

WELCOME TO THE
FLINT HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND ROADMAP



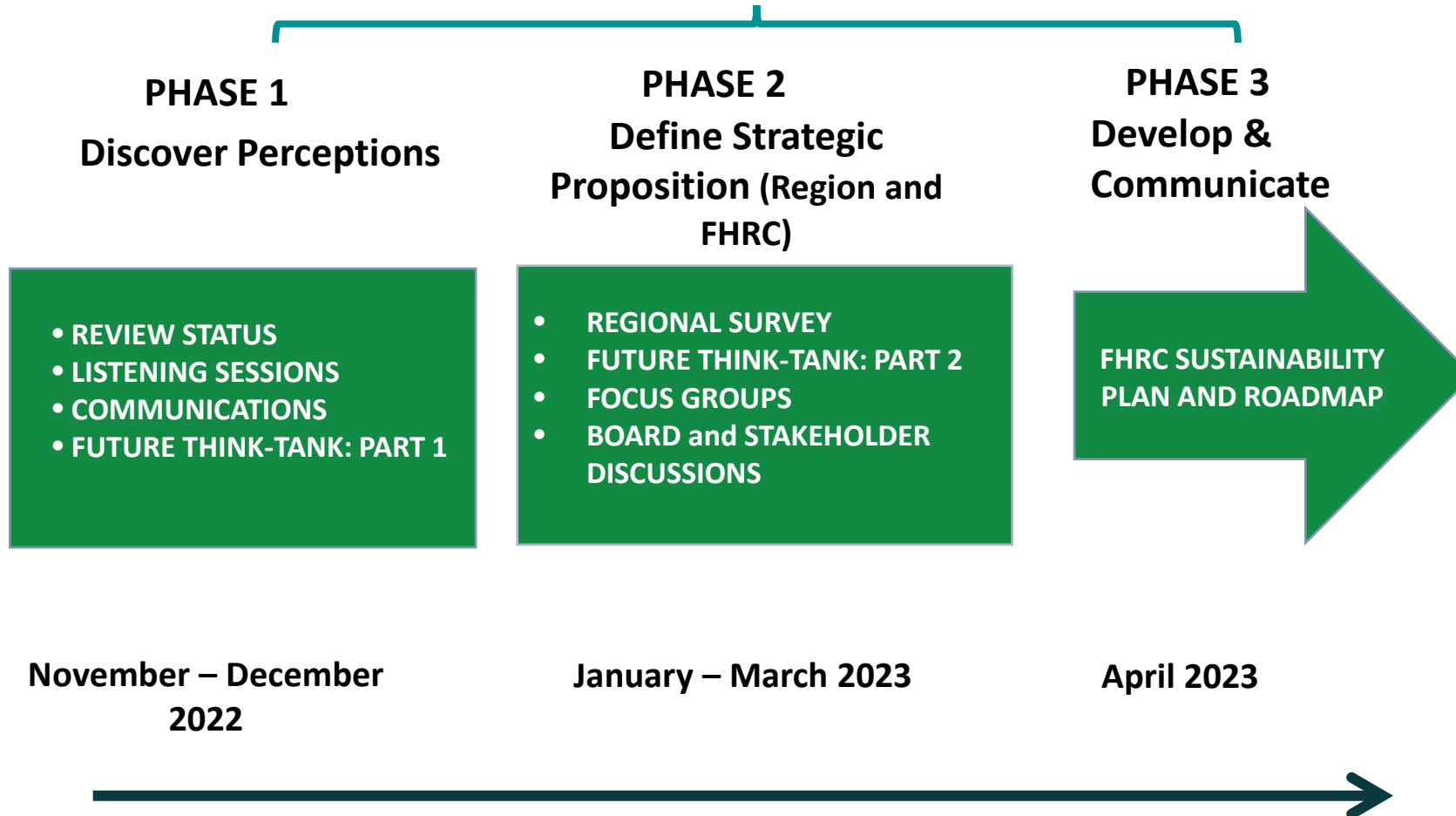
Flint Hills Regional Council
Sustainability Plan and Roadmap
Focus Groups

February 17 – 21, 2023



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TIMELINE
November
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Resource Economy

Friday February 17, 2023

1:00pm – 2:30pm

The Dealership
318 W Main St
Council Grove, KS 66846

Regional Fabric and Reputation

Tuesday February 21, 2023

10:00am – 12:30pm

Alma Community Center
1050 Ohio St.
Alma, KS 66401

Virtual Fort Riley/ Dept of Defense

Thursday, March 2, 2023

9:00am – 10:30am

Zoom Details TBA

Technology

Monday February 20, 2023

10:00am – 12:30pm

Manhattan Area Technical
College (MHK)
3136 Dickens Avenue,
Manhattan, KS 66503

Education and Workforce

Tuesday February 21, 2023

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Manhattan Area Technical College
614 US-24
Wamego, KS 66547



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The Importance of Future Thinking

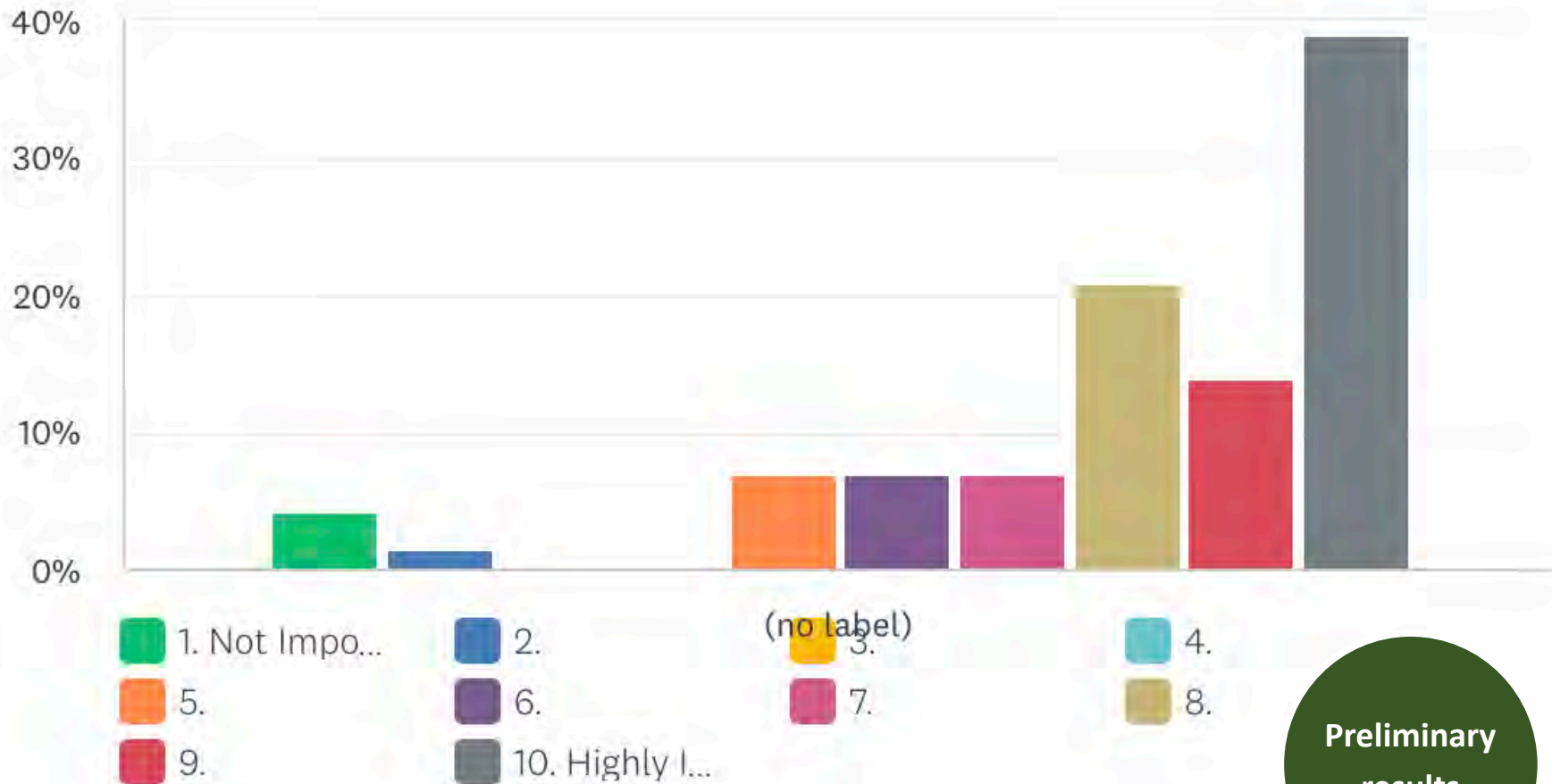
The key to effective future thinking...

- Explore and anticipate a range of plausible futures.
- Consider both **trajectory** (direction of change) and **velocity** (speed of change).
- Explore the combined impacts of multiple potential trends.

Explore potential 'shape and contours' of the future.

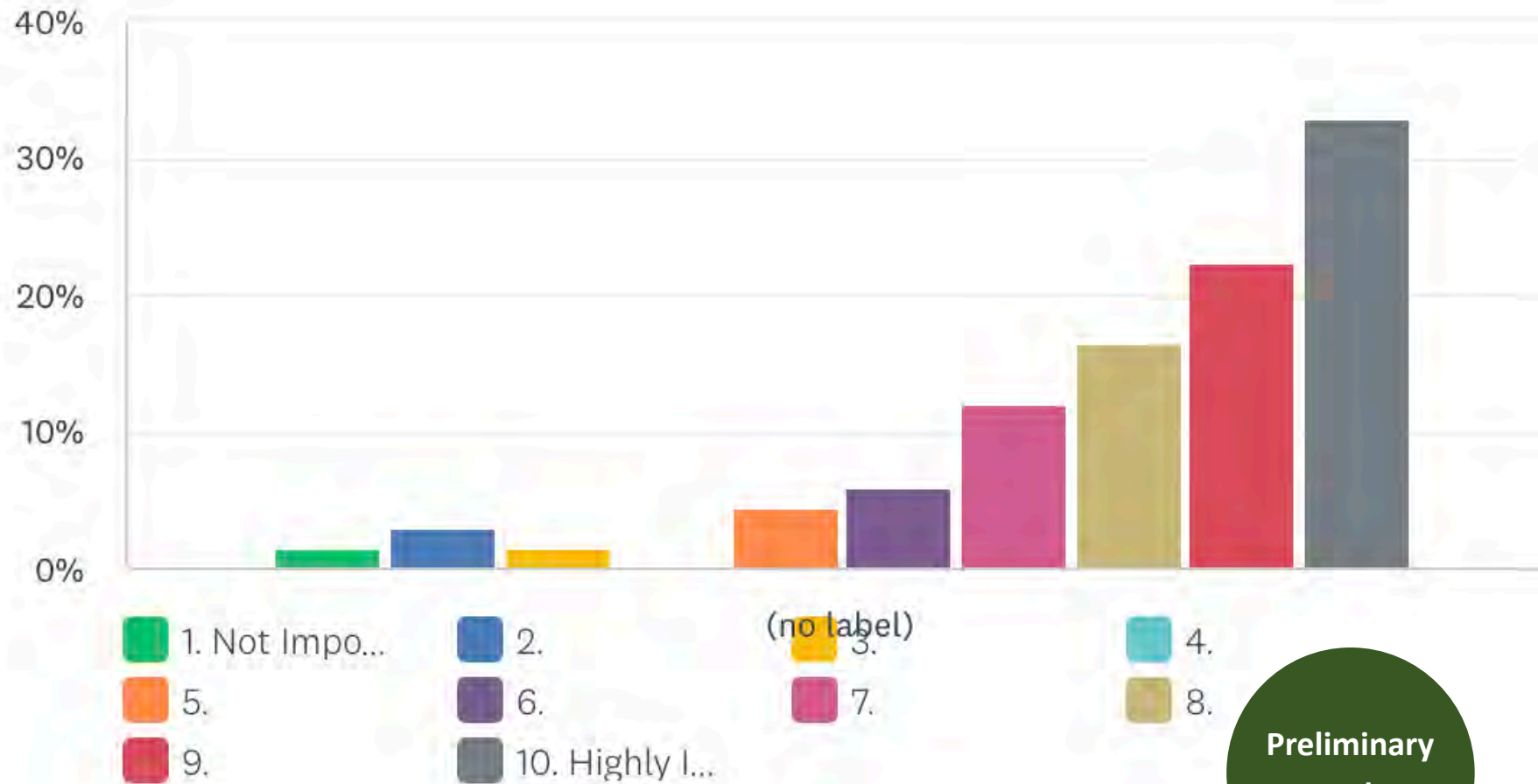


How important do you think it is to have a SHARED REGIONAL PLAN that maps out a strategic future for the Flint Hills region?



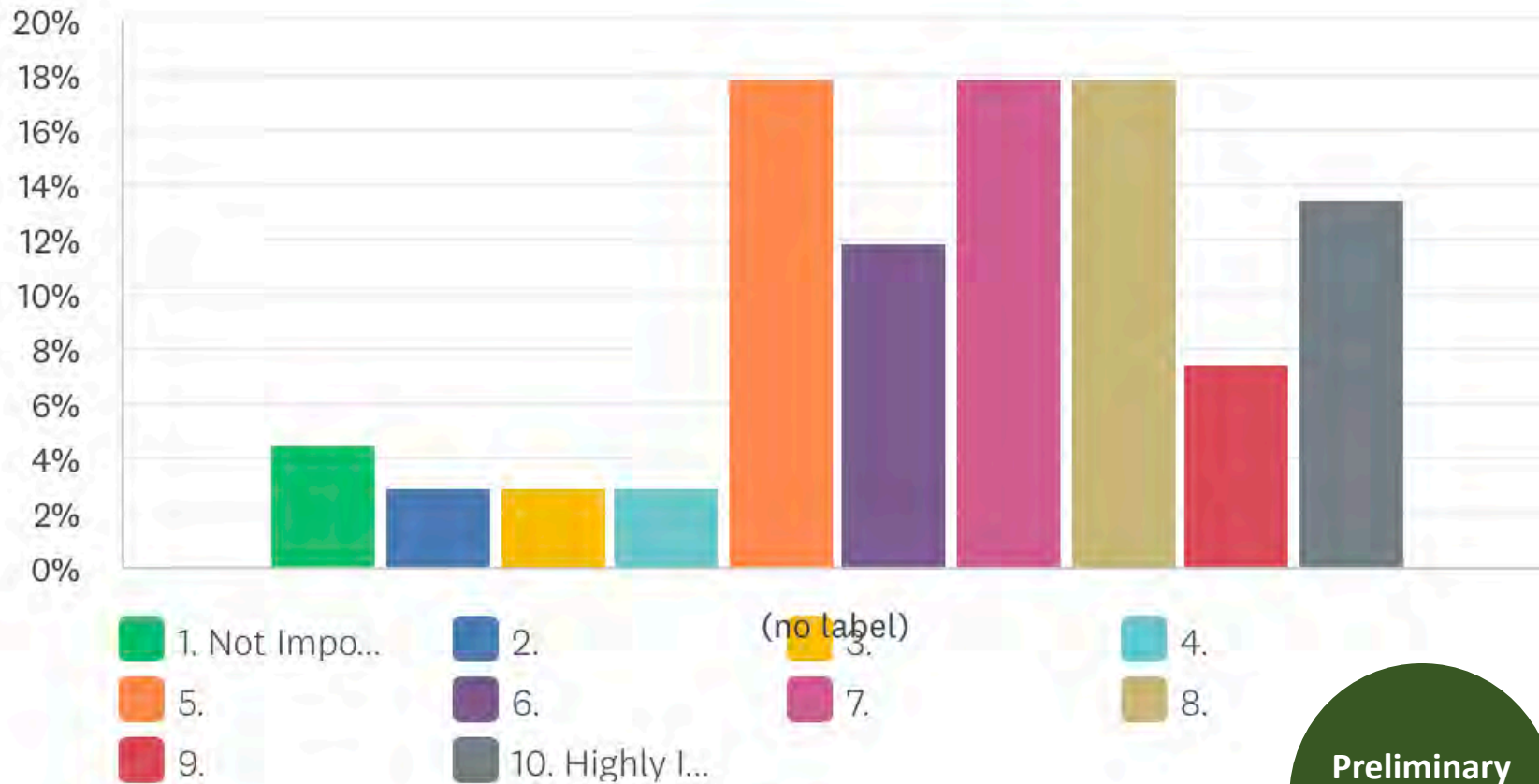
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Over the next 10-20 years, how important and relevant do you think this region could be to the future of the economy on the State of Kansas?



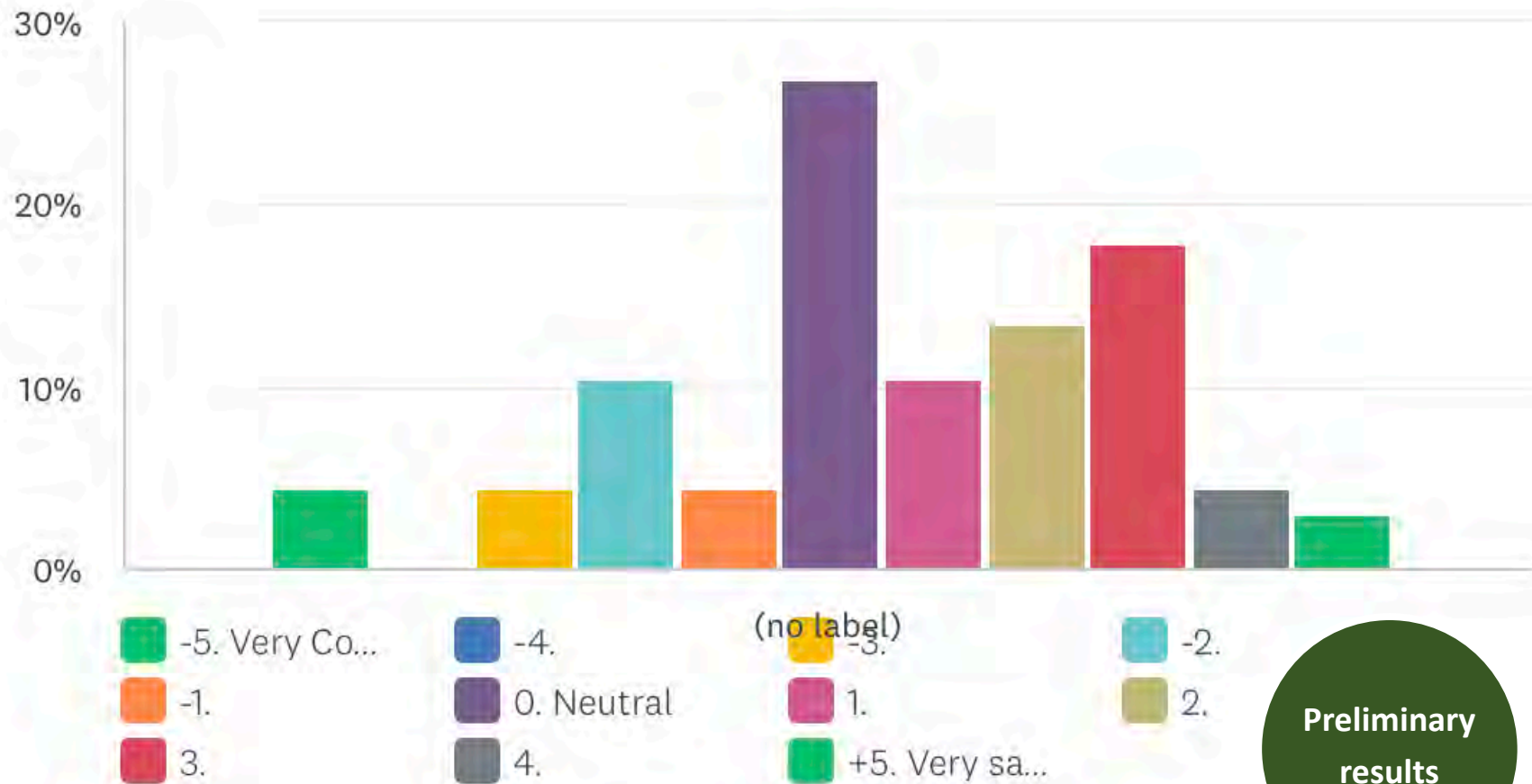
**Preliminary
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Over the next 10-20 years, how important and relevant do you think this region could be to the future NATIONALLY and even GLOBALLY?

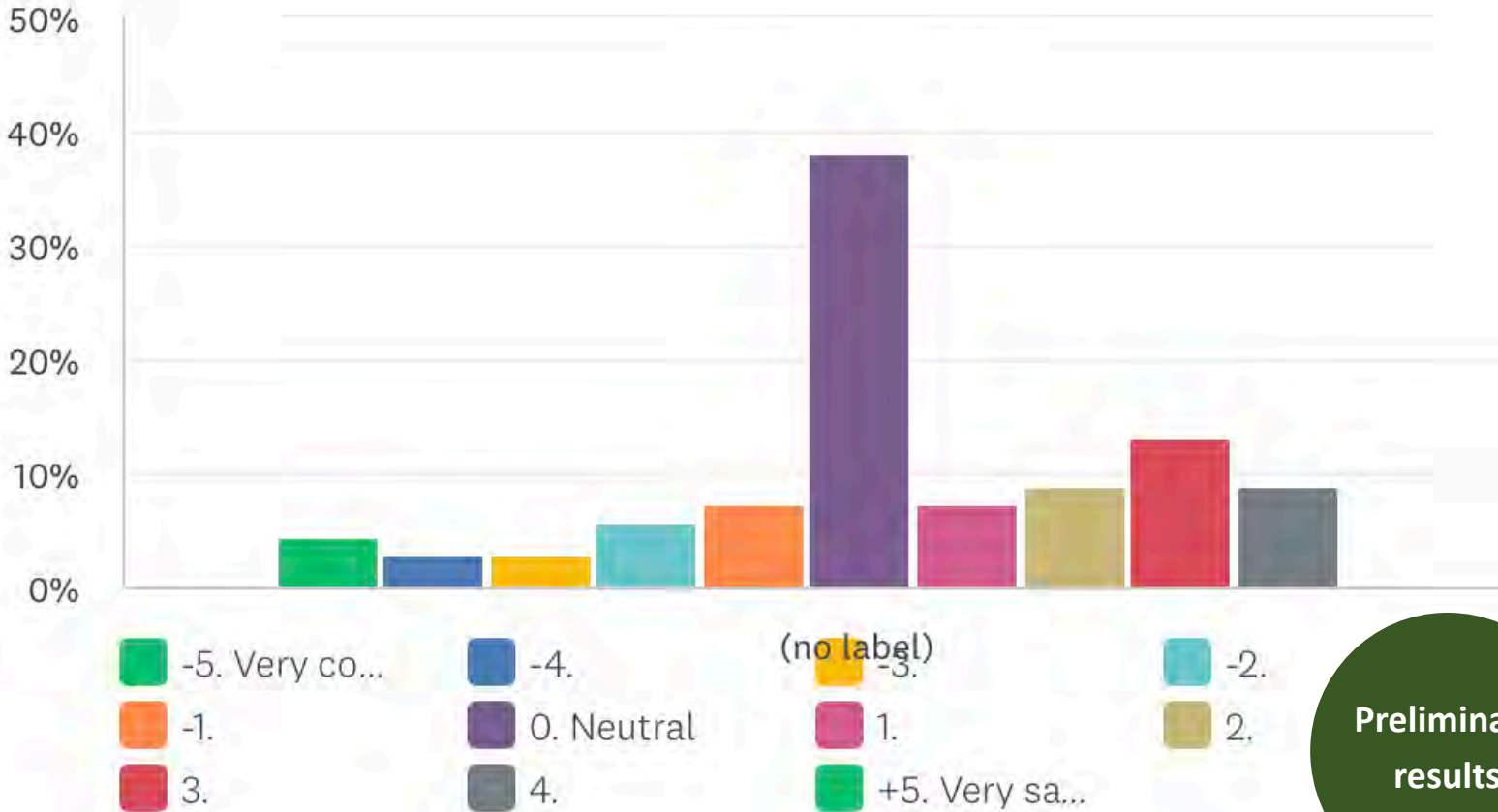


Preliminary
results

CURRENT DIRECTION - How satisfied or concerned are you about the way the region is changing and the overall current direction of the Flint Hills region?



RELATIVE PERFORMANCE - How satisfied or concerned are you about the current relative performance of the Flint Hills region, compared to other regional areas? SCALE: - 5 = Very concerned (we are falling behind); 0 = Neutral; +5 Very satisfied (we are doing great and better than everyone else)

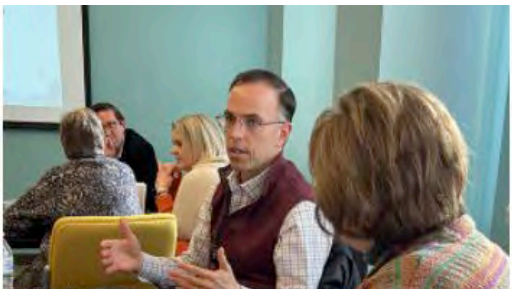


Preliminary results

Flint Hills Regional Council – Strategic role in 2030



- Strong support for regional approach in survey
- Collaboration and convening
 - Hub and facilitator of collaboration
 - Resources and information for cities, counties and region
 - Advocacy and pursue regional resources
 - Identify and champion regional vision
 - Help make ‘what ifs a reality’
 - Build a model for collaboration

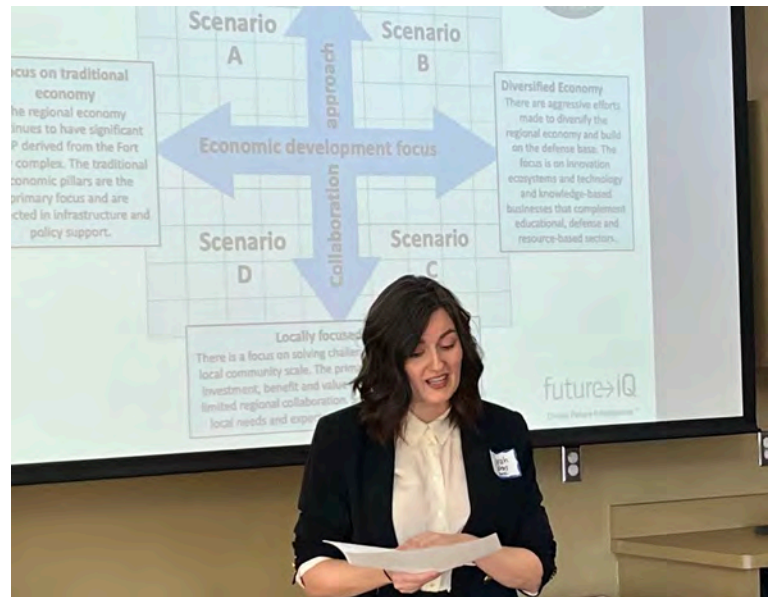
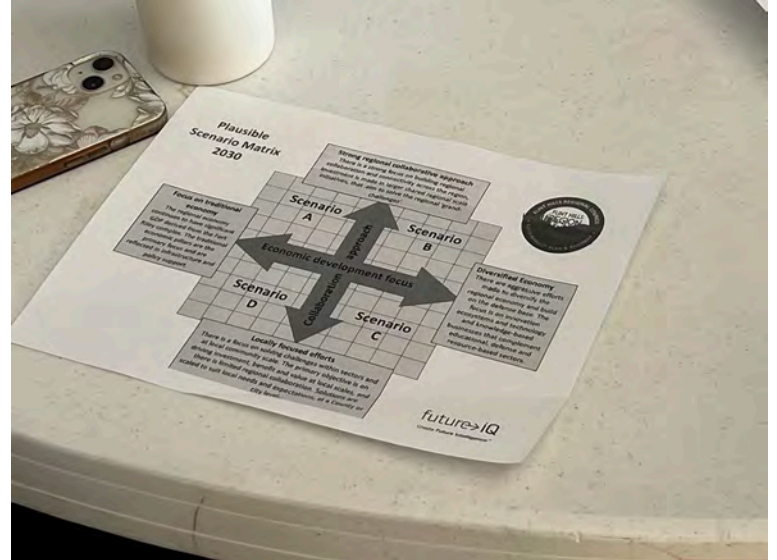


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Think-Tank Part 1: December
2, 2022

Think-Tank Part 2: January 20,
2023







Key Drivers Identification

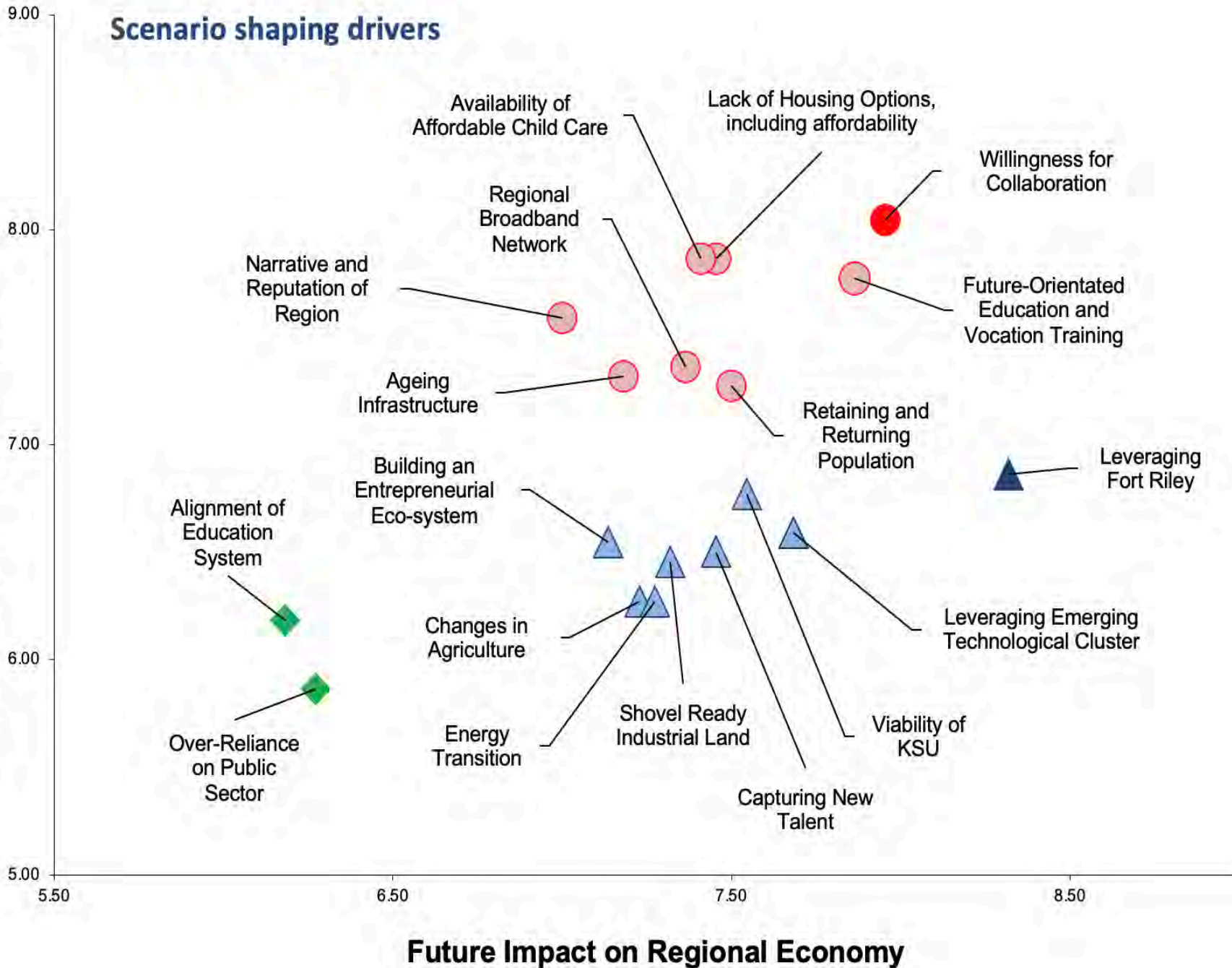
What internal trends are happening (or are emerging) that could be game-changers for the future of the Flint Hills Region?

(Key drivers are events, trends, developments, catalysts of forces that actively influence or cause change.)



Scenario shaping drivers

Future Impact on Regional Community



Future-splitting clusters of drivers

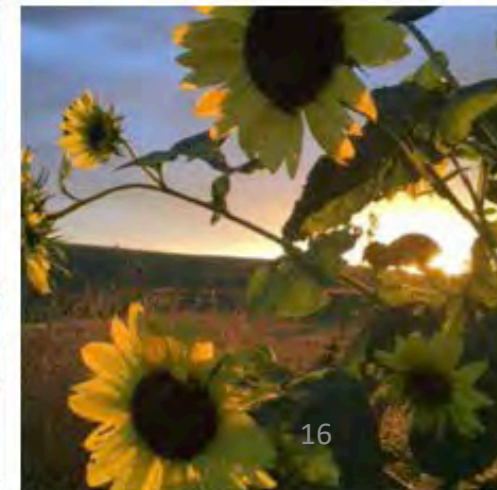
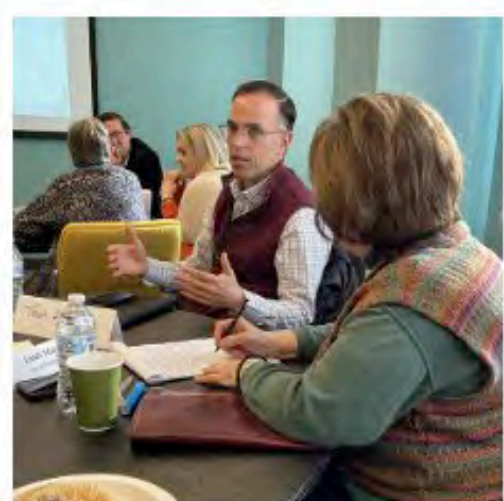


Economic development focus

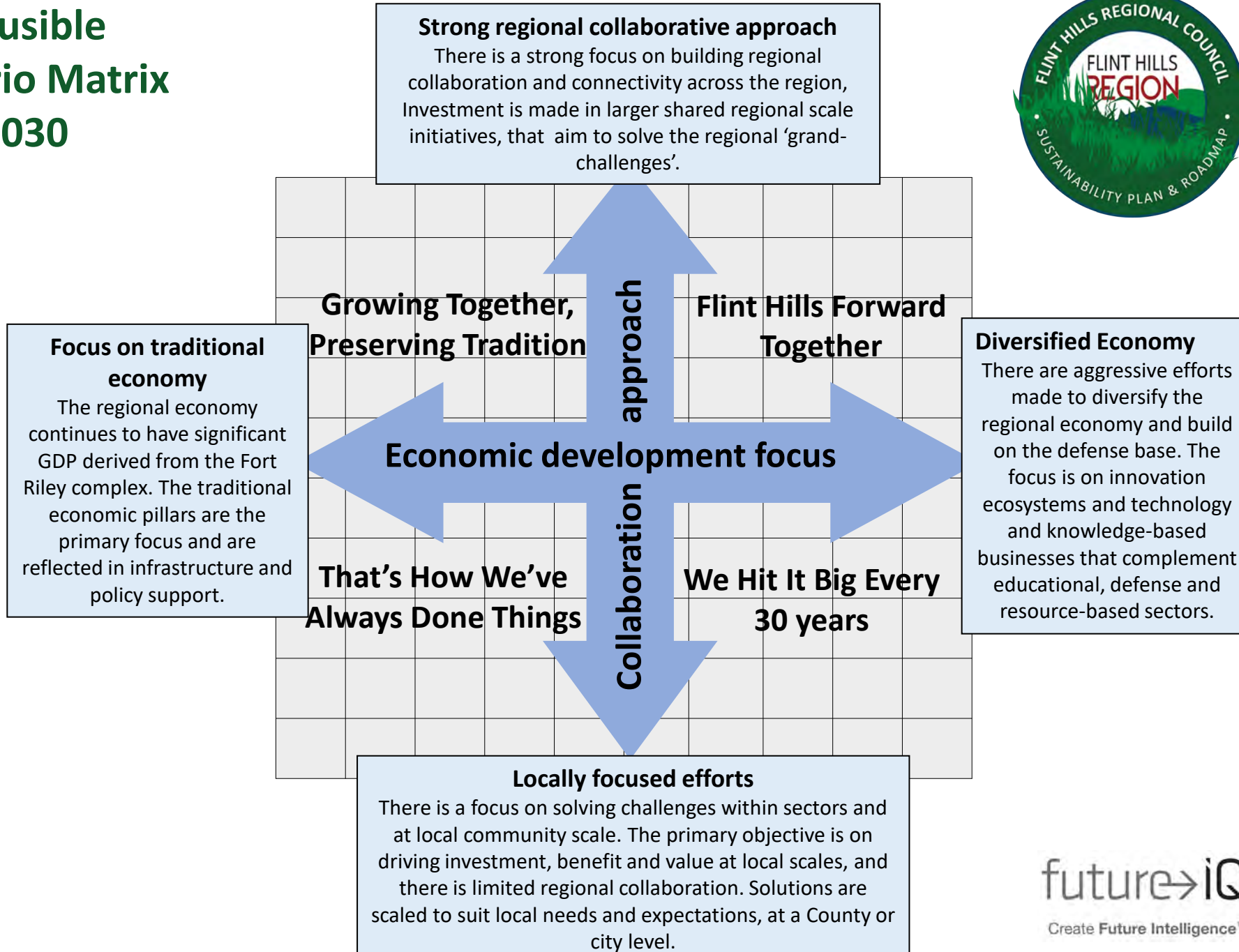
- **Leveraging Fort Riley**
- Leveraging Emerging Technological Cluster
- Viability of KSU
- Capturing New Talent
- Shovel Ready Industrial Land
- Energy Transition
- Changes in Agriculture
- Building an Entrepreneurial Eco-system

Collaboration approach

- **Willingness for Collaboration**
- Future-Orientated Education and Vocation Training
- Retaining and Returning Population
- Lack of Housing Options, including affordability
- Ageing Infrastructure
- Availability of Affordable Child Care
- Regional Broadband Network
- Narrative and Reputation of Region



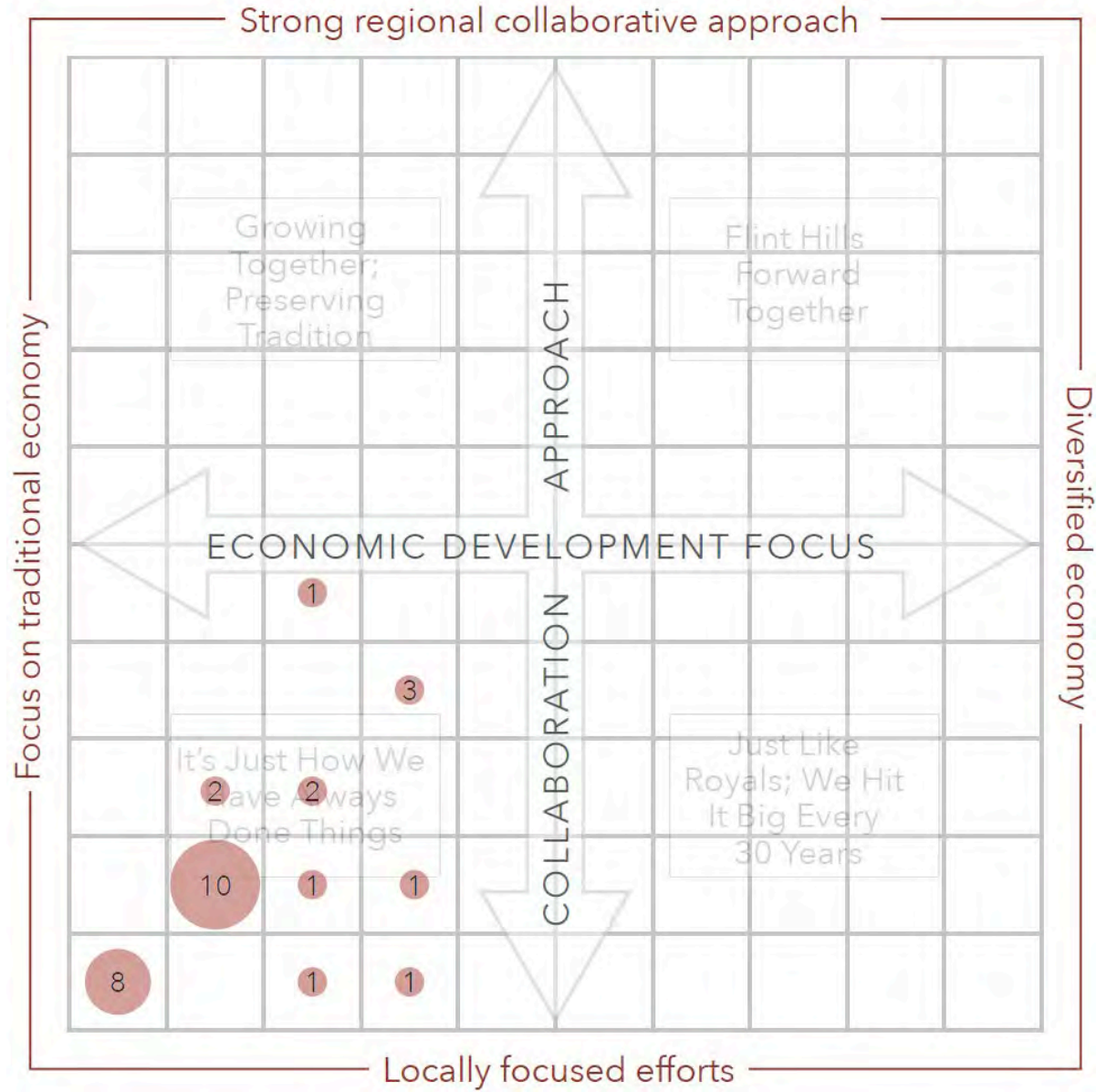
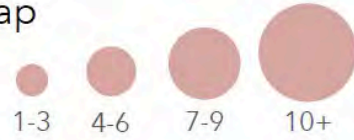
Plausible Scenario Matrix 2030





Least Desirable Future 2030

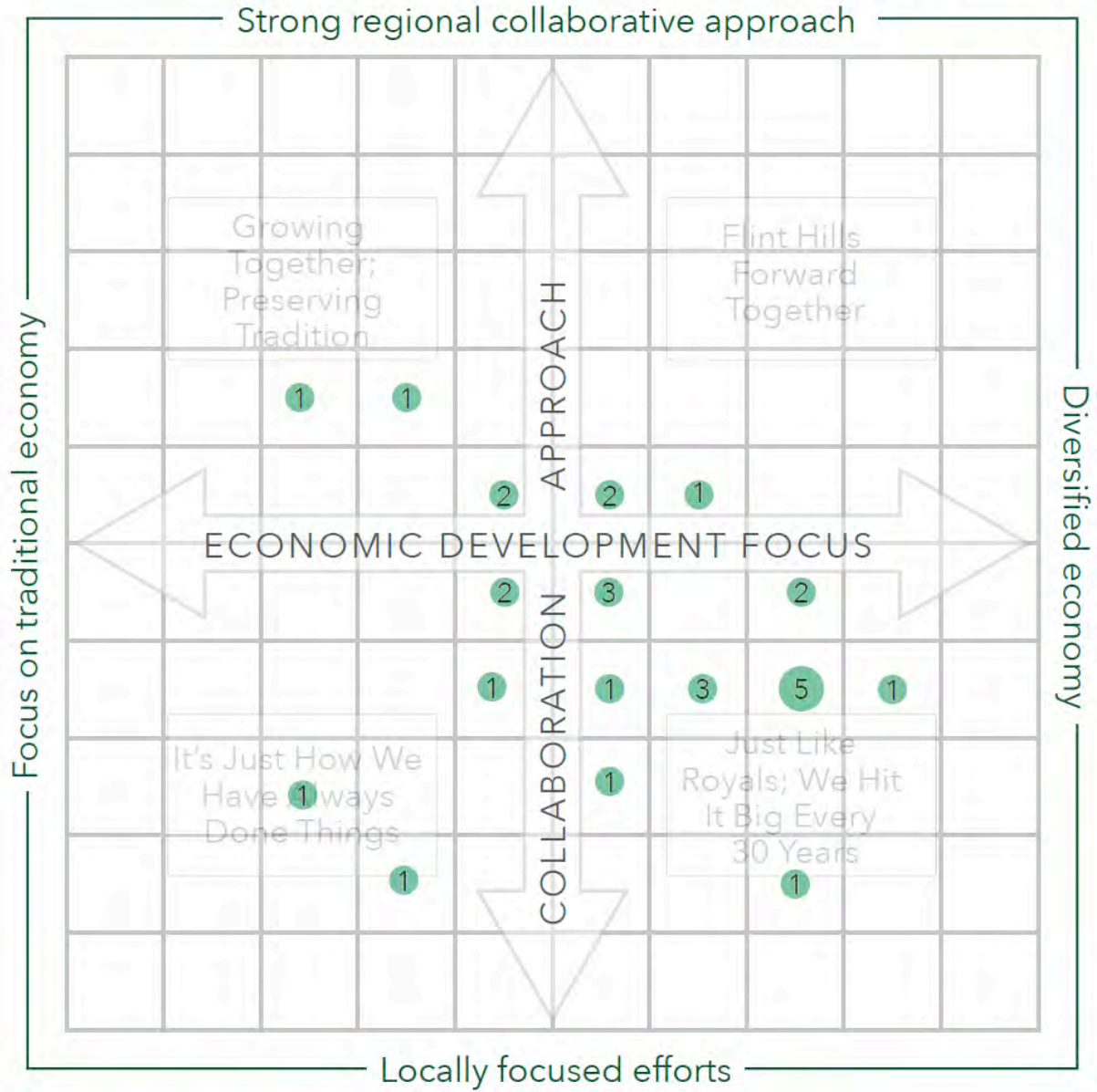
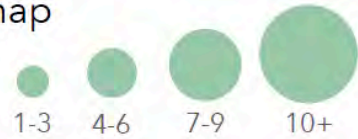
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Expected Future 2030

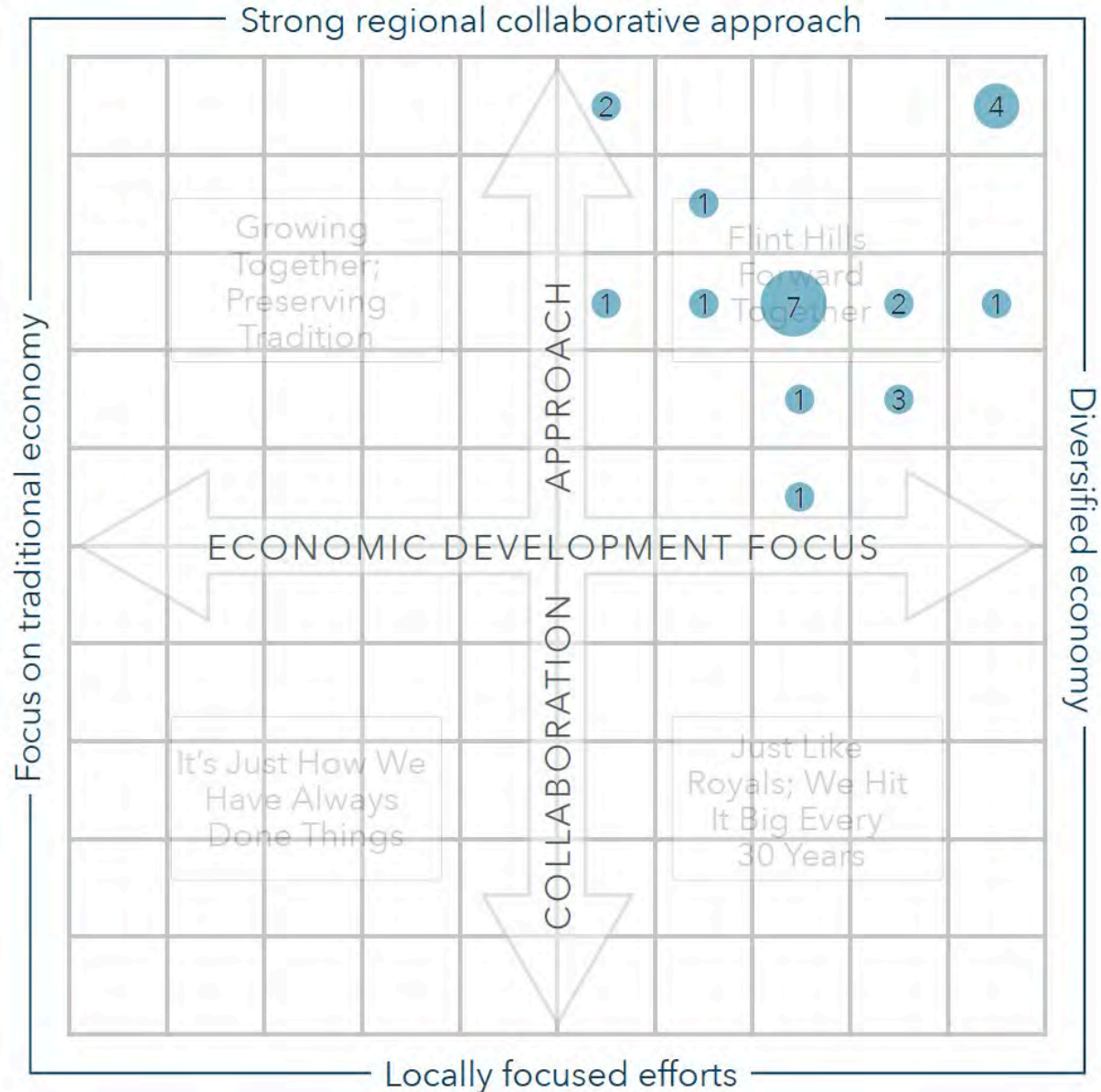
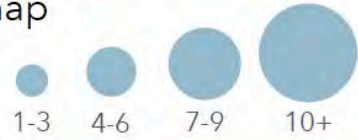
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Preferred Future 2030

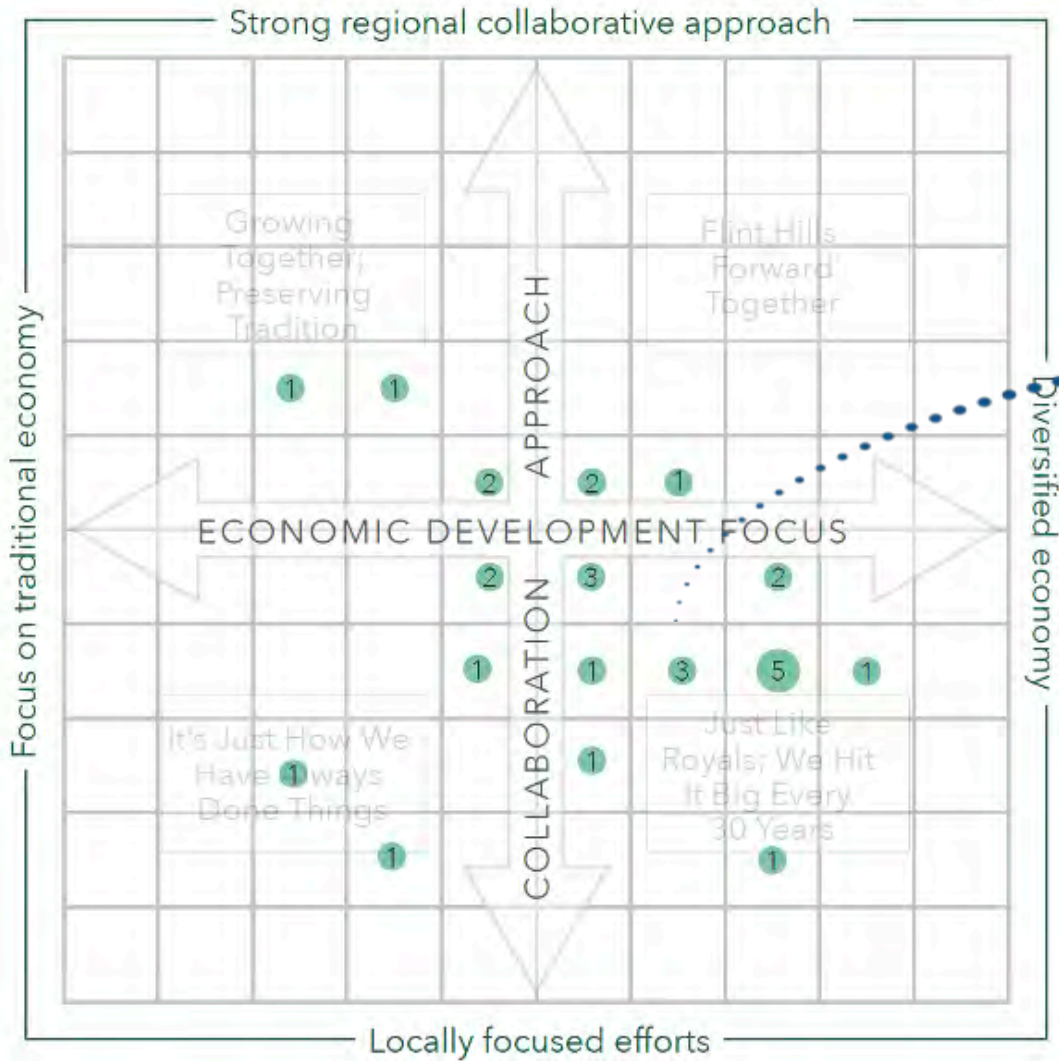
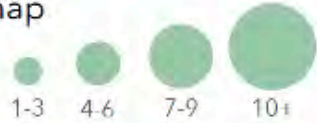
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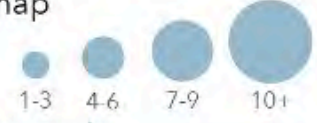
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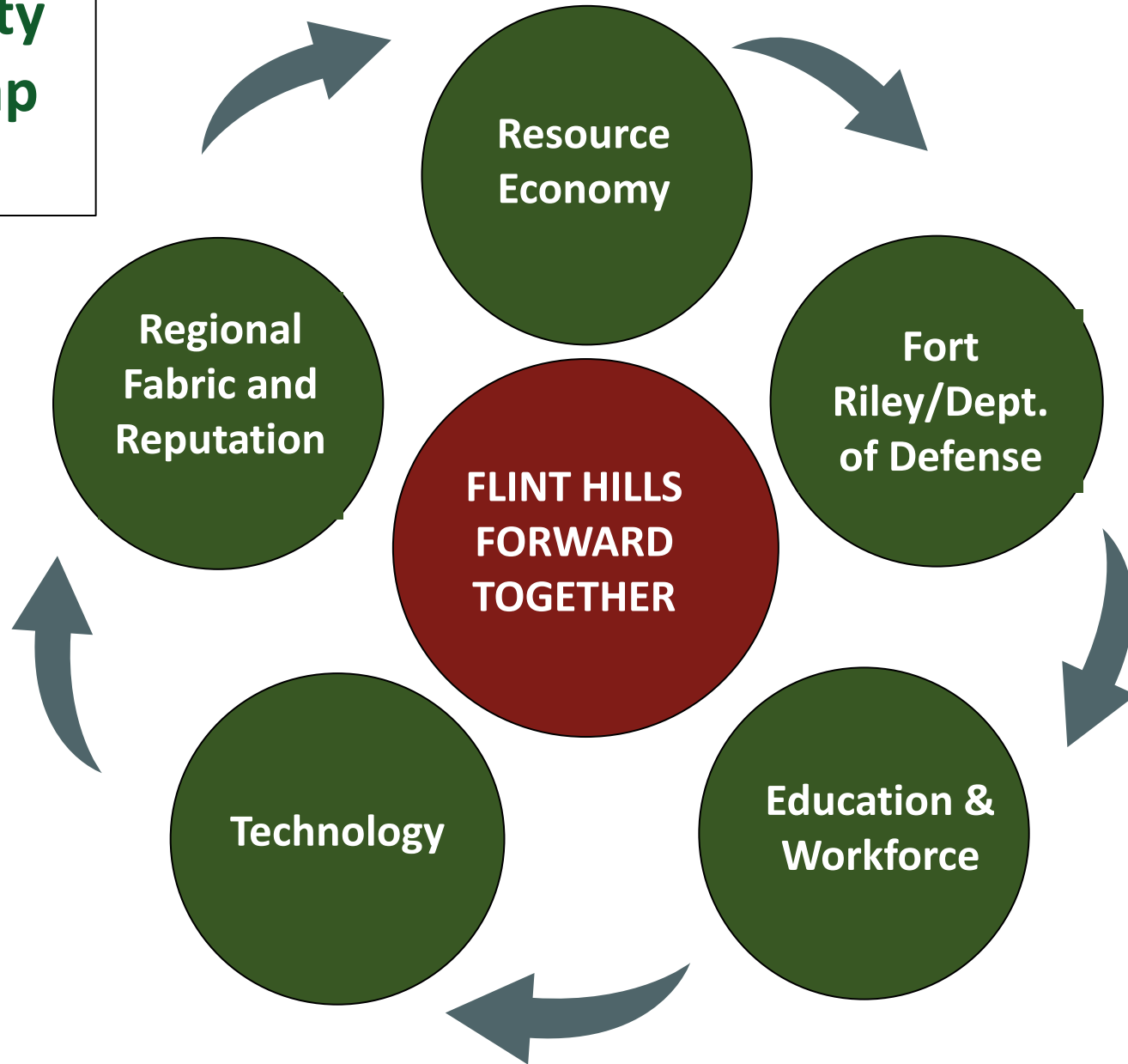


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FHRC Sustainability Plan and Roadmap Strategic Pillars



Focus Group Session Timeline (total 90 min)



Brief Introduction (10 min)

- **STEP 1:** For this topic, what is the future opportunity for the Flint Hills Region? (30 min)
- **STEP 2:** What are 2-3 specific actions you think need to happen for this strategic pillar? (20 min)
- **STEP 3:** What is the best role for the Flint Hills Regional Council, relative to this topic?(20 min)

Group Discussion: What might be some of the roadblocks or challenges, and how does the region overcome these? (10 min)

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NEXT STEPS



- FHRC Board and stakeholder discussions – March 2023
- Production of FHRC Sustainability Plan and Roadmap – March 2023
- Presentation of FHRC Sustainability Plan and Roadmap - April 2023

