

Attached is the agenda packet for the Monday, January 26, 2026 Board Committee of the Whole Meeting. For those of you with Drop Box, the file will be placed in the Drop Box Folder.

**The Village Board meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. All discussions and business will occur at the Village Board meeting. After consideration of the meeting minutes and accounts payable, the meeting will proceed to new and old business.**

Please contact the Mayor if you have any questions or if you wish to attend the meeting electronically.

James McDonald, Mayor  
Connie Olker, Clerk  
Christine McKinley, Treasurer



Trustees:  
Allena Barbato  
Scott Bartlett  
Jake Cramond  
Glenn McCollum  
Jeff Nielsen  
Doug Savell

**AGENDA**  
**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**January 26, 2026**  
**6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. New Business
  - a. Discussion: Lake Villa NEXT Initiative – Comprehensive Plan Prioritization Workshop
4. Public Comment
5. Old Business and Staff Updates
6. Adjournment



**DATE:** January 23, 2026

**TO:** Village Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Michael Strong  
Village Administrator

**RE:** CMAP NEXT Program – Comprehensive Plan Prioritization Workshop

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### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Committee of the Whole meeting is to conduct a facilitated prioritization workshop in coordination with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) as part of the Village's participation in the CMAP NEXT Program.

The workshop will help identify priority goals and strategies from the Lake Villa Comprehensive Plan to guide implementation-focused next steps.

### **Overview**

The CMAP NEXT Program is an implementation-oriented technical assistance program designed to help communities move from planning to action. Through this engagement, CMAP is assisting the Village in translating adopted plans and recent Board discussions into a focused, achievable implementation roadmap.

As an early step in this process, CMAP will facilitate a Board-level prioritization workshop to better understand which goals and strategies should be advanced first based on Board direction, community needs, and available capacity.

### **Workshop Format**

During the workshop:

- Trustees will be paired to complete a structured prioritization exercise.
- The exercise will focus on ranking and discussing goals and strategies from the Lake Villa Comprehensive Plan.
- Results will inform CMAP's recommendations for implementation actions, sequencing, and future work efforts.

The workshop is designed to be interactive and discussion-based, with time allocated for debrief and collective reflection following the exercise.

### **Preparation for Trustees**

In preparation for the January 26 workshop, Trustees are encouraged to review the following materials in advance:

- **Workshop Agenda** (attached), outlining the structure and timing of the session;
- **Community Priorities Survey Summary** (attached), reflecting feedback from 265 respondents and providing insight into resident and stakeholder priorities; and
- **Lake Villa Comprehensive Plan** which serves as the foundation for the goals and strategies being evaluated.

When participating in the prioritization exercise, Trustees are asked to draw on:

- Their knowledge of the community and adopted plans; and
- The perspectives reflected in the recent community survey results.

### **Outcome and Next Steps**

The outcome of this workshop will be a clearer understanding of Board priorities to guide CMAP's development of recommended next steps for implementation. No formal action is requested as part of this agenda item.

Staff and CMAP will use the workshop results to refine the scope of work and will return to the Village Board with updates and recommendations as the CMAP NEXT engagement progresses.



**Lake Villa NEXT**

Board of Trustees Plan Prioritization Workshop, 1/26/2026

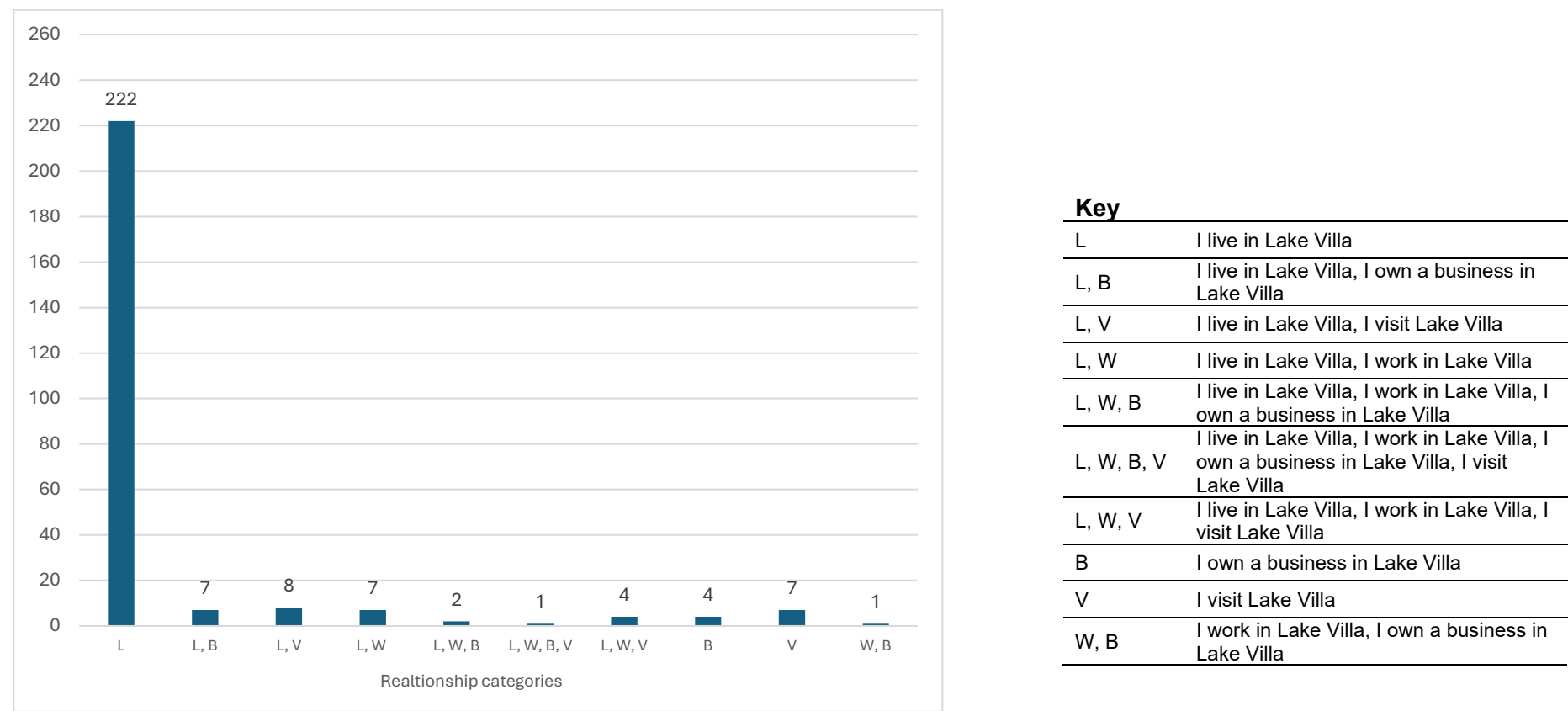
**Agenda**

1. Welcome and introductions (6:30 pm - 6:35 pm)
2. Presentation (6:35 pm - 6:50 pm)
  - a. Project introduction
  - b. Workshop overview and purpose
  - c. Exercise instructions
  - d. Questions
3. Prioritization exercise (6:50 pm - 7:20 pm)
4. Debrief and discussion (7:20 pm - 7:45 pm)
5. Next steps and adjourn (7:45 pm - 8:00 pm)

# Lake Villa Community Priorities Survey – results overview

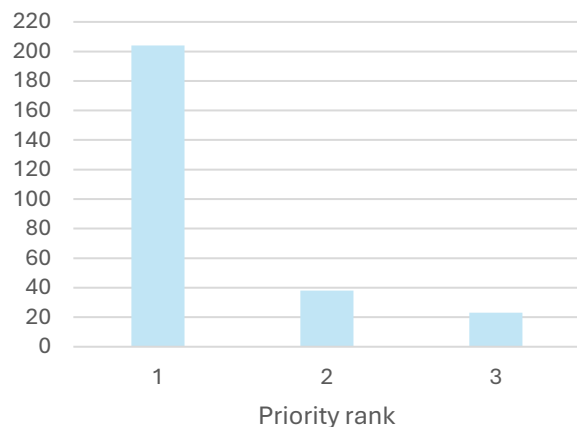
The survey was advertised via the Village’s Facebook page on January 5, 2026. An overview of the 265 responses received through January 20, 2026, is presented below:

## Survey respondents’ relationship with Lake Villa

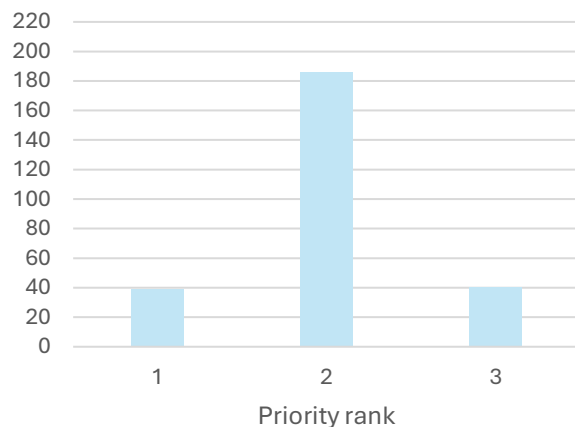


## Economic Development

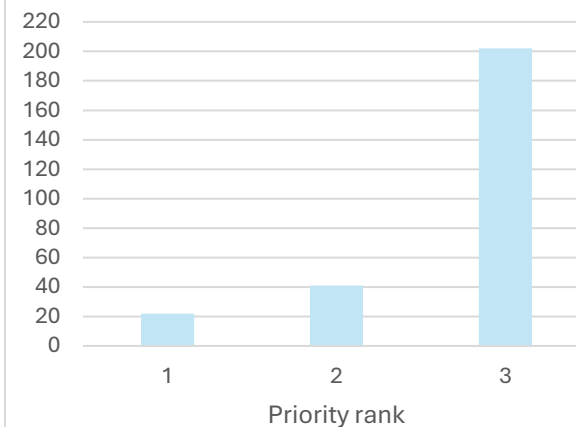
Establish downtown Lake Villa with more local shops, restaurants, businesses, housing, & transportation options



Support jobs & business growth by targeting high quality development opportunities

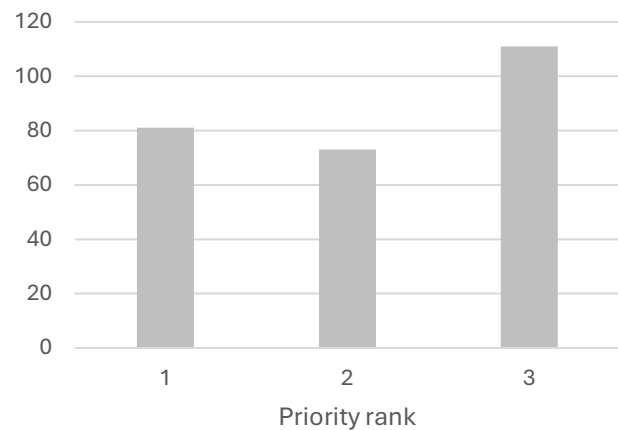


Build the Lake Villa brand & promote the village on the web & signage throughout the community

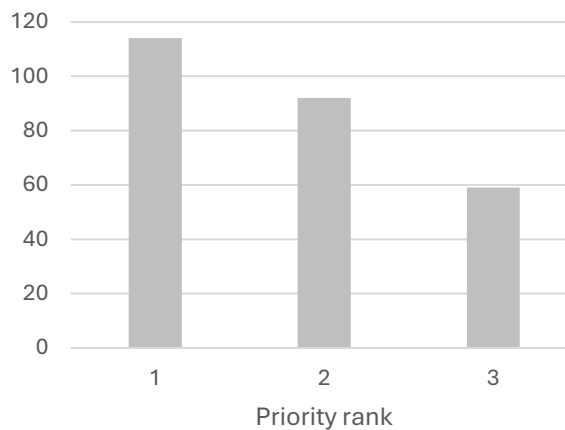


## Transportation & Mobility

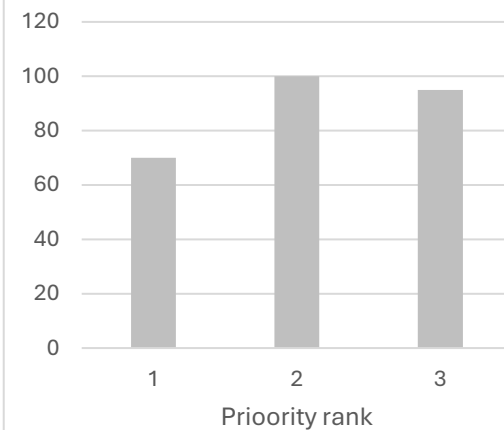
Continue to invest in Lake Villa's infrastructure to provide convenient travel options for residents, visitors, & commuters



Support the growth of transportation options within Lake Villa, including options for bicyclists & pedestrians

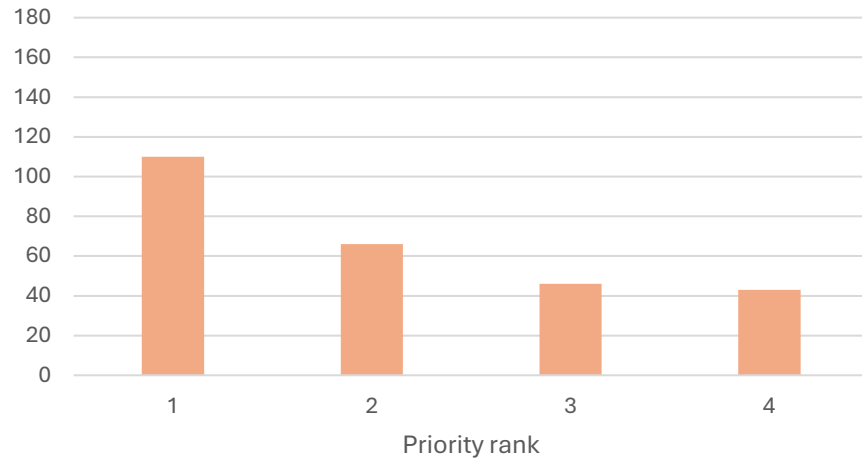


Pursue grant opportunities in support of transportation projects in Lake Villa

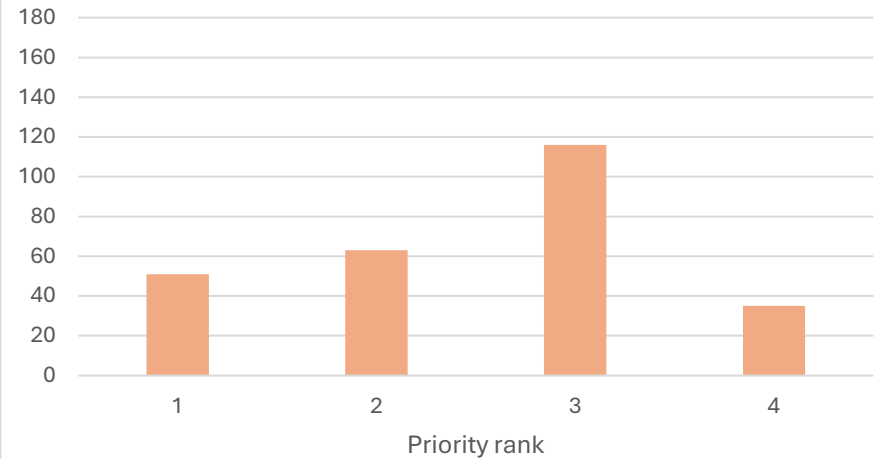


## Land Use & Housing

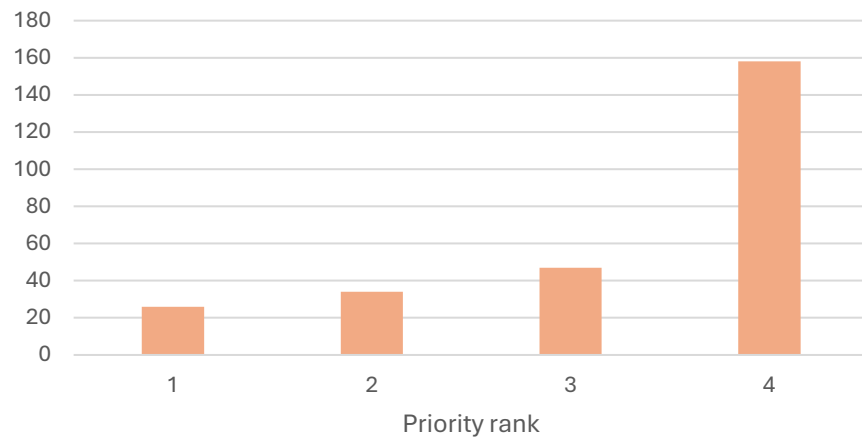
Preserve Lake Villa's history by investing in existing neighborhoods



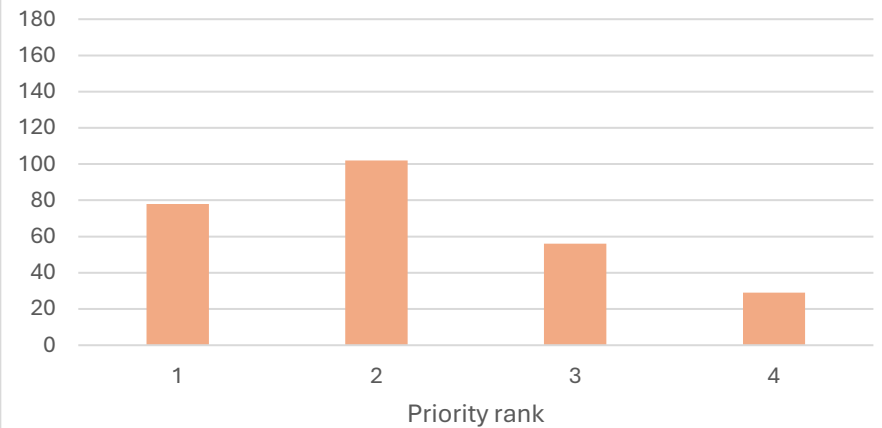
Support the growth of Lake Villa with strategic new development opportunities



Create more housing options like townhomes, single-family, & senior housing

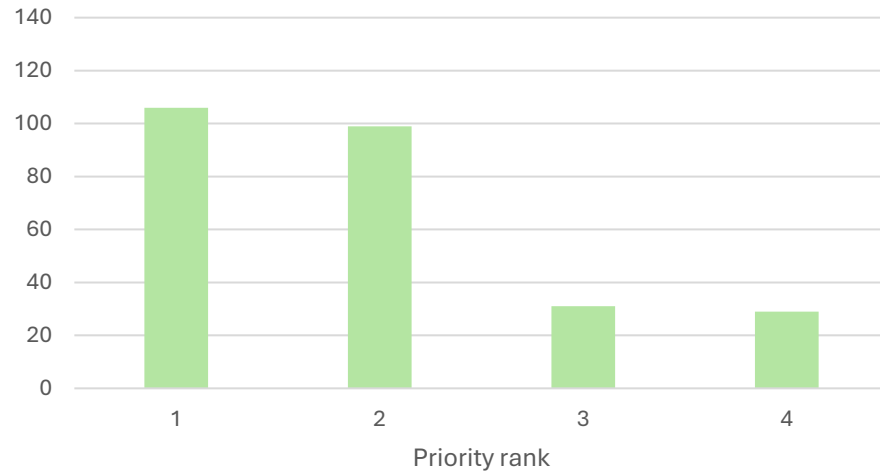


Support development & redevelopment projects that enhance access to transportation, recreational opportunities, & promote upgrades to shopping centers

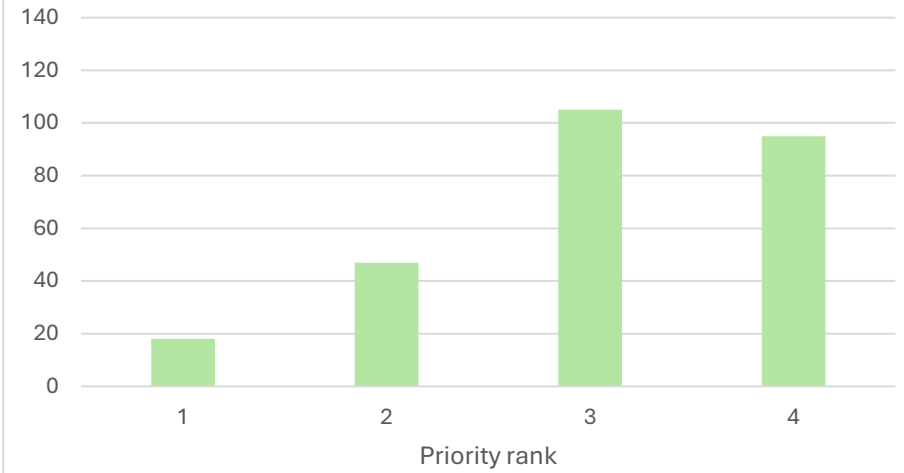


## Open Space, Parks, & Community Facilities

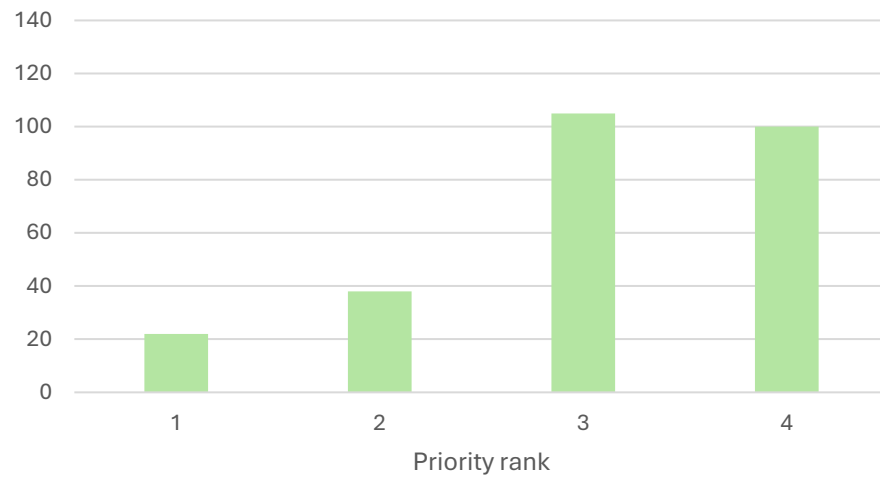
Protect Lake Villa's natural resources like parks, lakes, & forest preserves



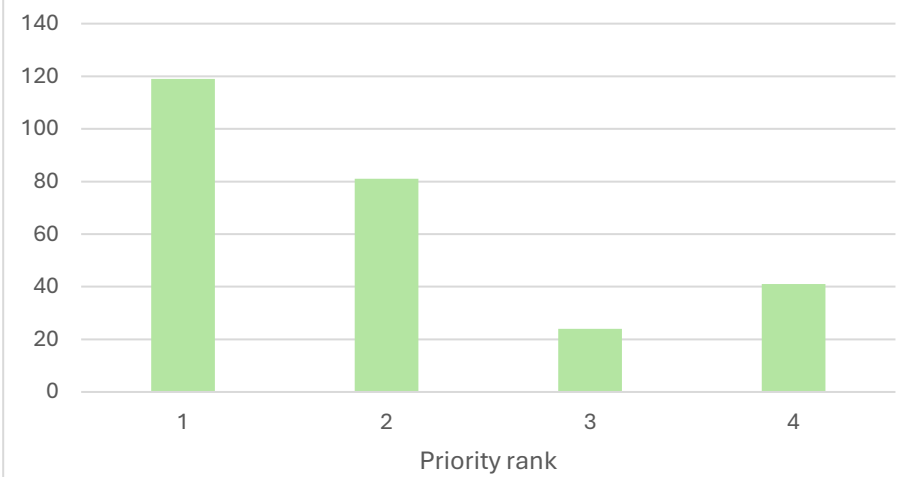
Leverage open space to attract community events & business promotion



Invest in modern & inviting public facilities



Ensure Lake Villa has reliable drinking water & drains that work well during storms



Please rank the broader topics in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 4 being the least important

