

WELCOME TO THE PlanQAC 2021 ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP!

We'll begin in just a few minutes!

All participants are muted, so if you want to comment, please use the hands up or chat function.

To find the hands up and chat function, hover your mouse over the bottom of the window. These circles should appear. The chat function is the speech bubble and the person with is the participant function where you'll find the hands up.

The hands up function is under participants. There's a little hand in the bottom right corner. Use this function to be unmuted by the host to comment or ask a question.

The screenshot displays the PlanQAC 2021 workshop interface. At the top, there are three orange buttons: "Mute/Unmute", "Open Chat", and "Leave Event". Below these is a row of six circular icons: a red circle with a microphone and slash, a grey circle with a hand icon, a blue circle with a person icon, a blue circle with a speech bubble icon, a grey circle with three dots, and a red circle with a close 'X' icon. Below the icons is a "Participants" button. The main interface is divided into two sections: "Chat" and "Participants". The "Chat" section has a "To:" dropdown menu set to "Host", a text input field labeled "Enter chat message here", and an orange button labeled "Enter comments/questions here". The "Participants" section shows a list of participants under the heading "Panelist: 1". The first participant is "Dale Grey (Host)" with a microphone icon and a speech bubble icon. Below this is the "Attendee:" section, showing "AutoRegister jemma.pearl@ecodev.vic.gov.au (me)" with a microphone icon and a red 'X' icon. At the bottom right, there is a "Hands up function" button, which is a red circle containing a hand icon, with an orange arrow pointing to it from the label.



PlanQAC 2021

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY 2021 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOP ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 24, 2021 9:00-10:30AM



WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & ICEBREAKERS



POLL #1

Where do you live?

- Barclay (town)
- Centreville (town)
- Chester (community)
- Church Hill (town)
- Grasonville (community)
- Kent Narrows (community)
- Millington (town)
- Queen Anne (town)
- Queenstown (town)
- Stevensville (community)
- Sudlersville (town)
- Templeville (town)
- Queen Anne's County (not in a listed town/community)
- I only work in Queen Anne's County
- I live and work outside Queen Anne's County



POLL #2

How long have you lived (or worked) in QAC?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- More than 10 years
- I don't live (or work) in Queen Anne's County



Ground Rules

- Start and end on time
- Stay on topic
- Focus on issues, not personalities
- Speak up – everyone contributes
- Be open to new ideas
- Workshop will be recorded and posted online (along with chat comments)

All participants are muted to reduce background noise. Raise your hand to be unmuted!



TODAY'S AGENDA

- Overview of Comprehensive Planning
- Comprehensive Plan Update Process
- Group Discussions
- Next Steps
- Q&A



What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Project Purpose

- Community-guided vision for growth and preservation over the next 20 years
- Showcase of assets and areas for improvements
- Practical roadmap to achieve identified vision and goals
- Coordinates local planning efforts
- Fulfills State of Maryland requirement



What is in a Comprehensive Plan?

Topics to be explored in PlanQAC

Community Vision



Demographics



Community Facilities
& Services



Land Use



Environmental
Resources



Transportation



Historic & Cultural
Resources



Economic
Development



Housing



Town Planning



Community Plans



How are Elements Addressed/Updated?



Update Existing Plan & Conditions

Incorporate New Vision, Goals & Objectives

Create New Implementation Strategies



Why Update the Comprehensive Plan?

Project Purpose

- Things in the natural and built environment change
- Local priorities and vision change with time
- Strategies to achieve identified vision and goals have to be adjusted
- Required by the State of Maryland



Project Scope

What is the process of updating a comprehensive plan?



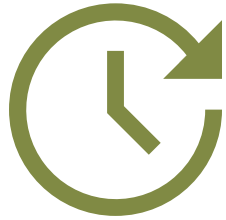


How are you involved?

Community Engagement + Input = Success



Community
Survey



Visioning
Workshops



Special Topic
Workshops



Questions of
the Week



Public
Comment





ENVIRONMENT DISCUSSIONS



Environmental Resources & Protection

What's included?

- Vision
- Guiding Principles
- Legislative Background
- Best Practices, Tools & Techniques
- Goals, Strategies & Actions
- Sensitive Areas
- Water Resources
- Mineral Resources



ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & PROTECTION

What's included?

Sensitive Areas

- Critical Areas
- Targeted Ecological Areas
- Conservation Lands
- Species Habitats
- Forest & Woodlands
- Green Infrastructure
- Climate Change Impacts

Water Resources

- Watersheds
- Streams & Buffers
- Groundwater
- Tier II High Quality Waterways
- Floodplain & Flood Hazards
- Wetlands
- Stormwater & Impervious Coverage



POLL #3

Thinking about environmental resources:

**What resources are most important
for QAC to protect?**



Discussion #1

Environmental Resources & Protection Assets & Needs

What are QAC's greatest environmental resource and protection assets?

What are QAC's greatest environmental resource and protection needs?



Discussion #2

Environmental Resources & Protection Vision

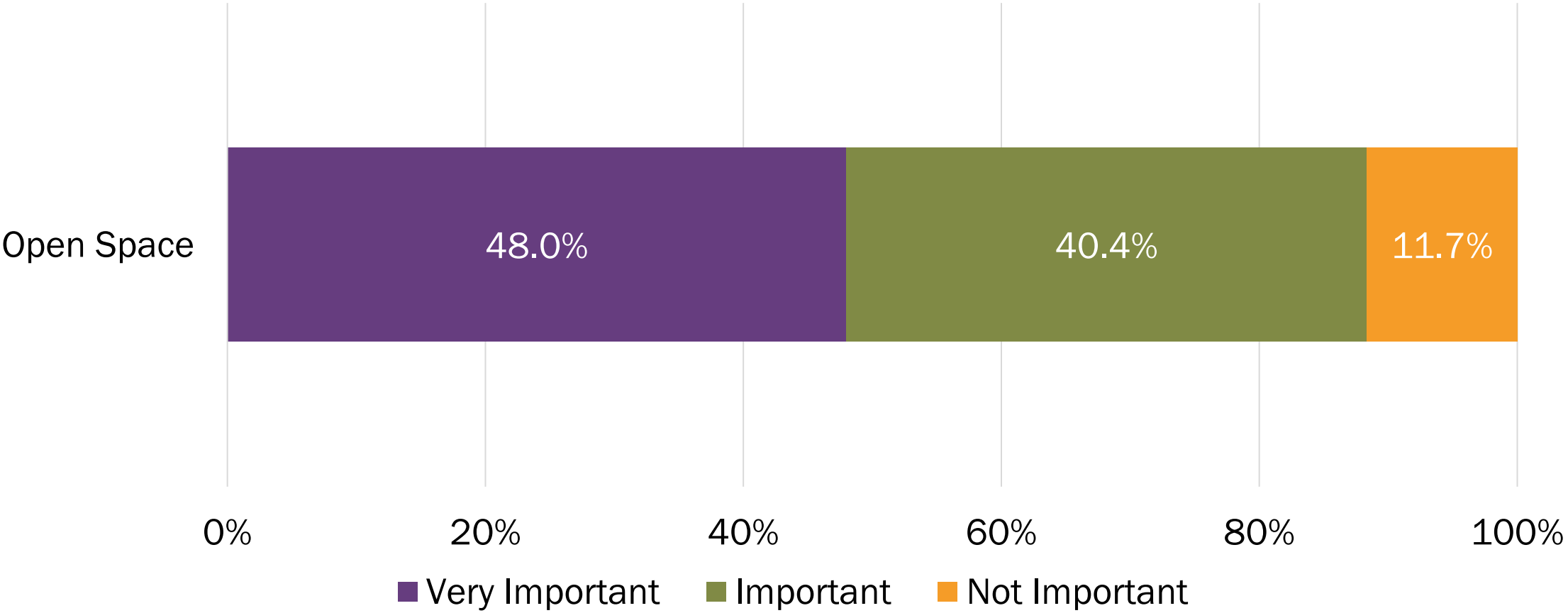
The vision is that QAC will remain a rural, agricultural, and maritime County because it restores, enhances, protects, and conserves its valuable land, air, and water resources through such measures as:

- Conservation and protection of our agricultural lands, open spaces, woodlands, wetlands, wildlife and their habitat
- Conservation and protection of our water resources (bays, rivers, creeks, lakes, groundwater, and shorelines), such as adherence to environmental regulations and low-impact stormwater practices that seek to restore the Chesapeake Bay
- Preservation of good air quality and viewscales, including the night sky
- Support for our agricultural, maritime, and tourism industries
- Environmental education programs aimed at promoting energy efficiency, comprehensive recycling practices for residences, business and public buildings, clean air and water policies, resource conservation, and sustainable land use practices



What We've Heard

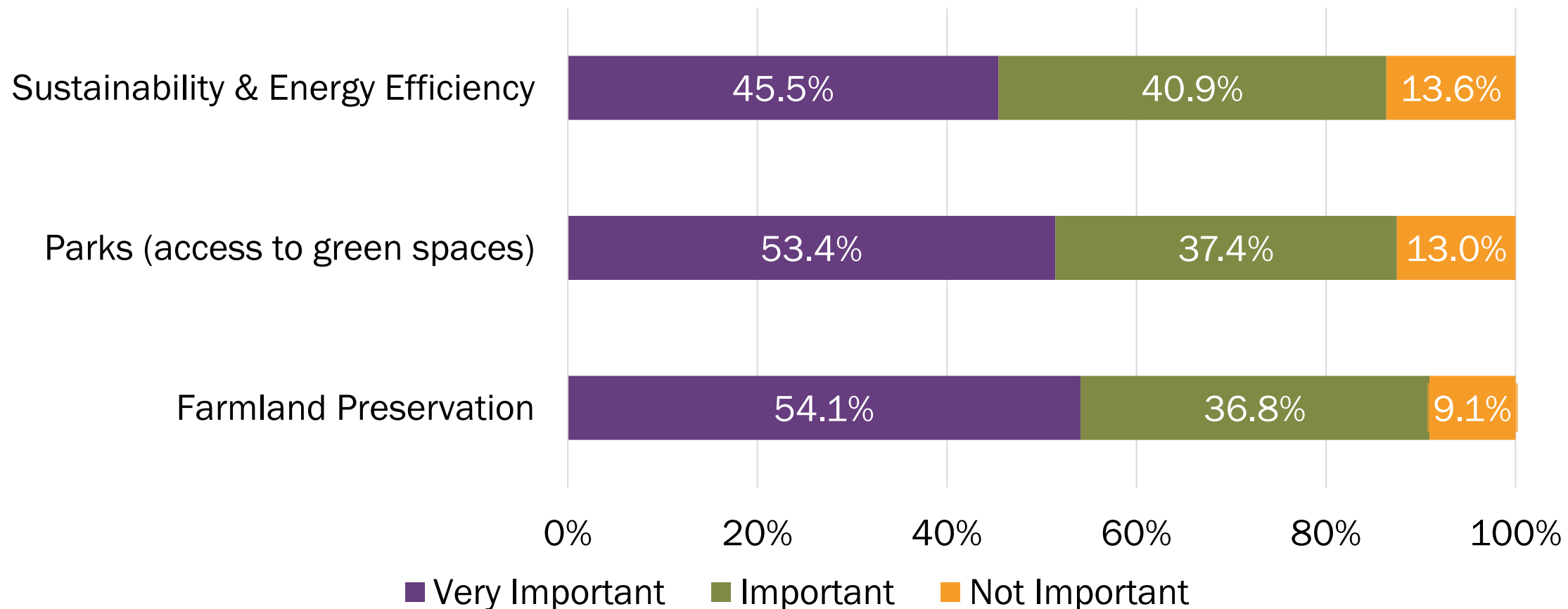
Importance of the Environment to Quality of Life





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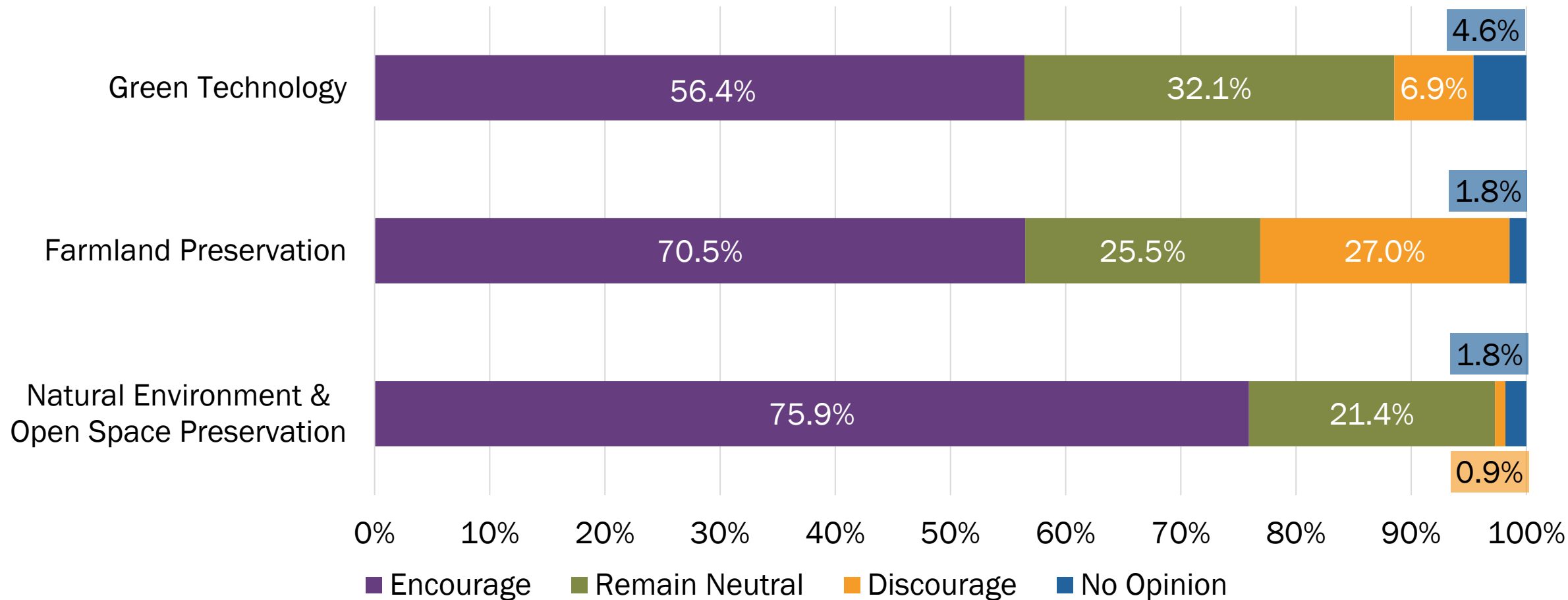
Importance of the Environment to Future Development





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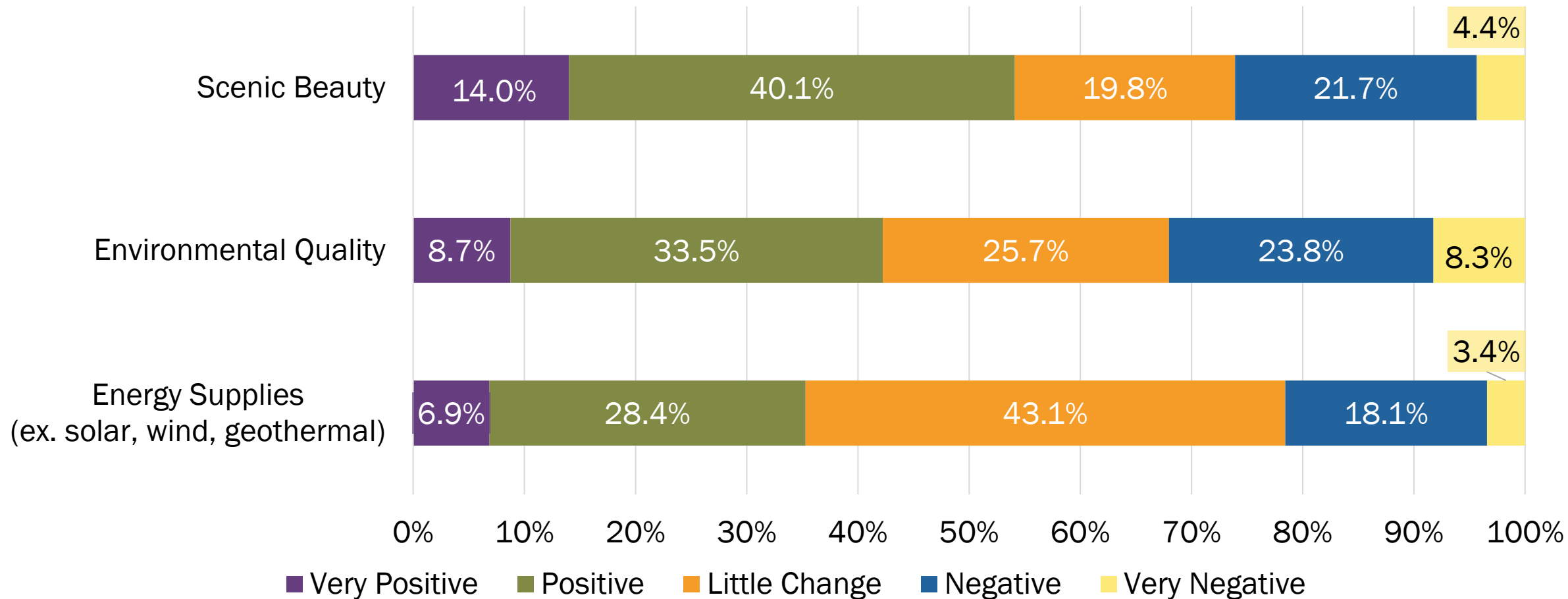
What role should QAC Officials take regarding the environment?





What We've Heard

Local Impacts of Development





SENSITIVE AREAS

Components

- Critical Areas
- Targeted Ecological Areas
- Conservation Lands
- Species Habitats
- Forest & Woodlands
- Green Infrastructure
- Climate Change

Discussion

What goals should be accomplished within the next 10 years?

What projects or actions should take place?



OPEN SPACE/RECREATION FACILITIES & SERVICES

Components

- Parks
- Open Spaces
- Trails
- Public Landings & Marinas
- Recreation Programs

Discussion

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TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSIONS



TRANSPORTATION

What's included?

- Vision
 - Guiding Principles
 - Legislative Background
 - Best Practices, Tools & Techniques
 - Goals, Strategies & Actions
- Transportation Connections
(to land use, economic development, preservation)
 - Roadway System
 - Non-Vehicular Transportation
 - Planned Improvements & Studies



TRANSPORTATION

What's included?

Roadway System

- Roadway Classification
- Maintenance & Operations
- State Transportation Planning
- Traffic Volumes, Congestion & LOS
- Growth Impacts
- Complete Streets, Gateways & Streetscapes

Non-Vehicular Transportation

- Bikeways & Pedestrian System
- Scenic Byway
- Air Transportation
- Rail System
- Transit & Bus Service
- Bridges over Navigable Waterways
- Water Trail
- Welcome Center & Rest Stops



POLL #4

Thinking about transportation:

**Other than the Bay Bridge and related traffic,
what is QAC's biggest transportation issue?**



Discussion #3

Transportation Assets & Needs

What are QAC's greatest transportation assets?

What are QAC's greatest transportation needs?



Discussion #4

Transportation Vision

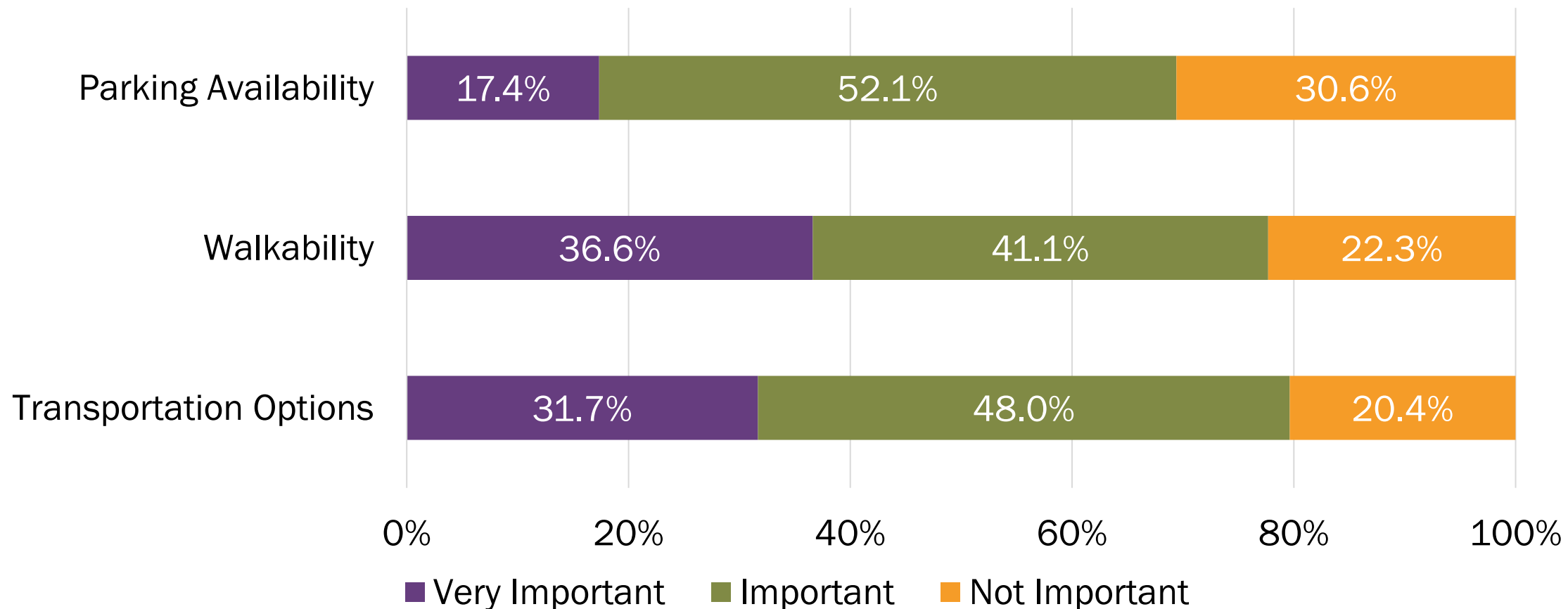
The vision for transportation is that the County plans to maintain and enhance a system of roadways that accommodate visitors, residents, and workforce commuters:

- Coordination among Towns and the County will be established to handle new traffic patterns, safety concerns, and mobility through population centers in order to maintain a healthy balance between those who live in the County and other business and vacationing travelers.
- The County will continue to improve and expand opportunities for all modes of travel including bicycle, pedestrian, transit, rail, and carpooling commuters.
- The County will promote walking and bicycling for outdoor recreation, fitness, and transportation, having safe access to local roadways and trails in order to make the County a better, safer, and more connected place to live and visit.



What We've Heard

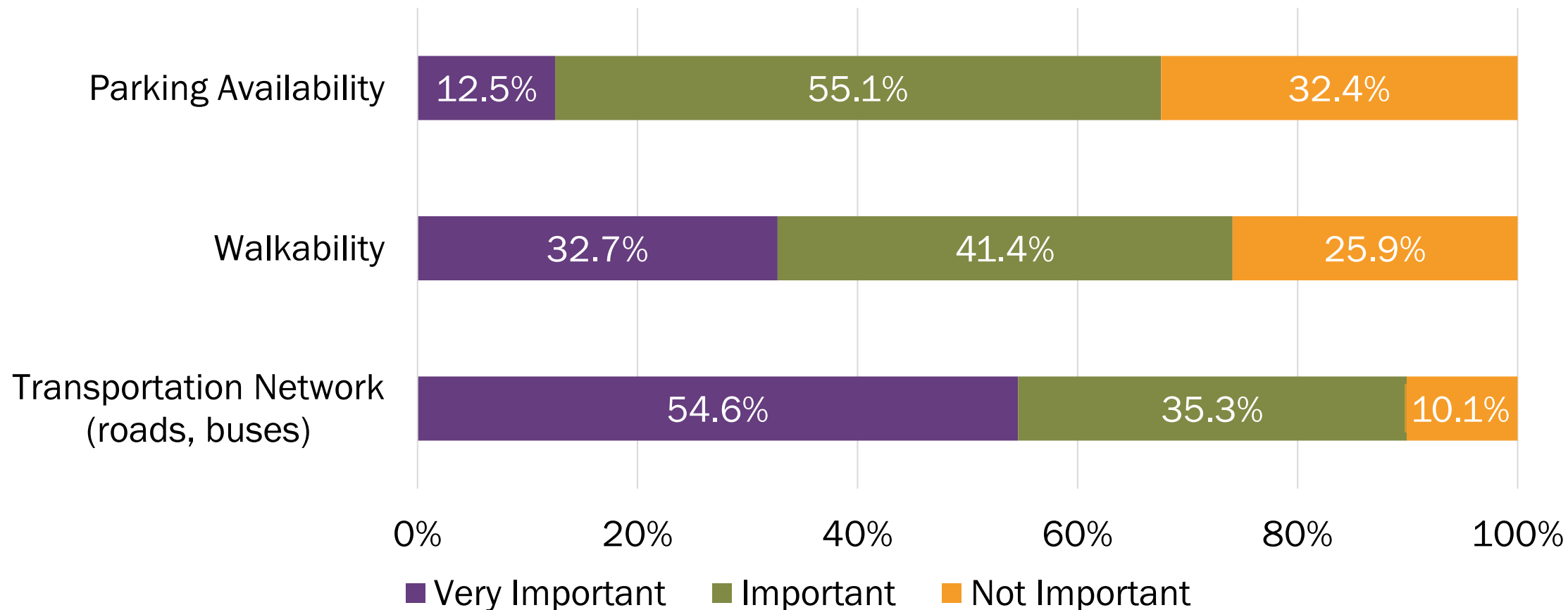
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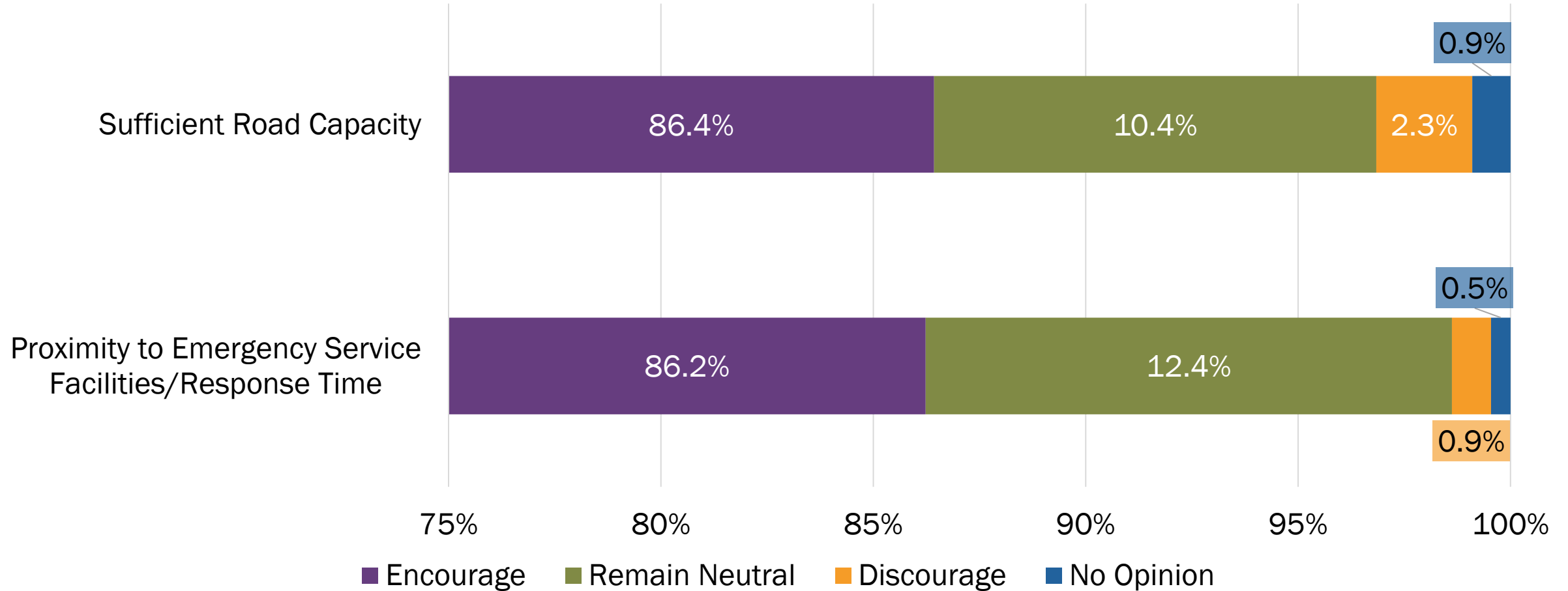
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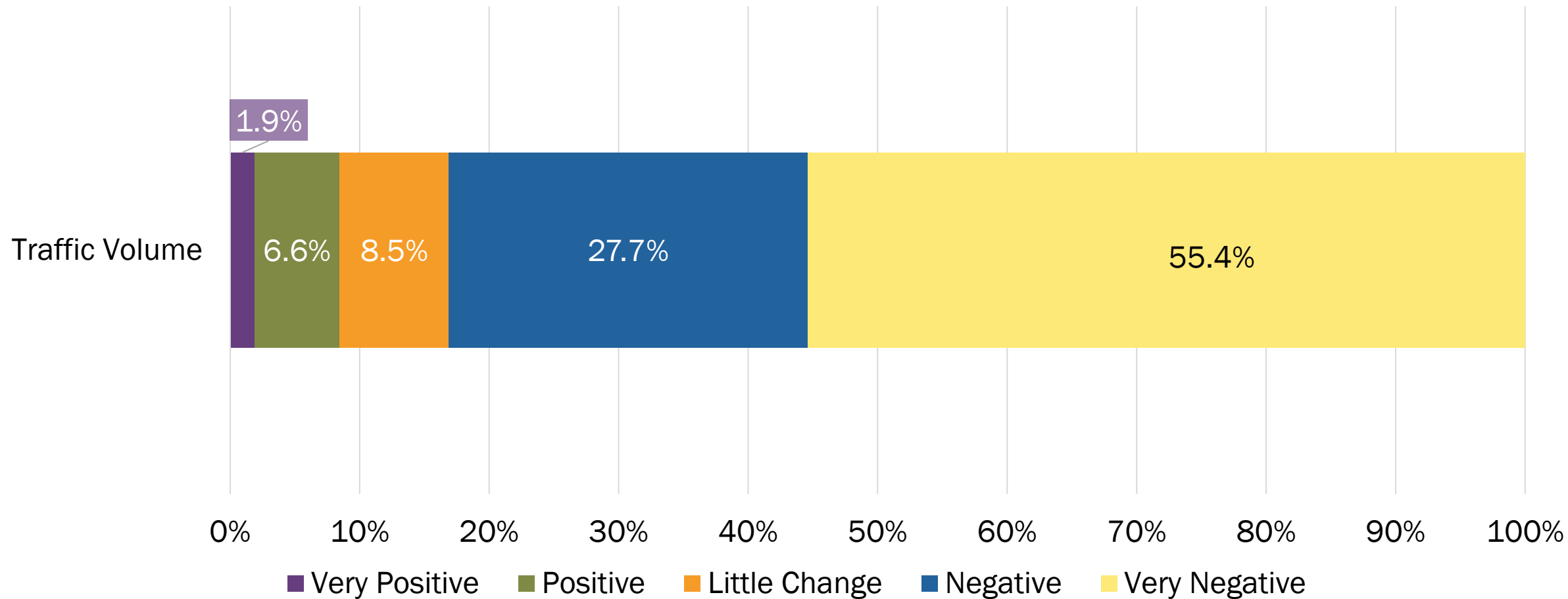
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What We've Heard

Local Impacts of Development





ROADWAY SYSTEM

Components

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- Maintenance & Operations
- State Transportation Planning
- Traffic Volumes, Congestion & LOS
- Growth Impacts
- Complete Streets, Gateways & Streetscapes

Discussion

What goals should be accomplished within the next 10 years?

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NON-VEHICULAR TRANSPORTATION

Components

- Bikeways & Pedestrian System
- Scenic Byway
- Air Transportation
- Rail System
- Transit & Bus Service
- Bridges over Navigable Waterways
- Water Trail
- Welcome Center & Rest Stops

Discussion

What goals should be accomplished within the next 10 years?

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NEXT STEPS



Next Steps

- Check out PlanQAC website
- Sign up for project updates
- Respond to Questions of the Week
- Attend future workshops and meetings
- Provide comments on document drafts through the website
- Tell your friends and family!
- **Continue to send us comments or questions!**

2021

SCHEDULE

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	Jan 14	PC #2	8:45-Unk. AM	Introduction, County Profile, Plan Reorganization
	Jan 27	VIS #1	5:30-7:00 PM	Countywide & North County
	Jan 28	VIS #2	5:30-7:00 PM	Countywide & Chester/Stevensville
	Feb 03	VIS #3	5:30-7:00 PM	Countywide & Grasonville
	Feb 04	VIS #4	5:30-7:00 PM	Countywide & Kent Narrows
	Feb 10	ST #1	1:30-3:00 PM	Community Facilities (incl. Open Space & Recreation)
	Feb 11	PC #3	8:45-Unk. AM	Community Facilities (incl. Open Space & Recreation)
	Feb 11	VIS #5	5:30-7:00 PM	Countywide & North County
	Feb 24	ST #2	9:00-10:30 AM	Environment, Transportation
	Mar 04	ST #3	1:30-3:00 PM	Historic & Cultural Resources
	Mar 11	PC #4	8:45-Unk. AM	Environment (incl. Water Resources), Transportation
	Mar 17	ST #4	1:30-3:00 PM	Housing
	Apr 01	ST #5	1:30-3:00 PM	Economic Development & Tourism, Town Planning
	Apr 08	PC #5	8:45-Unk. AM	Housing, Historic & Cultural Resources
	Apr 29	ST #6	9:00-10:30 AM	KNDF/Kent Narrows Community Plan
	May 05	ST #7	1:30-3:00 PM	Community Plans
	May 13	PC #6	8:45-Unk. AM	Economic Development & Tourism
	Jun 03	ST #8	1:30-3:00 PM	Land Use (incl. Priority Preservation)
	Jun 10	PC #7	8:45-Unk. AM	Town Planning, Community Plans
	Jul 08	PC #8	8:45-Unk. AM	Land Use (incl. Priority Preservation), Implementation
	Jul 27	PC #9/BCC #2	Tentative/TBD	Draft Presentation
	Oct 14	PC #10	Tentative/TBD	Public Hearing
	Oct 26	BCC #3	Tentative/TBD	Public Hearing (or additional review, if needed)
	Nov 09	PC #11/BCC #4	Tentative/TBD	Additional Meeting, if needed
	Nov 23	PC #12/BCC #5	Tentative/TBD	Additional Meeting, if needed

	Planning Commission Workshops	Open to public. Part of regular meeting.
	Visioning Workshops	All workshops open to public. Being held virtually.
	Special Topic Workshops	All workshops open to public. Being held virtually.
	County Commissioners Meetings	Open to public. Specifics TBD.

Technical Committee (working sessions with County Staff) are also being held.

Schedule updated February 8, 2021

Dates may change at the direction of QAC Staff or Planning Commission.

Biweekly schedule updates will be issued noting any changes to the schedule.

https://www.qacplan2021.com

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Queen Anne's County Comprehensive Plan 2021 website. The header features the county seal on the left, the title "QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY Comprehensive Plan Update - Plan QAC 2021" in the center, and a navigation menu on the right with links for Home, About, Resources, Get Involved, FAQs, and Contact/Feedback. Below the header is a horizontal bar with four buttons: Upcoming Meetings, Join Mailing List, Question of the Week, and Draft Documents. The main content area is split into two columns. The left column, titled "Upcoming Events!", lists "Special Topic Workshops" for February 24, March 4 & 17, and a "Planning Commission Meeting" on March 11 at 8:45 am, with a "MORE INFO" button below. The right column features a large landscape photograph of a sunset over a golf course. Three orange callout circles are overlaid on the image: one around the "Latest Plan QAC Events Scheduled" text in the top header, one around the "Contact/Feedback" link in the navigation menu, and one around the "Upcoming Events!" section on the left.

Latest Plan QAC Events Scheduled

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
Comprehensive Plan Update - Plan QAC 2021

Home About Resources Get Involved FAQs Contact/Feedback

Upcoming Meetings Join Mailing List Question of the Week Draft Documents

Upcoming Events!

Special Topic Workshops:
February 24, March 4 & 17

Planning Commission Meeting:
Status update and review of Environment and Transportation chapters.
March 11 at 8:45 am

MORE INFO



Q&A



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!



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