

# Mont Vernon Master Plan



Community Values & Goals Workshop

October 1, 2011

# **Agenda**

- 1. Introduction to Master Plan**
- 2. Community Input Survey**
- 3. Mont Vernon 101**
- 4. SCOT Analysis**
- 5. Breakout Groups**
- 6. Next Steps**

# **Meeting Goals**

- **Introduce and explain the Master Plan Process succinctly**
- **Explain what has been done to date**
- **Begin identifying key issues**
- **Get to know more about matters to people that live, play and work in Mont Vernon**

# **1. Introduction to Master Plan**

# **What Is A Master Plan?**

- **A future vision and policy guidebook for the Town**
- **A translation of a community's values into specific actions**
- **NOT a zoning ordinance or regulation**
- **Meant to cover a 10 year time horizon**

# Process



## I. Required Sections

- a. Vision (Principles & Priorities)
- b. Land Use

## II. Optional Sections

- a. Transportation
- b. Community Facilities
- c. Economic Development
- d. Natural Resources
- e. Natural Hazards
- f. Recreation
- g. Utility & Public Services
- h. Cultural & Historic Resources
- i. Regional Concerns
- j. Neighborhood Plan
- k. Community Design
- l. Housing
- m. Implementation
- n. Energy

# **Work Done To Date**

- **Review of the 2000 Master Plan**
- **Creation of the Steering Committee**
- **Community Survey**
  - **Data Review**
- **Community Values & Goals Work Shop**

## 2. Community Input Survey



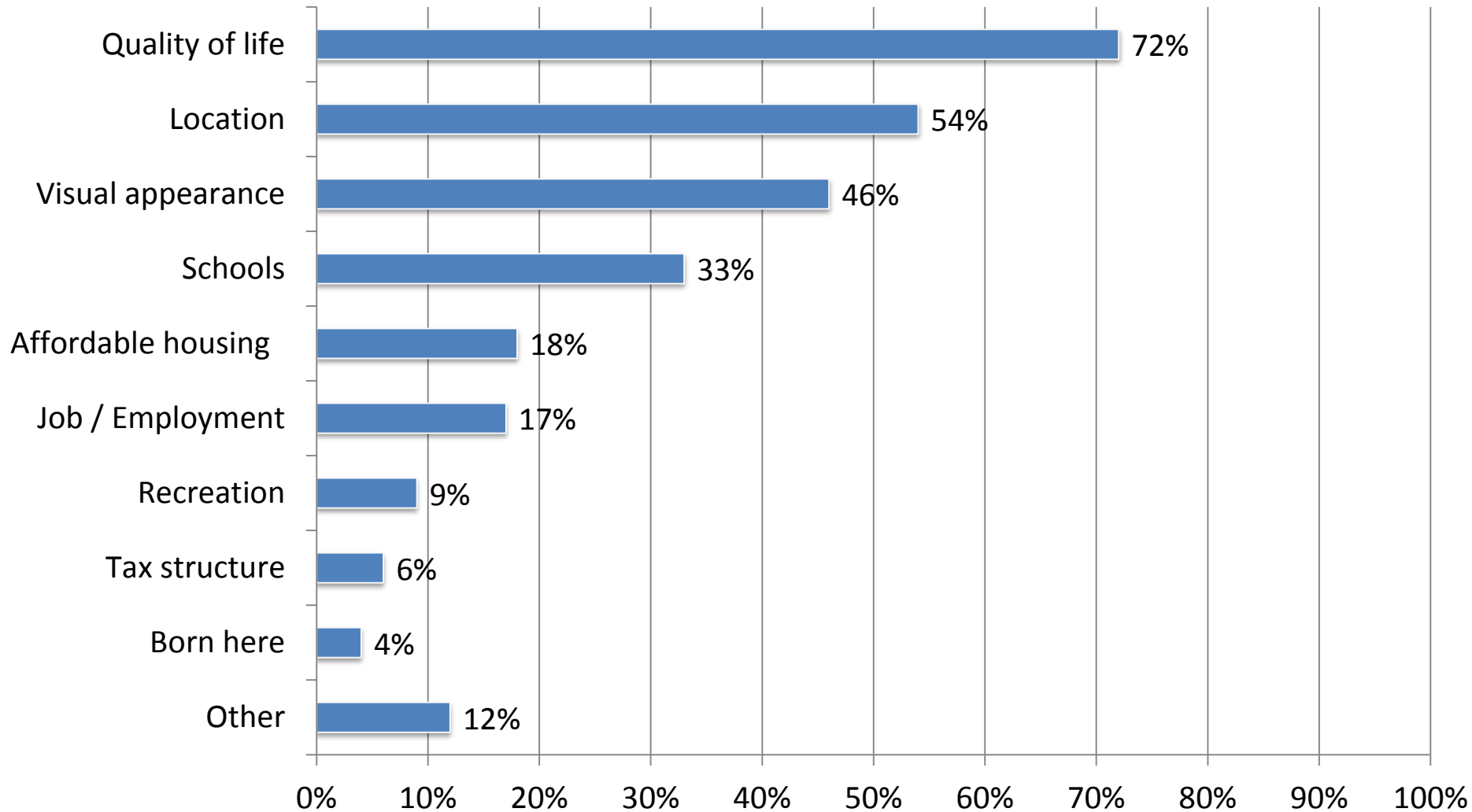
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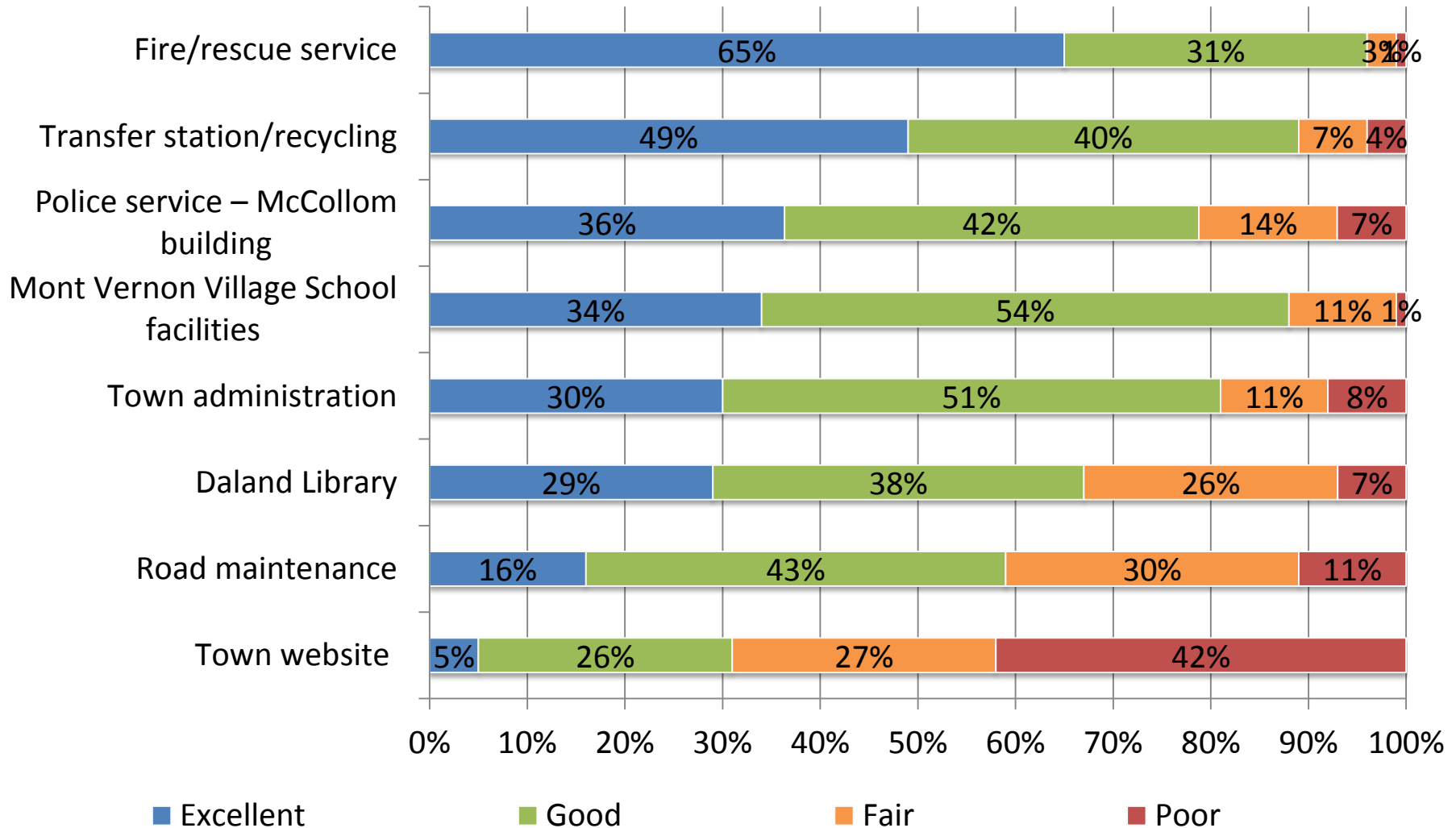
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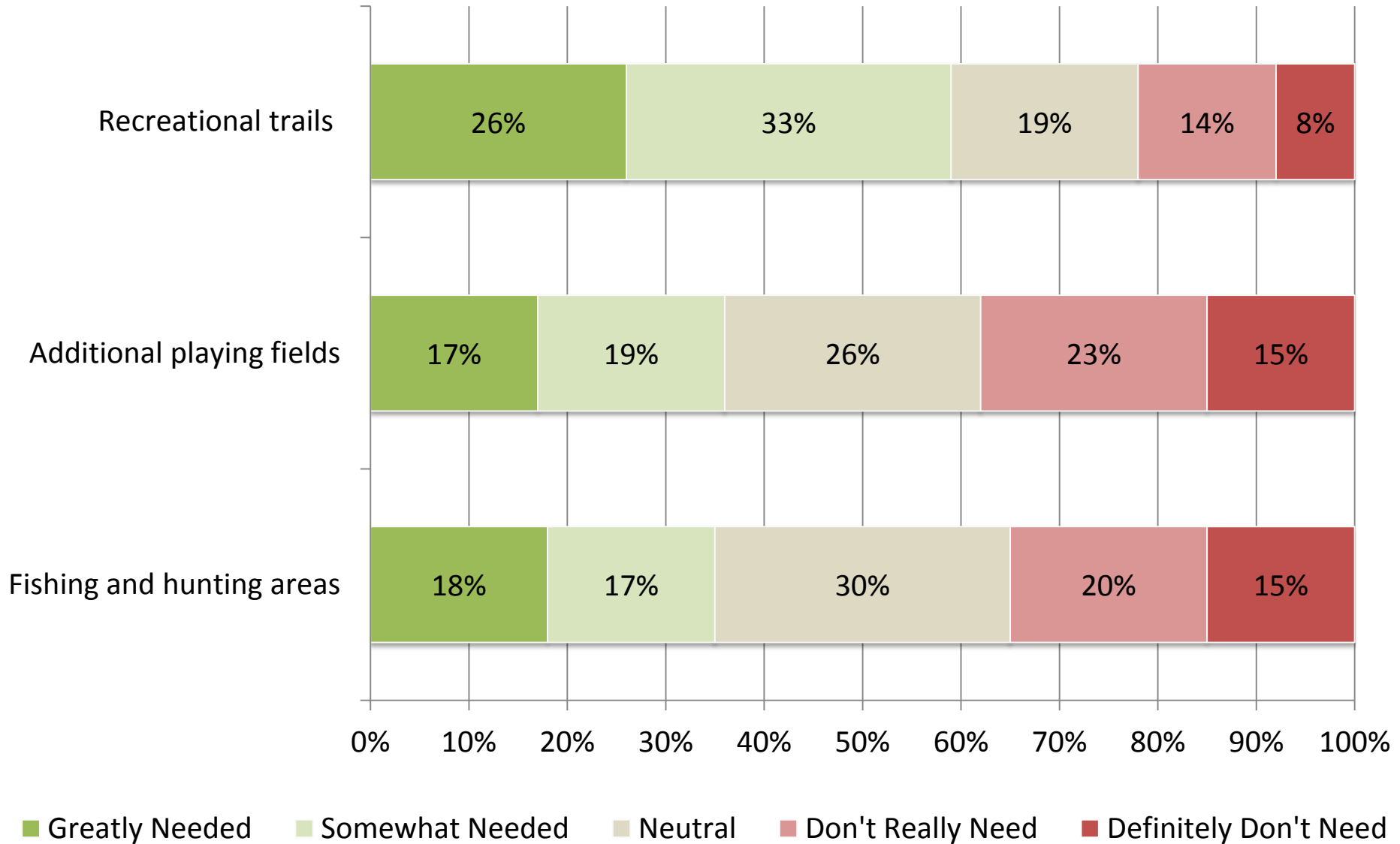
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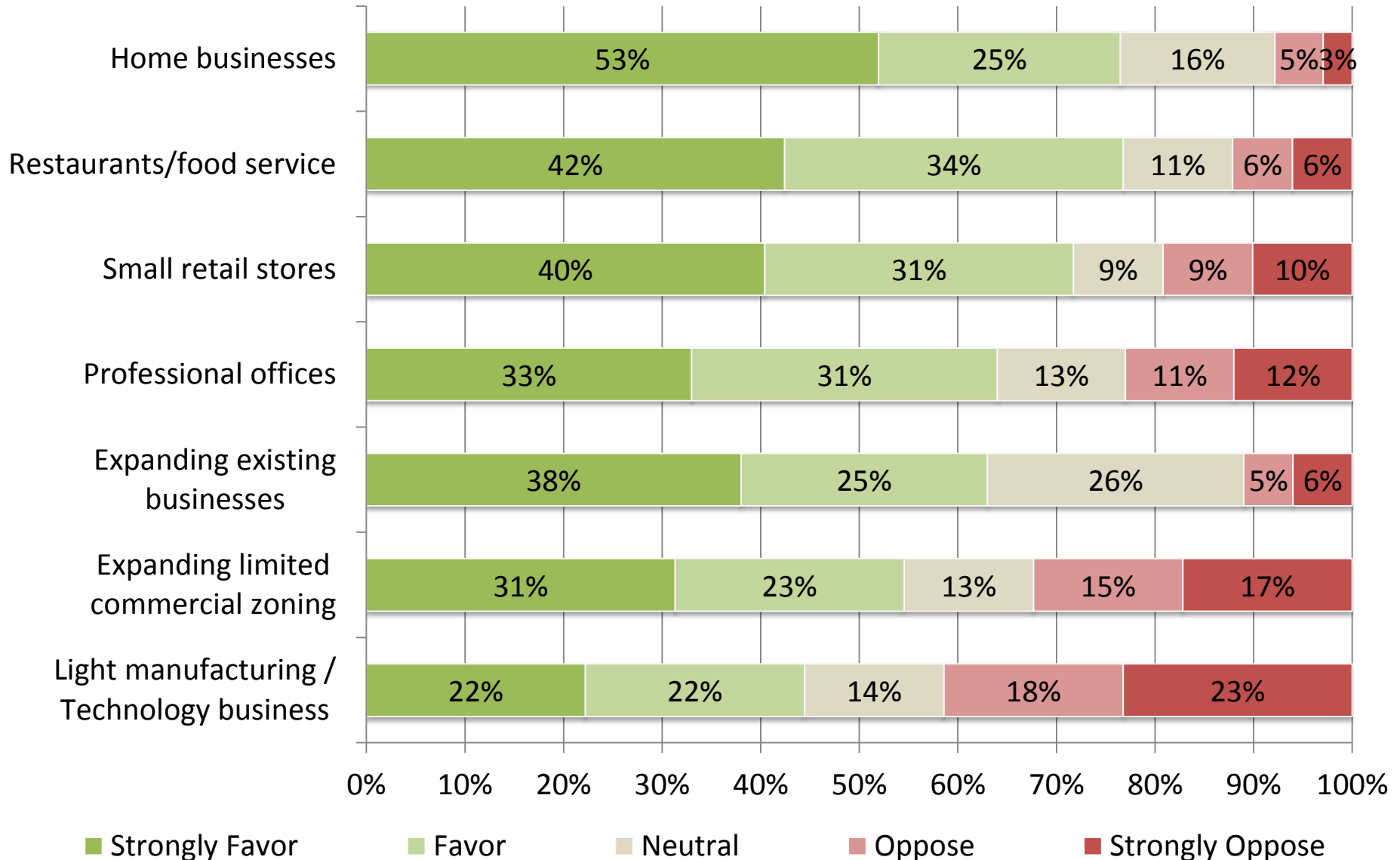
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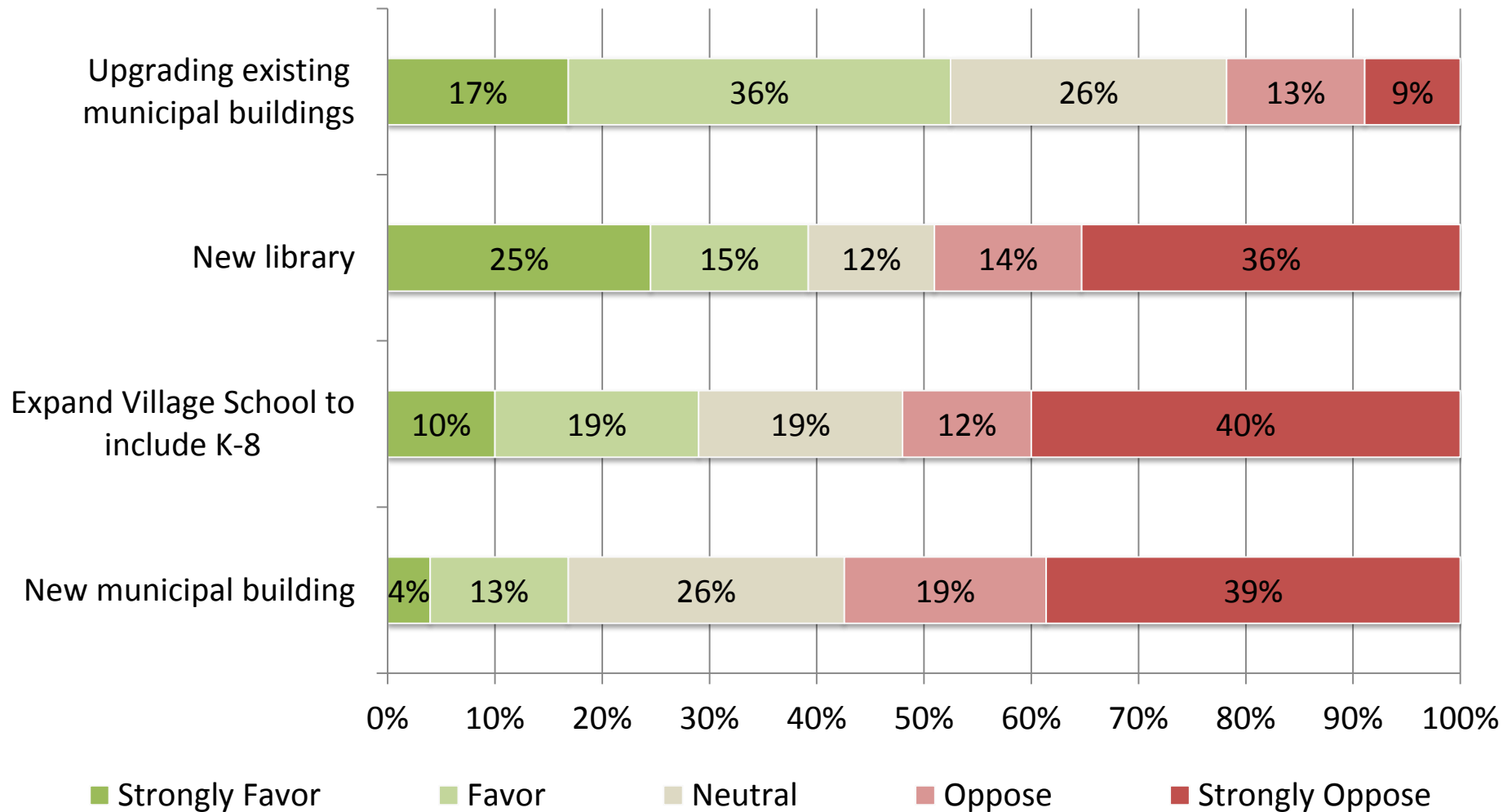
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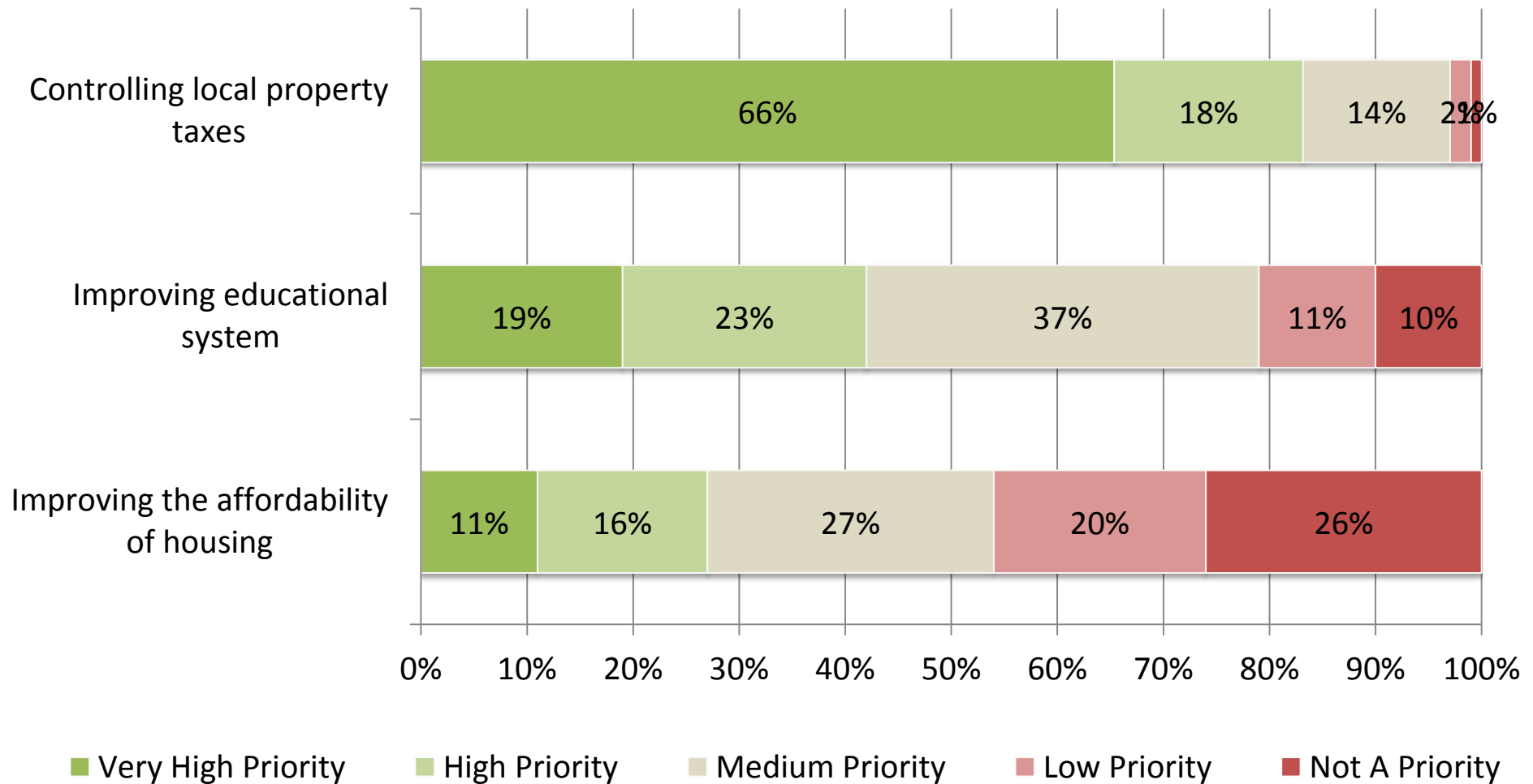
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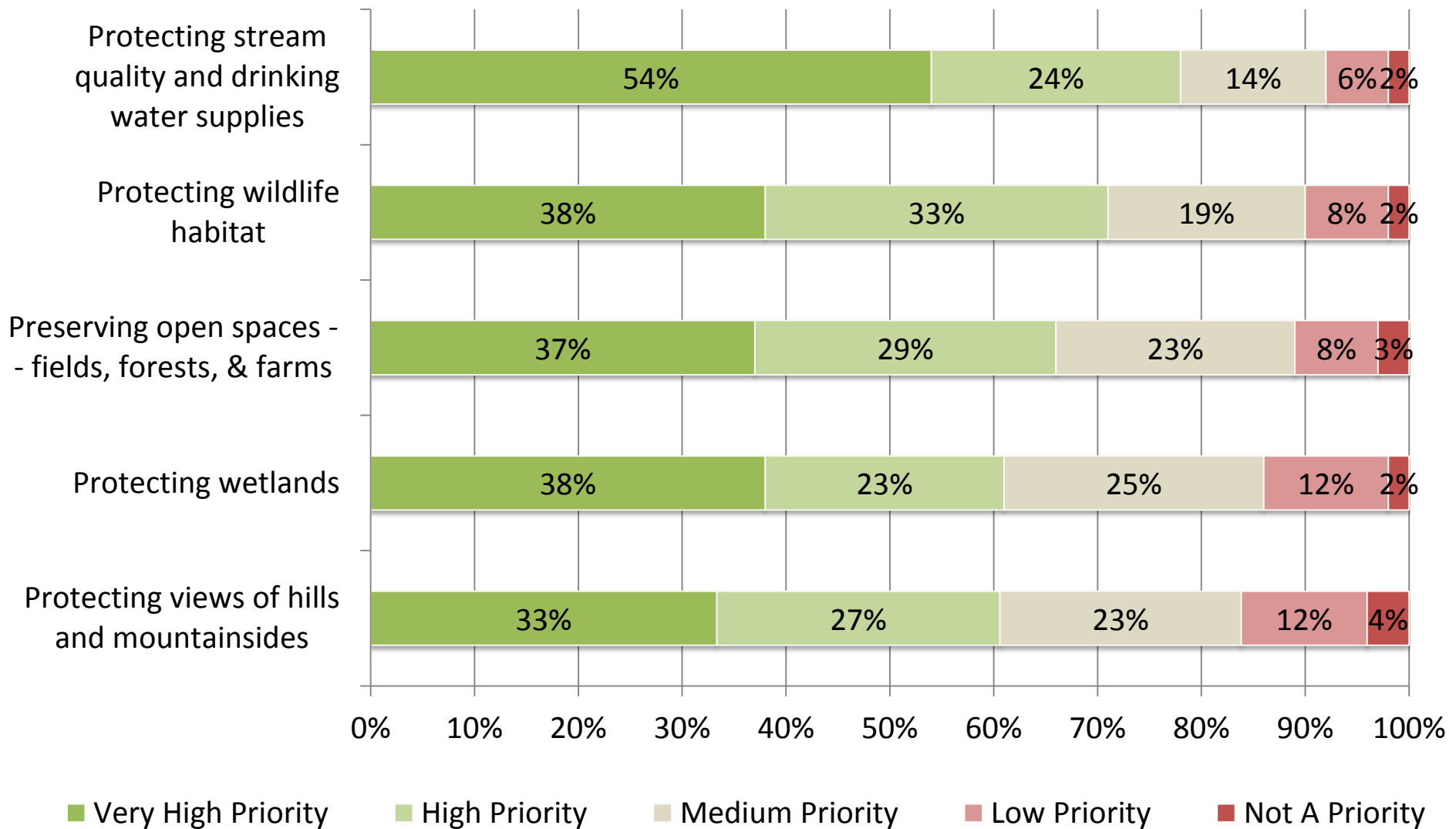
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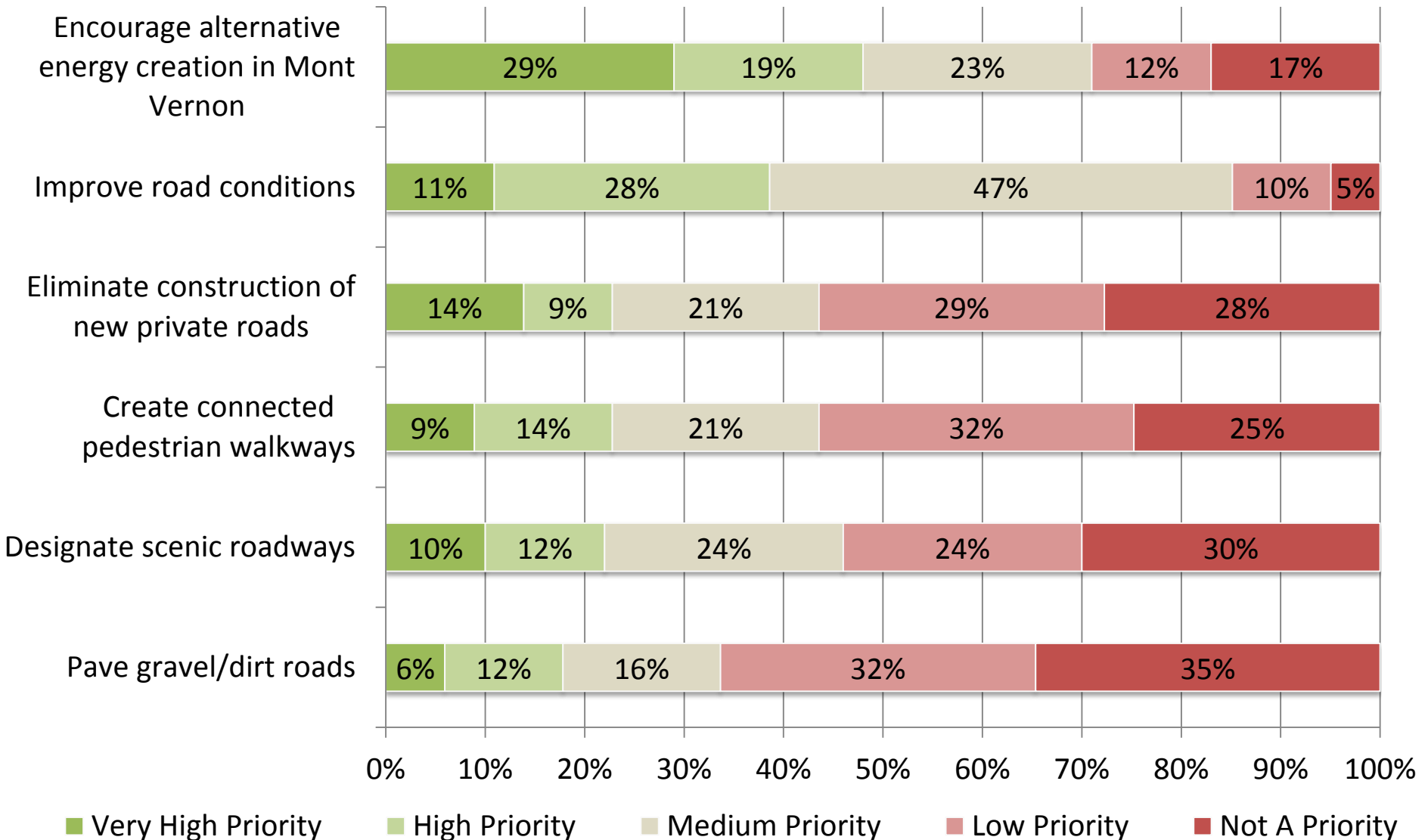
# Priorities...



# Environmental Goals...

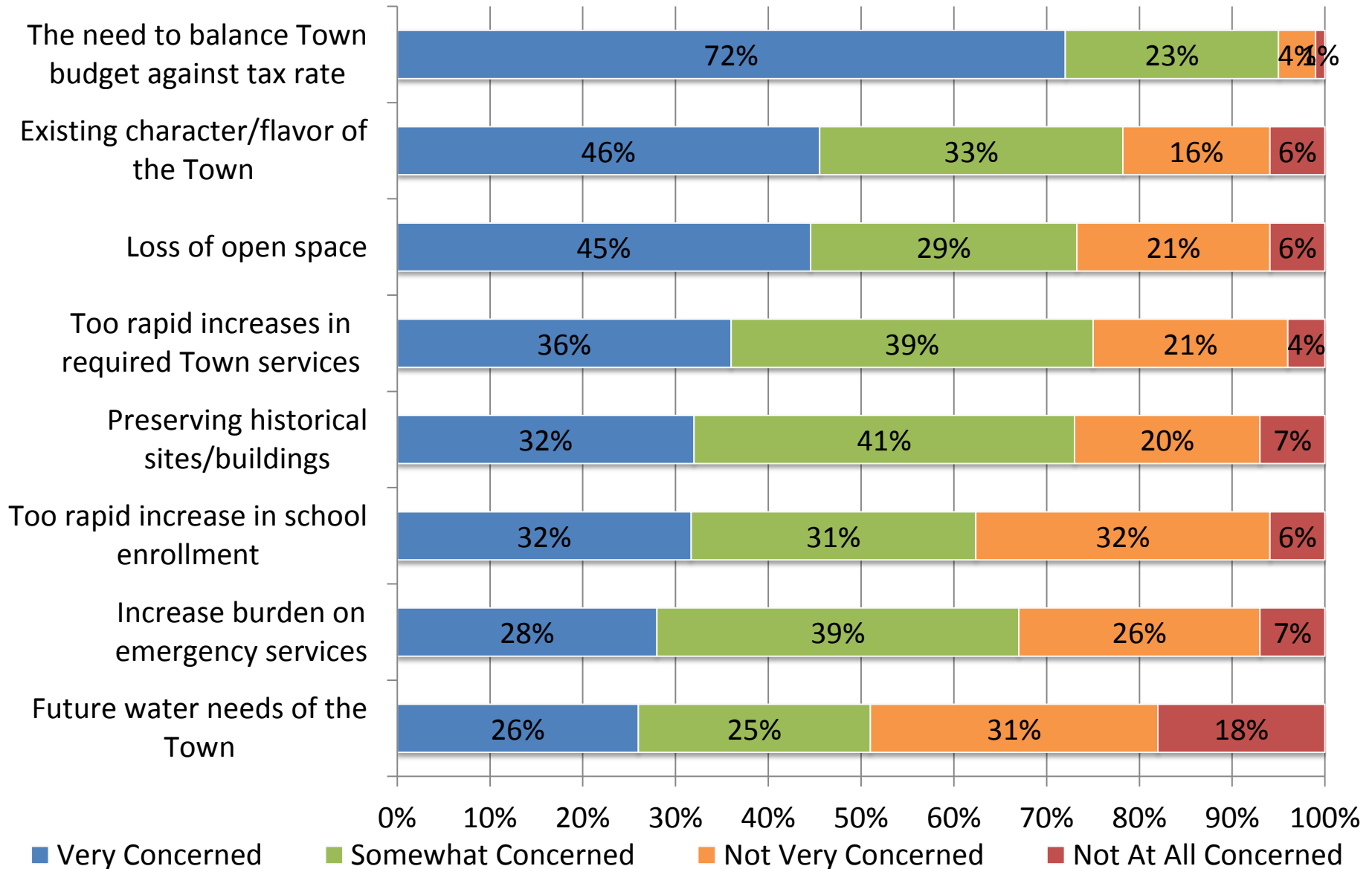


# Transportation Goals...

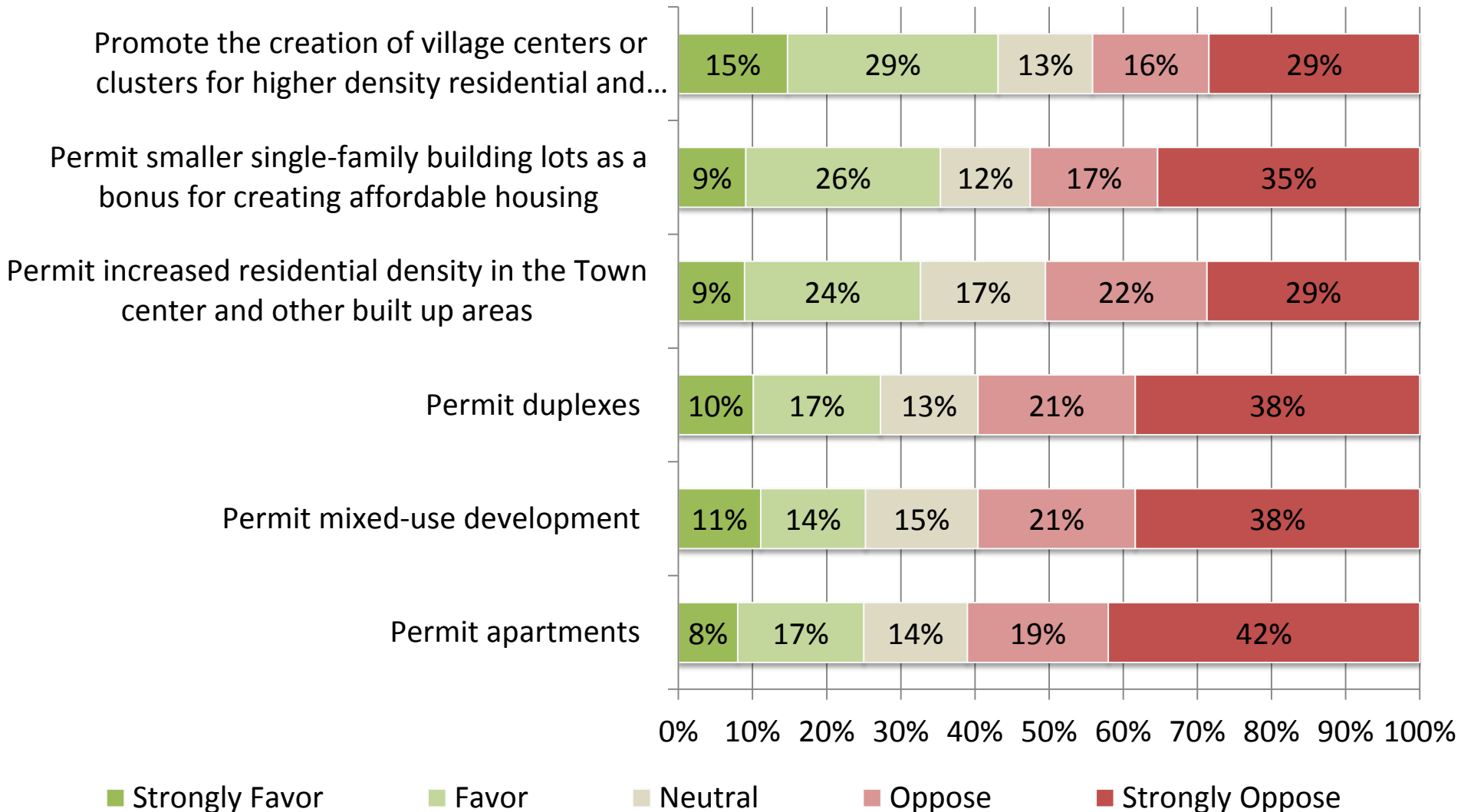




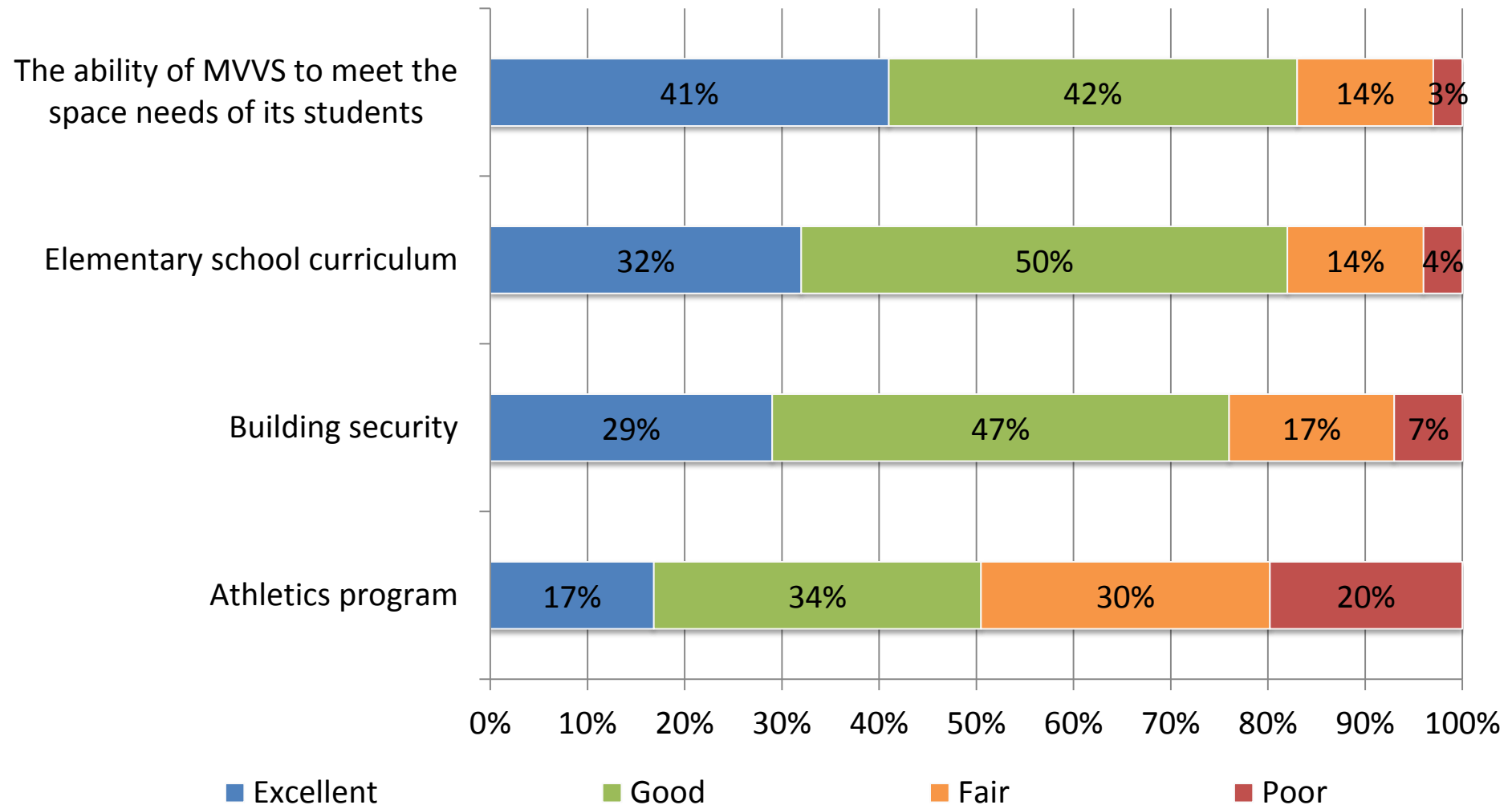
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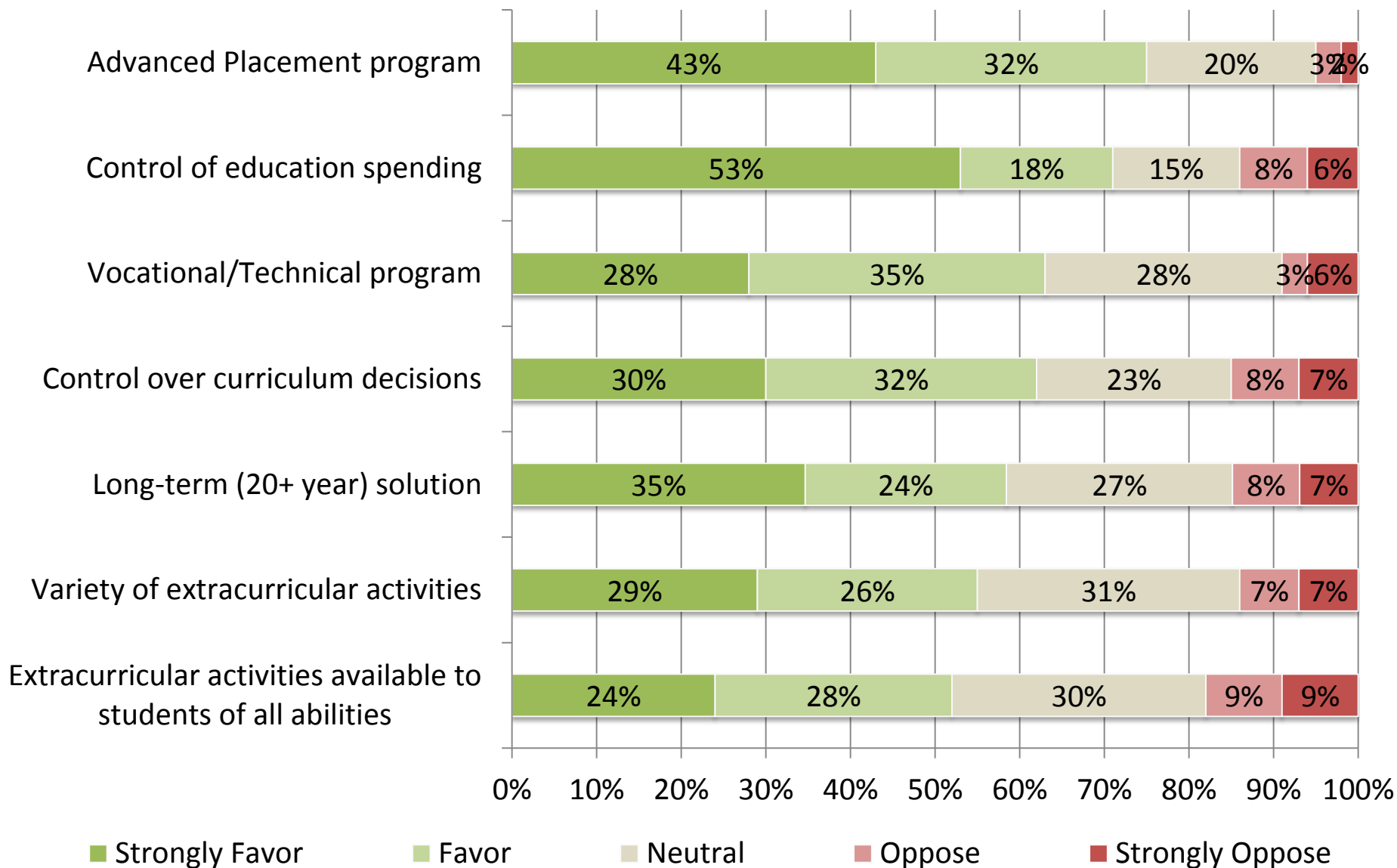
# Housing & Zoning...



# Village School (k-6)...



# Middle/High School...



# **Anything You'd Like to Share...**

## **Survey Open Ended Question**

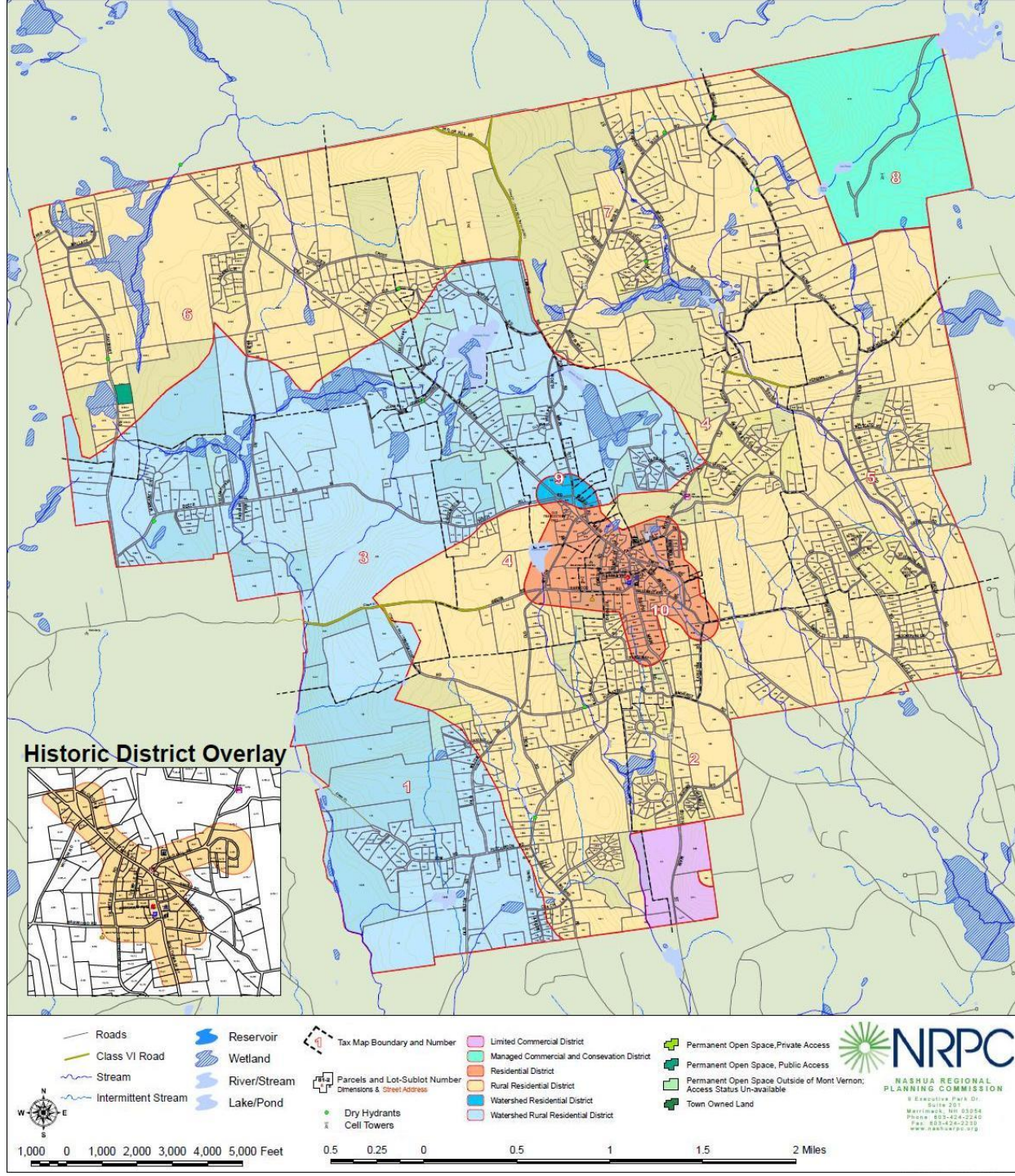
- Tax Relief
- School
- Rural Character
- Small Business
- Recreation / Open Space (parks, trails, etc...)

**If changes are made to one, how will it impact the other?**

### **3. Mont Vernon 101**

# Mont Vernon

## Land Uses



## **4. SCOT Analysis**



# SCOT Analysis



# SCOT Analysis Priorities



## **5. Breakout Groups**

# **Breakout Group Topics**

**A. Town Center**

**B. Housing**

**C. Land Use**

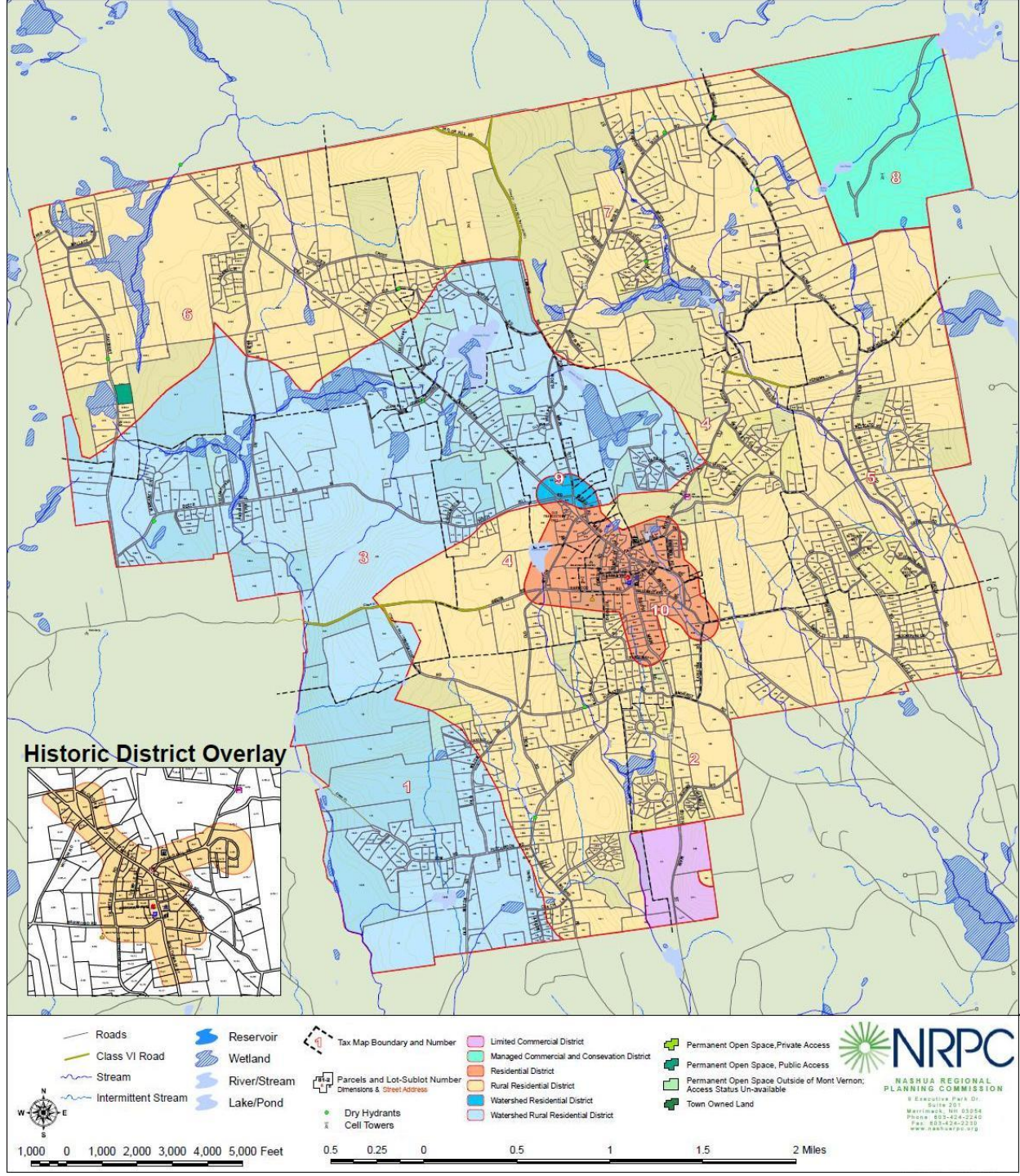
**D. Economic Development**

# **Breakout Group Goals**

- **Facilitator & Recorder**
- **Review Questions & Map**
- **Brainstorming**
- **Report Back Recommendations**

# Mont Vernon

## Land Uses



# **Breakout Group Reports**

**A. Town Center**

**B. Housing**

**C. Land Use**

**D. Economic Development**

# A. Town Center

**“Residents favor upgrading existing municipal buildings over other additions”**

1. What do you consider to be Mont Vernon’s greatest cultural and historical assets in the Town Center?  
What needs changing.
2. What is the appropriate role of Mont Vernon’s historic Town Center to the community and the region?
3. How can Mont Vernon better take advantage of its cultural and historic resources? What can be done to enhance the character of the Town Center?



## **B. Housing**

**“Residents are opposed to measures aimed at growing and diversifying housing in the town”**

1. Identify the 3 biggest housing-related challenges in Mont Vernon.
2. How has Mont Vernon approached these in the past? Discuss remedies to help overcome these challenges.
3. Identify the most successful new housing developments in Town. What makes them successful?

## C. Land Use

**“Environmental protection measures are all seen as a priority by residents”**

1. How do we protect stream quality and drinking water supplies and wetlands?
2. How do we protect wildlife and habitat?
3. How do we utilize the towns natural resources – recreational trails, playing fields, fishing and hunting areas, etc?

# **D. Economic Development**

**“Keeping local property taxes low is highest priority for Mont Vernon Residents”**

1. In terms of economic development (jobs, retail, office, industry), what do you want/need in Mont Vernon?
2. What should the Town be doing to achieve those economic development priorities?
3. Is the Limited Commercial district at the south end of Route 13 adequate? Identify any recommendation for the LC district.

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**Thank You!**  
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