

Bennington Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2024

Bennington Town Plan Summary of Public Input and Thematic Outline



Bennington
Vermont's First Town



960 postcards from students
190 survey responses
55 participants in focus group discussions
50 idea boards from community roundtables
40 participants in community roundtables
5 community roundtable conversations
5 public tabling events
4 focus group discussions



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Hello from Bennington in 2050!



Sincerely,

Hello from Bennington in 2050!

I want
a dog-walking path
all around Lake Paran. I want
a splash pad at Molly Stark. ♡
Kyr ♡

Sincerely,



Dear 2023 Bennington,

The year is 2050! Bennington is more

beautiful than ever. Our town now has more parks
and trees. Main Street is filled with cute little shops.

The rougher areas of Bennington have been cleaned up,
and the beautiful houses have been restored,
thanks in part to the actions you took to make our
community better, such as . . .

building a organization that works to restore
the old houses, that have been left untouched.
Also a group that works to plant trees.

Sincerely,

Margaret

Dear 2023 Bennington,

The year is 2050! Bennington is more

safe, more store options, MORE HOUSING
better drug control

Less homeless people
thanks in part to the actions you took to make our
community better, such as . . .

making more buildings w apartments
for the homeless. Better cops, not
get rid of the hundreds of car
washes we don't need

Sincerely,

Jailyn

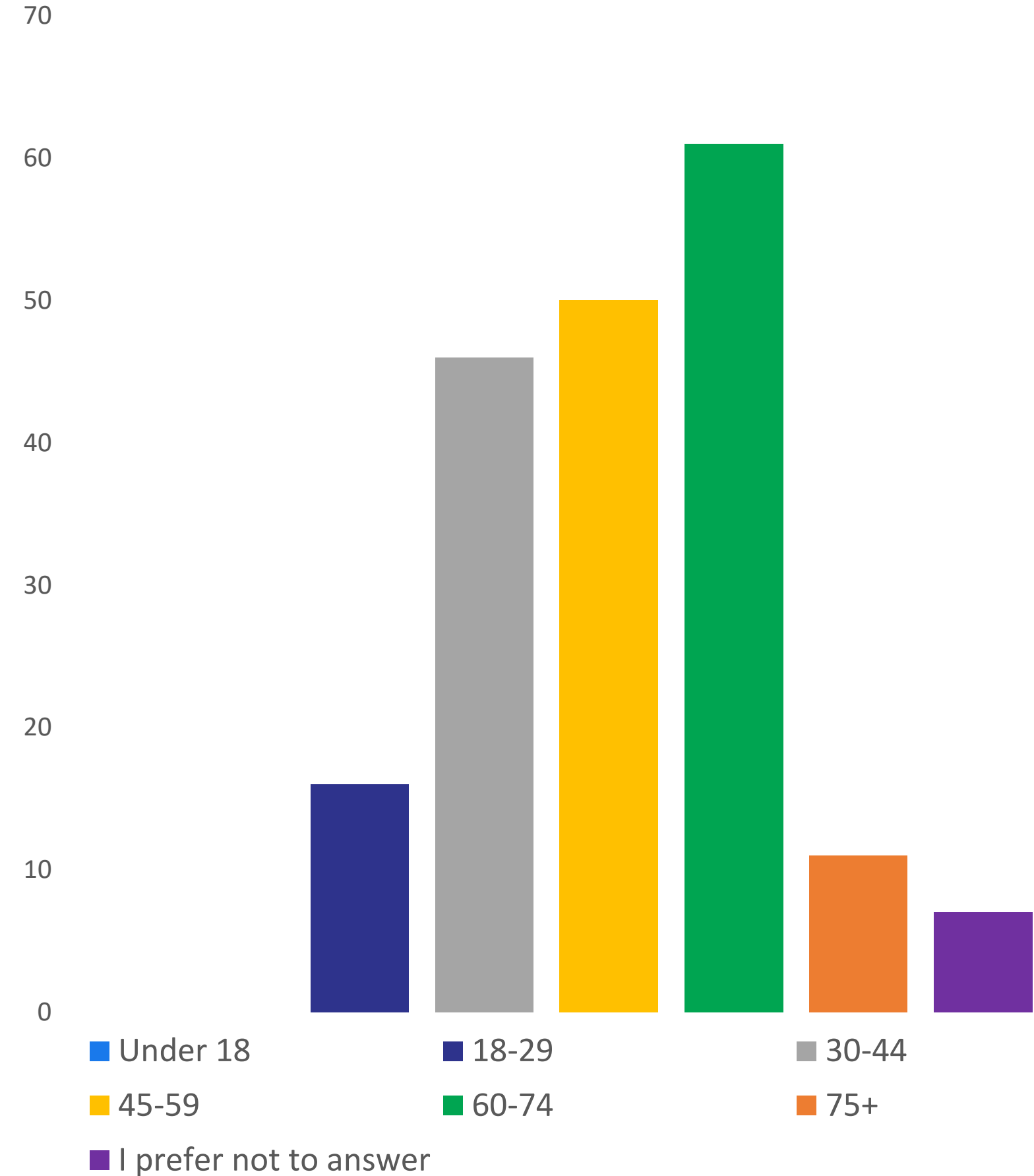
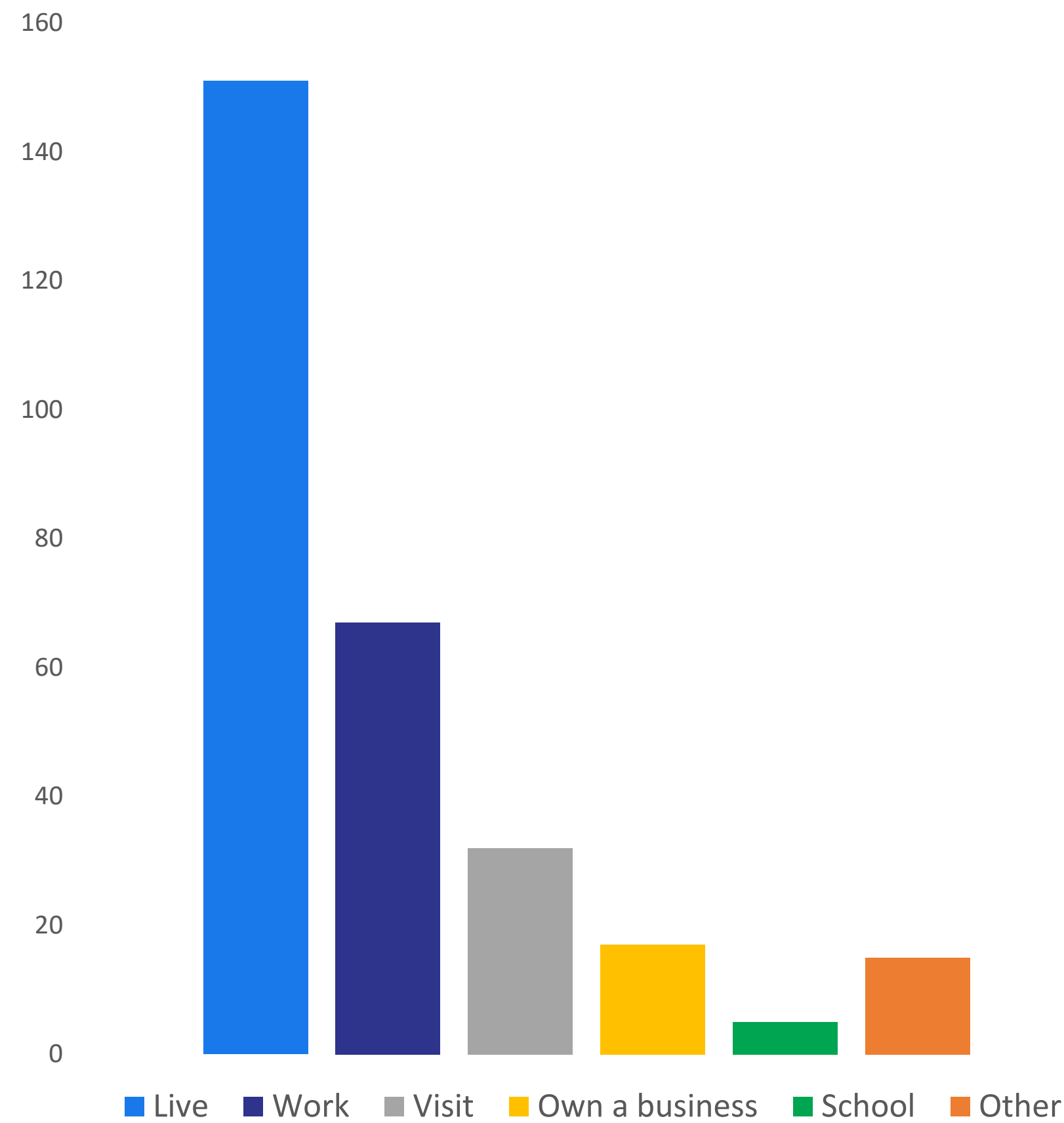


Postcards: Visions for 2050

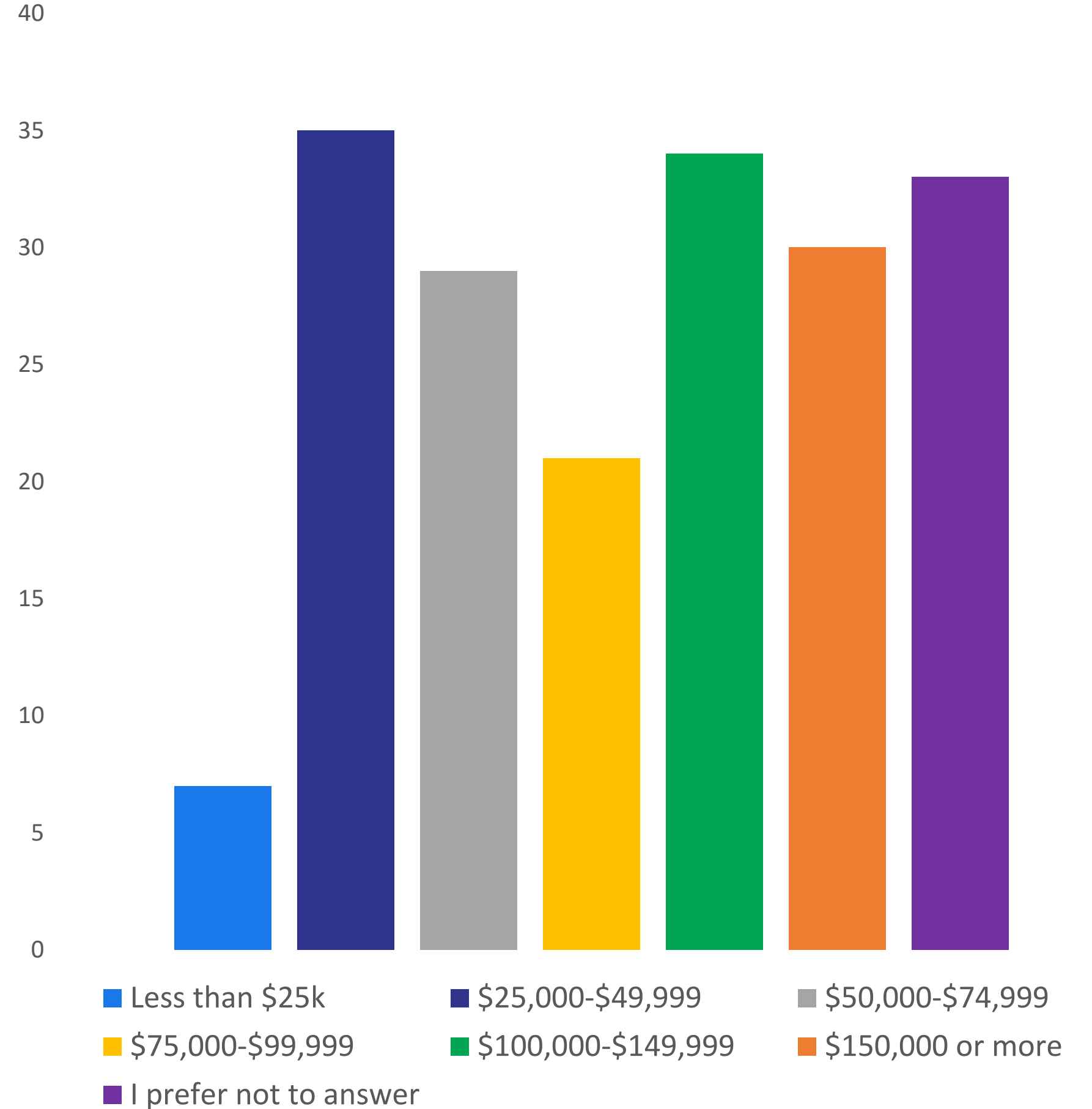
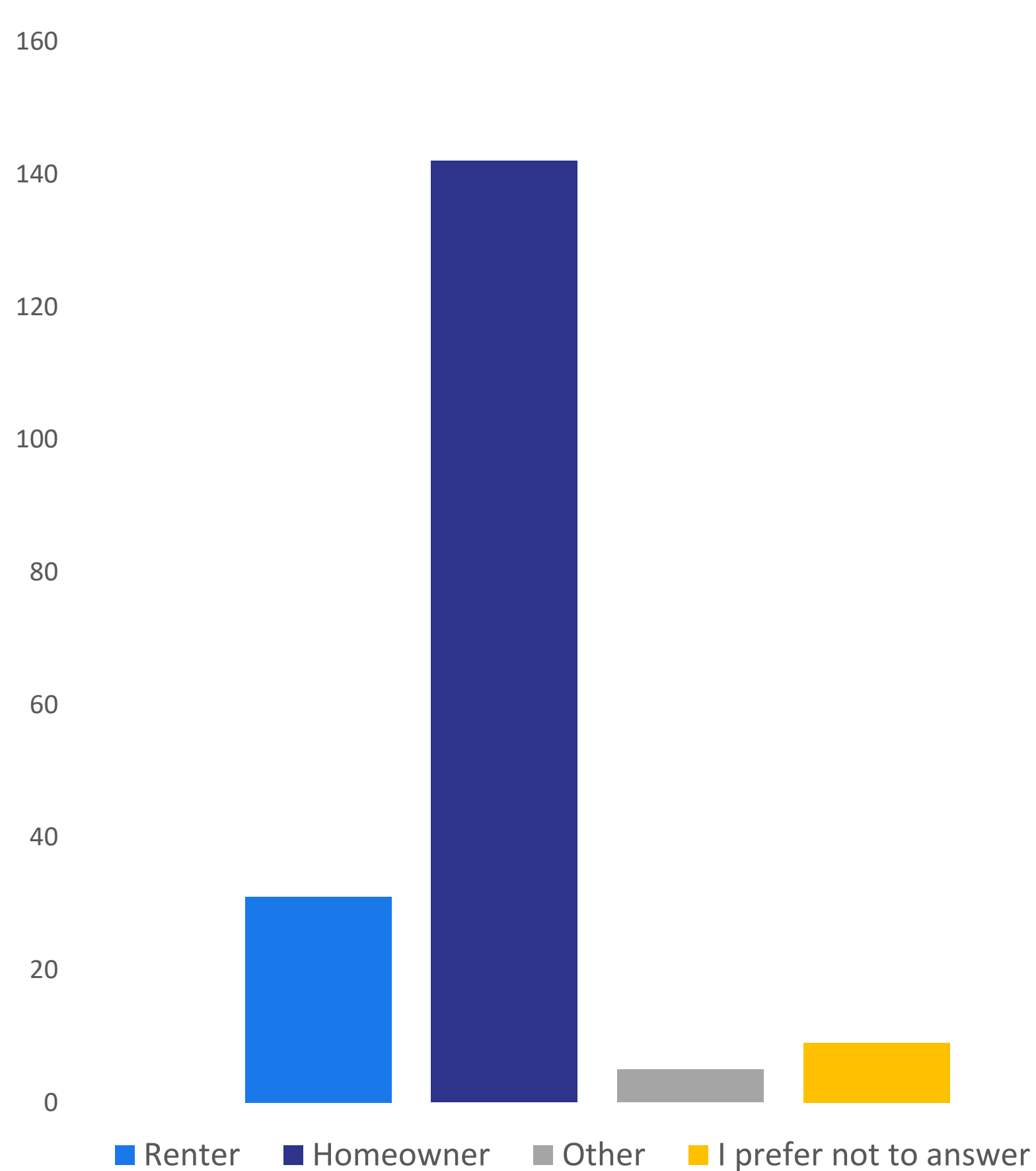
- More places to go and things to do
- Cleaner, greener, prettier
- Peaceful, safe
- Addiction and drug free
- Fun and entertaining
- More and better housing
- Walking and biking friendly
- Safe, progressive, equitable, inclusive, healthy, diverse, and accessible



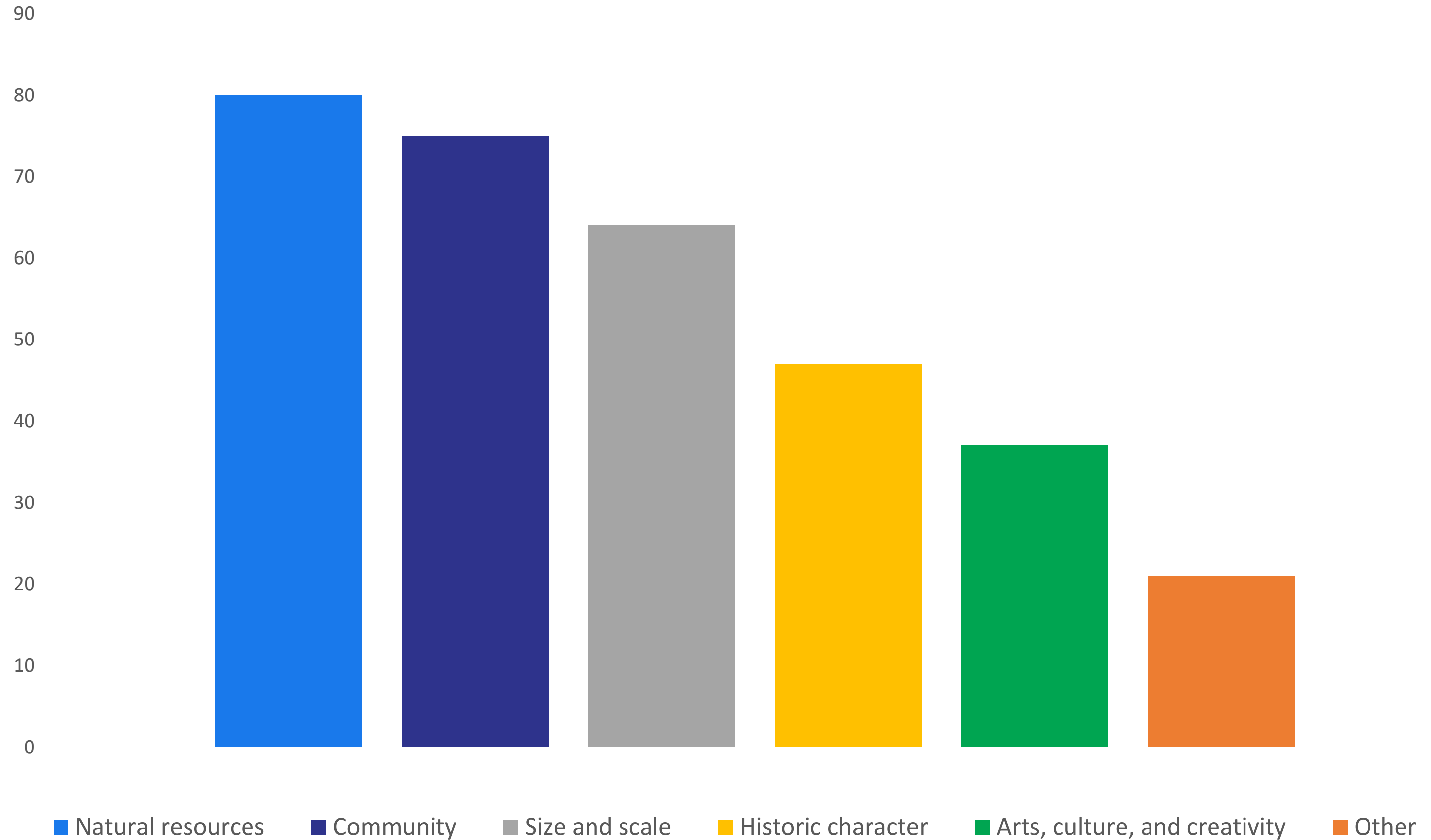
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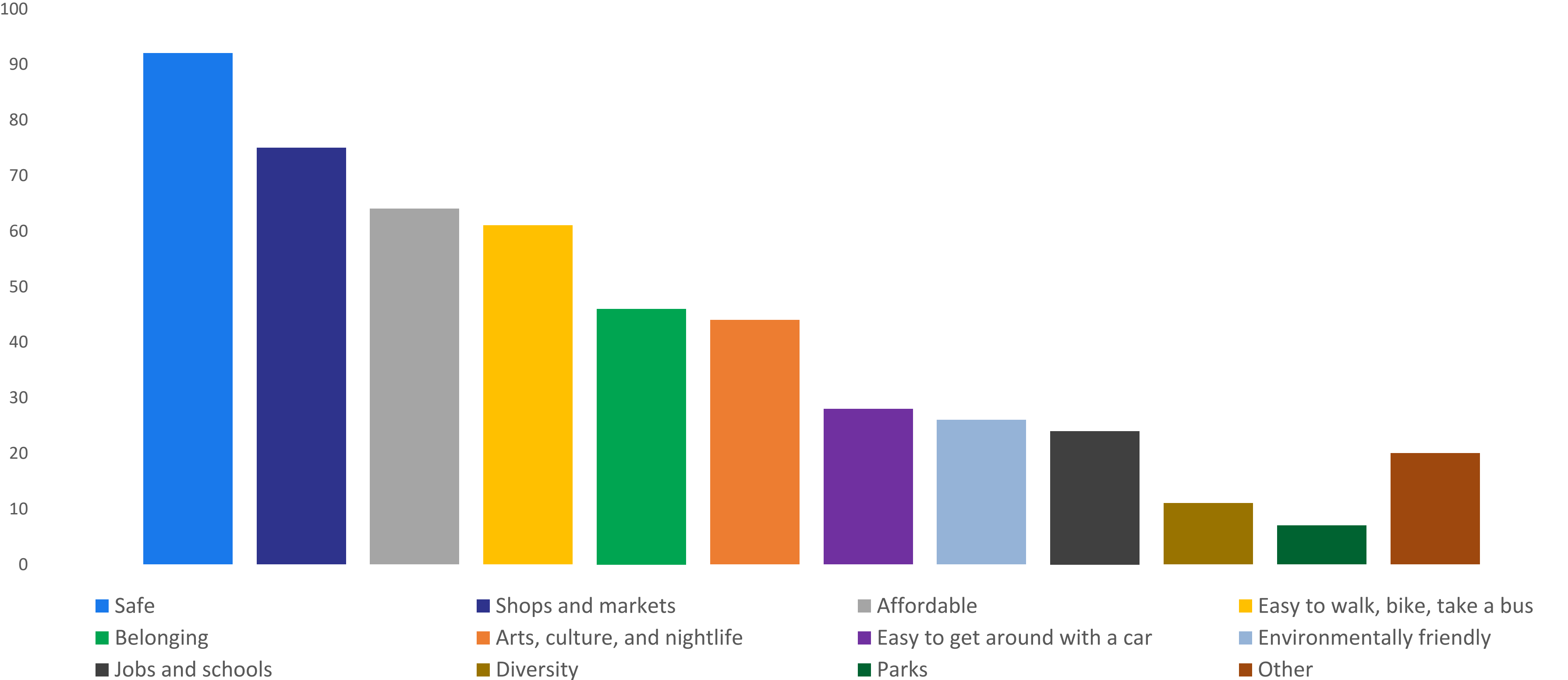
Survey: Housing and Income



Survey: Favorite Things about Bennington

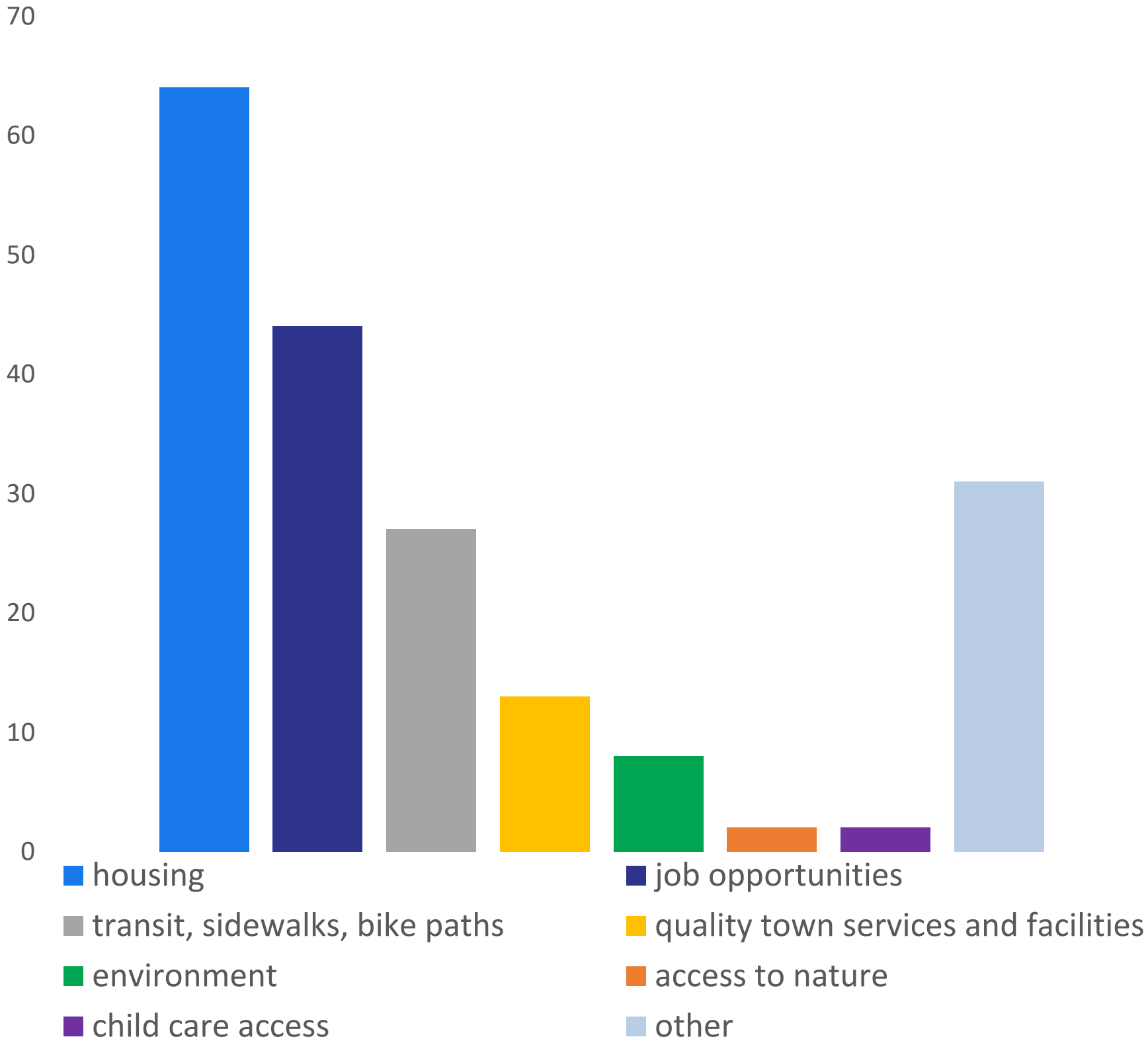


Survey: Most important in deciding where you spend time in Bennington?

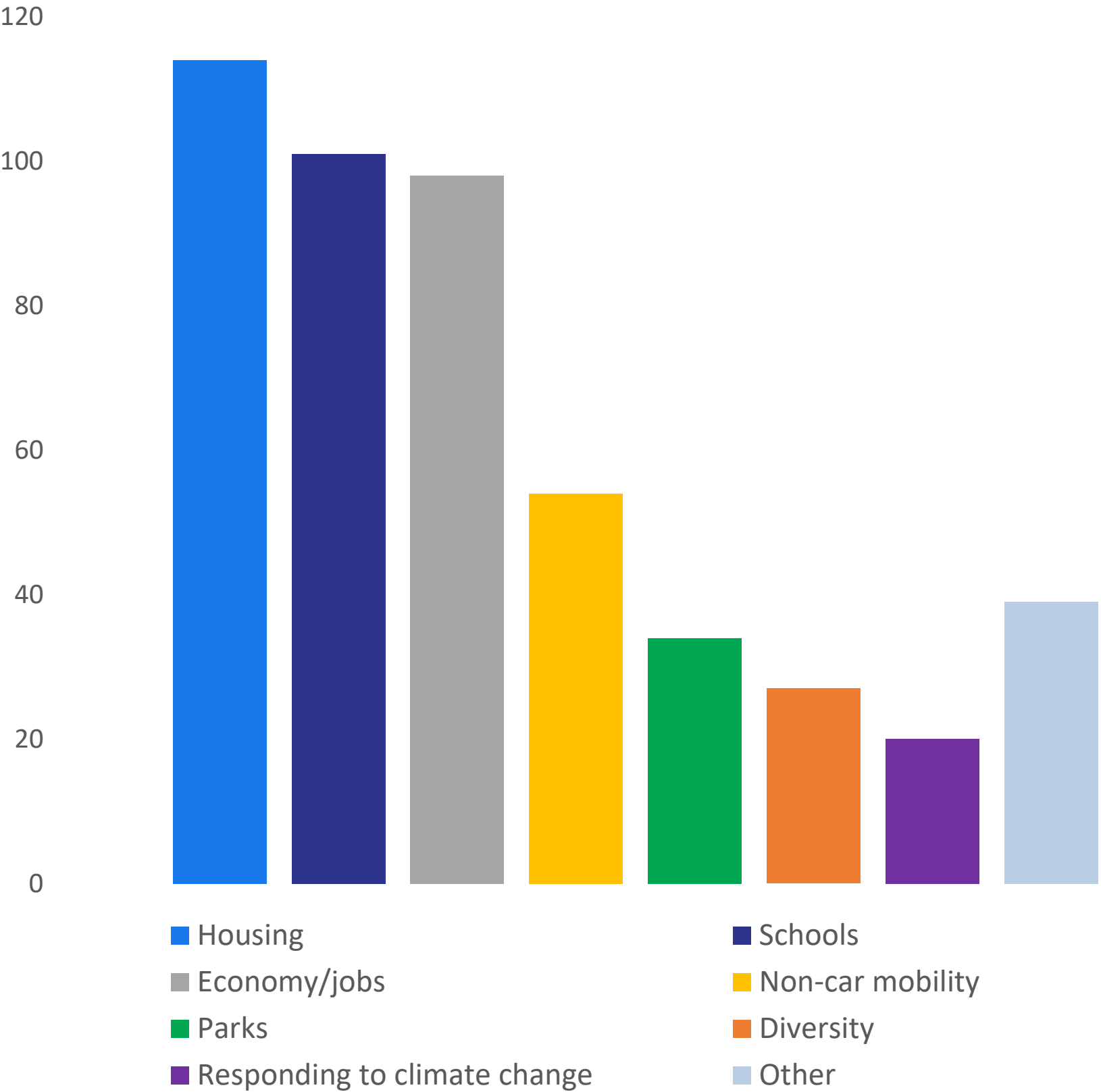


Survey: Improvement Priorities

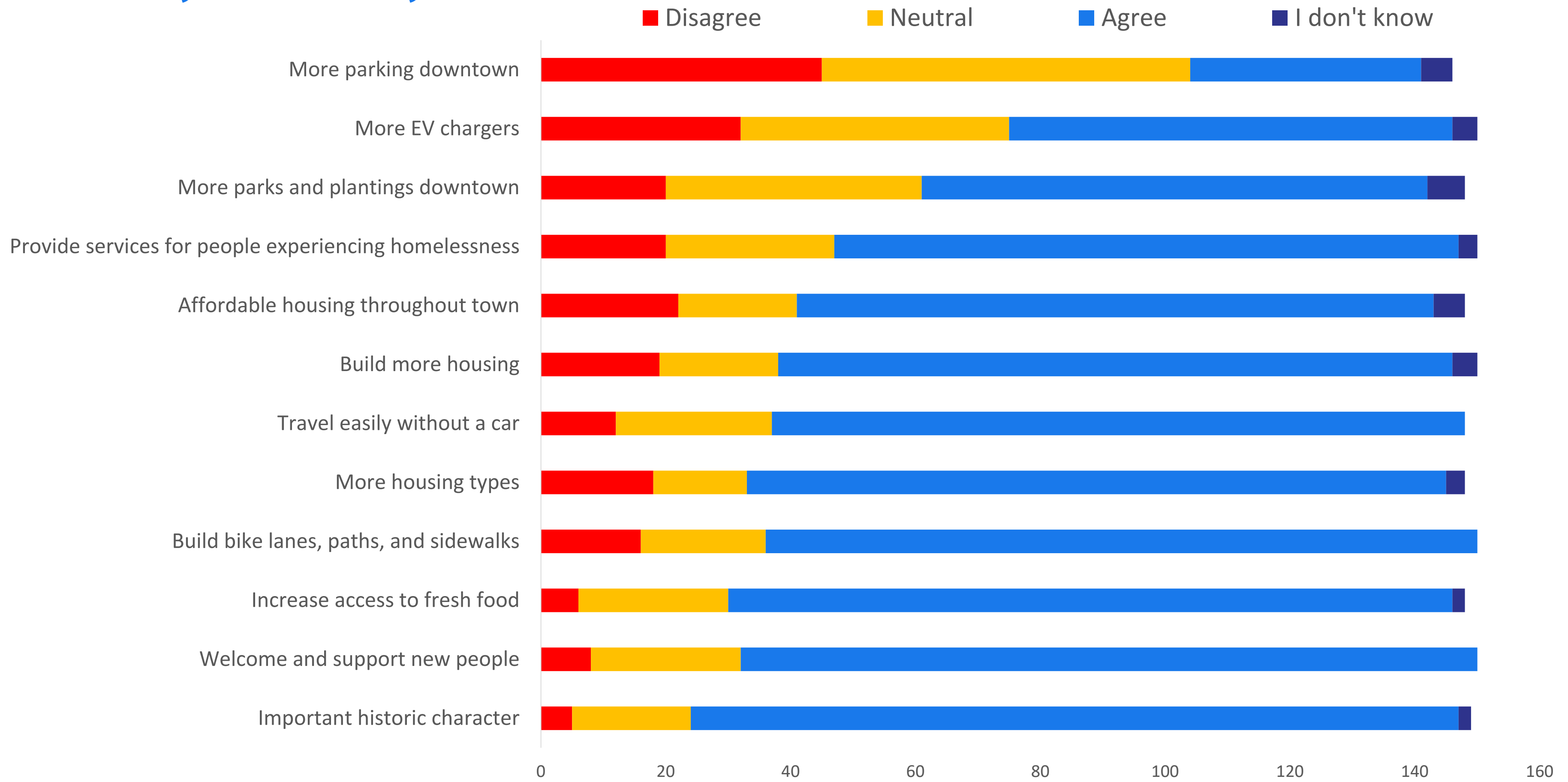
To make Bennington a better place to live, work, learn, shop, or play, my top priority would be to _____.



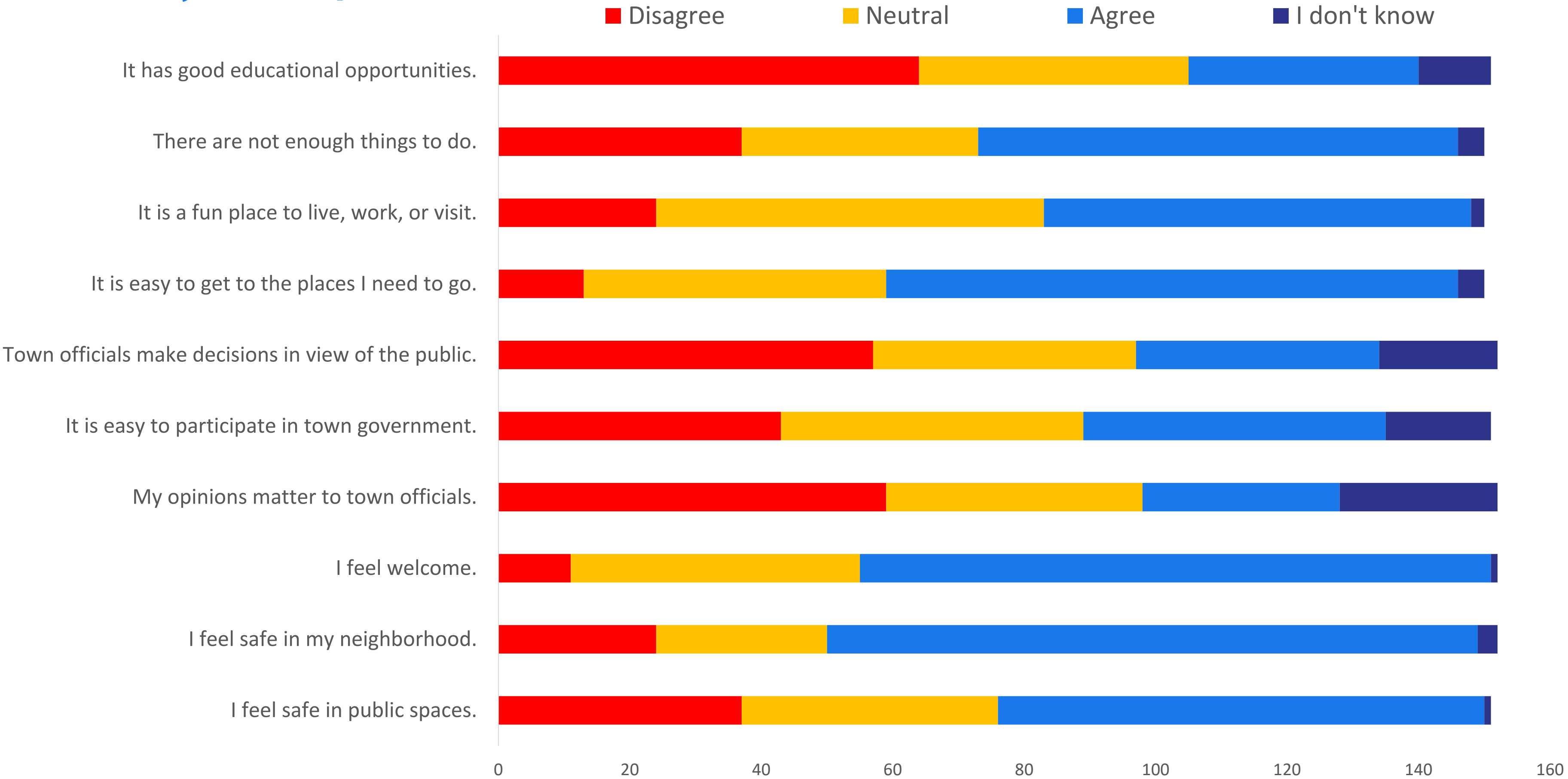
What would you most like to see improved in Bennington?



Survey: Policy Priorities



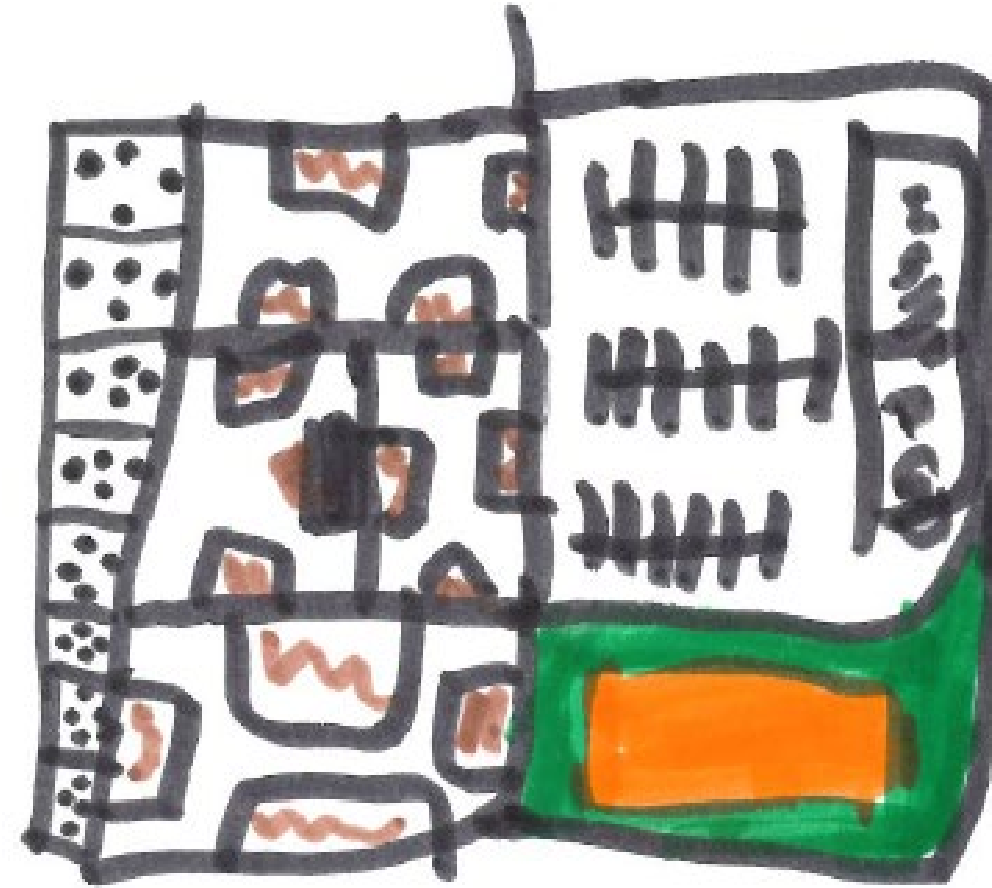
Survey: Experiences



Topic Areas

- Housing
- Community
- Public Facilities + Programs
- Economy + Jobs
- Energy + the Environment
- Transportation + Mobility

Hello from Bennington in 2050!



bring
more
farm's
back.

Sincerely, *Liam*



Housing

Values

Adaptive reuse

Affordability

Architecturally beautiful

Walkable downtown

Compact neighborhoods

Balance between downtown
and rural

Challenges

Low housing stock

Not easy to “age in place”

Homelessness

Impacts of housing shortage
on key industries

Maintenance and quality
concerns

Disempowerment by
political process and
landlords

Opportunities

Redevelopment of vacant
buildings

Build more accessible and
small-scale homes

Encourage density in and
around downtown

Provide services to people
experiencing homelessness

Regulatory reforms

Public discussion of housing
challenges

Community

Values

Connection with neighbors

Strong arts community

Vibrant events bring everyone together

Strong non-profit community

Deeply rooted

Appreciation for rich history

Challenges

Low self-esteem about the community

Resources are not well known enough

Lack of accessible, family-friendly activities

Need more spaces and programming for BIPOC community

Substance misuse and addiction challenges

Disconnect between Bennington College

Opportunities

More placemaking

Collaborations with Bennington College students

Community spaces for people of all ages

Invite volunteerism and civic participation

More programs for youth

Intergenerational engagement

Public Facilities + Programs

Values
Splash pad
Lots of good parks, paths, and trails
Recreation Center
Senior Center has great classes, Meals on Wheels
Appalachian Trail Community designation
Water and sewer services
Social worker on staff at Police Department

Challenges
Barriers to civic participation
Need more indoor and outdoor recreational spaces
Path safety improvements
Short-staffed at key municipal services
Inaccessibility for children in public parks
Concerns about school system
Lack of trust in town government

Opportunities
Easy access to all town communications
Strengthen marketing of town assets
More public spaces and public events
Community beautification
Bathroom and shower facilities for people experiencing homelessness
Increase crime prevention measures
Combat drug problem

Economy + Jobs

Values
Lots of small businesses
Sense of entrepreneurship
Many entry-level job openings
Strong community institutions
Affordable internet
New and incoming stores and restaurants
Events activate Main Street

Challenges
Vacancies and underutilized spaces downtown
Wages/salaries too low to support good quality of life
Inconsistent quality of school system
Shortage of doctors, limited medical services provided
Limited retail
Healthy food desert
Lack of trade workers

Opportunities
Invest in career development pipeline with schools
Create an incubator for start-ups, small businesses, BIPOC-owned businesses
Stronger marketing of the town
Activate vacant / underutilized storefronts
Address housing challenges to attract workers
Entice more private sector, tech- or science-based jobs
Attract more retail and restaurants

Energy + the Environment

Values

Good mix of energy sources,
not too reliant on coal

Beautiful natural areas

Active Energy Committee

Lead line replacement
project

Good programs for
weatherization and
efficiency improvements

Significant progress in
recent years

Challenges

Need more EV charging
stations

Efficiency improvements are
prohibitively expensive

Too much pushback around
renewables development

Energy conservation
programs are complicated

Utilities are expensive

Renters feel disempowered

Opportunities

Strategic renewables
development

Explore geothermal

Add more fast chargers

Ensure all municipal
buildings are at max
efficiency

Expand educational
resources for homeowners,
landlords, and business
owners

Community clean-up events

Transportation + Mobility

Values
Pathways for recreation and transportation
Walkable downtown
Bus system is free, offers direct transport for medical appointments (Medicaid)
The Bike Hub's equitable service approach
Ample parking
Bike infrastructure that links to grocery stores
Flashing crosswalks

Challenges
Irregular, inconsistent, insufficient bus service
Lack of information on public transit
Inaccessible sidewalks and pathways
Lack of crosswalks, lack of respect for pedestrians
Opportunities limited by vehicle access
Few ridesharing options
Traffic noise downtown

Opportunities
Better walking and biking trails
More pedestrian protections at major crosswalk areas
More bike parking
Deemphasize automobiles
Expanded bus services, improved intercity transit
Connect businesses with transit and bike incentives
Concern about LPG train cars by North Bennington

Themes: Visions for Bennington

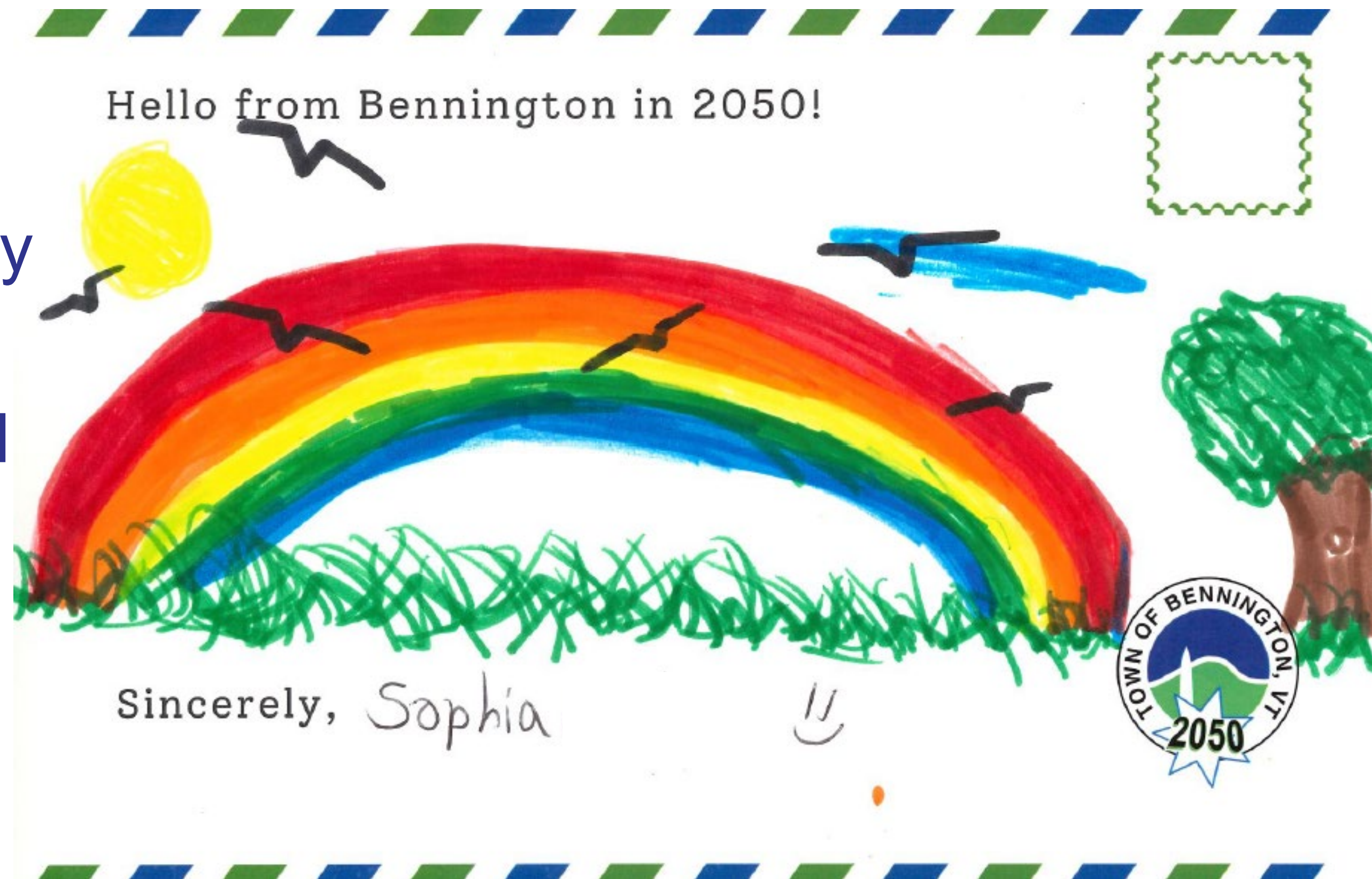
- A Vibrant Downtown
- Mobility for All
- The Place to Be
- Community-Oriented Public Safety
- Innovative Spirit + Strategic Programming
- Informed and Educated
- Climate Resilient

Key Themes x Topic Areas

	Housing	Economic Development	Transportation	Environmental Issues	Public Facilities + Programs	Civic Participation + Community Building
A Vibrant Downtown	<i>Support small centrally located housing</i>	<i>Activate vacant storefronts</i>	<i>Enhance a compact, walkable area</i>	<i>Support more fresh food options</i>	<i>Celebrate and expand on existing parks</i>	<i>Foster spaces for intergenerational connection and collaboration</i>
Mobility for All	<i>Expanded sidewalks, bike lanes, pathways, and public transit service to improve access across the board</i>					
The Place to Be	<i>Improve housing quality</i>	<i>Combine development and public art-making</i>	<i>Add street furniture and landscaping to paths and sidewalks</i>	<i>Community-building through beautification</i>	<i>Foster social connection through recreation</i>	<i>Extend invitations for involvement before and during events</i>
Community-Oriented Public Safety	<i>Expand public facilities and services to support community members struggling with housing insecurity, addiction, and other challenges</i>					
Innovative Spirit + Strategic Programming	<i>Encourage adaptive reuse</i>	<i>Lower barriers for starting a small businesses</i>	<i>Support micromobility</i>	<i>Lower barriers to developing renewables on preferred sites</i>	<i>Strengthen marketing for town assets</i>	<i>Connect students and industries for career development</i>
Informed and Educated	<i>Improve communications on existing resources, services, and events provided by the Town</i>					
Climate Resilient	<i>Expand resources on home efficiency and weatherization</i>	<i>Connect workforce development with "green" jobs, especially trades</i>	<i>Promote active transportation</i>	<i>Support community tree-planting</i>	<i>Ensure all municipal buildings are as efficient as possible</i>	<i>Facilitate community clean-up days</i>

Values (How?)

- Accessibly
- Affordably
- Compassionately
- Innovatively
- People-centered
- Sustainably
- Transparently
- Vibrantly



Thematic Outline – 3 Choices

- Option 1: Chapters centered on topic areas
- Option 2: Chapters focused on key themes
- Option 3: Hybrid – topic areas grouped by key themes

Option 1: Chapter for Each Topic Area



Berlin, VT



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Option 1: Chapter for Each Topic Area

OBJECTIVES

1

Provide a multi-modal transportation system that is capable of supporting further growth in the northeast quadrant.

2

Increase the number of commuters traveling in or out of Berlin by means other than single-occupancy vehicles (transit, biking, carpooling).

POLICIES

1

Promote compact, walkable, higher density neighborhoods in the northeast quadrant to reduce the distance residents need to travel for work, shopping and services, and to encourage greater transit use.

2

Focus commercial and industrial development in the northeast quadrant where it can be served by existing transportation infrastructure and transit service.

3

Call upon the state and town to maintain and improve highways as necessary to foster growth and development as envisioned in this plan.

4

Avoid increasing the total length of roads maintained by the town unless it will improve the efficiency of maintenance operations and/or support development that generates adequate tax revenue to offset increased costs.

5

Encourage improved access management on state highways and other high-traffic roads.

6

Support and advocate for construction of the Central Vermont Path through Berlin.

7

Seek improved accommodation for bicyclists and pedestrians on state highways and other high-traffic roads in the northeast quadrant.

8

Require private roads to be constructed in accordance with town road standards and developers to provide a maintenance agreement or equivalent for new private roads.

9

Maintain town ownership of Class 4 roads and legal trails as a public recreation resource.

ACTIONS

1

Continue to actively participate in the Central Vermont Transportation Advisory Committee to advocate for the state-funded transportation projects needed to further the objectives and policies of this plan.

2

Adopt revised land use regulations with adequate standards for access management, curb cuts, driveways and roads to promote a safe and efficient transportation network.

3

Develop and adopt a policy regarding the construction and maintenance of sidewalks along public roads.

4

Seek implementation of the priority projects listed in Section 38 of this plan.

3. TRANSPORTATION

3A Existing Conditions

Streets and Highway Network

INTERSTATE 89. Interstate 89 travels through town with Exits 6 and 7 located in Berlin and Exit 8 just across the town line in Montpelier. Construction of I-89 commenced in 1960, but the interstate was not opened in Berlin until 1970 as part of the final segment that completed the full length of the interstate through Vermont and New Hampshire.

The construction of I-89 has shaped and continues to influence Berlin's land use patterns, particularly the commercial and industrial development in the northeast quadrant. Access to the interstate is clearly an important factor differentiating the eastern and western portions of town. The land west of I-89 is not readily accessible from the interstate and has remained rural, while the land to the east served by Exit 7 has been developed.

FEDERAL AND STATE HIGHWAYS. Federal and state highways form the backbone of Berlin's transportation network and have made it possible for the town to become a regional employment and service center (see "Transportation Map" on page 19). The capacity of these highways to accommodate additional traffic directly affects Berlin's growth potential and the ease with which businesses can locate or expand in town.

There is limited information about the current condition and capacity of these highways. The Vermont Agency of Transportation last updated their highway sufficiency ratings in 2008. The amount of traffic on the highways in Berlin generally declined between 2000 and 2015 (see "Average Annual Daily Traffic Statistics" on page 20) suggesting that there is adequate capacity to accommodate growth. However, according to recent traffic studies undertaken in conjunction with proposed development projects, several key intersections have a level of service of D or E, indicating problems with congestion and safety. These intersections create bottlenecks that restrict the amount of additional traffic the highways can accommodate. The state may require developers to pay for intersection and highway improvements to mitigate traffic impacts of proposed projects through the Act 250 process.

TOWN ROADS. Berlin maintains approximately 51 miles of town road, less than 10 miles of which are paved (see "Transportation Map" on page 19). About 900 residences and businesses were accessed from town roads in 2017. The town has approximately 7.5 additional miles of Class 4 roads that are not maintained for year-round travel and 4 miles of legal trails no longer

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Transportation Map

Maintain | Evolve | Transform

The Future Land Use Recommendations (page 17) are organized as follows:

Recommendations to maintain are intended to preserve or strengthen the element described with limited change from the existing or historic condition.

Recommendations to evolve are intended to promote incremental change that builds on an existing strength or asset.

Recommendations to transform are intended to lead to substantial change that will alter the future character or use of an area.

development may be eligible for other Act 250 relief as well.

Village Centers

RIVERTON. Riverton or West Berlin is a historic hamlet along the Dog River on Route 12 that developed as a small industrial center due to the availability of water power and later access to the railroad. Town residents have expressed support for revitalizing this area, which formerly supported more businesses, homes and civic buildings than it does today. The town has proposed creating a new mixed-use zoning district for Riverton that would recognize and maintain its historic settlement pattern.

BERLIN CORNERS. Berlin Corners is a historic hamlet that formed around the intersection of Crostown Road (the only road connecting the eastern and western sides of town) and Paine Turnpike. While it has been overshadowed by development around Exit 7 and the airport, it continues in its role as a civic center. Town residents have expressed an interest in retaining the historic scale and character of Berlin Corners, and in preventing the commercial development near Exit 7 from extending further south along Paine Turnpike. The town has proposed zoning changes that would allow for additional housing, but that would limit the scale of commercial activity in Berlin Corners.

DESIGNATION. The town plans to seek Village Center designations for these two historic hamlets from the state (see "Village Centers Map" on page 15). Designation would support the town's land use policies related to maintaining the historic scale and pattern of development, encouraging private investment in historic buildings, and promoting infill and improving the walkability of the town's existing and planned centers. State designation would offer both the town and property owners within the designated area benefits including:

Owners of income-producing historic buildings could access tax credits for eligible improvements.

Land within and near village centers would be eligible for the state's Neighborhood Development Area program.

Berlin would be more competitive when seeking grant funding for projects in the village centers.

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Future Land Use Map

LAND USE

BERLIN TOWN PLAN 2018-2026

Berlin, VT

Option 1: Chapter for Each Topic Area

Current conditions and goals/action items within each chapter

1.Introduction

2.The Place to Be (Land use, natural resources)

3.Housing for All (Housing)

4.A Vibrant Economy (Economic Development)

5.Mobility for All (Transportation)

6.Connected Community (Public Facilities and Programs)

7.Climate Resilience (Energy and the Environment)

8.Implementation

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THEME 2: AUTHENTIC

A CITY THAT TREASURES ITS UNIQUE CHARACTER, NATURAL RESOURCES AND HISTORIC ASSETS

Portsmouth's historic core and waterfront are principal contributors to the unique identity of the City and are primary draws for visitors from both near and far. As Portsmouth's vibrant economy supports ongoing development and redevelopment, historic preservation within the core continues to be a high priority for residents and advocacy groups. However, other parts of the city, including its residential neighborhoods, must also feel authentic and communicate the sense of community, shared history, and experience that is unique to Portsmouth.

The City has embraced the use of historic district zoning and, more recently, character-based zoning to ensure compatibility of new development within historic areas of the city. Some new buildings in the downtown have met the expectations of residents and the preservation community for compatible redevelopment while others have been more controversial. Challenges remain for ensuring that the City

balances historic preservation with growth and reinvestment. New forms of development such as parking structures, hotels, supermarkets and senior housing frequently desire a larger scale than historic precedents. Authentic new development would be sensitive to scale, massing and volume of its surrounding context while providing exciting spaces for modern day uses, amenities and

the City should promote physical and visual access to encourage use and enjoyment of one of Portsmouth's most charming and historic amenities. New harborwalk connections along the downtown waterfront should be developed, eventually creating a continuous pedestrian walk connecting Ceres Street to Daniel Street. Boating access points and "river trails" could

GOAL 2.1

ENSURE THAT NEW DEVELOPMENT COMPLEMENTS AND ENHANCES ITS SURROUNDINGS.

ACTION #	DESCRIPTION
2.1.1	Implement standards and guidelines to protect community character and assets, including factors such as mass, scale and resilience.
2.1.2	Consider incorporating architectural design standards into the development review process.
2.1.3	Adjust residential zoning standards to ensure integrity of existing neighborhood development patterns.
2.1.4	Evaluate the Historic District boundary and adjust where appropriate.

Portsmouth's many neighborhoods have unique and valuable characters that deserve protection. Where residents wish to see change, new development should be reviewed to ensure compatibility with neighborhood character and scale. Empowering residents to review projects is essential to an open and transparent process. Design review of new buildings is an appropriate step for a community with as much concern for character. Likewise, public investment should respect community quality and character as well as anticipate future impacts of climate change. Metrics to ascertain progress towards this goal could include statistics on projects that receive design review or areas of the city that have enhanced review procedures such as character districts.

Portsmouth, NH

Ports mouth, NH

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- URBAN CO
- CORRIDOR
- URBAN NE
- SUBURBAN
- PARKS & O

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Option 2: Theme-based Plan

Current conditions upfront, goals/action items within each chapter

1. Introduction

2. Bennington Today (Current Conditions)

3. A Vibrant Downtown

a. Economic development, housing, and transportation

4. Mobility for All

a. Transportation and public facilities

5. Committed and Connected Community

a. Public facilities and programs, education and information-sharing, and civic participation



6. Climate Resilience

a. Natural resources and energy planning, and public facilities and programs

7. Implementation

8. Appendix

Option 3: Hybrid

	
	
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Bolton, VT

Option 3: Hybrid

Bolton, VT

The key issues/concerns in the Prosperity chapter include:

- » Bolton has a relatively limited economic base currently, and therefore it is imperative to support Bolton Valley and other recreation related businesses, and the variety of home based businesses in Bolton.
- » The continued availability of affordable housing will require new and rehabilitated units within the growth confines of this plan.
- » Maintaining a safe and reliable road network and finding funding to comply with the new Municipal Roads General Permit will be the town's biggest challenges during the life of this plan.
- » Bolton's town government cannot and should not provide all the facilities and utilities needed by residents, and coordination with outside entities is necessary.
- » This plan defines energy generation facilities as development just like any other form of development. Therefore, any energy generation facility in Bolton must comply with the goals and objectives related to land conservation as outlined in the *Natural Resources, Natural Hazards and Resilience and Land Use* sections of this plan.

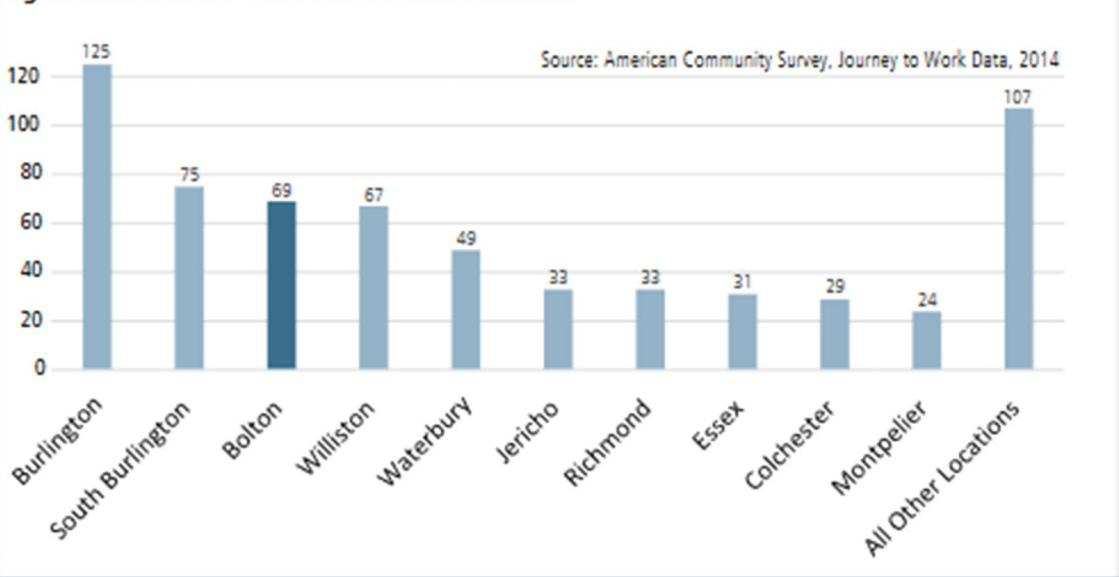
Economy

The largest employer in Bolton, and the cornerstone of the town's economy, is Bolton Valley Resort. The town's economic growth depends on ensuring the success of the resort as a four-season enterprise. The town also encourages new businesses that are able to capitalize on our numerous recreational opportunities while meeting the goals of this plan. Finally, we recognize the importance of other local businesses, especially home businesses.

Economic Conditions in Bolton. Unemployment in Bolton is very low, and though it increased from 1.2% to 2.3% from 1990-2014, it remains lower than the Chittenden County and Vermont unemployment rates. The American Community Survey reports that the median income in Bolton is higher than the Chittenden

TABLE 19: HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2014		
	Bolton	Chittenden County
Median Household Income	\$75,568	\$63,243

Figure 24: 2013 Place of Work for Bolton Residents



Prosperity Goals, Objectives and Actions

GOAL 5. Bolton will support economic development that is compatible with its small town, rural nature.

Objective 5.1. Bolton's Economic Resources Committee will work to develop strategies to promote and support economic development in the town.

Objective 5.2. While economic development is important to the Town of Bolton, the goals and objectives of the Town Plan need to be met for all development, especially the goals of this plan related to natural hazards and resilience, natural resources and land use.

Objective 5.3. Support the creation and growth of local businesses, including home-based businesses, that meet the goals of the Town Plan.

Objective 5.4. Encourage the establishment and continuation of recreational businesses and events that utilize and support the town's scenic beauty and recreational opportunities and contribute to the town's attractiveness as a recreational destination.

Objective 5.5. Encourage Bolton Valley Resort to become a successful four-season resort able to thrive during an era of warmer weather and less snow.

Action 24. Complete and maintain an inventory of all businesses in Bolton and make the list of interested businesses available as a community resource on the town website.

Action 25. The Town of Bolton and Bolton Valley Resort will work together to improve the relationship between the two entities, by initiating quarterly discussions to establish a dialogue regarding long term planning in and around the Resort, and by investigating changes to the BLUDRs as necessary and appropriate.

Action 26. Undertake a survey to quantify the number of abandoned buildings in Bolton and adopt an ordinance regarding the definition and treatment of abandoned buildings.

GOAL 6. Bolton will increase safety and affordability of housing for residents.

Objective 6.1. Make residents aware of programs and funding sources for the rehabilitation of homes to address safety issues and energy inefficiency.

Action 27. Coordinate with Efficiency Vermont and Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity to make residents aware of reduced cost and free weatherization.

Action 28. Coordinate with Efficiency Vermont to make residents aware of rebates for energy efficient appliances.

Objective 6.2. Increase the number of safe, affordable housing opportunities in Bolton.

Action 29. Educate residents about eligibility for homestead declarations.

GOAL 7. Bolton will improve the resilience and maintain the quality of its road network through cost-effective methods that are appropriate for the town's steep topography.

Option 3: Hybrid

Current conditions and goals/action items within each chapter

1.Introduction

2.The Place to Be

a.Natural resources, land use

3.Connected Community

a.Demographics, public facilities and programs, climate resilience (energy and the environment)

4.Bennington for All

a.Housing, economic development, transportation

5.Implementation

6.Appendix

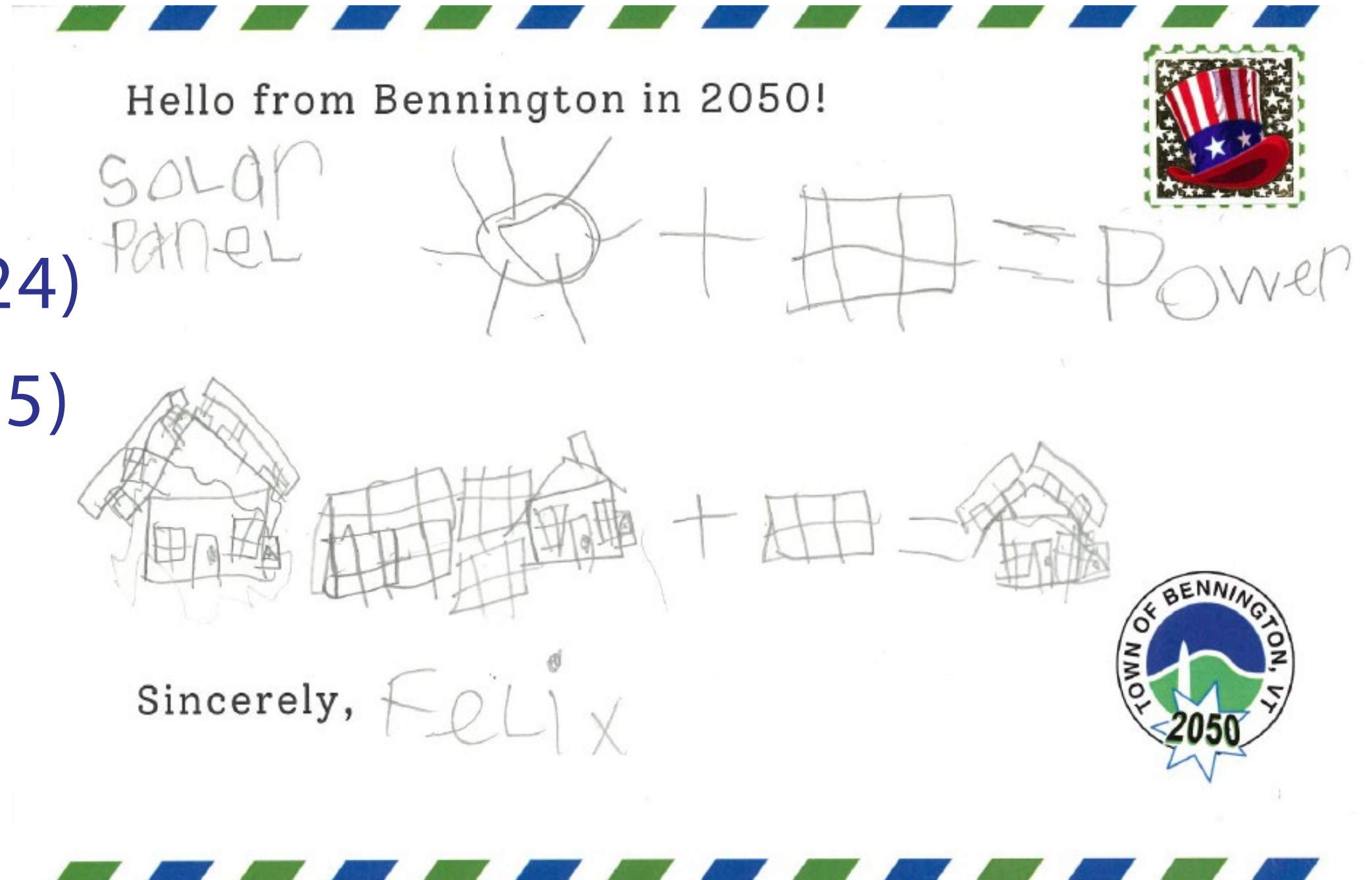
Web Presence

- Berlin
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Next Steps

Phase 2:

- Data Collection (Summer 24)
- Draft the Plan (Winter 24/25)
- Get Feedback (Spring 25)
- Finalize Plan (Summer 25)



Thank you!

Sincerely, Homes for
everyone

