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JASPER, INDIANA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

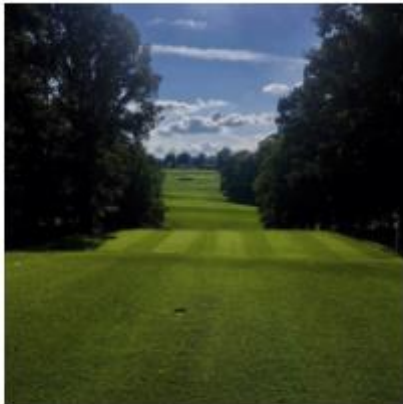
PROJECT



Future Summit

6th December 2025

Jasper Comprehensive Plan Future Summit





CITY OF JASPER, IN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN **FUTURE SUMMIT AGENDA**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Jasper Parklands Pavillion, 800 W. 15th Street, Jasper, IN 47546

AGENDA

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am Welcome and Introductions

9:15 am Review of the visioning process,
preferred vision, and Strategic Pillars

10:00 am City Updates

10:15 am Map Exercise and Pillar Stations

- Map your input
- Learn more about the Strategic Pillars
- Add your Bold Action Ideas
- Strategic Pillar Task Force Sign-Ups

12:00 pm Next Steps and Finish





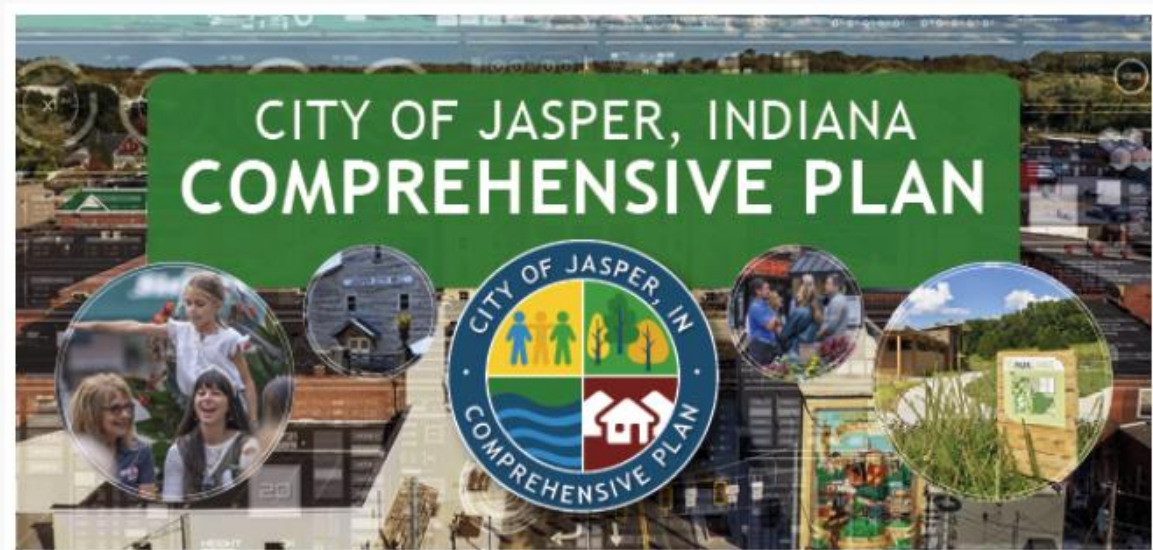
City of Jasper, Indiana Comprehensive Plan Update Process



We are here

Community Engagement

A key feature of the engagement and planning process was the mixture of surveys, social media posts, newsletters, and in-person sessions to reach the broadest range of community members as possible.



Still time to register: Jasper Comprehensive Plan Future Summit

You're invited to the Jasper Comprehensive Plan Future Summit on December 6!

The City of Jasper's community visioning phase is drawing to a close. We will **kick off the second phase** of the comprehensive planning project at the Future Summit! You will learn about the visioning process outcomes and how to get involved in the next steps of the planning process. This event is free and open to anyone to attend - **register now** to secure your place in shaping the future of Jasper!

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JASPER COMMUNITY PROFILE

Insights into Jasper's Population, Housing, and Economy

JASPER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

November 2025



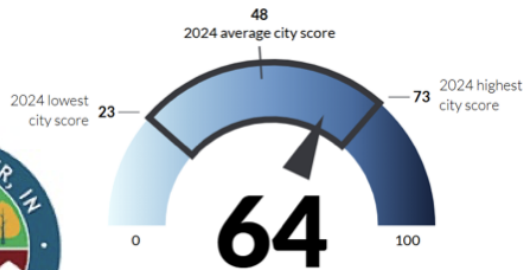
Livability Insights

Jasper is rated as significantly more livable than many other US neighborhoods. Factors like environmental quality, opportunities for socioeconomic advancement, and strong transportation options and health are major contributors. Jasper scores lowest in the Neighborhood category because, although it has strong access to parks and jobs, Jasper has a low level of density and walkability (but still higher than the median US community).

Insight: Future planning in Jasper should aim to protect and strengthen the aspects that make it such a livable community for residents.

Jasper Livability Index Score

The overall Livability Index score for Jasper is 64. This is in the top half of communities in the U.S.



AARP Livability Index Metrics

Livability Metrics	Jasper	Dubois County	Median US Neighborhood
Overall	64	59	50
Housing Metrics and initiatives that promote affordability, availability, and accessibility.	66	62	59
Neighborhood Metrics and initiatives that focus on destinations, safety, and mixed-use development.	51	43	36
Transportation Metrics and initiatives concerning convenience, safety, and options.	58	49	44
Environment Metrics and initiatives regarding air and water quality, energy efficiency, and hazard mitigation planning.	75	75	61
Health Metrics and initiatives that promote healthy behaviors, like exercise and smoking cessation.	57	54	40
Engagement Metrics and initiatives such as cultural engagement, voting rights, and human rights.	57	48	47
Opportunity Metrics and initiatives regarding job availability, government creditworthiness, and graduation rates.	85	82	50

Data Source: AARP Livability Index
For more information about the AARP Livability Index and scoring criteria, please visit: <https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/>

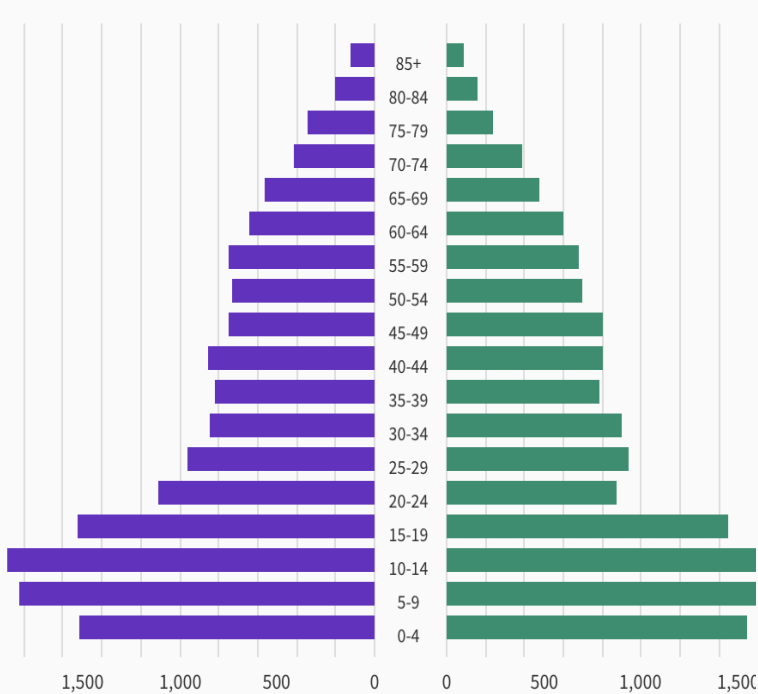
Population Pyramid: Population by Age and Sex

How have the age and sex demographics of Dubois County changed?

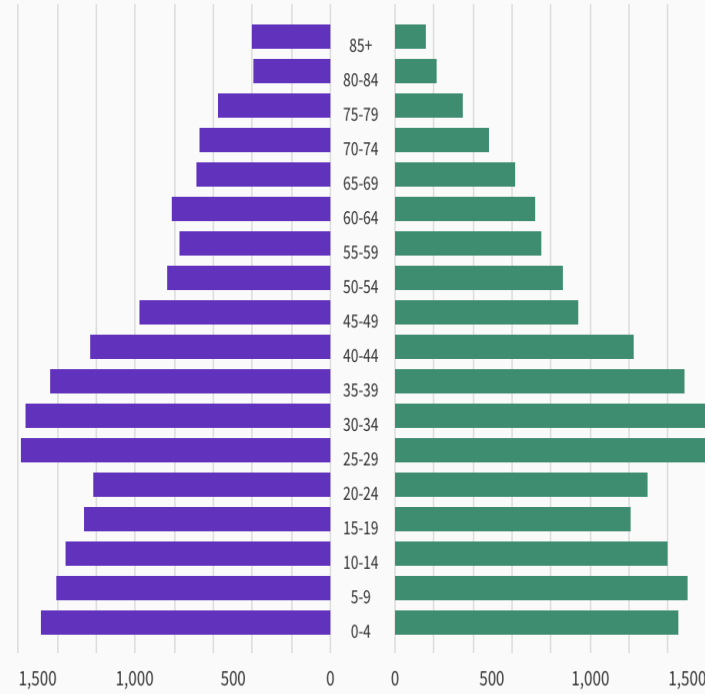
Jasper's average household size is smaller than that of Dubois County or the state of Indiana.

Jasper's average household size has decreased since 2010, with an average household size in 2025 of 2.34

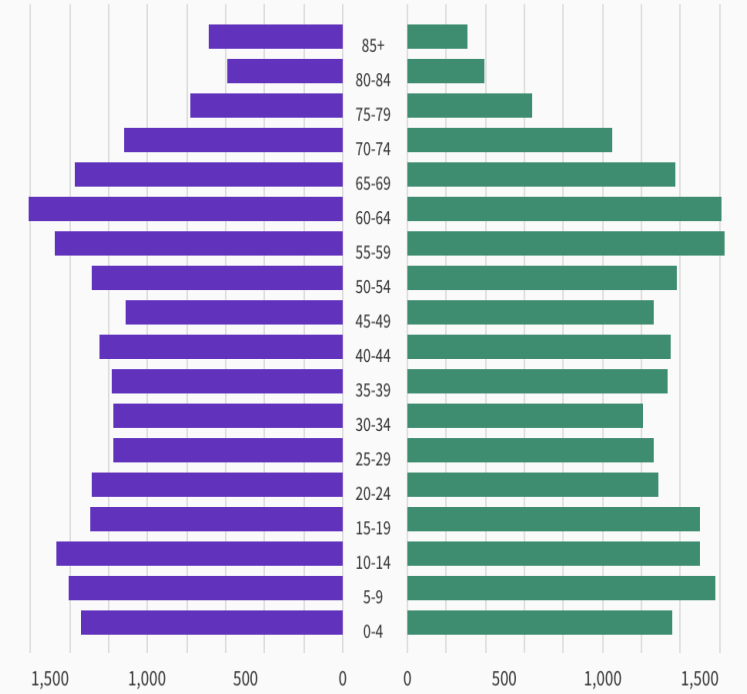
Total population in 1970



Total population in 1990



Total population in 2022



KEY INSIGHTS TO CONSIDER WHILE MOVING FORWARD IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

Through Jasper's comprehensive planning process, the community can decide what kind of growth, housing, economic development, and community amenities are desired for the future.



How much growth does Jasper want to see?

Given local population trends, there are a range of different paths for Jasper's future.



How might the Comprehensive Master Plan impact different segments of the community?

Jasper is home to people of a range of different ages, backgrounds, and income levels.



What types of homes and residential development will meet tomorrow's needs?

New residential development can meet changing demographic factors.



How can we best support Jasper's industries and workers?

Through business and workforce support, Jasper can continue its promising economic outlook



What can be done to make Jasper even more livable?

Maintaining a high-quality of life is vital to the community's future.



Community Survey (n = 1,289)



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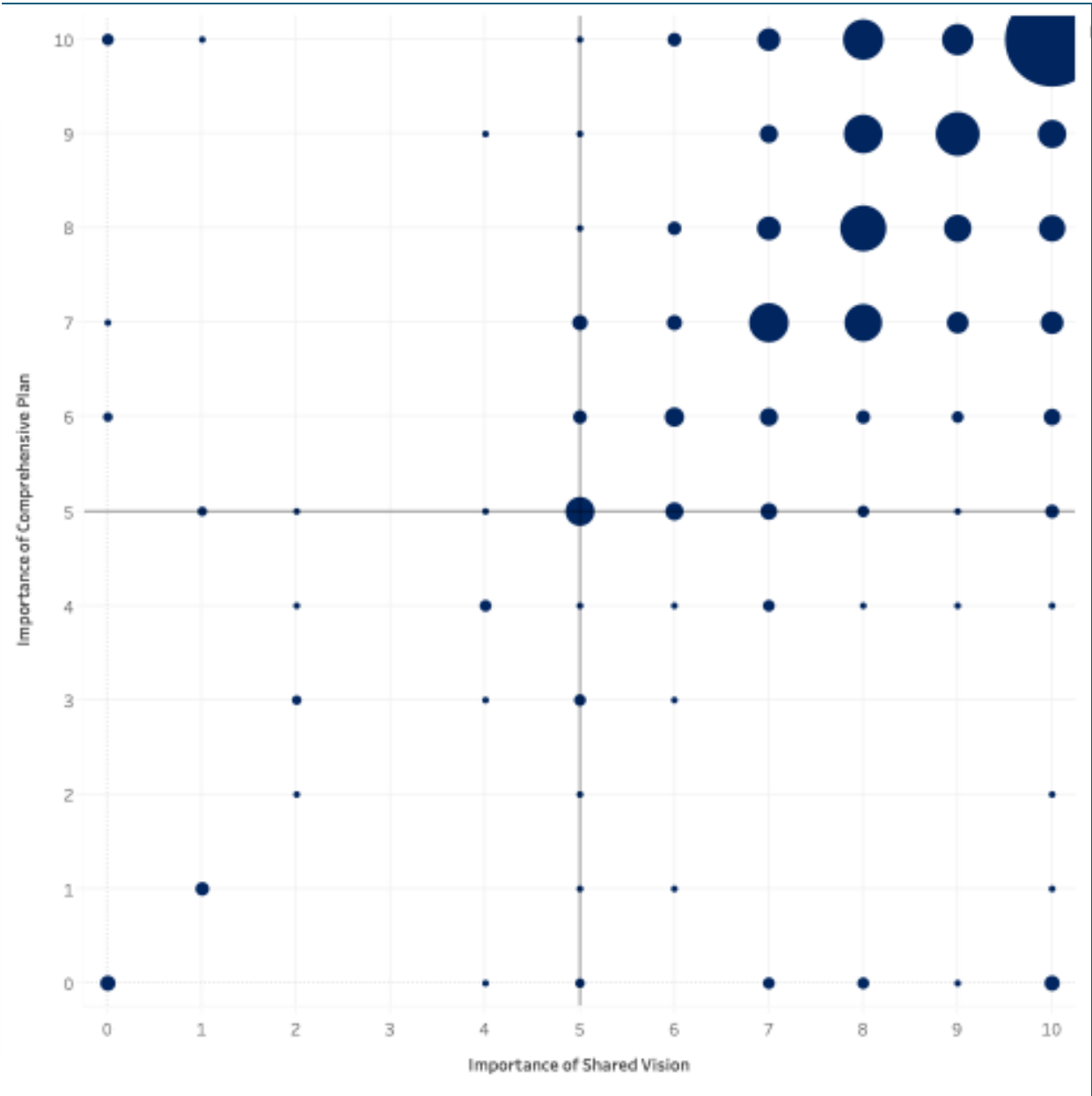


Importance of Shared Vision



Not

Important



Not Important



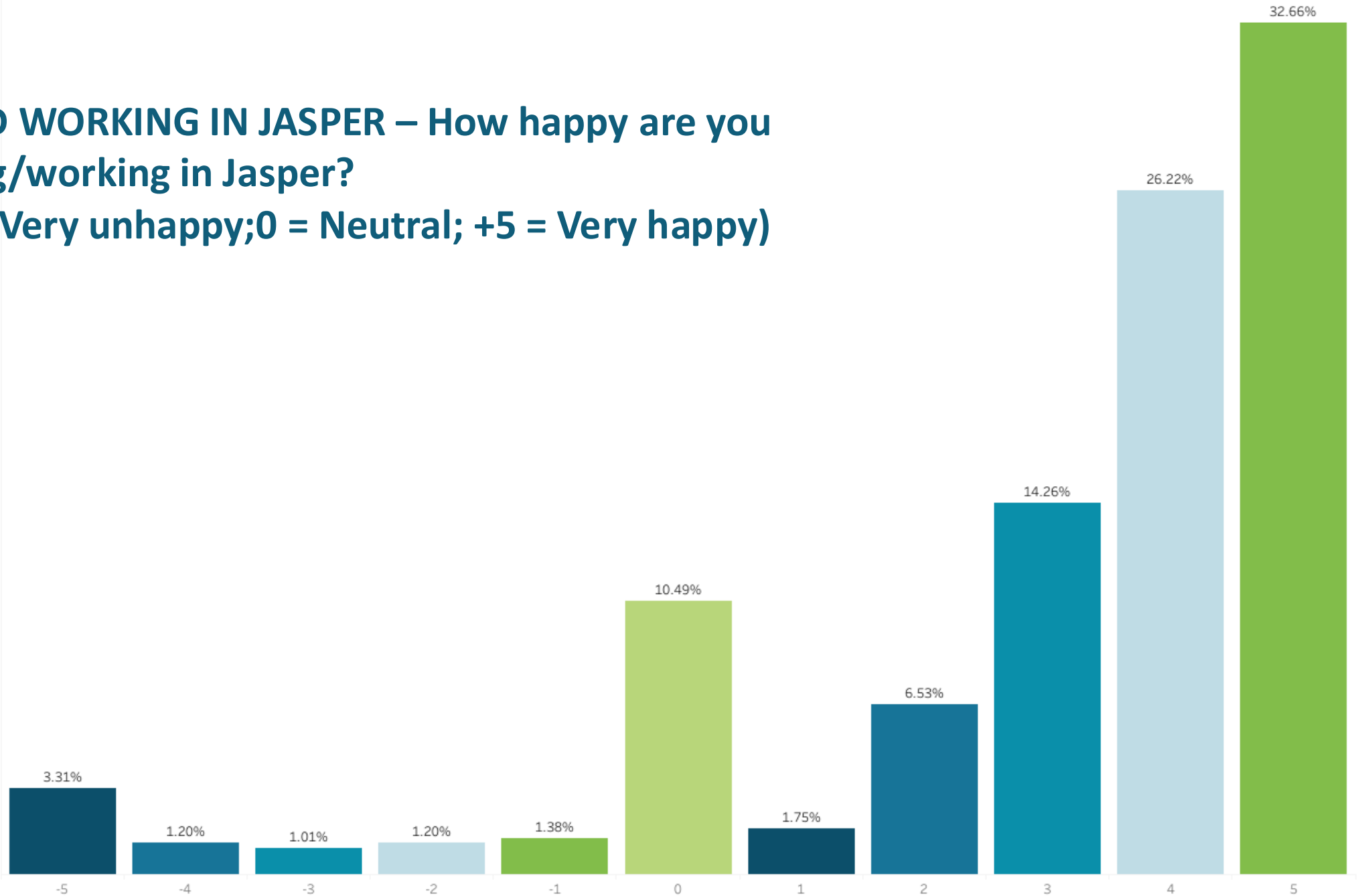
Importance of Comprehensive Plan



Very Important

LIVING AND WORKING IN JASPER – How happy are you about living/working in Jasper?

(Scale: -5 = Very unhappy; 0 = Neutral; +5 = Very happy)



X-axis is satisfaction with current direction

Y-axis is City ability to adapt to change and create new opportunities



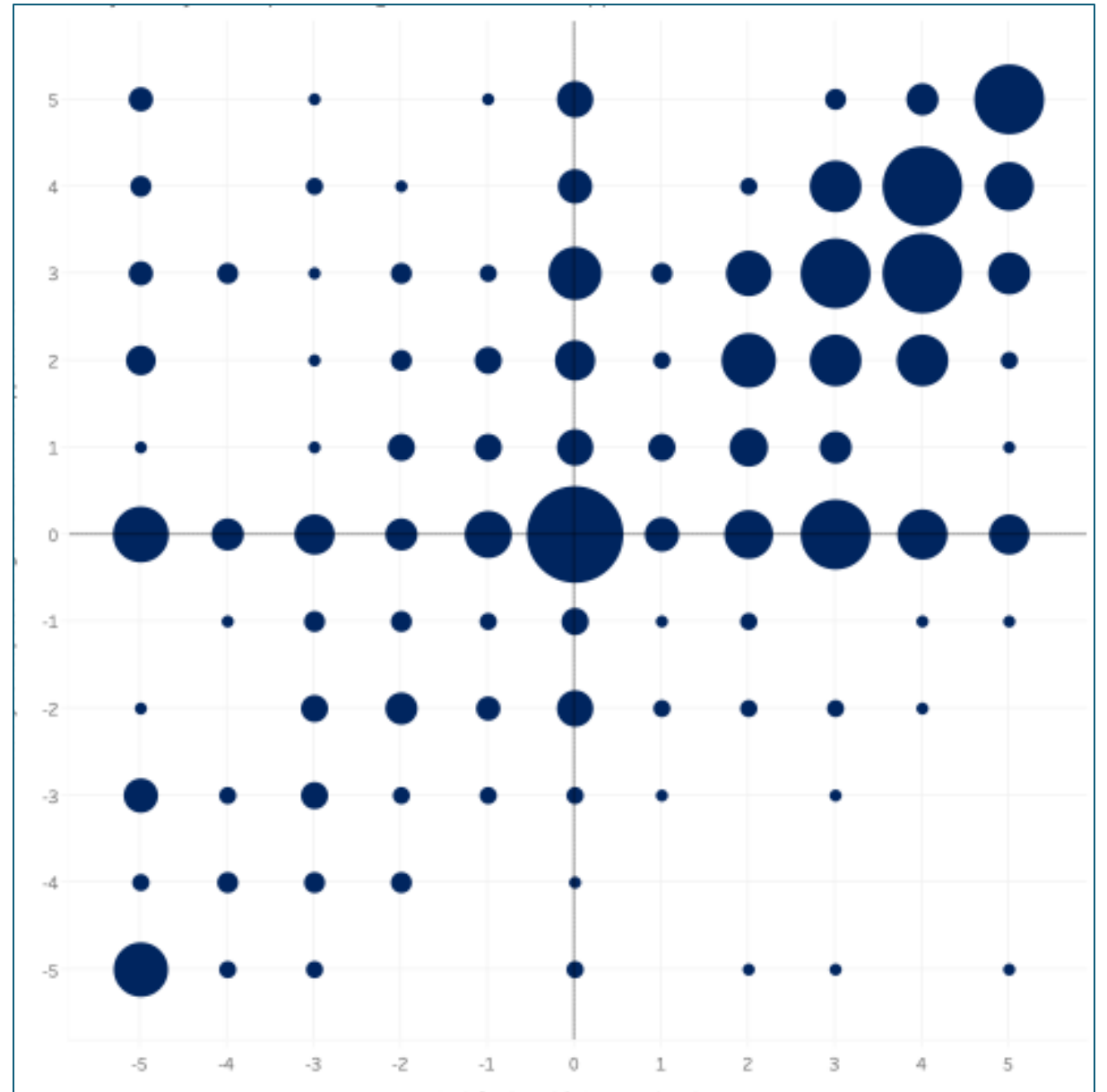
Very Well Equipped



Ability to Adapt & Create Opportunities



Poorly Equipped



Very Concerned

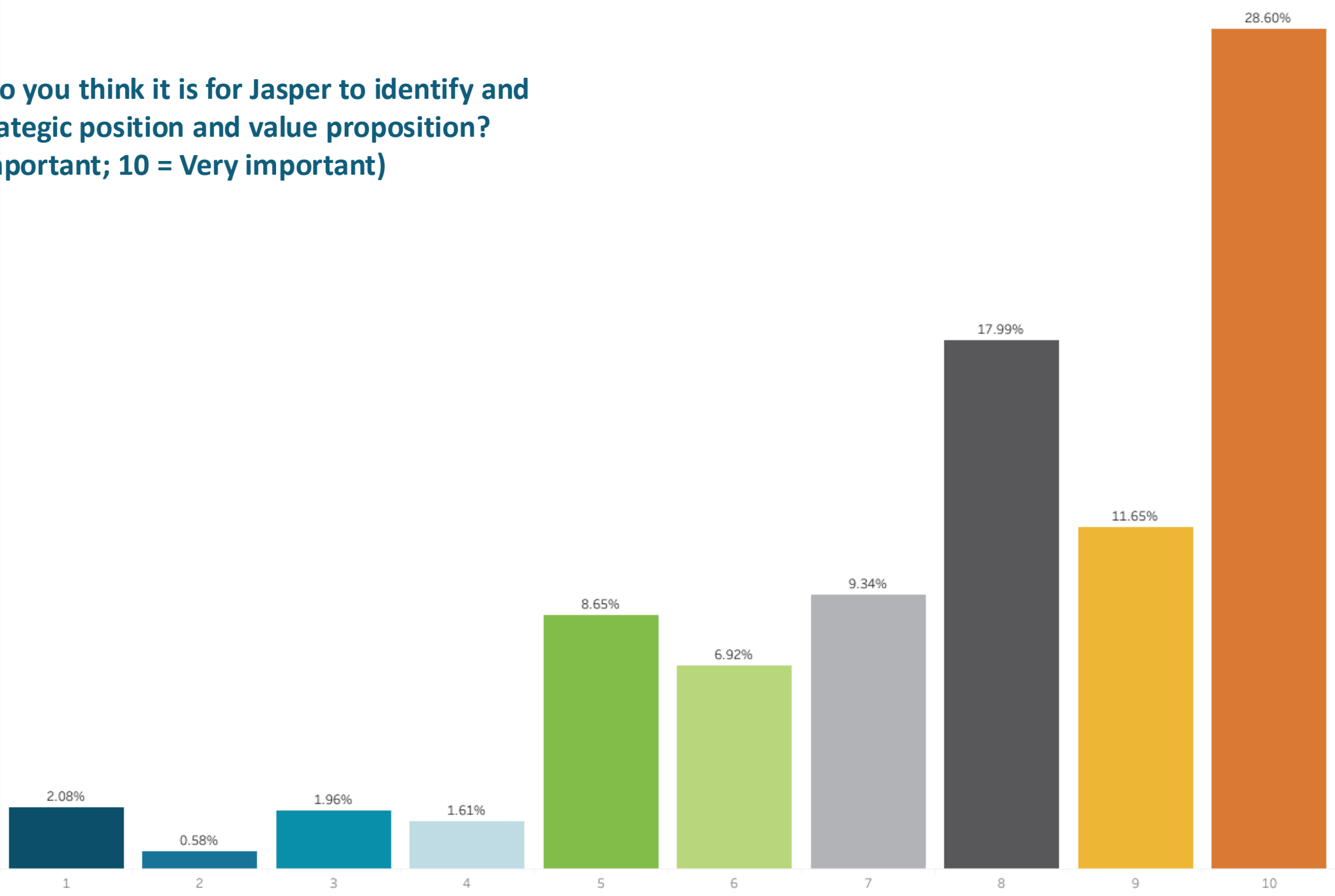


Community Direction

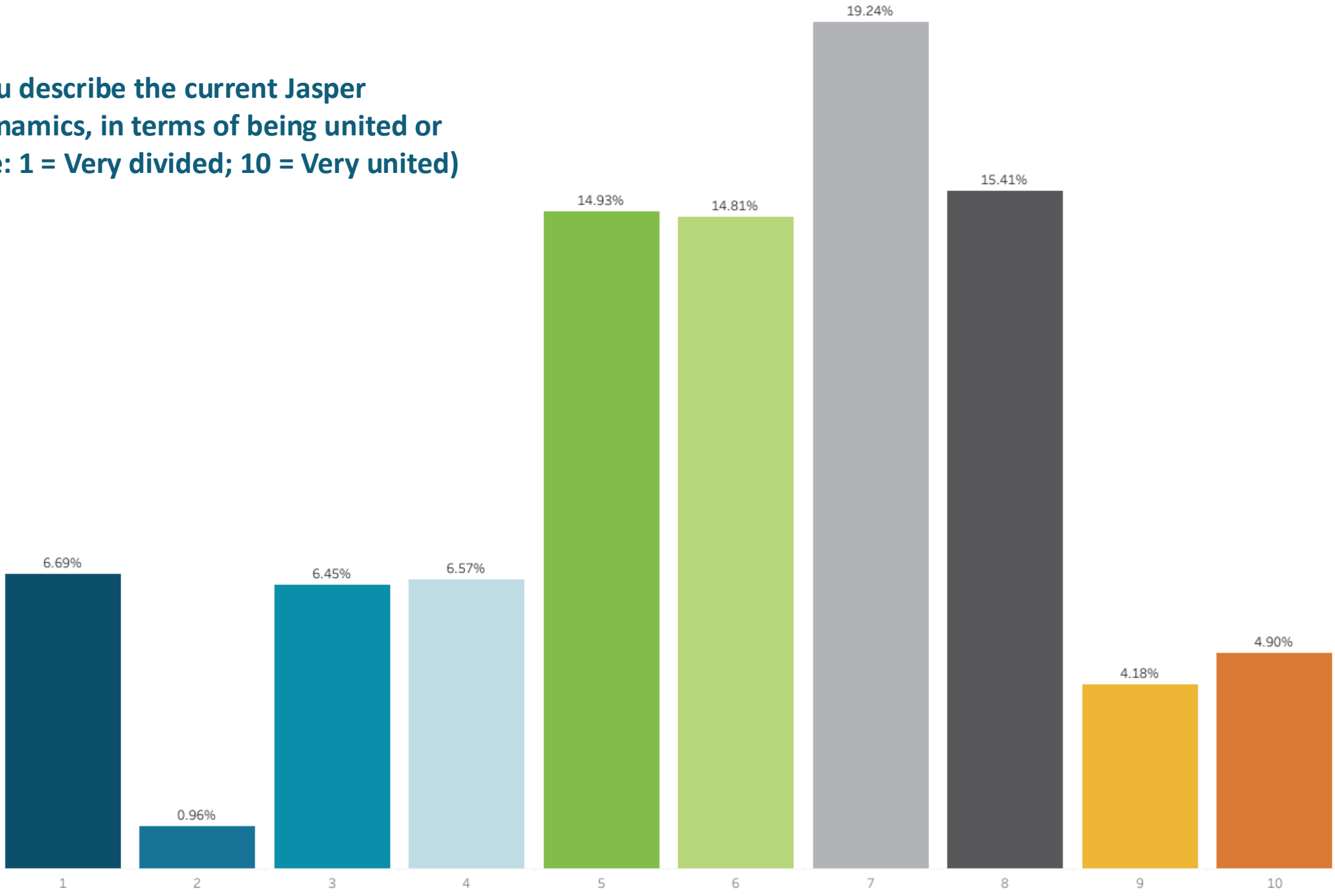


Very Excited

**How important do you think it is for Jasper to identify and develop a key strategic position and value proposition?
(Scale: 1 = Not important; 10 = Very important)**



How would you describe the current Jasper community dynamics, in terms of being united or divided? (Scale: 1 = Very divided; 10 = Very united)

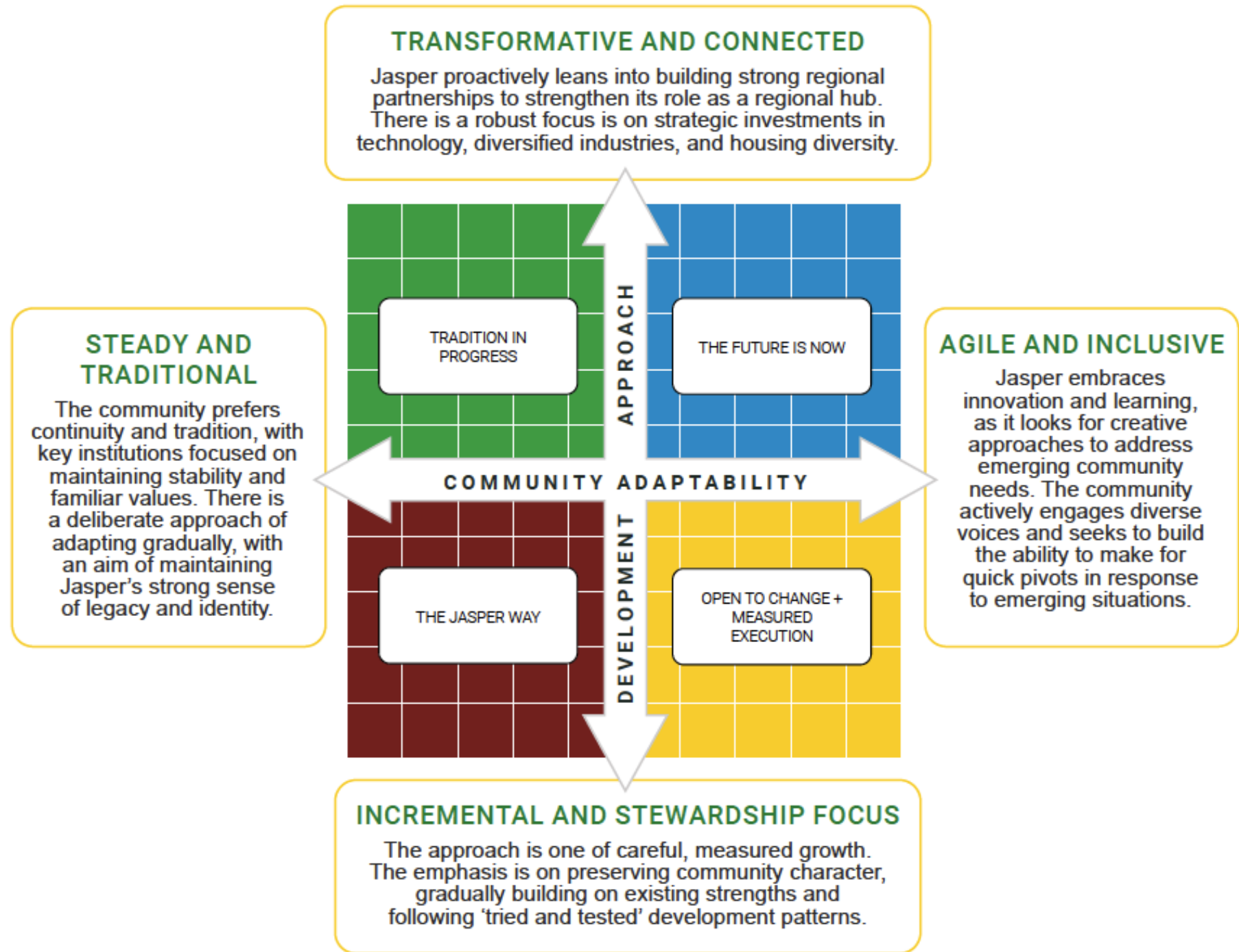




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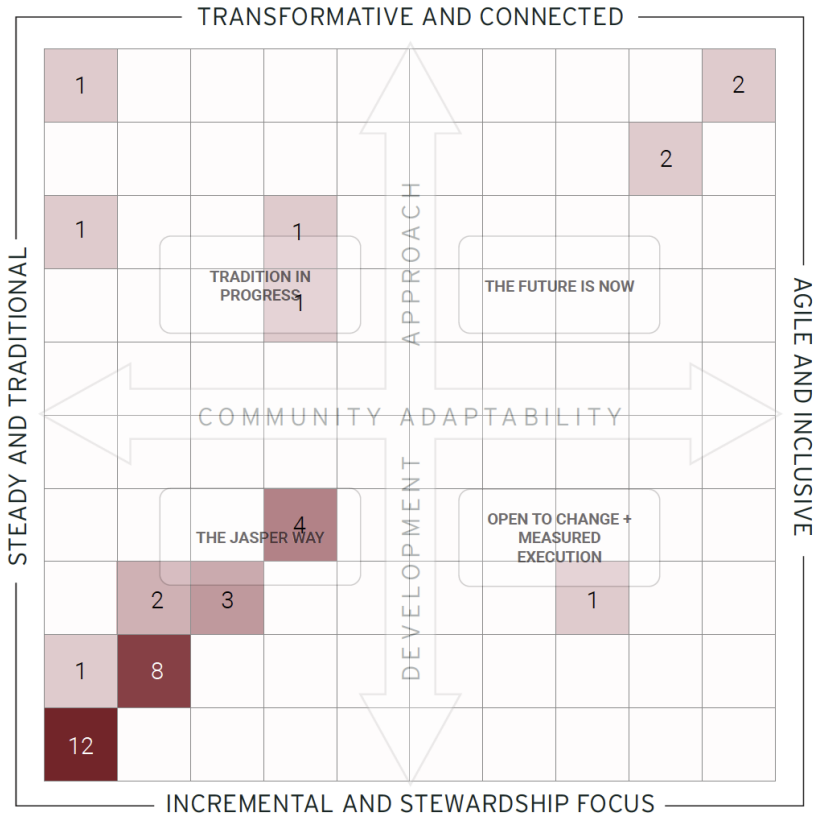


Scenario Matrix

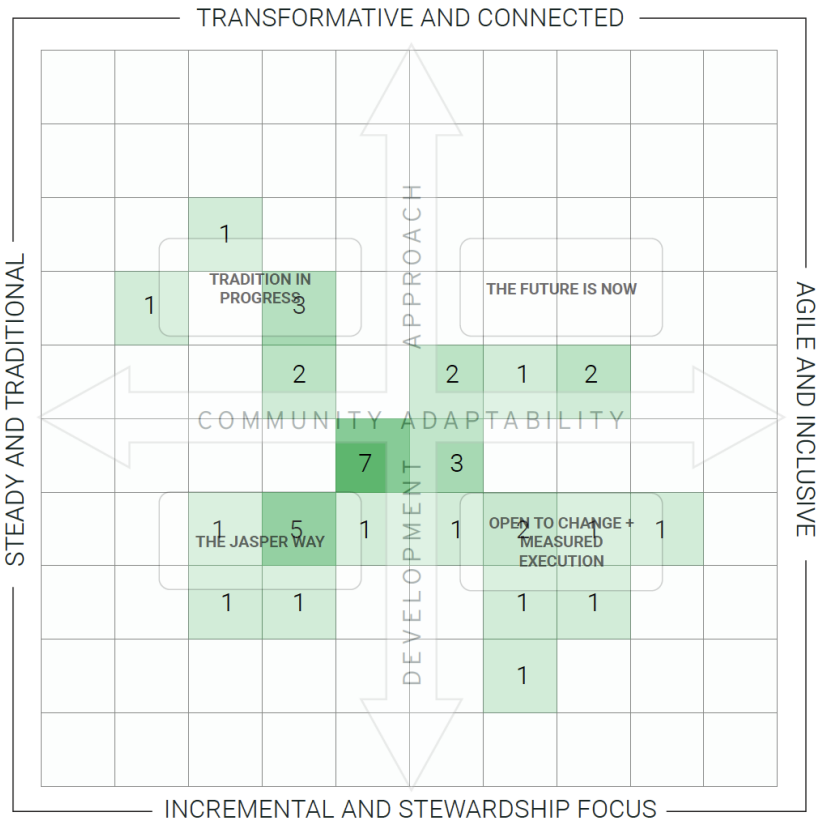


Least Expected, Expected and Preferred Futures – Jasper in 2040

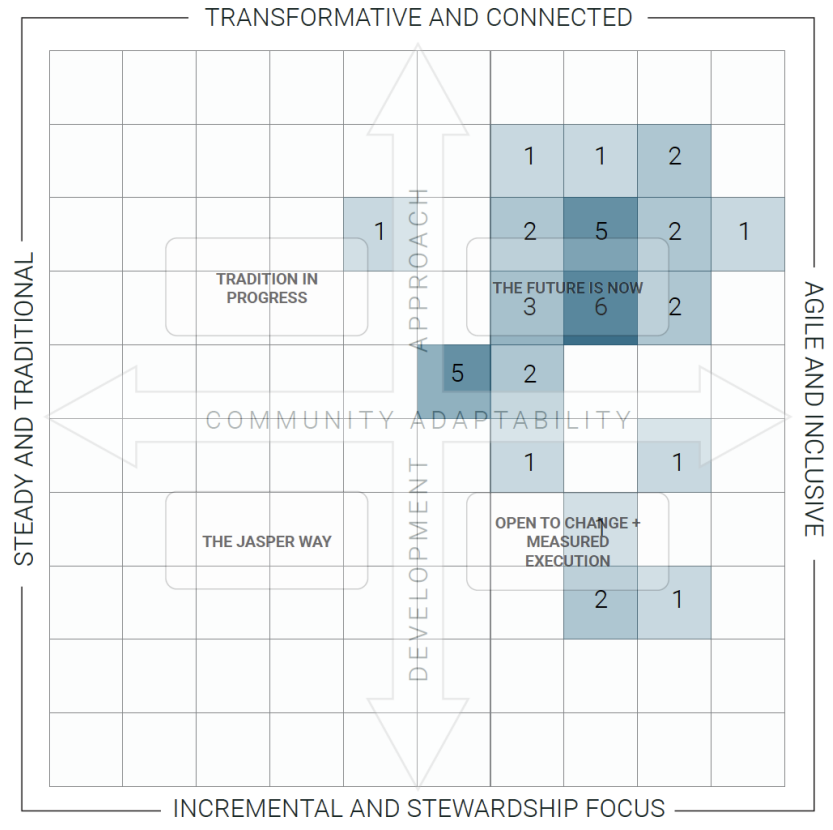
LEAST DESIRED FUTURE



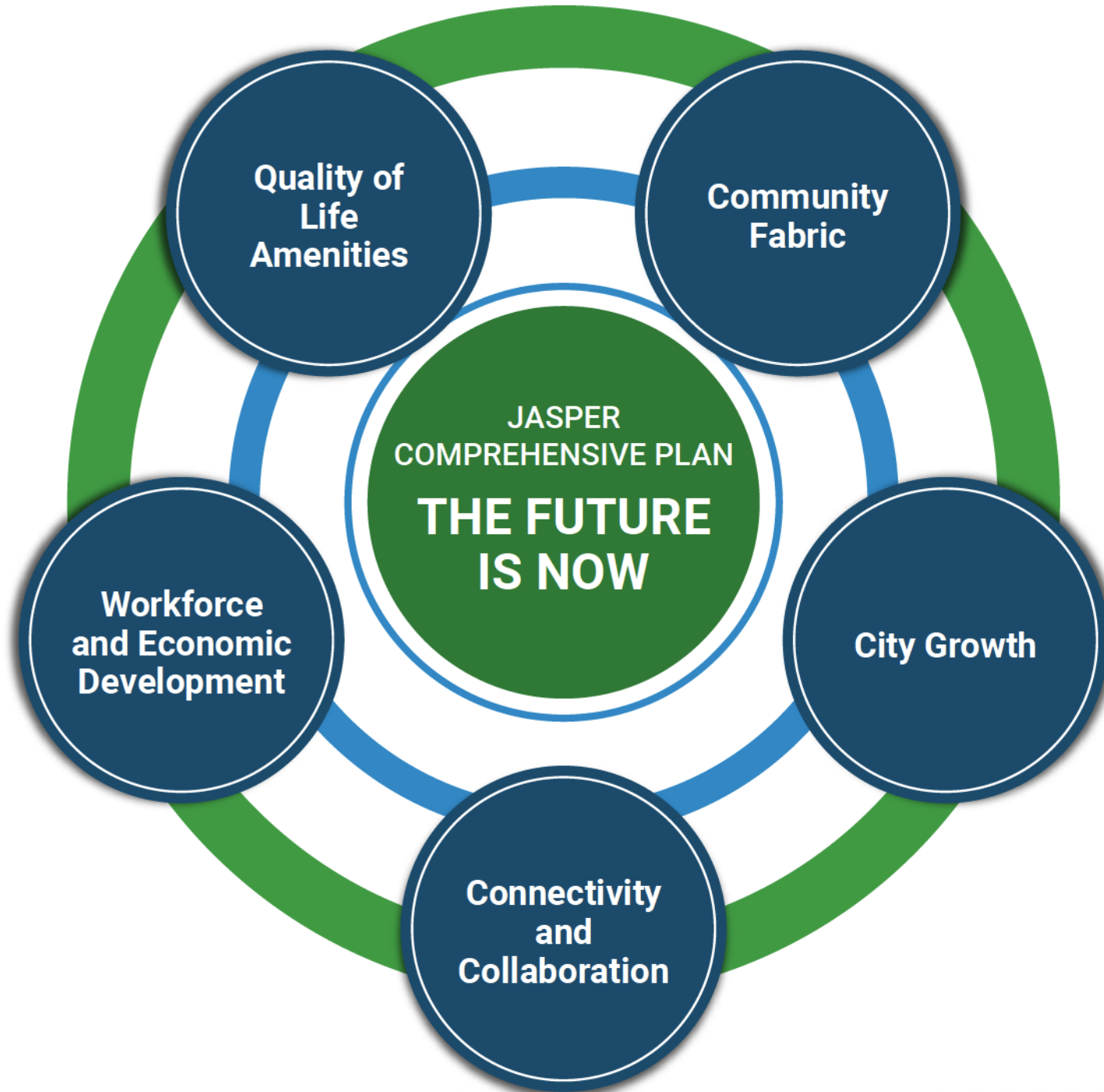
EXPECTED FUTURE



PREFERRED FUTURE



Strategic Pillars



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PILLAR 1: COMMUNITY FABRIC

Objective: Strengthening a vibrant community.

Future Insights:

- The **population is becoming on-average older**, with largest age group now being 60-64 years old (2022 data).
- One of the key challenges for the future is **attracting more younger adults** and families to the community to fill a 'missing demographic' of people in their twenties, thirties and forties.
- Jasper's **population is more diverse** in 2025 than in any point in the recent past.
- One of the key opportunities is for Jasper to **find ways to include and welcome new voices** into decision-making for the future and use this process to help build the community fabric.



PILLAR 2: CITY GROWTH

Objective: Creating a community rooted in charm, embracing opportunity.

Future Insights:

- Jasper's **population has grown steadily since 2010**, with recent years showing an increase in growth.
- **Most of Jasper's housing was built in the 1980s and 1990s**, with limited construction since 2020.
- The **predominance of single-family housing** in Jasper will shape who moves to the community and how easily residents can relocate.
- **Jasper ranks well above most U.S. neighborhoods on AARP's Livability Index**, particularly in the Opportunity category.
- **Important to preserve strengths while addressing emerging needs** like housing diversity and infrastructure improvements to ensure Jasper remains a highly livable community.

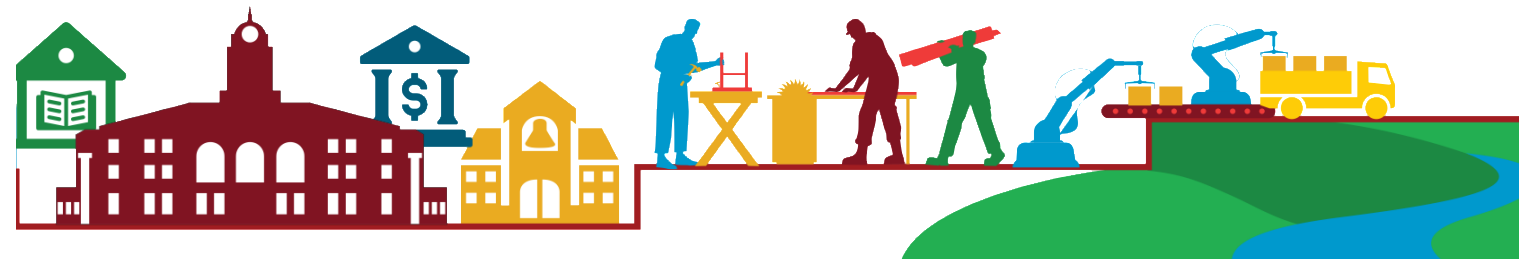
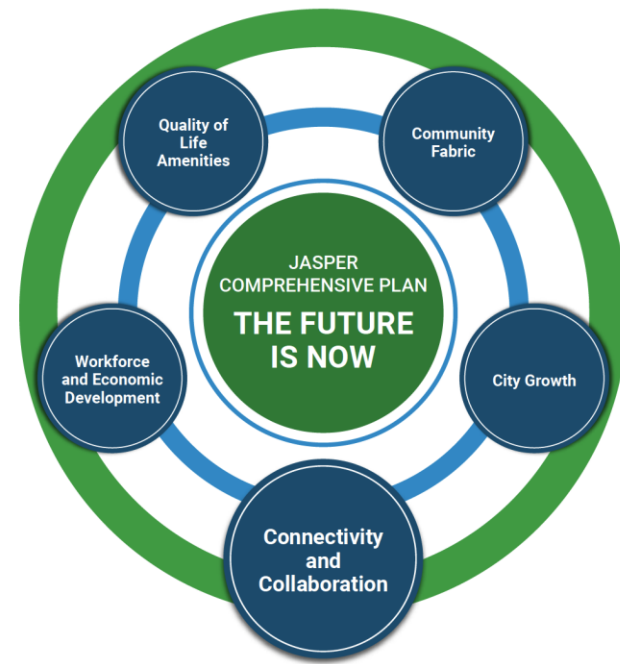


PILLAR 3: CONNECTIVITY AND COLLABORATION

Objective: Strategic positioning for Jasper.

Future Insights:

- There is a **new emphasis on considering connectivity across social needs** like health networks, community relationships, and digital connectivity.
- Jasper has **opportunity to strengthen its position as a leader through collaborative partnerships and relationships** across nearby cities, within the county, and the greater area.
- Major catalytic projects, increasingly require **public-private partnerships** to garner private investment, generate support, and help projects come to fruition.

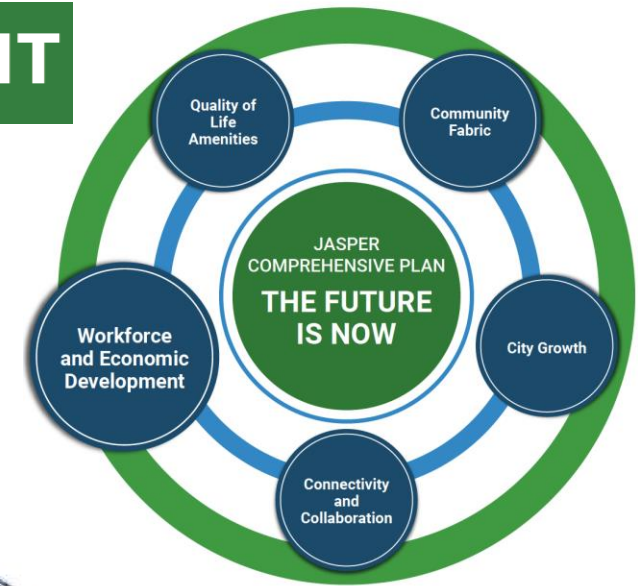


PILLAR 4: WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Investing in places and people.

Future Insights:

- Jasper can help its current industries position for the future, **expand the success of Main Street**, and provide meaningful employment opportunities for Jasper residents.
- Businesses and industries must **adapt to new methods, opportunities, and technologies to remain competitive**.
- Rapid change in workforce skill needs, **driven by new technology, shifts in higher education, and economic pressures**.
- Tomorrow's workforce must be able to **continuously learn and adapt new skills to meet industry needs**.

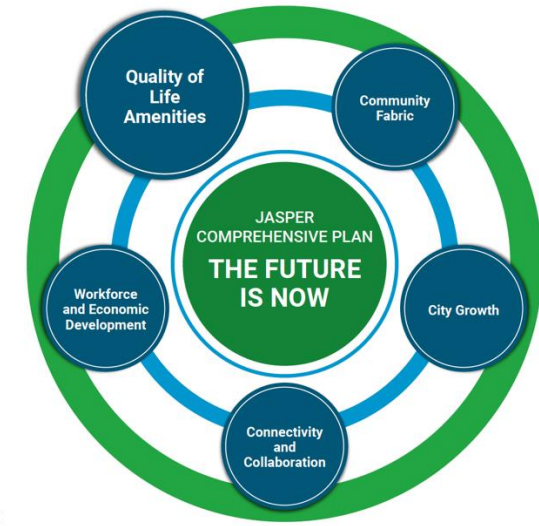


PILLAR 5: QUALITY OF LIFE AMENITIES

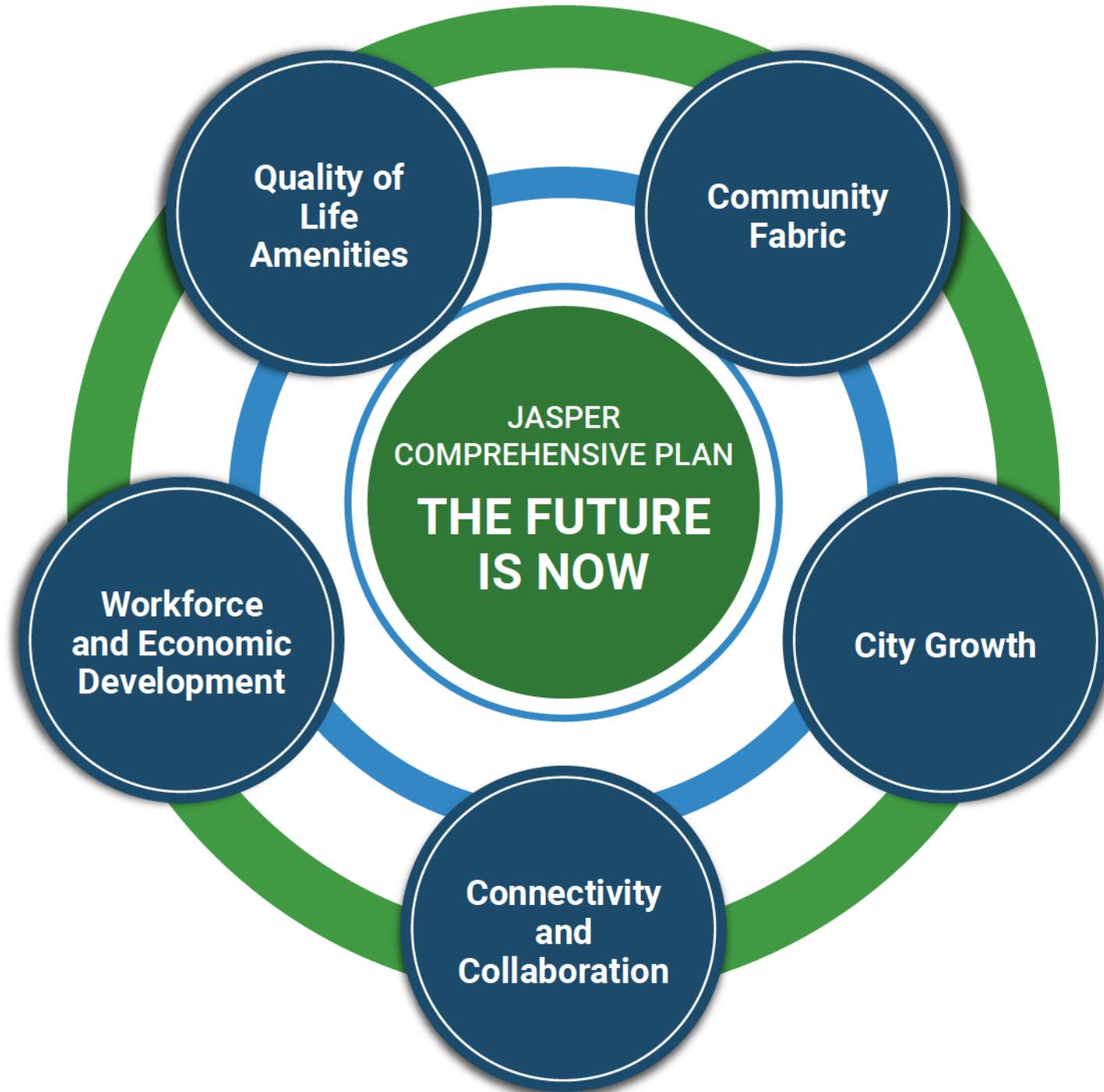
Objective: Advancing community well-being.

Future Insights:

- As the City plans for its future, **maintaining this level of livability** will be essential to meet the needs of its diverse population.
- Jasper's **high-performing schools are a key strength** – and should consider how education supports broader goals for growth and quality of life.
- **Strong cultural assets**, including the Public Library, Thyen-Clark Cultural Center, and popular festivals that celebrate local heritage, are integral to what makes Jasper unique.
- Looking ahead, the community could **consider expanding bike infrastructure, trail connectivity, sports facilities, and green spaces** to meet the needs of a growing population and reinforce its commitment to health and wellness.



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City Updates



Your tasks for today!

- Participate in Map Exercise
- Pillar Stations – Read pillar information and ask questions
- Add your bold action ideas
- Sign-up for Strategic Pillar Task Forces



Next Steps

Jasper Comprehensive Plan Upcoming Public Engagement Opportunities



1. Virtual Task Force Meetings, January-February
2. Discussion Boards, January-March

