

**VERMONT CLIMATE ACTION
ENGAGEMENT SUMMARIES
FALL 2024**



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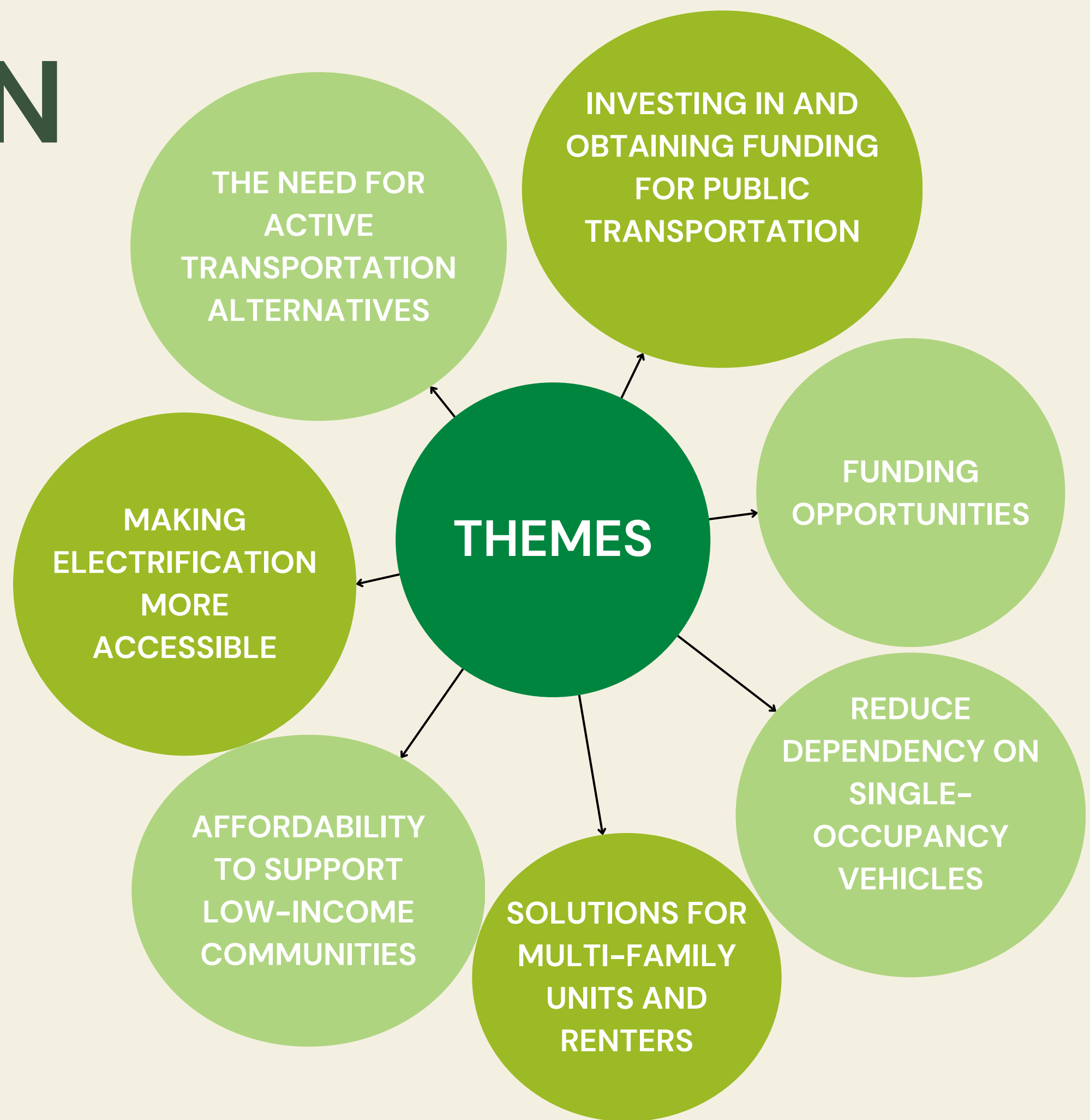
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TRANSPORTATION

“Need for cultural change to promote increased use of public transit!”

“Funding of transportation policies have to be on par with our climate and equity goals.”



AGRICULTURE

“Need to fuse traditional, indigenous knowledge about ecology with what we are doing now in order to make real progress.”

“Farms are a climate solution, a food security solution, and an economic vitality solution. Supporting farm viability and helping young people get on the lands is urgent if we want the land to be making our communities more resilient.”



RURAL RESILIENCE AND BUSINESSES

“Information sharing and collaboration with the business community...not just in times of recovery but in planning for the future.”

“More incentives and grant programs for the business community.”



BUILDINGS AND THERMAL

“Prioritize cost-effective steps that are technically feasible.”

“Develop policies for low-income electricity rate-payers as we make the transition to electrification.”



NATURAL LANDS AND FORESTRY

“Managing and valuing forests and local forest products the same way we do agricultural lands.”

“Support climate-smart forestry practices – including active management and the tools needed to keep it viable.”



RURAL RESILIENCE AND TOWN SUPPORT

“Building local communication, collaboration, and coordination for preparedness, response, and recovery.”

“Knowledge of and access to existing planning mechanisms and resources.”

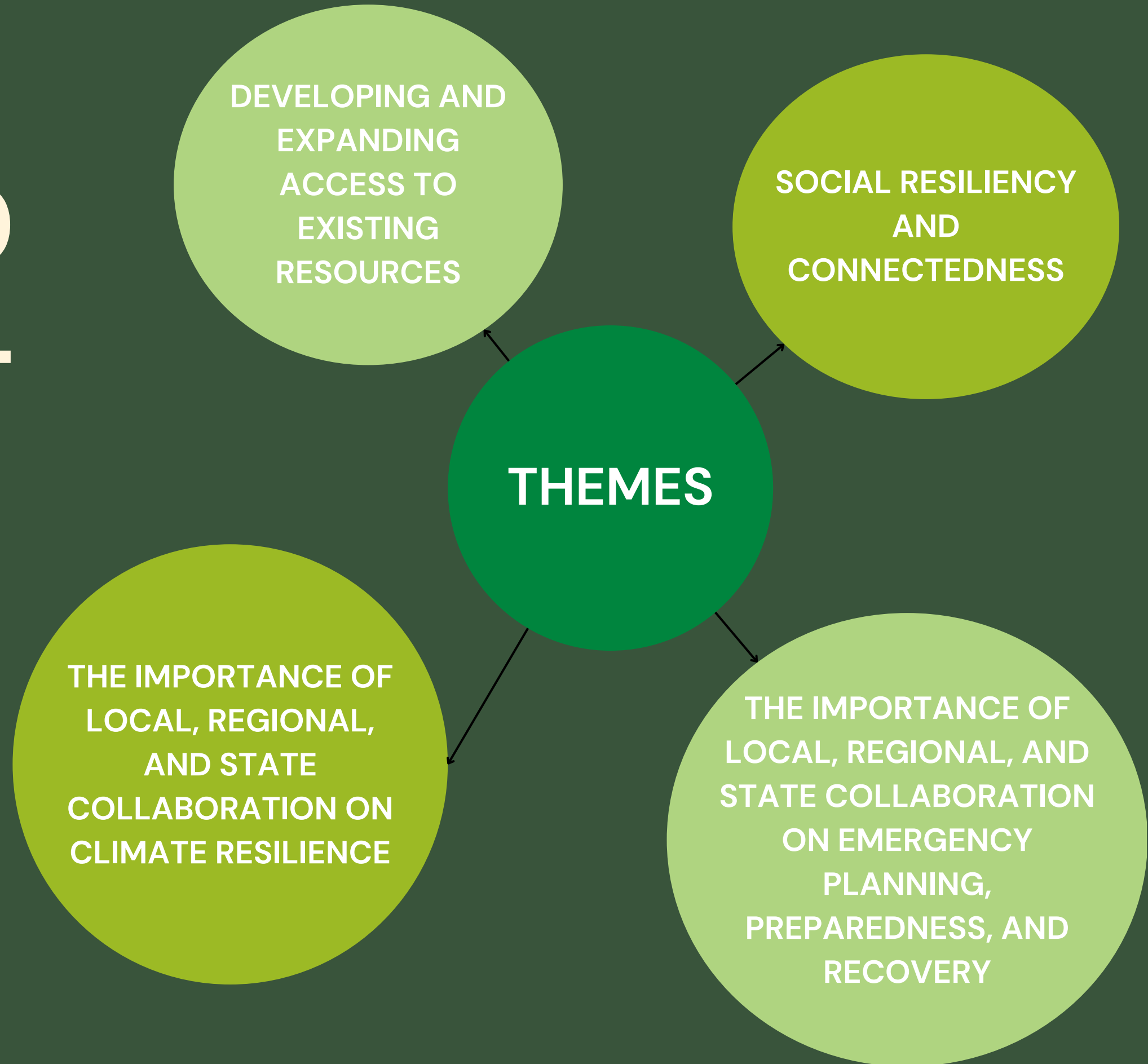




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LOW-INCOME VERMONTERS AND THE PROPOSED CLEAN HEAT STANDARD

Fuel assistance
doesn't cover
electricity for heat
pumps

The ultimate goal
must be about
helping people

No up-front cash to
spend. Tax credits
don't help

Doesn't seem to
address renters

Will there be
sustainable
funding?

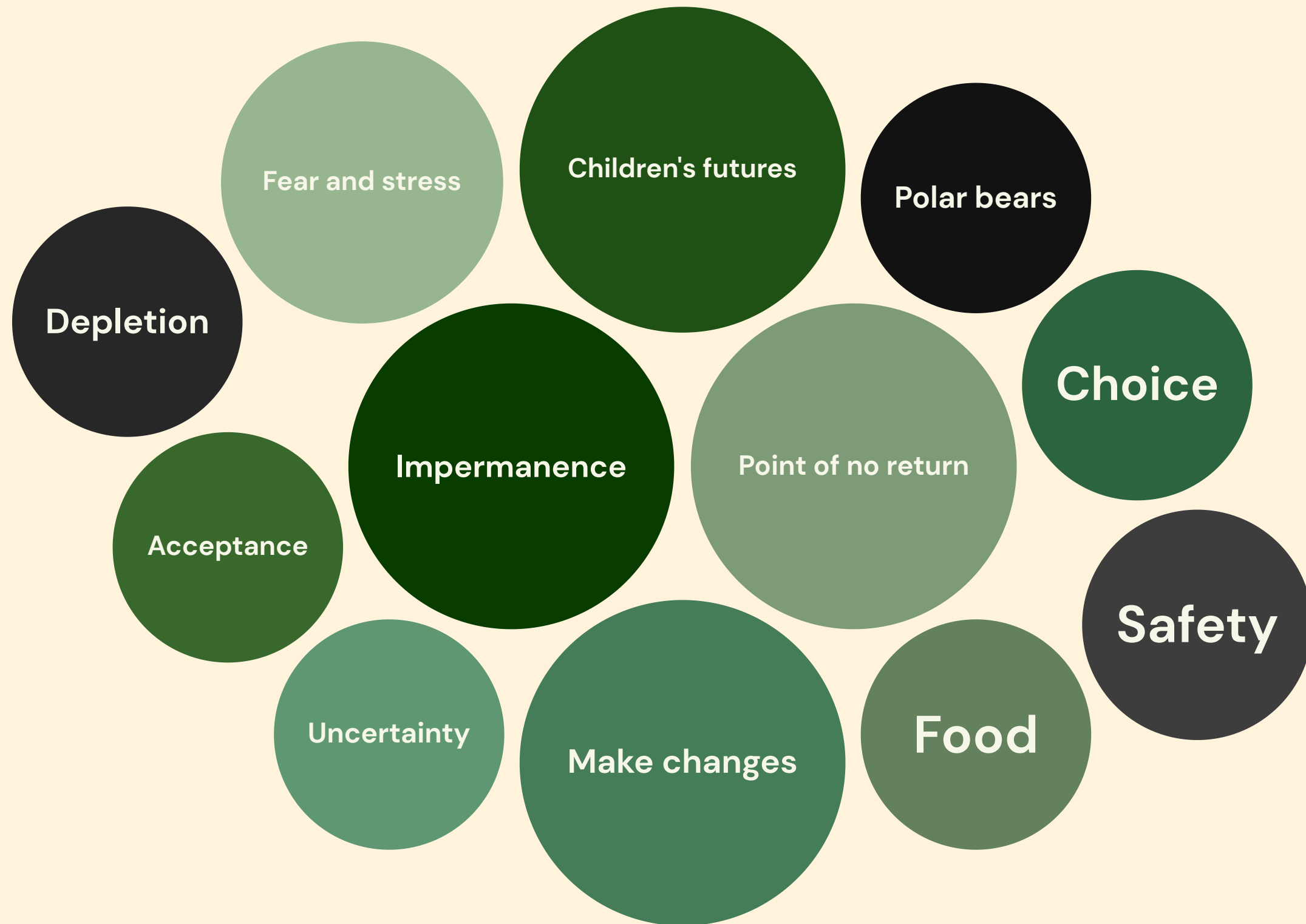
The middle class is
not considered

Competition for
contractors (need
workforce)

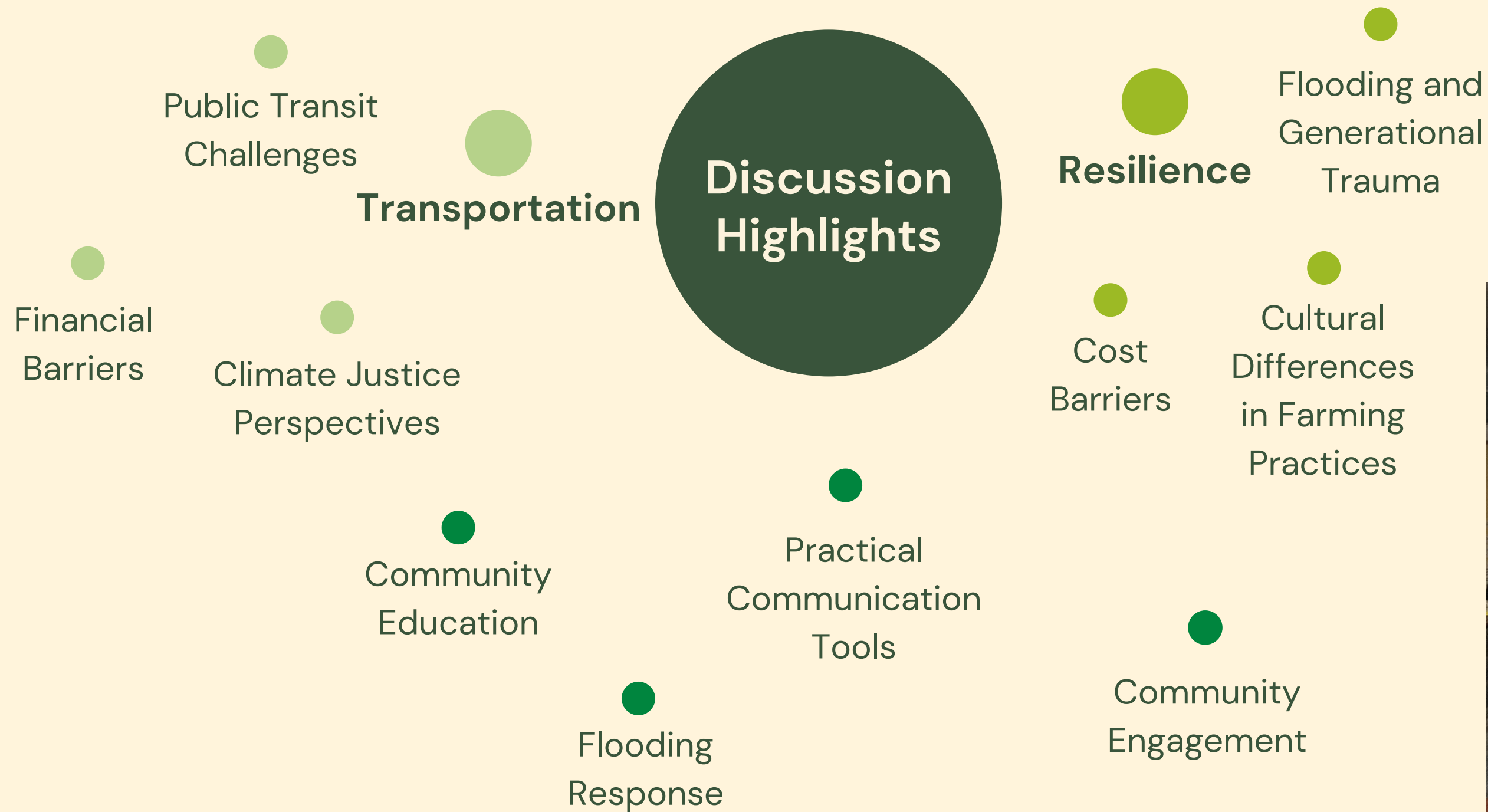
Mobile home
owners have
barriers

CAPSTONE FOCUS GROUP

When you hear the words *climate change*, what comes to mind?



CLIMATE ACTION EVENT WITH VERMONT'S LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES



VERMONT VOICES ON CLIMATE: QUARTERLY REPORT

July – September 2024

9 events attended, with views on:

- Disasters and resilience
 - Indigenous perspectives
 - Current state programs
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Detailed write-ups on:

- Low-income Vermonters and the proposed Clean Heat Standard
- A Wellness Day event in Orleans County