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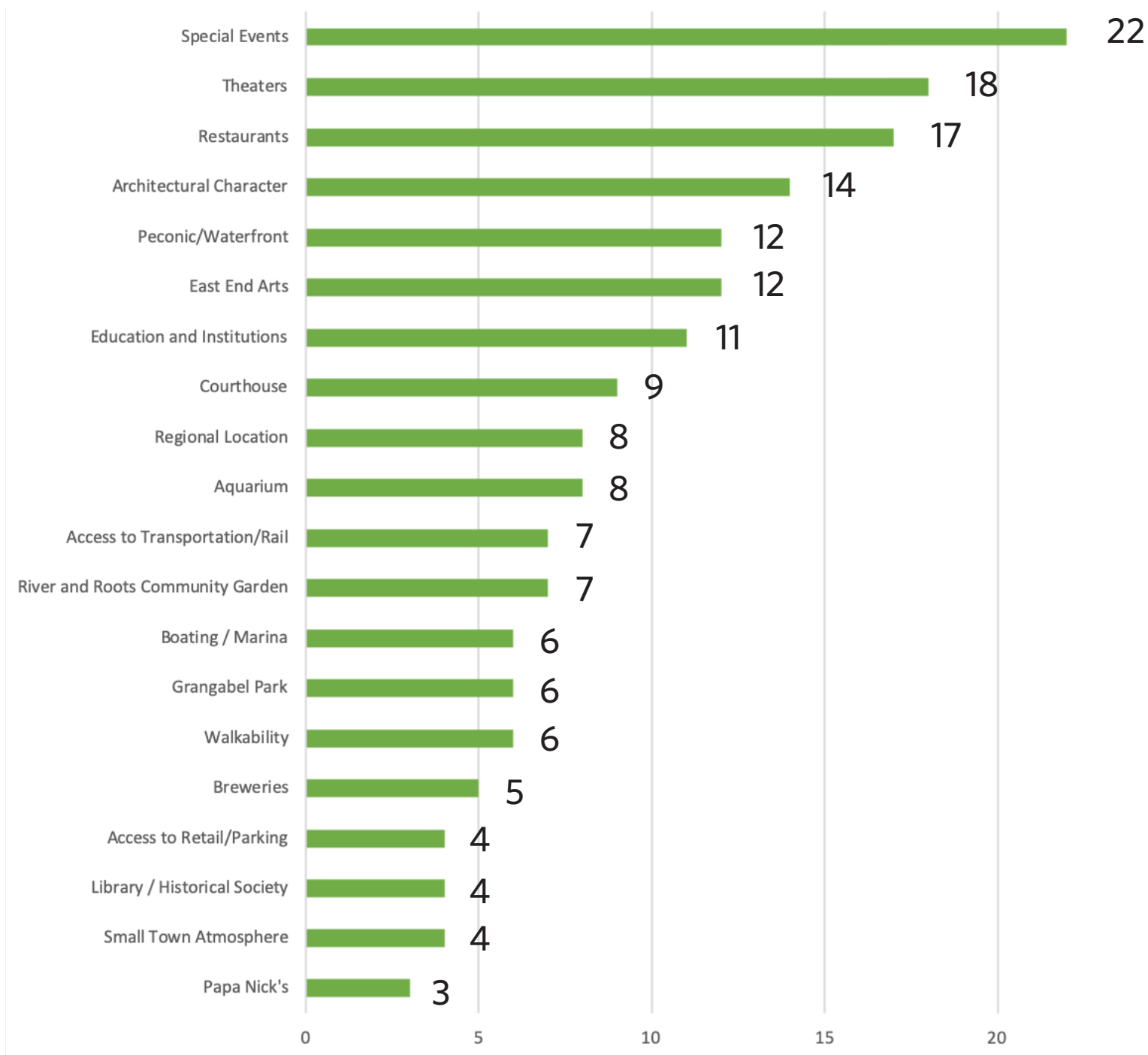


COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUMMARY

Riverhead, New York

STRENGTHS (TOP 20 RESPONSES)

Combined Feedback from Public Forum (Nov 14) and Stakeholder Meetings (Nov 13-14)



STRENGTHS (OTHER RESPONSES)

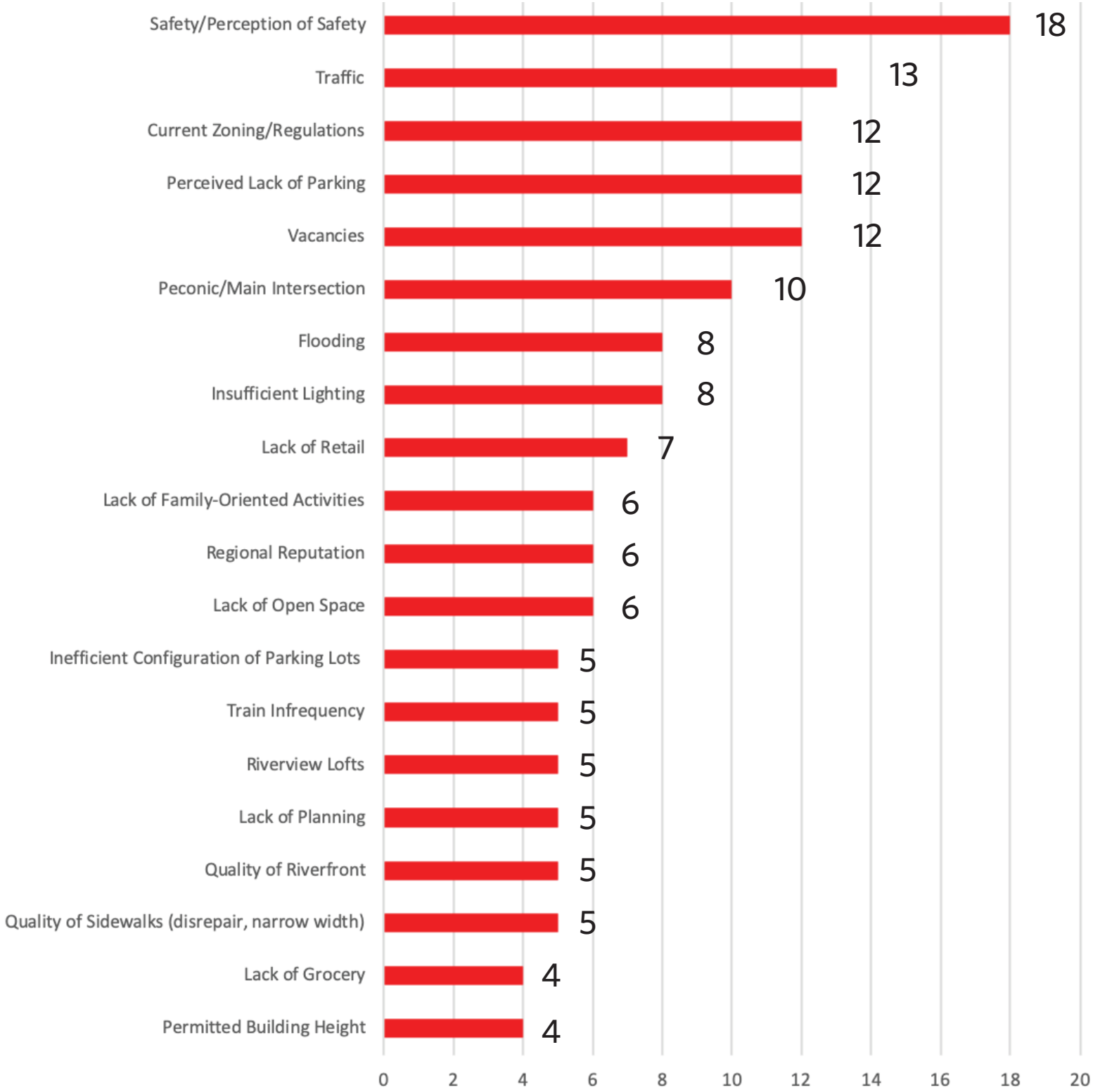
- People
- Distilleries
- Thrift store
- Downtown workers
- Sewer infrastructure
- Opportunity Zone
- Existing infrastructure
- Housing downtown
- Outdoor dining
- Townscape (non-profit)
- Long Island Science Center
- Churches
- Preston House & Hotel
- Diversity
- BID (Business Improvement District)
- Peconic Bay Medical Center
- Street mosaics
- Streetscape
- History
- Peconic Crossing
- Farmer's Market
- Hotels
- Occupied Storefronts

STRENGTHS



WEAKNESSES (TOP 20 RESPONSES)

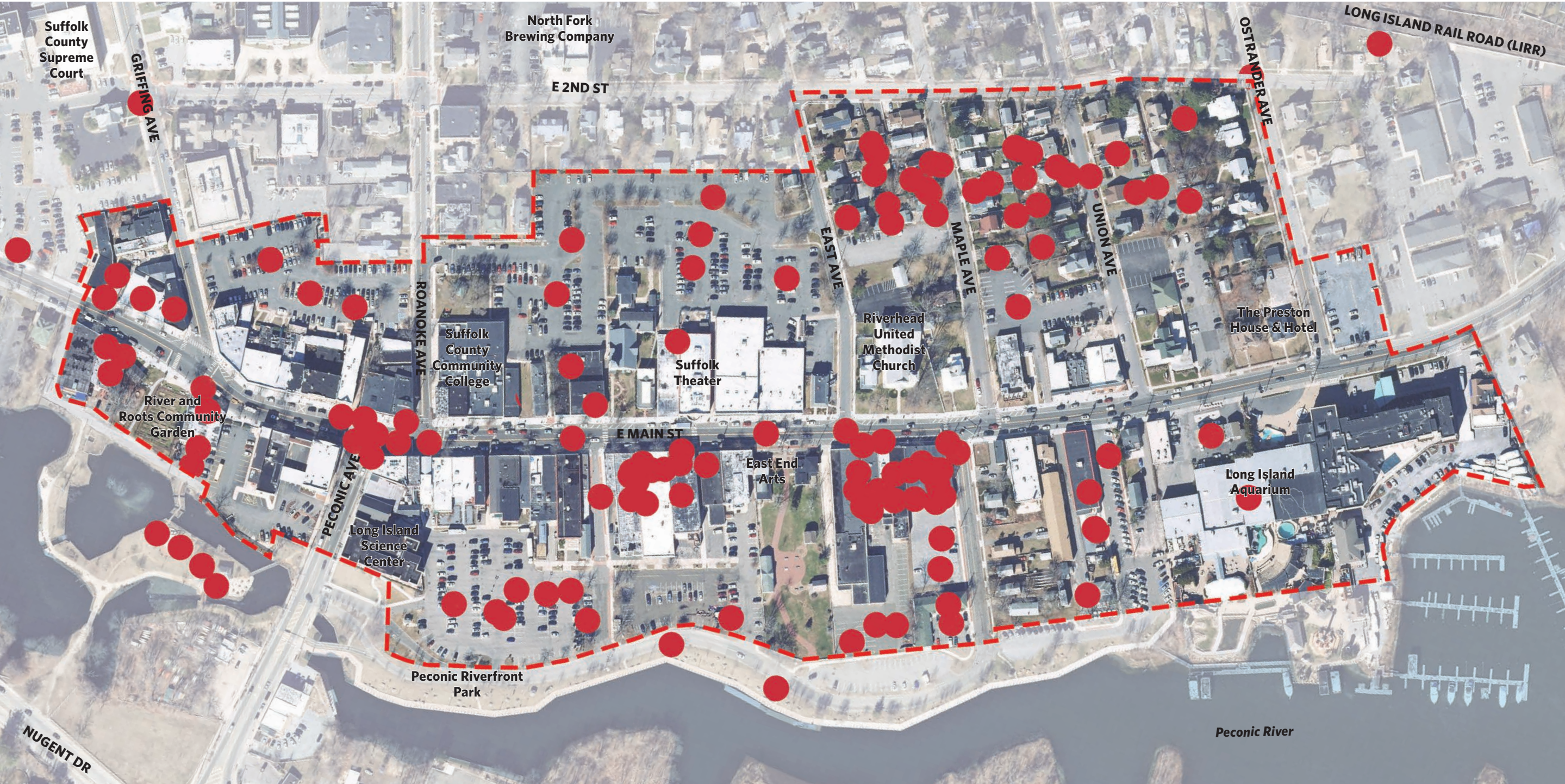
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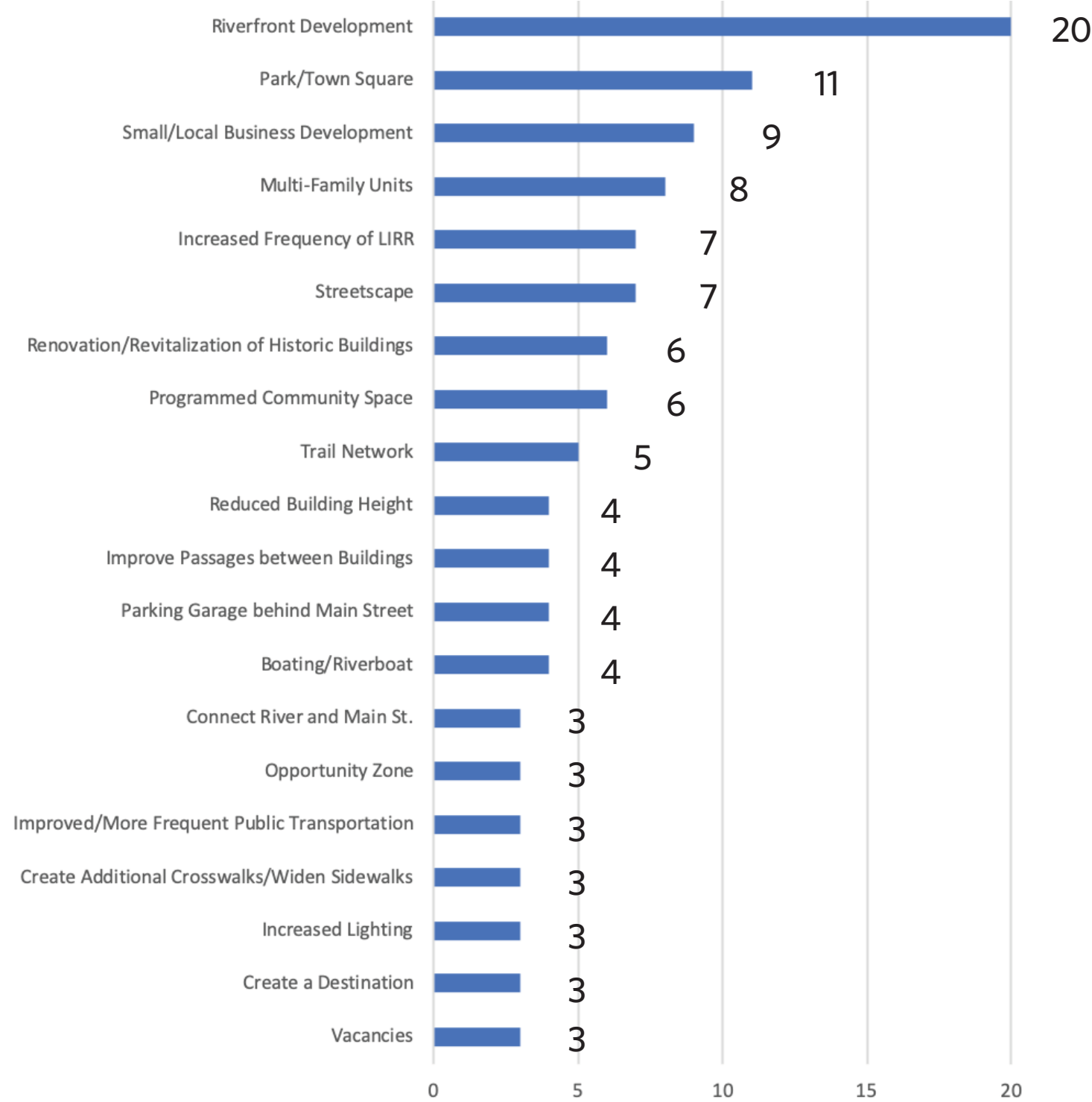
- Unsafe Grangabel Park
- High commercial rent
- Lack of vision/leadership
- Unfriendliness to bikes
- No downtown character
- Overhead power lines
- Lack of anchor for outdoor events
- Ownership in a few hands
- Event-day parking and traffic
- Little public transportation
- Litter/water pollution
- Lack of office workers on Main St
- Overcrowded Housing
- Trash bins/dumpsters
- Streetscape
- Lack of nightlife
- Planning fatigue
- Laundromat
- No playground
- Not walkable
- High taxes
- Racial tension
- Churches
- Seniors' accessibility
- Lack of benches
- Crowded schools
- Unkempt housing
- Architectural style
- Passages/alleyways
- Big box retail on Rt 58
- No movie theater
- No parking signage
- Riverside/nearby jail
- Absentee landlords
- Lack of patrons

WEAKNESSES



OPPORTUNITIES (TOP 20 RESPONSES)

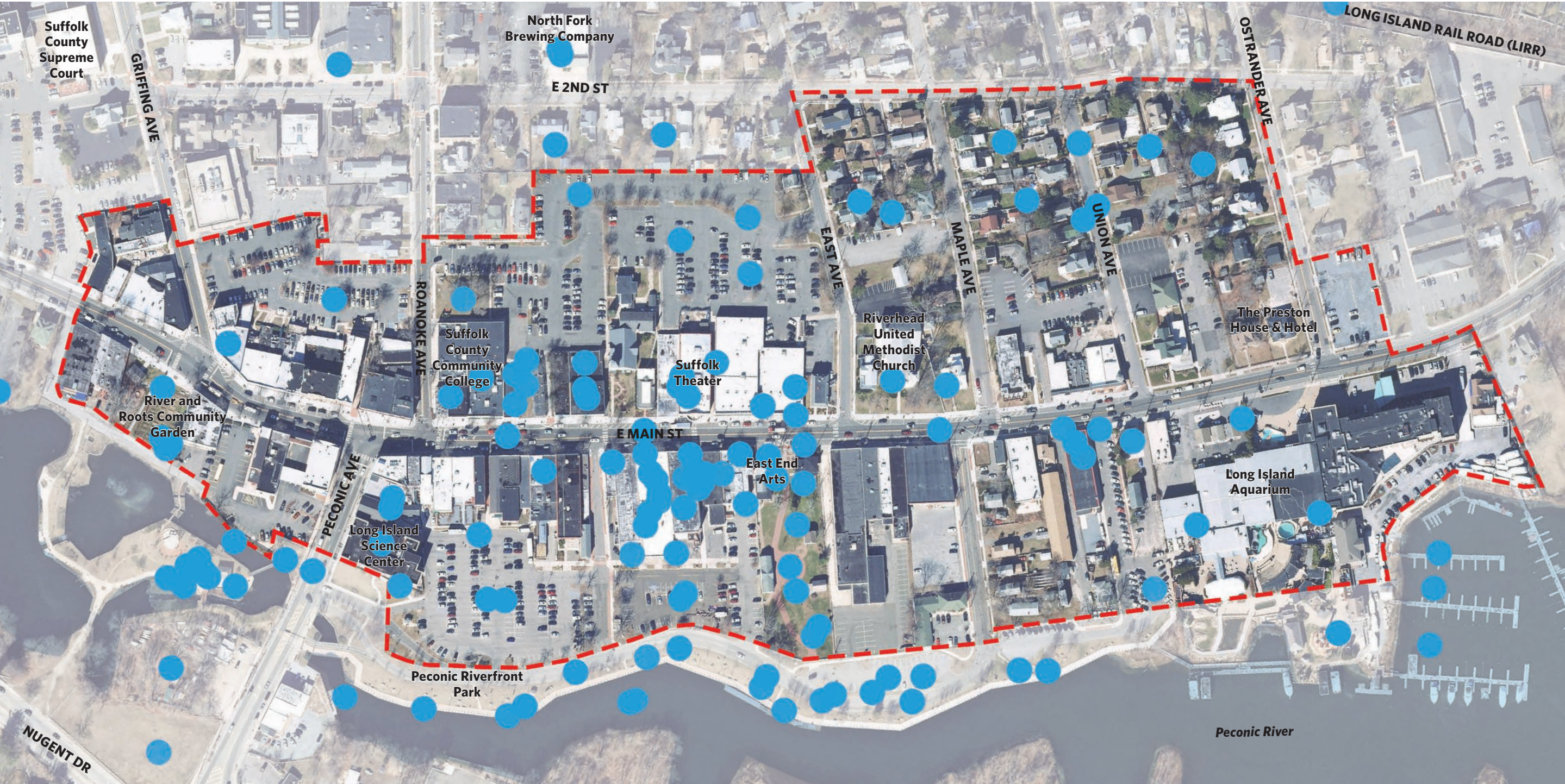
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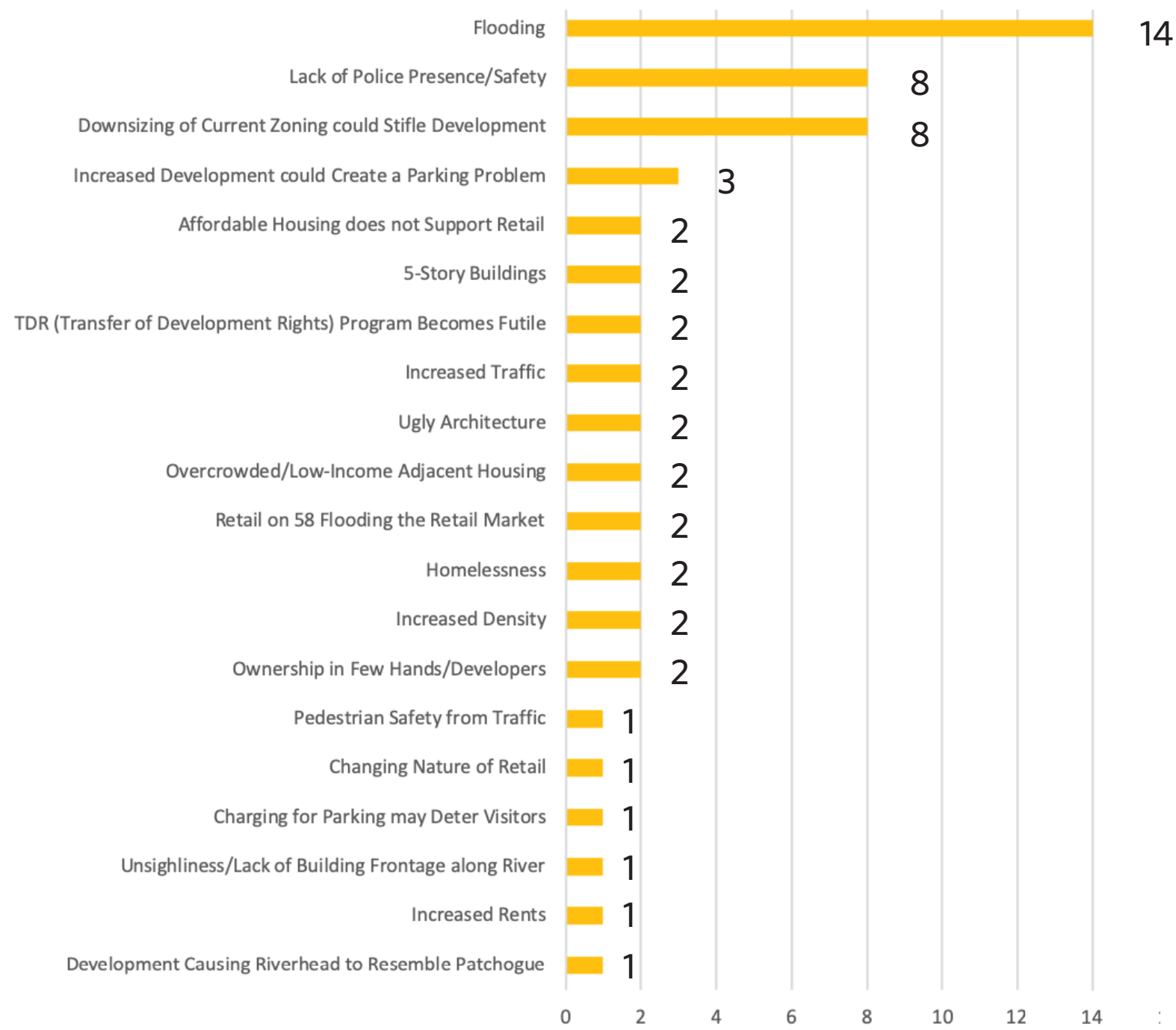
- Mitigate stormwater concerns
- Buildings with authentic/contextual materials
- Introduce privately-owned public spaces
- CDA (Community Development Agency) money to leverage investments
- Capture current office worker population
- Capitalize on existing Aquarium visitors
- Working with adjoining Riverside
- Celebrate African American culture
- Movie theater
- Nightlife
- Shift retail from Rt 58
- Seawall
- Police on bikes
- Another bypass route
- Concerts in parking lots
- Cameras for safety
- Parking lots
- Outdoor dining
- Art programs
- Charge for parking
- Events
- Consolidate public services
- Signage and wayfinding
- Create pedestrian-only areas
- Family-friendly activities
- Residential homes in downtown
- Rooftop green spaces
- SBA (Small Business Administration) involvement
- Regional market
- Building improvements

OPPORTUNITIES



THREATS (TOP 20 RESPONSES)

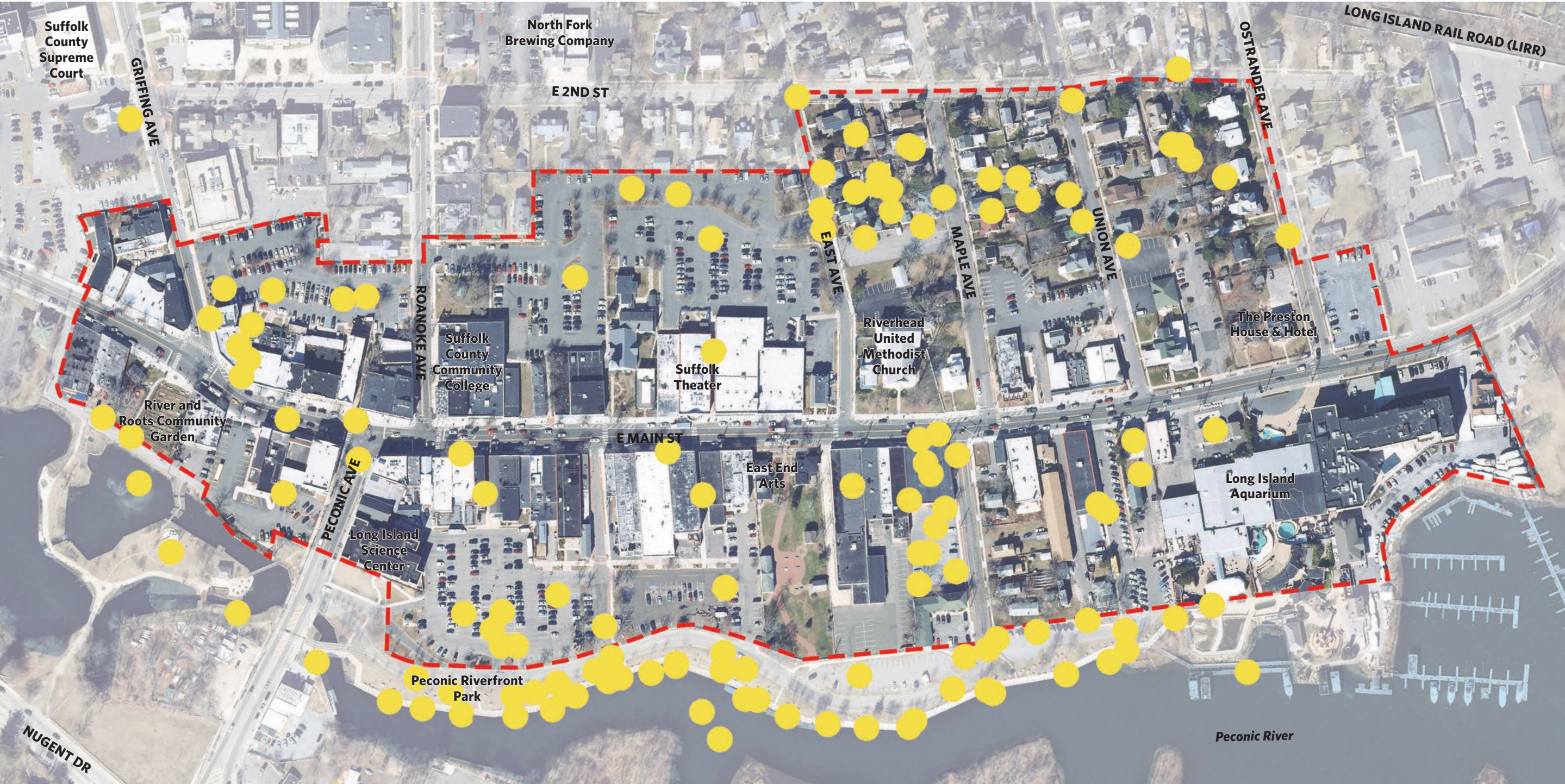
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THREATS (OTHER RESPONSES)

- BID (Business Improvement District) revenue not increasing at rate of development
- Seafield Addiction Treatment Center
- Bad regional reputation
- Algae bloom
- Loss of trees

THREATS





Creating a sense of place through collaboration, context, and community.