

Public Open House Report

June 22 - August 4, 2017

The City of Hart initiated the update of its Master Plan in early 2017 to address changing conditions and priorities in the community and to ensure the plan is current and its goals are relevant. A major component of the planning process is to provide residents, business owners, and other stakeholders ample opportunity to partake in discussions about how the City will develop in the future. This summary contains input gathered from the public during the open house held between June 22nd and August 4th at City Hall and the Hart Main Street office. Findings are presented from each of the interactive stations which were set up to solicit comments and ideas from the public regarding neighborhoods, land use and development, goals, and transportation. Public input and perspectives will allow the City to establish goals and policies that are congruent with the wishes of the community.

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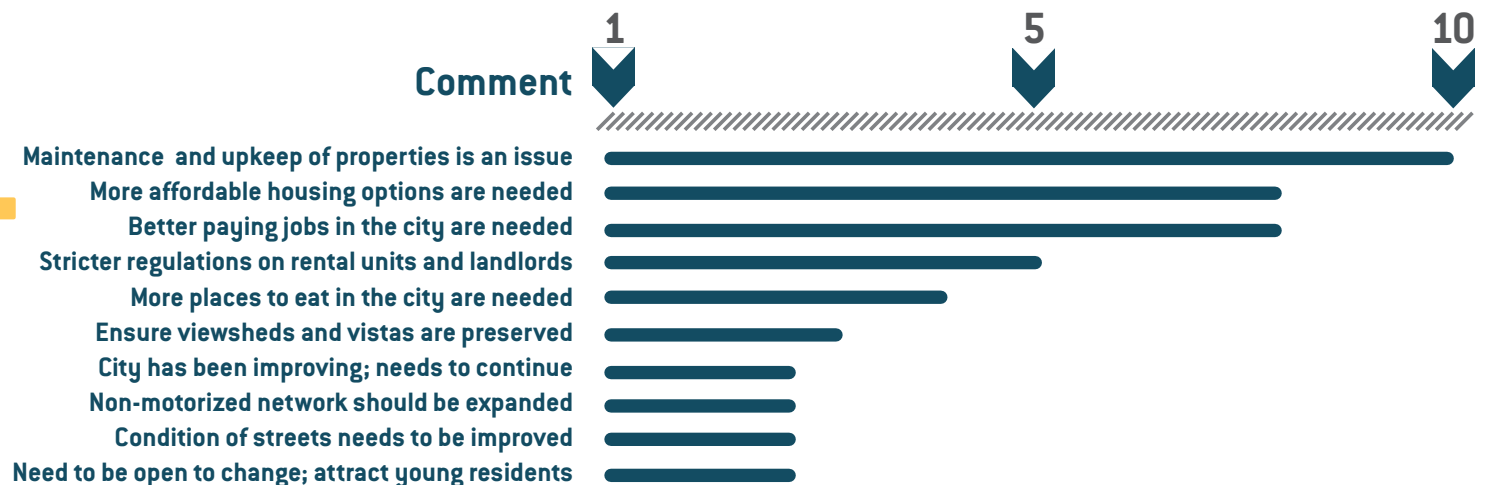
Public Meeting Attendees

General Comments

> frequency of comments received on 'General Comments' board (Station 6) and Public Survey general comment section

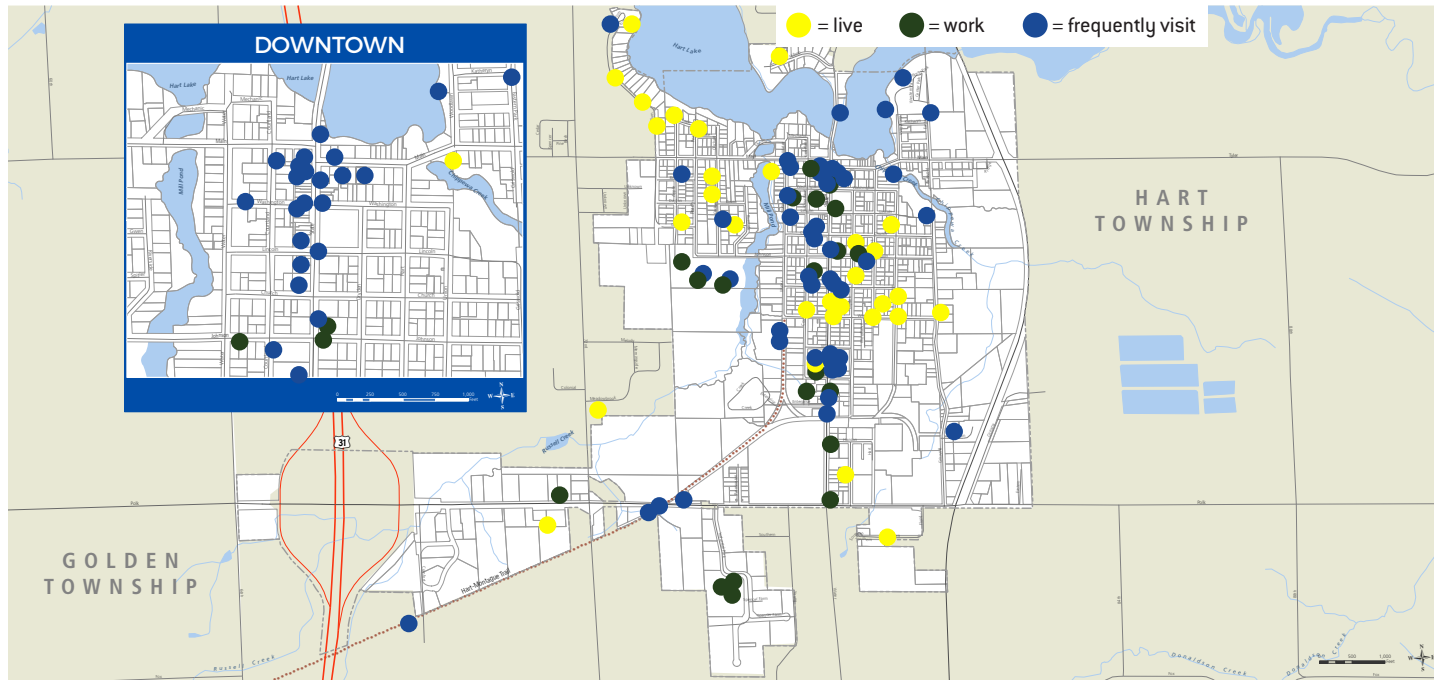
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Total Comments Received



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>> determining key service areas (Station 2)



- >> Input from those who live in Hart was evenly-dispersed throughout the city. The most represented area was central Hart.
- >> Destinations were densely concentrated in the economic and cultural center of the region, Downtown Hart, specifically along State Street. Other major destinations include the Hart-Montague Trail, Hart Commons, Chippewa Creek, and Gale's.
- >> Unlike many small towns today, Hart still provides many jobs for the area. Responses included several businesses in the downtown and along State Street, in the industrial park south of Polk Road, and Hart Public Schools.

Your Priorities

>> identifying priorities for future development (Station 3)

1 Continue to support Main Street/ Downtown
24 votes

2 Attract new permanent residents to the City
22 votes

3 Showcase a collection of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities throughout the City
16 votes

4 Attract tourists and utilize the synergy of Lake Michigan, Silver Lake, Pentwater, and Lundington
15 votes

5 Develop a cost effective, consolidated infrastructure system
12 votes

6 Plan for the development and build-out of the Polk Road corridor as a gateway to the City of Hart
11 votes

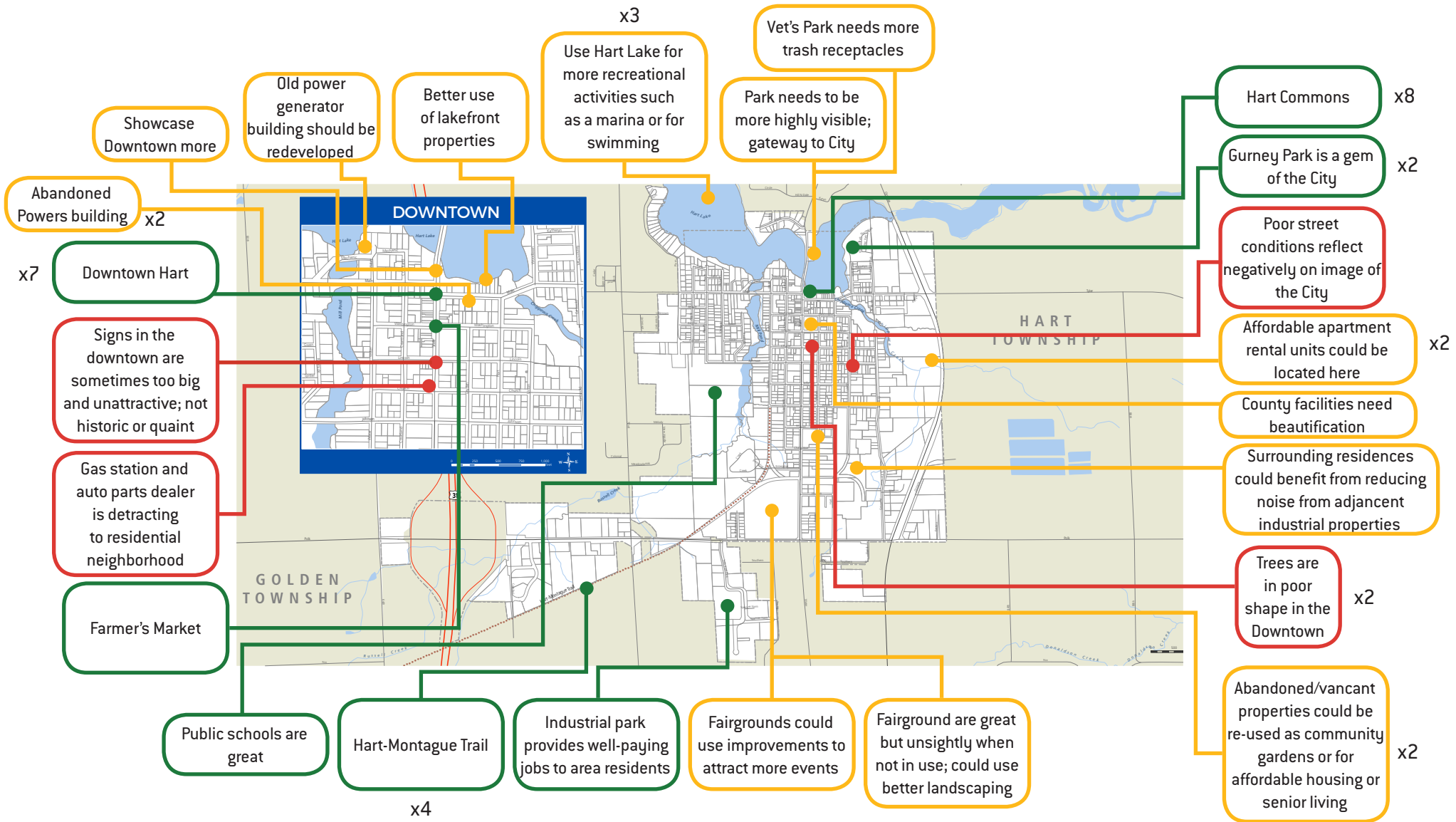
Land Use & Development

>> understanding attitudes and trends of the community (Station 4)

■ = Positive Aspect

■ = Negative Aspect

■ = Key Opportunity



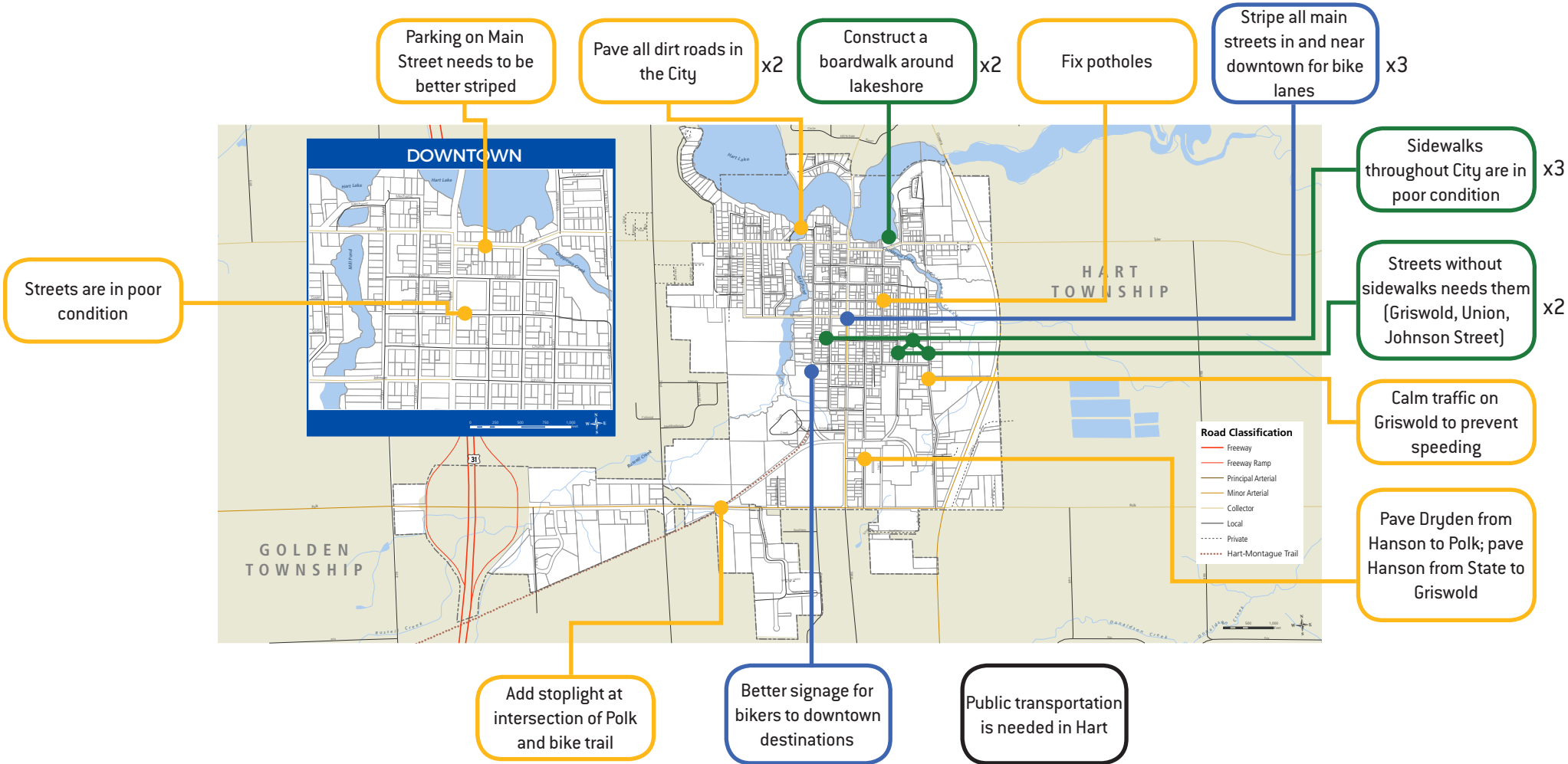
Transportation Improvements

>> understanding mobility and access issues (Station 5)

= Road improvements

= Sidewalk and pedestrian facility improvements

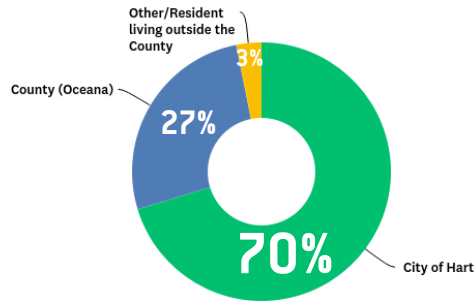
= Bicycle facility improvements



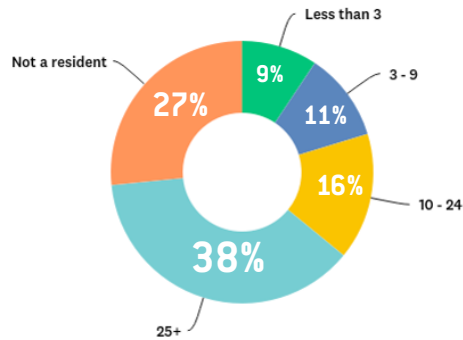
Survey Results

>> understanding attitudes and trends of the community

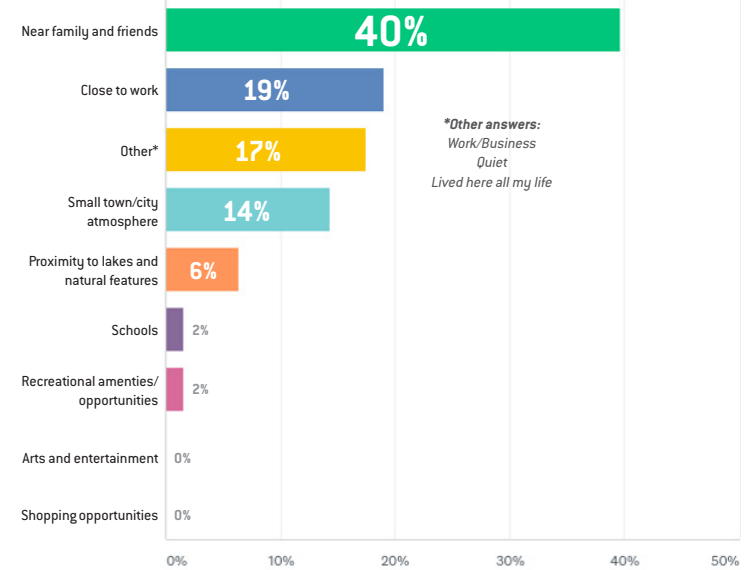
Do you live in the...



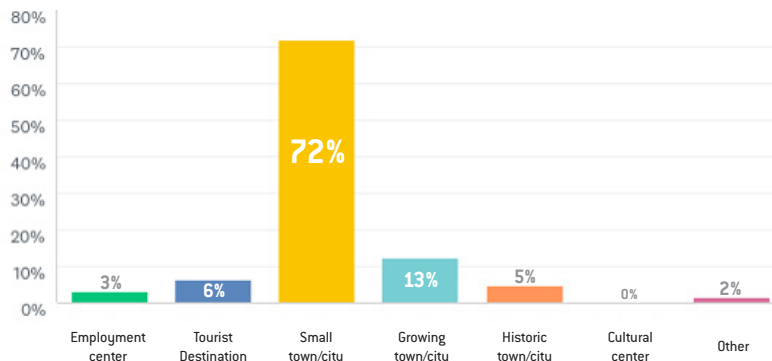
How many years have you lived in Hart?



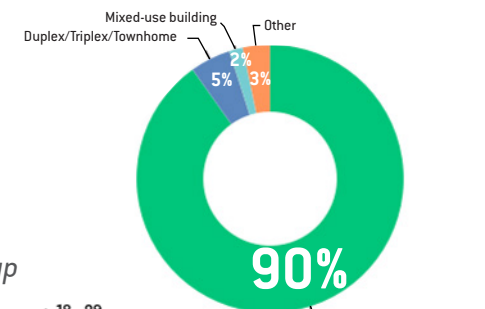
Why do you live in Hart/Why did you move to Hart?



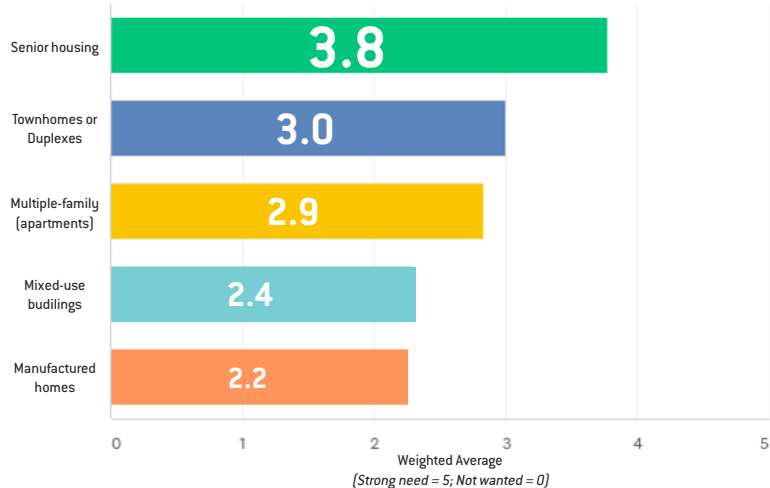
How would you describe Hart?



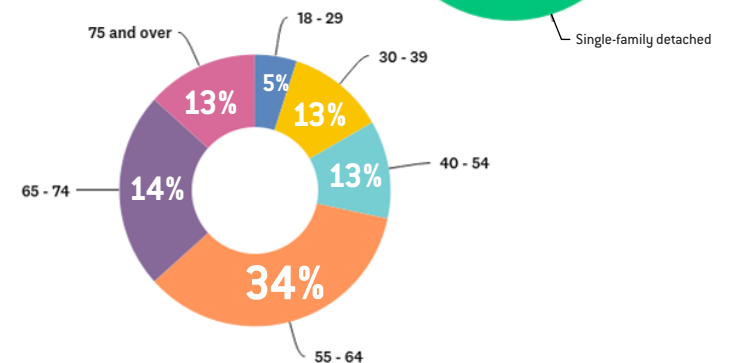
What type of home do you live in?



What is your opinion about the need/desire for the following forms of housing?



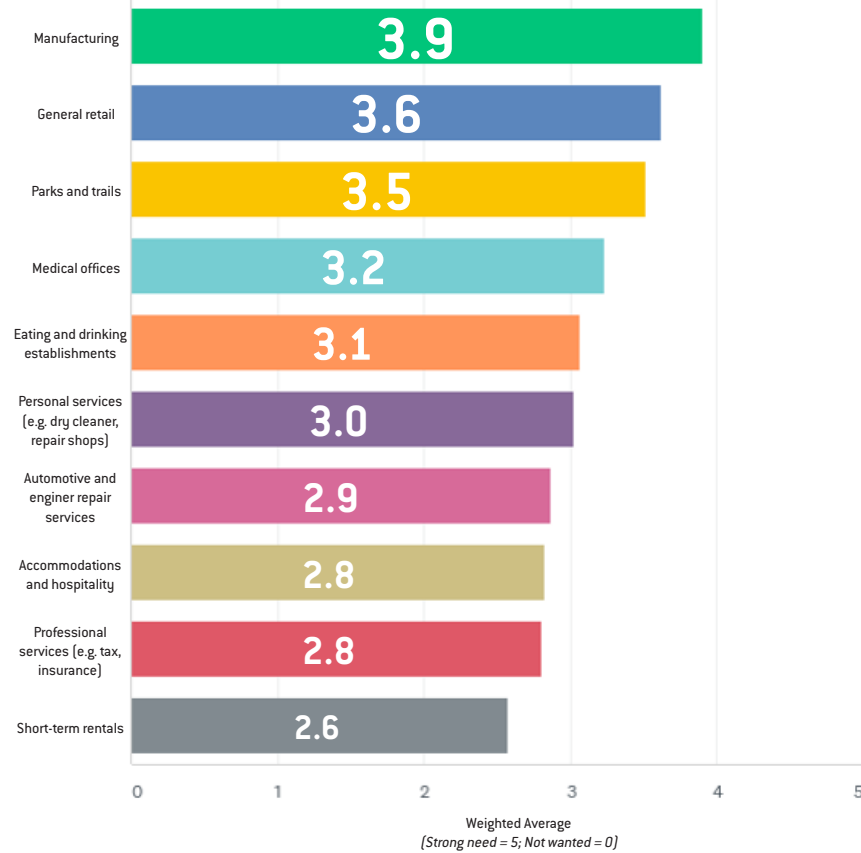
Indicate your age group



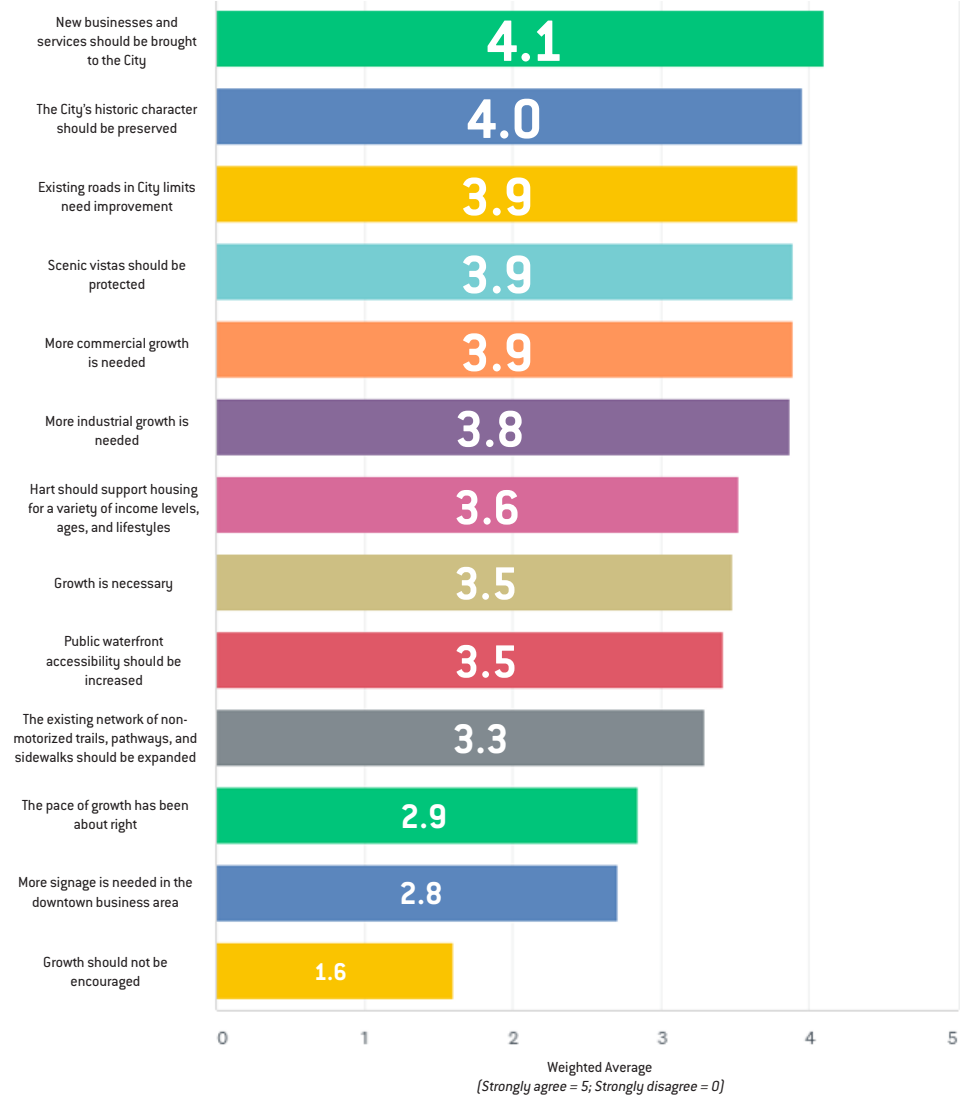
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If new land uses were to develop in Hart, to what extent would the following be needed/desired?



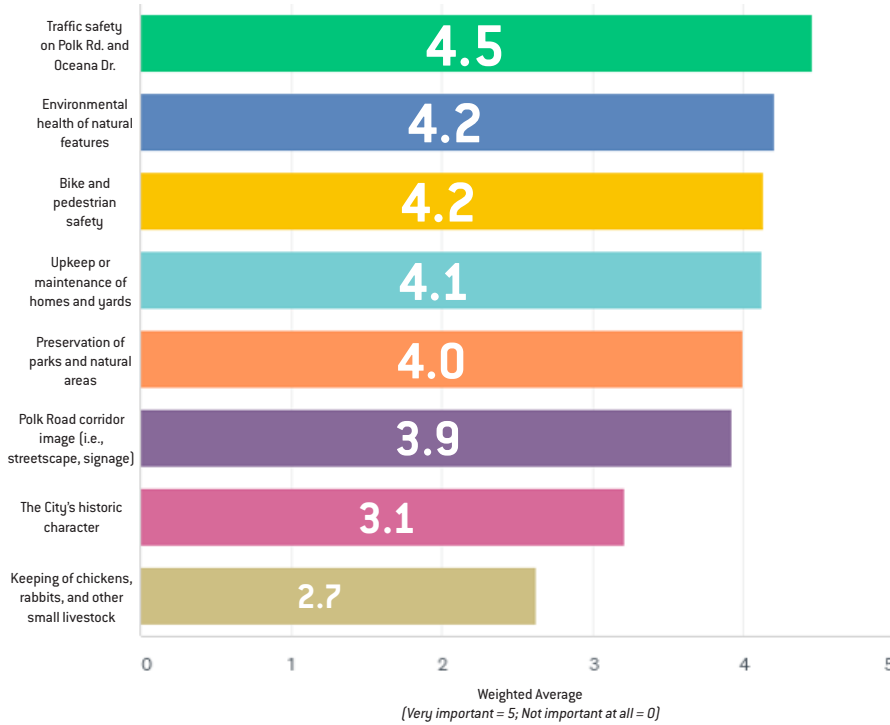
To what extent to agree or disagree?



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How important is this issue to you?



What ONE word would you use to describe what you like LEAST about living in the City of Hart?



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What ONE word would you use to describe what you like BEST about living in the City of Hart?

