



# PRIORITY LIST EXERCISE

## Instructions & Results: November 5, 2018

Attendees of the November 5, 2018, public input meeting were provided a list of priorities, numbered 1 through 22 (provided on page two of this document). They were also provided five **green** stickers and five **orange** stickers.

Each participant was instructed to choose their top five **high** and **low** priority items from the list. Each priority was also displayed on a 8.5x11" card around the meeting room.

Participants were instructed to find their choices on the cards and place one **green** sticker on each of their top priorities and one **orange** sticker on each of their low priorities.

At the end of the interactive exercise, Office of Historic Preservation staff flipped over the priority cards one by one, revealing that each priority was associated most closely with a building removal option: either deconstruction or demolition. Staff also determined which priorities were high, medium, and low based on sticker count.

The following pages of this document include the information below:

- **Priority List Exercise:** the document with instructions that was provided to each attendee.
- **Priority Cards:** each 8.5x11" card that was displayed on the walls with the stickers it received. This includes any additional priorities submitted by participants.
- **Priority List Exercise Results:** a count of the total green and orange stickers received for each priority card.
- **Priority List Exercise: Deconstruction vs. Demolition:** the priority list with building removal type indicated.
- **Priority List Exercise Results, Ranked:** a rank of the participants' priorities from highest to lowest, based on the stickers received.

A special thanks to Emergent Structures, a nonprofit based in Savannah, GA, for providing us with access to a Deconstruction vs. Demolition charrette exercise upon which this activity was based.



# PRIORITY LIST EXERCISE

Choose your top five **high** and **low** priority items from the list below. Find your choices on the posters throughout the room and place a **GREEN** sticker for top priority or **ORANGE** sticker for low priority.

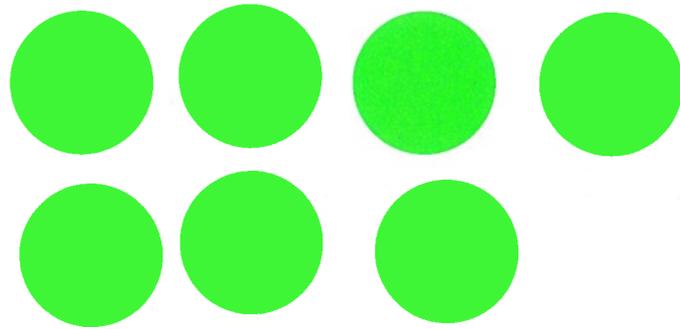
- 1. Prevent a sense of total loss:** re-tell the story of a building through the re-use of its materials.
  - 2. Cleaner air in the neighborhood:** reduce the amount of harmful dust particles and carbon emissions associated with building removal.
  - 3. Speedy building removal:** clear lot as soon as possible for new development.
  - 4. Save embodied energy:** ensure the energy consumed during the construction of an old building isn't wasted through demolition.
  - 5. Train a local workforce in heritage trades & deconstruction:** increase availability of contractors to do high quality work in local neighborhoods.
  - 6. Attract local, regional, and national developers:** incorporate existing policy that is more consistent from city to city.
  - 7. Divert high quality materials from landfill:** reduce the effects of methane gas on communities.
  - 8. Boost local economy:** increase opportunities for retail, salvage, and upcycling businesses to thrive.
  - 9. Increase availability of a wide variety of historic building materials:** bolster the local salvage market.
  - 10. Lower tipping and disposal fees:** less weight in the dumpster = less cost to dispose.
  - 11. Start redevelopment of sites without delays:** complete development projects as swiftly as possible to ensure site occupancy.
  - 12. Create a local circular economy:** instead of the traditional economy (make, use, dispose), create an opportunity to extract maximum value from resources through recovering and upcycling.
  - 13. Increase affordability of high quality materials:** make access to these materials more equitable and feasible for all communities.
  - 14. Expand employment pathways:** create new opportunities for the socially and economically disadvantaged.
  - 15. Keep building removal costs as low as possible:** limit financial barriers to build on or develop a site.
  - 16. Increase oversight of building removal:** ensure safe and thorough measures throughout building abatement and removal process.
  - 17. Reduce water consumption:** limit the amount of water used and the effects of toxic runoff associated with building removal.
  - 18. Document historic sites and building techniques:** capturing the story of the building, its designer, and its occupants to tell long after the structure is gone.
  - 19. Streamline the development process:** improve predictability and efficiency in the review process.
  - 20. Nurture the story of the neighborhood:** capture and contain stories and properly managed materials to keep these stories alive.
  - 21. Utilize current industry standards for building removal:** maintain existing procedures for building removal for maximum efficiency.
  - 22. Foster community involvement and sense of pride:** cultivate a sense of legacy and respect for homes, communities, and neighborhoods.
- BONUS! ADD YOUR OWN:** Add your own high or low priority to a blank poster and place the sticker of your choice. Draft your priority below:

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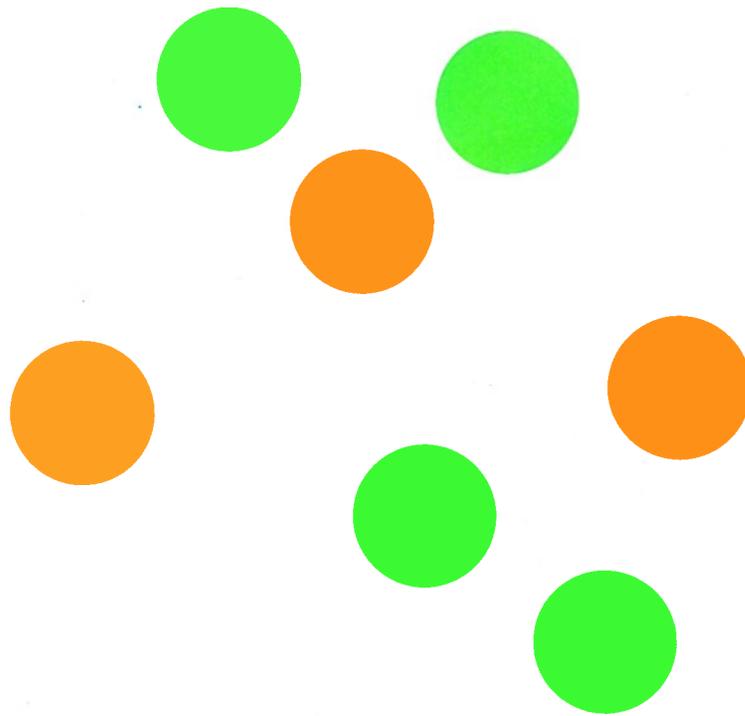
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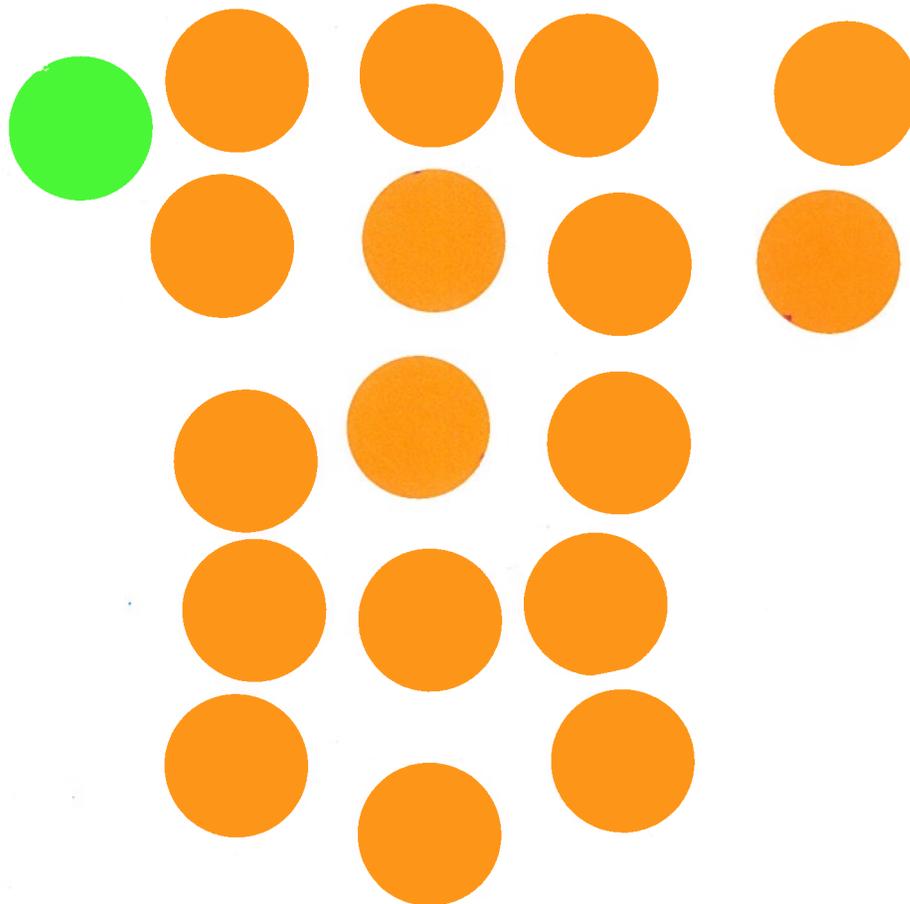
# #1: Prevent a sense of total loss



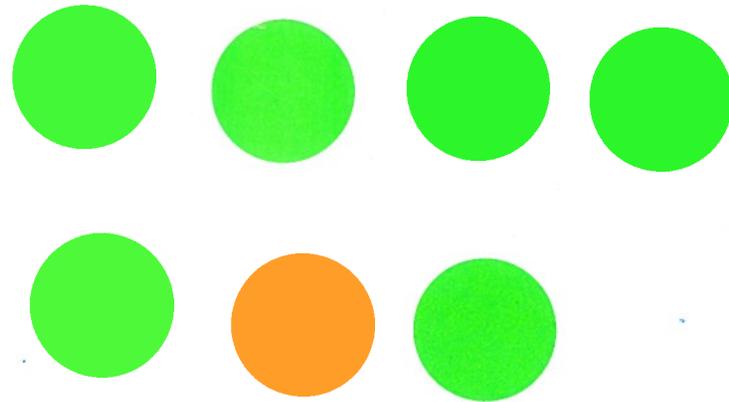
# #2: Cleaner air in the neighborhood



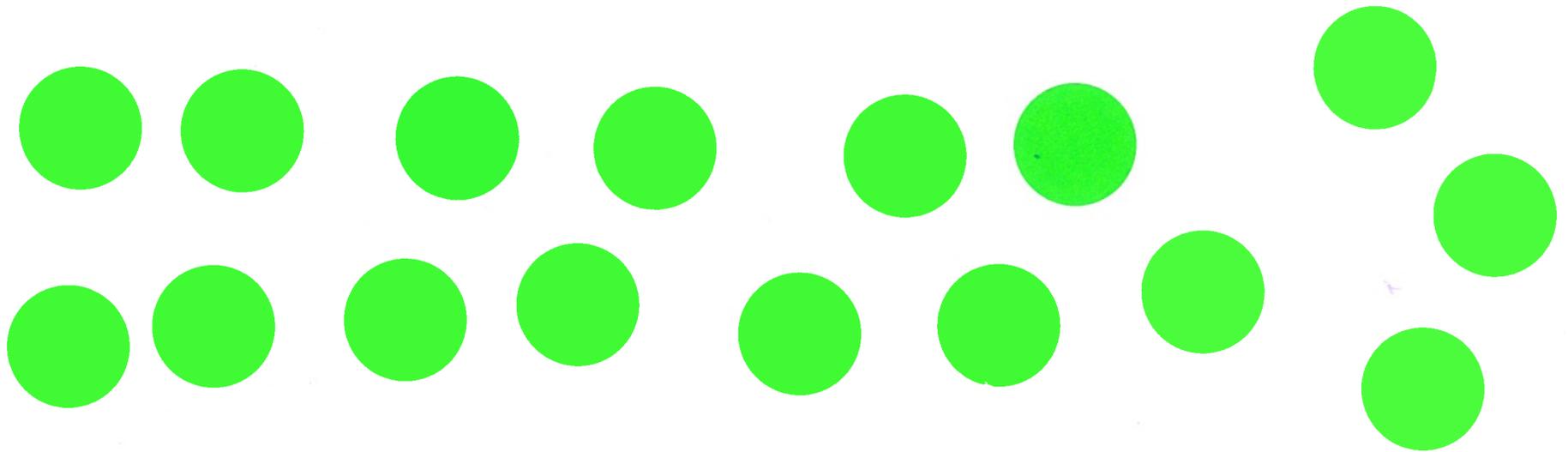
# #3: Speedy building removal



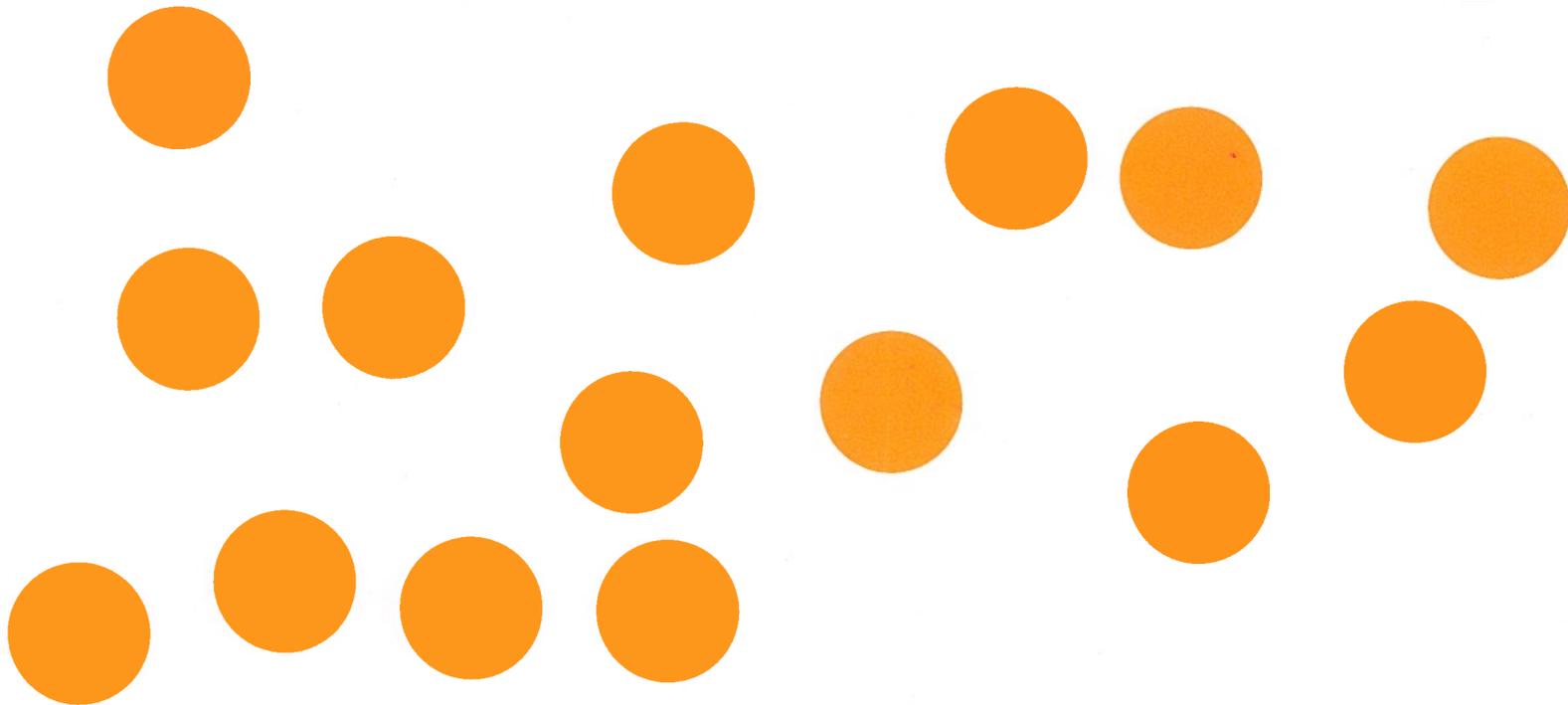
# #4: Save embodied energy



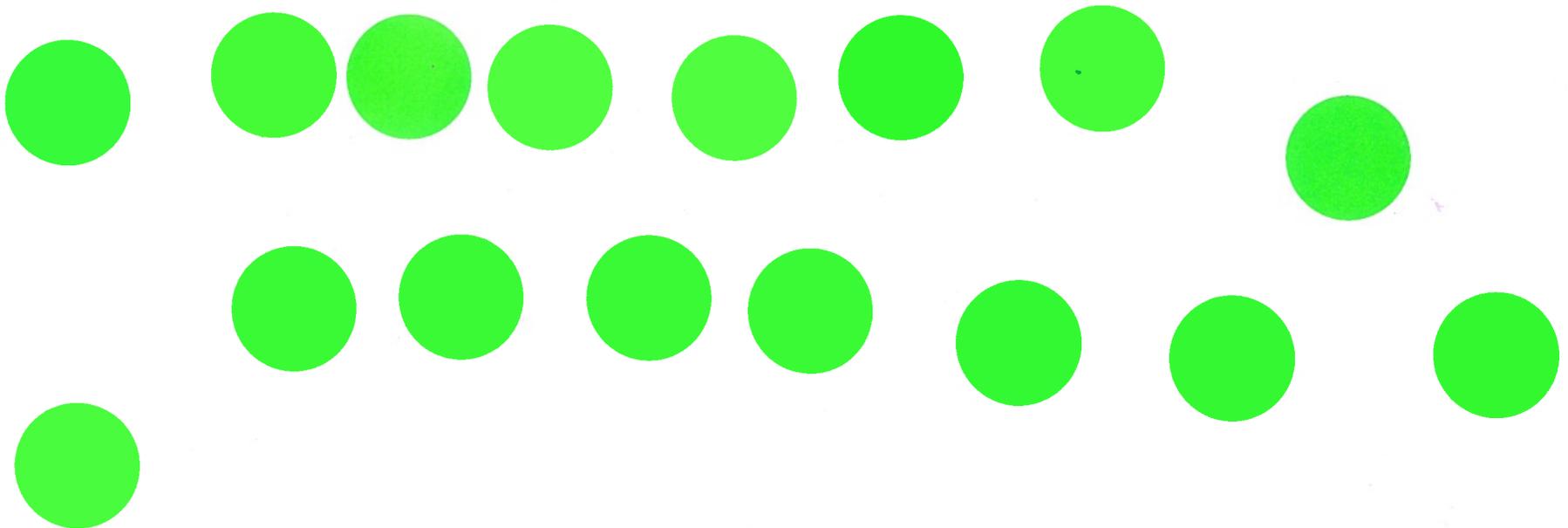
# #5: Train a local workforce in trades



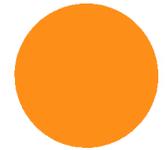
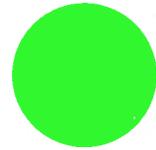
# **#6: Attract local, regional, and national developers**



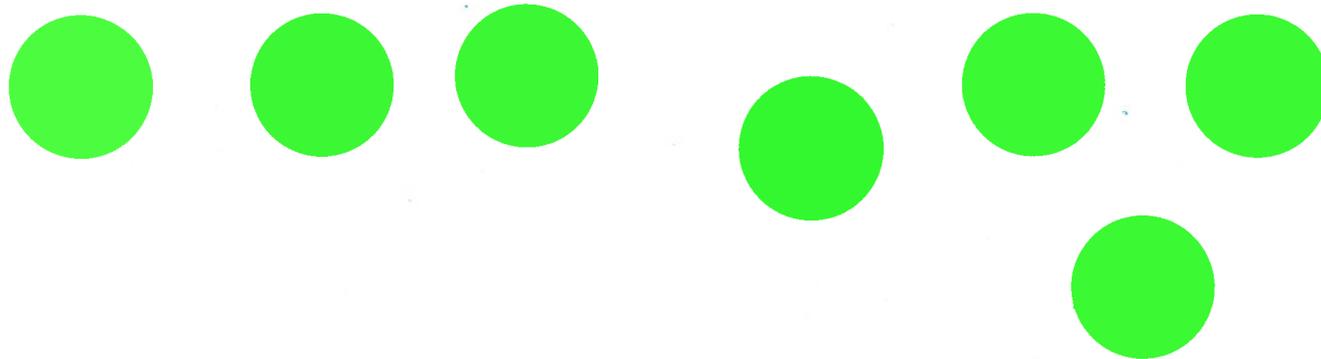
# #7: Divert high quality materials from landfill



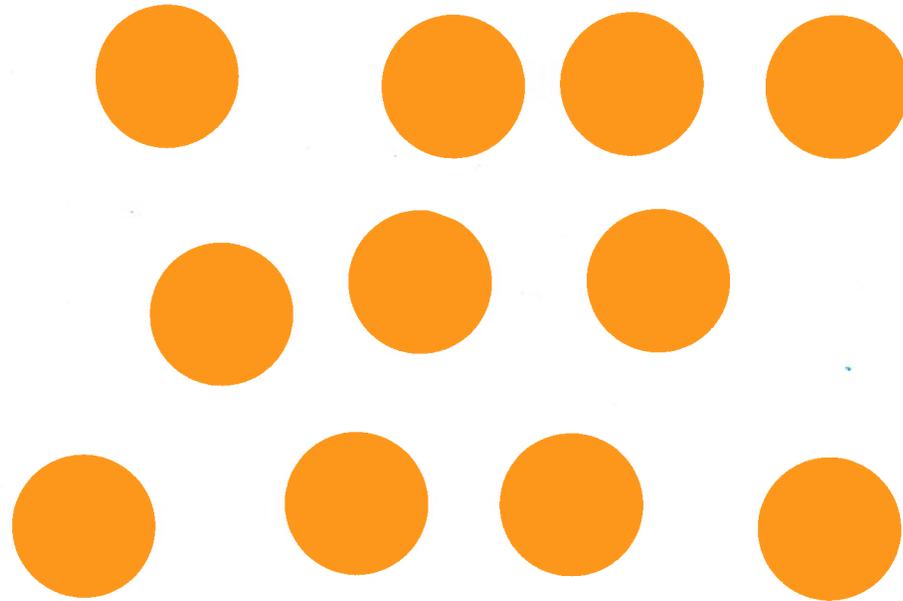
# #8: Boost local economy



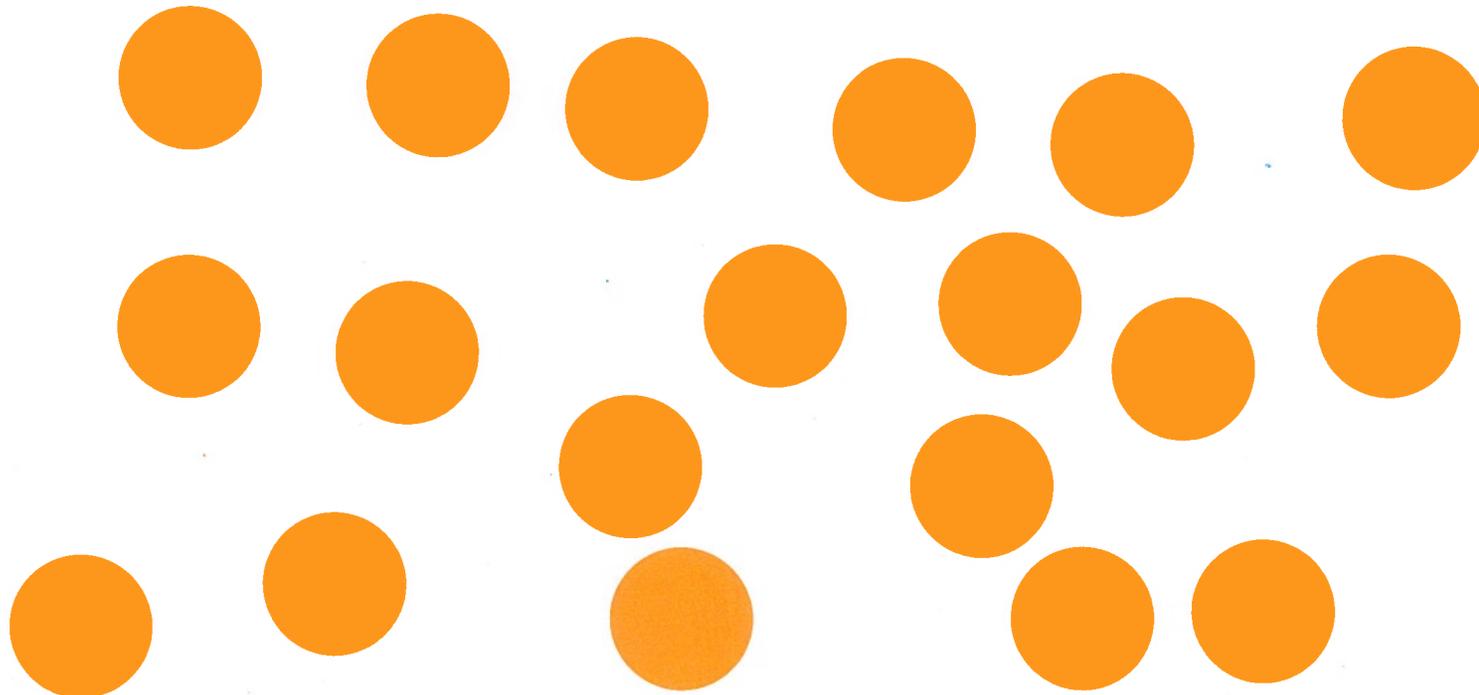
# **#9: Increase availability of a wide variety of materials**



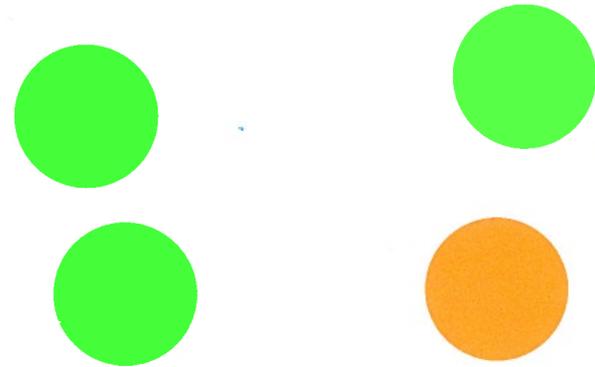
# #10: Lower tipping and disposal fees



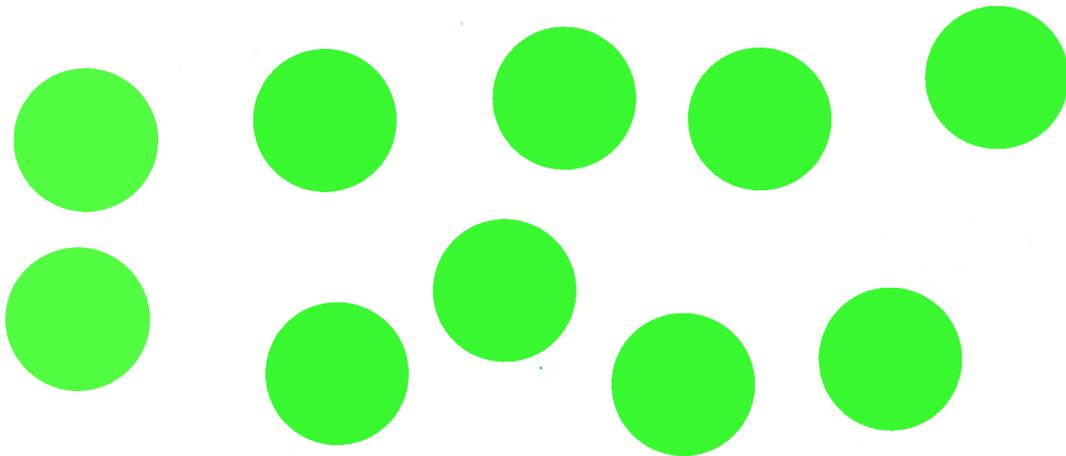
# #11: Start redevelopment of sites without delay



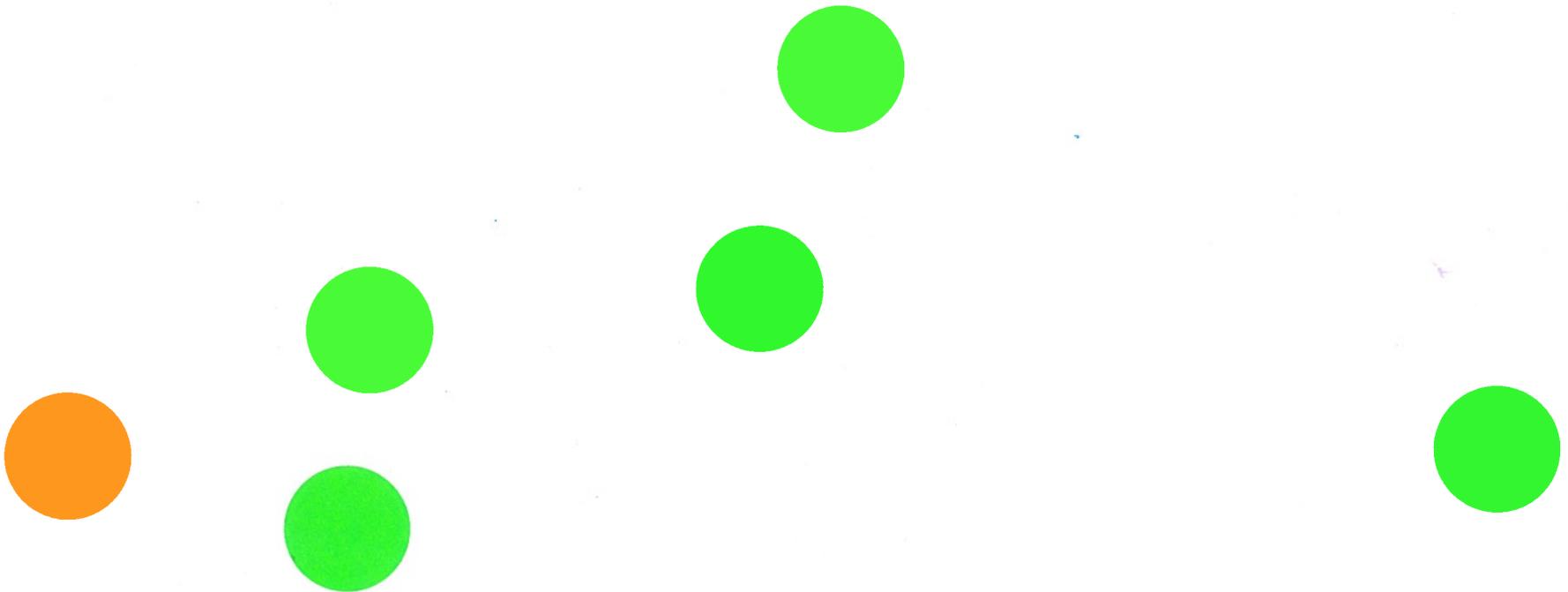
# #12: Create local circular economy



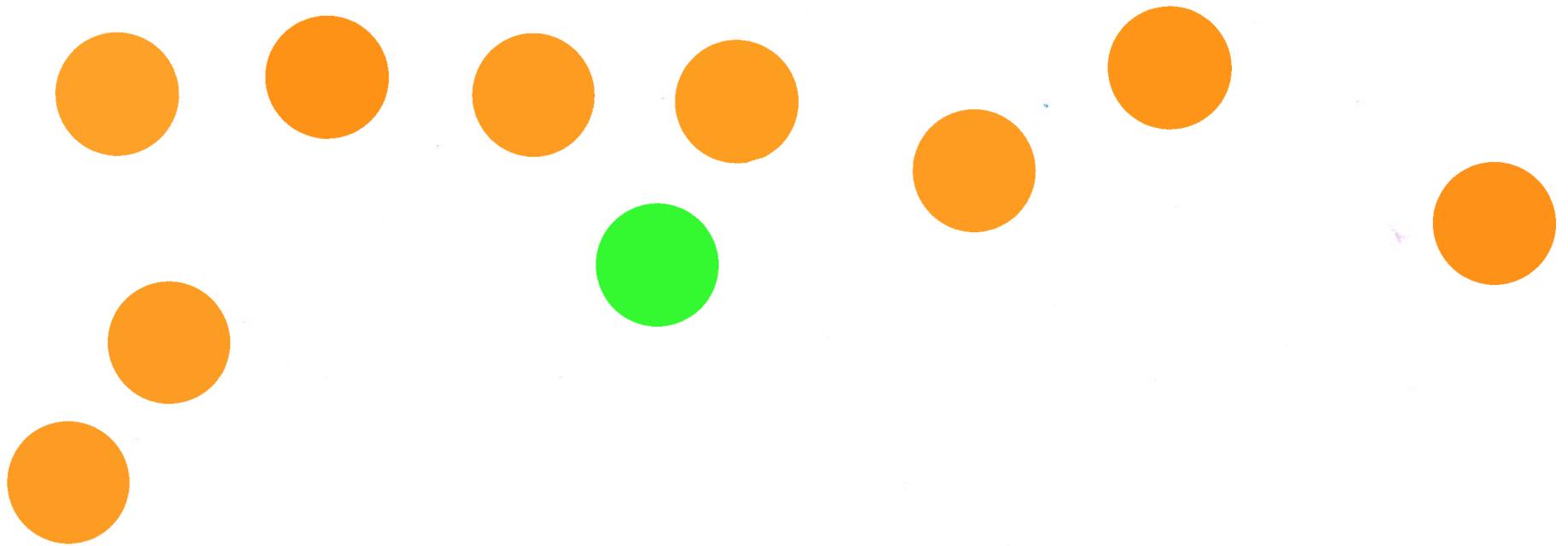
# **#13: Increase affordability of high quality materials**



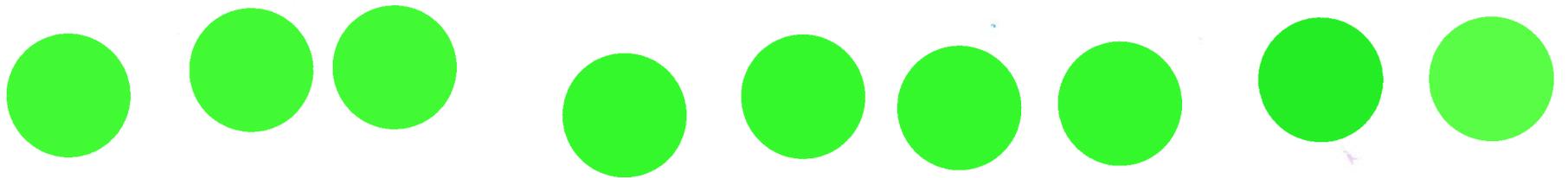
# #14: Expand employment pathways



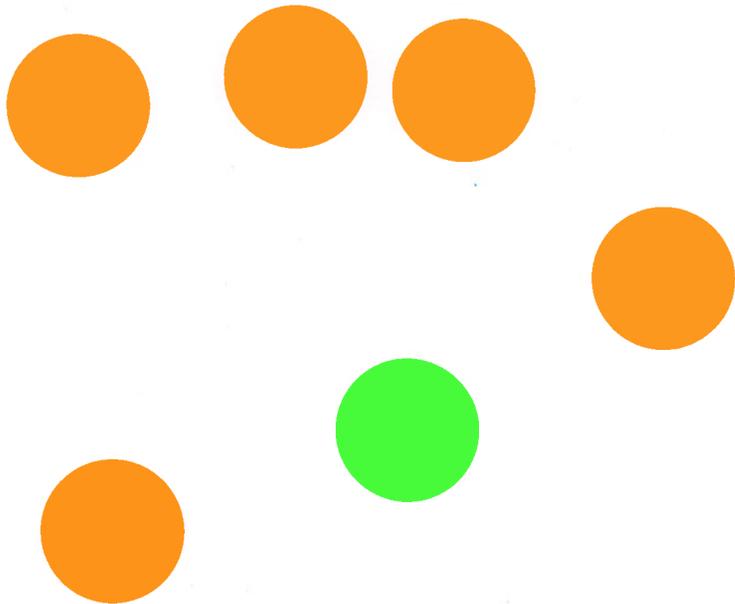
**#15: Keep building  
removal costs as low  
as possible**



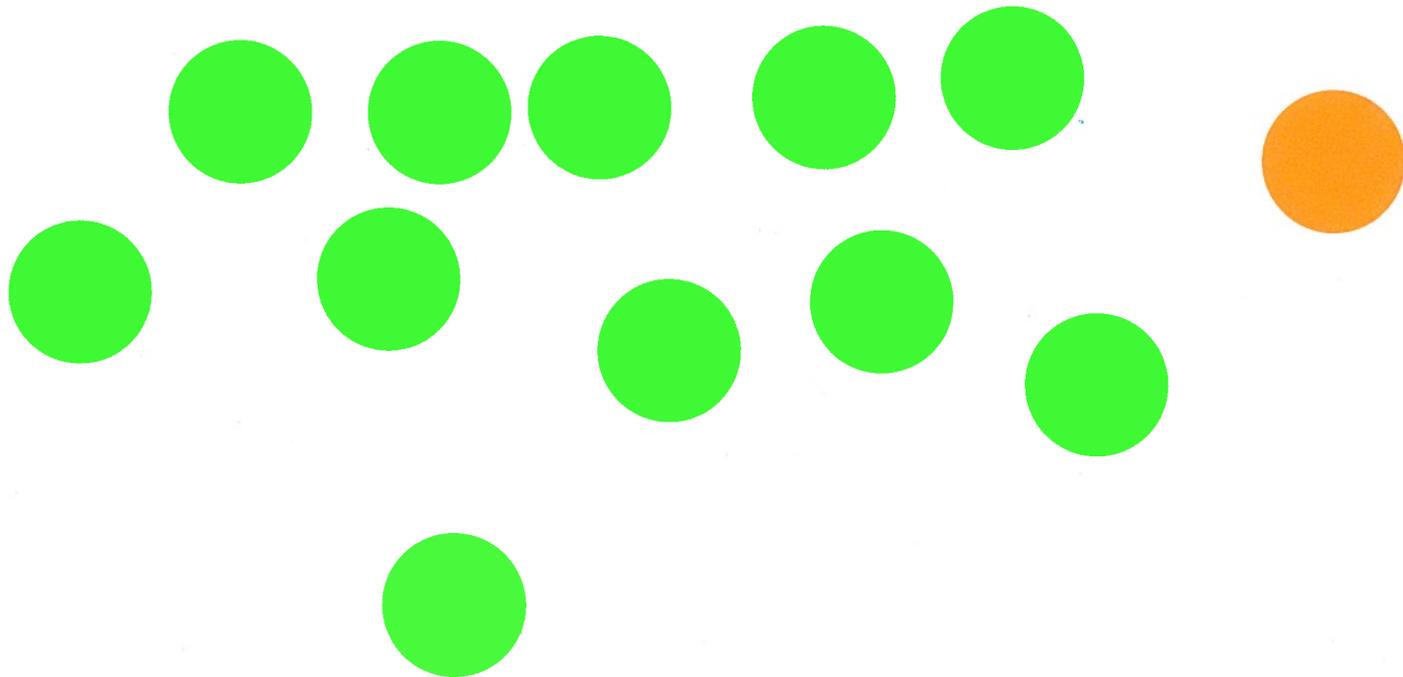
# #16: Increase oversight of building removal



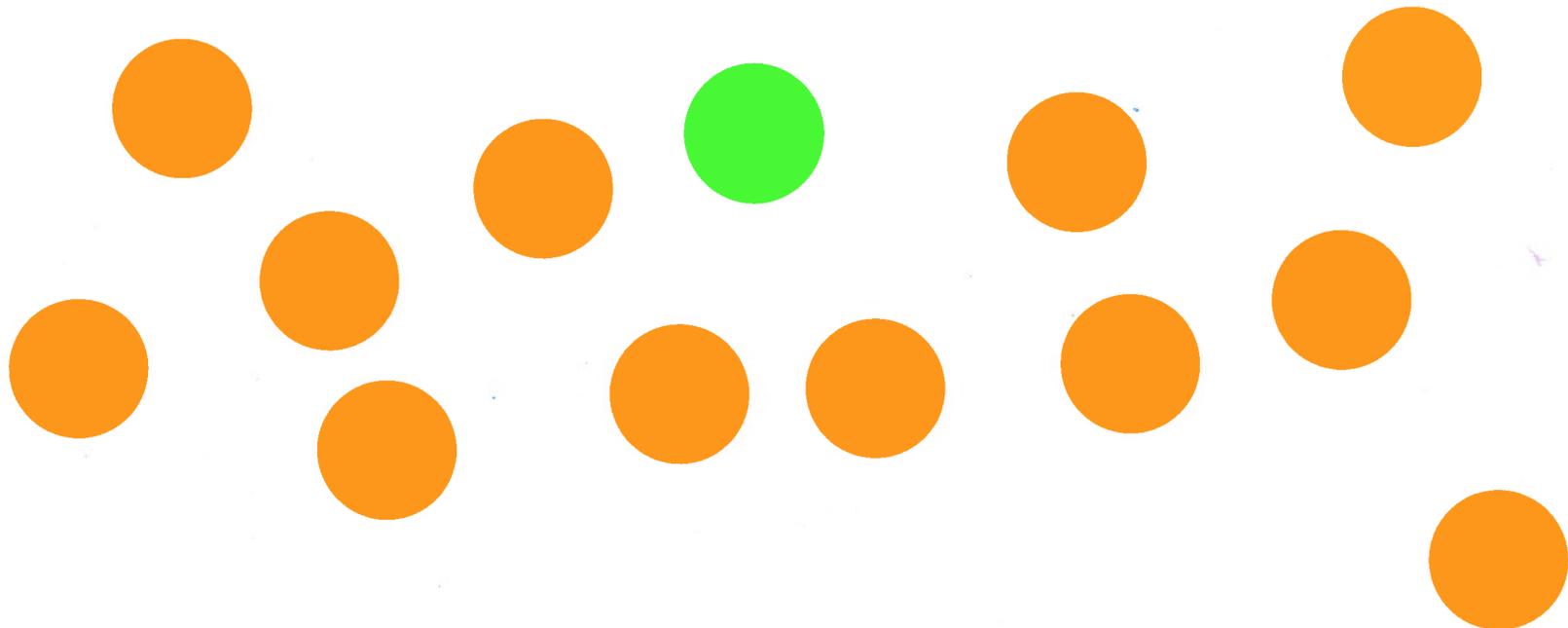
# #17: Reduce water consumption



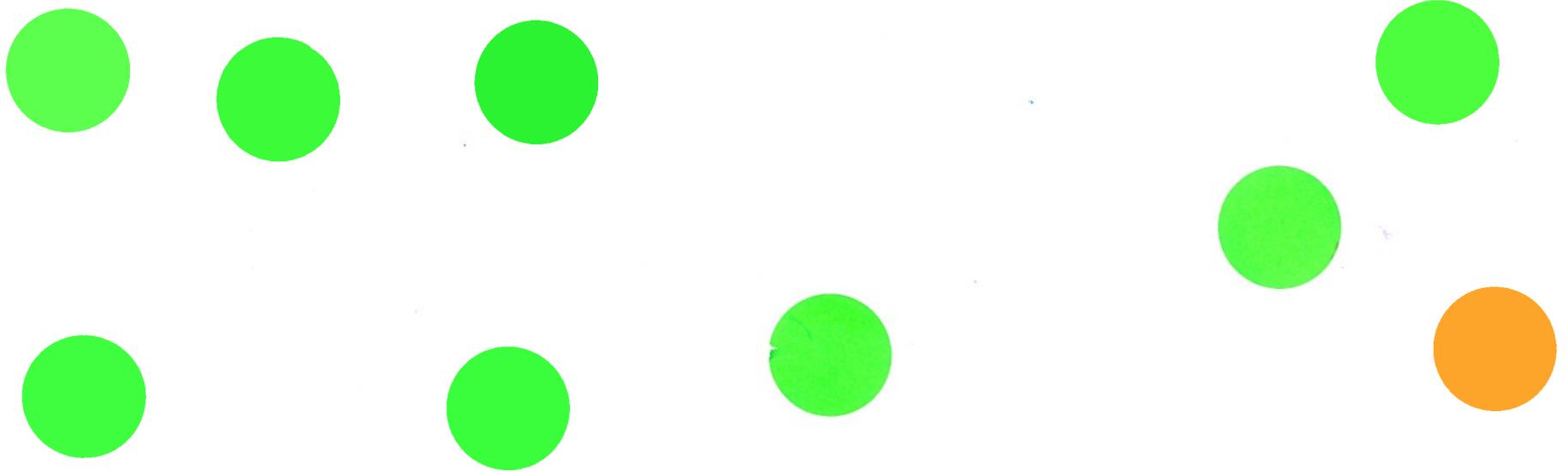
# #18: Document historic sites and building techniques



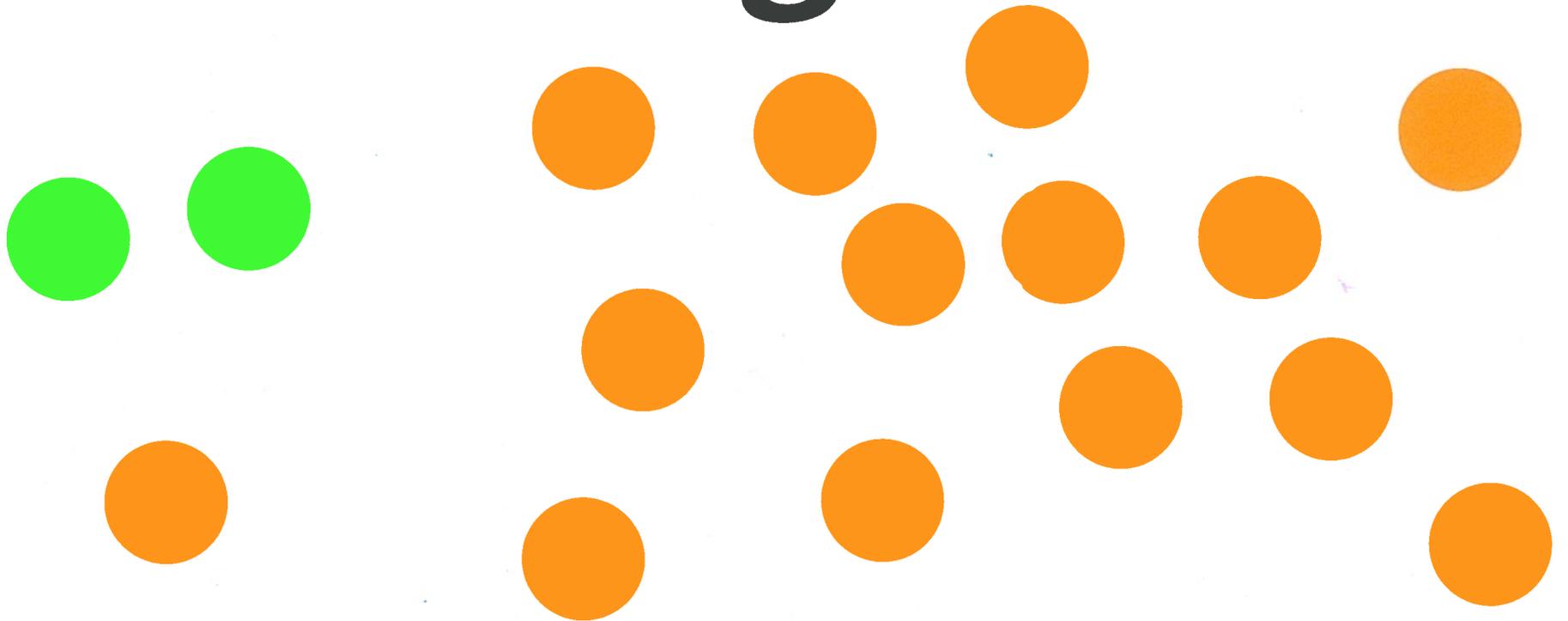
# #19: Streamline the development process



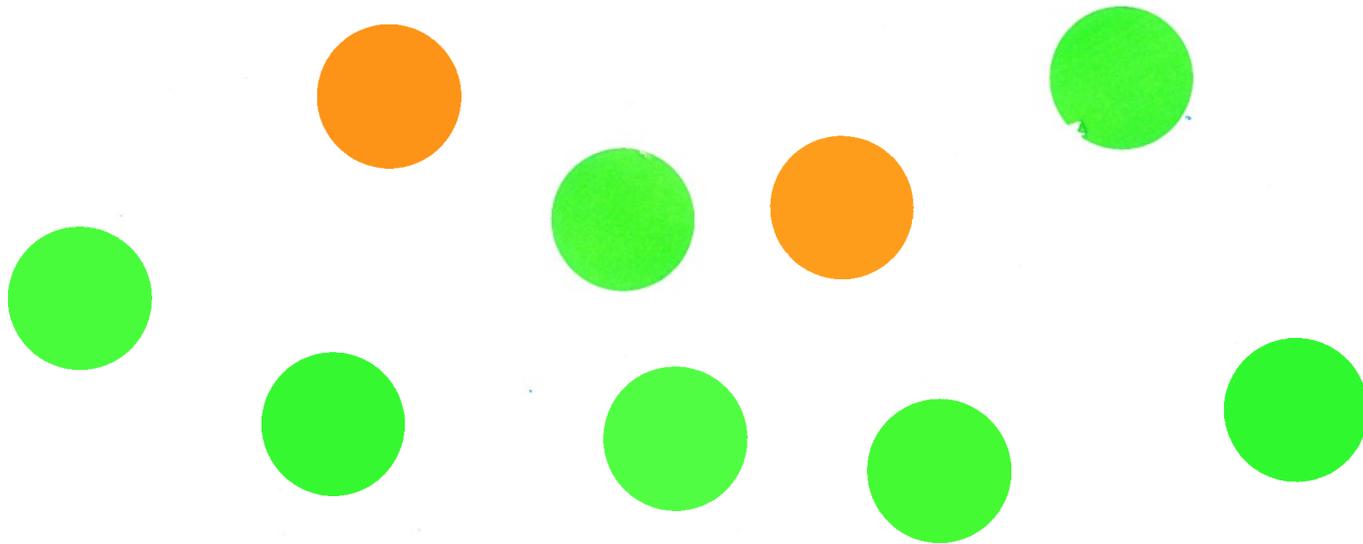
# #20: Nurture the story of the neighborhood



# **#21: Utilize current industry standards for building removal**



# **#22: Foster community involvement & pride**



If COSA or Govt mandates

a property to be removed

DECONSTRUCTION should be

REQUIRED.



Reduce carbon footprint



When OHP HDRC issues a Certificate of Appropriateness.

REQUIRE deconstruction as part of compliance

City-owned properties, let for free to young families / individuals  
to renovate & create urban farm space, once can save for own home-  
rent to another family, etc.....

Thank you—



# PRIORITY LIST EXERCISE RESULTS - NOVEMBER 5, 2018

1. **Prevent a sense of total loss:** re-tell the story of a building through the re-use of its materials.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 7**    **LOW PRIORITY: 2**

2. **Cleaner air in the neighborhood:** reduce the amount of harmful dust particles and carbon emissions associated with building removal.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 4**    **LOW PRIORITY: 3**

3. **Speedy building removal:** clear lot as soon as possible for new development.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 1**    **LOW PRIORITY: 17**

4. **Save embodied energy:** ensure the energy consumed during the construction of an old building isn't wasted through demolition.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 5**    **LOW PRIORITY: 1**

5. **Train a local workforce in heritage trades & deconstruction:** increase availability of contractors to do high quality work in local neighborhoods.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 16**    **LOW PRIORITY: 0**

6. **Attract local, regional, and national developers:** incorporate existing policy that is more consistent from city to city.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 0**    **LOW PRIORITY: 15**

7. **Divert high quality materials from landfill:** reduce the effects of methane gas on communities.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 16**    **LOW PRIORITY: 0**

8. **Boost local economy:** increase opportunities for retail, salvage, and upcycling businesses to thrive.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 4**    **LOW PRIORITY: 2**

9. **Increase availability of a wide variety of historic building materials:** bolster the local salvage market.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 7**    **LOW PRIORITY: 0**

10. **Lower tipping and disposal fees:** less weight in the dumpster = less cost to dispose.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 0**    **LOW PRIORITY: 11**

11. **Start redevelopment of sites without delays:** complete development projects as swiftly as possible to ensure site occupancy.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 0**    **LOW PRIORITY: 19**

12. **Create a local circular economy:** instead of the traditional economy (make, use, dispose), create an opportunity to extract maximum value from resources through recovering and upcycling.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 3**    **LOW PRIORITY: 1**

13. **Increase affordability of high quality materials:** make access to these materials more equitable and feasible for all communities.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 10**    **LOW PRIORITY: 0**

14. **Expand employment pathways:** create new opportunities for the socially and economically disadvantaged.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 5**    **LOW PRIORITY: 1**

15. **Keep building removal costs as low as possible:** limit financial barriers to build on or develop a site.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 1**    **LOW PRIORITY: 9**

16. **Increase oversight of building removal:** ensure safe and thorough measures throughout building abatement and removal process.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 9**    **LOW PRIORITY: 0**

17. **Reduce water consumption:** limit the amount of water used and the effects of toxic runoff associated with building removal.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 1**    **LOW PRIORITY: 5**

18. **Document historic sites and building techniques:** capturing the story of the building, its designer, and its occupants to tell long after the structure is gone.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 11**    **LOW PRIORITY: 1**

19. **Streamline the development process:** improve predictability and efficiency in the review process.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 1**    **LOW PRIORITY: 12**

20. **Nurture the story of the neighborhood:** capture and contain stories and properly managed materials to keep these stories alive.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 8**    **LOW PRIORITY: 1**

21. **Utilize current industry standards for building removal:** maintain existing procedures for building removal for maximum efficiency.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 2**    **LOW PRIORITY: 14**

22. **Foster community involvement and sense of pride:** cultivate a sense of legacy and respect for homes, communities, and neighborhoods.

**HIGH PRIORITY: 7**    **LOW PRIORITY: 2**

SUBMITTED PRIORITY: If COSA or government mandates a property to be removed, **deconstruction should be required.**

**HIGH PRIORITY: 6**    **LOW PRIORITY: 0**

SUBMITTED PRIORITY: **Reduce carbon footprint.**

**HIGH PRIORITY: 2**    **LOW PRIORITY: 0**



# PRIORITY LIST EXERCISE: Deconstruction vs. Demolition

1. **Prevent a sense of total loss:** re-tell the story of a building through the re-use of its materials.

## Deconstruction

2. **Cleaner air in the neighborhood:** reduce the amount of harmful dust particles and carbon emissions associated with building removal.

## Deconstruction

3. **Speedy building removal:** clear lot as soon as possible for new development.

## Demolition

4. **Save embodied energy:** ensure the energy consumed during the construction of an old building isn't wasted through demolition.

## Deconstruction

5. **Train a local workforce in heritage trades & deconstruction:** increase availability of contractors to do high quality work in local neighborhoods.

## Deconstruction

6. **Attract local, regional, and national developers:** incorporate existing policy that is more consistent from city to city.

## Demolition

7. **Divert high quality materials from landfill:** reduce the effects of methane gas on communities.

## Deconstruction

8. **Boost local economy:** increase opportunities for retail, salvage, and upcycling businesses to thrive.

## Deconstruction

9. **Increase availability of a wide variety of historic building materials:** bolster the local salvage market.

## Deconstruction

10. **Lower tipping and disposal fees:** less weight in the dumpster = less cost to dispose.

## Deconstruction

11. **Start redevelopment of sites without delays:** complete development projects as swiftly as possible to ensure site occupancy.

## Demolition

12. **Create a local circular economy:** instead of the traditional economy (make, use, dispose), create an opportunity to extract maximum value from resources through recovering and upcycling.

## Deconstruction

13. **Increase affordability of high quality materials:** make access to these materials more equitable and feasible for all communities.

## Deconstruction

14. **Expand employment pathways:** create new opportunities for the socially and economically disadvantaged.

## Deconstruction

15. **Keep building removal costs as low as possible:** limit financial barriers to build on or develop a site.

## Demolition

16. **Increase oversight of building removal:** ensure safe and thorough measures throughout building abatement and removal process.

## Deconstruction

17. **Reduce water consumption:** limit the amount of water used and the effects of toxic runoff associated with building removal.

## Deconstruction

18. **Document historic sites and building techniques:** capturing the story of the building, its designer, and its occupants to tell long after the structure is gone.

## Deconstruction

19. **Streamline the development process:** improve predictability and efficiency in the review process.

**Demolition** (currently), **Deconstruction** (potentially)

20. **Nurture the story of the neighborhood:** capture and contain stories and properly managed materials to keep these stories alive.

## Deconstruction

21. **Utilize current industry standards for building removal:** maintain existing procedures for building removal for maximum efficiency.

## Demolition

22. **Foster community involvement and sense of pride:** cultivate a sense of legacy and respect for homes, communities, and neighborhoods.

## Deconstruction

SUBMITTED PRIORITY: If COSA or government mandates a property to be removed, **deconstruction should be required.**

SUBMITTED PRIORITY: **Reduce carbon footprint.**



# PRIORITY LIST EXERCISE RESULTS - NOVEMBER 5, 2018

## Ranked from Highest to Lowest Priority

**HIGH**

Train a local workforce in heritage trades and deconstruction  
Divert high quality materials from the landfill (tie)

Increase affordability of high quality, salvaged materials

Increase oversight of building removal

Document historic sites and building techniques

Increase availability of a wide variety of building materials

Nurture the story of the neighborhood

Require deconstruction for city-mandated building removal

Expand employment pathways for economically and socially disadvantaged

Foster community involvement and a sense of pride

Prevent a sense of total loss through the reuse of materials within neighborhoods

Save the embodied energy of a historic structure

Boost local economy  
Create a local circular economy (tie)

Reduce carbon footprint

Cleaner air in the neighborhood through the reduction of demolition emissions

Reduce water consumption

Keep building removal costs as low as possible

Streamline the development process

Lower tipping and disposal fees for those disposing of material

Utilize current industry standards for building removal

Attract local, regional, and national developers

Speedy building removal

Start redevelopment of sites without delays

**LOW**