



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/WORK SESSION

Commissioner's Room / Government Services Bldg. / Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- 8:30 am** **I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
(At the beginning of each Committee of the Whole Work Session meeting, the floor will be open to solicit public comments. Public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes for each person, subject to the discretion of the County Board Chairperson)
- 8:35 am** **II. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel**
 A. Comprehensive Plan Update - Steering Committee Meeting
- 9:00 am** **III. ADJOURN** (The Board may meet as a group for lunch)

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you require special services to attend or participate in a public meeting, please call the County's Administration Office at 507.332.6101 or e-mail slangevin@co.rice.mn.us. TDD users can call 507.332.6248. Please call 24 hours before the meeting, if possible.



RICE COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Request For County Board Action

AGENDA DATE: January 16, 2018

REQUEST BY: Julie Runkel, Environmental Services

STATE ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Plan Update - Steering Committee Meeting

BACKGROUND:

Staff will conduct a brief overview and refresher of the work done to date on the Comprehensive Plan update; including a demonstration of the Fundamental Inventory Guide online documents, and citizen survey and forum summaries. In addition, staff will be asking for Steering Committee consensus on the vision statement drafted based off the public forums, citizen survey and the previous steering committee visioning work session. An updated list of future meeting dates will be provided for feedback as well.

COUNTY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Reviewed with additional material provided: ✓ Approved
County Administrator



Rice County Comprehensive Plan Survey

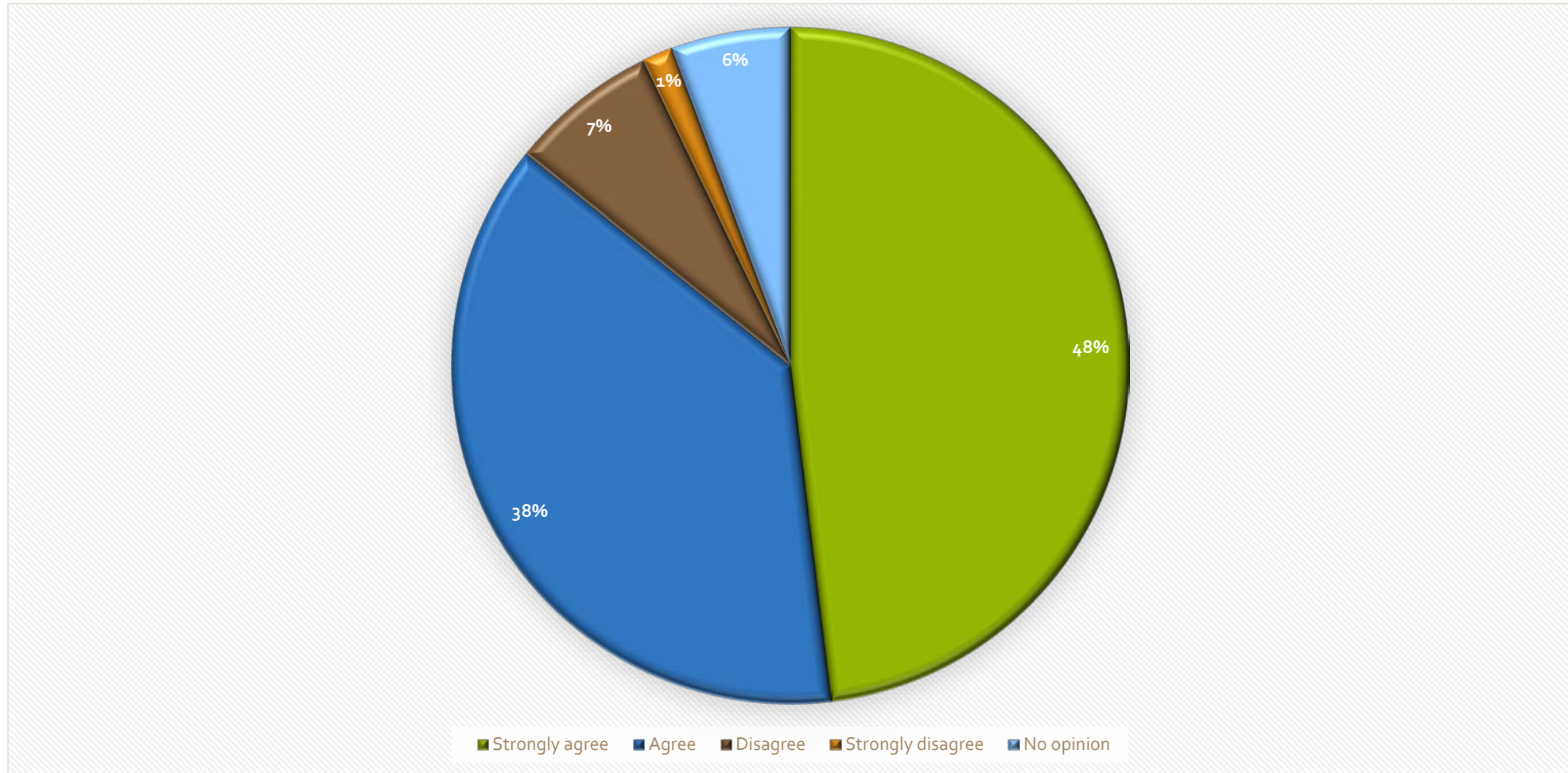
Rice County Environmental Services
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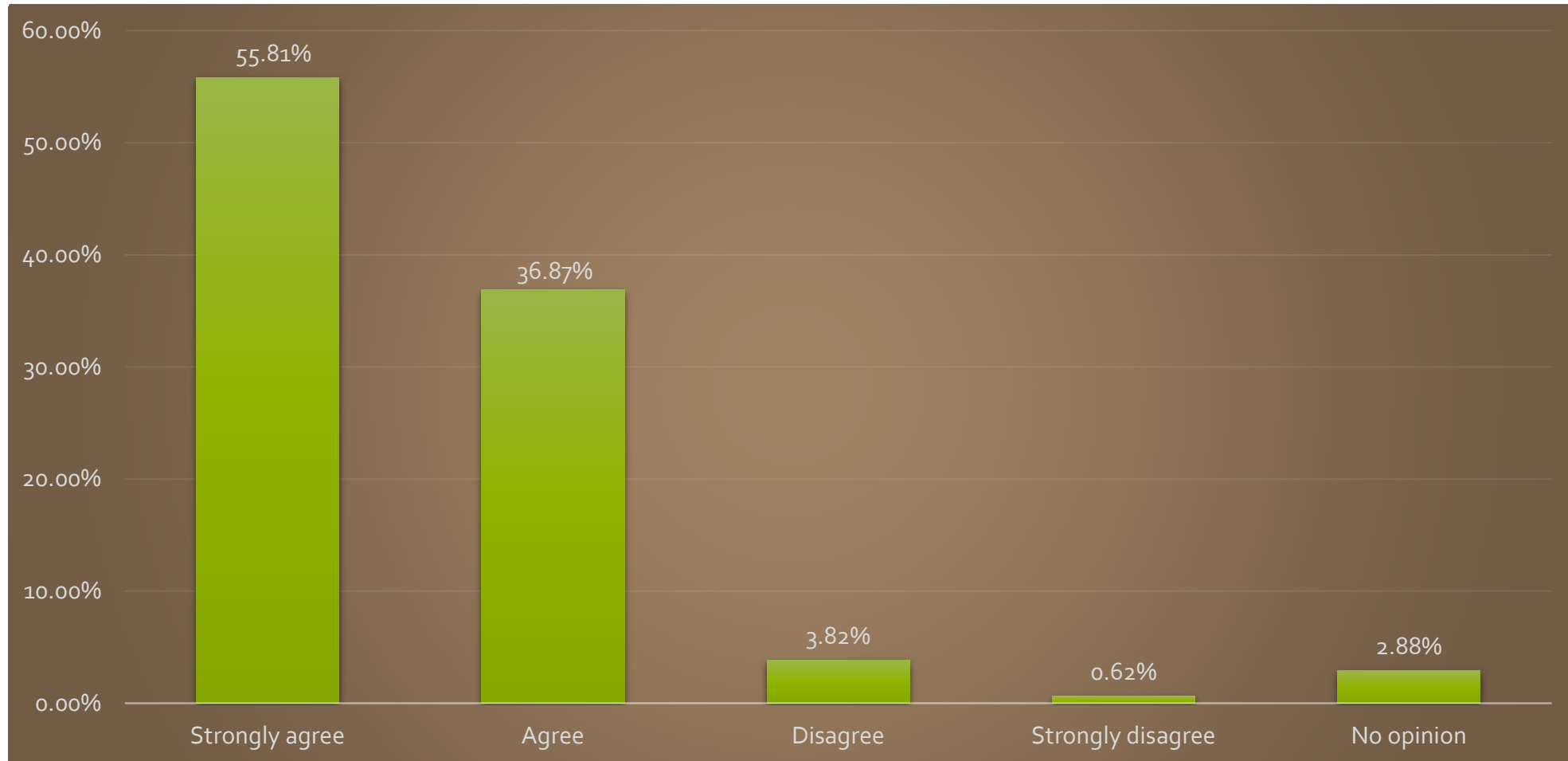
Rice County Comprehensive Plan Survey Summary

- Launched July 2016
- Sought input on key environmental, land use, business development and transportation issues facing the county
- Over 1,300 respondents
- Key findings presented

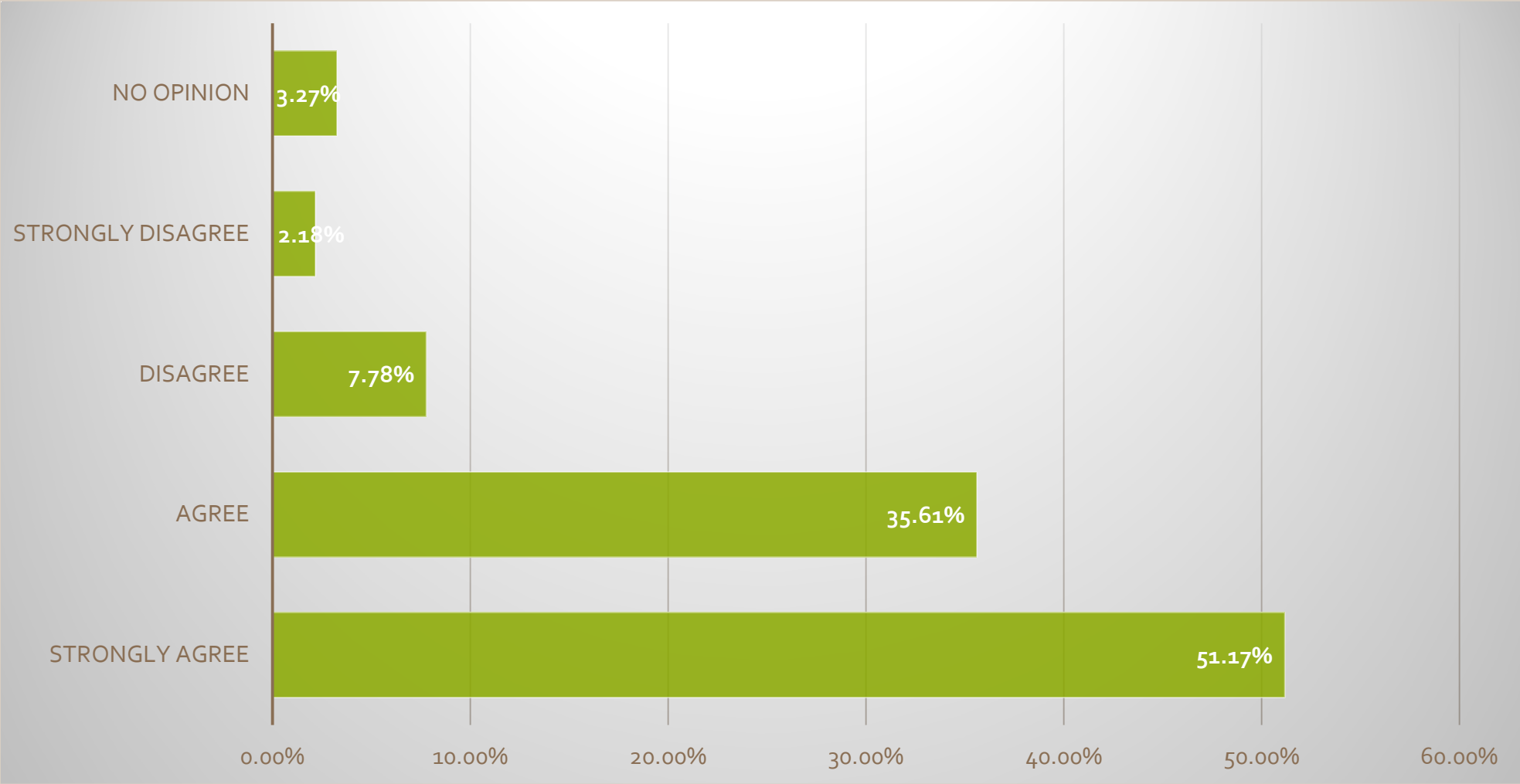
Preserving existing agricultural land should be a planning priority for Rice County.



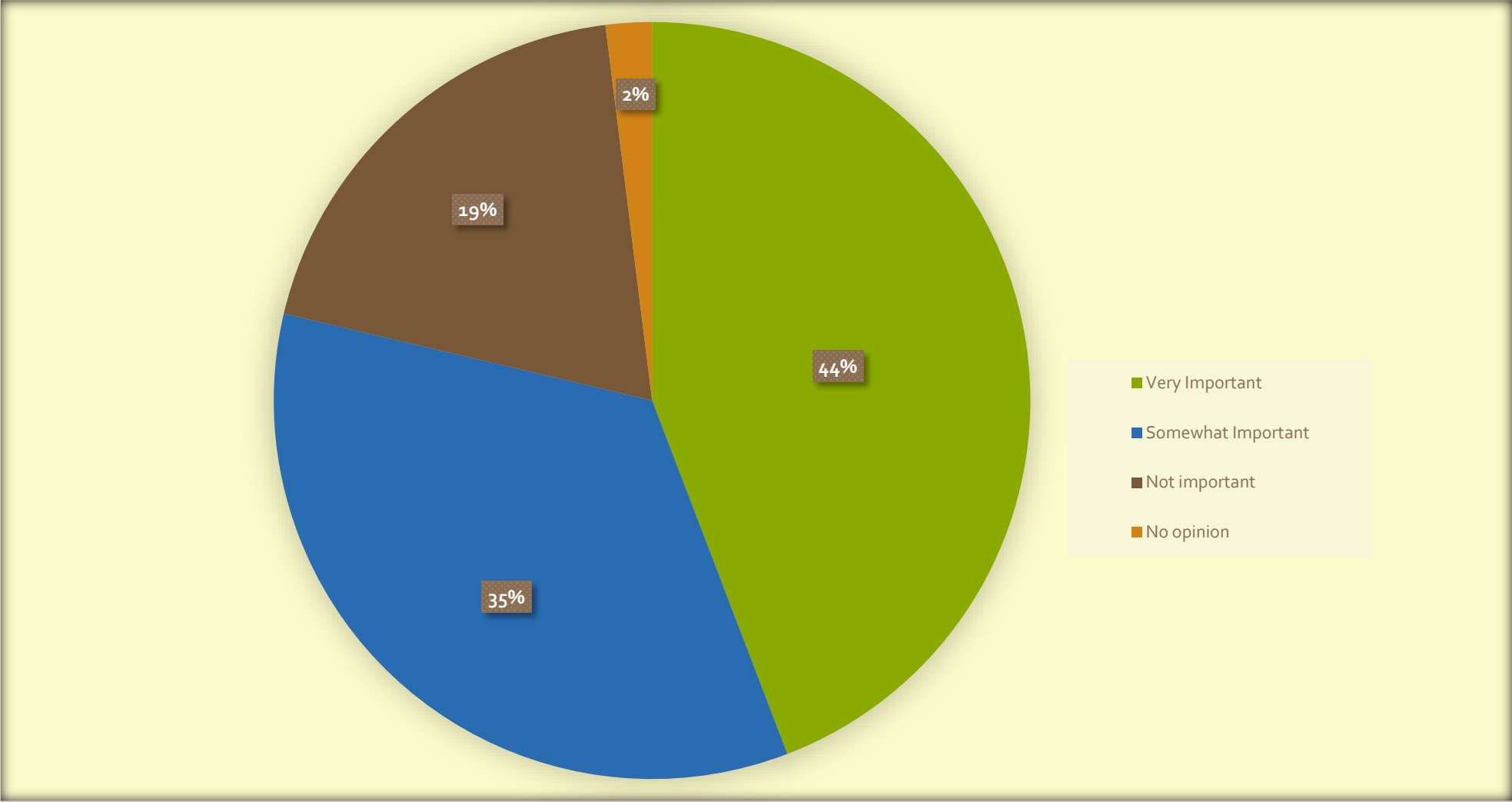
Local food production is important to the future of Rice County.



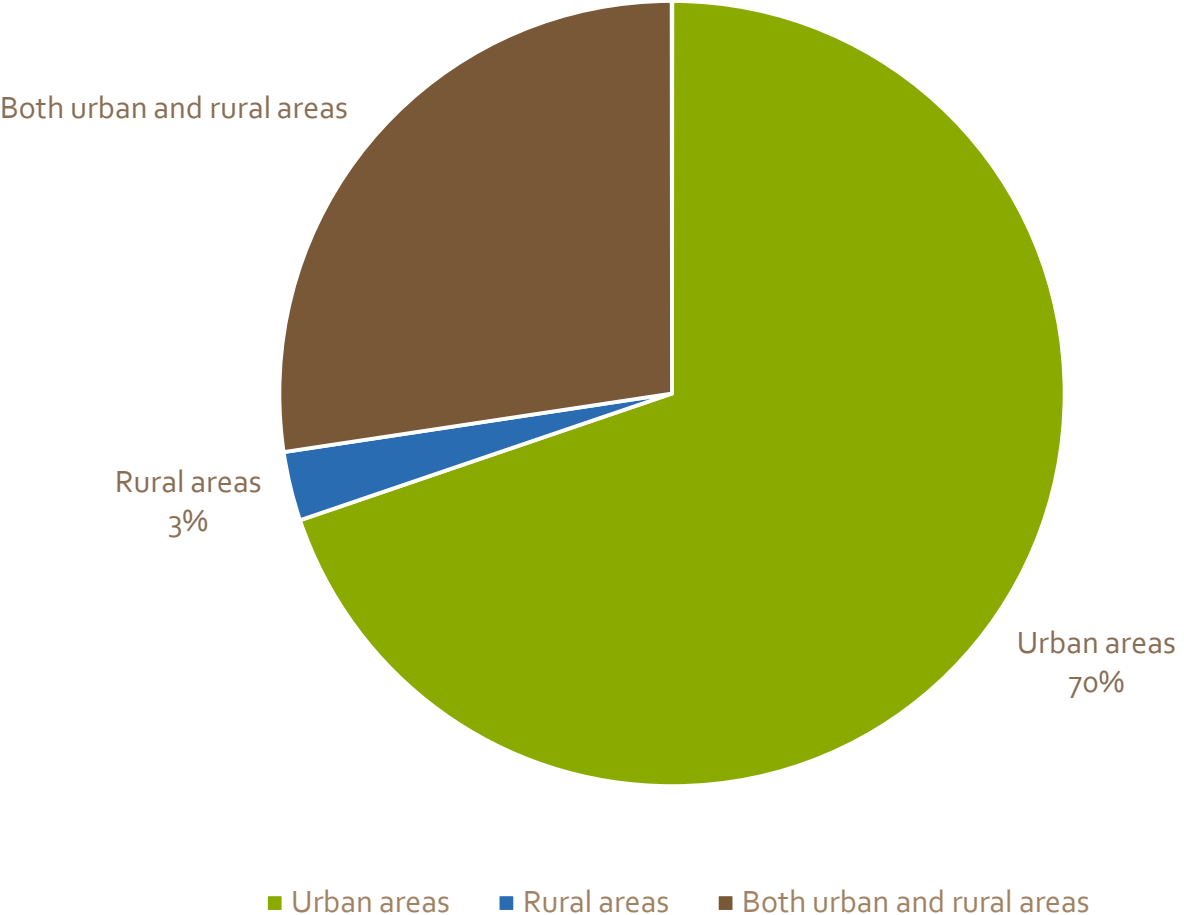
As the county continues to grow, maintaining Rice County's rural character and small town feel is important to the future of Rice County



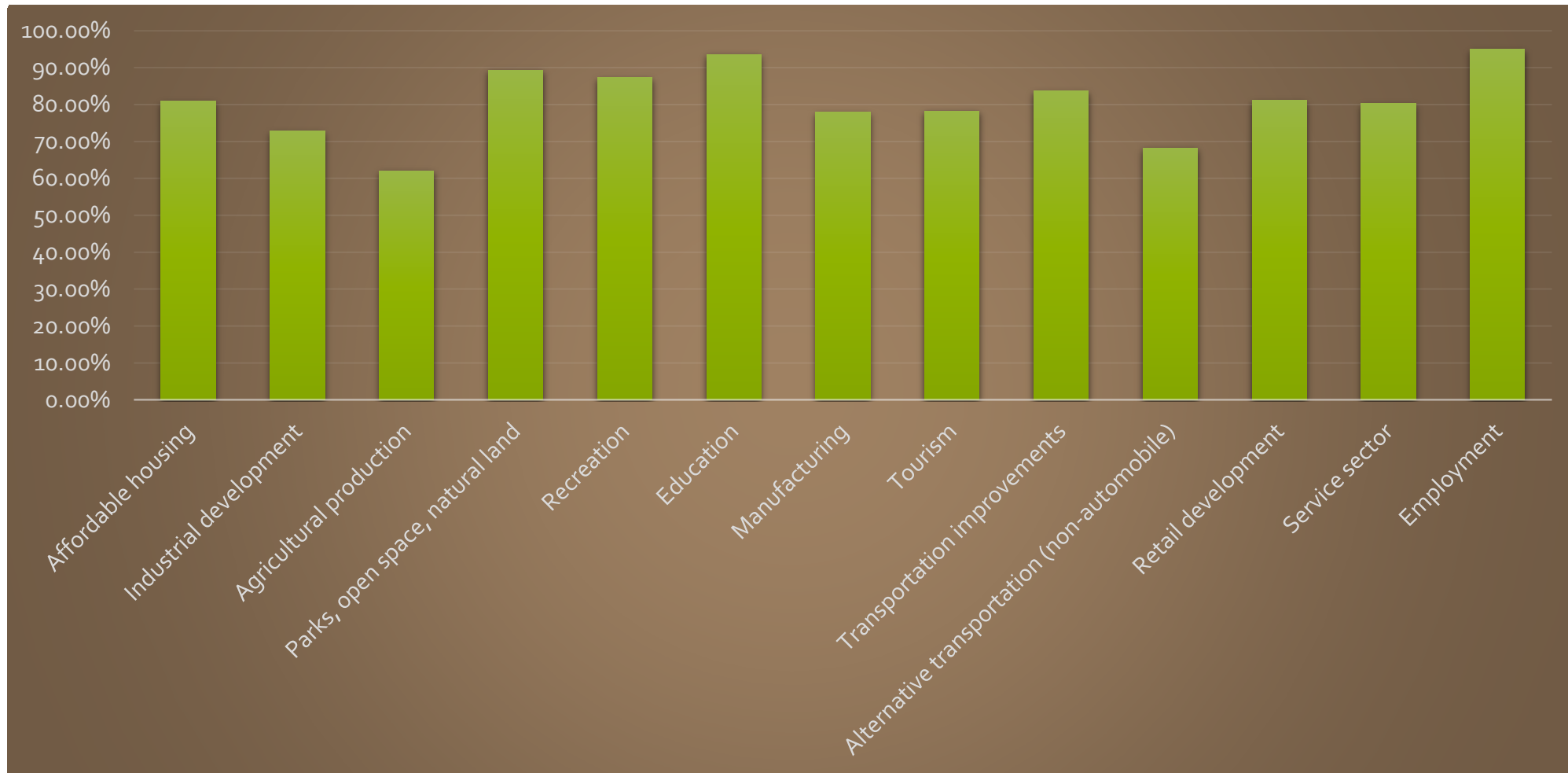
How important is increasing alternative modes of transportation (such as bus, biking, walking, train etc.) to the future of Rice County?



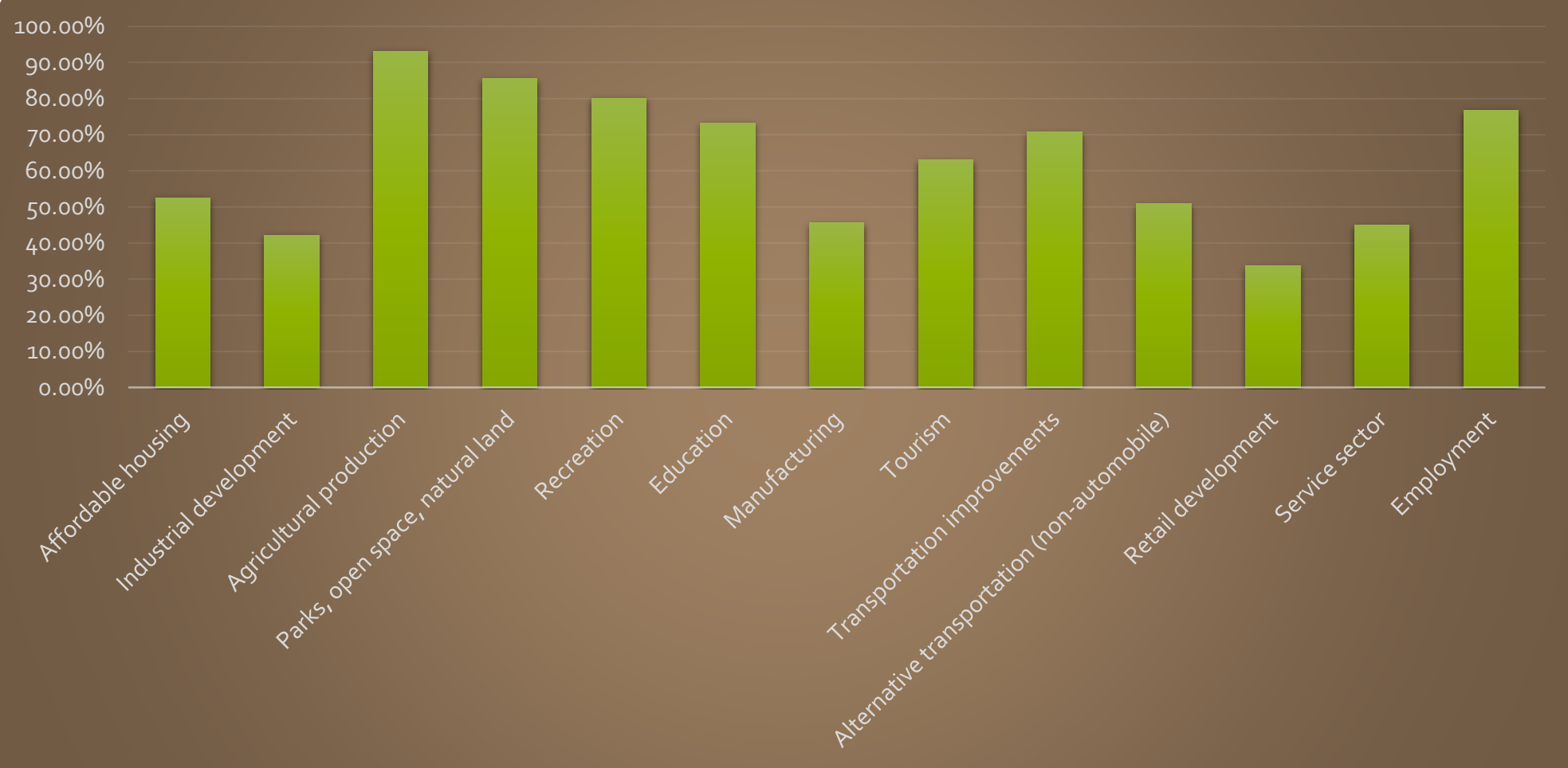
Where would you like to see most new housing development occur in Rice County?



Growth in Urban areas should focus on (Sum of % for Strongly Agree and Agree Responses):



Growth in Rural areas should focus on (Sum of % for Strongly Agree and Agree Responses):



Key Trends

- Preservation of agricultural land and natural resources
 - Local food production
 - Growth concentrated in urban areas
 - Maintaining rural character small town feel
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- Trends from survey correlate with what was heard at community forums

Vision Statement

As Rice County grows and evolves into the future, we will maintain the small town feel of our cities and preserve the rural agricultural character of the community. Rice County will have a diverse local economy and a livable community design providing a high quality of life for its citizens.