

PLAQUEMINES PARISH MEETING 3 SUMMARY



MEETING 3 OVERVIEW

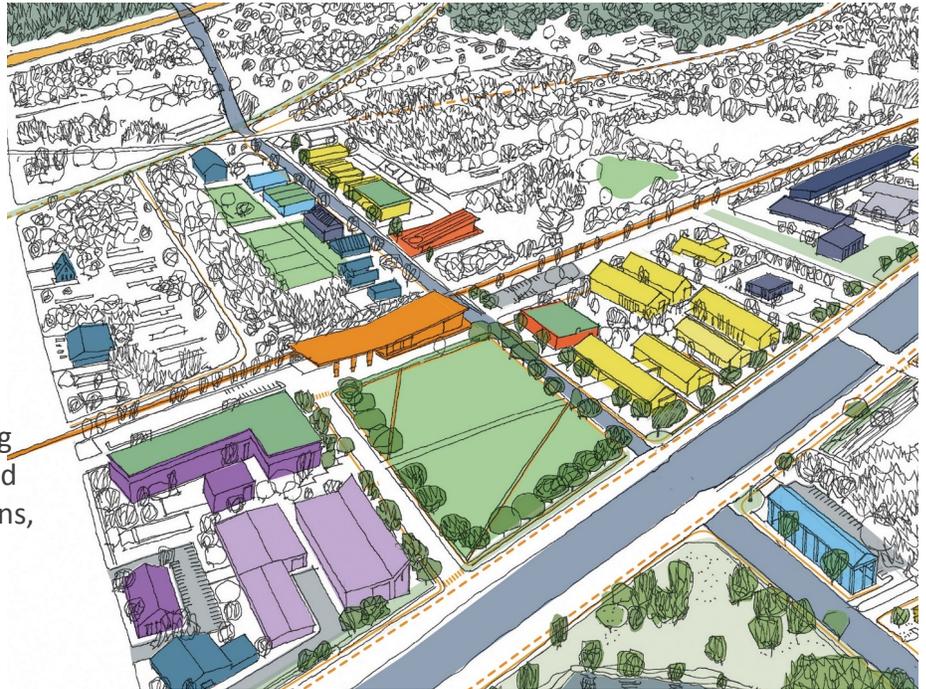
At the third round of meetings, the LA SAFE process moved from the big picture to focus on the specific projects, programs, and policy options that will support the vision.

In Plaquemines Parish, LA SAFE held three meetings to accommodate three languages: English, Vietnamese, and Khmer (Cambodian). The meetings centered around three core interactive components. The first was a snap-polling exercise, in which the project team asked the participants multiple choice questions, and collected and reviewed the results instantly.

In the second part of the meeting, the project team presented the vision crafted by the community and project team in the previous meetings. After the project lead discussed each piece of the vision, the participants voted on their level of agreement. This segment had to be cut for the Vietnamese and Cambodian meeting due to time constraints.

The third component of the meeting focused on the individual projects, programs, and policies that could potentially support the vision. On large table sheets, the residents evaluated ideas organized according to planning category and risk level. Residents placed green dots on the ideas they liked, and red dots on those they did not like. They also added new ideas and commented on the strategies depicted.

This document summarizes the results from the meetings, including all resident voting results and comments. These results will inform how the project team will prioritize projects, programs, and policies within Plaquemines parish as a part of LA SAFE.



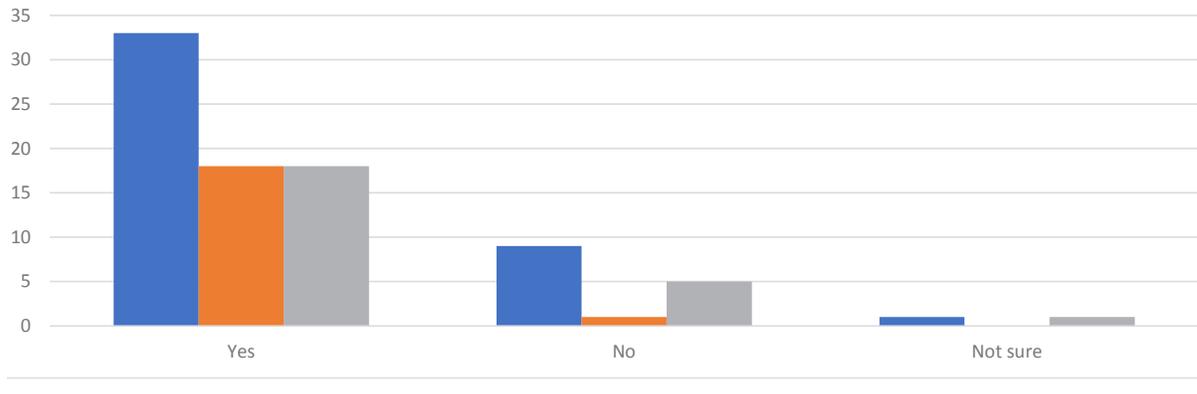
ACTIVITY 1A: SNAP POLLING

The first meeting activity included a series of polling questions. Each resident used a clicker to submit their responses, which the project team collected and displayed in real-time. In Plaquemines, there were 25 participants at the English speaking meeting, 43 participants at the Khmer speaking meeting, and 29 participants at the Vietnamese speaking meeting, for a total of 97 participants. We have combined the results from the three meetings below. Some residents abstained from certain questions. Each chart below lists the number of respondents for the corresponding question.

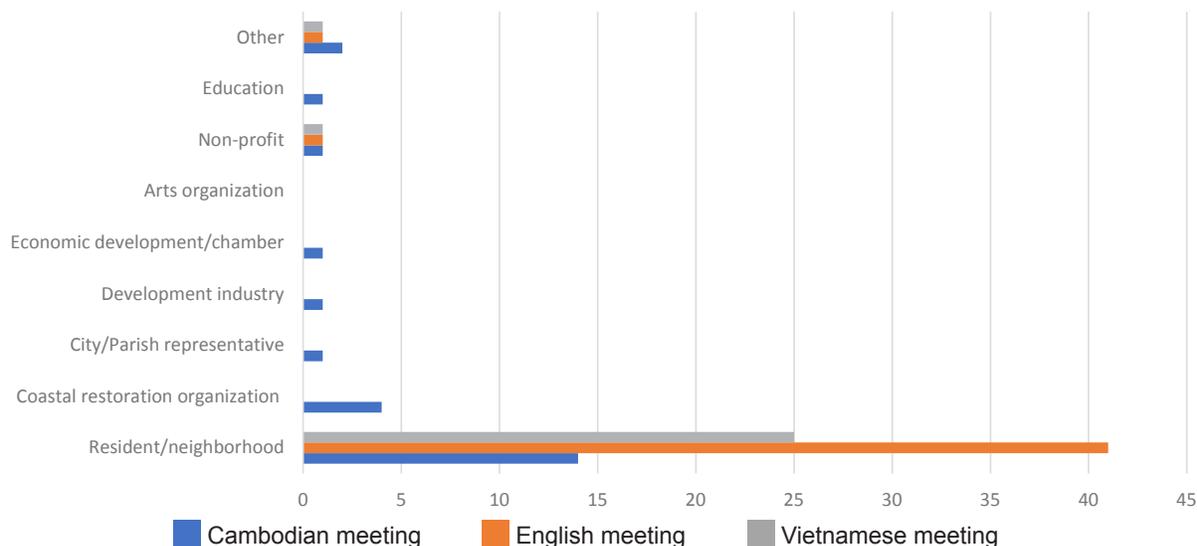


The majority of Plaquemines residents at the meeting thought improving transportation is very important. Among transportation options, complete streets was by far the most popular. Jobs & Job Training was cited as the best strategy to retain the youth in the parish. With regards to development, residents most want to expand in established communities on high ground. When asked about job opportunities, residents expressed the need to expand healthcare. Medical services was also the biggest factor to improve the quality of life for the elderly.

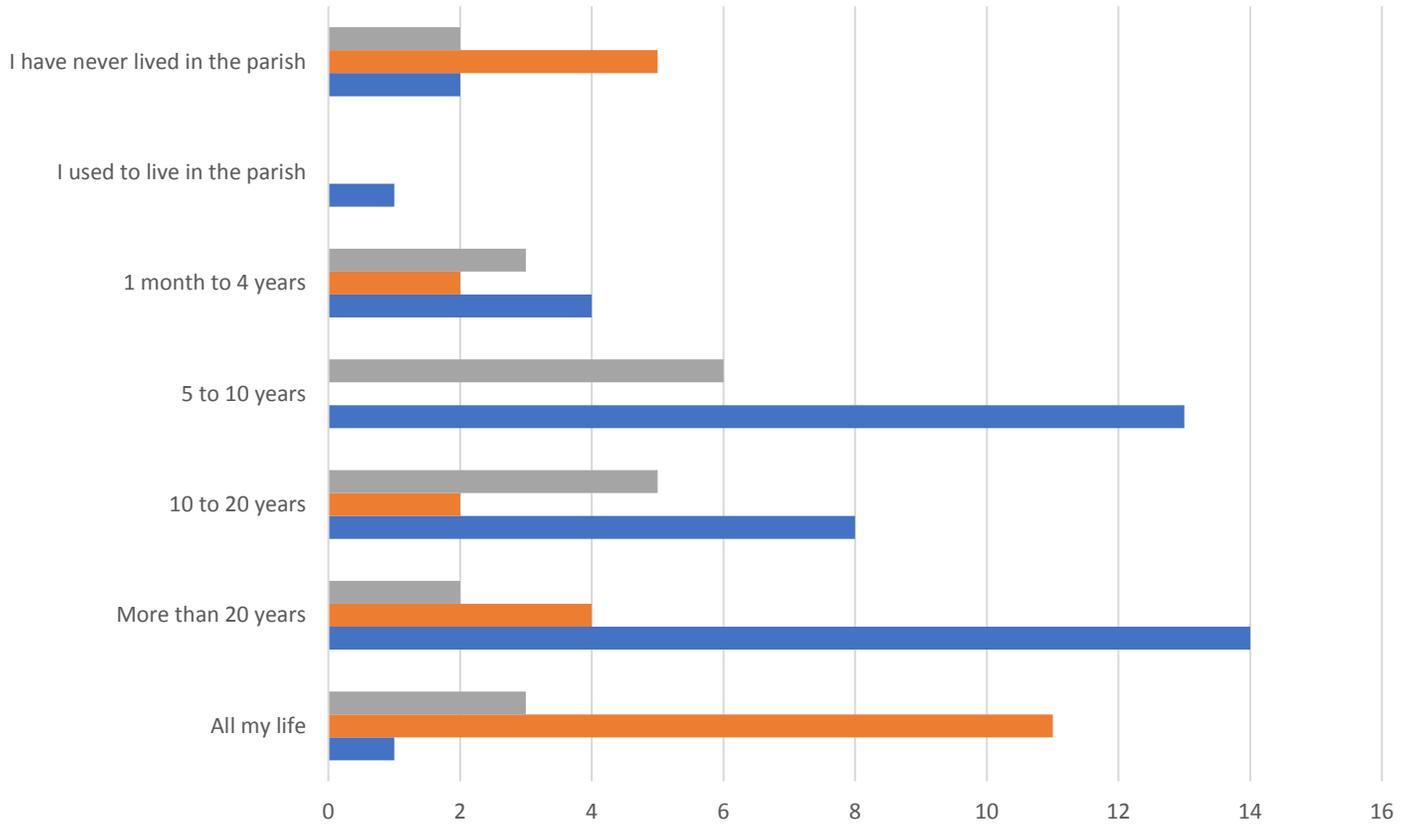
1. Have you been to any other LA SAFE meetings?
(86 responders)



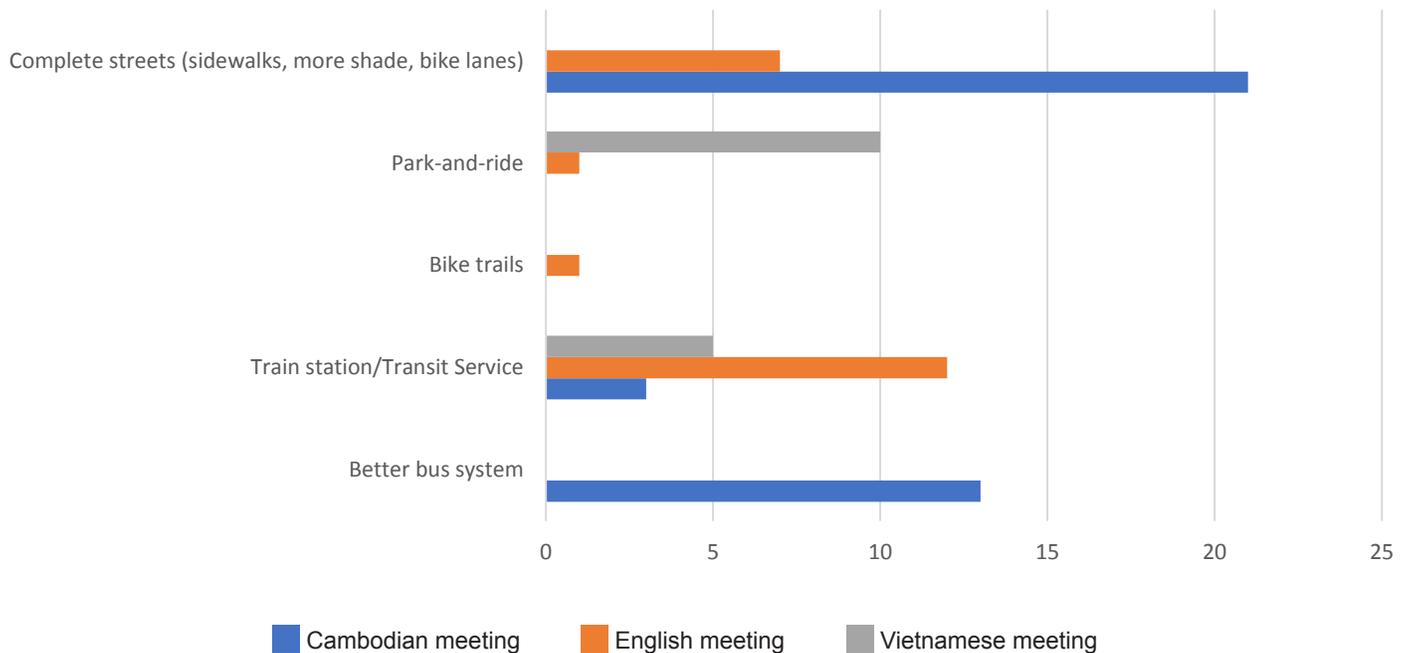
2. I am/I represent:
(95 responders)



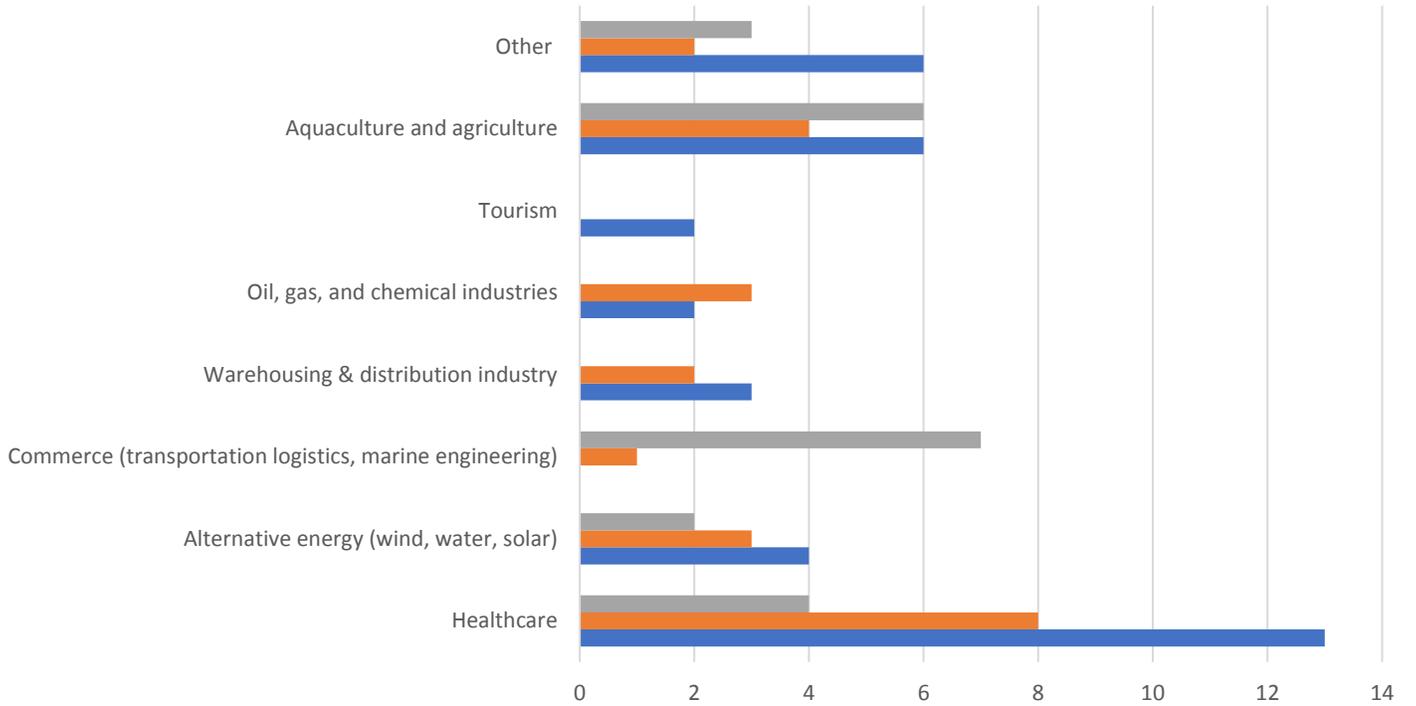
3. How long have you lived in Plaquemines Parish? (88 responders)



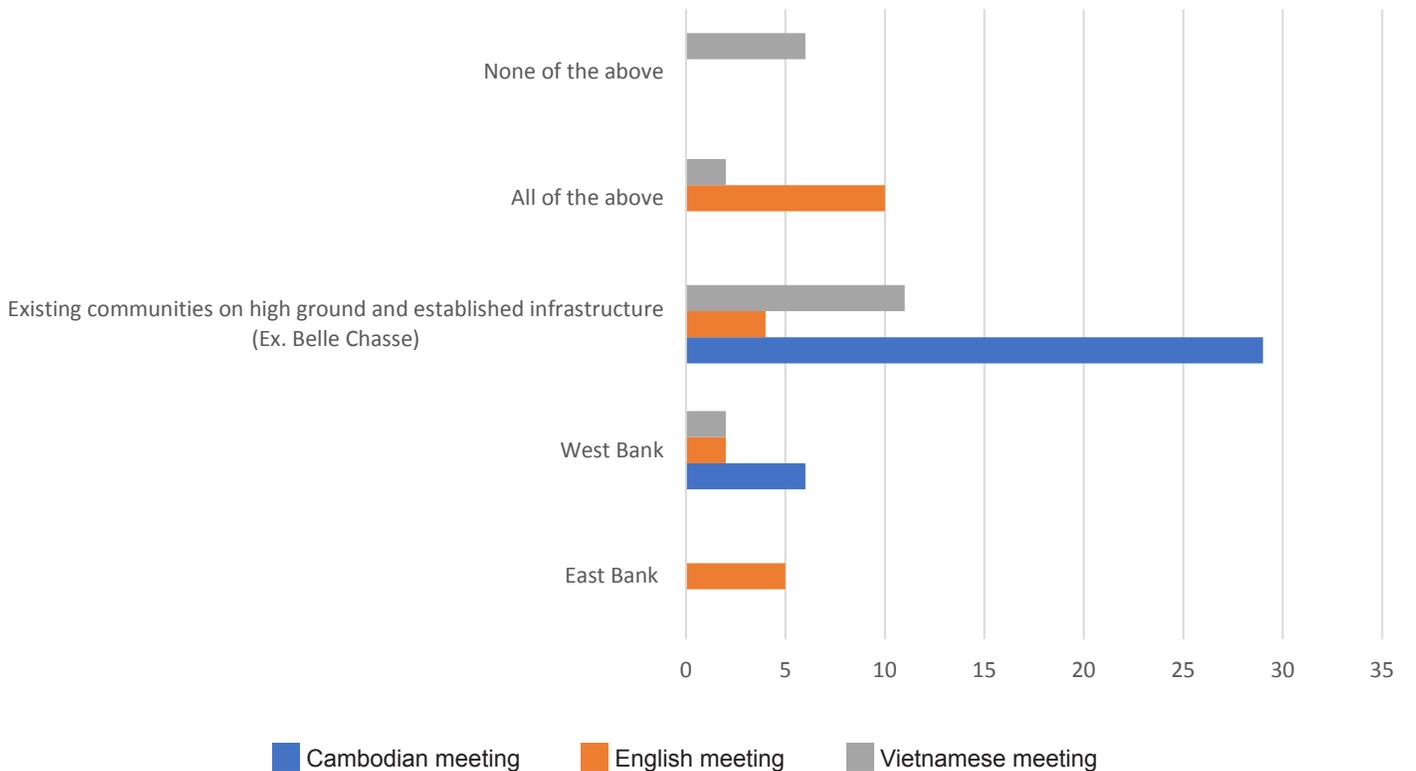
4. If LA SAFE invested in a transportation project, which project would you most like to see funded? (73 responders)



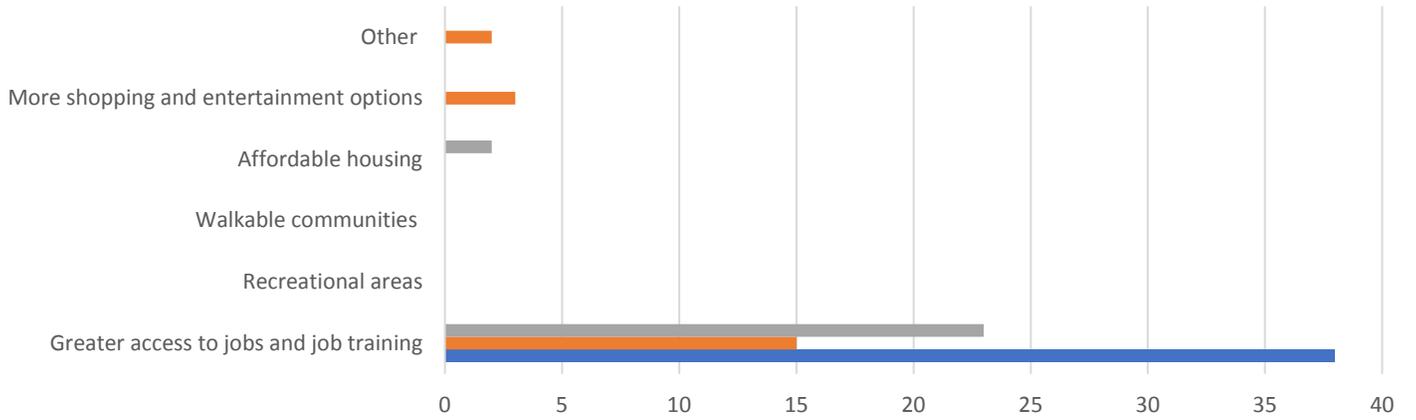
5. Which types of job opportunities would you like to see expanded in your parish?
(81 responders)



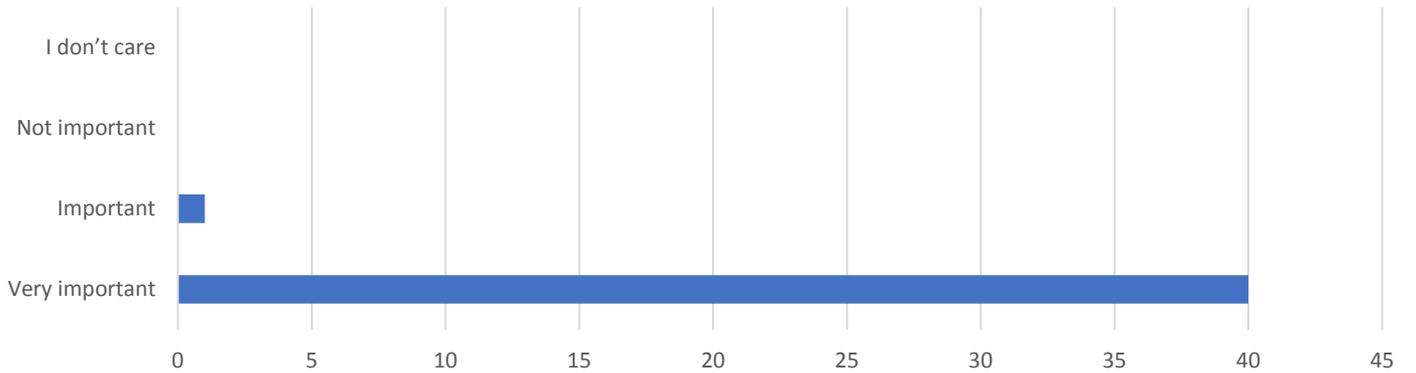
6. Where should new growth in the parish occur?
(77 responders)



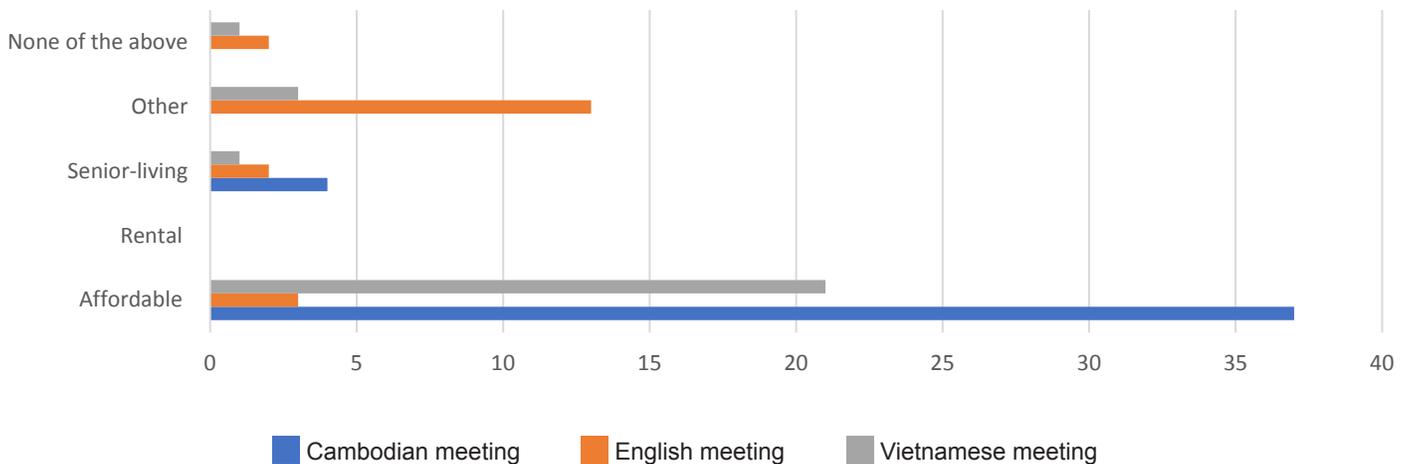
7. What is the highest priority to retain youth in the parish?
(83 responders)



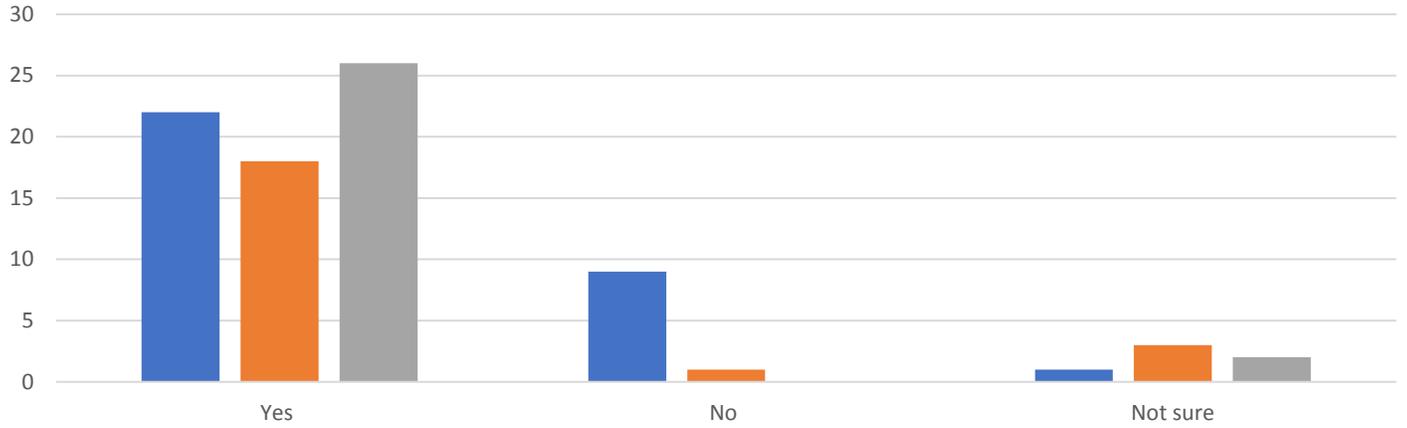
8. How important is improving transportation connectivity in
Plaquemines?
(41 responders, Cambodian meeting only)



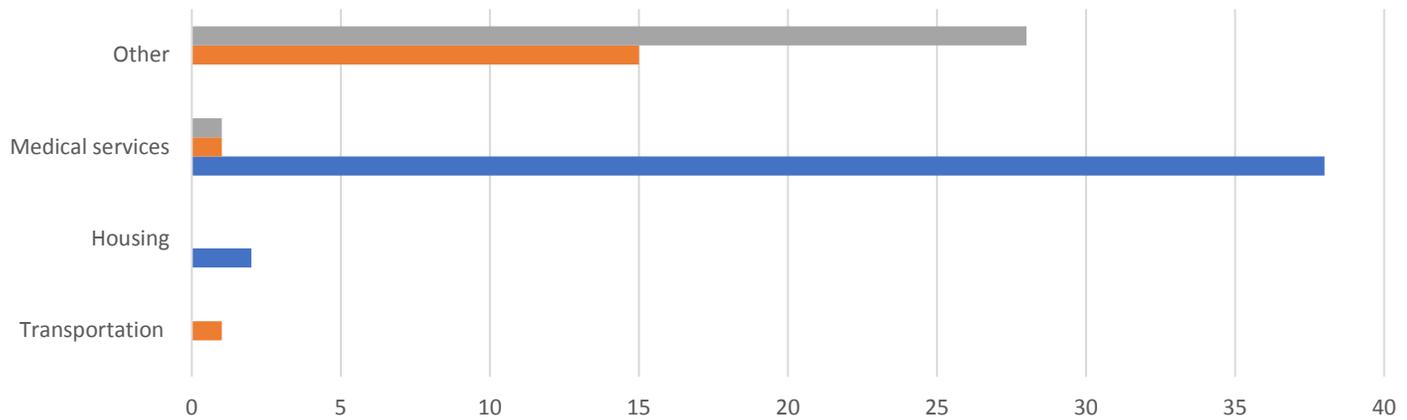
9. Which of the following housing types would you most like to see more
of in your parish?
(87 responders)



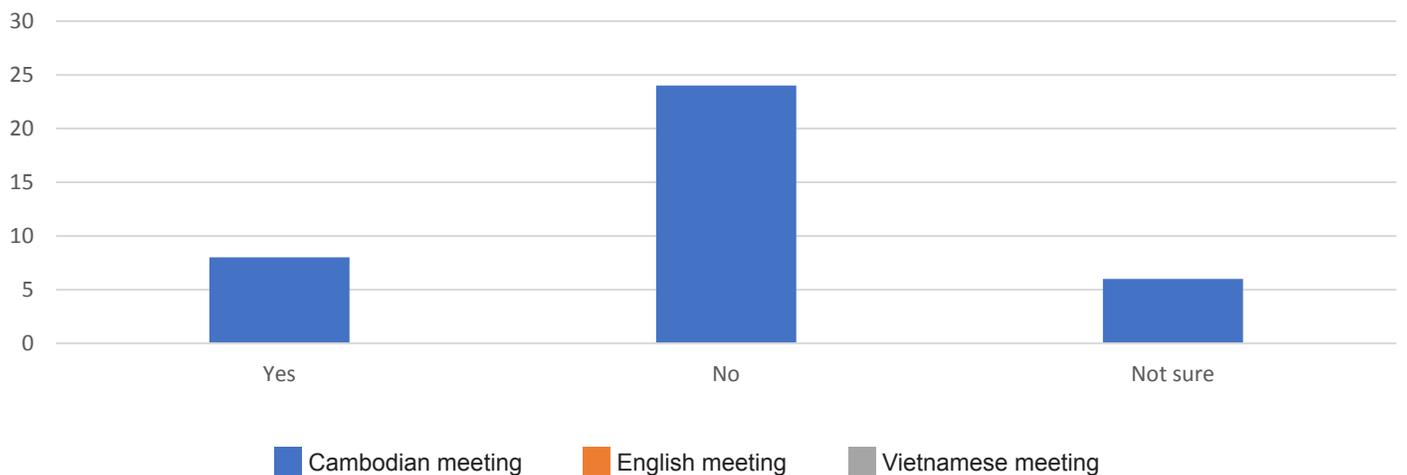
10. Is access to mental health services a significant issue in the parish?
(82 responders)



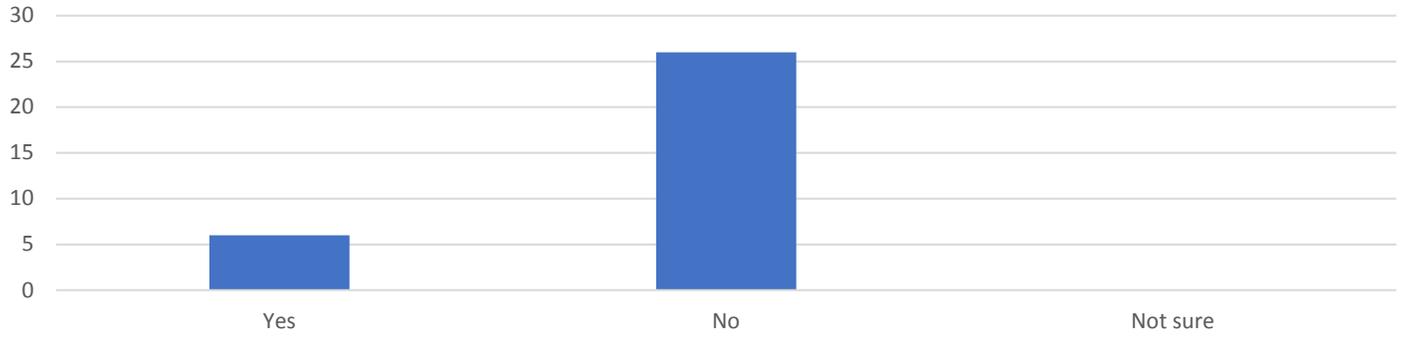
11. What types of programs are most needed to improve quality of life for the elderly? (86 responders)



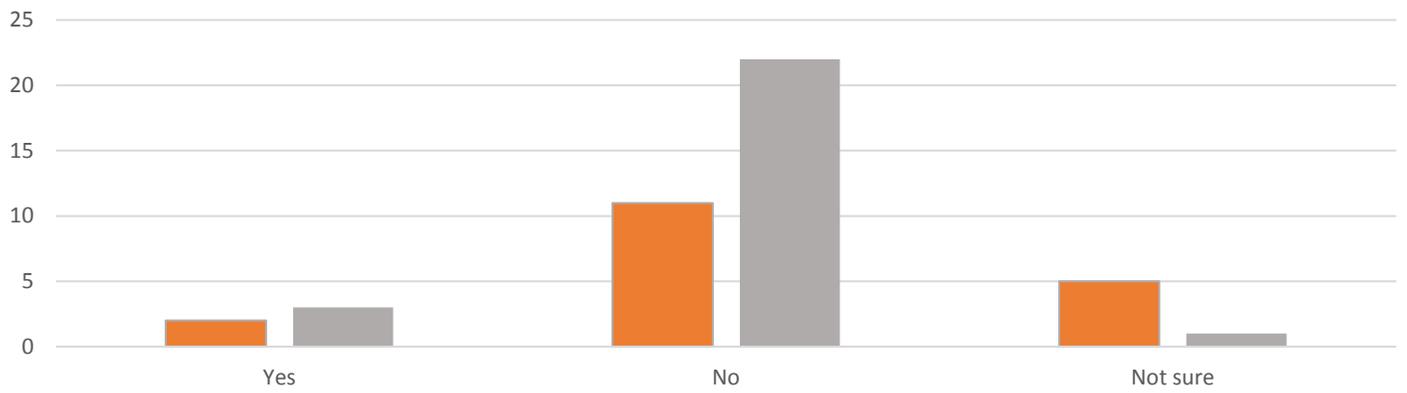
12. Are you aware of other forms of flood insurance besides the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)? (38 responders, Cambodian meeting only)



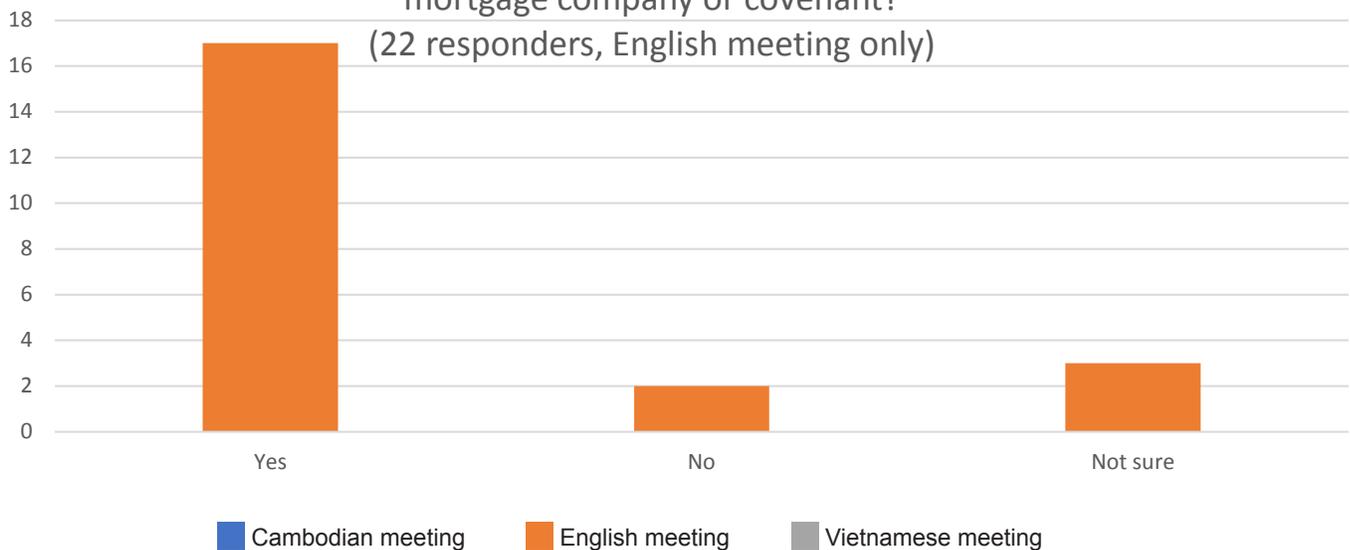
13. Would you purchase flood insurance if it was not required by a mortgage company or covenant? (32 responders, Cambodian meeting only)



14. Are you aware of alternative forms of flood insurance such as local risk pools? (44 responders, English/Vietnamese meetings only)



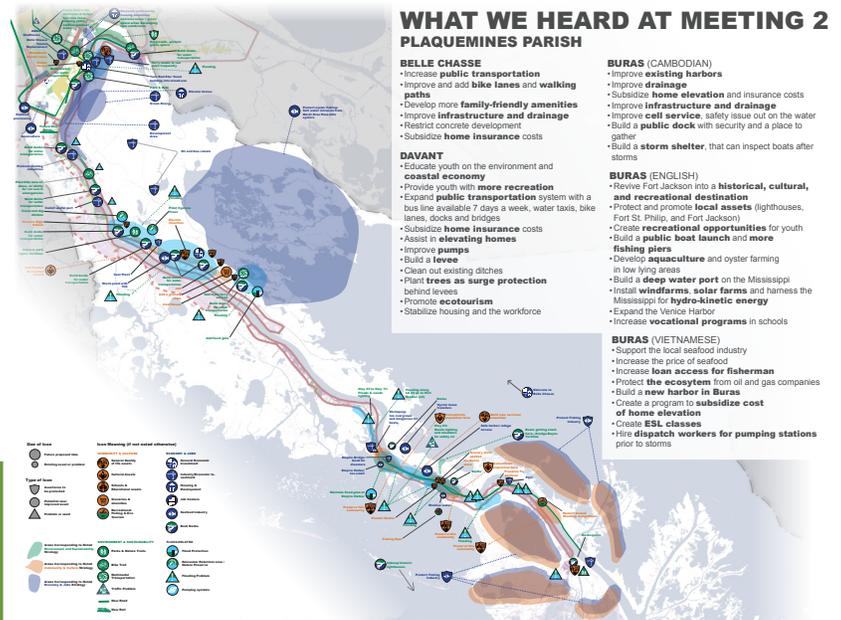
15. Would you carry your own flood insurance policy if not required by a mortgage company or covenant? (22 responders, English meeting only)



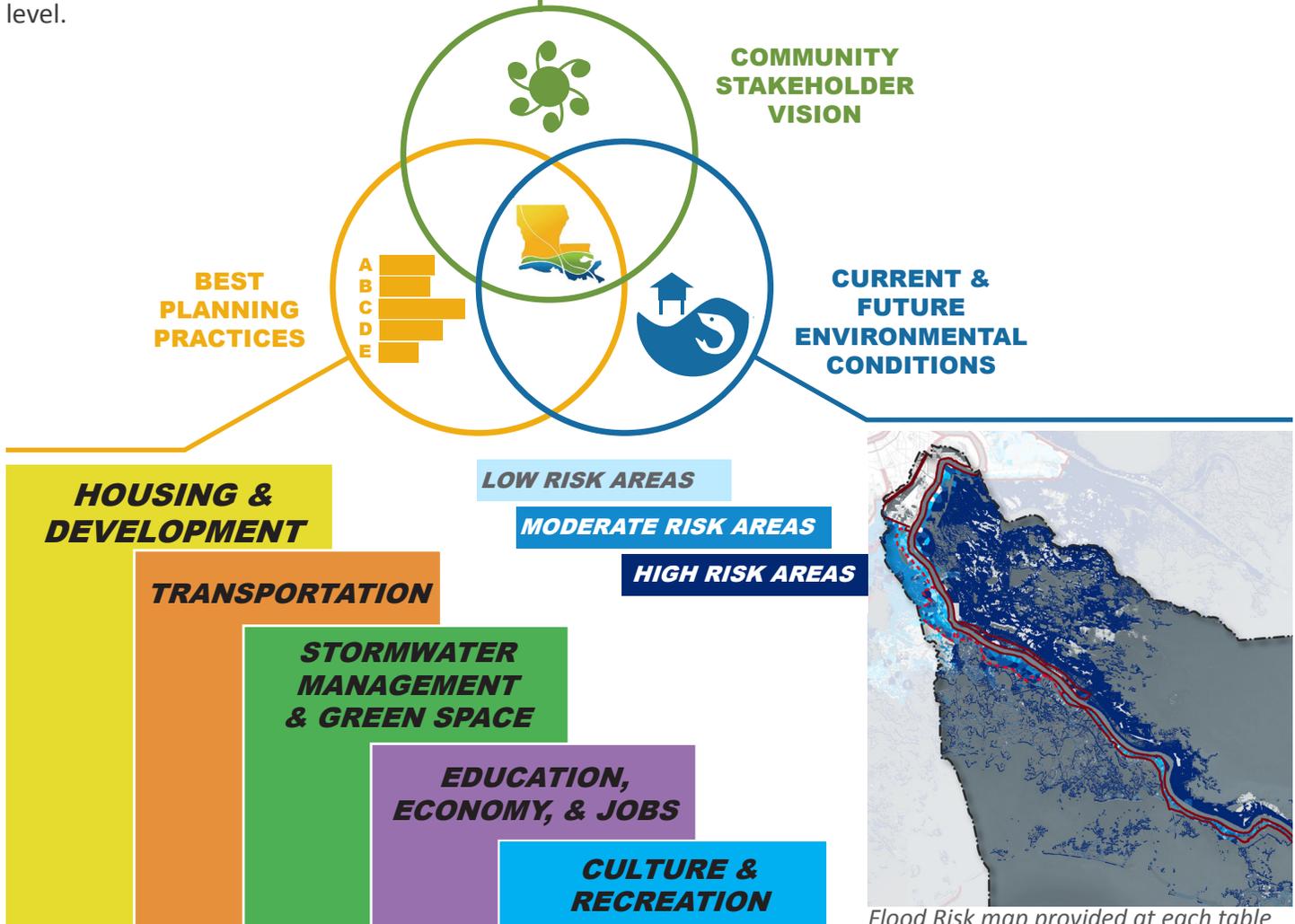
ACTIVITY 1B: EVALUATING THE VISION

After the initial polling, the project team presented a vision for the Parish based on previous meeting results and future flood risk. The vision that the team presented was organized into five planning categories and three risk levels: high risk, moderate risk, and low risk.

The components of this vision are shown on the following pages. In general, we anticipate lower risk areas growing in population over time and high risk areas losing population. Strategies for each risk level are tailored to support all areas as change occurs. Residents evaluated the vision for each risk level using their clickers. They were broadly supportive, with over 50% agreeing or strongly agreeing with the vision for each risk level.



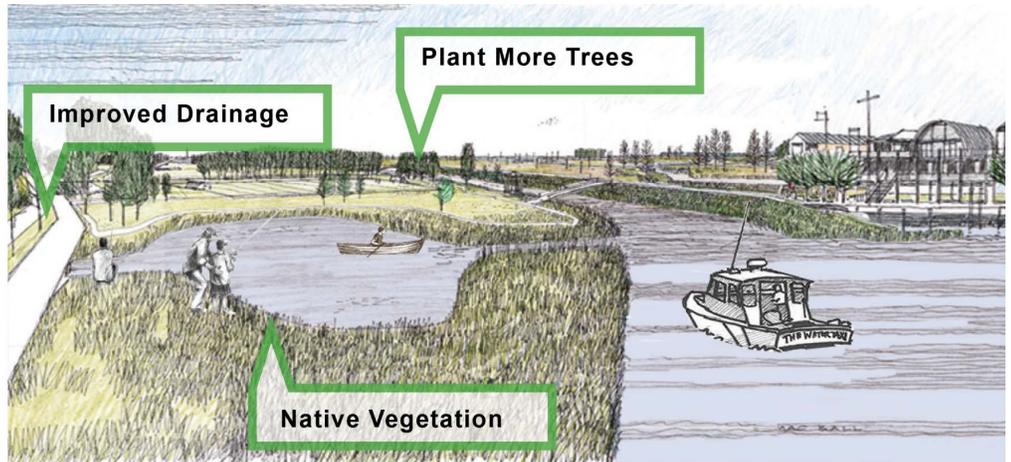
Meeting 2 Results map provided at each table



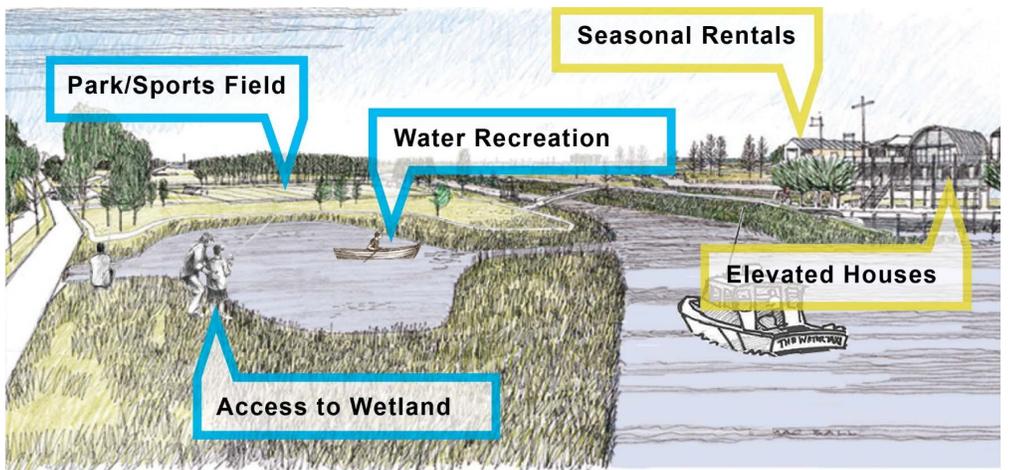
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HIGH RISK AREAS

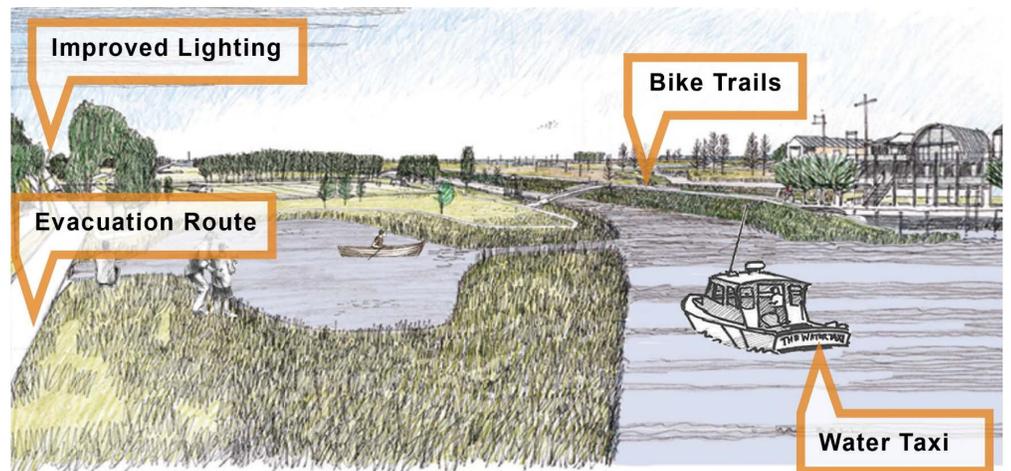
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GREEN SPACE



HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

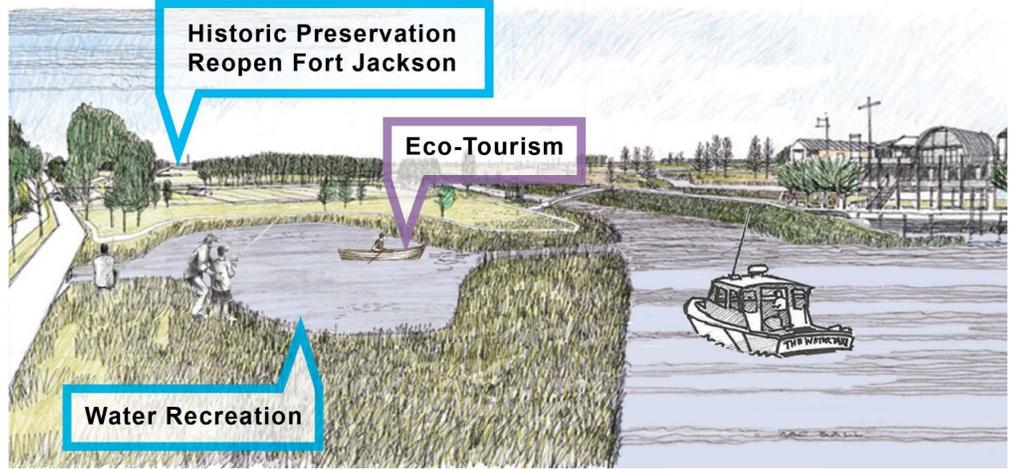


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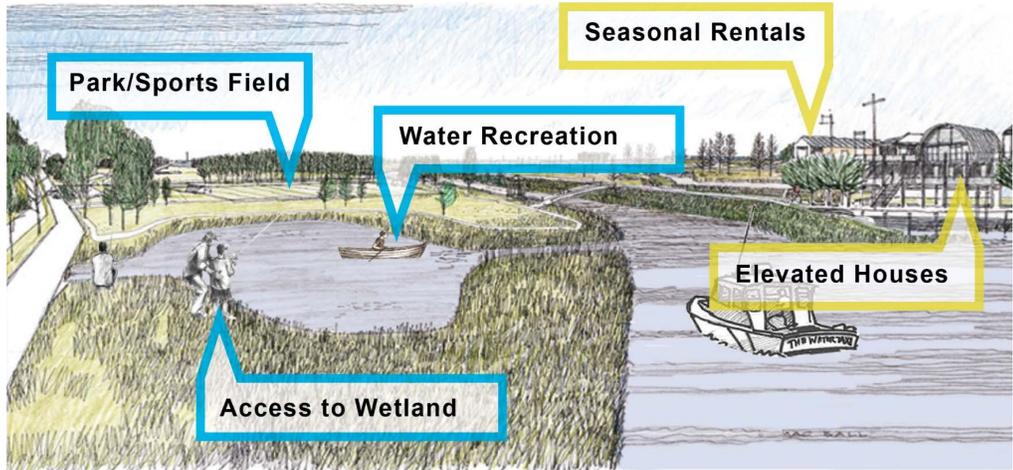


HIGH RISK AREAS

**EDUCATION,
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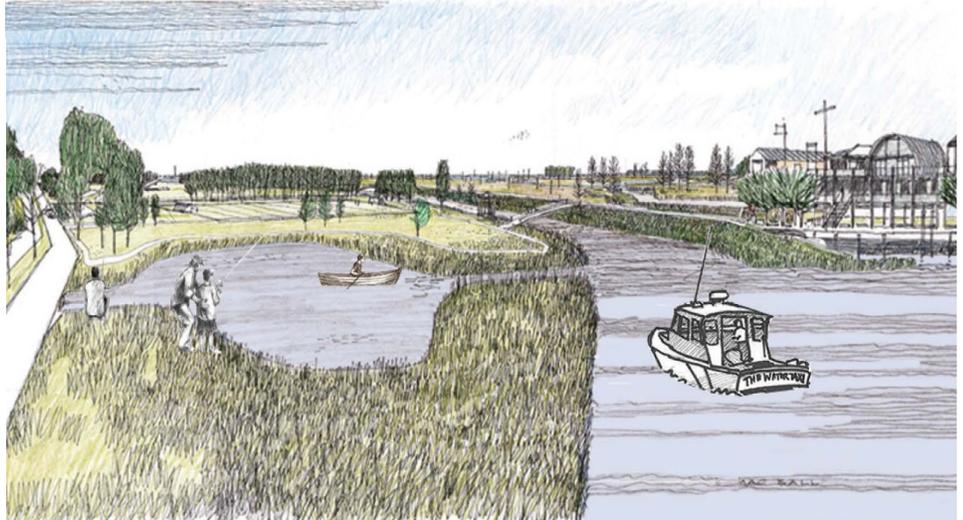


HIGH RISK AREAS



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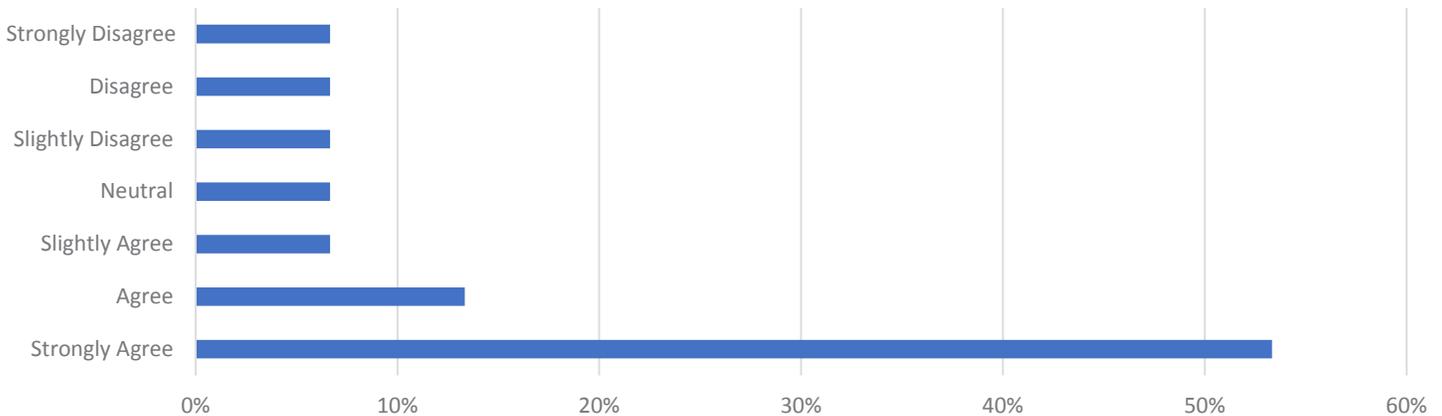
- Land loss
- High flood risk
- Decline in population



Do you agree with this vision for High Risk Areas?

You described a future with **elevated homes, safe evacuation routes, an expanded recreational and ecotourism industry, and infrastructure needed to support the seafood industry and coastal workers.**

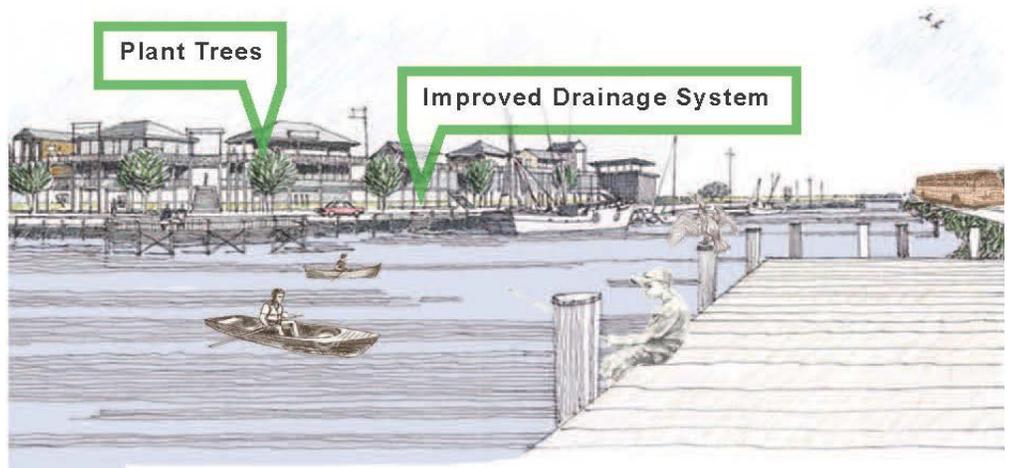
17. Do you agree with this vision for a High Risk Area?
(15 respondents)



This high risk vision presented a future with greater access to wetlands, ecotourism, elevated housing, improved lighting, and improved drainage. A total of 53% of residents strongly agreed with this vision, and the next 19% agreed or slightly agreed. 18% of residents disagreed, slightly, or strongly disagreed.

MODERATE RISK AREAS

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GREEN SPACE



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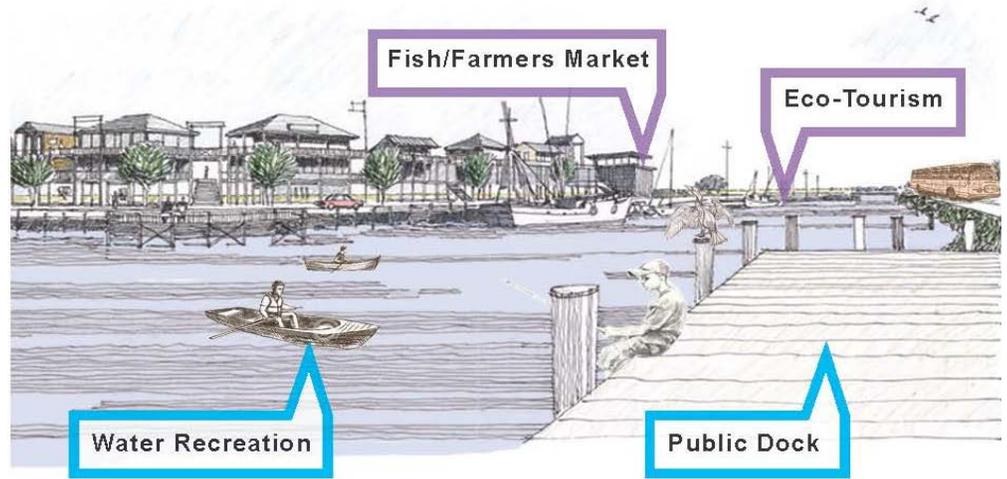


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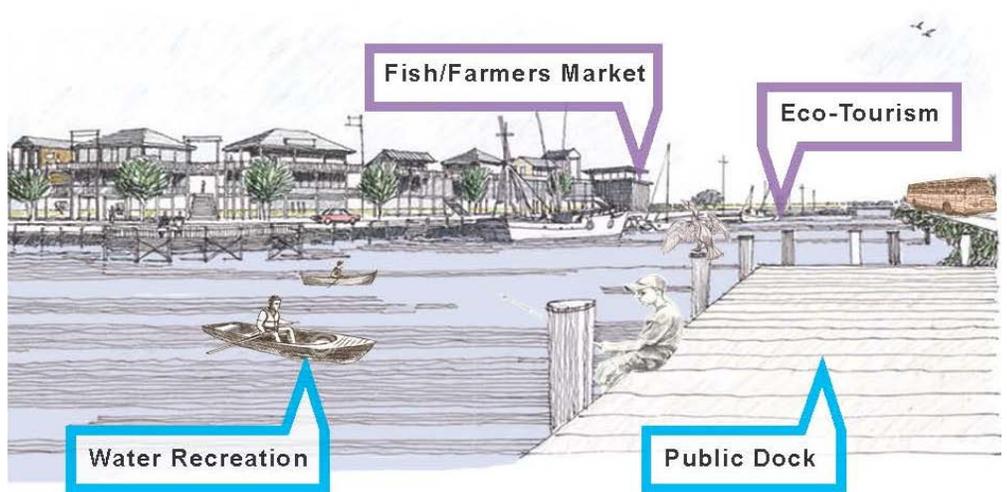


MODERATE RISK AREAS

**EDUCATION,
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**CULTURE &
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MODERATE RISK AREAS



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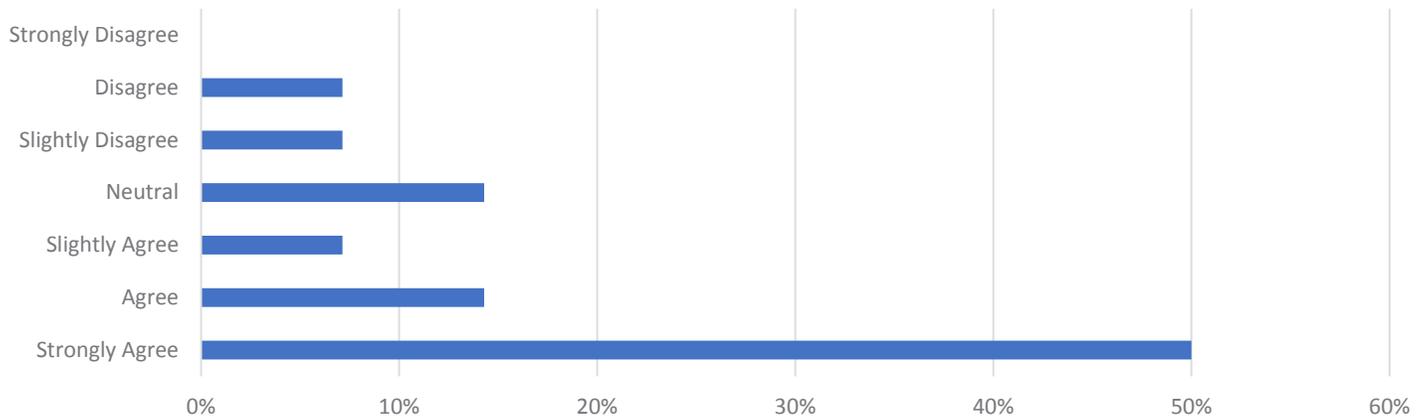
- Land loss in surrounding areas
- Moderate local flood risk
- Not much change in population



Do you agree with this vision for Moderate Risk Areas?

You described a future with more **residential and commercial development**, greater **transportation options**, better **stormwater management**, and more **green space**.

16. Do you agree with this vision for a Moderate Risk Area?
(14 respondents)



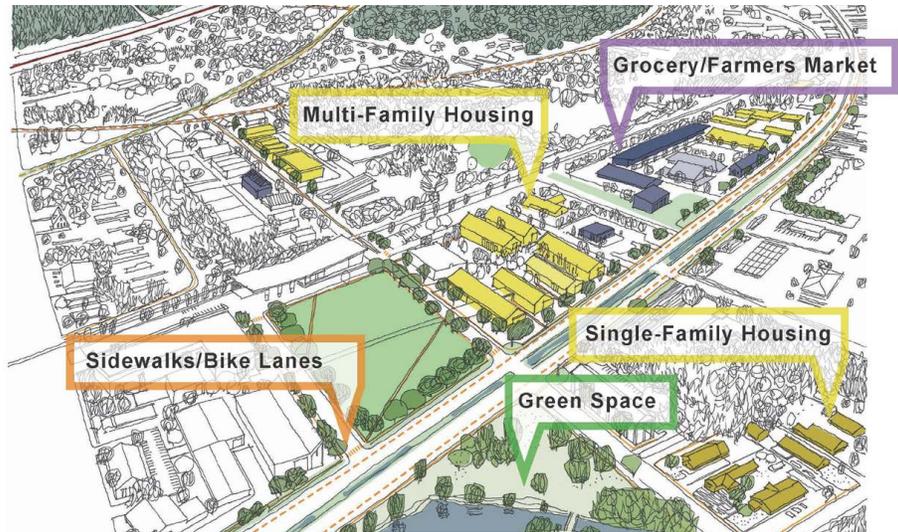
This moderate risk area presented a future with public docks, ecotourism, elevated housing, shuttle services, and an improved drainage system. A total of 50% of residents strongly agreed with this vision, and the next 20% agreed or slightly agreed. Less than 15% of residents disagreed or slightly disagreed.

LOW RISK AREAS

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GREEN SPACE



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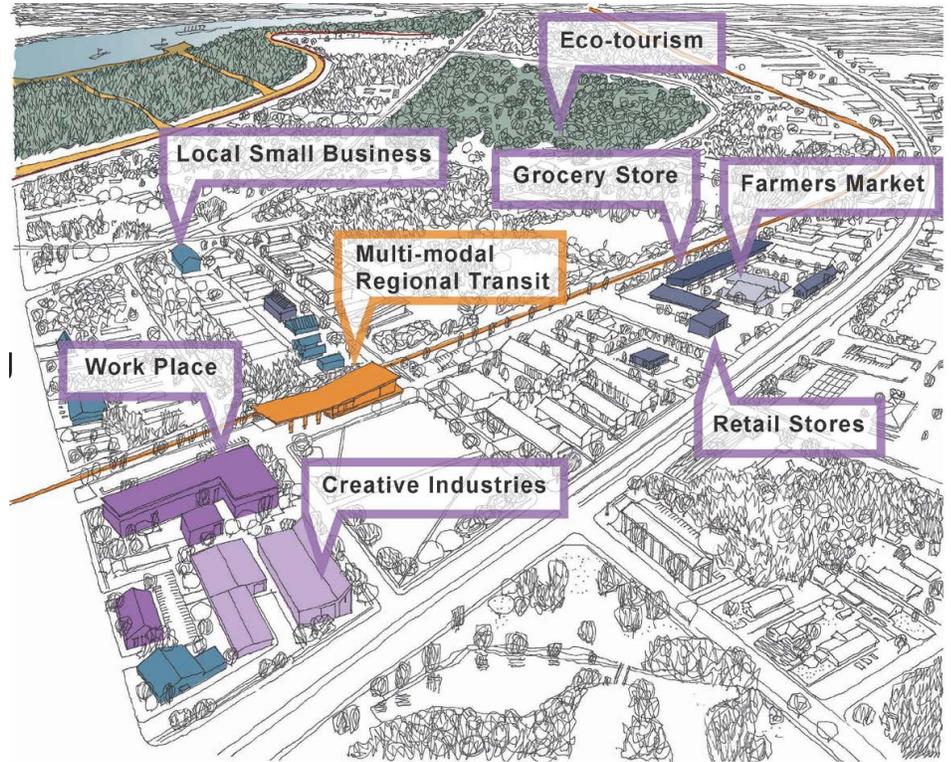


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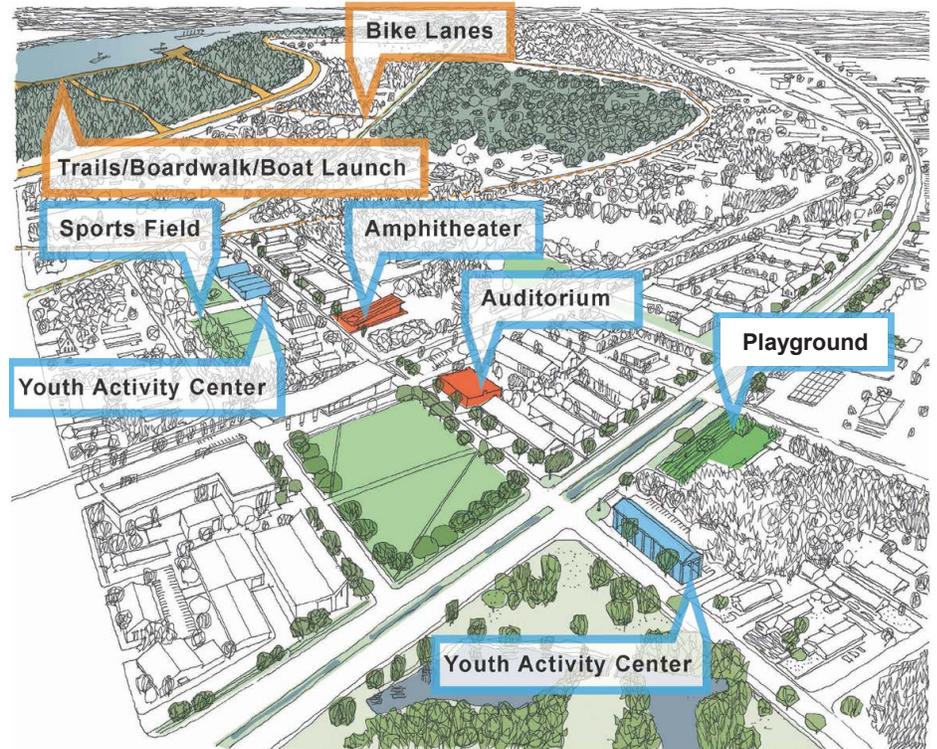


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EDUCATION, ECONOMY, & JOBS



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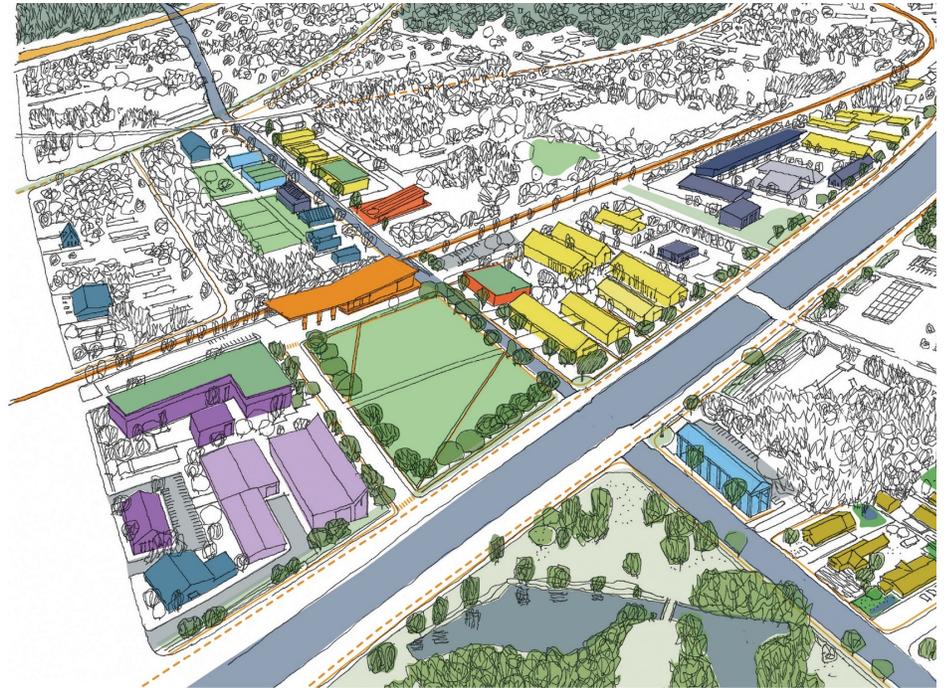


LOW RISK AREAS



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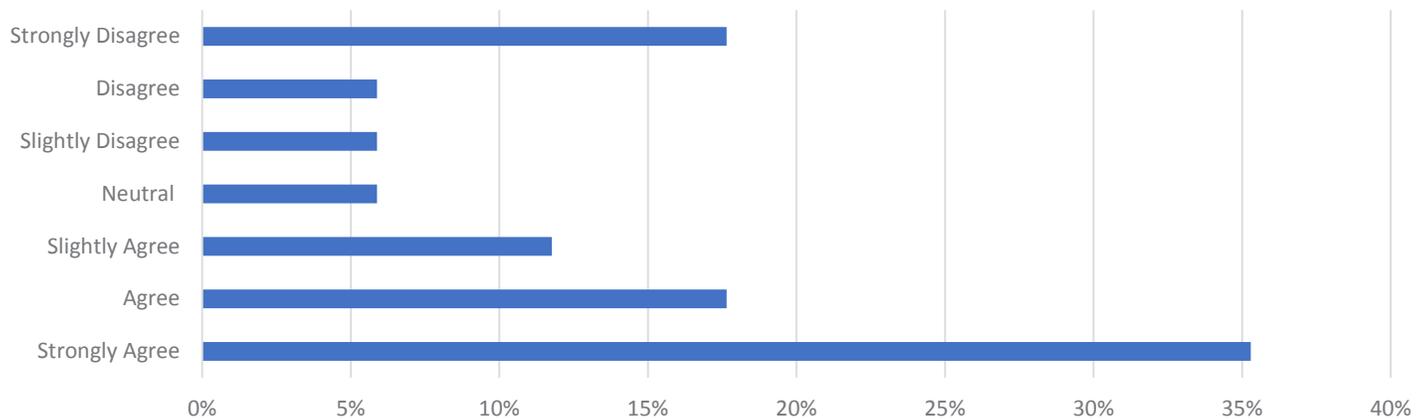
- Minimal flood risk
- Economic growth
- Population increase



Do you agree with this vision for Low Risk Areas?

You described a future with more **residential and commercial development**, greater **transportation options**, better **stormwater management**, and more **green space**.

15. Do you agree with this vision for a Low Risk Area?
(17 respondents)

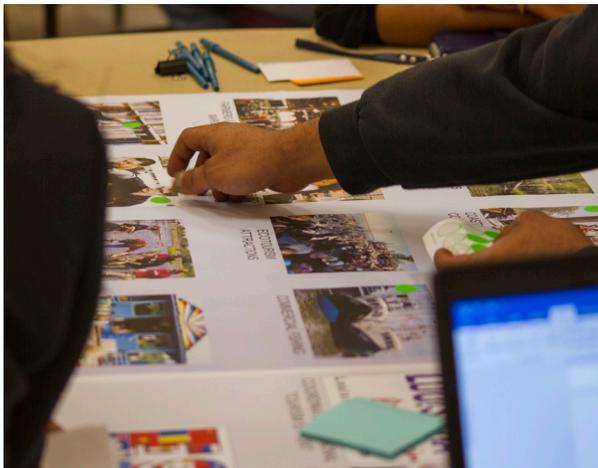


This low risk vision presented a future with bike lanes, ecotourism, multi-family housing, sidewalks, rain gardens, and retention ponds. A total of 36% of residents strongly agreed with this vision, and the next 29% agreed or slightly agreed. 29% of residents disagreed, slightly, or strongly disagreed.

ACTIVITY 2: STRATEGY PREFERENCES

Activity 2 focused on the range of projects, programs, and policies that LA SAFE could implement. Each table group evaluated 16-20 strategies within three out of the five planning categories. Residents discussed the strategies shown, and placed 8 green stickers on those that were best suited for their parish. They also had 3 optional red stickers to identify programs they thought were bad ideas. Residents added comments and notes to the strategies shown, and also suggested new strategies.

The following pages show the results of Activity 2.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GREEN SPACE				
These are some of the ideas that we heard at previous meetings. Which of these investments and strategies do you think will bring the greatest benefit to your Parish?				
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What other strategies would add to this vision for the parish?				



ACTIVITY 2 RESULTS OVERVIEW

The list on the right shows the highest ranked strategies from each category sheet at the meeting. Full results for each category are on the following pages.

At the Plaquemines Parish meeting, the most commonly selected strategies across all topics were “Expand Boat Harbors”, “Public Boat Launches”, “Local Financial Assistance & Loans for Fishermen”, and “Commercial Fishing”, all of which emphasize the high value placed on supporting the seafood industry. The community members also emphasized their desire to protect fishing, shrimping, and oyster farming jobs.

Residents then underscored their need to keep their community thriving outside of the seafood industry by focusing on the Housing & Development and Transportation categories. They wanted to see street lights installed on main corridors to allow safe travel at night. Residents also prioritized incentivizing essential service providers. Within the Culture & Recreation category, residents reiterated the importance of community by selecting “Community Gathering & Market Spaces” and “Community Gardens & Planting Program”.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GREENSPACE

- **Plant trees to Break Up Storm Surge**
- **Dredge Canals, Drains & Culverts**
- **Green Levees**
- **Improved Drainage System**
- **Culvert/ Ditch Maintenance**
- **Cross-Parish Stormwater Management Strategy**

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

- **Expand Boat Harbors**
- **Incentivize Essential Service Providers**
- **Raised & Protected Neighborhoods**
- **Drainage Requirements for New Developments**
- **Homeowner Tax Credit for Elevating Homes**

TRANSPORTATION

- **Public Boat Docks**
- **Improve Street Lights on Major Corridors**
- **Emergency Boats for Disasters**
- **Shuttle Service for Seniors and/or for Specific Programs**
- **Improved Evacuation Routes**

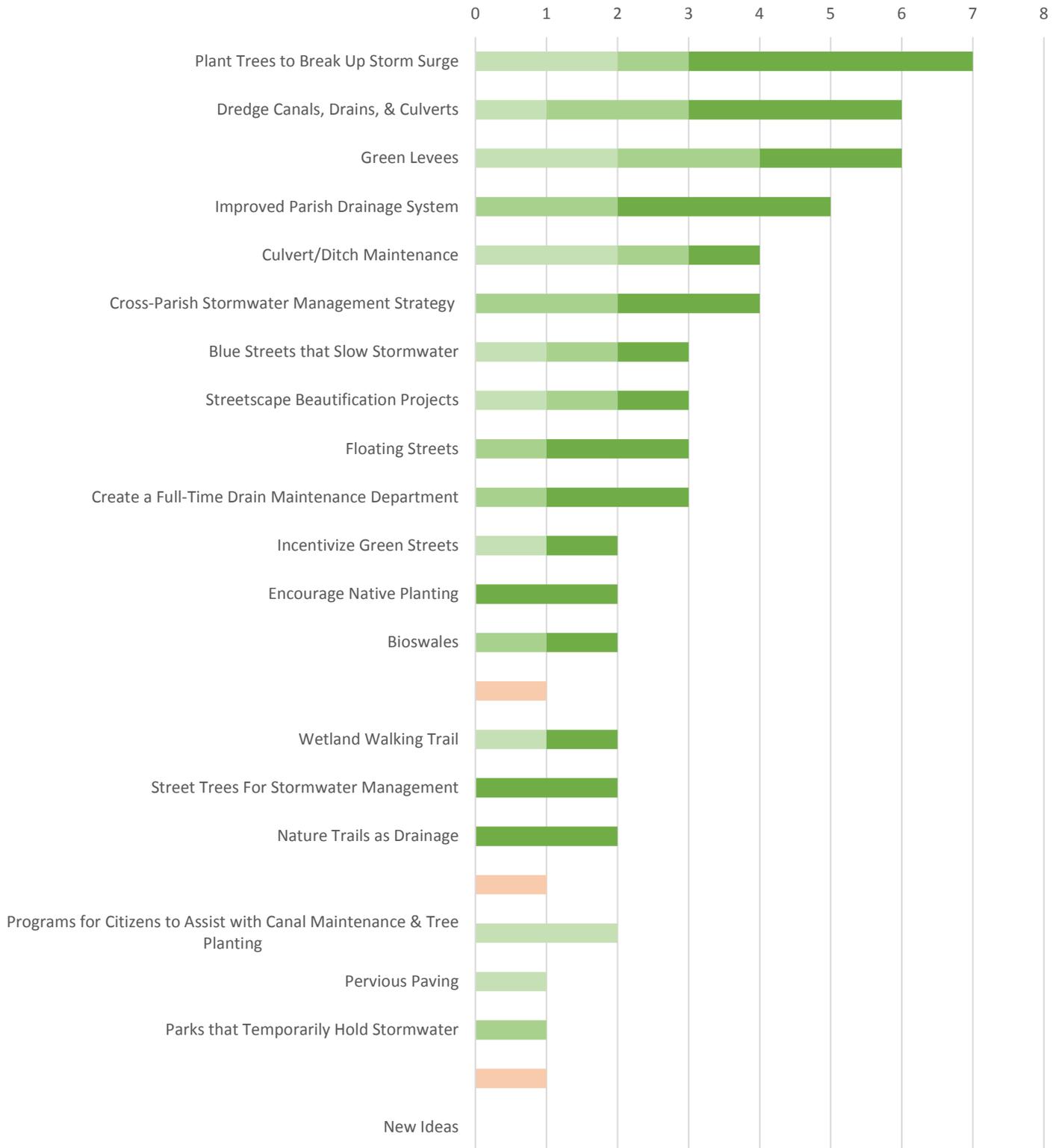
EDUCATION, ECONOMY, & JOBS

- **Local Financial Assistance & Loans for Fishermen**
- **Commercial Fishing**
- **Job Training Programs**
- **Support Aquaculture**
- **Provide Incentives to Retain & Attract Good Teachers**
- **Coastal Restoration Construction Jobs & Training**

CULTURE & RECREATION

- **Public Boat Launches**
- **Community Gathering & Market Spaces**
- **Community Gardens & Planting Programs**
- **Family Friendly Recreation in Town Centers**
- **Healthy-Living Programs & Activities**

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GREEN SPACE



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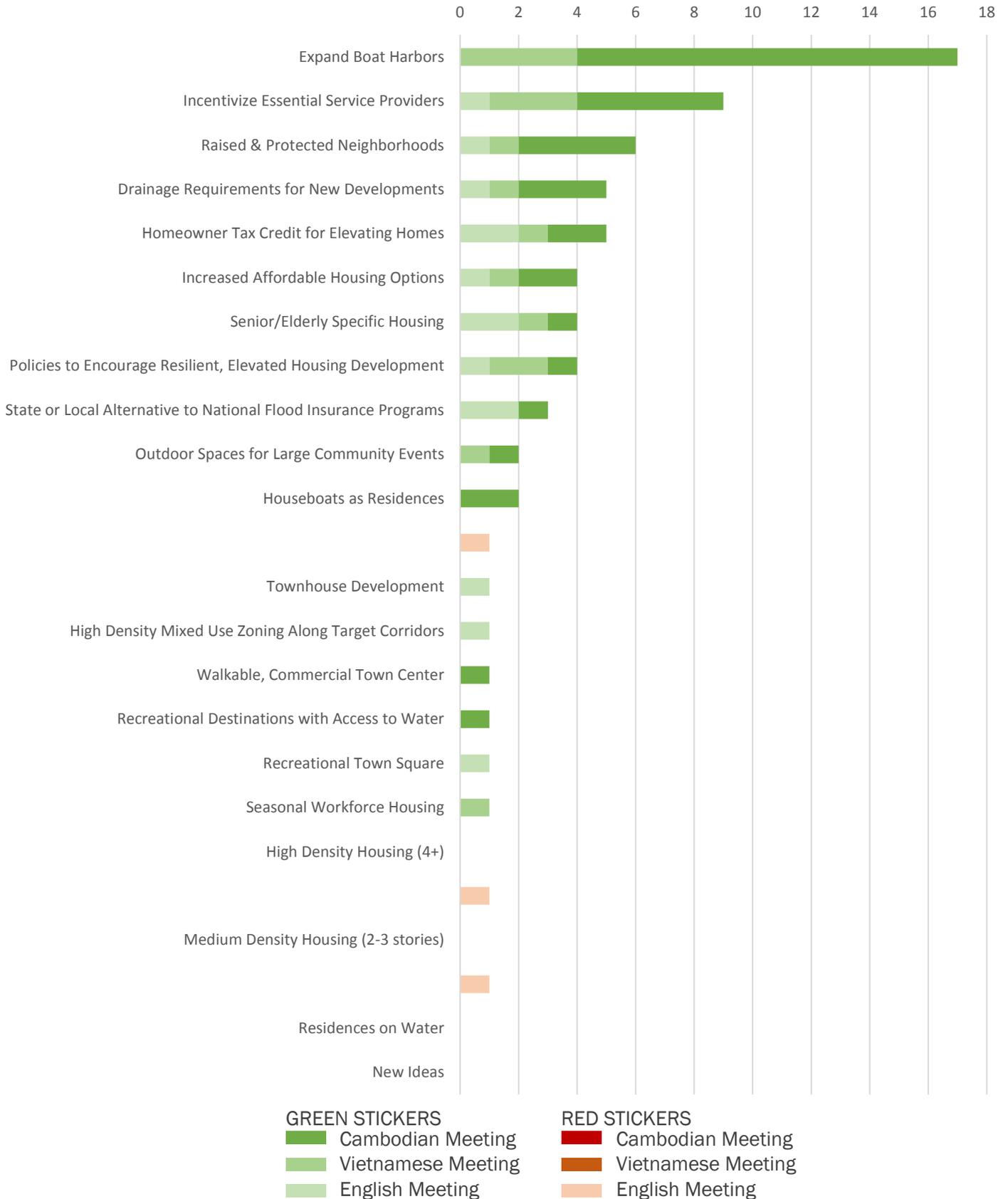
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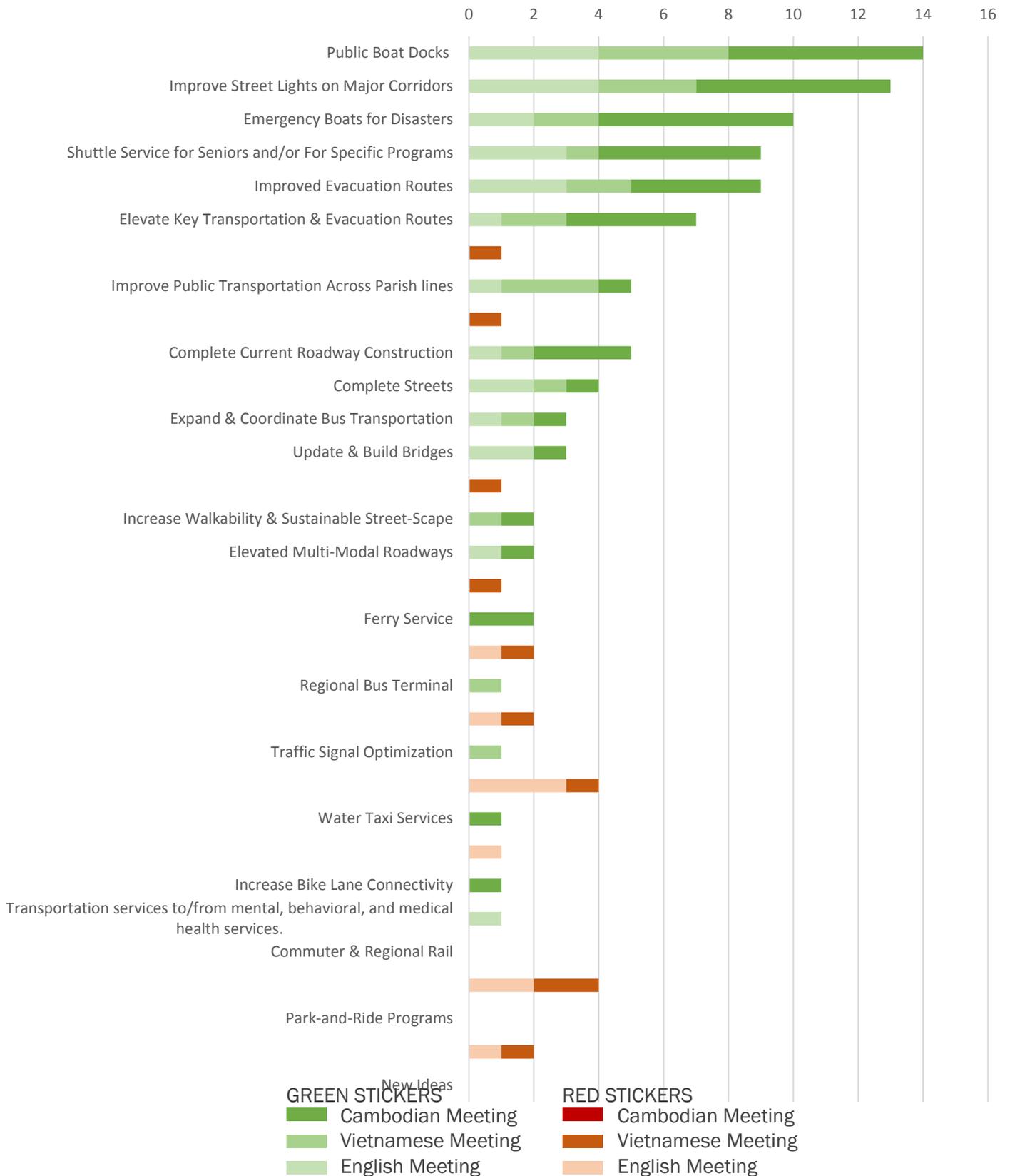
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HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT



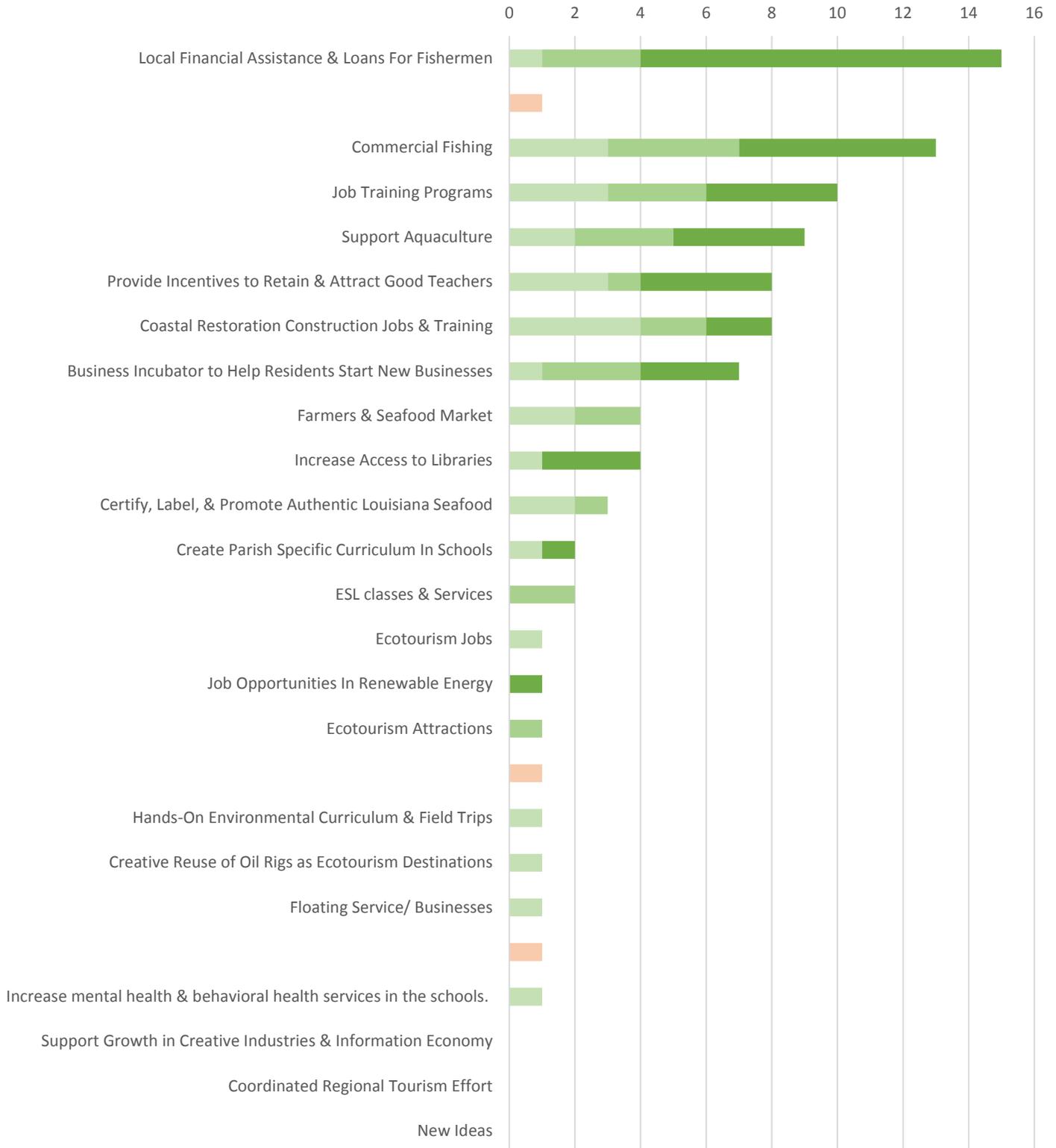
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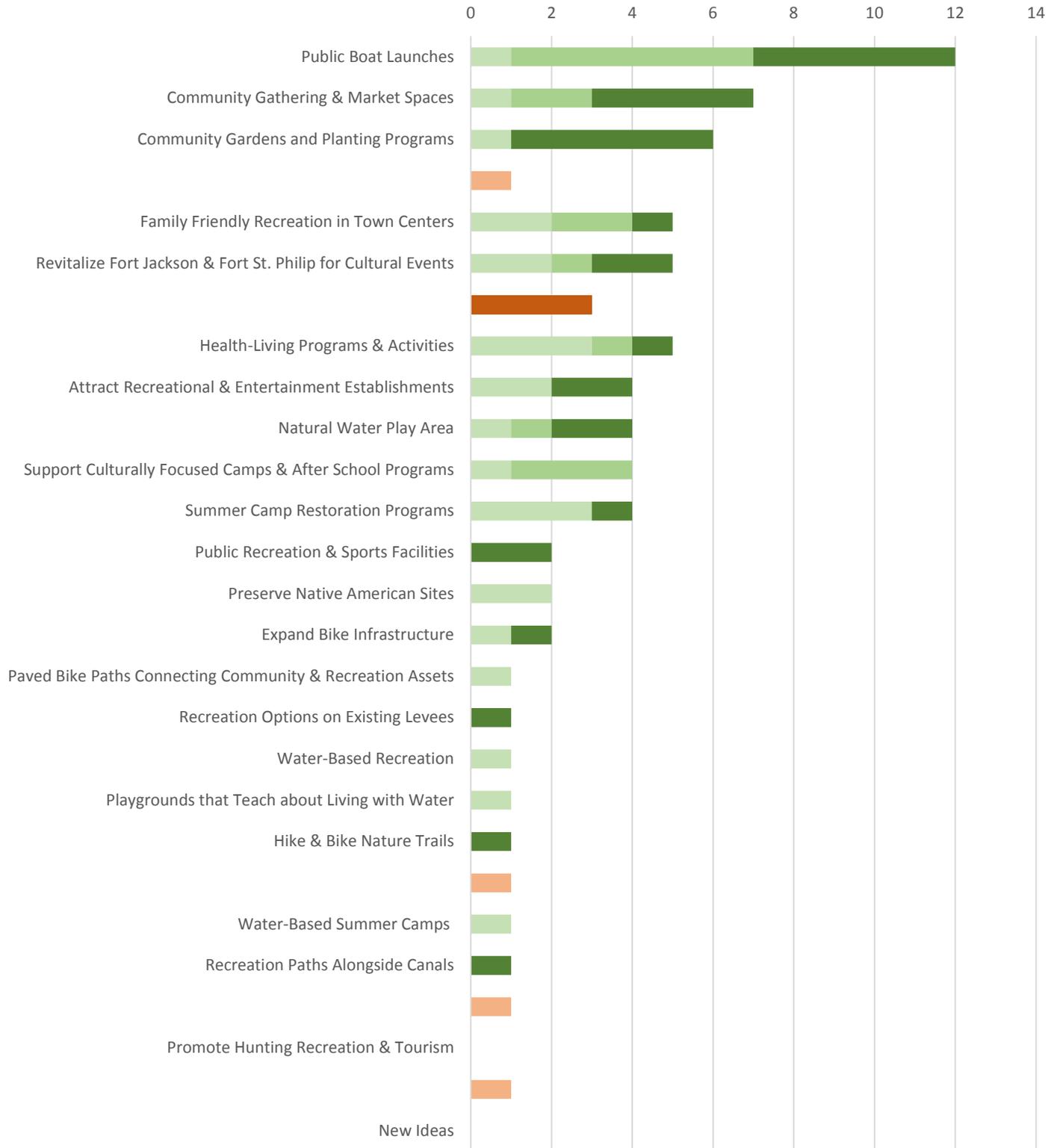


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CULTURE & RECREATION



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ENGLISH MEETING COMMENTS**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GREEN SPACE****New ideas**

- We have woodland conservancy but we need more assistance?
- Need people to move in the parish.
- Need more trees in wetlands where we cut them down to raise cattle.
- Priority order for green stickers: 1. Culvert/Ditch Maintenance, 2. Dredge canals, drains, and culverts, 3. Green levees

Culvert/ditch maintenance

- Need to cut plants – grass gets too high

Plant trees to break up storm surge

- Better than digging ponds.
- Instead of digging ponds we are going to plant trees.

Green levees**Programs for citizens to assist with canal maintenance & tree planting**

- Summer trips.
- Get your groups organized from here or other schools to come down and do this.
- Plant for peace. Prisoners. Youth – give them a project

Incentivize green streets**Blue streets that slow stormwater**

- Too many mosquitoes

Streetscape beautification projects

- Trees – yes. Lighting- yes. But not street car.

Pervious paving

- Other parishes need more than us.

Dredge canals, drains, & culverts**Wetland walking trail**

- Tie into ecotourism.
- Tie into nature trails as drainage.

Encourage native planting**Require rain gardens in commercial developments****Parks that temporarily hold stormwater**

- Safety concerns – animals eat kids and dogs.

Bioswales

- Does not apply. Not high enough.
- Water snakes, mosquitoes, alligators.

Street trees for stormwater management

- Need more trees in wetlands. We cut them down for cattle.
- Arrow connecting this with “Encourage Native Planting”

Nature trails as drainage**Floating streets**

- Wouldn't work here, everything is already floating.

Improved parish drainage system

- Culverting. Slope paving, increase pump capacity, finish levees (Magnolia levee).

Cross-parish stormwater management strategy

- Worried about pumping of water upstream into Mississippi River.
- All new constructions, residential and commercial should be required to have a capture, retain or slow release system.

ENGLISH MEETING COMMENTS

Create a full-time drainage maintenance department

- Need funding for this.
- Already have drainage Dept. but maybe not doing a good job.

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

New ideas

Senior/elderly specific housing

Homeowner tax credit for elevating homes

State or local alternative to National Flood Insurance Programs

Townhouse development

- Make affordable.

High density mixed use zoning along target corridors

Raised & protected neighborhoods

Increased affordable housing options

- Unsteady wages with seasonal work housing should reflect these issues.

Recreational town square

Incentivize essential service providers

- Fermin's only food store.

Drainage requirements for new developments

Policies to encourage resilient, elevated housing development

High density housing (4+ stories)

- Elderly people can't climb stairs.

Medium density housing (2-3 stories)

Walkable, commercial town center

Outdoor spaces for large community events.

Recreational destinations with access to water

Residences on water

- Improve residents on water. Conditions. Infrastructure.
- Improve existing homes on water.

ENGLISH MEETING COMMENTS**Seasonal workforce housing**

- Price of shrimp determines ability to pay rent.

Houseboats as residences**Expand boat harbors**

- Commercial boats don't have places to park – outsiders take up space, abandon boats.
- Discounts for residents.
- Higher for outsiders.
- Need to repair boat slips.
- Outsiders don't pay and take up space – need policies.
- Out of towners should pay more – cheap or free for residents.

TRANSPORTATION**New ideas**

- Transportation services to/from mental, behavioral, and medical health services
- If you need to evacuate get out early. It becomes a total nightmare for hours upon hours.
- Food services for home deliveries. Shut ins. No transportation available to travel.
- Better communication on evacuation.
- All types of transportation need to be better connected. Stand alone options don't work. Ex. Ferry needs to connect to bus or rail.
- Someone asked about tunnels – bridges easier to build? Desire for good tunnels.
- Want street lights on Highway 23.
- Create water taxi.
- Water taxi.

Improve street lights on major corridors

- Can't drive at night.

Public boat docks

- Public launches.
- Worried that public boat docks will not work because in the past, barriers were put up (things are fenced off).
- For fishing.

Shuttle service for seniors and/or for specific programs

- Have already but needs improvement because it takes all day.
- Shuttle service covers expand and coordinate bus transportation and commuter & regional rail (drew arrows to it).

Improved evacuation routes

- Get stuck / last ones out.

ENGLISH MEETING COMMENTS

- Belle Chasse is evacuated first – people south get stuck behind.

Complete streets

- People biking in roadway

Update & build bridges**Emergency boats for disasters**

- Shallow water / ridge inflatable (ribs) boats.
- But boats can't always get to people / everyone. Need a boat in every firehouse.
- We have a lot of these already b/w Coast Guard.

Expand & coordinate bus transportation

- All bus transport on natural gas.
- Government tax credits or green bonds.

Elevated multi-modal roadways**Elevate key transportation & evacuation routes**

- What about a tunnel instead of a bridge?

Improve public transportation across parish lines

- Throughout Parish and across Parish lines.

Complete current roadway construction

- Another way to evacuate parish.

New idea: Transportation services to/from mental, behavioral & medical health services**Regional bus terminal**

- Can't stand alone – has to be interconnected for far sides of Parish

- Before the population decrease we had a parish bus system and it went bankrupt.

Commuter & regional rail

- Seems unlikely / like it won't work
- Same idea as above (to left) – people need to get from south end to north end quicker

Increase walkability & sustainable street-scape**Traffic signal optimization**

- We have too many stoplights already. Don't like the stoplight camera.
- No traffic lights.

Park-and-Ride programs**Ferry service**

- Natural gas operation.
- Very important.
- No real need.
- Everyday commuters need it but shouldn't have to pay.
- Too expensive

Water taxi services

- Water taxi service would bring in too many people, possibly overtaxing limited services, etc. in community
- Not applicable anywhere but Grand Bayou.
- Eco-tourism from New Orleans.
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Increase bike lane connectivity

ENGLISH MEETING COMMENTS**EDUCATION, ECONOMY, & JOBS****New ideas**

- Education and job training. Training for senior residents.
- Combine aquaculture eco-tourism.
- Increase mental health & behavioral health services in the schools.
- Invest in jobs for youth. Invest in transitional training.
- Business insurance, home insurance, interest rates too high.
- Invest in local people (using knowledge) to run ecotourism.
- Connect new generation with older generation. Transition into other resources here for new jobs.
- Commercial fishing and creative reuse of oil rigs together
- Interest in stabilizing islands.

Coastal restorations construction jobs & training

- Connected to ecotourism attractions.

Provide incentives to retain & attract good teachers

- Already do this - \$200 for a 2 bedroom.
- Housing, shuttle buses for teachers, on-site daycare, incentive stipends.
- There are teachers working at the dollar store in Plaquemines parish. It's been going on for months.
- Teachers and schools are great in Plaquemines parish.

Job training programs

- Already do – 4. 1. Nursing assistant. 2. Culinary 3. Petroleum technician.
- What jobs are we going to train for? We don't have jobs now.

Commercial fishing

- (arrow to Coastal Restoration Jobs) This goes hand in hand. Keep jobs in house.

Farmers & seafood market

- Put seafood market in parish at gov. complex.
- Similar to the one in Bayou Segnette
- Pavilion in Belle Chasse

Support aquaculture

- Oyster farming but open to other ideas
- All natural fish farms instead of fish farming that is fed to reduce pollution
- Fish farming has been a disaster.
- When done correctly, interested.

Certify, label, & promote authentic Louisiana seafood

- Local processing plants.
- Fishers / Farmers market

Business incubator to help residents start new businesses

- Alternative energy.
- Brick and mortar.

Increase access to libraries

- Uniformity with libraries parish-wide
- Locating building one in Port Sulphur / Eastbank

Ecotourism jobs**Hands-on environmental curriculum & field trips****Creative reuse of oil rigs as ecotourism destinations**

- Only if for public use and a monetary benefit return to parish
- Connected to commercial fishing

ENGLISH MEETING COMMENTS**Floating service/businesses**

- Need enough people coming to keep open.

Local financial assistance & loans for fishermen

- Fishermen cannot afford loans.
- **Create parish specific curriculums in schools**

Support growth in creative industries & information economy

- Increase movie production in Parish.

Job opportunities in renewable energy**Ecotourism attractions**

- Might not be worth the investment. Not right now – at a later time.
- There's business in wetland recreation.

Coordinated regional tourism effort**ESL classes & services****CULTURE & RECREATION****New ideas**

- Need a pocket park for picnics and recreations.
- Wildlife natural areas for learning institutes
- Cemetery and church preservation
- Recreations for elders. Dances, etc.
- No entertainment for elders.
- Old building can be utilized for recreation
- No "nice" restaurants in town. Everything is fast food or mom and pop
- New golf course. Bike trail on old Freeport property
- Utilize buildings that are closed

Healthy-living programs & activities**Summer camp restoration programs**

- Increased mental & behavior health services – includes substance abuse services too.

Family friendly recreation in town centers**Attract recreational & entertainment establishments**

- My children would visit more

Revitalize Fort Jackson & Fort St. Philip for cultural events

- And tourism, capitalize on history

Preserve Native American sites**Community gathering & market spaces**

- We have one at Gov. Complex. Use it and improve it like the one in Gretna.

ENGLISH MEETING COMMENTS

Paved bike paths connecting community & recreation assets

- Could increase participation in social bike rides
- Put bike paths on levee. (drew arrow to recreation options on existing levees)

Water-based recreation

- Arrows connecting this with Water based summer camps

Playgrounds that teach about living with water

- Connect with Natural water play
- Water safety and swimming lessons.

Natural water play area

- See Playgrounds that teach about living with water

Community gardens and planting programs

- Currently community gardens under-utilized in rural areas.

Water-based summer camps

Public boat launches

- Fishing piers for residents

Support culturally focused camps & after school programs

- Combine indoor/outdoor activities. Drama & arts.

Expand bike infrastructure

Public recreation & sports facilities

- Existing facilities should be dev. – will need transportation for this, connected with bike paths.

Recreation options on existing levees

Hike & bike nature trails

Promote hunting recreation & tourism

- With loss of habitat promoting hunting is counter-productive to preserving the limited wildlife that has managed to survive

Recreation paths alongside canals

VIETNAMESE MEETING COMMENTS**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GREEN SPACE****New ideas****Dredge canals, drains, & culverts****Improved parish drainage system****Cross-parish stormwater management strategy****Blue streets that slow stormwater****Culvert/ditch maintenance****Streetscape beautification projects****Parks that temporarily hold stormwater****Plant trees to break up storm surge****Bioswales****Floating streets****Create a full-time drain maintenance department****Incentivize green streets****Encourage native planting****Pervious paving****Wetland walking trail****Street trees for stormwater management****Nature trails as drainage****Programs for citizens to assist w/ canal maintenance & tree planting****HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT****New ideas**

- Lower insurance prices (house)

Expand boat harbors**Incentivize essential service providers****Policies to encourage resilient, elevated housing development****Raised & protected neighborhoods****Increased affordable housing options****Outdoor spaces for large community events****Seasonal workforce housing****Drainage requirements for new developments****Senior/elderly specific housing****Homeowner tax credit for elevating homes****High density housing (4+ stories)****Medium density housing (2-3 stories)****Townhouse development****High density mixed use zoning along target corridors****Walkable, commercial town center****Recreational destinations with access to water****Residences on water****Recreational town square****Houseboats as residences****State or local alternative to National Flood Insurance Programs**

VIETNAMESE MEETING COMMENTS**TRANSPORTATION****New ideas**

- Lighting on HWY 23 to Venice
- Cameras and security at docks and harbors

Public boat docks**Improve street lights on major corridors****Improve public transportation across parish lines****Improved evacuation routes****Elevate key transportation & evacuation routes****Emergency boats for disasters****Complete streets****Expand & coordinate bus transportation****Regional bus terminal****Increase walkability & sustainable streetscape****Traffic signal optimization****Shuttle service for seniors and/or for specific programs****Complete current roadway construction****Commuter & regional rail****Park-and-Ride programs****Update & build bridges****Elevated multi-modal roadways****Ferry service****Water taxi services****Increase bike lane connectivity****EDUCATION, ECONOMY, & JOBS****New ideas**

- Public transportation, city shuttle

Commercial fishing**Business incubator to help residents start new businesses****Job training programs****Support aquaculture****Local financial assistance & loans for fishermen****Farmers & seafood market****Coastal restorations construction jobs & training****ESL classes & services****Provide incentives to retain & attract good teachers****Ecotourism attractions****Certify, label, & promote authentic Louisiana seafood**

- Tourism from boat, selling from boat instead of store

Increase access to libraries**Support growth in creative industries & information economy****Ecotourism jobs****Job opportunities in renewable energy****Hands-on environmental curriculum & field trips****Creative reuse of oil rigs as ecotourism destinations****Floating service/businesses****Coordinated regional tourism effort****Create parish specific curriculums in schools**

VIETNAMESE MEETING COMMENTS

CULTURE & RECREATION

New ideas

- ESL class
- Immigration
- citizenship

Public boat launches

Support culturally focused camps & after school programs

Community gathering & market spaces

Family friendly recreation in town centers

Natural water play area

Revitalize Fort Jackson & Fort St. Philip for cultural events

Healthy-living programs & activities

Paved bike paths connecting community & recreation assets

Attract recreational & entertainment establishments

Public recreation & sports facilities

Recreation options on existing levees

Water-based recreation

Playgrounds that teach about living with water

Community gardens and planting programs

Hike & bike nature trails

Water-based summer camps

Promote hunting recreation & tourism

Recreation paths alongside canals

Preserve Native American sites

Expand bike infrastructure

Summer camp restoration programs

CAMBODIAN MEETING COMMENTS

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GREEN SPACE

New ideas

- Need more docking space at empire
- If we have coastal flooding from strong winds the water floods walkways
- Need more pumping stations
- Pile-ons are knocked down on docks, need it to be improved
- Fix levee and canal where water needs to go – we have water from every direction
- These are all society issues
- Docking area needs lights, running water
- Have issues with 55+ mph winds that pushes in the water, pile ons are not tall enough
- More vehicles for parish to help control mosquitos

Plant trees to break up storm surge

- Soft defense.
- Strongest trees should be planted for this (cypress).

Dredge canals, drains, & culverts

- It floods hwy 23 near bridges need a place for water to go
- All canals around Buras

Improved parish drainage system

Encourage native planting

Street trees for stormwater management

Nature trails as drainage

Green levees

Floating streets

- Everywhere

Cross-parish stormwater management strategy

Create a full-time drain maintenance department

- Pile-ons are too weak to hold boats
- Hire these people locally

Incentivize green streets

Blue streets that slow stormwater

Culvert/ditch maintenance

Streetscape beautification projects

Bioswales

- Bioswales with wetlands on both sides

Wetland walking trail

- Already have wetlands lets use them

Pervious paving

Parks that temporarily hold stormwater

Programs for citizens to assist with canal maintenance & tree planting

CAMBODIAN MEETING COMMENTS**HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT****New ideas****Expand boat harbors**

- Most important for all of us
- Expand boat harbor that is livelihood
- Boat harbor has no electricity, no security sometimes water runs sometimes it doesn't
- We currently don't have [sic]
- For emergency to park and protect our boats in case of emergency like hurricanes

Incentivize essential service providers

- Shop. 1 shopping center. 30 mins away. More than one gas station.

Raised & protected neighborhoods

- Protection from flood
- Staying a community

Drainage requirements for new developments

- Improve drainage. Driving north to get to services it floods a lot.

Increased affordable housing options**Houseboats as residences****Homeowner tax credit for elevating homes****Walkable, commercial town center****Outdoor spaces for large community events**

- No dedicated space for religious spaces. Usually use private property. Would like outdoor spaces for large community events.

Recreational destinations with access to water

- For children and grandchildren, recreational town square

Senior/elderly specific housing**Policies to encourage resilient, elevated housing development****State or local alternative to National Flood Insurance Programs****High density housing (4+ stories)****Medium density housing (2-3 stories)****Townhouse development****High density mixed use zoning along target corridors****Residences on water****Recreational town square****Seasonal workforce housing**

CAMBODIAN MEETING COMMENTS**TRANSPORTATION****New ideas****Improve street lights on major corridors**

- Need its very dark and unsafe

Public boat docks

- Public do not need to pay to use docks
- Most importantly a public boat dock to park vessels in case of hurricanes / emergencies

Emergency boats for disasters

- Economic development program – pay fisherman to do this

Shuttle service for seniors and/or for specific programs

- Very important
- Help seniors get to medical centers

Improved evacuation routes

- Bigger, wider, don't want a traffic jam when trying to leave

Elevate key transportation & evacuation routes

- LA-23

Complete current roadway construction

- Complete construction on LA-23

Ferry service

- Improve these! We need more than one ferry.

Complete streets**Expand & coordinate bus transportation****Increase walkability & sustainable street-scape****Update & build bridges****Elevated multi-modal roadways****Water taxi services****Increase bike lane connectivity****Improve public transportation across parish lines****Regional bus terminal****Commuter & regional rail****Traffic signal optimization****Park-and-Ride programs**

CAMBODIAN MEETING COMMENTS**EDUCATION, ECONOMY, & JOBS****New ideas**

- Jobs, businesses and commercial fishing are what we need
- Dredge out waterways for easy access to and from home base for fishing industries.

Local financial assistance & loans for fishermen

- They own boats would like access to loans for maintenance and repair – boats are their livelihood!
- To repair boats and get supplies

Commercial fishing

- Support local prices on seafood
- Have this already
- Want parish to pressure these private businesses to provide docks for us instead of only letting us rent

Provide incentives to retain & attract good teachers

- Teachers do not stay due to travel. Housing is available for teachers. Do not know the reason for lack of teacher retention. Children need more challenging curriculum and activities
- As is we already have so little teachers. We don't want to lose anymore

Job training programs

- Future of kids

Support aquaculture

- Need to support, without aquaculture they will not have commercial fishing jobs at all
- So that we are able to live off land by protecting agriculture

Business incubator to help residents start new businesses**Increase access to libraries**

- One library in library Boothville does not have libraries. Children need access to books and wi-fi. Wi-fi not regularly available in parish. Need branch libraries
- Have this already

Coastal restorations construction jobs & training

- Help provide jobs. Good to help protect.

Job opportunities in renewable energy**Create parish specific curriculums in schools****Farmers & seafood market**

- Have this already

Support growth in creative industries & information economy**Ecotourism jobs****Ecotourism attractions****Hands-on environmental curriculum & field trips****Creative reuse of oil rigs as ecotourism destinations****Floating service/businesses**

- No other business on boats right now

Certify, label, & promote authentic Louisiana seafood**Coordinated regional tourism effort****ESL classes & services**

CAMBODIAN MEETING COMMENTS**CULTURE & RECREATION****New ideas**

- Place for storing wildlife, chickens, livestock for community

Community gardens and planting programs

- Shared community space for gardening. Community only buys meat and protein. They love to garden.
- Teaching the kids our cultural food and vegetables

Public boat launches**Community gathering & market spaces**

- Market spaces so that they do not have to drive far
- When family and friends visit we would like to take them to local establishments
- So we can keep cultural tradition of spending family time together

Attract recreational & entertainment establishments

- More activities for kids, bowling, arcade
- Keeping kids especially teenagers busy having a place for them to be a teen

Public recreation & sports facilities

- Children stay inside and do not get adequate exercise. Need public recreation and sports facilities. Community is spread out need more than 1 public rec and sports facility

Natural water play area**Revitalize Fort Jackson & Fort St. Philip for cultural events**

- Already established so it won't cost much to plan other activities

Family friendly recreation in town centers**Recreation options on existing levees****Hike & bike nature trails**

- Dedicated space for exercising, walking and biking

Recreation paths alongside canals**Healthy-living programs & activities****Expand bike infrastructure****Summer camp restoration programs****Paved bike paths connecting community & recreation assets****Water-based recreation****Playgrounds that teach about living with water****Promote hunting recreation & tourism****Support culturally focused camps & after school programs****Preserve Native American sites**