

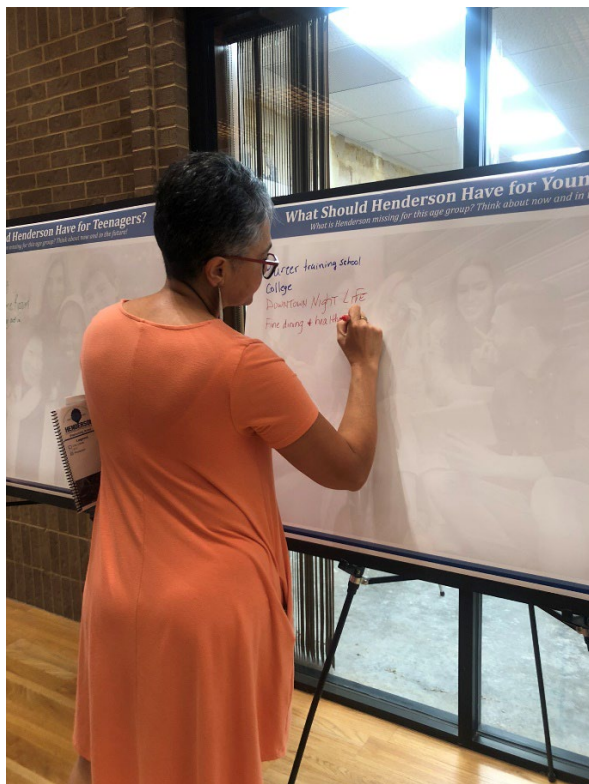
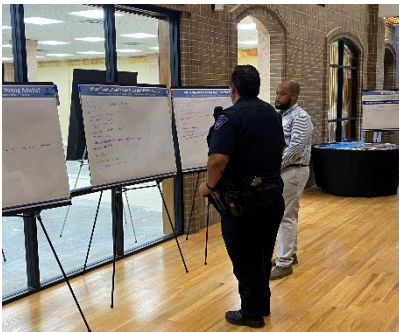
# Henderson Comprehensive Plan Open House

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Event Recap

### Introduction

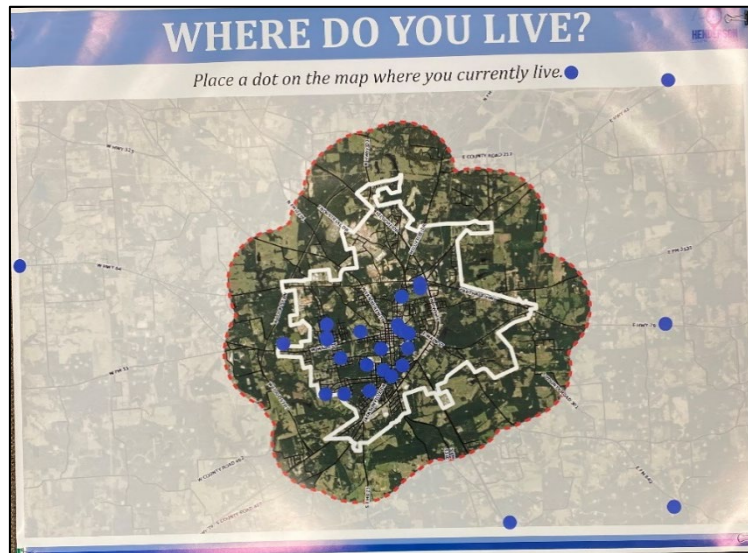
The Henderson Comprehensive Plan Open House event occurred on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 10 AM to 2 PM and gathered at least 45 participants. There was a fantastic level of collaboration on the engagement activities held at the event. The stations and high-level takeaways from the activities are described in the sections that follow.



## Station 1

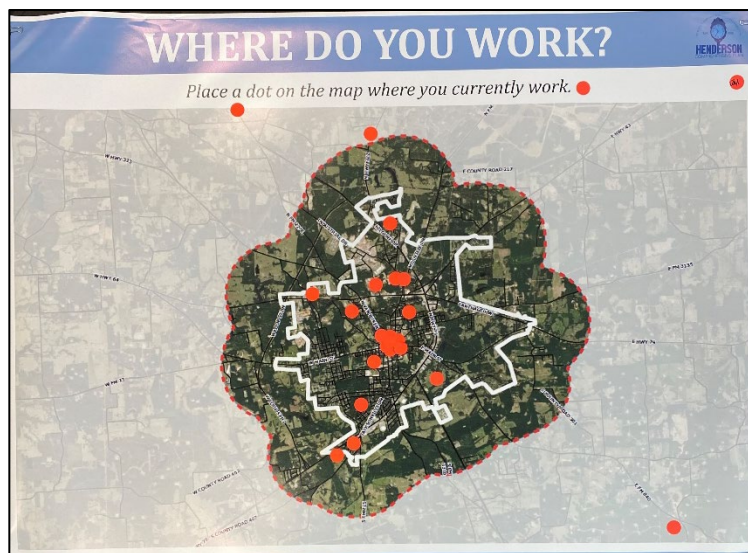
This station asked the community of Henderson to place a blue dot where they live and an orange dot where they work to evaluate the housing/job location mix within Henderson.

### 1.1 Where Do You Live?



- 24 Blue dots
- 5 outside the ETJ and City Limits

### 1.2 Where Do You Work?



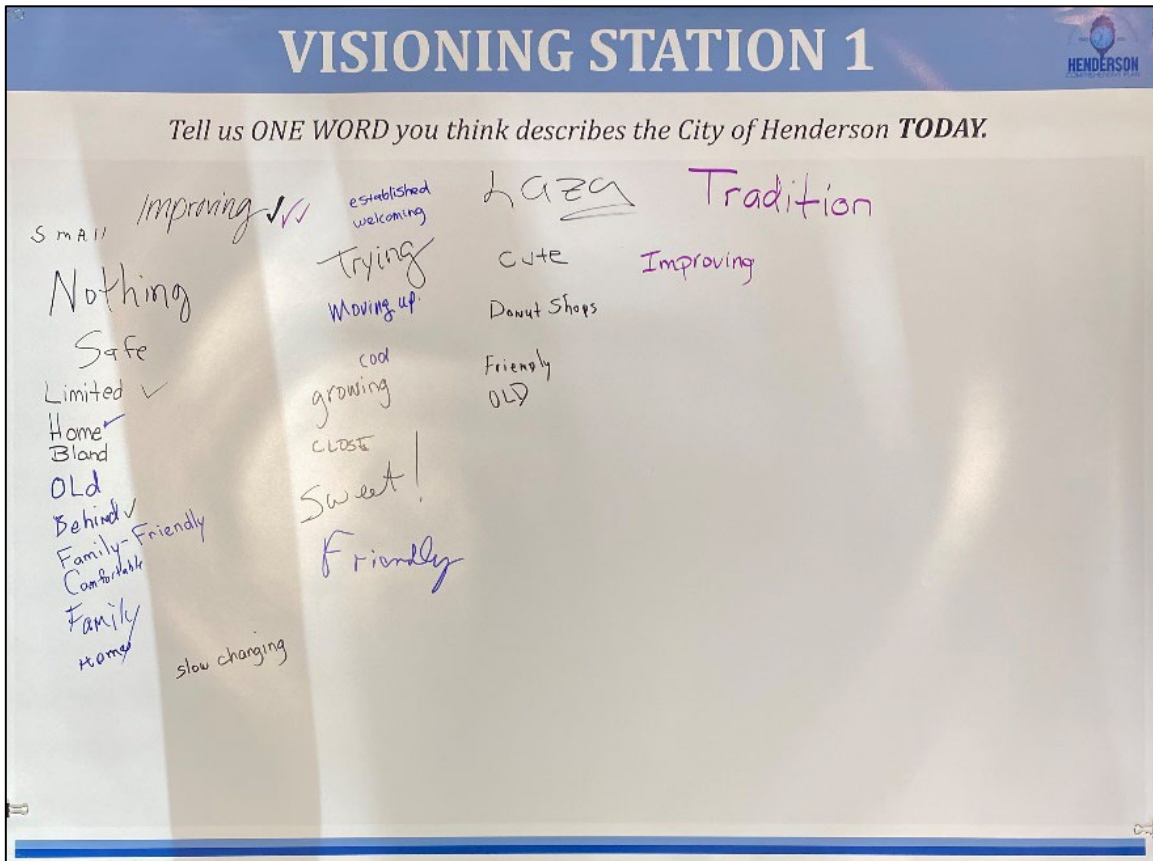
- 21 Orange dots
- 4 dots outside of the ETJ and City Limits
- Large employment cluster in Downtown Henderson



## Station 2

### 2.1 Visioning Station 1

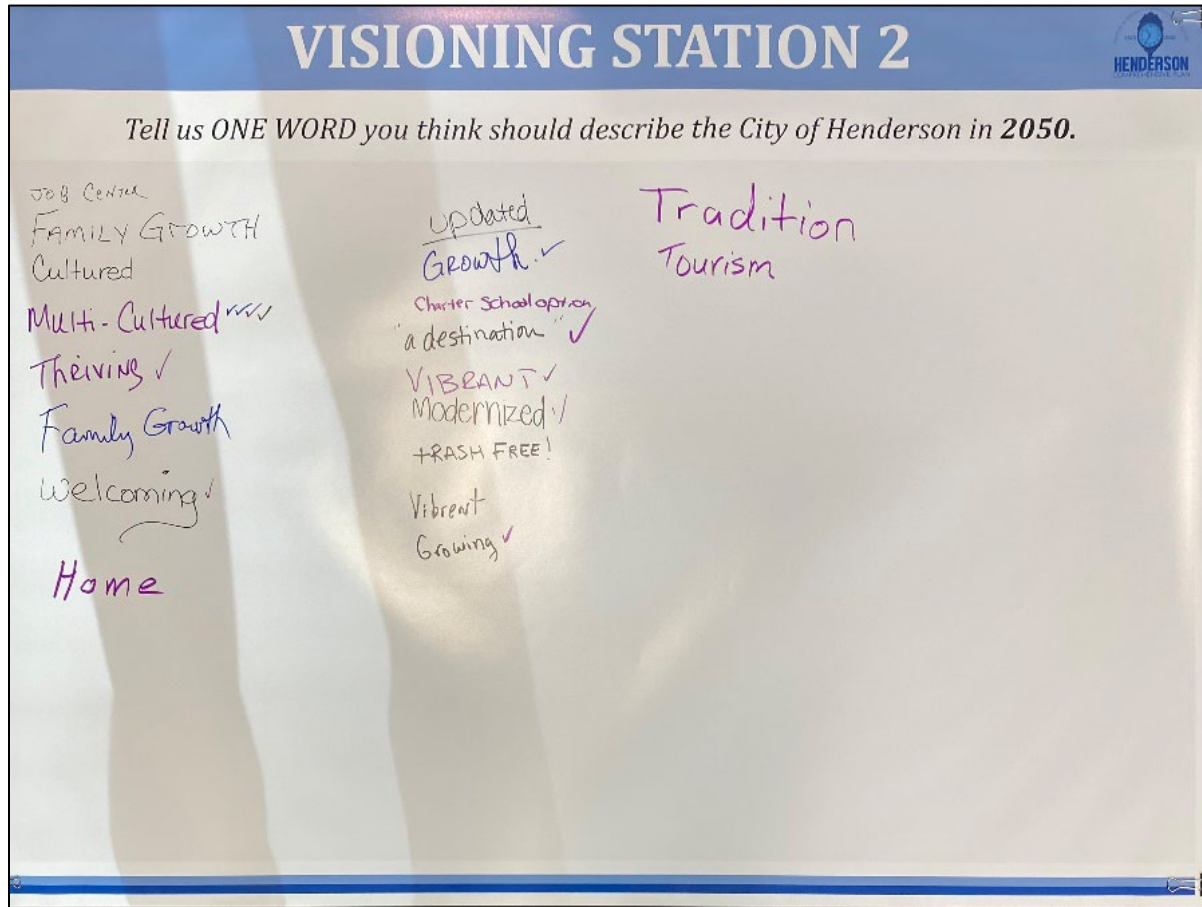
Visioning Station 1 asked the participants to describe the City of Henderson in one word as they see the city today. The responses varied, below are the takeaways.



- Some of the feedback described the community using positive words like improving, trying, moving up, and growing to indicate they see the City's efforts trying to expand existing services and facilities.
- The community also wrote words like tradition, family-friendly, sweet, and safe to show their love for the City of Henderson.

## 2.2 Visioning Station 2

The second Visioning Station had the community think about how they would want the City of Henderson described in 2050 with the use of only one word. Below are a few takeaways.

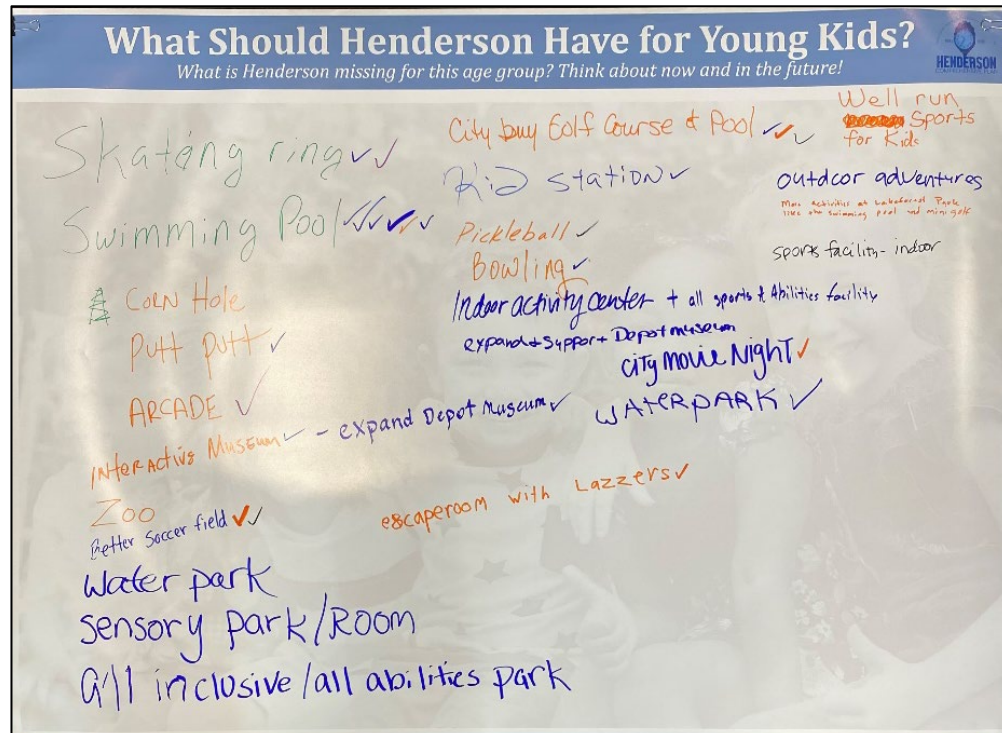


- Most of the participants envisioned the City of Henderson to be a thriving, modern, and vibrant city with plenty of growth leading up to 2050.
- A common theme that was brought up was for the city to be "multi-cultured" and "cultured."
- Respondents want to see Henderson as a welcoming city where tourism could thrive in 2050.
- Others do not want Henderson to lose its traditions and continue to be a place that people can call home.

## Station 3

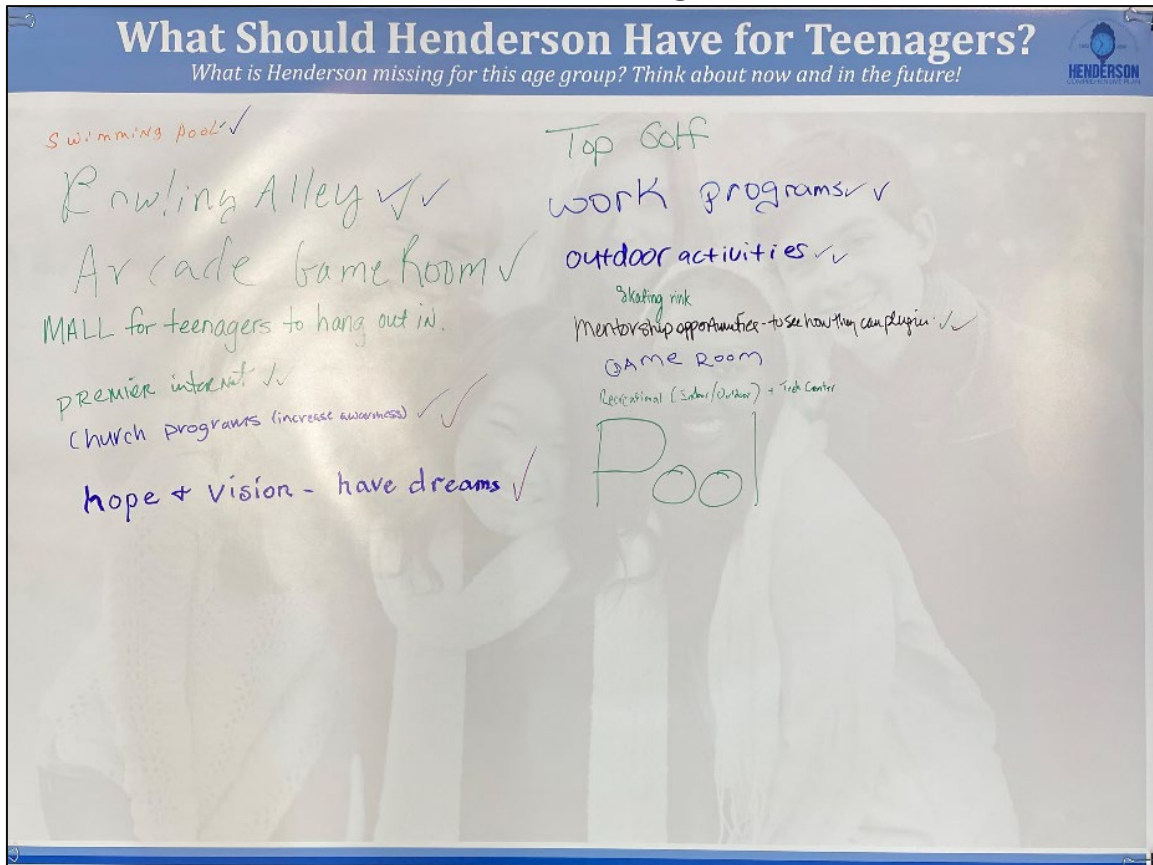
Station 3 had the community provide recommendations for improvements specifically towards different age groups in Henderson. The station was split up in five groups: young kids, teenagers, young adults, middle adults, and seniors. Below are the results.

### 3.1 What Should Henderson Have for Young Kids?



- A consistent theme heard was the need for a community swimming pool in Henderson.
- Respondents also wanted to see improvements to sports facilities.
  - ✓ Better soccer field
  - ✓ Well-run sports for kids
  - ✓ Indoor facilities
- Additional kid-oriented activities and gathering spaces were also mentioned, including:
  - ✓ Skating rink
  - ✓ Corn hole and other lawn games
  - ✓ Putt-putt golf
  - ✓ An arcade
  - ✓ Escape room
  - ✓ Outdoor adventures
  - ✓ Indoor activity center/kid station
  - ✓ Bowling and pickle ball
- Respondents also supported the expansion of the Depot Museum.

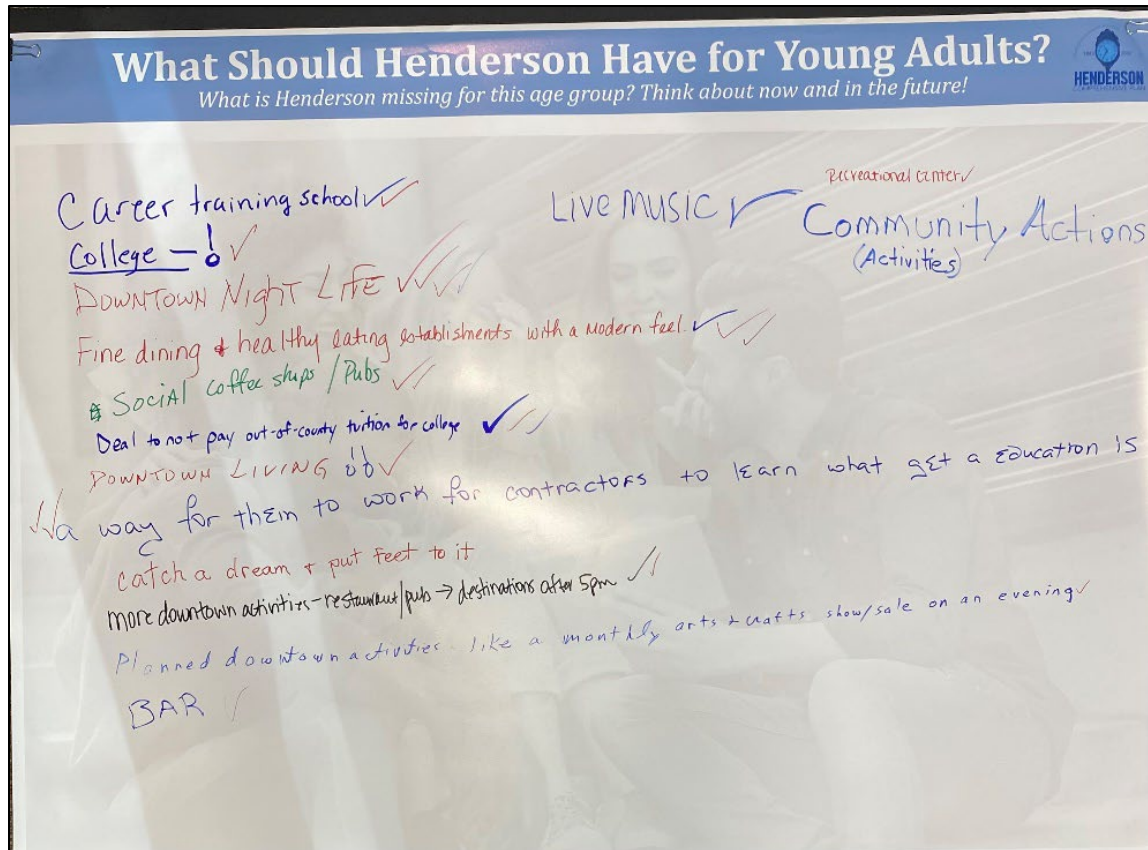
### 3.2 What Should Henderson Have for Teenagers?



- A consistent theme heard was the need for gathering spaces for teenagers to have fun.
  - ✓ Bowling alley
  - ✓ Mall for teenagers
  - ✓ Top Golf
  - ✓ Game room
  - ✓ Skating rink
  - ✓ Swimming pool
- Outdoor activities were also frequently mentioned.
- Premier internet was also mentioned as a need specifically for teens but could benefit all who live in Henderson.
- Respondents also liked the idea of creating additional guidance and mentorship programs for teens.
  - ✓ Mentorship opportunities
  - ✓ Work programs
  - ✓ Church programs
  - ✓ Instilling hope and vision into teens so they can dream big

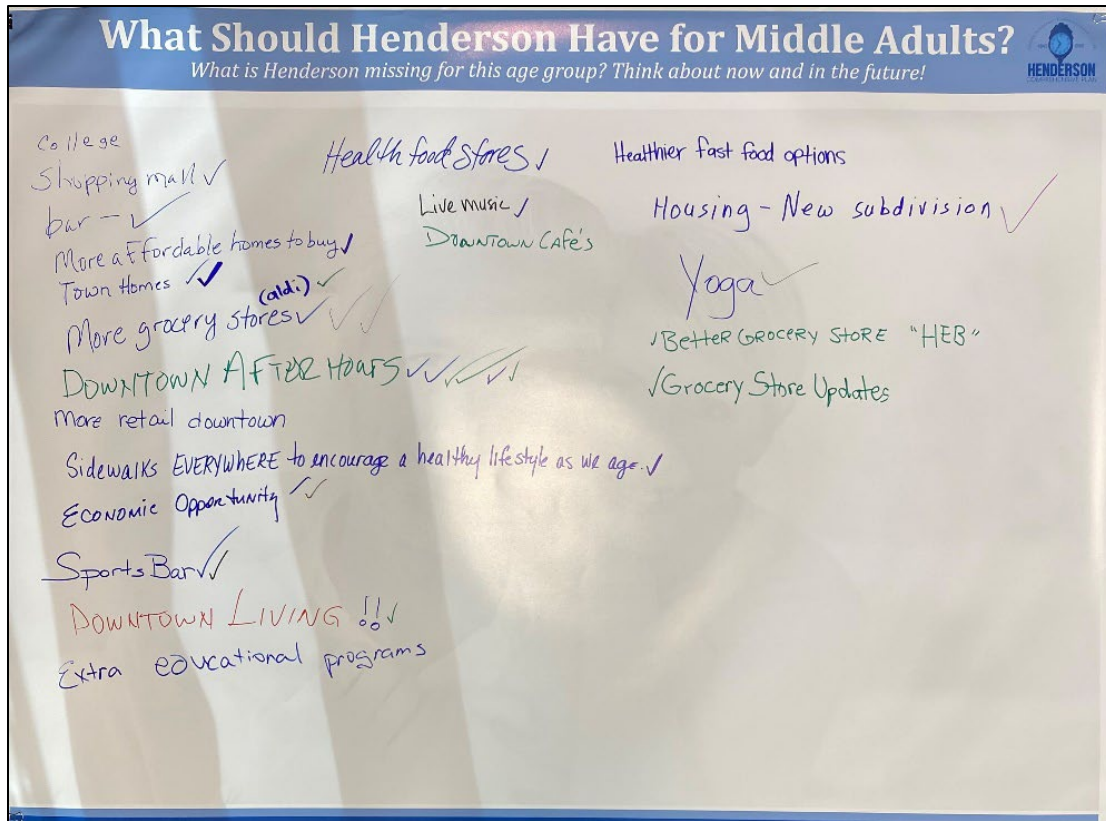


### 3.3 What Should Henderson Have for Young Adults?



- The majority of the responses sought to improve Downtown Henderson by providing young adults with additional activities, including:
  - ✓ Downtown night life
  - ✓ Restaurants and bars
  - ✓ Monthly arts and craft show in the evenings
  - ✓ Live music
  - ✓ Community activities
  - ✓ Destinations open after 5PM
- Fine dining and healthy eating establishments with a modern feel were also desired.
- Social spots like coffee shops and pubs.
- Respondents also discussed the need for improvements to higher education facilities and services.
  - ✓ Career training school
  - ✓ A college
  - ✓ A mentorship program under contractors

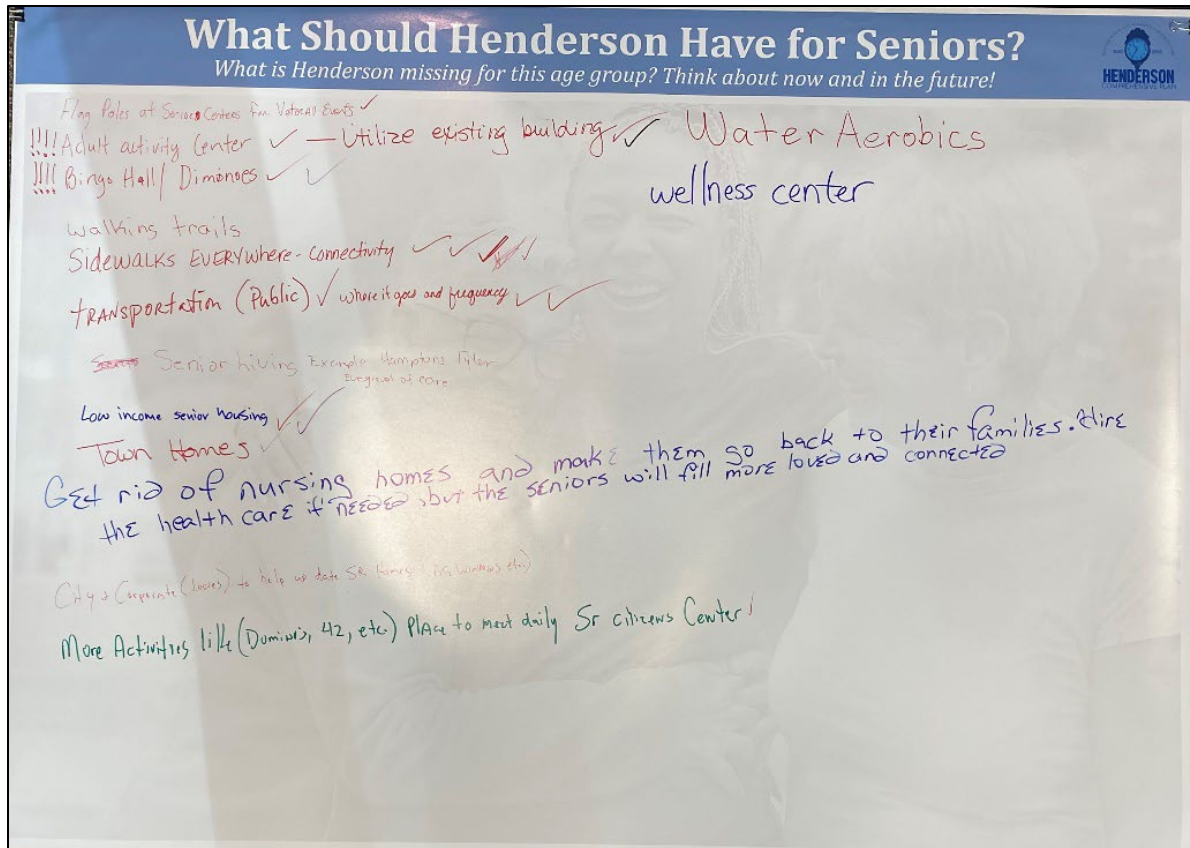
### 3.4 What Should Henderson Have for Middle Adults?



- Like young adults, many of the responses suggested to improve activities in Downtown Henderson.
  - ✓ After hours Downtown
  - ✓ Additional retail
  - ✓ Downtown living
  - ✓ Downtown cafés
  - ✓ Live music
  - ✓ Sports bars
- Respondents desired to improve Henderson's sidewalk network to encourage walkability.
- Healthier living is desired in Henderson, including:
  - ✓ Healthy fast-food options
  - ✓ Yoga
  - ✓ Health food stores
  - ✓ A better grocery store like an HEB or ALDI
- Extra educational programs are also desired.
- There is also a need to improve the Henderson housing market.
  - ✓ Affordable housing
  - ✓ Townhomes



### 3.5 What Should Henderson Have for Seniors?

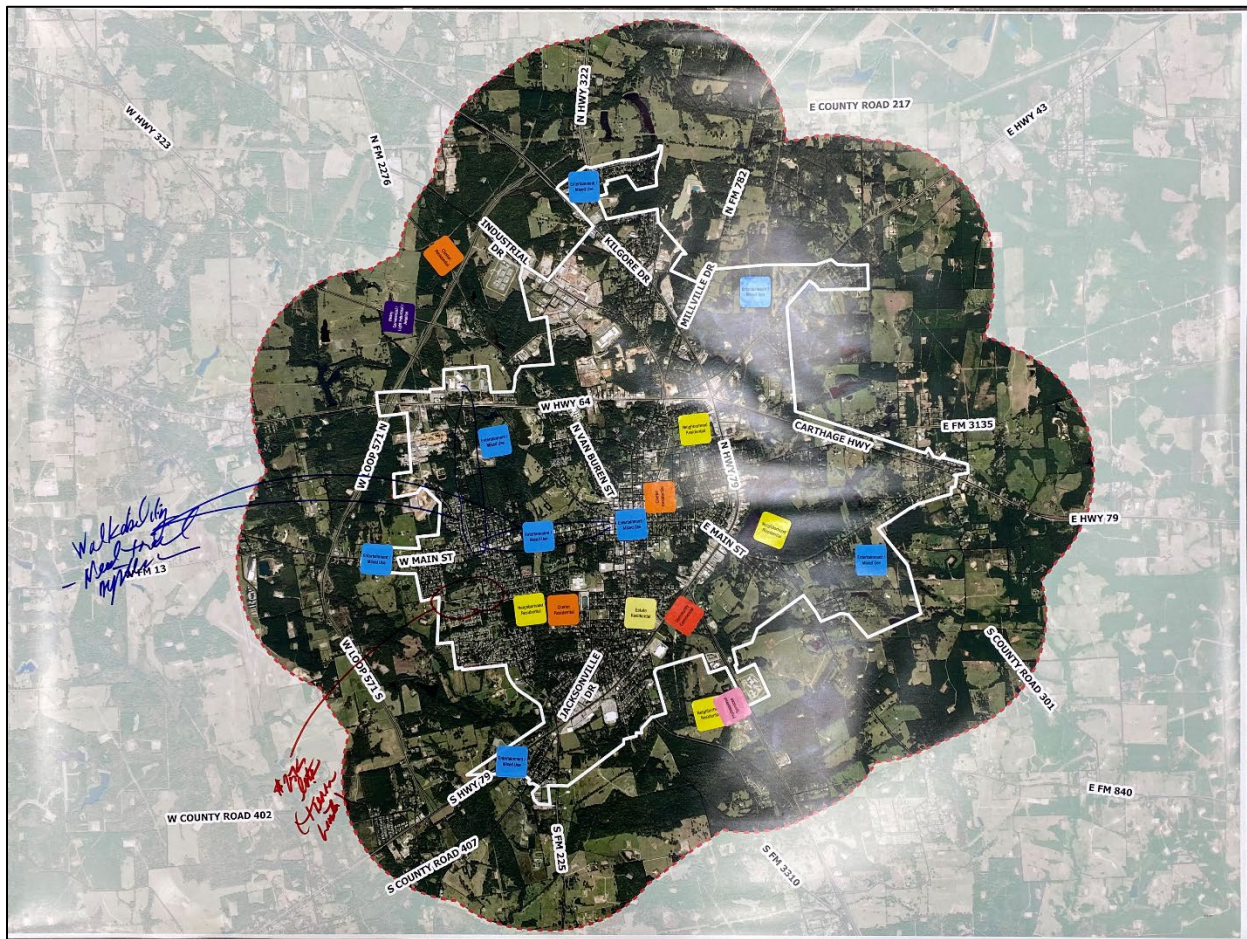


- There is a need for a senior activity center that can hold activities like bingo and dominoes.
- Respondents also desired improvements to current sidewalks and trails, and the addition of construction new connections, to promote connectivity.
- Public transportation options are needed for the seniors in Henderson.
- A wellness center for the senior community would also benefit seniors.
- There also is a need to improve existing senior housing options and construct new housing options.
  - ✓ Affordable housing
  - ✓ Townhomes

## Station 4

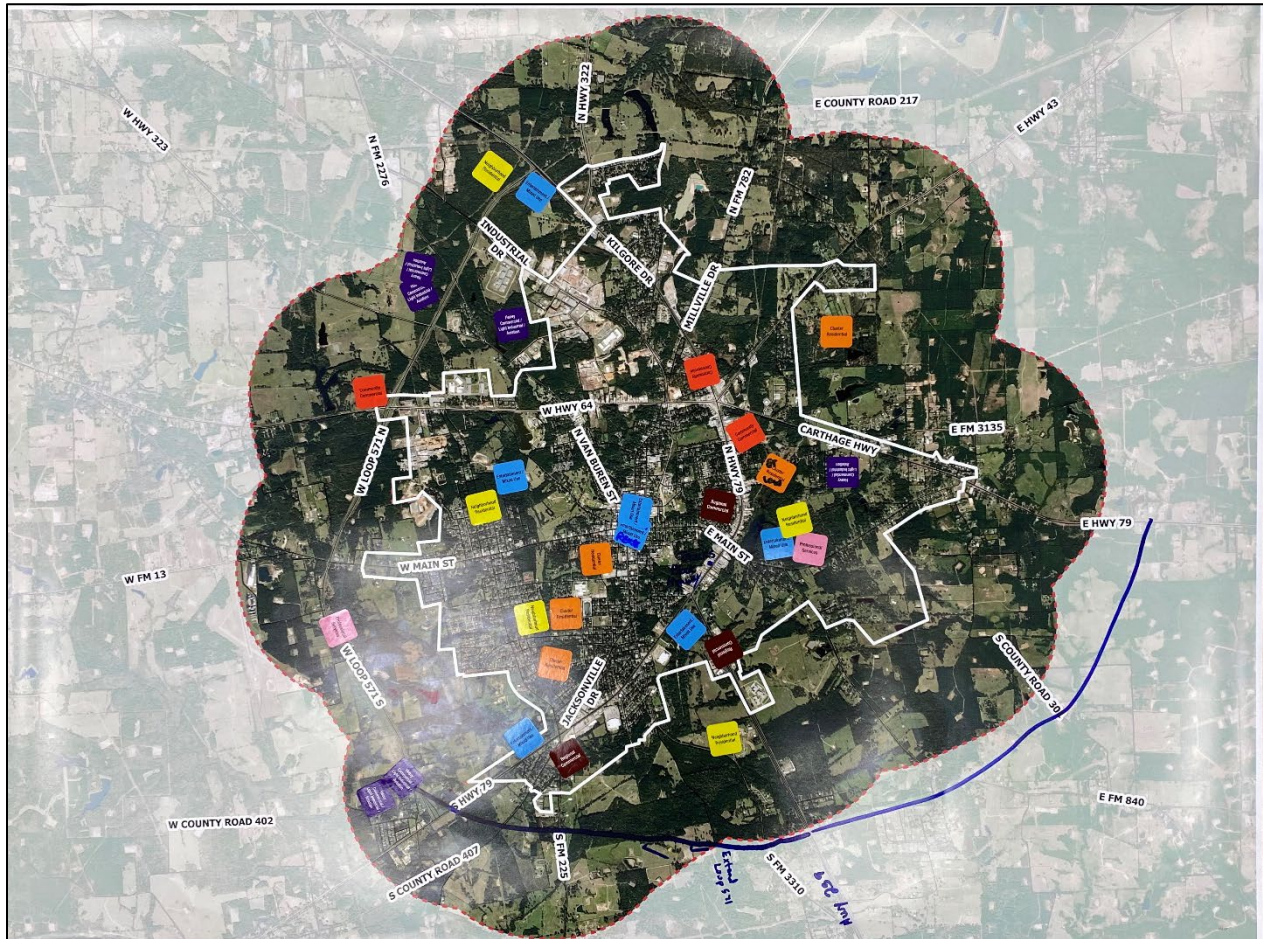
### 4.1 Placetype Mapping Station

The placetype mapping station asked participants to stick placetype stickers on locations in Henderson that could align with future development opportunities. There were eight placetypes to choose from, and each sticker had their own distinct color to identify the different placetypes on the map.



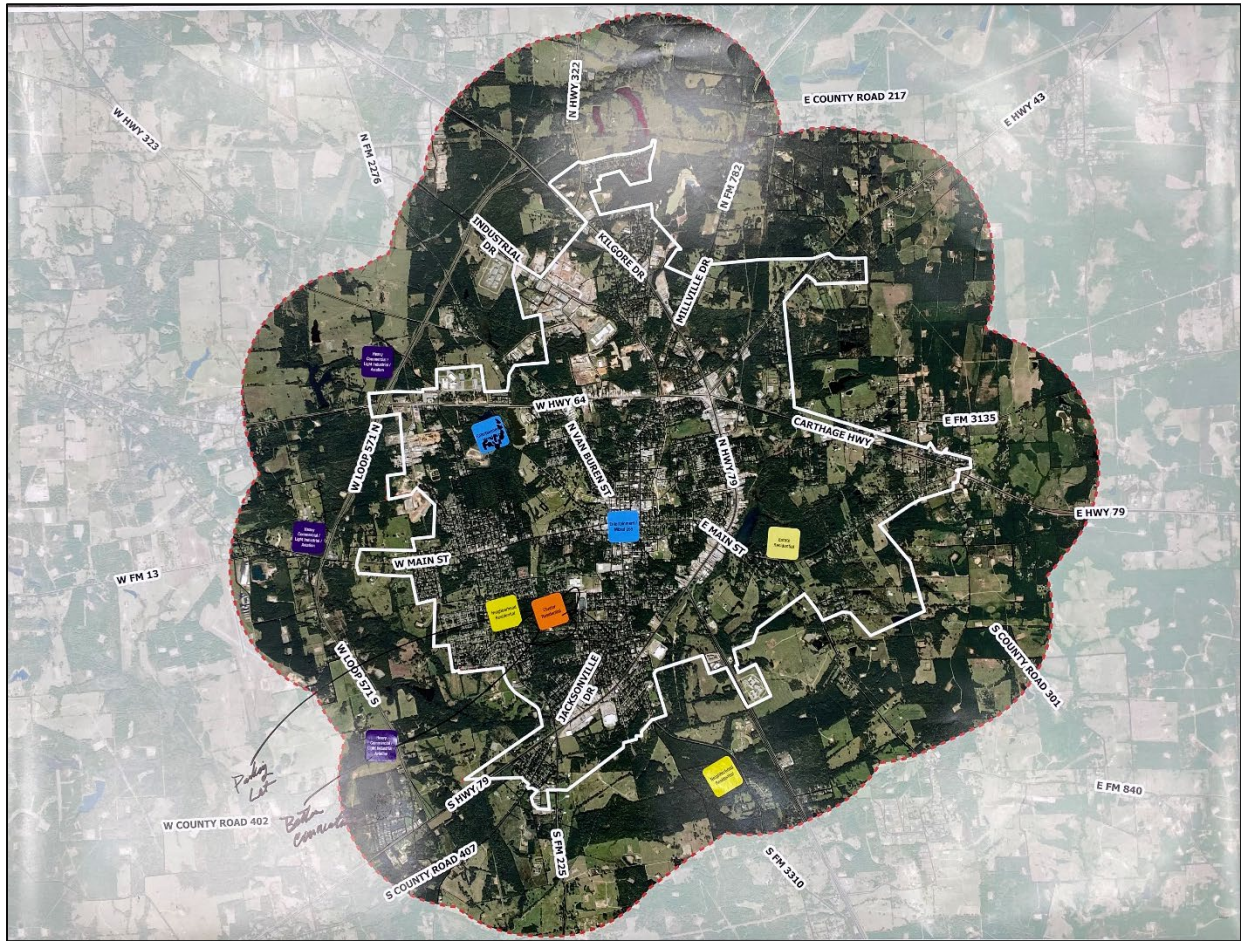
- Map 1 features the placement of many mixed-use areas throughout the city.
- Industrial and professional services areas were agreed that they should remain outside of the current city limits in the future.
- Various residential placetypes were placed in different areas across Henderson.





- On Map 2, industrial placetypes were again placed mostly on the outside of the city limits with the exception of one proposed to be located by the Carthage Highway.
- Roadway expansions were also discussed, including Loop 571 from South Highway 79 to East Highway 79.
- There was an emphasis on mixed-use development in Downtown Henderson.
- The regional commercial placetypes were all placed along major corridors.





- Map 3 discussions emphasized the need for better connectivity south of West Main Street.
- Estate living was desired along East Main Street.
- Mixed-use development was again proposed in Downtown Henderson.
- Industrial development was again proposed outside of the city limits.

All three maps had similarities seen through similar placements of the placetypes, including industrial on the outside of the city limits, and the mixed-use placetype in the downtown area. Lastly, there was a cluster of residential placetypes south of West Main Street.

## 4.2 Priority Spending Activity



Participants were given five coins to use on 10 priority topic areas that aligned with their view on how the City of Henderson should allocate funding priorities.

Coins were able to be spread throughout several jars, or, if respondents thought one priority was extremely important, they were able to place all their coins in one jar.

- Priority 1: City Branding**
- Priority 2: Auto Mobility**
- Priority 3: Multimodal Mobility**
- Priority 4: Development**
- Priority 5: Infrastructure**
- Priority 6: Downtown Revitalization**
- Priority 7: Loop 571 Development**
- Priority 8: Parks, Trails, and Open Space**
- Priority 9: Facilities**
- Priority 10: Housing**

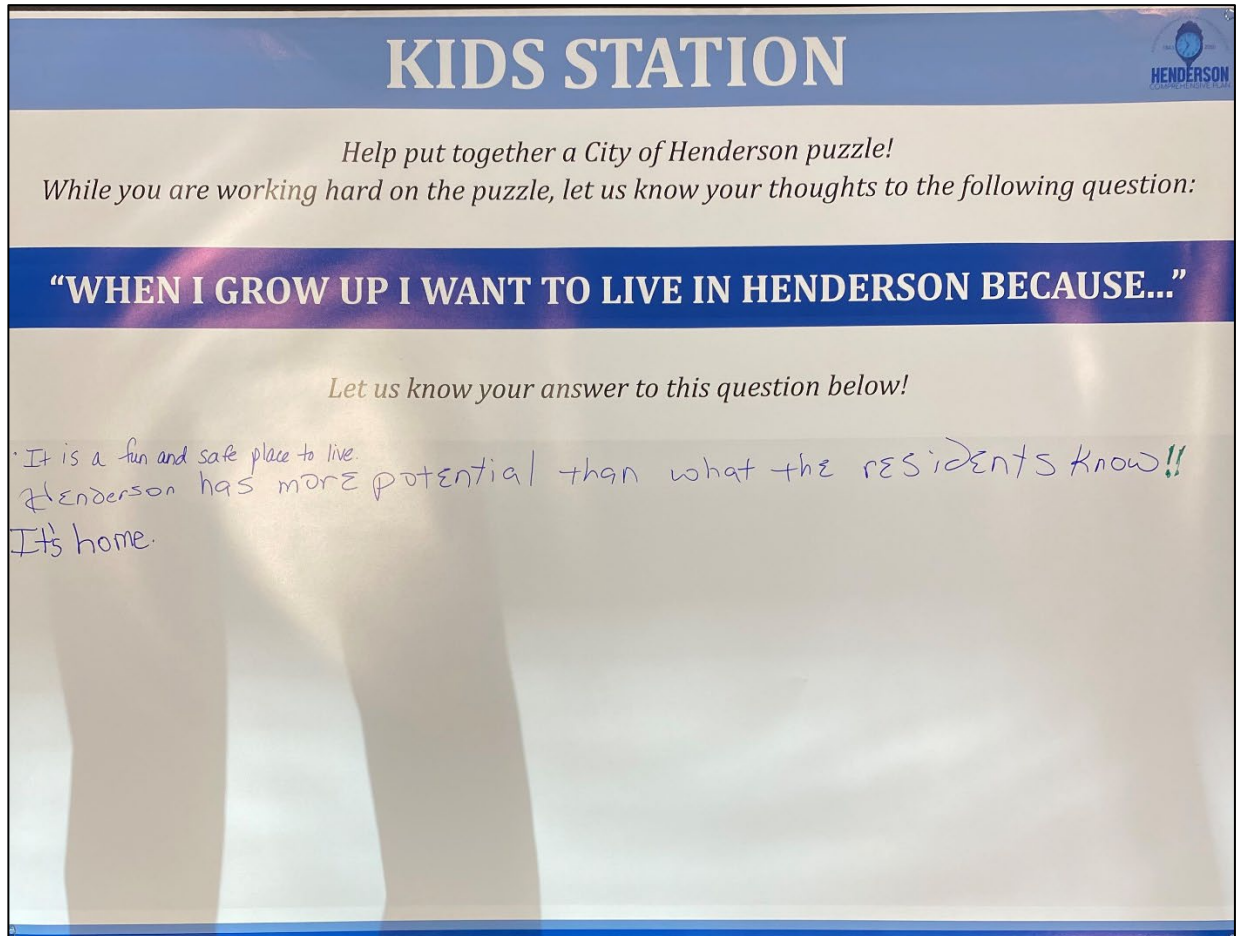
The outcome of the activity is listed below from the most to the least voted on.

1. Housing: **46 Coins**
2. Economic Development: **37 Coins**
3. Downtown Revitalization: **36 Coins**
4. Parks, Trails, and Open Space: **33 Coins**
5. Facilities: **22 Coins**
6. Multimodal Revitalization: **20 Coins**
7. Infrastructure: **20 Coins**
8. Auto Mobility: **8 Coins**
9. City Branding: **8 Coins**
10. Loop 571 Development: **8 Coins**



### 4.3 Kids Station

The kids station provided children with a puzzle of Henderson, and asked the question, "When I grow up I want to live in Henderson because..." Below are the results.

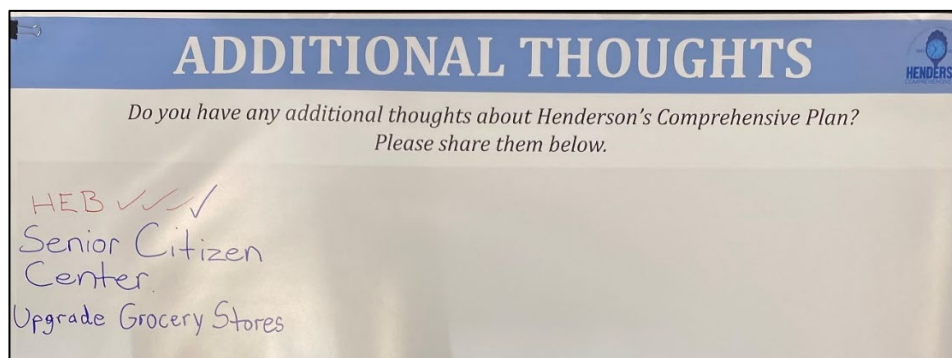
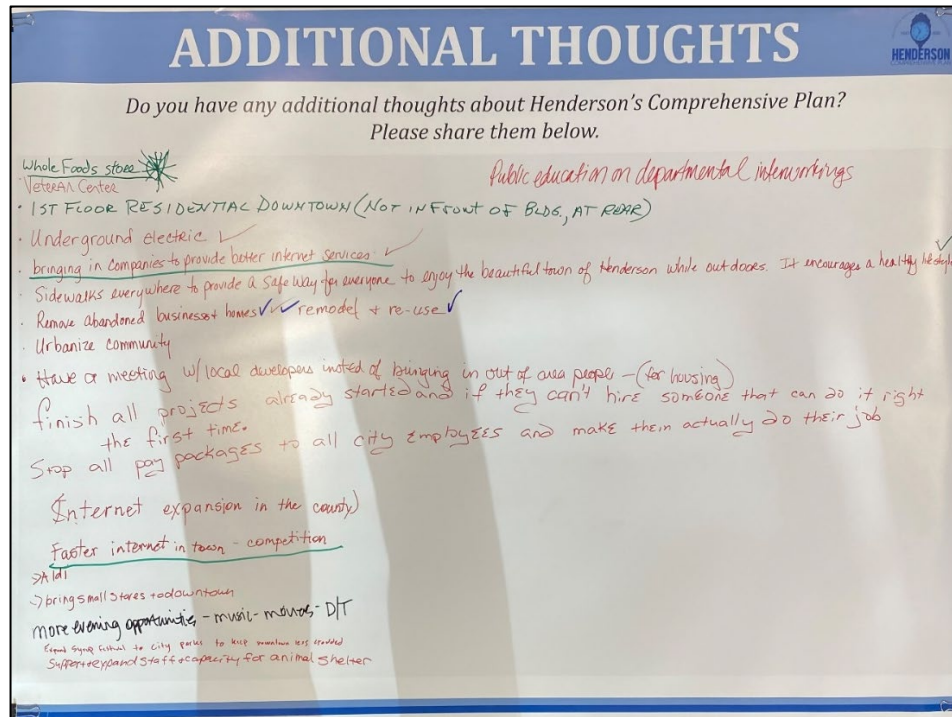


- It is a fun and safe place to live.
- Henderson has more potential than what the residents know.
- It's home.



## Additional Thoughts?

Lastly, the additional thoughts station had the community leave any of their additional comments on about Henderson's Comprehensive Plan. Below are the takeaways.



- There is a need for new grocery stores like H-E-B.
- Improving the sidewalk network would improve walkability within the city.
- Remodeling, resusing, and redeveloping abandoned homes and businesses was seen as an idea for future improvement projects.
- Faster and further range internet services are needed for the citizens of Henderson.
- More evening events and activities in Downtown Henderson are desired.
- The need for a senior center was discussed on the board.

## Gallery

