

# **WELCOME**

## **North Downtown Athens Planning**

### **Athens, Georgia**

# **Workshop #1**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

## **“Knowing The Neighborhood”**

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- Very **Excited** to have everyone here
- **Everyone's** Ideas & Opinions are Important
- **We/You** are Shaping the Vision for **YOUR** Neighborhood's Future
- Food and Refreshments
- We are Here to **Listen** and **Learn**  
Our process is (Listen-Learn-Design)

# NEIGHBORHOOD VISION

## *Transformation*

# Listen – Learn – Design

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# NORTH DOWNTOWN ATHENS PLANNING STUDY

( INCLUDING BETHEL VILLAGE )

## WORKSHOP # 1

"KNOWING THE NEIGHBORHOOD"

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
First United Methodist Church, 327 N Lumpkin St, Athens  
( Resident Focused - General Public Welcome )

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
Lyndon House Arts Center, 211 Hoyt St, Athens  
( General Public - Residents Welcome )

NOTE: Food / Pizza and Child Care Provided



### Schedule:

- Sign-In / Image Survey / Dots
- Refreshments / Foods & Drinks
- Presentation on the Neighborhood Planning Process
- Overview of Table Map Exercise
- Table / Group Neighborhood Exercise
- Summarize Your Table's Ideas
- Presentation of Each Table's Thoughts / Maps
- Workshop Summary
- Questions and Answers / Closing Survey

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# Table #1

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## WORKSHOP # 1

"KNOWING THE NEIGHBORHOOD"

- Group / Table Discussion (5 minutes)
- Table Decision on Opportunities / Needs
- Locate...Locate...Locate,  
(Need to Place Sticky Notes in Particular Location)
- Review Map as a Group, Adjust as Necessary
- Select Table Presenter
- Presenter Shares Your Map and Goals



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• Have Fun • Be Respectful  
• Remember, Together We Can Create A Great Community

# Neighborhood Planning Workshop/Tonight

- Sign-In + Handout + Red/Green Dots
- Blue Index Card – YOUR Neighborhood
- Neighborhood Analysis Boards
- Small Group/Table Map Exercises
- Visual Map + Goals/Needs of Neighborhood
- Needs/Opportunities/Potential – Future Vision
- Summary and Discussion
- Question and Answer



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**CONTEXT MAP**

- STUDY AREA (65 ACRES)
- DOWNTOWN CORE (88 ACRES)
- RIVER DISTRICT (170 ACRES)
- UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA (267 ACRES)
- WEST END (65 ACRES)

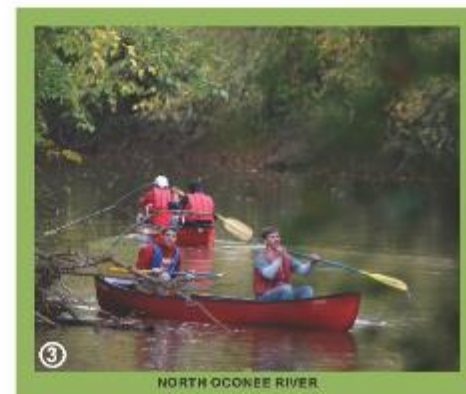
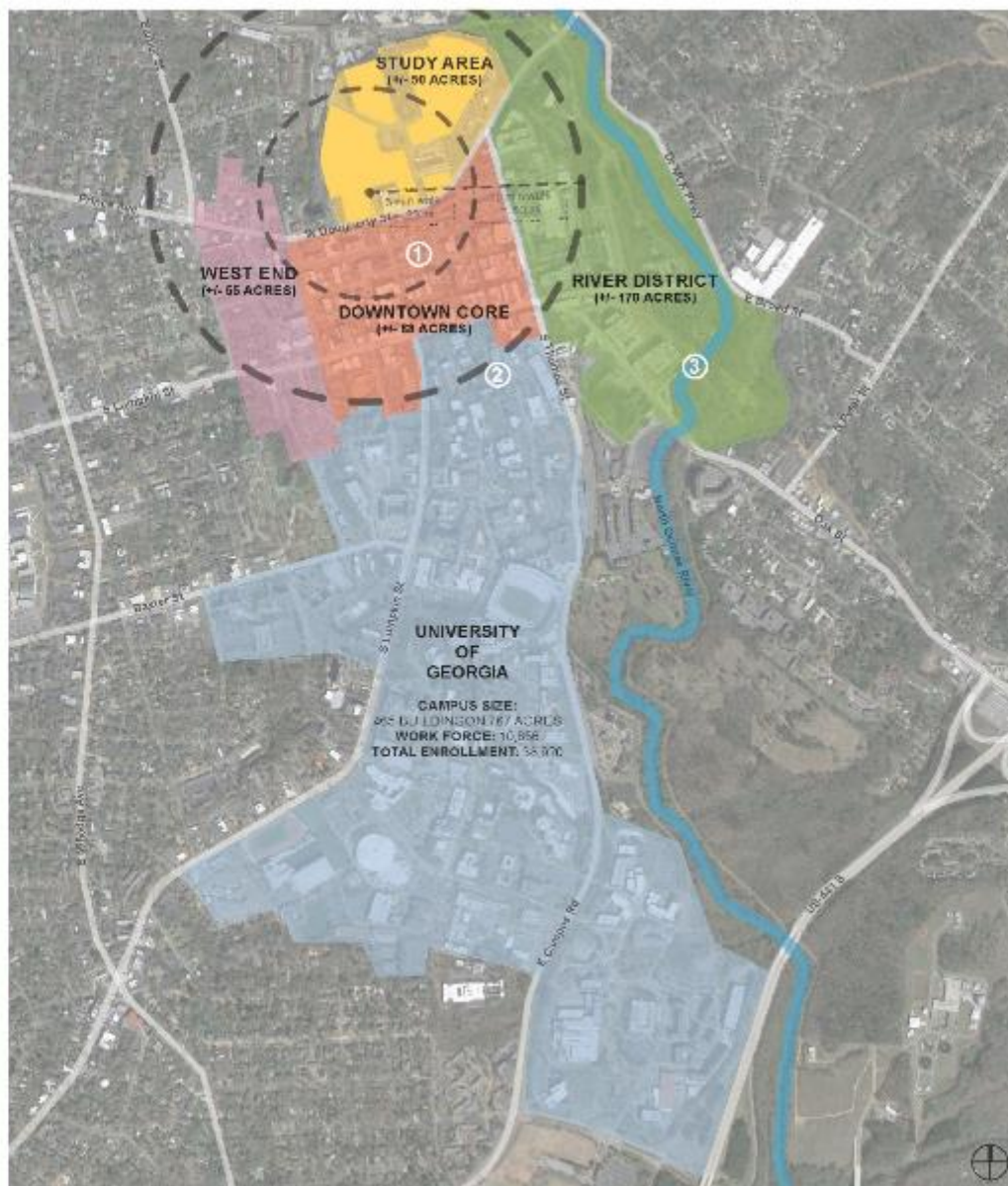
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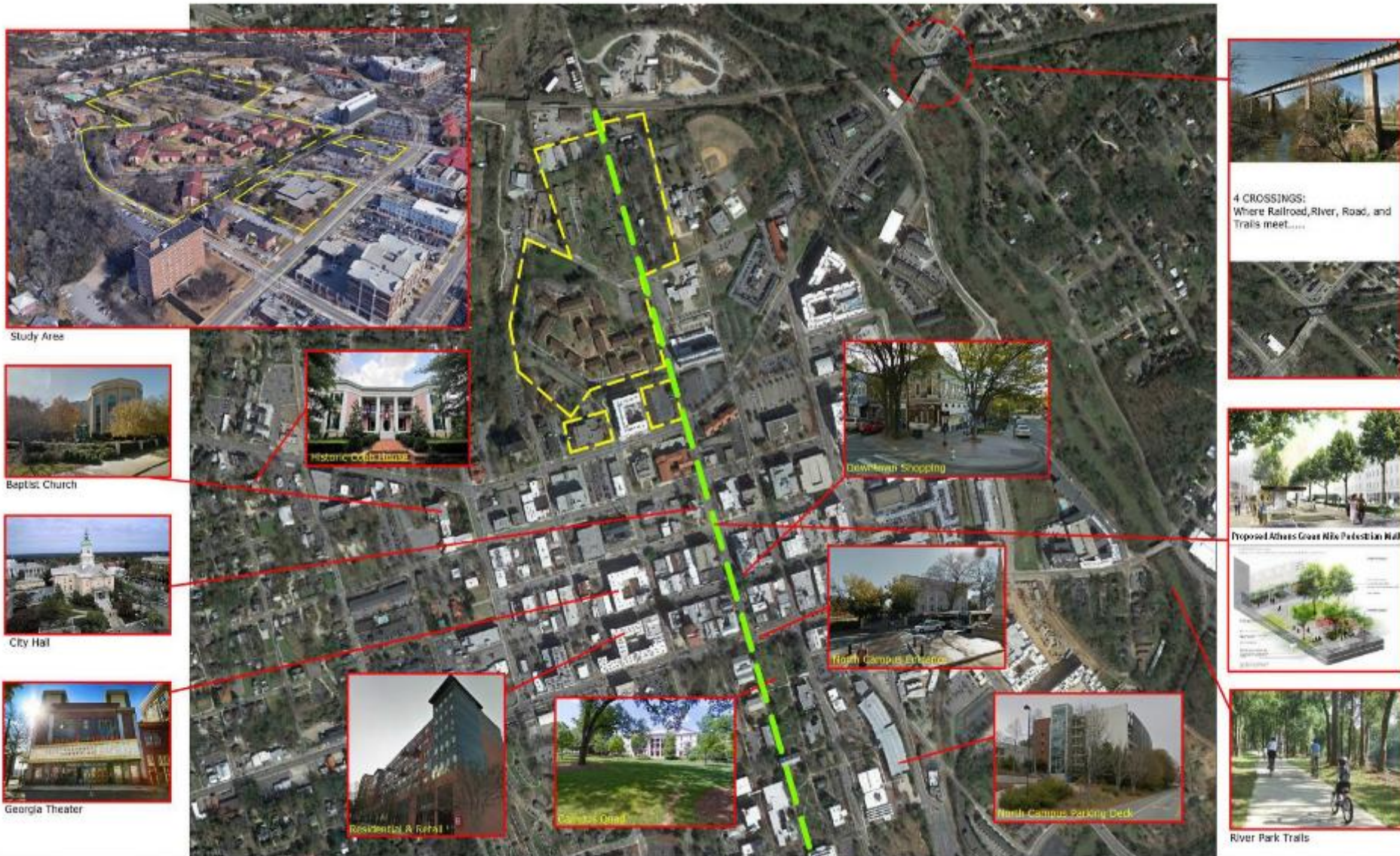
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## CIRCULATIONS

STUDY AREA



VEHICULAR (CAR)



PEDESTRIAN TRAIL /  
BICYCLE PATH



BUS STOP / BUS TERMINAL



PUBLIC PARKING



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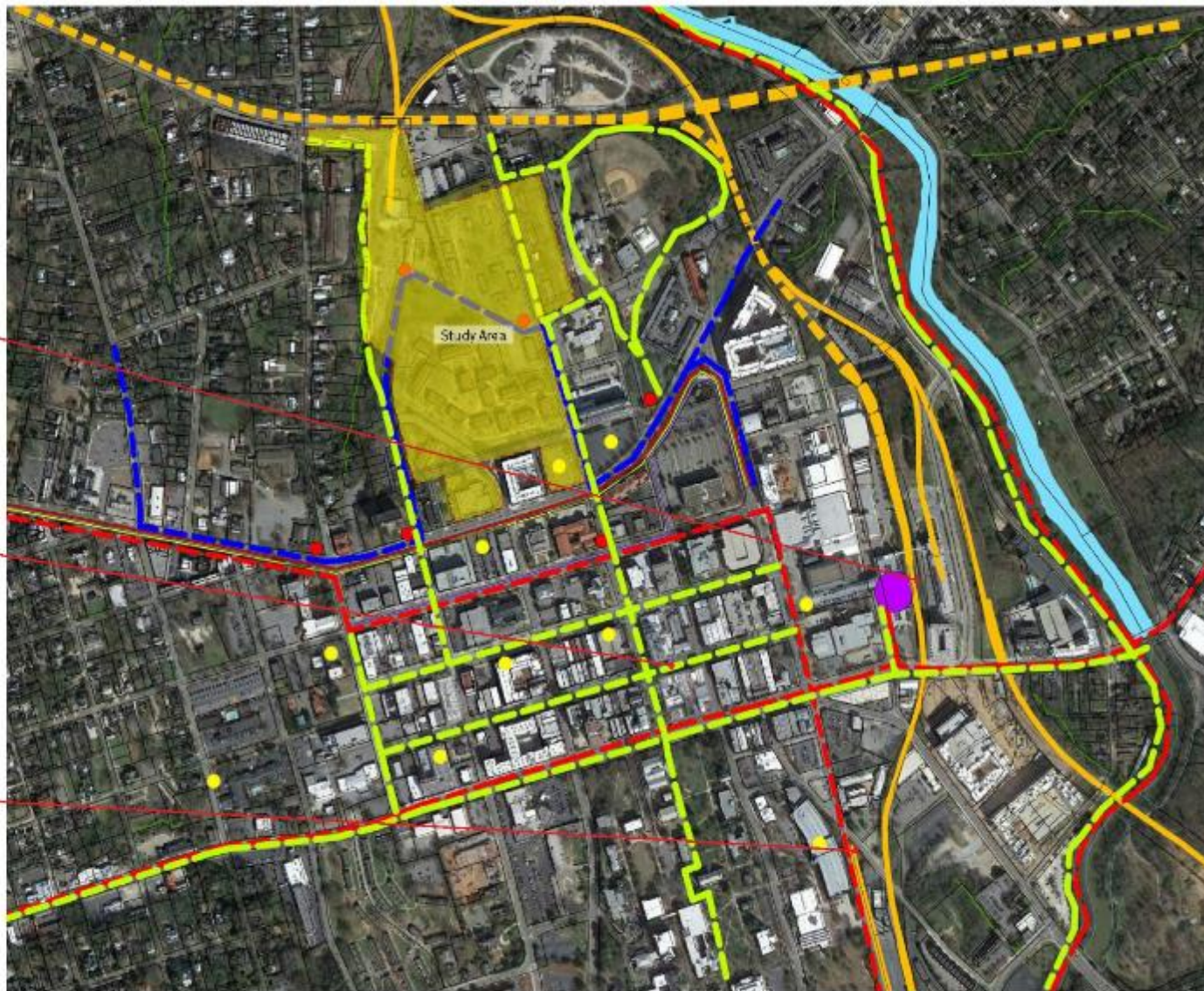
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- RAILROAD
- RIVER
- PEDESTRIAN PATH
- TRAILS & BICYCLE PATHS
- BUS ROUTES
- BUS STOPS
- BUS TERMINAL
- PUBLIC PARKING



Athens/Clarke County Multimodal Center



View down E Clayton St



Sidewalk + Landscape - S Thomas St

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## NATURAL RESOURCES

STUDY AREA



GREEN AREAS



TREELINES & BUFFERS



COMMON SPACE



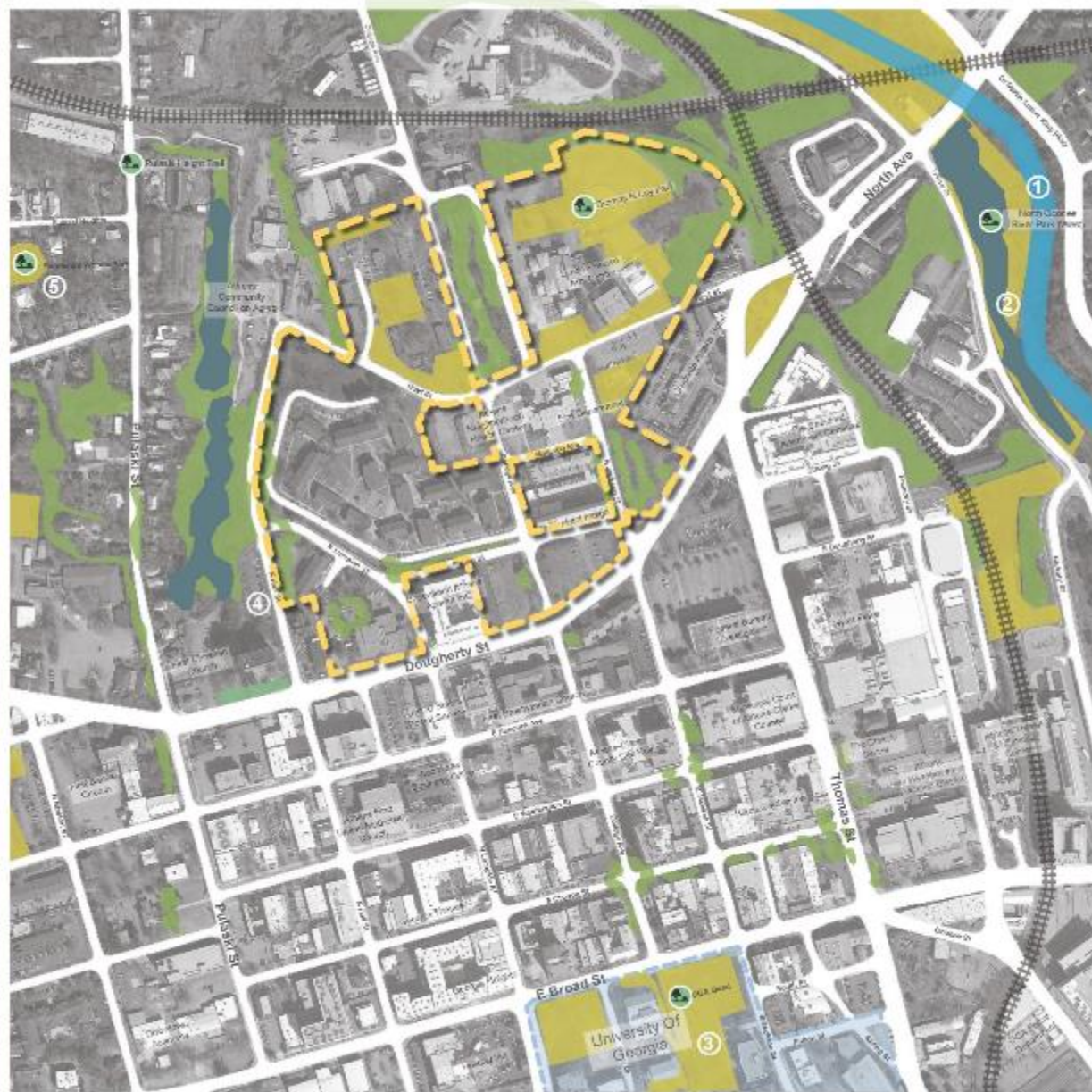
NORTH OCONEE RIVER PARK



PUBLIC PARKS



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1 NORTH OCONEE RIVER



2 NORTH OCONEE RIVER PARK



3 UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA QUAD



4 GREEN ALONG HULL STREET



5 BOULEVARD WOODS PARK



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GREEN AREAS

TREE LINES & BUFFERS

FLOODPLAINS

STUDY AREA



Boulevard Woods Community Built Park



Green along Hull Street



University of Georgia - North Campus



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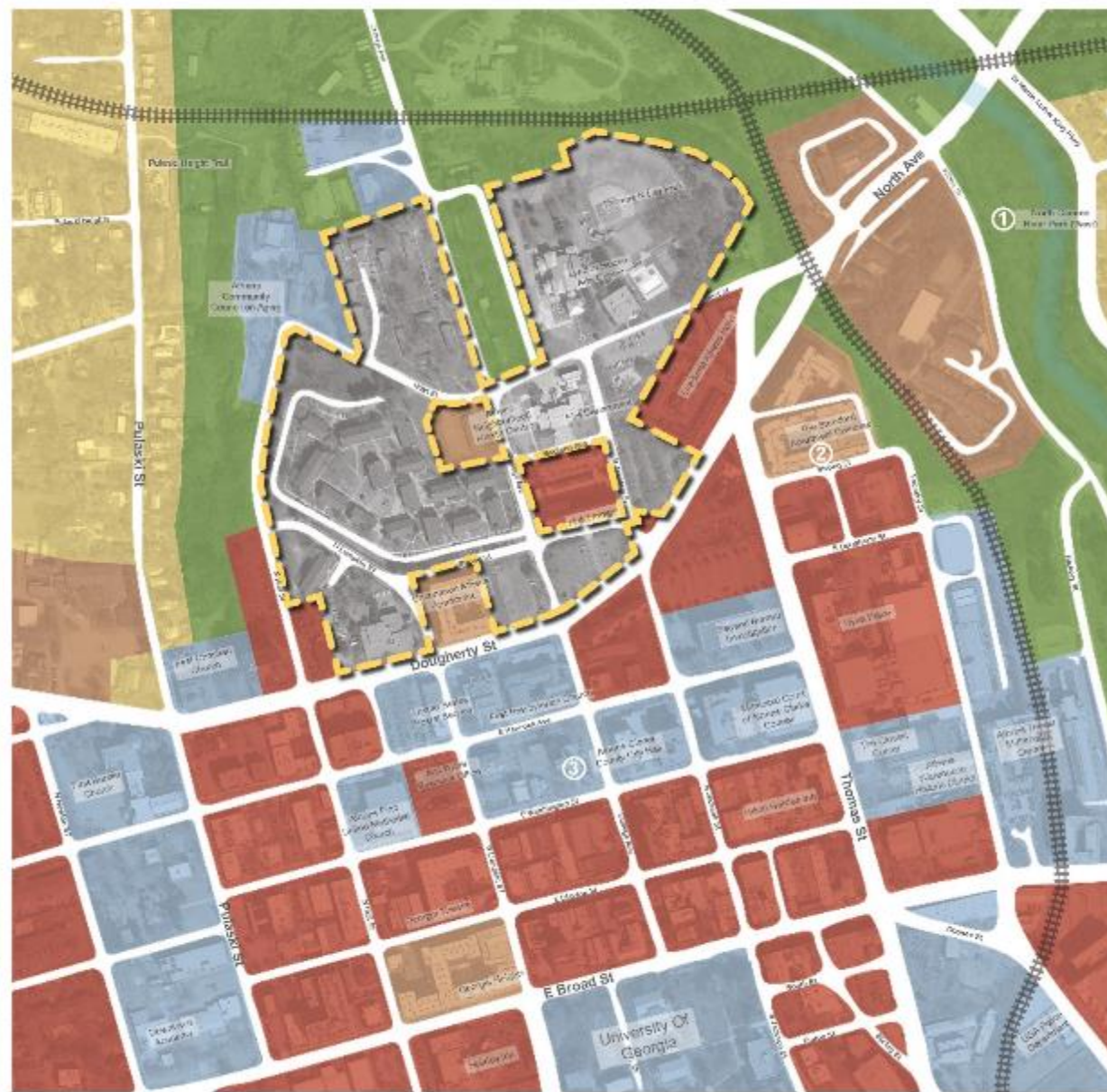
- STUDY AREA
- SINGLE FAMILY
- MULTI FAMILY
- GREEN SPACE
- PUBLIC
- COMMERCIAL

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SINGLE FAMILY

1 OCCNEE RIVER PARK

2 MULTI FAMILY

3 COUNTY CITY HALL

DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL STREET



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COMMUNITY  
PROFILE #1

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PROFILE #2**



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# Workshop Virtual Survey



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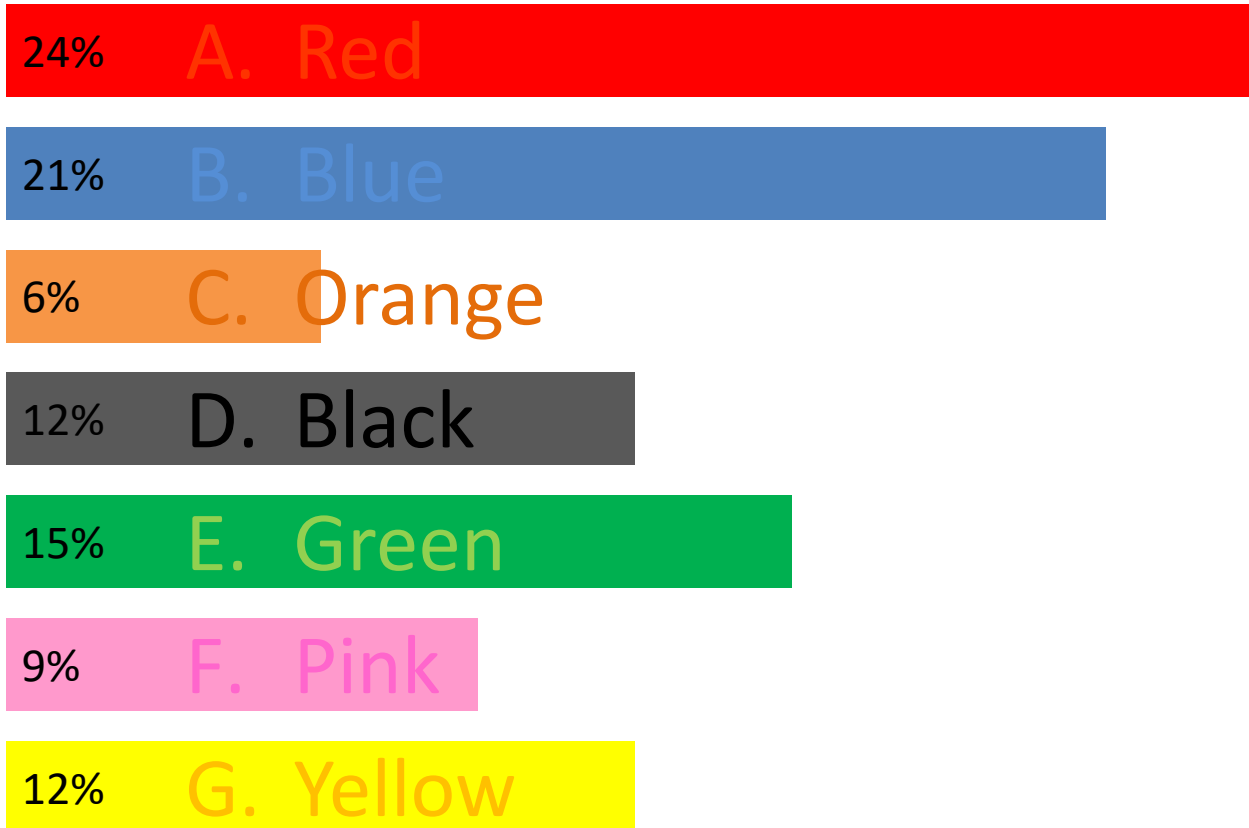
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# What's Your Favorite Color?





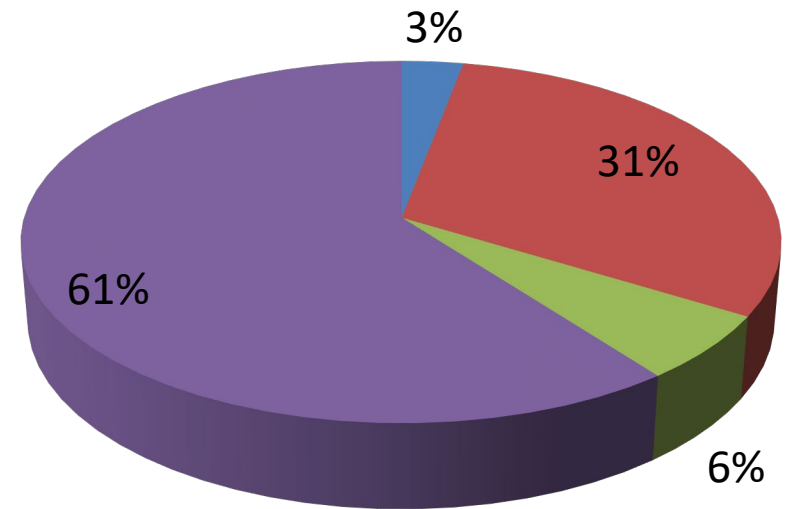
# Favorite Sport Team?





# Do You Live or Work in the North Downtown Athens / Bethel Village Neighborhood?

- A. Yes, I live Here
- B. Work Here
- C. Live/Work Here
- D. No, but I love the Community Here



■ Yes, I live Here

■ Work Here

■ Live/Work Here

■ No, but I love the Community Here



# What Do You Like the Most About the North Downtown/Bethel Village Neighborhood





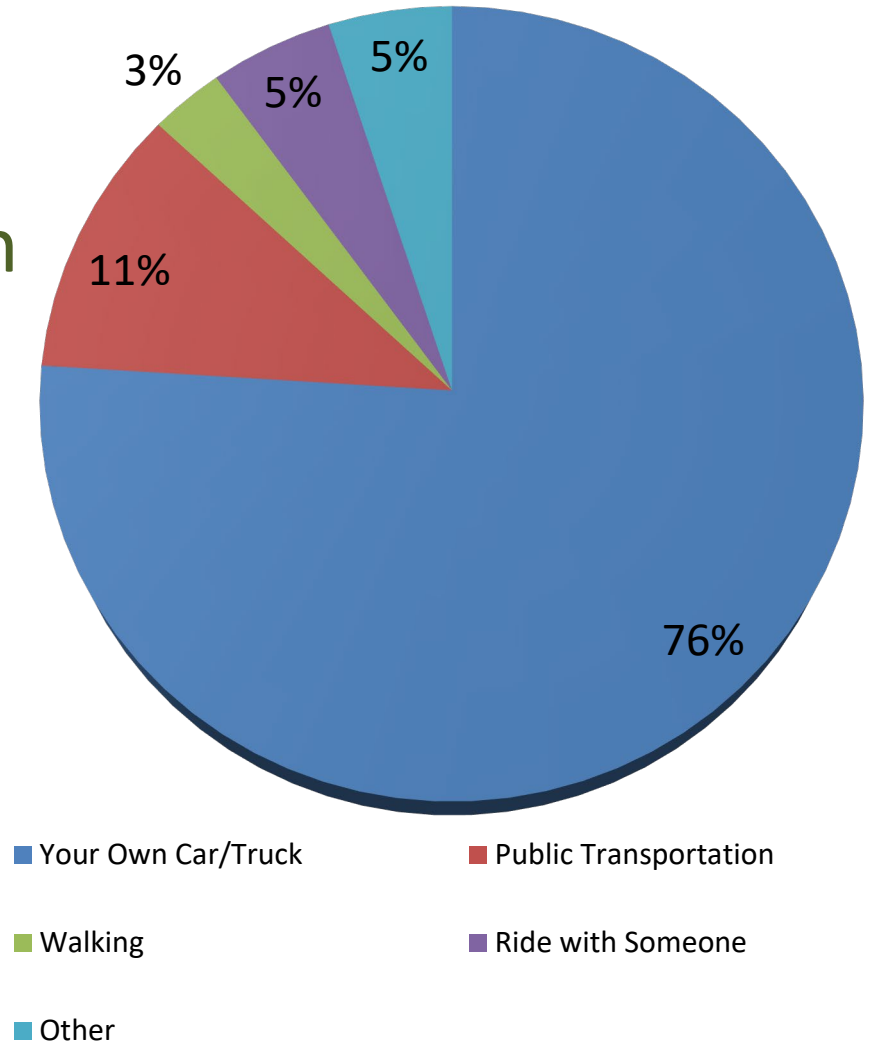
# Main Concerns/Issues with the North Downtown/Bethel Village Neighborhood





# Your Primary Method of Transportation

- A. Your Own Car/Truck
- B. Public Transportation
- C. Walking
- D. Ride with Someone
- E. Other

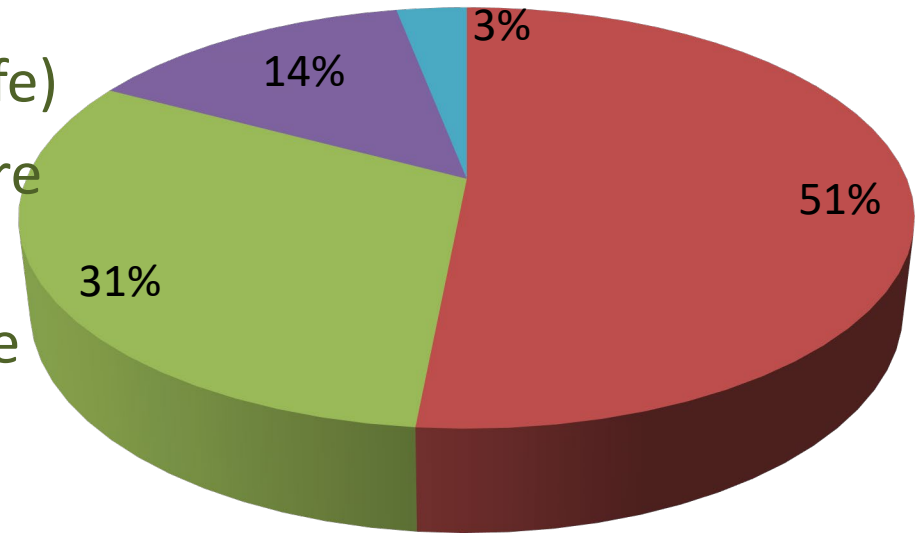




# *Concerns Heard in our Interviews:*

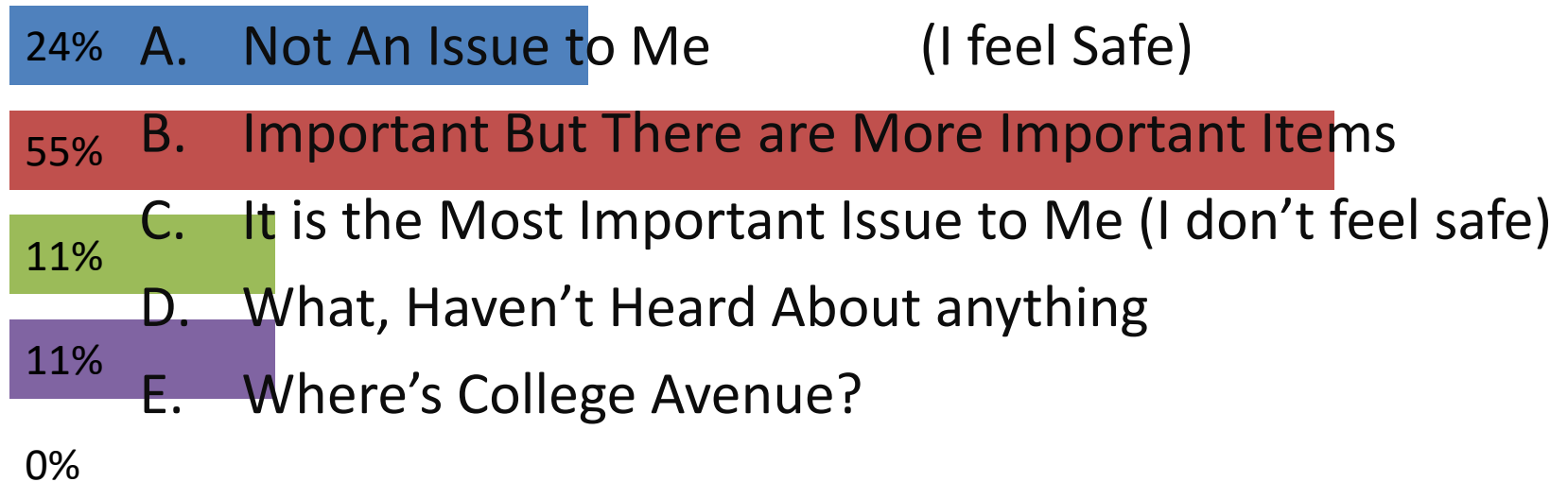
## Safety Concerns in the Neighborhood

- A. Not An Issue to Me (I feel Safe)
- B. Important But There are More Important Items
- C. It is the Most Important Issue to Me (I don't feel safe)
- D. It Mainly seems to be from people outside the neighborhood
- E. I haven't heard anything



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# *Concerns Heard in our Interviews:* **Safety Concerns with College Avenue**

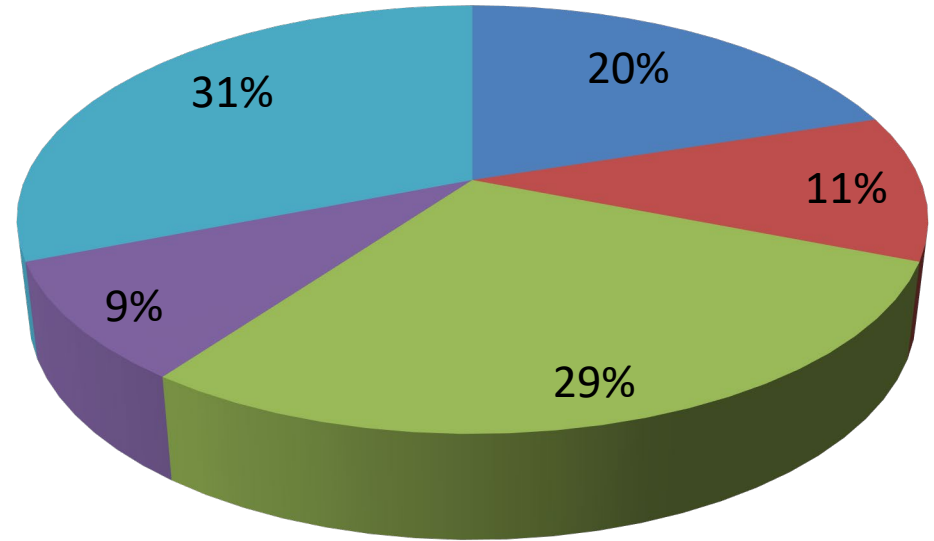




# Concerns Heard in our Interviews:

## Schools

- A. I'm Happy with the Schools - Not An Issue to Me
- B. Important But There are More Important Items
- C. It is the Most Important Issue to Me – Schools for my children are my #1 priority
- D. Schools are OK but wish we had more choices
- E. I am NOT Happy with the Area Schools – need changes



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# **Concerns Heard in our Interviews:**

## **Shopping/Grocery Stores**

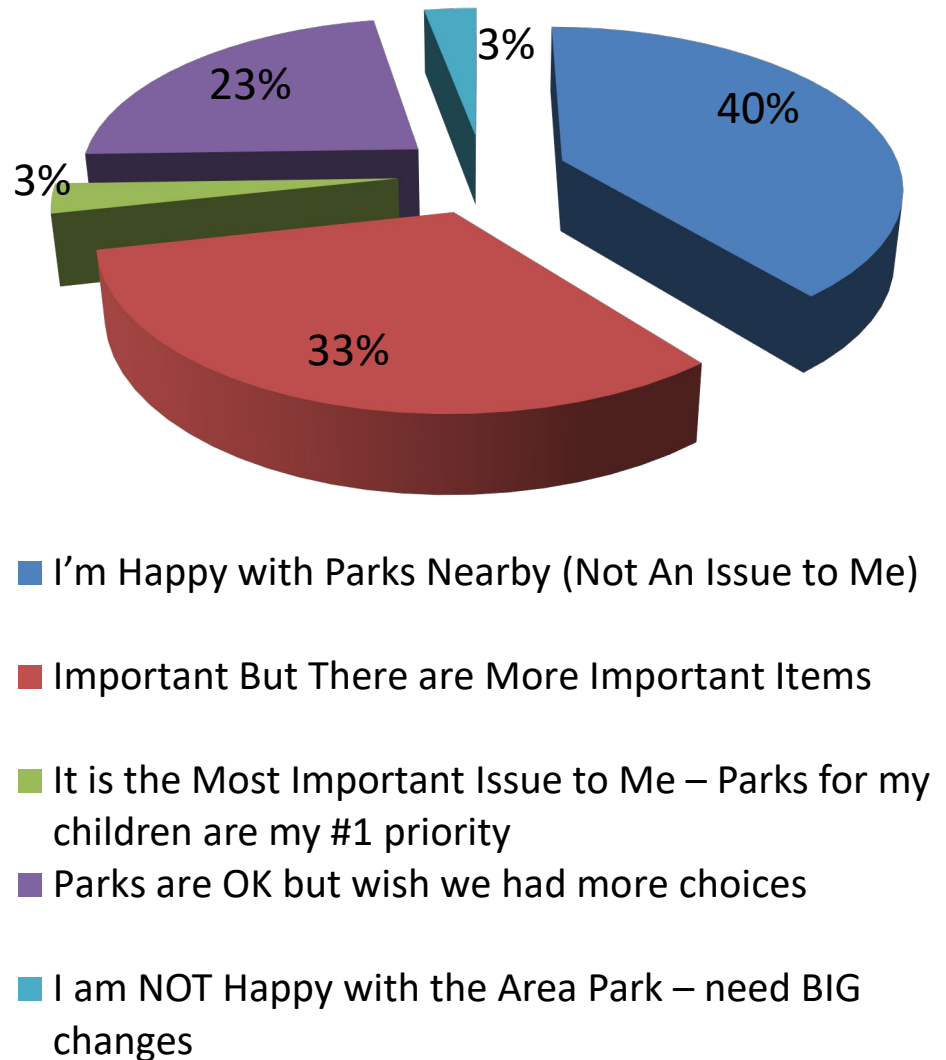
- 0% A. Not An Issue to Me - (Easy to Shop/Many Choices)
- 0% B. Important But There are More Important Issues
- 0% C. It is the Most Important Issue to Me (No where to Shop)
- 0% D. There are Some Choices but need More
- E.



# Concerns Heard in our Interviews:

## Parks – Trails – Open Space

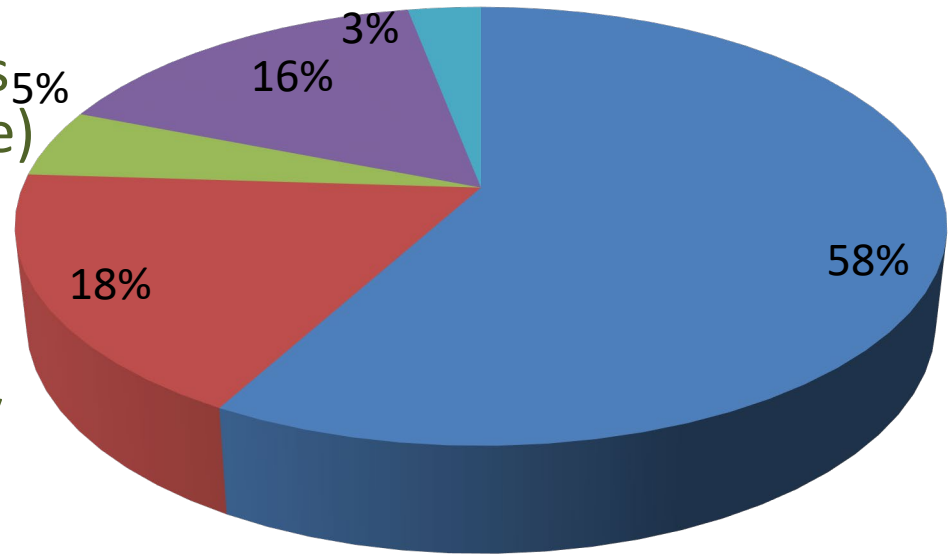
- A. I'm Happy with Parks Nearby (Not An Issue to Me)
- B. Important But There are More Important Items
- C. It is the Most Important Issue to Me – Parks for my children are my #1 priority
- D. Parks are OK but wish we had more choices
- E. I am NOT Happy with the Area Park – need BIG changes



# Concerns Heard in our Interviews:

## Restaurants

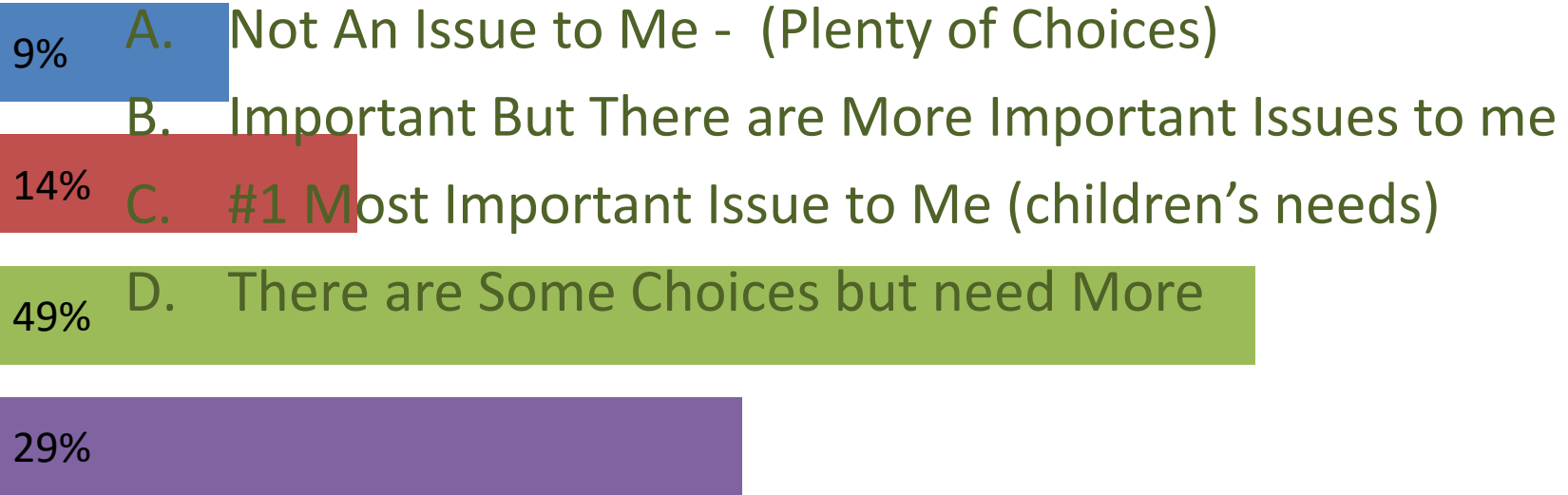
- A. I'm Happy with Restaurants Nearby (Not An Issue to Me)
- B. Important But There are More Important Items
- C. It is the Most Important Issue to Me – More Nearby Restaurants are my #1 priority
- D. Local Restaurants are OK but wish we had more choices
- E. I am NOT Happy with the Area Restaurants – need BIG changes



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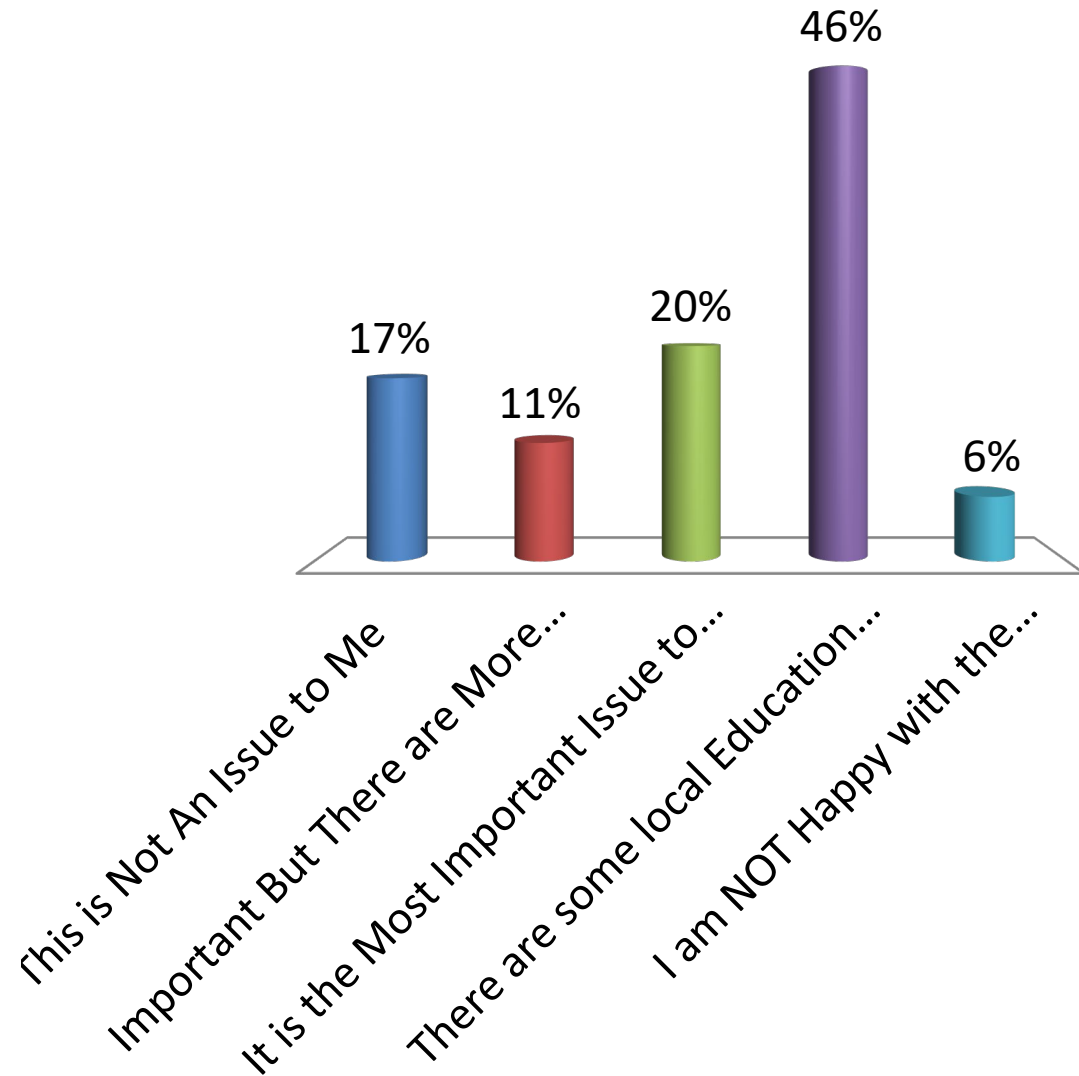
# *Concerns Heard in our Interviews:* **Childcare/After School Programs**



# *Concerns Heard in our Interviews:*

## **Workforce Training / Adult Education**

- A. This is Not An Issue to Me
- B. Important But There are More Important Items
- C. It is the Most Important Issue to Me – More Adult Education/Training is my #1 priority
- D. There are some local Education Opportunities but wish we had more choices
- E. I am NOT Happy with the Educational Choices in our Area – need BIG changes

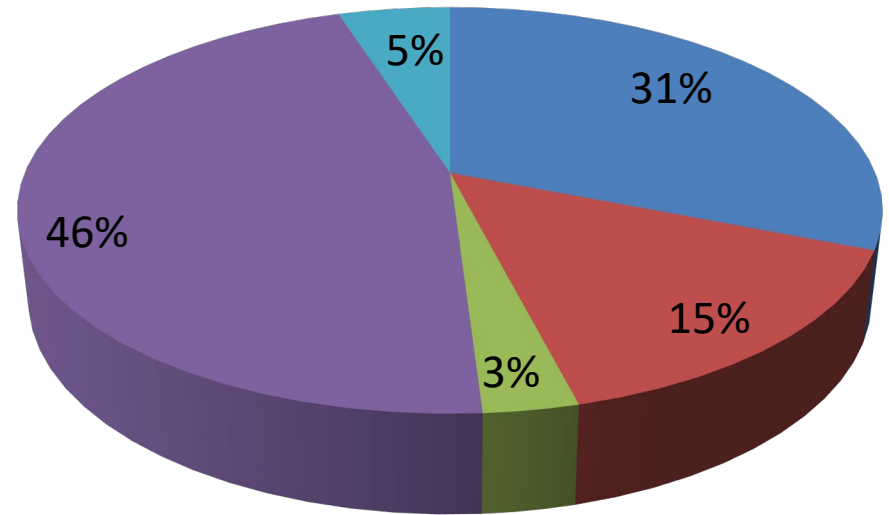




# Concerns Heard in our Interviews:

## Seniors / Senior Activities

- A. This is Not An Issue to Me
- B. Important But There are More Important Items
- C. It is the Most Important Issue to Me – More Senior Related Activities are my #1 priority
- D. Need dedicated Senior Housing and Center
- E. I am NOT Happy with the Senior Choices in our Area – need BIG changes



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# Transformation Case-Studies

## “Tool-Box” for Change Examples



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# Table Mapping Exercise

- 5 minutes as a Group Write Down:
  - Needs + Wants
  - Opportunities + Potential
  - “Special” Places and Uniqueness
- Visual Map of your Goals/Needs of Neighborhood
- Future Vision
- Summary and Discussion









# **Table Mapping Exercise**

- 1. Introductions – Name and Something about Yourself**
- 2. Write Down Community's Needs/Wants/Issues – (5 minutes)**  
**Write Down Community's Positive/Opportunities**
- 3. Place Stickers on Map (40+/- minutes)**
  - Where Things should go in the Community
  - Place Stars – Arrows for SPECIAL emphasis or Places
  - DRAW or NOTES with markers on Maps
- 4. Summarize your Table's Work - Ideas – Opinions**
- 5. Select a Table Speaker to Share your Table's Ideas**
- 6. Table Presentations / 2-3 minutes each (20minutes)**
- 7. Questions and Answers (7:30 pm)**

**Be Respectful – EVERYONE'S Ideas are Important**



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# Thank You for Participating

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