

Town of Lee

Master Plan 2016

Presentation of Survey Results to
Select Board
December 7, 2015



Ten year plan
2016-2026

Committee Members

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Special thank you to Barb Wauchope

Purpose

- Provides a vision for the town
- Serves as a reference for town planning
- Guides decision-making concerning:
 - Zoning ordinances
 - Budgets
 - Capital improvements and
 - Growth-related issues

Process

- Gathered feedback from departments, committees, and commissions to help develop appropriate survey questions
- Gathered data & guidance from Strafford County Regional Planning Office & Lee Planning Board
- Sent post card notifications to all Town residents
- Set up an informational display on Voting Day-- March 2015

Process

- Developed a questionnaire
- Piloted the questionnaire and modified it based on feedback
- Conducted a survey using the questionnaire

Survey Process

- Questionnaire sent via standard mail to 561 households
 - Used randomization in attempt to eliminate bias
- Online access
 - Announced in E-Crier in July and August
 - Invitation sent out to all E-Crier subscribers
 - Open for two months
- Hard copies made available in July and August at
 - Library
 - Town Hall
 - Transfer Station

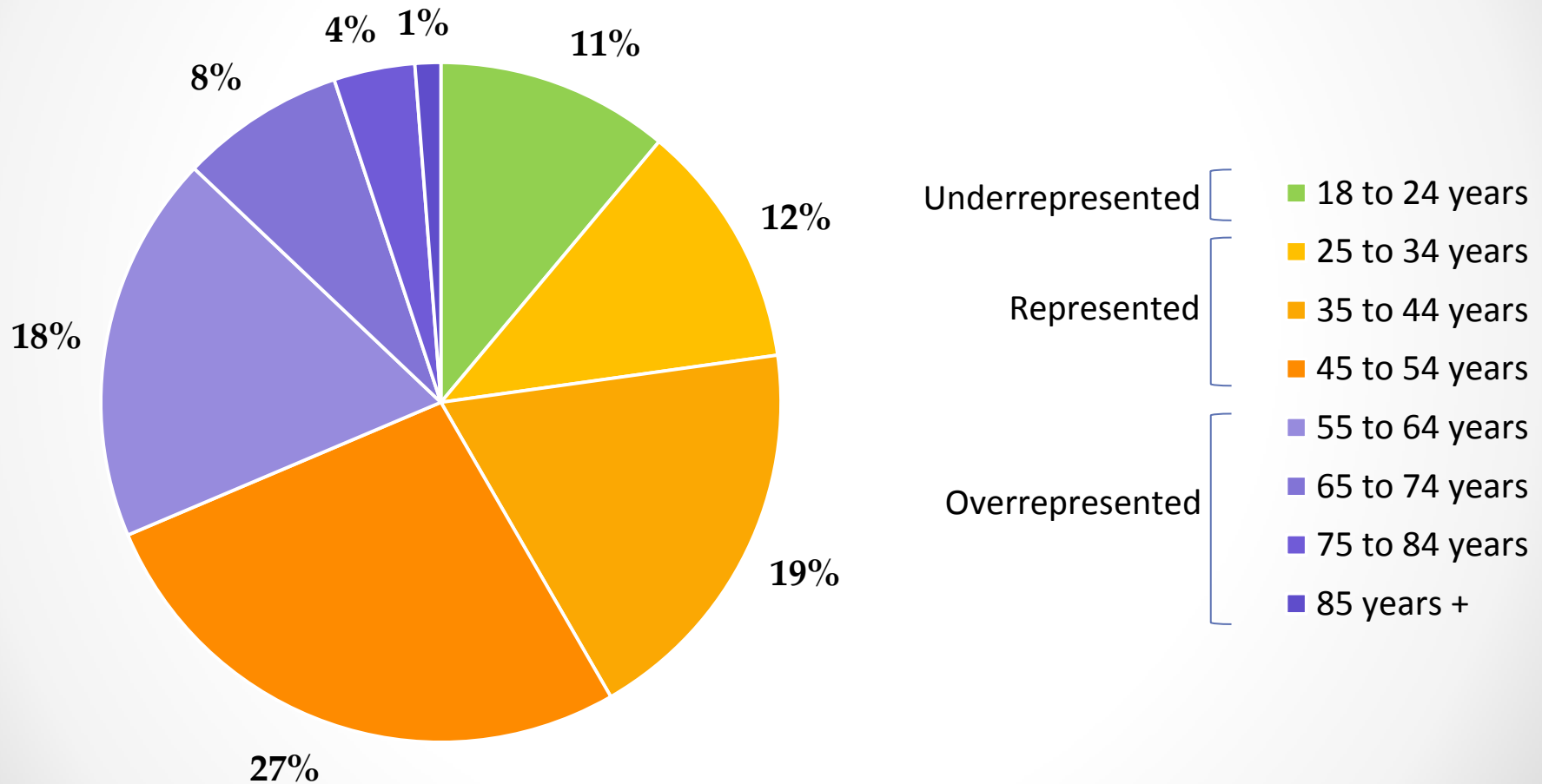
Sample

Sample Set	Returns
Randomized	174 (31% return rate)
Online	166
Hard copy	50
Total	390

Adequacy of Data

- Compared samples to the total population of Lee based on 2010 census
- Compared each sample set to the census data
 - No sample set matched the census data exactly (by age)
 - The sample sets were similar to one another
- Combined the sample sets for all data analysis

Respondents

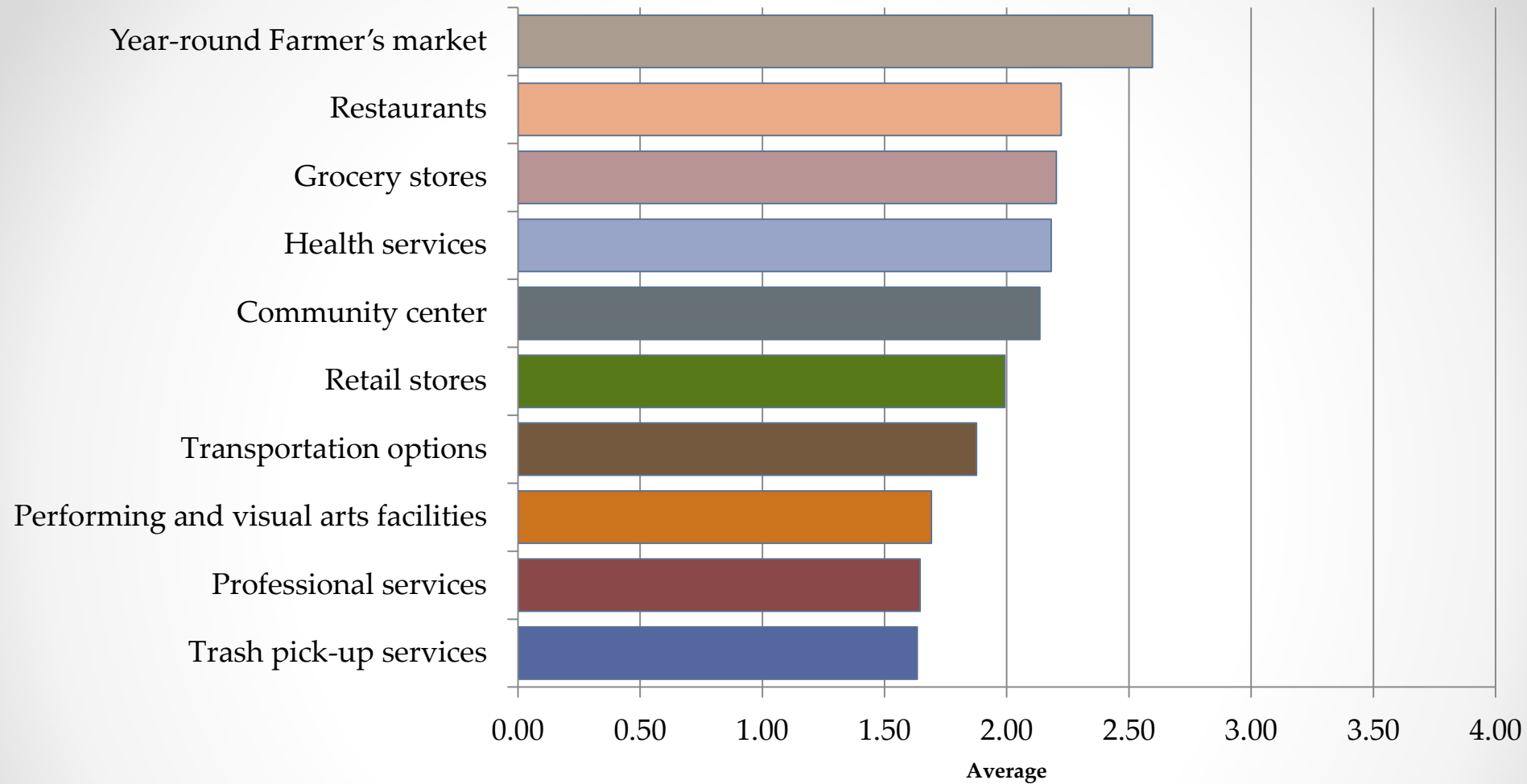


Data Analysis

- Options for rating

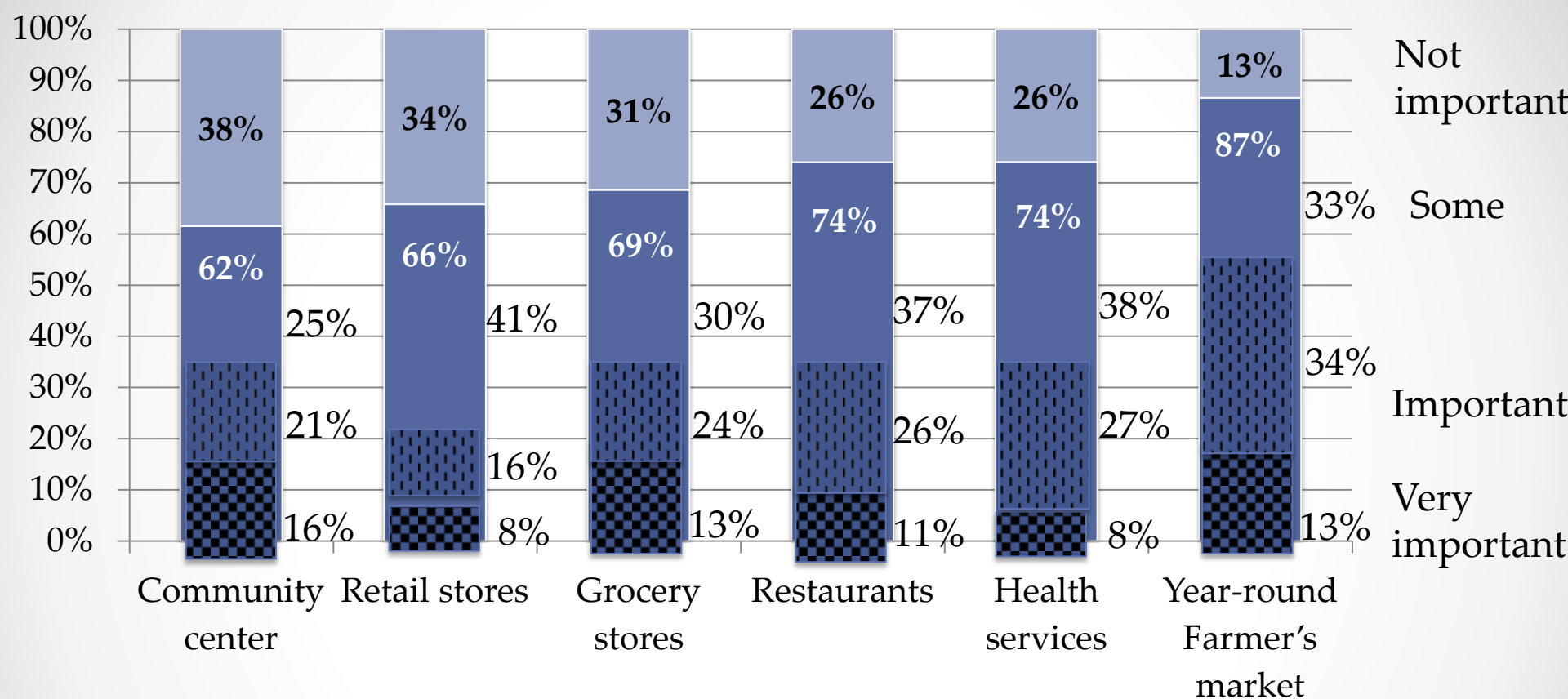
	Points
○ Not important at all	1
○ Somewhat important	2
○ Important	3
○ Very important	4

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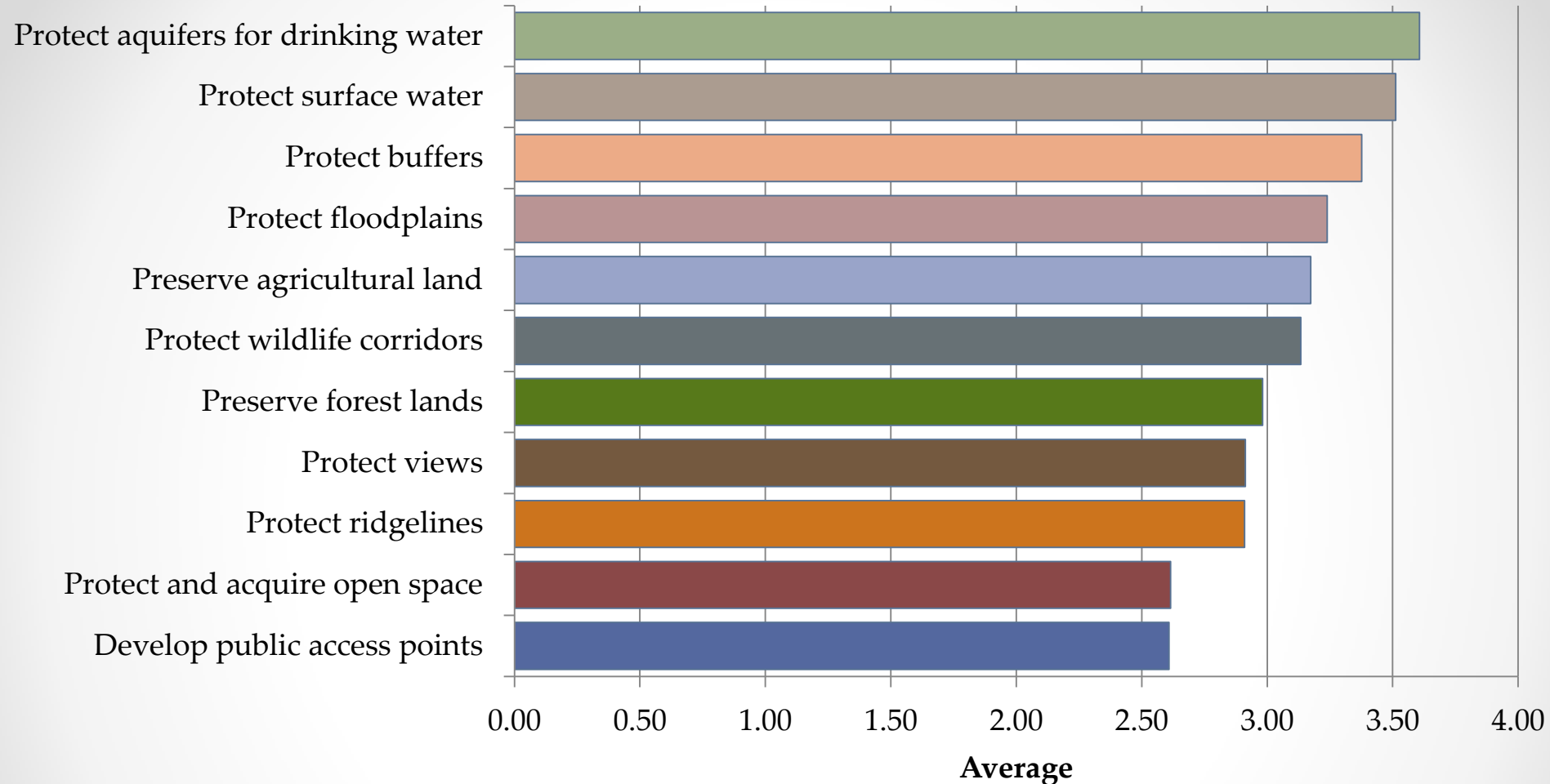
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- Restaurants, grocery stores, health services, & a community center were all important

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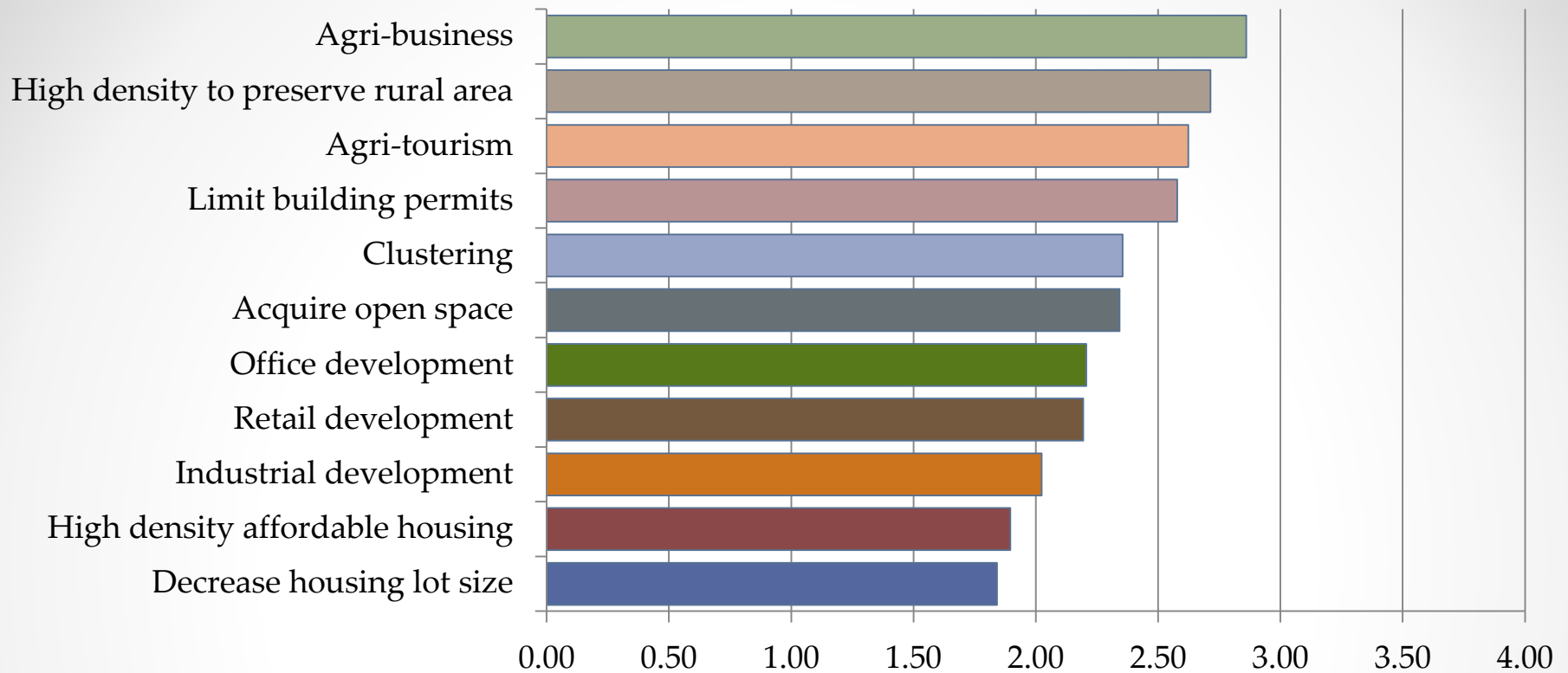
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- The availability of businesses is important: retail, restaurants, grocery stores

Importance of Natural Resources in Lee



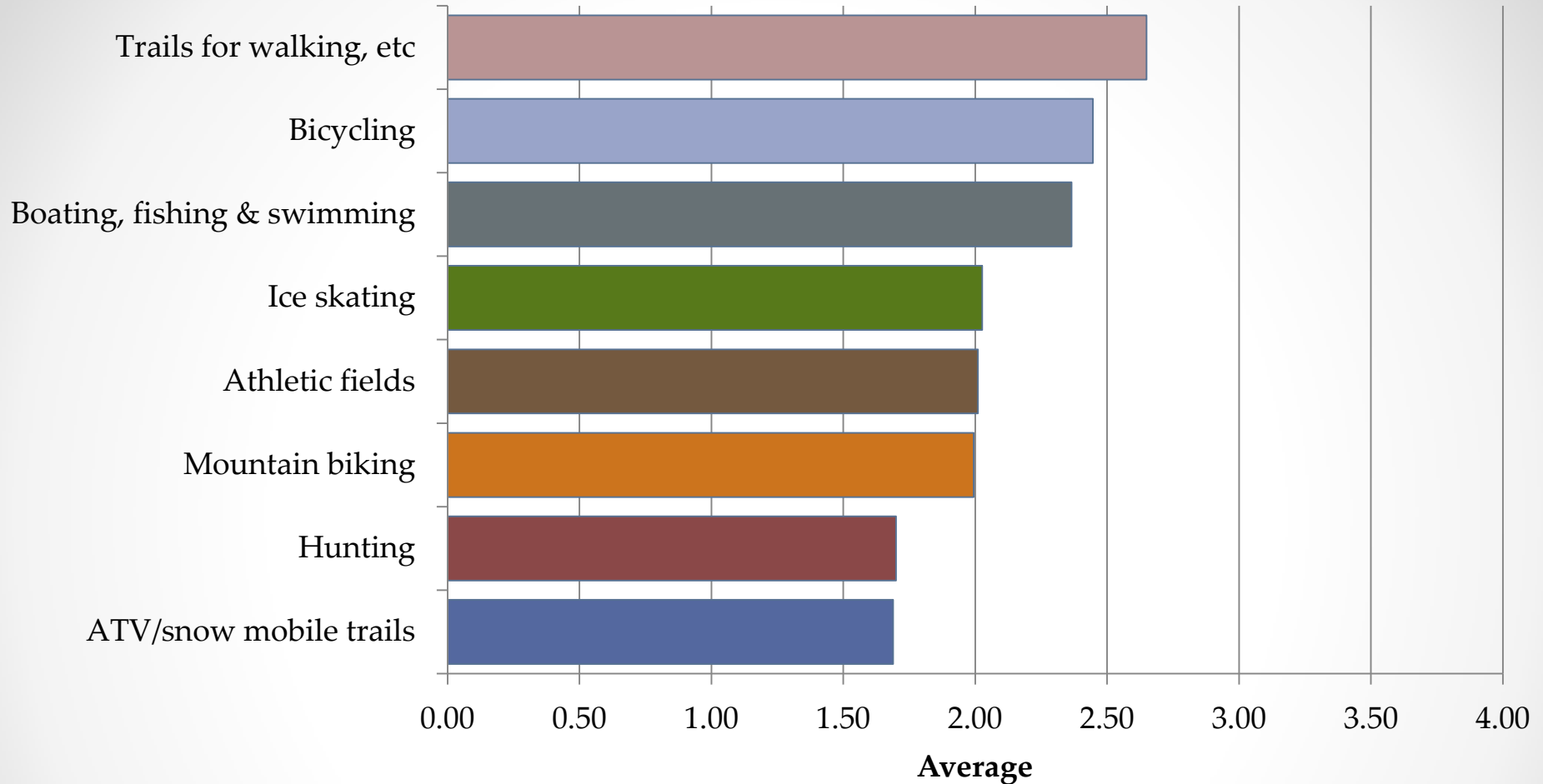
- This category was important in all factors
- All rated at least somewhat important
- Water-related resources rated most important,
- followed by agriculture and forested/wildlife lands

Use & Development of Land



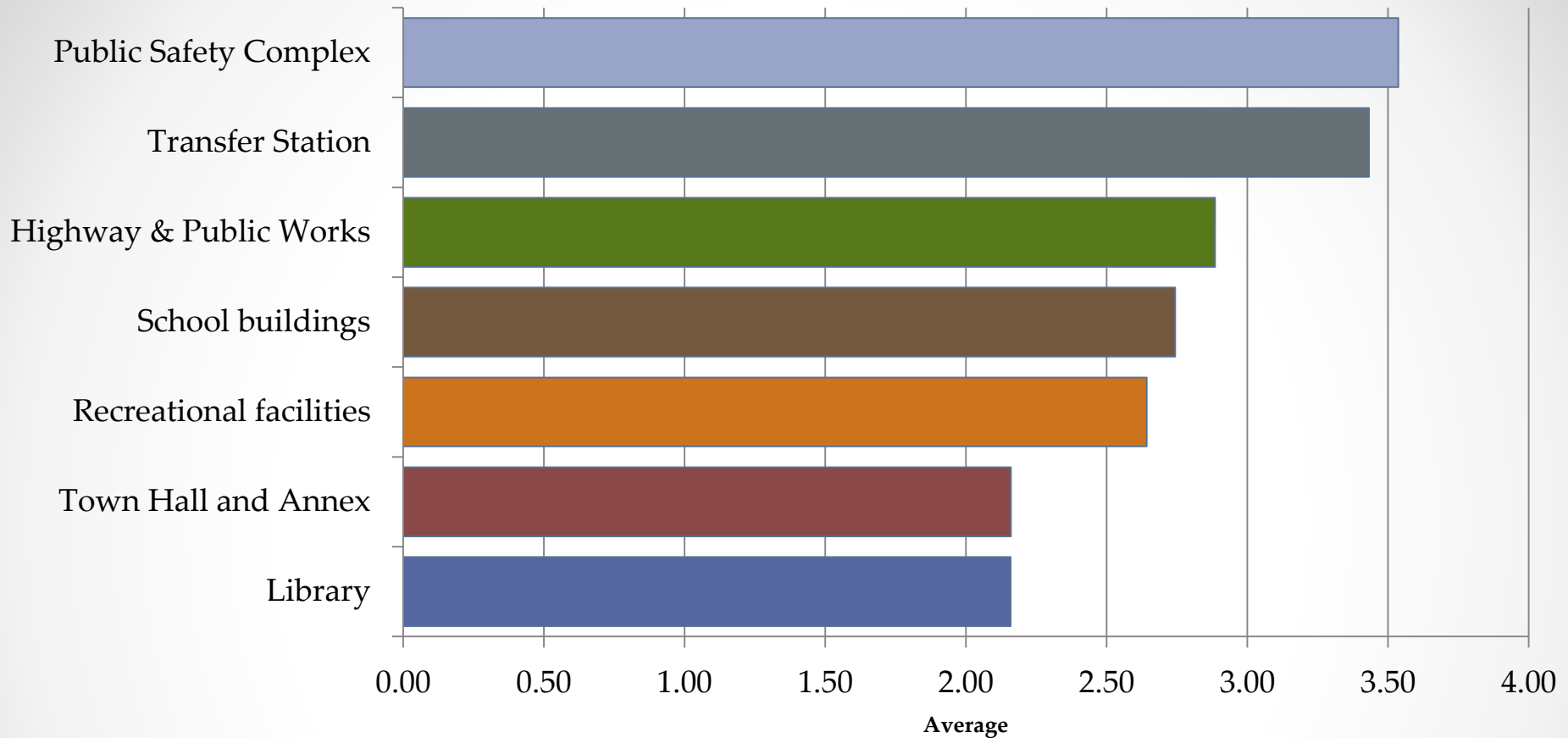
- Areas of high importance to residents were to preserve:
 - agriculture
 - rural areas
 - open space
- Furthermore, they said
 - limit building permits
 - encourage clustering of housing
- Also identified office, retail & industrial development as important, but less so

Use & Development of Land for Recreational Activities



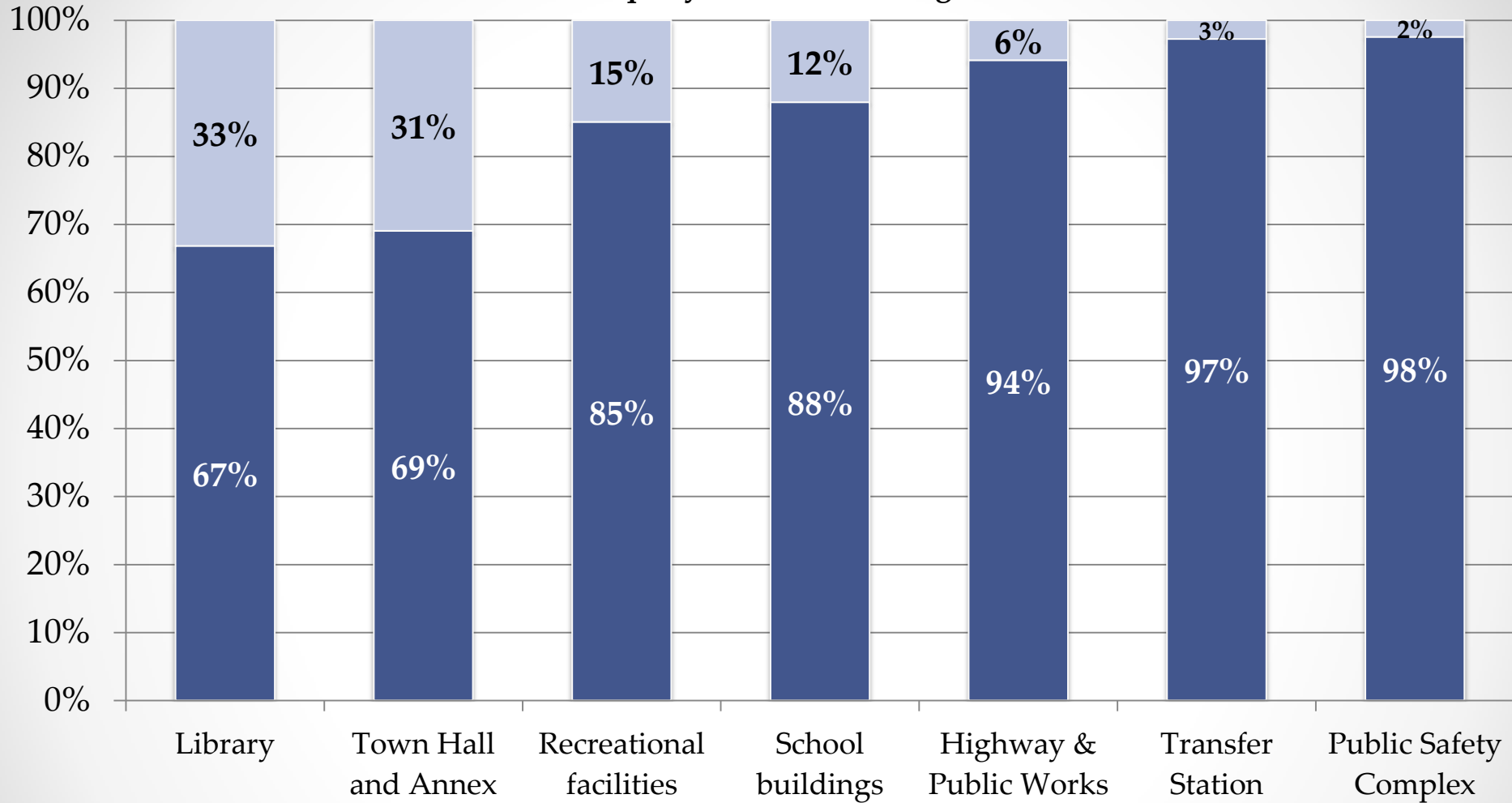
- Trails for walking, bicycling, and water activities were rated the highest

Adequacy of Town Buildings for the Next Ten Years



- All town buildings considered adequate
- Those with the highest rating were:
 - Public Safety Complex
 - Transfer Station

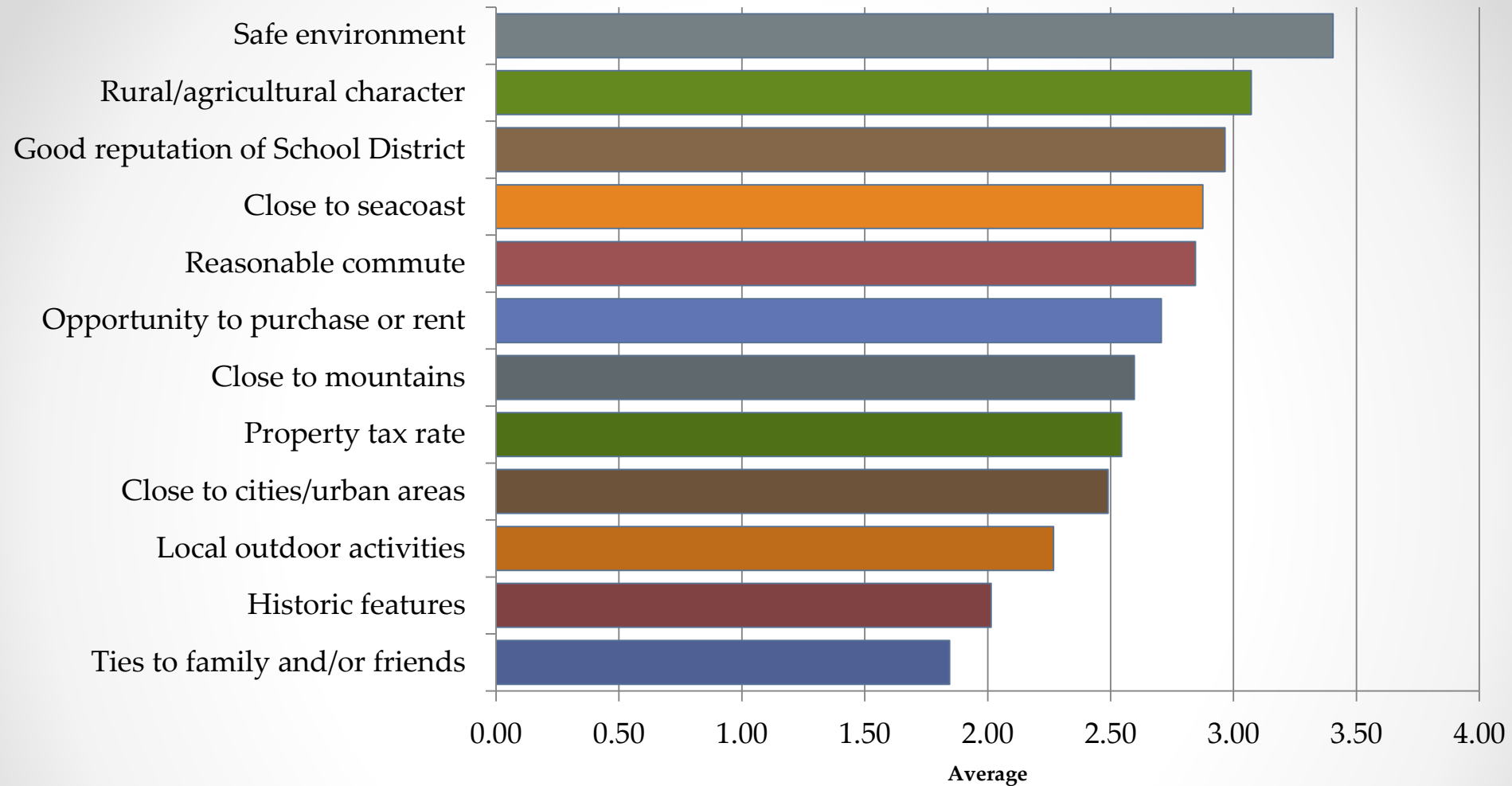
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Needs improvement

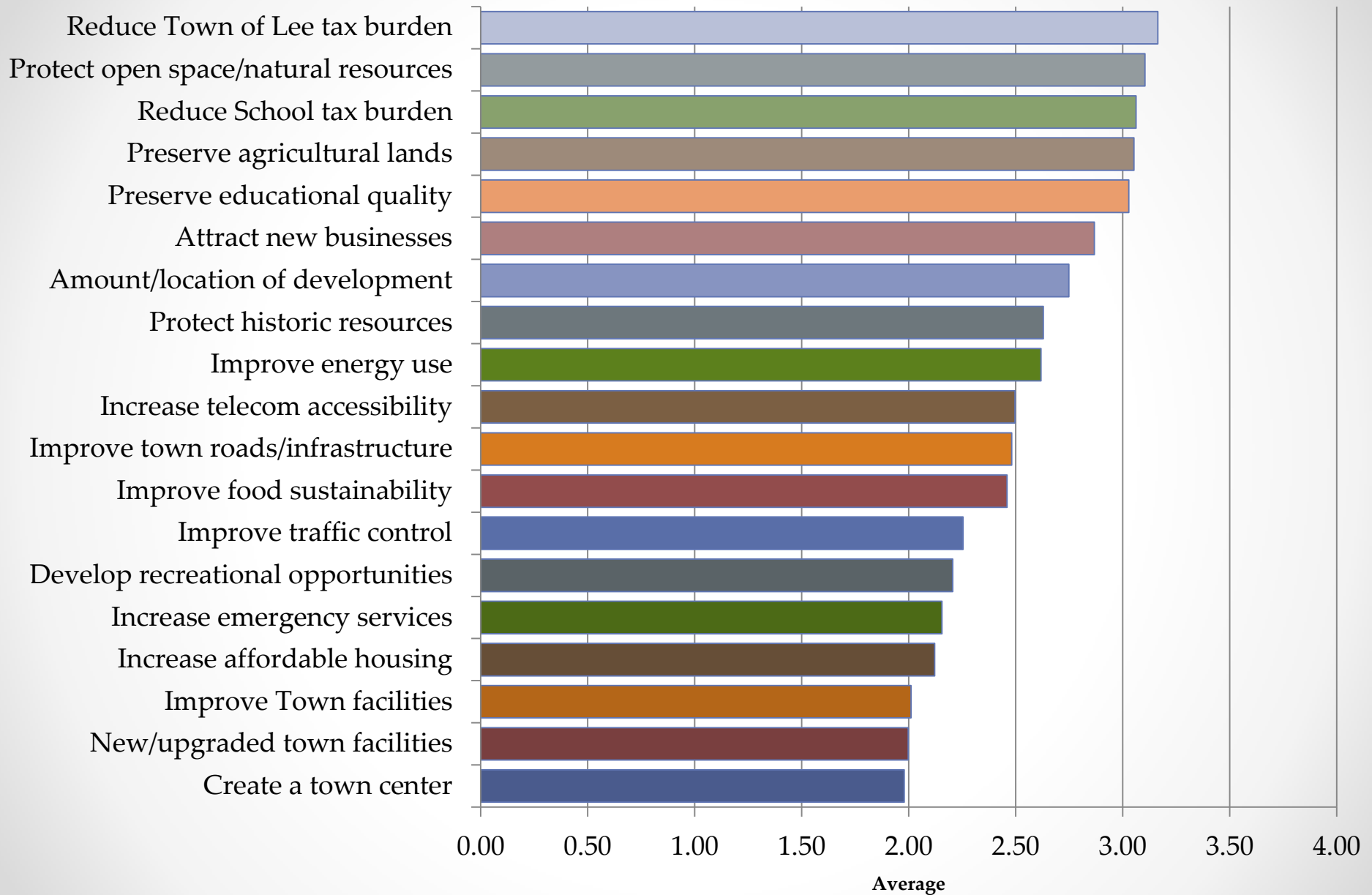
Adequate, good or excellent

Why Did You Choose Lee?



- Safe environment, rural character, and reputation of the schools rated the highest

General Issues



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- General issues reflect the detailed data just presented
- The tax burden (Town taxes and School) are very important
- Ranked lowest:
 - Improving, building/upgrading Town facilities
 - Creating a Town Center

Written Comments on Surveys

(in order of frequency)

- Business & housing development 31
- School and town tax burden 30
- Adequacy of town buildings 15
- Open space, rural character, 15
- & environmental resources
- Bike paths, sidewalks, & walking paths 12
- Library & community center 12

Using the Survey Data

- Departments, Committees, & Commissions
 - Use the survey data to guide goal-setting and develop written action items for submittal to the Master Plan Committee
- Master Plan Committee
 - Incorporate all data & input to draft the Master Plan
 - Public meeting for review and modification
 - Present to Planning Board for adoption
 - Present to Select Board

Chapters

- **Our Town**

- Historical perspective
- Community character
- Vision

- **Natural resources**

- Water resources (rivers, streams)
- Lakes, ponds
- Ground water & wells
- Wetlands
- Animal life
- Plant life

- **Land use**

- Agriculture
- Conservation
- Residential
- Commercial

- **Transportation**

- Roads
- Bike paths
- Walking paths

- **Community resources**

- Parks
- Recreation
- Library
- Meeting spaces
- Safety: Police & Fire
- School

Final Master Plan Availability

- Online
- Planning Board Office (bring thumb drive)
- Library