



What is annexation and why is the City of Castle Pines creating an Annexation Policy?

Annexation is the legal process by which a property owner asks to have land outside the city limits become part of Castle Pines. Annexation does not happen automatically, and it does not begin unless a property owner submits a formal request.

Since the City's incorporation in 2008, the city boundaries have grown via several approved annexations, including:

- Castle Valley, west of I-25 and south of the Village Square Commercial District, in 2008 (249 acres)
- The Canyons, east of I-25, in 2009 (3,343 acres)
- Castle Pines Town Center, west of I-25 and north of Happy Canyon Road, in 2012 (354 acres)

During the annual City Council retreat held in March 2026, Council asked staff to begin developing an Annexation Policy to help create a thoughtful, consistent framework for reviewing possible future annexation requests.

The adopted policy would not approve any specific property for annexation. It would also not require the City to annex land in the future. Instead, the policy would help City Council, City staff, applicants, and residents better understand the key information to consider when an annexation request is submitted.



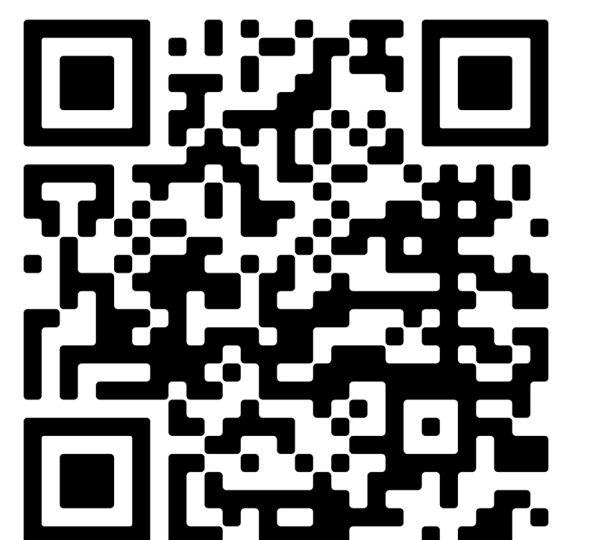
What could the policy help address?

An Annexation Policy could help the City evaluate future requests by considering topics such as:

- Consistency with the City's long-term vision
- Impacts to traffic, roads, and transportation systems
- Effects on parks, trails, and open space
- Availability of City services and public safety resources
- Impacts to water, utilities, and infrastructure
- Compatibility with nearby neighborhoods in Castle Pines
- Fiscal impacts, including costs and benefits to the community

These topics do not, on their own, determine the outcome of any future request. Instead, they help create a more transparent and predictable way to evaluate annexation applications, if submitted.

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What would the Annexation Policy do?

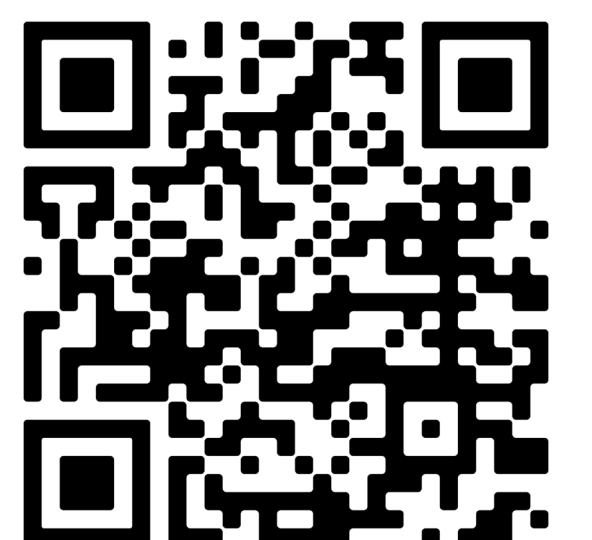
The Annexation Policy would:

- Help guide the review of future annexation applications
- Identify key issues the City should consider
- Support a consistent and transparent review process
- Help the community understand how annexation requests may be evaluated

The Annexation Policy would not:

- Approve any specific property for annexation
- Start an annexation process
- Require the City to annex land
- Replace the legal review process required by State law
- Eliminate opportunities for public notice, review, or comment if a future application is submitted

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Castle Pines Annexation Policy Development Timeline

March 2026

**May 18 to
June 14**

**June 29 &
July 1**

July 6 to 20

July 28



City Council directs staff to begin development of an Annexation Policy.



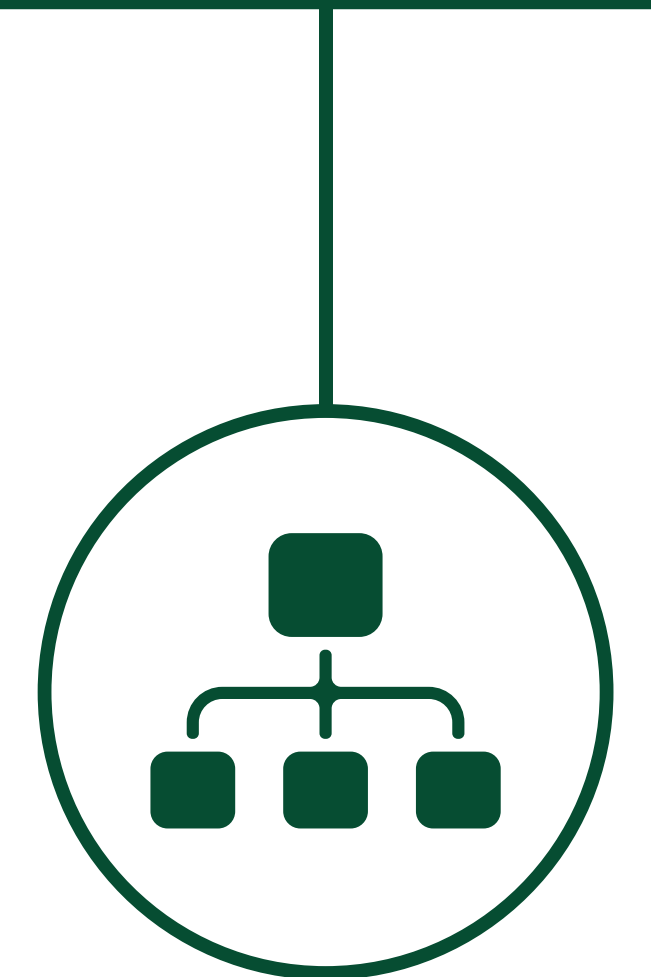
Annexation Policy Survey available for resident input about things that should be considered.



Resident open houses to view survey results and provide additional input for the policy.



Draft policy document available for review. City Council discussion during July 14 meeting.



City Council reviews proposed Annexation Policy and considers adoption.

Annexation Policy Survey: What We Heard From You

59%

had some level of discomfort with or opposition to expanding city limits

91%

said residential density is important when considering a potential annexation (lower density was more supported than higher density)

91%

indicated that it was important for annexed areas to match the existing character of Castle Pines neighborhoods

97%

said preserving open space was important when evaluating annexation proposals

Respondents supported the following general policies:

36%

discourage most annexation

32%

allow annexation but evaluate on a case-by-case basis

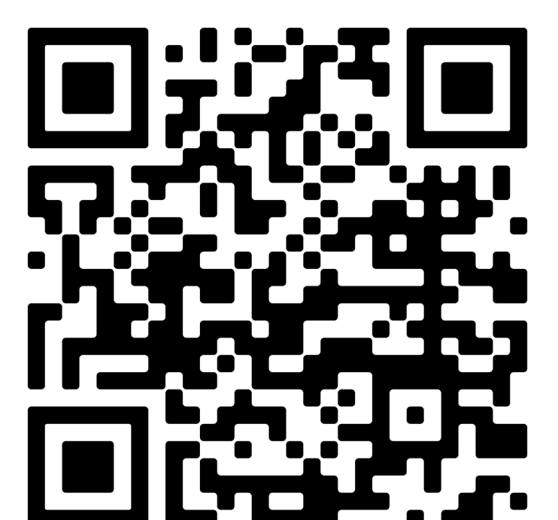
16%

limit annexation to special circumstances

14%

encourage annexation to advance goals and provide benefits

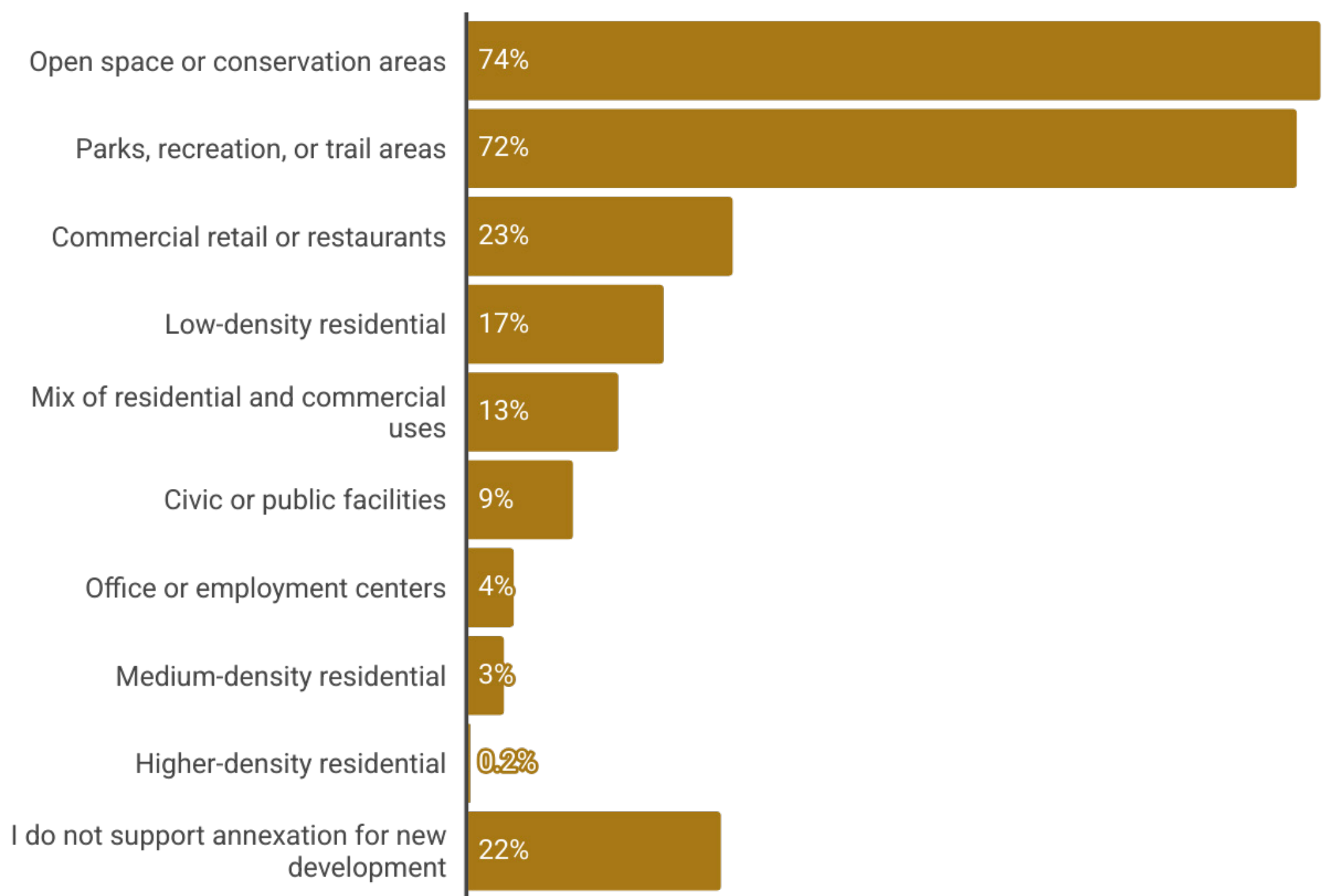
The survey was open from May 18 to June 14. A total of 614 residents completed the survey. To see the full results summary, visit CastlePinesCO.gov/AnnexationPolicy or scan the QR code.



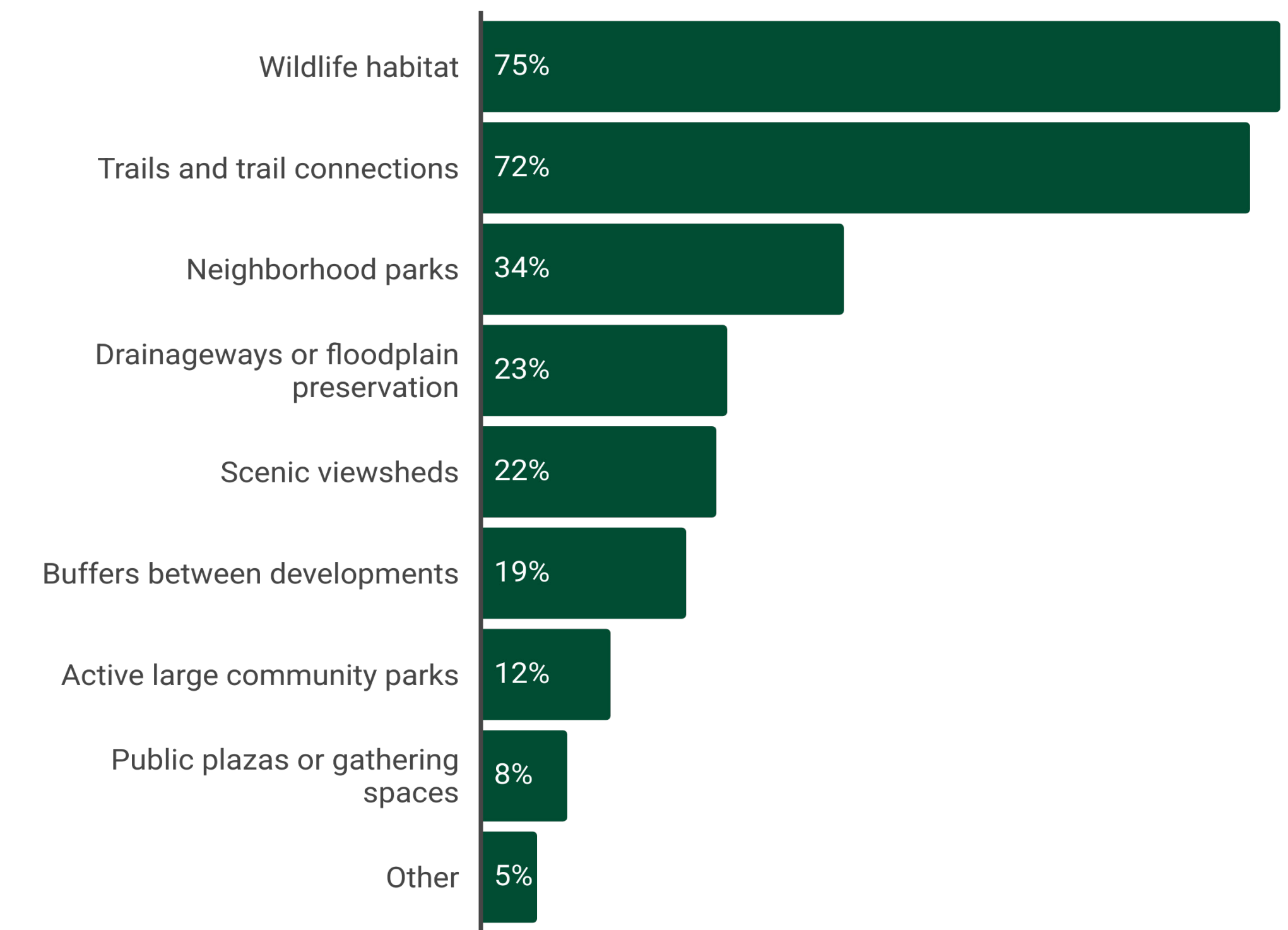
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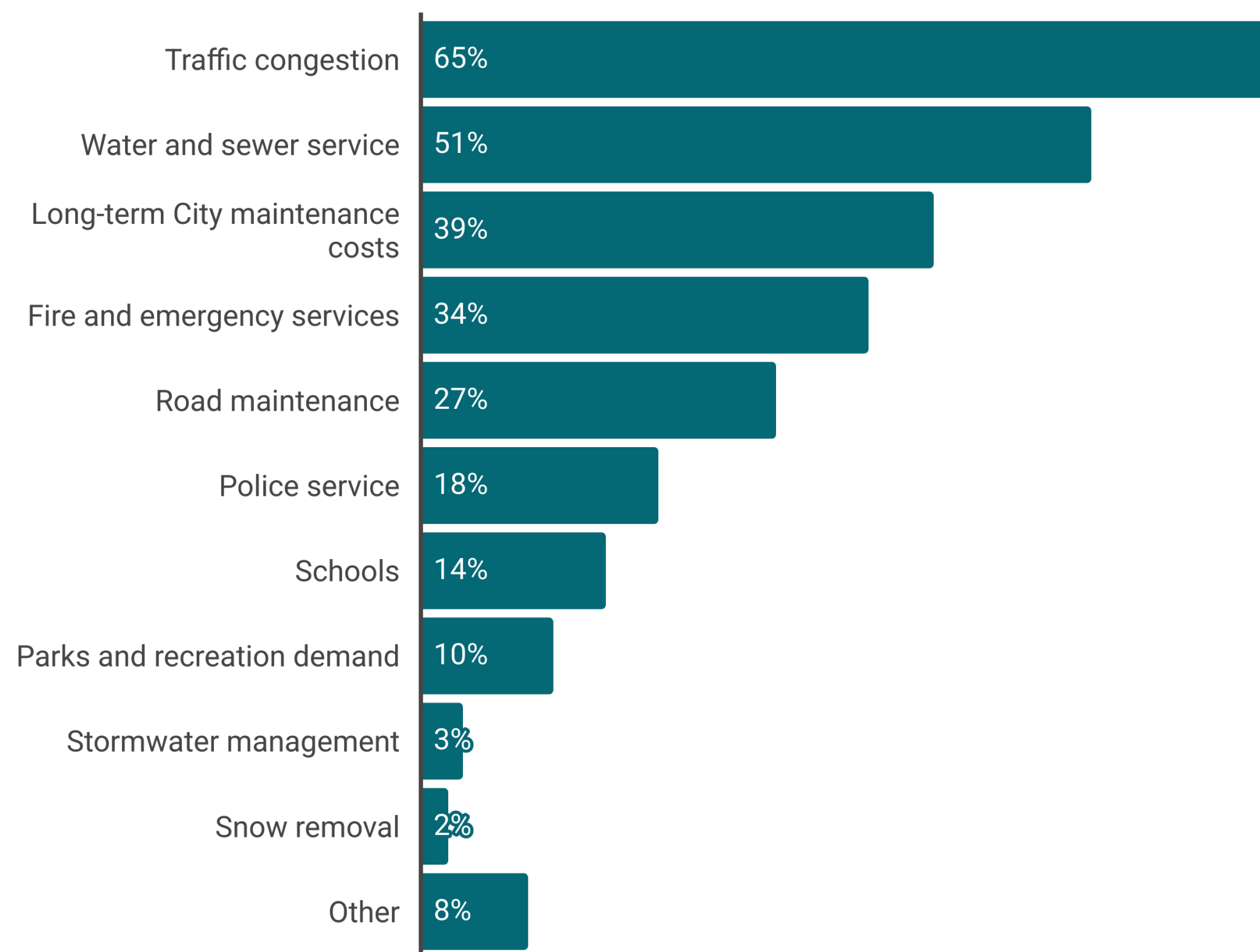
What types of land uses would you be open to if the City would annex a property? *Select up to three.*



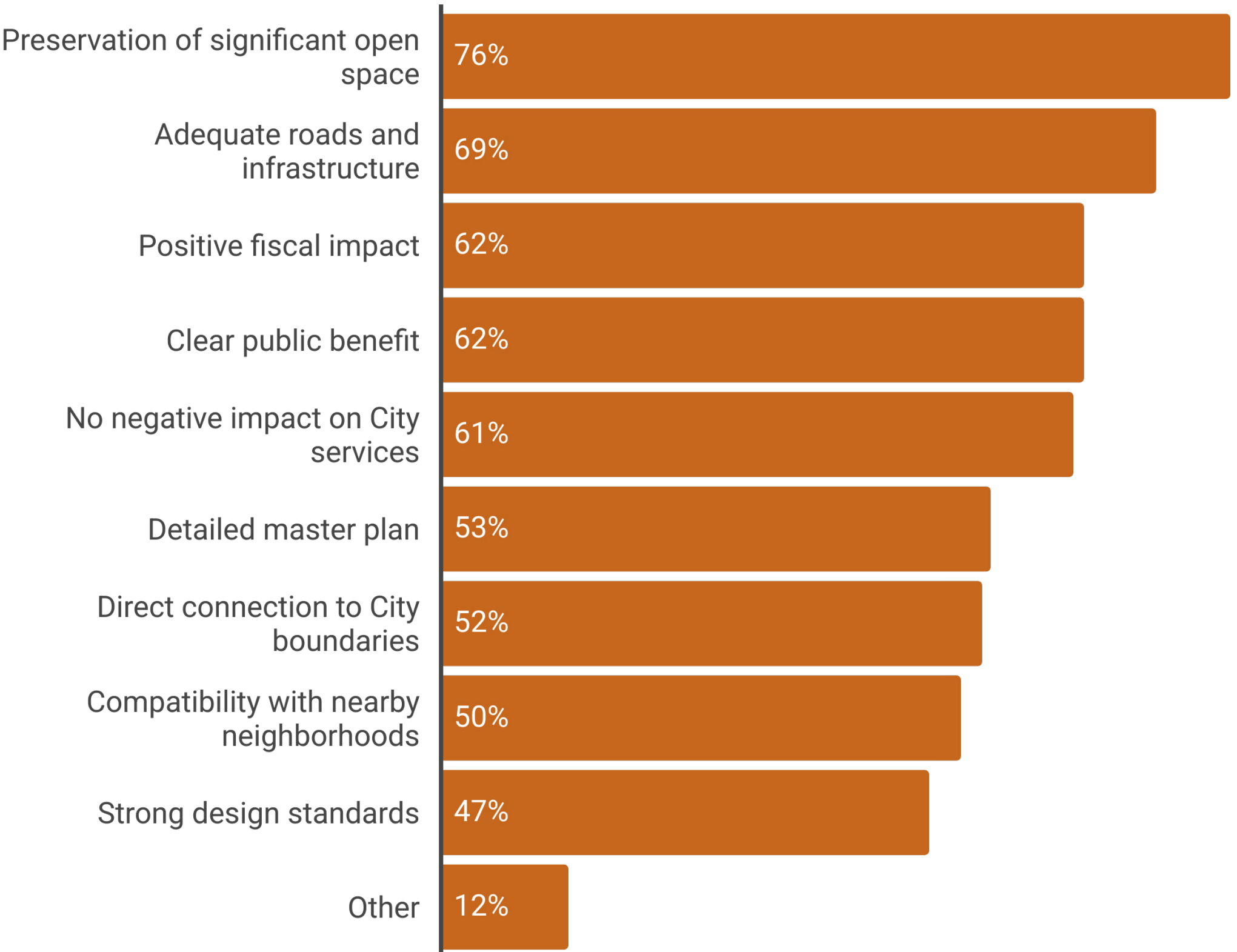
What types of open space should be prioritized in annexed areas? *Select up to three.*



What public service impacts concern you most with annexation? *Select up to three.*



Which factors should be “must-haves” before annexation is considered? *Select all that apply.*

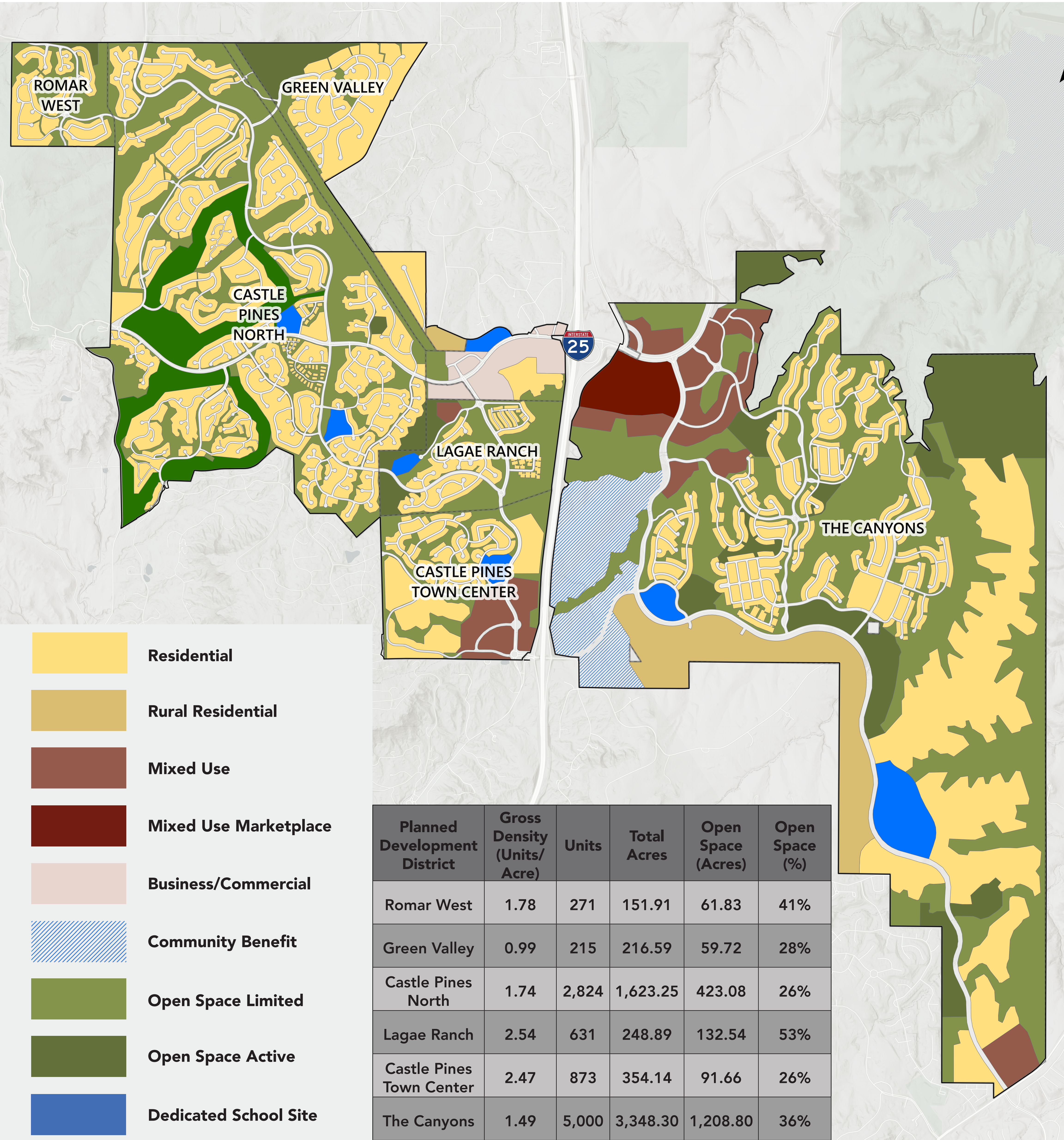


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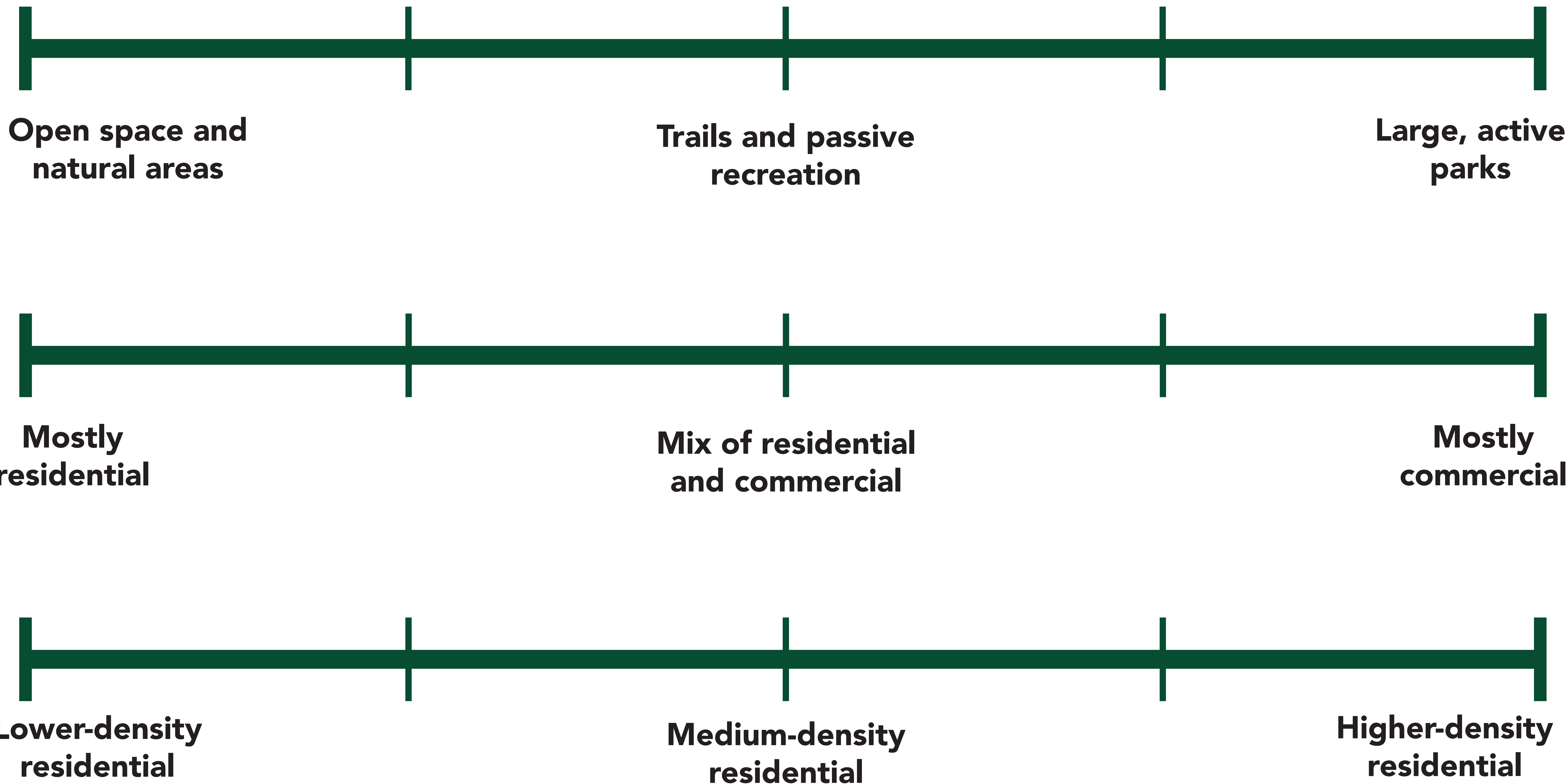


Castle Pines Development and Open Space Patterns

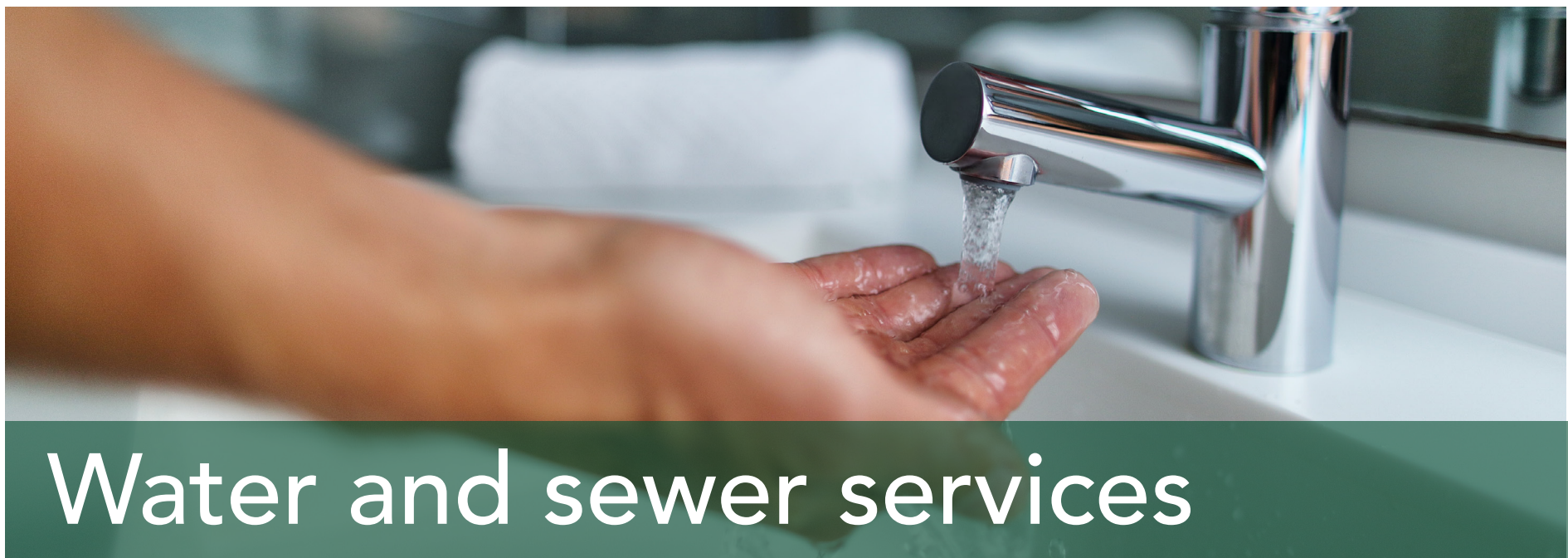




What type of land uses would you be most likely to support if the City were to annex a property? Place a dot near the area that best describes your preference.



What public service impacts concern you most with annexation? *Place up to three stickers.*



What community benefits should the City seek from annexation proposals? *Place up to three stickers.*

