

Cultivate Hopkins Advisory Committee – November 8, 2017 Meeting

Notes from Natural Environment Discussion

Sustainable Construction (42% high priority)

- Questions regarding the role of government, and how mandatory requirements should be
- Questions about what specific aspects of sustainable construction are being considered
- Identify how this connects to higher goals

Alternative Energy (75% high priority)

- Questions about whether there are incentives for private development
 - Answer provided: Hopkins participates in PACE program that provides loans for investment in alternative energy
- The City should partner with other cities to pressure Xcel Energy to do more to incorporate alternative energy sources; this is what they will listen to
- Development of solar also needs to take into account improvements in battery storage technology

Water Conservation (20% high priority)

- Question regarding how much growth can Hopkins sustain with existing water resources, given challenges seen in other areas with water supply from aquifers
 - Answer provided: at this point, it is not an immediate constraint on development, and likely can be managed to support city development plans
- Important not to take water resources for granted
- Questions about where Hopkins' water supply comes from, and how wells are used as part of the water supply system
- Hopkins already has lawn watering restrictions to conserve water in peak demand times during summer months
- City should provide educational components to residents to help them conserve water
- City should consider raising the cost of water, to decrease demand

Stormwater Management (0% high priority)

- Should consider interjurisdictional partnerships to address stormwater issues, including with adjacent cities and watershed management organizations

Natural Resources and Open Space (50% high priority)

- Would like to see overall total acreages of various resource types, alongside per capital comparisons with other neighboring cities

Waste Management and Recycling (36% high priority)

- Would like to know more about options to recycle compost and organics in Hopkins

Air Quality (27% high priority)

- Need to ensure TOD is clearly defined – not everyone knows the term
- Can help people walk more if address safety issues around pedestrian crossings, particularly over wide multi-lane roads like Excelsior; multiple locations like that in Hopkins

Noise Pollution (25% high priority)

- There are significant noise issues for neighborhoods along the Highway 169 corridor; currently have concrete sound walls in place but they do nothing; would like to see tall wood walls in their place, as they are elsewhere
- Hopkins is having freight quiet zone certified intersections installed as major roads are constructed; this means fewer places where trucks are required to sound their horns

Urban Tree Canopy

- Questions regarding City's approach to Emerald Ash Borer
 - Answer provided: it is addressed through City policy/ordinance for tree diseases, which is implemented through removal of infected trees as part of boulevard tree program
- Would like to see options for putting power lines underground, to avoid the unattractive tree trimming currently done along power line corridors
 - Answer provided: it is possible, but can be very expensive for the community
- Would like to see options for preserving existing oak trees by preventing/treating bur oak blight

Hopkins Natural Environment Polling

Current run (last updated Nov 9, 2017 3:41 pm)

21

Polls

16

Participants

11

Average responses



Average engagement

Forget Waldo, Find who represents you the most...



Response options	Count	Percentage
	12	100%



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Responses

When you think of riding a roller coaster, what word comes to mind? [no spaces please]



Responses

<input type="checkbox"/>	Nope	Stomach	amazing	Scary	Fun	Smell	Smell	Fun
	Disorienting	Rush	Height	Screaming people heights fun			Fun	
	Uncomfortable	Rush	Thrilling	Fast	Freedom	Stomach	Exhilarating	
	Nauseous	Dizzy						

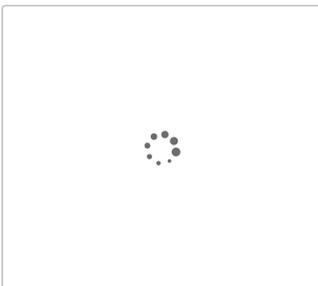


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Responses

Is Hopkins a Minnesota GreenStep City?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Yes	0	0%
No	0	0%
What is a GreenStep City	0	0%

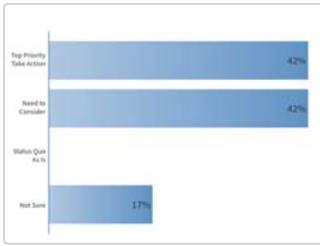


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Responses

How high a priority is SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES for Hopkins?



Response options

Response options	Count	Percentage
Top Priority Take Action	5	42%
Need to Consider	5	42%
Status Quo As Is	0	0%
Not Sure	2	17%

Count Percentage

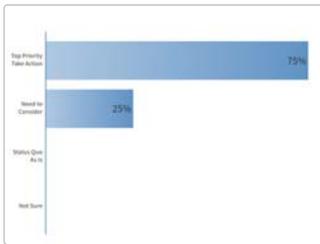


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Responses

How high a priority is establishing a RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY for Hopkins?



Response options

Response options	Count	Percentage
Top Priority Take Action	9	75%
Need to Consider	3	25%
Status Quo As Is	0	0%
Not Sure	0	0%

Count Percentage

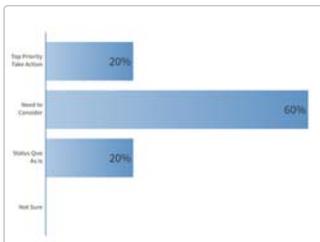


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Responses

How high a priority is increasing Hopkins WATER CONSERVATION POLICIES?



Response options

Response options	Count	Percentage
Top Priority Take Action	2	20%
Need to Consider	6	60%
Status Quo As Is	2	20%
Not Sure	0	0%

Count Percentage

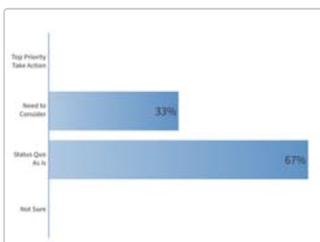


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Responses

How high a priority is increasing STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICIES for Hopkins?



Response options

Response options	Count	Percentage
Top Priority Take Action	0	0%
Need to Consider	4	33%
Status Quo As Is	8	67%
Not Sure	0	0%

Count Percentage



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Responses

Okay, what did we miss? What are your biggest priorities in BUILDING AND SITE EFFICIENCY? [no spaces please]



Responses

Compost

Ensuring access (physical connection or built in onsite) to green space for areas that are positioned for denser redevelopment.

- Transitconnections
- Heights
- Bldg heights as it relates to sun
- Commercial
- Stormwater
- Solarpanels
- Stormwater
- Cleanair

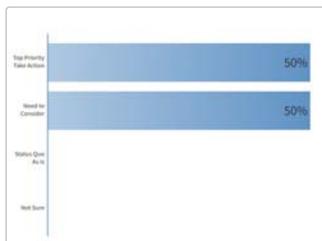


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Responses

How high a priority is NATURAL RESOURCE POLICIES for Hopkins?



Response options

Count

Percentage

Top Priority Take Action	6	50%
Need to Consider	6	50%
Status Quo As Is	0	0%
Not Sure	0	0%

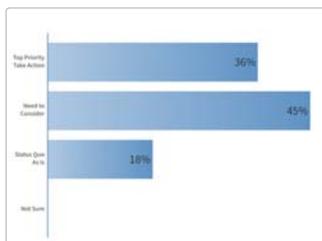


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Responses

How high a priority is increasing SOLID WASTE POLICIES for Hopkins?



Response options

Count

Percentage

Top Priority Take Action	4	36%
Need to Consider	5	45%
Status Quo As Is	2	18%
Not Sure	0	0%

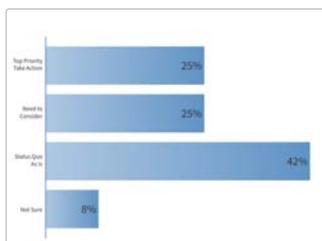


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Responses

How high a priority is AIR QUALITY POLICY for Hopkins?



Response options

Count

Percentage

Top Priority Take Action	3	25%
Need to Consider	3	25%
Status Quo As Is	5	42%
Not Sure	1	8%

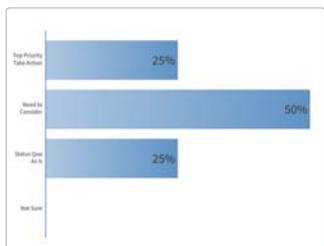


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Responses

How high a priority is expanding QUIET ZONE AREAS in Hopkins?



Response options

Response options	Count	Percentage
Top Priority Take Action	3	25%
Need to Consider	6	50%
Status Quo As Is	3	25%
Not Sure	0	0%

Count Percentage

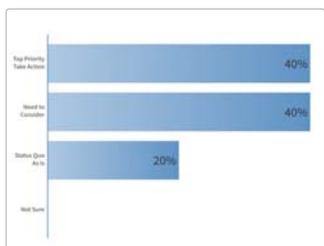


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Responses

How high a priority is an URBAN FOREST POLICY for Hopkins?



Response options

Response options	Count	Percentage
Top Priority Take Action	4	40%
Need to Consider	4	40%
Status Quo As Is	2	20%
Not Sure	0	0%

Count Percentage

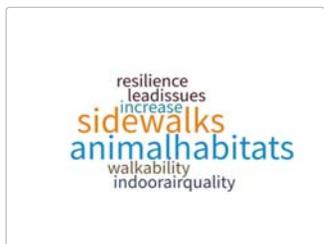


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Responses

Okay, what did we miss? What are your biggest priorities in ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY? [no spaces please]



Responses

- Increase walkability
- Sidewalks
- Animalhabitats
- Leadissues
- Animalhabitats
- Sidewalks
- Indoorairquality
- Animalhabitats
- Resilience

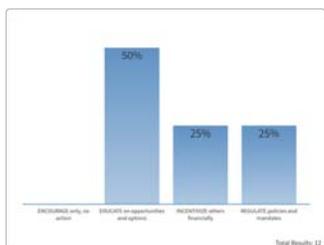


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Responses

What should the City's role be in ... Topic #1



Response options

Response options	Count	Percentage
ENCOURAGE only, no action	0	0%
EDUCATE on opportunities and options	6	50%
INCENTIVIZE others financially	3	25%
REGULATE policies and mandates	3	25%

Count Percentage

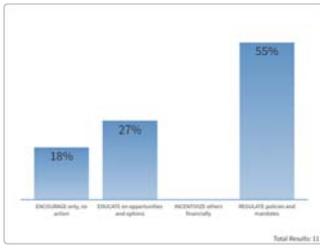


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Responses

What should the City's role be in ... Topic #2



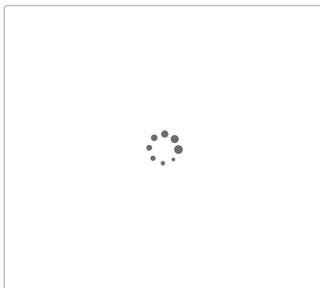
Response options		
ENCOURAGE only, no action	2	18%
EDUCATE on opportunities and options	3	27%
INCENTIVIZE others financially	0	0%
REGULATE policies and mandates	6	55%

Count Percentage



11 Responses

What should the City's role be in ... Topic #3



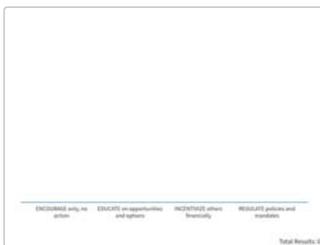
Response options		
ENCOURAGE only, no action	1	9%
EDUCATE on opportunities and options	2	18%
INCENTIVIZE others financially	6	55%
REGULATE policies and mandates	2	18%

Count Percentage



11 Responses

What should the City's role be in ... Topic #4



Response options		
ENCOURAGE only, no action	0	0%
EDUCATE on opportunities and options	0	0%
INCENTIVIZE others financially	0	0%
REGULATE policies and mandates	0	0%

Count Percentage



0 Responses

