

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A voluntary set of written and graphic materials that identify the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, devices and instruments for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the town located outside the limits of any incorporated village or city.

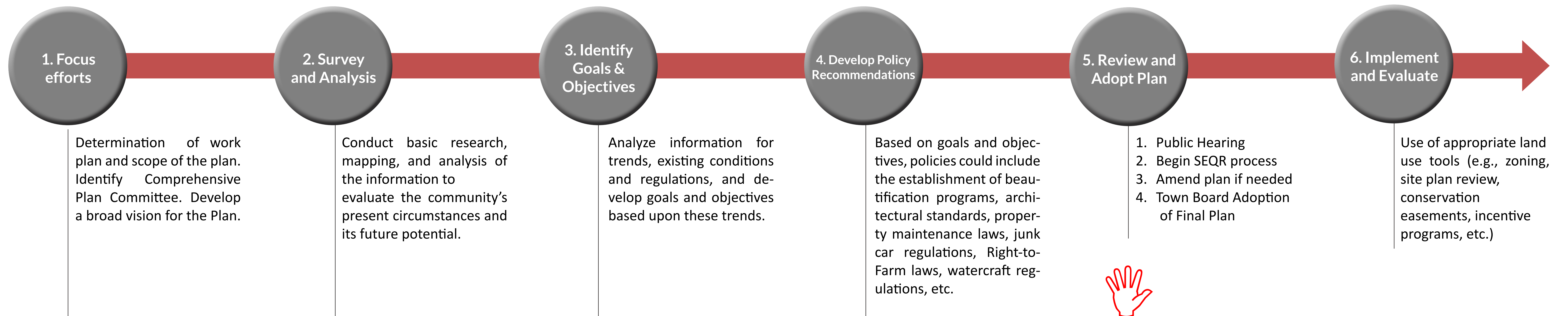
It includes a thorough analysis and inventory of current data showing land development trends and issues, community resources, and public needs for transportation, recreation and housing.

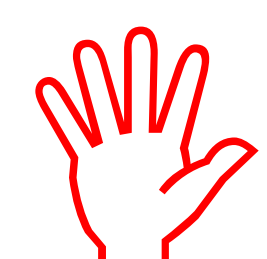
- New York State Division of Local Government Services


Relationship between Comprehensive Planning and Zoning

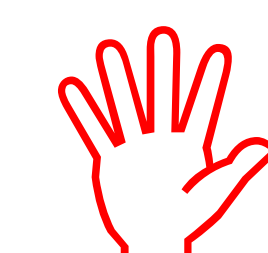
- Zoning is only one tool to implement Comprehensive Plans. Other tools include development of design guidelines, budgeting for capital improvements, or applying for Federal, State or Privately Funded Programs.*
- Adoption of a Comprehensive Plan does not require the adoption of zoning. However, if challenged in court, zoning must be proven to be based off of a “planning process.”*
- In 2008, 71% of Towns had Comprehensive Plans. In that same year, 71% of the Towns had Zoning. However, there were many Towns that had only Comprehensive Plans or only had Zoning.*

Process and Actions to Develop a Comprehensive Plan



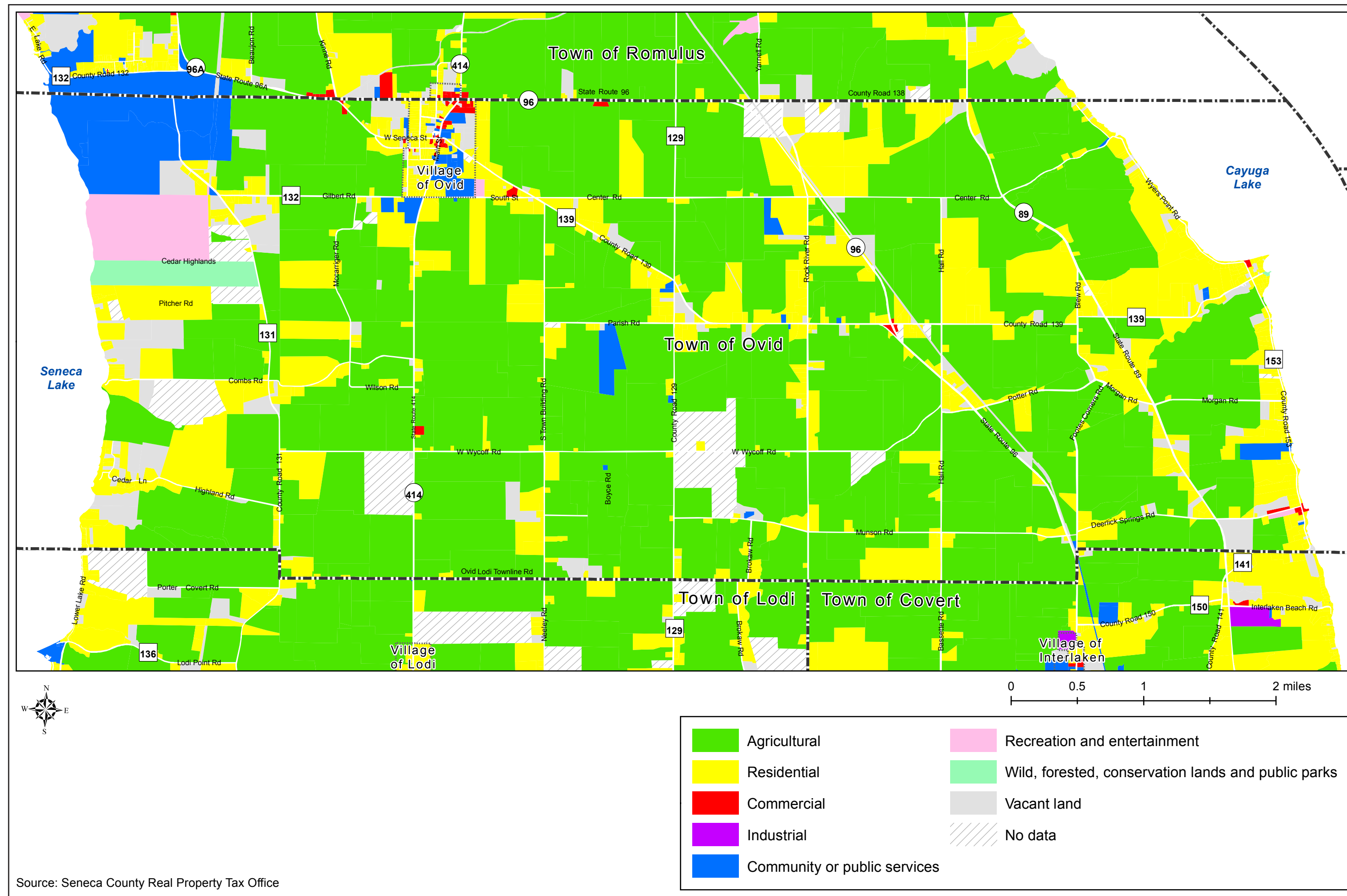
 Feedback gathered from Oct. 7th Public Meeting #1

 Feedback gathered from Public Meeting #2 (Date TBD)

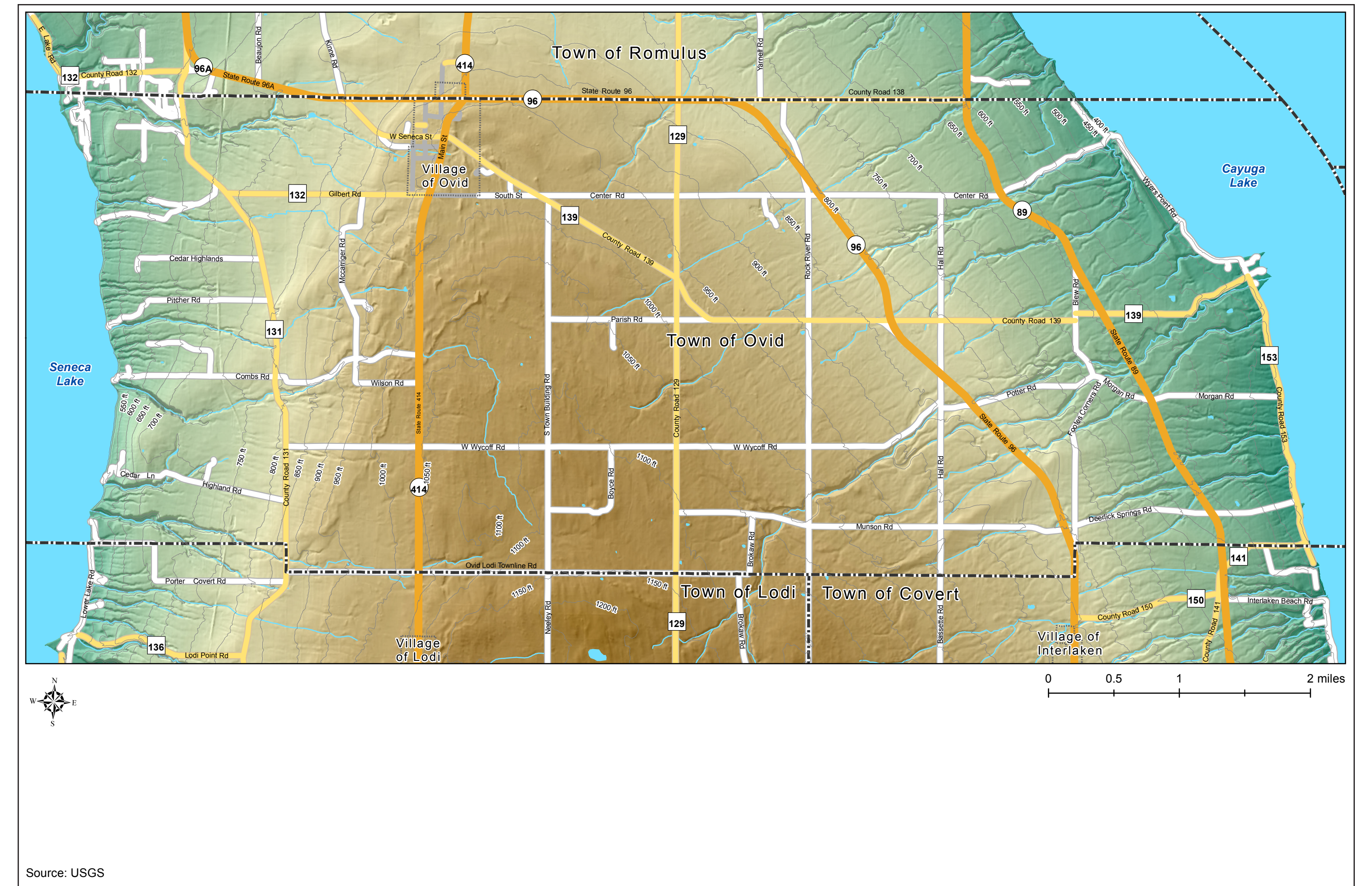
 = Opportunity for Public Participation

Town of Ovid Comprehensive Plan: Geographic Overview

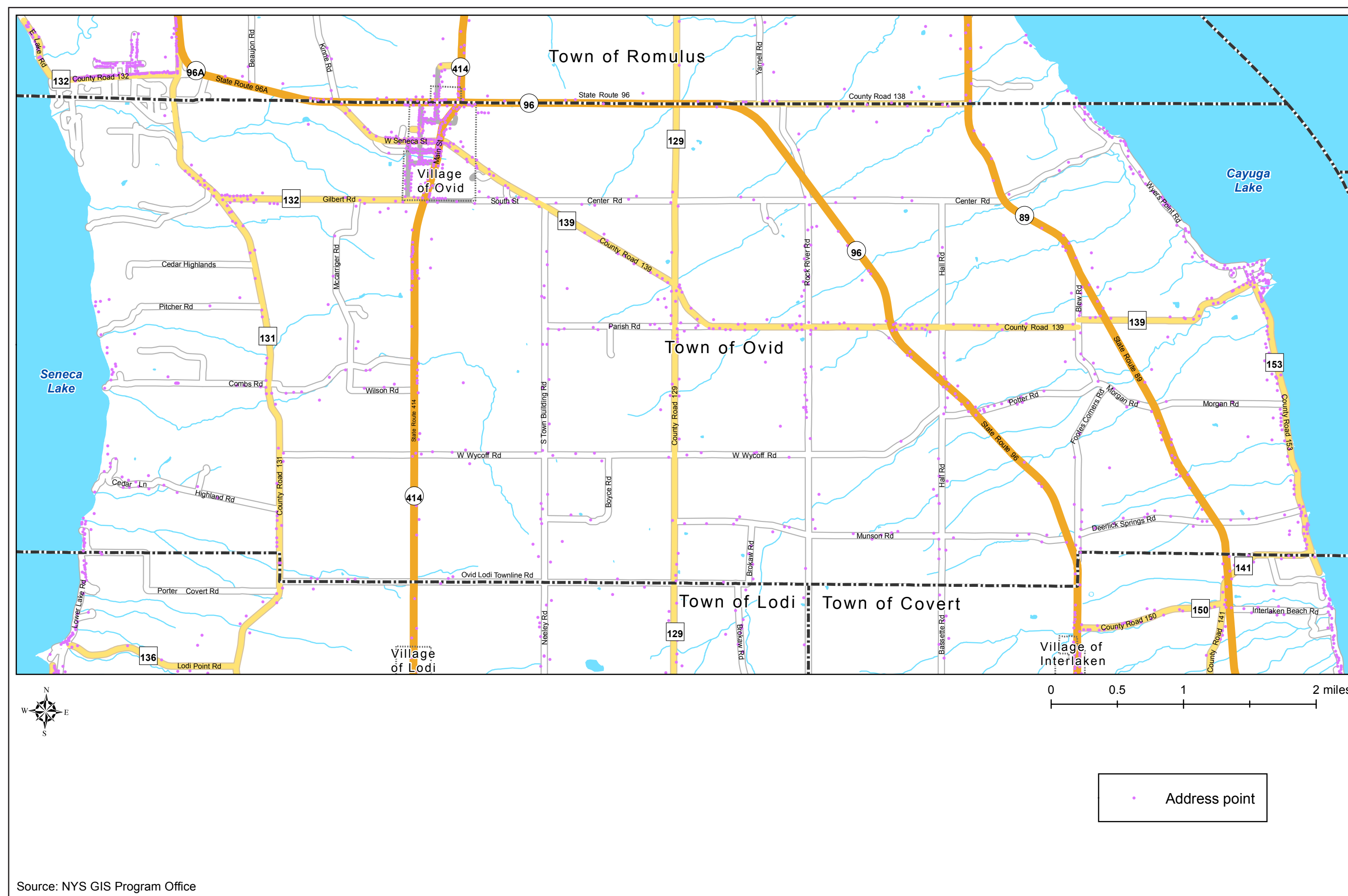
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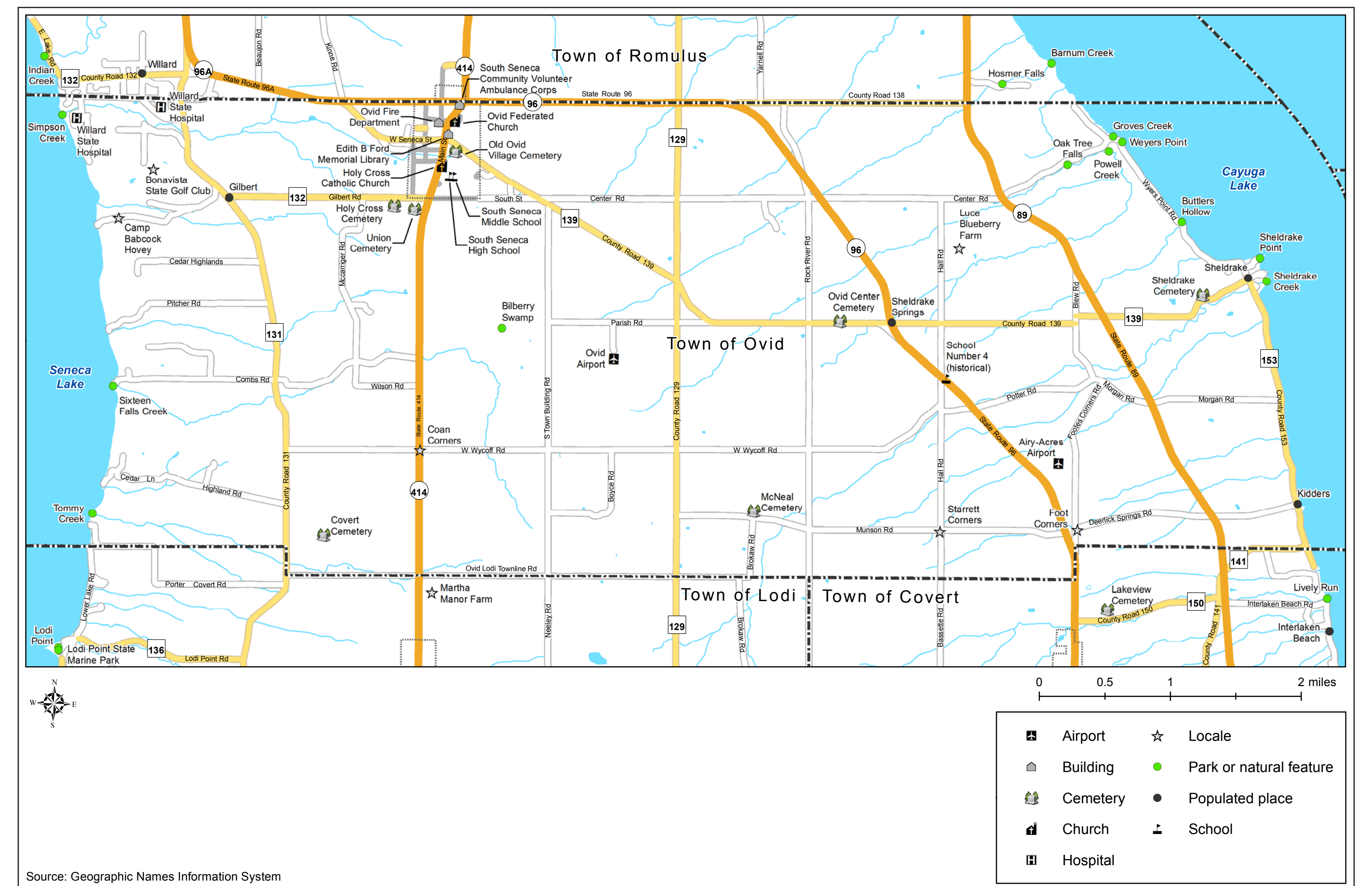
Elevation



Address Points (2017)



Selected Places



Town of Ovid Comprehensive Plan: Census Profile

Population Changes

Over the past 75 years, the Town of Ovid has experienced an overall population decline of -32%, while nearby municipalities and Seneca County have grown.

	Population change (%), 1940-2015								
	1940-1950	1950-1960	1960-1970	1970-1980	1980-1990	1990-2000	2000-2010	2010-2015	1940-2015
Town of Ovid	7.6%	-10.0%	0.3%	-18.6%	-8.9%	19.6%	-16.2%	-6.3%	-32.3%
Village of Ovid	-1.3%	1.3%	-1.3%	-14.5%	-0.9%	-7.3%	-1.6%	0.0%	-23.7%
Town of Lodi	6.4%	13.3%	1.6%	-8.0%	20.7%	3.3%	5.0%	5.5%	55.7%
Town of Covert	12.9%	6.6%	6.7%	4.3%	2.7%	-0.8%	-3.3%	8.1%	42.6%
Town of Romulus	48.8%	-17.7%	22.1%	-42.5%	2.8%	-19.6%	112.0%	1.0%	52.1%
Seneca County	13.7%	9.3%	9.7%	-3.8%	-0.1%	-1.0%	5.7%	-0.3%	36.6%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 1940-2010 and 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Housing Types

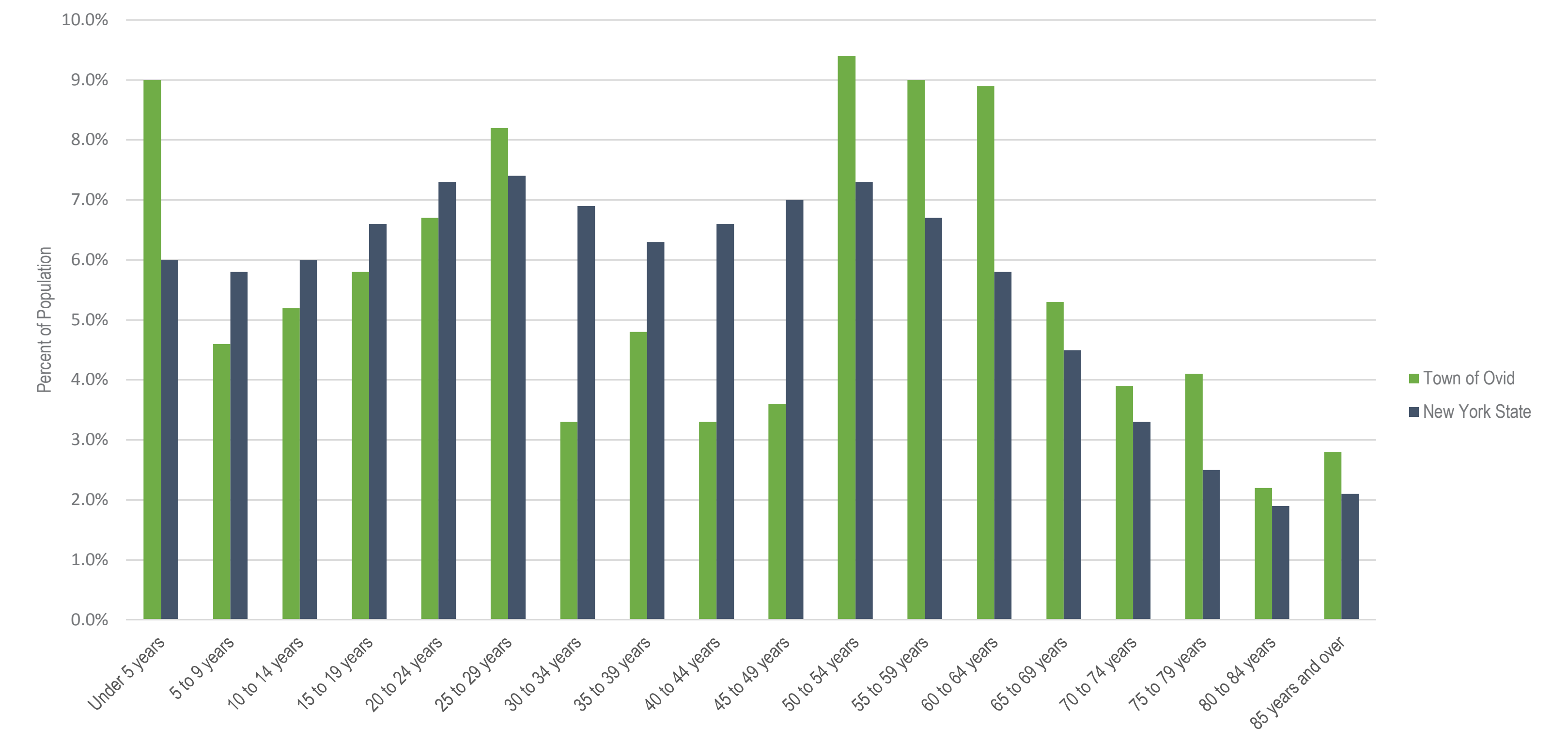
The Town of Ovid has a vacancy rate slightly lower than surrounding municipalities, but higher than the Village of Ovid, which has an exceptionally historic array of buildings.

	Town of Ovid	Village of Ovid	Town of Lodi	Town of Covert	Town of Romulus	Seneca County
Total housing units	1,158	313	1,030	1,273	1,117	16,166
Vacancy rate	21%	15%	32%	23%	26%	16%
Year structure built (% of total)						
Built 2014 or later	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Built 2010 to 2013	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%
Built 2000 to 2009	7%	2%	17%	5%	12%	8%
Built 1990 to 1999	12%	3%	13%	6%	8%	8%
Built 1980 to 1989	11%	4%	10%	9%	15%	11%
Built 1970 to 1979	8%	6%	8%	16%	7%	12%
Built 1960 to 1969	11%	3%	6%	8%	11%	9%
Built 1950 to 1959	7%	7%	9%	6%	8%	10%
Built 1940 to 1949	7%	6%	3%	5%	10%	5%
Built 1939 or earlier	37%	70%	32%	44%	27%	36%

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Age

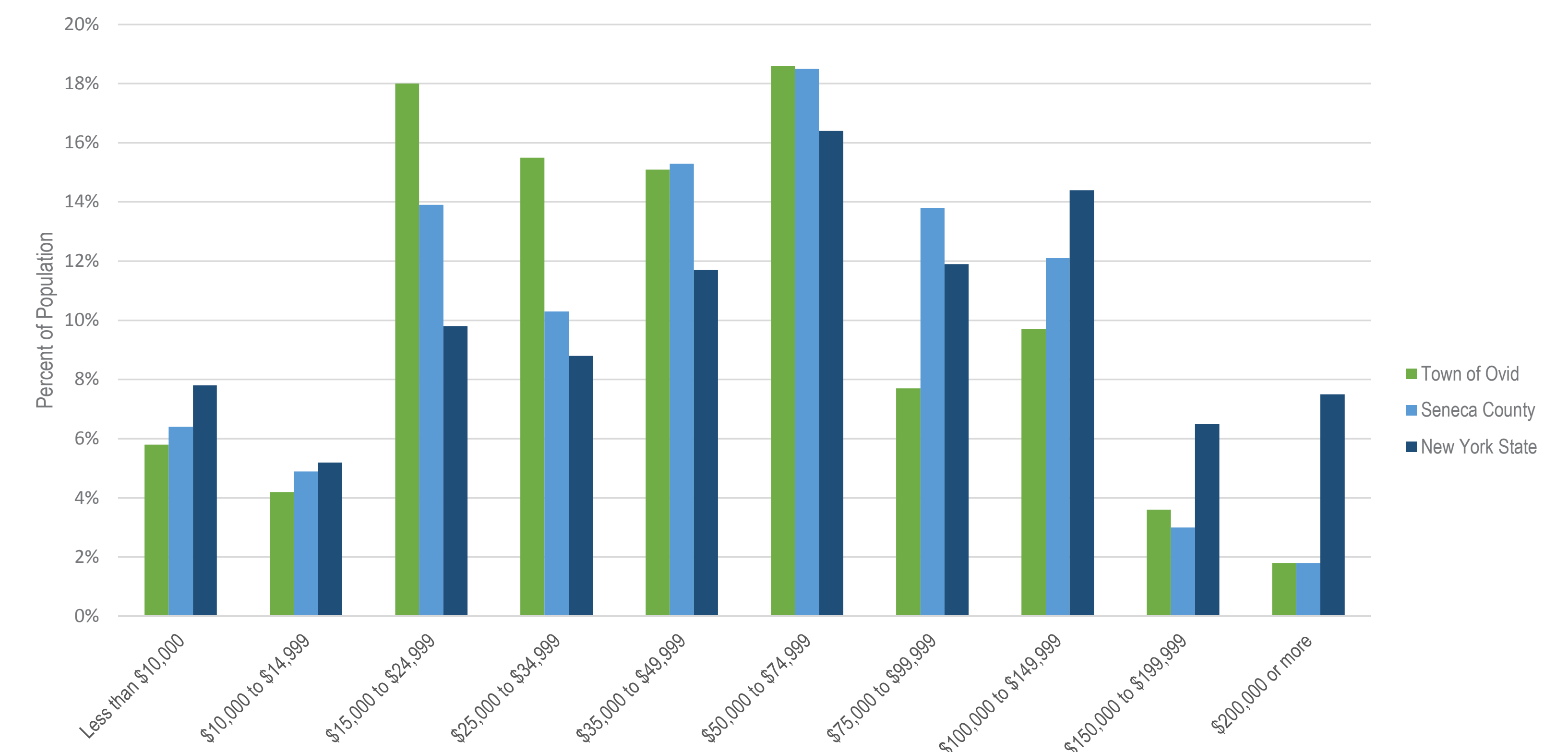
Compared to statewide averages, the Town of Ovid has an older than average population, as well as more children below the age of 5 compared to statewide averages.



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Income

A greater percentage of residents in the Town of Ovid come from low income households between \$15,000 and \$35,000, when compared with Seneca County and New York State.



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Town of Ovid Comprehensive Plan: Survey Responses

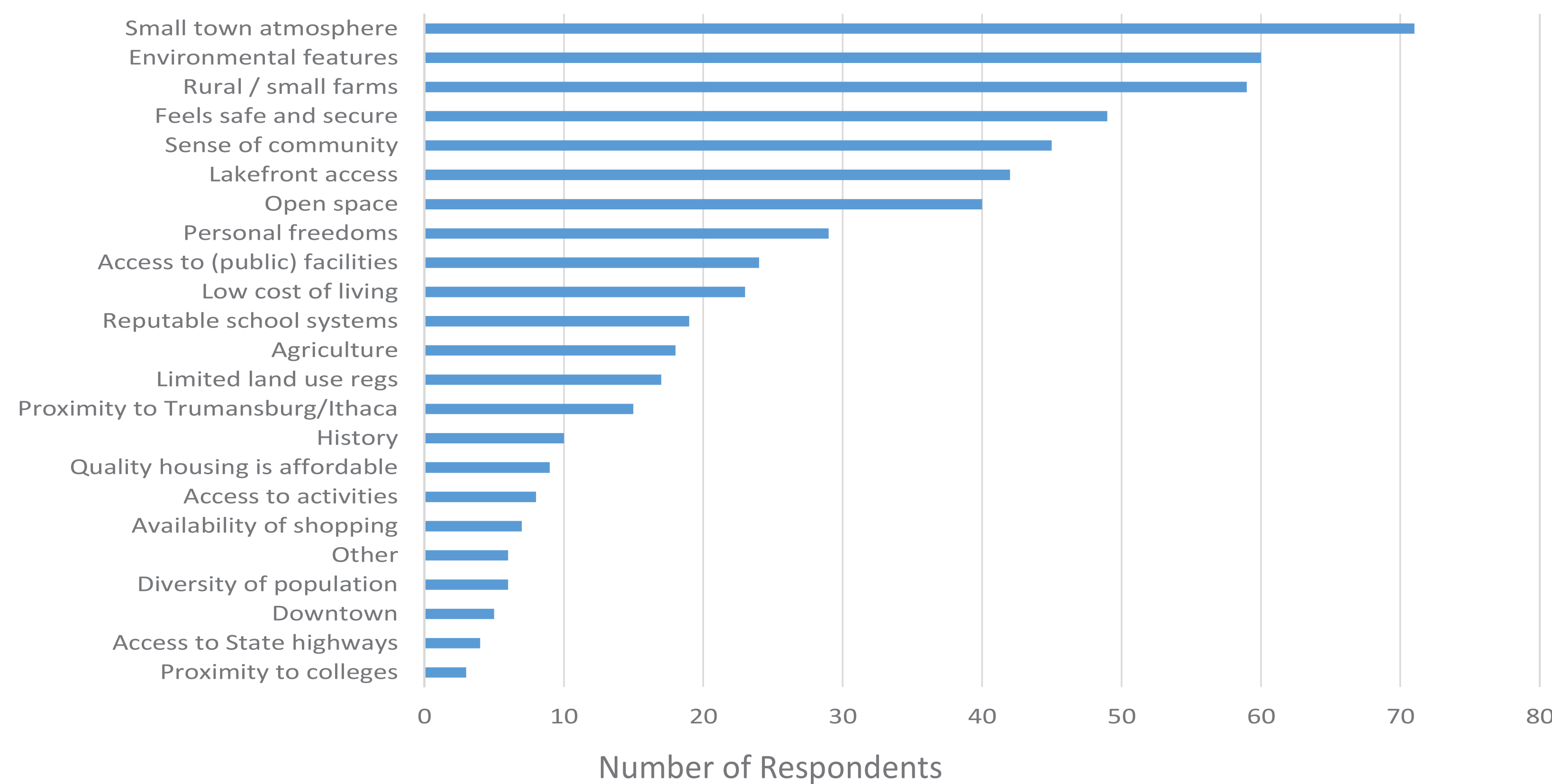
In May 2017, the community participated in a survey to gather public opinion related to tough issues related to land use and future decision-making. Surveys were mailed to all Town households with a postage-paid return envelope, and residents had the additional option to complete the survey online. Surveys featured 11 questions and took an estimate 10-15 minutes to complete.

Surveys were due on May 22nd, and featured a 16% response rate of 354 represented individuals. A summary of respondents is as follows:

- Most (94%) were homeowners
- 90% were above the age of 18
- 39% have attended local government meetings (town, village) in the past two years.
- Most (83%) were Town residents, with 11% Village residents, 1% seasonal residents and 1% business owners living elsewhere

Most Important Characteristics of Ovid

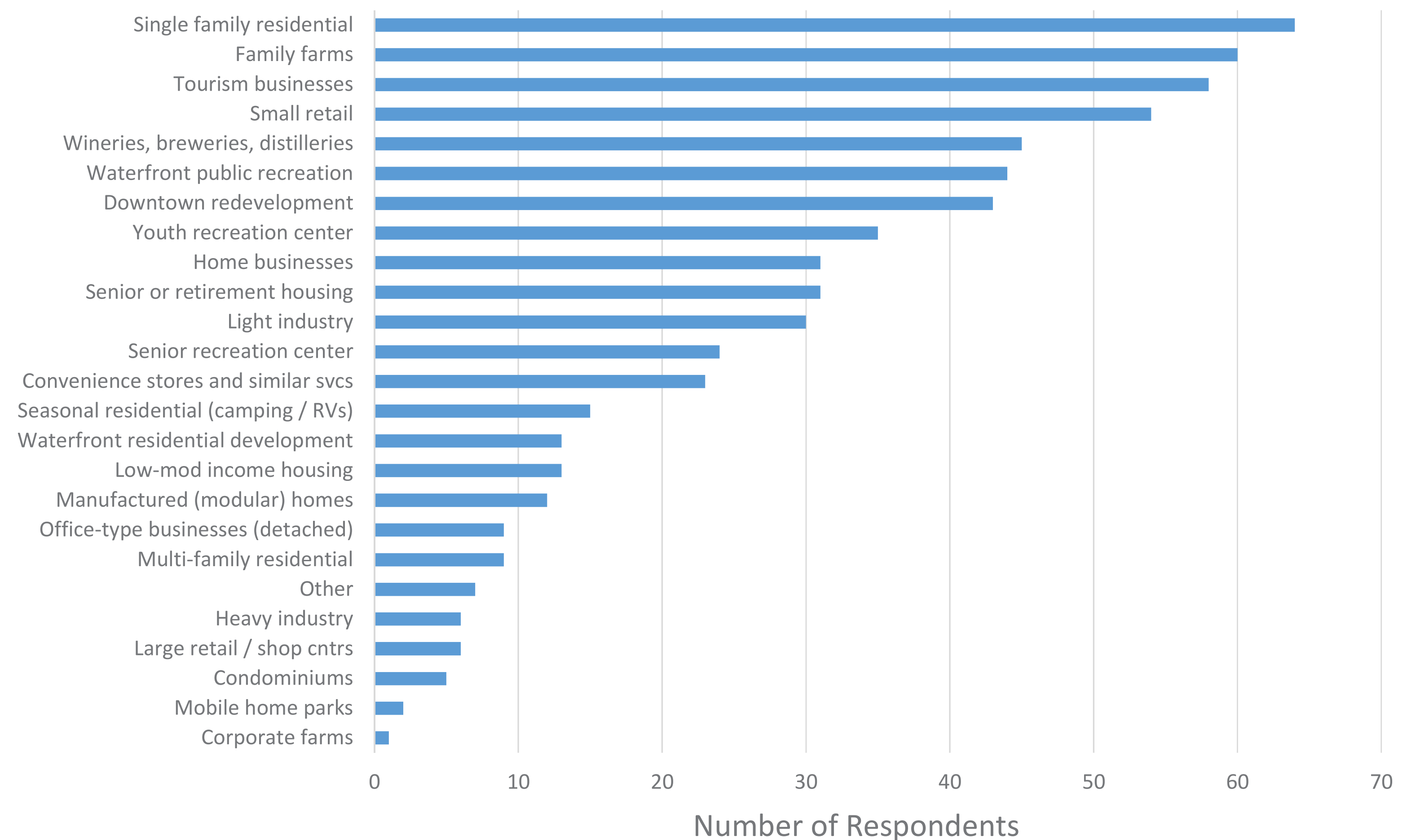
The majority of residents reported that a small town atmosphere is the most important characteristic of the community, followed by environmental features, small farms and feelings of safety and security.



Data Source: Town of Ovid Community Survey Results, June 2017

Preferences For Growth/Development

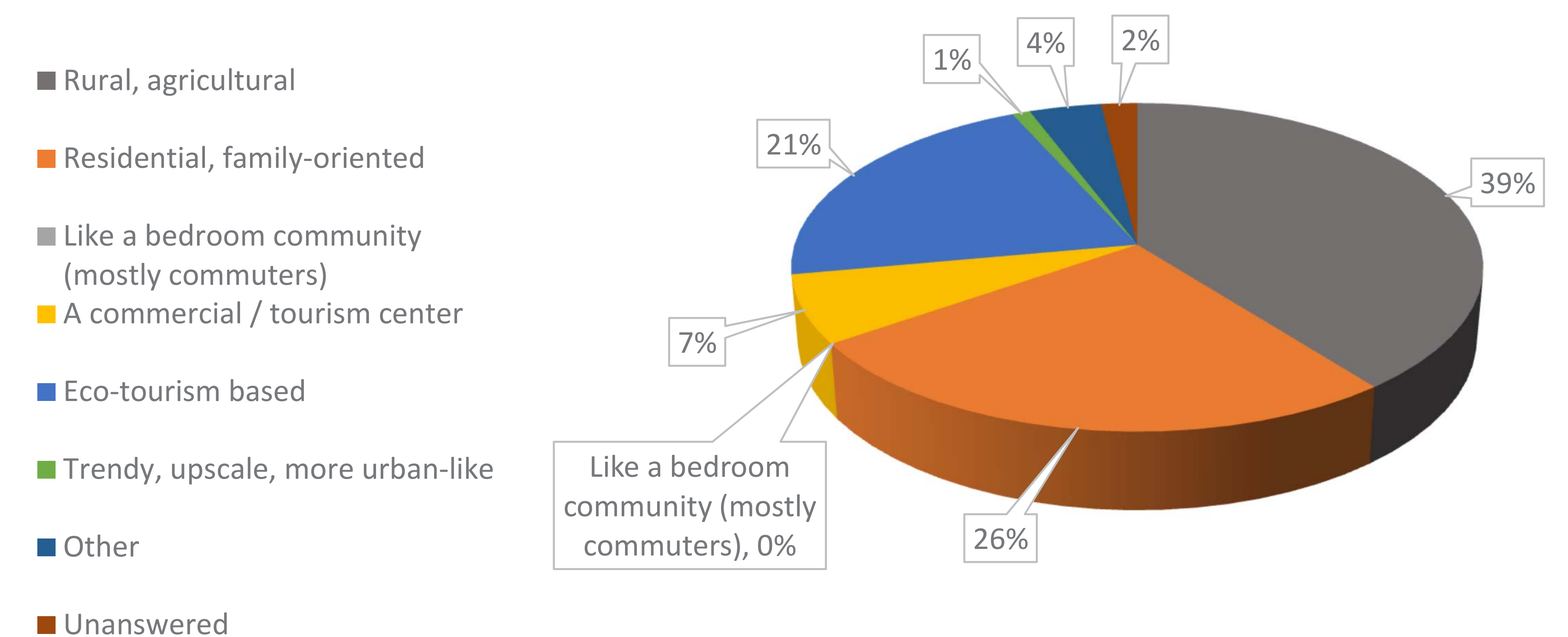
According to the respondents, the preferred growth and development for the Town of Ovid is single-family residential and family farms.



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In 2037, the Ovid Community Should Be...

The majority of residents reported they would like the community to remain rural agricultural, and/or residential and family oriented.

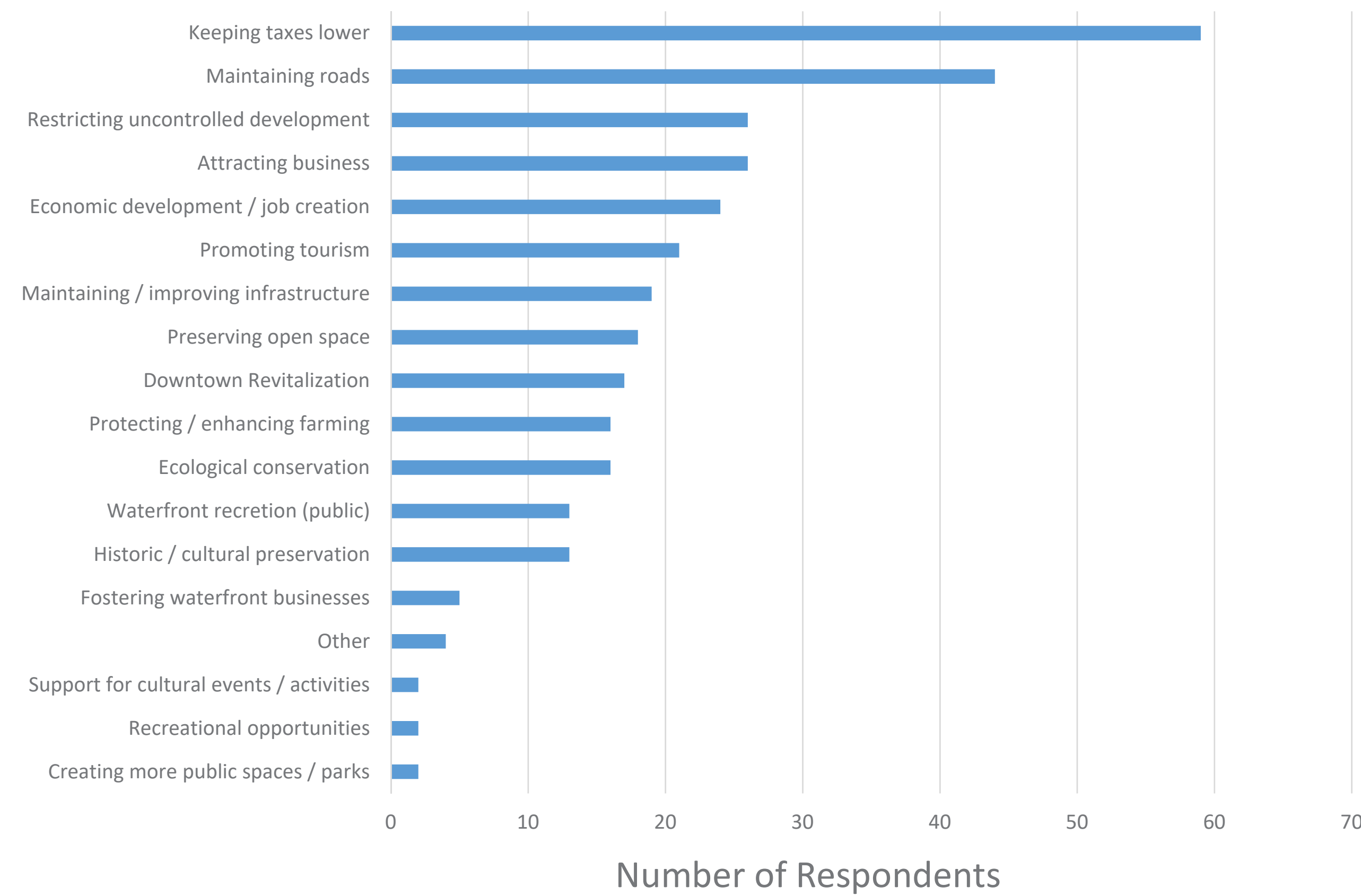


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Town of Ovid Comprehensive Plan: Survey Responses

Local Government Should Focus On...

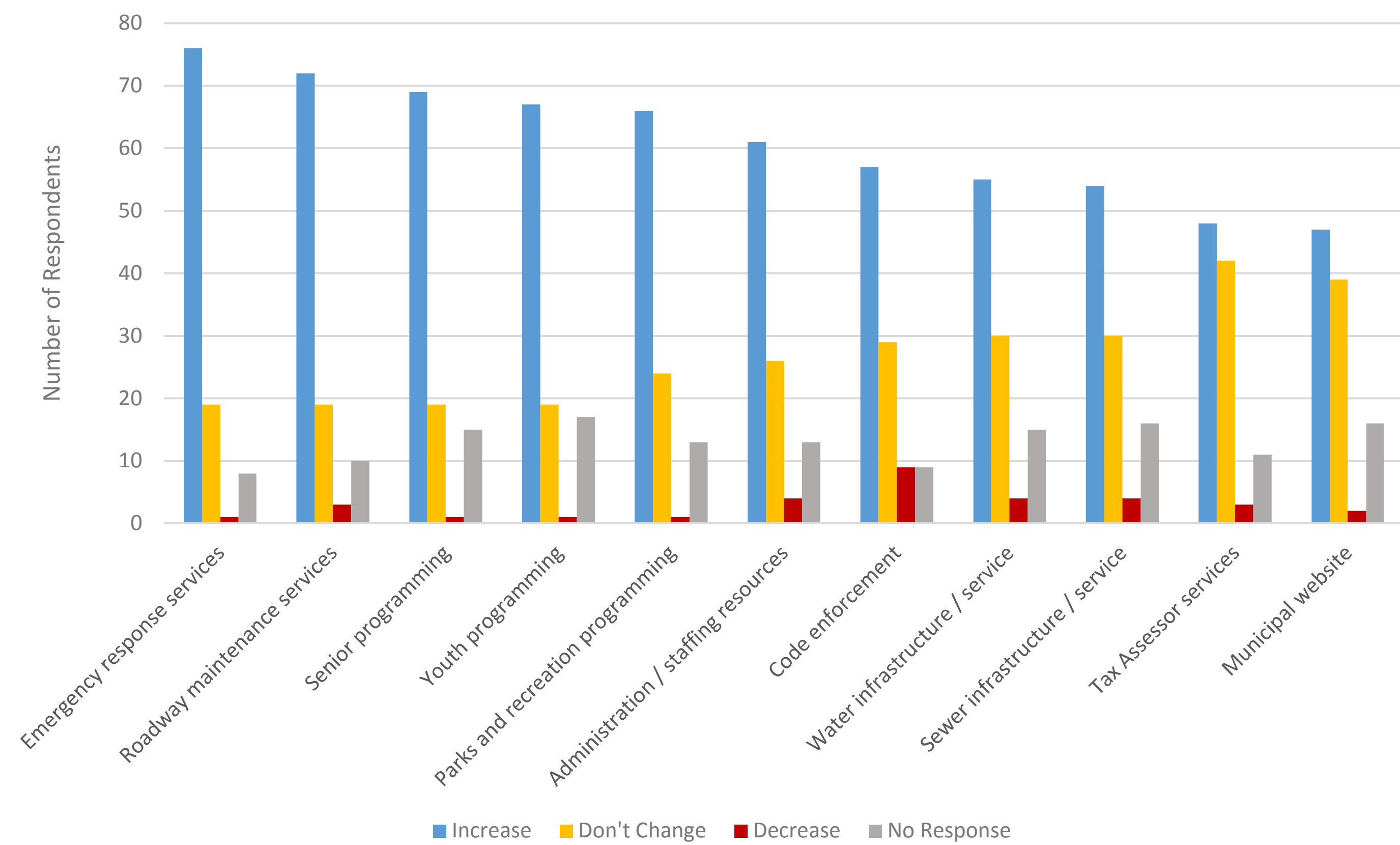
The majority of respondents reported that local government should primarily focus on keeping taxes lower and maintaining roads. These were followed by restricting uncontrolled development and attracting new businesses.



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Level of Shared Services

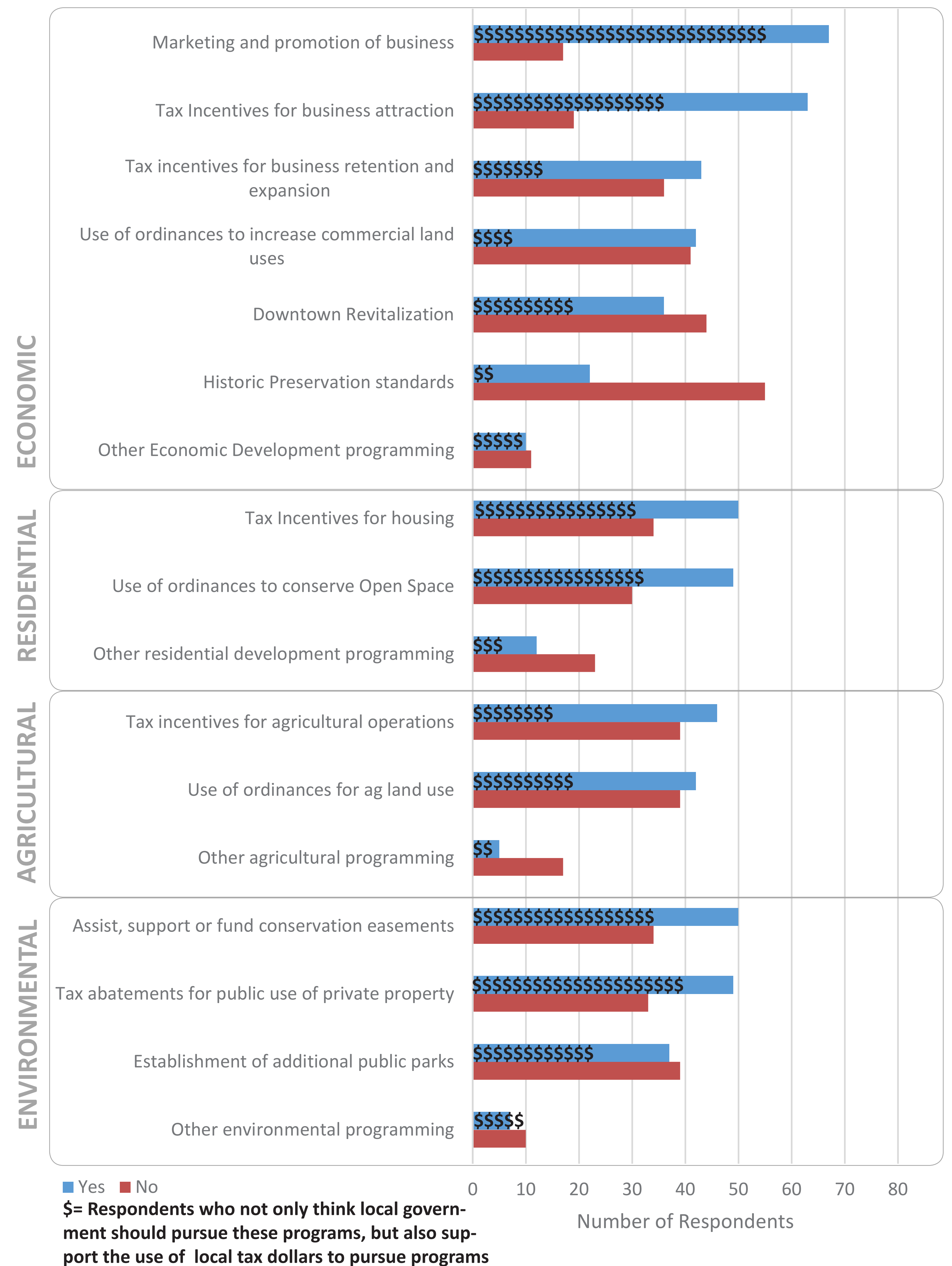
Respondents reported that their highest preference for increased shared services was in emergency response services, roadway maintenance and senior/youth/parks programming.



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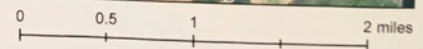
Local Government Should Pursue ...

Marketing, business attraction, housing tax incentives, conservation of open space, support for conservation easements, and tax incentives for public use of land were among the top roles that local government should pursue, according to survey respondents.



Town of Ovid Comprehensive Plan: My Ovid

Share your ideas and thoughts about the present and future of Ovid: record your thoughts on your comment card and then write the number of your comment card on a sticker and place it on the map in the appropriate location. Leave your comment card in the box.



Town of Ovid Comprehensive Plan: Visioning Exercise

Strengths

Small town, rural, neighbors know each other

What is one of the area's strengths?
(example: Ovid's rural character)

Diverse: farms, town, lake, recreation, professional, farmers, business, trades

Village is slowly getting spruced up = renovations

Quiet, green, wildlife, nice neighbors

Weaknesses

What is one of the area's weaknesses or limitations?
(example: lack of local employers)

Problems Enforcing Regs.

Lack of major employers + commercial infrastructure

Lot of apathy in the town

Lack of financial resources

Lack of Reason for Youth to stay

Opportunities

tourism, - yes

Where is there an opportunity to improve?
(example: tourism)

More hospitality for tourists - Things to offer Spm + in seasons apart from fall: to leverage tourism to the max

More destinations (ex. Arboretum) + awareness

Buffers or other tools for run-off pollution mgmt.

Threats

What is a threat to the area?
(example: closures of nearby employers)

Landfills

Increased cost to Town

Water pollution in lakes (run off) + toxic algae blooms

Ag Lawn fertilizer

HAB's H₂O quality

ZONING...

NEED ECON. DEVELOPMENT TO GROW THE OUT MIGRATION.

There are many ways to approach this

Site Review w/o Zoning is toothless

NOT ALL OR NOTHING - nuance

agree we can do it "lite"

ENFORCE LAND USE ORDINANCE

There is not one right now! May be there is but for all intents & purposes there isn't!

if we want to keep things as is, do we need Z?

yes otherwise we could get things/business etc we don't want

Agree

NO TO FURTHER POLICE TOWER!

not at this time

Needs to be done at County level

Protect the Lakes!

and soil

soil

YES!

ENFORCE ARMY CORPS REGS! NY DEC REGS.

ONLY protect construction on lake bed itself

Walkable Community

Station 5: Conversation Map

Town of Ovid Comprehensive Plan
Public Workshop
10-7-17

CONVERSATION MAP
Responses / comments
(continued threads are nested)

Topic / issue:
Zoning...

Protect the lakes

Yes

Yes

Sand and soil

Needs to be done at County level

Enforce Army Corps regs and NY DEC regs

Only protect construction on lake bed itself

Walkable community

No to further Police power

Not at this time

Enforce Land Use ordinance

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Need economic development to slow the out migration