS?

Expand the preservation of natural areas and open spaces to provide for wildlife habitat, the continuation of ecosystem services, and public recreational opportunities.

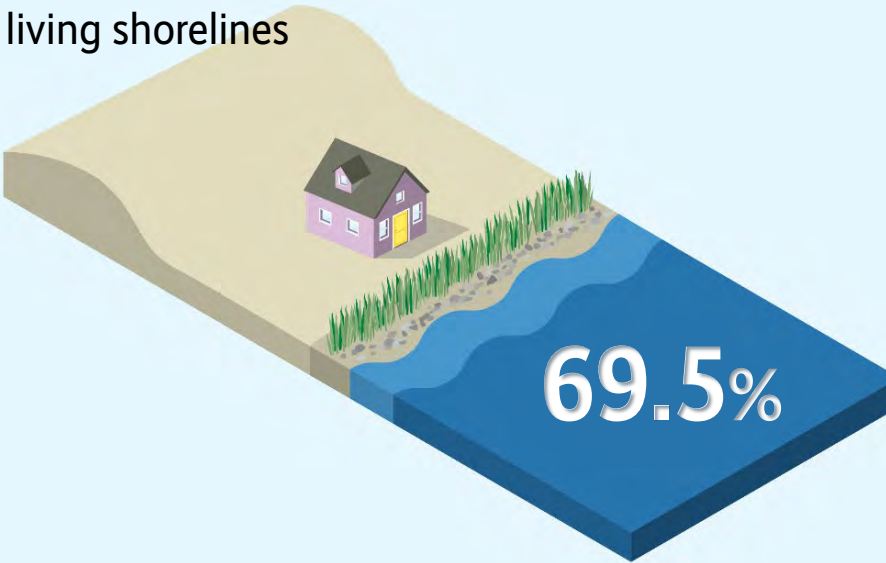
Maintain adequate and open floodplains to prevent property damage from floodwaters and natural shoreline migration due to sea level rise.

Preserve existing trees and accelerate the planting of new trees.

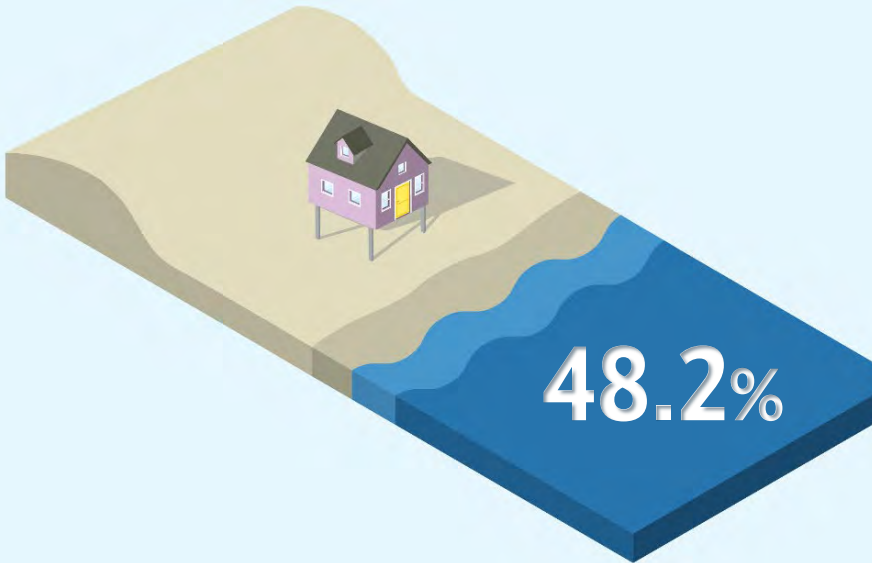


Which of the following strategies would you support to protect Chatham County from hazards related to climate change?

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?

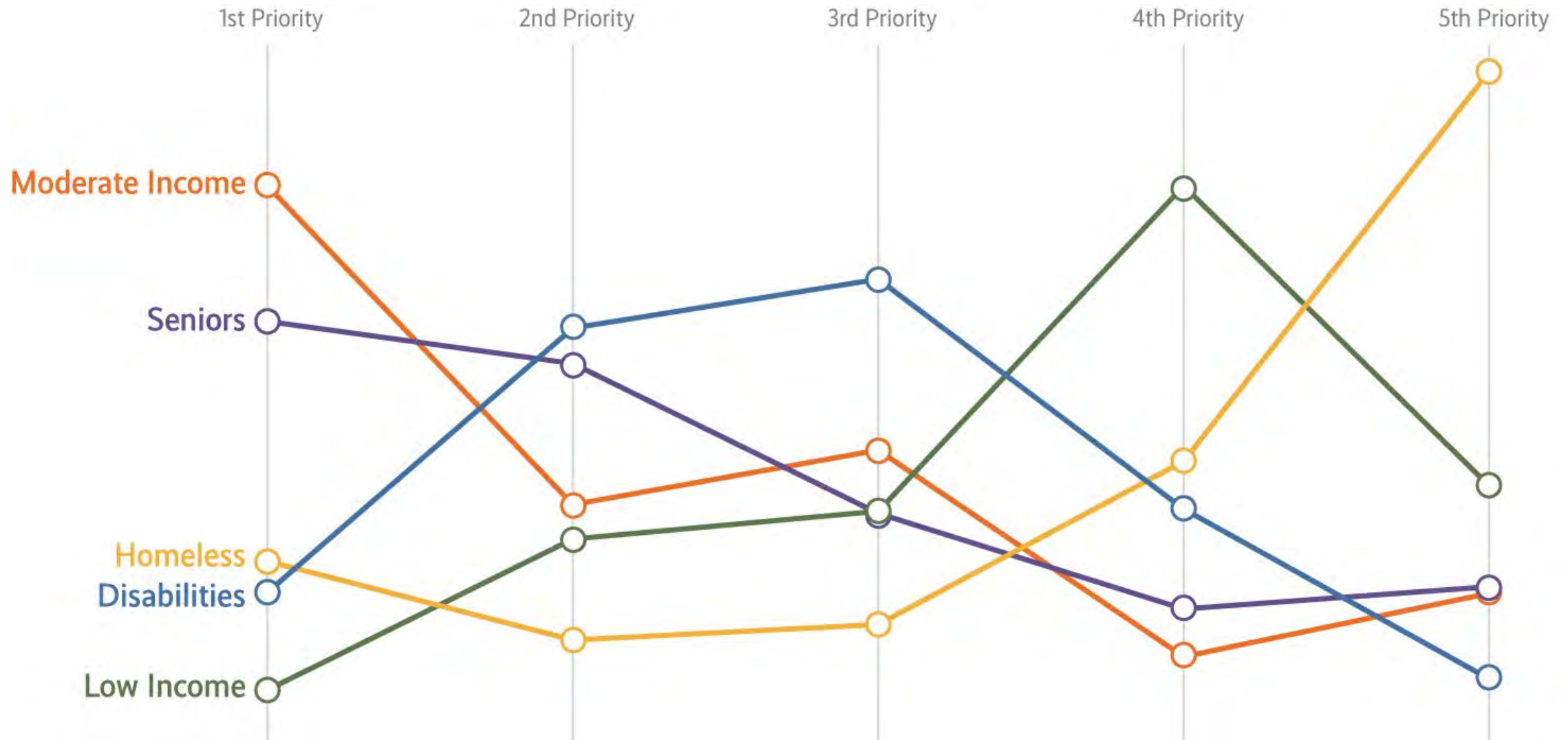
- a. Too little supply of affordable housing.
- b. Enough supply but it's too expensive for most.
- c. I don't know.
- d. This doesn't impact my neighborhood.

Existing Housing Goal:

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

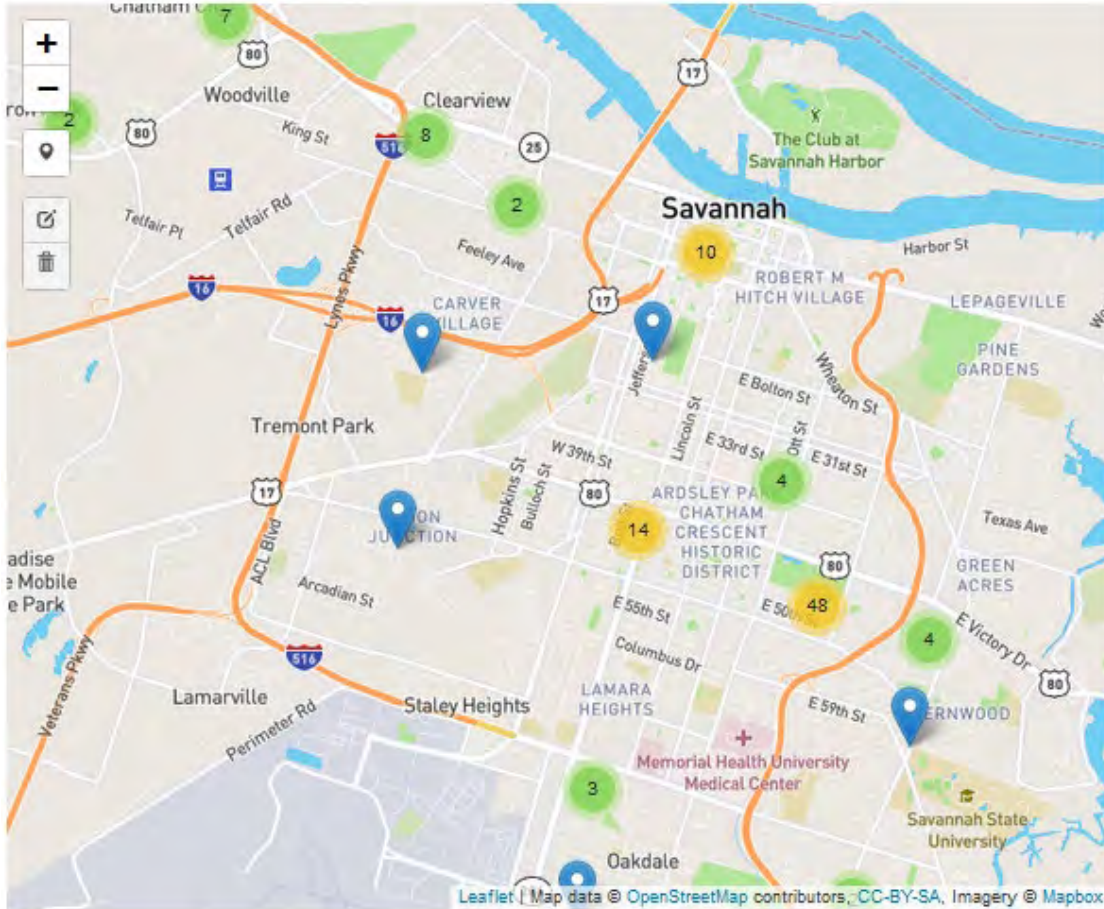


SURVEY QUESTION: PLEASE RANK THE FOLLOWING HOUSING OPTIONS IN ORDER OF HOW THEY SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS.



NEXT STEPS

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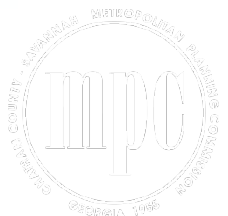


GET INVOLVED!

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



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