

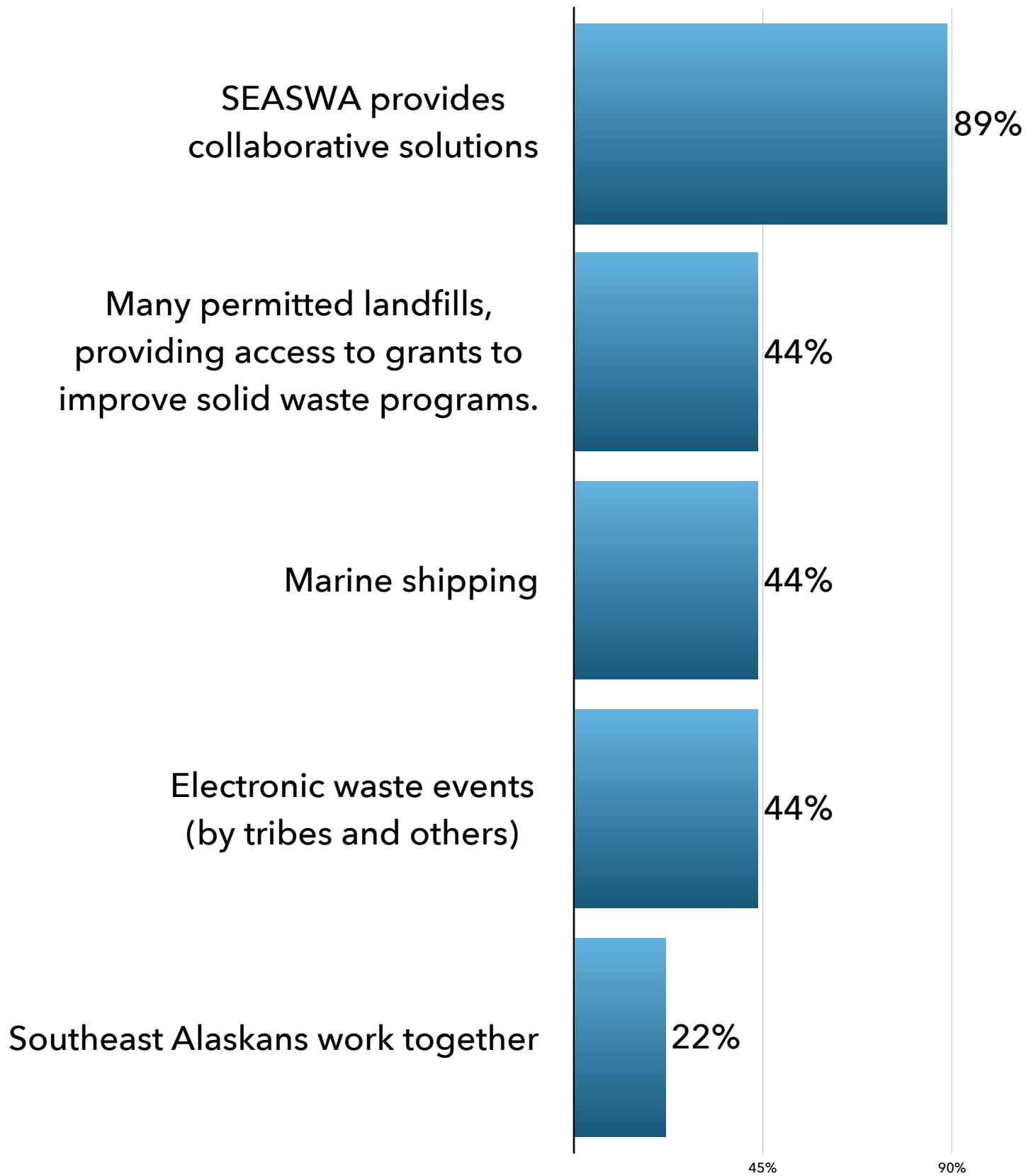
Solid Waste

SOUTHEAST SOLID WASTE SWOT SUMMARY

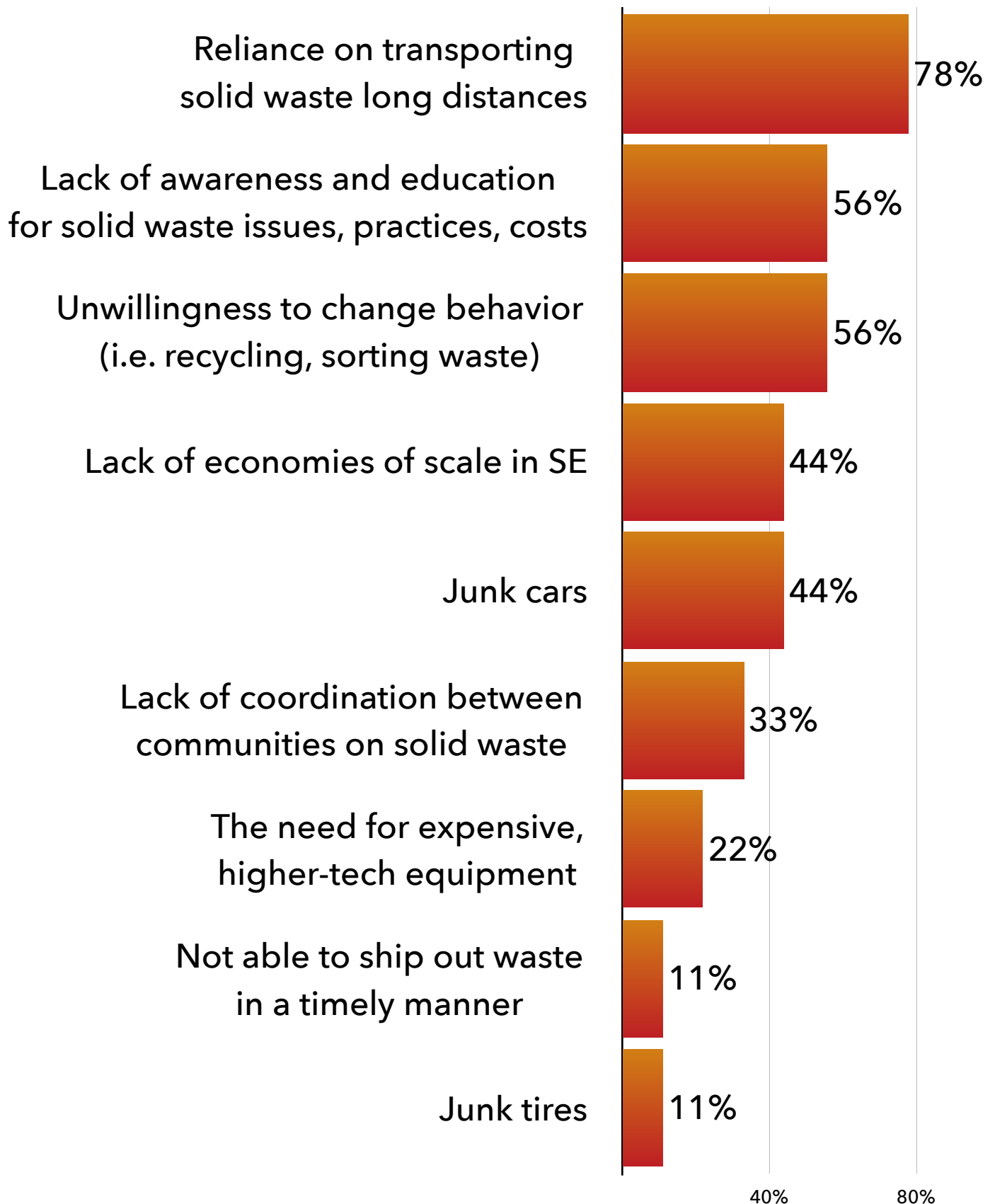
The Southeast Alaska Solid Waste SWOT analysis was conducted by members of the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA) Board of Directors in a series of interviews and meetings in January and February 2021. The results of this work is presented on the following pages.



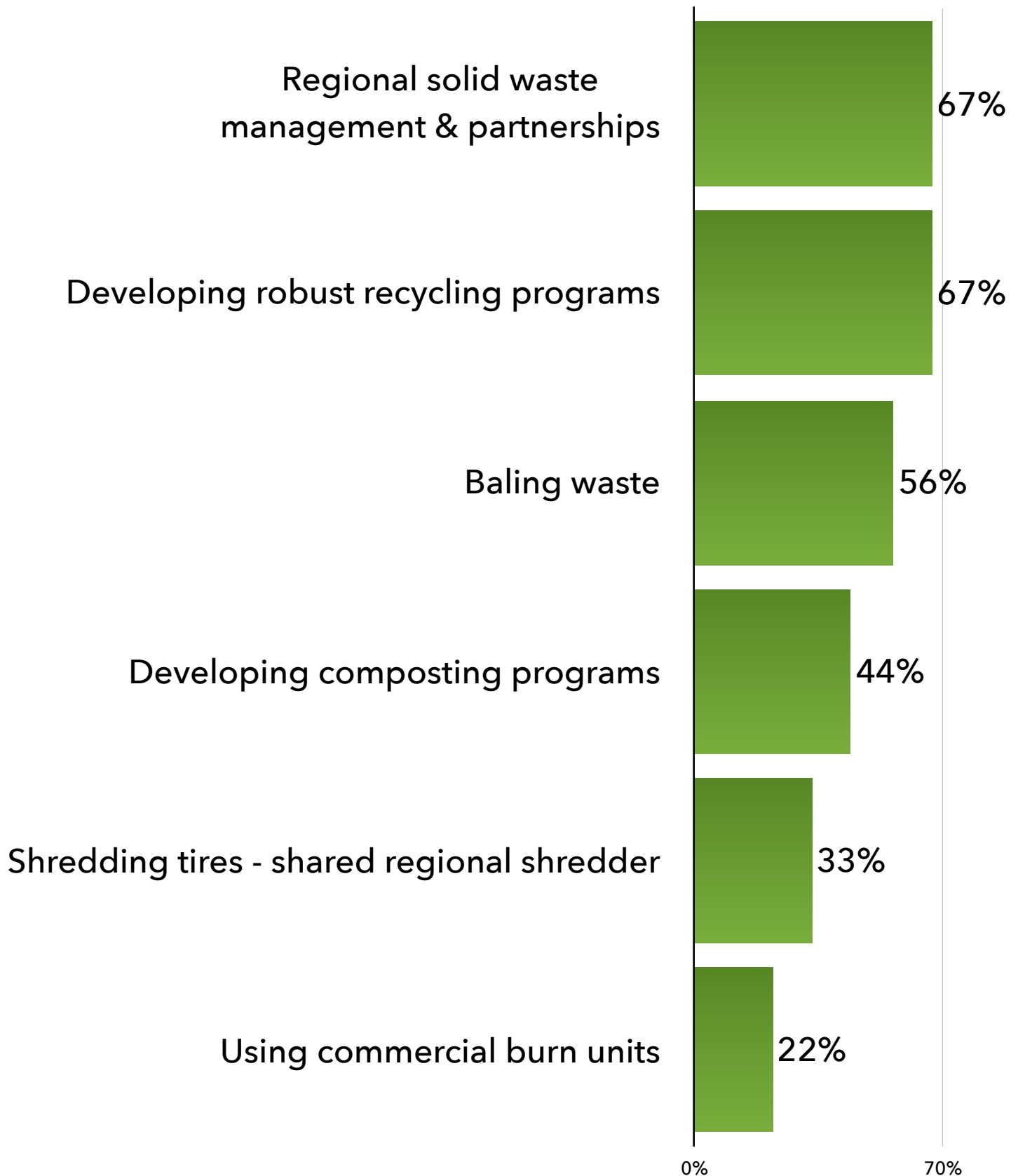
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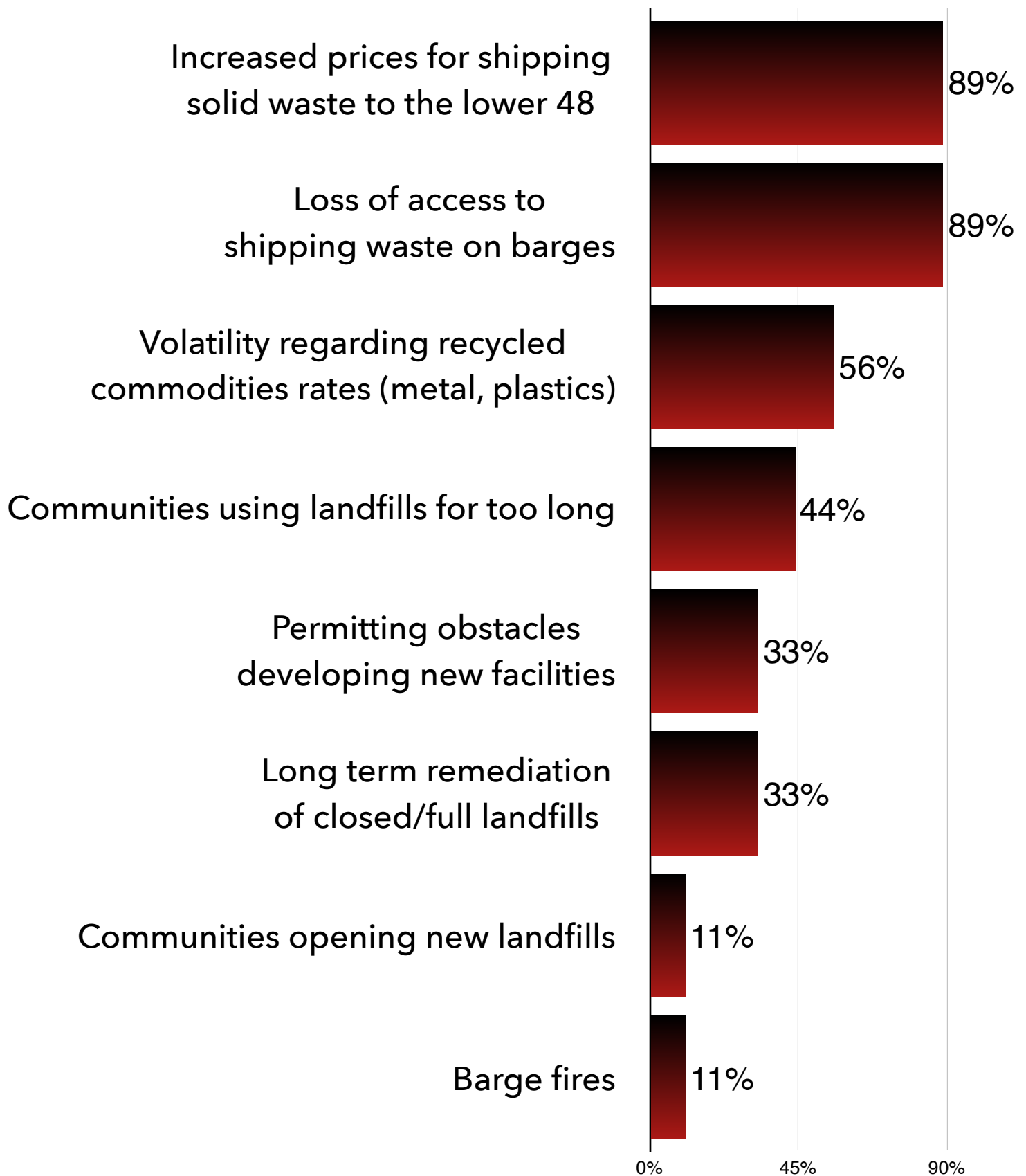
Solid Waste Weaknesses



Solid Waste Opportunities



Solid Waste Threats



SOLID WASTE OBJECTIVE: SUPPORT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

In the early 2000s incinerators closed and landfills reached capacity across the region. Many communities began to ship municipal solid waste by barge to landfills in Washington. Recently, concerns over fire risks have threatened the viability of shipping of solid waste to the lower-48. This has led to the development of mitigation strategies.

1

Develop best practices solutions for baling and compacting solid waste for shipping waste.

2

Increase utilization of regional recycling and composting programs and increase use of commercial burn units.

3

Communicate the importance of waste sorting to citizens in communities who ship their waste.

4

Procure equipment to manage increasing amounts of trash tires.

5

Create partnerships to share equipment, such as balers and shredders, across communities in the region.