

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #3
GROWTH POLICY PLAN UPDATE

BATAVIA TOWNSHIP
GROWTH POLICY PLAN

Batavia Township, Clermont County, Ohio

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 | 6:00 PM

AGENDA

BATAVIA TOWNSHIP GROWTH POLICY PLAN

1. **Welcome**
2. **National Night Out Report Out**
   - What We Heard
   - Feedback Results
3. **Public Survey #1 Feedback**
   - Trends
   - What Does This Tell Us?
4. **Discussion on Findings and Direction**
5. **Public Open House Logistics and Scheduling**
6. **Open Discussion**
7. **Adjournment**



2. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT REPORT OUT

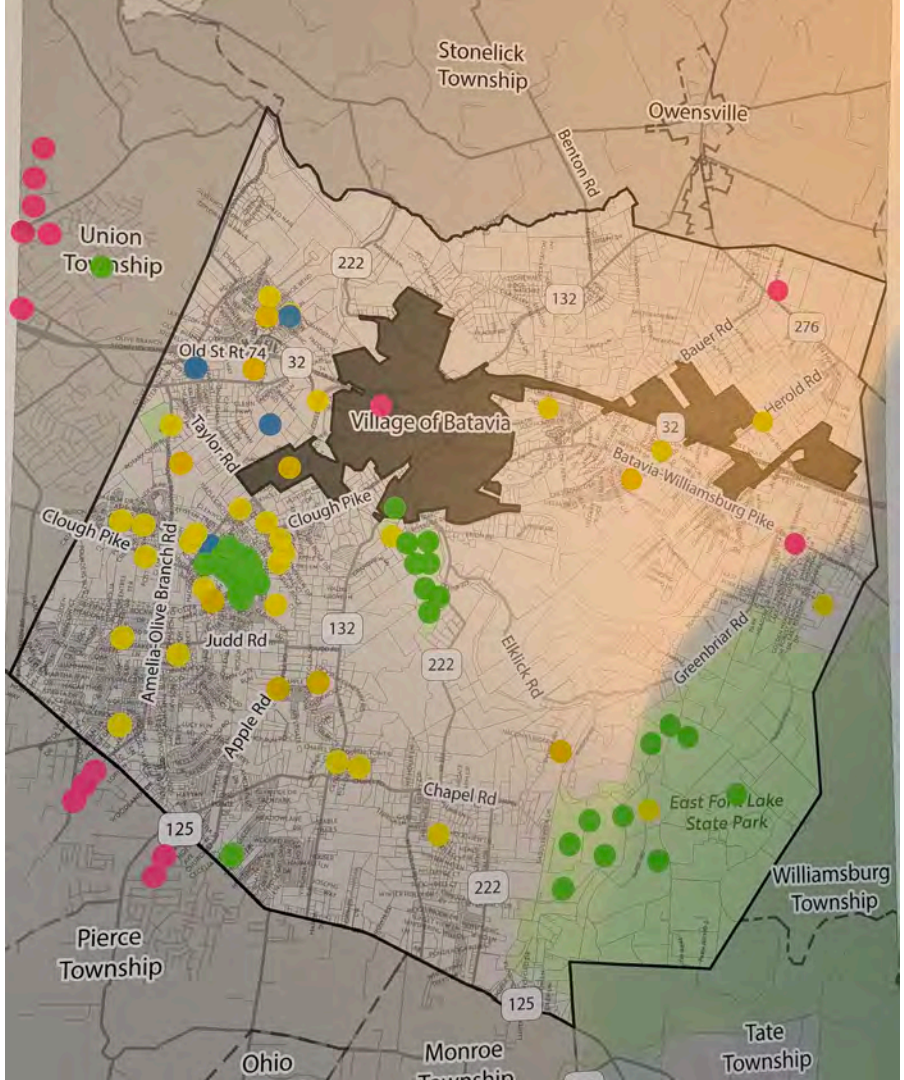


Thoughts, Impressions, and Feedback

Activity 1 | Live Work and Play

Total Responses: ~84

LIVE	**32**
WORK	**4**
SHOP	**14**
PLAY	**34 (approx.)**



Activity 2 | State of the Township

Total Responses: 113 (~38 participants)

Topic	"Dollars"	Percentage
Transportation & Traffic	31	27%
Safety & Emergency Services	20	18%
Parks and Open Space	14	12%
Neighborhood & Community Character	9	8%
Infrastructure & Utilities	9	8%
Housing Options	8	7%
Environment & Natural Resources	8	7%
Local Business & Economy	7	6%
Community Events & Activities	6	5%
Design & Appearance	1	1%
TOTALS	113	100%



Activity 3 | State of the Township

Total Responses: 40

What's working well in Batavia Township?

- Parks
- Parks
- Roads are amazing
- Park is great
- Parks are great
- Police have been awesome
- Police are amazing
- Open enrollment at Batavia schools
- More people in the park
- Dog park is great
- Police and fire
- Quit building on top of everything! 1 acre only!
- We love Batavia
- Parks
- The parks are great

What needs improvement?

- Dogwood Drive – Houses with cars, debris, garbage in yard
- Repave Chapel Woods Road – Make right hand turn available by Walgreens
- Batavia Open Enrollment needs help
- Speeding on 132 – Going way over 45 mph
- Allow electric bikes in parks
- If we can have a cricket field game pitch, we have lot of people like to play and we go all the way to Mason.
- Widen roads
- Traffic light 132 & Main Street
- Grocery Store
- Traffic light 132 & Main Street
- Batavia Twp Fire
- Traffic
- Traffic



What concerns do you have?

- No small development – ½ acre or larger only
- No more housing dev!
- Too many [cameras?]
- Infor….green space
- Do NOT dissolve Batavia
- Too many housing developments
- Speed limit signs
- Golf carts
- Speeding cars
- Speeding on 132 – going way over 45 mph
- Too many large housing project (over crowding Batavia)
- Traffic on St Rt 32
- Traffic on 32
- Do not dissolve Batavia
- Speeding and Traffic on Apple Rd. Road is too narrow
- Too many houses
- Too much water running through our property from Olive Park
- More lights on back roads. Deer are blind and we cannot see them
- Too quick development
- Too much grow, too quickly = schools suffering
- Too many houses
- Street lights



Impressions and Thoughts?



3. PUBLIC SURVEY #1 RESULTS*

*AS OF 8.25.2026



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93 Total Responses

(95 responses after data pull…)

Date Survey Went Live: Monday, July 20, 2026

Date of Responses Collected: August 25, 2026

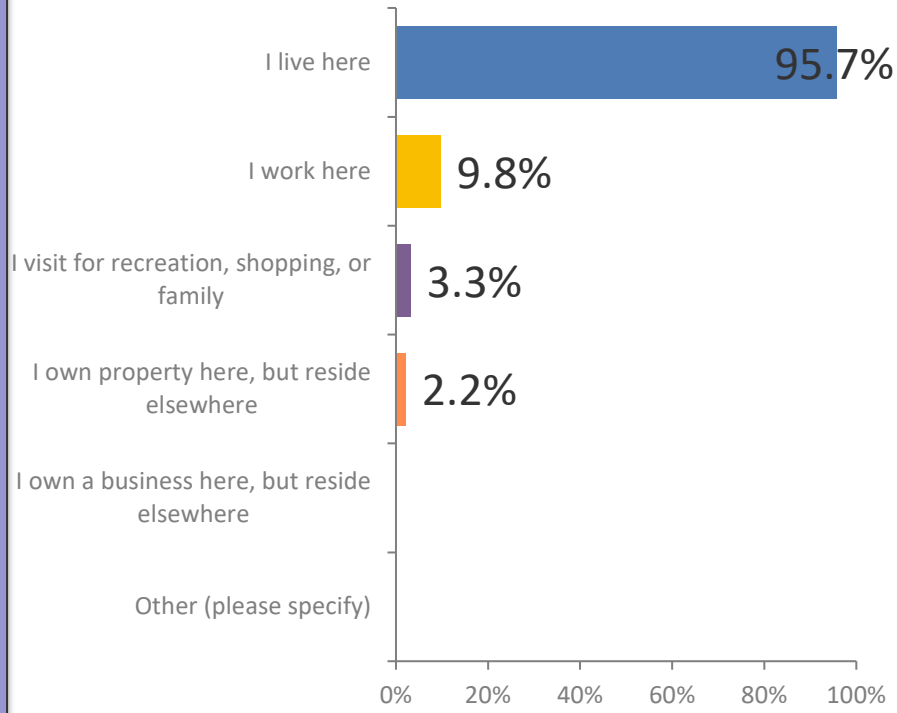
Batavia Township Growth Policy Plan Update - Public Input Survey #1

Help shape the Future of Batavia Township! As we update our Growth Policy Plan, your voice is essential in defining how our community should evolve over the next 10 to 15 years. We want to hear your input on critical topics including housing variety, economic development, infrastructure improvements, and park enhancements. Your feedback will help guide the direction of the Township in preserving our unique character while planning for a sustainable future.

We start here to ensure that no voice is left out. By understanding your connection to the Township, we can verify that the Growth Policy Plan Update addresses the needs of Township

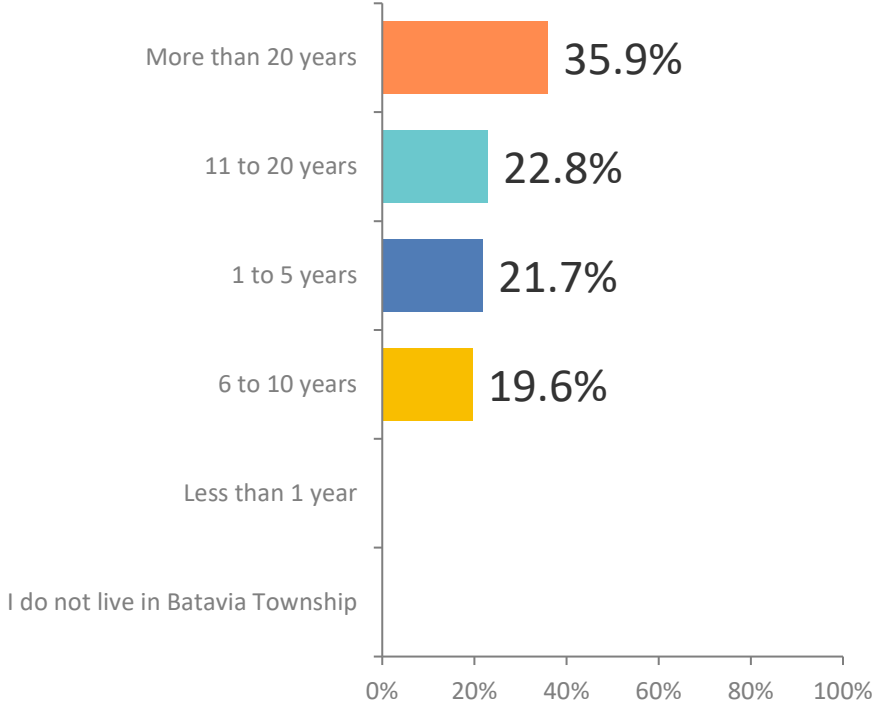
What is your primary connection to Batavia Township?

Responses: 92



How long have you lived, worked, or owned property in Batavia Township?

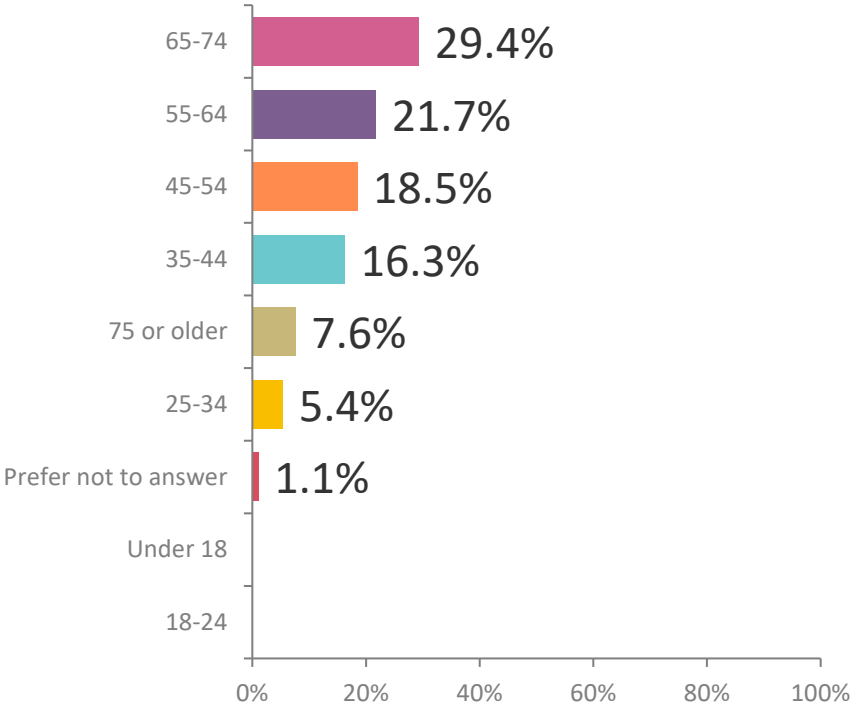
Responses: 92



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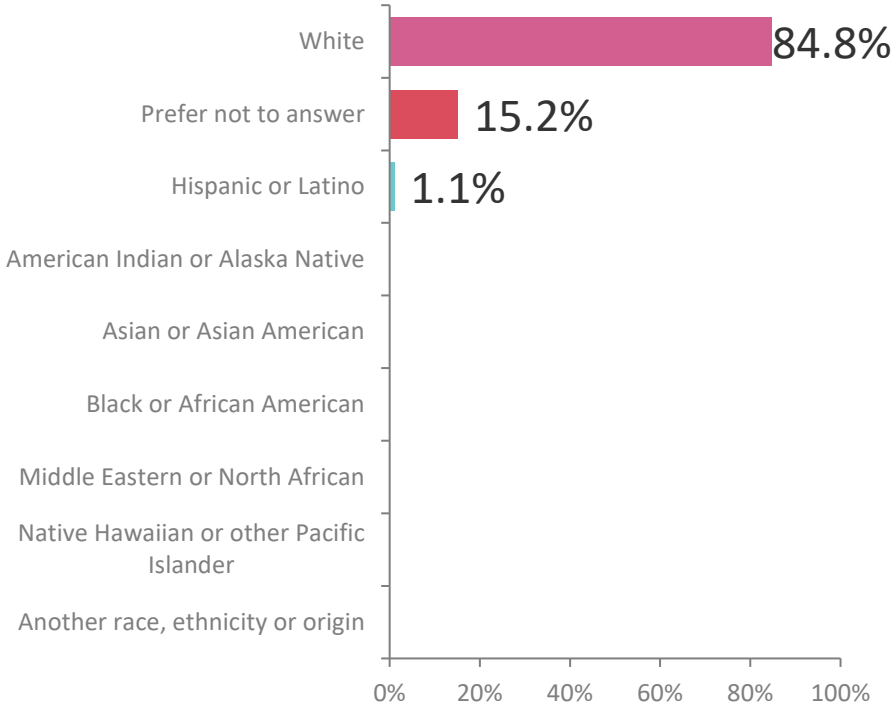
What is your age?

Answered: 92



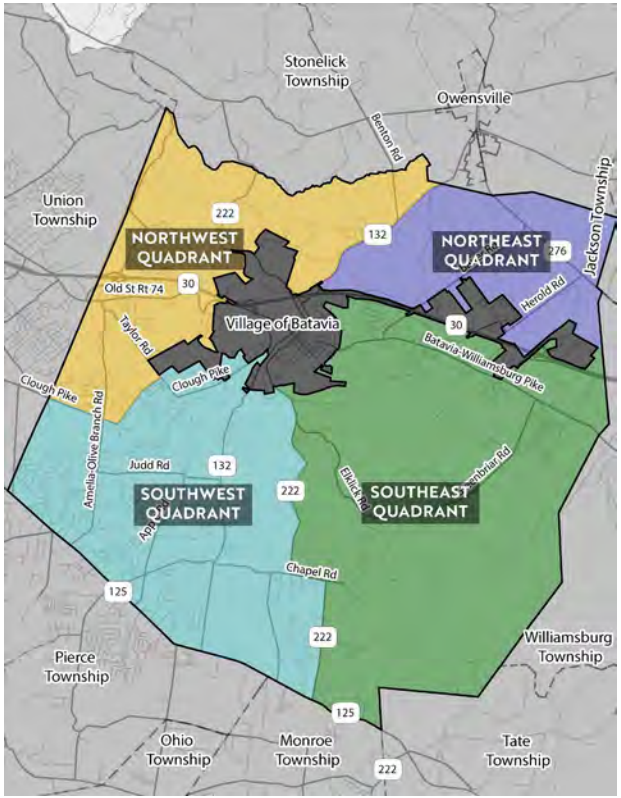
How do you describe your racial and/or ethnic identity? (Select all that apply)

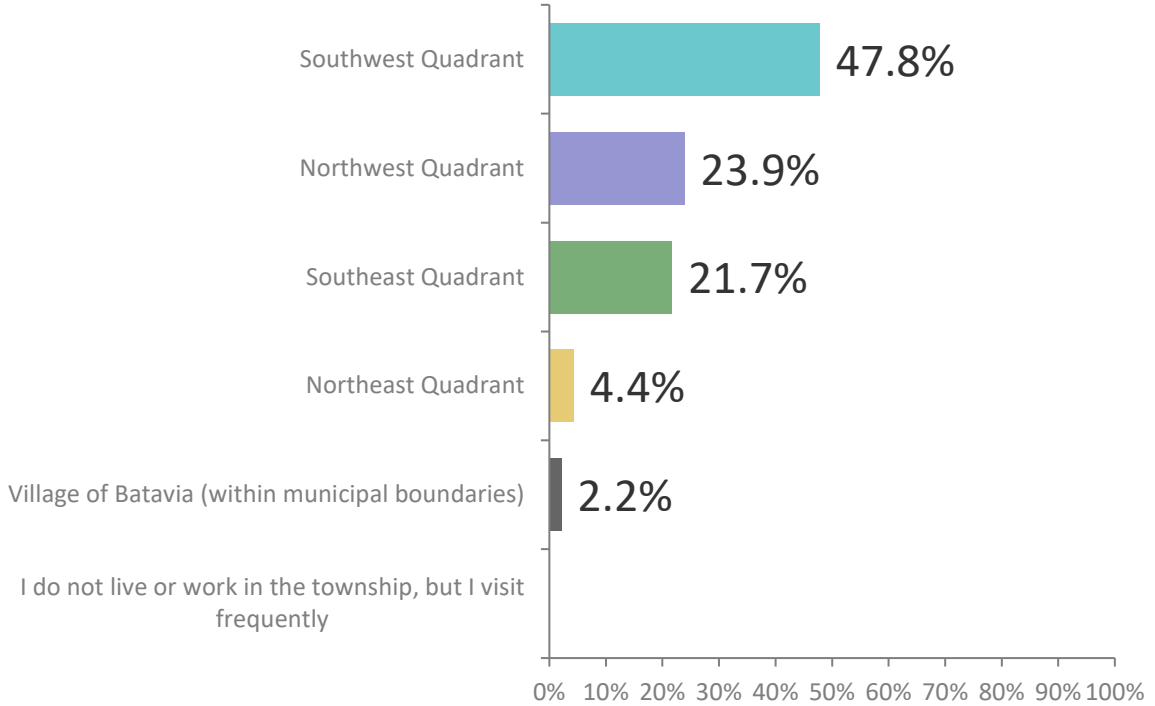
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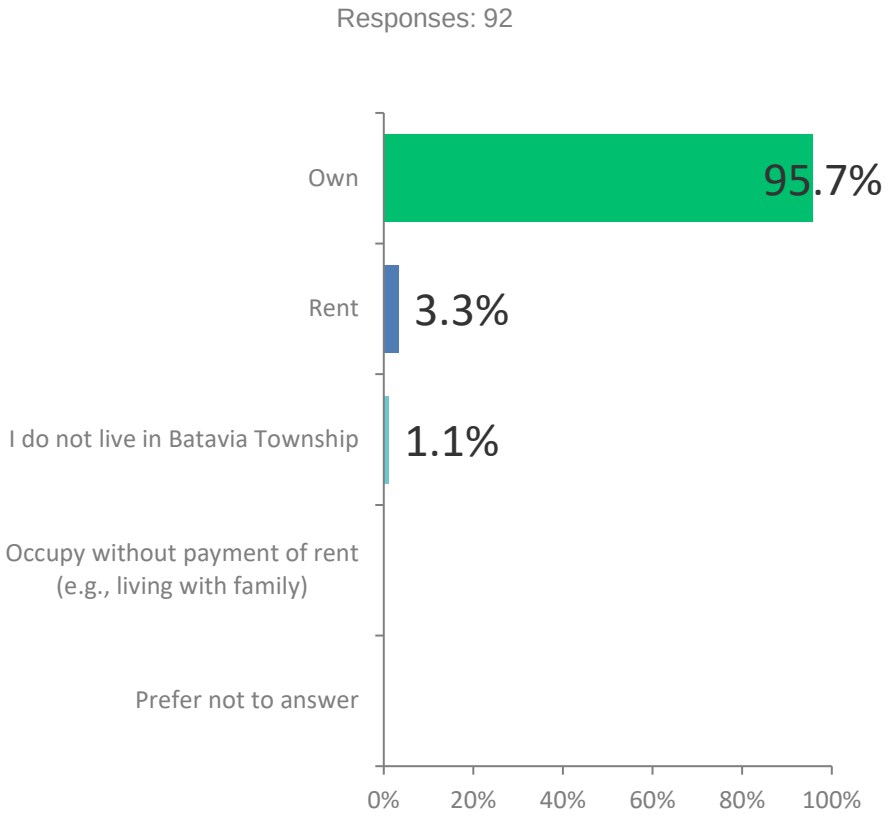
In what area of the Township do you live or work? (If both, select where you live)

Answered: 92

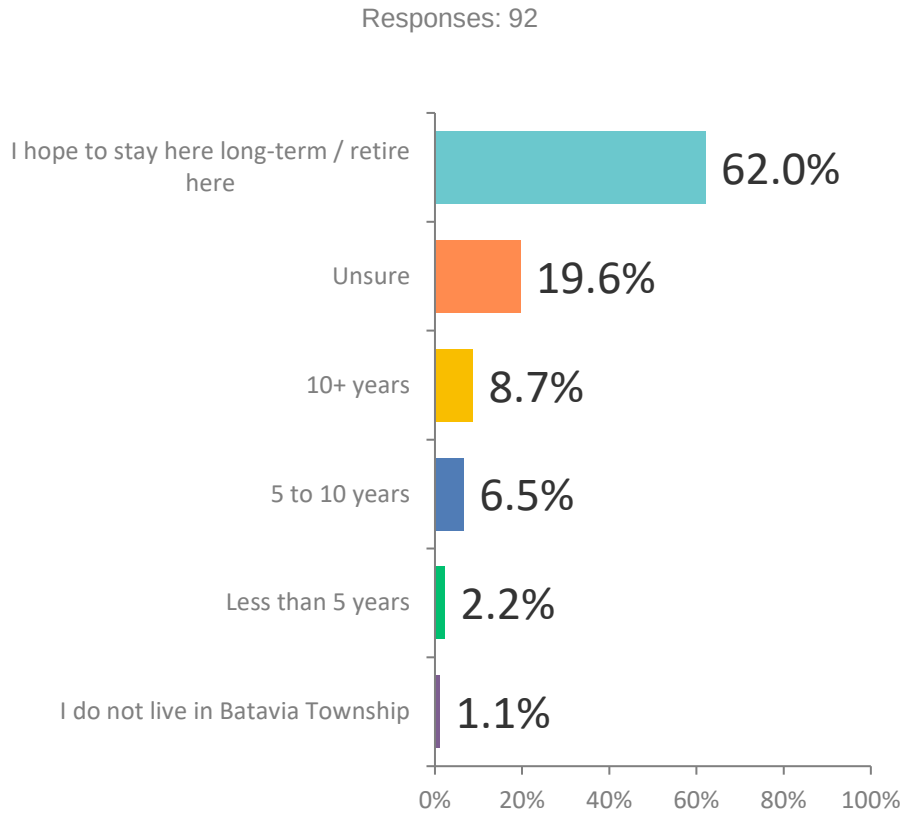




Do you own or rent your home?

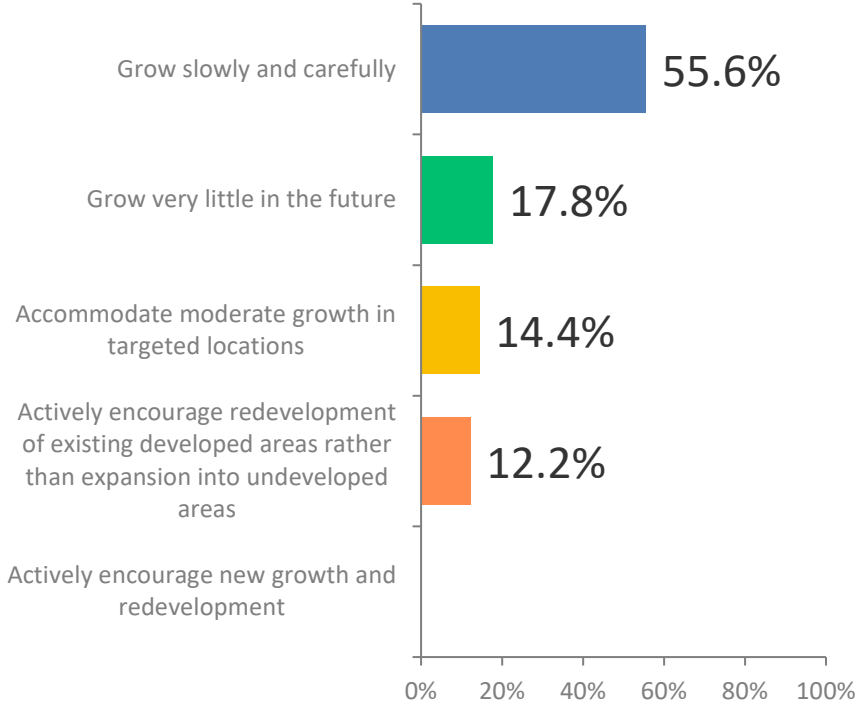


How long do you plan to remain a resident of Batavia Township?



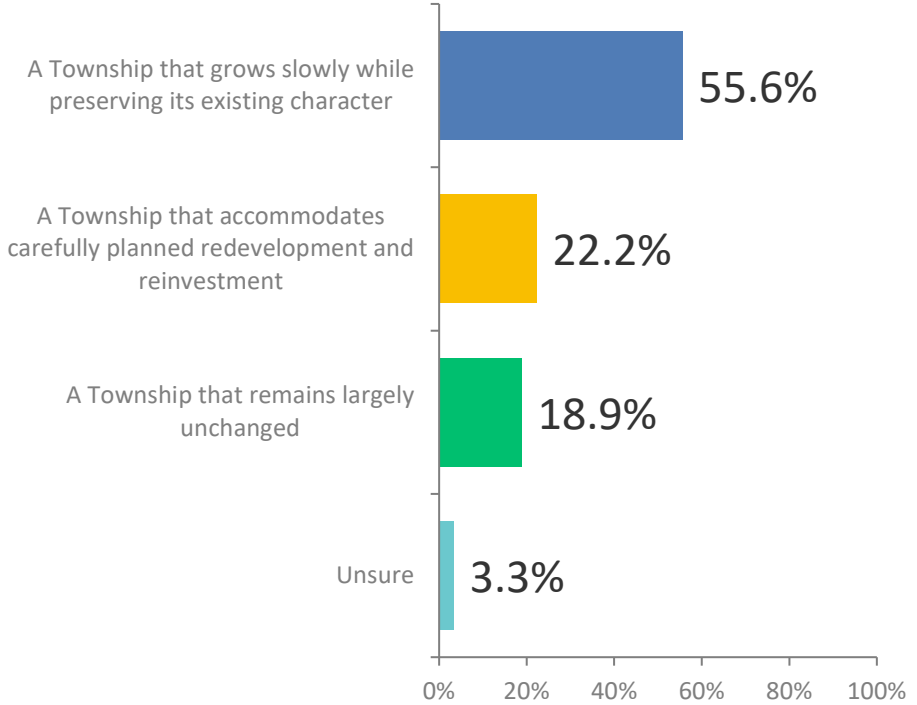
Which statement best reflects your opinion? "Batavia Township should..."

Responses: 90



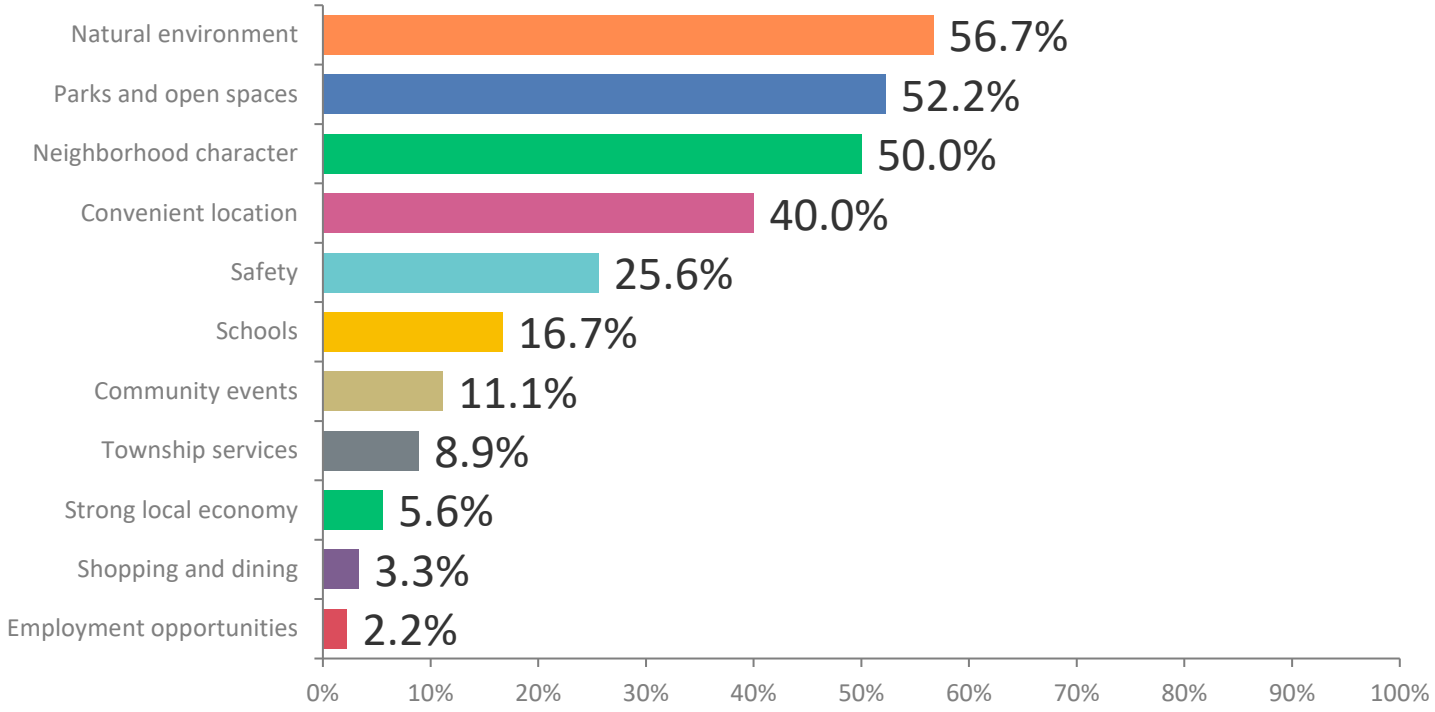
Which statement best describes the Batavia Township you want to see in 2040?

Responses: 90



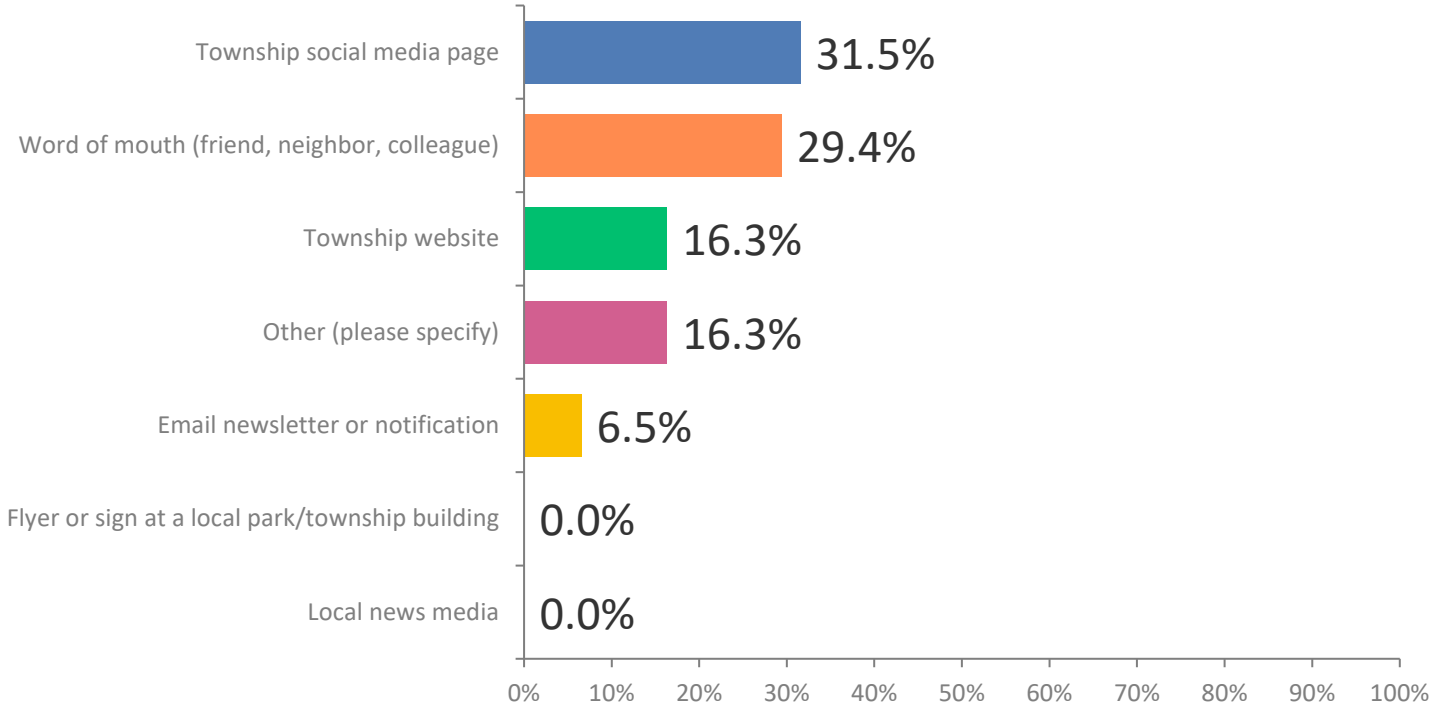
What makes Batavia Township special? (Select up to three)

Responses: 90



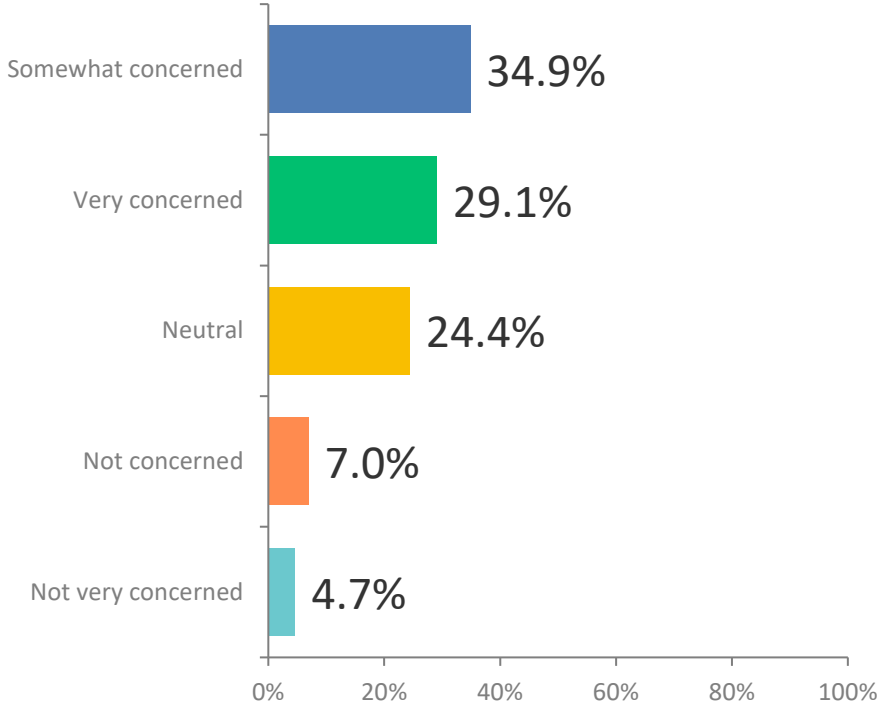
How did you hear about this survey for the Growth Policy Plan Update?

Answered: 92



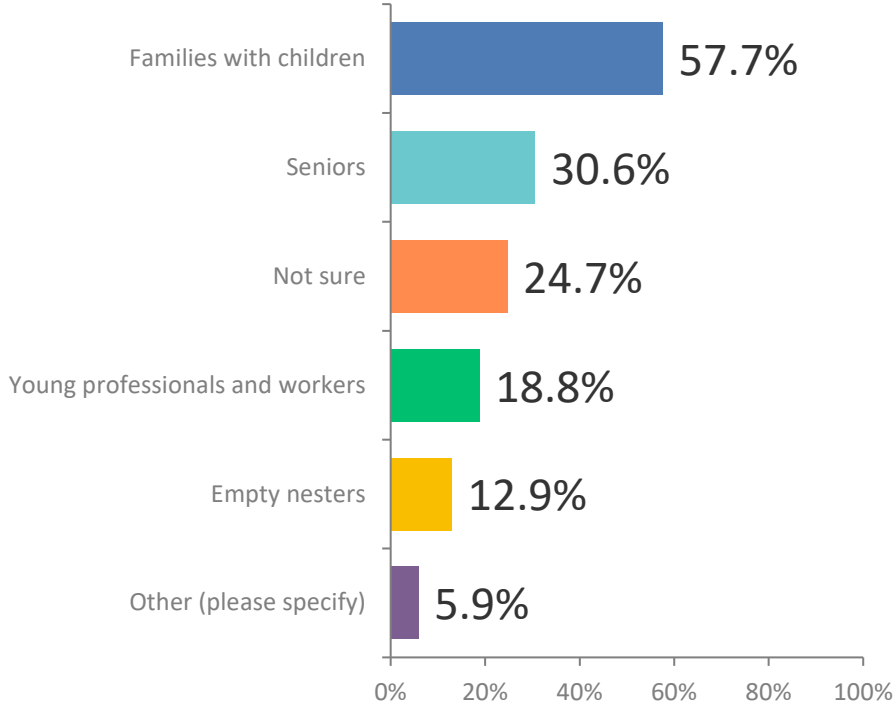
How concerned are you about housing affordability?

Responses: 86

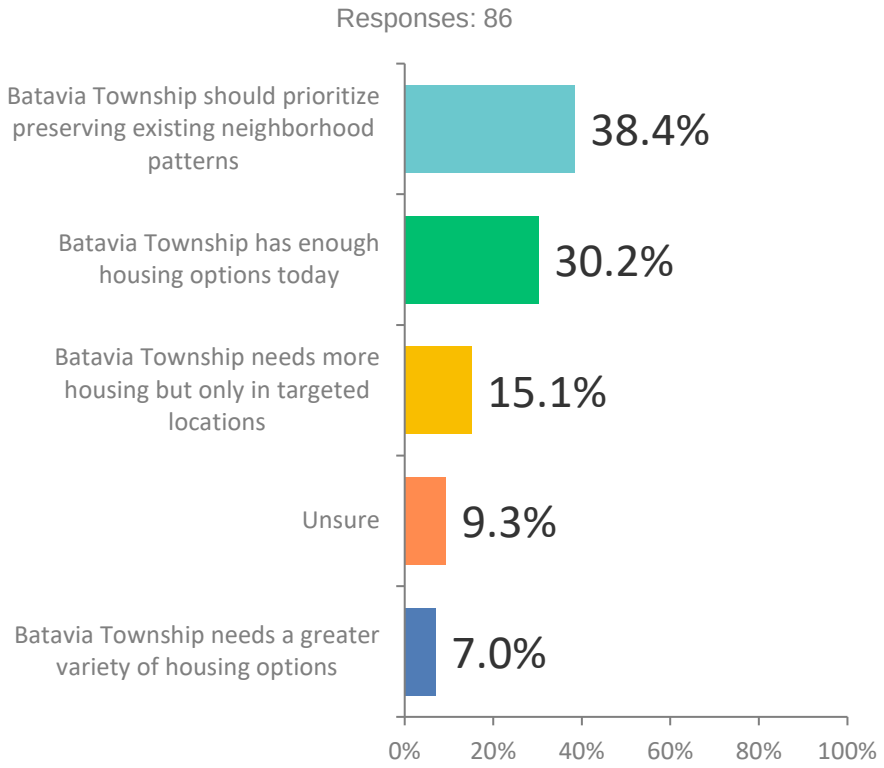


Which groups have the greatest housing needs in the Township? (Select up to three)

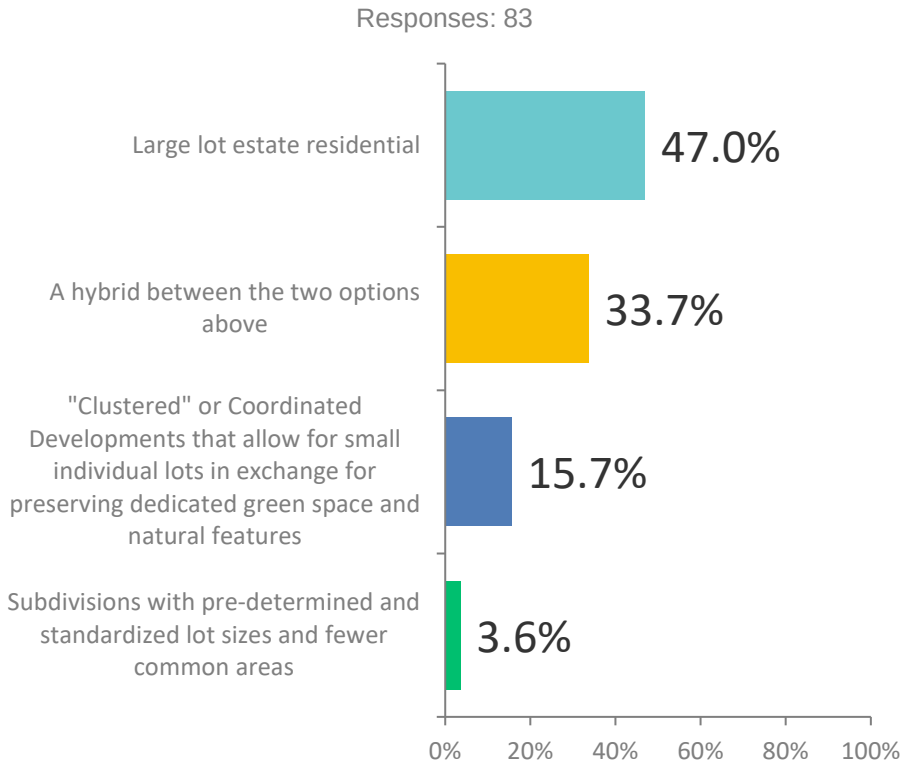
Answered: 85



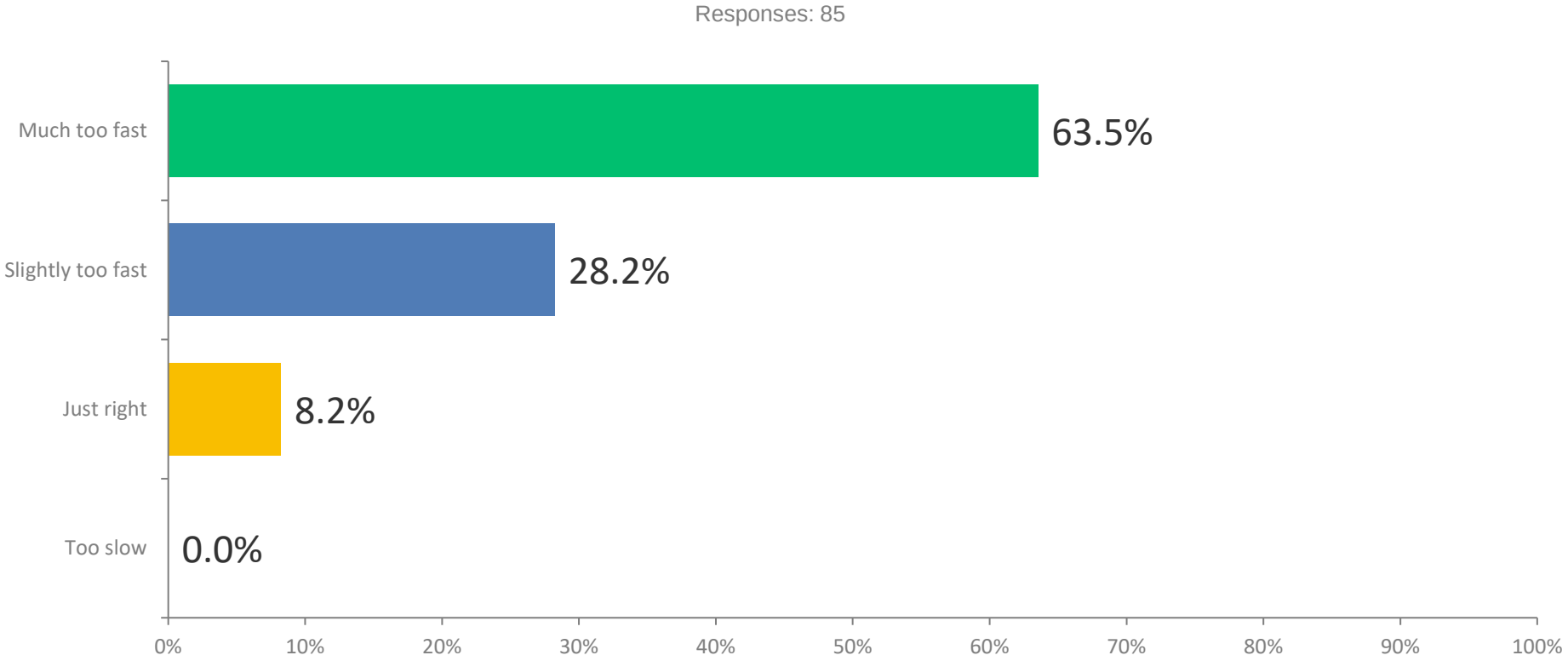
Which statement best reflects your opinion?



When considering new residential development(s), which approach do you prefer?

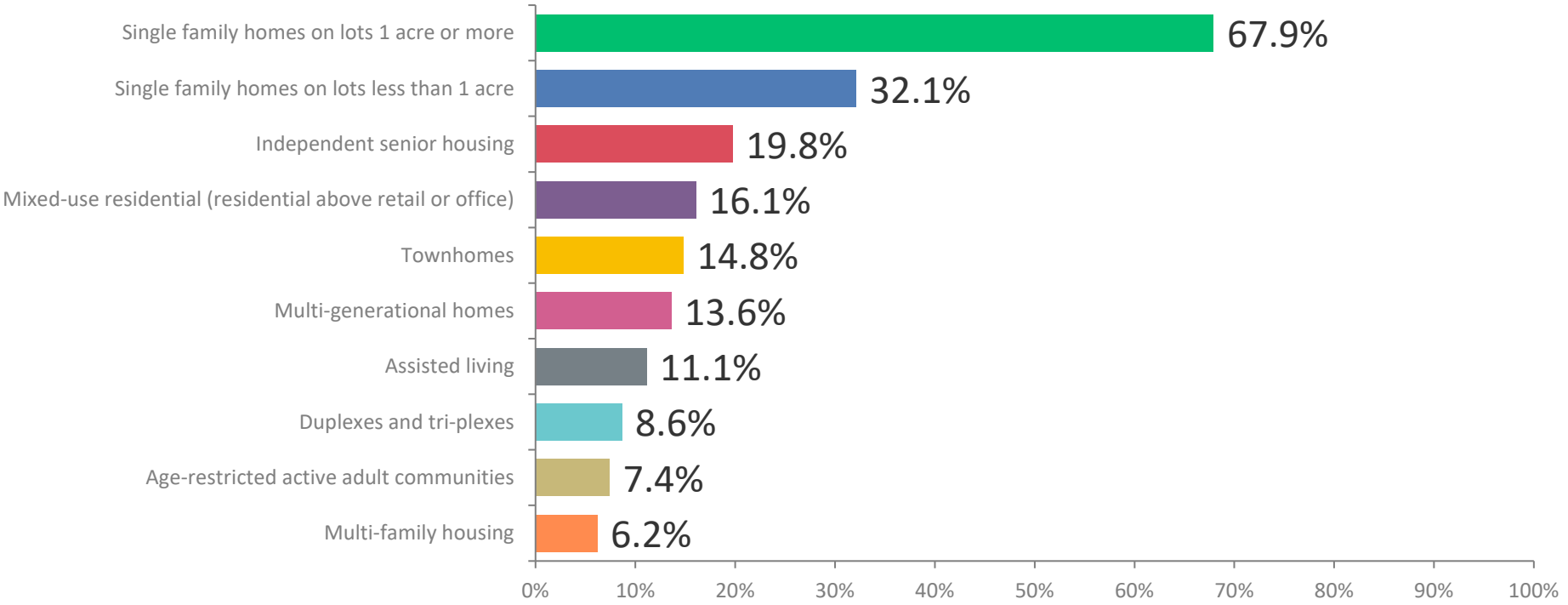


How do you feel about the overall pace of residential and commercial growth in Batavia Township over the past 5 to 10 years?



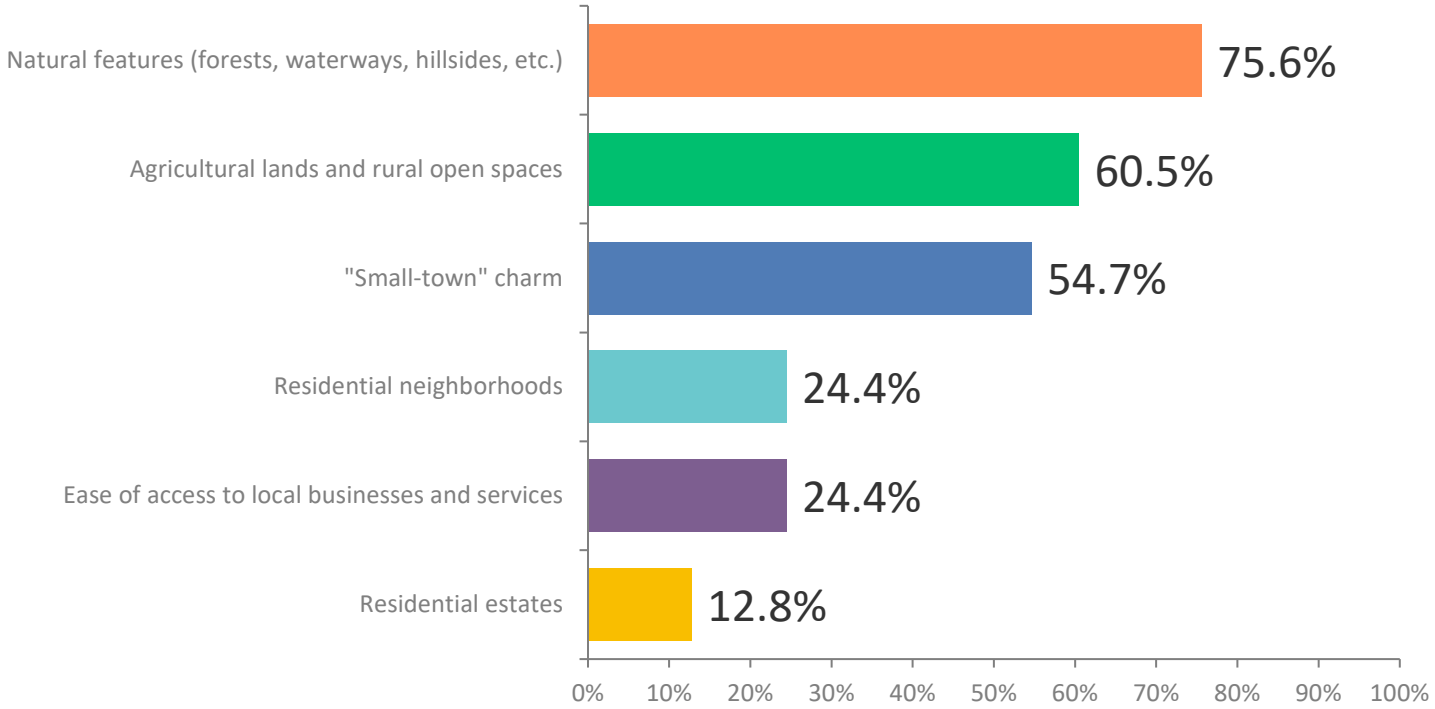
The 2018 Growth Policy Plan prioritized a balanced mix of housing. Looking ahead, what types of housing does Batavia Township need most? (Select all that apply)

Responses: 81



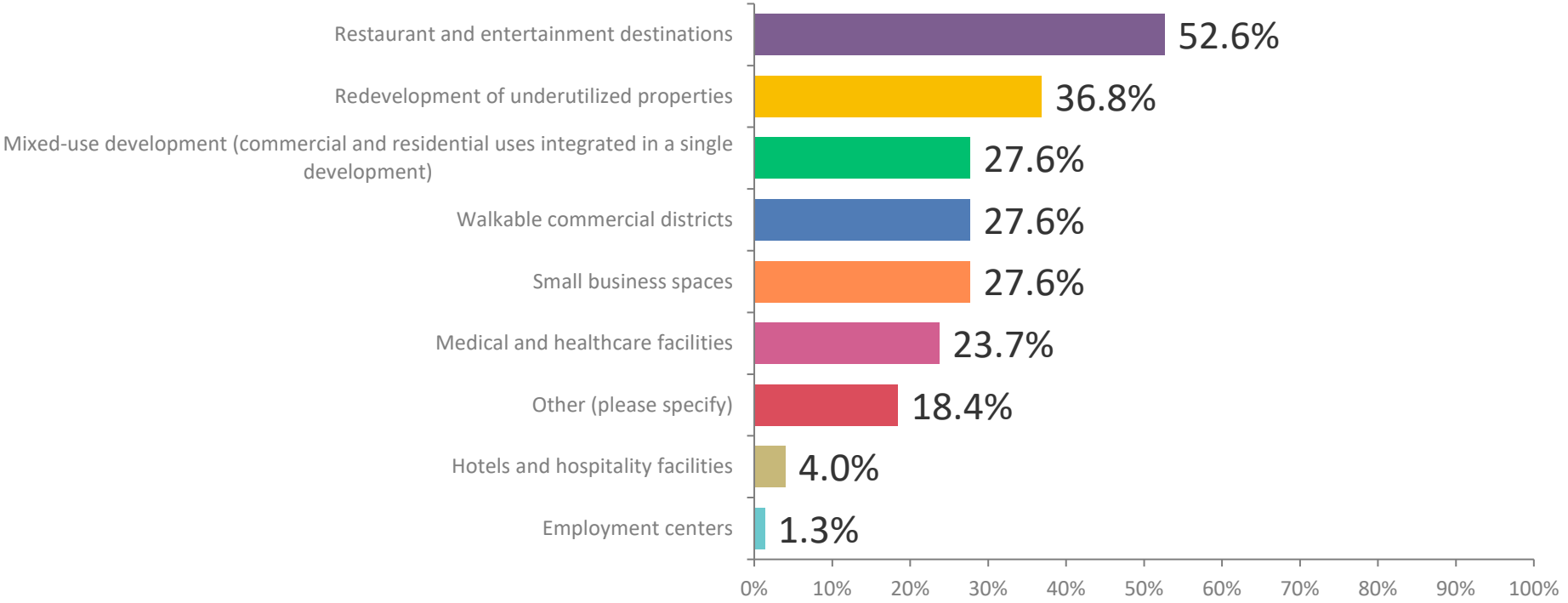
Which of the following elements of Batavia Township's character do you feel are most important to preserve as we plan for the future? (Select your top three)

Responses: 86



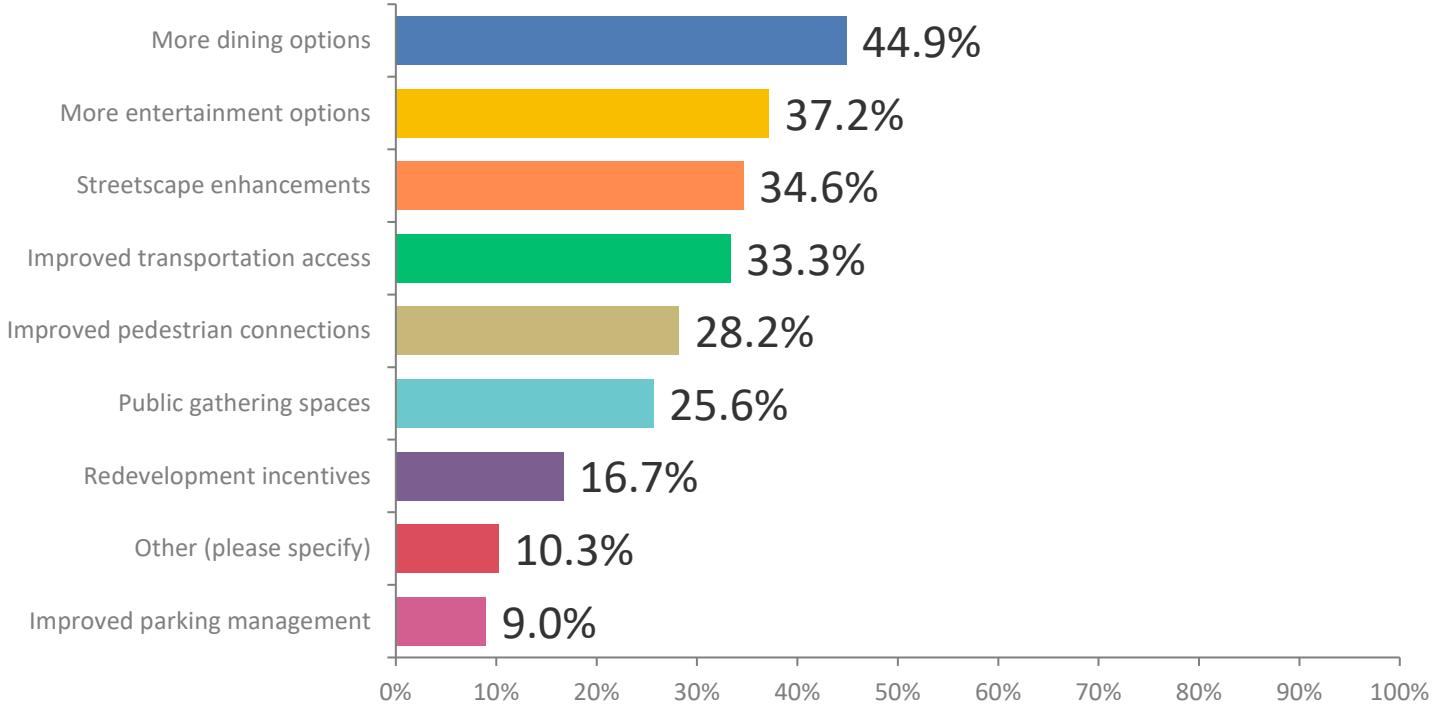
Which development and redevelopment priorities should Batavia Township encourage? (Select up to three)

Responses: 76



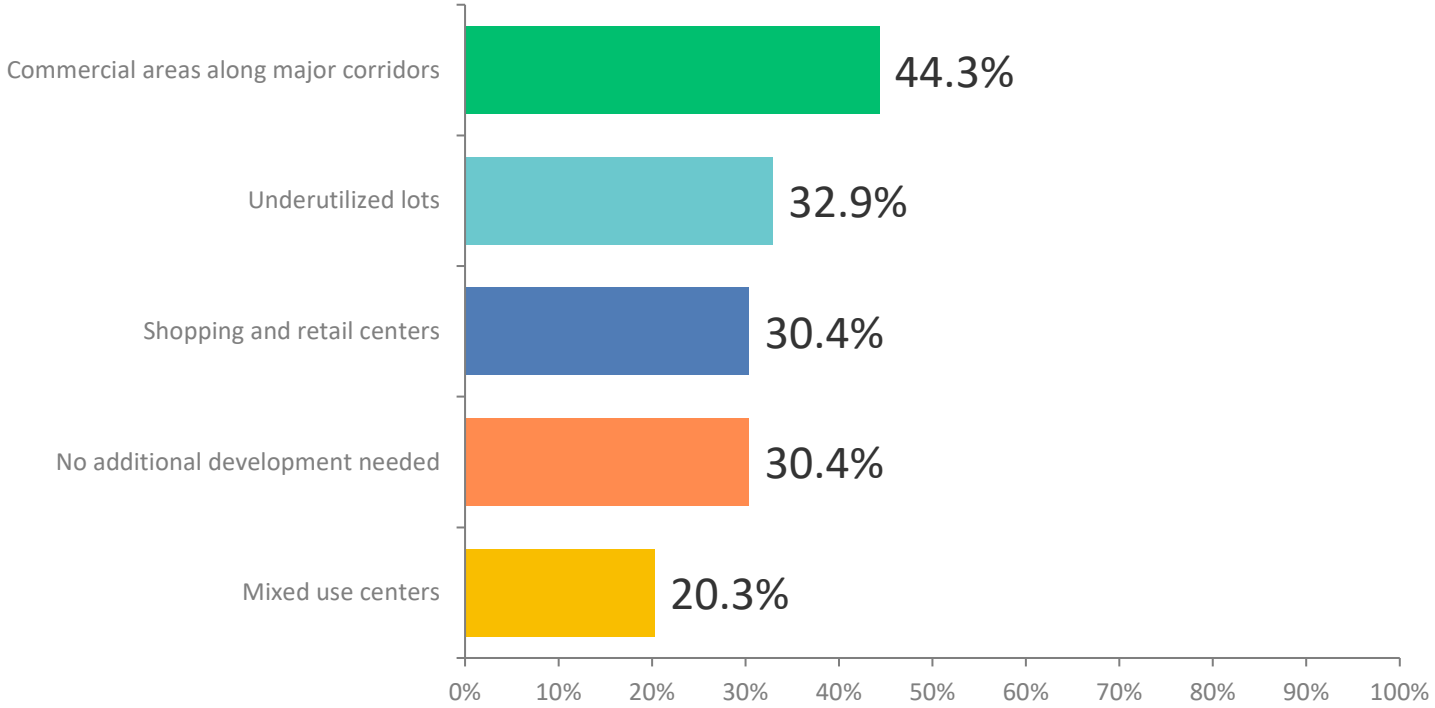
What improvements would make Batavia Township's commercial areas more competitive? (Select up to three)

Responses: 78



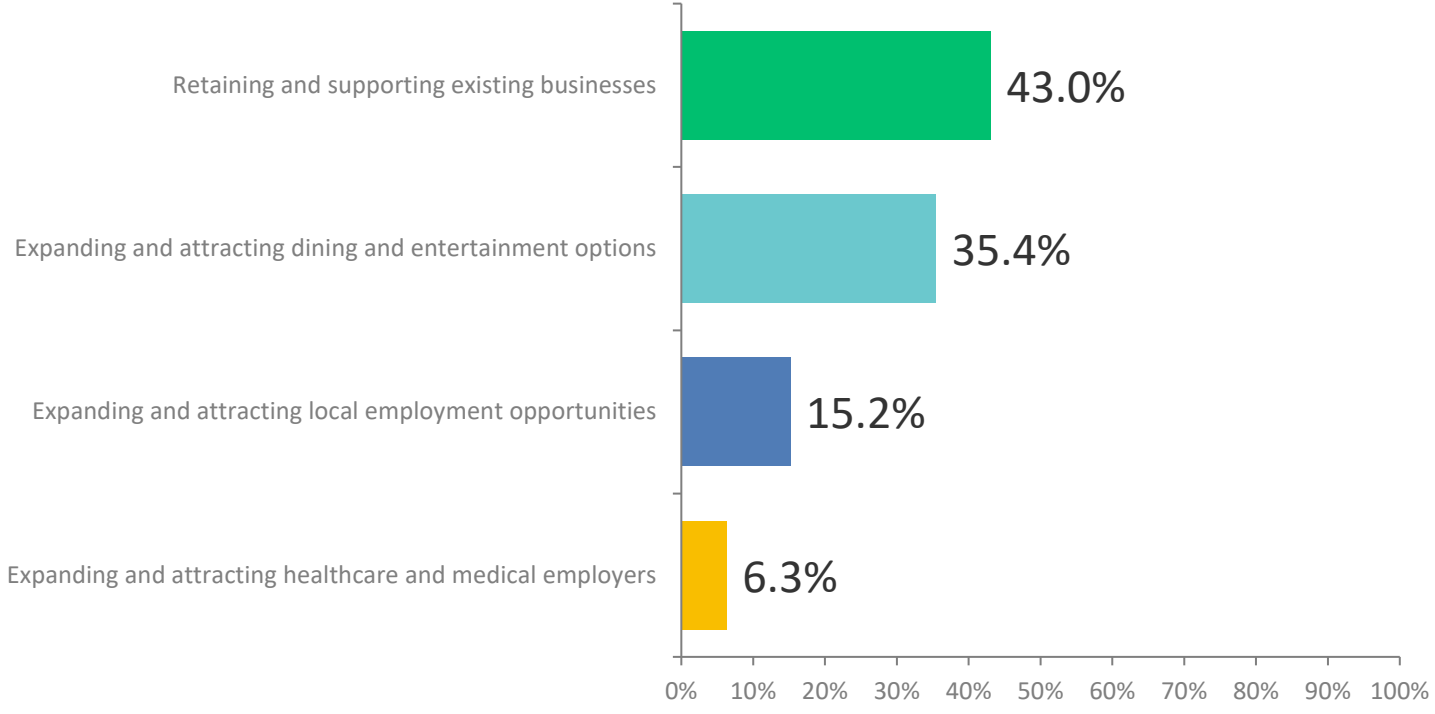
Which areas should be priorities for redevelopment and reinvestment? (Select up to three)

Responses: 79



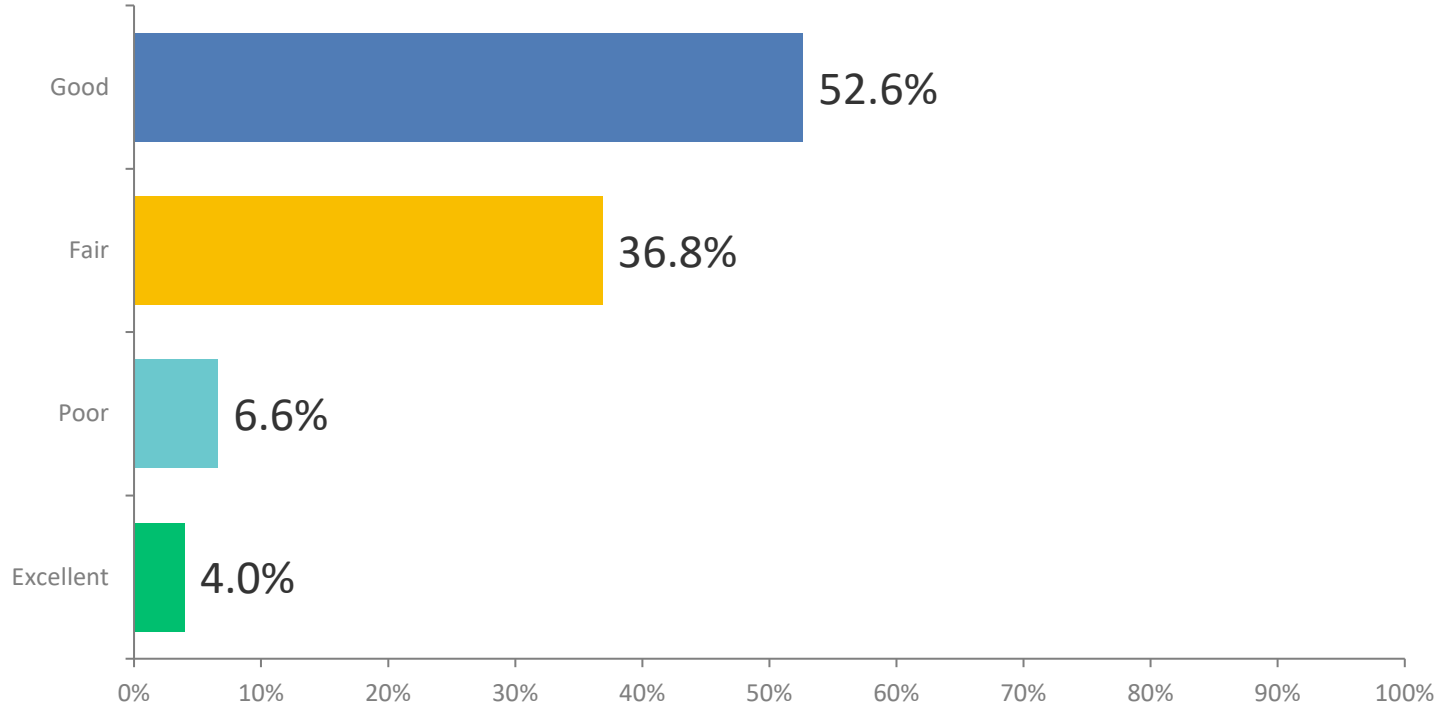
What economic development goals should Batavia Township prioritize?

Responses: 79



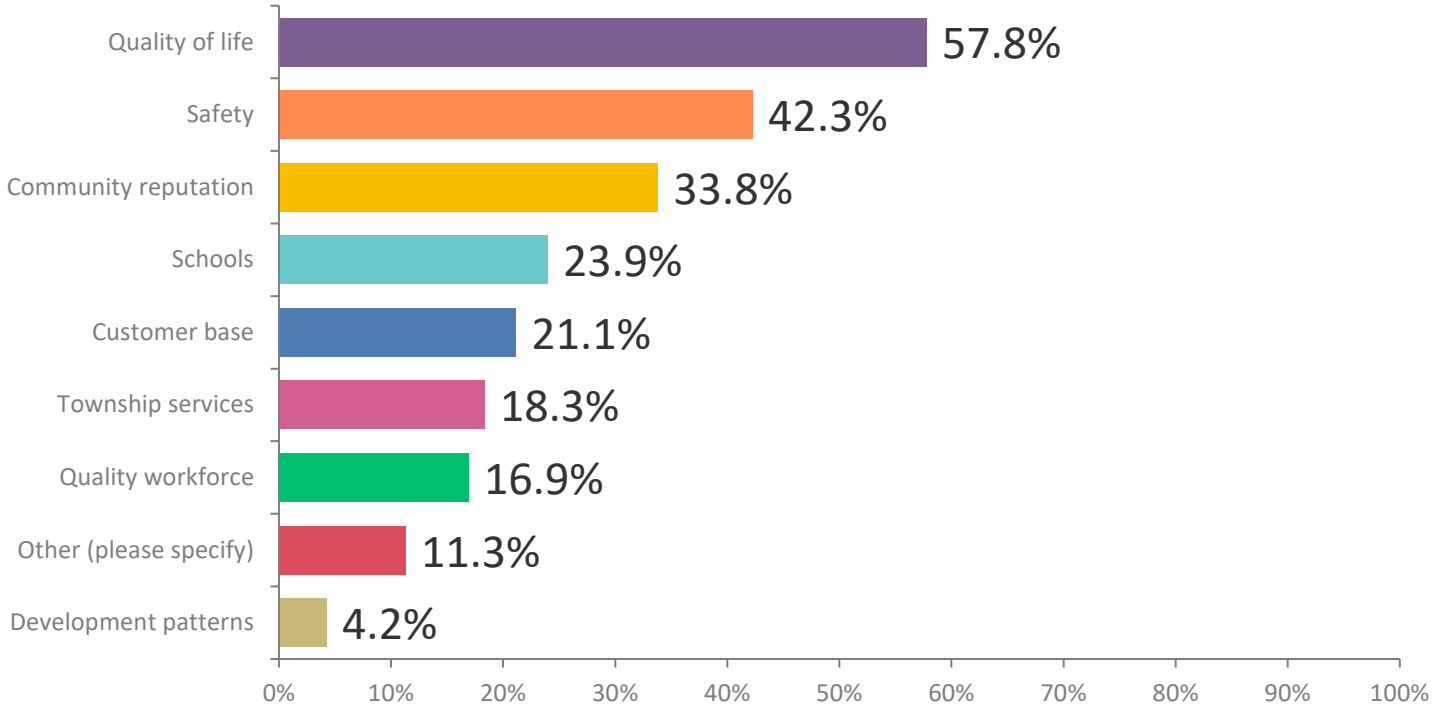
How would you rate Batavia Township as a place to do business?

Responses: 76

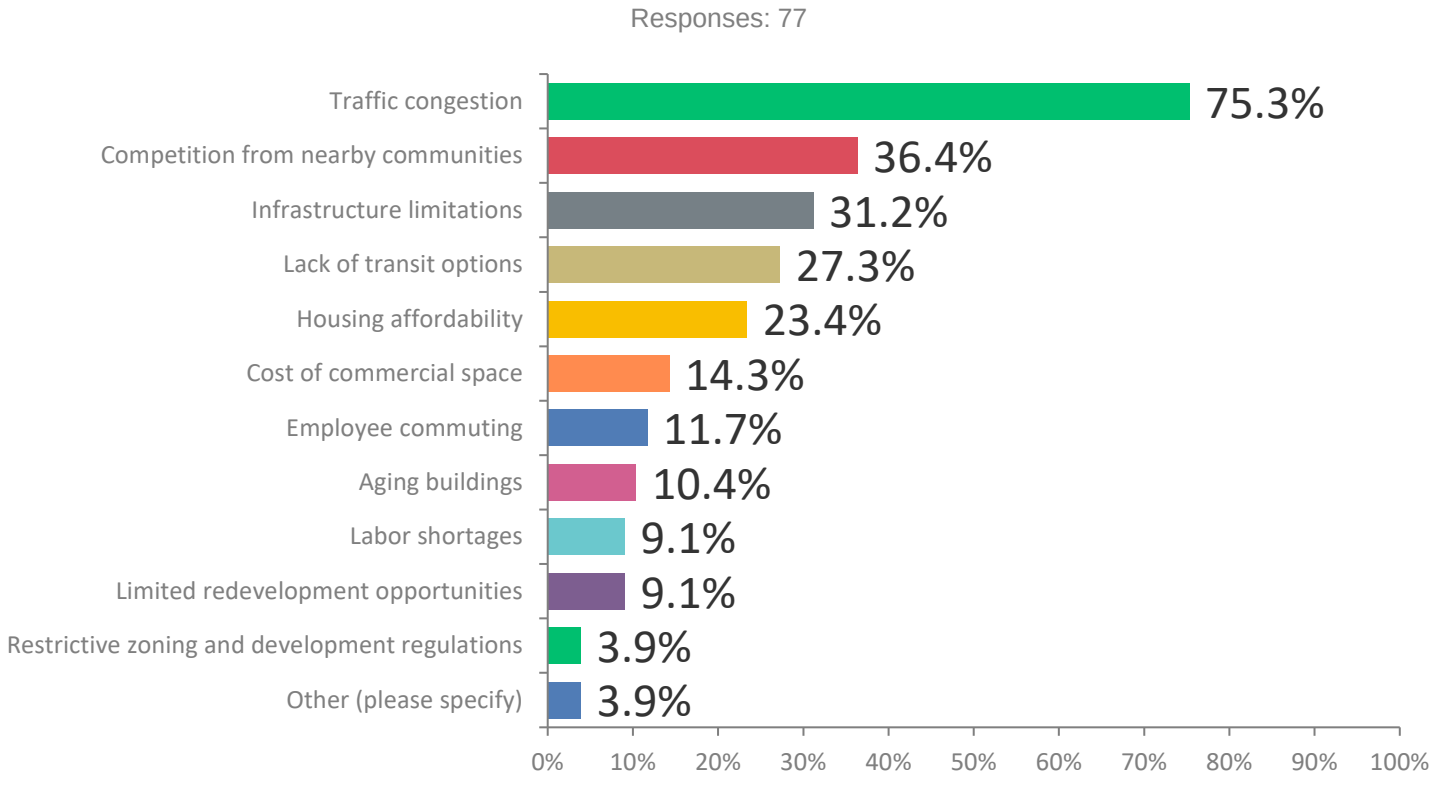


What are Batavia Township's greatest strengths as a business location? (Select up to three)

Answered: 71

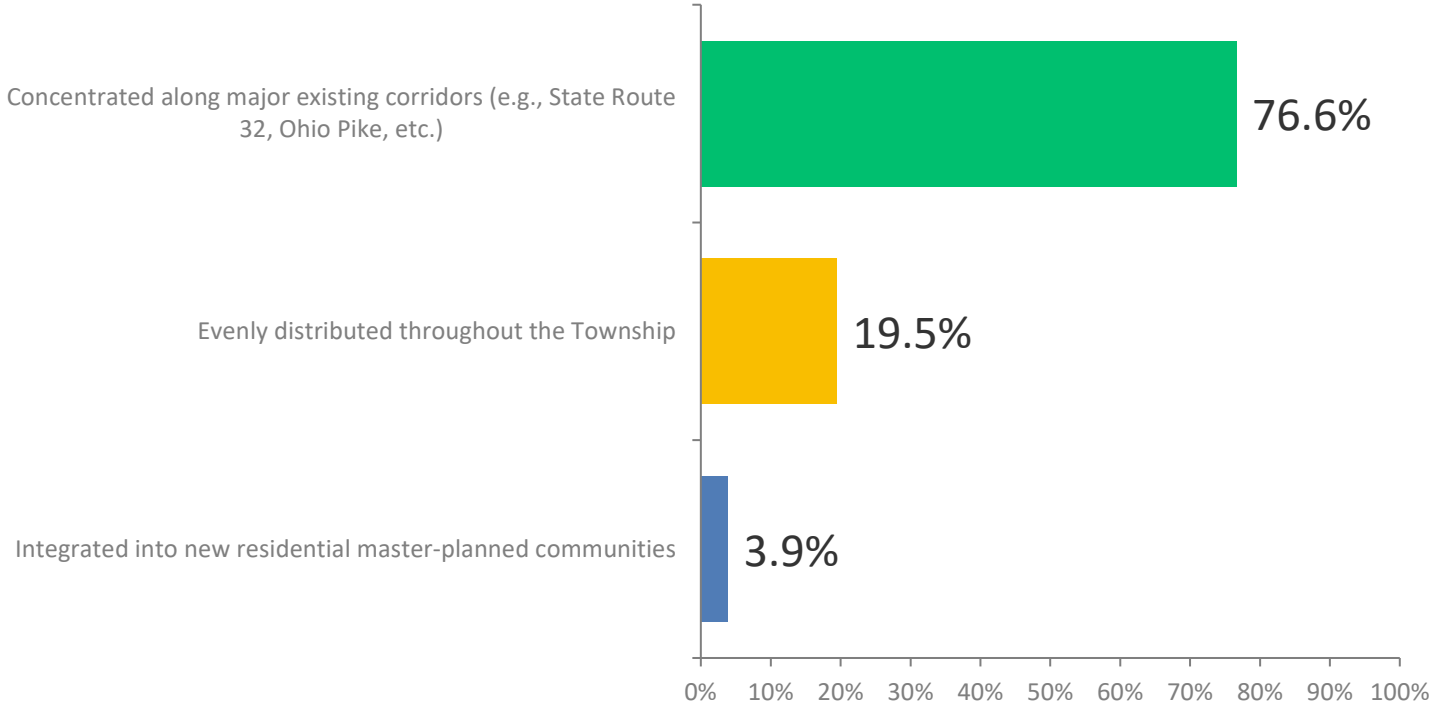


What are Batavia Township's greatest challenges as a business location? (Select up to three)

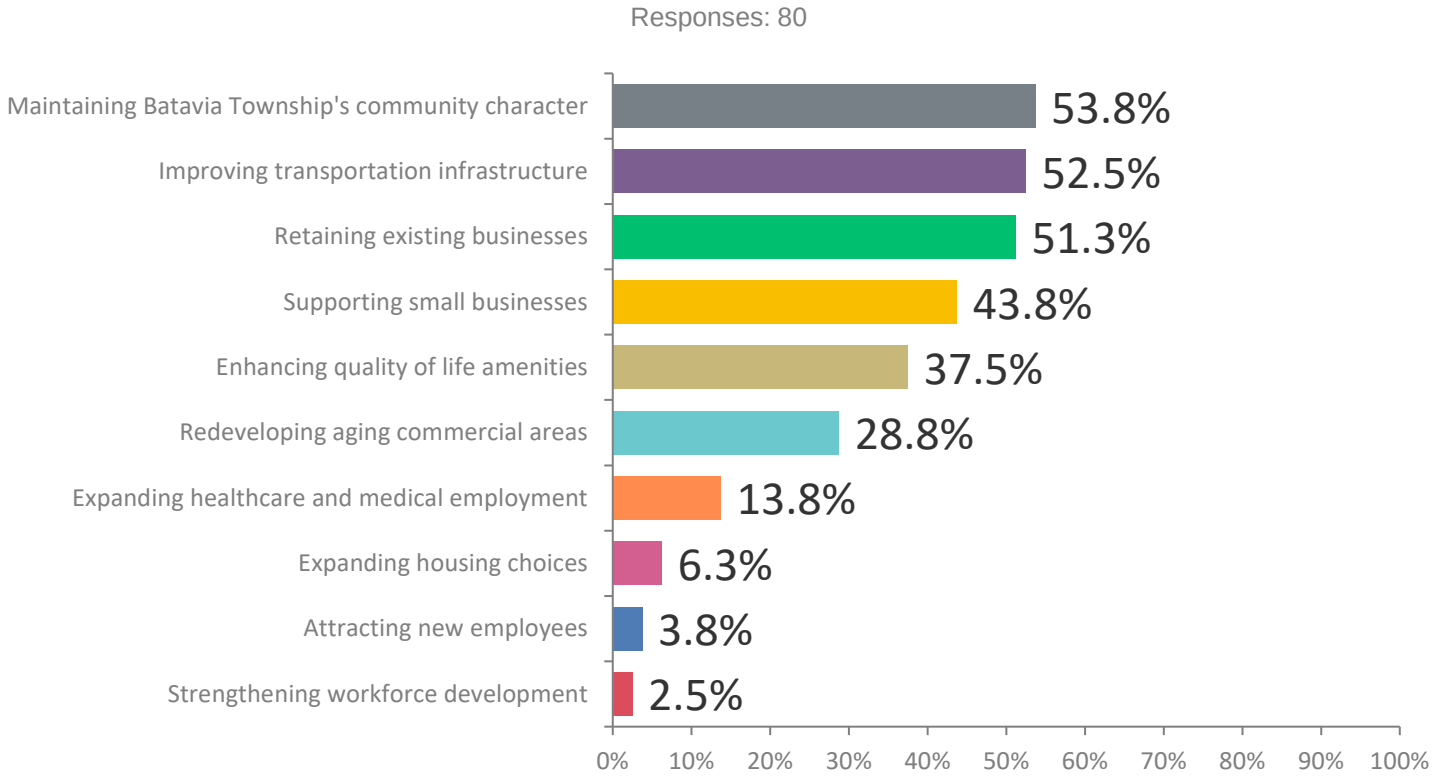


Where should new commercial development primarily be focused?

Responses: 77

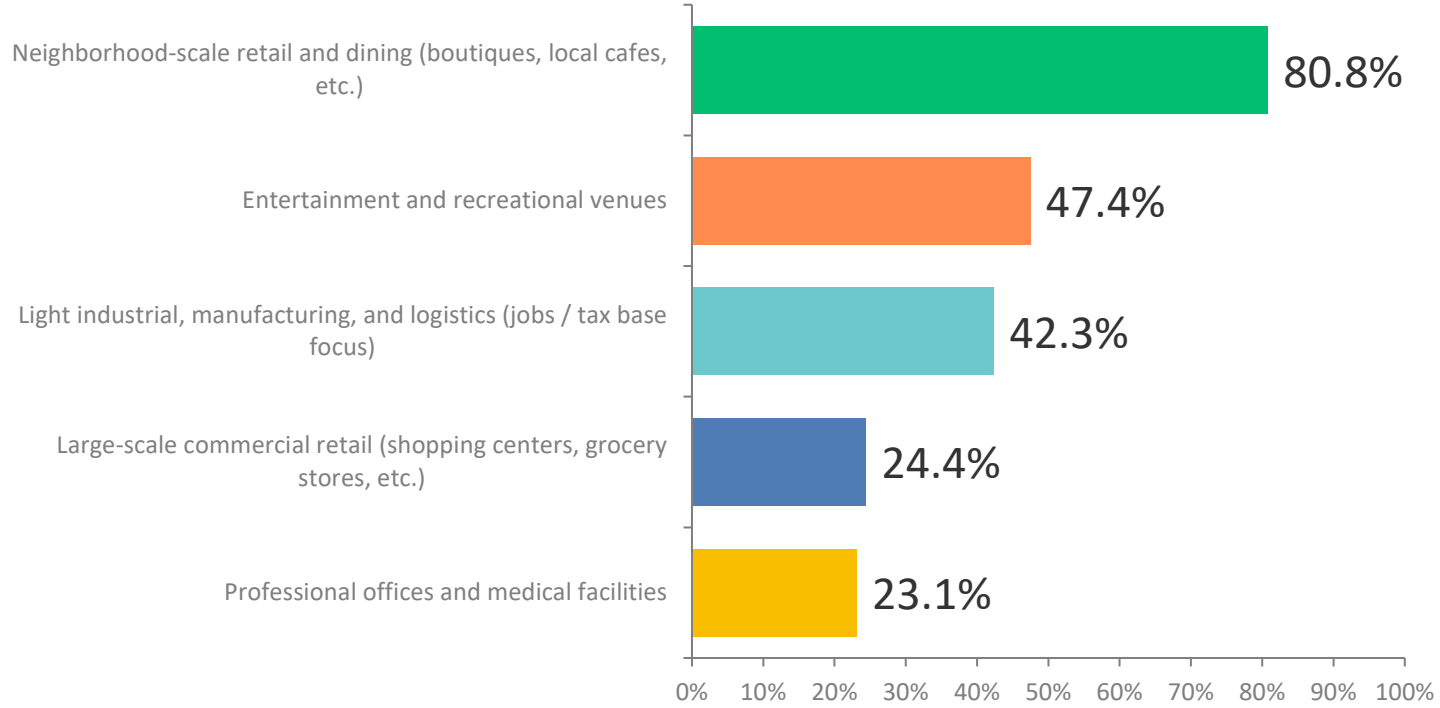


Looking ahead to 2040, what should be Batavia Township's top economic development priorities? (Select up to three)



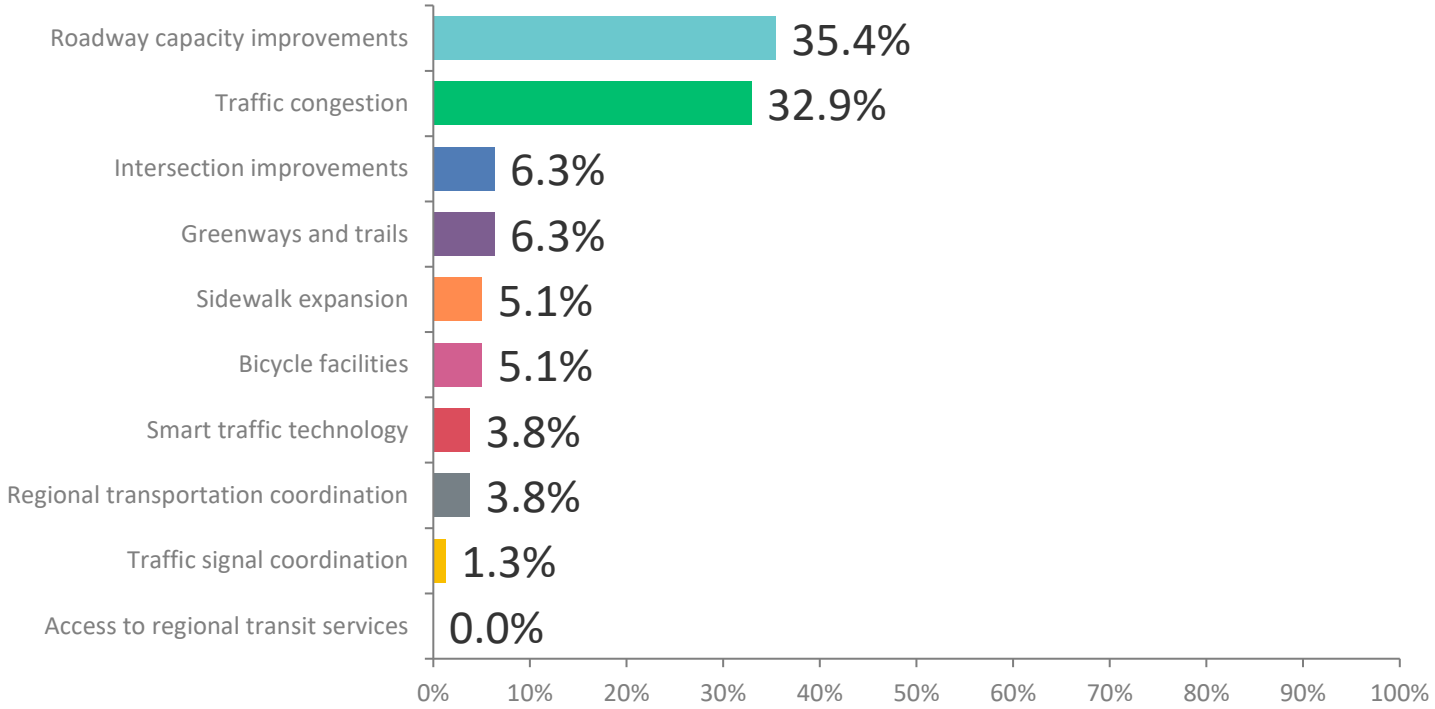
What type(s) of commercial or economic development would you most like to see attracted to Batavia Township? (Select all that apply)

Responses: 78



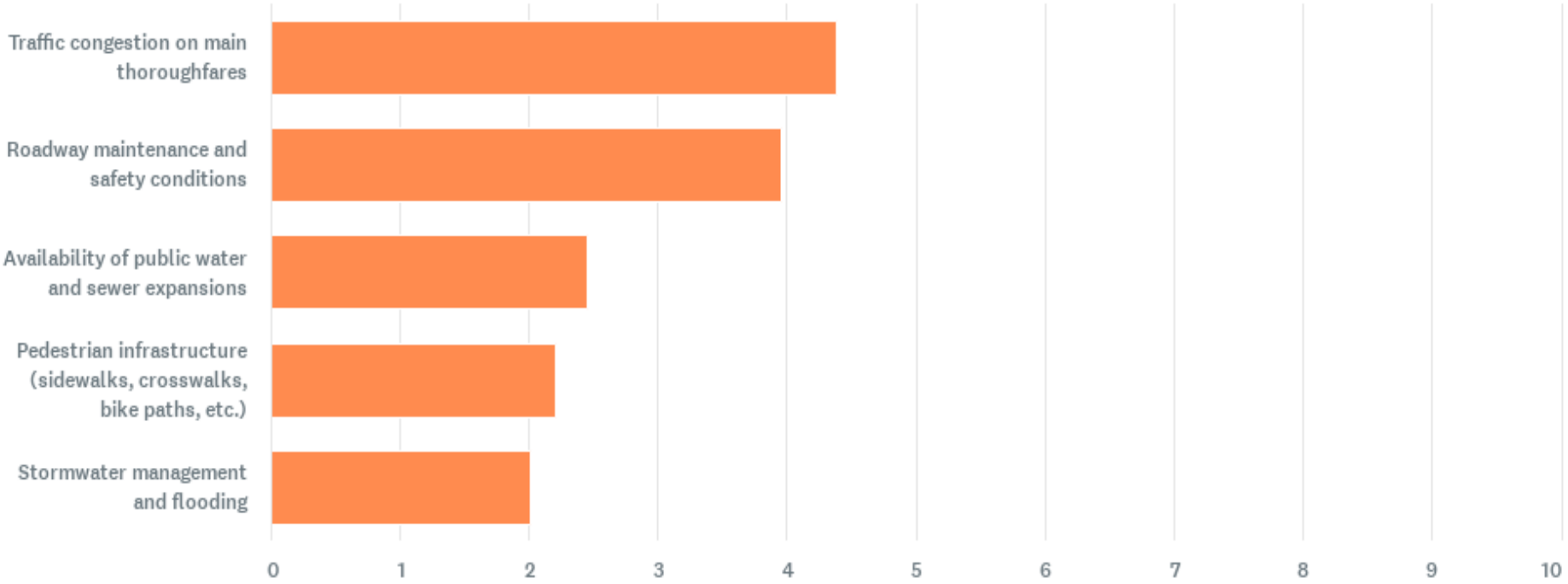
Which transportation improvements should be the highest priority for Batavia Township?

Responses: 79



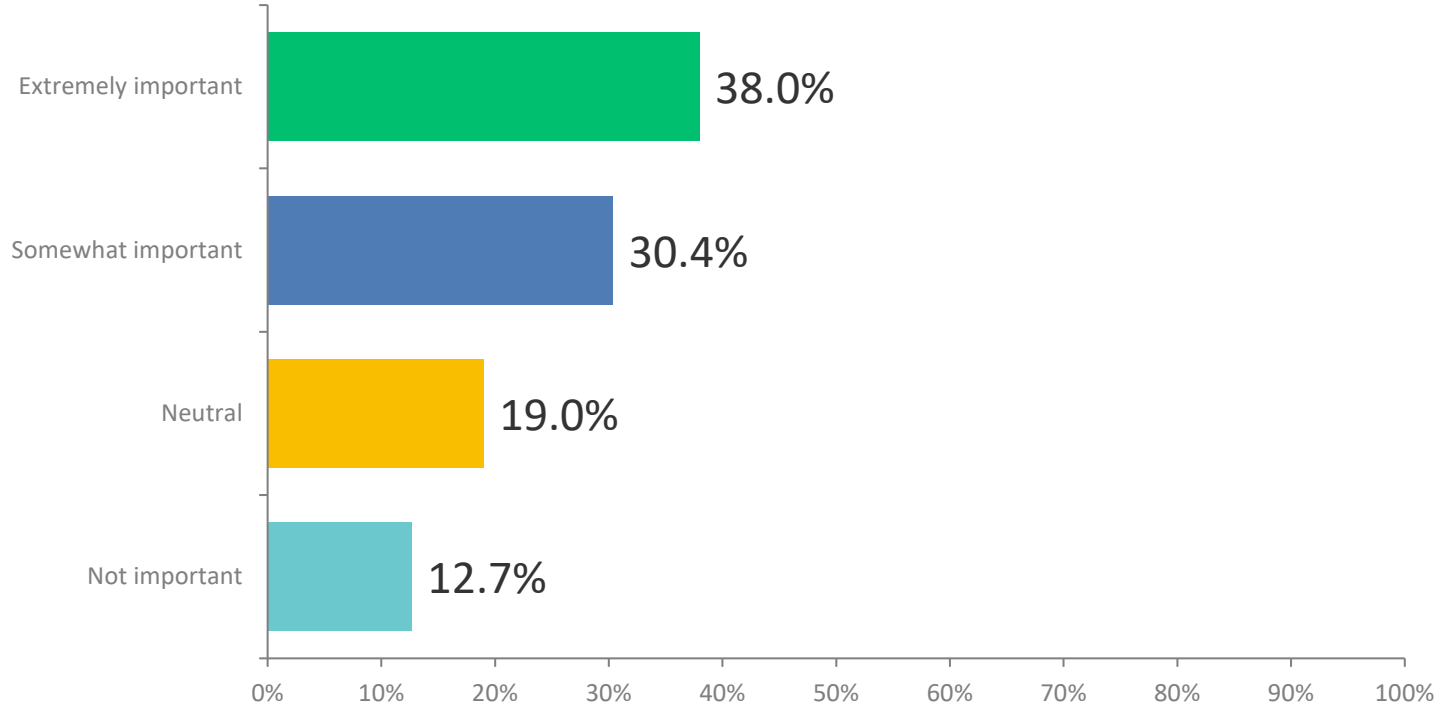
What are your primary concerns regarding Batavia Township's infrastructure as the population grows? (Rank from 1 to 5, with 1 being your highest concern)

Responses: 80



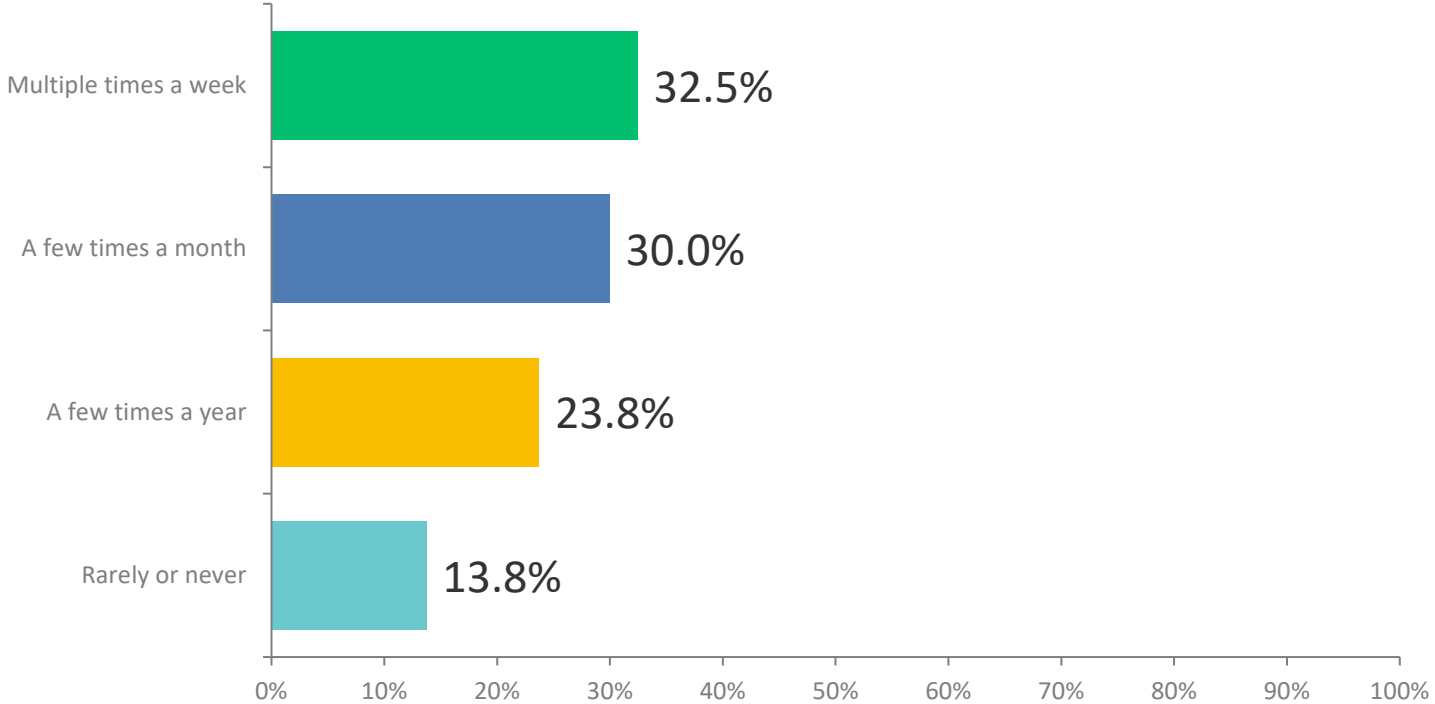
How important is it for the Township to require new developments to include walkable connections (sidewalks, multi-use paths, etc.) to neighboring properties or parks?

Responses: 79



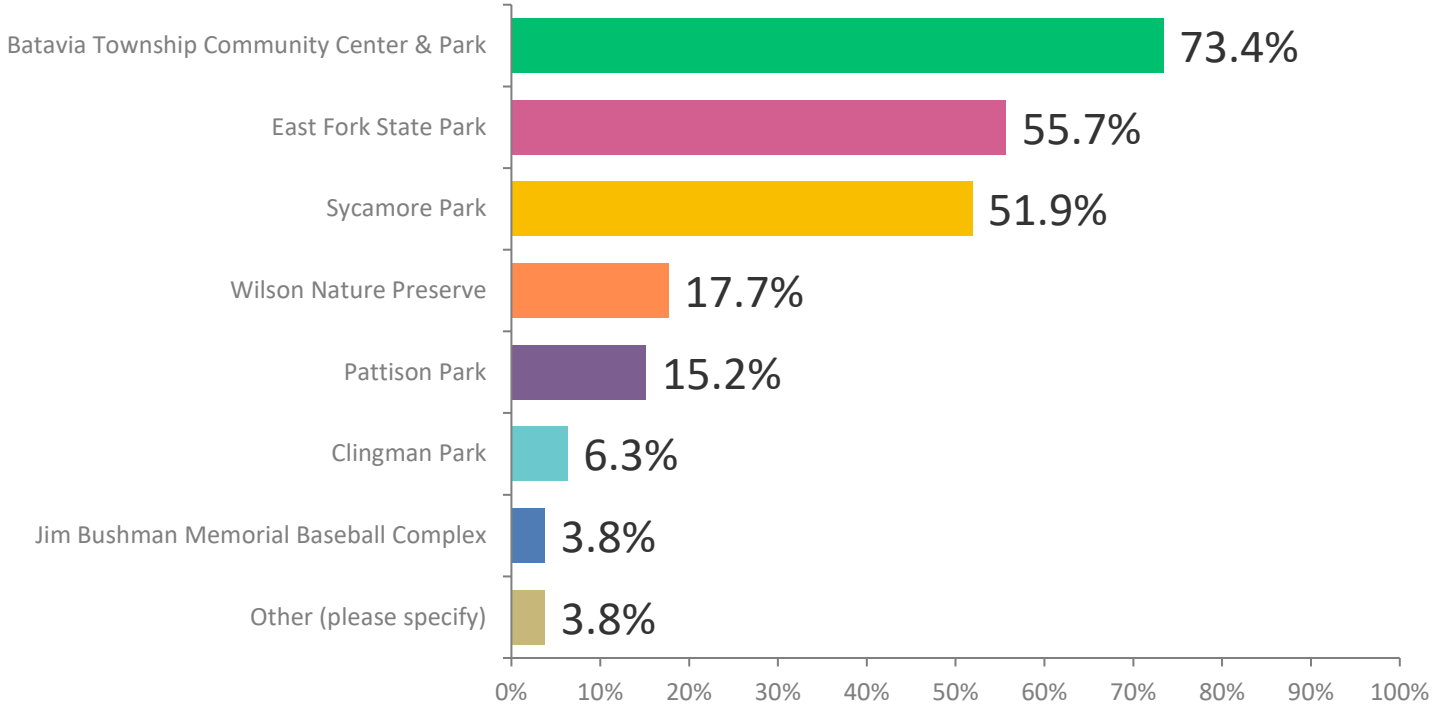
How frequently do you or members of your household use Batavia Township's parks and recreational facilities (e.g., Batavia Township Community Park)?

Responses: 80

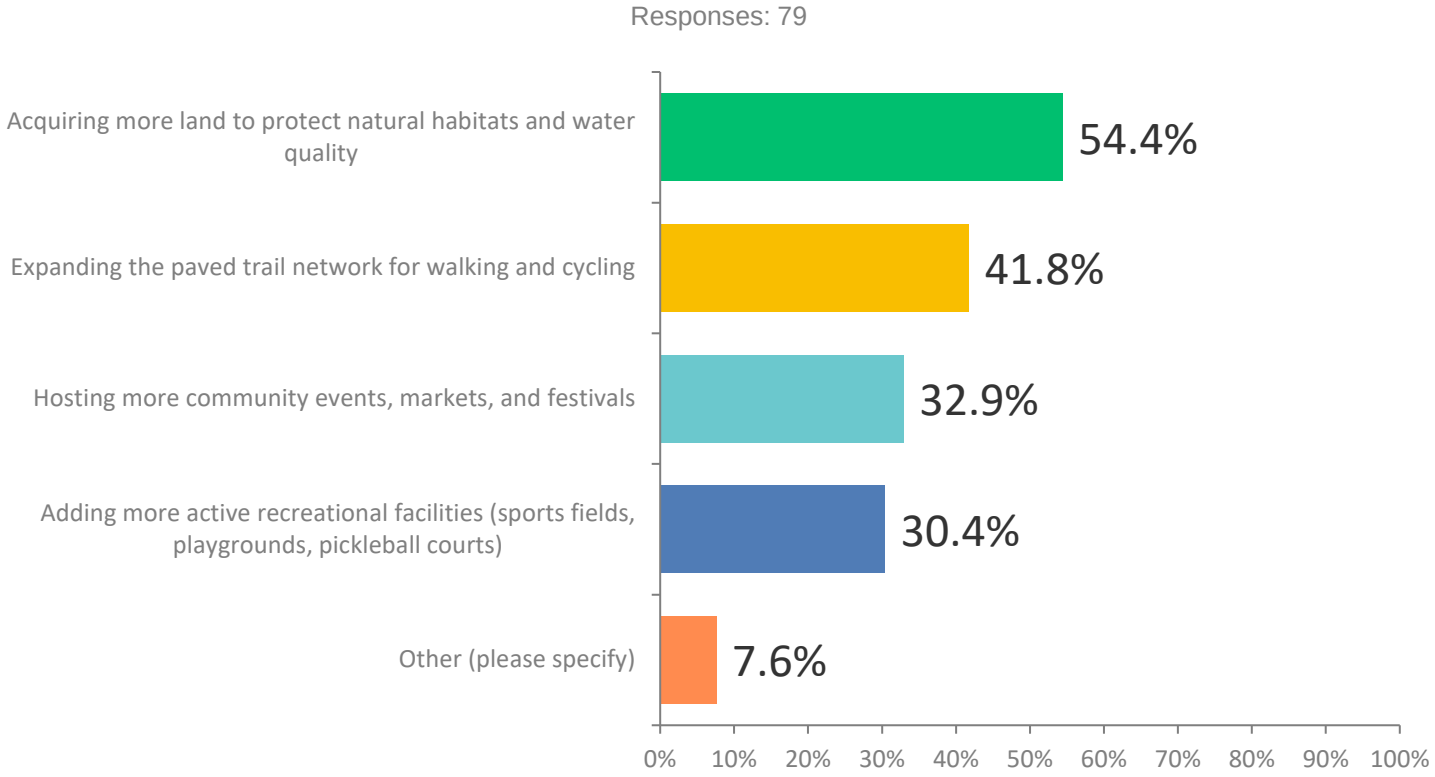


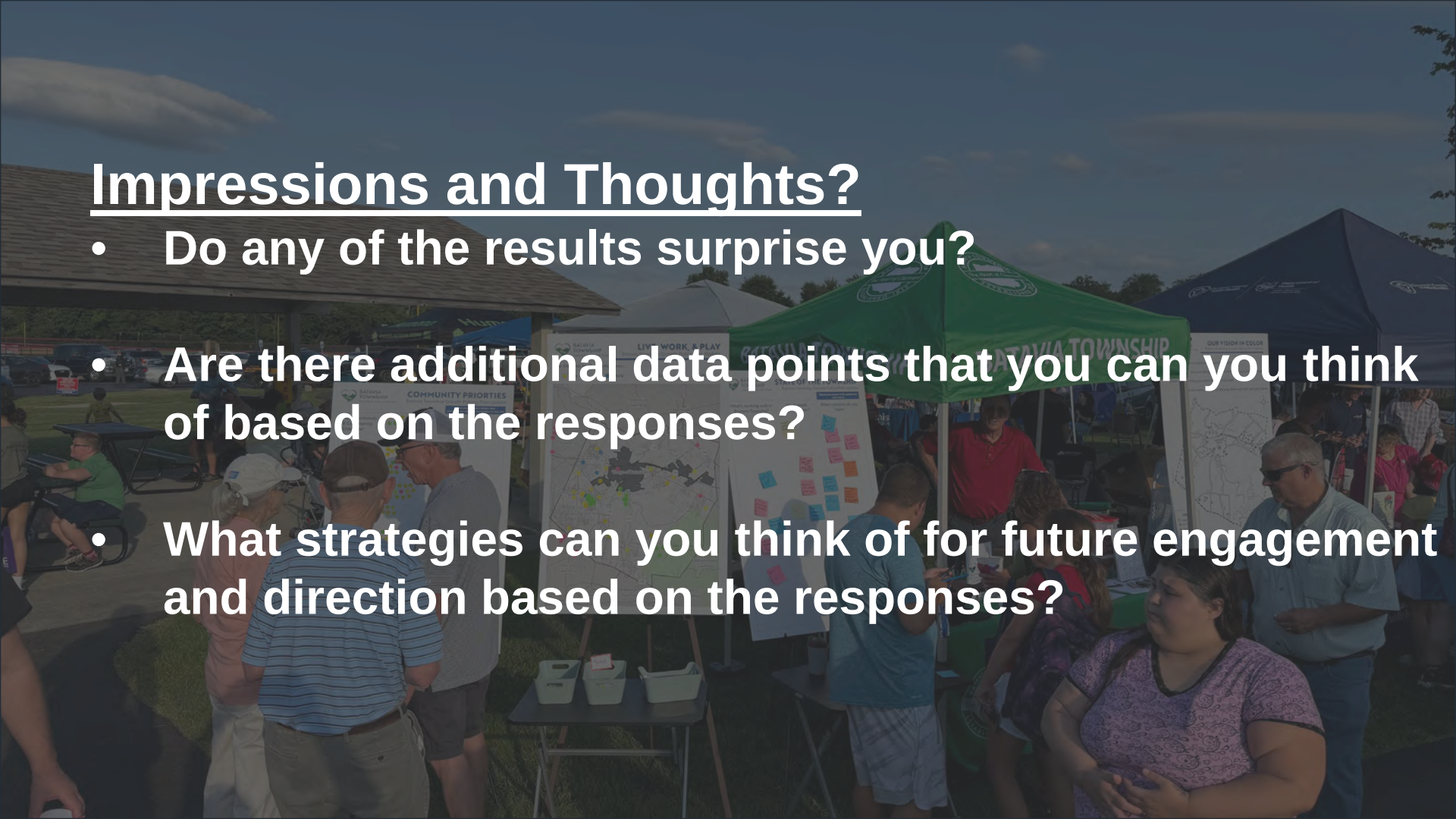
Which park or recreational facilities do you visit most often? (Select all that apply)

Responses: 79



To improve quality of life, where should the Township focus its park and environmental resources next? (Select your top two)





Impressions and Thoughts?

- Do any of the results surprise you?
- Are there additional data points that you can you think of based on the responses?
- What strategies can you think of for future engagement and direction based on the responses?

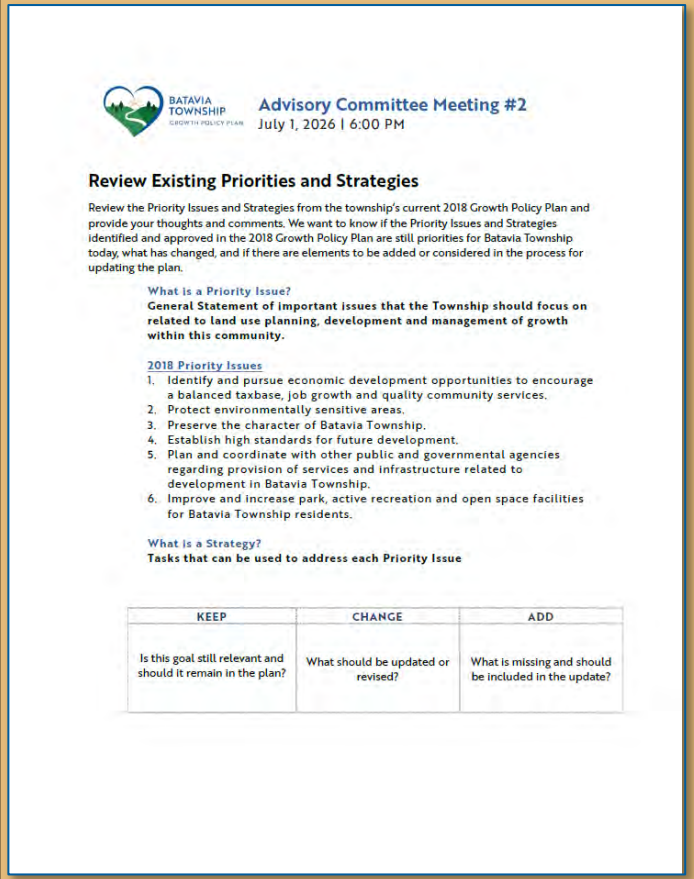
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4. DISCUSSION ON FINDINGS AND DIRECTION



5. PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE PLANNING



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Advisory Committee Meeting #2
July 1, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Review Existing Priorities and Strategies

Review the Priority Issues and Strategies from the township's current 2018 Growth Policy Plan and provide your thoughts and comments. We want to know if the Priority Issues and Strategies identified and approved in the 2018 Growth Policy Plan are still priorities for Batavia Township today, what has changed, and if there are elements to be added or considered in the process for updating the plan.

What is a Priority Issue?
General Statement of important issues that the Township should focus on related to land use planning, development and management of growth within this community.

2018 Priority Issues
1. Identify and pursue economic development opportunities to encourage a balanced taxbase, job growth and quality community services.
2. Protect environmentally sensitive areas.
3. Preserve the character of Batavia Township.
4. Establish high standards for future development.
5. Plan and coordinate with other public and governmental agencies regarding provision of services and infrastructure related to development in Batavia Township.
6. Improve and increase park, active recreation and open space facilities for Batavia Township residents.

What is a Strategy?
Tasks that can be used to address each Priority Issue

KEEP	CHANGE	ADD
Is this goal still relevant and should it remain in the plan?	What should be updated or revised?	What is missing and should be included in the update?

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OPEN HOUSE TOPIC OPTIONS

1. **Build on existing geographic feedback**
2. **Topical mapping exercises**
   - **Focus Areas (Residential, Commercial, Industrial, etc.)**
3. **Beginning soliciting feedback on 2018 Priorities**
4. **Education component**
5. **Format?**
   - **Open House Format?**
   - **Small Working Groups?**
   - **Presentation?**

PRIORITY ISSUES & STRATEGIES
ECONOMIC & BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

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Identify and pursue economic development opportunities to encourage a balanced tax base, job growth, and quality community services

	KEEP	CHANGE	ADD
Encourage expansion and growth of nonresidential development that will meet the needs of existing and future Batavia populations			
Coordinate with local, regional and stat agencies to expand economic opportunities in the Township			
Encourage the continued development of a balanced tax base through economic development targeted through job and revenue generating clean industry			
Develop resources that can be used to promote locations within Batavia Township where economic development and nonresidential uses are to be encouraged			
Identify opportunities to cooperate with adjacent jurisdictions to expand economic growth and encourage job creation			
Encourage and support development in the economic development corridors identified in the Plan.			
Create an inventory of land that is available and suitable for new development			
Consider the preparation of a market study to determine he types of uses that should be pursued for location within the Township			
Promote existing businesses in the Township and work with existing businesses to understand what efforts Batavia Township should pursue to encourage growth			

PRIORITY ISSUES & STRATEGIES
ENVIRONMENT

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Protect environmentally sensitive areas

	KEEP	CHANGE	ADD
Protect environmentally significant or sensitive areas within Batavia Township, including floodplain areas, steep slopes, and significant forested areas, as well as sensitive water features, such as Harsha Lake, the East Fork of the Little Miami River, stream corridors, and East Fork Lake State Park			
Investigate creation of buffer zones, or "no build" regulations, adjacent to identified sensitive areas.			
Utilize planned development zoning to direct development away from sensitive areas			
Utilize techniques such as conservation easements and other financial incentives to protect sensitive areas			
Encourage creation and/or protection of areas that link public or private open space, wildlife corridors or recreational facilities			
Coordinate with other governmental agencies and non-profit organizations to identify, study, and fund protection of natural and environmentally sensitive areas.			
Use the Middle East Fork Watershed Balanced Growth Plan (2011) developed by the Clermont County Soil and Water Conservation District and Clermont County Department of Community Planning and Development as a resource guide for protecting, conserving, and restoring natural areas within the Middle East Fork Watershed			

PRIORITY ISSUES & STRATEGIES
COMMUNITY CHARACTER

BATAVIA TOWNSHIP
GROWTH POLICY PLAN

Preserve the character of Batavia Township

	KEEP	CHANGE	ADD
Maintain low density zoning regulations in areas where urban services are not available			
Encourage use of cluster and open space subdivision development techniques to protect existing vegetation areas, view corridors, and environmentally sensitive areas, and to buffer between residential densities or incompatible development.			
Encourage dedication (or other techniques) of open space protection within residential developments			
Encourage residential development to occur within areas of the Township where urban services are available.			
Encourage development of commercial, industrial, and other non-residential uses in appropriate locations based on anticipated demand, service availability, infrastructure capability, and impact on surrounding areas.			
Recognize that a balance between residential and non-residential development is needed to create a balanced tax base, and that commercial and job producing development comes through growth			
Identify locations where mixed uses and alternatives to low density, detached housing are appropriate in order to provide a full spectrum of housing and development options			
Protect existing neighborhoods from negative impacts resulting from incompatible land uses.			

PRIORITY ISSUES & STRATEGIES
QUALITY DEVELOPMENT

BATAVIA TOWNSHIP
GROWTH POLICY PLAN

Establish high standards for future development

	KEEP	CHANGE	ADD
Utilize the planned development district for proposed commercial and other non-residential development in order to evaluate site, building, landscaping, lighting, and parking design plans			
Continue to monitor the planned development district regulations for residential development to determine whether improvements can be made to the regulations to increase neighborhood quality, to improve methods to protect environmentally sensitive areas, and to improve site design			
Continue to seek input of public service providers in land use decisions			
Continue to evaluate, and if necessary, modernize the Township's zoning regulations examining approaches of surrounding communities for ideas and consistency			
Update the Township's Zoning Resolution to incorporate modern zoning standards and eliminate inconsistencies and conflicts in the regulations			
Evaluate existing buffer regulations for incompatible uses to improve measures to protect lower intensity uses from the negative impacts of more intense uses			

PRIORITY ISSUES & STRATEGIES
COORDINATED GOVERNMENT SERVICES

BATAVIA TOWNSHIP
GROWTH POLICY PLAN

Plan and coordinate with other public and governmental agencies regarding provisions of services and infrastructure related to development in Batavia Township

	KEEP	CHANGE	ADD
Educate the residents of Batavia Township about control and review authority of public services and infrastructure agencies			
Coordinate with the public agencies and offices that provide services within the Township on a regular basis to understand capacity issues, proposed improvement projects, or deficiencies that impact the Township, as well as to communicate priorities of the Township to those agencies.			
Coordinate with County agencies involved in environmental management to establish appropriate programs for the identification and protection of environmentally sensitive areas in the Township, and to understand programs available to the township			
Continue communication and correspondence with County and other public agencies regarding review of proposed developments			
Pursue agreements with adjacent jurisdictions that will provide alternatives to annexation and improve economic development			

PRIORITY ISSUES & STRATEGIES
PARKS, RECREATION, & OPEN SPACE

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GROWTH POLICY PLAN

Improve and increase park, active recreation and open space facilities for Batavia Township residents

	KEEP	CHANGE	ADD
Develop a plan for current and future park, recreation and open space facilities in Batavia Township			
Identify locations of quality open space and sensitive areas that should be targeted for protection, by either public or private means			
Integrate park, recreation and open space planning with efforts to define and protect environmentally sensitive areas			
Create recreational and open space "connections" throughout the Township to establish a "Green Infrastructure" network linking public and private spaces throughout the community			
Coordinate with the County, villages, surrounding townships, and schools to link recreational areas and open space			
Support the integration of the Williamsburg-Batavia Hike Bike Trail system, and encourage the expansion of existing neighborhood pedestrian sidewalk or walking trails system into the path system			
Utilize planned development projects/zoning as an opportunity to protect and create quality open space and recreation areas			
Investigate options for park, recreation and open space facility funding for planning, acquisition and improvement of Township.			
Pursue opportunities to increase and improve access to East Fork Lake State Park within Batavia Township			
Identify opportunities to incorporate park and active recreation facilities into areas within the Township where existing and developing neighborhoods will be located.			