

# TOWN OF WESTON

## Plan of Conservation and Development

Public Workshop  
October 10, 2019

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# AGENDA

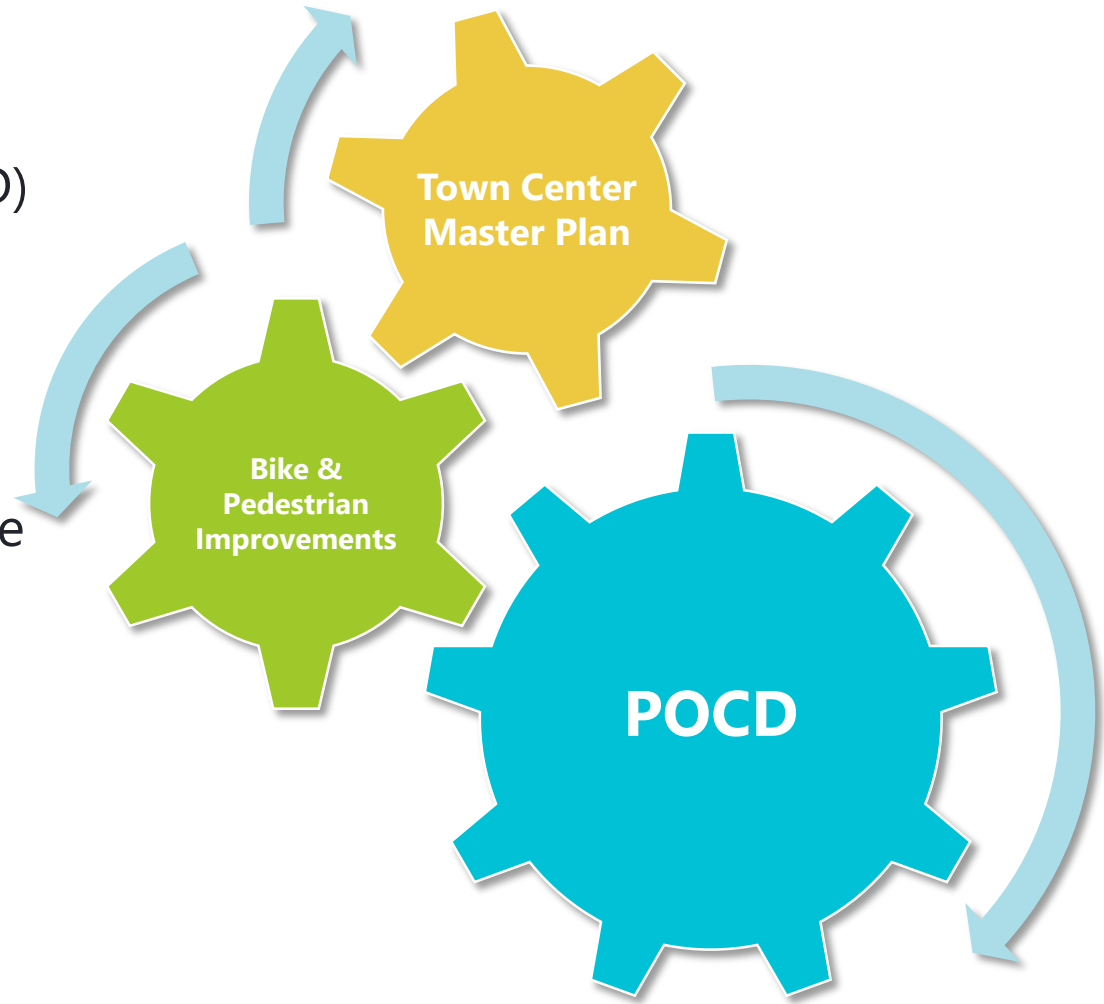
- Welcome
- Presentation
- Group Discussion

## Anticipated Outcomes

- Obtain input on goals and objectives

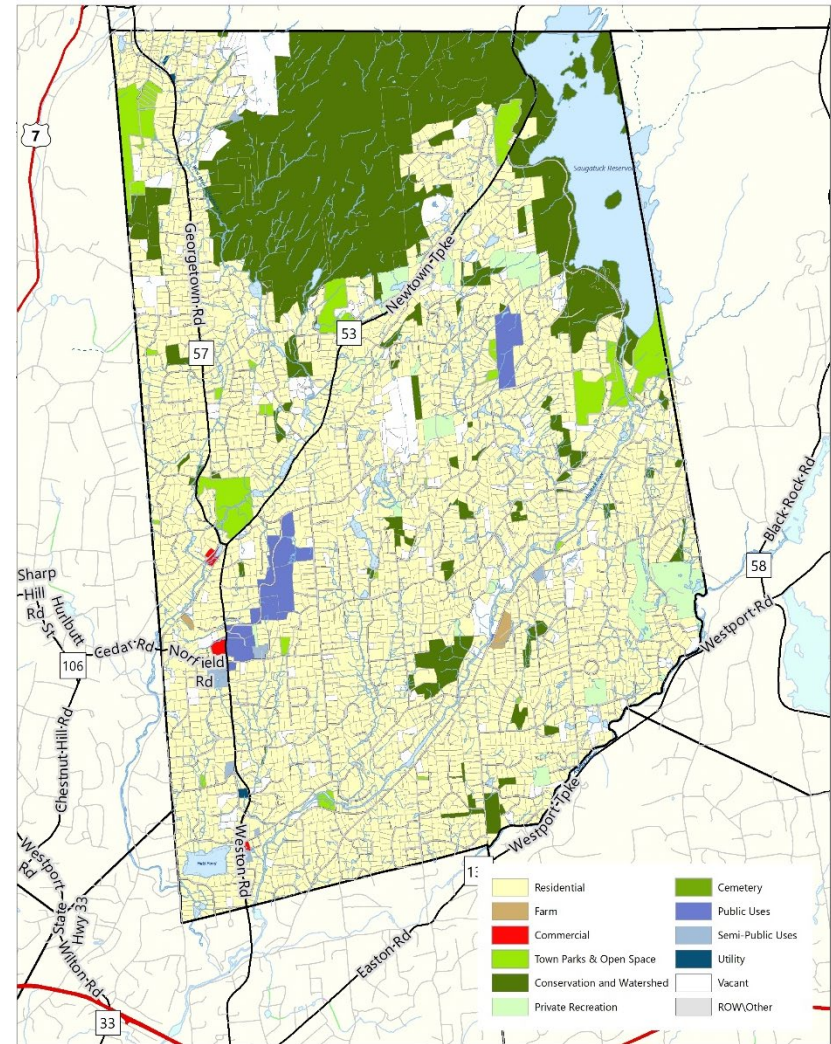
# WHY WE ARE HERE

- Creating an update of the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)
- In conjunction with Town Center Master Plan and Sidewalk Master Plan
- These three plans are part and parcel of one another



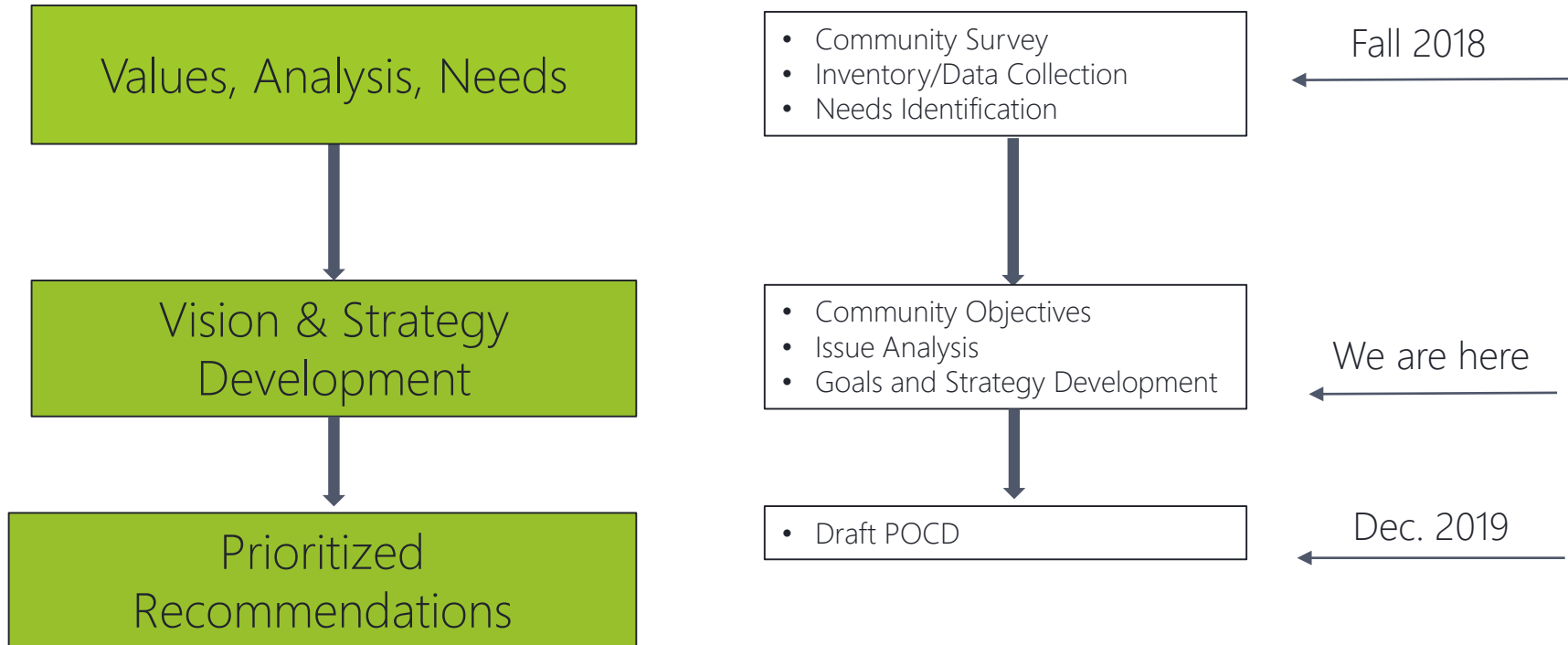
# WHAT IS A POCD?

- Advisory document for long-term vision and short-term decision-making
- Provide policy guidance for the physical, economic and social future of the community
  - Determine through robust public engagement the community's vision, and the goals and strategies that will advance Weston towards that vision
- States Town's Goals and Visions
- POCD **Does Not Have Authority** of a Law or Regulation but **Recommends Actions to Help Achieve Goals**



# POCD PROCESS

- Anticipate completion later this year
- Three stages
- Each stage gets more specific in nature



# FINDINGS TO DATE

## Findings to date are based on:

- Community Survey (over 2,500 respondents)
- 2 Community workshops & Consultant Recommendations on the Town Center
- Discussions with Planning & Zoning Commission and Town Staff
- Data “Fact Book”

## Grouped into Three Categories:

- **Values & Strengths** – Assets to preserve and maintain
- **Opportunities** – Resources to capitalize on
- **Challenges** – Things to be addressed



### 2018 Town of Weston Planning Survey

The Town of Weston and its Planning & Zoning Commission are conducting this survey to gauge the opinions of our community on a wide range of issues relevant to the future of our town. One use of this survey is to provide guidance to the Planning & Zoning Commission as it performs its State-mandated update of the Town Plan of Conservation and Development.

As part of this update, the Commission is seeking input from community members to determine community values, generate ideas, and encourage participation in the Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD) process.

The Plan will significantly influence the Commission's, and Weston's, policies and priorities over the next 10 years.

Filling out this survey will assist us greatly as we commence this important undertaking. The survey should take approximately 20 minutes. Just click on the "next" button and it will take you to our survey.

All responses will be collected anonymously and analyzed as aggregated data. Please complete one survey per person, and please participate so that Weston can be best served. Your response is your voice; let it be heard!

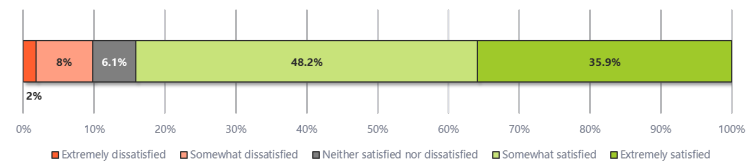
Thank you for your participation.

# FINDINGS TO DATE: VALUES & STRENGTHS

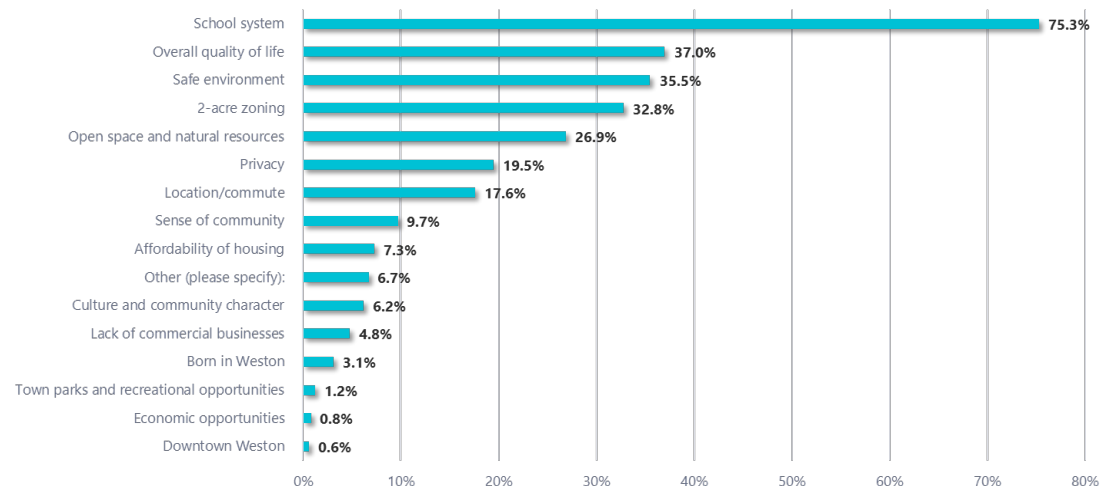
## Preserve and enhance what we already have

- Strong sense of community
- Quality of life
- Natural resources, recreation and open space
- Quality educational system and town services

**WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH WESTON AS A PLACE TO LIVE?**



**SELECT THE TOP 3 REASONS YOU CHOSE TO LIVE IN WESTON**



# FINDINGS TO DATE: OPPORTUNITIES

## Opportunities to capitalize on

- Potential to strengthen Town Center
- Investments in town facilities and transportation infrastructure
  - LOTCIP & Community Connectivity grants
  - EMS



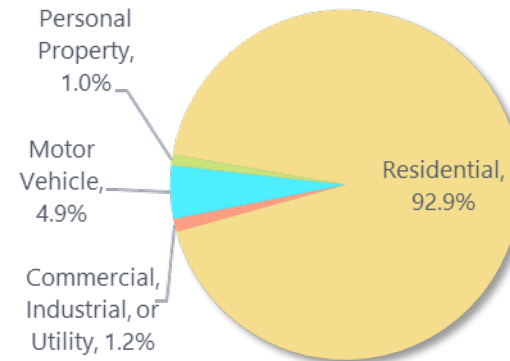


# FINDINGS TO DATE: CHALLENGES

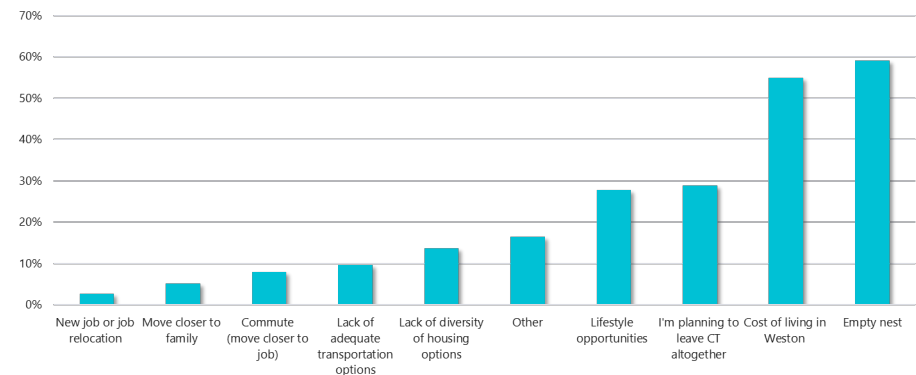
## Things to be addressed

- Aging population
- Housing affordability – particularly for senior population (6% of units are attainable for Weston seniors)
- Homogenous housing types (98.5% single family detached)
- Limited sidewalk and biking network
- Reliance on residential property tax revenue

Weston Grand List Composition (GLY 2015)



## WHY ARE YOU PLANNING TO MOVE OUT OF WESTON?



# SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP FINDINGS

- In person workshop (~50 participants)
- Online workshop (45 new, complete responses)
- In person and online participants were generally in agreement

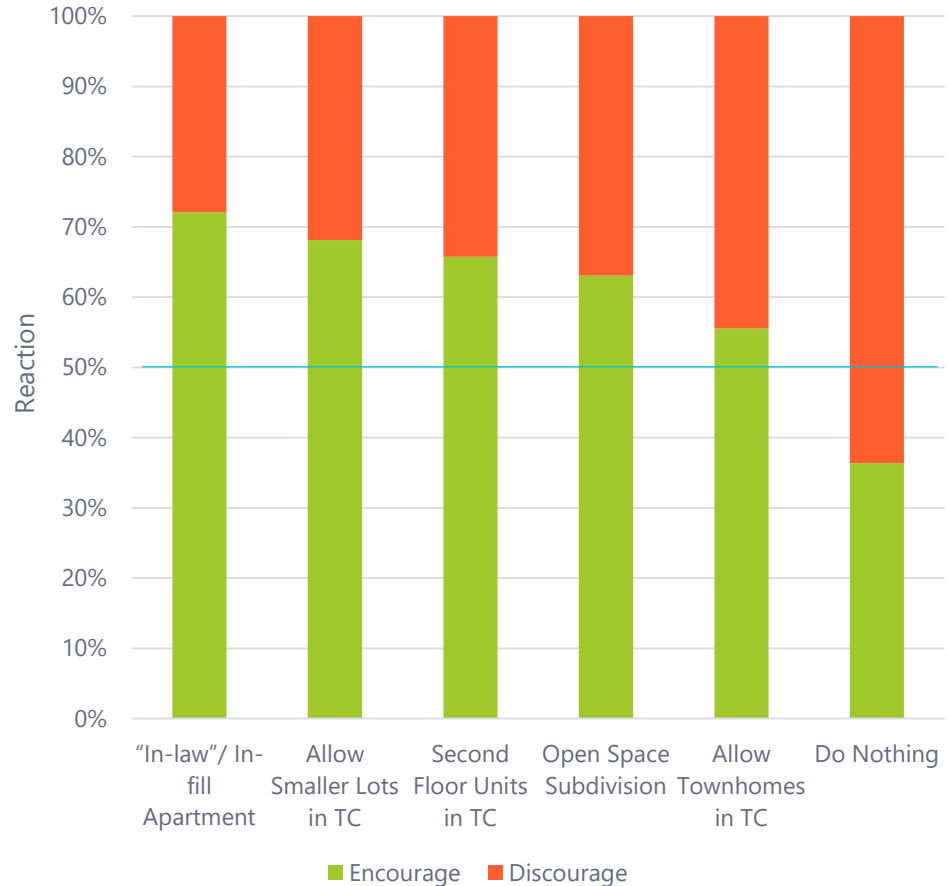
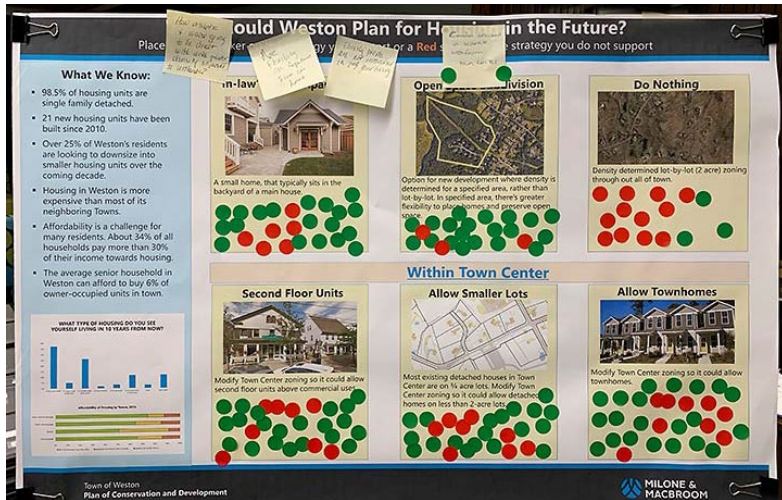


# WORKSHOP EXERCISES

## Housing

What types of housing would you like to see encouraged and discouraged over the next ten years?

Participants want the Town to do something to improve housing choice

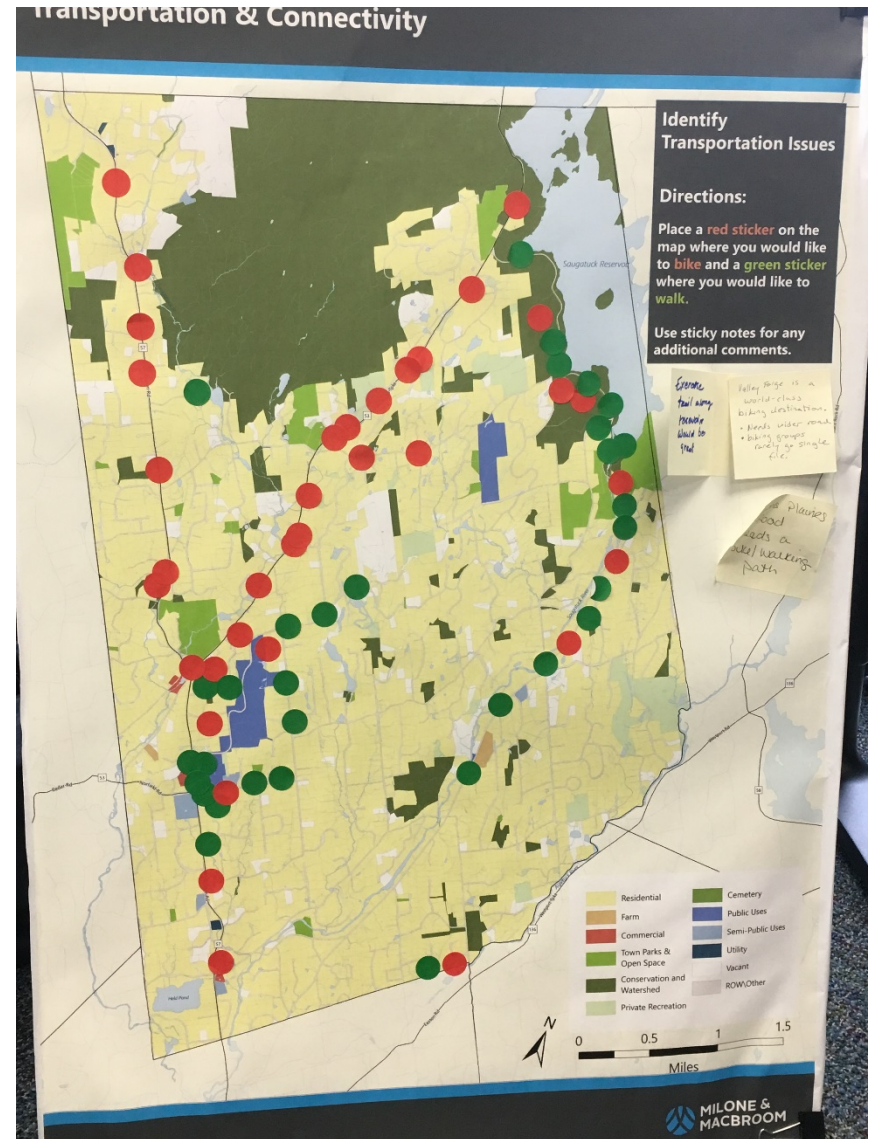


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## Connectivity

### Key Takeaways:

- Biking desired on total lengths of Rt 53 and Rt 57
- Biking and walking desired on total length of Valley Forge Road and Bisceglie Park
- Walking desired in Town Center and around schools

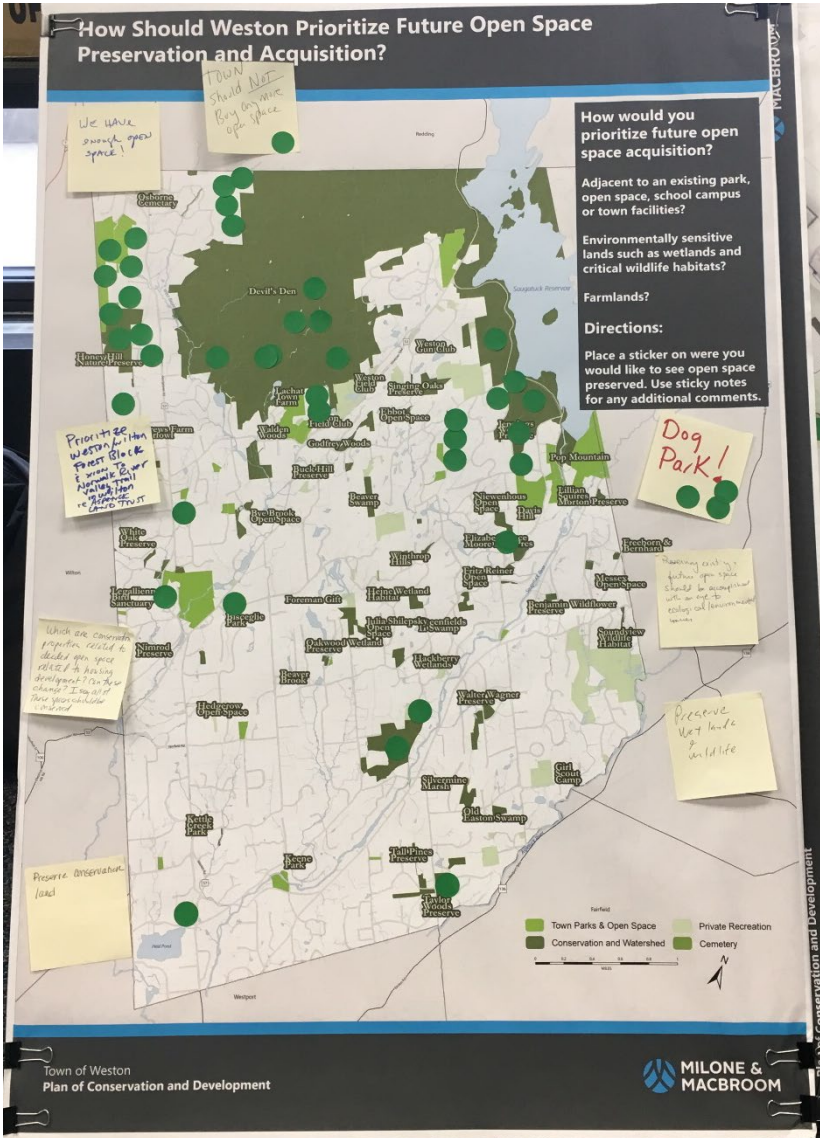


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## Open Space

### Key Takeaways:

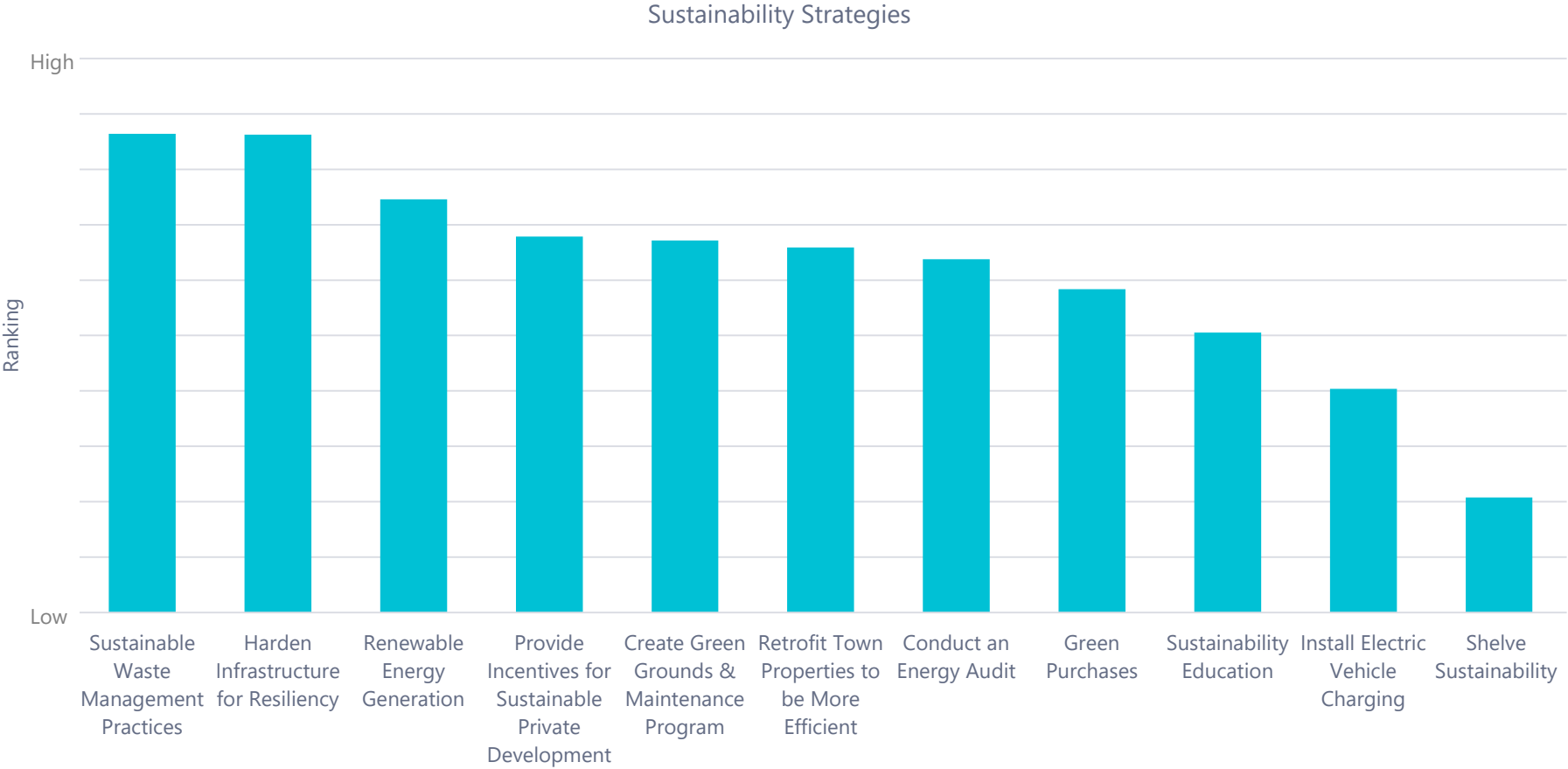
- Maintain existing areas
- The town should not acquire more open space
- Focus on contiguous open space and wetlands



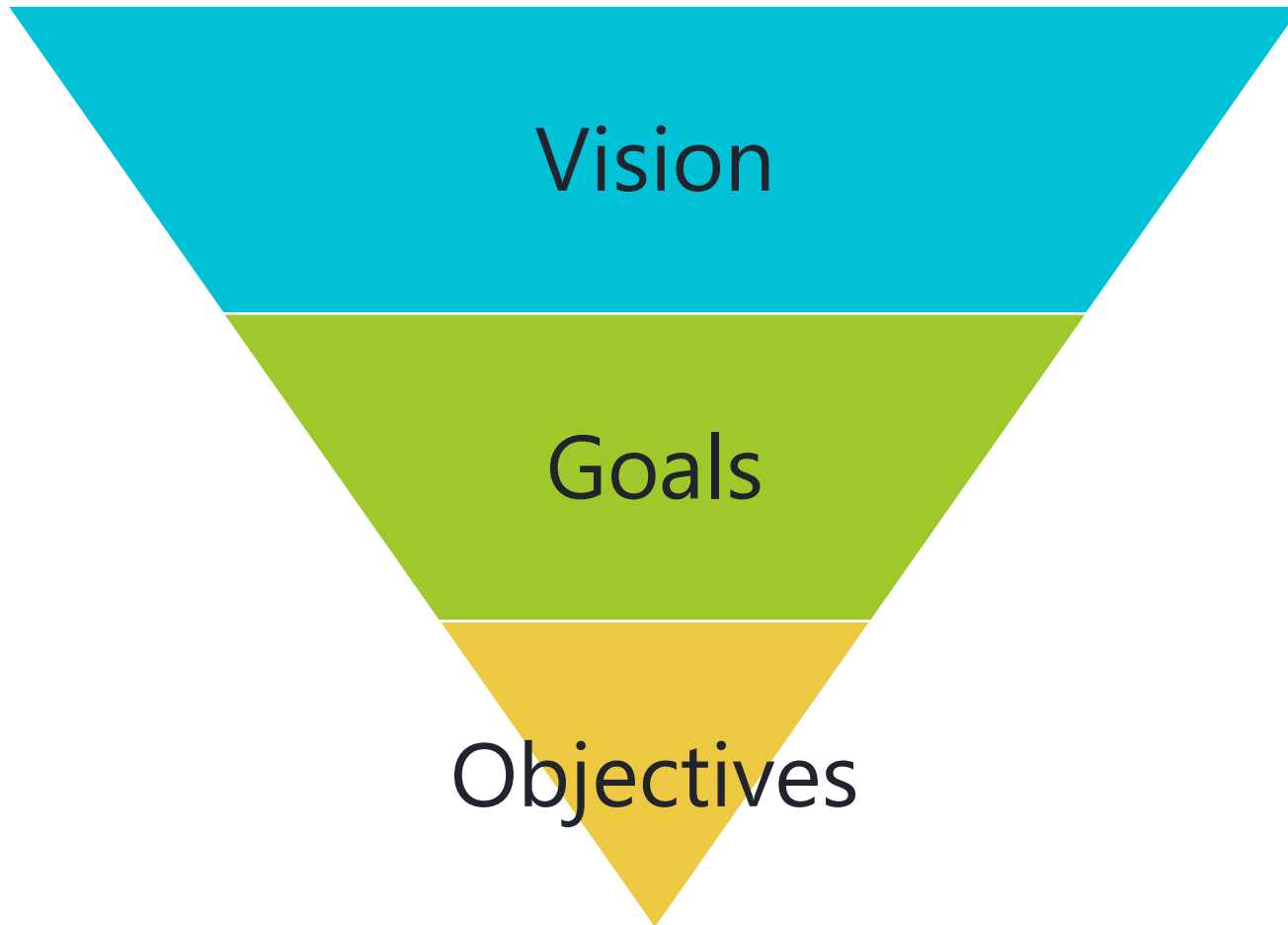
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## Sustainability

Participants prioritized different sustainability strategies.



# HOW DO WE GET THERE?



# POCD GOALS

Create a Town Center that fosters community interaction and promotes a high quality of life

Preserve small-town character, natural resources & open spaces

Increase pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to enhance quality of life

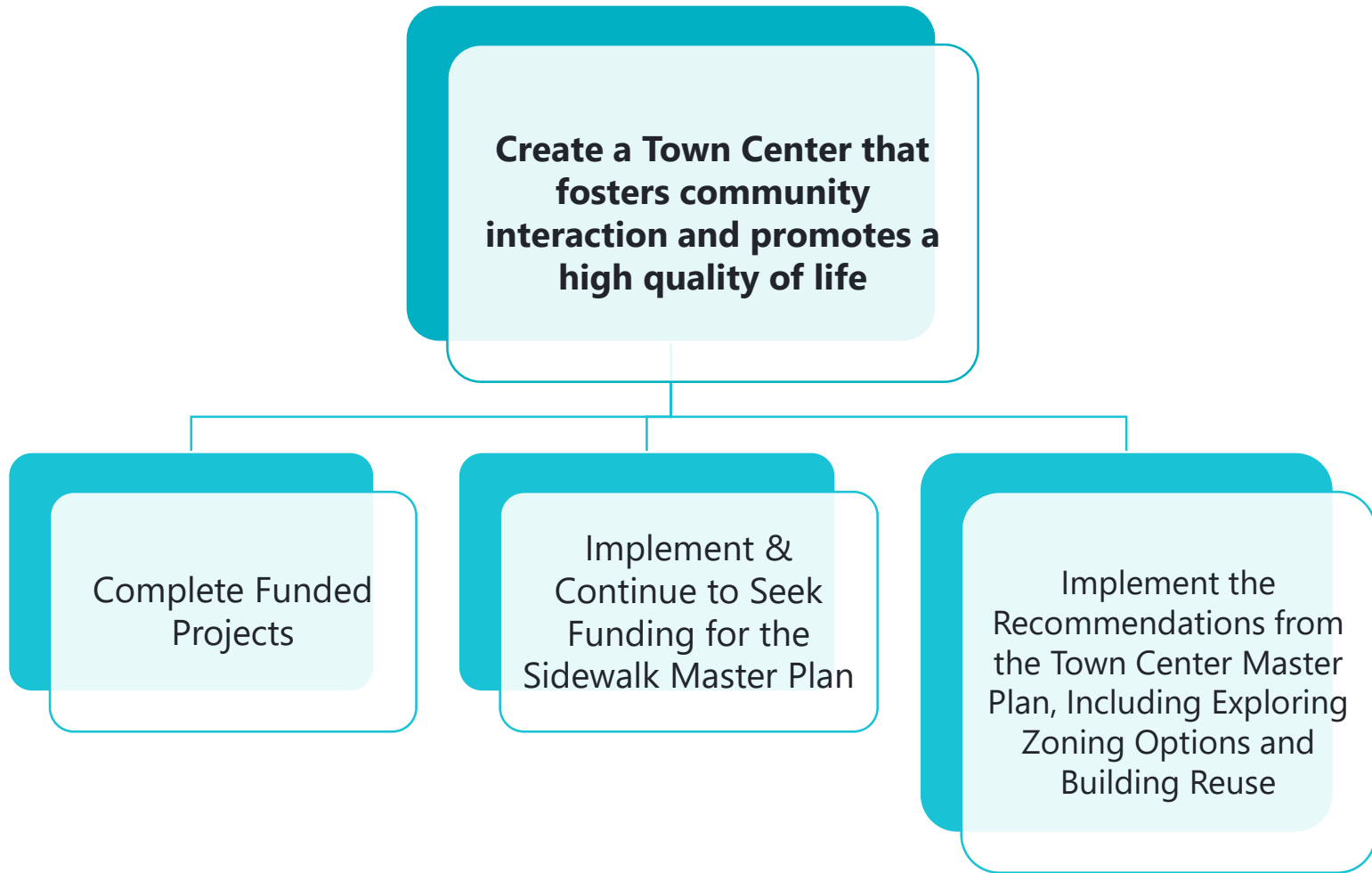
Support and promote sustainability & resiliency

Enable housing options for all life stages and lifestyles, while protecting existing community character

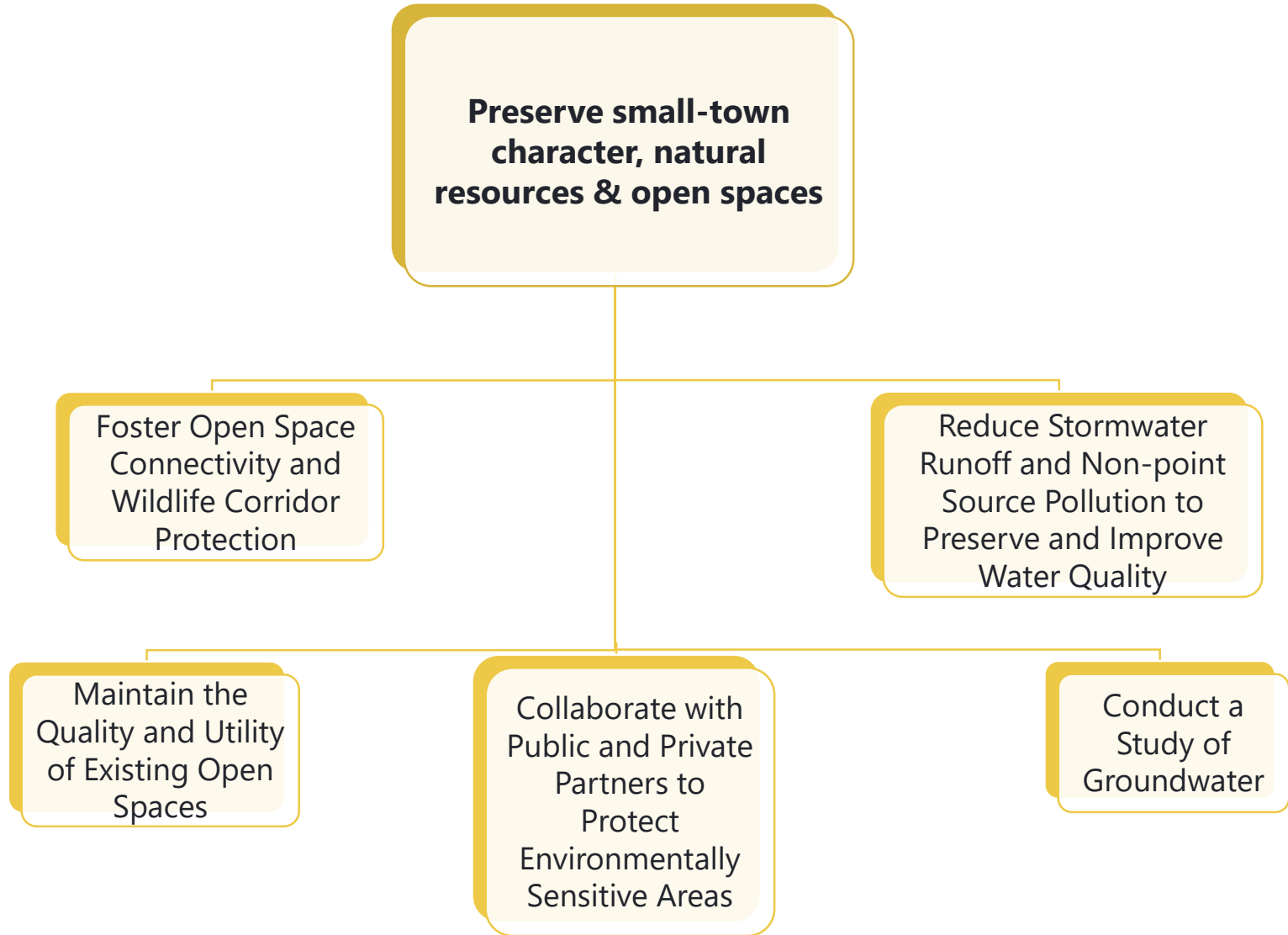
Maintain Town services and plan for future trends



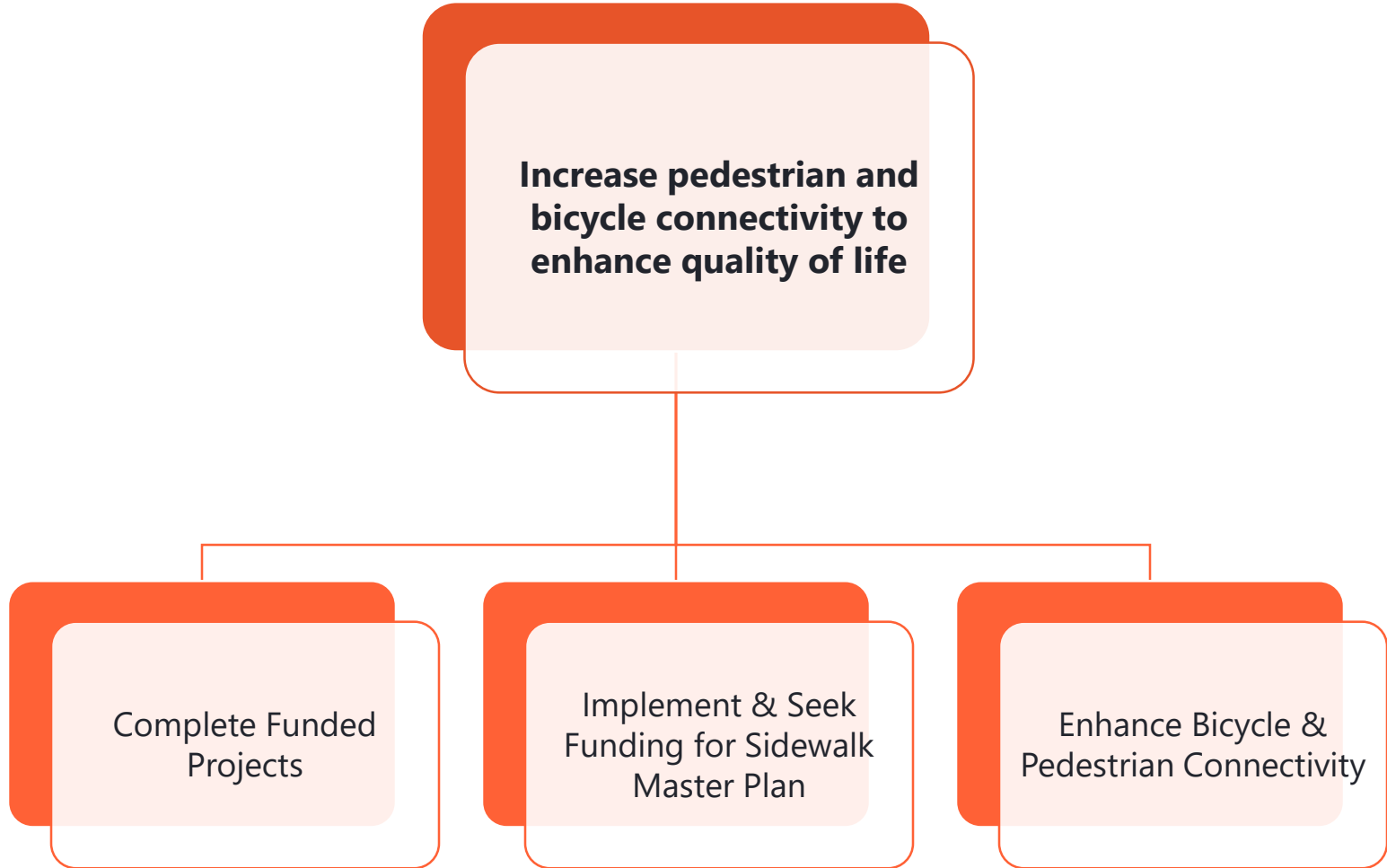
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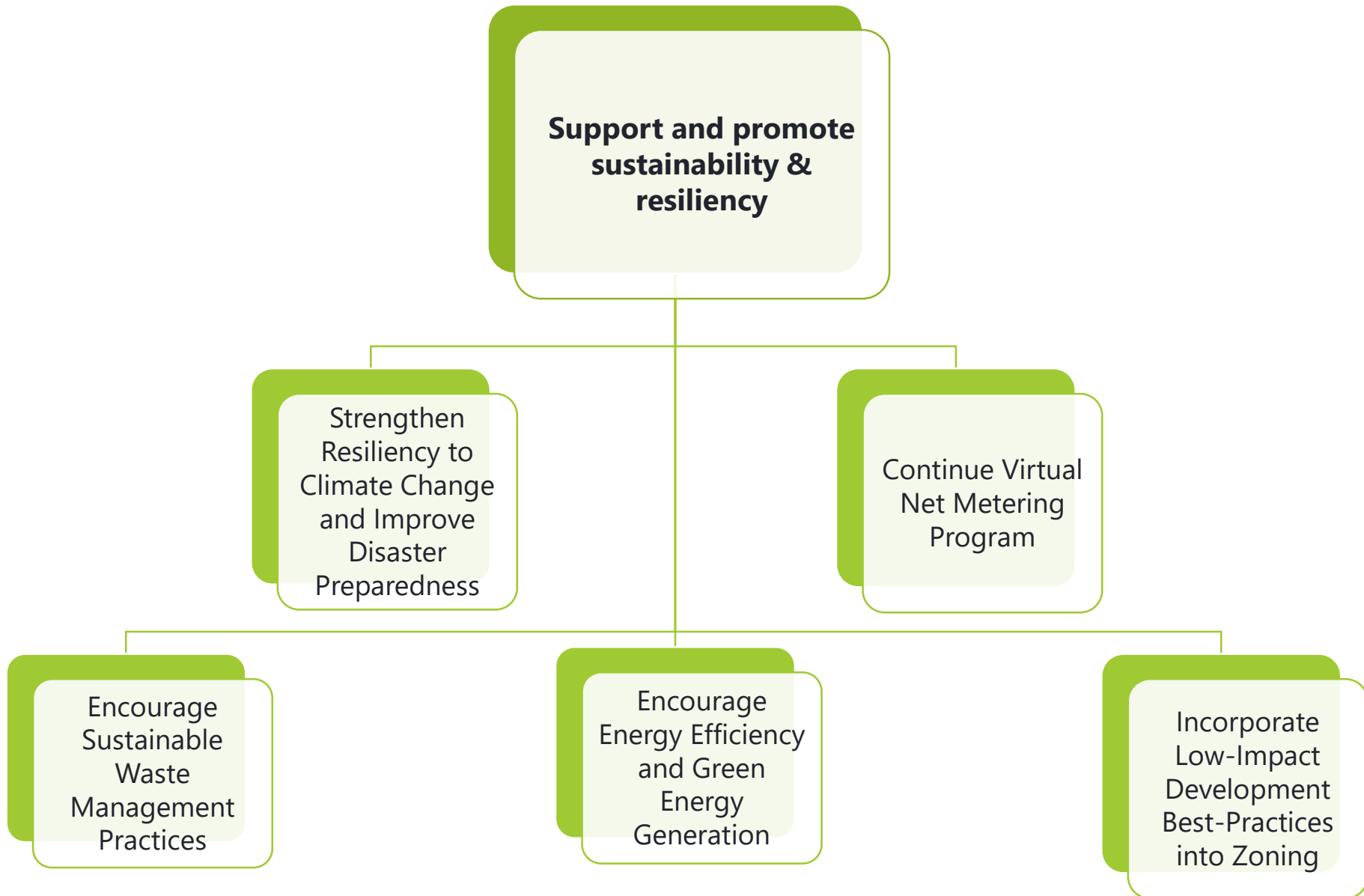
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**Enable housing options for all life stages and lifestyles, while protecting existing community character**

Promote Universal Design Techniques (ensuring the built environment is accessible to anyone regardless of age, disability, etc.)

Enable the Development of Quality, Attainable Housing for Weston's Workforce and Senior Population

# OBJECTIVES



# NEXT STEPS

- Draft will be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Commission
- POCD will be delivered to Board of Selectmen
- A public hearing on the POCD will be held prior to adoption