

Community Open House Summary

January 2024



City of Tomball

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE



ABOUT THE OPEN HOUSE

A Community Open House for the Comprehensive Plan Update was held at the Tomball Community Center on January 30, 2024. The purpose of the open house was to educate the community about the planning process and gather input about the issues and opportunities for Tomball. The open house event included interactive boards for residents, a survey station, and a kid's station. The presentation began with a welcome speech from Mayor Lori Quinn, followed by a short presentation from the consultant team, Freese and Nichols, Inc., providing an overview of the project, existing conditions, and engagement opportunities. Attendees provided input on the interactive boards, completed the online survey, and discussed project matters with the consultant team and City Staff. More than 50 people attended the event.

PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT

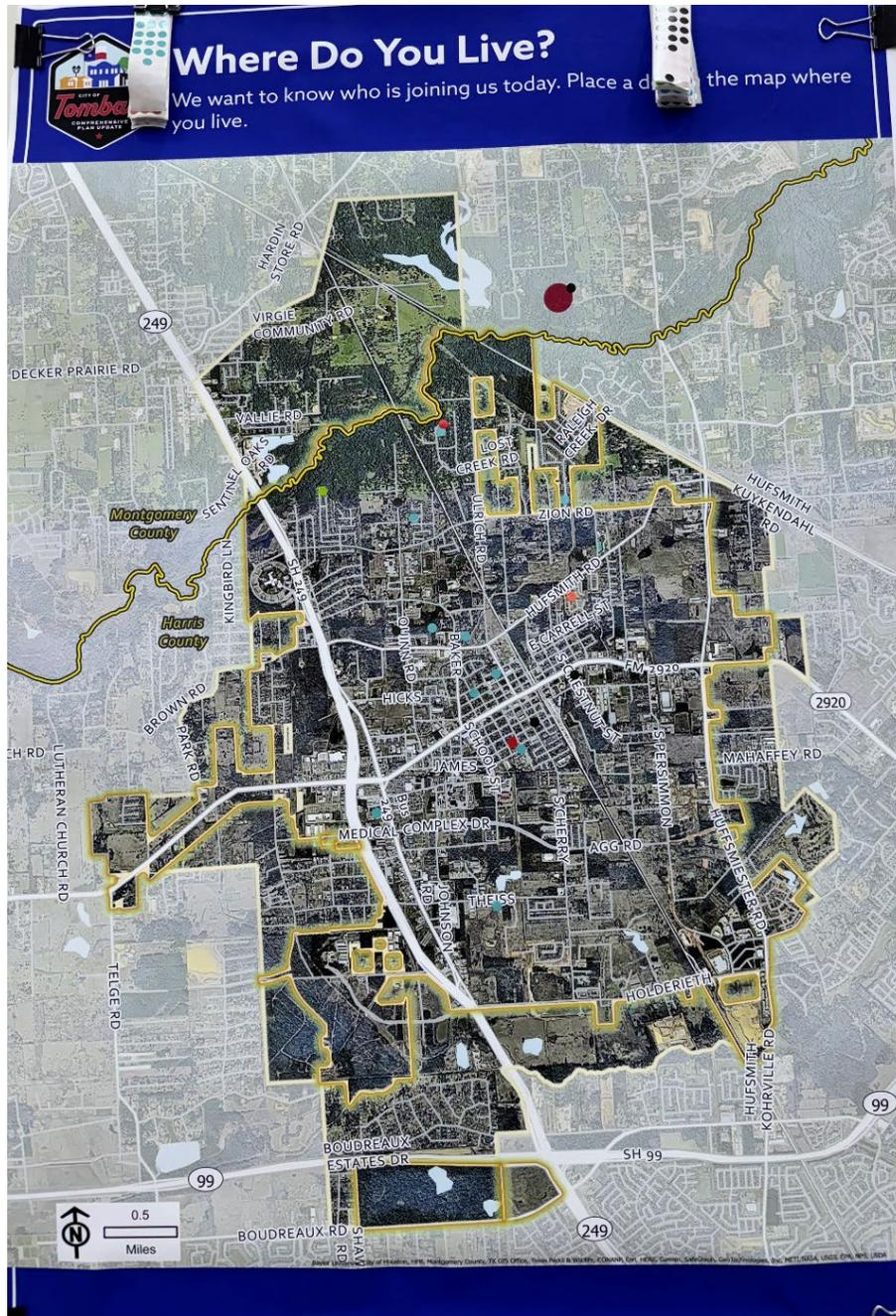


INTERACTIVE BOARD FEEDBACK

Interactive input boards were located around the room to inform and gather feedback from the community regarding issues and opportunities for Tomball. The following summarizes the input received from each board during the event.

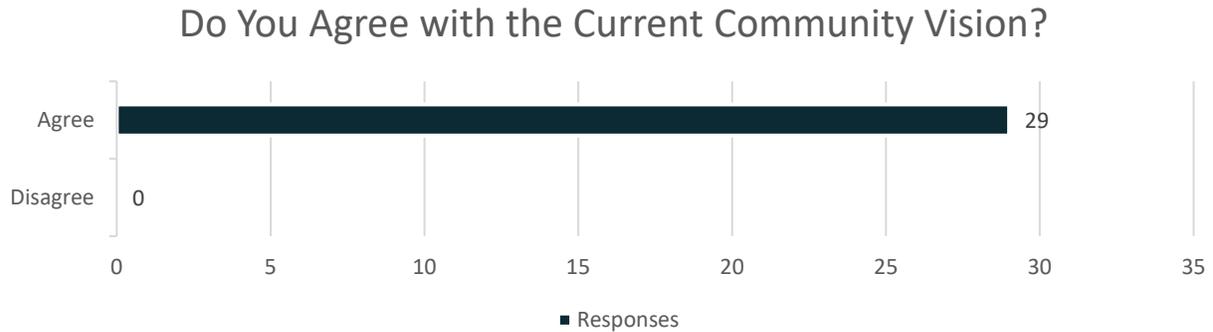
Where Do You Live?

Participants placed a dot on the map to identify where they live.

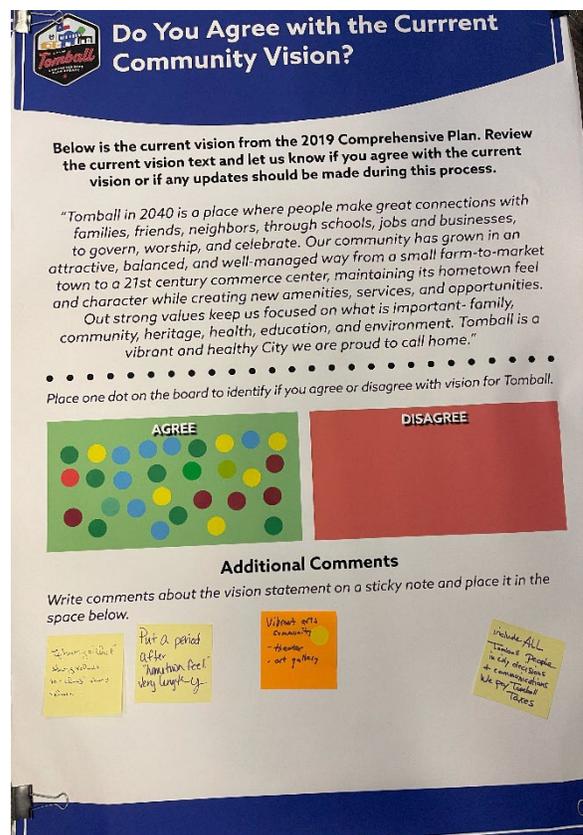


Do You Agree with the Current Community Vision?

Participants placed one dot on the board to identify if they agree or disagree with the current vision for Tomball and provided additional comments about what they would change.



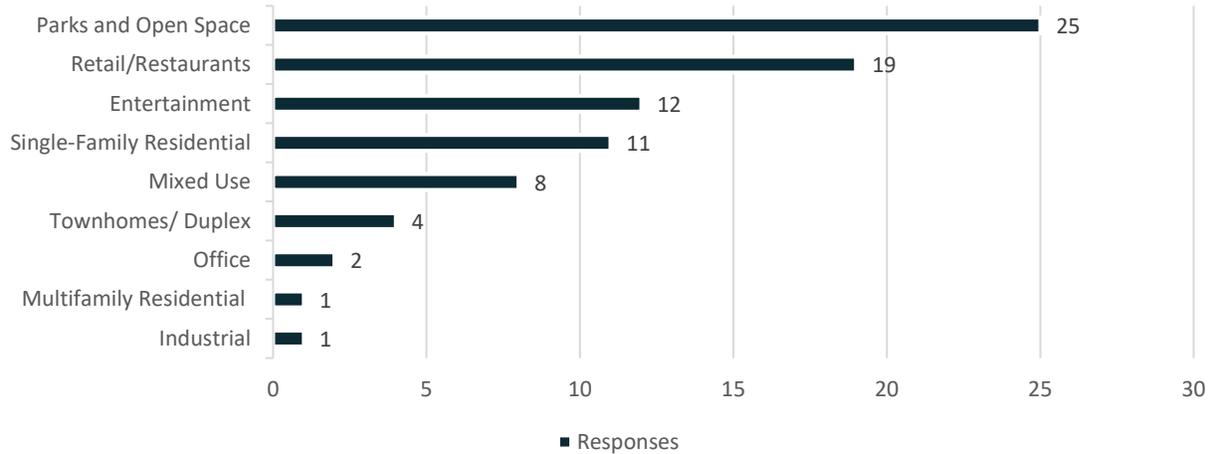
Do You Agree with the Current Community Vision?	
#	Additional Comments
1	Put a period after "hometown feel." Very lengthy.
2	Vibrant arts community (i.e., Theater and Art Gallery)
3	Include ALL Tomball people in city decisions and communications. We pay Tomball Taxes.
4	Change "Out" strong values to "Our" strong values.



What Land Uses Would You Like to See More of in Tomball?

Participants placed one dot under the top three land uses they would like to see in Tomball.

Preferred Land Uses



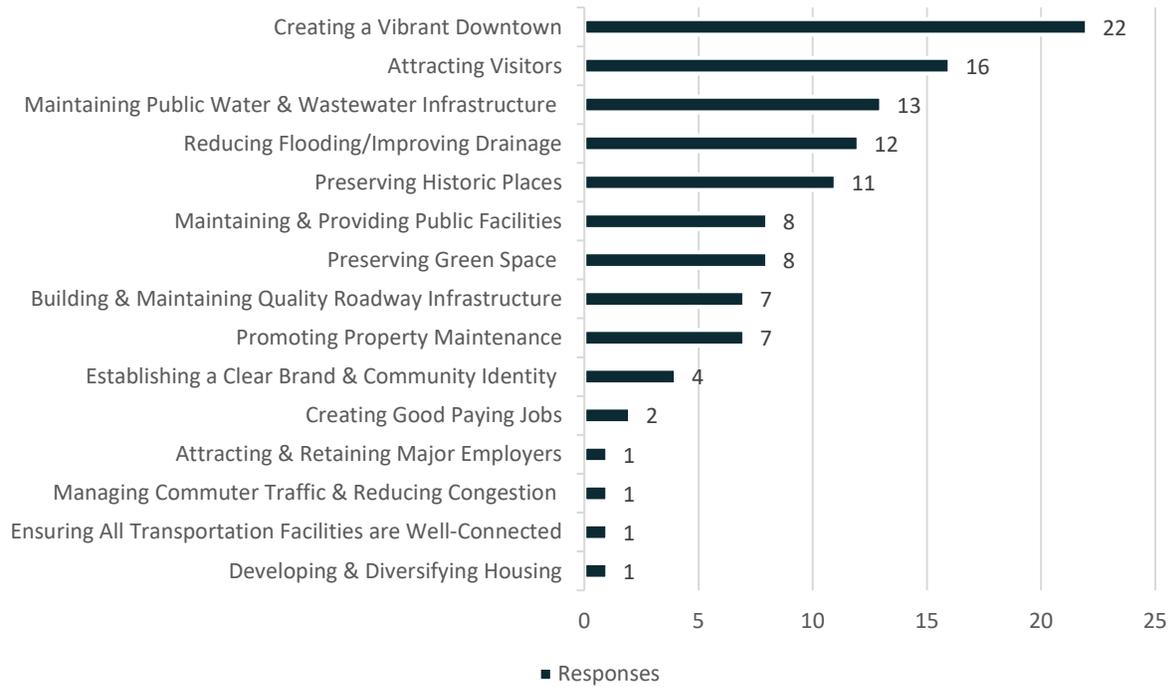
What Land Uses Would You Like to See More of in Tomball?	
#	Additional Comments
1	More flexibility for home-based businesses
2	Independent and active senior housing
3	More high-level or any-level educational satellite office buildings
4	Restaurants, but not retail



What are the Biggest Priorities for the Future of Tomball?

Participants placed one dot on the top three priorities or described other priorities to consider.

Biggest Priorities

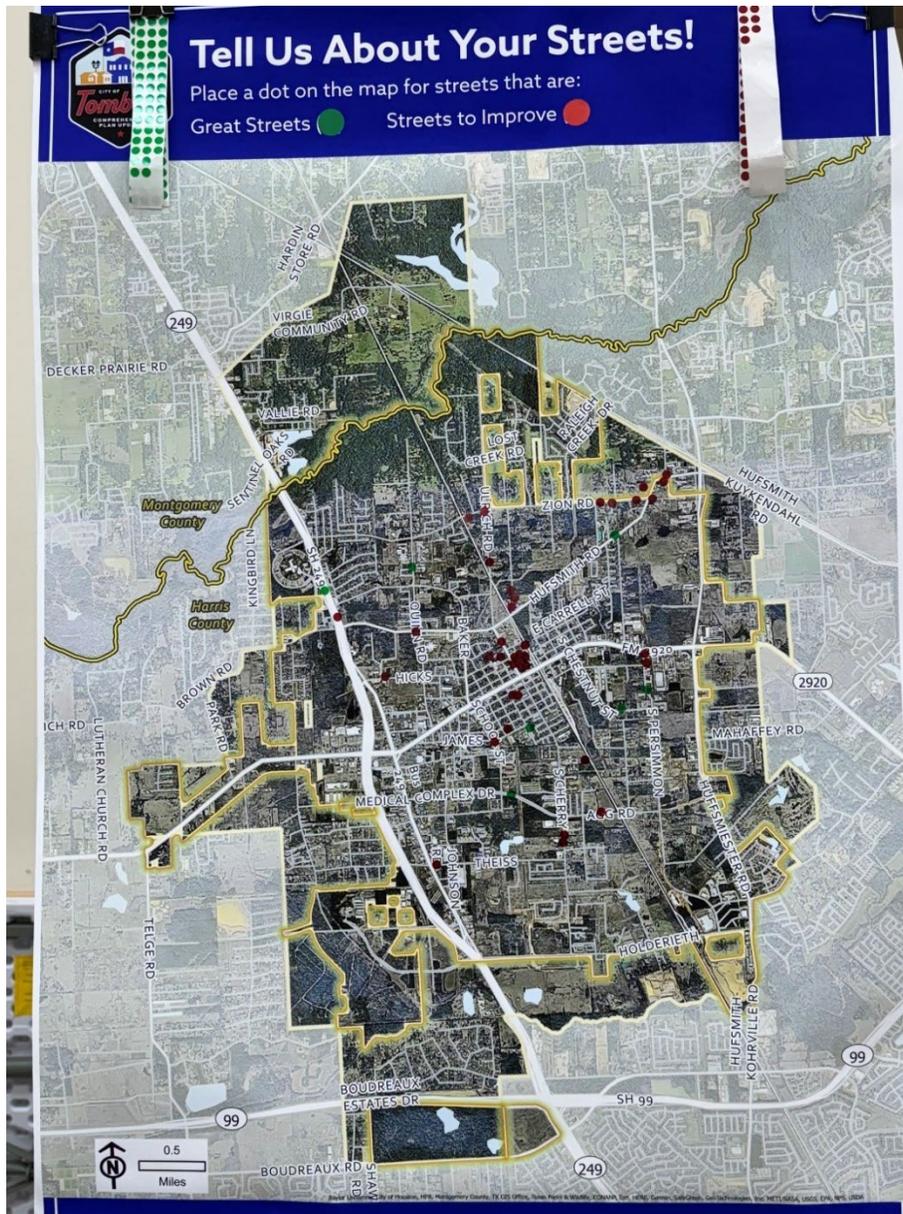


What are the Biggest Priorities for the Future of Tomball?	
#	Additional Comments
1	Pedestrian Safety
2	More sidewalks from medical to Old Town for festivals
3	The roads leading to and around Tomball High are too narrow. They need improvement before a child is killed driving to school.



Tell Us About Your Streets

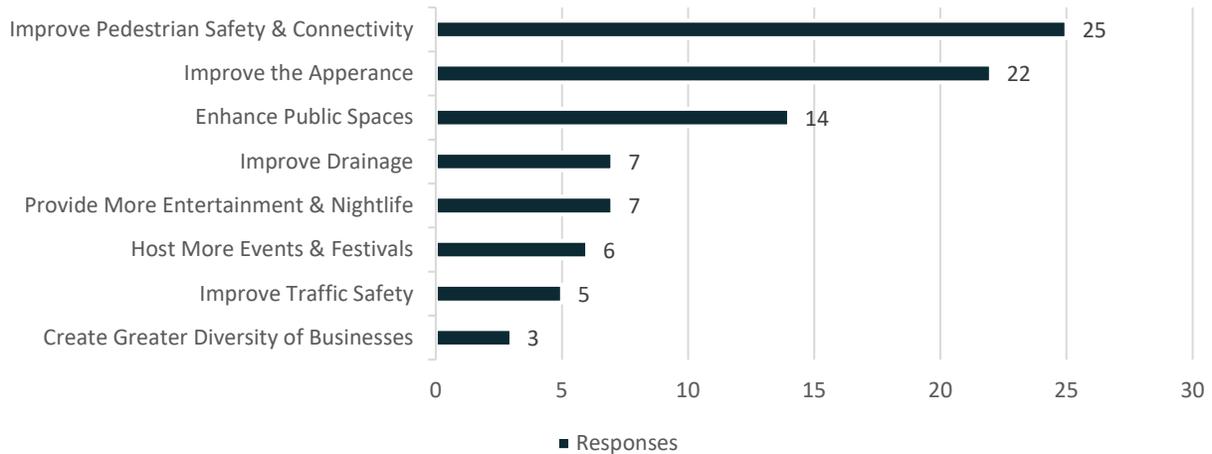
Participants placed a dot on the map in the location of streets that are: Great Streets (Green) and Streets to Improve (Red).



Tell Us About Downtown

Participants placed one dot under the three top priorities or described another priority to consider.

Downtown Priorities



Tell Us About Downtown	
#	Additional Comments
1	Support local businesses. Instead of fines, use mediation to resolve disputes.
2	Create space for bikes
3	Parking (+3)
4	Brighter lights on street roads
5	Brighter lighting on Main Street (+2)
6	Dog park with water feature (+1)
7	Provide land for community gardens
8	Another or more historical/art museums
9	Arts- Conroe has an art league that meets in a gallery sponsored by the city



Tell Us About Local Businesses

Participants provided responses to the following questions.

What type of businesses would you like to see in Tomball?	
#	Responses
1	Need modern, large meeting space (Tomball VFW not subject), too large meetings, conferences, etc.
2	Invest in community building/facilities
3	New larger HEB
4	New HEB
5	Family entertainment and activities
6	More restaurants
7	Family entertainment
8	More nightlife, community events center, German restaurant!
9	Sunday Farmers Market
10	shoe repair with alterations (no kidding), and hair blow bar

To what extent and how should economic development tools be used to promote arts and culture? (For locals and tourists)	
#	Responses
1	Murals & art walks
2	Art statuary (+1)
3	Community art contests
4	Bake sales
5	Forum for teens section they could help plan.
6	Branding more, maybe murals & planters
7	Sculptures, mazes, swings, garden to walk through with public seating (could have concession)
8	Mural walls
9	Flower baskets
10	Art outside
11	Picture opportunities

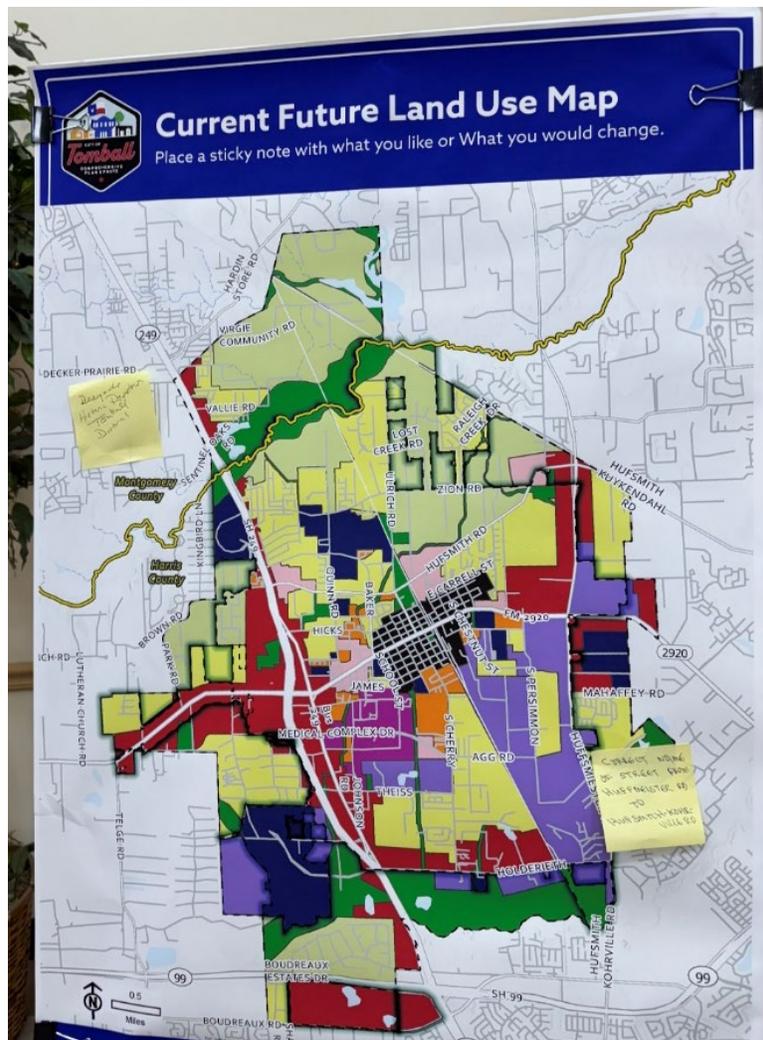
To what extent and how should economic development tools be used for downtown redevelopment?

#	Responses
1	The addition of parking structures/lots
2	More parking
3	Bike friendly Old Town
4	More pocket parks
5	Sidewalk, crosswalks, bike friendly
6	Dog park with water feature
7	Parking, walkability, bike friendly, and bathrooms
8	Reduce small development impact fees
9	Parking please
10	Promote biking/walking
11	Parking!!
12	more parking, safer crossing
13	Parking, More bathrooms
14	I want to second the public restroom idea

Current Future Land Use Map

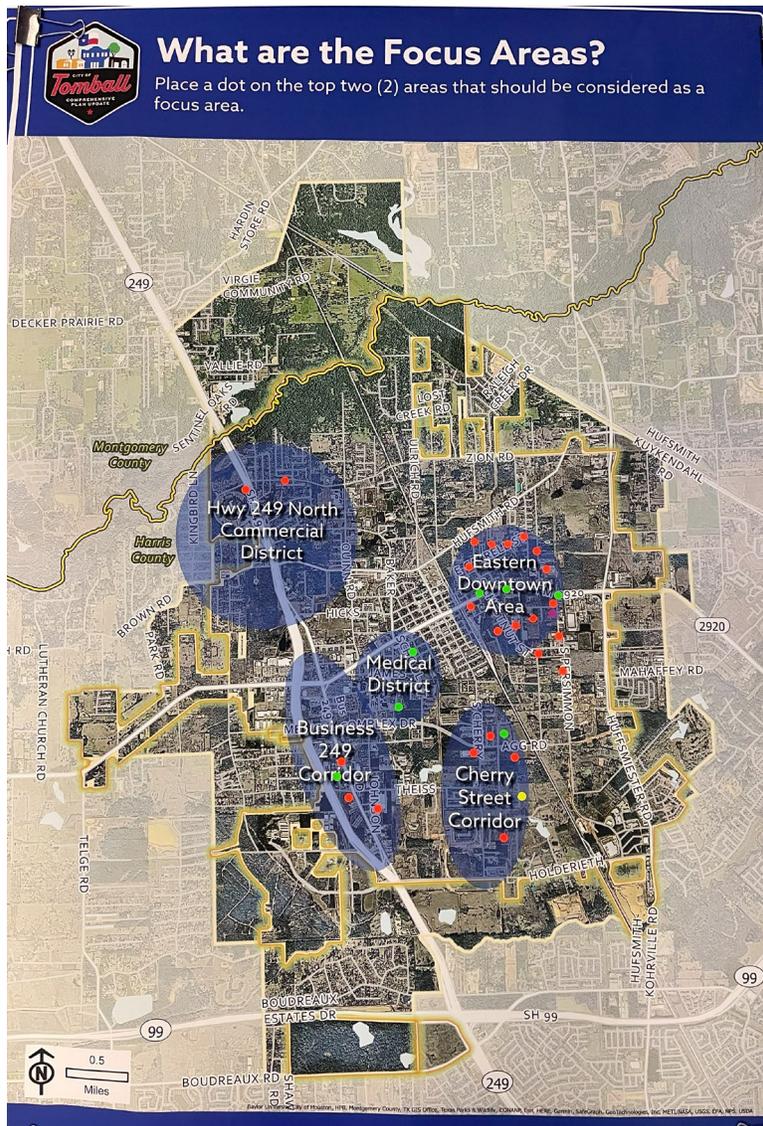
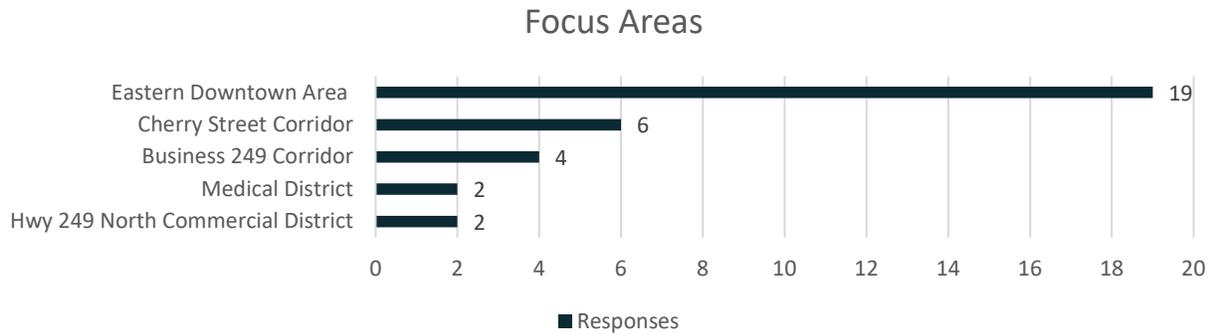
Participants provided responses with what they like or what they would like to change on the current Future Land Use Map.

What do you like or would you change on the current Future Land Use Map for Tomball?	
#	Response
1	Designate Historic Downtown Tomball District
2	Correct name of streets from Huffmeister Rd to Huffsmith-Kohrville Rd



What are the Focus Areas?

Participants placed a dot on the top two areas that should be considered as a focus area.



Additional Comments

The following are additional comments received from participants at the event.

Additional Comments	
#	Response
1	Thank you for including us in the process! We love our city!
2	Plan for Downtown to include electric car parking stations.
3	Thank you for including us in this process!
4	The gutter system for rain water flow should be covered and fully underground. This current system is not only an eye-sore but poses health risk. We can use the same space for walk paths. Walkway on the road poses vehicular accident risk. Having walking paths encourages people to walk which improves health. The priority should be to update this in... community roadways (ex, the lanes on 249).
5	Bike path
6	Carrell Street: More street lamps, more lights
7	Various roads in Tomball could benefit from additional speed enforcement (E. Huffsmith & Lovett). Also, it would be beneficial to ease the burn ban a little bit so that residents can burn pine straw, leaves, and branches.
8	Bike friendly town. Connect Juergens Park/ Burroughs Park and Broussard Park. Connect food truck area with old town. Connect paradigm brewery with old town
9	I would like to see more gardens (personal backyard and community) as well as more small agriculture. I love that Tomball doesn't ban backyard chickens, but it would be great to see more sheep, pigs, and goats! Tomball is a great small town that makes great efforts to maintain that small town vibe as we get swallowed up by Houston.
10	Safe path for pedestrians/bikes to community pools and parks to the Woodlands area.
11	The intersection of Theis Lane and 249 Business is too narrow. The intersection is water logged whenever it rains. The Road markings are not visible/legible. It will be helpful to add timing on the signals as it holds for too long.
12	Get SmartGov working ASAP!