

Scenario Planning and Land Use Analysis

Community Development Committee



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Overview



Today's Agenda

Regional planning and land use recap

Scenario planning

Application of scenario planning

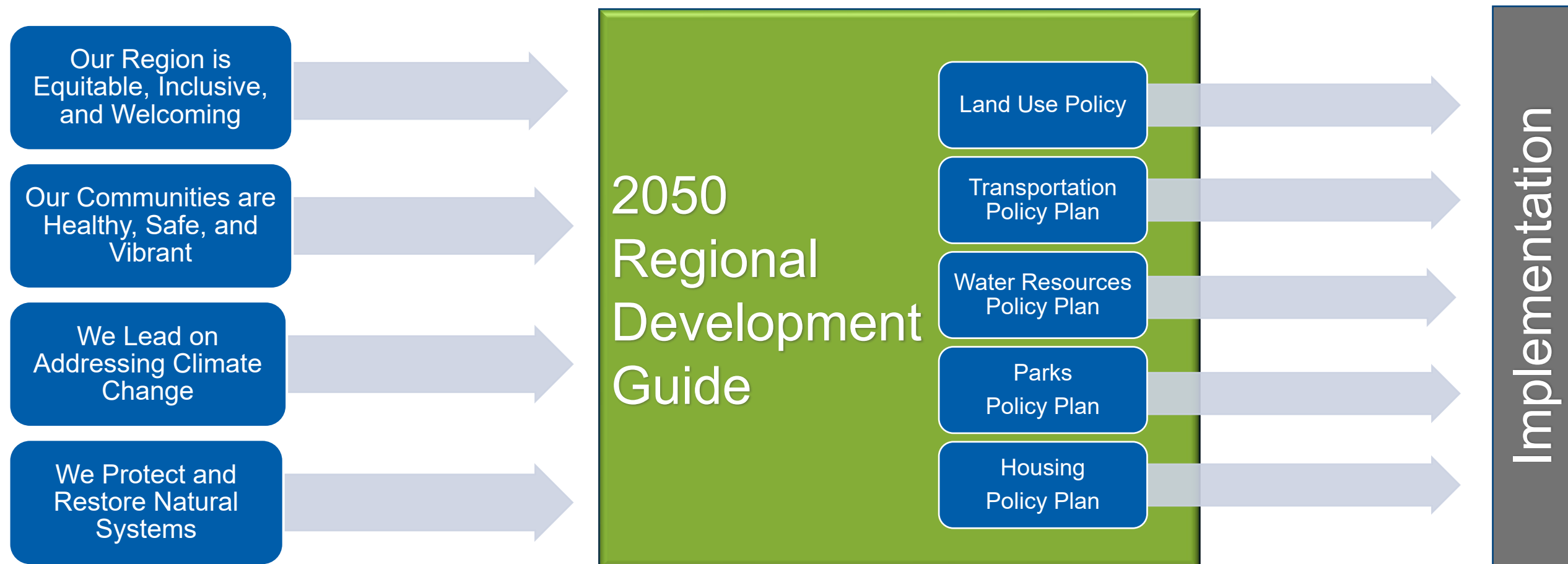
Land use implications

Recap: Why regional planning?



Recap: Approach to Achieve Regional Vision

What will it take to realize the regional vision?



Scenario Planning

What is scenario planning?

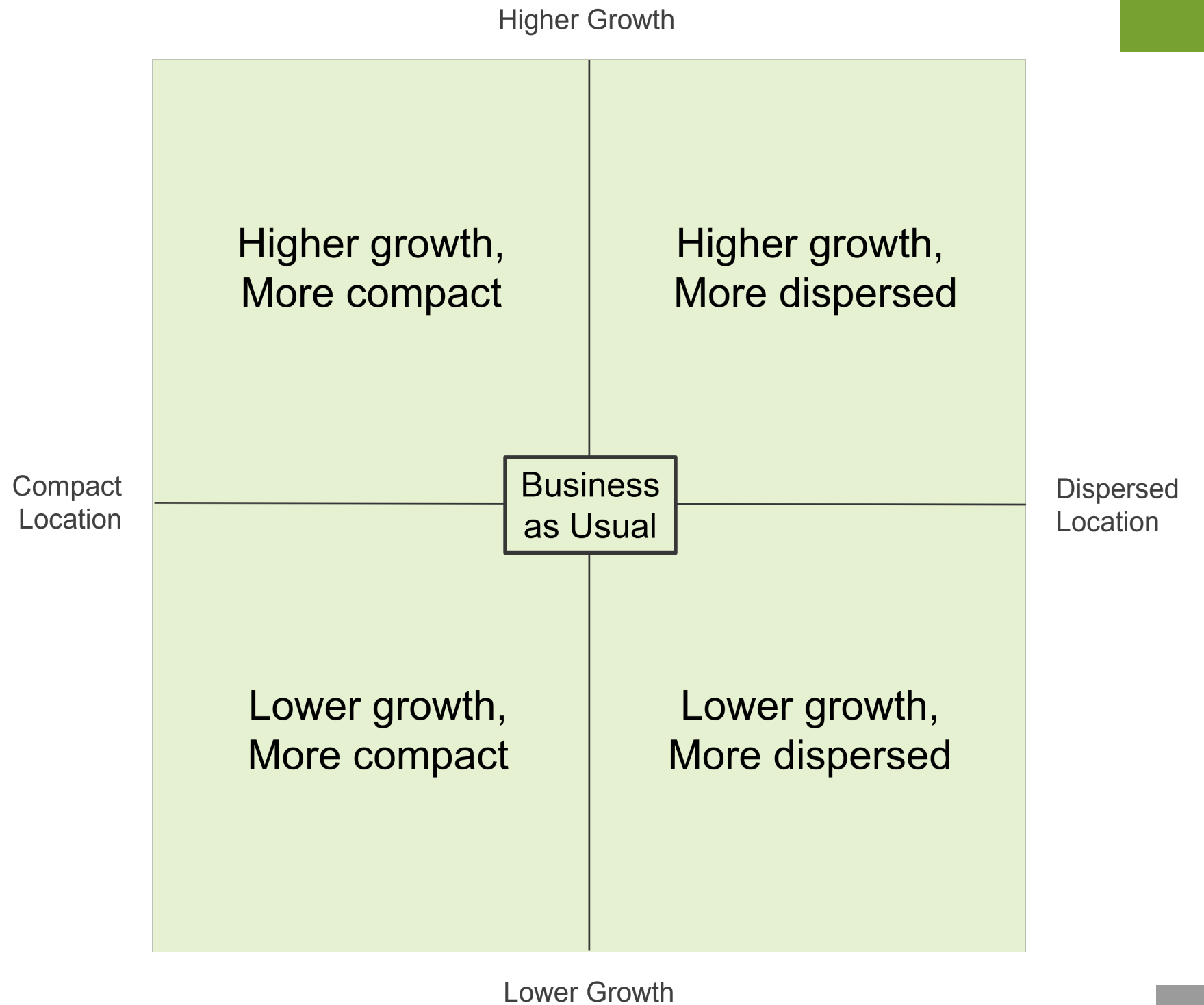


Why and how are we using it?

- Prepare for contingencies in an unknown future
- Identify future opportunities and challenges
- Inform future regional growth policies

Regional Growth Scenarios

How much?
Where?



Extent of growth

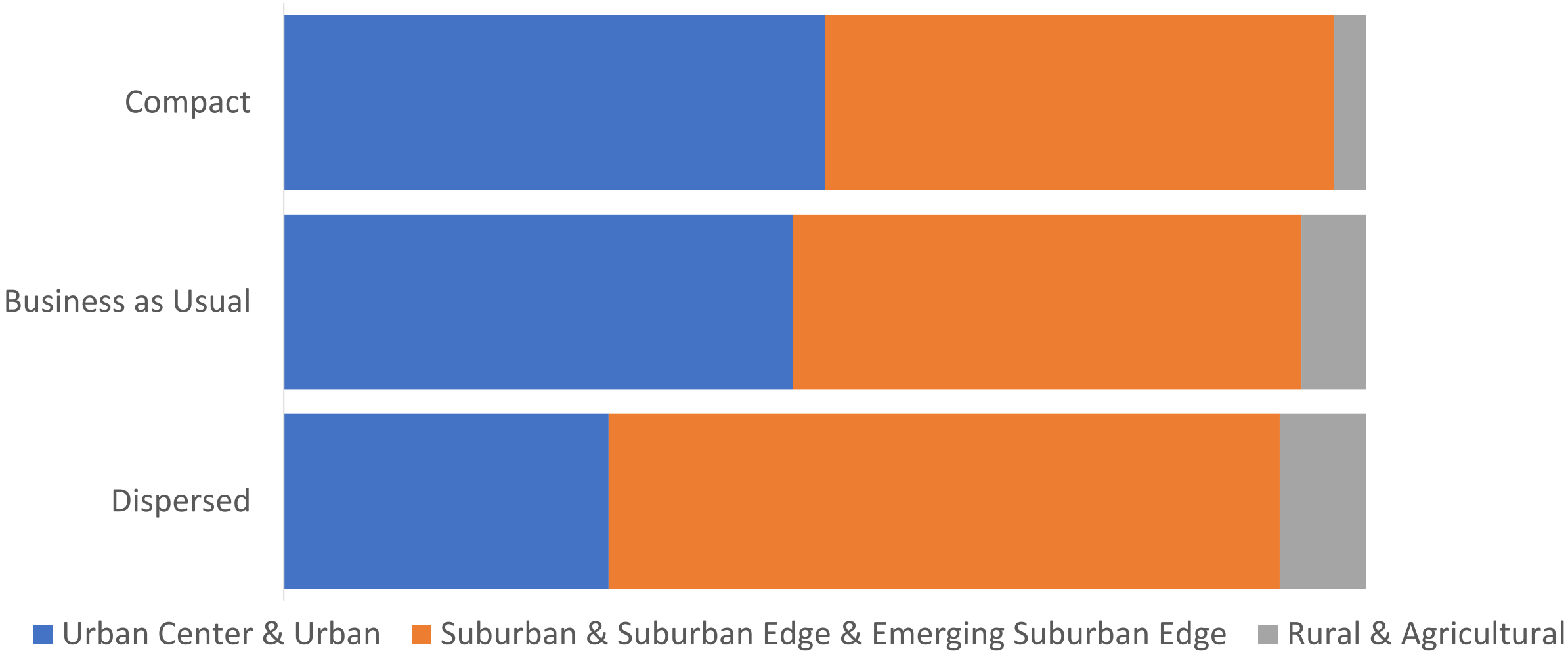
Higher versus lower than the business-as-usual

- **Higher population growth:** around 50% more than business-as-usual
- **Lower population growth:** around 25% less than business-as-usual

- **Higher employment growth:** around 50% more than business-as-usual
- **Lower employment growth:** around 50% less than business-as-usual

Location of growth

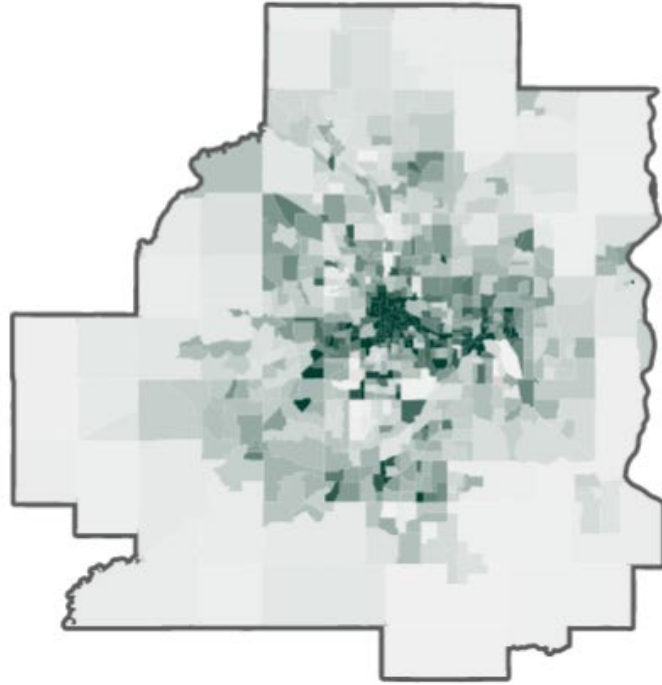
Distribution of Growth Across Community Designations



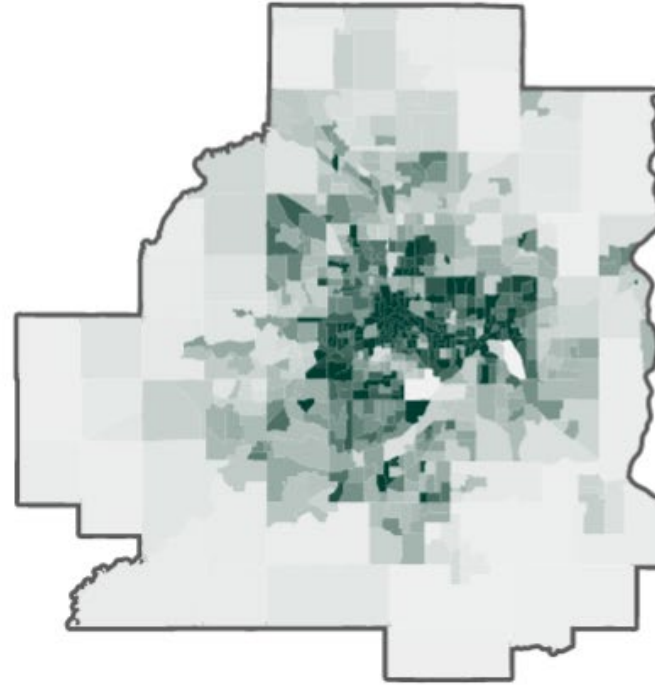
What do different futures look like?



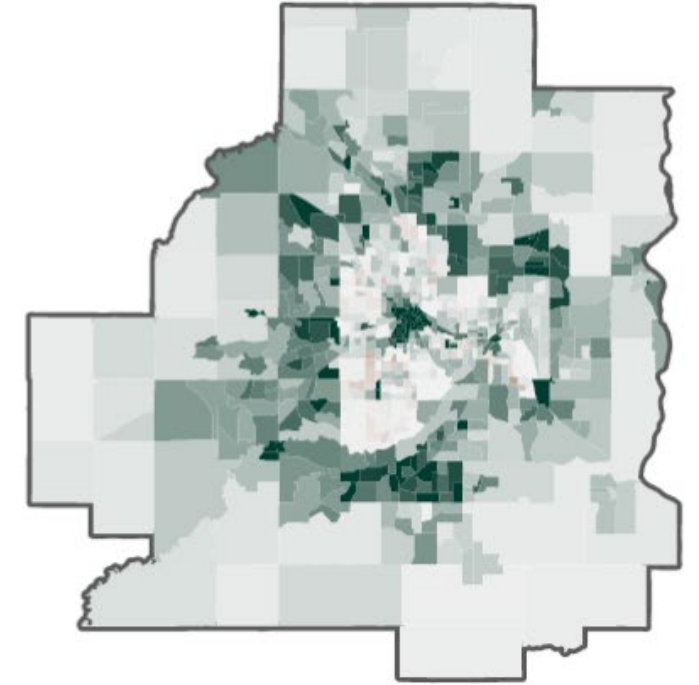
Business as usual



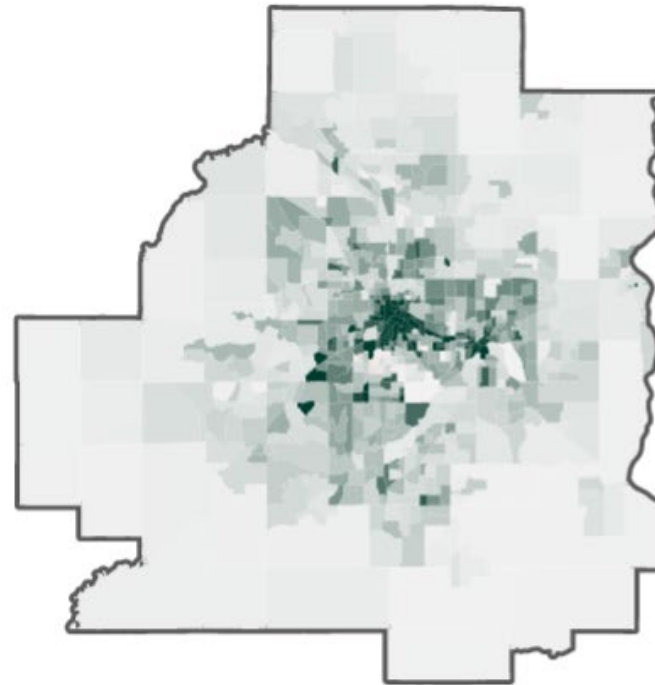
Higher growth, more compact



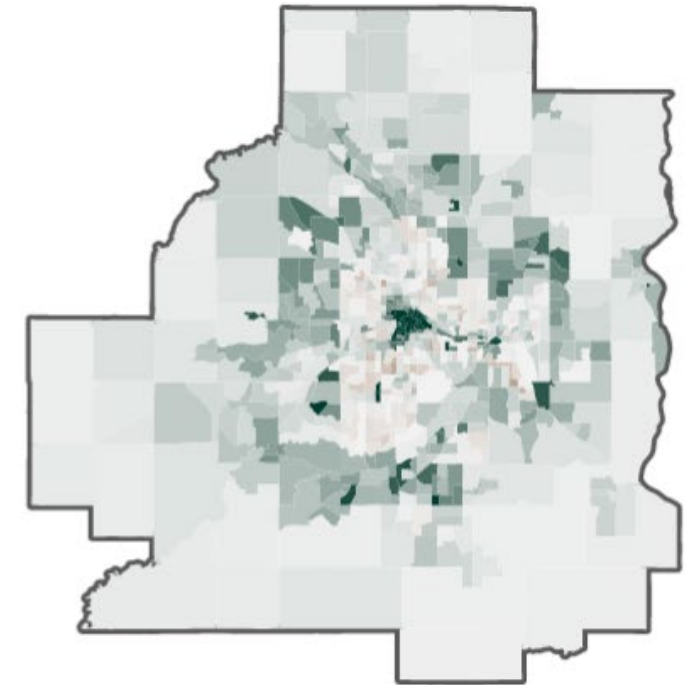
Higher growth, more dispersed



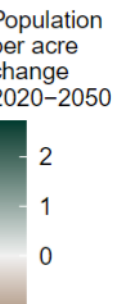
Lower growth, more compact



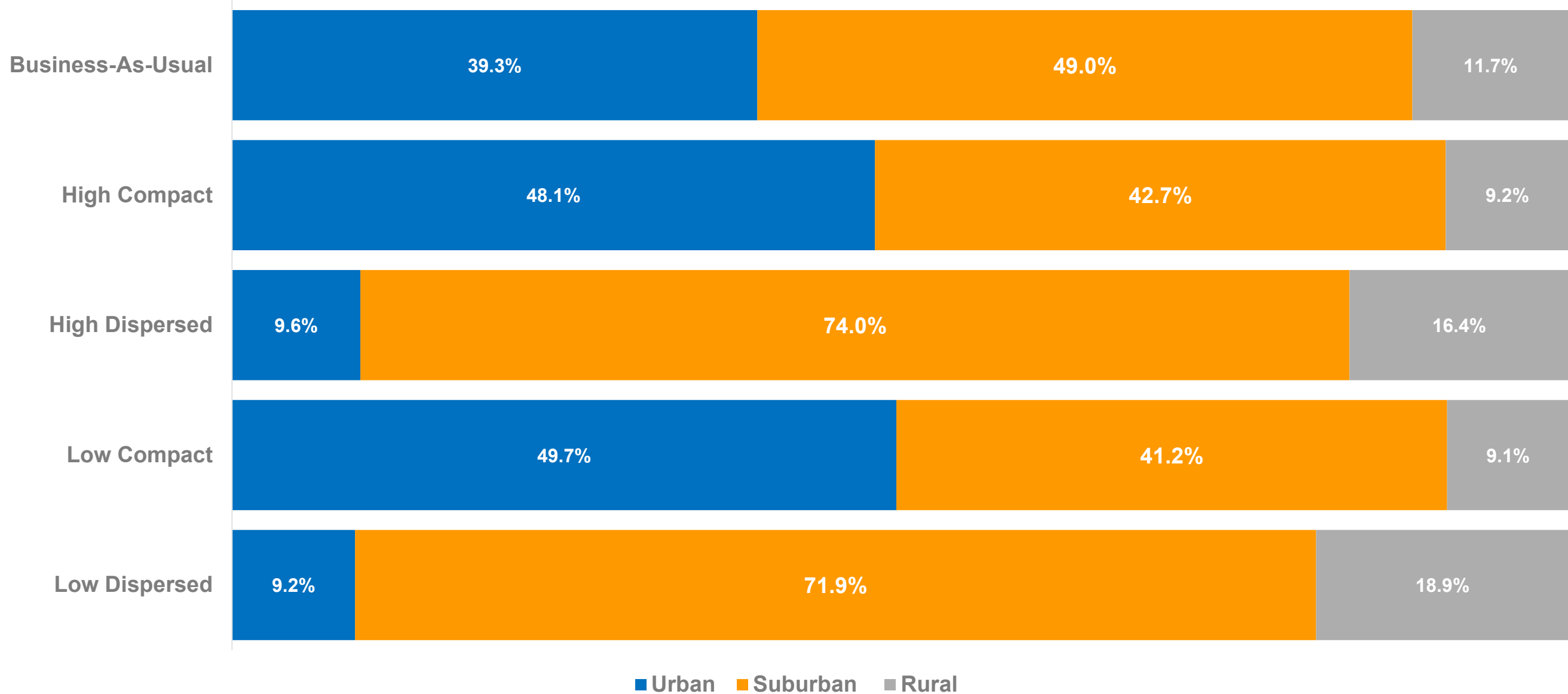
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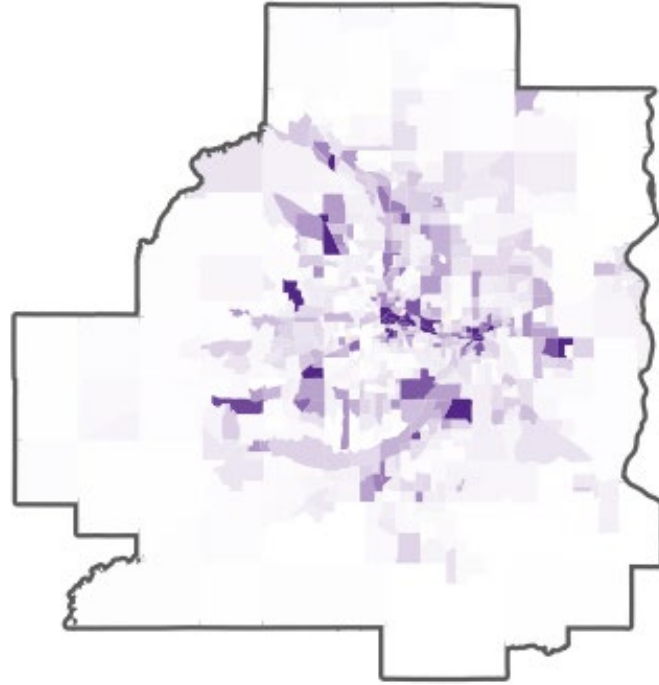
Population Per Acre Change, 2020-2050



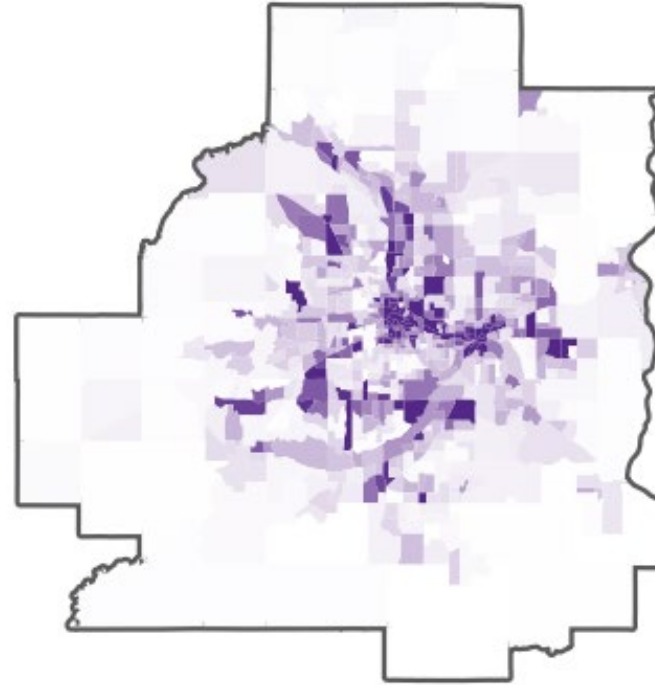
Share of Population Growth by Community Designation, 2020-2050



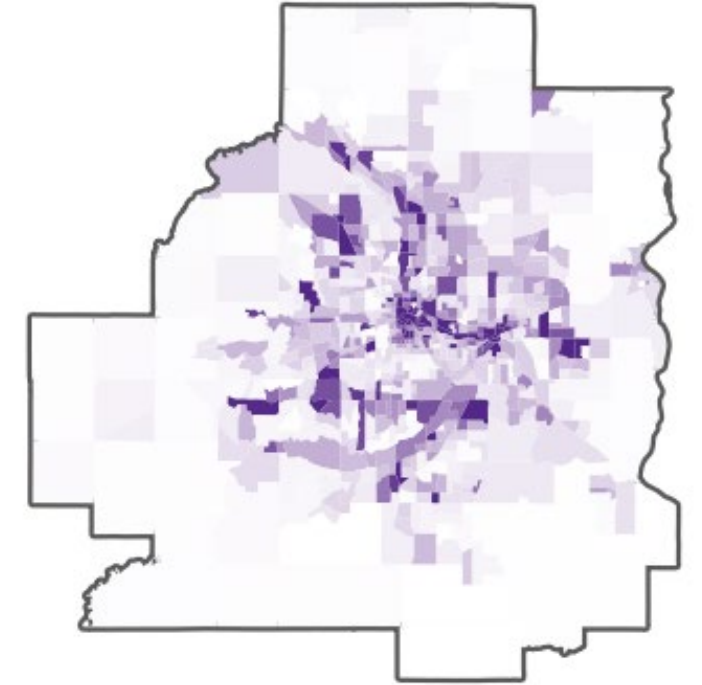
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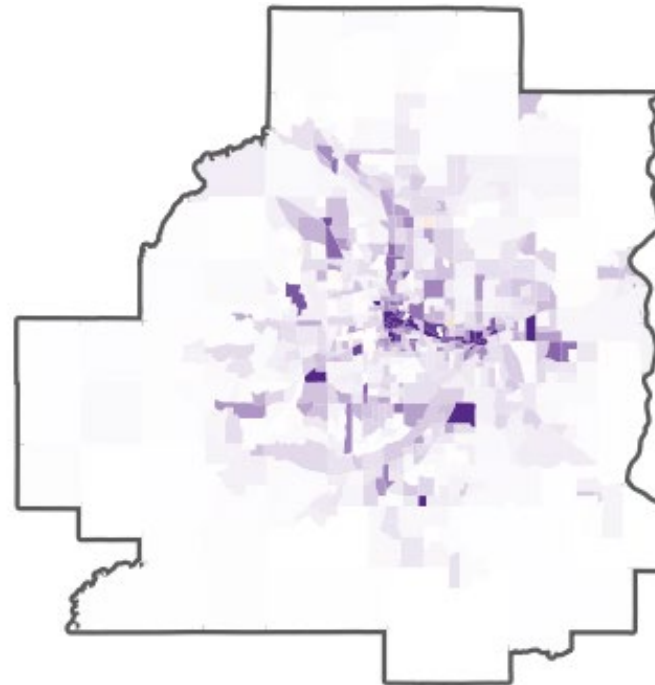
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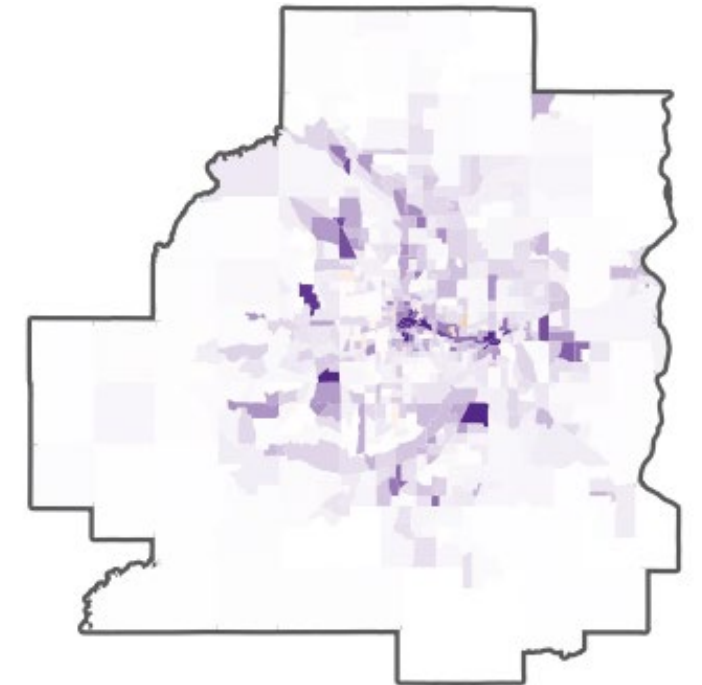
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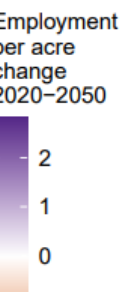
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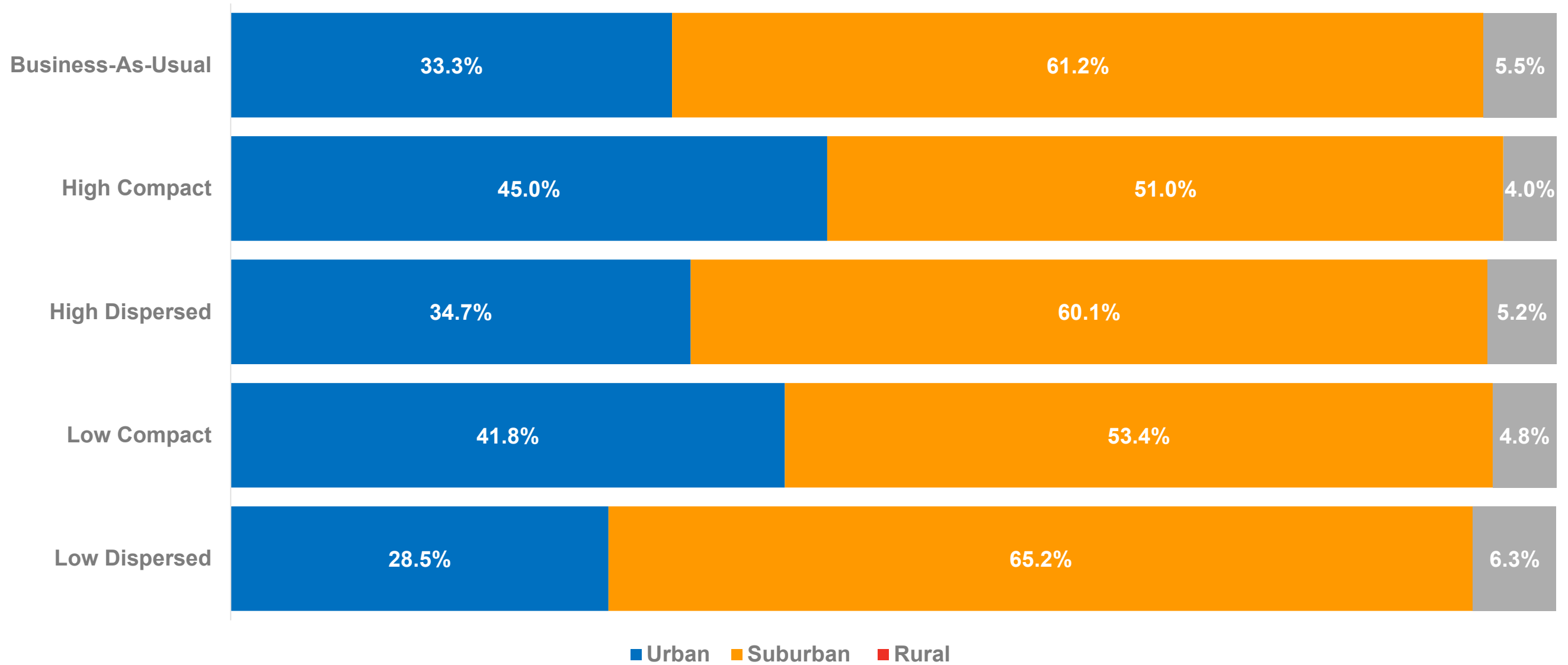
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Employment per Acre Change, 2020-2050

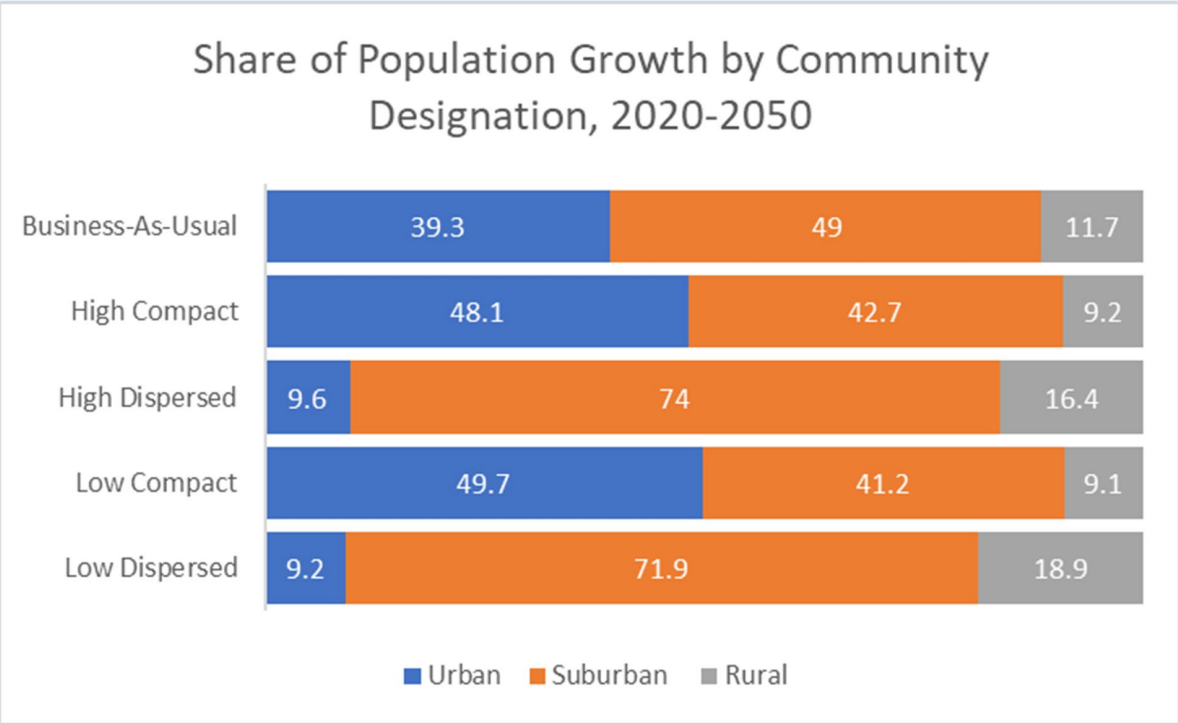


Share of Employment Growth by Community Designation, 2020-2050

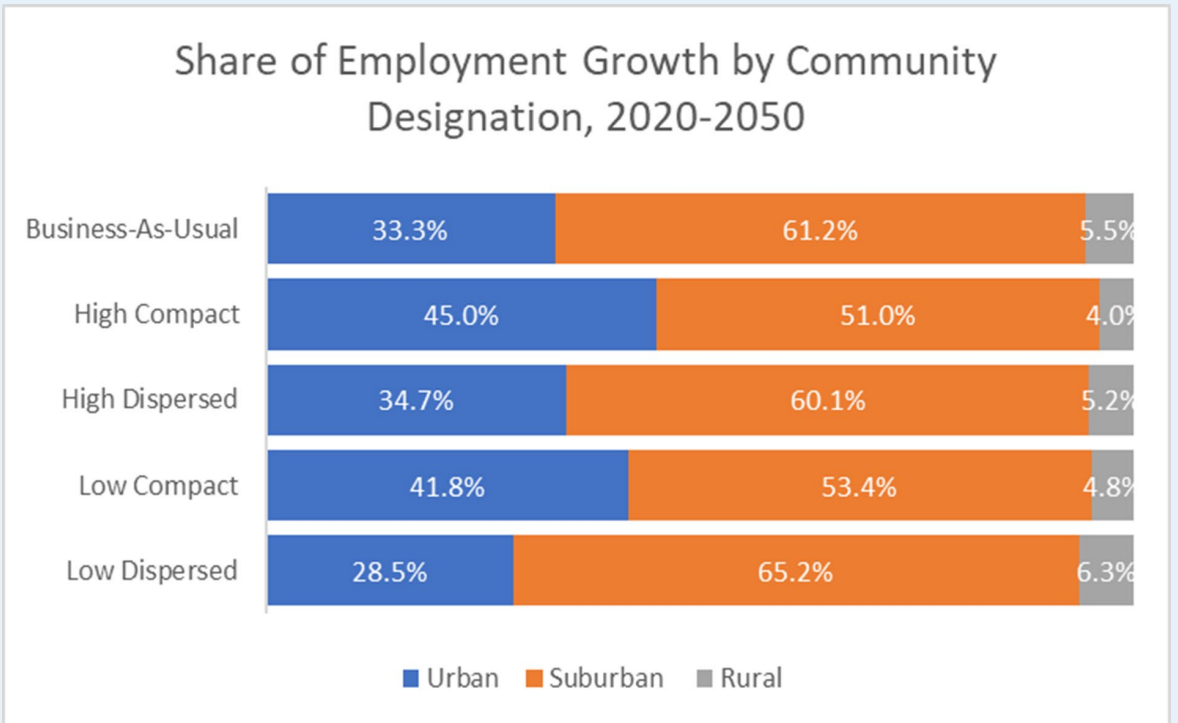


Population versus employment

Population



Employment



Regional
Population
and Jobs



Local
Population
and Jobs



High/
Compact



High/
Dispersed



Business as
Usual



Low/
Compact



Low/
Dispersed

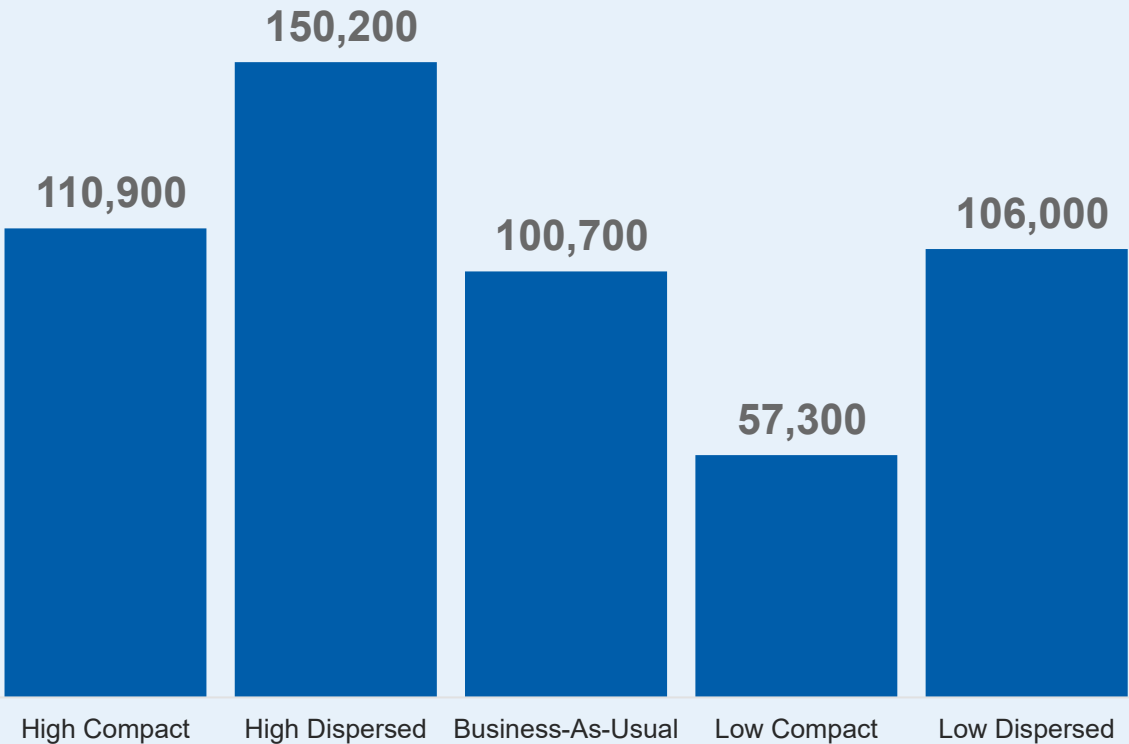
Land Use Metrics



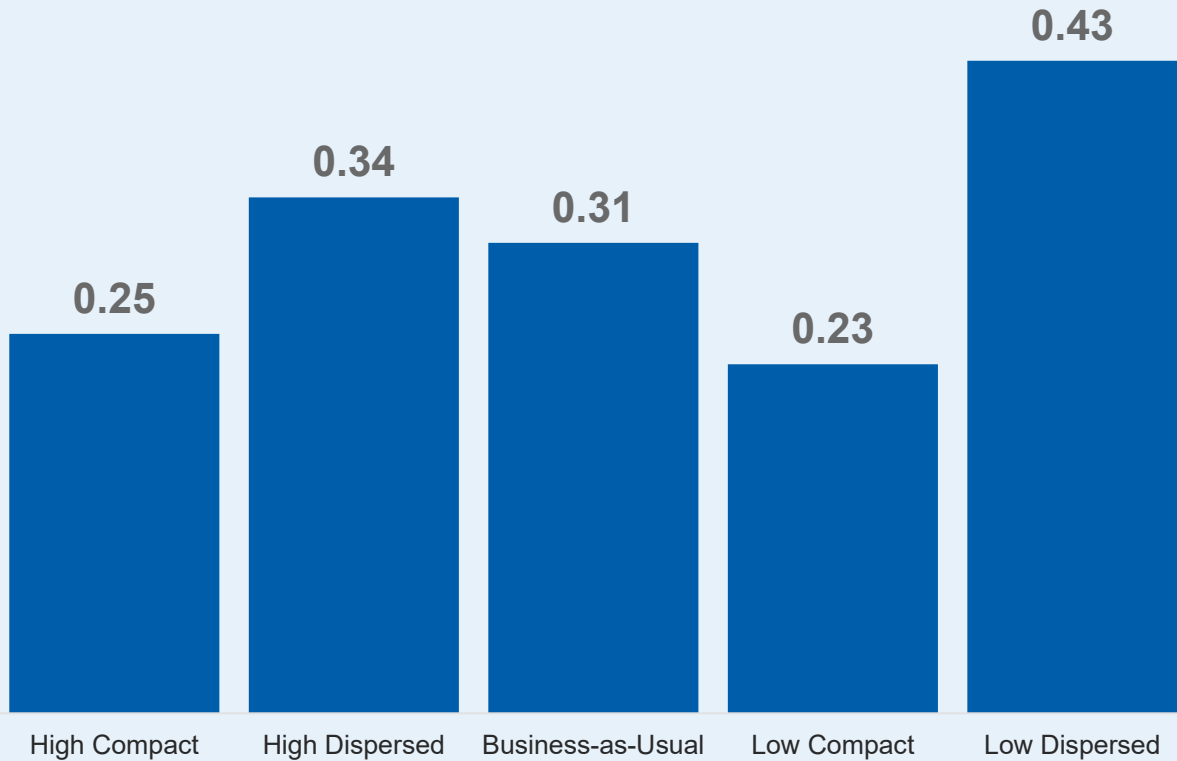
Concept	Measure
Land Consumed	Total Acres of Land Developed
Density of Land Use	Average Acres of Land Use per Household
Agricultural Land Developed	Total Acres of Agricultural Land Lost to Development

Land use modeling results

Total Acres of Additional Land Developed, 2020-2050

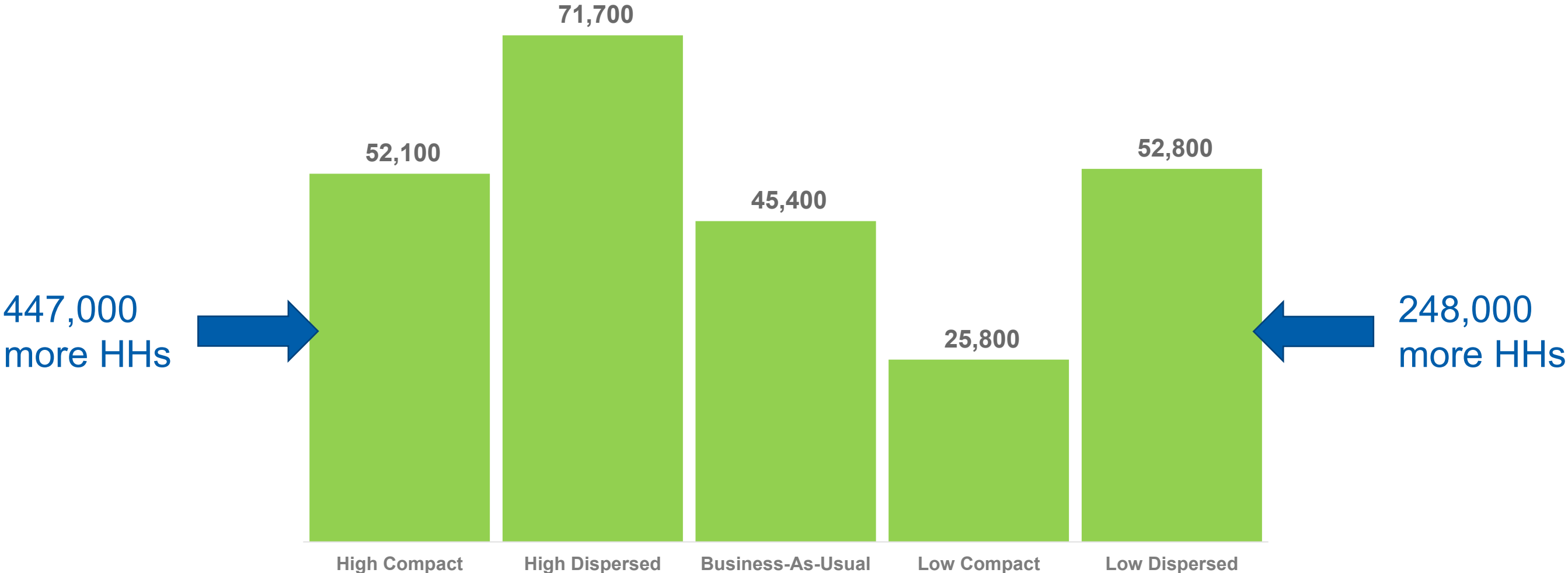


Average Acres of Land Used Per Household



Land use modeling results

Total Acres of Agricultural Land Lost to Development



Implications on Land Use Policy



Findings

Compact development uses land more intensely and efficiently.

Dispersed development increases pressure on agricultural land.

Connection to regional values and vision

Measure	Council Vision Components			
	Equitable Inclusive Welcoming	Healthy Safe Vibrant	Climate Mitigation Adaptation Resilience	Natural Systems Protected Restored
Total Acres of Land Developed				✓
Average Acres of Land Used per Capita	✓		✓	
Total Acres of Agricultural Land Developed		✓		✓

Land Use Policy



Land use policies impact things we care about

- Significant cross-cutting regional issues
 - Equity
 - Climate Change
 - Natural Systems
 - Public Health, Safety, and Well-being
- Land use policies guide growth and development in the region
- Policy decisions move the region toward desirable outcomes and away from undesirable outcomes

Upcoming Discussions



Guiding growth in the region

- Intersection of scenarios with cross-cutting regional issues
- Intersections of land use and other policy areas:
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Wastewater and Water Resources
 - Regional Parks and Trails
- Land use goal and policy development

Significant Cross-Cutting Regional Issues

Equity

Systemic racism and other inequities have embedded lasting social and economic disparities for our region.

Natural Systems

Natural systems are important assets that are at risk, and their benefits are often shared inequitably.

Climate

Climate change presents risks for infrastructure, natural systems, and vulnerable communities.

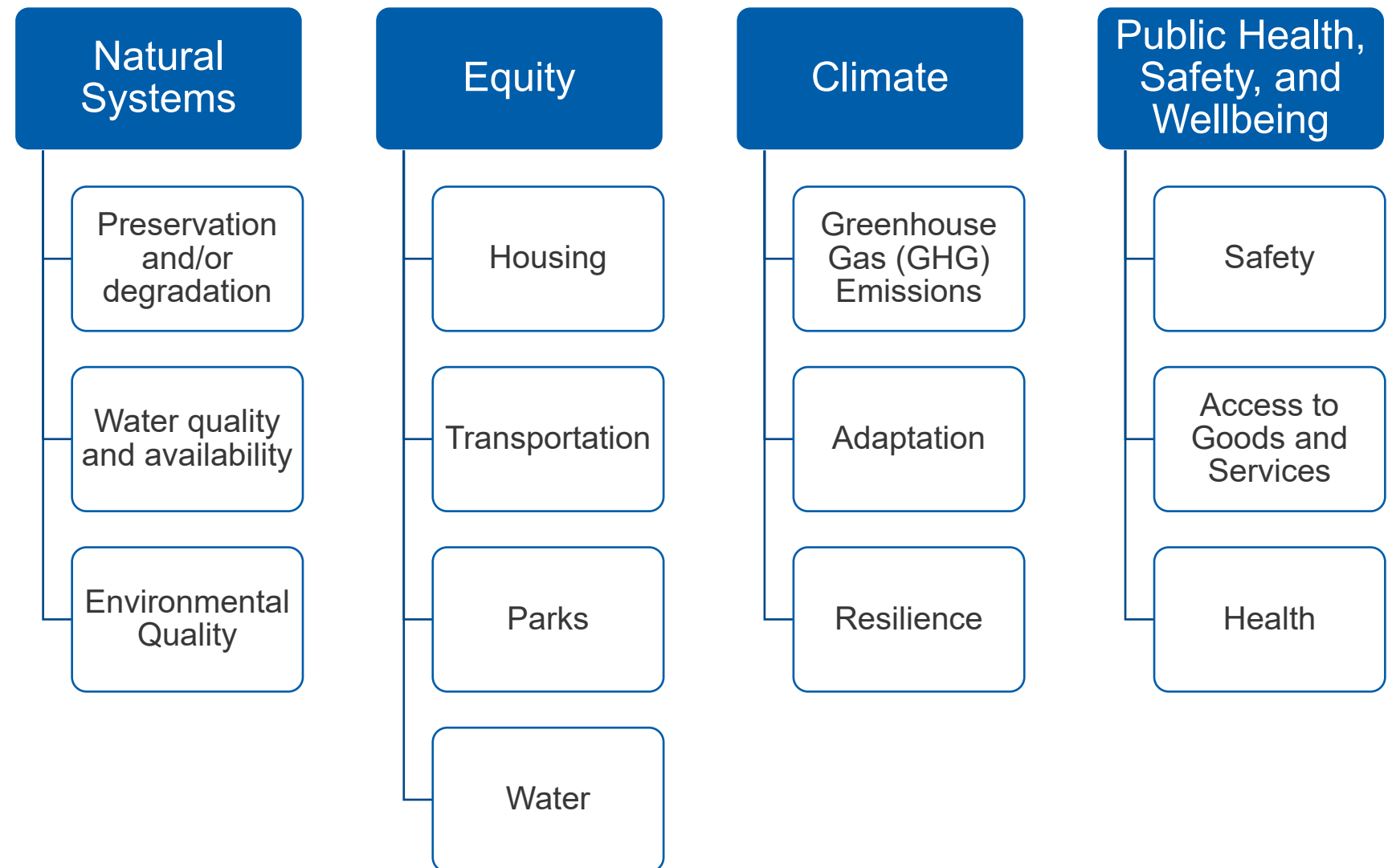
Public Health, Safety, & Wellbeing

Our built and natural environments can support quality of life, but inequitable or unsafe conditions can result in illness, injury, or death.

Opportunities and Challenges Analysis



Regional Cross-Cutting Issues





Questions?

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