

Planning Commission

Work Session Agenda

Cape Charles Civic Center – 500 Tazewell Avenue

December 16, 2019 3:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
 - a. Roll call and establish a quorum
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda format
3. Order of Business
 - a. Comprehensive Plan update
4. Adjourn



PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: December 16, 2019

Item #: 3A

Background:

Scope and Schedule Phase One:

A scope and schedule for the Comprehensive Plan update is provided below. Phase One: Background and Vision, is scheduled for August 2019 through February 2020. Public input during phase one includes the following three items:

1. Kick-off workshop (held July 25)
2. Community survey (Completed on December 1)
3. Stakeholder meetings

The phase one tasks (and responsible parties, listed in italics) includes the following:

- Review existing plans, issues, and regulations (*all*)
- Craft a vision statement for Cape Charles (*Planning Commission*)
- Develop Comprehensive Plan scope and outline (*staff & Planning Commission*)
- Draft goals for scope topic areas (*Planning Commission*)

The phase one outputs include the following four items:

1. Analysis of existing plan and needs
2. Survey summary
3. Plan outline and inception report
4. Vision and goals

Delegated Tasks:

At the October 1 meeting, Commissioner Stramm assigned tasks as follows:

- All Commissioners should be reviewing the plan and getting familiar with the comprehensive plan requirements and reviewing existing plans, issues and regulations
- Commissioner Salopek and Commissioner Strub will work on the scope and outline

- Commissioner D'Amico and Commissioner Holloway will contact stakeholders and discuss possible stakeholder meeting dates/topics
- Commissioner D'Amico and Commissioner Stramm will work on crafting the vision statement
- Commissioner Grossman and Commissioner McCoy will work on draft goals and scope topic areas

Survey Distribution Update:

At the October 1 meeting, the draft Comprehensive Plan Update survey was reviewed and approved to move forward for distribution. The survey results were gathered on December 1. The Deputy Clerk has input the survey results into Survey Monkey and is working on getting all of the results to Planning Commission.

Discussion:

Planning Commission Work Session:

On October 21, a work session was held to discuss the Comprehensive Plan Update process and next steps. Commissioner Stramm distributed a draft table of contents via email prior to the meeting. The table of contents was agreed upon, and chapters were assigned as follows:

Introduction: Staff

Population: Staff and Commissioner Salopek

Housing: Commissioner Grossman

Economy: Commissioner McCoy

Transportation: Commissioner Stramm

Community Facilities: Commissioner D'Amico

Environment: Commissioner Strub

Land Use: Commissioner Holloway

Recommendation:

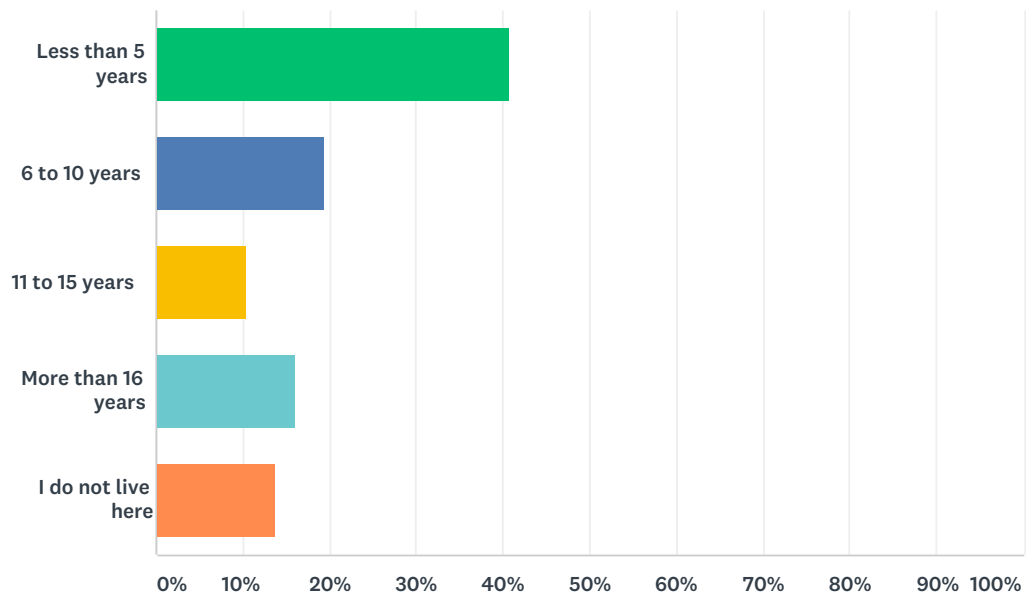
Review and discuss the draft chapters and the results of the survey.

Attachments:

- 1) Results of Survey

Q1 How long have you lived in Cape Charles? (Please check one)

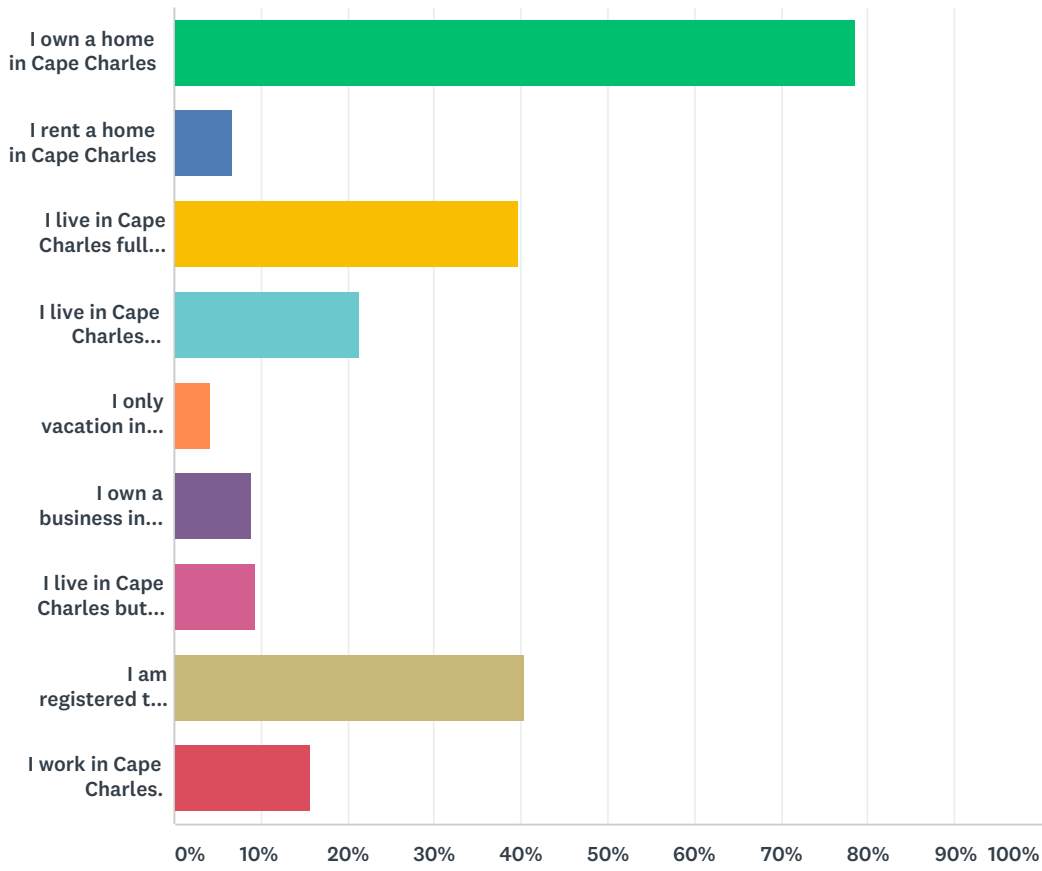
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 5 years	40.76%	86
6 to 10 years	19.43%	41
11 to 15 years	10.43%	22
More than 16 years	16.11%	34
I do not live here	13.74%	29
Total Respondents: 211		

Q2 Residency (Please check all that apply)

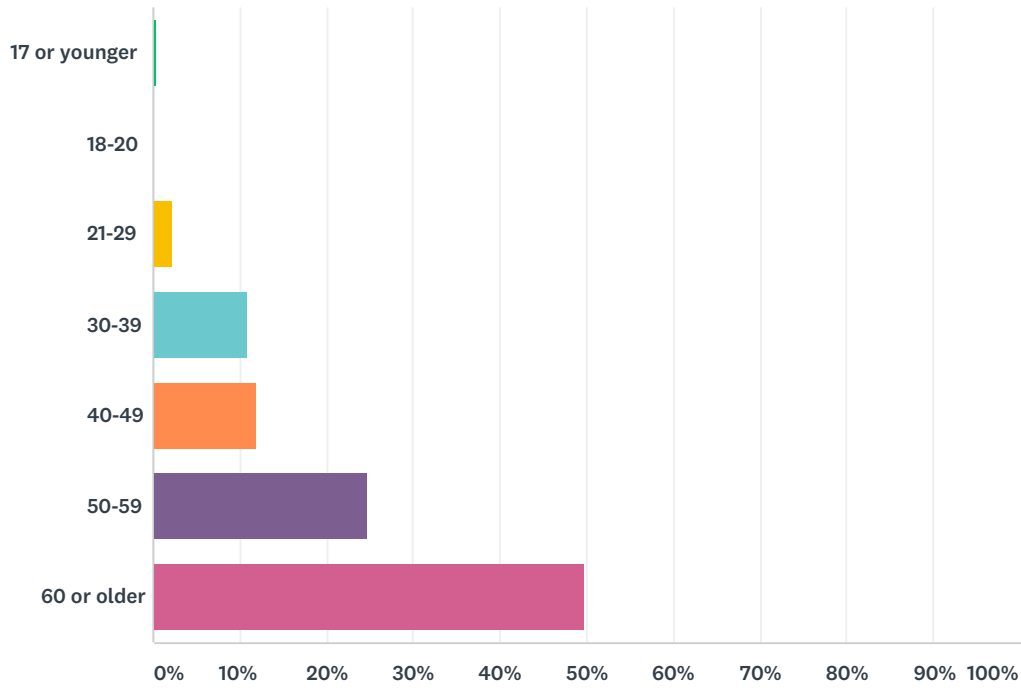
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I own a home in Cape Charles	78.67%	166
I rent a home in Cape Charles	6.64%	14
I live in Cape Charles full time	39.81%	84
I live in Cape Charles part-time	21.33%	45
I only vacation in Cape Charles	4.27%	9
I own a business in Cape Charles	9.00%	19
I live in Cape Charles but work elsewhere	9.48%	20
I am registered to vote in Cape Charles	40.28%	85
I work in Cape Charles.	15.64%	33
Total Respondents: 211		

Q3 Which group below includes your age?

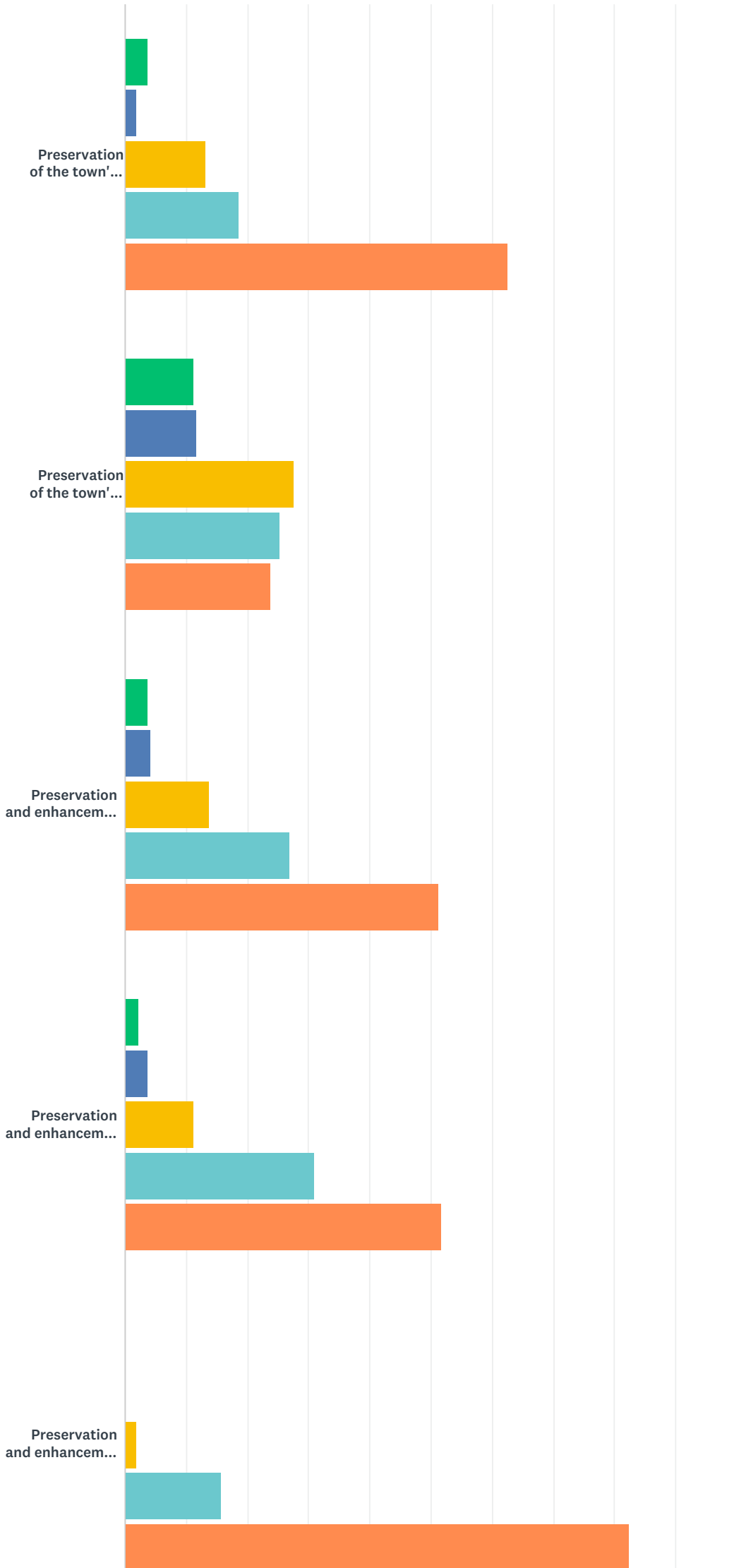
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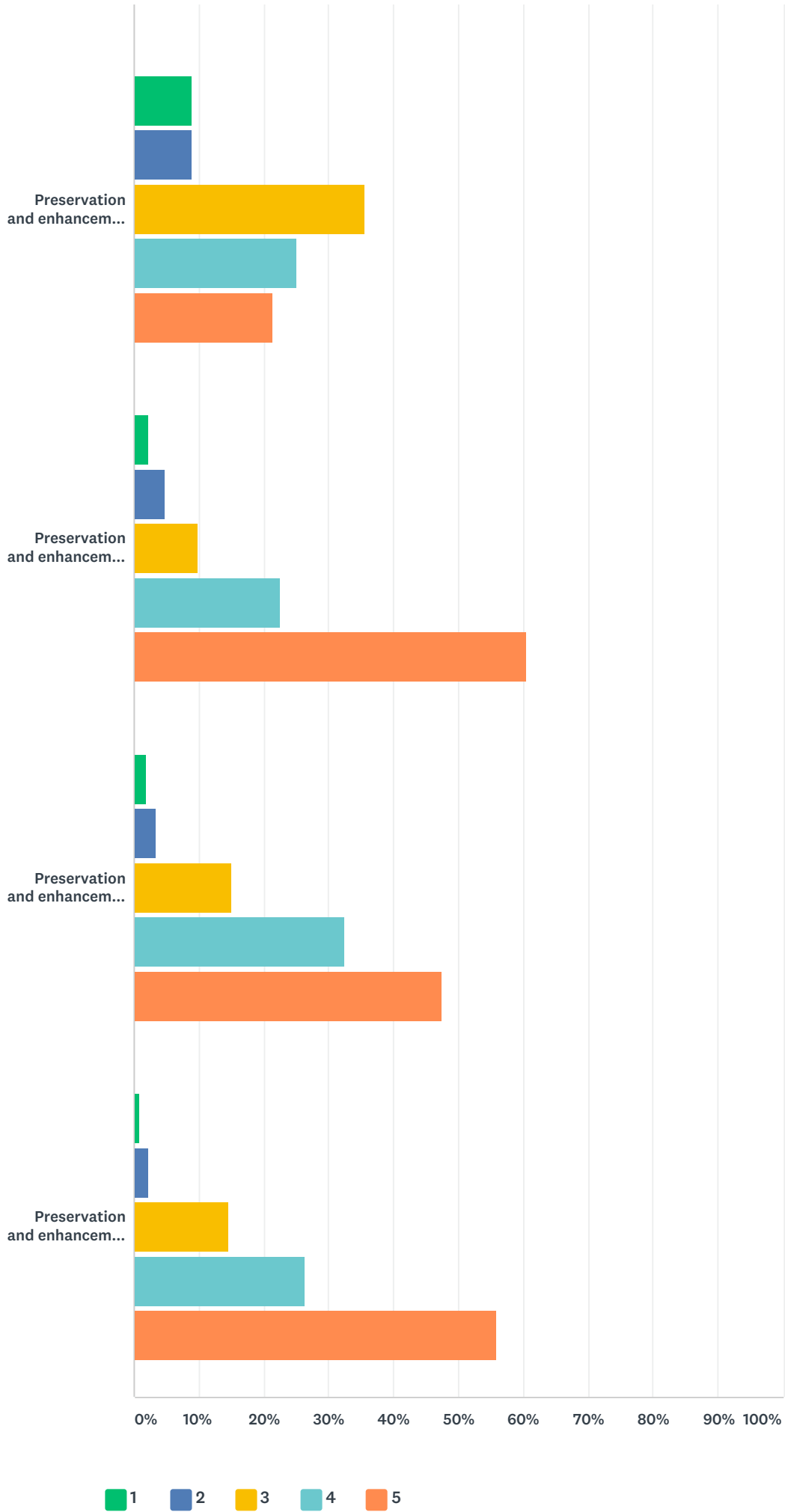
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or younger	0.47%	1
18-20	0.00%	0
21-29	2.37%	5
30-39	10.90%	23
40-49	11.85%	25
50-59	24.64%	52
60 or older	49.76%	105
Total Respondents: 211		

Q4 Preservation - On a scale of 1 (little or no importance) to 5 (highest importance) please rate the following:

Answered: 215 Skipped: 0



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	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Preservation of the town's image as a "family centered" beach town community	3.74% 8	1.87% 4	13.08% 28	18.69% 40	62.62% 134	214
Preservation of the town's image as a historic railroad town	11.27% 24	11.74% 25	27.70% 59	25.35% 54	23.94% 51	213
Preservation and enhancement of the Historic District	3.79% 8	4.27% 9	13.74% 29	27.01% 57	51.18% 108	211
Preservation and enhancement of the Town's Central Park	2.35% 5	3.76% 8	11.27% 24	30.99% 66	51.64% 110	213

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Preservation and enhancement of the Town's public beach	0.00%	0.00%	1.96%	15.69%	82.35%	51
	0	0	1	8	42	
Preservation and enhancement of the Town's Welcome Center	9.00%	9.00%	35.55%	25.12%	21.33%	211
	19	19	75	53	45	
Preservation and enhancement of the Town's deep-water harbor	2.36%	4.72%	9.91%	22.64%	60.38%	212
	5	10	21	48	128	
Preservation and enhancement of the Town's retail center	1.88%	3.29%	15.02%	32.39%	47.42%	213
	4	7	32	69	101	
Preservation and enhancement of the Town's open spaces	0.94%	2.35%	14.55%	26.29%	55.87%	213
	2	5	31	56	119	

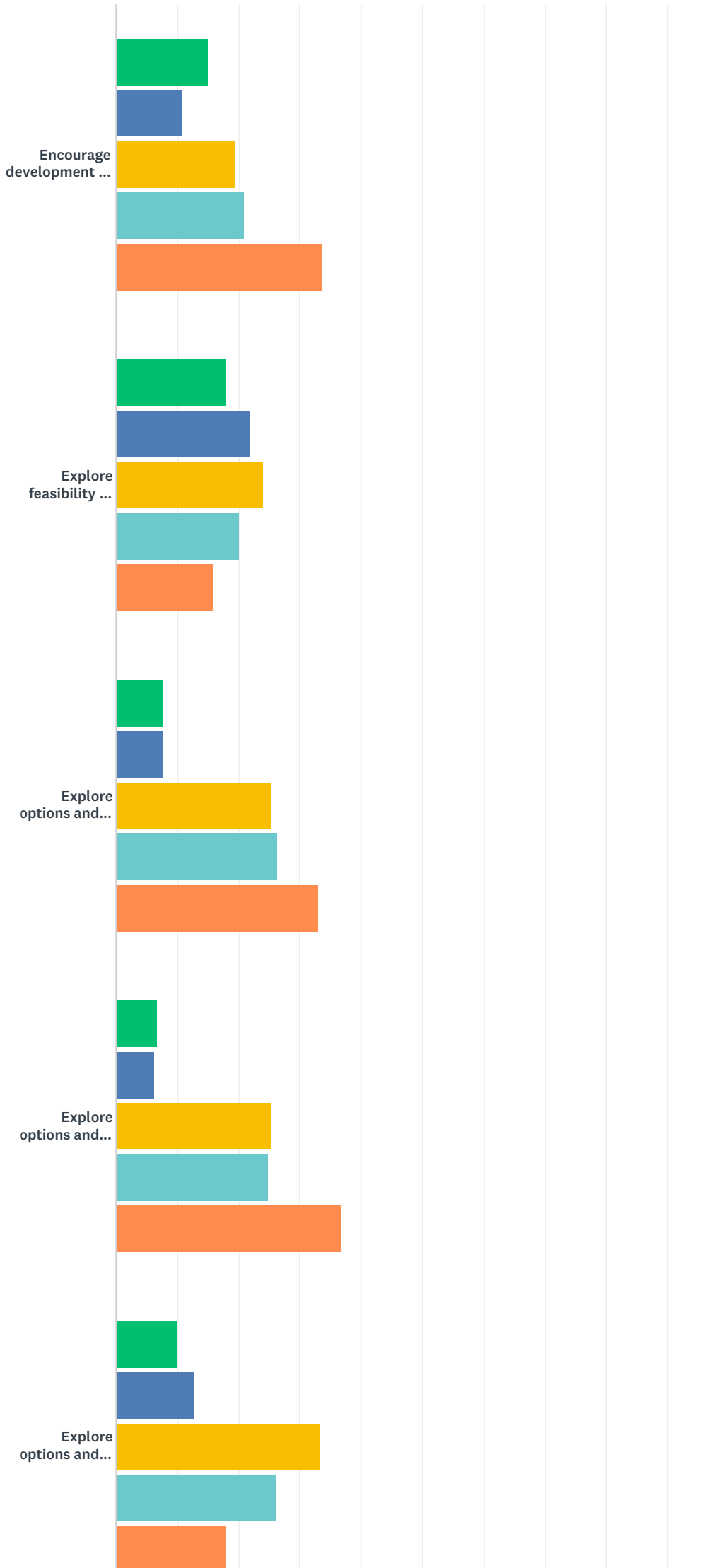
#	OTHER: COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS	DATE
1	Too late to preserve the town's image as a "family centered" beach town	12/9/2019 7:49 PM
2	Preservation of the Town's African American History	12/9/2019 7:43 PM
3	Keep Growing	12/6/2019 1:09 AM
4	Enhanced activities for young people, that include all demographics.	12/3/2019 8:48 PM
5	Preservation & Promotion as tradition small town america at its best! Preservation of the harbor as a working harbor welcoming to watermen and commerce.	12/3/2019 8:39 PM
6	preserving walkability on railroad property	12/3/2019 8:31 PM
7	facilities for public use in retail district	12/3/2019 8:14 PM
8	all above are the charm of small towns across America	12/2/2019 8:05 PM
9	Retail but not just novelty items for tourist. The year round residents need other stores. Clothing, health products, etc.	11/25/2019 9:43 PM
10	Bathrooms at the North end of the beach and centrally along Mason Avenue	11/25/2019 9:36 PM
11	As opposed to the cultivation of the town as a retirement community	11/25/2019 9:34 PM
12	Maintain diversity - what's left of it	11/25/2019 9:13 PM
13	Preservation of natural habitats	11/25/2019 9:08 PM
14	Connectivity to walking/running/biking trails from the Historic District is also important	11/25/2019 8:17 PM
15	Preservation of the Town Government	11/25/2019 7:45 PM
16	Land around harbor	11/25/2019 7:41 PM
17	Stay goo at what we're good at. Don't try to be an Ocean City or VA Beach. Stop squeezing houses into very small lots!	11/25/2019 7:30 PM
18	Beach maintenance/nourishment (charge for beach parking)	11/17/2019 5:49 PM
19	Far more effort should go into the harbor as a town asset. Improve amenities at the harbor to attract boaters and encourage them to stay (Laundromat, transportation such as a car to rent/borrow while staying)	11/12/2019 3:56 PM
20	Better parking	11/7/2019 10:35 PM
21	Preserve & enhance Stone road as a corridor to the historic town	11/7/2019 1:22 PM
22	Personally, I'm not a strong advocate of historic design since the building design is of multiple periods. I do advocate design standards which blend with the old and reflect modern practice, e.g., energy conservation.	11/6/2019 8:19 PM
23	What welcome center does question refer to? I think we need to establish a welcome center	11/6/2019 7:29 PM
24	We need to preserve the look and feel of the town - NOT bring it back to 1884!! The development on the south side of Mason generally doesn't fit. We also need to consider the area out to the Museum (Vance's, Eastern Shore Custom Carts, the dentist, etc) as part of the town vice just the 8x7 blocks of the Historic District. We are a beach town with a nice Main Street, not the other way around. People come to the beach first and foremost, shopping second.	11/6/2019 3:06 AM
25	Improving water quality!	10/29/2019 1:10 PM
26	Smart growth, only if it meets the historic and harbor guidelines to maintain the quaintness of the historic village. There should be no buildings taller than the Wilson building	10/28/2019 11:13 PM
27	Easements for every business in town!	10/28/2019 7:33 PM
28	Raise and extend the breakwater by the fishing pier to calm the harbor. Create a second breakwater from the Concrete Plant to the first navigation mark to make the harbor entrance smaller and less suseptible to stroms.	10/28/2019 1:01 PM
29	Control "party" rentals	10/27/2019 2:27 PM
30	Don't know where this is.	10/27/2019 1:38 PM
31	Have been coming to CC many times a year for over thirty years before retiring here. The beach boardwalk has to be cleaned up. The town building and remodeling should stay historic, not walmart plastic.	10/24/2019 11:55 AM

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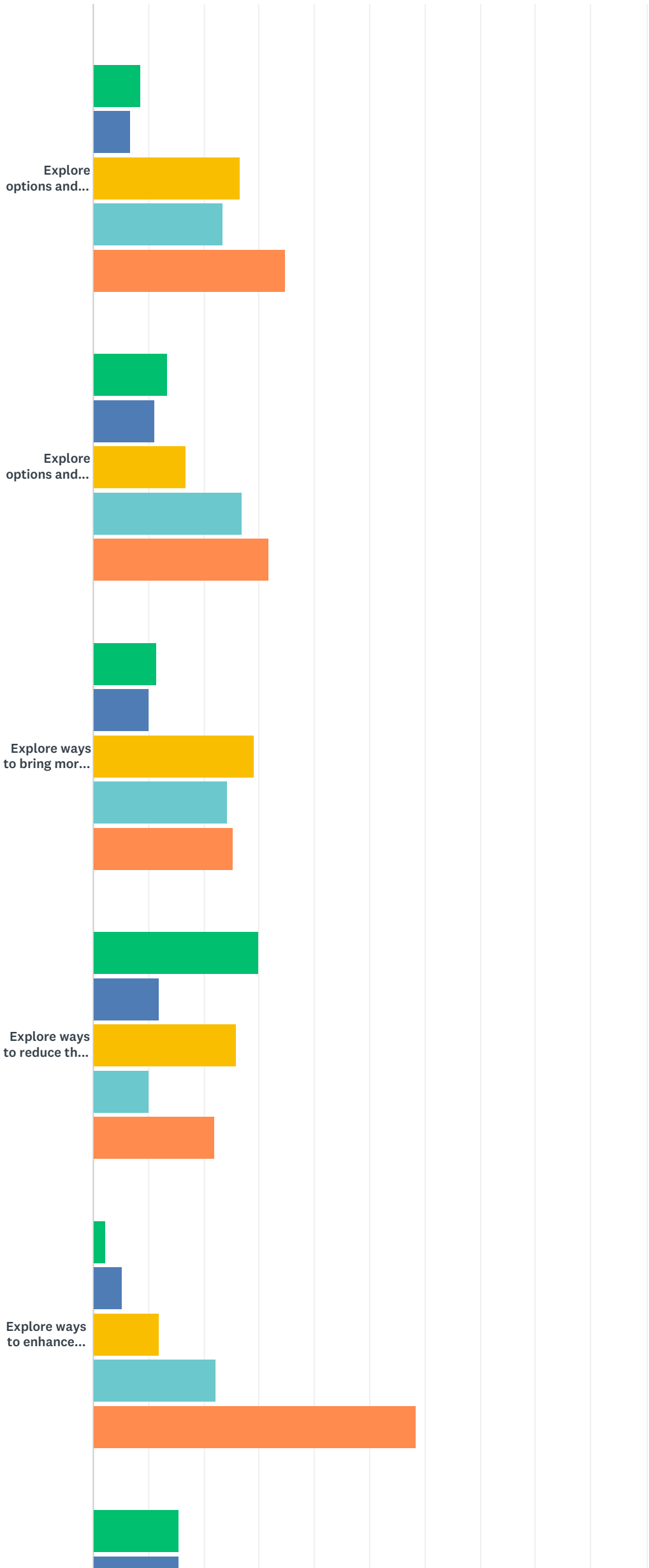
32	Cape Charles is NOT a "beach community". Virginia Beach is a beach community, Ocean City is a beach community, Atlantic City is a beach community. Cape Charles is an farm community with a harbor and a pile of dredge sand to call a beach. There are farms, a harbor, a recovering cement plant, and local businesses that can only support life 75% of the year. There are lots of aqua farms for oysters and plenty of crab pots but no local fresh seafood to be had. Quit pandering to the elite northerners and focus on the holsom community Cape Charles truely is. Be the fishing capitol of the far south bay.	10/22/2019 9:38 PM
33	Preservation and enhancement of the beach	10/22/2019 1:36 PM
34	Historic preservation is good but if carried too far can stifle investment.	10/22/2019 12:43 PM
35	The shoreline needs to be cleaned up to look less industrial.	10/22/2019 2:37 AM
36	The small town atmosphere, quiet, friendly and historic nature of Cape Charles is what drew me to the town.	10/21/2019 8:57 PM
37	Get rid of the feral cats. It's embarrassing when you invite friends and they comment on the smell	10/21/2019 7:21 PM
38	The industrial historic significance of the town is more important to me than the tourist trade.	10/21/2019 6:35 PM
39	I don't believe that Cape Charles as a vacation spot is of any importance to homeowners. In fact the influx of the tourists into our town is beneficial to business owners and those with rental properties. It puts a huge strain on our water and sewer, our police department and homeowners.	10/21/2019 6:09 PM
40	Would love some shade options on the playground.	10/21/2019 3:37 PM
41	Parking in the "downtown area" needs to be addressed	10/21/2019 2:11 AM
42	The BEACH... this is our attraction. Take care of it!	10/21/2019 2:05 AM
43	"family centered" meaning not a party beach town yes, but welcoming of all types and structures of family. small town, open minds is something i love about the people we have met, would love to see that continue.	10/20/2019 2:34 PM
44	The beach is the ANCHOR!!!!!!!	10/20/2019 2:16 PM
45	Would like to see CC as a historic beach community.	10/20/2019 11:41 AM

Q5 Development: On a scale of 1 (little or no importance) to 5 (highest importance) please rate the following:

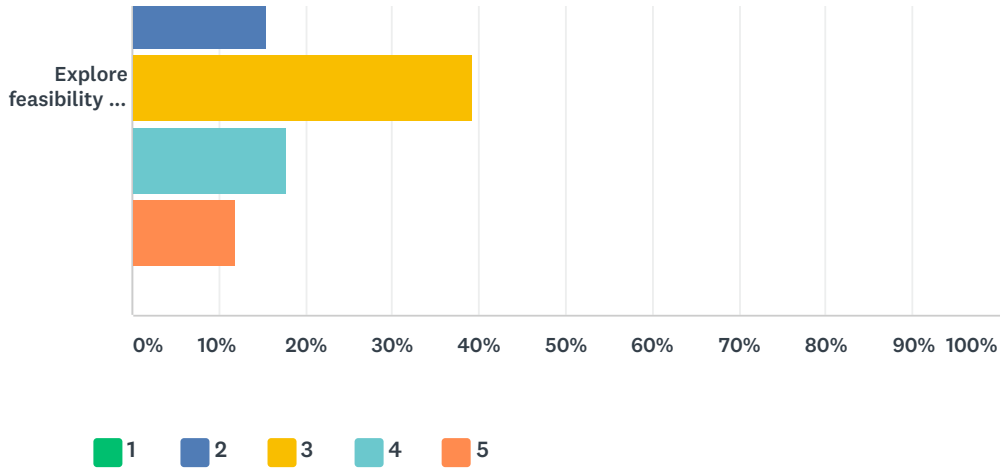
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Encourage development of affordable workforce housing (apartments, condominiums, single-family dwellings)	15.17% 32	10.90% 23	19.43% 41	20.85% 44	33.65% 71	211
Explore feasibility of expanding the Cape Charles town limits to Lankford highway (Route 3)	18.00% 9	22.00% 11	24.00% 12	20.00% 10	16.00% 8	50
Explore options and sites for the development of off-street parking	7.66% 16	7.66% 16	25.36% 53	26.32% 55	33.01% 69	209
Explore options and sites for the development of public restrooms	6.70% 14	6.22% 13	25.36% 53	24.88% 52	36.84% 77	209
Explore options and sites for the development of a Community Center	9.95% 21	12.80% 27	33.18% 70	26.07% 55	18.01% 38	211
Explore options and sites for the development of a town recycling site	8.57% 18	6.67% 14	26.67% 56	23.33% 49	34.76% 73	210
Explore options and sites for the development of designated golf cart pathways in an effort to reduce congestion and enhance safety in town	13.46% 28	11.06% 23	16.83% 35	26.92% 56	31.73% 66	208
Explore ways to bring more tourists into Cape Charles throughout the year	11.43% 24	10.00% 21	29.05% 61	24.29% 51	25.24% 53	210
Explore ways to reduce the number of Vacation Rentals by Owner	30.00% 15	12.00% 6	26.00% 13	10.00% 5	22.00% 11	50
Explore ways to enhance access to medical center. (Helipad, Non-emergency medical access, etc.)	2.37% 5	5.21% 11	11.85% 25	22.27% 47	58.29% 123	211
Explore feasibility of developing a permanent Welcome Center	15.38% 32	15.38% 32	39.42% 82	17.79% 37	12.02% 25	208

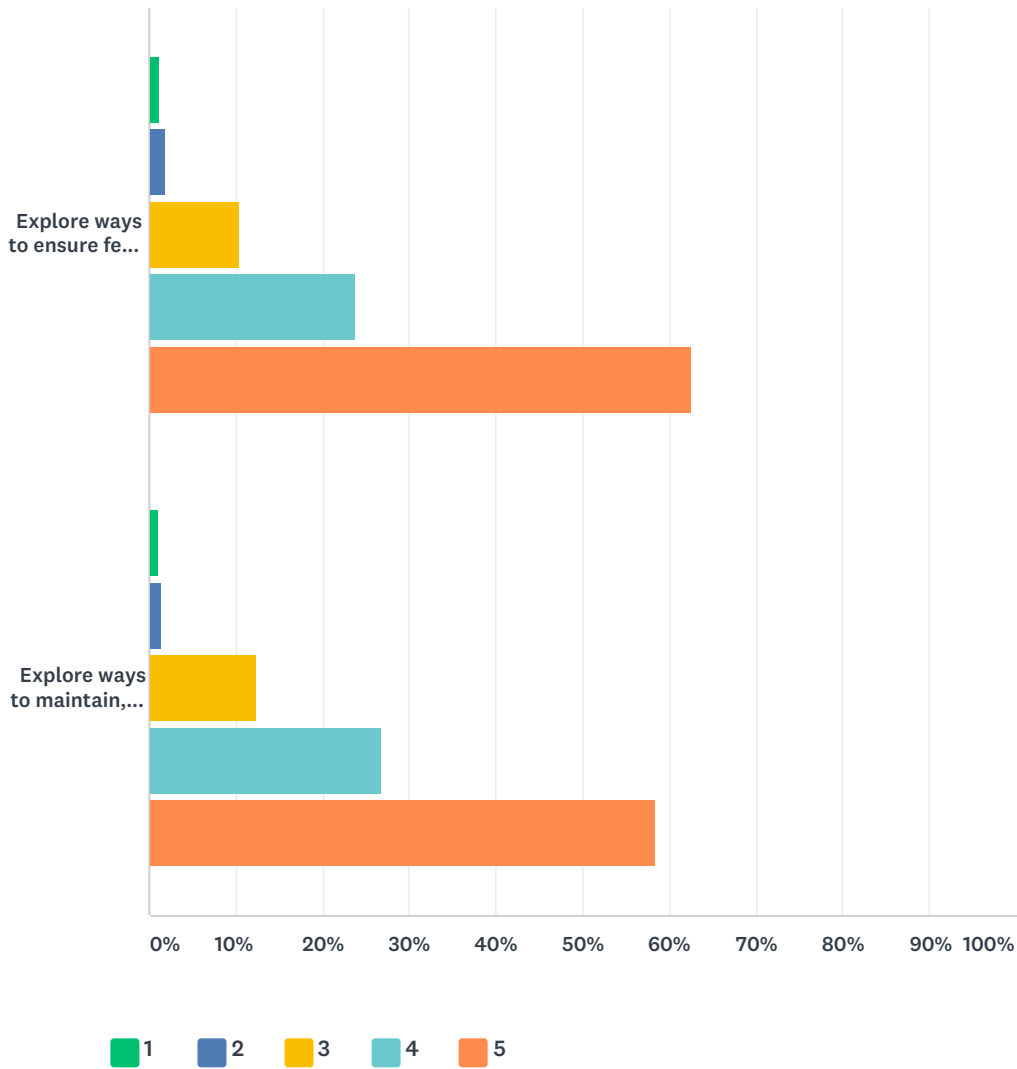
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1	Too late to explore ways to reduce the number of vacaton rentals by owner & definitely need a community center for all	12/9/2019 7:49 PM
2	More inclusion of town's African American heritage and lower northhampton county residents.	12/9/2019 7:43 PM
3	Explore installing meters doing the tourists season ear mark reveue to enhance beach area	12/3/2019 8:48 PM
4	Limit size & number of waterfront condos, etc, No OC or VA Beach	12/3/2019 8:39 PM
5	maintaining walkability	12/3/2019 8:31 PM
6	restrooms, public parking, jobs	12/3/2019 8:14 PM
7	Our public restrooms are in need of repair	12/2/2019 8:12 PM
8	Top Proorty-Coastal Resilence Improve Drainage	12/2/2019 7:46 PM
9	Golf carts are not treated as motor vehicles and should be. There's very little law enforcement it seems.	11/25/2019 9:40 PM
10	Please finish sidewalks in town! Corner of Monroe and Harbor	11/25/2019 9:34 PM
11	Explore options for of leash dog park	11/25/2019 9:19 PM
12	off street parking for boats specifically	11/25/2019 9:13 PM
13	Golf cart pathways would be nice but current compromise character of historic district	11/25/2019 9:08 PM
14	High speed internet service 4	11/25/2019 7:41 PM
15	Work with county on school improvements	11/25/2019 7:30 PM
16	Explore ways to hide ugly concrete industrial area from downtown. It'll be hard to enhance the harbor and tourism potential with that eye sore	11/13/2019 10:06 PM
17	Bike and walking trail from Town to Route 13 and beyond	11/6/2019 10:12 PM
18	I'd prefer to attract more full time residents (working or retirees) than tourists in the winter.	11/6/2019 8:19 PM
19	Our economy needs to be based on more than tourism.	11/6/2019 3:06 AM
20	Stop Marketing Tourism so strongly. It changes our character. People will find us!	10/29/2019 12:09 AM

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21	If you are going to consider a golfcart path only. Golfcarts should then be removed from the public streets! Golfcarts have become a huge nuisance in this town. 2 rental companies, hotels that offer carts to guest and marinas that offer them too. Tourists drive to town in vehicles and then rent carts, parking has become a real problem.	10/27/2019 2:04 PM
22	Golf carts are a disaster. No rules are enforced...drunk drivers, kids driving them (with and without parents), no turn signals, blocking traffic!! Now there is talk of motorized scooters being rented - recipe for disaster!!	10/27/2019 1:38 PM
23	Finding a location and provider for medical and or emergency medical center is imperative for the town and lower county!	10/24/2019 10:35 AM
24	I don't understand the need for a community center when you have the Civic Center and the Palace Theatre- the town should also be focused on supporting existing organizations that make an impact for year-round, full time residents.	10/23/2019 7:20 PM
25	Explore ways to bring in jobs with a living wage and absolutely get more than one grocery store.	10/22/2019 9:38 PM
26	As a full time resident, creating a new parking plan/area for tourist season is crucial. The small town of Cape Charles does not have the infrastructure to support the amount of vehicles that are present on any given day during the tourist season. Residents are not able to park in front of their homes most days and during a busy day at the beach you have cars parked anywhere and everywhere. It is a safety hazard for all and a major inconvenience to residents. There also needs to be more/better community restrooms.	10/22/2019 6:24 PM
27	Resources are better utilized by increasing CC presence at the ES Welcome Center and perhaps State welcome New Church	10/22/2019 6:22 PM
28	Affordable housing could be in the county. Town could partner with new YMCA and not duplicate with a town community center. Recycling is a regional issue not just the town.	10/22/2019 1:36 PM
29	Reverse angle Parking on Mason is useless and dangerous	10/21/2019 7:21 PM
30	Our current welcome center is an amazing museum and place. Making it into more of a community center would be great. Economic development that is not low wage retail and restaurant jobs that builds up diversity in our economy is most important.	10/21/2019 6:35 PM
31	Let's improve our water for drinking, our sidewalks, street cleaning,	10/21/2019 6:09 PM
32	Offering recycling and pickup of said recycling in CC is a HUGE want of ours. We currently bag our recycling and take it over to Cheriton once a week. Living in a condo, that means we have to sit with our recycling in bags so we dont have to make multiple trips.	10/20/2019 2:34 PM
33	Keep speeding in check and street boatstorage in check and golf carts will not need special pathways other than extending limits to CCBrewery	10/20/2019 2:16 PM
34	Golf cart traffic to the bre9is out of control, crossing on private property becagthe town did not build the legal path and will not enforce the rules for safe legal operation of carts.	10/20/2019 12:38 PM
35	Since a YMCA is coming, perhaps the Town could partner with it, and not need a separate community center.	10/20/2019 12:13 PM

Q6 Wastewater and Storm Water: on a scale of 1 (little or no importance) to 5 (highest importance) please rate the following.

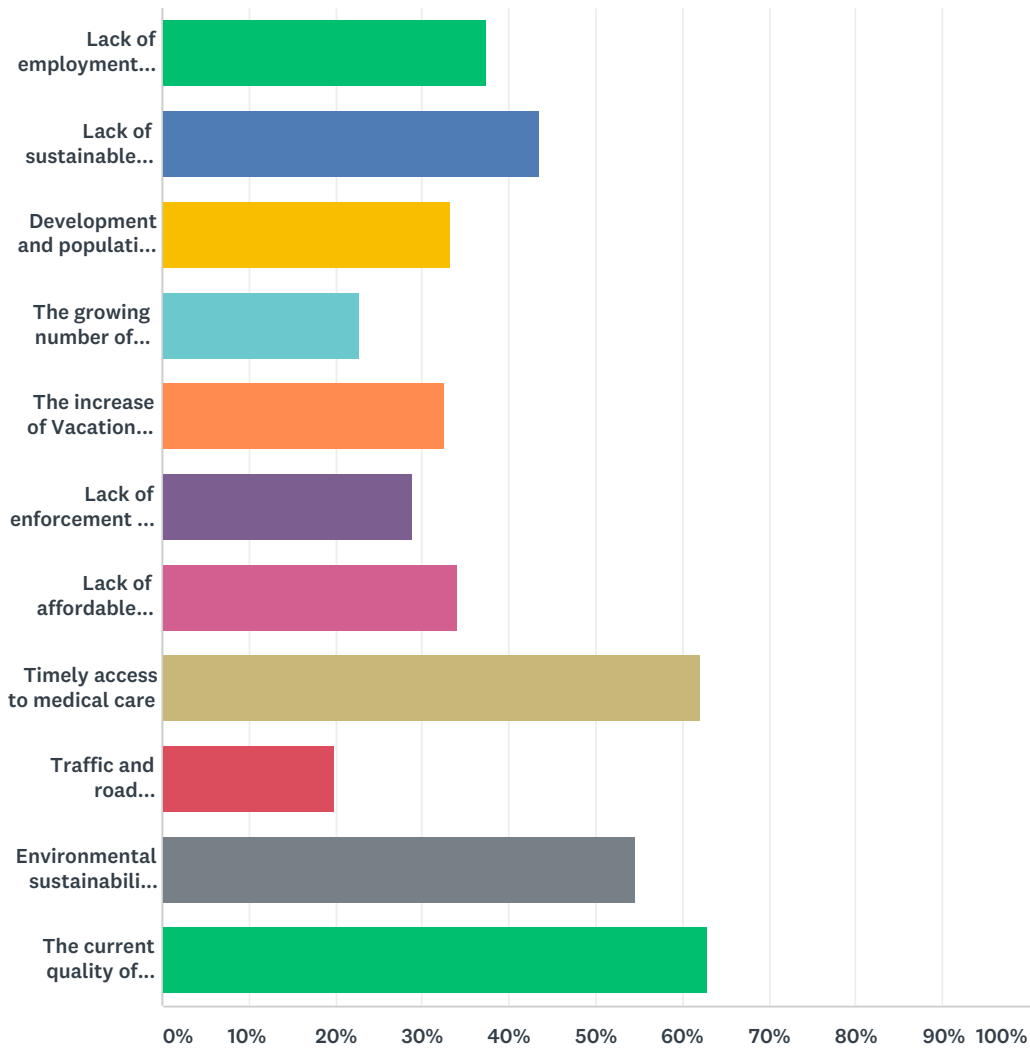
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Explore ways to ensure fees for new construction to water and wastewater treatment are supported by the development company, not existing customers.	1.23% 2	1.84% 3	10.43% 17	23.93% 39	62.58% 102	163
Explore ways to maintain, enhance and improve, the Storm Water management system in Cape Charles	0.99% 2	1.49% 3	12.38% 25	26.73% 54	58.42% 118	202

Q7 What concerns you most about Cape Charles's future? (Please only check top 5 concerns)

Answered: 211 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Lack of employment opportunities	37.44% 79
Lack of sustainable workforce	43.60% 92
Development and population growth	33.18% 70
The growing number of tourists	22.75% 48
The increase of Vacation Rentals by Owner	32.70% 69
Lack of enforcement of laws pertaining to Golf Cart usage	28.91% 61
Lack of affordable workforce housing	34.12% 72
Timely access to medical care	62.09% 131
Traffic and road maintenance	19.91% 42
Environmental sustainability (wells, septic systems, water treatment, waste management, etc)	54.50% 115
The current quality of drinking water	63.03% 133
Total Respondents: 211	

#	OTHER: PLEASE INCLUDE ANY CONCERN NOT LISTED ABOVE. (THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED ONE OF YOUR TOP 5 CONCERNS)	DATE
1	Lack of activities for the youth in our community, we have that large park, but very little there other than the soccer net.	12/9/2019 7:49 PM
2	Finding ways to reach out and include more Africans/Mexicans from the community	12/9/2019 7:43 PM
3	The Bridge Toll should be lowered for Cape Charles Residents.	12/6/2019 1:09 AM
4	4) investment in drinking water system to improve water quality and reliability of that system. 5) independent scrutiny of town spending to reduce waste improve efficiency. Input from town employees should be solicited and considered.	12/3/2019 8:39 PM
5	extend public bus to include CBBT to Bayside health and other areas to enhance medical coverage	12/3/2019 8:14 PM

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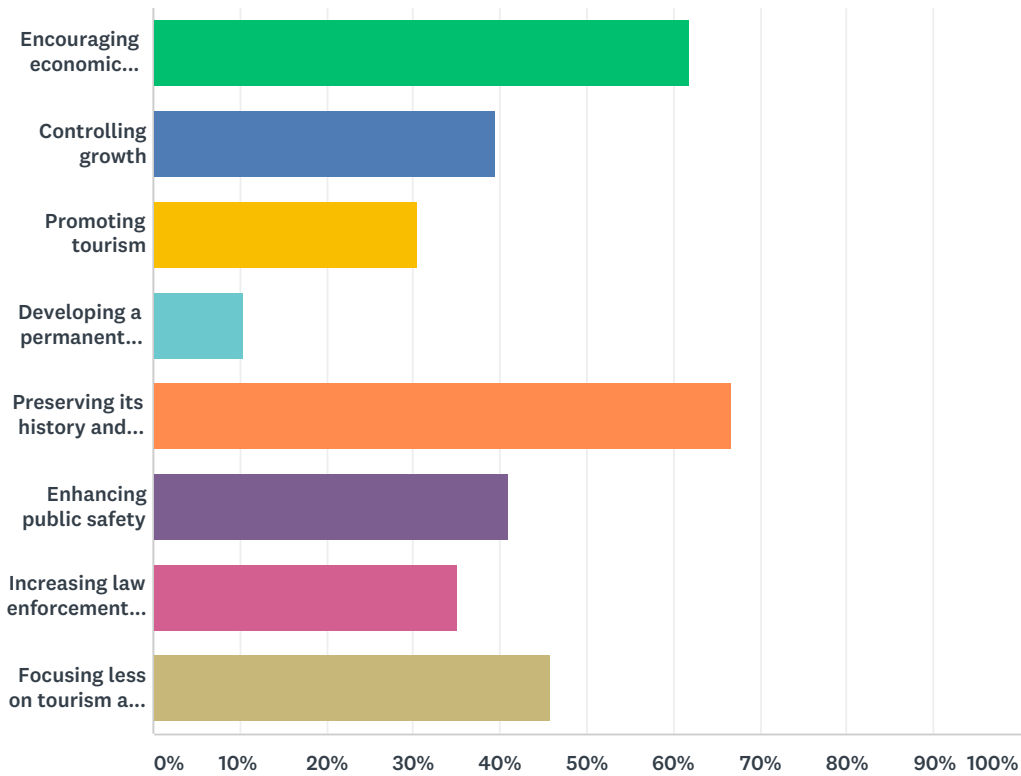
6	Clean water is number one concern!	12/2/2019 8:01 PM
7	Enforcement of speed limit on Fig Street	12/2/2019 7:49 PM
8	Lack of enforcement regarding speeding and reckless driving	11/25/2019 9:40 PM
9	Ensuing that young professionals namely teachers, feel that it is feasible to start families and stay in CC thru affordable housing and better pay.	11/25/2019 9:34 PM
10	(1) Lack of permanent, clean, well-placed public restrooms. (2) Incomplete sidewalks (eg. Harbor and Mason)	11/25/2019 9:28 PM
11	Local emergency toom facility needed as part of medical care	11/25/2019 8:37 PM
12	Education	11/25/2019 8:32 PM
13	Lack of quality public education	11/25/2019 7:51 PM
14	Increase full-time permanent residents.	11/25/2019 7:30 PM
15	No emphasis on attracting full time residents.	11/17/2019 5:49 PM
16	Active enforcement of existing ordinances.	11/16/2019 11:56 PM
17	The hideous concrete industrial area	11/13/2019 10:06 PM
18	Moving from a 'seasonal' town to a 'year round' town	11/10/2019 12:29 PM
19	expand opportunities for physical activity, such as basketball courts and bike paths	11/7/2019 7:11 PM
20	Recruit a professional historic town planner and a certified engineer	11/7/2019 1:22 PM
21	sidewalks are dangerous and non existant in many cases	11/6/2019 8:37 PM
22	In terms of future development, my concern is that it be managed in accordance with infrastructure plans/capabilities, sustainability (environmental and financial), and aesthetics. I don't know how you can balance good real estate value with more affordable housing in the historic area. Be very careful about siting affordable housing. Cape Charles made mistakes before (at the town entrance and on the Bay/Washington Ave., in my opinion.waterfront!)	11/6/2019 8:19 PM
23	We can't let the town be taken over by absentee owners who are just trying to make money off the town. The water quality and wastewater plant are issues that should be addressed now vice having to go into a Comprehensive Plan.	11/6/2019 3:06 AM
24	The more tourists the better. If cape charles increases the number of homes. Cleaning up the cement factory would be very helpful. A list of good contractors would be helpful to include plumbers and electricians	11/4/2019 3:54 PM
25	Speed limits not enforced in residential area	10/29/2019 12:09 AM
26	Growth without the proper infrastructure in place	10/28/2019 8:31 PM
27	Being able to access business property when there is no easement on file.	10/28/2019 7:33 PM
28	Permanent Residents should have free parking anywhere in Cape Charles. All others should have pay parking. The parking lot at the harbor should be a pay parking lot.	10/28/2019 1:01 PM
29	Maintenance or improvement of beach	10/27/2019 12:17 PM
30	The small town charm is leaving	10/24/2019 11:55 AM
31	I'd vote for drinking water quality twice if possible.	10/23/2019 12:18 AM
32	As crazy as it may seem, I believe there should be a traffic light at the intersection of fig and randolph. When tourist season is at its peak you can sit at those stop signs for a few minutes at a time. It is amazing there has not been more accidents. It would also slow down traffic for those who speed down randolph creating a major safety hazard for those businesses on randolph.	10/22/2019 6:24 PM
33	Can the town encourage owners of abandoned houses to either restore or sell? Especially now when market is "hot".	10/22/2019 1:36 PM
34	Drinking water	10/22/2019 11:11 AM
35	Please do something about the Vacation Rental By Owner issue. We need residents....not tourists. The influx of tourists in the summer months lessens the quality of life for residents. Please put the needs of residents first.	10/22/2019 11:09 AM
36	Quality education system	10/22/2019 2:00 AM
37	Condition of the beach.	10/22/2019 1:38 AM
38	Size of the beach	10/22/2019 1:14 AM
39	The increasing feral cat population and lack of enforcing the ongoing feeding issue.	10/22/2019 12:01 AM
40	Please never ever allow Cape Charles to become an Ocean City MD or Virginia Beach with its over crowded population and traffic. Also the tacky. Amusement parks and cheap beach oriented chain stores!!	10/21/2019 8:57 PM
41	Feral cat problem	10/21/2019 7:21 PM
42	By lack of employment opportunities, I mean good wage jobs that keep our youth on the Shore and gives local teens hope for the future.	10/21/2019 6:35 PM
43	Climate change	10/21/2019 3:37 PM
44	Leash law has turned the beach into a dog park. unsafe.	10/21/2019 1:19 PM

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45	Development of the town harbor	10/20/2019 5:30 PM
46	ensuring any residential or business development keeps the architecture and style of the town that we all love	10/20/2019 2:34 PM
47	Town Harbor needs to maintenance/upkeep	10/20/2019 2:16 PM
48	Putting additional restrictions on homestay owners that boost the local economy.	10/20/2019 2:03 PM
49	Need for improved public education for children	10/20/2019 1:09 PM
50	Responsiveness of building code officials and pubic works management	10/20/2019 12:38 PM
51	Abandoned houses in deteriorating condition. Flooding on Plum Street.	10/20/2019 12:13 PM

Q8 As it plans for the future, what should Cape Charles Comprehensive Plan focus on? (Please only check your top 5 concerns)

Answered: 210 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Encouraging economic development	61.90% 130
Controlling growth	39.52% 83
Promoting tourism	30.48% 64
Developing a permanent "Welcome Center"	10.48% 22
Preserving its history and architectural quality	66.67% 140
Enhancing public safety	40.95% 86
Increasing law enforcement presence in the summer months	35.24% 74
Focusing less on tourism and more on the needs of residents.	45.71% 96
Total Respondents: 210	

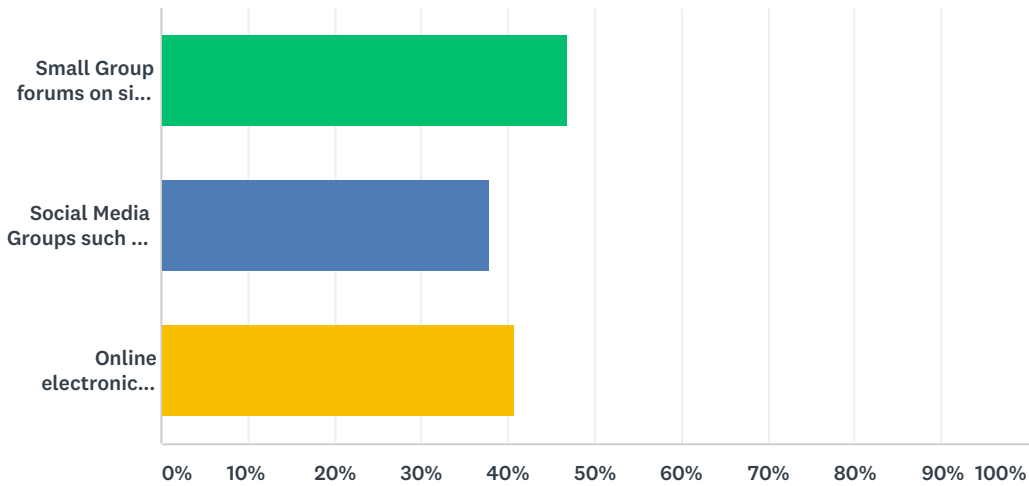
#	OTHER: PLEASE INCLUDE ANY CONCERN NO LISTED ABOVE. (THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED ONE OF YOUR TOP 5 CONCERNS)	DATE
1	We need more lights and sidewalks around the town.	12/9/2019 7:49 PM
2	Encourage education by creating more mini libraries in the African American and Mexican communities	12/9/2019 7:43 PM
3	future land use map	12/3/2019 8:31 PM
4	public parking and public accomodations in retail district	12/3/2019 8:14 PM
5	I am in favor of more modern or South Beach Florida look on Mason.	12/2/2019 8:12 PM
6	Resilence in the face of rising sea water and Drainage improvements	12/2/2019 7:46 PM
7	Strengthening the bond/interaction between the town and the schools is super important.	11/25/2019 9:34 PM
8	Placing permanent public restrooms near Strawberry Station, the Library, and/or near Bailey's/Peach Street	11/25/2019 9:28 PM
9	Public restrooms	11/25/2019 9:24 PM
10	preserving diversity of residents; improve quality of water	11/25/2019 9:13 PM
11	Increase adherence to Town codes and laws or remove them	11/25/2019 8:32 PM
12	Focusing on keeping CC family friendly and safe (which benefits residents and tourism alike)	11/25/2019 8:23 PM
13	Not "controlling" or limiting growth, but making sure CC grows thoughtfully with residents and visitors in mind.	11/25/2019 8:17 PM
14	I would like to see more support for children's activities at the theatre and in the park.	11/25/2019 7:45 PM
15	Very concerned about water quality	11/25/2019 7:37 PM

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16	(4) Historic District loosing it's charm (5) Make sure the price to live here doesn't get exorbitant than only out-of-towners can afford to buy homes	11/25/2019 7:30 PM
17	1. Promoting Cape Charles as a place to live (easy commute to VA Beach/Norfolk, high speed internet, tax incentive for year round residents) 2. Vacation rental regulation/enforcement	11/17/2019 5:49 PM
18	expand opportunities for physical activity, such as basketball courts and bike paths	11/7/2019 7:11 PM
19	Transparency in local government and recruiting more citizen activism, less conflict of interest & multiple roles by town	11/7/2019 1:22 PM
20	Methods for attracting year-round, full-time jobs, that provide a living wage at or above the median income for the country.	11/6/2019 10:56 PM
21	Infrastructure maintenance and improvements	11/6/2019 10:12 PM
22	sidewalks and streets need to be redone	11/6/2019 8:37 PM
23	I would say Managing growth, rather than controlling. Some economic growth would help sustain the town. There are too few full time residents to sustain the town without something else, e.g., tourism. I'd be more enthusiastic about tourism but most jobs are minimum wage and seasonal. Are we unsafe? More law enforcement?	11/6/2019 8:19 PM
24	Parking of boats and trailers on public streets	11/6/2019 3:32 PM
25	Management of the harbor and the beach would be my other top 5 concern.	11/6/2019 3:06 AM
26	W should be allowed to walk dogs on the beach, after 6pm during the summer season.	10/29/2019 1:10 PM
27	proper infrastructure for growth	10/28/2019 8:31 PM
28	Providing easements for business owners on Mason Ave.	10/28/2019 7:33 PM
29	workforce housing	10/28/2019 1:55 PM
30	Rental Units should be limited to ensure Cape Charles does not become a transient town.	10/28/2019 1:01 PM
31	Fixing the quality of our orange water!!!	10/27/2019 1:38 PM
32	Maintenance or improvement of beach	10/27/2019 12:17 PM
33	To reiterate: focusing less on tourism and more on the year-round residents!	10/24/2019 10:35 AM
34	Boats parked on streets in historic district	10/24/2019 12:26 AM
35	Environmental sustainability should be on this list. With sea level rise and other climate change issues, I think this should be one of the top priorities for our town. This includes recycling.	10/23/2019 11:11 PM
36	While I am very pleased and proud of what cape charles has become over the last few years, I feel the town officials are more attracted to the money coming in than the needs of residents.	10/22/2019 6:24 PM
37	Balancing residents quality of life with tourist needs	10/22/2019 6:22 PM
38	Concerned about the stated perception by local official that this is a town that no one lives in. We pay taxes but since we are retired and are only in CC intermittently, we are not requiring services, like schools.	10/22/2019 1:36 PM
39	While the beautiful architecture is a cherry on top would have never bought a home here were there not a beautiful beach.	10/22/2019 12:51 PM
40	Drinking water, recycling, storm water, trash pickup	10/22/2019 11:11 AM
41	Maintaining the beach	10/22/2019 1:38 AM
42	Keep the beach clean and safe...since dogs can run loose, it basically feels like an uncontrolled dog park	10/22/2019 12:01 AM
43	Feral cat issue	10/21/2019 7:21 PM
44	Industrial development including leveraging working harbor and rail connection.	10/21/2019 6:35 PM
45	If tourism does continue to grow, police presence will need to increase in summer months. Golf cart rental companies need to make it clear that 7 year old or anyone without a drivers license should not be driving the cart and they are not to be driven down the sidewalks.	10/21/2019 6:09 PM
46	Encouraging diversity	10/21/2019 3:37 PM
47	determine what are laws vs suggestions. ie, town beach signs. rental properties encourage large groups of people. no control - 4 packed SUVs should not pull up to 1 rental home. negative impact on residents.	10/21/2019 1:19 PM
48	Work on a plan to develop the harbor area.	10/20/2019 3:01 PM
49	ensuring the gap between the been heres and come heres is lessened so that the new people can understand and appreciate what the people who have been here and made this wonderful town what it is can help the come heres to maintain and only enhance those characteristics. we are a come here and want to help preserve and enhance, not change.	10/20/2019 2:34 PM
50	Personally not aware of public safety being an issue.....	10/20/2019 2:16 PM
51	Not happy about expensive homes turned into weekly rentals. Also do not appreciate home owners who live in CC part time as a problem...the "town where nobody lives"	10/20/2019 12:13 PM

Q9 In your opinion, what is the best way to gain access to our diverse population?

Answered: 201 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Small Group forums on site at schools, churches, civic and social organizations	46.77% 94
Social Media Groups such as Facebook	37.81% 76
Online electronic survey options	40.80% 82
Total Respondents: 201	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Ask others to get the word out by handouts; to those who are not on social media.	12/9/2019 7:49 PM
2	Bobby Harmon - (757) 678-6705	12/9/2019 7:43 PM
3	Town Meetings - Gather People (the town) Together to Talk it out like Virginia Beach and other cities do.	12/6/2019 1:09 AM
4	A public bulletin board at the post office.	12/3/2019 8:39 PM
5	I don't understand the question - do you mean best way to reach people?	11/25/2019 9:28 PM
6	Church or host one - 757-331-4664	11/25/2019 9:13 PM
7	Willing to volunteer	11/25/2019 9:08 PM
8	Willing to help just call 757-710-8279	11/25/2019 8:53 PM
9	Direct mail to every resident and property owner and outside, centralized community kiosk for exclusive use by Town (not public for events, etc.)	11/25/2019 8:37 PM
10	Resident mailboxes/door flyers or pollers at large public events	11/25/2019 8:23 PM
11	Resident mailboxes/door flyers or town alert system	11/25/2019 8:17 PM
12	Door drop-offs	11/25/2019 7:30 PM
13	Prominent signs around town inviting people to town meetings, letting them know when neighbors are applying for permits.	11/7/2019 1:22 PM
14	Tough question. I don't think one way will work. Need all of the above. Small group forums are probably the best in some respects, but surveys and social media can reach more people	11/6/2019 8:19 PM
15	I think you need to hit all of them at varying dates, times, and locations.	11/6/2019 3:06 AM
16	Town meetings post signs put articles in the cape Charles happenings	11/4/2019 3:54 PM
17	all of the above	10/28/2019 8:31 PM
18	small group discussions at local eateries!	10/28/2019 1:55 PM
19	All of the above.	10/27/2019 2:04 PM
20	Small groups are preferable but with many homeowners not full time residents, online is a good alternative.	10/22/2019 1:36 PM
21	Group call options so that part-timer owners can attend and contribute	10/21/2019 3:37 PM
22	have a town council that communicates.	10/21/2019 1:19 PM
23	any way you can	10/21/2019 2:05 AM
24	the connections we have made through Instagram has helped people meet each other and learn who each other are and feel less intimidated once we meet in person	10/20/2019 2:34 PM
25	not sure but needs to include our parttime residents as well	10/20/2019 2:16 PM

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Small group forums are best but with the reality that many home owners are not full time residents, online surveys work well

10/20/2019 12:13 PM
