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# 6th ANNUAL NEW PARTNERS FOR SMART GROWTH: *Building Safe, Healthy, and Livable Communities*



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## Sea Grant Coastal Community Development Extension Delegation

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<http://urban-nature.org/SeaGrantCoastalCommunityDevelopmentHomePage.htm>





# CHARRETTE

NCI

National Charrette Institute

*the art and science of creating healthy communities*

# The Charrette Process: A better way to design community plans



Urban Design Associates



# How can we make it easier to build better communities?

- Good community involvement processes, such as Charrettes, help get visions built.



LCA Town Planners

Fairview Village, Oregon Original Charrette Rendering



LCA Town Planners

Fairview Village as built

# The Charrette turns planning into a community building event

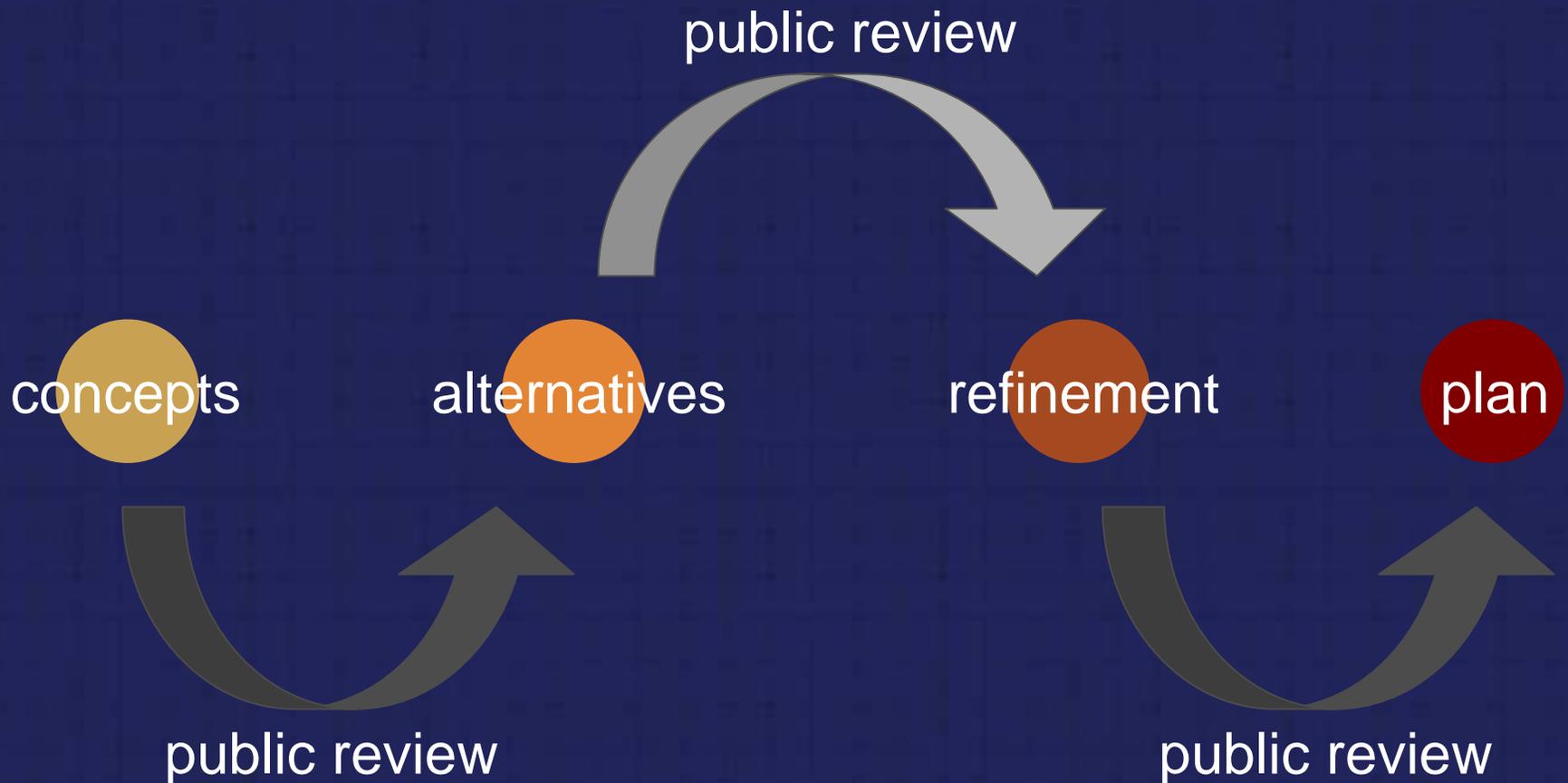


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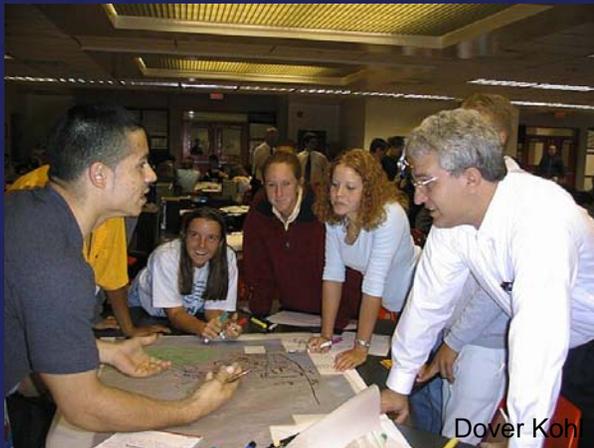


# Why do Charrettes work?

Participants work in a series of short feedback loops



# A Sample Charrette



# Coastal CHARM

## Community Health and Resource Management





# Ensemble/HCC Tomorrow

## Building Houston's Competitive Edge

### Transit-oriented strategies For a Midtown rail station



**U.S. EPA Smart Growth Implementation Assistance**

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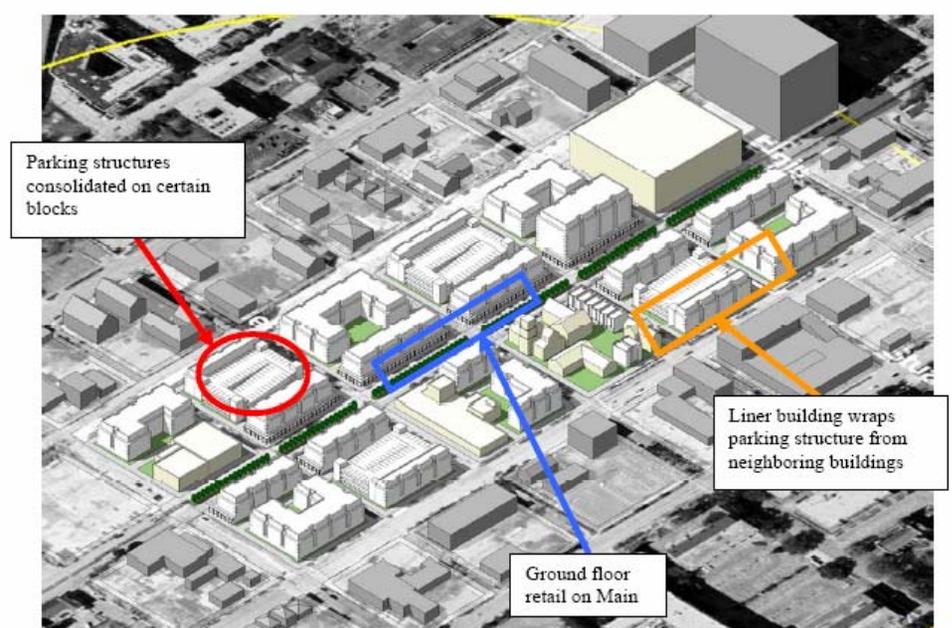
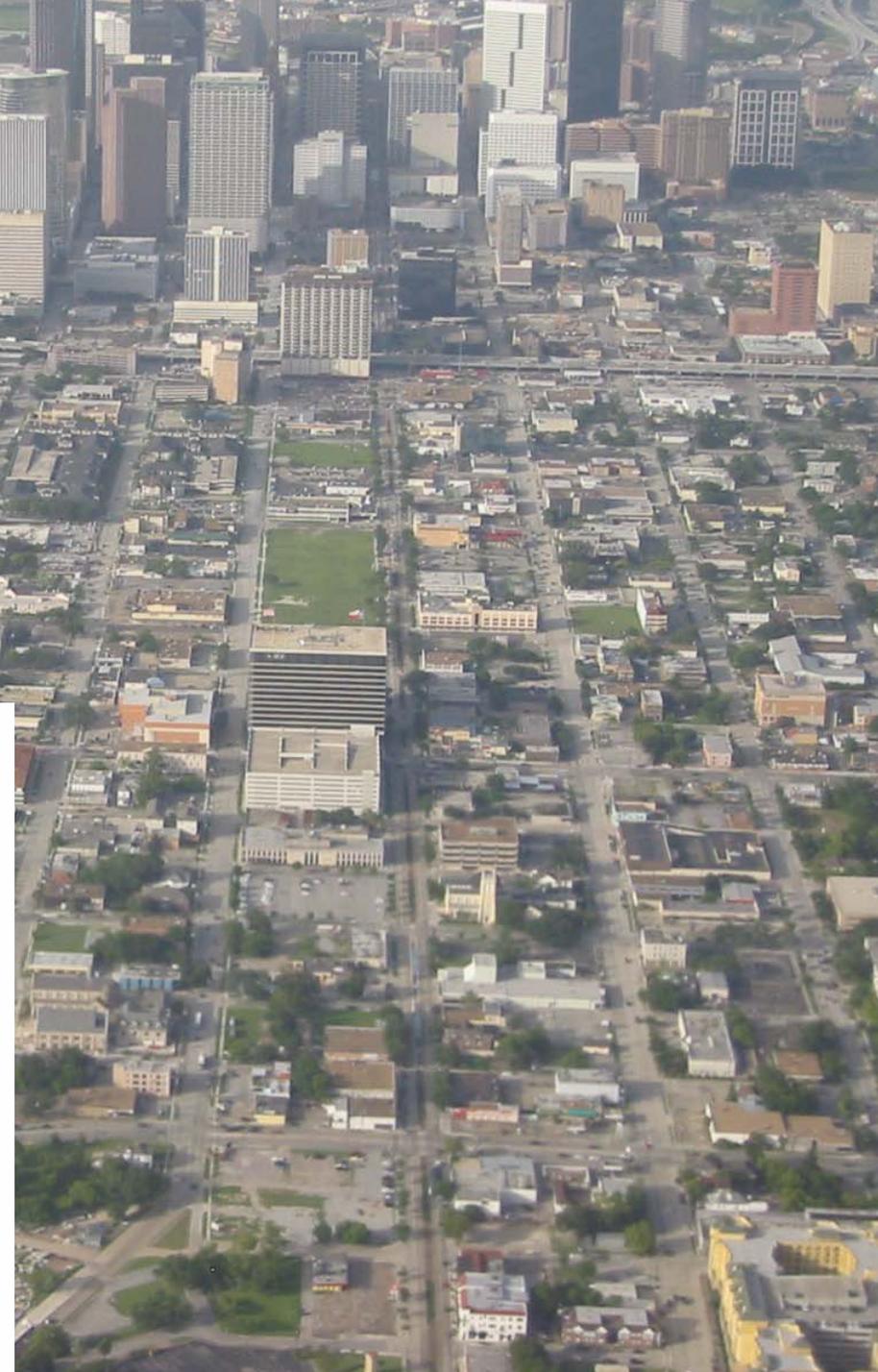


Figure 7: Ensemble/HCC Workshop vision for TOD

# Aransas County Quality of Life Survey

## *First Approximation*

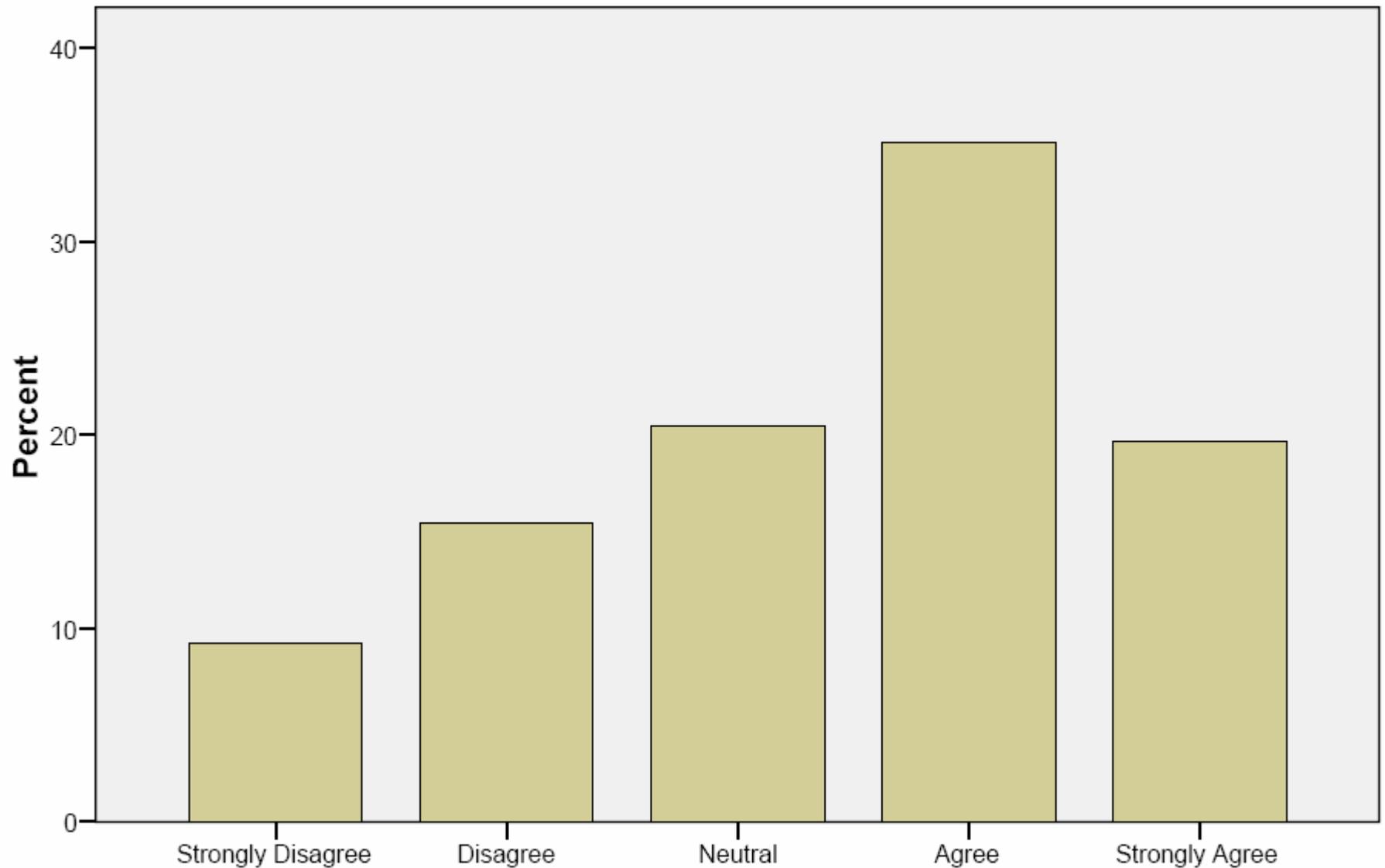
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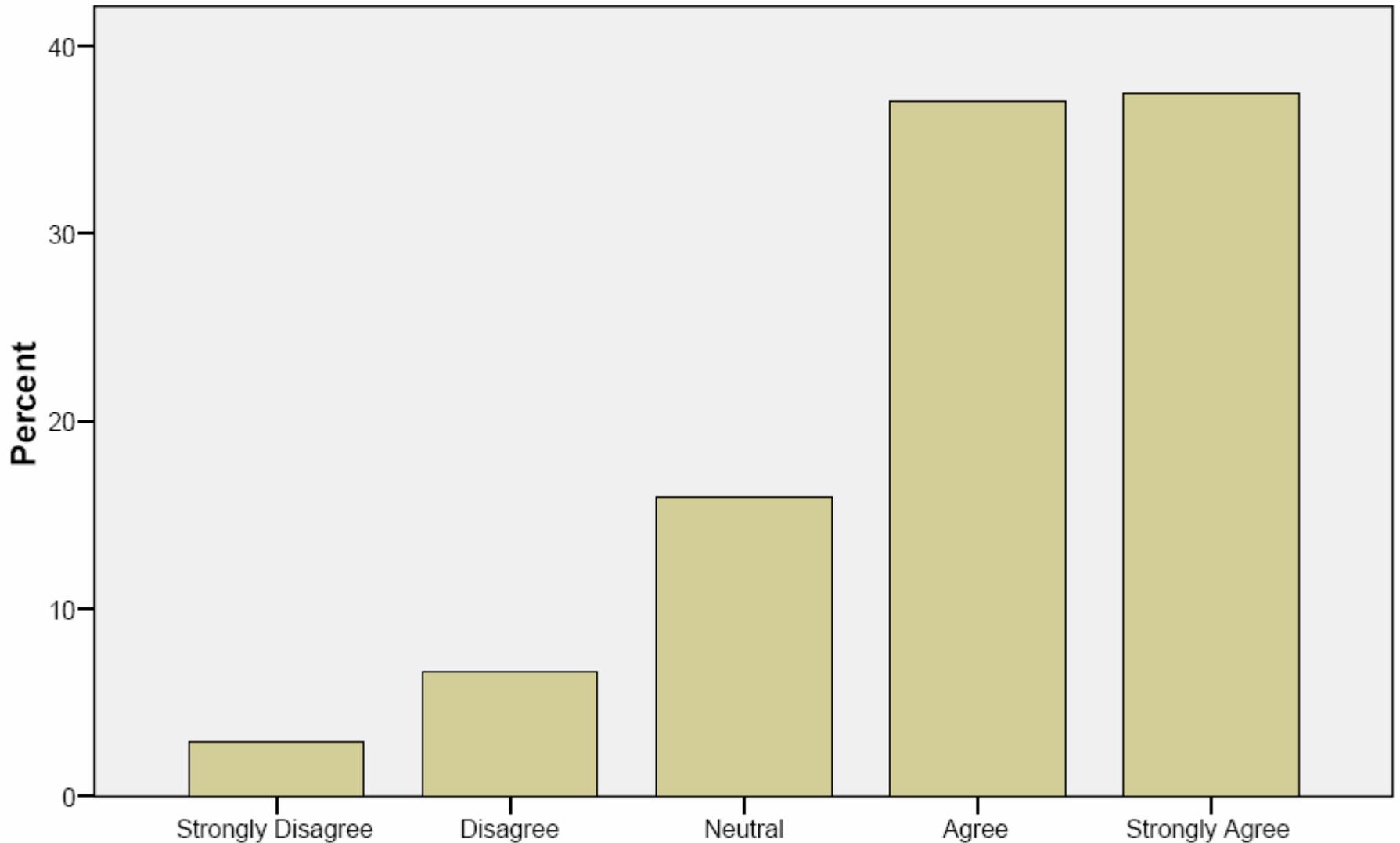
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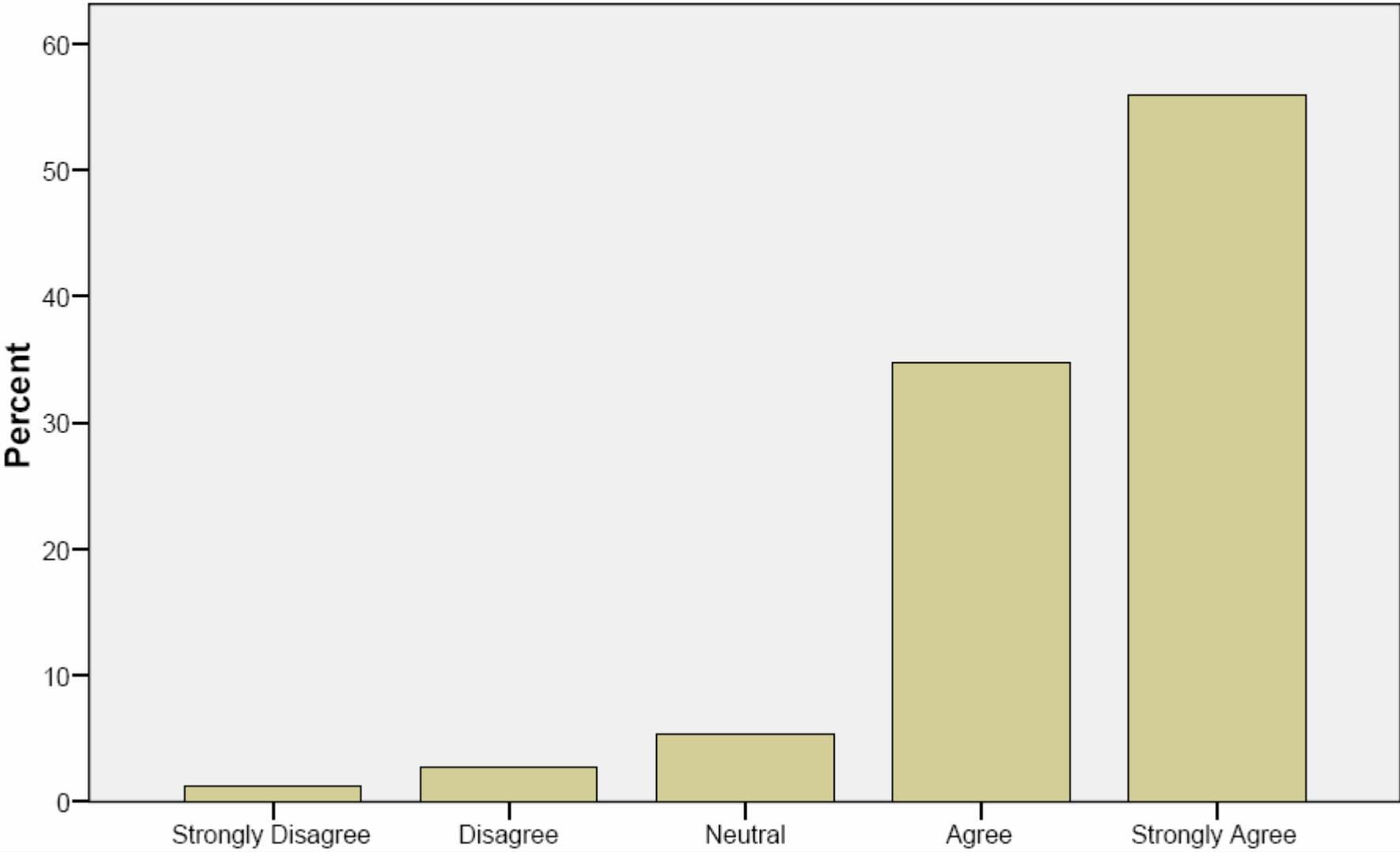
## Aransas County needs growth in order to prosper



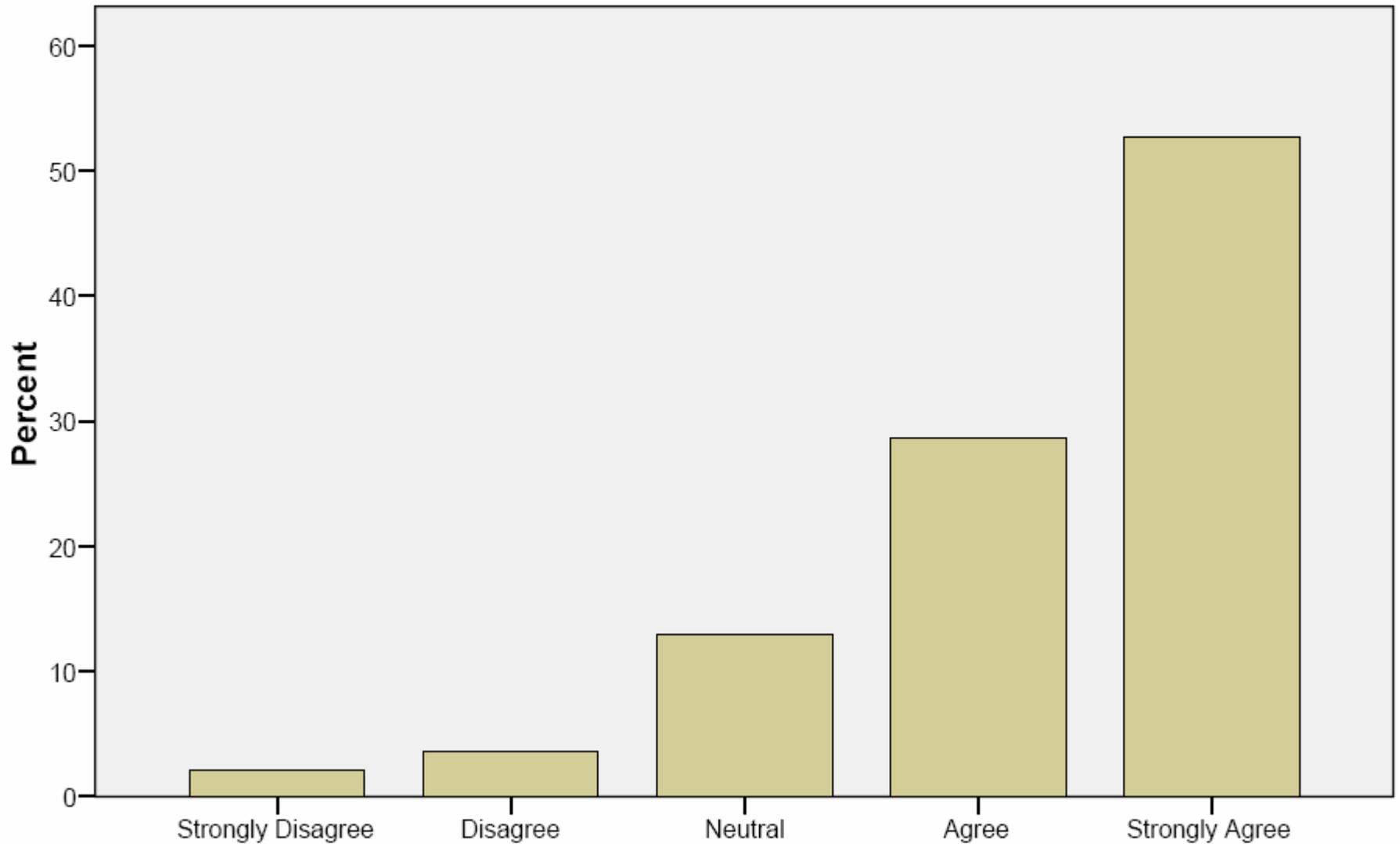
## City and county government should play a role in guiding the character of future growth



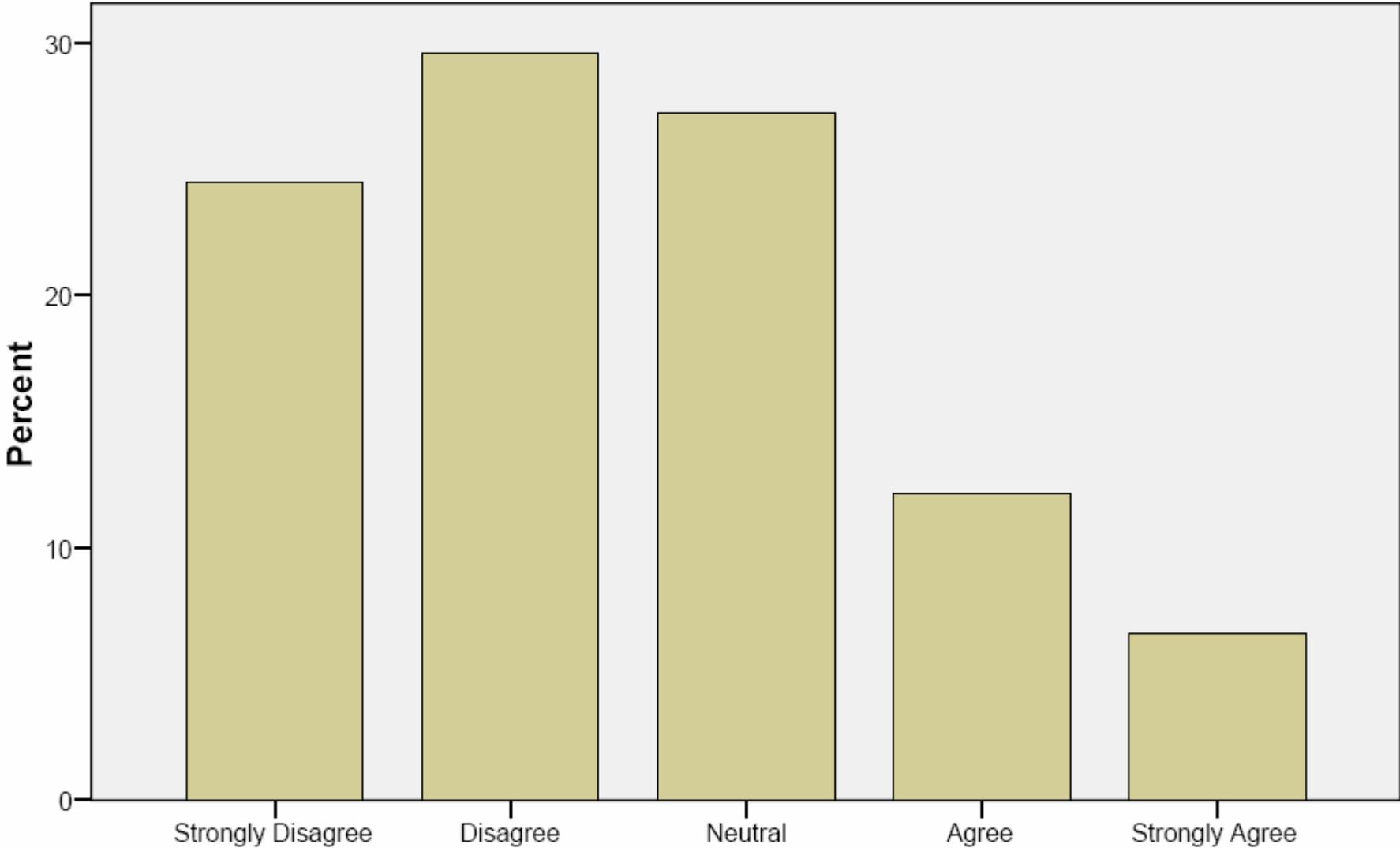
# Citizens and citizen groups should play a role in guiding the character of future growth



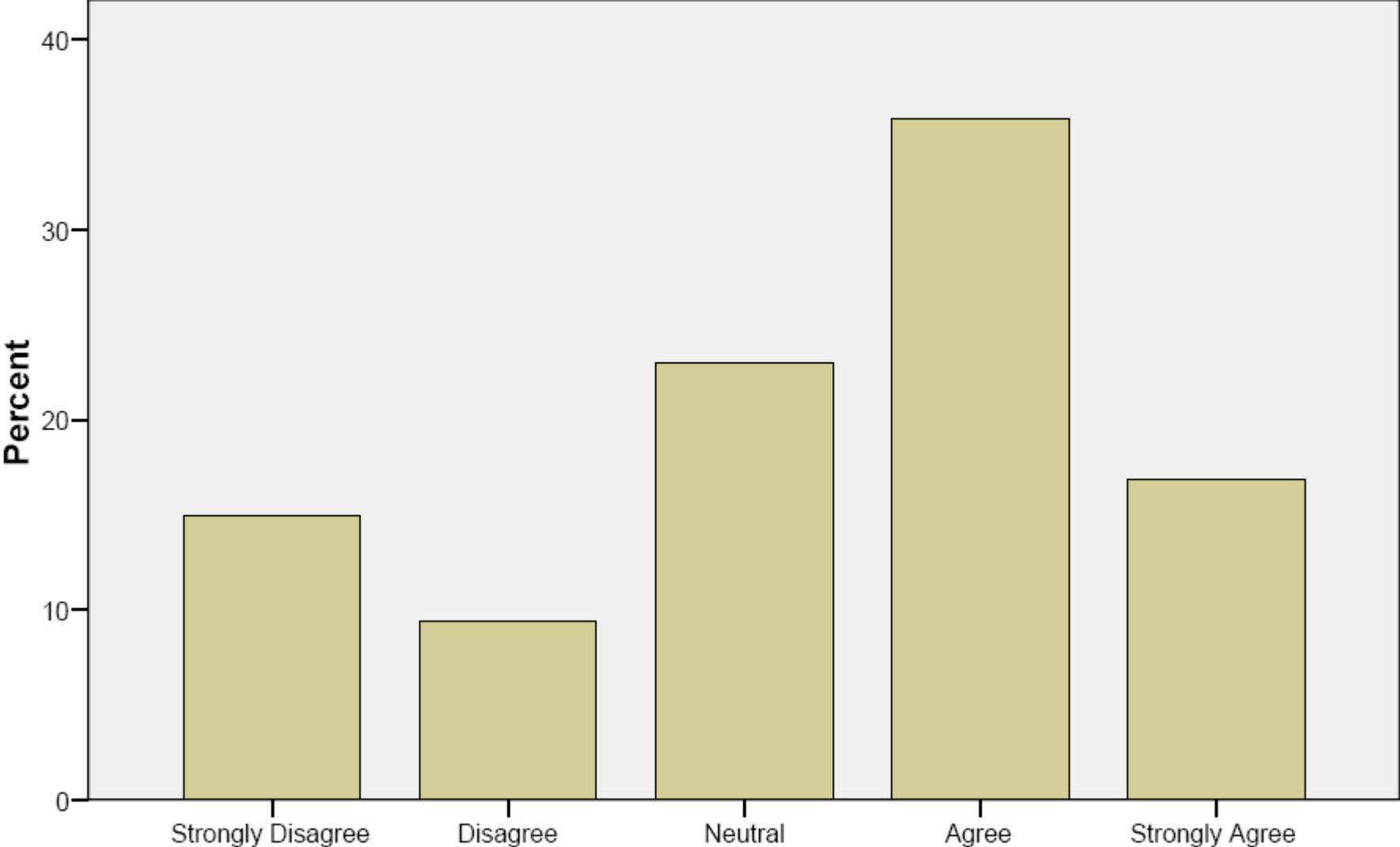
## Natural areas, such as oak motts, floodplains, wetlands, and prairies are important to the economy of Aransas County



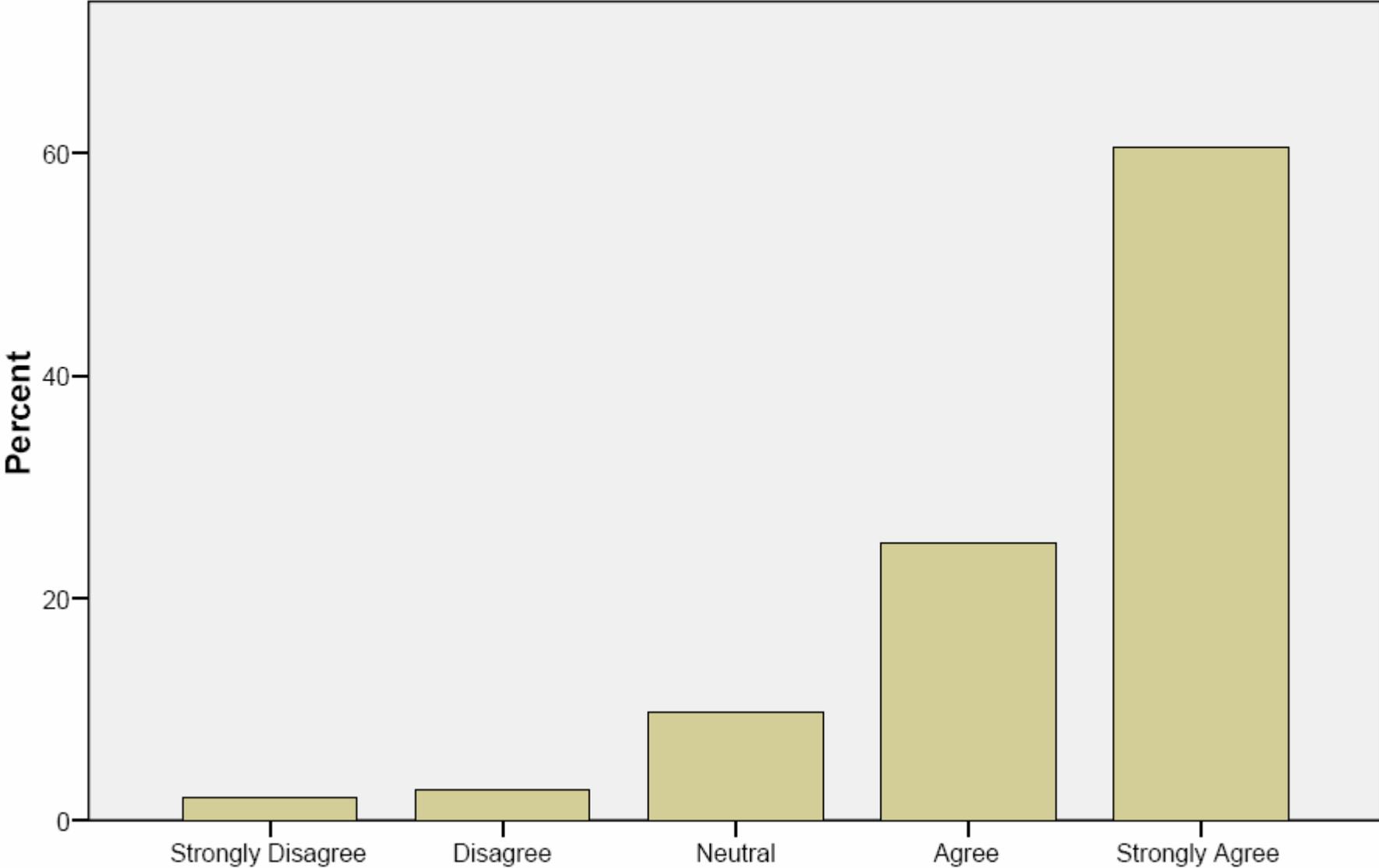
**There are already enough natural areas preserved in Aransas County to ensure my grandchildren enjoy the same natural environment as I do**



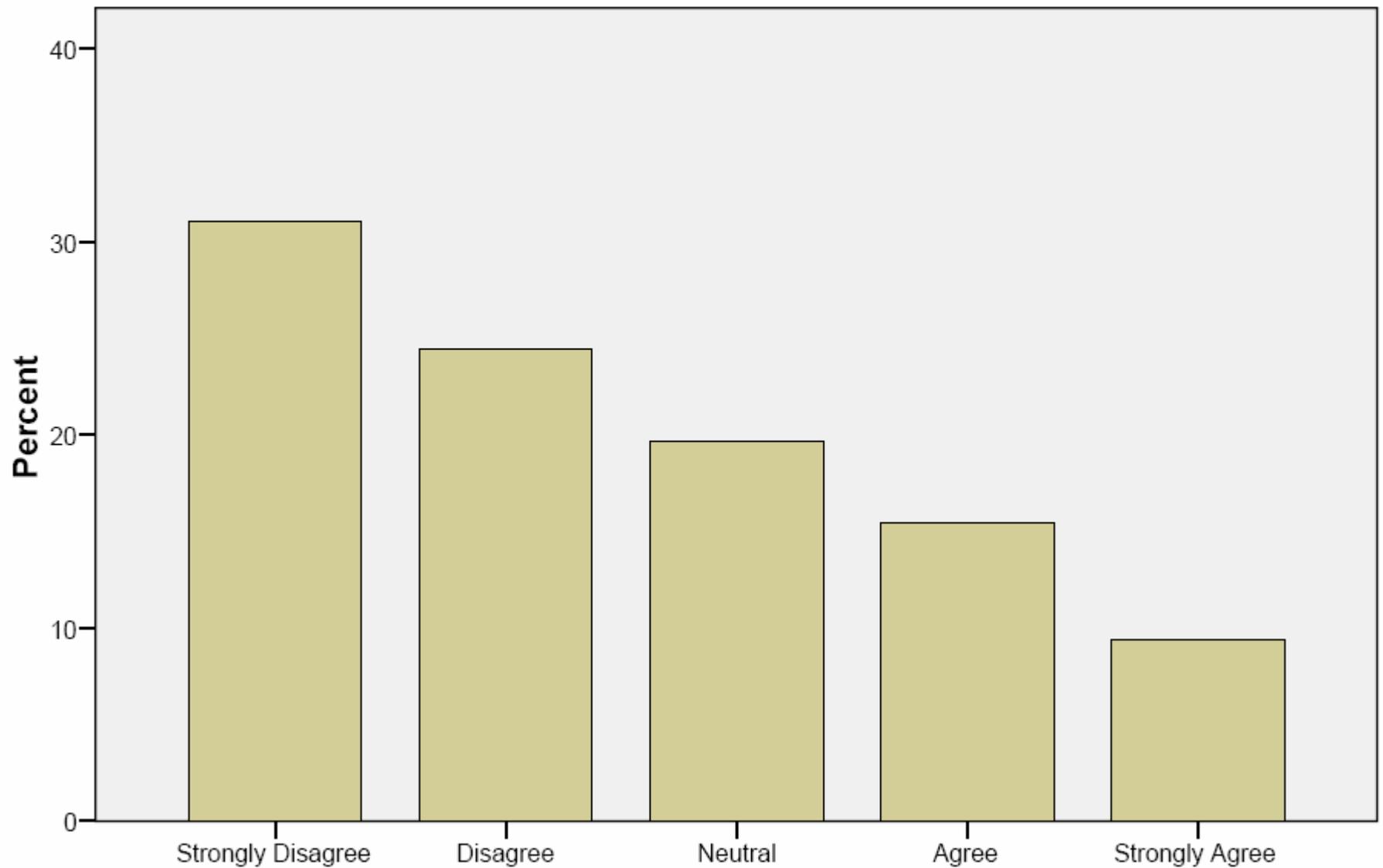
**I will be willing to endure a slight increase in taxes to preserve important remaining natural areas**



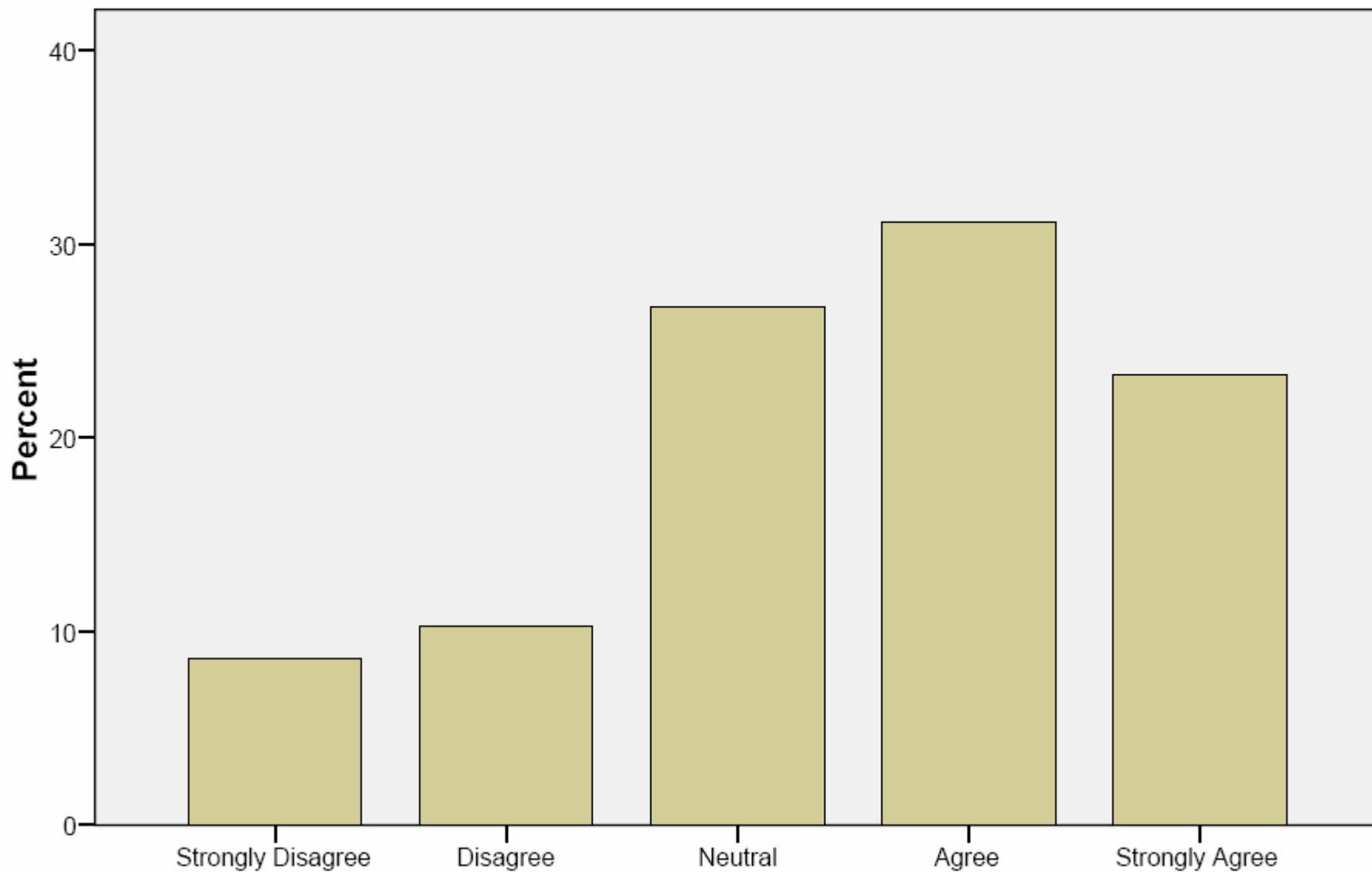
# I like the small town feel of downtown Rockport and Fulton



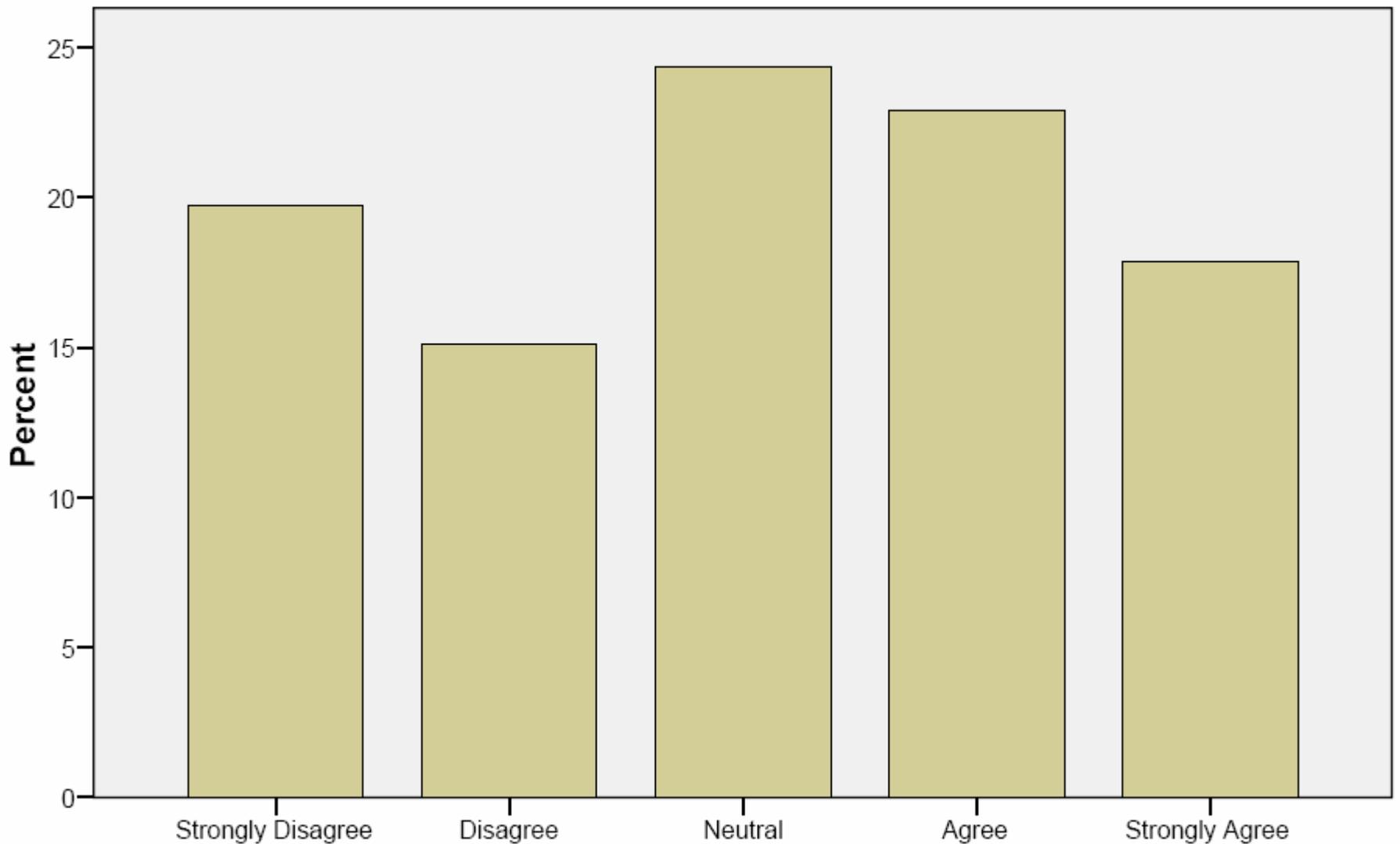
## I live close enough to walk to local stores



## I would like to be able to drive less and walk more



## I would be willing to give up some yard space in return for more walkable neighborhood and closer proximity to shops and retail



# *Where to from here?*

- *Focus on “Collaborative Democracy”*
- *Bridges to non-traditional departments*  
*urban planning, parks/tourism/rec,*  
*architecture, civil engineering*
- *Coastal Hazards-Resilient Cities*
- *An Urban Grant?*



