



MEMORANDUM

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To: Ben Bailey, Interim Director, Community Development
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Subject: Results of the October 2019 Comprehensive Plan Public Visioning Workshops

In 2019, Charlotte County began a series of public visioning workshops as part of public outreach efforts leading up to a review of Charlotte 2050, the County's comprehensive plan, as part of the required Evaluation and Appraisal Review (EAR). This memorandum is a review of the public visioning workshops and the results they provided, and how those results have already been used and will be used going forward in the EAR process.

Background:

Florida Statute requires that, at least every seven years, every local government shall review its comprehensive plan and determine whether it needs to be updated to reflect changes in state requirements. Then, if the local government decides it must amend its plan, those amendments must be completed within another year.

Charlotte County adopted its first comprehensive plan under the 1985 Growth Management Act – the legislation that governs planning in the state – in 1988, the 1988 Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan. This plan was later revised into the 1997-2010 Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan, which subsequently underwent an EAR (then called an Evaluation and Appraisal Report) in 2003, with amendments to that plan based upon the EAR adopted in 2007.

Following the adoption of the 2007 EAR-based amendments, however, it became apparent that the established policies were not successfully addressing the identified planning challenges in any meaningful way. The planning horizon of ten to fifteen years was too short to fix problems that had been decades in the making, and the policies themselves were not written to achieve any articulated vision of the County's future.

Accordingly, in 2008 the County decided that the existing comprehensive plan need to be reassessed in advance of the statutory deadline for the preparation of an EAR. This new plan would develop an articulated vision of the County at the target date of 2050 to present an ultimate goal at which the plan policies could aim. It would also establish both a long-range planning horizon of 2030 and a vision horizon of 2050 in order to develop long-range solutions to deep-rooted, long-term issues.

The plan that was developed by this process, Charlotte 2050, was adopted in 2010. Despite this recent adoption, however, State Statute still required an EAR be prepared in 2010. This EAR reviewed the 1997-2010 comprehensive plan between the adoption of its 2007 EAR-based amendments and the 2010 adoption of Charlotte 2050. This EAR showed that many of the shortcomings of the 1997-2010 comprehensive plan had been addressed by Charlotte 2050, as intended, and only minor amendments were necessary to bring the plan into consistency with state requirements.

In 2011, the Growth Management Act was substantially revised, and the EAR timetable was reset. Under the previous schedule, Charlotte County's next EAR would have been due in 2017, seven years following its 2010 EAR, but the new schedule required an EAR, now called an Evaluation and Appraisal Review, in 2014. Following this review, additional minor amendments were made to again bring the plan into consistency with state requirements, but the plan as a whole was not updated. Since its original adoption, the plan has continued to be amended to reflect changing policy. Some elements, such as the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan within the Infrastructure element have been extensively updated, but the plan as a whole, including much of the background data supporting the plan, has not been updated since it was originally prepared. With the County's next EAR due on April 1, 2021, the Community Development Department took the initiative to begin a full review of the plan, with the intent to update the background data for all ten elements of the plan and, if necessary, make amendments to the elements based upon analysis of this new data.

Charlotte 2050's Vision:

The comprehensive plan is a guide for the future development of the County *in a way that is consistent with the vision that the citizens have for the County*. The emphasized part of the previous sentence is most important. The comprehensive plan is intended to build the future that the citizens want. It is a road map, of sorts, to get the citizens where they want to go. However, if there is no clear idea of where to go, the destination will never be reached.

Charlotte 2050 does have a visioning document, a Planning Framework prepared in 2008 as part of the development of the plan and included as Appendix A to the Future Land Use element. This Framework was developed through community planning workshops, similar to those completed in 2019 and detailed below, to assess the issues, concerns, and goals of the County's citizens. From the results of that process, the Planning Framework includes nine "Community Values" and six "Planning Challenges" that were used to establish a geographic framework to uphold the values and address the challenges. That framework was then used during development of the goals, objectives, and policies of Charlotte 2050 to make sure that the plan reflected the public input.

The Planning Framework can get a little complex. The document is over 40 pages long, and the "Summary" is a two-page table with nearly 40 individual cells including "Geographic Focus", "Guiding Principles", "Planning Policy & Components", and "Approach". It is thorough. It is comprehensive. It is detailed. But it is not easy to digest, nor is it simple to describe.

The vision set forth in the Planning Framework intended to:

- Protect natural resources.
- Maintain high water quality, including addressing non-point source pollution and potable water supplies.

- Minimize the environmental impacts of development through green development techniques and working to reduce vehicle miles traveled.
- Protect rural spaces, including scenic views, open spaces, and agriculture.
- Protect and enhance existing neighborhoods.
- Allow for intensification, where appropriate, through mixed-use development.
- Promote and create unique places and improve walkability and distinguish between urban, suburban, and rural areas.
- Direct development to take advantage of existing assets and infrastructure while preserving employment locations.

Upon review, staff recognized that while the vision presented in the Planning Framework is clear, it is not presented in a manner that is easily conveyed and digested. This lack of a simple, direct vision statement for the plan, a statement that very clearly stated the desired outcome of future development, is a barrier to communicating about the comprehensive plan, and an impediment to creating buy-in and enthusiasm for future planning efforts. And it is what the 2019 public visioning workshops set out to correct.

October 2019 Public Visioning Workshops:

The American Planning Association designates October as National Community Planning Month, to “celebrate the role that planning plays in creating great communities,” and staff chose to take advantage of that designation to hold the public visioning workshops. Fortunately, October 2019 also had five Wednesdays, which allowed one workshop to be held in each of the five County Commission districts over the course of the month:

- October 2 at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center in Commission District II.
- October 9 at the Tringali Park Recreation Center in Commission District III.
- October 16 at the Charlotte County Eastport Environmental Campus in Commission District I.
- October 23 at the Charlotte County Cultural Center in Commission District V.
- October 30 at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission District IV.

Staff felt it was important to have the workshops spread across the entirety of the County, closer to the residents, allowing them to travel less, rather than having a few meetings centralized at the Murdock complex. Each public visioning workshop was scheduled from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The workshops were advertised on the County’s website, through social media, and on CC-TV. The workshops were announced to every County advisory committee, and flyers advertising them were posted in many County buildings. A press release describing the workshops and their purpose was issued to local media. Planning staff, including management, attended and facilitated all five workshops, listening carefully to the ideas and comments given by the attendees.

Despite the best efforts to publicize the workshops, they were sparsely attended. The October 9 meeting at the Tringali Park Recreation Center had the greatest attendance, with 27 participants. The October 2 meeting at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center had the second greatest attendance, with 12, but most of those participants were residents of the City of Punta Gorda, not residents of the unincorporated areas of Charlotte County covered by Charlotte 2050. Only six people attended the October 30 workshop at the Murdock Administration Complex. Nevertheless, all the workshops were completed as intended.

At each workshop, four questions were asked of the participants. Each participant was able to give as many answers as they wished, writing each on an index card. The cards were collected and collated by staff, and the various answers grouped into similar categories, which were written on larger display boards. When all the questions were answered, the participants were able to rank the answers through a sticker exercise, where each participant had three color-coded stickers per question, and could assign between one and three stickers to any answer to the questions.

The four questions asked and the top five ranked answers for each were:

- Why do you choose to live in the community?
 1. Weather/Climate (23 votes)
 2. Beach/water access (21 votes)
 3. Affordability/cost of living (20 votes)
 3. Open spaces/nature/recreation/Natural environment (20 votes)
 4. Small town/Small town feel (15 votes)
 5. Limited traffic (10 votes)
- What characteristics are most important to you?
 1. Natural environment/wildlife (31 votes)
 2. Water quality & healthy environment/Clean water (18 votes)
 3. Cost of living/affordability (11 votes)
 3. Small town feel (11 votes)
 4. Good schools (10 votes)
 4. Beach & water access (10 votes)
 5. Weather/Climate (8 votes)
- What makes our community unique?
 1. Water & beach access (21 votes)
 2. Not over-developed/Low traffic (15 votes)
 3. Nature preserves & park system/Open space (12 votes)
 4. Access to waterfront & boating (11 votes)
 4. Affordability (11 votes)
 4. Natural environment/Natural resources & wildlife (11 votes)
 5. Poor planning & GDC lots/Platted lots/GDC development (10 votes)
- What is your most pressing concern?
 1. Red tide & water quality (20 votes)
 2. Overdevelopment/Managing growth (19 votes)
 3. Climate change (15 votes)
 4. Stricter environmental protections/Pollution of water & environment (14 votes)
 5. Healthcare access & availability (9 votes)
 5. Beach renourishment (9 votes)

The full tabulation of all responses to the questions, as well as photos of the response cards submitted by the participants and the display boards for each question are included in appendices to this memorandum.

Each question received a wide variety of answers, but when the ranking occurred clear priorities emerged. Participants indicated that open spaces, the natural environment, and water quality and water access

defined the community to them, and that water and environmental quality, including climate change, were important concerns. They also indicated that affordability and “small town feel” were important, and that those were threatened by overdevelopment and a failure to manage growth properly.

County Strategic Plan and Vision Statement:

At the same time as the public visioning workshops were being held, the County was updating its Strategic Plan, an internal document that sets the County’s priorities as an organization. The results of the visioning workshops were able to inform the development of the Strategic Plan, which in turn was used to develop a Vision Statement for the County, which will then be used as a touchstone in the update to the comprehensive plan.

The Strategic Plan adopted four Strategic Focus Areas, each of which included several “Bold Goals,” or big ideas that present opportunities for great strides forward in how the County views and addresses the issues it faces. One of the Strategic Focus Areas is Economic & Community Development, and among its Bold Goals are to add 3,650 affordable housing units by 2024, and to improve water quality by five percent. Both goals address highly-ranked answers from the public visioning workshops.

The County’s Vision Statement evolved from the Strategic Plan, and the adopted statement is “To preserve and enrich our community’s quality of life for those who live, work and play in our paradise.” This reflects many of the answers given in the public visioning workshops, and this adopted vision statement will, in turn, be reflected in the vision statement adopted for the comprehensive plan and the approach in reviewing it in the EAR process.

Next Steps:

Given the low turnout for the public visioning workshops, additional input on this topic is needed. Rather than schedule additional workshops, which may not receive any better attendance, an online poll will be developed, using the top five answers to each of the four questions. This poll will potentially run for several months, allowing County residents to vote to establish a single highest-ranked answer to each question. Additionally, the distribution of cards with the same questions at various County functions, or in the lobbies of County buildings, for gathering additional responses has been discussed. Unfortunately, current circumstances present challenges to gathering these additional responses. Focus will remain on the online poll, then, for the time being. Staff will continue to monitor the public health situation and begin the second stage of polling as soon as practicable.

Any additional data collection will work to further refine the public’s vision, so that a clear and direct vision statement for the comprehensive plan can be developed. This, in turn, will be instrumental in the review and update of the comprehensive plan through the EAR process.

Appendix 1

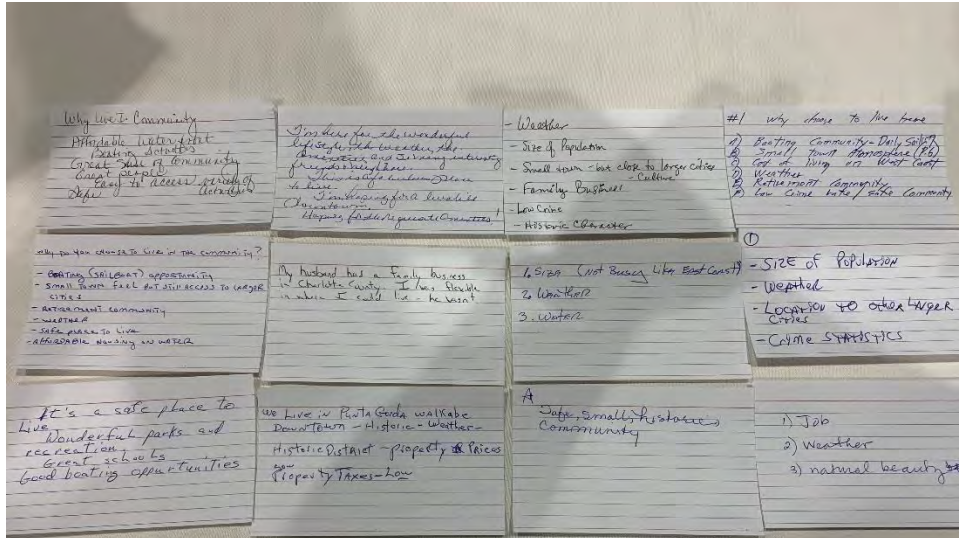
Photos of Answer Cards

This Appendix contains photos of all the answer cards received for the four questions from each of the five public visioning workshops.

October 2, 2019

Charlotte Harbor Events & Conference Center

Question 1:



Question 2:

<p>Characteristics we'd like to see?</p> <p>Children's activities Walking & Bicycling Access Local shops for basic services A walkable environment all of the amenities needed with minimum distance</p>	<p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety - Transportation - Weather - Affordability - Good Schools - Younger Families - Job Opportunities 	<p>1. Factor important to health</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Better Schools 2. Work force training 3. Younger people 4. Evolve mental
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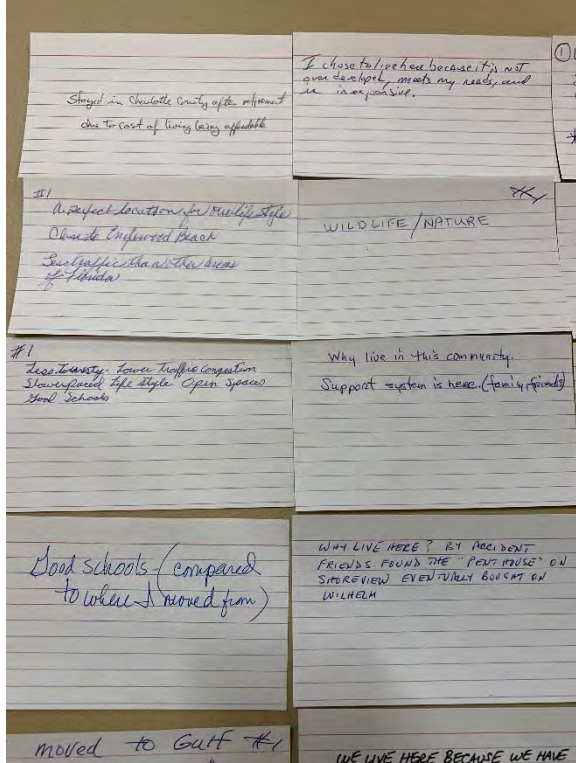
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<p>• Collaboration between County + City of PA. needs to be improved.</p> <p>• More attention paid to Library + history Services</p> <p>• Housing needs unmet. Need to find solutions</p>	<p>- better restaurants</p> <p>- more art + music</p> <p>- no removal of manholes</p> <p>- more manholes</p>	<p>④</p> <p>- MORE INCENTIVES (LAND, TAXES) TO BRING IN younger people</p> <p>- WE NEED INDUSTRIES TO BRING IN MORE HIGH PAYING JOBS</p>
<p>most pressing concern</p> <p>- TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT on 41 - especially when Suncoast opens</p> <p>- ACCESS TO BETTER HEALTHCARE - BETTER HOSPITALS</p>	<p># Most Pressing Concern</p> <p>1) Build up water activities + facilities Park access</p> <p>2) Traffic on Suncoast</p>	<p>more younger people + jobs</p> <p>Better Health Care</p>
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October 9, 2019

Tringali Park Recreation Center

Question 1:



Good schools (compared to where I moved from)

WHY LIVE HERE? BY ACCIDENT FRIENDS FOUND THE "BEST VALUE" ON SPENDING EVERY DOLLAR GOING BY HERE.

I moved to Gulf #1 Cove because it was still very natural.

WE LIVE HERE BECAUSE WE HAVE MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE SETTLED HERE. WE FOUND THIS COMMUNITY TO BE HAVE A LOWER COST OF LIVING THAN SURROUNDING AREAS WITH A LESS DENSE POPULATION. WE WERE ATTRACTED TO MISSISSIPPI'S QUANT ENVIRONMENT.

Quiet

Question #1
I live in Charlotte County because I looked at all waterfront areas from Charlotte to St. Marys. I wanted an investment and found one that had a great location and a great community.

Close to Gulf

Job brought me to Charlotte County

FROM INDIANA. WE VISITED FROM ILLINOIS AND DECIDED TO RETIRE HERE.

because of the climate, the casual atmosphere, the access to water and the friendly people in the community.

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WEATHER

Q1 Why?
Because of the water and family.

Question #1
Weather + beach

#1
To be near/on the Beach/Water

Question #1
Lower Taxes, weather.

Why do you choose to live here?
Small town feel, beach accessibility / no traffic

LIMITED TRAFFIC

* ANSWER: Small town feel.

RR for T&R.W.
0 per square foot
Water Retention

#1 Beach. Low cost. Beautiful beach 1990-2010. 1993. I came here to minimal traffic - Only office in 1993

RR for T&R.W.
Semi-rural atmosphere
Low-density development

Why live in this community?
Climate

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WEATHER

Question 2:

<p>Natural environment, quiet residential area, ↓ traffic my neighbors</p> <p>#2</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENT = SCHOOL SYSTEM CLEAN WATER</p>	<p>#2 Most important to me</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- natural environment- congenial atmosphere- good public schools- quality of life
<p>NATURAL ENVIRONMENT NEIGHBORS</p> <p>#2</p>	<p>Sense of community with wide variety of ethnic social groups</p>	<p>KL for T&R.W. #2 Small simple & livable community</p>
<p>#2 Lots of undeveloped property Natural environment Observe parks, parks and public services - local centers library</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENT BEACH, BEACH, BEACH HUMAN SOCIETY CHARLOTTE LEHAR CENTER, S&H 11115 TO MIVE</p>	<p>REASONABLY SMALL TOWN STILL CLOSE TO FT. MYERS & SARASOTA INFLUX OF PEOPLE FROM OTHER STATES MOST PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO HELP OTHERS.</p>
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<p>Small town feel</p>	<p>ITS A GREAT AREA TO BICYCLE</p>	<p>#2 Most Important Affordability</p>
<p>KL for T&R.W. #2 Quiet residential community</p>	<p>#2 - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT - COST OF LIVING - QUALITY OF LIFE</p>	<p>#2 Riverside access - Shell Beach access</p>

Natural environment #2
 WATER WATER WATER

#2
 QUIET
 NATURE & WILDLIFE
 BEACH & SPORTS PARK

Q2
 Characteristics -
 Environment - Water

NOT congested!
 CLEAN + Quiet Environment
 Access for water + P. facilities
 Slow Growth.

Q2
 What characteristics are important
 Environmental accessibility

Question #2
 Nature, wildlife,
 natural environment

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#2 Characteristics
 Natural features
 Weather
 Water
 Not as crowded as other
 similar communities

Question 3:

Q 3 Unique - Home based	Great access to local activities	#3 ACCESS TO BEST BEACHES	Services by 2 COUNTIES CHARLOTTE & SANJOSE
#3 Unique - More affordable - Access to water - Unique scenery/attractions - No traffic	Outlets like home, like near water	#3 Great access to great food Great view has it's own charm already Proximity to mountains Small town feel Great view Great access to water/beaches	2 WATER COUNTIES EXPOSURE & CHARITABLE UTILITIES
Great local services for health, education, other support services	#3 Tells 4 Access to beaches, great parks & outdoor spaces Government shopping Friendly people	#3 OPEN SPACES BEACH	#3 Tells 4 Quality of life Low school rates Very scenic to drive
Government access to large city opportunities	#3 Close to beautiful beach Easy access to the beach The beach view is beautiful and there is a sense of place & community Good shopping options, restaurants parks!	#3 Beaches program areas Mountain State Park Great view of ocean San Jose - Union Ocean Blvd walkers, open spaces, business shopping options all year 'round Great views	RELATIONSHIP TO ENCINO ENCINO IS NOT A PASS THROUGH COMMUNITY (SEE THE BEACH TOWN)
#3 Not enough space for young adults Poor transportation if you don't drive	#3 There are 16 Huge Coast Buildings on or near beach	General Development Cooperation helped retard the extensive growth that would have occurred by failing to complete their task	Rte 75 went around the harbor/river - less density and only one incorporated city (C.P.)
#3 We do not have a good Public	#3 CASUAL ATMOSPHERE	Restricting will result	③ Not nice town unique?

Great local services for health, education, other support services	#3 Tells 4 Access to beaches, great parks & outdoor spaces Government shopping Friendly people	#3 OPEN SPACES BEACH	#3 Tells 4 Quality of life Low school rates Very scenic to drive
Government access to large city opportunities	#3 Close to beautiful beach Easy access to the beach The beach view is beautiful and there is a sense of place & community Good shopping options, restaurants parks!	#3 Beaches program areas Mountain State Park Great view of ocean San Jose - Union Ocean Blvd walkers, open spaces, business shopping options all year 'round Great views	RELATIONSHIP TO ENCINO ENCINO IS NOT A PASS THROUGH COMMUNITY (SEE THE BEACH TOWN)
#3 Not enough space for young adults Poor transportation if you don't drive	#3 There are 16 Huge Coast Buildings on or near beach	General Development Cooperation helped retard the extensive growth that would have occurred by failing to complete their task	Rte 75 went around the harbor/river - less density and only one incorporated city (C.P.)
#3 We do not have a good Public transportation system to serve the people - terrible	#3 CASUAL ATMOSPHERE SMALL TOWN FEEL LESS TRAFFIC NO BIG BUILDINGS NO OVERDEVELOPMENT	Roads plotted with small plots without planned development impact	③ Not nice town unique? Low big box developments business use water (yacht club)
#3 Persons coming and going continually, tourists, seasonal residents, etc. English houses, then crowded roads, etc.	BEACHES & LARSON CECAL LAFCO SPICE GRANT FOODS	#3 We @ Encino has the only beach that no one wants to stay on! Everyone in County wants residents of Marina Key to live in San Jose But we @ Encino Key led to pay for the Bull Park Station for Marina Key	ALL OF THE OTHERS GET NICKS

<p>#3 ACCESS TO BEST SERVICES</p>	<p>Services for 2 countries Charles for 2 countries</p>	<p>#3 To have for better map then geographically and to identify a location to run from old boys</p>
<p>#3 Health access - Empowered with Govt. was it's own power to help to help to help to help to help to help to help</p>	<p>2 letters Cooperatives Expanding = (health) services</p>	<p>#3 for IRLW Small Town - feeling</p>
<p>#3 DEAL STAGES SEARCH</p>	<p>#3 Tells 4 Quality of life and health may come to help</p>	<p>Question #3 Small community subculture People helping people</p>
<p>#3 Patches program - Threat to small plots to help to help to help to help to help to help</p>	<p>Relative Day to Encourage Encourage is not a task. It's a program (with the better Data)</p>	
<p>Forest Development Cooperation helped around the situation result that could have happened by failing to complete their task.</p>	<p>Rt 75 went around the tanks/roads - less density, and only one incorporated city (e.g.)</p>	
<p>Roads plotted with small plots without planned development in part</p>	<p>③ that niche area is unique Low big box development / because in water logging</p>	
<p>was a... from the city... that... to... to... to... to... to... to...</p>	<p>#3 Make the... for... to... to...</p>	

Question 4:

Hand annotated notepad with notes on sewage treatment, water money, and quality of life.

All sewage treatments should be changed to advanced water treatment.

WATER MONEY (TAX - dollars)

Quality of Life

Water Quality of the Gulf of Mexico because they make the air unbearable last year.

Gulf of Mexico Bay Water Quality

THE BEACH - MANATEE KEY

- WATER QUALITY
- BEACH
- TRANSPORTATION
- PARKING
- SIGNAGE
- LIGHTING

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County \$ spend on single use plastics should be banned + use 3 into plasticity

sewage distribution

health concerns - why is low bioreactorism not a reportable illness?

Max pressing concern

TRANSPORTATION Needs i.e. Media - transportation reliability Res. Needs

Beach / SAND

all along the water / land not just the water / land

RED TIDE / AIR QUALITY

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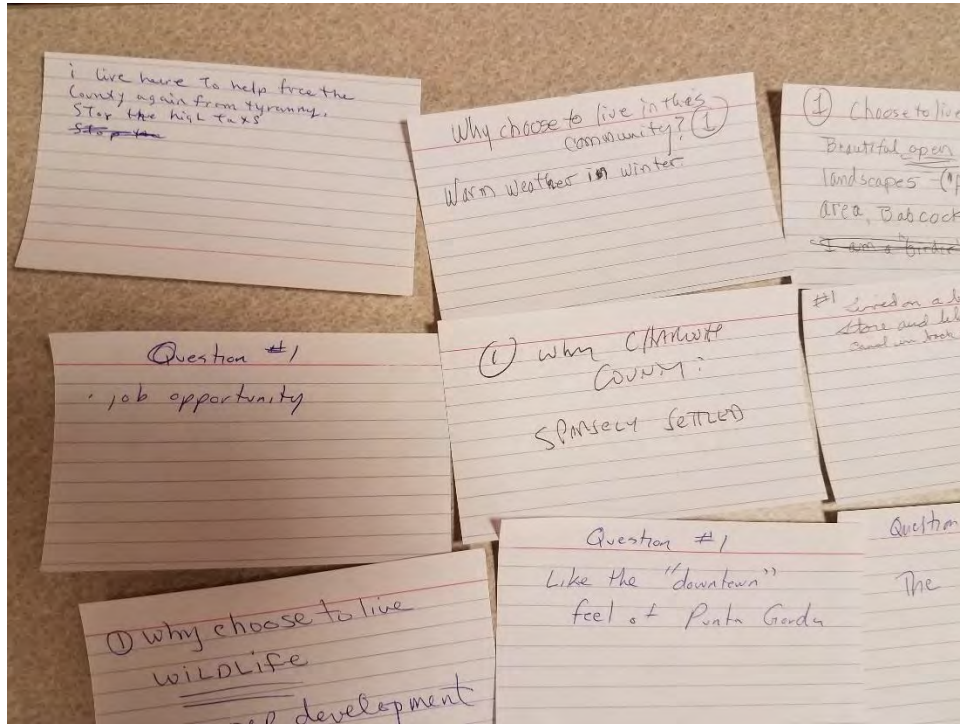
RED TIDE / AIR QUALITY

#4 RED TIDE and other Pollution	IQRW #4 Over development leaving the natural environment	health concern why is Lamm bracketing not a reportable illness?	// 000\$ Sewer Fee if we keep building in E. England.
Q#4 Water Quality of the Gulf of Bay because they made the air unbreathable last year.	#4 OVER BUILDING CLEAN WATER	④ Most pressing concern TRANSPORTATION NEEDS is - fuel - landscaping, accessibility - bus, bike	Too Much Residential and Commercial Development will cause my taxes to explode!
#4 Gulf + Lemon Bay Water Quality	#4 My most pressing concern is <u>The Beach!</u>	#4 Beach Renourishment Clean Water Recreational Recreation at the beach	SHERIFFS Budget
Develop along the water front Special to support available land	#4 THE BEACH - AMONGST KEY - WATER QUALITY - PARKS - TRANSPORTATION - PARKING - SPRAWL - LIGHTING	#4 Beach SAND all along the water front not just at Englewood beach RED TIDE / AIR Quality Access to Bay - the Management Control	Glendon #4 Crime & drugs seem to be rising and the police force seems ill-equipped to respond.
Like well suited system to manage truly work force	BEACH RENOURISHMENT CONTROLLED GROWTH GUEST HOME OFF KEY PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION FEAR AND TO THE POINT	#4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEAR THE POINT # 25 SPREADING MILLIONS ON COAST PARKS	#4 Transportation

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Charlotte County Eastport Environmental Campus

Question 1:



① Why choose to live
WILDLIFE
UNDER development
RURAL, no mfg.

Like the "downtown"
 feel at Punta Gorda

① Why Charlotte
 COMMUNITY
 WATER EVERYWHERE ☺

WHY DID I CHOOSE

- JOB BROUGHT ME TO COMMUNITY
 MY BUSINESS IS NOW HERE
- AFFORDABILITY
- MY BUSINESS IS HERE
 MOST IMPORTANT LIBERTY
- LOCATION
- ~~FOR MYSELF~~

① "Birding" is fun in this
 area.

① Choose to
 Charlotte H
 and fishi
 Punta G

The weather

fun community with
 a lot of activity
 downtown Punta Gorda

Question #1
 Affordable housing

Question I -
 My husband had property in Port
 Charlotte in 1977 we bought house here
 I've come to enjoy the water, the harbor,
 sailing and the people! - I love
 the water and it has helped me to
 live here!

① Choose to live here?
 Charlotte Harbor, Estuary
 and fishing heritage of
 Punta Gorda = Englewood

① Choose to live here?

Beautiful open natural
landscapes - ("Airport Ponds"
area, Babcock Webb, lots of
~~I am a "birdie" here.~~ vacant lots)

#1 Lived on a boat in Sunset
Store and behind the area
canal in back of my house.

Question #1

The weather

Question #1

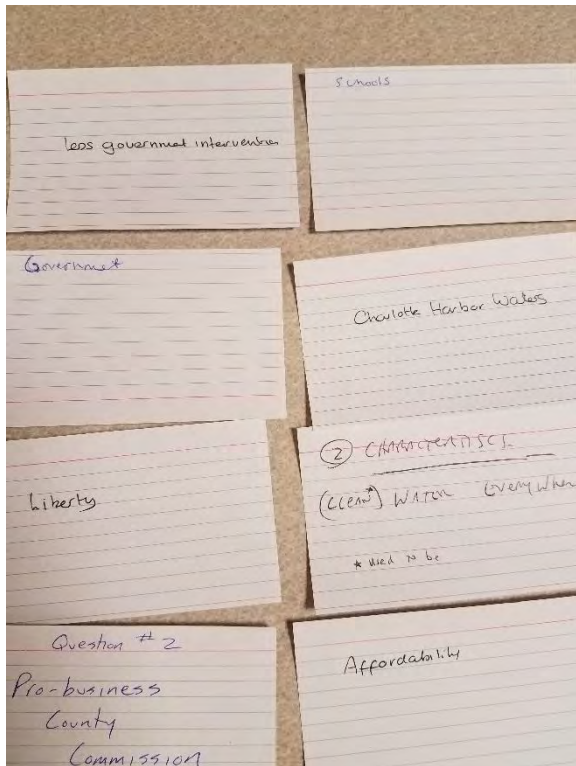
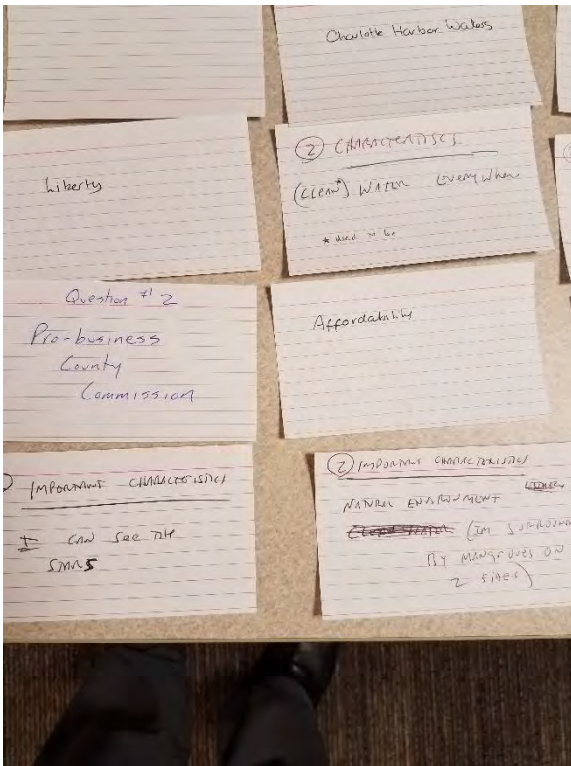
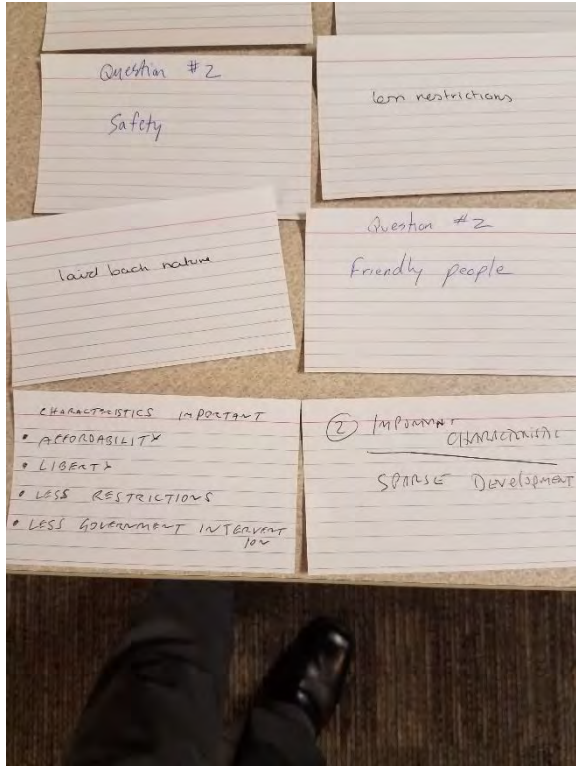
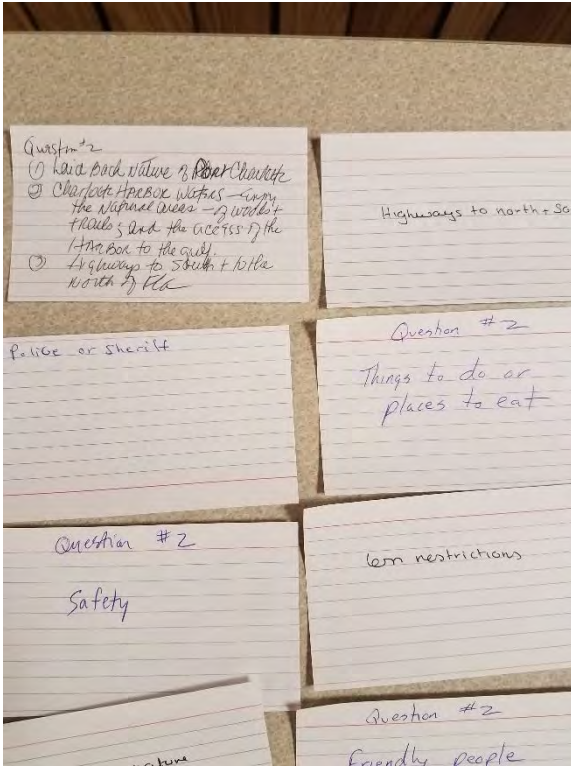
Less crowded than
last community I
lived in (East Coast
of Florida)

① Why Charlotte County
~~Especially~~
NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Question #1

fun community with
a lot of activity
downtown Punta Gorda

Question 2:



② characteristics most important?
environmental

Question # 2
environment

② The "sea breeze"

② Characteristics
Wild life moving through the area is positive

② Allegiant Air + Airport is close

② Clean environment and resources
you can get what you need not
many close

Environment

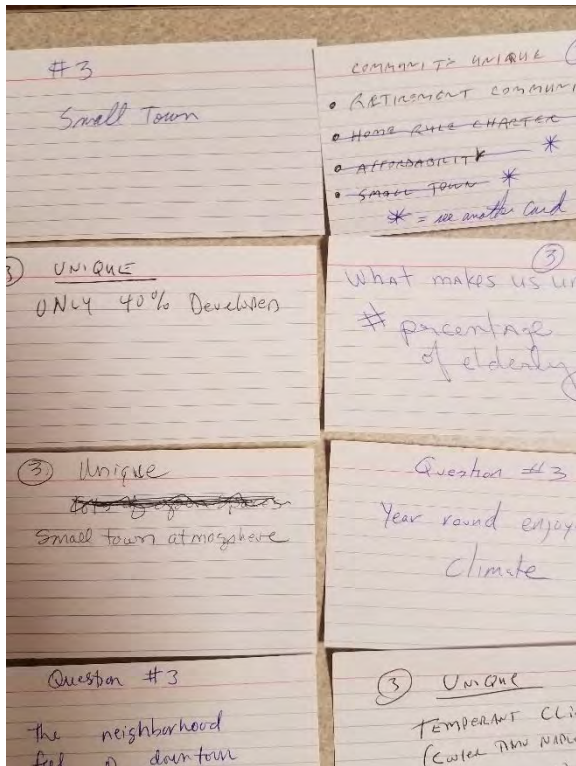
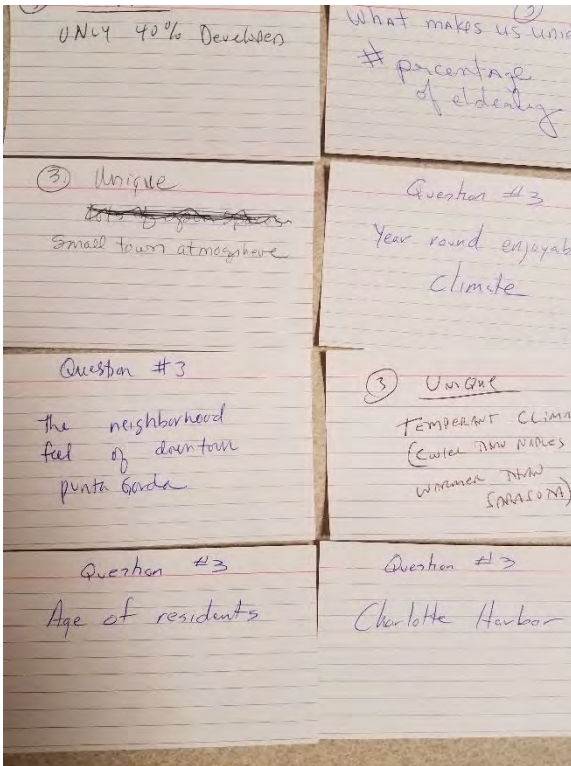
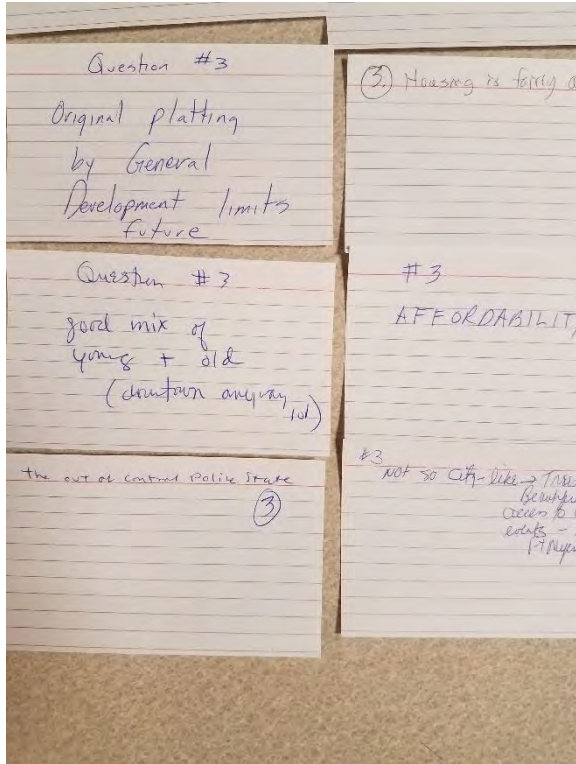
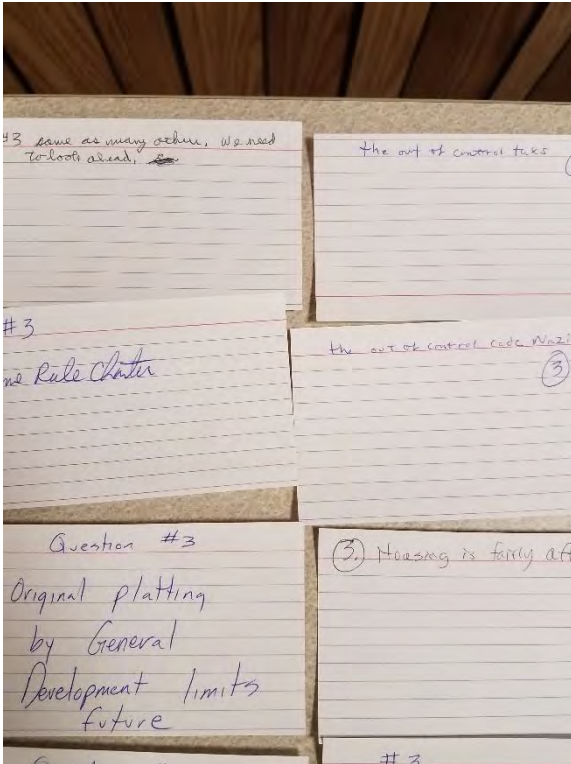
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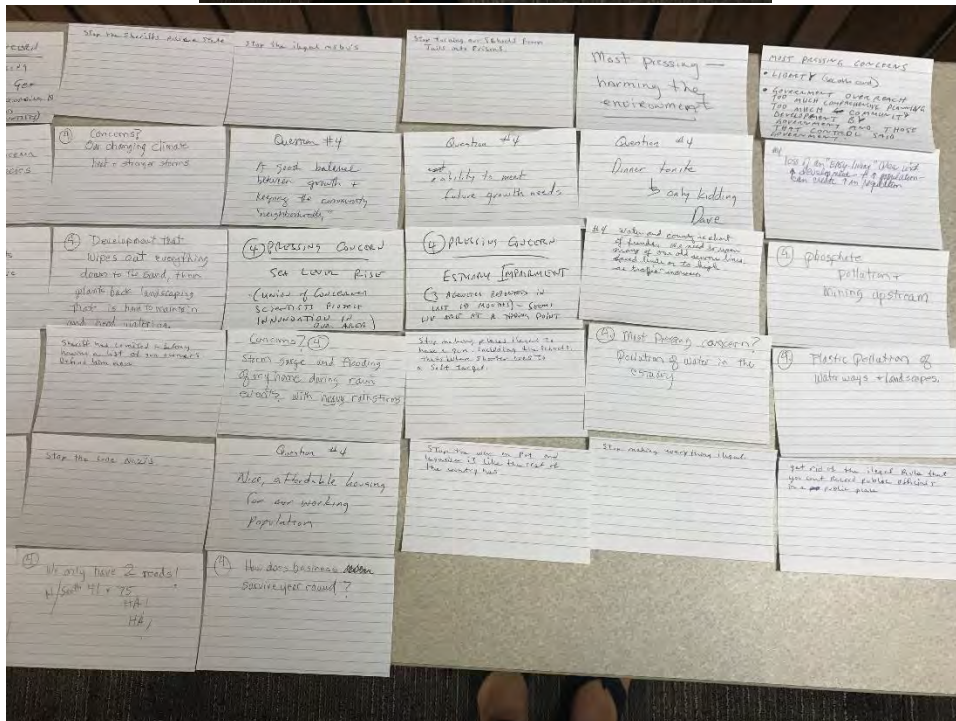
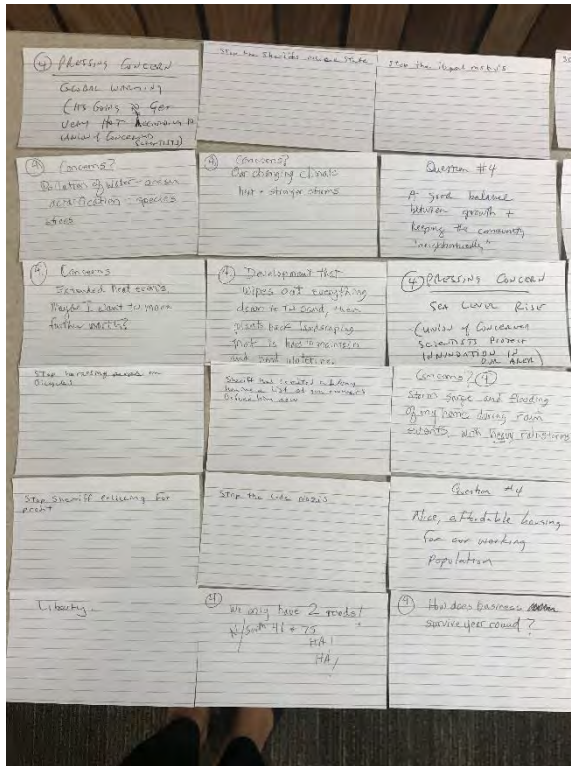
② Allegiant Air + Airport is close

② What characteristics
Natural habitats - not like
the east coast of Florida
(less concrete)
here

Question 3:



Question 4:



husband's business
located here.

Slower pace of life vs Sarasota with
all the amenities of a large city

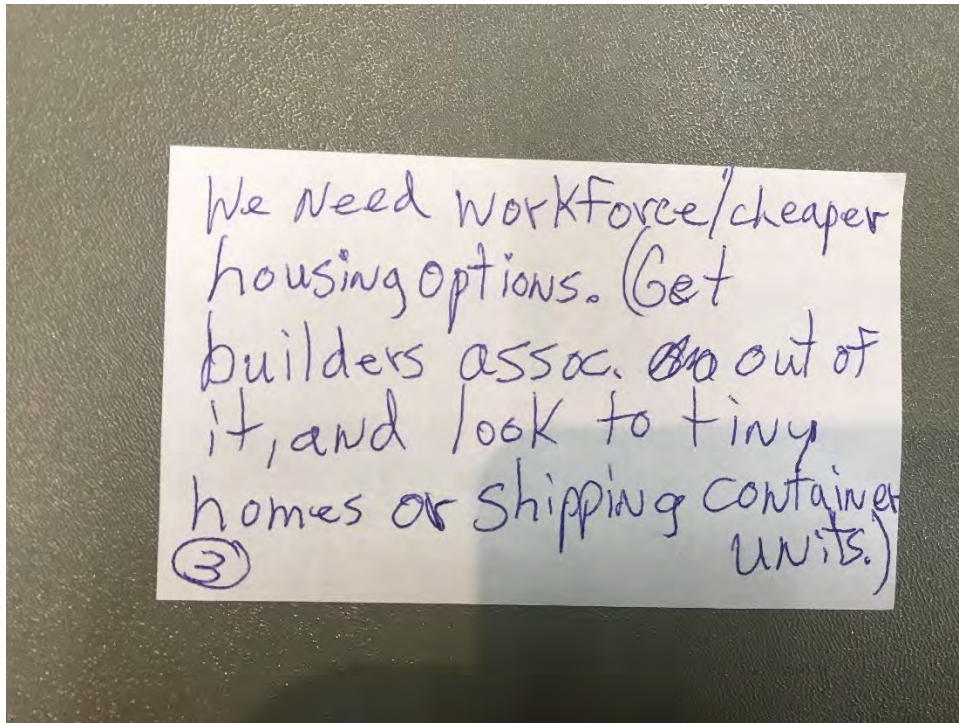
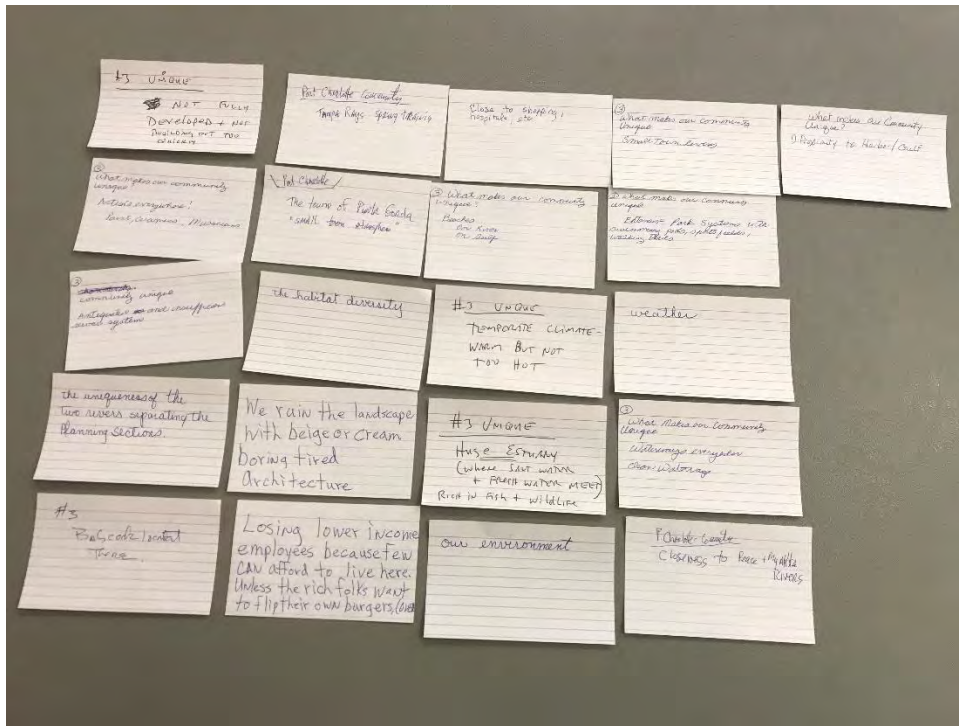
Close to Tampa, Orlando, Miami,
Key West

Beautiful and extensive waterways -
Charlotte Harbor, Intracoastal

property of
- being close
harbor.

The vision for Barbara & Paul

Question 3:



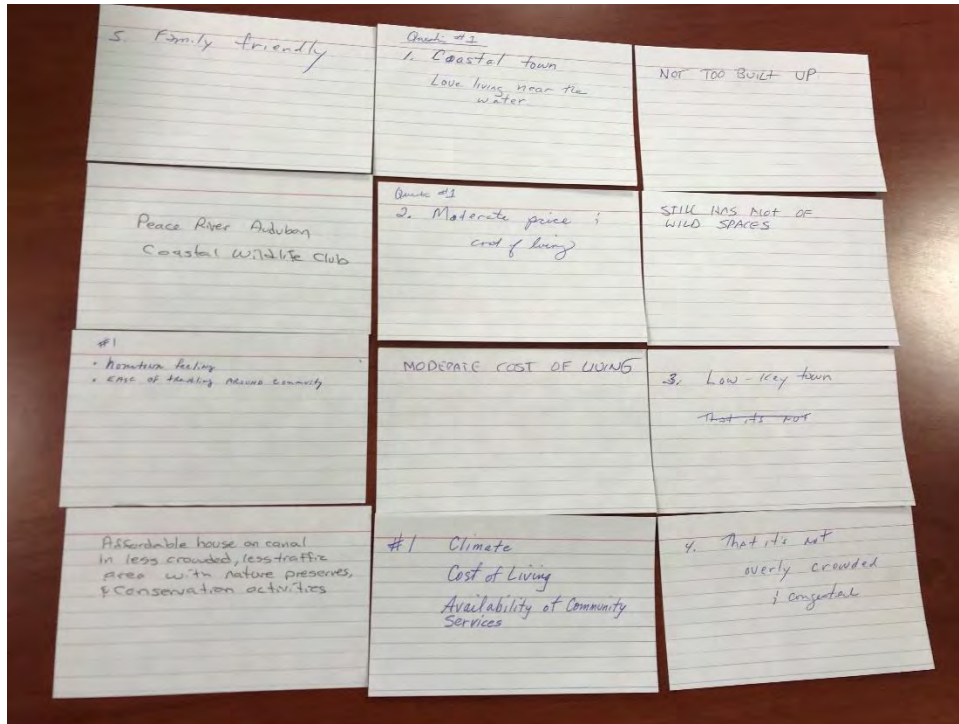
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Losing lower income employees because few CAN afford to live here. Unless the rich folks want to flip their own burgers, ~~over~~

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Murdock Administration Complex

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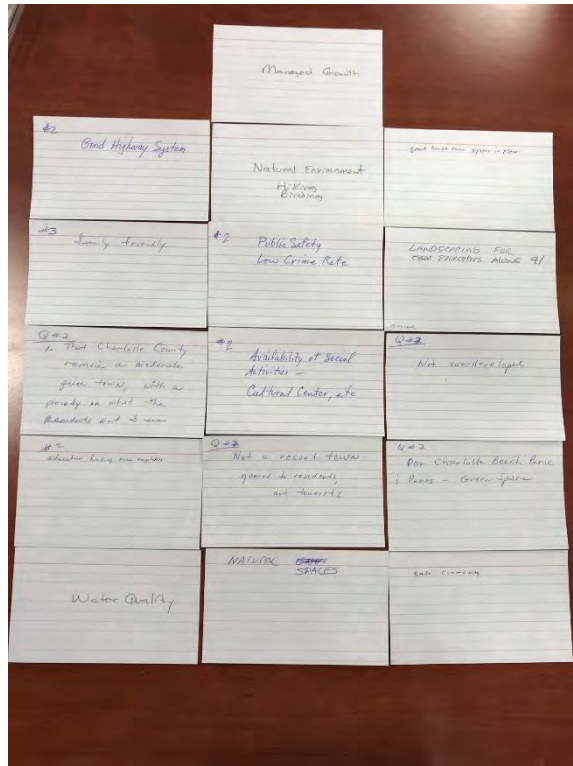


Why here?

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Parents moved here & asked me to
join them (1985, I came in 87)

Question 2:



Question 3:

Q#3 great support for elderly	Q#3 friendly community	Q#3 Abundance of Cultural Activities	Q#3 Lots of outdoor recreation in urban parks
Q#3 Great Sheriff's Dept that really cares about the community	Q#3 historic homes	Q#3 Lots of small businesses	Q#3 one of the last places in SW Florida that is not overbuilt.
Q#3 Diversity of Residential Property	Q#3 partial unincorporated areas	Q#3 Environmental Parks Abundant Environmental Preserves	Q#3 A coastal town with great amenities such as Fort Charlotte Beach had not overdeveloped.
Q#3 Part Charlotte City not incorporated Less bureaucracy	Q#3 Cultural Center improves & vital to community	Q#3 Easy access to wild areas	Q#3 An affordable coastal town

Question 4:

Q #4 overdevelopment			
<p>Rad. Trac Not open - loading - freight</p>	#1 dinner	#4 Adequate amenities for elderly citizens	<p>Feasibility study more attention on a long term also selling Rural areas</p>
<p>Q4 Business "Stakeholders" having more influence over commercial decisions over residential preferences (residential stakeholders too)</p>	#4 Adequate fresh water supply for development - diff impact fees / per acre of well - water filtration waste mgmt - Is it feasible?	<p>Stormwater management septic tank loads</p>	<p>Adequate Outlets</p>
<p>#4 Height limit of building & development</p>	#1 height etc	<p>Conservation land Protection of Wetlands preventing development</p>	<p>Q4 too much development & impervious that is not gradual & access trees</p>
<p>#4 Budget Concerns "The Airport Commission" ??</p>	<p>#4 Budget concerns - after the County does both service in a style of other residents and will not all off to any private investor - any waterfront properties clear his own - (ie parks)</p>	<p>Q4 Do not want to see P.C. become a financial drain</p>	<p>Environmental Protection Preserving open space No Mining No Encroachment No Drilling</p>
<p>#4 New Policy Council SHEPARD will use for 3-7% in large things in Suburban water flow: in case of rain (in some storm etc) or Hurricane - lots of leakage that will be under 85%</p>	<p>Interception of Street Flow Bath Spillway Planning</p>	<p>Q #4 multi-family houses being allowed in single family residential areas</p>	<p>OVER DEVELOPMENT</p>

Appendix 2

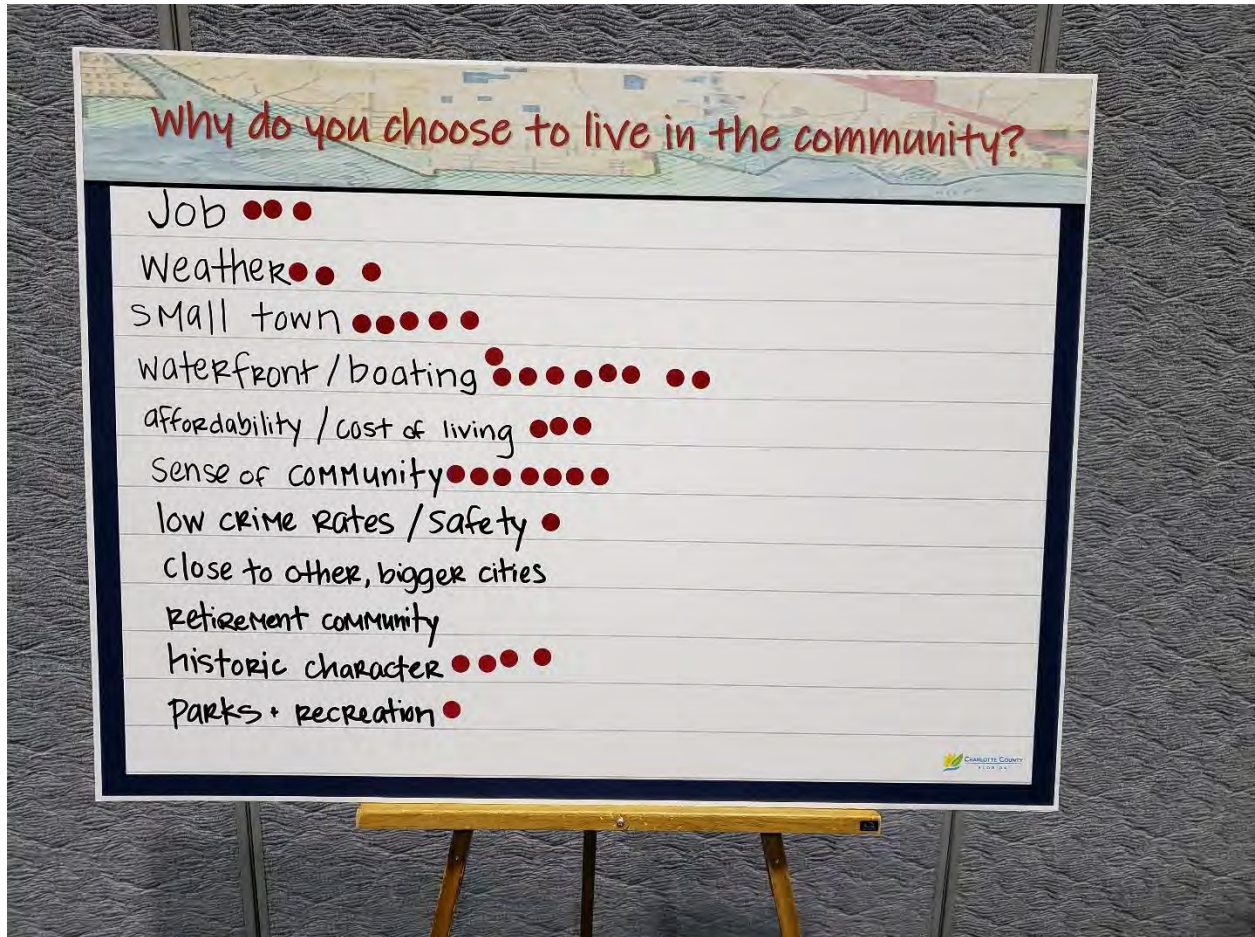
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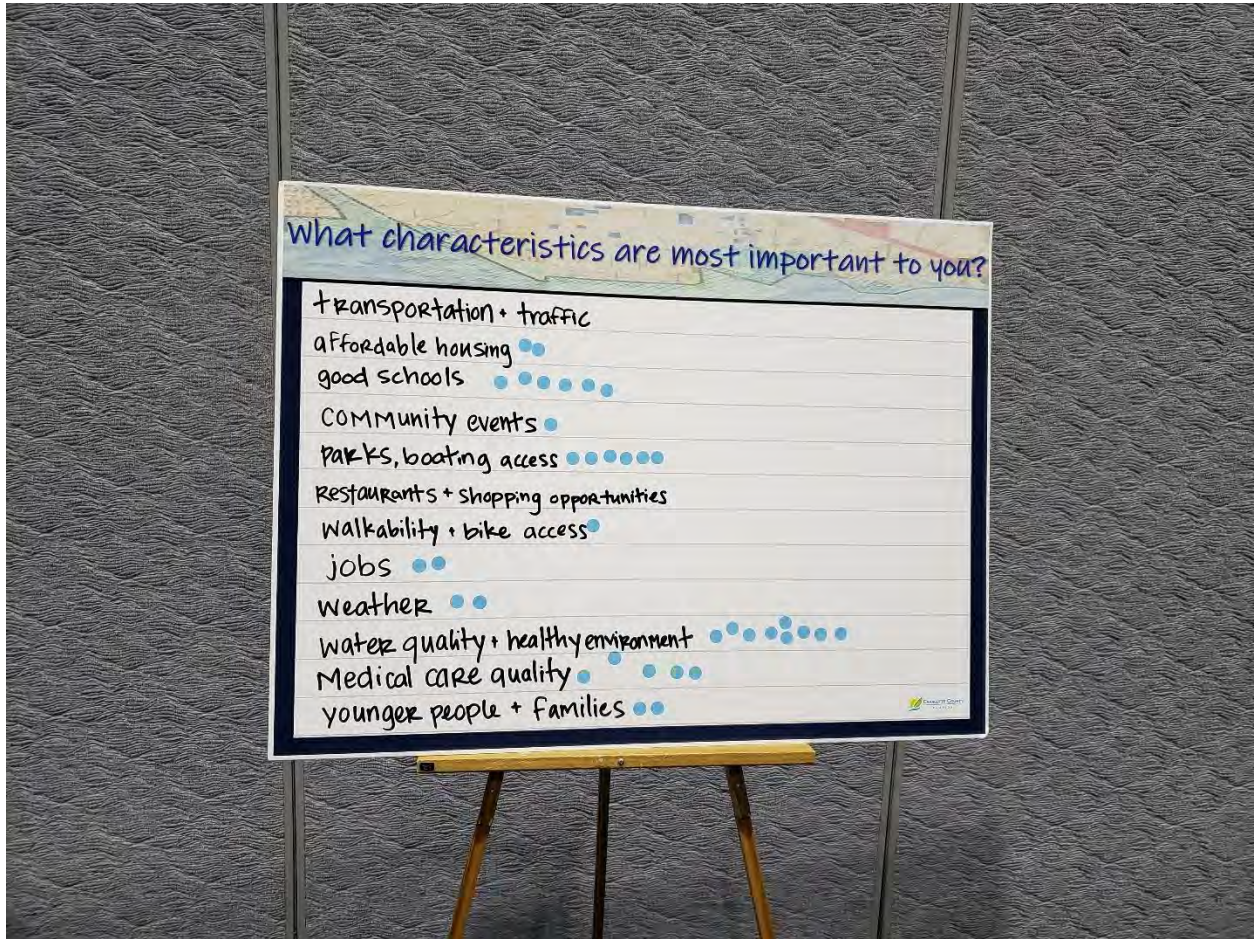
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Charlotte Harbor Events & Conference Center

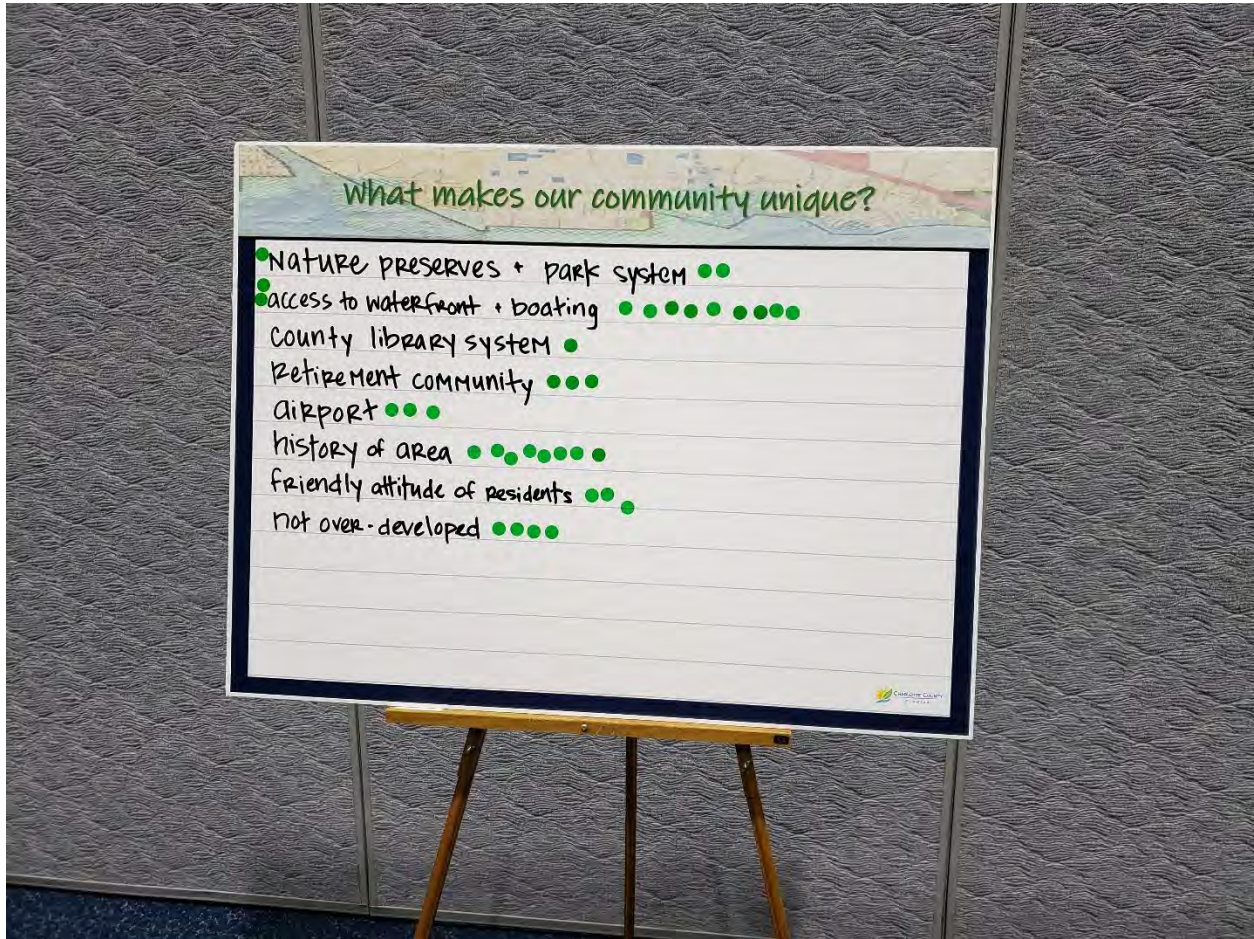
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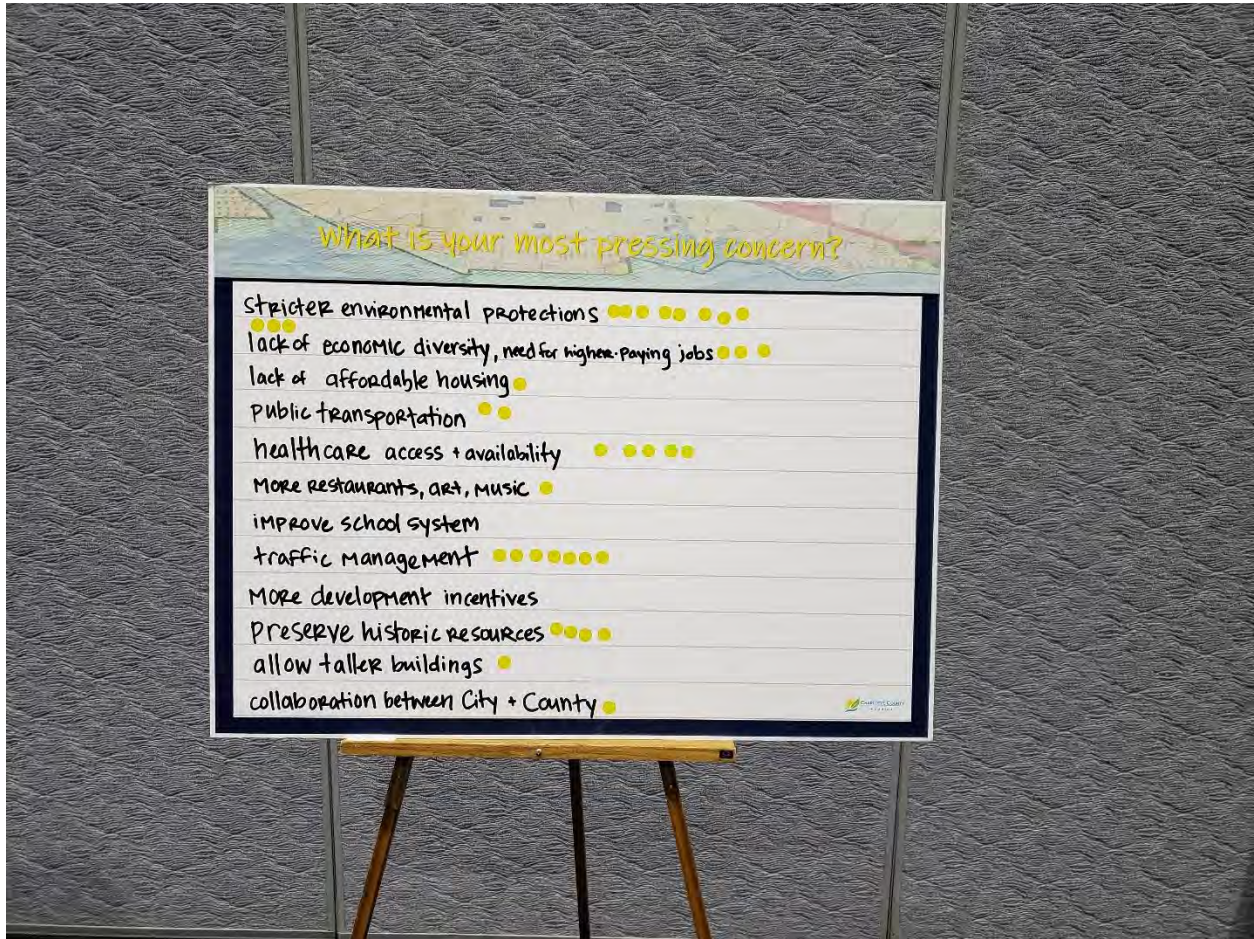
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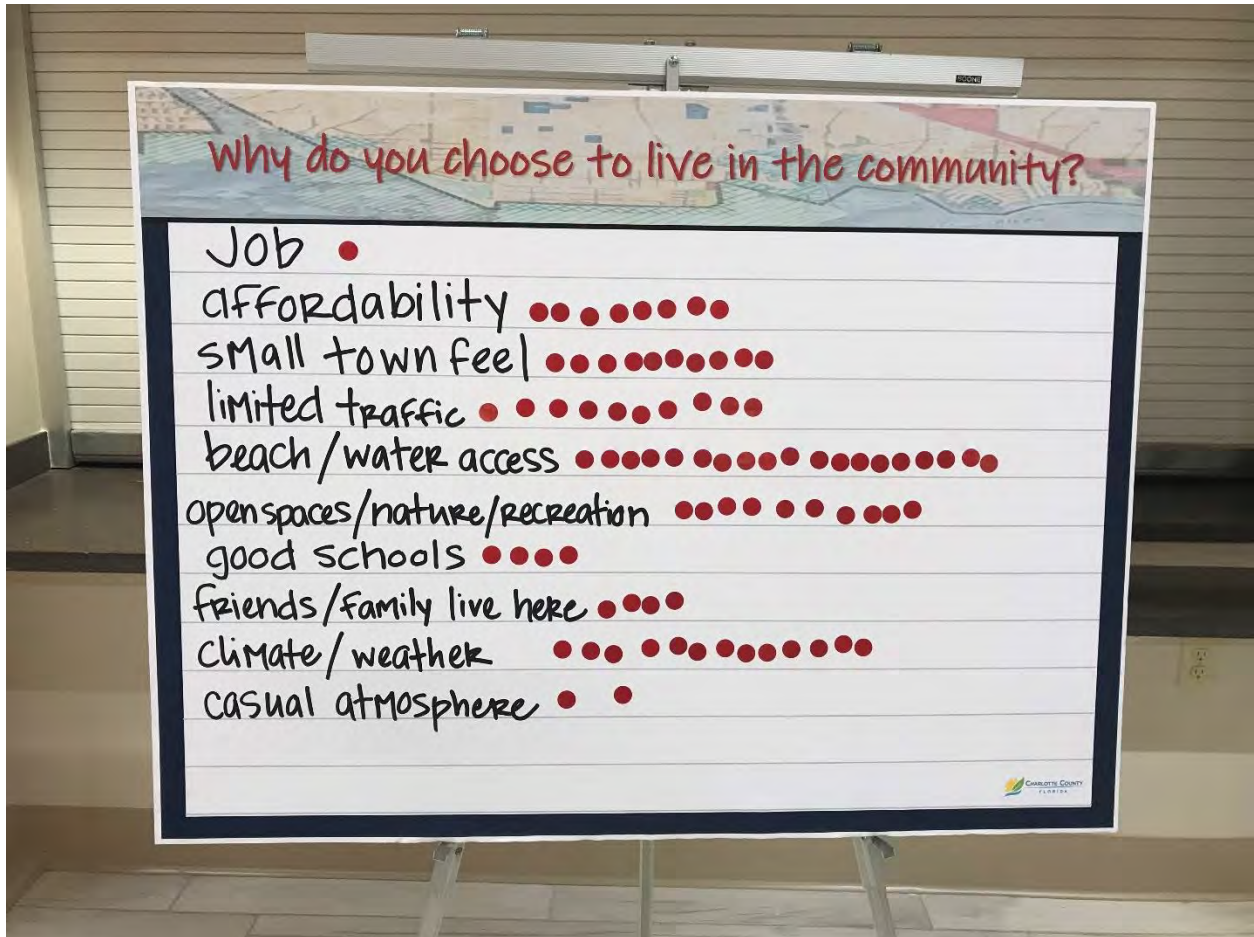
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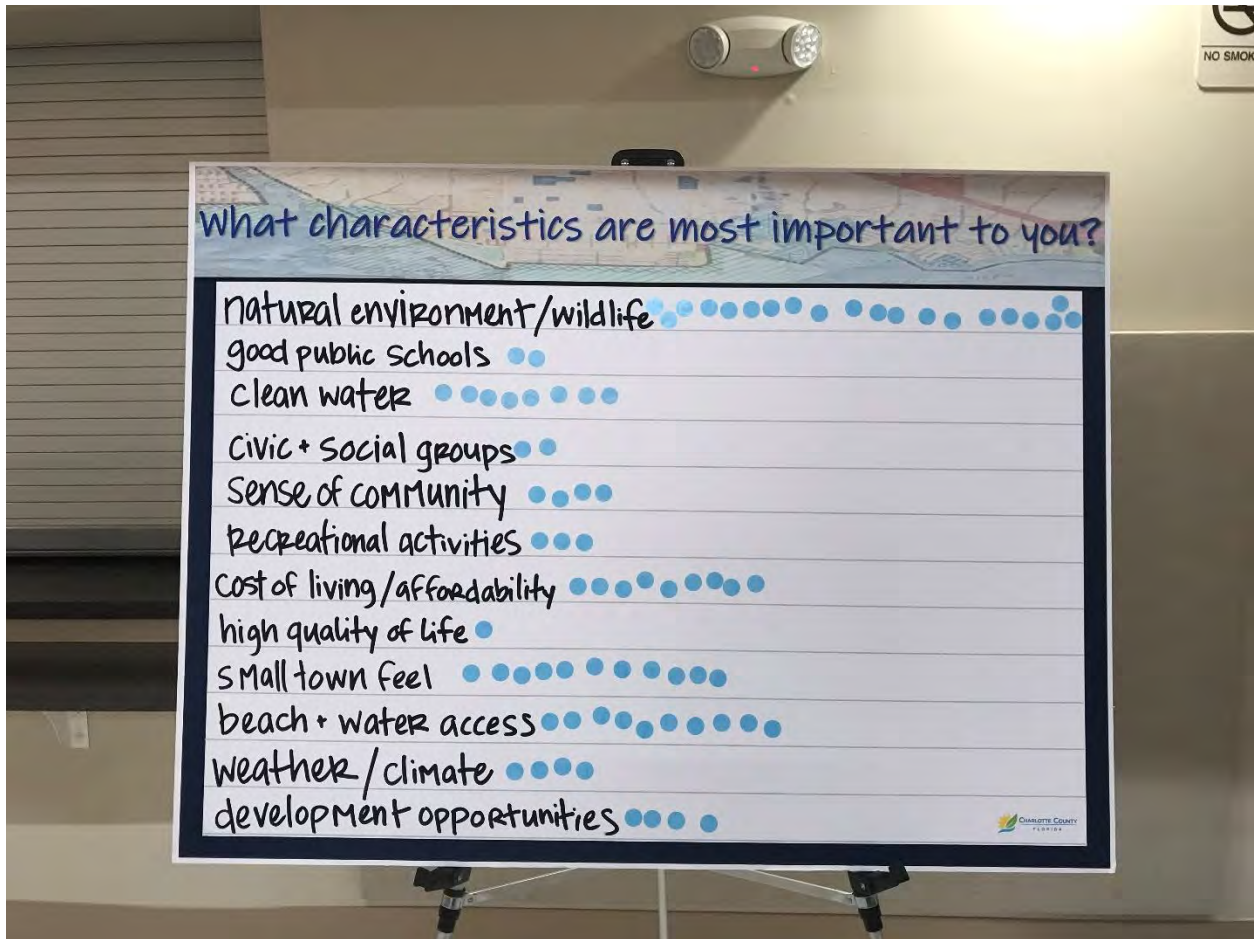
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Tringali Park Recreation Center

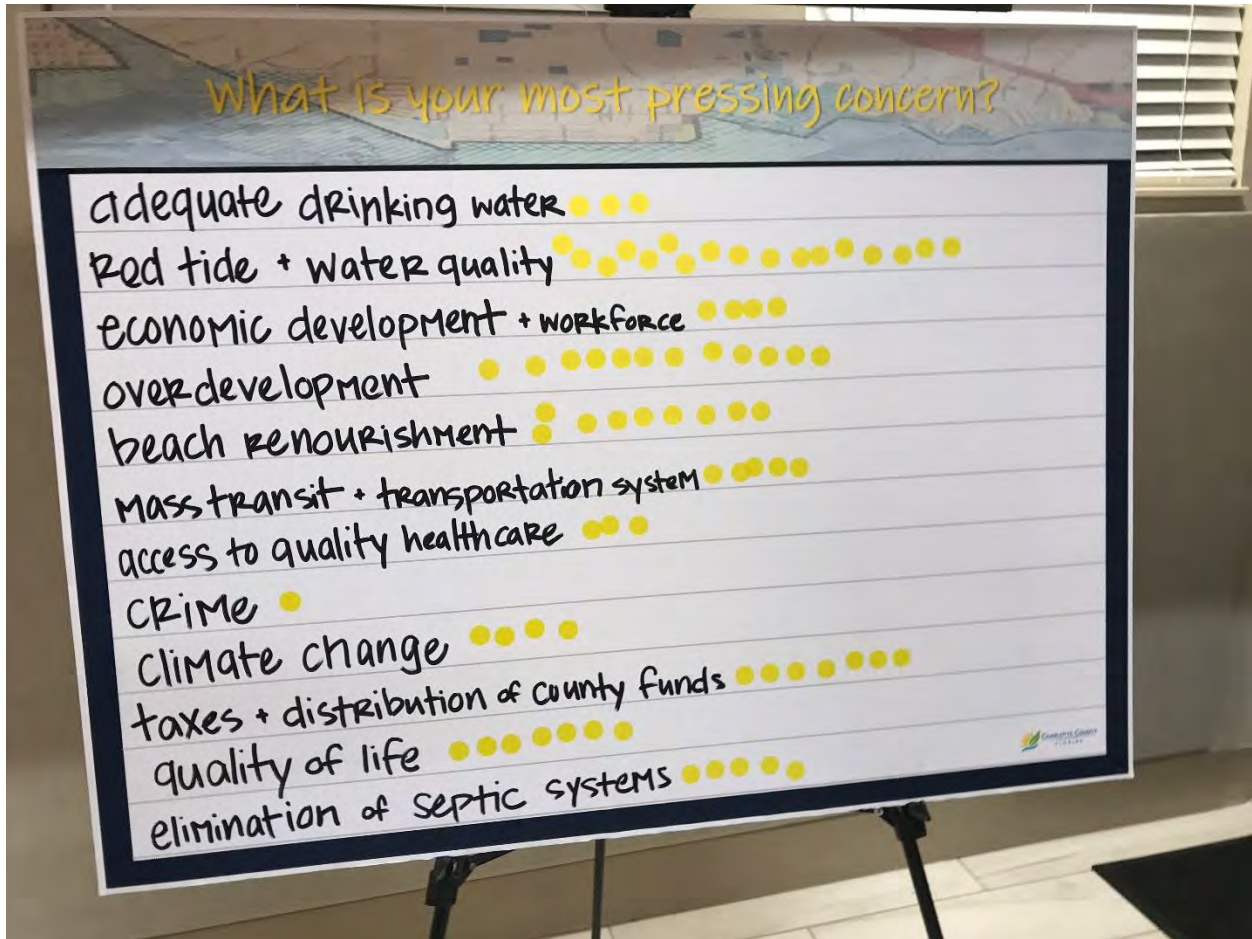
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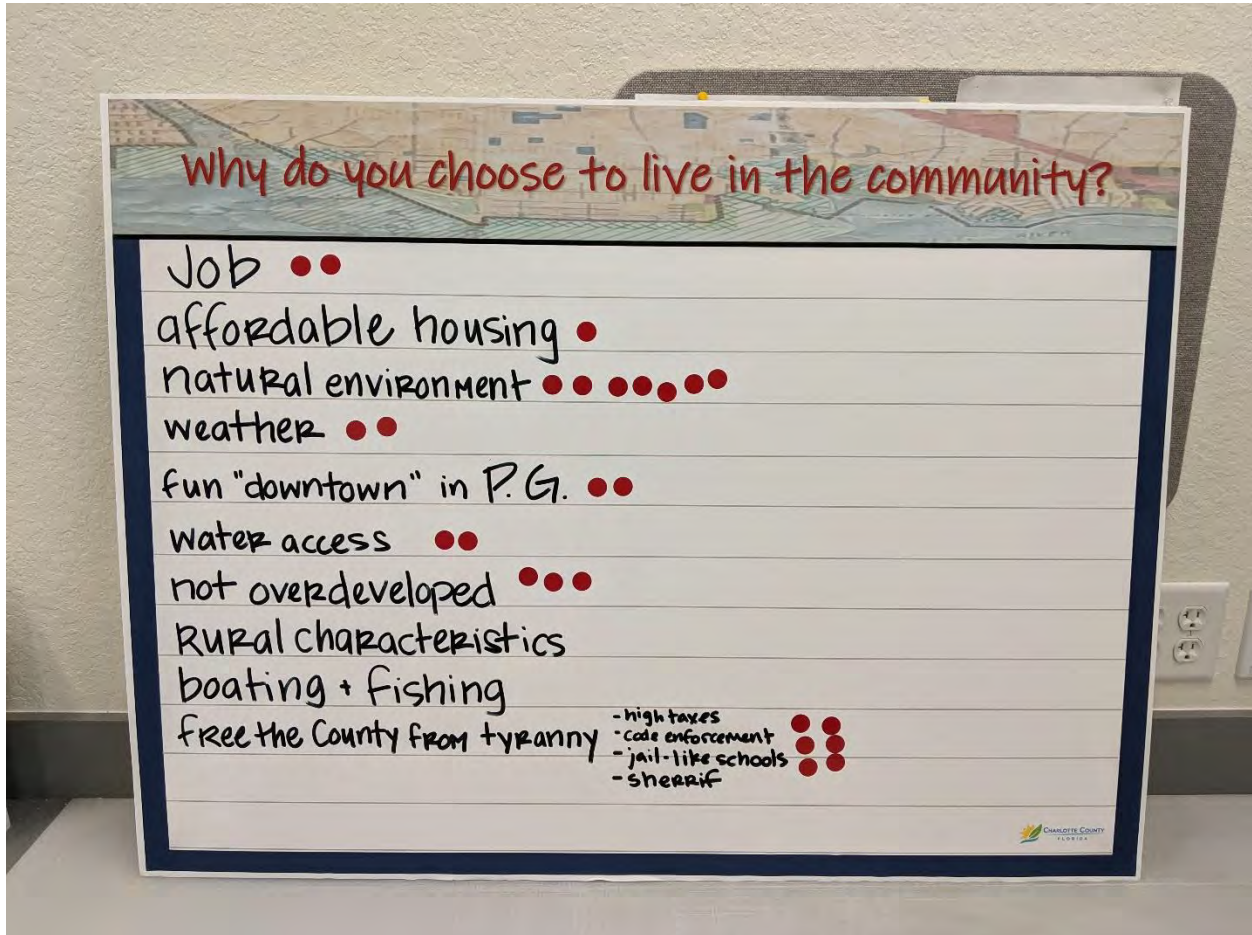
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Charlotte County Eastport Environmental Campus

Question 1:

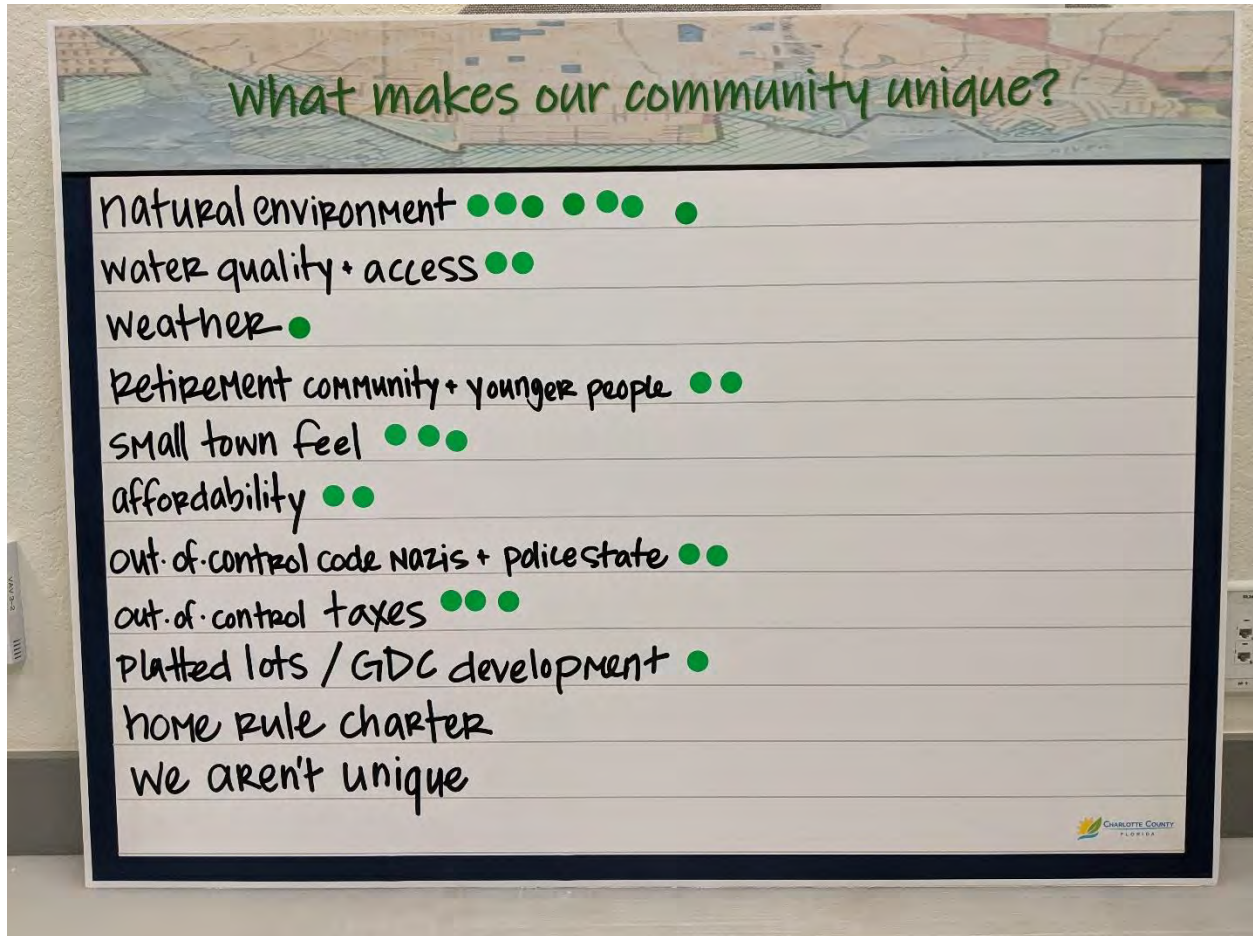


Question 2:

What characteristics are most important to you?

- natural environment ● ● ● ● ●
- not over-developed ● ● ● ●
- affordability / cost of living ● ●
- pro-business environment ● ● ●
- less strict regulations ● ●
- friendly people + laid-back vibe ●
- water quality + access ●
- school system ●
- dining + shopping opportunities
- transportation - road network + airport ● ●
- safety ●
- liberty ● ● ●

Question 3:



What makes our community unique?

Natural environment ●●●●●●●

Water quality + access ●●

Weather ●

Retirement community + younger people ●●

Small town feel ●●●

Affordability ●●

Out. of. control code Nazis + police state ●●

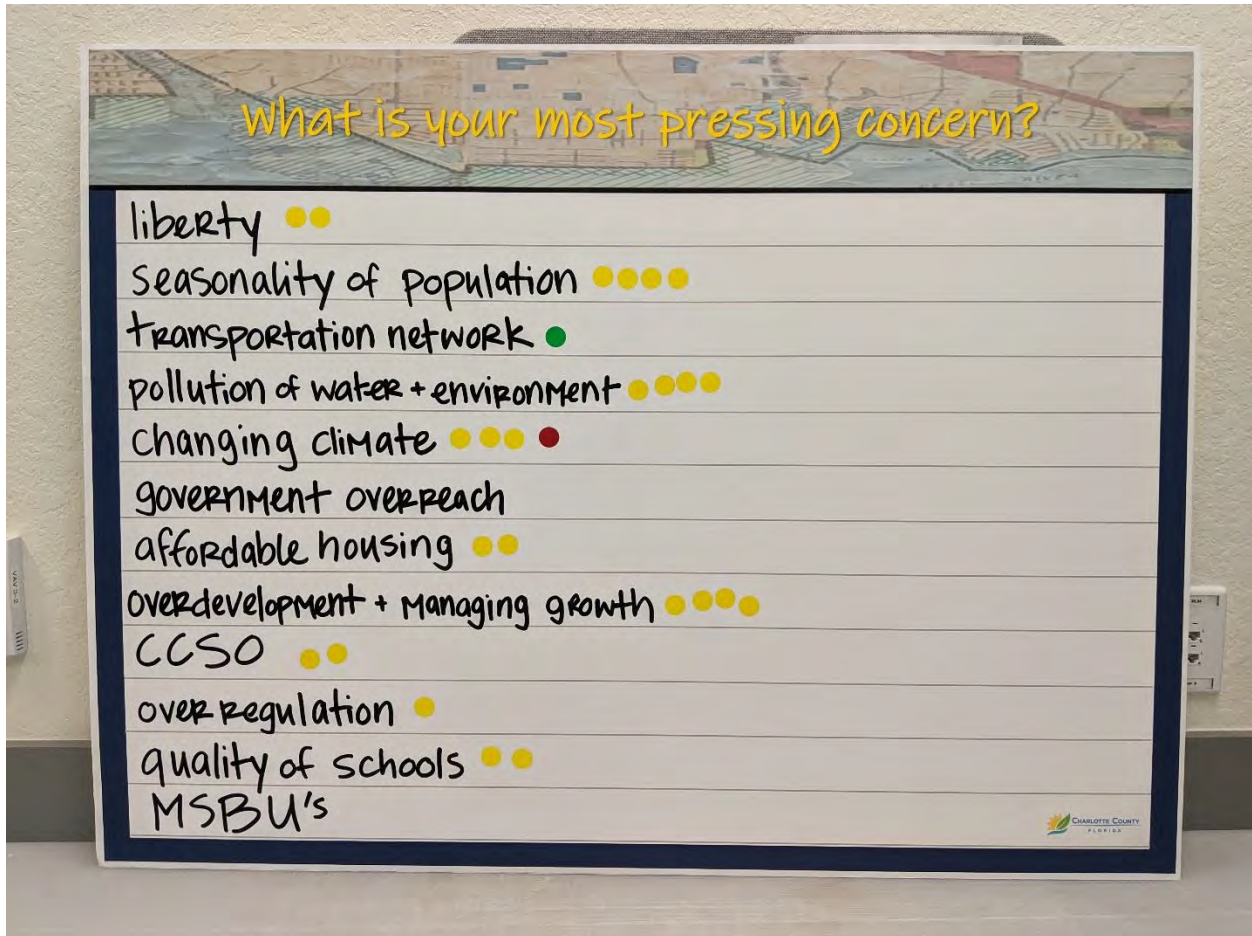
Out. of. control taxes ●●●

Platted lots / GDC development ●

Home rule charter

We aren't unique

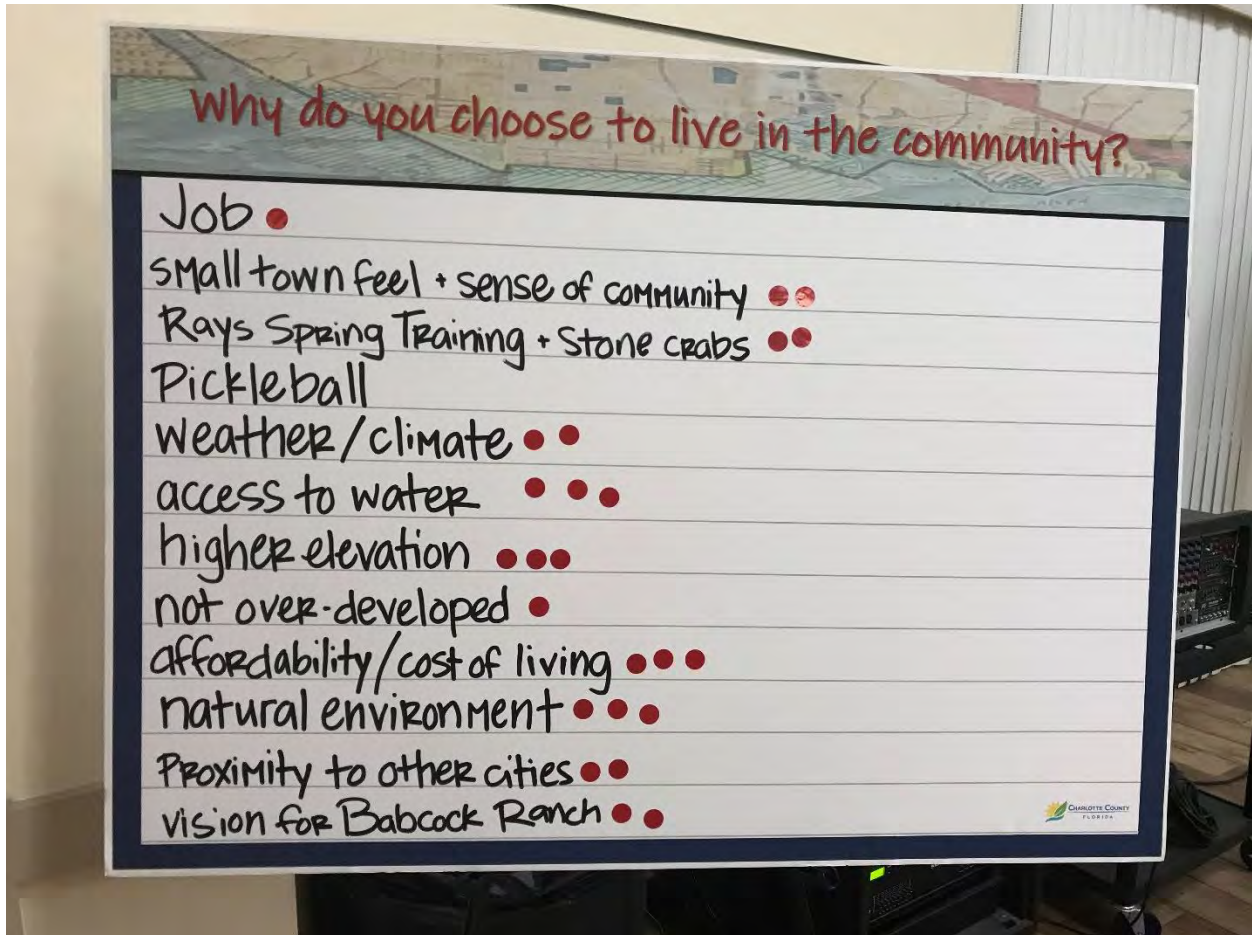
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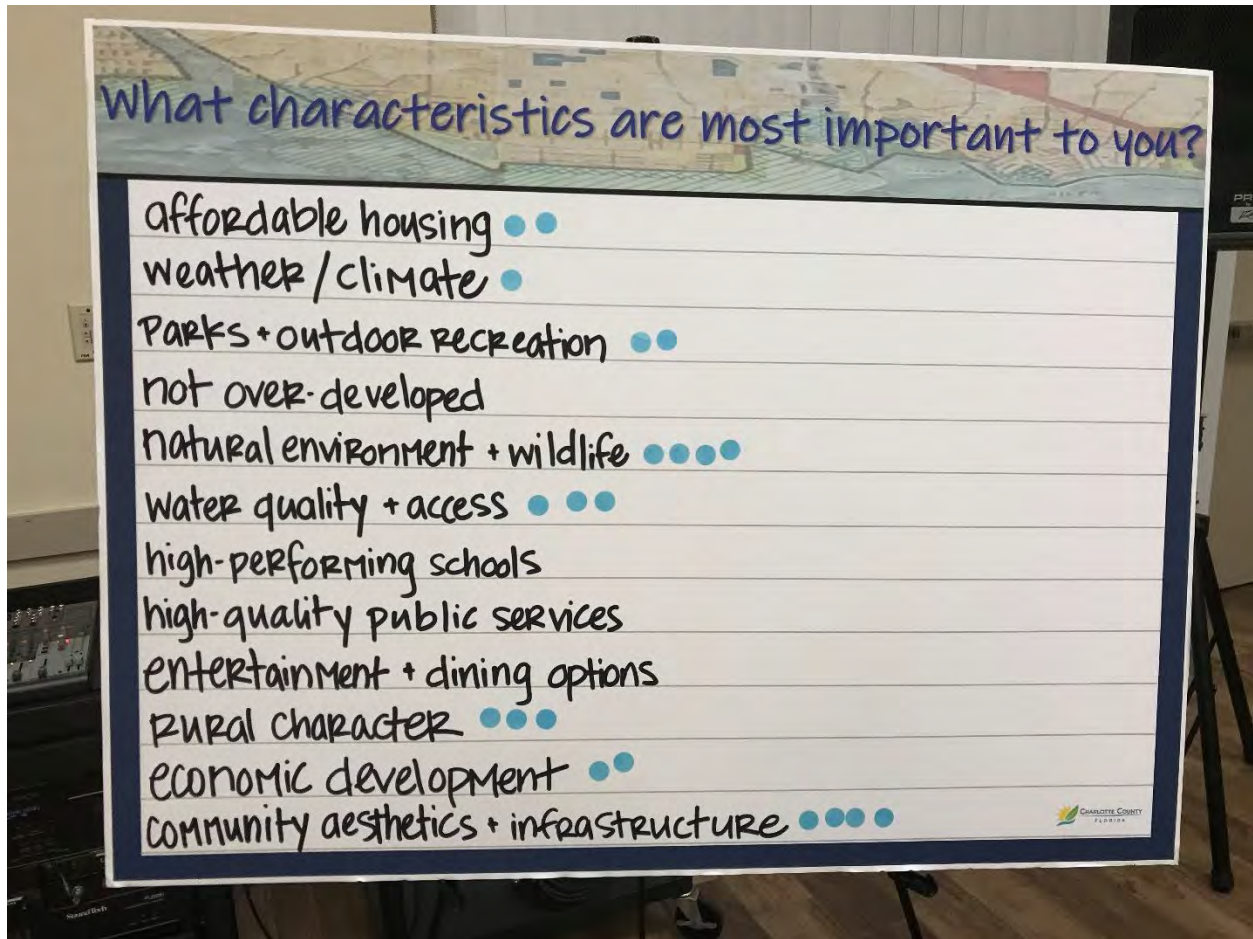
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Charlotte County Cultural Center

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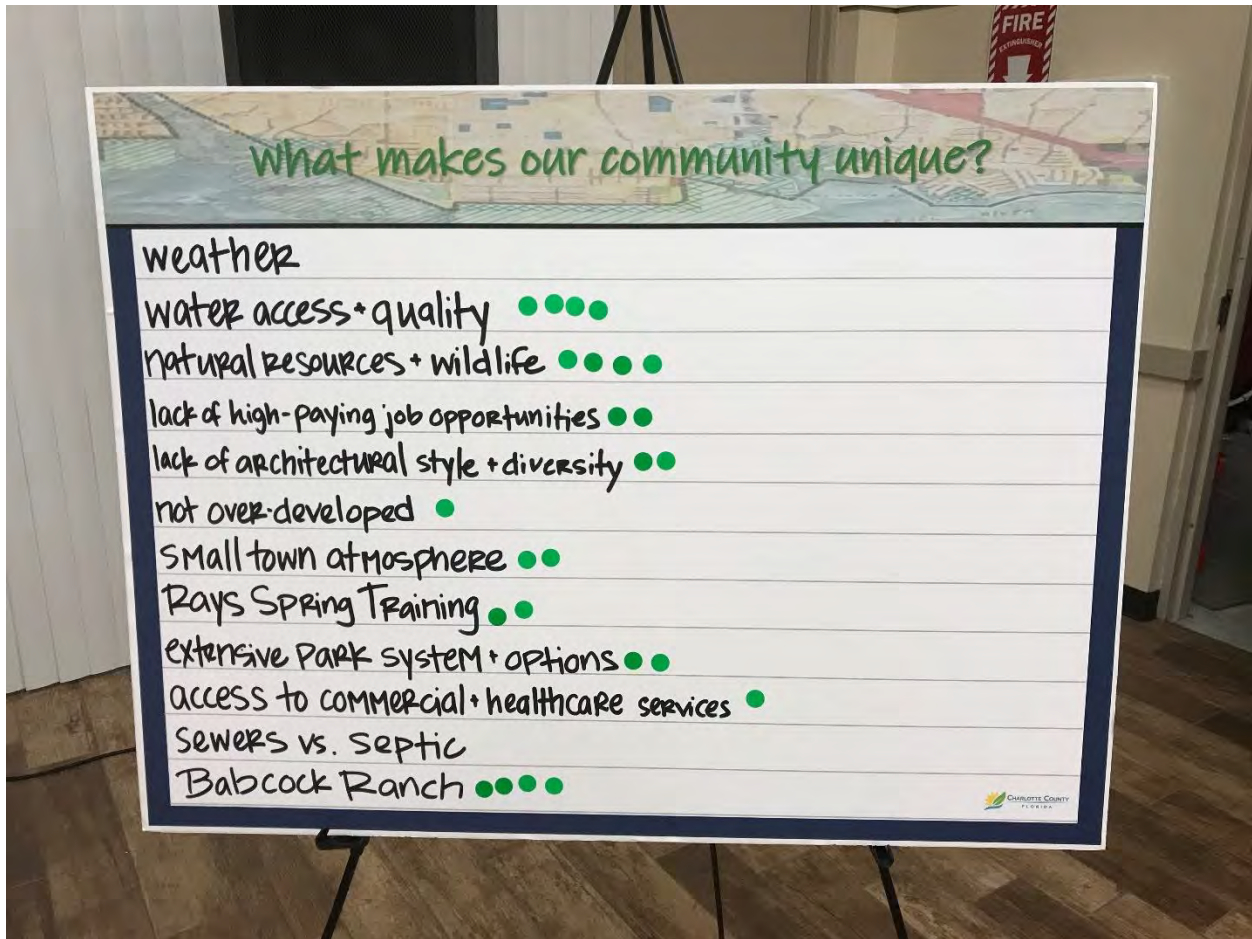
Question 2:



What characteristics are most important to you?

- affordable housing ●●
- weather/climate ●
- Parks + outdoor recreation ●●
- not over-developed
- natural environment + wildlife ●●●●
- water quality + access ●●●
- high-performing schools
- high-quality public services
- entertainment + dining options
- rural character ●●●
- economic development ●●
- community aesthetics + infrastructure ●●●●

Question 3:



weather

water access + quality ●●●●

natural resources + wildlife ●●●●

lack of high-paying job opportunities ●●

lack of architectural style + diversity ●●

not over-developed ●

small town atmosphere ●●

Rays Spring Training ●●

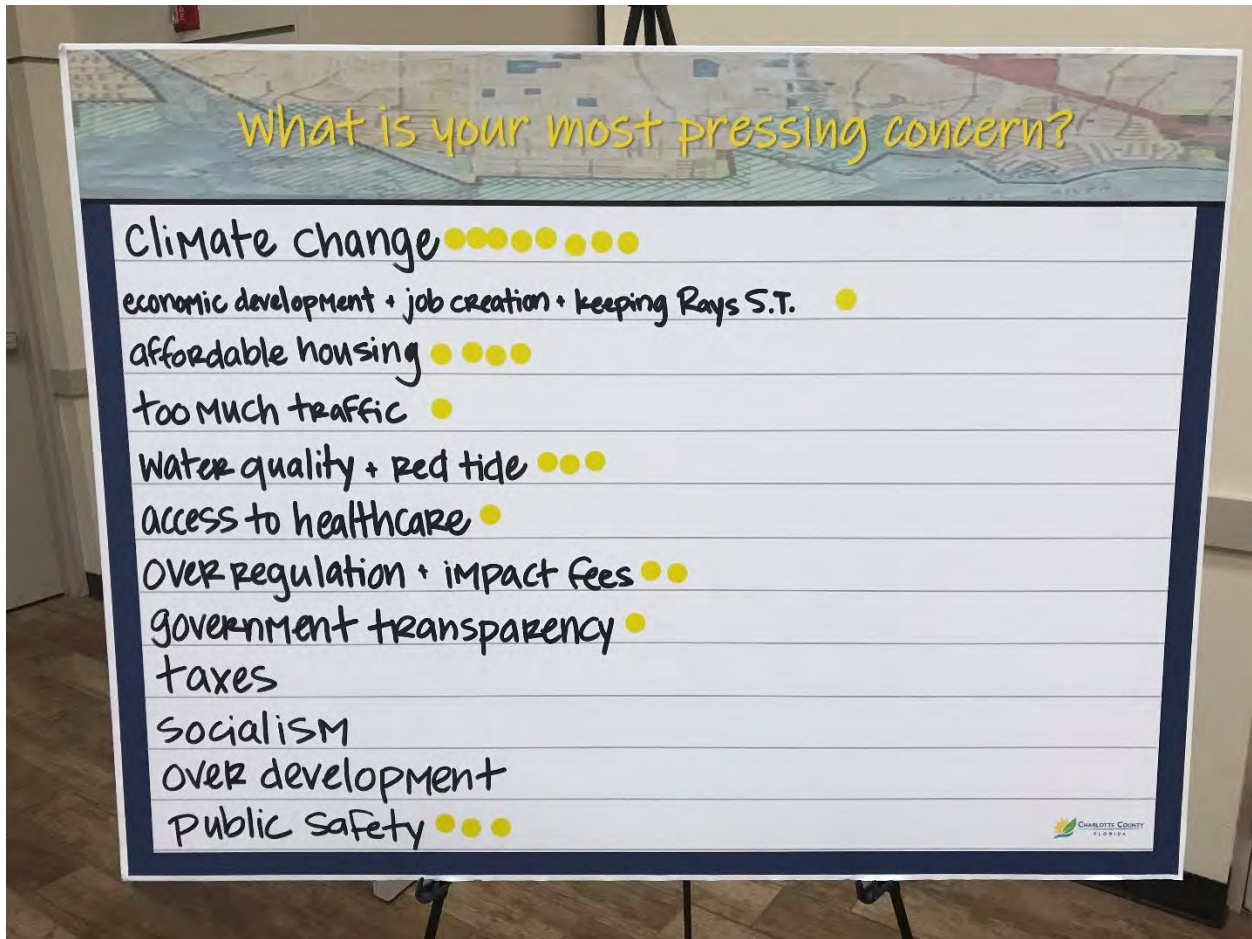
extensive park system + options ●●

access to commercial + healthcare services ●

sewers vs. septic

Babcock Ranch ●●●●

Question 4:



What is your most pressing concern?

Climate change ●●●●●●●

economic development + job creation + keeping Rays S.T. ●

affordable housing ●●●●

too much traffic ●

water quality + red tide ●●●

access to healthcare ●

over regulation + impact fees ●●

government transparency ●

taxes

socialism

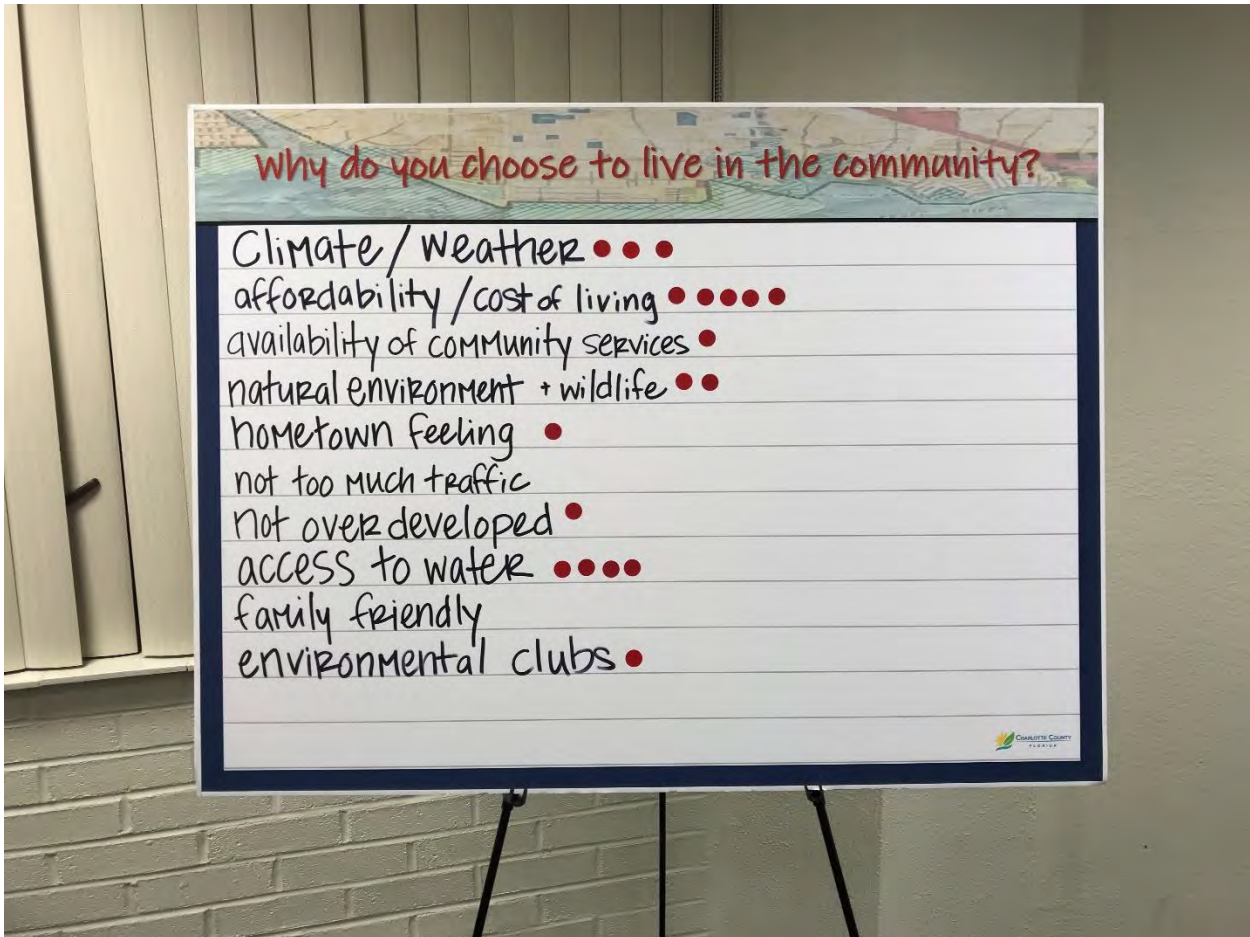
over development

public safety ●●●

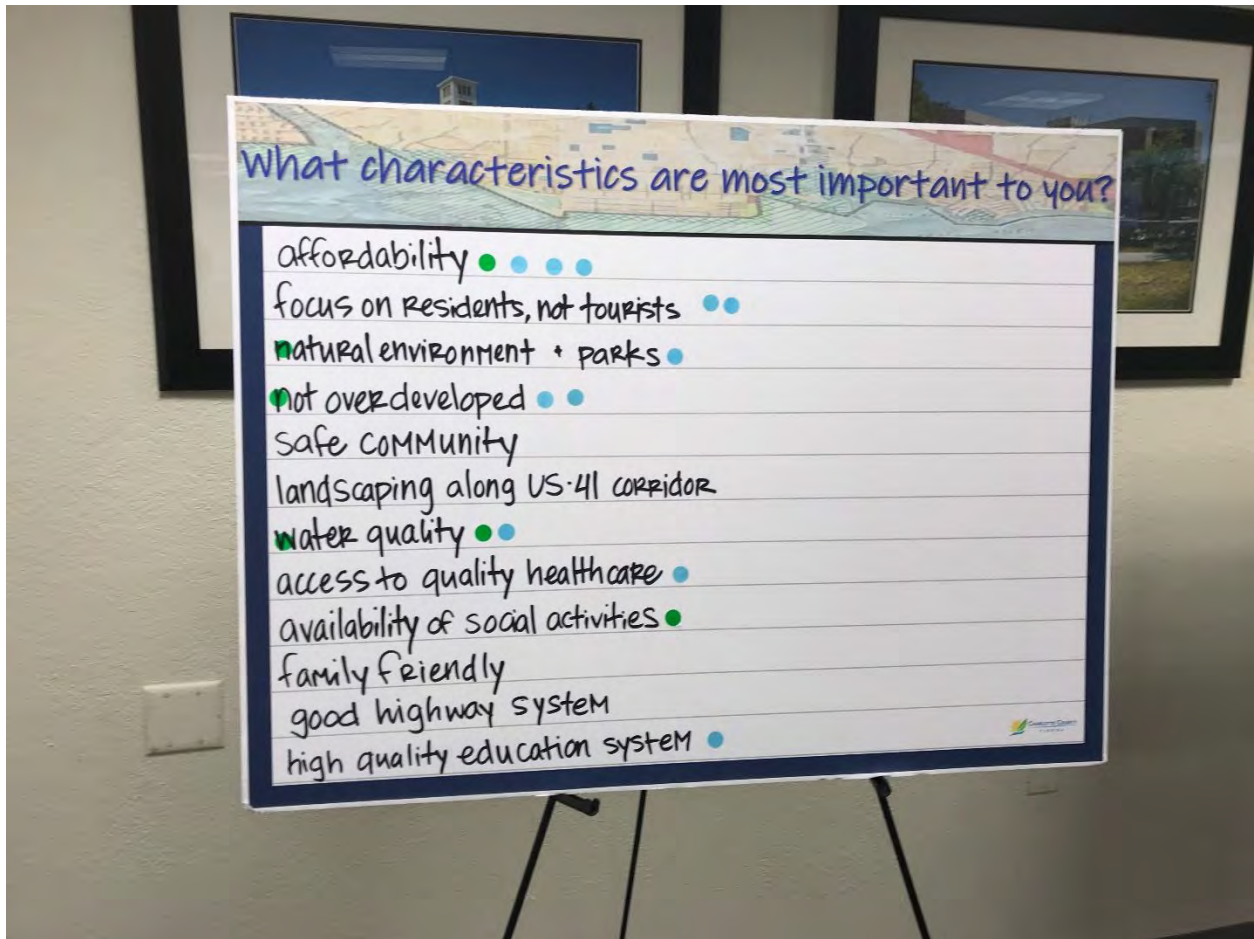
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Murdock Administration Complex

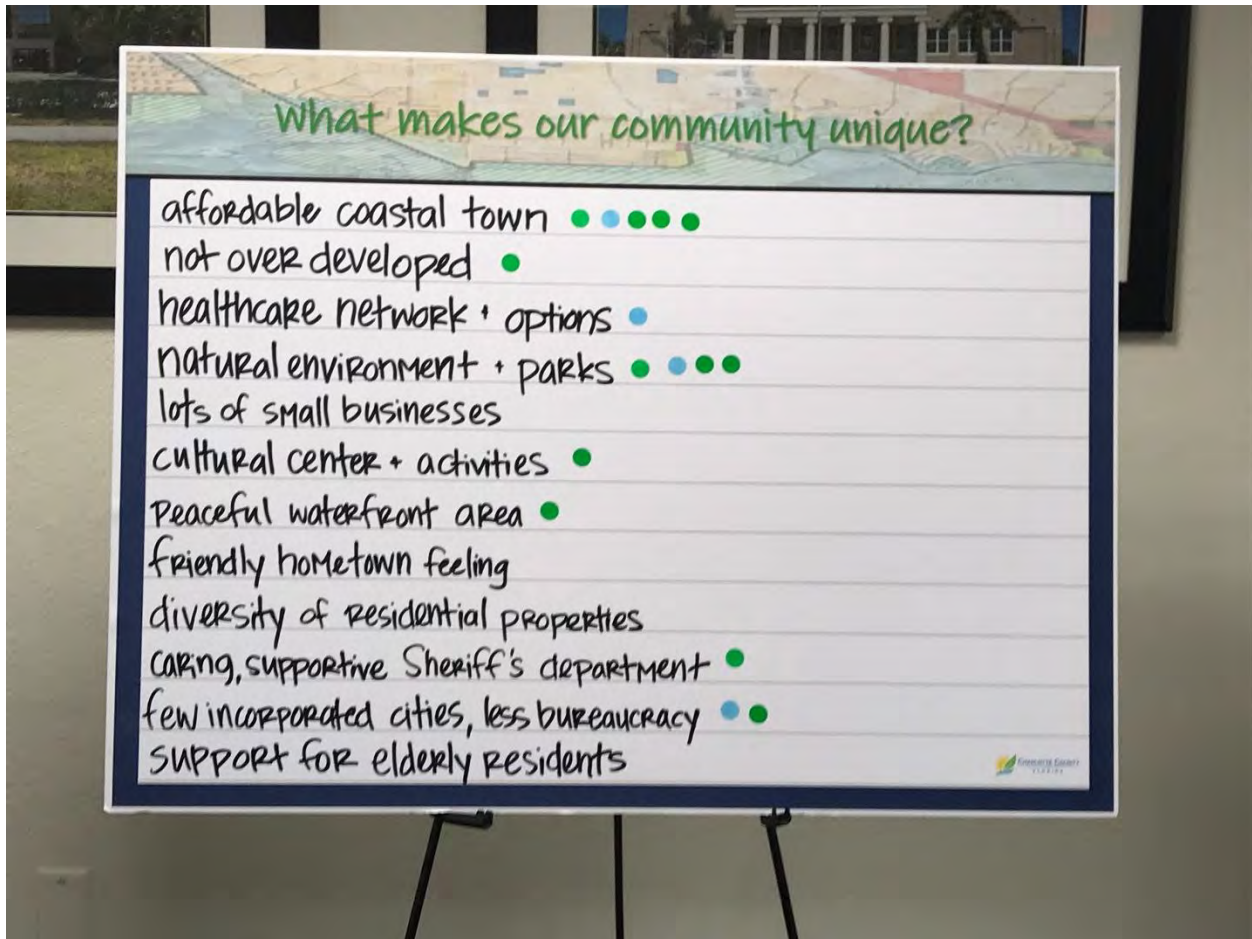
Question 1:



Question 2:



Question 3:



What makes our community unique?

affordable coastal town ●●●●●

not over developed ●

healthcare network + options ●

natural environment + parks ●●●●

lots of small businesses

cultural center + activities ●

Peaceful waterfront area ●

friendly hometown feeling

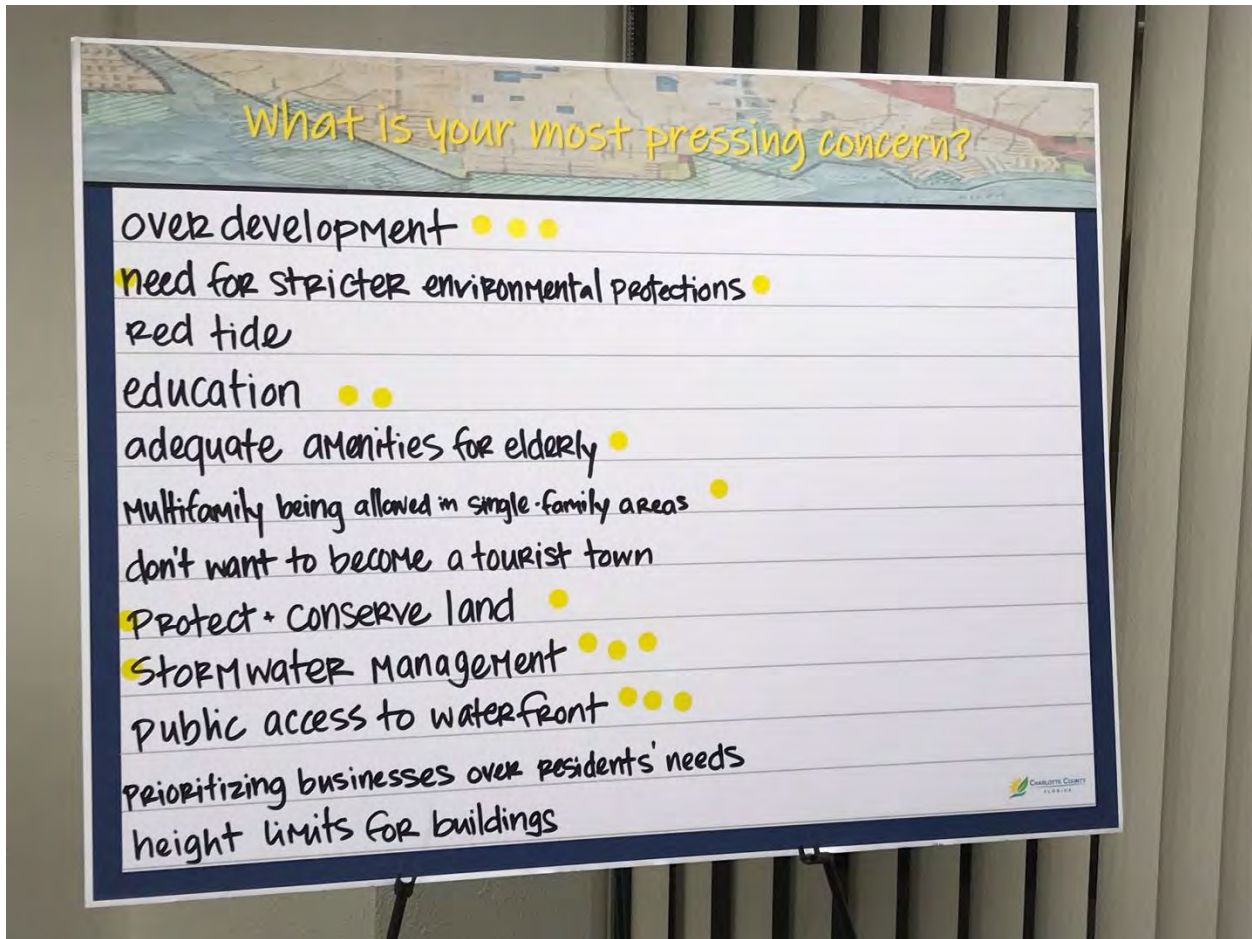
diversity of residential properties

Caring, supportive Sheriff's department ●

few incorporated cities, less bureaucracy ●●

SUPPORT for elderly residents

Question 4:



What is your most pressing concern?

- over development ● ● ●
- need for stricter environmental protections ●
- red tide
- education ● ●
- adequate amenities for elderly ●
- Multifamily being allowed in single-family areas ●
- don't want to become a tourist town
- Protect + Conserve land ●
- Stormwater Management ● ● ● ●
- Public access to waterfront ● ● ●
- Prioritizing businesses over residents' needs
- height limits for buildings

Appendix 3

Vote Tallies

This Appendix contains the tallies of all voting on the display boards and indicates the five highest-ranked answers.

	Meeting 1	Meeting 2	Meeting 3	Meeting 4	Meeting 5	
	2-Oct	9-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct	
	Events Ctr	Tringali	Eastport	Cultural Ctr	Murdock	
Participants	12	27	9	8	6	
Question						TOTAL
Why do you choose to live in the community?						
Job	3	1	2	1		7
Weather/Climate	3	13	2	2	3	23
Small town/Small town feel	5	10				15
Waterfront/boating	9					9
Affordability/cost of living	3	8	1	3	5	20
Sense of community	7					7
Low crime rates/safety	1					1
Close to other, bigger cities	0			2		2
Retirement community	0					0
Historic character	4					4
Parks & recreation	1					1
Limited traffic		10			0	10
Beach/water access		19	2			21
Open spaces/nature/recreation/Natural environment		10	7	3		20
Good schools		4				4
Friends/family live here		4				4
Casual atmosphere		2				2
Fun "downtown" in Punta Gorda			1			1
Rural characteristics			0			0
Boating & fishing			0			0
To free the County from tyranny			6			6
Not over-developed			3	1	1	5
Small-town feel & sense of community				2		2
Rays Spring Training & Stone Crabs				2		2
Pickleball				0		0
Access to water				3	4	7
Higher elevation				3		3
Vision for Babcock Ranch				2		2
Availability of community services					1	1
Natural environment & wildlife					2	2
Hometown feeling					1	1
Family friendly					0	0
Environmental clubs					1	1

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Question						TOTAL
What characteristics are most important to you?						
Transportation & traffic/Transportation - road network & airport/Good highway system	0		1 ⁽¹⁾		0	1
Affordable housing	2			3		5
Good schools	6	2	1	0	1	10
Community events	1					1
Parks, boating access	6					6
Restaurants & shopping opportunities	0		0			0
Walkability & bike access	1					1
Jobs	2					2
Weather/Climate	2	4		2		8
Water quality & healthy environment/Clean water	9	8			1 ⁽⁵⁾	18
Medical care quality/Access to quality health care	5				1	6
Younger people & families	2					2
Natural environment/wildlife		20	6	5		31
Civic & social groups		2				2
Sense of community		4				4
Cost of living/affordability		9	2			11
High quality of life		1				1
Small town feel		11				11
Beach & water access		10				10
Recreational activities		3				3
Development opportunities		4				4
Not over-developed			4	0	2 ⁽³⁾	6
Pro-business environment			3			3
Less-strict regulations			2			2
Friendly people & laid-back vibe			1			1
Water quality & access			1	3		4
Safety			1		0	1
Liberty			3			3
Parks & outdoor recreation				2		2
High-quality public services				0		0
Entertainment & dining options				0		0
Rural character				3		3
Economic development				2		2
Community aesthetics & infrastructure				4		4
Affordability					3 ⁽³⁾	3
Focus on residents, not tourists					2	2
Natural environment & parks					1 ⁽³⁾	1
Landscaping along US 41 corridor					1	1
Availability of social activities					0 ⁽³⁾	0
Family friendly					0	0

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Participants	12	27	9	8	6	
Question						TOTAL
What makes our community unique?						
Nature preserves & park system/Open space	3	9				12
Access to waterfront & boating	11					11
County library system	1					1
Retirement community	3					3
Airport	3					3
History of area	8					8
Friendly attitude of residents/Friendly hometown feeling	3				0	3
Not over-developed/Low traffic	4	9		1	1	15
Affordability		9	2			11
Water & beach access		21 ⁽⁴⁾				21
Weather & climate		8	1	0		9
Great local services		1				1
Proximity to airport & other cities		2				2
Lack of jobs/economic diversity		4		2		6
Tourist & snowbird season		1				1
Hospitals		1				1
Poor planning & GDC lots/Platted lots/GDC development		9	1			10
No public transit		4				4
Natural environment/Natural resources & wildlife			7	4		11
Water quality & access			2	4		6
Retirement community & younger people			2			2
Small town feel			3	2		5
Out-of-control Code Nazis & police state			2			2
Out-of-control taxes			3			3
Home Rule Charter			0			0
We aren't unique			0			0
Lack of architectural style & diversity				2		2
Rays Spring Training				2		2
Extensive park system & options				2		2
Access to commercial & healthcare options				1		1
Sewers vs. septic				0		0
Babcock Ranch				4		4
Affordable coastal town					4 ⁽²⁾	4
Health care network & options					0 ⁽²⁾	0
Natural environment & parks					3 ⁽²⁾	3
Lots of small businesses					0	0
Cultural Center & activities					1	1
Peaceful waterfront area					1	1
Diversity of residential properties					0	0
Caring, supportive Sheriff's Department					1	1
Few incorporated cities, less bureaucracy					1 ⁽²⁾	1
Support for elderly residents					0	0

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Question						TOTAL
What is your most pressing concern?						
Stricter environmental protections/Pollution of water & environment	8		4		2	14
Lack of economic diversity, need for higher-paying jobs	6					6
Lack of affordable housing	1		2	4		7
Public transportation/Transportation system	2	5				7
Healthcare access & availability	5	3		1		9
More restaurants, art, music	1					1
Improve school system/Quality of schools/Education	0		2		2	4
Traffic management	7					7
More development incentives	0					0
Preserve historic resources	4					4
Allow taller buildings	1					1
Collaboration between City & County	1					1
Adequate drinking water		3				3
Red tide & water quality		17		3	0	20
Economic development & workforce/Keeping Rays Spring Training		4		1		5
Overdevelopment/Managing growth		12	4	0	3	19
Beach renourishment		9				9
Crime/Public safety		1		3		4
Climate change		4	3 ⁽¹⁾	8		15
Taxes & distribution of County funds		7		0		7
Quality of life		7				7
Elimination of septic systems		5				5
Liberty			2			2
Seasonality of population			4			4
Transportation network			0 ⁽³⁾			0
Government overreach			0			0
Sherrif			2			2
Overregulation/Impact fees			1	2		3
MSBUs			0			0
Too much traffic				1		1
Government transparency				1		1
Socialism				0		0
Adequate amenities for elderly					1	1
Multifamily being allowed in single-family areas					1	1
Don't want to become a tourist town					0	0
Protect & conserve land					2	2
Stormwater management					4	4
Public access to waterfront					3	3
Prioritizing businesses over residents' needs					0	0
Height limits for buildings					0	0

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Appendix 4

Sign-In Sheets

This Appendix contains the sign-in sheets from each of the five public visioning workshops.

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