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Next Ten Advisory Committee Five-year Update

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Meeting Agenda

11:30 a.m.

The Next Ten Advisory Committee will meet in the Barfield Conference Room, 2nd Floor, at Sandy Springs City Hall (1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, GA 30328).

Live-stream: **Public Meeting Portal (CivicClerk):** <https://sandyspringsga.civicclerk.com>
Zoom Webinar: <http://spr.gs/ntac>

Teleconference: Phone: (646) 558-8656 **Webinar ID:** 896 9801 7733

- I. Recap**
- II. Greenspace, Natural Systems, Sustainability Overview**
- III. Critical Issues in Greenspace, Natural Systems, Sustainability for the Next Five**
- IV. Greenspace, Natural Systems, Sustainability Vision and Priorities**
- V. Housing Overview**
- VI. Critical Issues in Housing for the Next Five**
- VII. Housing Vision and Priorities**
- VIII. Adjournment**

The Next Ten Five-Year Update

Advisory Committee – 4th Meeting

April 14, 2022



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Members

- Evan Barron, Sandy Springs Board of Ethics
- Andy Bauman, Sandy Springs City Council
- Jim Bostic, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force
- Kim Gay, Sandy Springs Board of Ethics
- Reed Haggard, Sandy Springs Planning Commission
- Sequoia Hanneman, Citizen Member
- Clanci Jordan, Citizen Member
- Nate Kongthum, Sandy Springs Board of Appeals
- Tom Mahaffey, Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber
- Jack Misura, Sandy Springs Conservancy
- Julie Smith, Citizen Member
- Ronda Smith, Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods
- Jim Squire, Citizen Member
- Trisha Thompson, Citizen Member

Agenda

- March 24 Meeting Recap
- Greenspace, Natural Systems & Sustainability
 - Critical Issues for the Next Five
 - Vision and Priorities
- Housing
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 - Vision and Priorities
- Adjournment

Comprehensive Planning Overview

You are here



The Next Ten 5-year update must be completed and reviewed by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) with DCA, and adopted by the Mayor and City Council by October 31, 2022.

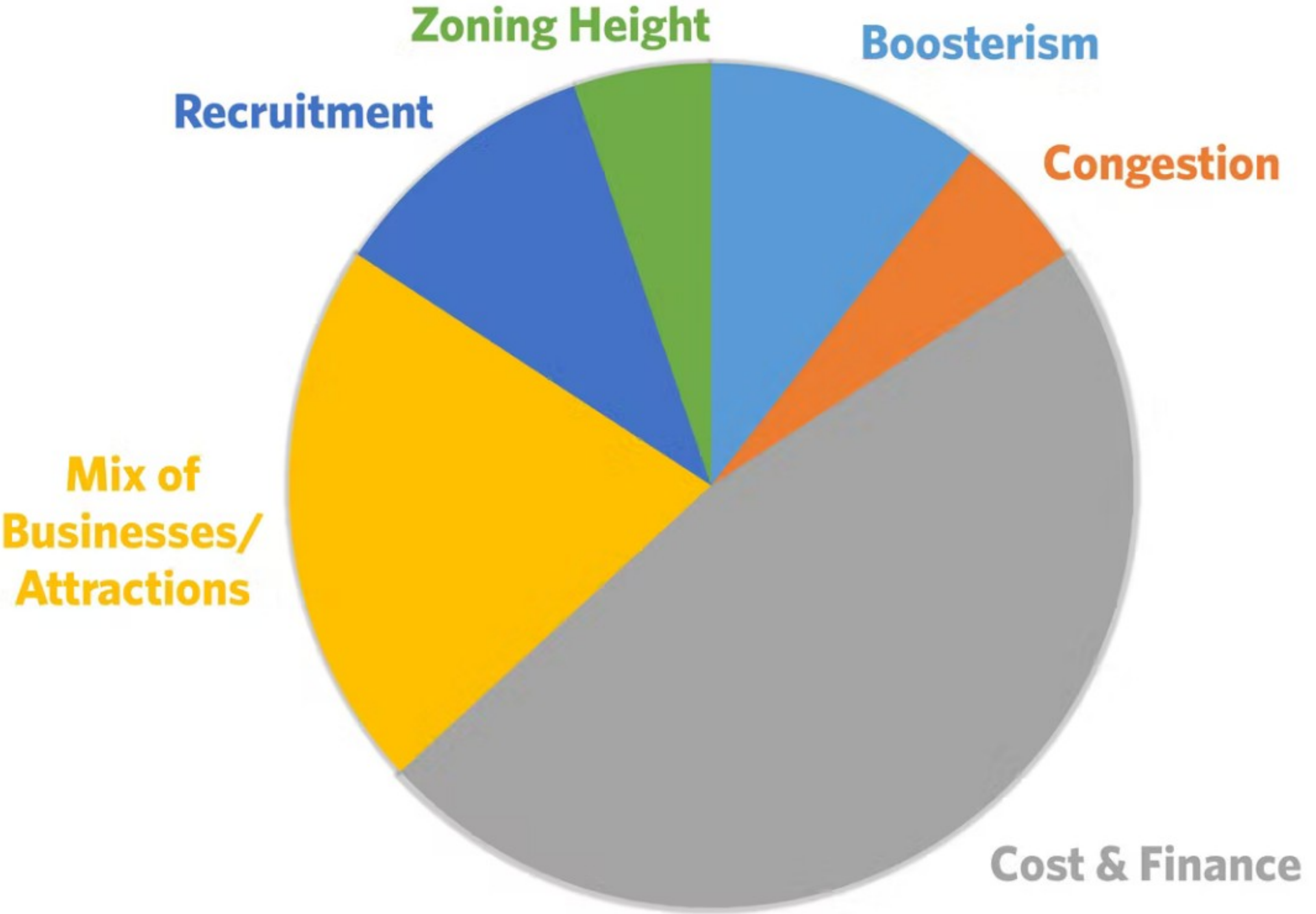
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March 24 Meeting Recap

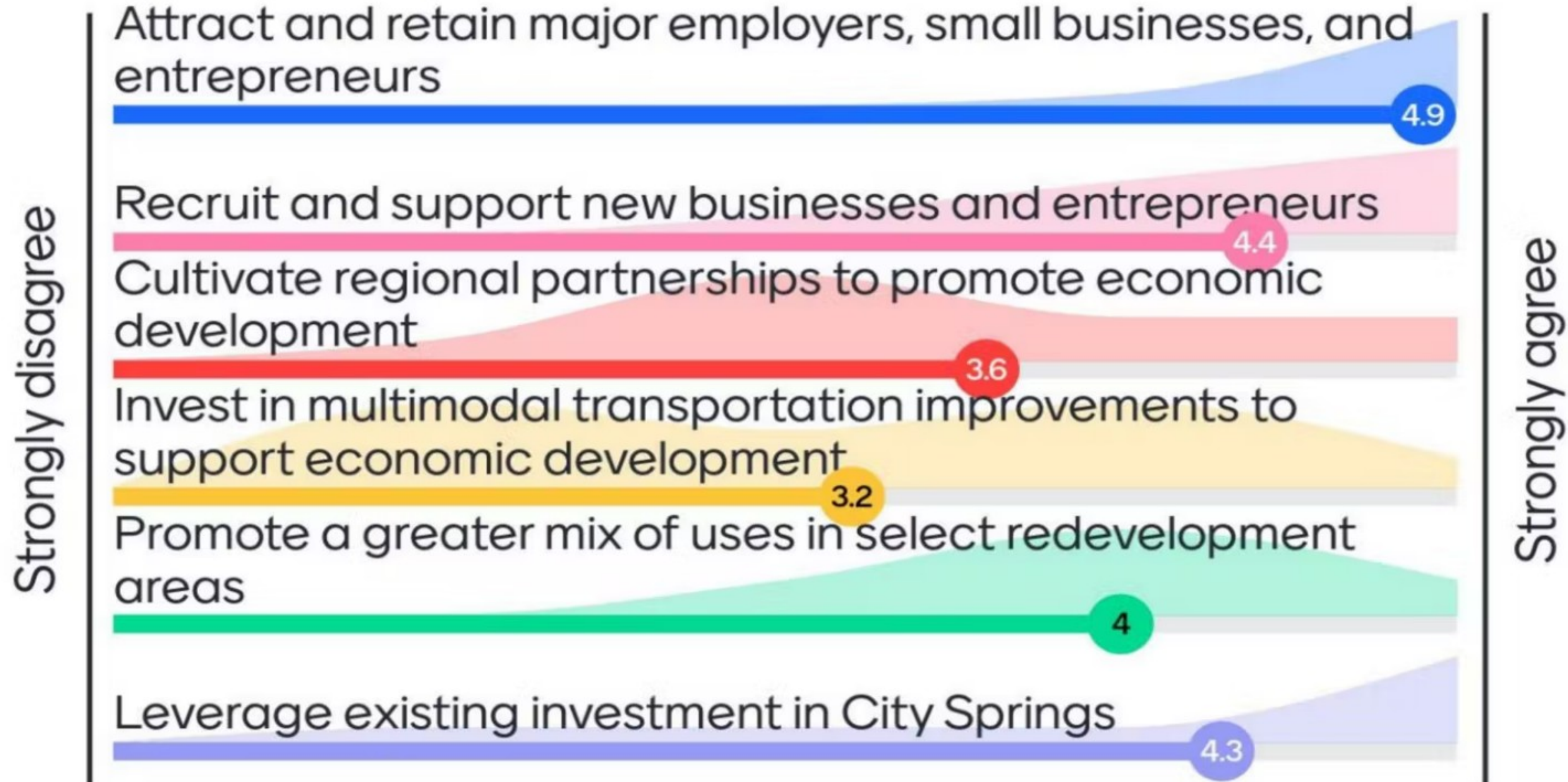
Recap: Menti Results

What are the most pressing issues for Economic Development?



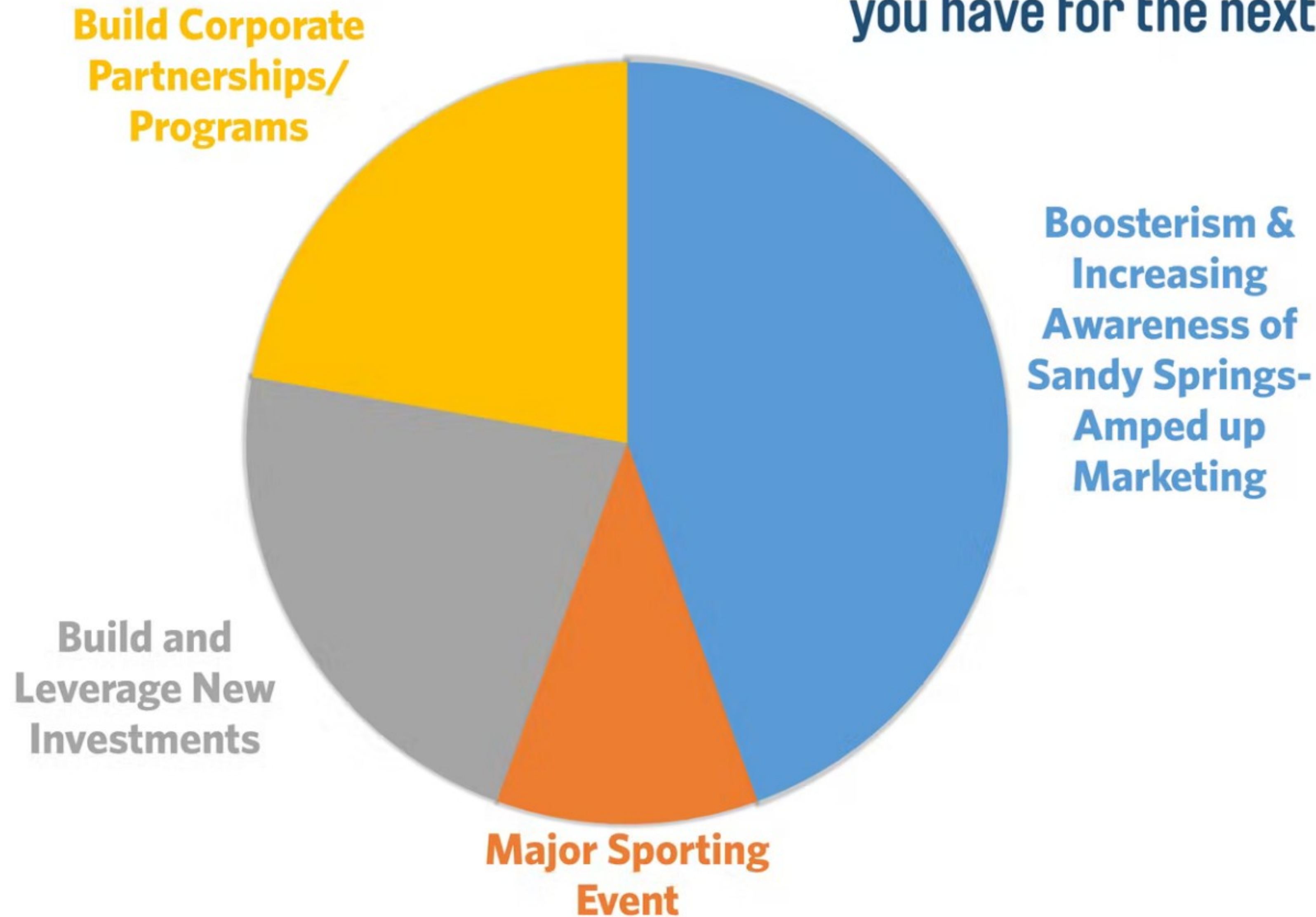
Recap: Menti Results

Rank each Priority Action item



Recap: Menti Results

Is anything missing from the Priority Actions? What ideas do you have for the next five?



Greenspace, Natural Systems & Sustainability

Vision

Expand—and make more accessible—the city's network of parks and green spaces, while preserving the city's forested character and natural resources, better connecting the city to its river and streams, and promoting environmental sustainability citywide.

The Last Five: Accomplishments

From the Work Program

- A. Preserve, enhance and expand the City's network of greenspaces, recreational facilities and public gathering places
 - GS-A1.1, GS-A1.3 – Adopted Recreation and Parks Master Plan in 2019
 - GS-A1.4 – Acquired land for parks and trails: Island Ferry Rd, Allen Rd
- B. Connect the City to its river
 - GS-B1.2 – Riverfront Vision completed 2021
 - GS-B1.2 – Applying for GOSP grant for Trail Segment 2A
 - GS-B2.1 – Bike/ped bridge to Roswell near groundbreaking (T0035)

The Last Five: Accomplishments

- C. Connect parks, greenspace and recreational facilities through a multimodal network of trails
- D. Protect and enhance the City's tree canopy and water resources
 - GS-D1.1 - Updated the Tree Canopy Study
 - GS-D1.2 - Inventory of public trees completed
 - GS-D1.3 - Agreement with Trees Atlanta to plant up to 400 trees/year
 - GS-D1.4 - Maintain Tree City USA status, became Tree City of the World
 - GS-D4.1 - Green Infrastructure Policy adopted 12/2021, Green Infrastructure Manual for residential sites published 10/2021
- E. Foster environmental sustainability in all City actions
 - GS-E1.2 - Increased the City's ARC Green Communities Certification from Silver to Gold (Platinum is the goal)

The Last Five: Accomplishments

Not in the Work Program, but noteworthy

- Created the Sustainability Manager position
- Developed recreational opportunities for special needs populations
- Adopted the Trail Master Plan
- Strengthened partnerships with local, regional and national organizations
 - Ex: PATH Foundation, MIT, SE Sustainability Directors Network, etc.

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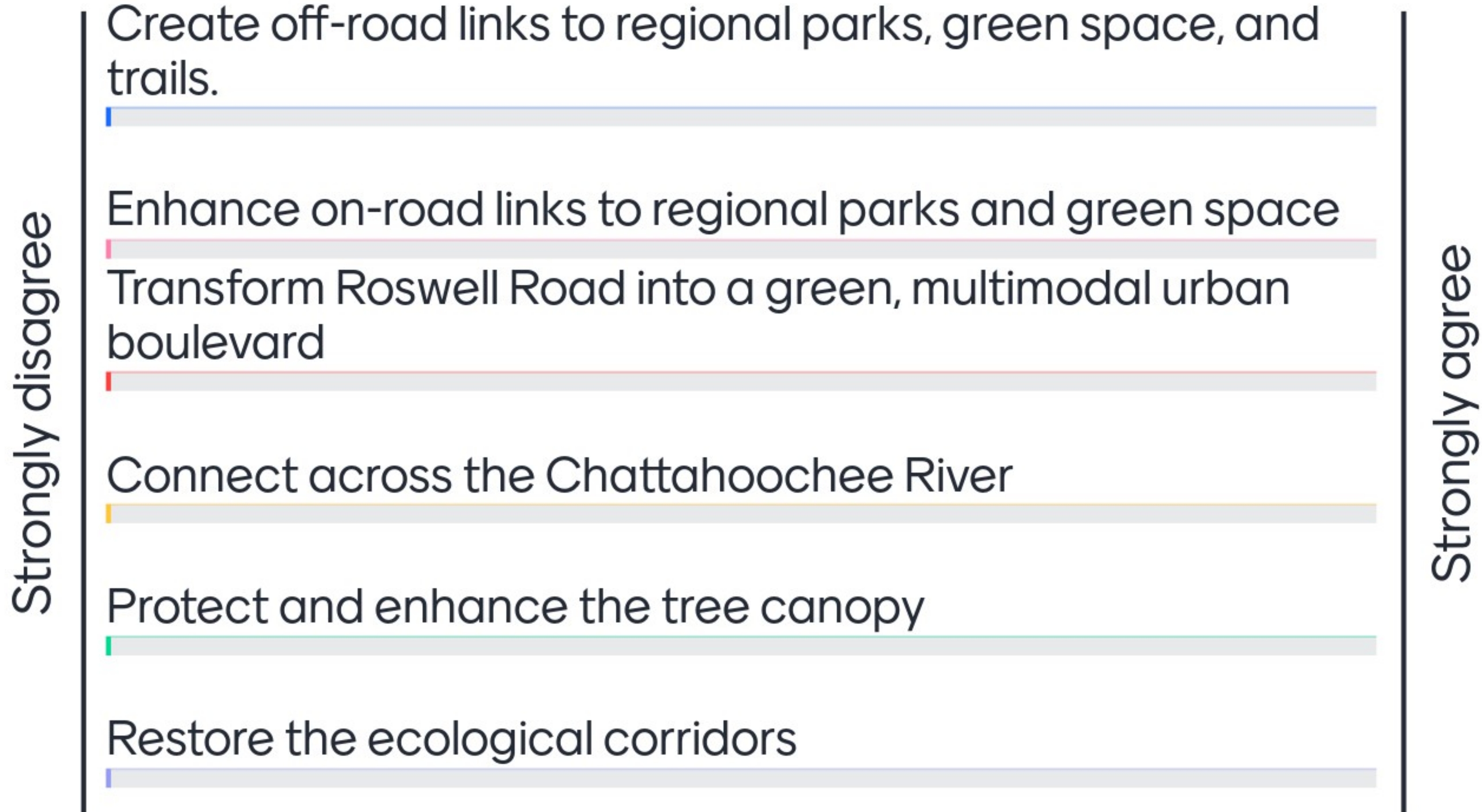
What are the most pressing issues for Greenspace, Natural Systems, and Sustainability?



Priority Actions

- Create off-road links to regional parks, green space, and trails
- Enhance on-road links to regional parks and green space
- Transform Roswell Road into a green, multimodal urban boulevard
- Connect across the Chattahoochee River
- Protect and enhance the tree canopy
- Restore the ecological corridors

Rate each Priority Action



Priority Actions

- Create an urban greenway and boulevard along Peachtree-Dunwoody Road
- Protect scenic and iconic views and vistas
- Fund and incentivize green space preservation and creation
- Partner with neighborhoods, companies, and schools to develop and protect green space
- Partner with civic and non-profit organizations to develop and protect open space

Rate each Priority Action

Strongly disagree

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Strongly agree



Is anything missing from the Priority Actions?



What ideas do you have for Greenspace, Natural Systems, and Sustainability for the Next Five?



Housing

Vision

- Ensure that Sandy Springs continues to be one of the most sought-after places to live in the region by preserving its beautiful neighborhoods, encouraging a mix of uses and range of housing options in areas appropriate for redevelopment.
- At the same time, take steps to expand the City's affordability to middle-income residents and provide support for seniors and other special needs populations.

Last Five: Update on Work Program

A. PRESERVE ESTABLISHED SINGLE-FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS				
H-A1.1	Implement measures to preserve established single-family neighborhoods.	See LU-A2.1 - LU-A2.2 in "Land Use and Community Character" Work Program	Complete	Adopted with the Sandy Springs Development Code
B. PROVIDE MORE QUALITY HOUSING AND OFFER A GREATER RANGE OF HOUSING CHOICES				
H-B1.1	Adopt a workforce housing definition and policy. Analyze options and prepare a white paper, including financial feasibility.	Mayor and Council / COSS Community Development	Complete	Conducted Housing Needs Assessment
H-B1.2	As part of Sandy Springs Development Code, establish zoning to encourage both more housing and a greater range of housing choices, including workforce housing.	See LU-E1.1 in "Land Use and Community Character" Work Program	Complete	Sandy Springs Development Code includes a range of housing choices and provides bonus height incentives for workforce housing
H-B1.3	Adopt a workforce housing ordinance specifying the number/percentage of units to be set aside as workforce housing and the size of projects to which this requirement applies.	Mayor and Council / COSS Community Development	Cancelled	Shifted focus to incentivizing the inclusion of workforce housing units via the creation of bonus height incentives in appropriate zoning districts

Last Five: Update on Work Program (cont.)

H-B1.4	Prepare update to the City’s Consolidated Plan per HUD requirements. Include housing resources program as part of update.	COSS Community Development	Complete	
H-B3.1	Provide resources and assistance to encourage the redevelopment of older apartment complexes to include greenspace, small-lot, cottage style single family homes, and other owner occupied housing where feasible.	Mayor and Council / City Manager’s Office / COSS Community Development	Cancelled	Shifted focus to redevelopment of underutilized shopping centers
C. INCORPORATE RESIDENTIAL USES IN MIXED-USE AREAS				
H-C1.1	As part of the Sandy Springs Development Code, establish zoning to encourage inclusion of residential uses as part of mixed-use redevelopment in applicable character areas.	See LU-E1.1 in “Land Use and Community Character” Work Program	Complete	Residential uses included as part of mixed-use redevelopment in applicable character areas and zoning districts in the Sandy Springs Development Code

What are the most pressing issues for Housing?



Priority Actions

- Preserve established single-family neighborhoods
- Increase the supply of housing and the range of housing choices
- Promote workforce and mixed-income housing
- Provide housing options to complement local employment growth and improve the city's jobs-housing balance
- Provide housing for seniors and other special-needs populations
- Focus new housing supply in mixed-use areas

Rate each Priority Action

Strongly disagree

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Focus new housing supply in mixed-use areas

Strongly agree



Is anything missing from the Priority Actions?



What ideas do you have for Housing for the Next Five?



Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

- ✓ March 3 at 6pm
- ✓ March 17 at 6pm
- ✓ March 24 at 6pm
- ✓ April 14 at 11:30am
- May 12 at 6pm

