



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD

MARCH 19, 2024



WHAT IS THE PLANNING PROCESS?

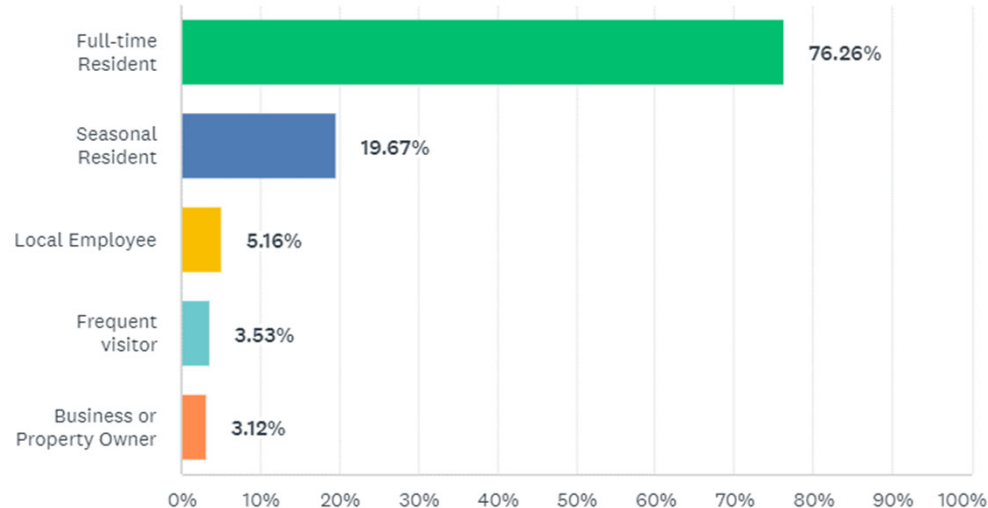


WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?



Comprehensive Plan Survey

- Survey launched in March 2023 and kept open for six months
- 746 responses received (4.9% response rate)
- Majority of respondents were full-time residents (76.3%) versus seasonal residents (19.7%)
- Village of Monticello residents made up 10.2% of responses.



[Online Survey](#)

Click here to see the results of the
Comprehensive Plan Survey!

**COMPLETE UNEDITED
SURVEY RESULTS CAN BE
FOUND AT**
WWW.THOMPSONTOGETHER.COM

Comprehensive Plan Survey

BIGGEST ADVANTAGES

- Natural Beauty
- Quiet Country Setting
- Trails, Lakes and Outdoor Amenities
- Quality Schools
- Strong Sense of Community
- Shopping and Employment Hub
- Central location & close to highway
- Proximity to New York City



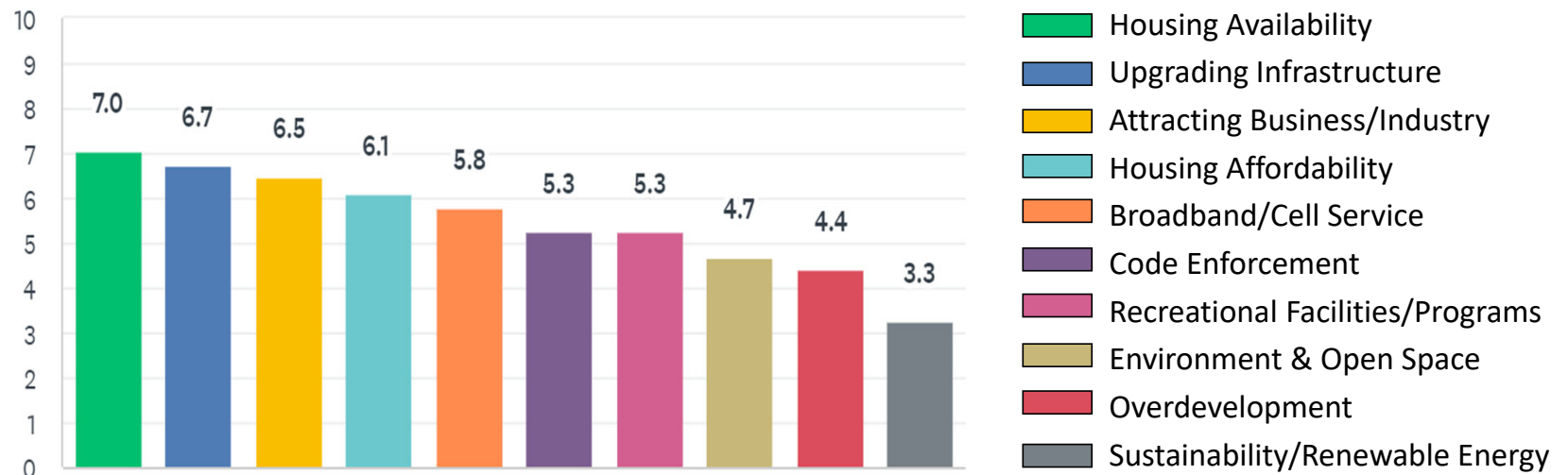
MOST PRESSING ISSUES

- High Demand for Housing
- Proliferation of High Density Housing
- Rapid Growth & Overdevelopment
- Infrastructure Capacity
- Traffic and Overcrowding
- Zoning & Code Enforcement
- Lack of Public Transportation options
- Limited youth recreation and services
- Drugs, crime & disinvestment in downtown Monticello



Comprehensive Plan Survey

Which of the following issues do you think should be a priority for local officials?



Comprehensive Plan Survey

What Types of Development and Land Uses Should be Encouraged?



Multi-Family Housing
Year-round businesses/retail
Parks & Recreation
Open Space
Light Industry

What Types of Development and Land Uses Should be Discouraged?



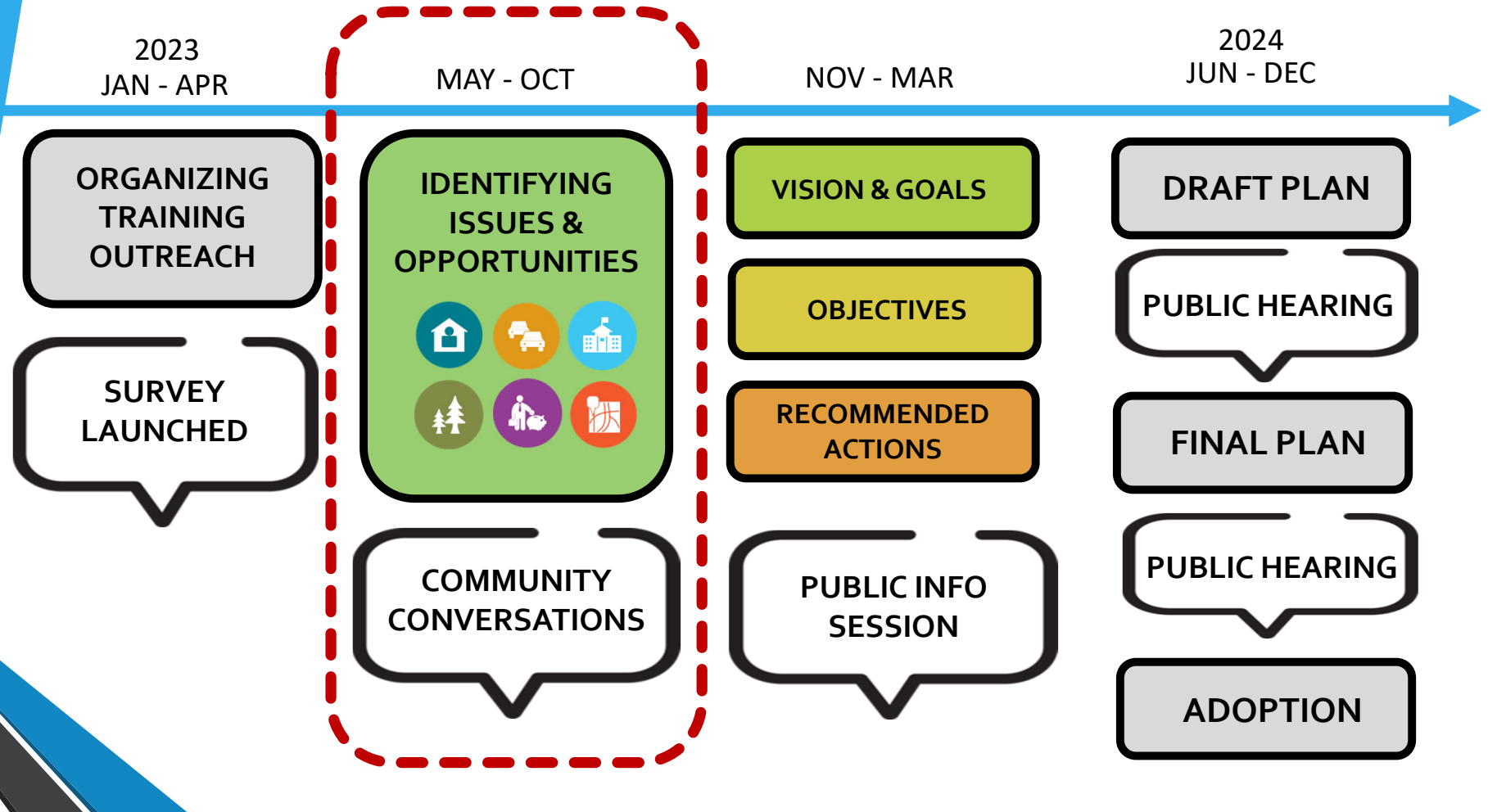
**High-Density Housing
Cluster Developments
Large (Heavy) Industry
Warehouses
Distribution Centers**

"We should be encouraging more single family unattached homes consistent with the current environment. High density housing is the biggest risk this area faces!"

VS.

"Thompson needs high density development focused in downtown corridors rather than sprawling subdivisions in the woods."

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?



Identifying Issues & Opportunities



HOUSING

May 23, 2023

Guest(s): SC Board of Realtors



TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

June 27, 2023

Guest(s): Mike Messenger



COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES

July 25, 2023

*Guest(s): Angela Dutcher (Literacy Center);
Laura Quigley (SC Community Resources)*



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

August 29, 2023

*Guest(s): Jaime Schmeiser (SC Chamber);
Marc Baez (SC Partnership)*



PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES

September 26, 2023

Guest(s): Glen Somers (Town Parks Director)



PLANNING & LAND USE

October 23, 2023

Guest(s): Heather Jacksy (SC Planning)

Community Conversations

Public Information Sessions

- In person at Rock Hill Fire House
- Virtual session via Zoom

Public Presentations

- Monticello Rotary
- Monticello Seniors
- Viznitz Community

Interactive Traveling Exhibit at Events & Festivals

- Juneteenth Celebration
- Islamic Cultural Center – Eid al-Adha Celebration
- Rock Hill Car Show
- Farmers' Markets (Rock Hill & Monticello)
- Monticello Bagel Festival



Community Conversations

Recreational & Facilities Programming:	564
Connectivity (Broadband & Cell):	324
Housing Affordability:	322
Infrastructure Improvements:	253
Housing Availability:	246
Environment & Open Space:	241
Sustainability/Renewable Energy:	140
Attracting Business & Industry:	123
Overdevelopment:	121
Code Enforcement/Beautification:	113



INSTRUCTIONS: Choose 5 Seeds, plant them in any of the topic jars

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

WE
ARE
HERE

2023
JAN - APR

ORGANIZING
TRAINING
OUTREACH

SURVEY
LAUNCHED

MAY - OCT

IDENTIFYING
ISSUES &
OPPORTUNITIES



COMMUNITY
CONVERSATIONS

NOV - MAR

VISION & GOALS

OBJECTIVES

RECOMMENDED
ACTIONS

PUBLIC INFO
SESSION

2024
JUN - DEC

DRAFT PLAN

PUBLIC HEARING

FINAL PLAN

PUBLIC HEARING

ADOPTION

VISION & GOALS

Thompson's vision for the future is to encourage responsible development that will strengthen the local economy and create employment opportunities, while maintaining the natural beauty and rural setting that attracts residents and visitors to our community. Through thoughtful planning, collaboration and sustainable growth, we hope to better **connect** people and places in our community, and ensure that Thompson continues to be a great place to **live**, **work** and **play**.

LIVE



Thompson will be an accessible community with a wide range of community services and housing choices available to all residents.

WORK



Thompson will be a business-friendly community, with ample infrastructure to support future growth, and where residents can access to quality jobs with upward mobility.

PLAY



Thompson will be an active and healthy community, where parks, trails and natural areas are easily accessible, and recreational programming is available for all ages and income levels.

CONNECT



Thompson will be a connected community, with gateways and travel corridors that are safe, attractive and accessible; and where residents are engaged with their local government.

VISION & GOALS

LIVE



Thompson will be an accessible community with a wide range of community services and housing choices available to all residents.

1. **Improve the availability and condition of housing in the Town, and support programs that assist seniors, first-time homebuyers and working families.**
2. **Ensure that there are a broad range of housing options available to residents of all ages and income levels.**
3. **Ensure that all new housing developments are safe, active and walkable with pedestrian networks that connect to public sidewalks and every day destinations.**
4. **Encourage new housing in areas with access to infrastructure (water, sewer, sidewalks, broadband, etc.) and adequate capacity to accommodate future growth.**
5. **Ensure that all residents have affordable access to the community services they need to live decent lives, including public safety, healthcare, daycare and education.**



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VISION & GOALS

WORK



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1. Maintain Thompson's position as a hub for economic activity and employment, and prioritize new development that will strengthen the tax base and generate full-time job opportunities at a living wage.
2. Support efforts to retain and attract small business to the community, and attract customers to our downtowns and highway commercial areas.
3. Ensure that Thompson has a skilled workforce with adequate access to housing, job training, public transportation, day care and other critical resources.
4. Improve the condition of the Town's public infrastructure and ensure there is adequate capacity to support future growth, particularly along gateways and major travel corridors.
5. Encourage and engage in projects that promote sustainability, renewable energy, and/or climate resiliency.



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VISION & GOALS

PLAY



Thompson will be an active and healthy community, where parks, trails and natural areas are easily accessible, and recreational programming is available for all ages and income levels.

1. Improve the quality and accessibility of public parks, trails and open spaces in the Town of Thompson.
2. Expand recreational programming for residents of all ages and abilities.
3. Maintain a healthy natural environment, by supporting agriculture and working landscapes, preserving open space, and protecting valuable natural resources.
4. Improve access to health care and support organizations that provide prevention services and/or are working to improve health outcomes for local residents.



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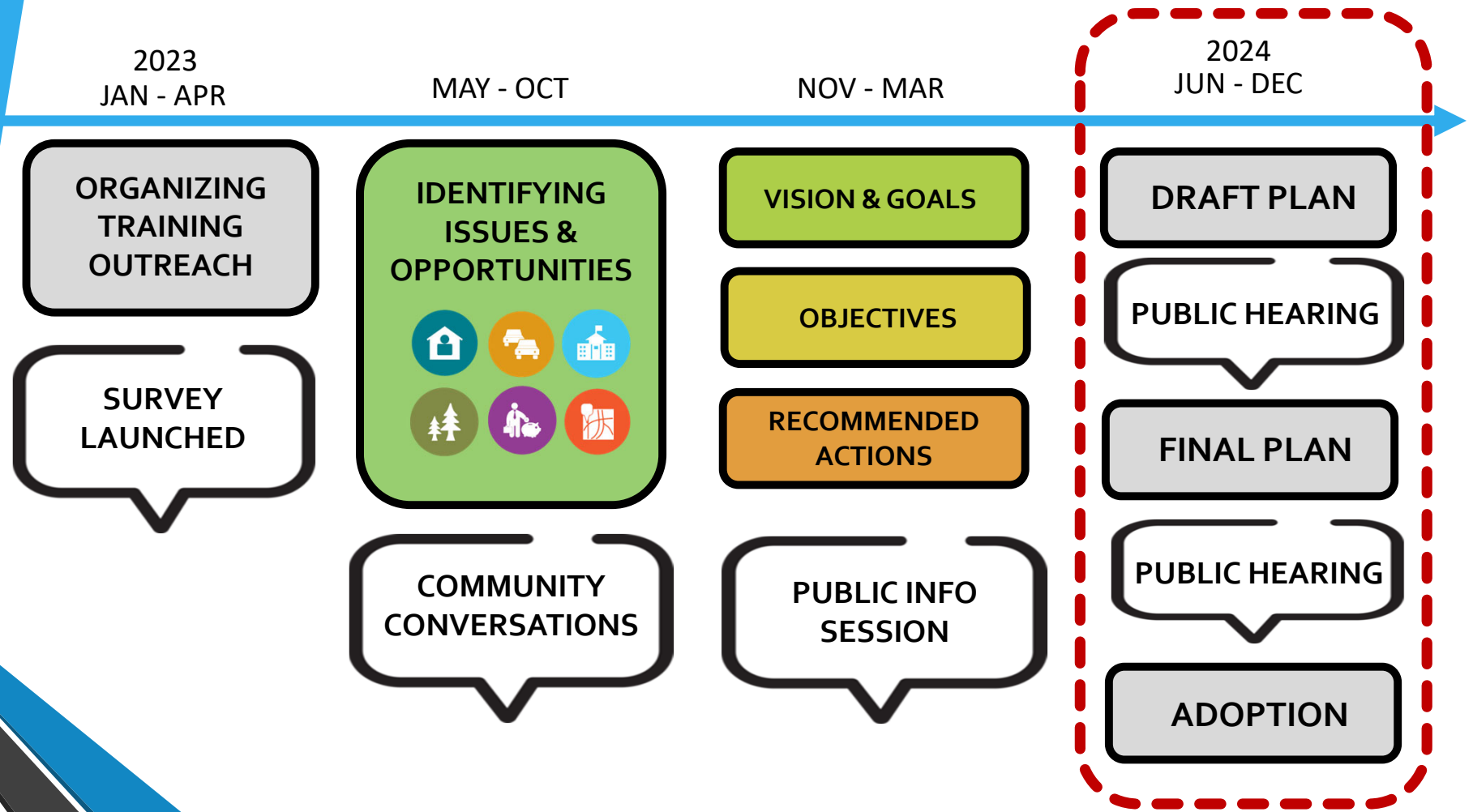
1. Maintain the safety and functionality of public roads and travel corridors throughout the town for all users.
2. Improve pedestrian safety and promote walkability by expanding sidewalk networks and providing adequate street lighting.
3. Support alternative modes of transportation and expand access to public transit.
4. Encourage intermunicipal cooperation and shared services where appropriate to reduce costs and improve government efficiency.
5. Maintain government transparency, improve communication, and ensure that residents have easy access to public information.



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WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?



NEXT STEPS

APRIL

- **Public Information Session:** Tuesday, April 9th @ 7PM at Town Hall
- **Town Board Work Session:** Tuesday, April 16th @ 6PM at Town Hall
- **Comp Plan Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, April 23rd @ Town Hall



MAY – JUNE – JULY:

- Plan preparation & review

AUGUST:

- Draft plan released for public comment

SEPTEMBER:

- Public hearing on draft plan

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER:

- Final plan released for public comment
- County Referral (GML 239)

DECEMBER:

- SEQOR
- Plan Adoption

QUESTIONS?



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