



SUSTAINABLE NIAGARA

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Niagara's Journey Towards Sustainability

- 7 Smarter Niagara Summits since 2001
- Sustainability Report in 2004
- Review of Planning Function 2005 - 2007
- Organizational changes
- Growing community expectations
- Sustainable Niagara

What is Sustainable Niagara?

- A Sustainability Plan for the next 50 years
- A visioning project leading to action
- A guide for decision making
- A common measurement tool



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Why Do We Need a Plan?

- Create a unified vision and goals
- Will influence decision making
- Enhance community partnerships
- Prepare for future opportunities and challenges

Why 50 Years?

- Previous plans have been up to about 10 years
- One decision effects another
- Long range decision making lens



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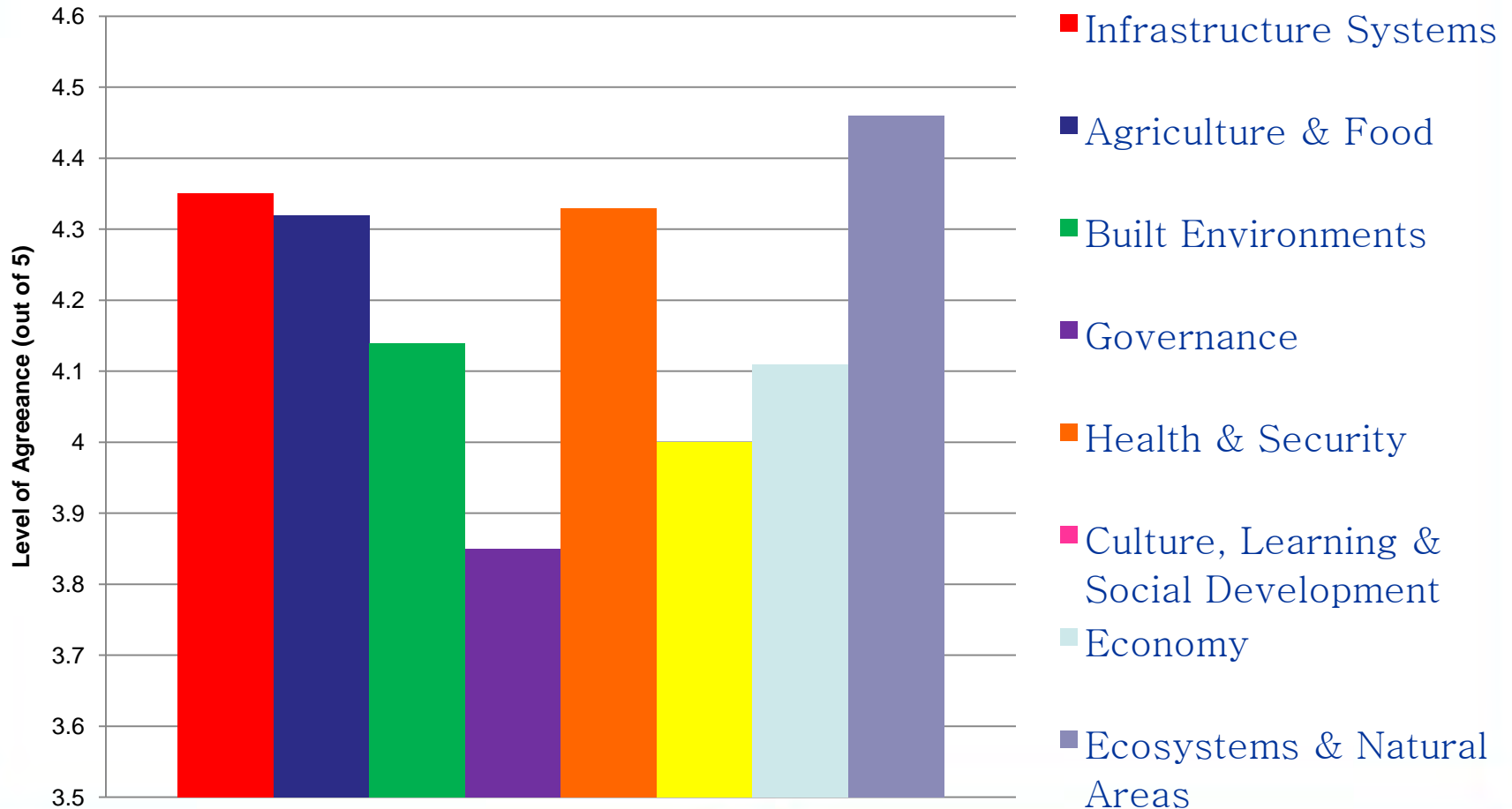
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Community Consultations

- Discussion Paper
- Two Open Houses
- Community Forum
- Social Media Initiative

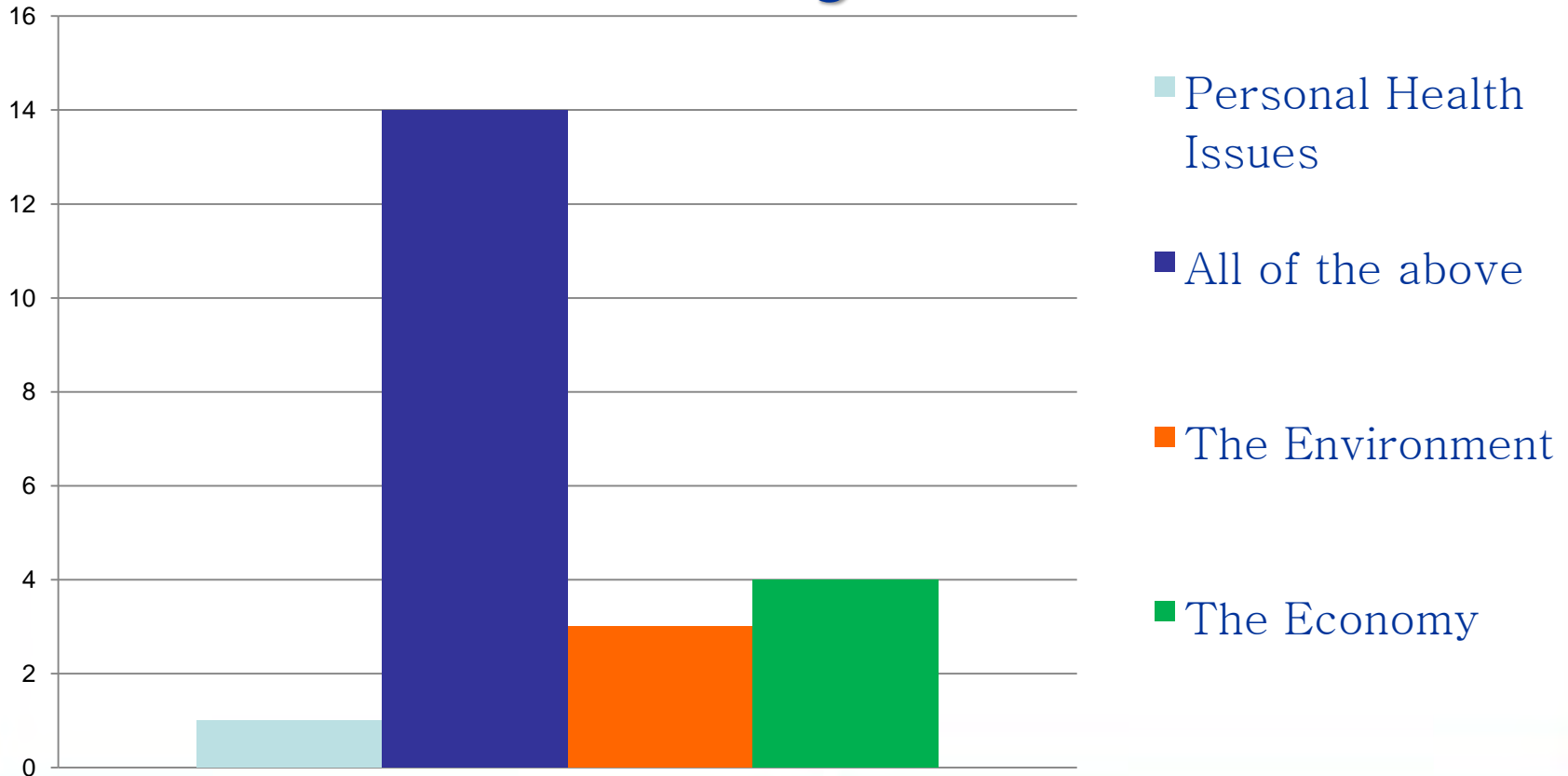
We have received over **300 responses** from community members through initial consultations!

Online Feedback



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When I Hear Sustainability I think of...



Vision

A Vision Needs To:

- Describe a desired or intended future
- Represent a long term view
- Be memorable, powerful
- Be a motivator
- Be a 'call to action'

8 Goal Areas

- Agriculture and Food
- Built Environments
- Culture, Learning and Social Development
- Economy
- Ecosystems and Natural Areas
- Governance
- Health and Security
- Infrastructure Systems

Upcoming Tasks

- Inventory Existing Initiatives
- Identify Best Practices
- Develop Short-term Objectives
- Identify Opportunities for Collaboration
- Develop Governance Model

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Thank You!

