

Imagine Kitty Hawk 2050 Land Use Plan Update



February 2023

Agenda

- + Introduction
- + Project Purpose and Schedule
- + Public Engagement
- + Draft Vision and Goals
- + Discussion



FIRM PROFILE

Stewart has offices in Raleigh, Wilmington, Charlotte, and Columbia.

PRACTICE AREAS:

- CIVIL ENGINEERING
- TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING
- GEOMATICS
- GEOTECHNICAL & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING

MINORITY BUSINESS STATUS

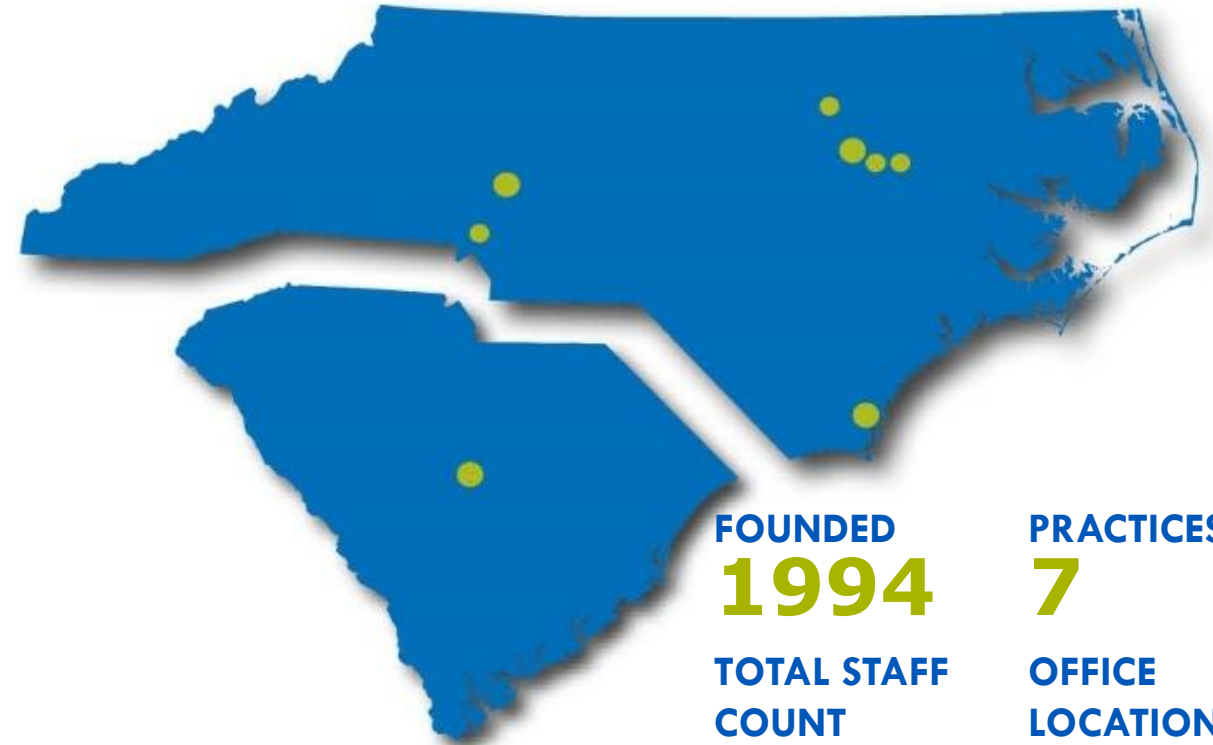
Stewart is a certified Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) with the State of North Carolina.



STEWART

MISSION STATEMENT

Strengthening communities by serving, leading, and working in a creative and interdisciplinary way.



FOUNDED
1994

TOTAL STAFF
COUNT
200

PRACTICES
7

OFFICE
LOCATIONS
8

The Stewart Team



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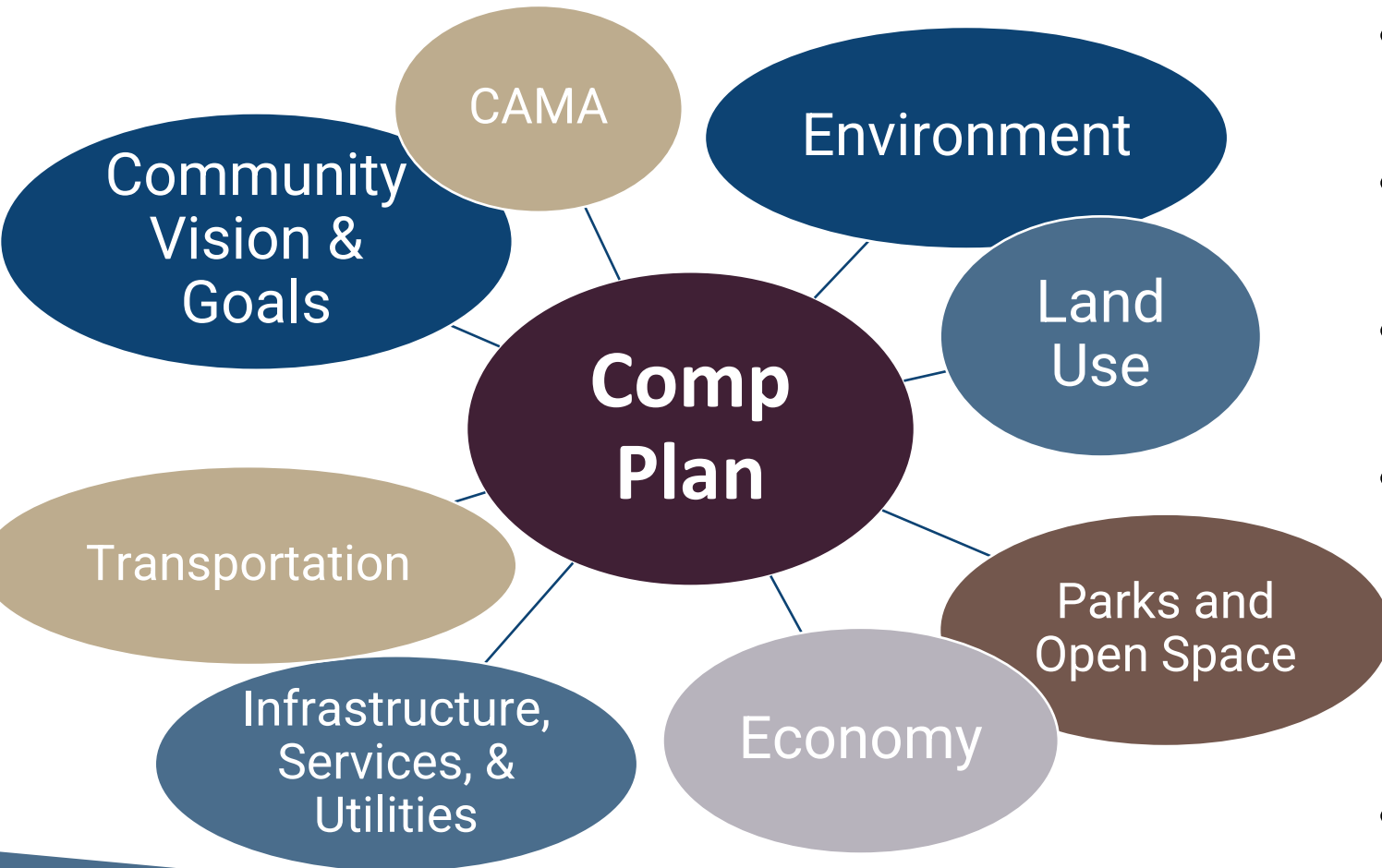
Jake Petrosky,
AICP



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What is a Comprehensive Plan?



- A way to collect and agree on a shared community vision
- A community conversation about shared goals and values
- Helps leadership prioritize community goals
- Guide rezonings and land development decisions
- Mandated by the state (*condition of adopting and applying zoning regulations*)
- This plan concerns the corporate town limits and planning jurisdiction.

(CAMA = Coastal Area Management Act)

CAMA Plan Topics

- Required by State / Coastal Resource Commission (CRC) for coastal communities
- Land Use Management Topics
 - Public Access (*to public trust waters*)
 - Land Use Compatibility
 - Infrastructure Carrying Capacity
 - Natural Hazards
 - Water Quality



Plan Development Process

We Are Here



Kickoff Meetings, Existing Plans and Data Review

Public Survey (Goals, Values, Vision)

Information Sharing and Public Meeting or Feedback

Plan Drafting

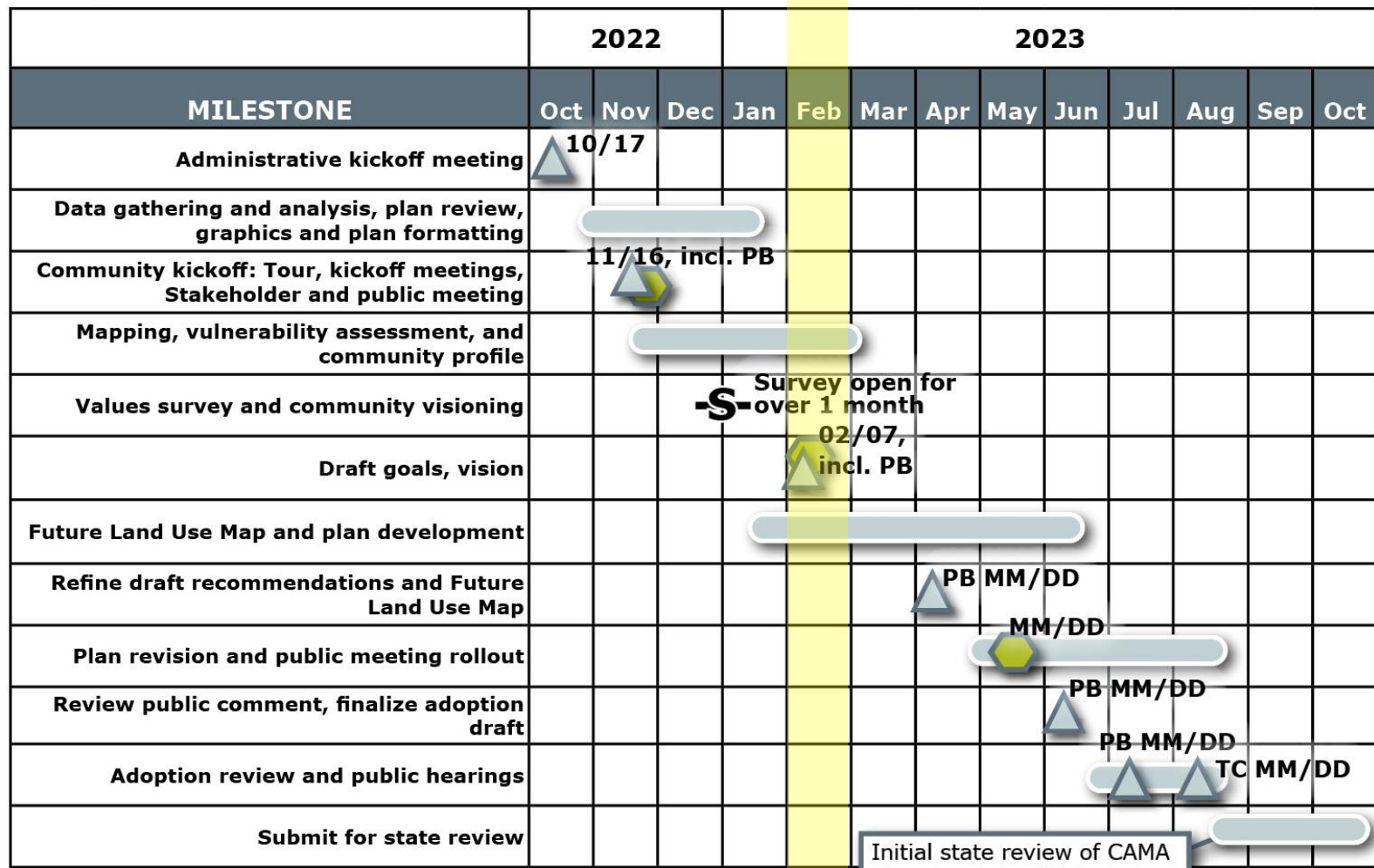
Public Meeting, Review, and Comment

Public Adoption Hearings (incl. state review)

Fall 2022

Fall 2023





Project Schedule



Initial state review of CAMA plans can take 75 days.

Planning Board (PB) and Council (TC) meetings are tentatively scheduled.

Key:

-  Task
-  Staff Meeting or Elected or Appointed Board
-  Public Survey
-  Public Informational Event or Meeting

PB = Planning Board
TC = Town Council

Note: Schedule is subject to change, depending on project progress and needs. Please visit the Town's project web page for the most up-to-date information.

Public Engagement



Public Engagement

- Staff Meetings
- Public Open House
 - November 16, 2022
- Community Survey
 - Open December 12 - January 16
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Public Meeting at Town Hall from 5:00-7:00 PM

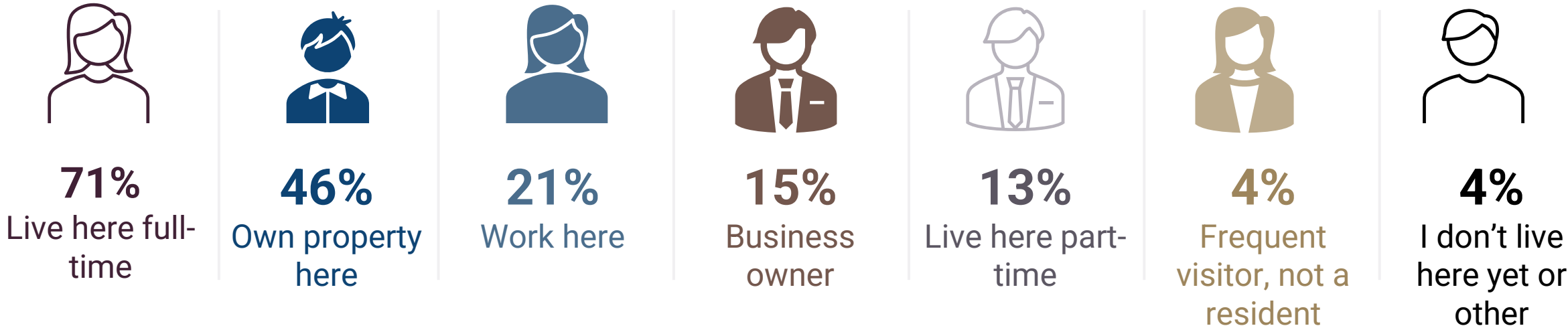


Community Survey

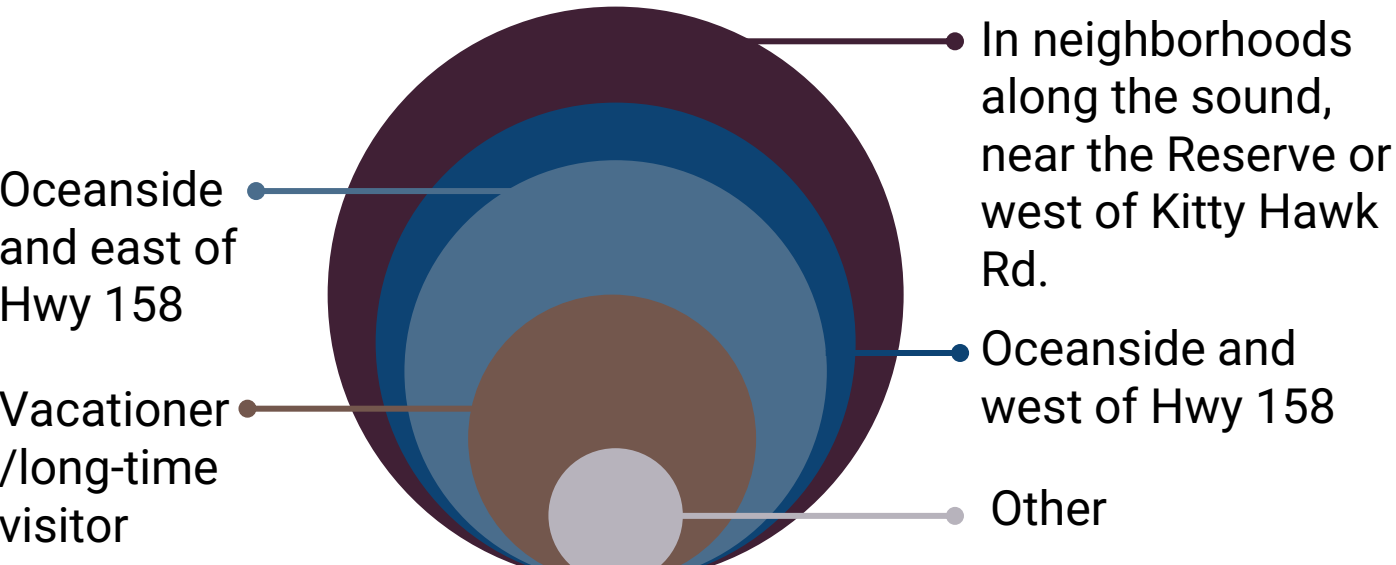


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Survey Responses

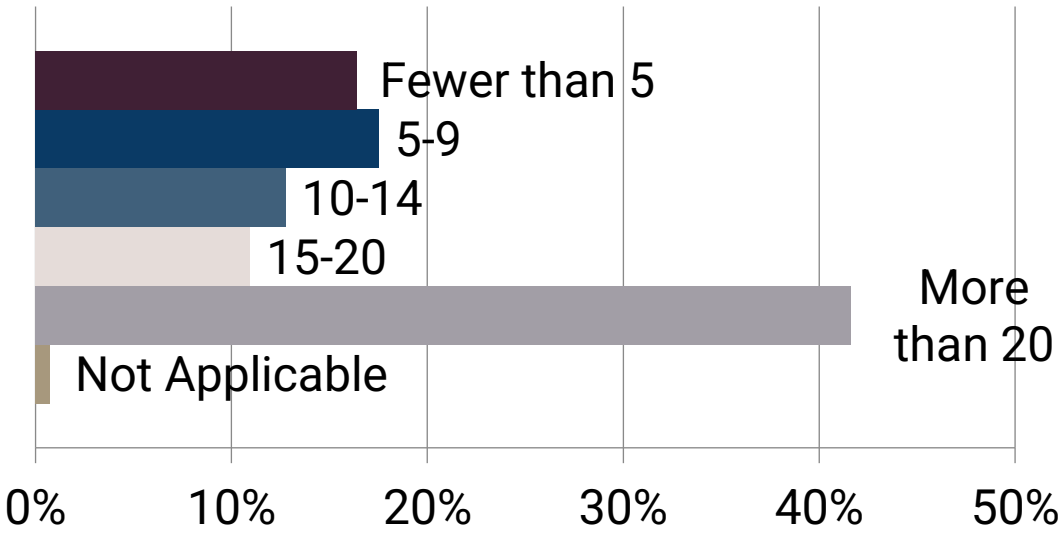
How do you relate to Kitty Hawk?



Where do respondents live



Years in Kitty Hawk



How much progress has the Town made in implementing goals for the previous land use plan?

Very little or no progress

Somewhat

Very well or lots of progress

Environment and Recreation Goals



Nourish the beach and stabilize the dunes.



Preserve, protect, and enhance the Atlantic Ocean shoreline for recreation and leisure.



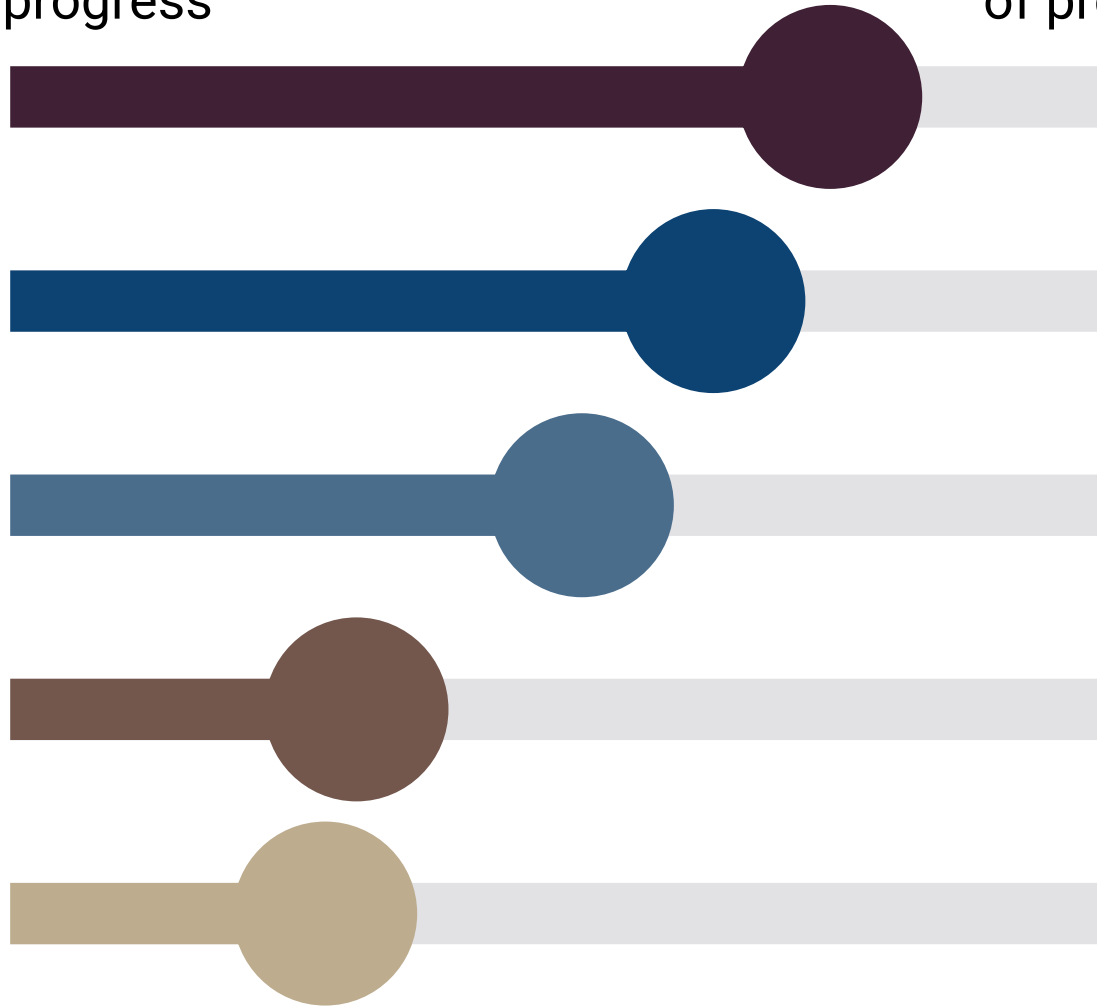
Maximize public access opportunities to beaches and the ocean.



Preserve, protect, and enhance the Currituck Sound, Kitty Hawk Bay, and Albemarle Sound shorelines for recreation and leisure activities.



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Aesthetics and Town Character Goals

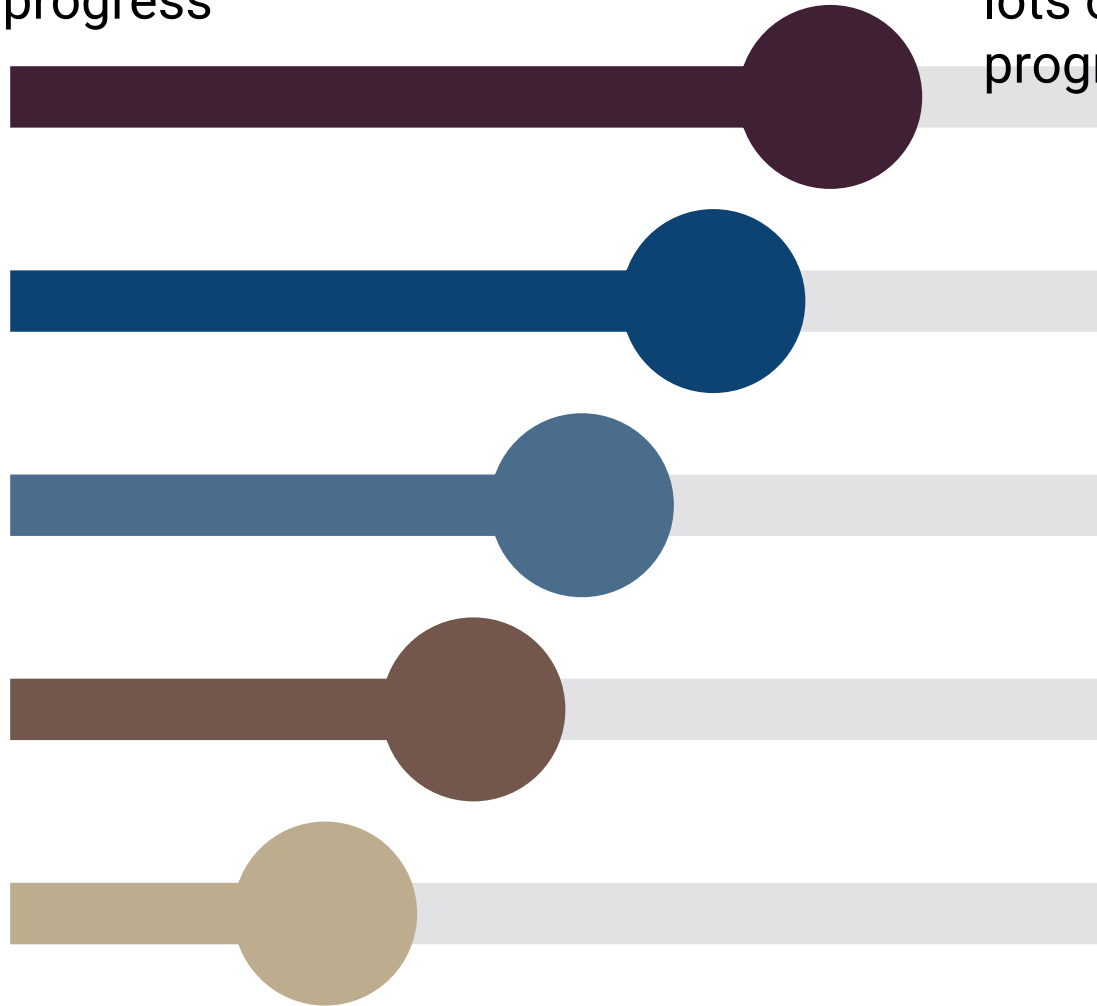
Ensure Kitty Hawk continues as a family-oriented tourist destination.

Ensure continued commercial development in commercially zoned areas.

Continue established residential development patterns.

Ensure the continued vitality of existing businesses.

Remain aesthetically pleasing while maintaining the coastal village image.

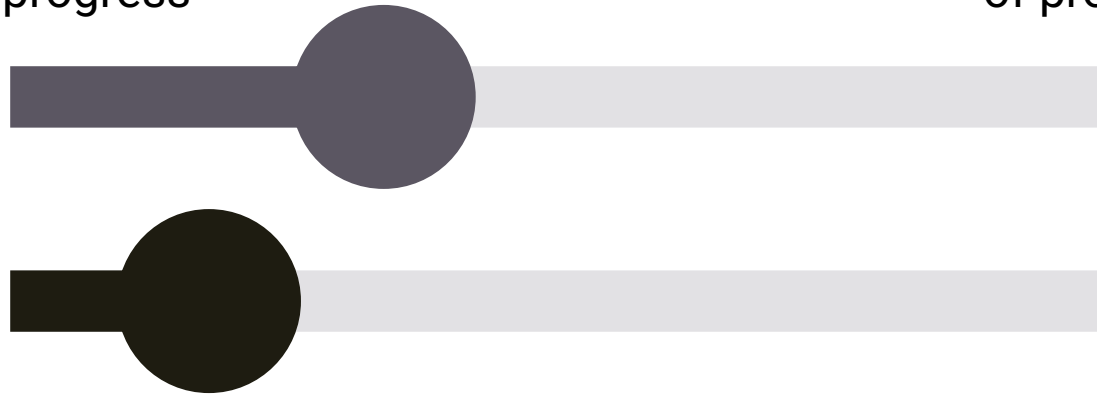


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Ensure redevelopment is consistent with Town image.

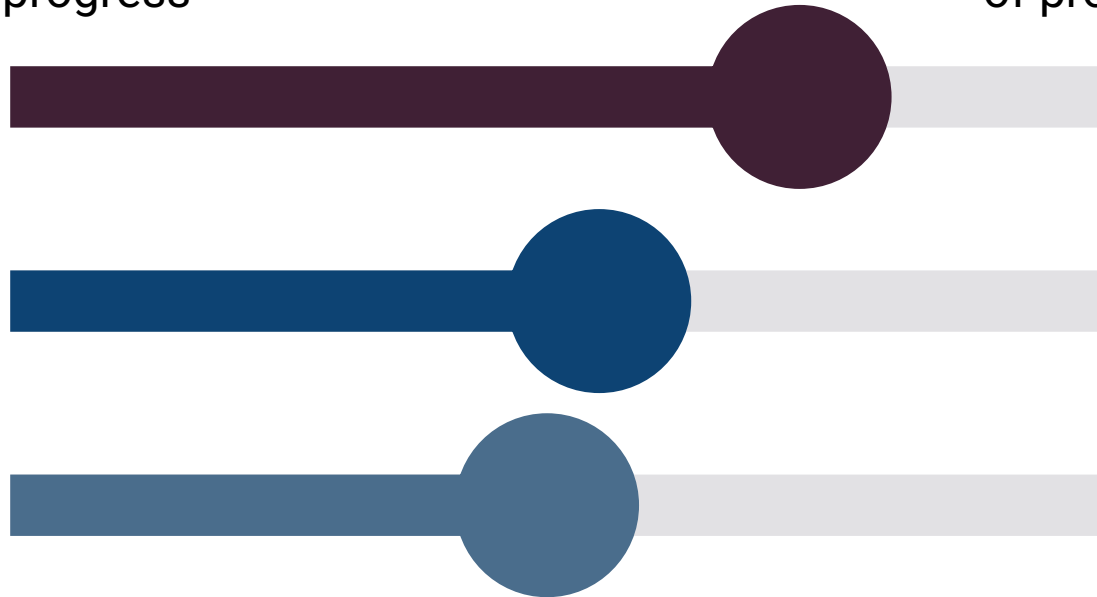
Develop commercial and residential design standards.

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Natural Resources and Environmental Quality Goals

- Conserve and maintain maritime forests, barrier dunes, beaches, wetlands, and other coastal features for their natural storm protection functions and their natural resource value to the community.
- Ensure septic systems are functioning properly and not negatively impacting environmental water quality.
- Enhance water quality in coastal waters, wetlands, and estuaries.

Top Challenges the Town should address in this Plan

64%



Affordable Housing

53%



Public infrastructure and service

46%



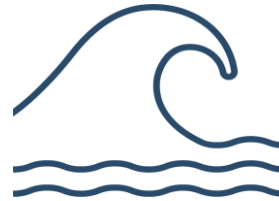
Storm Resiliency

31%



Access to healthcare

22%



Stormwater and environmental water quality

17%



Broadband internet service

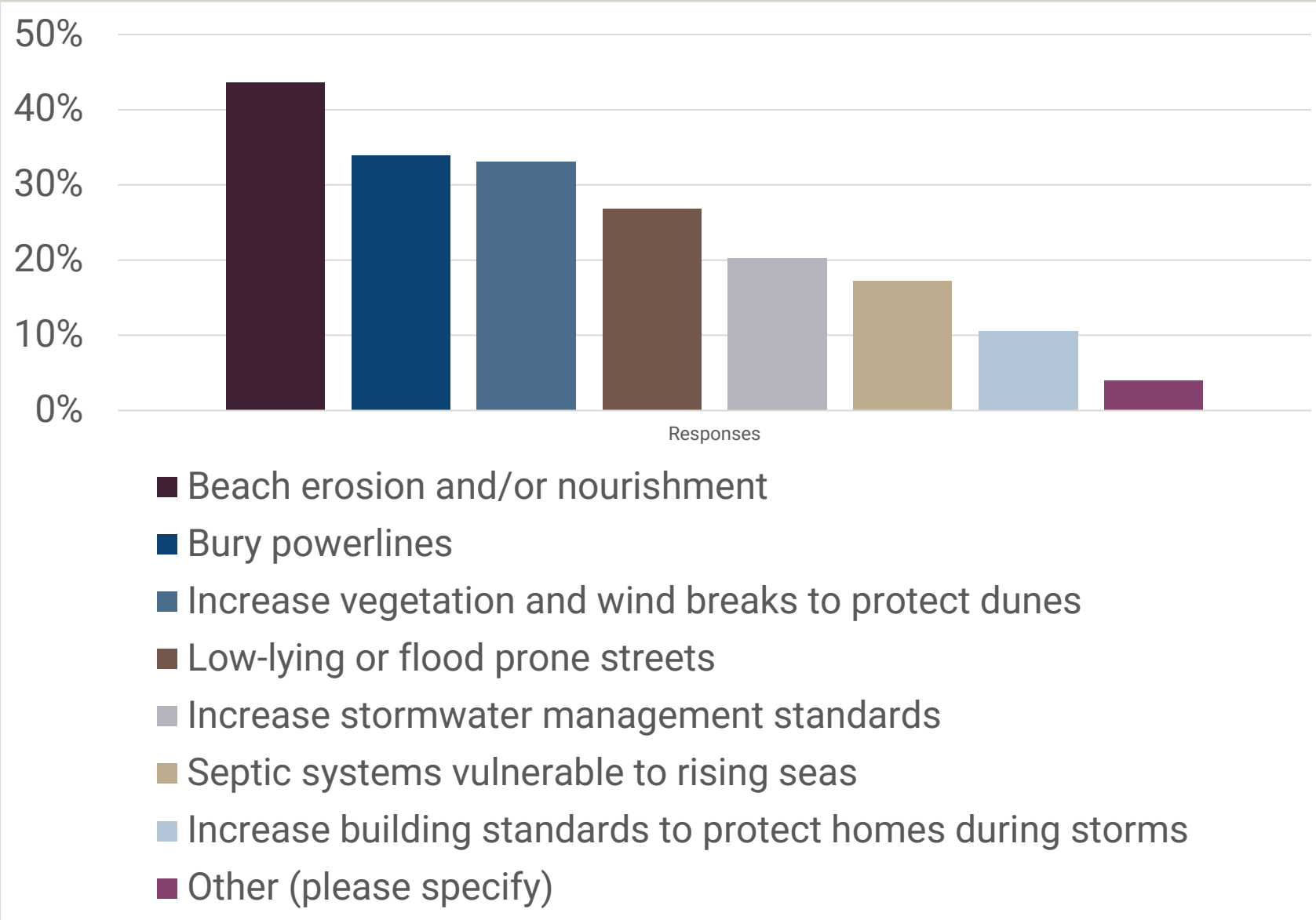
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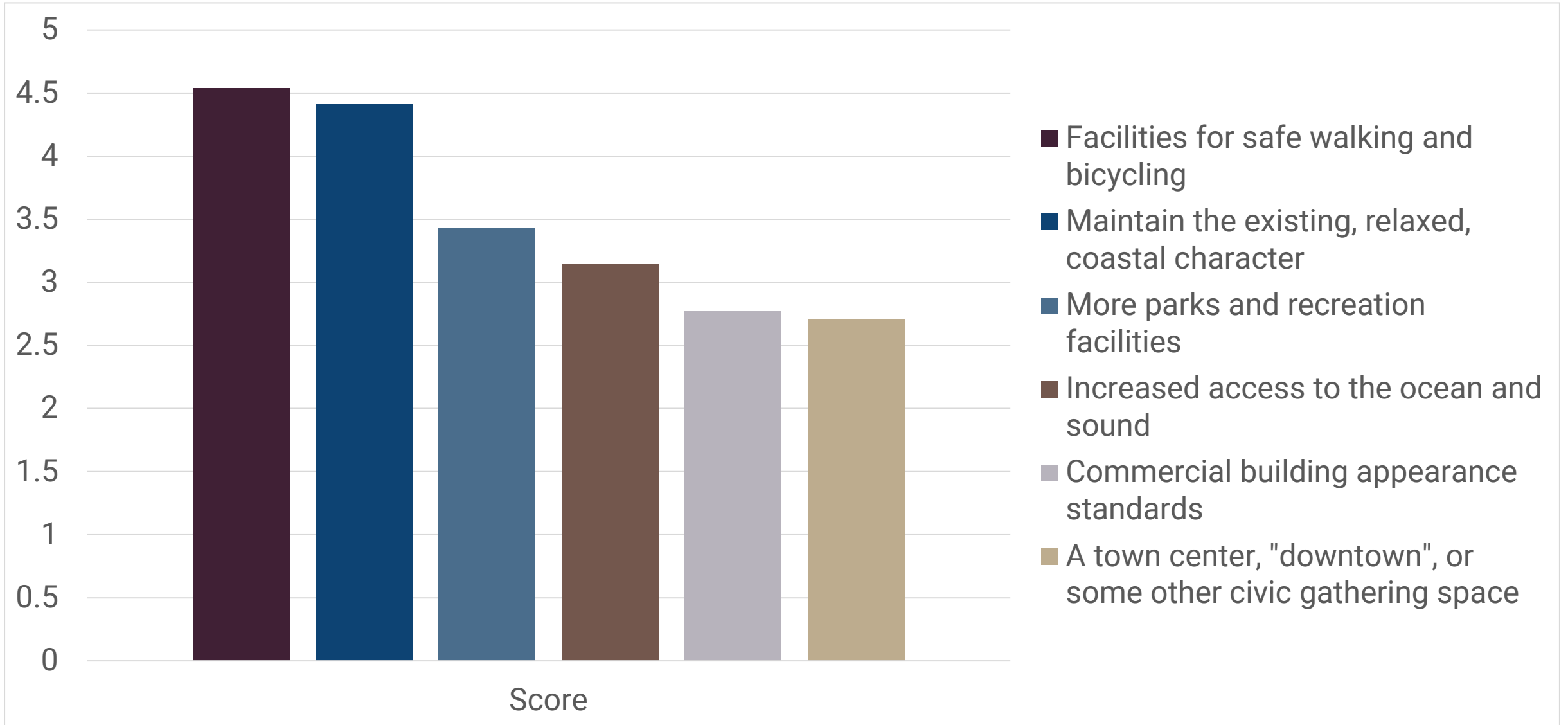
Support tourism industry, including short-term rental

Pedestrian safety, sidewalks, and bicycling infrastructure

Priorities to improve resiliency against rising seas, erosion, and stronger storms and surges



Plan Priorities



Draft Vision and Goals



Draft Vision

The Town of Kitty Hawk is a small, locally-focused, coastal community that prioritizes enhancing natural resources, preserving cultural assets, maintaining a resilient, low-key Outer Banks village and resort character, being family-oriented, and providing essentials to support everyday coastal living. We strive to balance the needs of Kitty Hawk's year-round residents and the ecotourism-based economy.

Draft Goals

Public Access

Maximize public access opportunities to the sound, bay, creeks, beaches, and the ocean.

Land Use Compatibility

Preserve, protect, and enhance the Atlantic Ocean, Currituck Sound, Kitty Hawk Bay, and Albemarle Sound shorelines so that future generations can use the beach and water for recreation and leisure activities.

Draft Goals

Infrastructure Carrying Capacity

Plan for future land use and redevelopment that is consistent with the capabilities and limitations of Kitty Hawk's natural systems

Ensure public infrastructure and facilities are improved to provide high quality service to existing development while responding changing environmental conditions.

Draft Goals

Natural Hazard Areas

Continue beach nourishment, dune stabilization, and protection of maritime forests, floodplains, marshes, and wetlands for storm protection function and floodwater absorption.

Evaluate the long-term viability of roadways and neighborhood infrastructure in high hazard and high vulnerability areas (e.g., back side marshes, N. Virginia Dare Trail (NC Highway 12), Ivy Lane, Moor Shore Road, etc.). Phase relocation, plan for abandonment, or armor these facilities as appropriate and financially sustainable.

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Draft Goals

Local Concerns

Reinforce Kitty's Hawk's unique, low-key, coastal identity and sense of community through high quality design and protection of natural and cultural resources.

Build a safe, integrated, efficient, and economic transportation network (e.g., bicycle lanes, sidewalks, multi-use paths, etc.) that afford mobility, accessibility, and safety for all residents and visitors.

Parks and Recreation - Continue to implement and maintain the Town's Recreation Master Plan.

Draft Goals

Local Concerns

Encourage an adequate supply of affordable and workforce housing stock to serve the needs of year-round residents.

Increase infrastructure resiliency to natural hazards and climate change.

Continue to enhance community building experiences and opportunities for year-round residents.

Celebrate our unique history and character by maintaining our cultural resources.

What's Next?

Today

- Circulate
- Ask questions
- Discuss
- Share your perspective

Upcoming

- More plan development
- More public open house events
- Plan review and comment

Project Website:

<https://www.kittyhawknc.gov/departments-and-services/planning-and-inspections/>

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