

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS
OFFICE OF PARK PLANNING**



**NATURAL BRIDGE
BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC
STATE PARK
Horn Springs Addition**

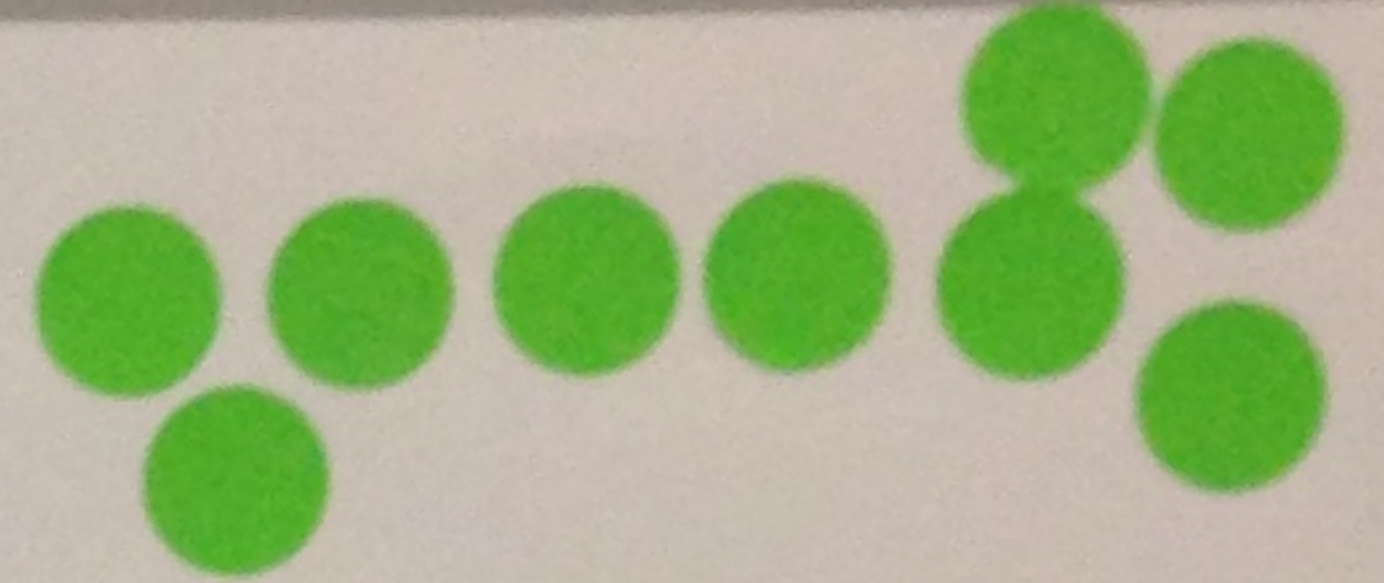
**PRELIMINARY PUBLIC WORKSHOP
PUBLIC INTERACTION COMPONENT**

Public Survey

Use Your Stickers

What would you like to do at the park?

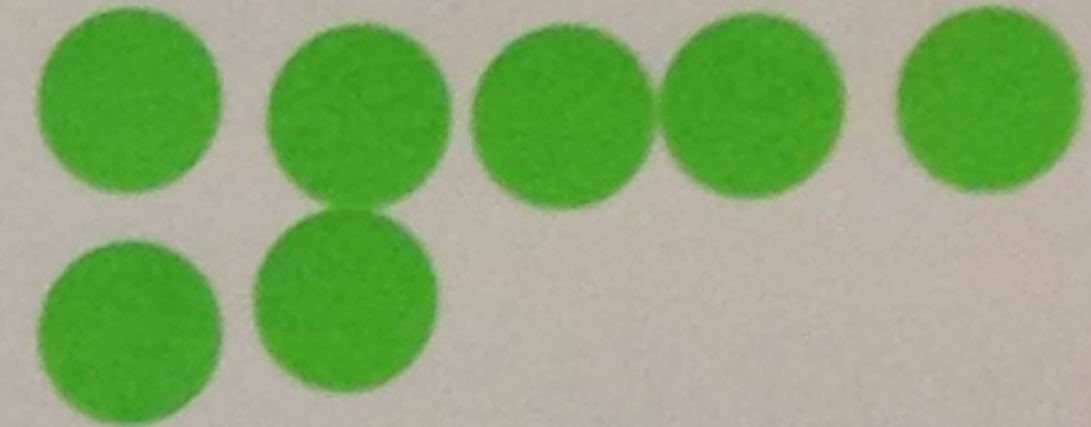
Bicycling



Camping



Swimming



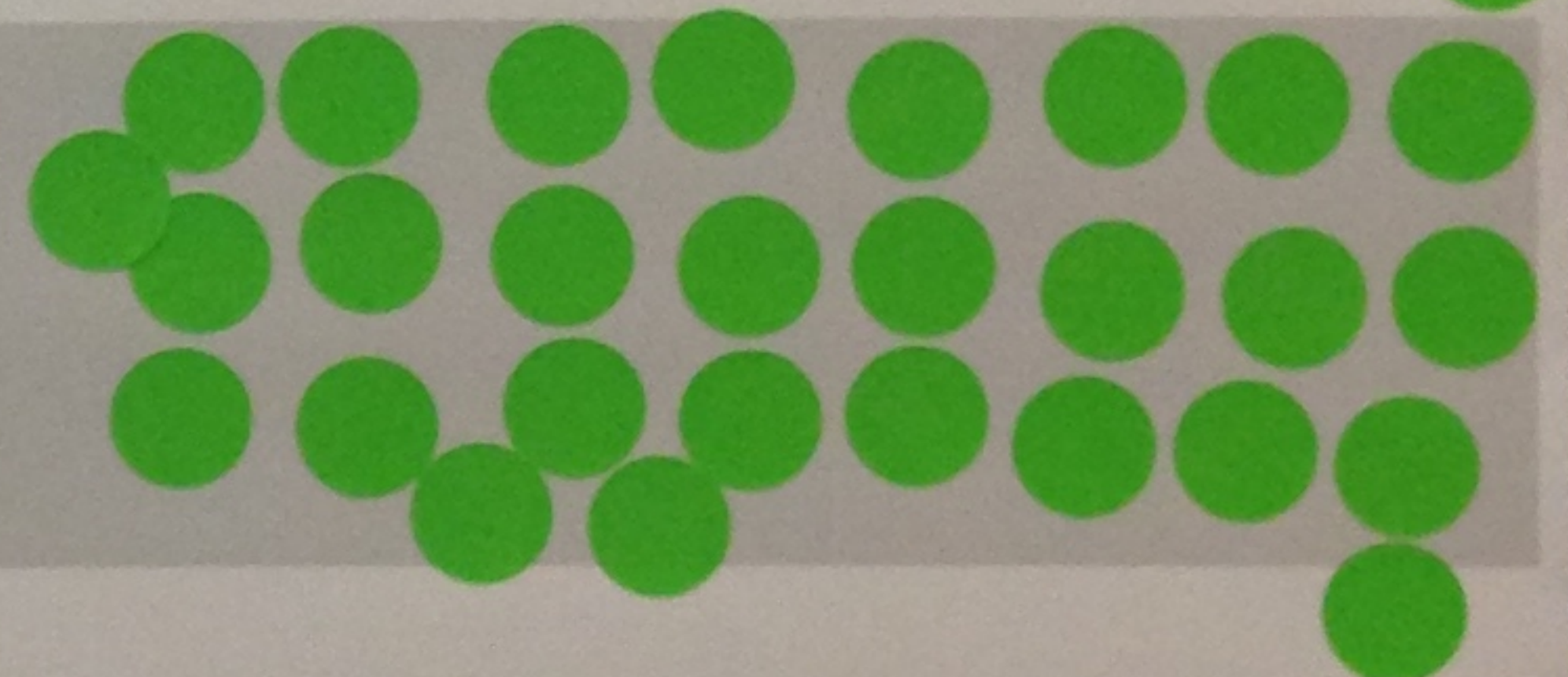
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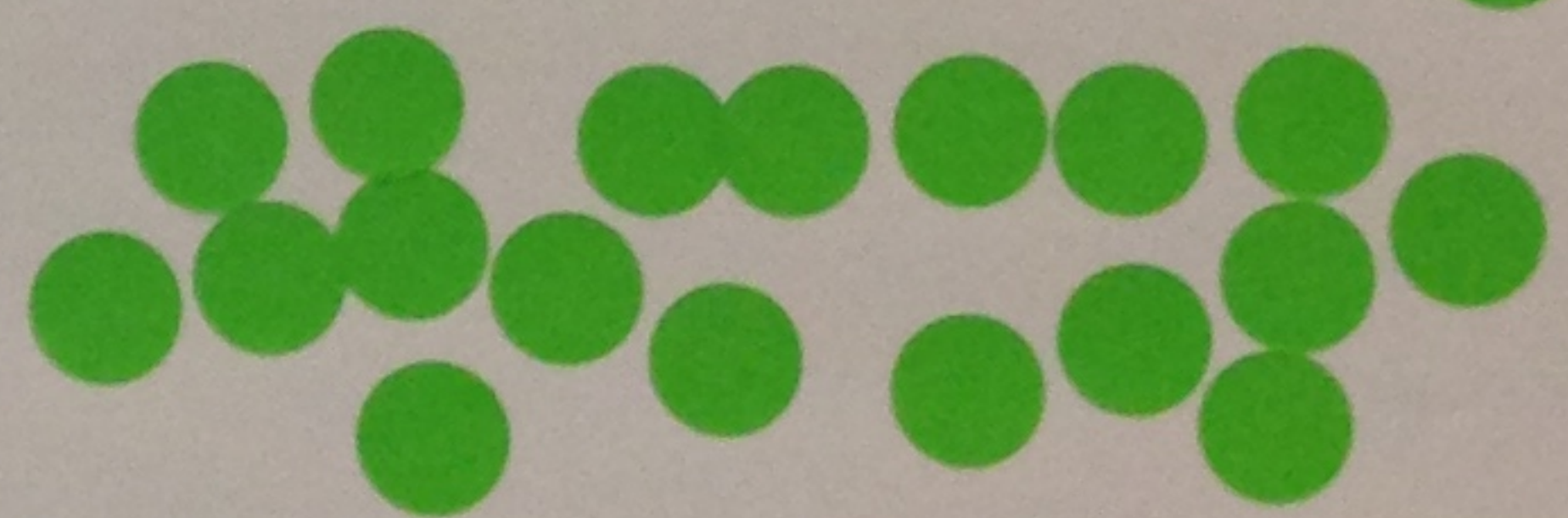
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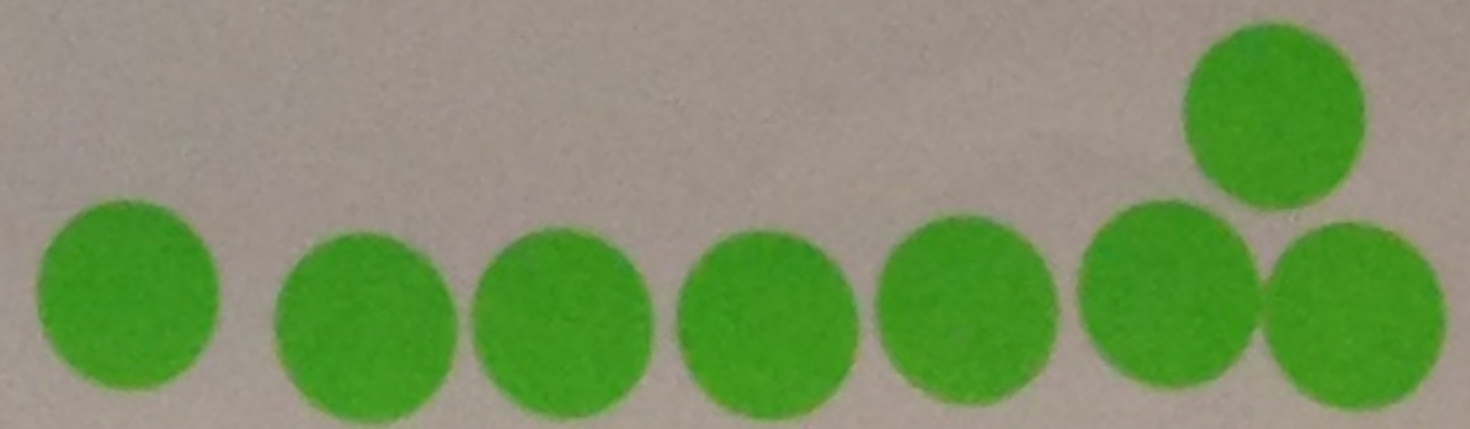
Paddling



Wildlife Viewing/
Nature Study



Volunteer



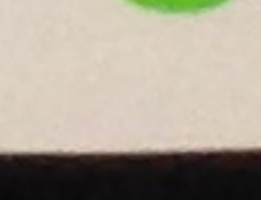
Other



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Backpacking

Historic Interpretation

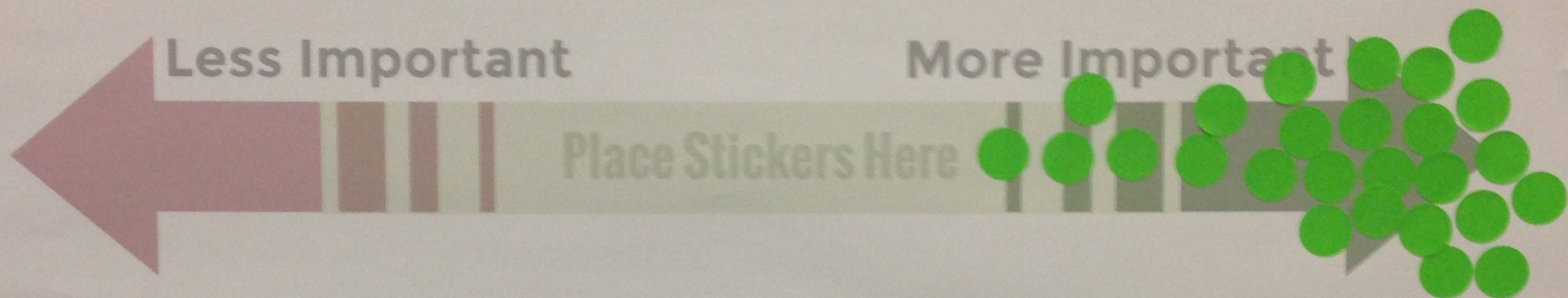


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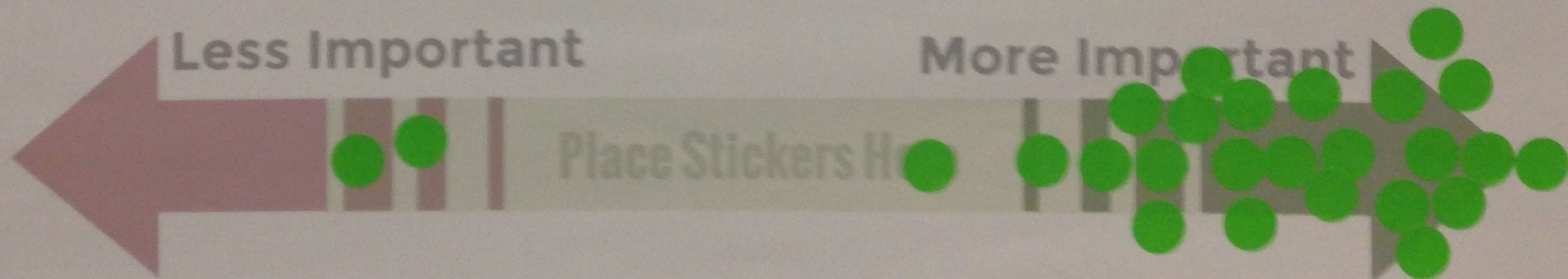
Use Your Stickers

Rate the issue in importance

Wildlife and threatened species protection



Archaeological and historic site protection

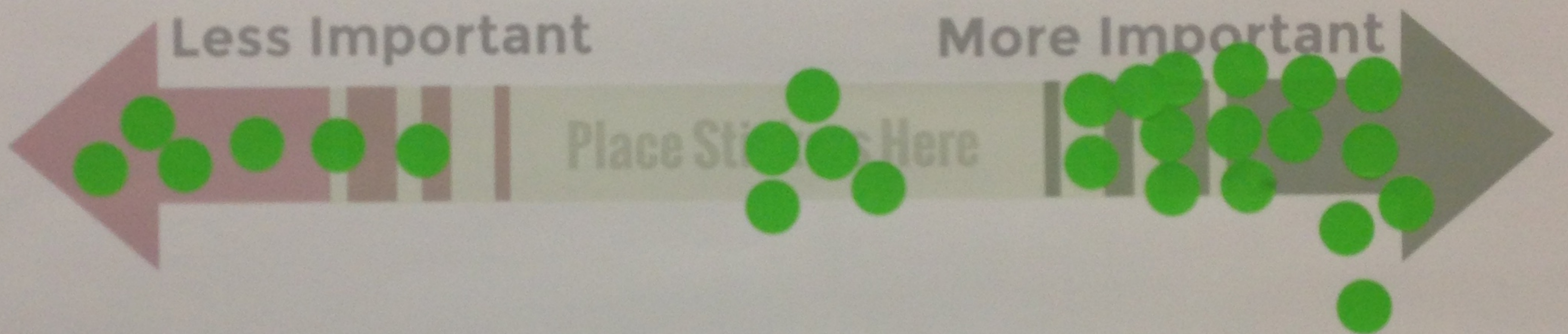


Public Survey

Rate the issue in importance

Use Your Stickers

Public Recreational Access

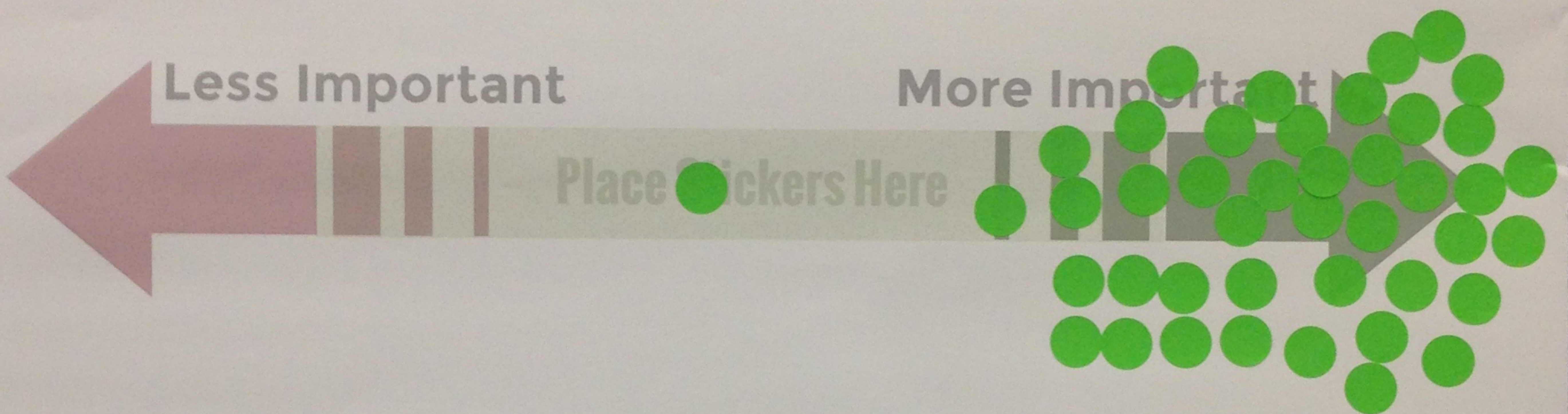


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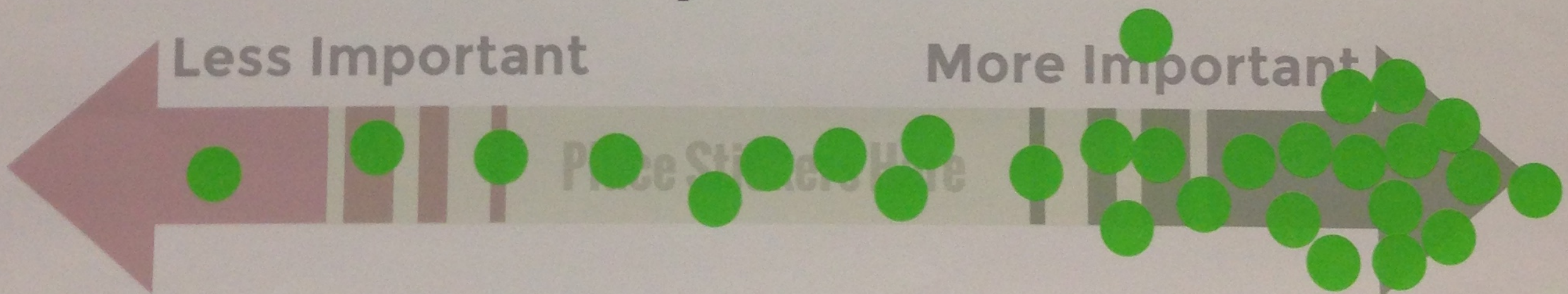
Rate the issue in importance



Water Quality and Springs protection



Archaeological and historic site interpretation



SWOT Analysis

Strengths

Write what you believe to be a strength of the Horn Spring Addition below

Eg. "the clear water of Horn Spring is attractive"

A REFRESHING SWIMMING HOLE TO ESCAPE THE HEAT
ANOTHER LOCAL DIVE SPOT

A great new location for a CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH NEAR TALLAHASSEE Agree.

A place to SWIM and hike
Little Horn #1 is beautiful

Add'l hunting opportunities, Agree.
Access to Horn Springs for paddling, hiking + biking.

Protect the Spring - NO SWIMMING

LIMIT ACCESS TO FOOT TRAFFIC (e.g. Cherokee sink) and paddling
TO PRESERVE THE REMOTE BEAUTY OF THE AREA.

SWOT Analysis

Weaknesses

Write what you believe to be a weakness of the Horn Spring Addition below

Eg. "it is difficult for most people to get to"

POTENTIAL NOT YET REALIZED FOR CONNECTIVITY BY PUBLIC TO ANCILLA WMA (WILDLIFE GETS A GATEWAY)

Would require roads that are not subject to flooding. Agree.

Would need good access / boardwalks

STATE PARK SVC CURRENTLY UNDERSTAFFED TO MAKE THE MOST OF PROPERTY

Funding for staff & infrastructure improvements ✓

Pot Hunters ← Yes! DITTO, AGREE

Lack of Law Enforcement presence ✓

NEED FACILITIES (PARKA-RITE) TO PROTECT AREA, IF EASY ACCESS TO SPRING IS LIMITED

SWOT Analysis

Opportunities

Write what you believe to be an opportunity for the Horn Spring Addition below

Eg. "hiking trails could showcase the St. Marks River floodplain"

MULTIUSE TRAILS CONNECTING NATURAL BRIDGE SP TO ST MARKS RVR SP, LK EDWARDS WEA, ALFORDS GW, MICCOSUCEE GW, TOM
ANOTHER LOCAL DIVE SITE TO ~~AGREE~~ COMPLIMENT THE FEW SITES OPEN @ WAKULLA SPRINGS SP

POTENTIAL SINGLE TRACK FOR MAKERS & MOUNTAIN BIKERS Agree! YES

A CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH AT Horn Springs AND one AT Natural Bridge would be great. ← Agree! ← Also Agree!

Would love to see 4-6 mile hiking trails & possible connection to other existing trails.

Would love to have a primitive campsite for backpackers. ← AGREE +!

Excellent area for special-opportunity hunts. AGREE!!!^{yes}

If DEP could provide boats, this would be a great opportunity to introduce people to paddling. There are 6-8 people in the Trill. Area who are certified to lead paddling in state parks (ACA/DEP).

A boardwalk to Little Horn #1

Nature trails to spring and sinks

KEEP KAYAK LAUNCH AT NATURAL BRIDGE, AND CLEAR LOGJAMS/PULL-OVERS IN RIVER.

SWOT Analysis

Threats

Write what you believe to be a threat for the Horn Spring Addition below

Eg. "poor water quality could harm the user experience" Boat Trailer Launch needed.

- Aging population - need 4-6 mile hiking trails.
- A primitive campsite for backpackers would be great if only if it does not compromise the environment. AGREED!
- UNDER UTILIZATION OF PROPERTY POTENTIAL CAN LEAD TO STAGNANT VISITATION
- Habitat not managed correctly to benefit all parties involved.
- STATE PARKS NEED MORE STAFFING TO ADEQUATELY MANAGE ✓ prescribed fire when applicable
- erosion around the spring
- hydrilla completely taking over - it rings the spring now
- little Horn #1 needs to be protected
- protection of archeological sites is necessary + |
- People trashing the spring if used as a swimming hole - they did it in the past
- ATV abuse of property / YES PRESENT ATV ACCESS

IF SWIMMING IS PERMITTED, NEED STEPS, BOARDWALK TO PROTECT BANKS FROM EROSION



PROVIDE SANITARY FACILITIES (PORTA-POTTS)

Horn Springs

Canoe/Kayak Access Launch

Swimming
hiking
wildlife viewing

4-6 mile paddle
for the boat but find
through DEP to
land paddle on
local stream

primitive
campsite
for backpacking

Can the
river be
cleaned for
paddling?

Hunting

CLEAR
LOGS/JAMS

Paddling x2
Trail
↔

St. Mark's River

hiking
trails

Old Plank Rd.

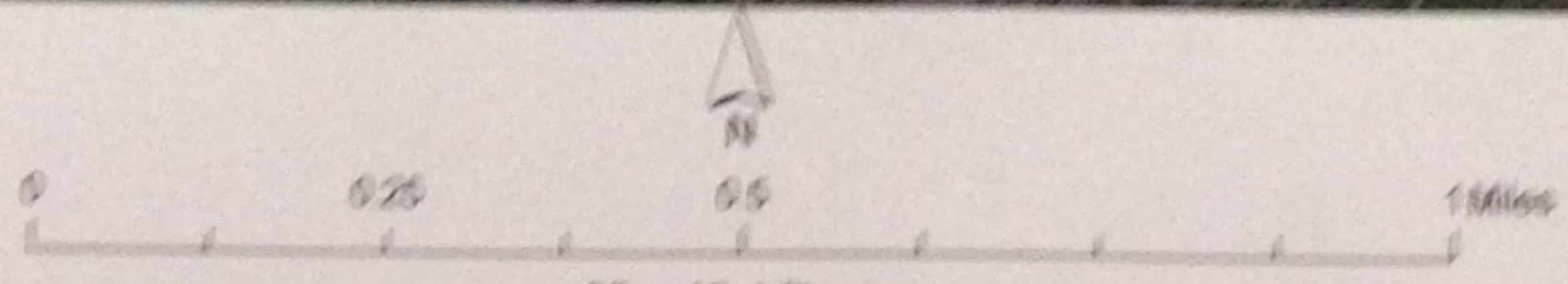
Natural Bridge Rd.

Canoe/Kayak
Launch





Horn Spring Addition
Natural Bridge Battlefield



Legend

- Florida
- Current
- State
- No It
- Florida



Old Plank Rd.

Natural Bridge Rd.

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Primitive
Hunting

NO
Hunting

ONE
DIVING
POLES
STRAITS

Wildlife
Habitat
Study

Wildlife
Preservation

Wild
One
Study

- Legend**
- Florida Springs (2016)
 - Current Park Boundary
 - State Park Acquisition
 - Florida Forest Service Boundary



Old Plank Rd.

Natural Bridge Rd.

Hunting

Hiking
trails

Paddling access
for canoe or
kayaks

Nature
trail

Legend