

Springfield Township Community Collaboration Meeting #1 Report

In-Person Meeting
November 15, 2022

Online Meeting
November 15-30, 2022
February 5-28, 2023



Meeting Overview

Purpose: Encourage community engagement in the planning process & get feedback on community priorities to integrate into the Comprehensive Plan

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Feedback topics:

- **Use of Land** (Zoning, Preserve, Enhance, Change)
- How we **MOVE**
- What we need to **THRIVE**
- Where we **LIVE**
- How we **GROW**
- How we **ADAPT**
- **Comp Plan Results & Measures of Success**

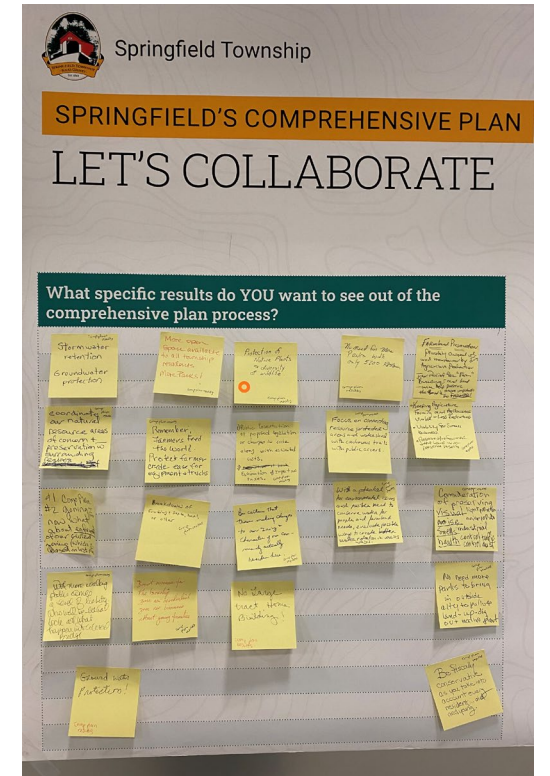
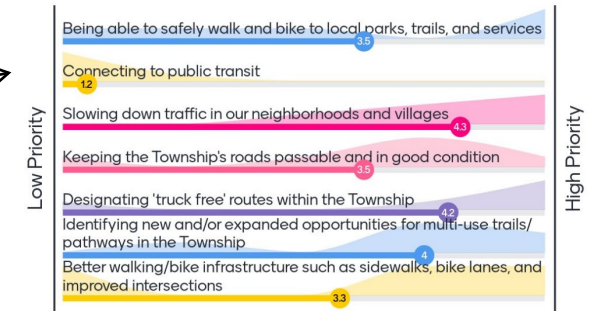
Approximately

100

in-person participants

19

online participants



Physical Land Use & Resources

What areas (natural, residential, villages, open space, agricultural, etc.) and resources (schools, businesses, recreational, environmental, etc.) do you want to preserve, enhance, or change?

Preserve

- Cooks Creek
- Owl Hollow Way
- Area proposed for quarry Hottle & State Rd.
- Rail Trail and wetlands
- Expand agricultural preservation
- Existing trees
- Maintain existing character of Township

Enhance

- Peppermint Park
- Road conditions
- Stormwater management
- Parks and community areas
- Add development to 309 corridor
- Abandoned properties
- Villages

Change

- Need for additional housing (but also some concern)
- Smart growth strategies
- Add more open space and farmland preservation (also some comments about only maintaining existing and not adding)
- Encourage business on Rt. 309

Zoning

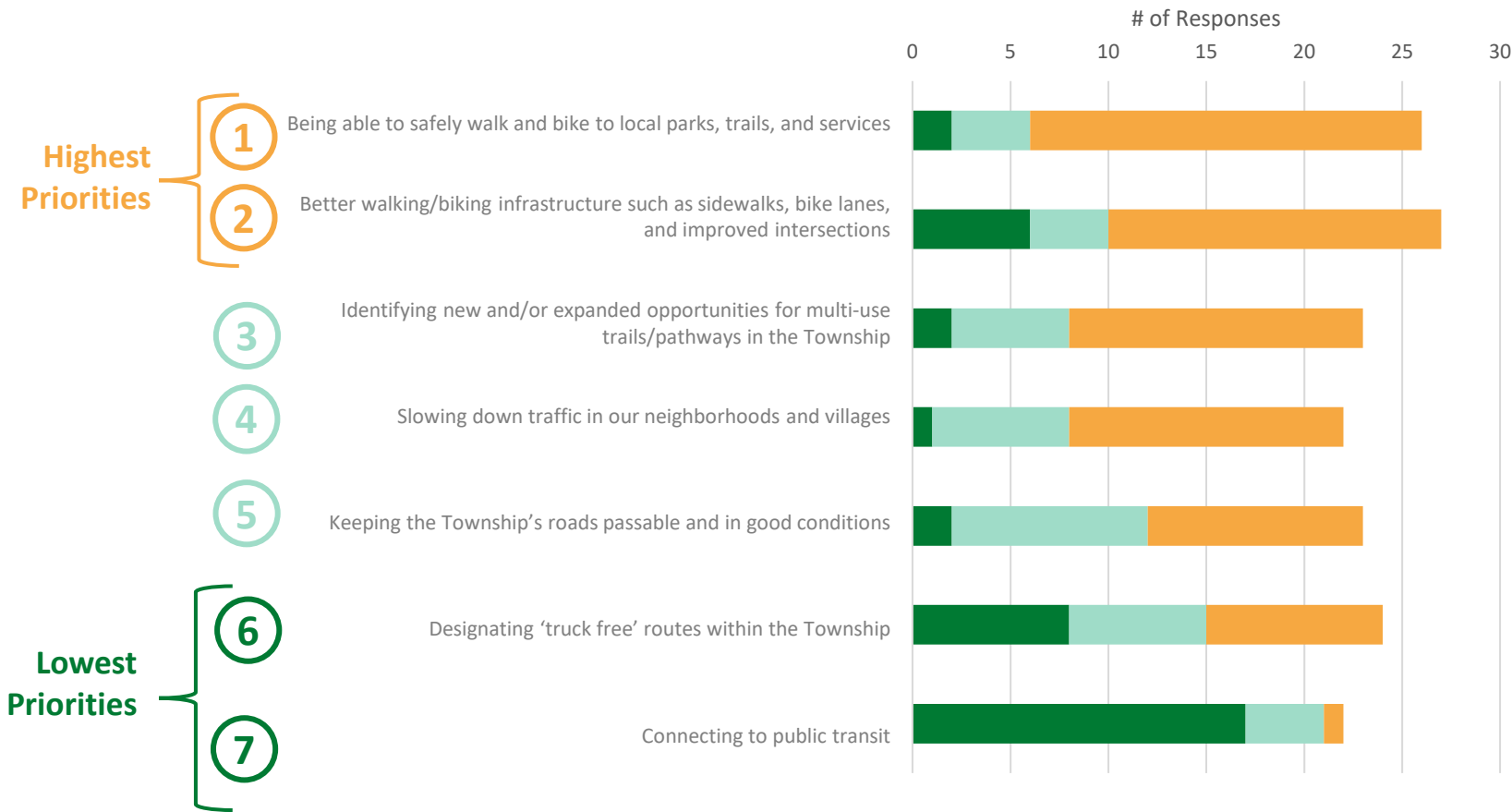
- Concern about quarry
- Need more areas for housing to attract young families
- Maintain current agricultural zoning (support & concern about other businesses, such as wedding venues, operating on farms)



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How we MOVE

Topic included walking, biking, roads, traffic, public transit, & trails.



Highest Priorities

Lowest Priorities

"Improve vision [at] road intersection. Trim trees back."

"Please make speeding thru Springtown uncomfortable (i.e. blinking speed sign)."

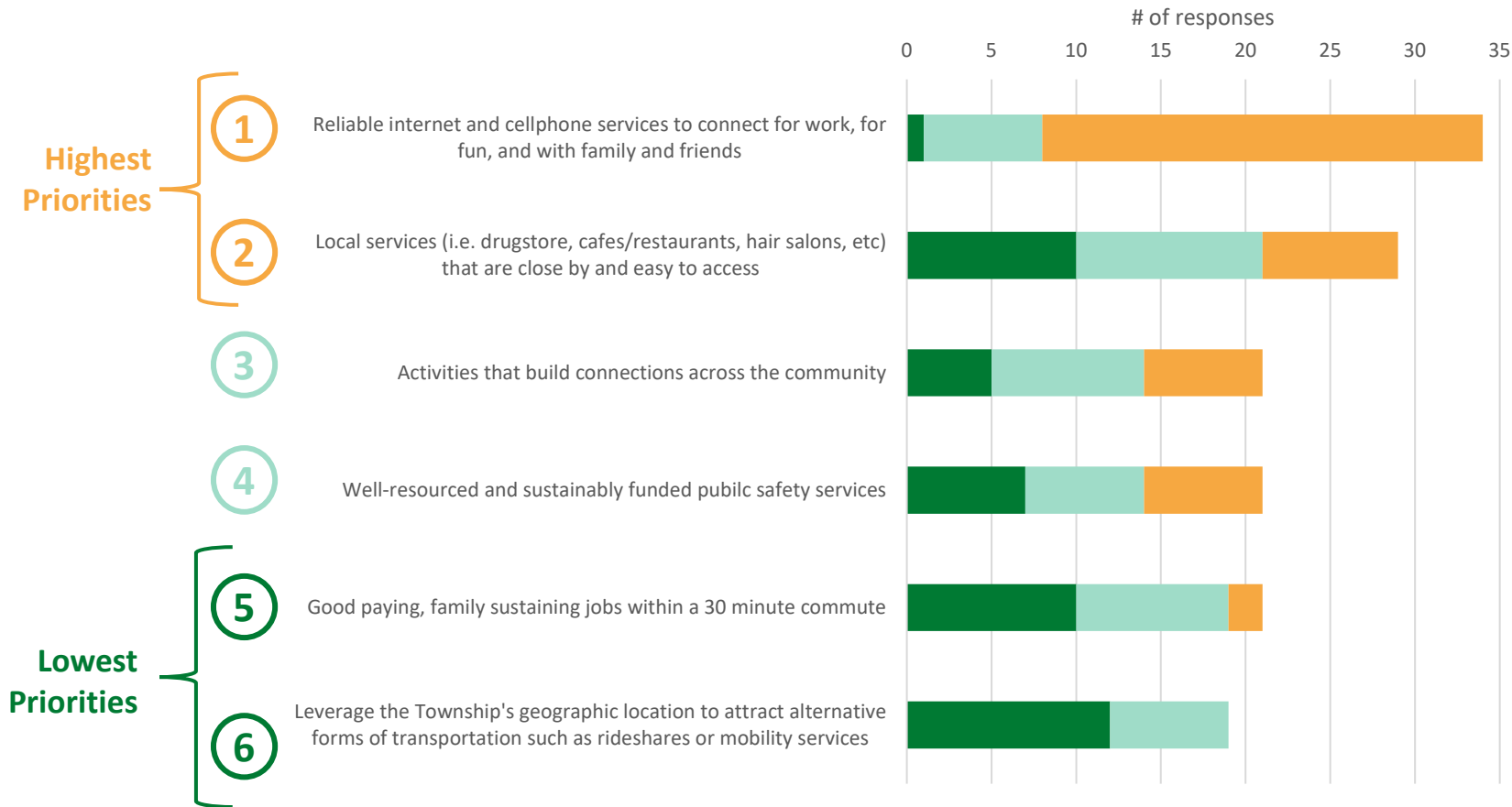
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What we need to THRIVE

Topic included public services, jobs, amenities, & activities.



“More internet providers and faster (fiber) will encourage home occupations and also attract businesses.”

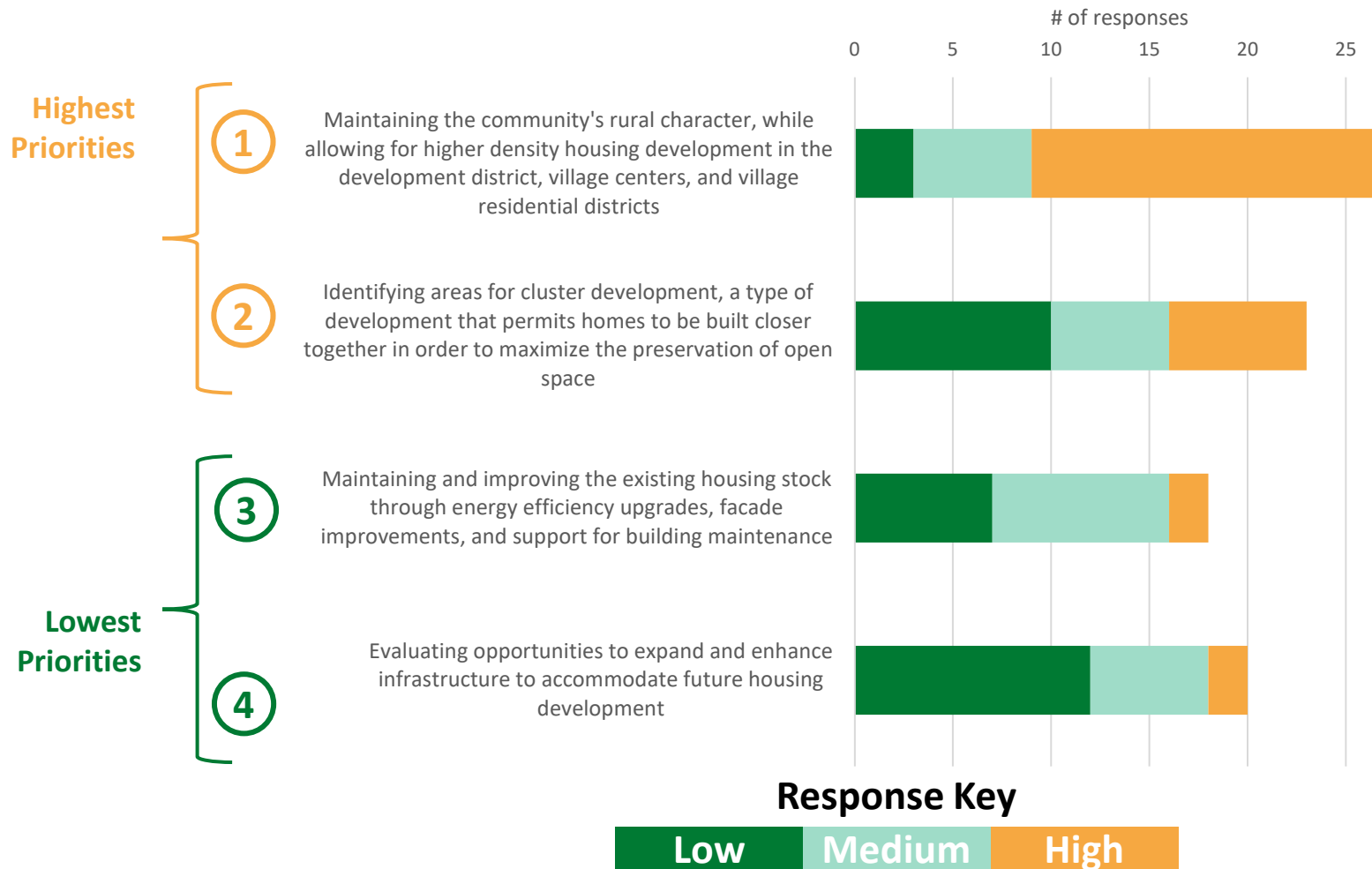
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Where we LIVE

Topic included future housing development & infrastructure, housing stock, areas for development, & existing character.



“Responsible development to maintain rural character.”

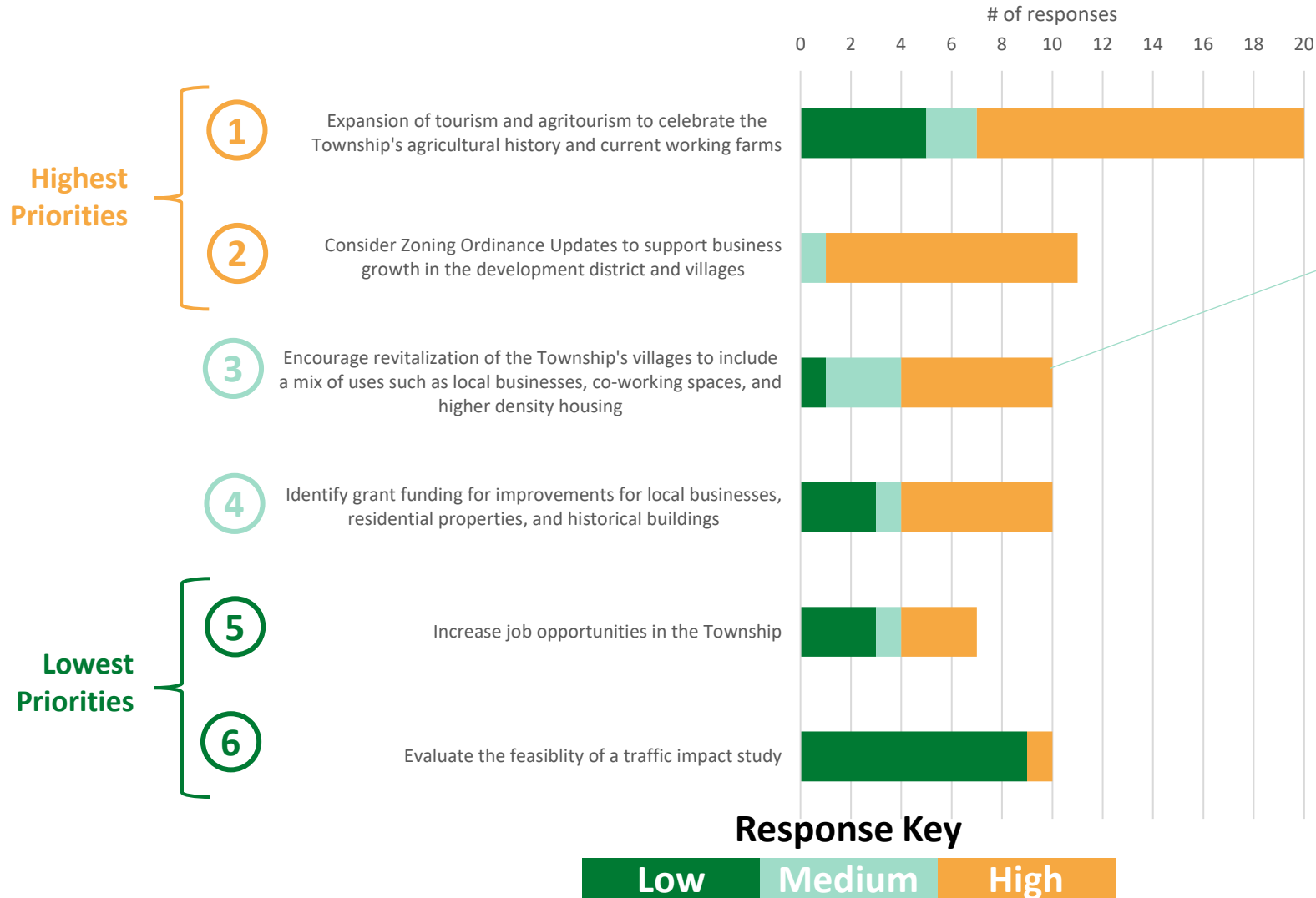
“Just keep the rural appeal. No high-density housing complexes.”



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Where we GROW

Topic included tourism, traffic, local businesses, job growth, & village revitalization.



"Yes to this, but NOT for higher density housing."

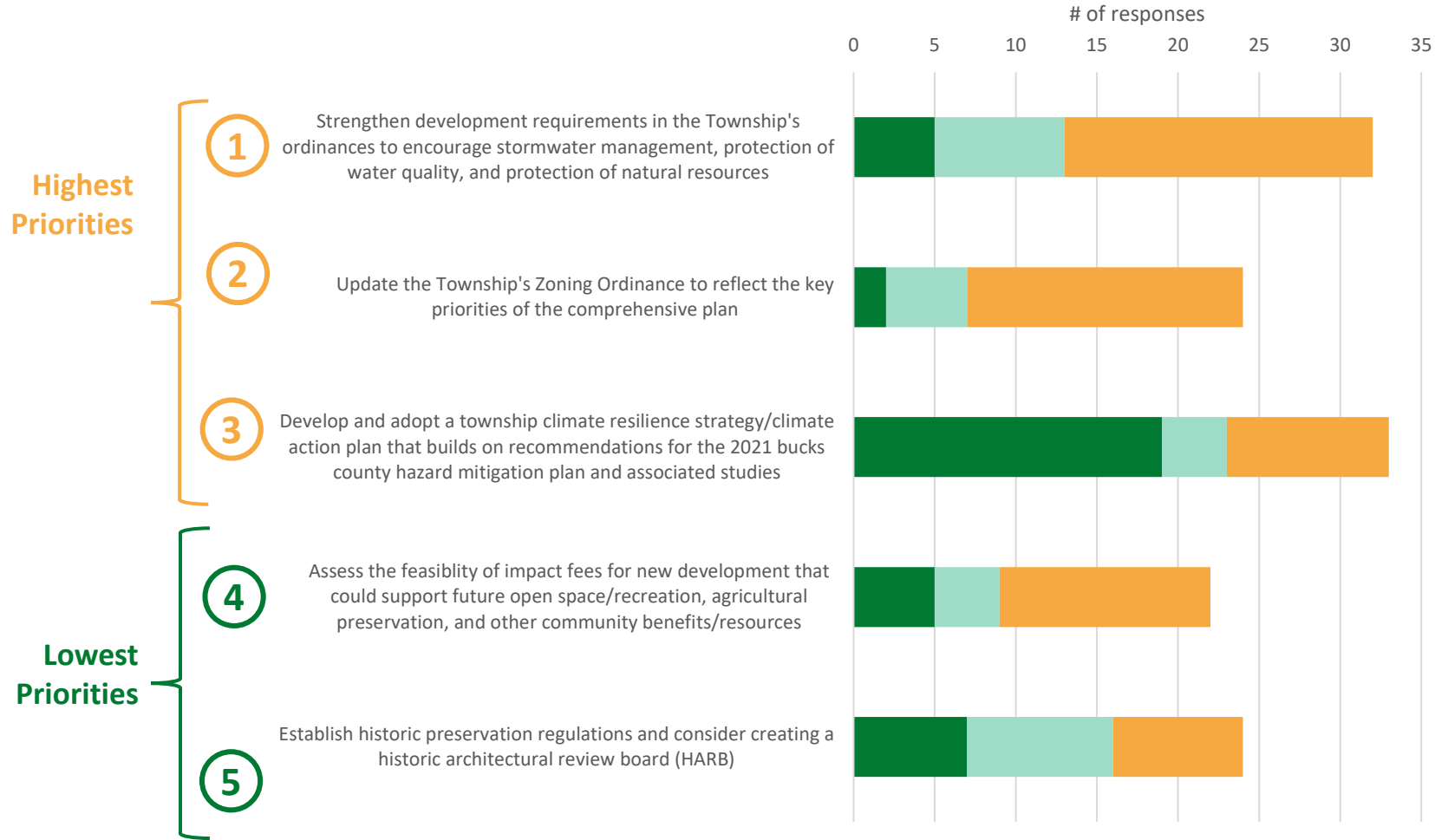
"Be careful that business/commercial does not adversely impact the rural/quiet nature of the community."



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Where we ADAPT

Topic included preservation, environmental protection and management, & resilience.



“Land preservation is important - particularly farmland preservation, as long as it's not costly to homeowners.”

“[P]rotect[ion of] water and natural resources must be a top priority.”

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Comprehensive Plan Results & Measures of Success

What results do you want to see out of the Comprehensive Plan process? How should success be measured in the implementation of the Plan?

Process & Product

- Communication about results to all residents
- Actionable steps that will make a difference
- **Each focus area with a measure of success that is objective so results can be measured and data-driven***
- Include costs
- **Reassess comprehensive plan with a satisfaction survey ***
- Post on website
- **Annual report***

***Measures of Success**

Overall Character of Twp.

- Keep the Township family friendly with emphasis on recreation, nature, and farming
- Better quality of life for all residents
- Old charm with few amenities
- Sustainable, environmentally responsible growth

Other Results

- Enhanced financial support of EMS
- Brake retarder/truck limitations on 212 and 412
- Reduce median age of residents.



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