



MILFORD

Comprehensive Plan **2024**

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting #3

May 21, 2024



Agenda

Recap of Town Meeting

Recap of Community Meeting

Community Survey

Topic Discussion: Transportation

Next steps



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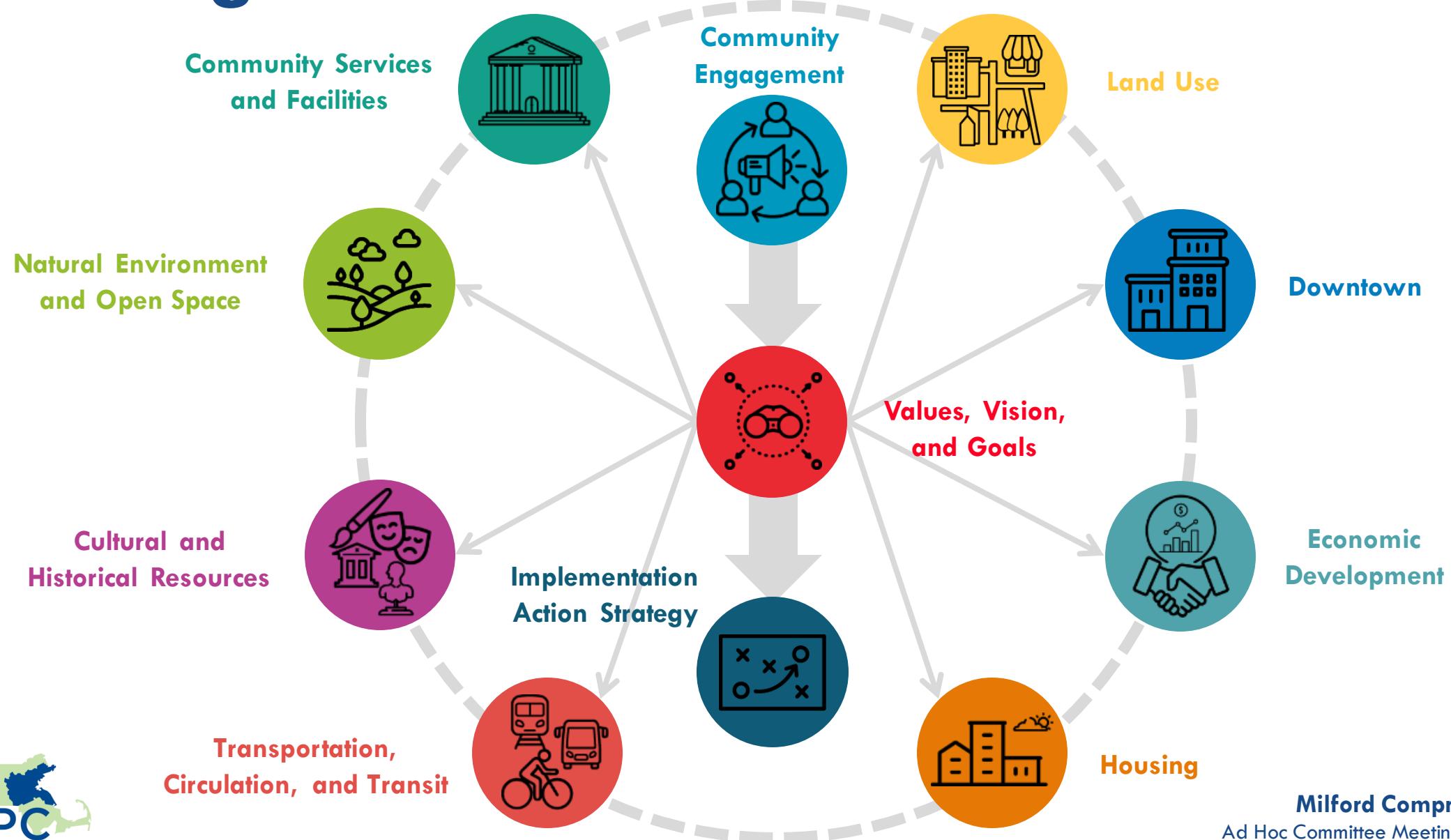


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Comprehensive Plan Timeline



Plan Organization





Recap of Town Meeting



Recap of Town Meeting

- Comprehensive Plan summary read at Town Meeting
- Printed Report sent to Town Meeting members
- Any reflections or comments from attendees?

Planning Board 2024 Ad Hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee Report to Town Meeting May 20, 2024

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is a dynamic long-range planning document that expresses a community's vision for the future and provides strategic direction for decision making and investment and the steps needed to make that vision a reality.

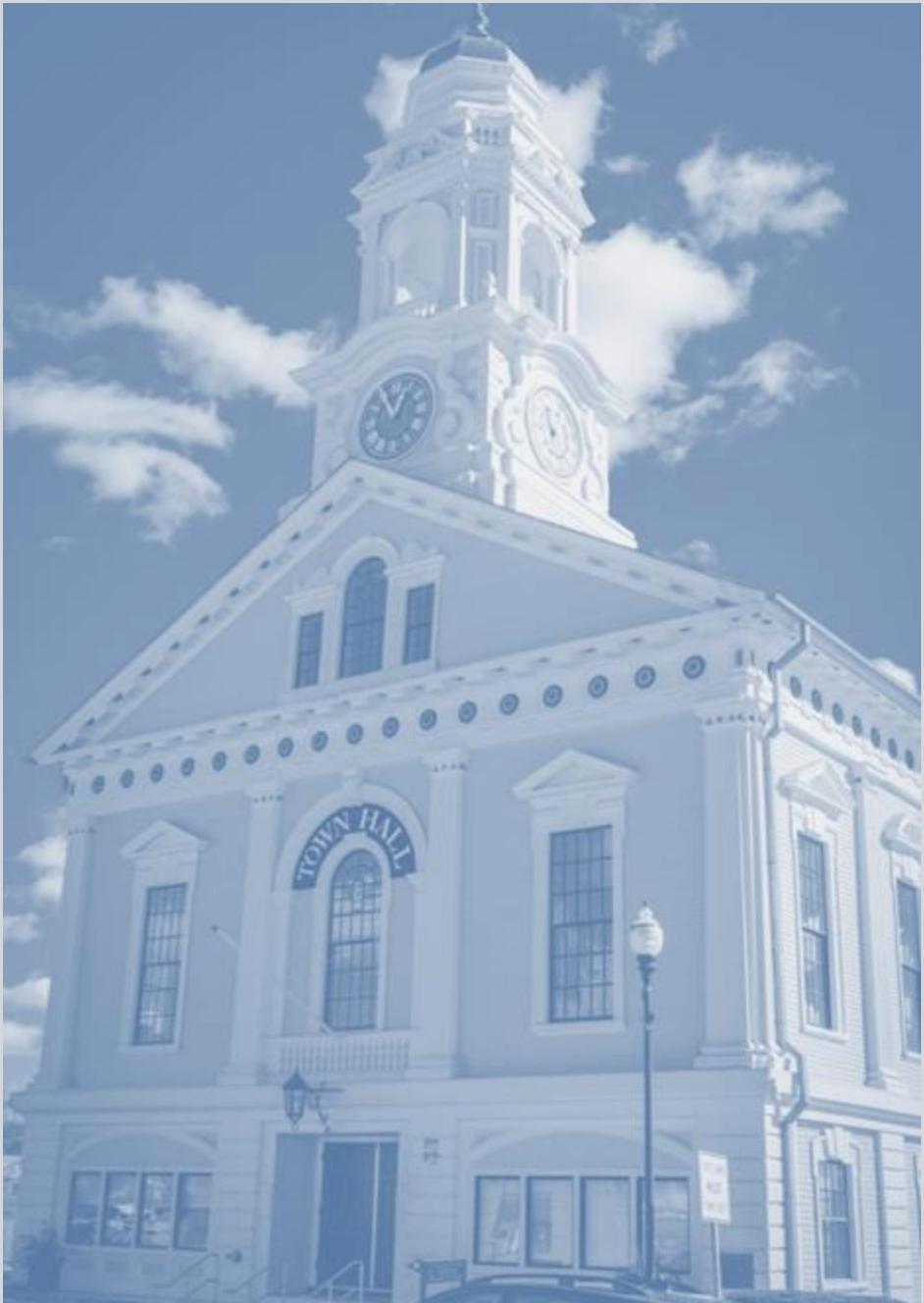
Why is Milford creating a Comprehensive Plan?

[Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 41, section 81D](#) requires all cities and towns in Massachusetts create and update a Comprehensive Plan to provide a basis for decision making regarding the long-term physical development of the municipality. The Town of Milford last updated its Comprehensive Plan in 2003. Today, Milford continues to grow and has become a different place in the last 20 years. Comprehensive Plans are typically updated about every 10 years to reflect the changes that have occurred within the community and shifts in shared goals.

Comprehensive Plans use current and relevant trends, information, and data about a community, such as population, demographics, and development patterns, to define a vision and goals for the future. The goals are detailed with strategies to help guide future Town actions, investments, and decision-making regarding land use and zoning, housing, open space and recreation, natural, cultural, and historic resources, public facilities and services, and transportation.

The Town's Office of Planning and Engineering will be working intensively with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the seven-member Ad Hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee to engage the public throughout this long-range comprehensive planning effort. Milford's comprehensive planning process seeks to engage members of the community through equitable, inclusive, and robust public participation. The town's new Comprehensive Plan will identify specific challenges, opportunities, and needs in Milford and allow community members to weigh in on issues that impact their day-to-day lives. When completed, the plan will include a cohesive vision for the future of Milford that reflects the shared values of the community. It will also provide a set of goals and recommended strategies and actions to serve as a roadmap for implementing the plan.

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Recap of Community Meeting



Recap of Community Meeting

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Comprehensive Plan overview
- Snapshot of Milford today
- Small group discussions
- Next steps



Community Meeting purpose

- First Town-wide community meeting of the process
- Focus of the meeting:
 - Introduce Comprehensive Plan process
 - Identify challenges to address
 - Gather feedback on a shared vision
- Interactive in-meeting polling and conversation



Milford Comprehensive Plan
Community Meeting May 13, 2024



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Ad Hoc Committee Meeting May 21, 2024

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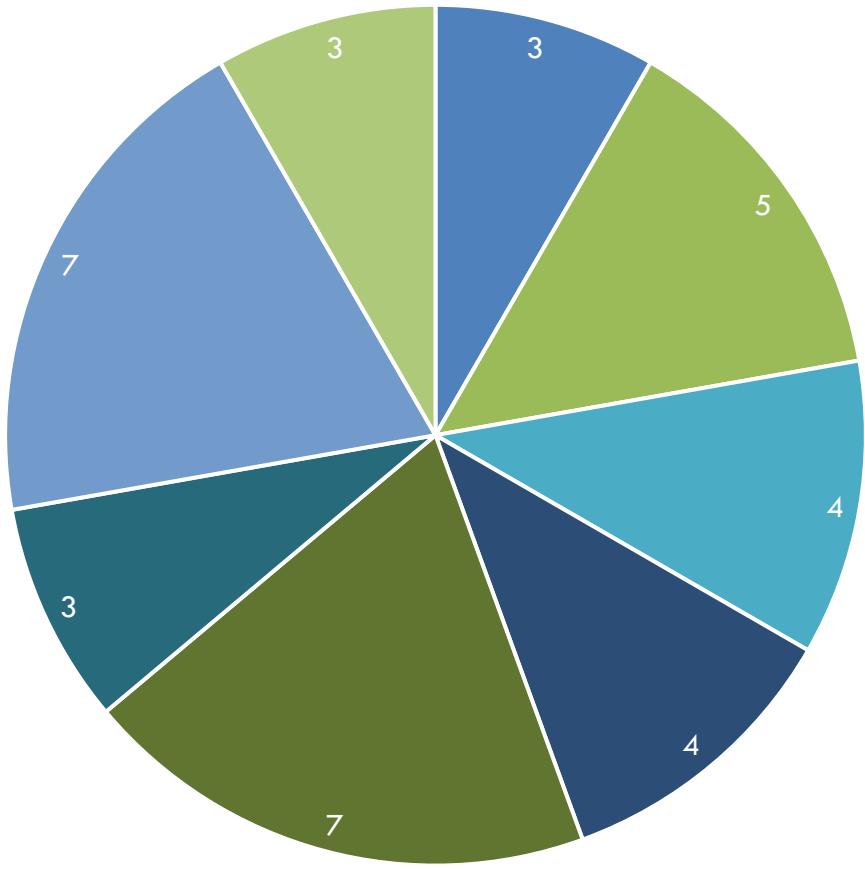


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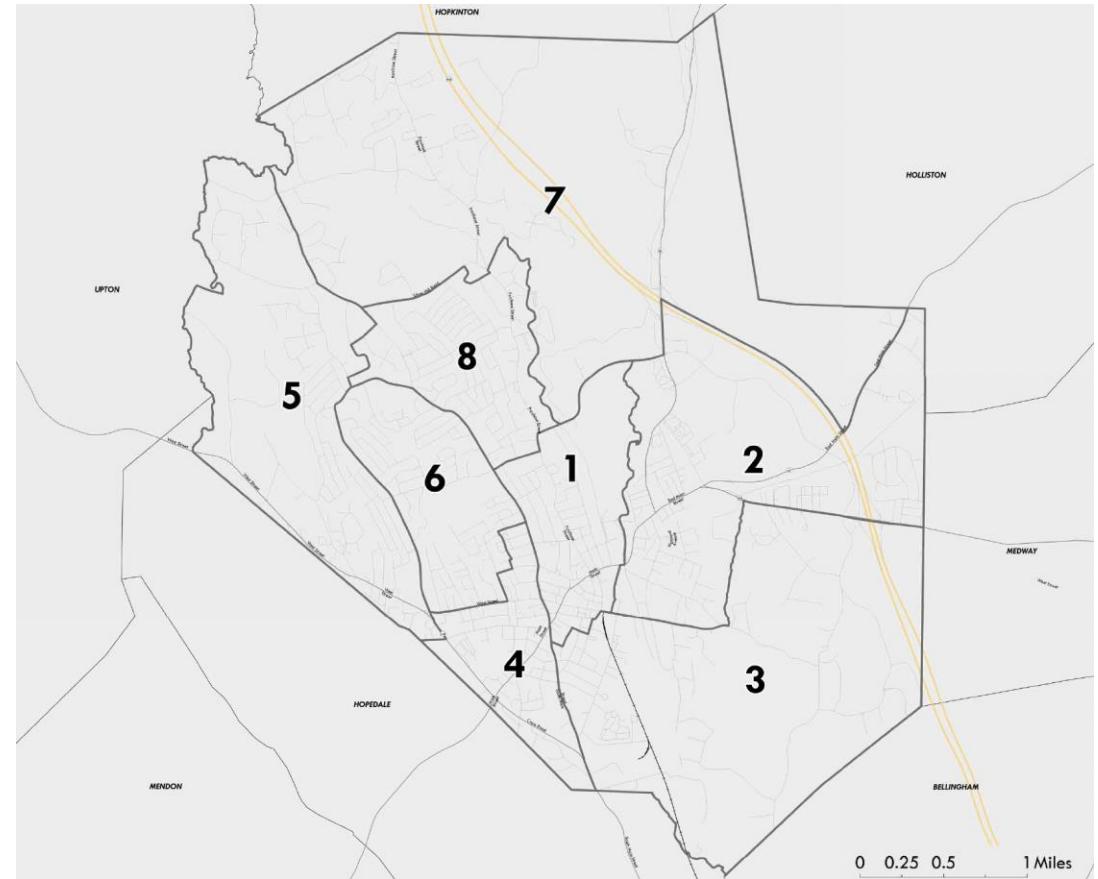
- What are some of Milford's greatest assets?
 - **Trails, walking trail on Hopkinton/Milford end**
 - **Parks, Louisa Lake and surrounding park**
 - New businesses (like Rail Trail)
 - Businesses (Blooming Hearts Roastery)
 - Historical Commission – Memorial Hall
 - Community connections – people know each other
 - Reasonably priced property taxes
 - Legion Ball
 - Skate park
 - Sports fields
 - Arts and music
 - Hospital
 - Woodland
 - Charles River
 - Restaurants
 - Inclusivity

Recap of Community Meeting

- Where do you live in Milford?



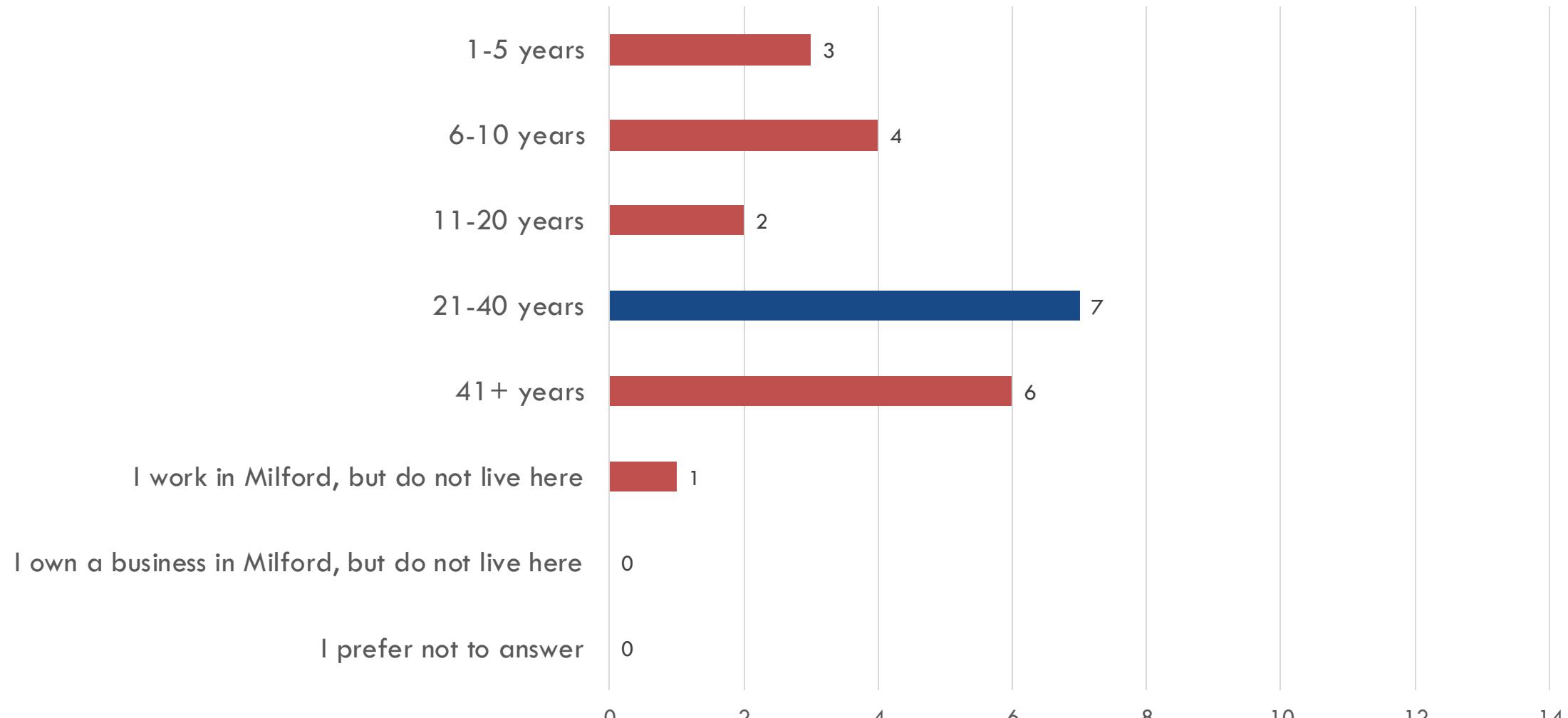
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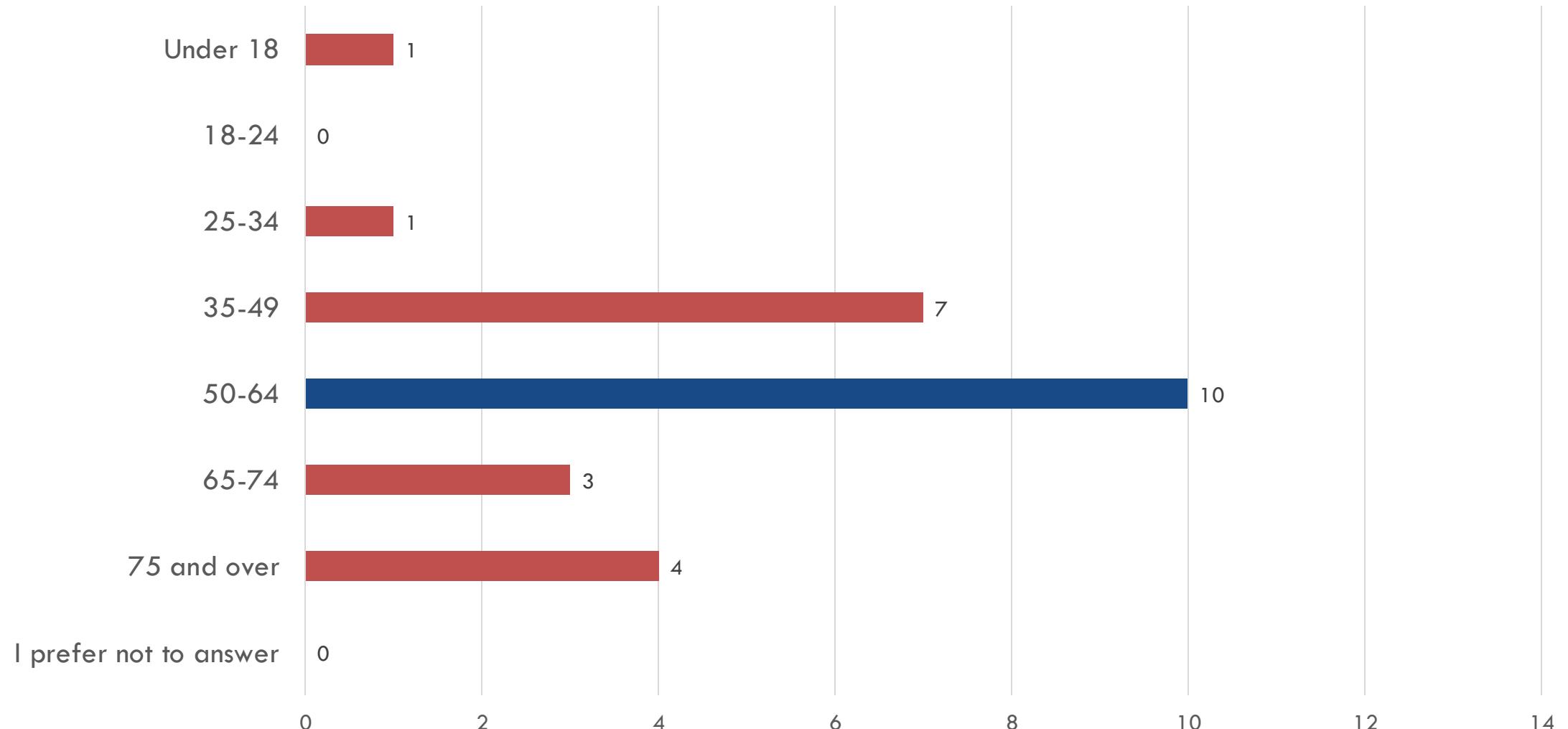
Recap of Community Meeting

- Initial networking exercise
- Who is in the audience:
 - How many years have you lived in Milford?
 - What is your age?
 - How do you describe your gender identity?
 - How do you identify your race and ethnicity?
 - What is your household income?

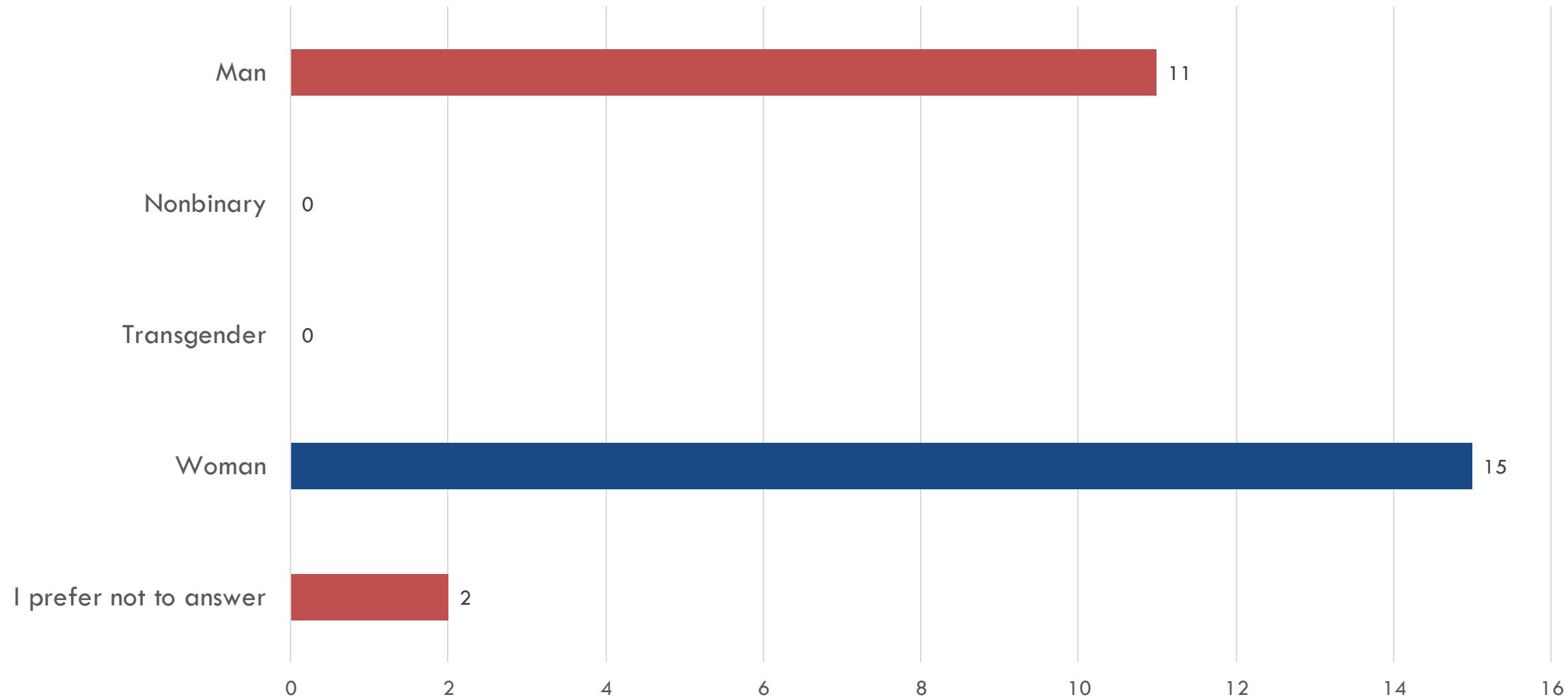
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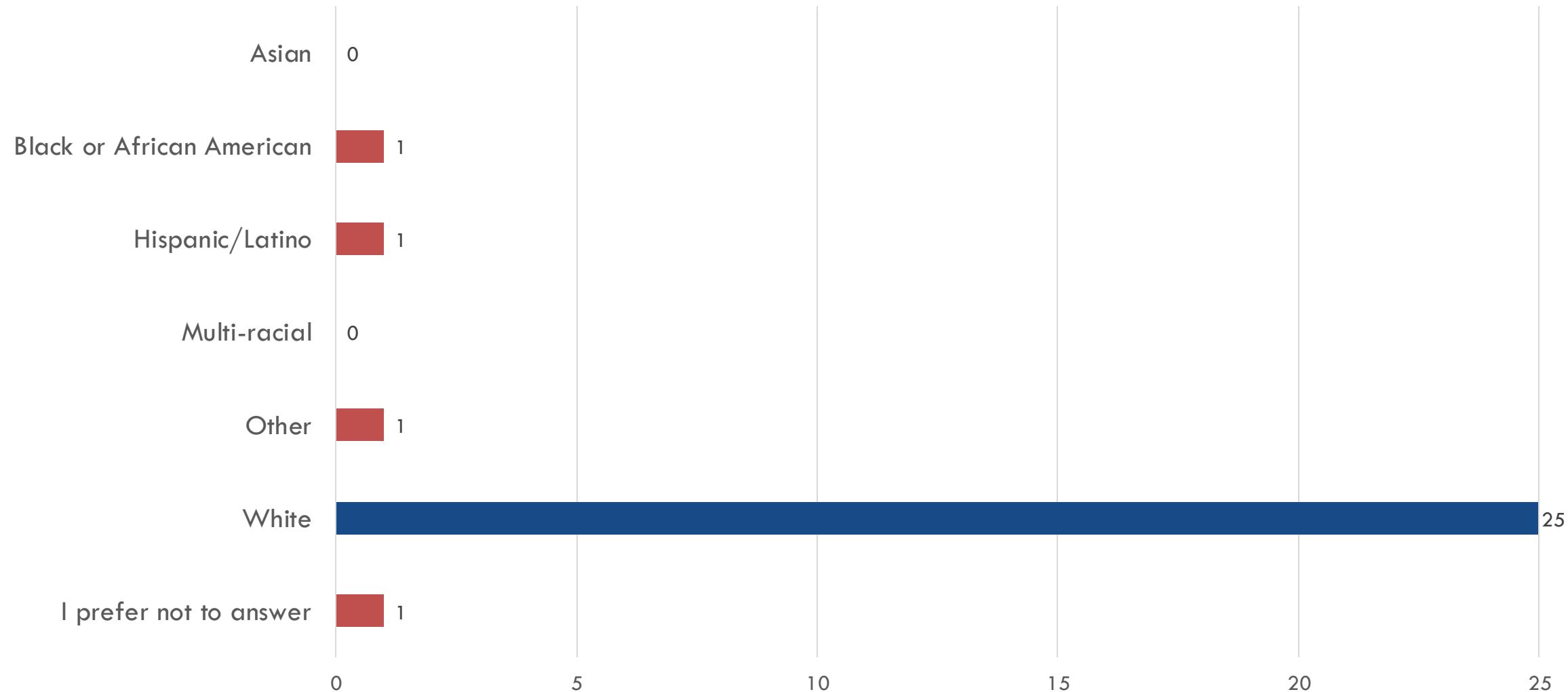
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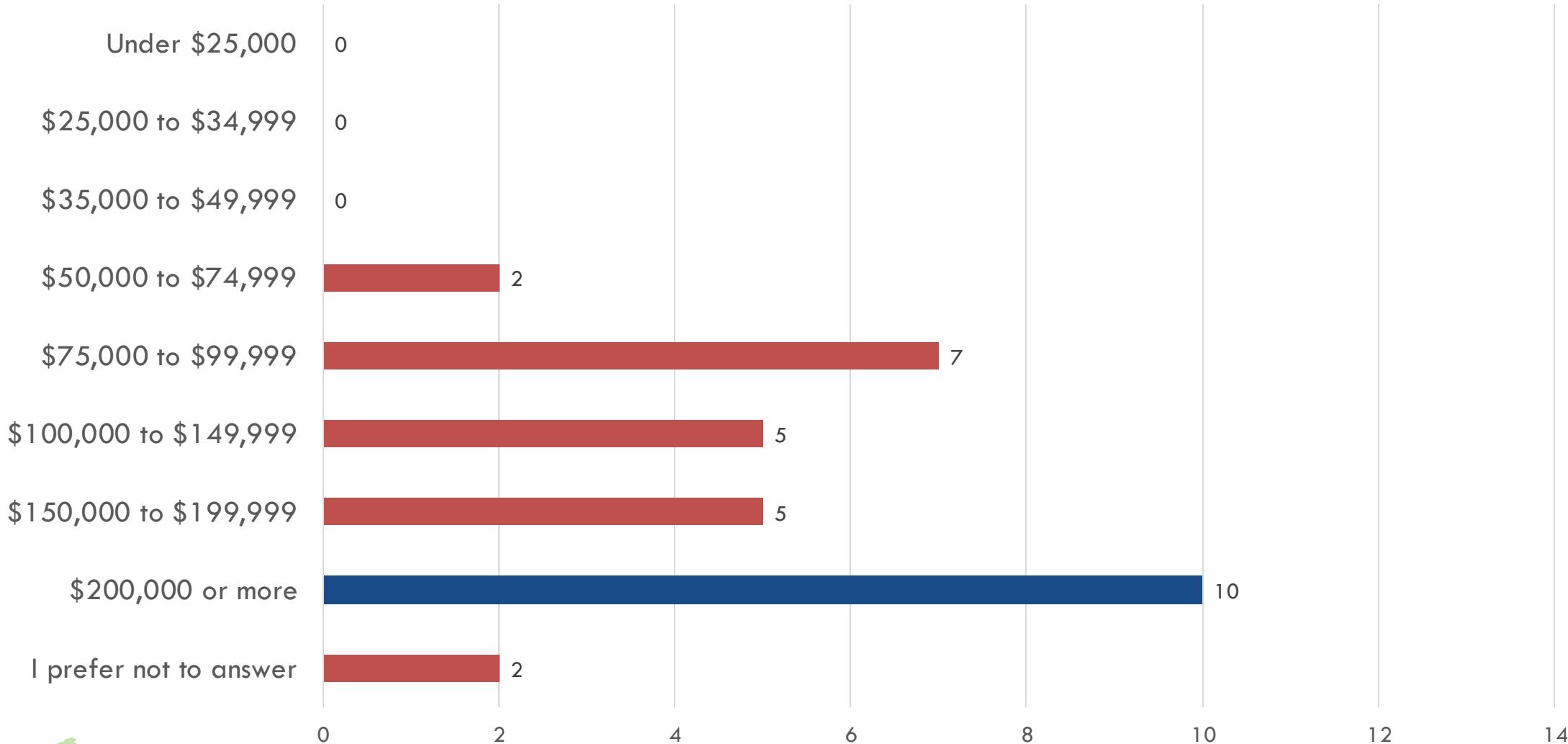
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What is your household income?



Recap of Community Meeting

- Small group discussions
- Initial topic overview and challenges
 - Audience small group engagement and exercises
- Initial Community Priorities and Vision
 - Audience small group engagement and exercises

Overview and challenges

MILFORD CONCERNS

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR MILFORD TO ADDRESS . . . OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS:

- **Traffic/congestion**
- **Downtown development/revitalization**
- **Parks with more activities/recreational space/more green space**
- **Housing/more multi-family housing**
- **Walking/biking connections/Separated bike lanes**
- **Improved communication from Town**
- **Community cultural inclusion/inclusive community**
- Education/improve schools
- Taxes – budget, tax relief
- Public safety, lower crime
- Road conditions
- Public transit to/from Boston
- Expand Charles river access
- Restoration of Milford Pond
- Way for new residents to learn about town
- Employment
- Public trash cans and restrooms
- Diversify tax revenue
- Building code enforcement
- Population increase
- New high school
- Cultural district downtown
- Preserve historic buildings
- Engagement/community involvement
- Increased transportation for elderly and disabled
- Open Space and Rec Committee
- More gender and race diversity on Town boards
- Improve water supply, infrastructure and quality

Overview and challenges



Economic Development

WHAT ARE SOME AREAS THE TOWN COULD IMPROVE UPON?

- Regular farmer's market
- Compare Hudson vs Milford downtown
- More small businesses downtown (similar to Rail Trail)
- Employment programs for residents
- Better balance tax rates
- Gain tax revenue – recreational marijuana
- Traffic killing economic development
- Business rent high – small businesses can't afford
- Lower residential tax rate, more businesses
- Use of vacant unit existing malls
- Cultural support and education to retailers and new businesses to work toward common unified Milford
- Help citizens understand how to leverage town and state resources

WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS?

- Trader Joe's
- Revoke food truck rule

Overview and challenges

Downtown

WHAT ARE SOME AREAS THE TOWN COULD IMPROVE UPON?

- Rental use of space above businesses on Main St
- Commercial bldg improvement (landlord)
- More eateries (like Rail Trail)
- More breweries, antique shops
- Brighter lights downtown
- Parking, more retail
- Change town laws about signs
- Create areas for small businesses support
- Re-energize community spirit thru downtown
- Downtown community events
- Different mix of businesses
- Increase in youth and family friendly restaurants
- New stores on Main Street
- Improve traffic
- More vibrant Downtown anchor, public art
- 2nd and 3rd story building usage

WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS?

- Businesses to take ownership and pride – regular clean up of downtown
- Regular late nights in DT (for shopping)
- Closing DT street (like open streets)
- Downtown walking shopping cultural district
- More stores and restaurants
- Improve signage
- Add holiday lights
- Advocate for cultural districts
- More tree canopy shade in downtown

Overview and challenges



Land Use

WHAT ARE SOME AREAS THE TOWN COULD IMPROVE UPON?

- Watch the spending
- Invite commercial businesses into vacant buildings on Fortune Blvd
- Fewer expensive housing developments
- Investment in infrastructure
- Old archer plan? Safe?
- Improve open space protection of existing
- Housing above retail in downtown – allow it
- Residential zone must be enforced commercial not allowed
- More sports
- Pickleball courts, skateboard park, revitalize playgrounds, basketball

WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS?

- Don't add anything new to Milford until everything else is fixed
- Green spaces
- Mixed use housing/retail downtown district
- New high school meeting students needs
- More flexible/realistic mixed-use zoning

Overview and challenges



WHAT ARE SOME AREAS THE TOWN COULD IMPROVE UPON?

- Rules/laws enforce related to number of people and vehicles per single family home
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing that Milford controls
- Senior housing
- Keep housing looking attractive all over the community. Require zoning laws
- Need shelter for homeless
- Housing overcrowding
- Traffic

WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS?

- What is our plan for migrant housing?
- Senior housing
- New high school
- Reinstitute blight task force
- Landlord violations
- Enforcement inspections
- Fewer multi-family in resident areas (not downtown)
- More affordable small space housing
- Overcrowding apartment complexes – water, school, traffic

Overview and challenges



Transportation, Circulation, and Transit

WHAT ARE SOME AREAS THE TOWN COULD IMPROVE UPON?

- Increase access points to bike trail to Holliston
- Increase public transit – rail, trolley, bus, shuttle
- Separated bike lanes with barriers in commercial areas and connecting to downtown
- Improved services distributed throughout town would improve cross town traffic
- Traffic – use studies done during casino talks
- Highway dept does great job with road maintenance
- Existing public transit not useful connecting to towns
- City bikes (bike share), zip bikes on trail
- Archer plant to Hopedale Melon St Park (bike spur)
- Senior Center needs more parking
- Unsafe bike transportation – especially downtown
- No bike racks – can't use biking for errands
- New off ramp at Haven Street, fix Dilla Street
- Bike path down to wastewater treatment facility
 - Bike park
 - Increased transportation for elderly/disabled
 - Expand on demand/microtransit options

WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS?

- Improve traffic flow including in local neighborhoods
- Public transit/commuter rail to Boston
- Getting from East Main to Downtown is very slow
- Speed limit on East Main – lots of speeders
- Grey space redevelopment
- Improve traffic on East Main Street and Main Street
- Review and improve traffic light patterns
- Need bypass road to elevate travel to downtown
- Sidewalk in front of Memorial Elementary School and fields
- Traffic for new disc golf on Dilla
- Parking and transportation for schools

Overview and challenges



Community Services and Facilities

WHAT ARE SOME AREAS THE TOWN COULD IMPROVE UPON?

- Impact of immigrant population on public education
- Portable toilets for Charles River trails
- Better restaurants in town
- Expanding tech department for municipality
- Town departments seem siloed. Could benefit from quarterly all department meetings
- More people – is Town Meeting going to remain effective?
- Create a swap shop to decrease trash and save money and help low-income community members
- More activities like Celebrate Milford
- Safety and feeling safe to call or address concerns
- Skate park, updated community garden, sculpture and art parks

WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS?

- Speed management for vehicle traffic on main roads
- Fewer businesses that add to traffic issues
- Hire communication director – create main site for information/events
- Develop a community garden
- Intentional effort by town to encourage support of community assets (social services) like Sal Val, Catholic charities, financially and volunteer
- Board of Health needs to work with school and migrants on vaccination
- Support a local newspaper, online news source that is multi-lingual
- Investing in our school system, staff and facilities

Overview and challenges



Natural Environment and Open Space

WHAT ARE SOME AREAS THE TOWN COULD IMPROVE UPON?

- Nice playground such as Cloate in Medway
- Compost curbside pickup
- Recycling pick-up weekly
- Make Milford more fun – allow food vendors to set up at Louisa Lake, allow sports fields to have lights on later (free use)
- Keep highway department an elected position and parks
- Milford is member of Tree City USA because of girl scout troop
- Actual parks and rec dept to run summer programs
- Playgrounds, outdoor rec
- Tax breaks or easements for those living near wetlands to not further develop
- Town needs to create buffer between open space and businesses
- Lighting disruptive to wetlands

WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS?

- **Dog park**
- Bocce courts, exercise stations, group exercise classes outdoors
- No parking near churches on holidays and weekends
- Preserve land as open space to protect from development
- Improve park department, separate it from schools and upgrade parks
- Add share boxes that allow town people to use shared rec equipment
- Try to solve multiple traffic problems and upzone for multifamily housing
- Bring Skate Park to fruition
- More sports fields needed
- Water supply, open space
- Misting/cooling stations at parks

Overview and challenges



Cultural and Historical Resources

WHAT ARE SOME AREAS THE TOWN COULD IMPROVE UPON?

- Craft fairs, food truck fest
- Better communication about how/when to join existing community groups
- Community Science Center
- Center of the Arts
- Community Theater similar to Black Box in Franklin
- Keep basketball court in Town park near Walnut St
- More festivals – make easier to put them on
- Increase knowledge of historical buildings
- Programs to bring varying cultures of Milford together
- Public art – not painted trash cans or picnic tables
- Transitioning historic spaces to uses that work without being torn down – creative uses
- More community inclusive events – fairs/festivals
- Farmers market
- Wayfinding and historic markers for Nicoli Saco



- Assistance to maintain and restore historic homes and buildings
- Historic register markers

WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS?

- Town investment in outdoor spaces – not grants or gifts from private donors
- Advocate for cultural district downtown
- Revise sign bylaw so art is not restricted and more public art is possible
- Select Board should be 5-7 members and better representation of demographics
- A way to bring together all nationalities so all feel included, more conversation

Priorities and vision

MILFORD TODAY

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE MILFORD TODAY?

- **Changing/transitioning**
- **Diverse**
- **Strained, overpopulated schools**
- **Great hospital**
- **Hub to major location to Boston, RI, CT, NH**
- **Has everything you need, convenient**
- **Historically rich**
- **Strong community, pride**
- Peaceful
- Archaic
- Many choices of supermarkets
- Congested
- Culturally disconnected but diverse
- Rising, improving, new infusion of families
- Good people
- Progress is very slow
- A moderate sized town with growing pains
- Great library
- Good food
- Good finance
- Well run
- Reasonable property taxes
- General Draper statue
- Two parts
- Contested traffic
- Great potential
- More like a city than a town
- Socio-economically diverse
- Active, friendly, engaging
- Identity crisis
- Not changing as fast
- Not a small town
- Need to bring folks together to feel inclusive
- Lack of character or definition
- Walkable
- Welcoming

Priorities and vision

MILFORD OF TOMORROW

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO DESCRIBE MILFORD IN THE FUTURE?

- **Downtown is a destination**
- **More inclusive, welcoming to diversity**
- **Even more good restaurants**
- **Safe and affordable for all people**
- **More sidewalks and smooth roads**
- **Property tax reduction/reasonable**
- Involved
- Easy to navigate
- Good amount of parks for recreation
- Cultural unity
- Vibrant
- Bike racks
- Better access for those with disabilities
- Open space network
- Good town where working class can raise a family
- More care for under-resource population
- Vibrant night life
- 10 minutes max from one point to another in town
- Fully online
- Have gender parity
- More small business support
- A great place to live, play, work
- Values public participation, cultural institutions, strong education, love of outdoors, recreation
- Strong sense of community
- A place to visit
- More athletic fields and open space
- Resilient
- Cohesive environment
- A place seniors feel included
- A great place for artists and entrepreneurs
- Hospital stays strong and grows

Priorities and vision

FUTURE GOALS & VISION

WHAT THINGS DOES MILFORD NEED IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT FUTURE?

- Increased communication/civic engagement
- Funding
- More opportunities for community involvement
- More accessible public meetings
- Municipal parking downtown
- Resources for realtors to share about the community
- More restaurants, breweries downtown
- Up to date Comprehensive Plan
- Law to mandate public input
- Plan for when debt is incurred/financial plan
- Downtown festival
- Community gardens
- Central Wi-Fi areas
- Cultural celebration
- Welcome wagons
- Resources
- More welcoming to businesses
- Allow signs that advertise fun stuff in Milford
- Incentives to encourage different businesses
- A town where you would want to raise your kids
- Town unity
- Tax incentives
- More money allocated to road and sidewalk maintenance
- Planning
- More educational opportunities

Priorities and vision

FUTURE GOALS & VISION

HOW WOULD PLACES, PEOPLE OR PROCESSES CHANGE?

- Milford focused event website
- Increased community engagement
- Running on ethos of tradition – need to put in systems
- Need to de-silo departments – more coordination
- Town meeting shift to town council – commission to decide or process to shift
- Multi-cultural town events
- Farmers market
- Better voter turnout
- Good leaders, volunteers who appreciate the town, people who respect others and town property
- Alternative schools, i.e. charters
- Community involvement

Priorities and vision

FUTURE GOALS & VISION

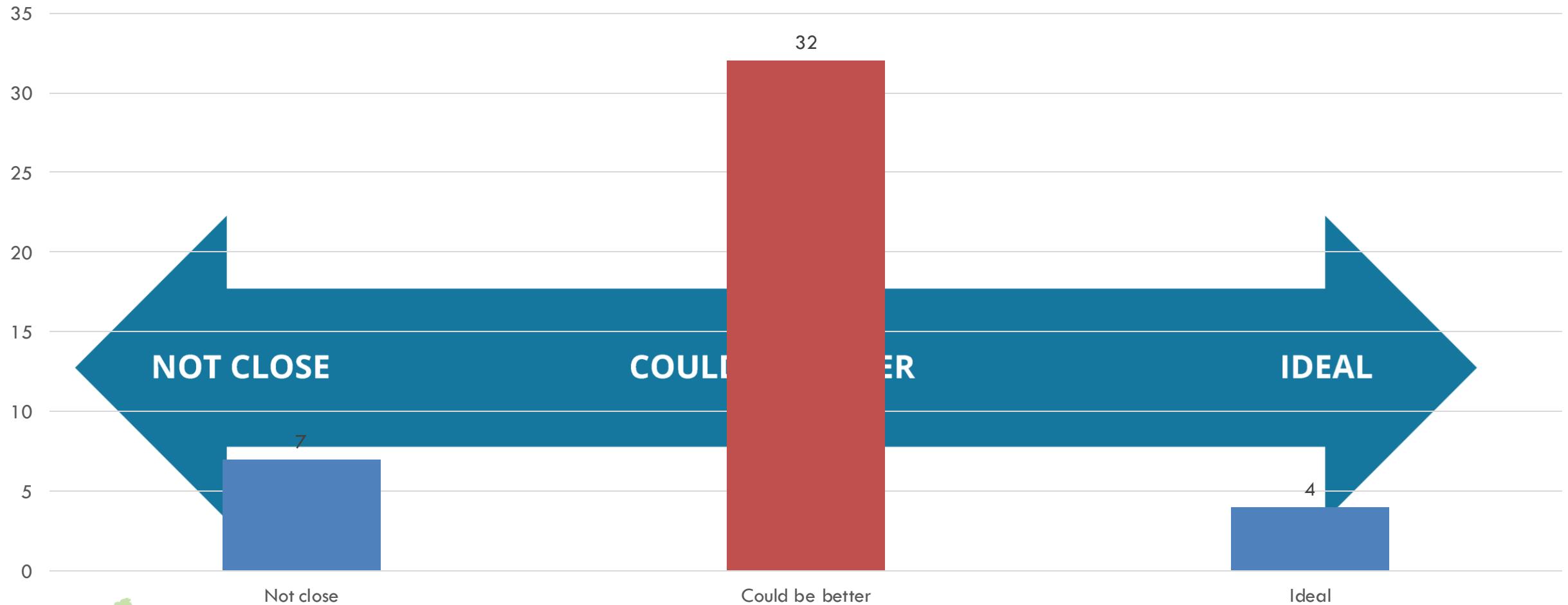
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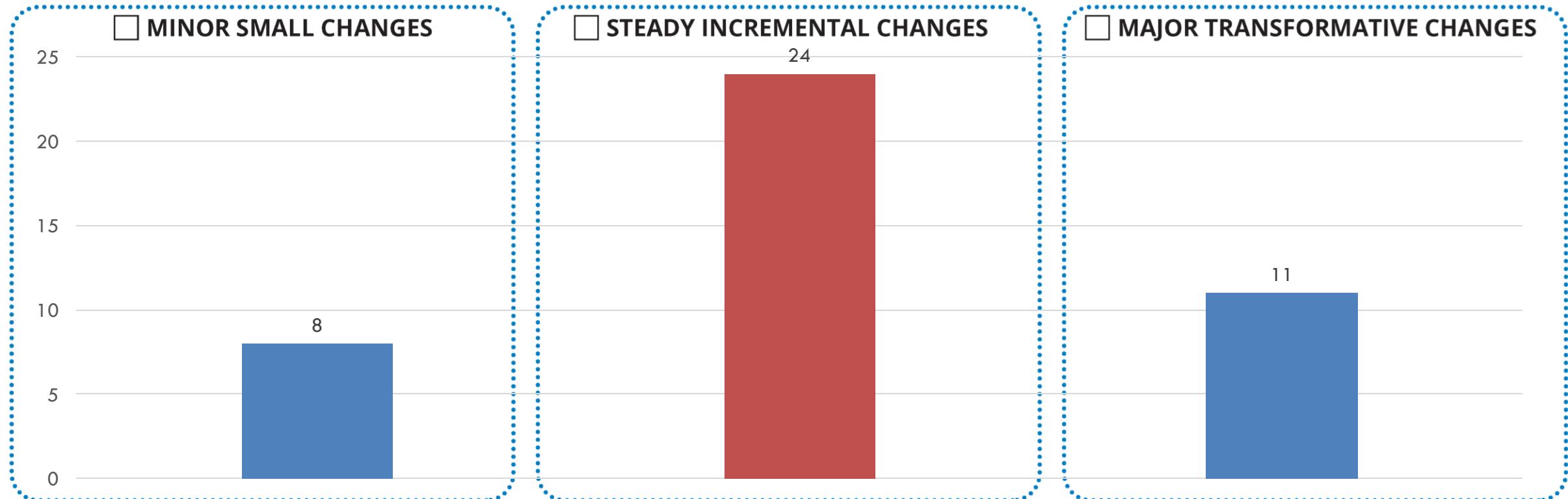
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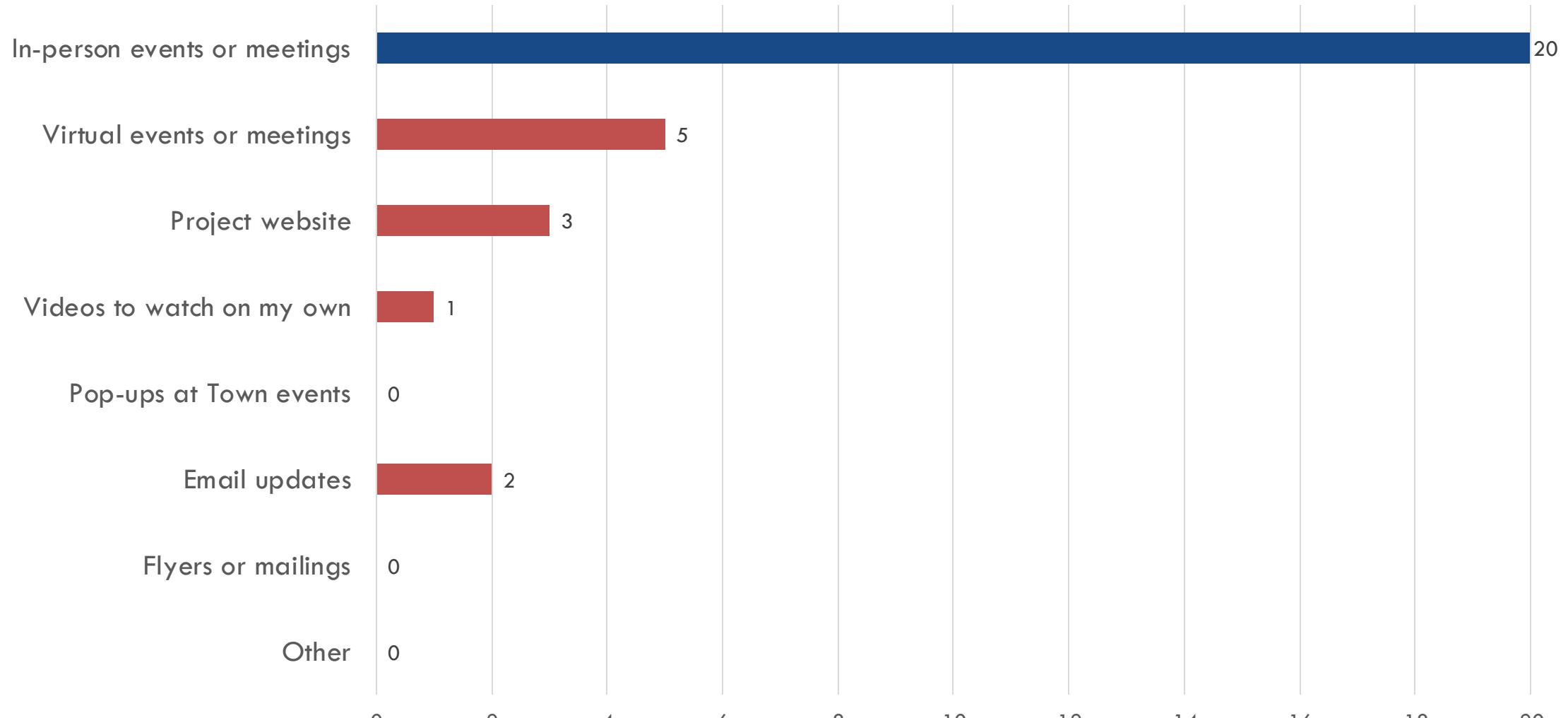
WHAT KIND OF CHANGES WILL GET MILFORD TO THE VISION?



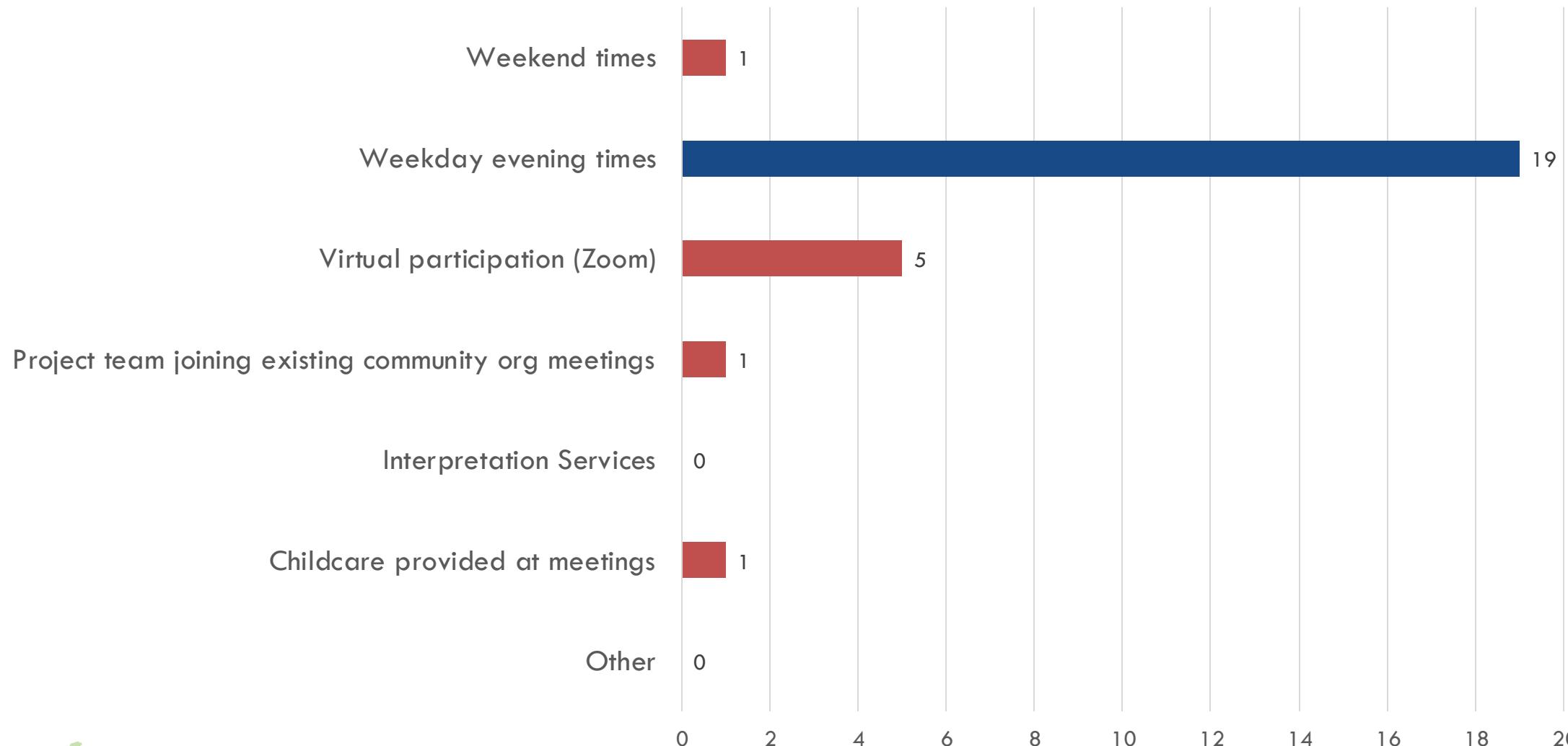
Recap of Community Meeting

- How to stay involved:
 - How would you most prefer to engage with the Comprehensive Plan process?
 - What would best help you attend events or meetings in Town?
 - What is your top source for information about what is going on in Town?
 - How did you hear about this meeting?

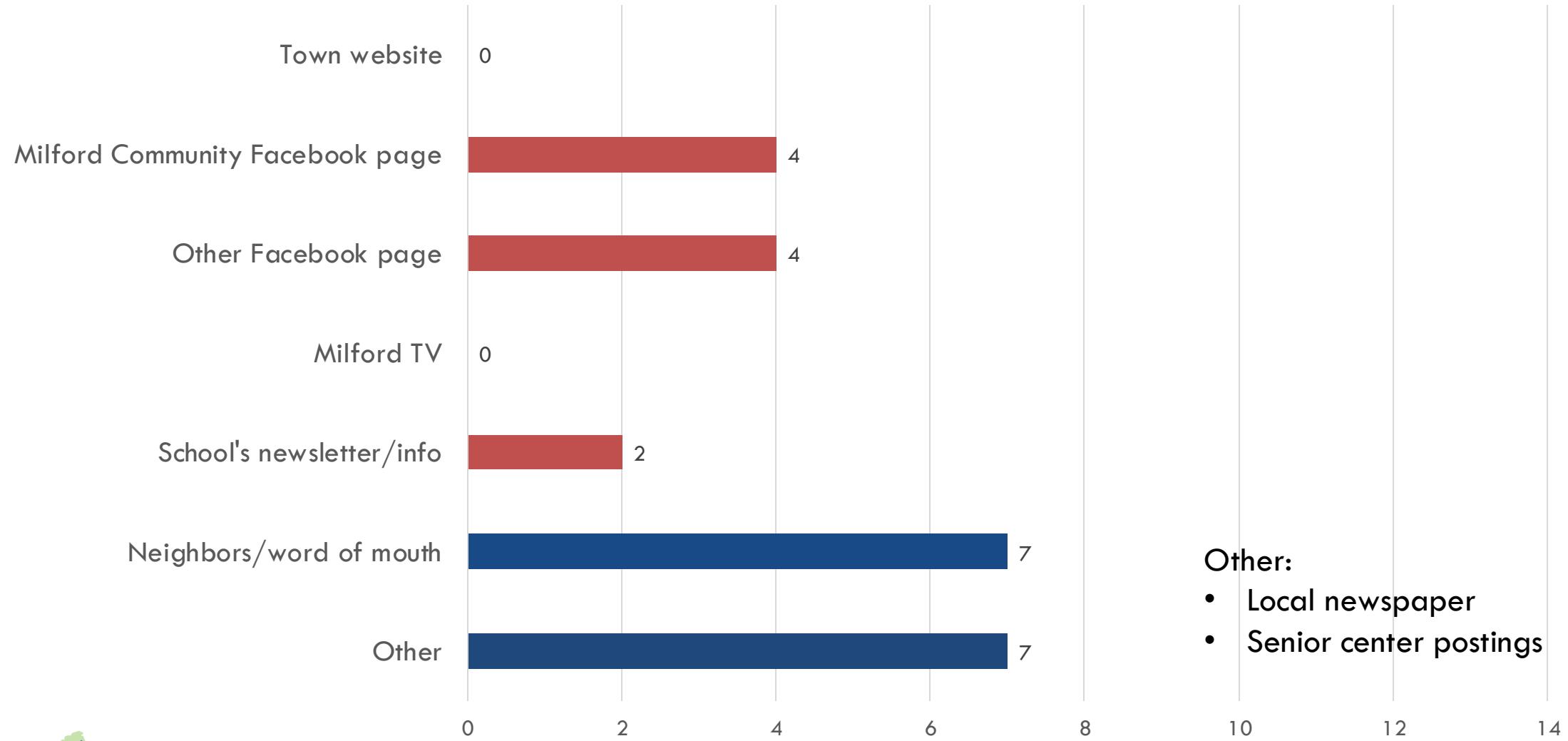
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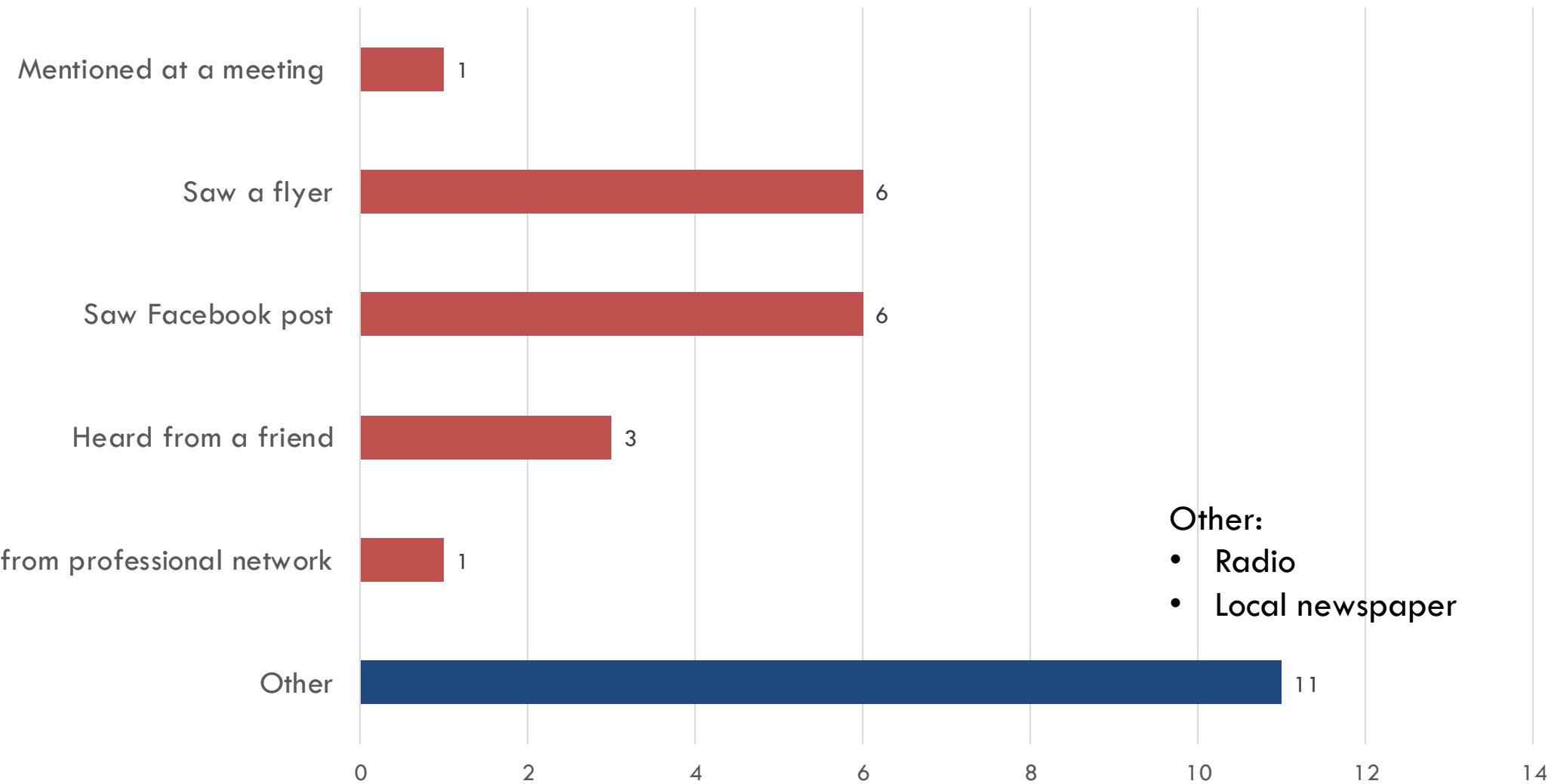
What would best help you attend?



What is your top source for information?



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Community Survey



Community Survey

- Open from 5/13 to mid-June
- Survey link released at Community Meeting
- Promoted in follow-up after the Community Meeting
- Complementary to discussion and feedback gathered at the Community Meeting



Community Survey

What's your vision for Milford?

Participate in the 1st Community Survey at:

<https://mapc.ma/milford-plan24-survey1>



Encuesta Comunitaria

¿Cuál es su visión de Milford?

Participe en la 1ra. Encuesta Comunitaria en:

mapc.ma/milford-plan24-survey1



Pesquisa Comunitária

Qual é a sua visão para Milford?

Participe da primeira pesquisa comunitária no site:

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Community Survey

- Introduction
- Challenges and Opportunities for Milford (11 questions)
- Vision for Milford (7 questions)
- Staying involved in the Comprehensive Plan (5 questions)
- Tell us about yourself (9 questions)

Promotion and outreach

- What can be done to help get the word out about the community survey?



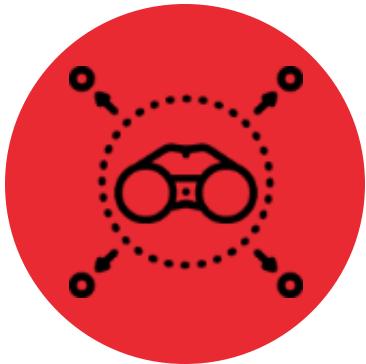
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Plan Topics



Community Engagement



Values, Vision, and Goals



Land Use



Downtown



Economic Development



Housing



Transportation, Circulation, and Transit



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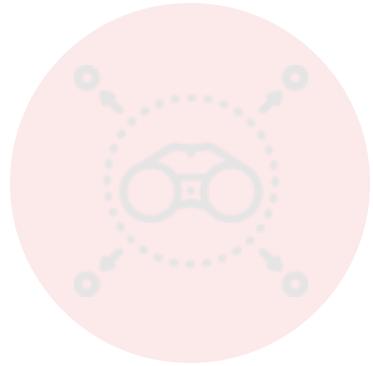


Community Services and Facilities

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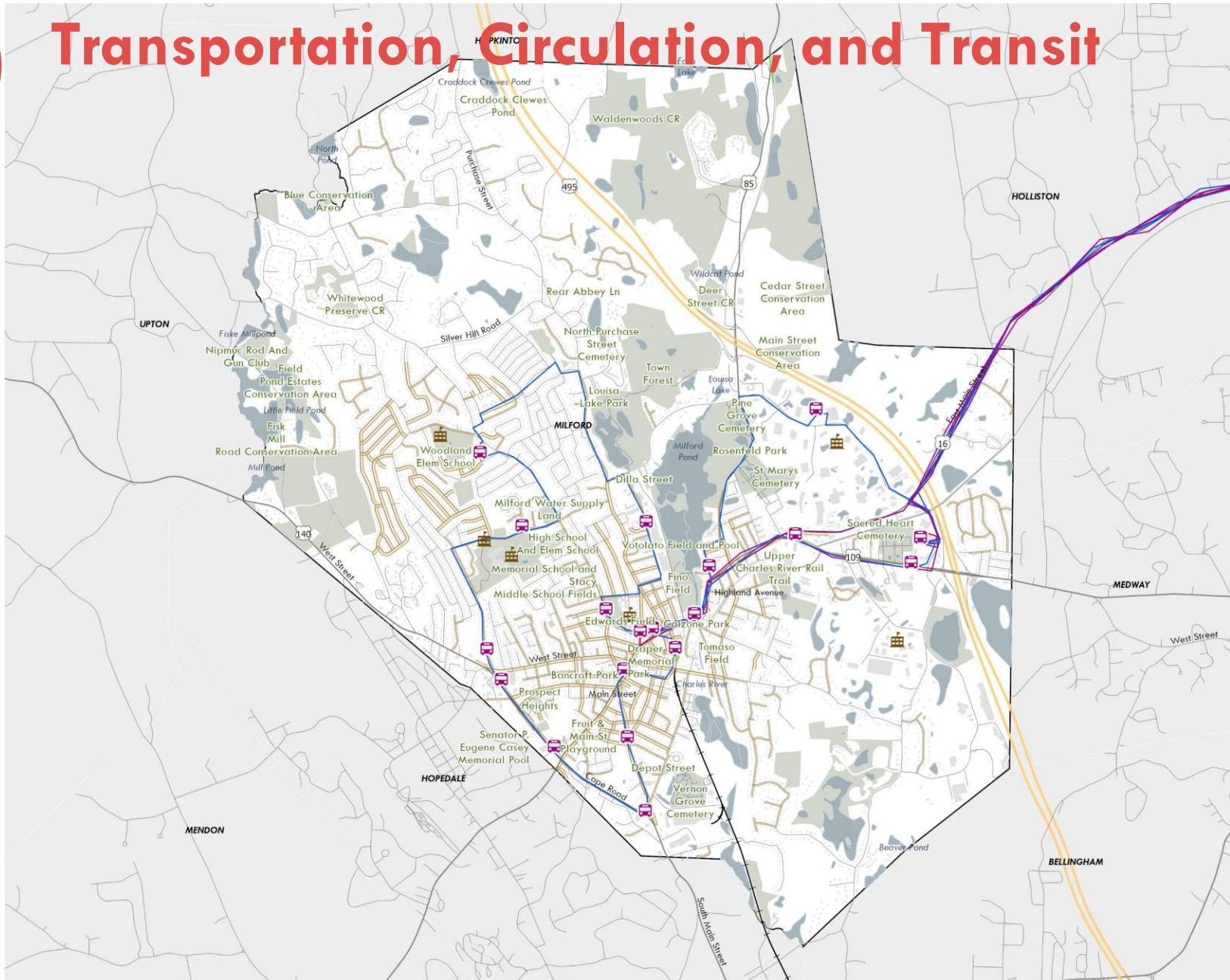
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Milford, MA
2024
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- MetroWestRTA
- MetroWestRTA Route 6
- MetroWestRTA Route 14
- Bike Facilities
- Sidewalks
- Schools

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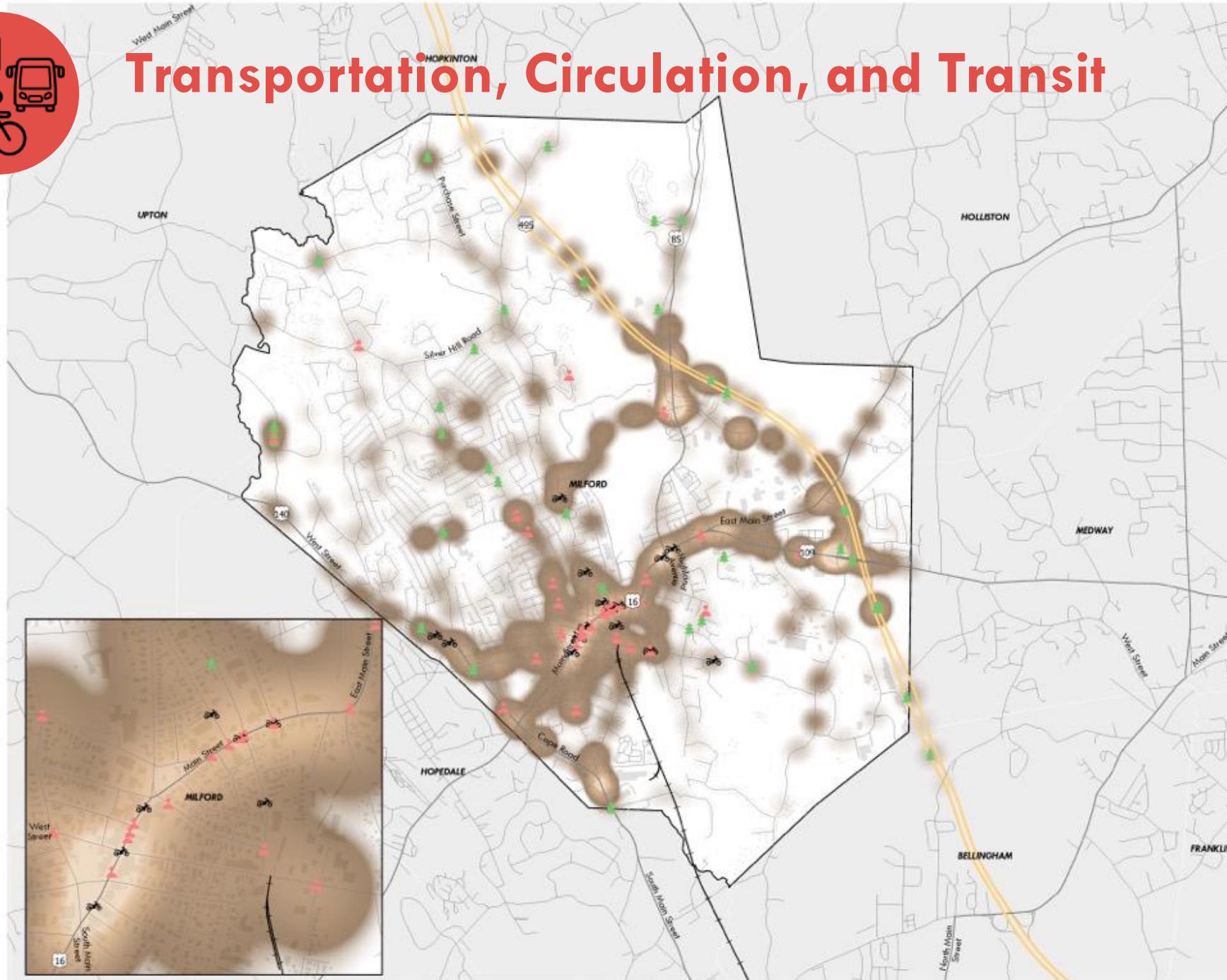


Summary

- 72.2% of Milford commuters drive alone; only 2.7% walk, bike, or use public transit
- Traffic congestion and downtown parking management are challenges
- Downtown Milford is compact and walkable, and the nearby Upper Charles Trail is a community asset
 - Beyond these areas, the Town lacks bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure/connections
- Night service recently added on MWRTA bus routes 6 and 14
 - Overall transit service/access/usage remains low



Transportation, Circulation, and Transit



Milford, MA
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Milford Collision
Concentration, All Types
(2021-2024)



Collision with Non-Car Party

- Collision with pedestrian
- Collision with cyclist
- Collision with tree

Existing Rail
Interstate
U.S. Highway
State Route
Non-numbered route

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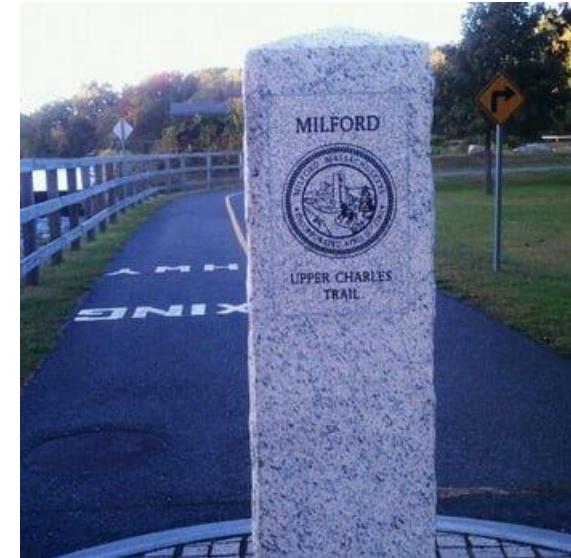
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Opportunities

- Compact, walkable downtown
- Participation in Complete Streets program
- Upper Charles Trail
- Regional bus route (MWRTA routes 6 and 14)
- Addition of night service on MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) buses





Challenges

- High levels of car dependence and traffic congestion
- Low frequency bus service (hour+ headways)
- No Regional/Commuter Rail access
- Low public transit usage/access and lack of transit-supportive land uses
- Lack of sidewalks, crosswalks and multimodal connectivity
- Downtown parking management

Morning Schedule (AM)

Blandin Hub (15 Blandin Ave.)	6:30	--	--	--	--	--
Milford Crossing (Stop & Shop)*	6:57	8:09	9:17	10:25	11:35	
Target	7:00	8:11	9:21	10:32	11:42	
East Main St. Bus Shelter (bike path)	7:10	8:24	9:34	10:44	11:54	
Milford Town Hall	7:11	8:25	9:35	10:45	11:55	
Milford Senior Center	7:12	8:26	9:36	10:46	11:56	
Main St Milford Police Station	7:13	8:27	9:37	10:47	11:57	
EMK Comm. Health	7:20	8:30	9:41	10:52	12:02	
Milford Reg. Hospital	7:23	8:33	9:44	10:55	12:05	
Shaw's / Walgreens	7:26	8:36	9:47	10:58	12:08	
Milford High School	7:29	8:39	9:50	11:01	12:11	
Colonial / Capital Housing	7:30	8:40	9:51	11:02	12:12	
Birmingham Court	7:42	8:47	9:57	11:09	12:18	
Milford Library	7:45	8:50	10:00	11:11	12:19	
Milford Town Hall	7:47	8:54	10:04	11:14	12:24	
Big Y	7:50	8:58	10:06	11:16	12:26	
Kohls	7:52	9:00	10:09	11:19	12:28	
Milford Crossing (Stop & Shop)*	7:54	9:03	10:14	11:24	12:32	
Blandin Hub (15 Blandin Ave.)	--	--	--	--	--	--



Commuting

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American Community Survey

2022: ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables

Notes

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More Tools

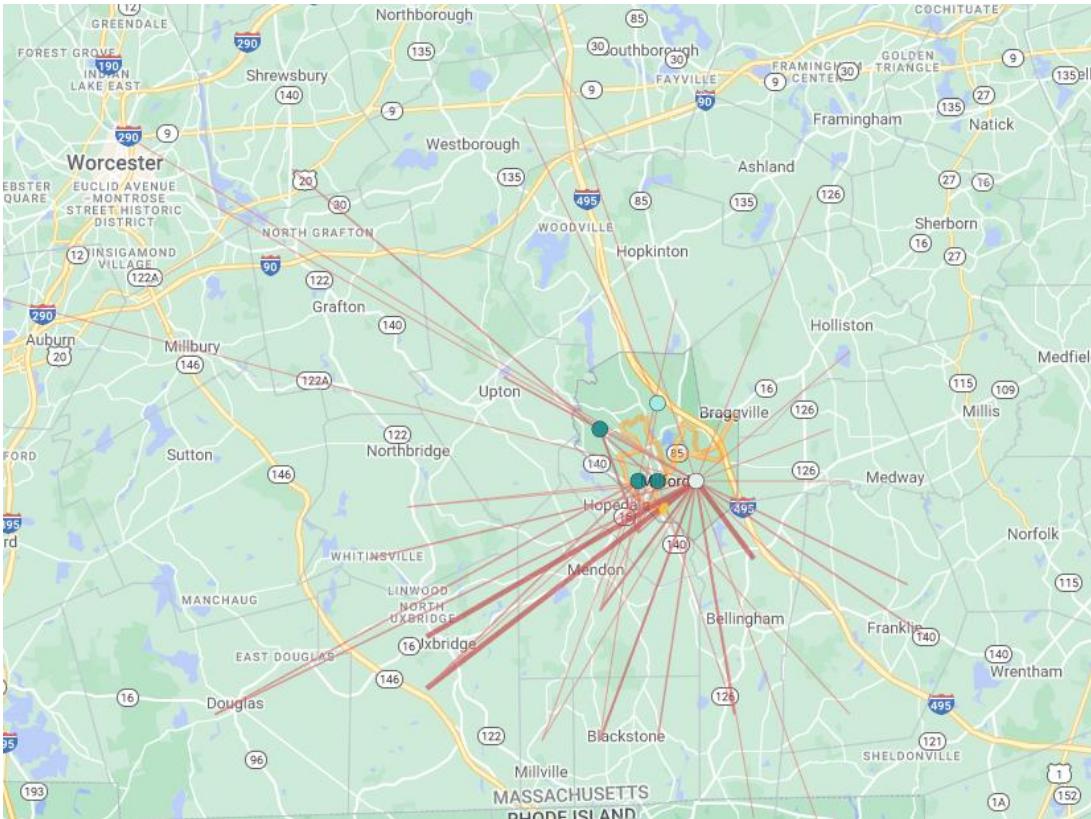
Milford town, Worcester County, Massachusetts			
	Total	Male	
Label	Estimate	Margin of Error	
▼ Workers 16 years and over	16,215	±807	
▼ MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK			
▼ Car, truck, or van	79.3%	±3.5	
Drove alone	72.2%	±4.2	
▼ Carpoled	7.0%	±2.0	
In 2-person carpool	4.7%	±1.7	
In 3-person carpool	0.5%	±0.4	
In 4-or-more person carpool	1.8%	±1.1	
Workers per car, truck, or van	1.05	±0.02	
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	1.1%	±0.6	
Walked	1.4%	±0.8	
Bicycle	0.2%	±0.3	
Taxicab, motorcycle, or other means	6.4%	±2.8	
Worked from home	11.7%	±2.1	

- **72.2% of commuters drive alone**
- **Only 2.7% walk, bike, or use public transit**





Commuting in/to Milford

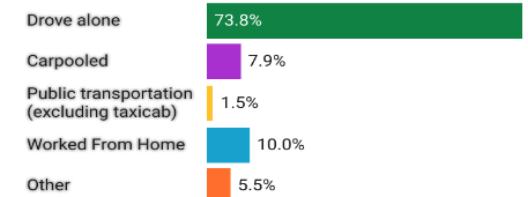


People commute from across the region to work in Milford

(7,195 according to 2012 ACS US Census, 14,910 according to 495/Metrowest Partnership)

Commuting

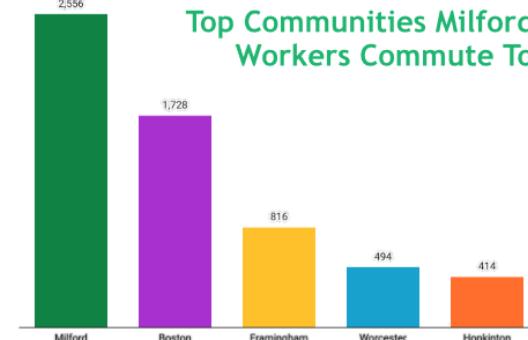
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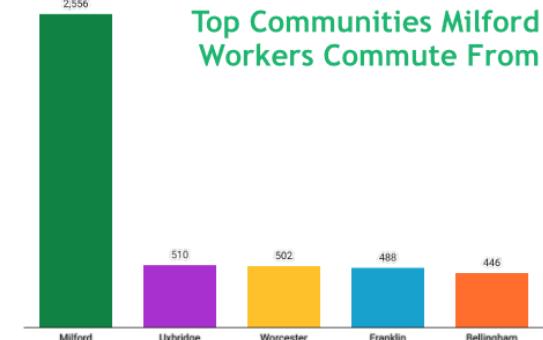
Inflow/Outflow



Top Communities Milford Workers Commute To



Top Communities Milford Workers Commute From



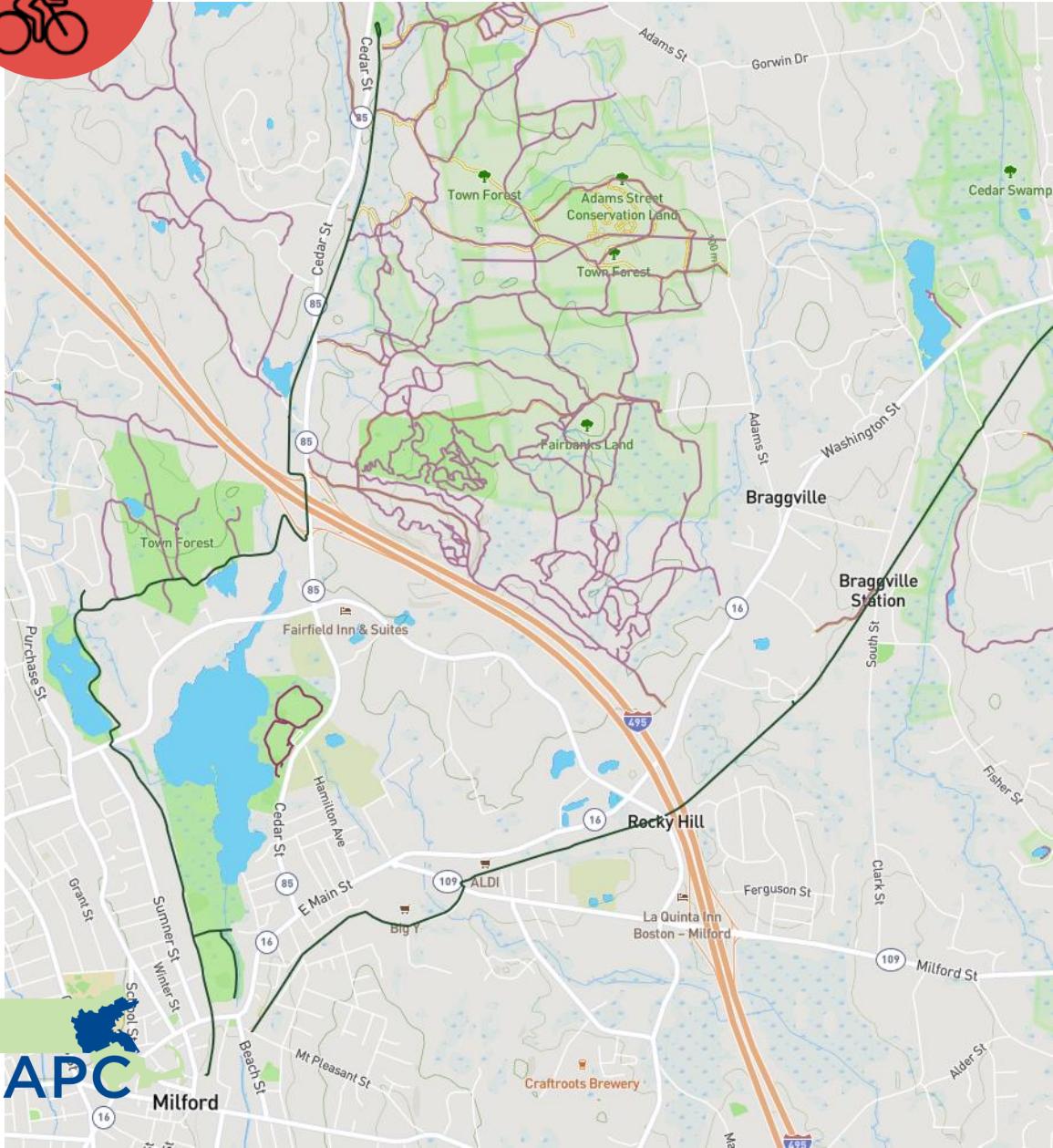


Complete Streets in Milford

- Town participates in Complete Streets program, but faces funding challenges and is often unable to expand sidewalk network despite efforts to do so
- Upper Charles Trail (UCT) seen as a community asset
- Dec 2023 Implementation Status Report on 2003 Comp Plan did not indicate progress on “expanding network to address deficient modes” and “create an implementation plan to achieve multimodal objectives”



Upper Charles Trail (UCT)



- **6.58 miles** of trail in Milford connect downtown to Hopkinton (north) and Holliston (east)
- When completed, the **26-mile** long UCT network will connect the towns of Sherborn, Holliston, Milford, Hopkinton, Framingham, and Ashland



Public Transit in Milford

- Town served by MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) bus routes 6 and 14
 - Route 6: Holliston to Milford Route servicing Route 126 (includes connection to Framingham MBTA Commuter Rail)
 - Route 14: Milford Route servicing Downtown Milford and other local destinations
- Night service being added on several MWRTA routes as of April 8, including the 6 and the 14
- Dec 2023 Implementation Status Report on 2003 Comp Plan notes progress on “consider[ing] the potential expansion of the MBTA’s commuter rail service from Franklin to Milford”



Public Transit in Milford

MWRTA Route 6



MWRTA Route 14





Traffic and Parking in Milford

- Congestion highlighted as “most significant transportation issue” in 2003 Comp Plan and remains a concern
- Roadway projects to address traffic bottlenecks are a priority
- Downtown parking highlighted as a “real or perceived problem” in 2003 Comp Plan and remains a challenge
- Undersupply of parking at senior center also perceived as a problem and potential safety hazard
- High off-street parking requirements exacerbate sprawl
 - 2 spaces/unit for residential
 - High reqs for office/commercial
 - Shared parking IS allowed



Discussion

- What strikes you about this information?
- What should we focus on as we continue our analysis of transportation?
- What should be a part of the long-term vision for transportation?



Discussion

- What are the top traffic and parking challenges in the Town? What projects are proposed to address these issues?
- What challenges does the Town face in advancing multimodal connectivity? What projects are proposed to address these issues?
- Who is currently using MWRTA transit service in Milford and for what types of trips? What progress has been made in considering a Commuter Rail extension to Milford?



Next steps



Project website

Stay involved!

Sign up for the **email** list:

mapc.ma/milford-plan24



Learn more!

Visit the **plan website**:

<https://mapc.ma/MilfordCompPlan>



Community Survey

What's your vision for Milford?

Participate in the 1st Community Survey at:

mapc.ma/milford-plan24-survey1



Encuesta Comunitaria

¿Cuál es su visión de Milford?

Participe en la 1ra. Encuesta Comunitaria en:

mapc.ma/milford-plan24-survey1



Pesquisa Comunitária

Qual é a sua visão para Milford?

Participe da primeira pesquisa comunitária no site:

mapc.ma/milford-plan24-survey1



Community Survey

- Please follow up with additional feedback through the Community Survey
- Complementary to discussion and feedback gathered at the Community Meeting
- Open from 5/13 to mid-June

Community Organization Event

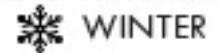
- Additional outreach and engagement to gather feedback and insights
- Opportunity to share and promote the Community Survey

Key Milestones

PHASE 1	2024	Winter	Project Kick-off
			Town Tour
			Municipal Interviews
		Spring	Community Meeting #1 (Visioning Workshop)
			Community Survey #1
			Community-Based Organization Interviews
		Summer	Community Values and Vision
			Data Collection & Analysis
			Existing Conditions Topic Summaries
			Assets, Challenges, Opportunities
PHASE 2	2025	Fall	Preliminary Draft Goals
			Community Workshop #2 (Feedback on Goals)
			Community Survey #2
			Refining and Finalizing Goals
			Preliminary Strategies and Actions
		Winter	Municipal Review Meetings
			Implementation Approach
			Final Community Meeting
		Spring	Draft Plan & Public Comment Period
			Final Plan
			Plan Adoption (Planning Board)

PHASE 1: EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS AND VISIONING

PHASE 2: GOAL SETTING AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



WINTER



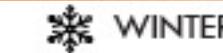
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SUMMER



FALL



WINTER



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Task 1: Establishing the Foundation



Town Tour

Municipal Day

Community Engagement Plan

Task 2: Identifying Existing Patterns

Study and Data Collection

Initial Research and Analysis

Community Awareness Campaign

Internal Work Session #1

Task 3: Visioning/Initial Plan Elements



Follow-up Survey

Task 4: Defining a Vision and Direction

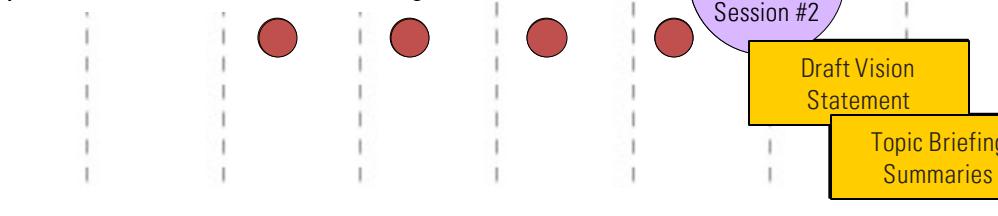
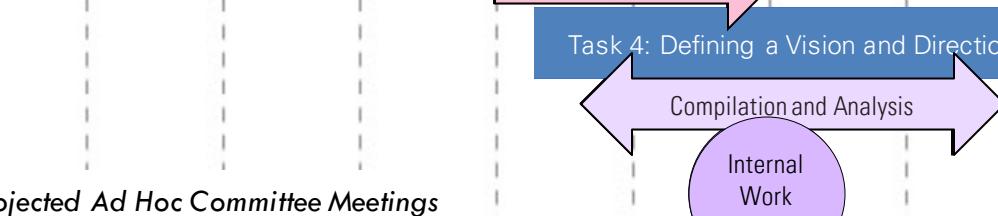
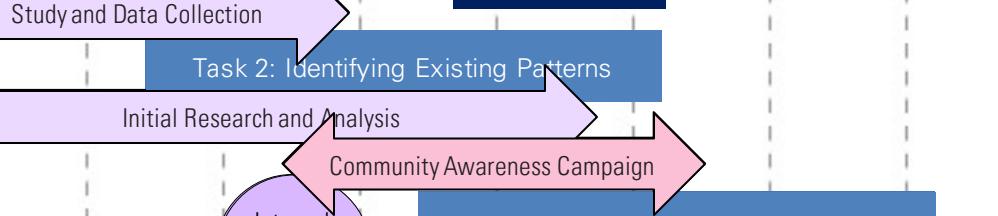
Compilation and Analysis

Internal Work Session #2

Draft Vision Statement

Topic Briefing Summaries

Projected Ad Hoc Committee Meetings



Task 1: Defining Recommendations



Initial Draft Goals

Community Workshop #2

Follow-up Survey

Task 2: Refining Recommendations

Refining Recommendations

Community Awareness Campaign

Finalize Goals

Task 3: Defining Strategies and Actions

Initial Strategies and Actions

Municipal Day

Implementation approach

Internal Work Session #4

Task 4: Compiling a Plan

Draft Plan and Layout

Task 5: Defining Priorities

Defining Cross-cutting Themes

Final Community Forum

Comment Period

March 31, 2025 (Target Completion Date)

Town Meeting

Projected Ad Hoc Committee Meetings

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Next steps

- Community Organization event
- **Next Ad Hoc Committee Meeting –**
June 18th 7:00 pm
Topic Discussion:
Economic Development and Downtown
- Beginning to compile existing conditions into a briefing document