

Demographics

Population: 2,688 (2020 Census)

AGE

	Whitewater Twp.	Grand Traverse County	Michigan
Persons under 18 years	21.4%	19.9%	21.4%
Persons 65 years old and older	24.6%	21.3%	18.1%
Median Age (years)	51.4	43.4	40.2

The median age of a Whitewater Township Resident is about 8 years older than that of a Grand Traverse County resident, and more than 11 years older than that of a State of Michigan resident.

Source: ACS 1-Year Estimates Data Profiles, 2021 and ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables

24.6%

Almost one in four residents of Whitewater Township is 65 years old or older.



INCOME (2021 Est.)

	Whitewater Twp.	Grand Traverse County	Michigan
All Households (mean income)	\$91,842	\$84,905	\$86,093
All Households (median income)	\$75,685	\$65,651	\$63,498

Whitewater Township residents generally have higher household incomes than the County and State as a whole.

Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables and ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables and ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables

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Mean refers to the average of a set of values.

Median refers to middle number in a sorted list of numbers

Educational Attainment

	Whitewater Twp.	Grand Traverse Co.	Michigan
Population 25 years and older with a Bachelor's Degree	25.4%	21.8%	19.2%

Source: ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables and ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables

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About 1 in 4 adults in Whitewater Township have a Bachelor Degree.

Other Labor Force Characteristics

	Whitewater Twp.	Grand Traverse Co.	Michigan
Population 16 years and over in Labor Force	57.2%	62.0%	60.9%
Workers 16 years and over - Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.7	21.3	23.8

Source: ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables and ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles

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Minutes to get to work

Workers in Whitewater Township generally travel further for employment.

HOUSEHOLDS

	Whitewater Twp.	Grand Traverse County	Michigan
Average Household Size	2.56	2.34	2.43
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	90.7%	76.3%	73.2%

Residents of Whitewater Township live in somewhat larger households.

Source: ACS 1-Year Estimates Data Profiles, 2021 and ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables

90.7%

More than 9 out of 10 homes in Whitewater Township are owner-occupied.



YEAR HOMES WERE BUILT (PERCENT OF OCCUPIED UNITS)

	Whitewater Township	Grand Traverse County	Michigan
2020 or later	.6%	.6%	.4%
2010 to 2019	3.5%	11.3%	5.2%
2000 to 2009	15.0%	19.8%	10.4%
1980 to 1999	44.2%	31.1%	22.1%
1960 to 1979	25.2%	21.4%	27.1%
1940 to 1959	4.0%	7.6%	21.1%
1939 or earlier	7.6%	8.2%	13.7%

More than 4 out of 10 occupied housing units that exist today in Whitewater Township were built between 1980 and 1999. This suggests that during this time, a local building boom occurred.

Source: ACS 1-Year Estimates Data Profiles, 2021 and ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables

Labor Force By Industry

	Whitewater Twp.	Grand Traverse Co.	Michigan
Civilian employed population 16 years and over			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	2.8%	1.5%	1.1%
Construction	13.8%	8.2%	5.6%
Manufacturing	10.3%	10.3%	18.7%
Wholesale trade	3.2%	2.0%	2.3%
Retail trade	14.3%	13.7%	10.8%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	3.4%	3.0%	4.6%
Information	0.9%	1.2%	1.3%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	5.7%	6.8%	5.7%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	9.8%	9.9%	9.8%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	21.1%	24.7%	23.3%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	7.4%	11.7%	9.0%
Other services, except public administration	5.3%	3.8%	4.5%
Public administration	1.9%	3.1%	3.4%

Source: 2021 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles

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Build a Sense of Community

Encourage social and cultural activities for year-round and seasonal residents.

Recognize and preserve the scale and compact nature of the commercial district.

Support and encourage the development and implementation of a recreation plan.

Encourage preservation of historically significant features within the Township.

Encourage Economic Opportunities

Support property owners who engage in home occupation activities which are in character with the area/neighborhood.

Support business, agricultural production and agritourism.

Streamline the application process for development.

Encourage municipal infrastructure for the benefit of the Township and areas of the greatest need.

Encourage Rural Characteristics

Electricity Building & Transportation

Preserve the Rural Character of our Township

How about following the current Ordinances

We need to get residents United + excited about a vision for our township

Follow The Ordinances!

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Encourage the cleanup or containment of blighted and/or contaminated sites.

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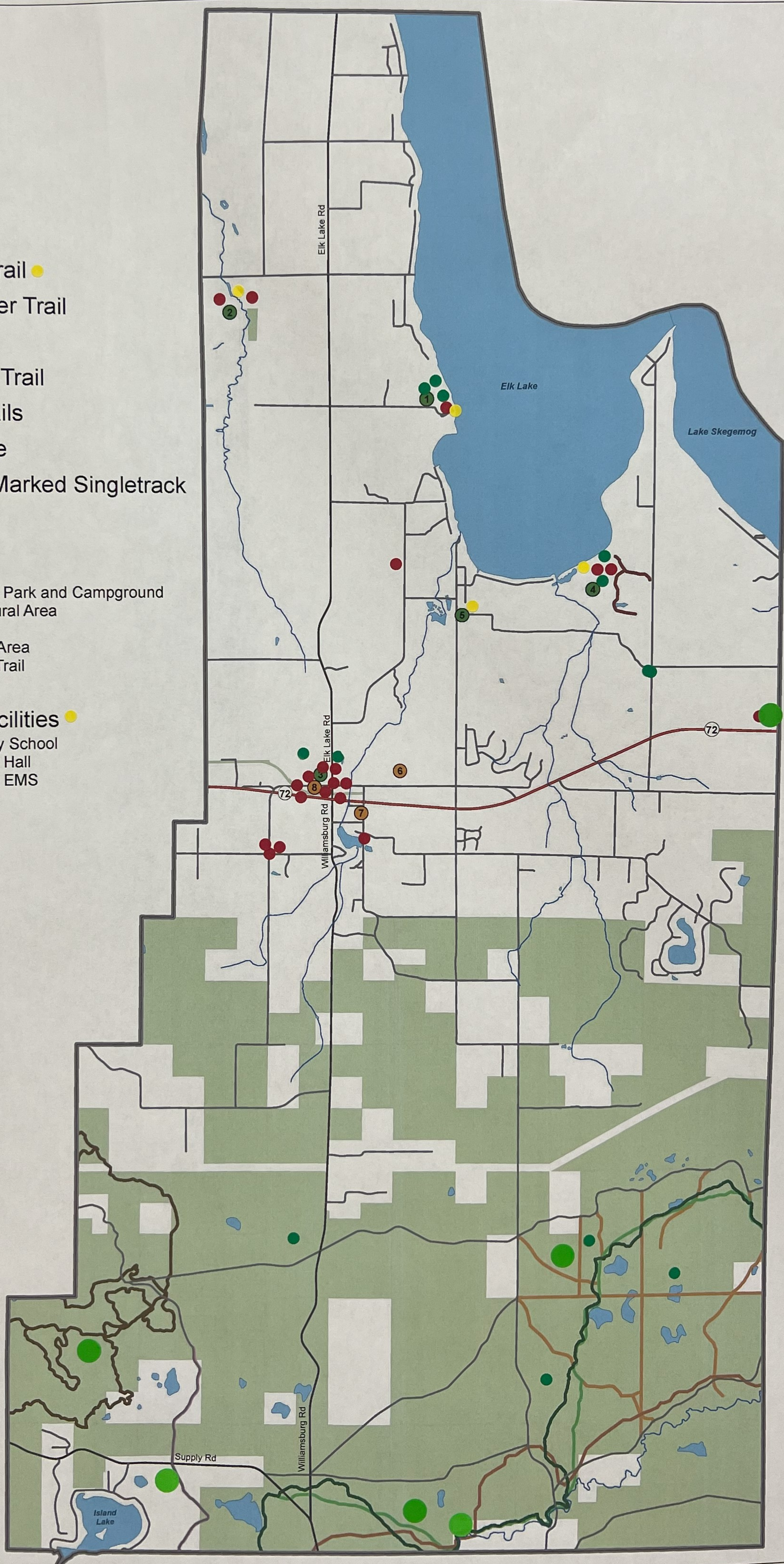
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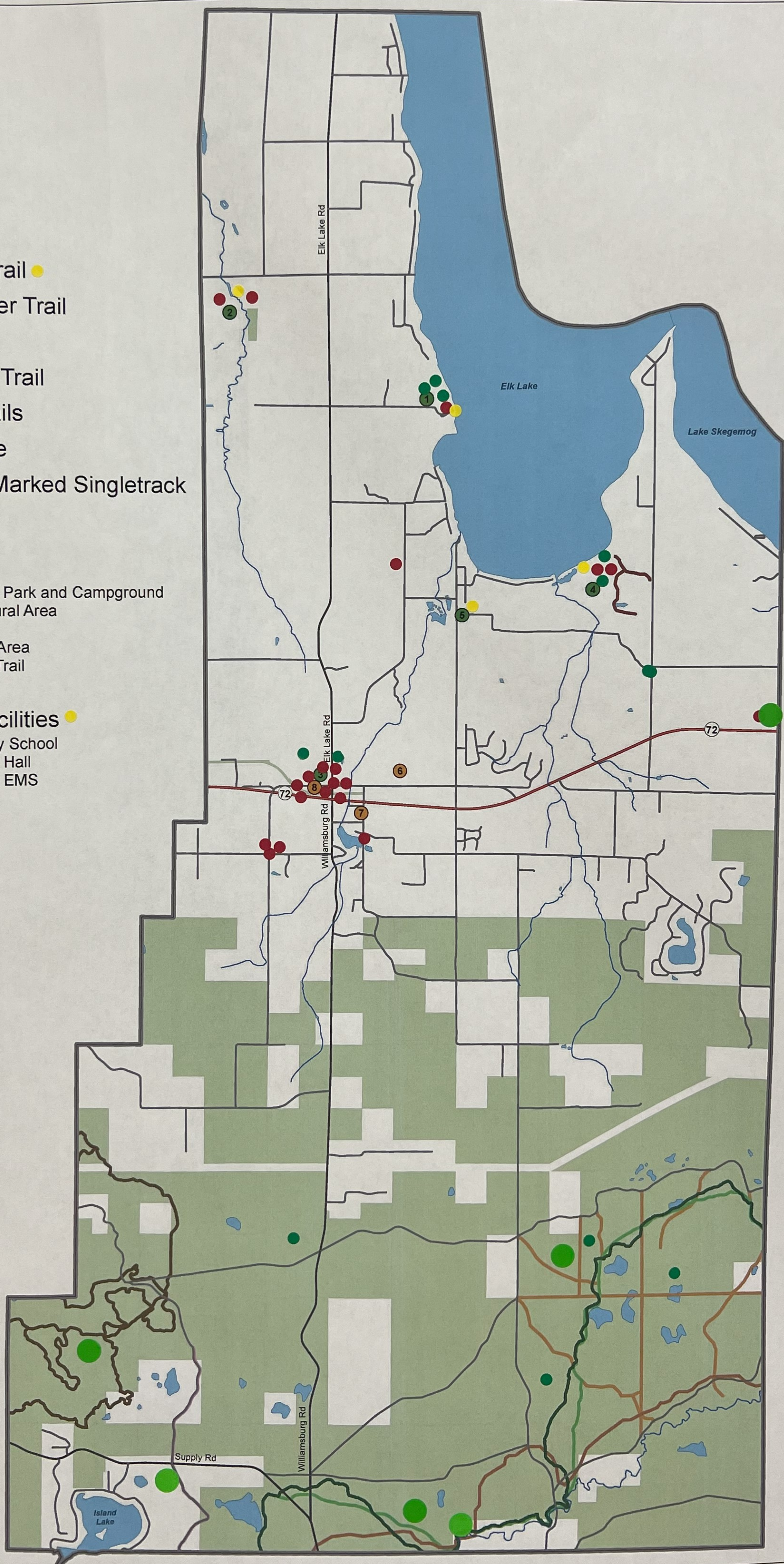
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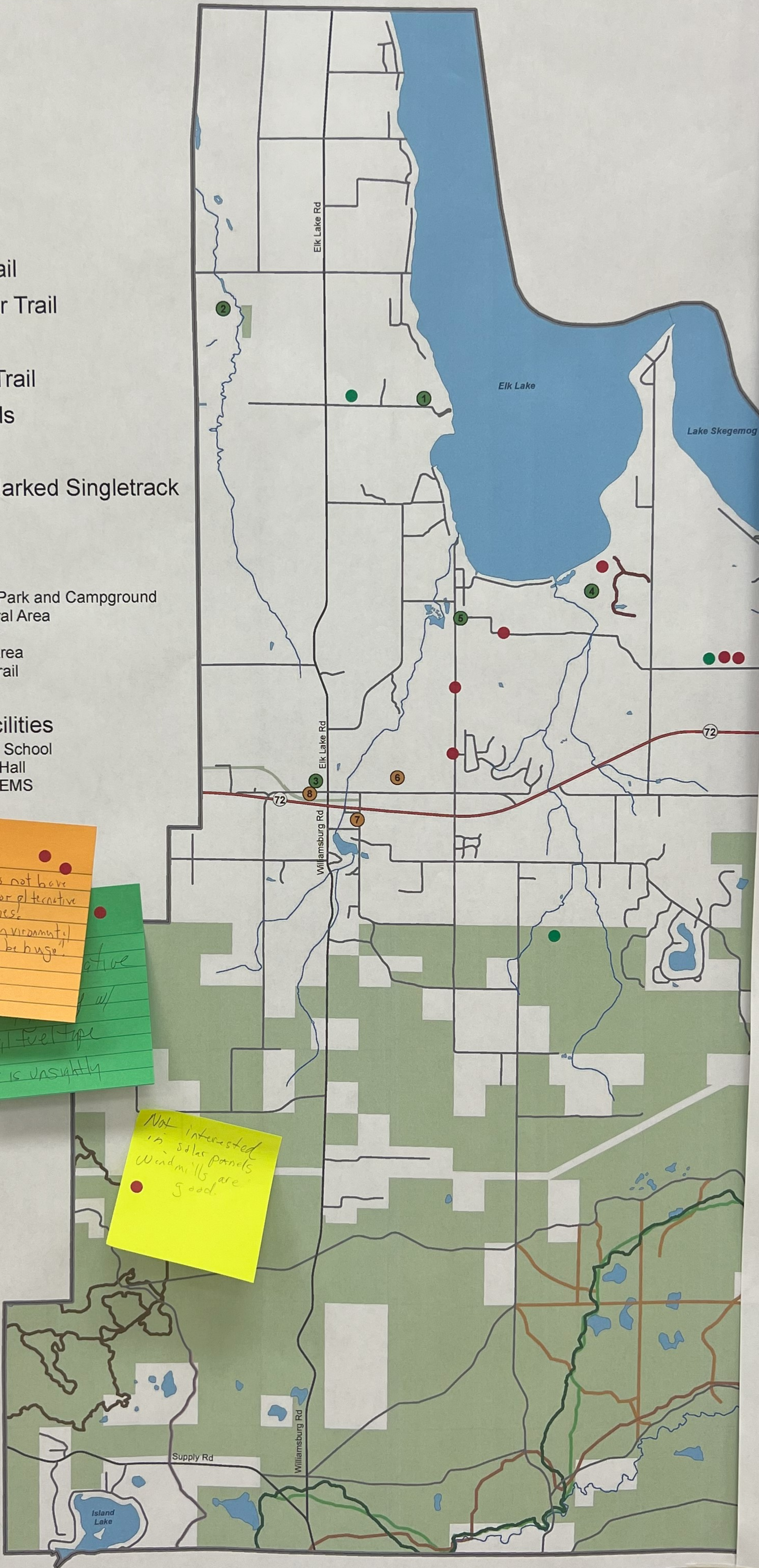
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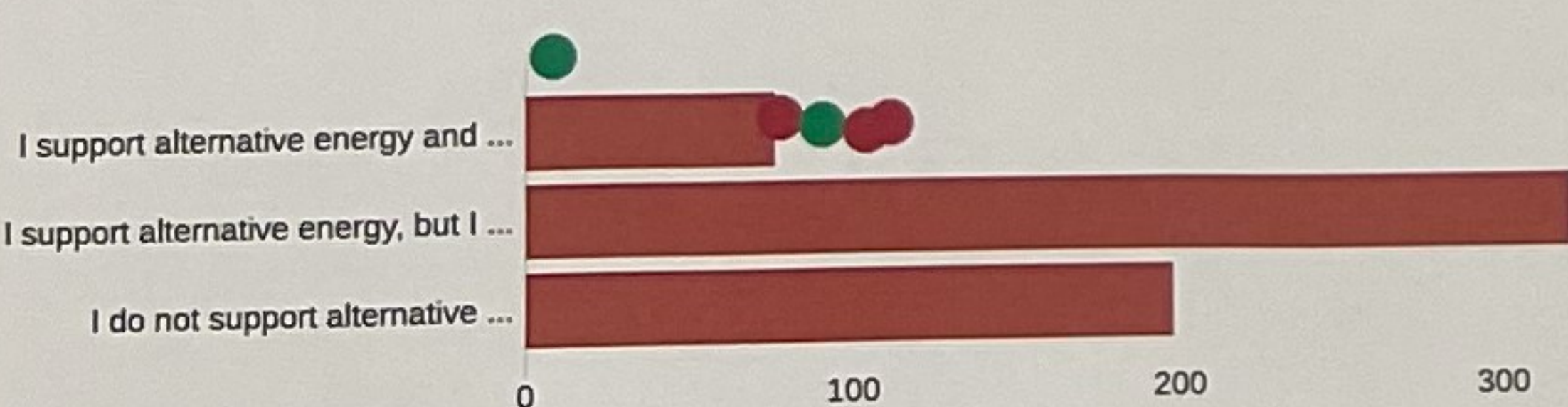
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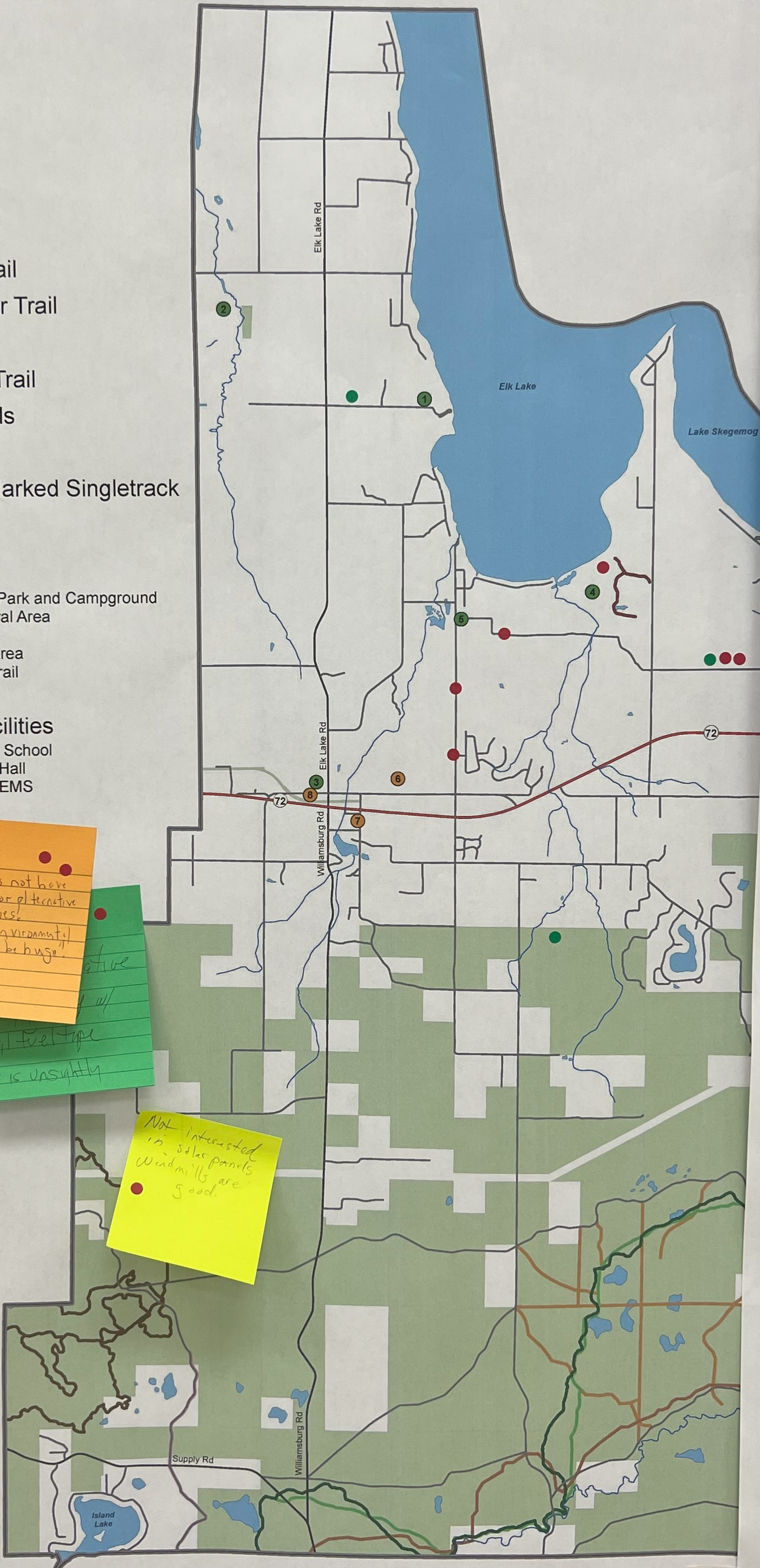
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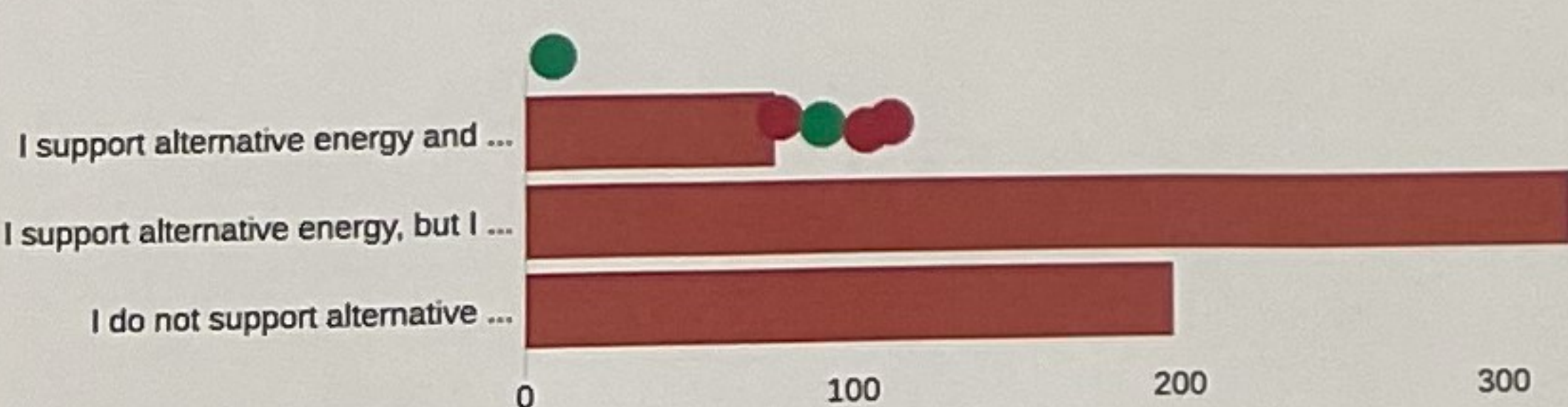
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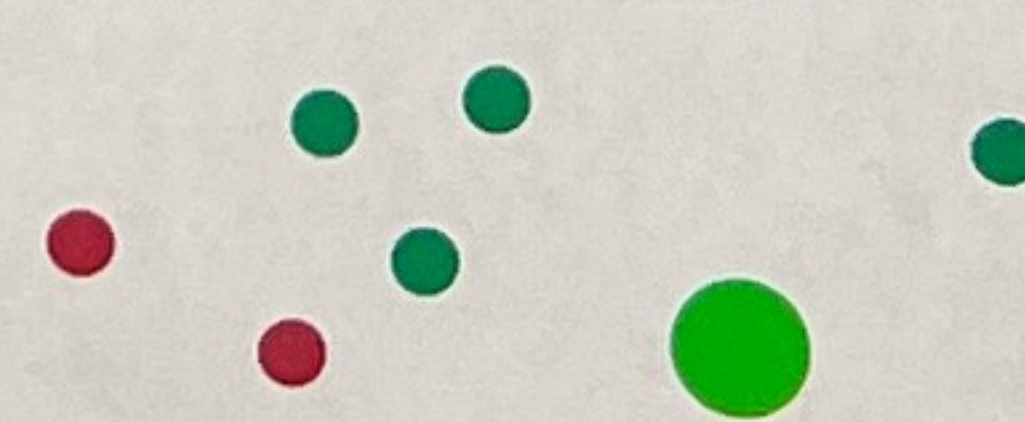
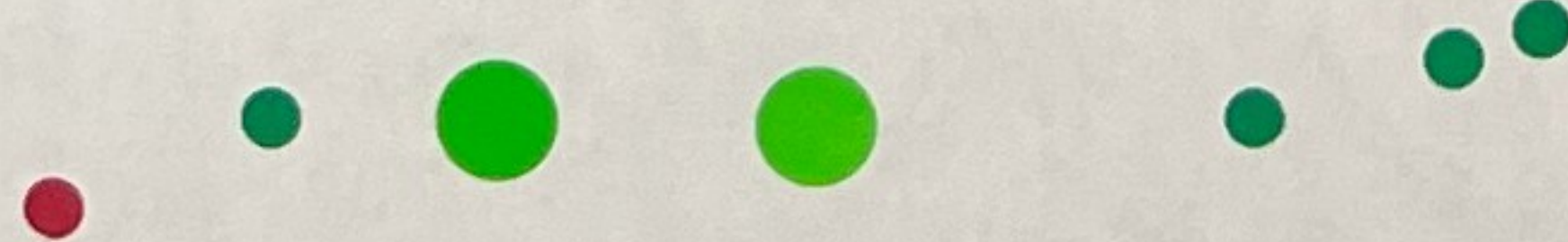
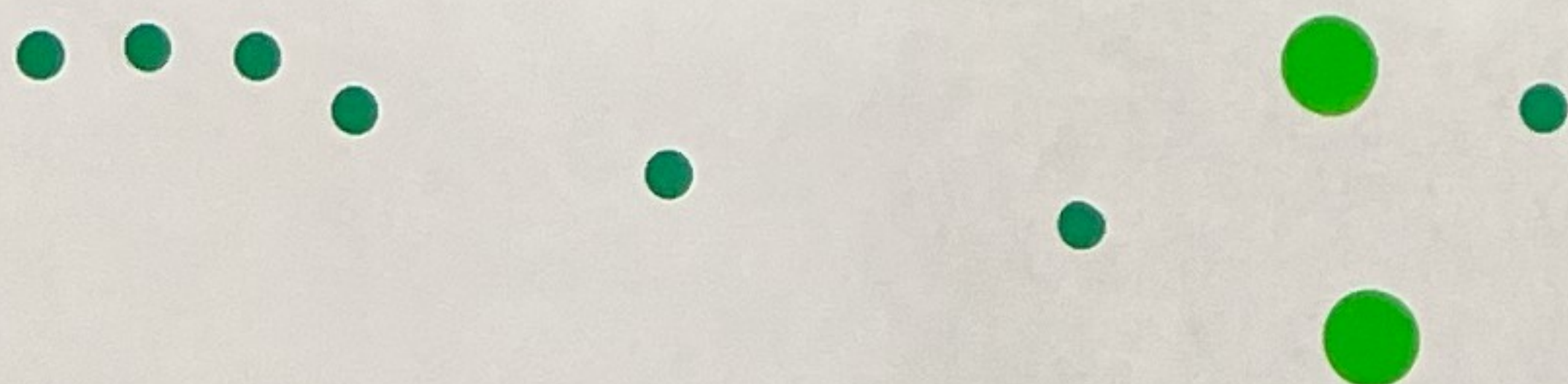
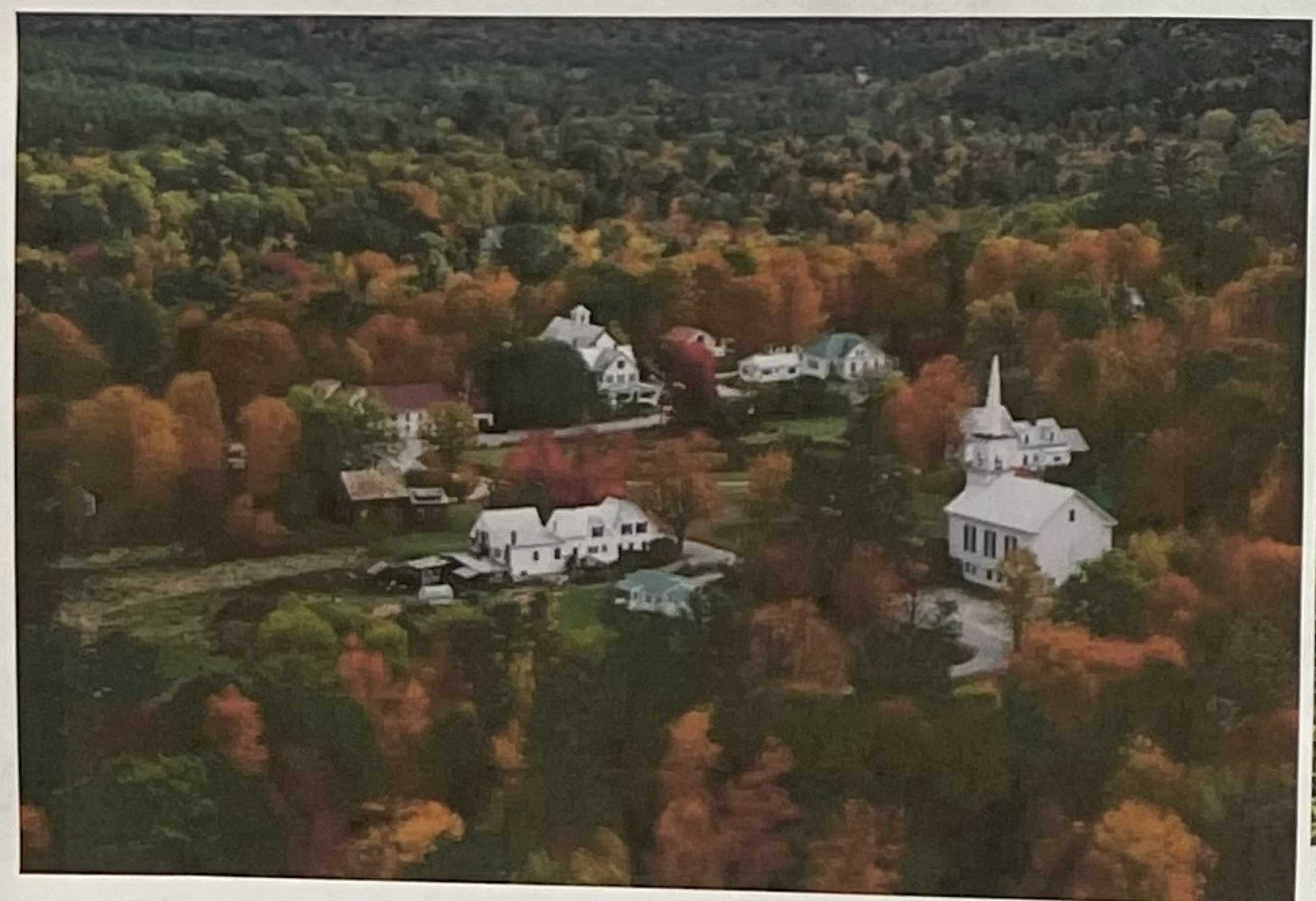
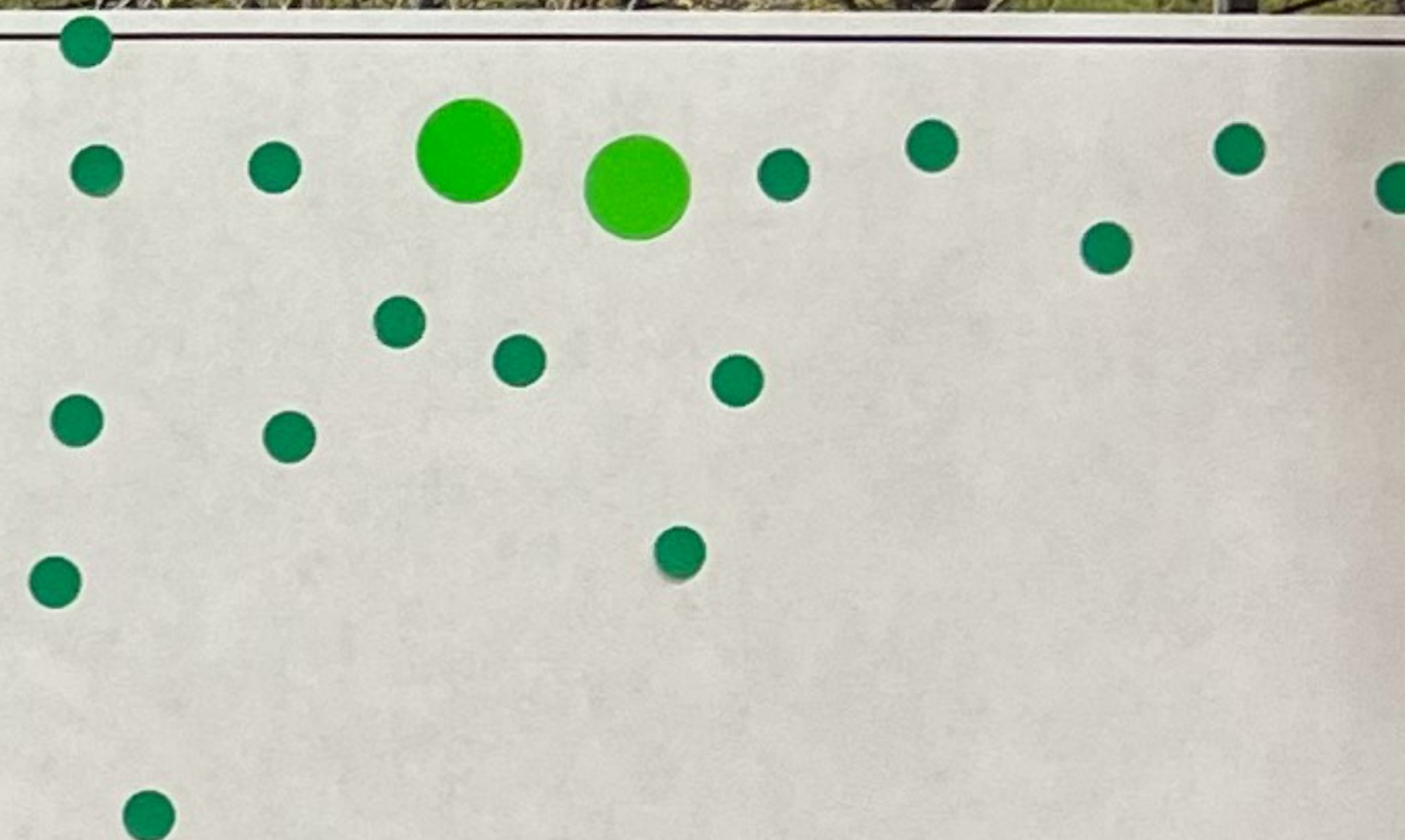
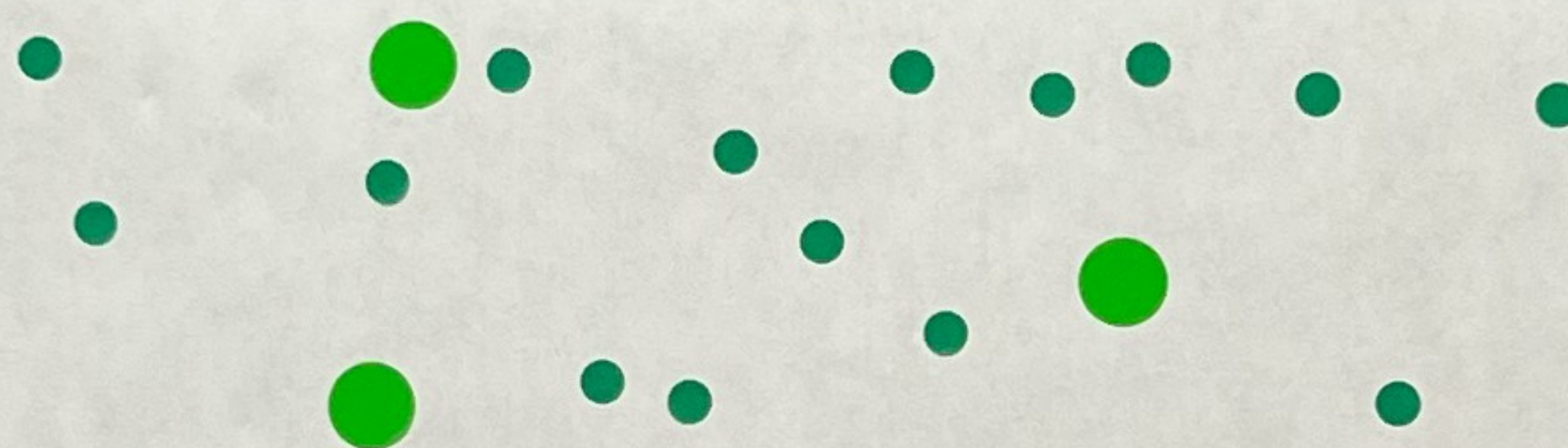
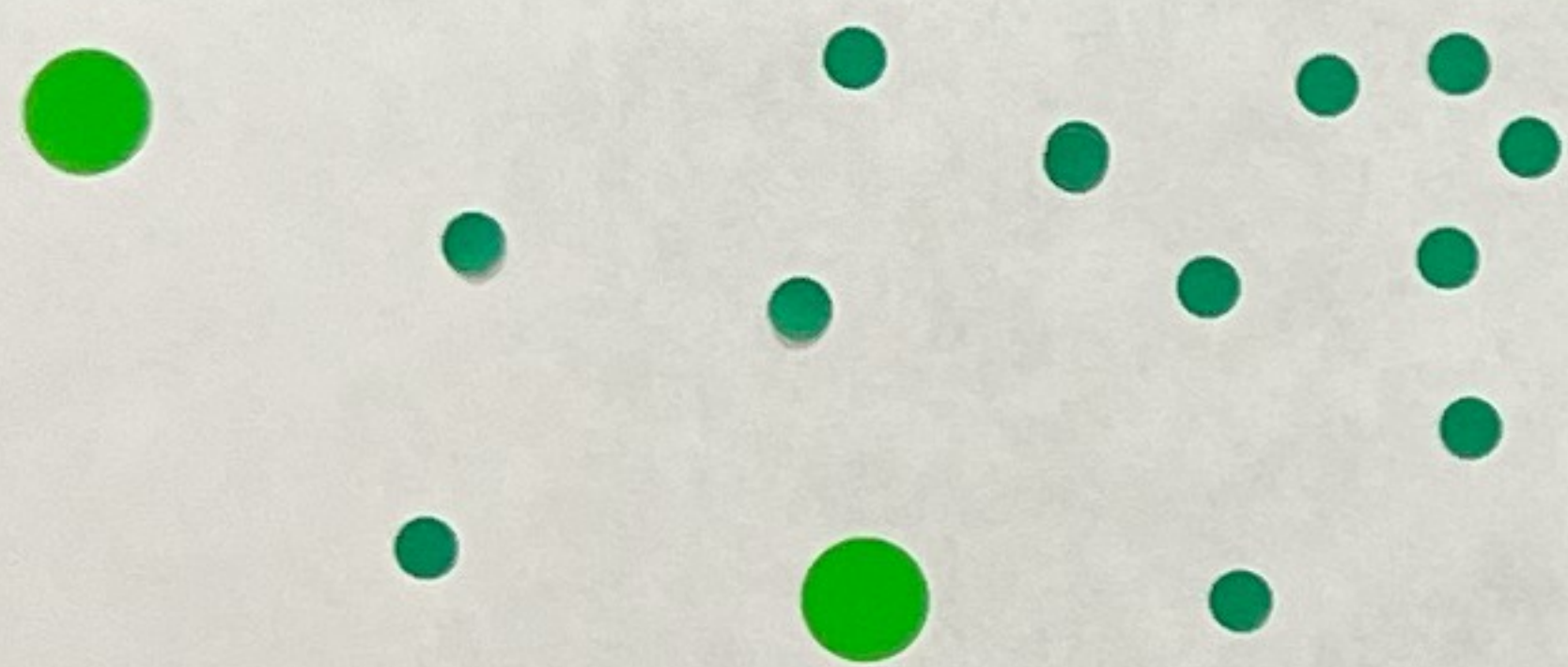
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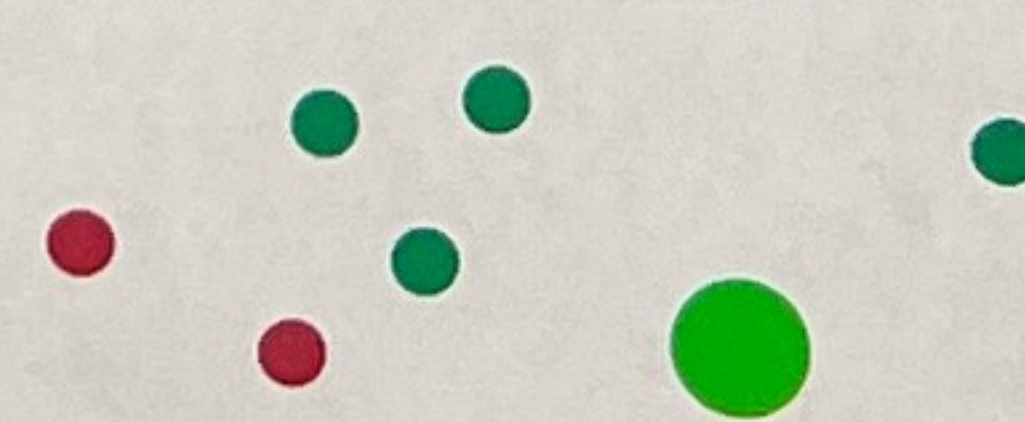
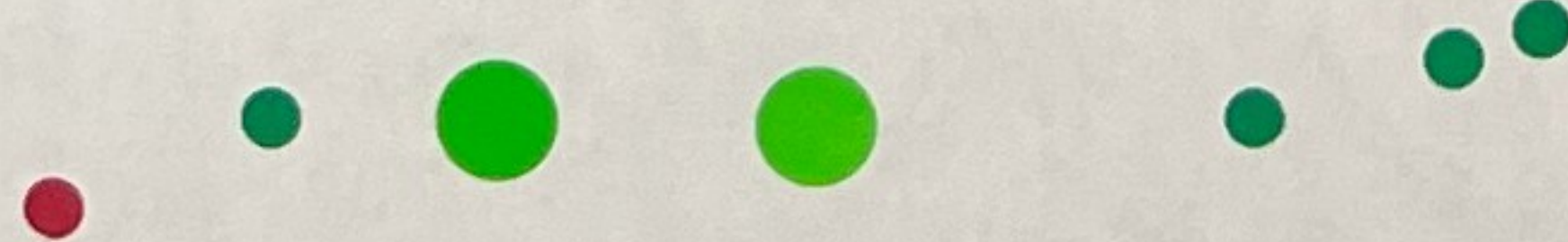
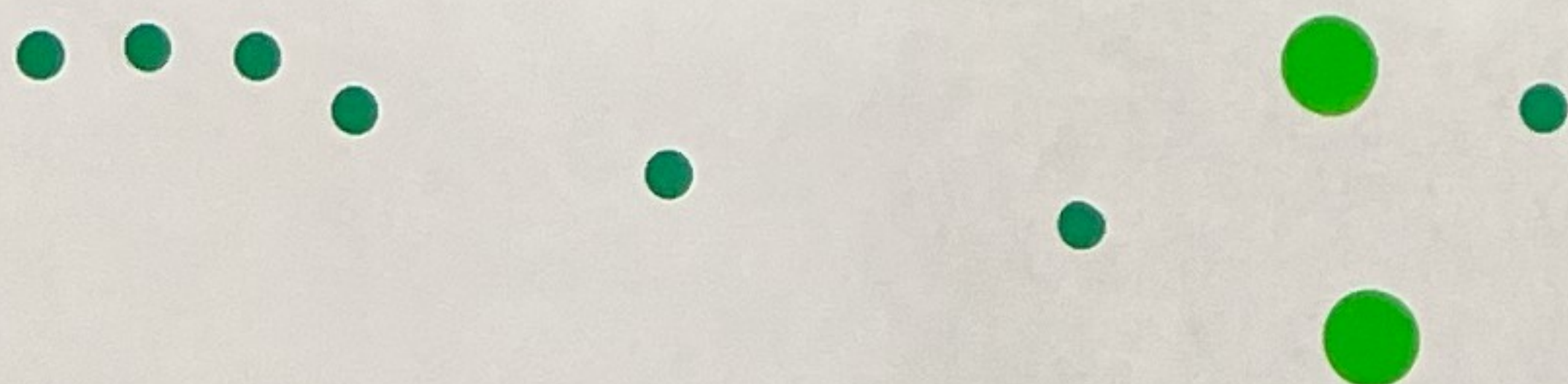
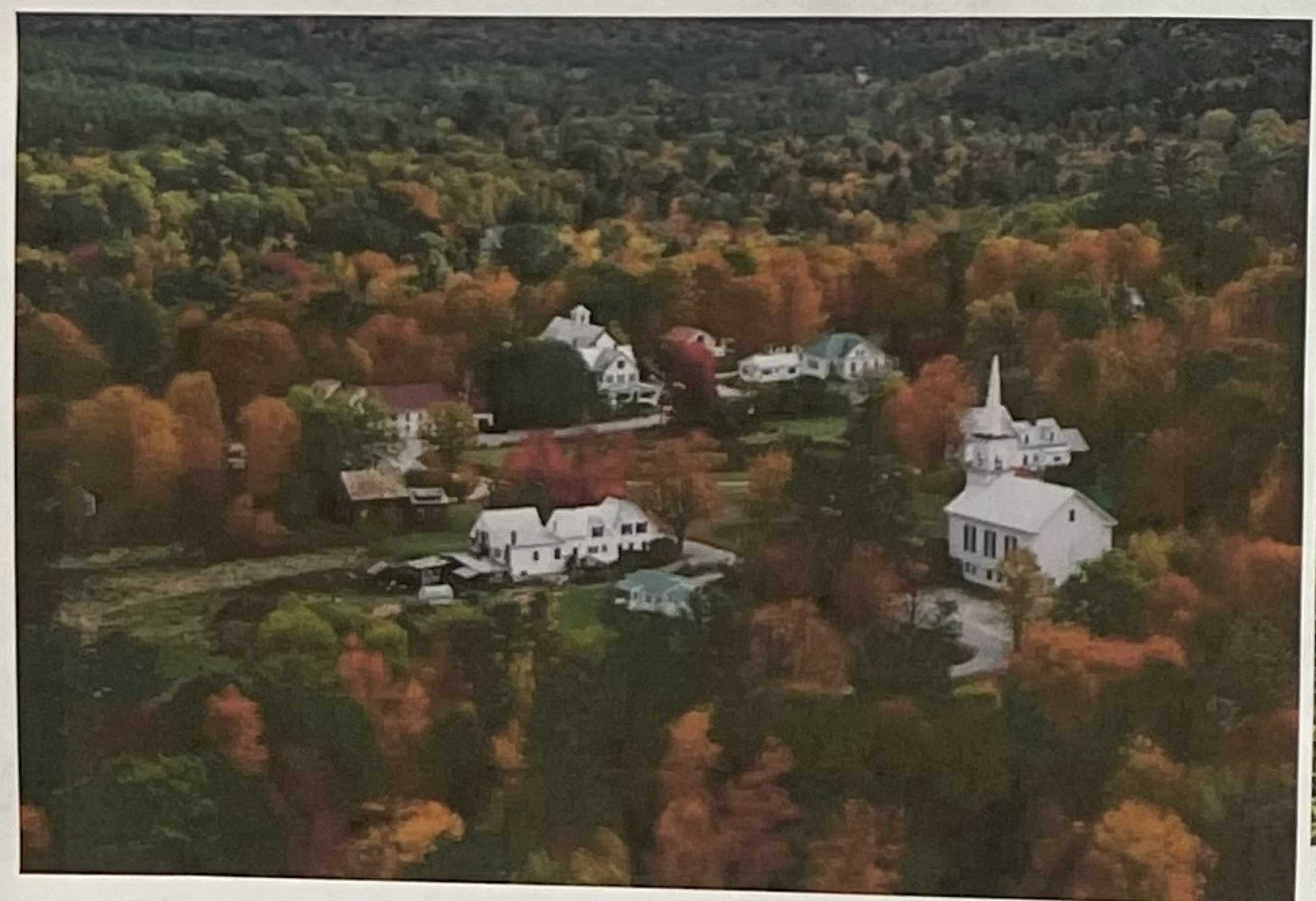
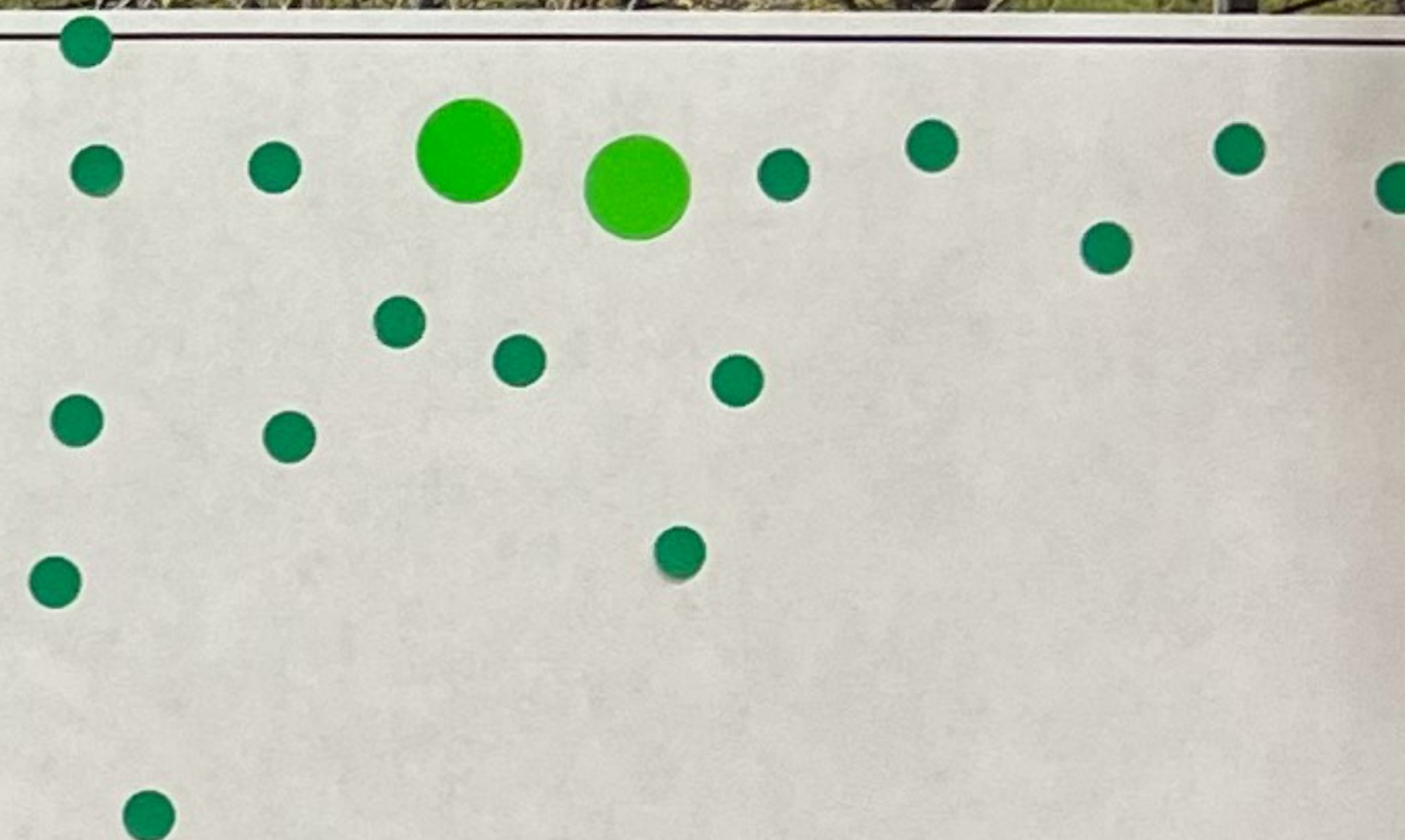
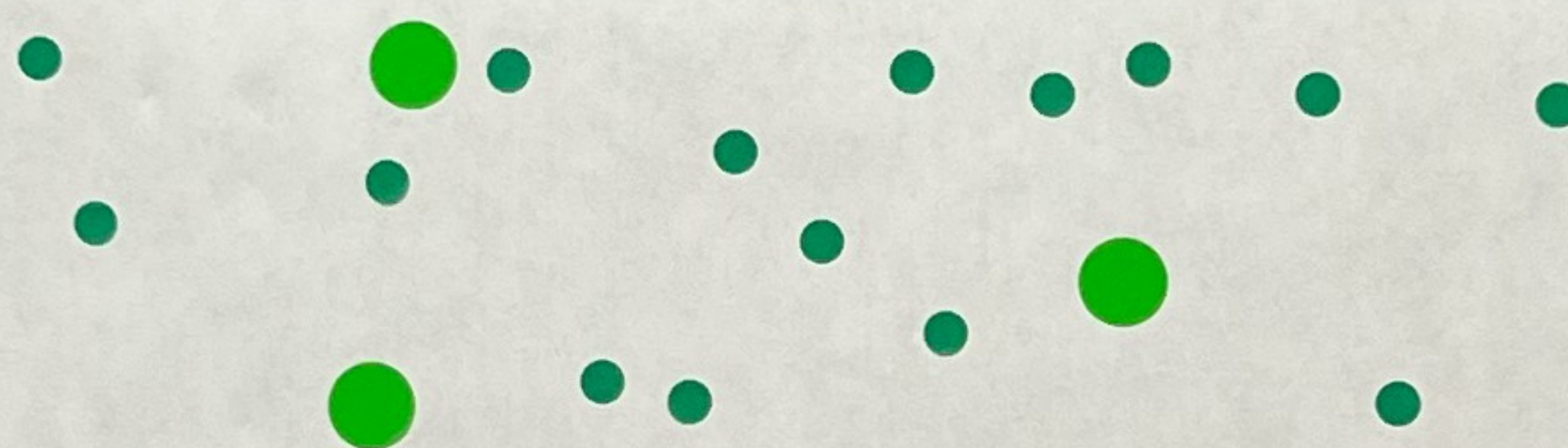
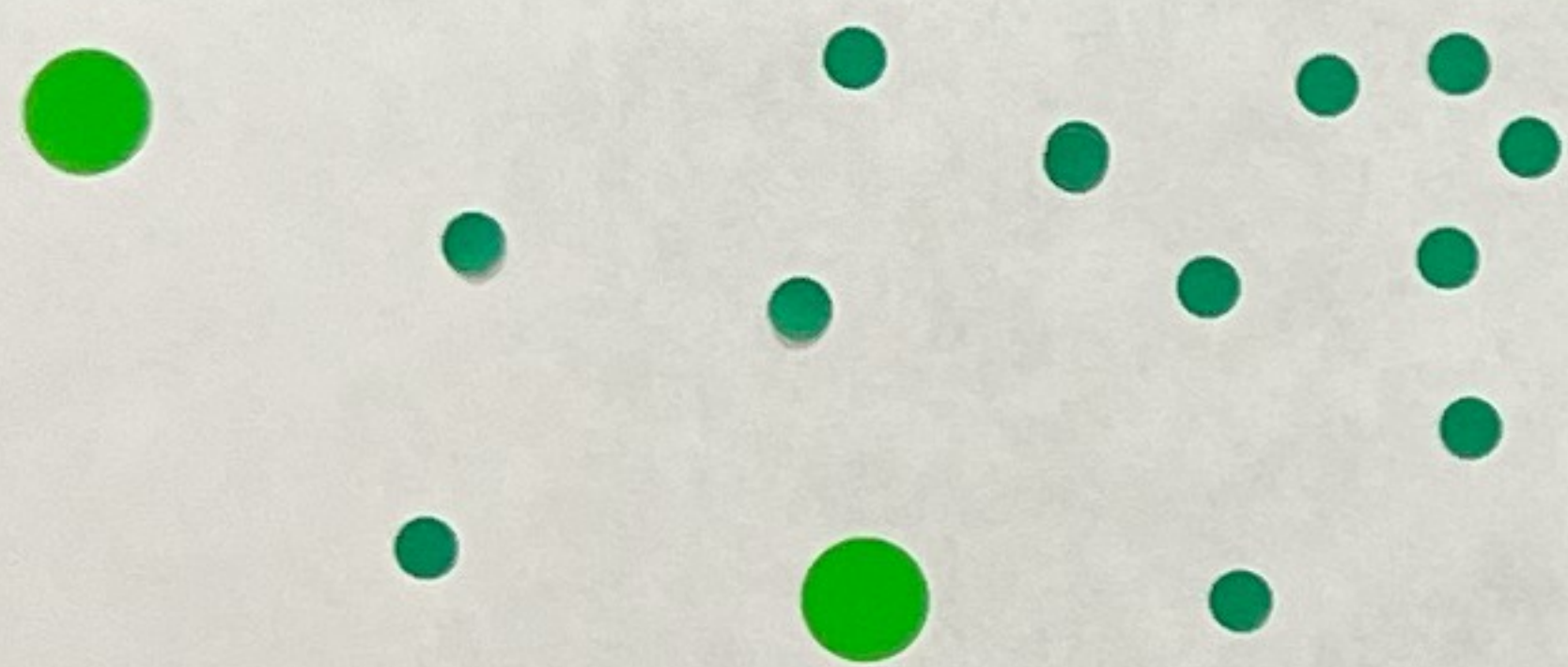
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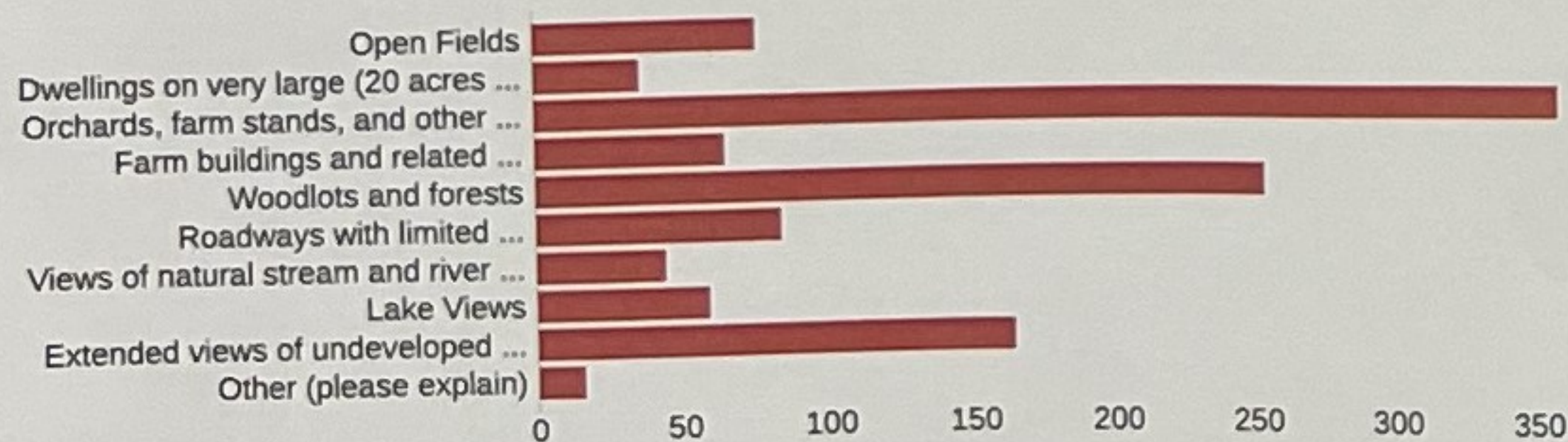
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Lake Views	59
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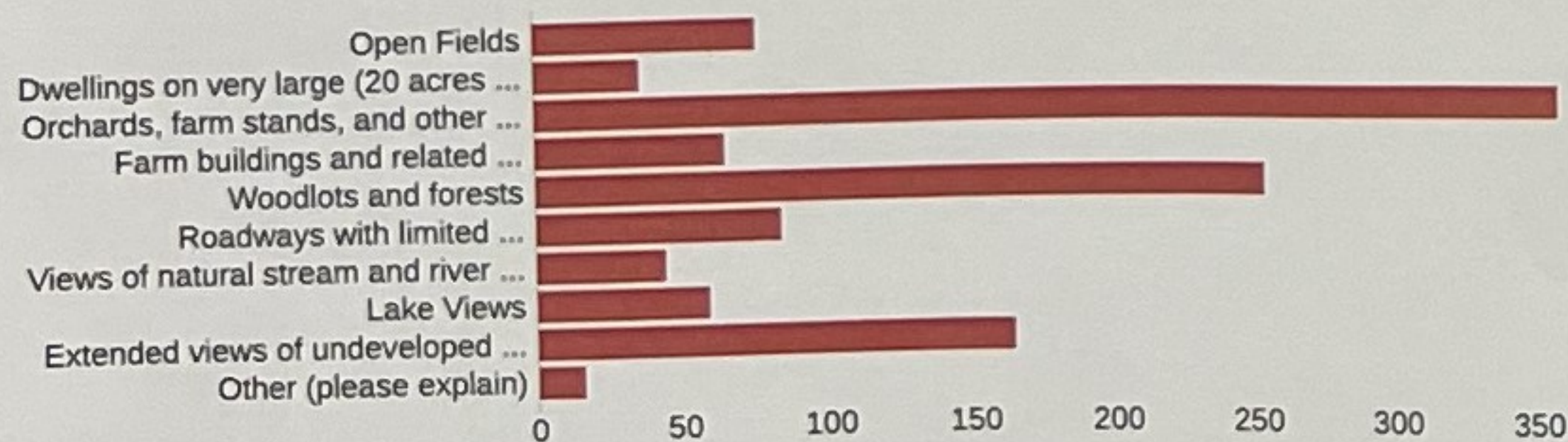
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In support of development
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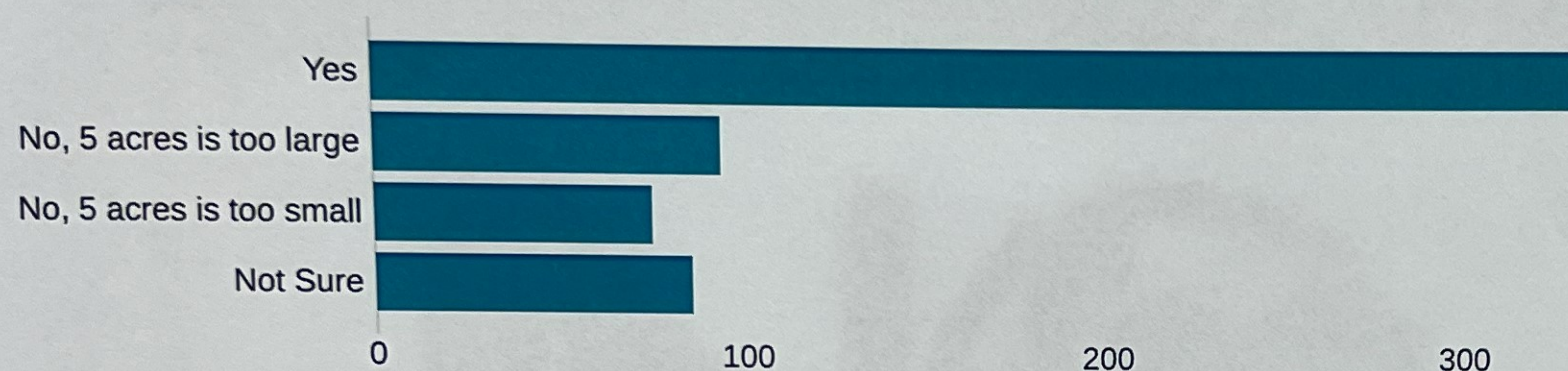
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Keep 1-acre
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Keep WWT Rural
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Q9A - Much of the land South of M-72 in Whitewater Township is zoned Recreational (RC-1). The minimum required parcel size in the RC-1 District is 5 acres (217,800 square feet – or about 300' x 725'). In your mind, is this 5-acre minimum parcel size appropriate in the RC-1 District?



Field	Choice Count
Yes	329
No, 5 acres is too large	93
No, 5 acres is too small	74
Not Sure	85
Total	581

Yes. In the Recreational area it is appropriate

The 5-acre minimum lot size in RC-1 (or anywhere in the township) discriminates against lower income people. Absolutely should be reversed and not expanded.

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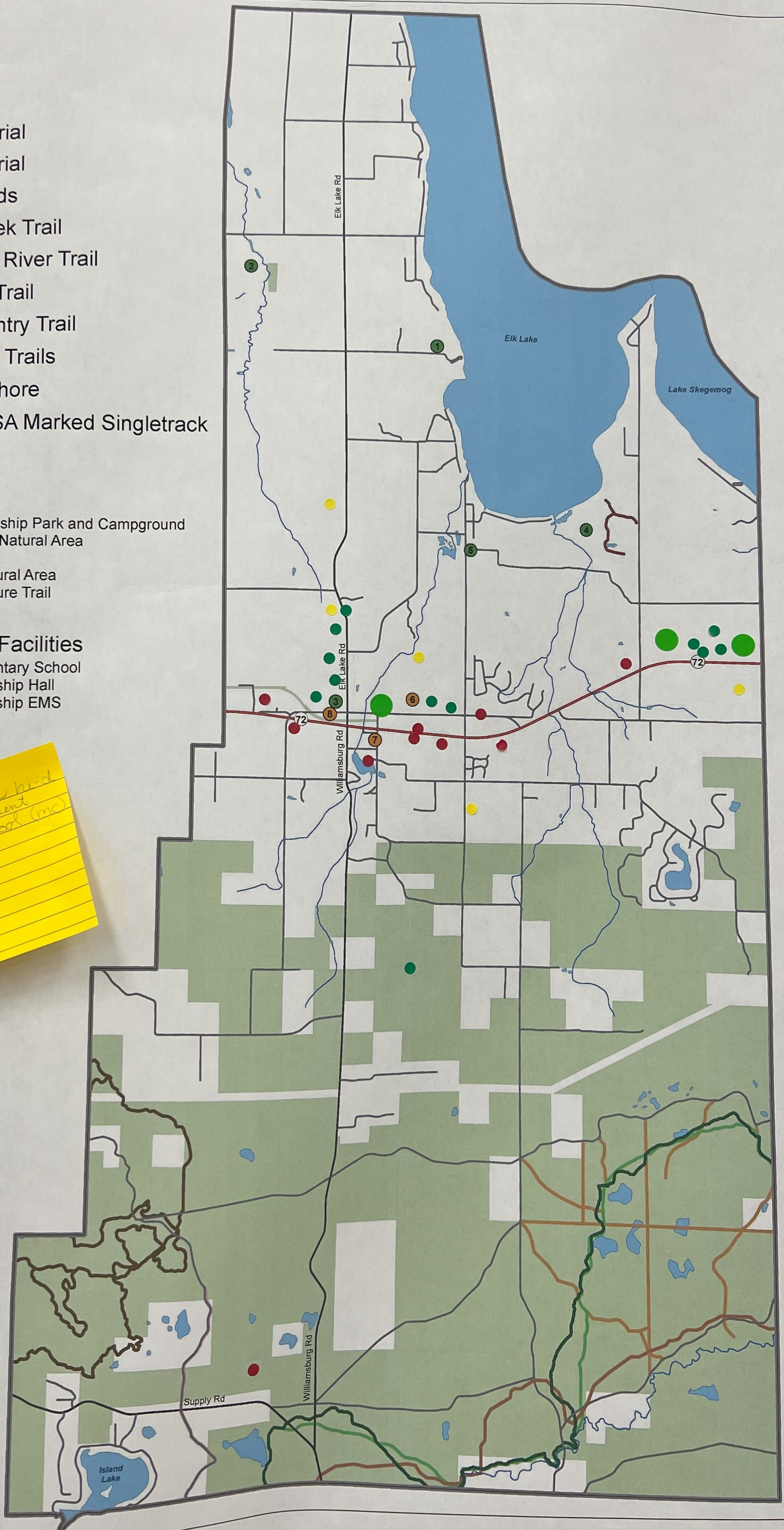
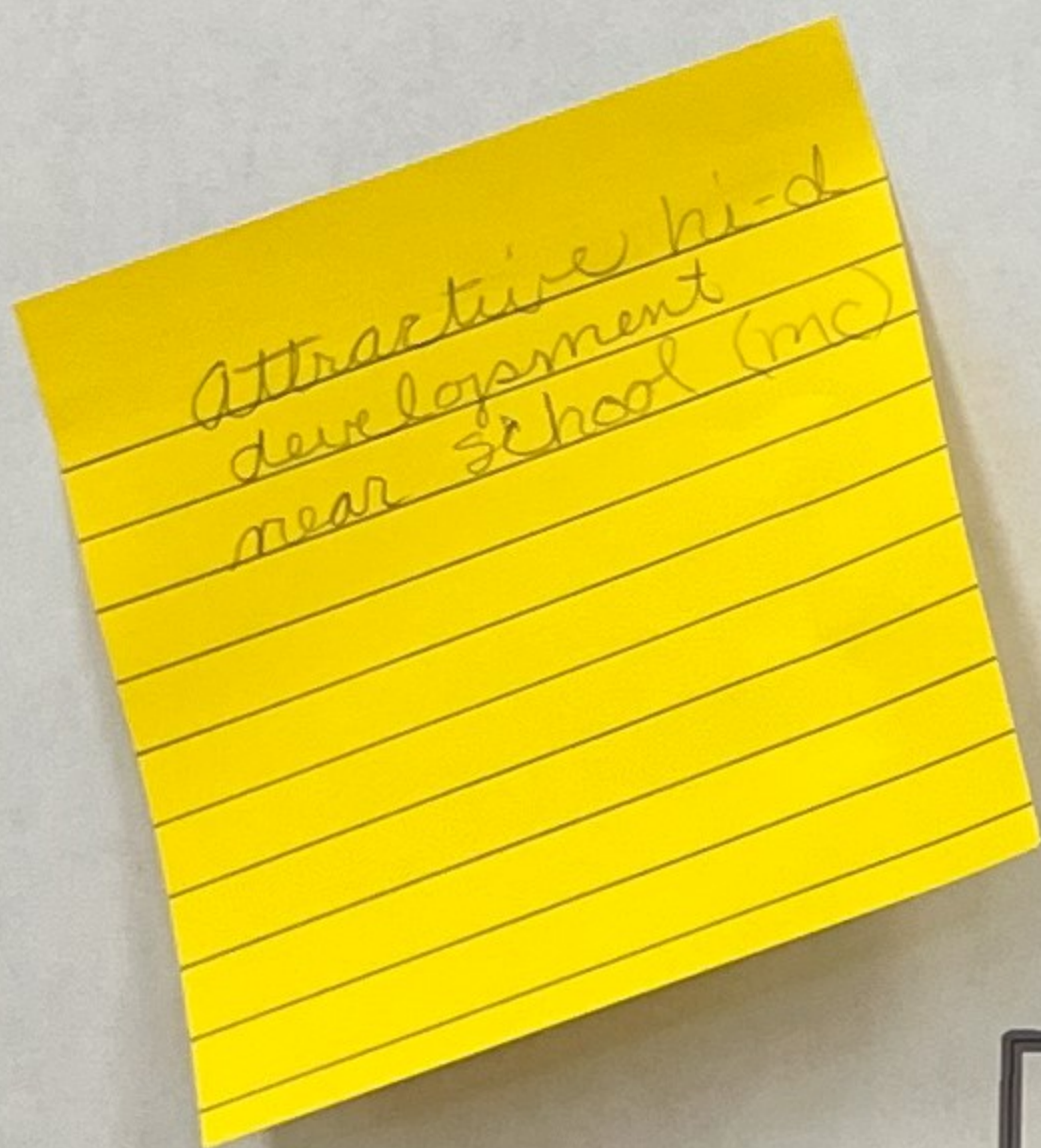
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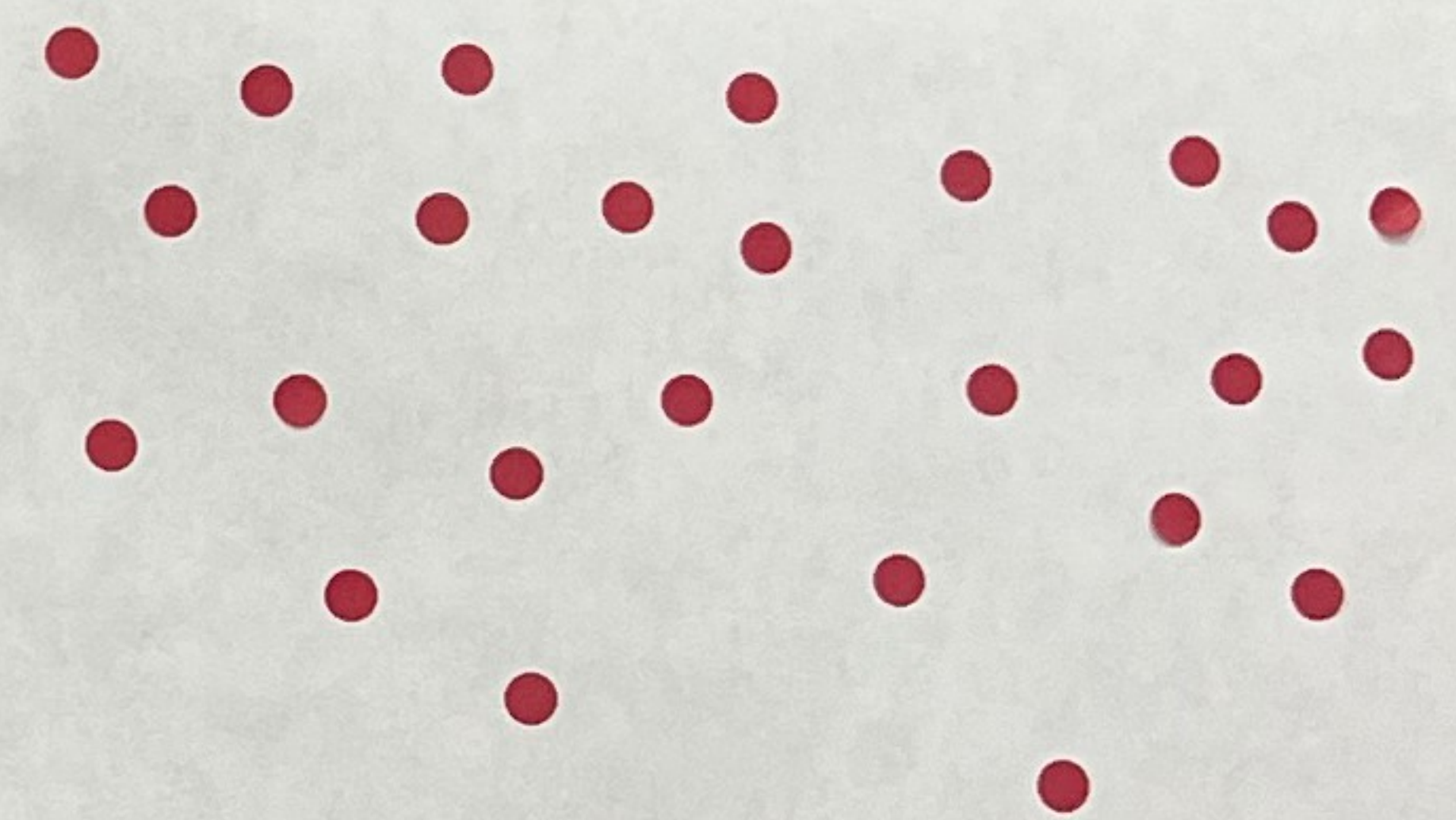
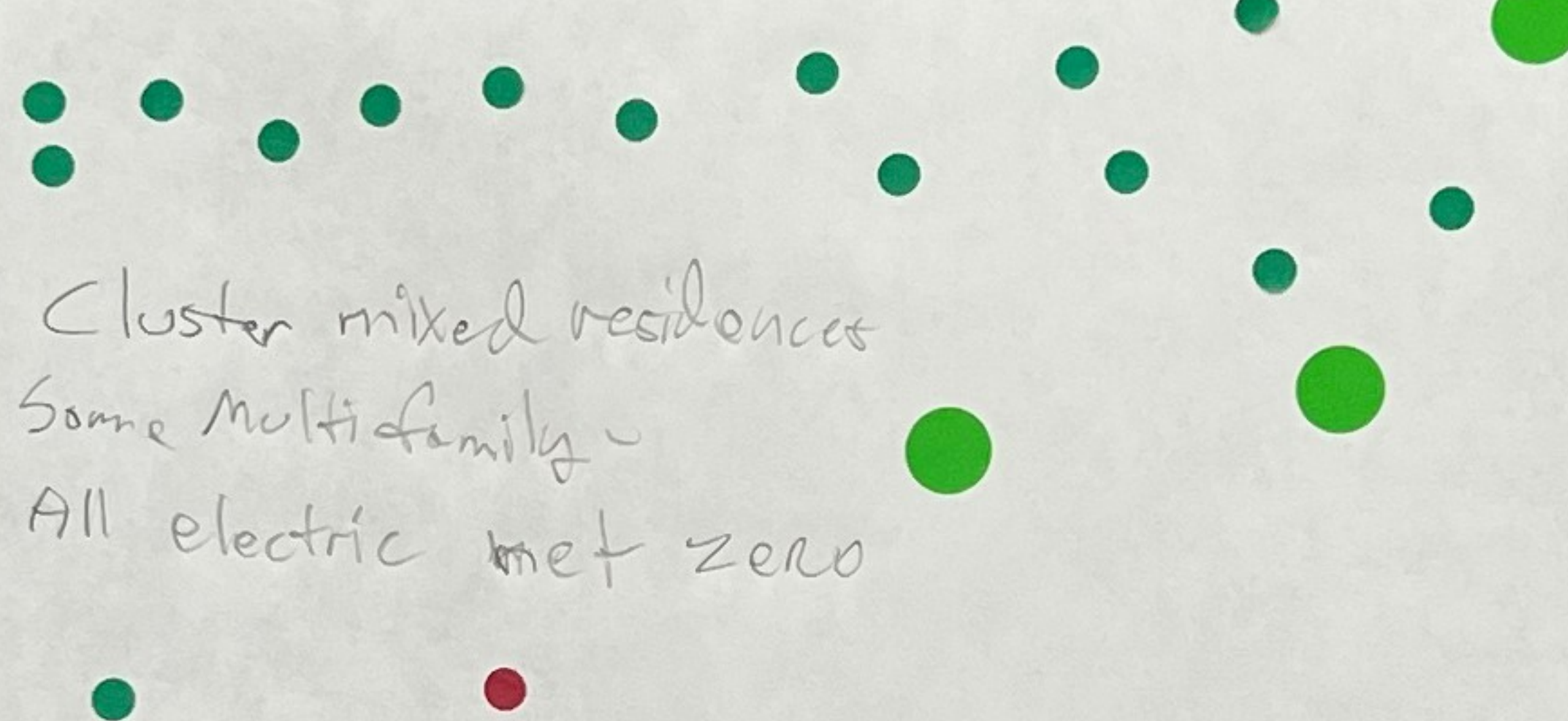
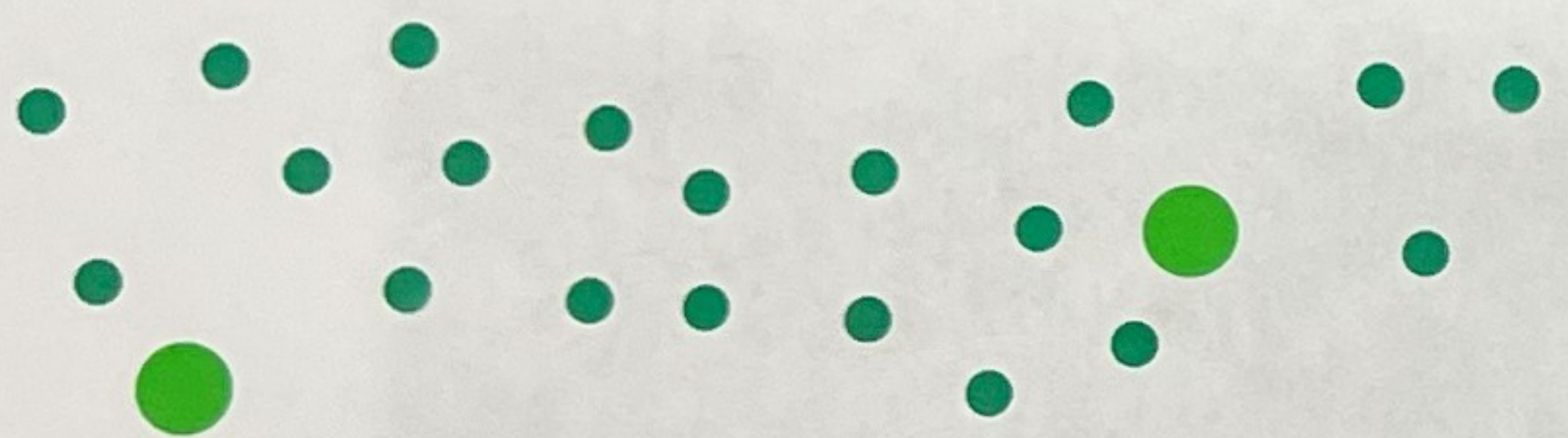
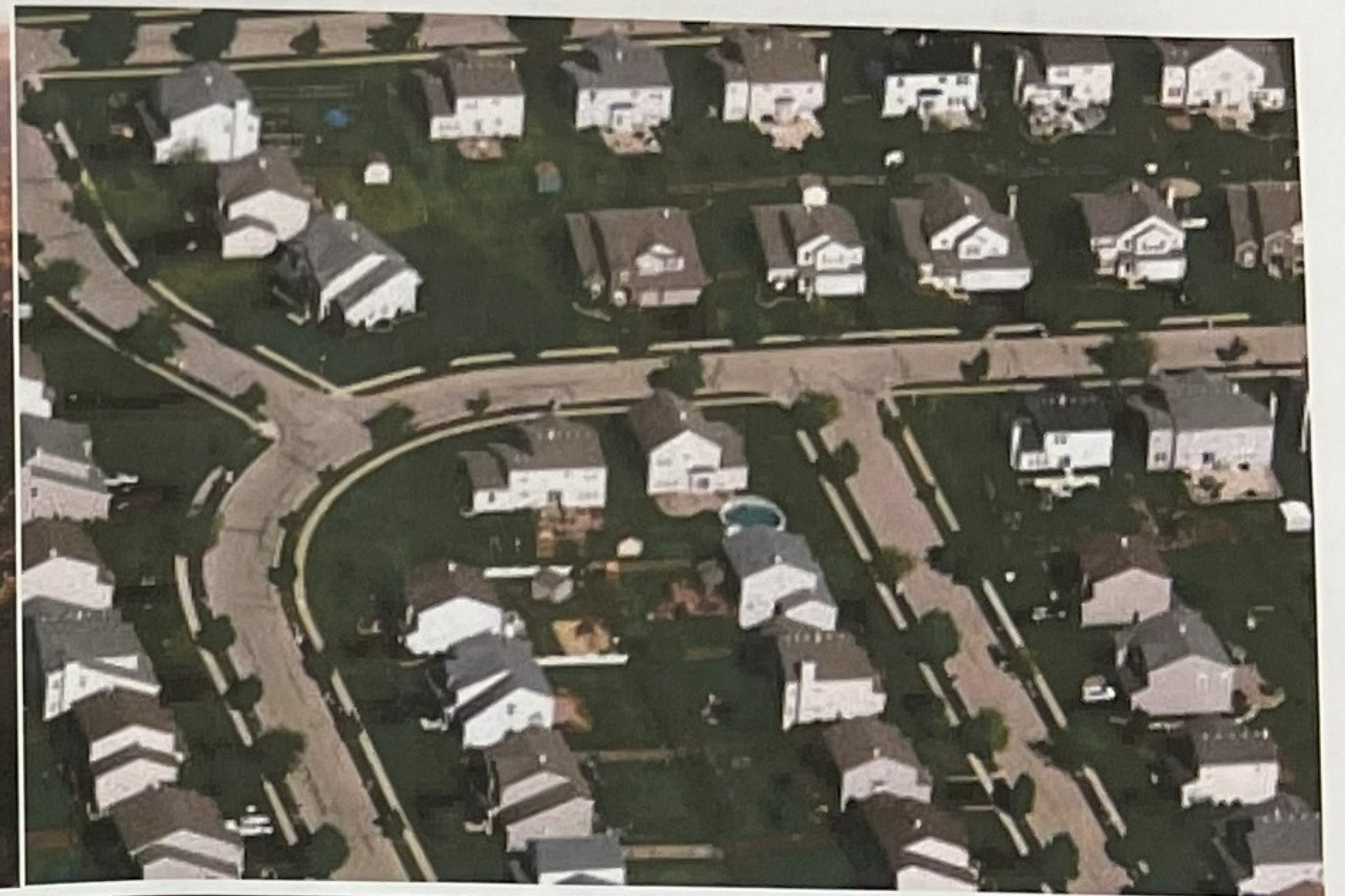
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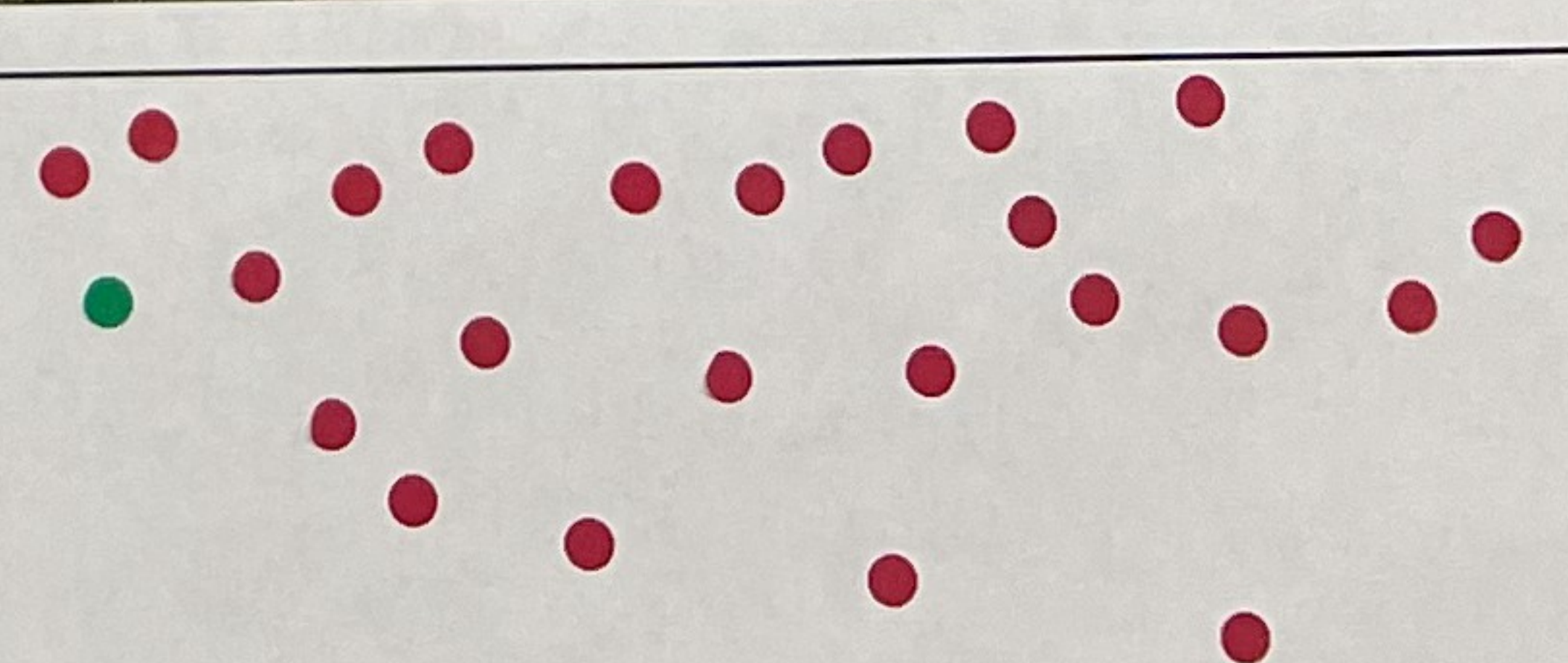
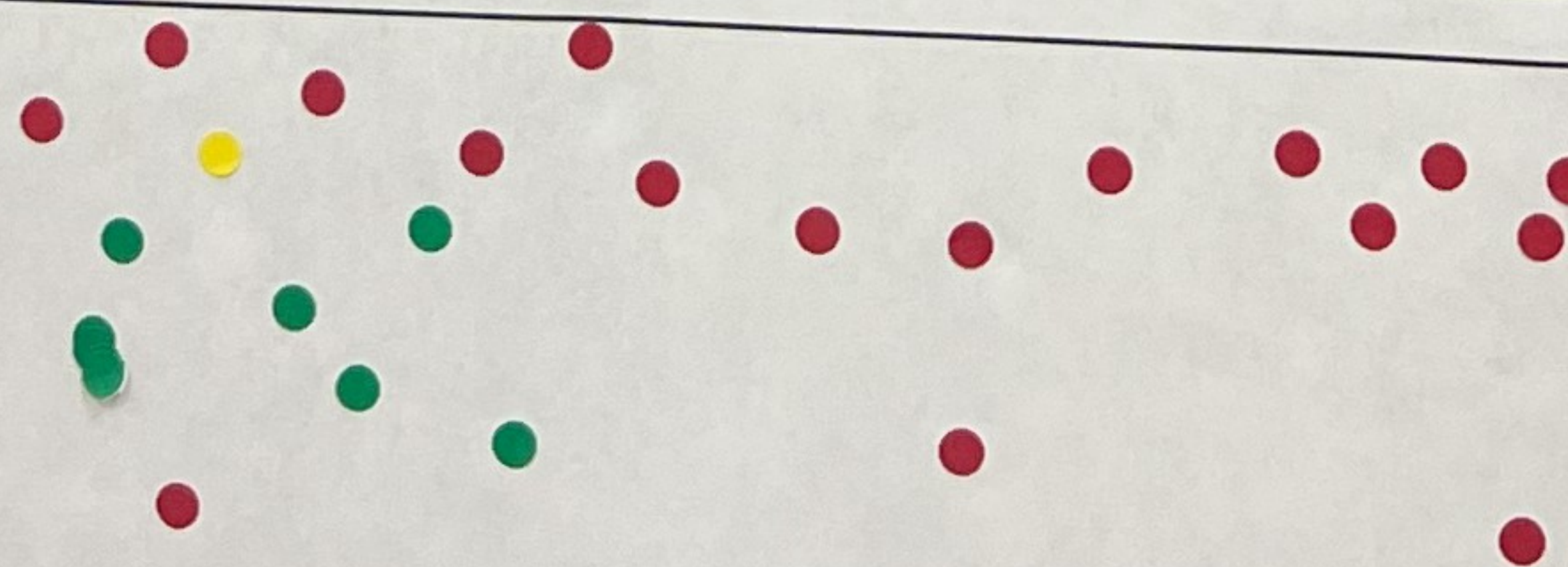
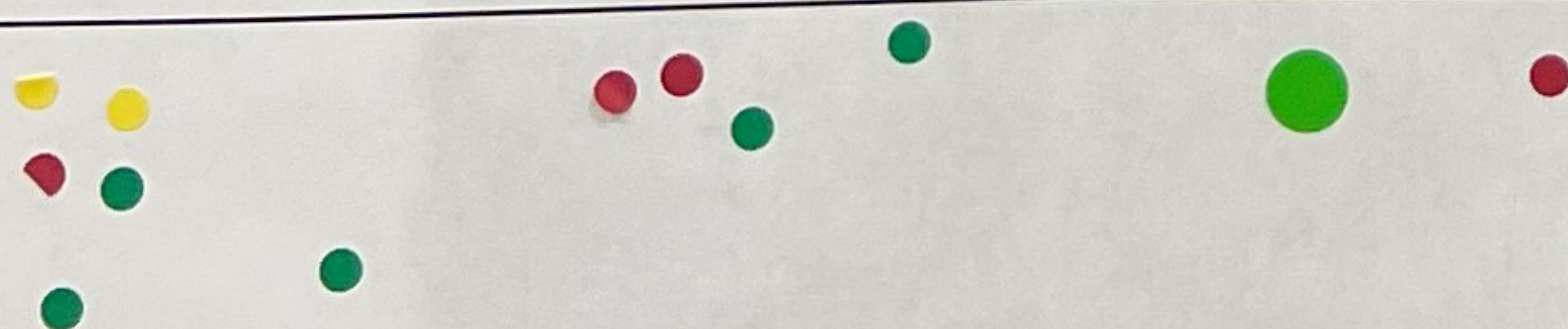
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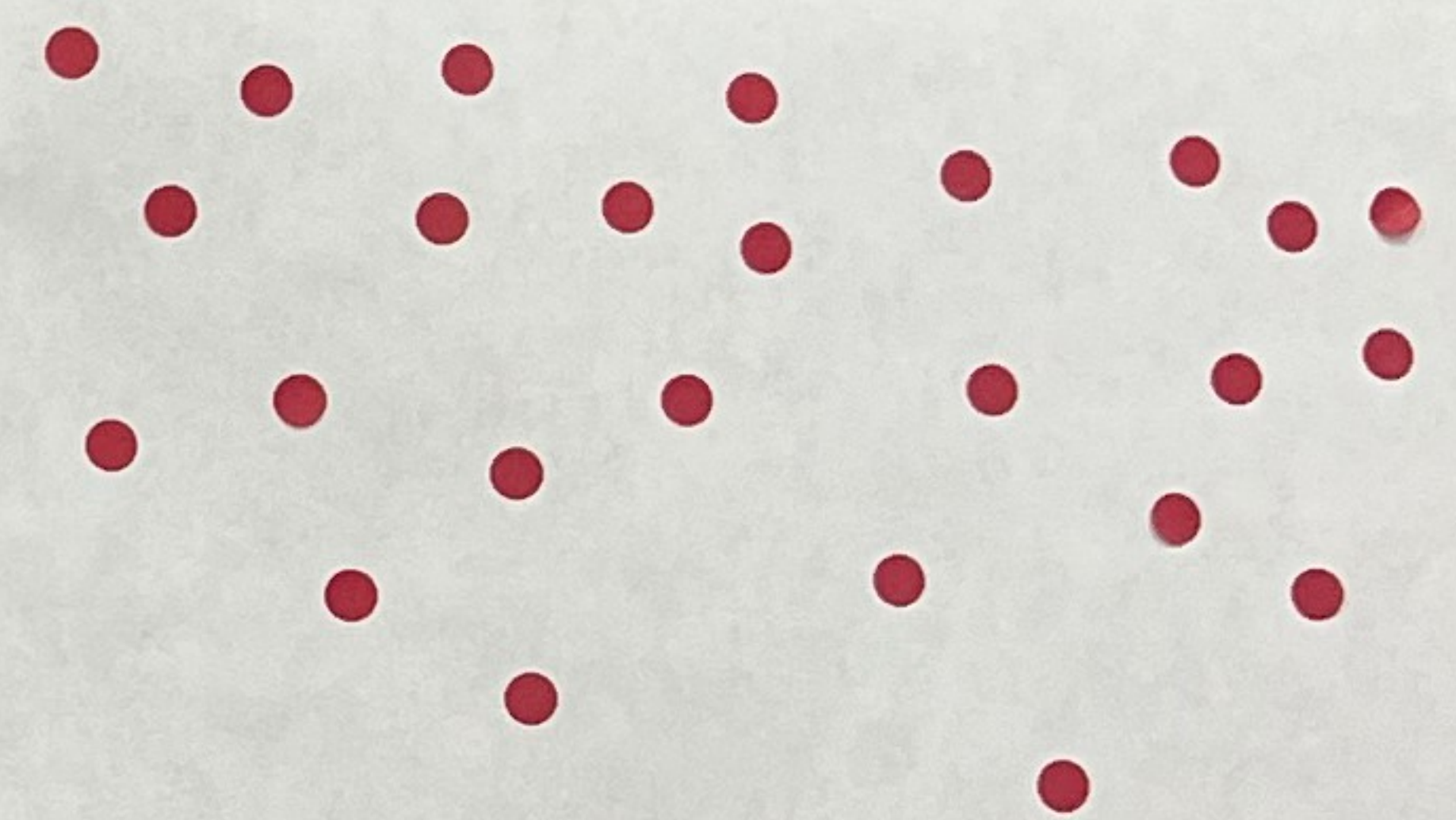
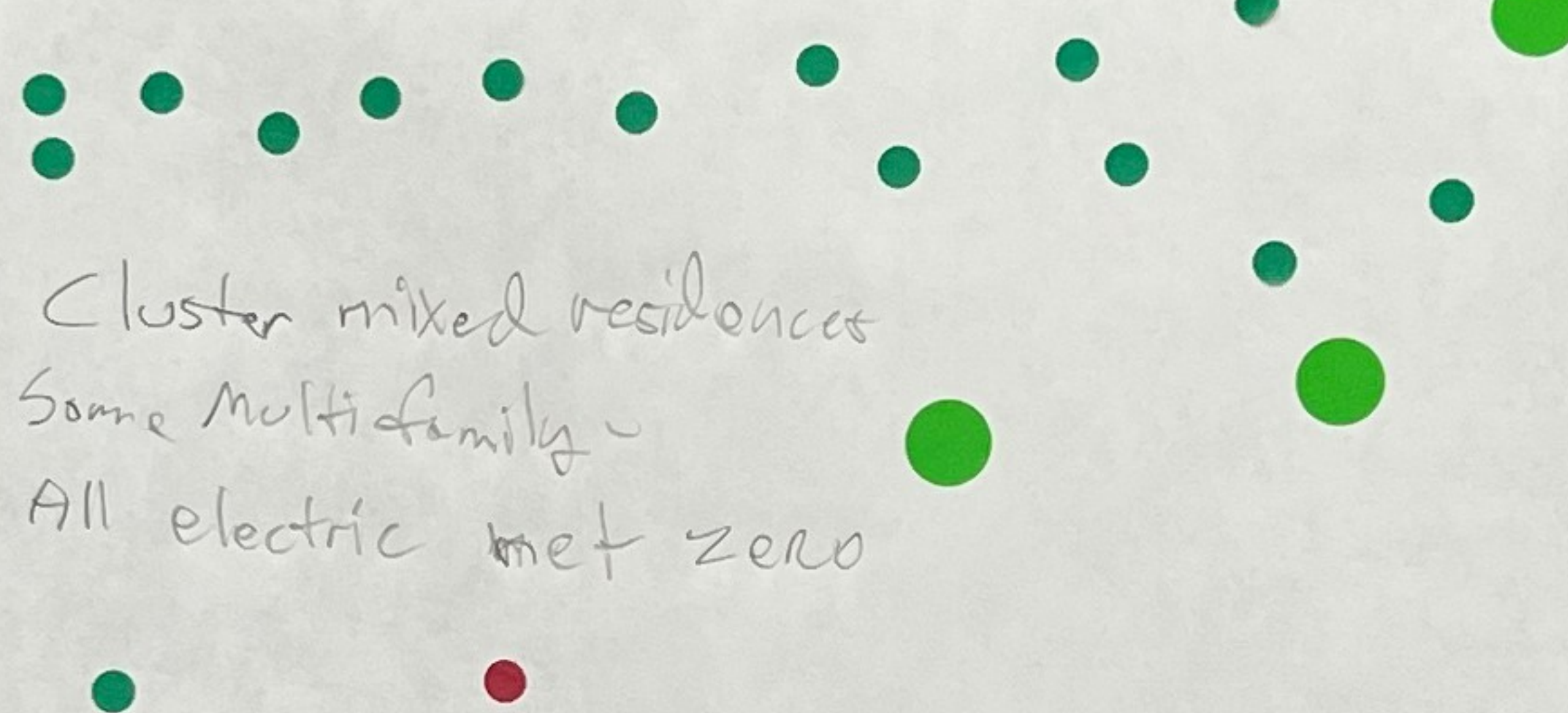
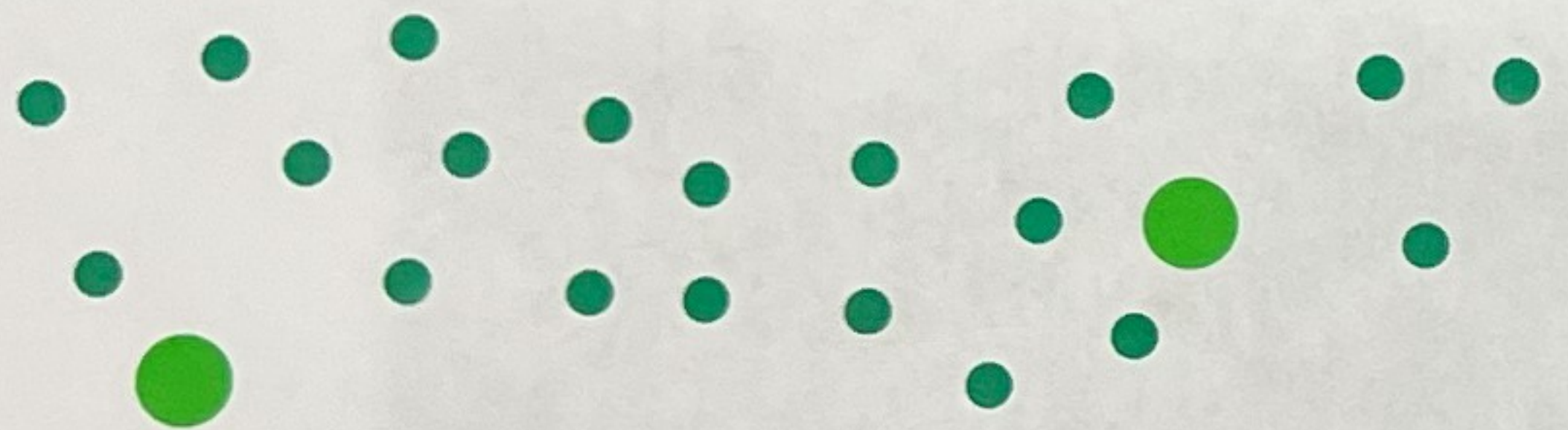
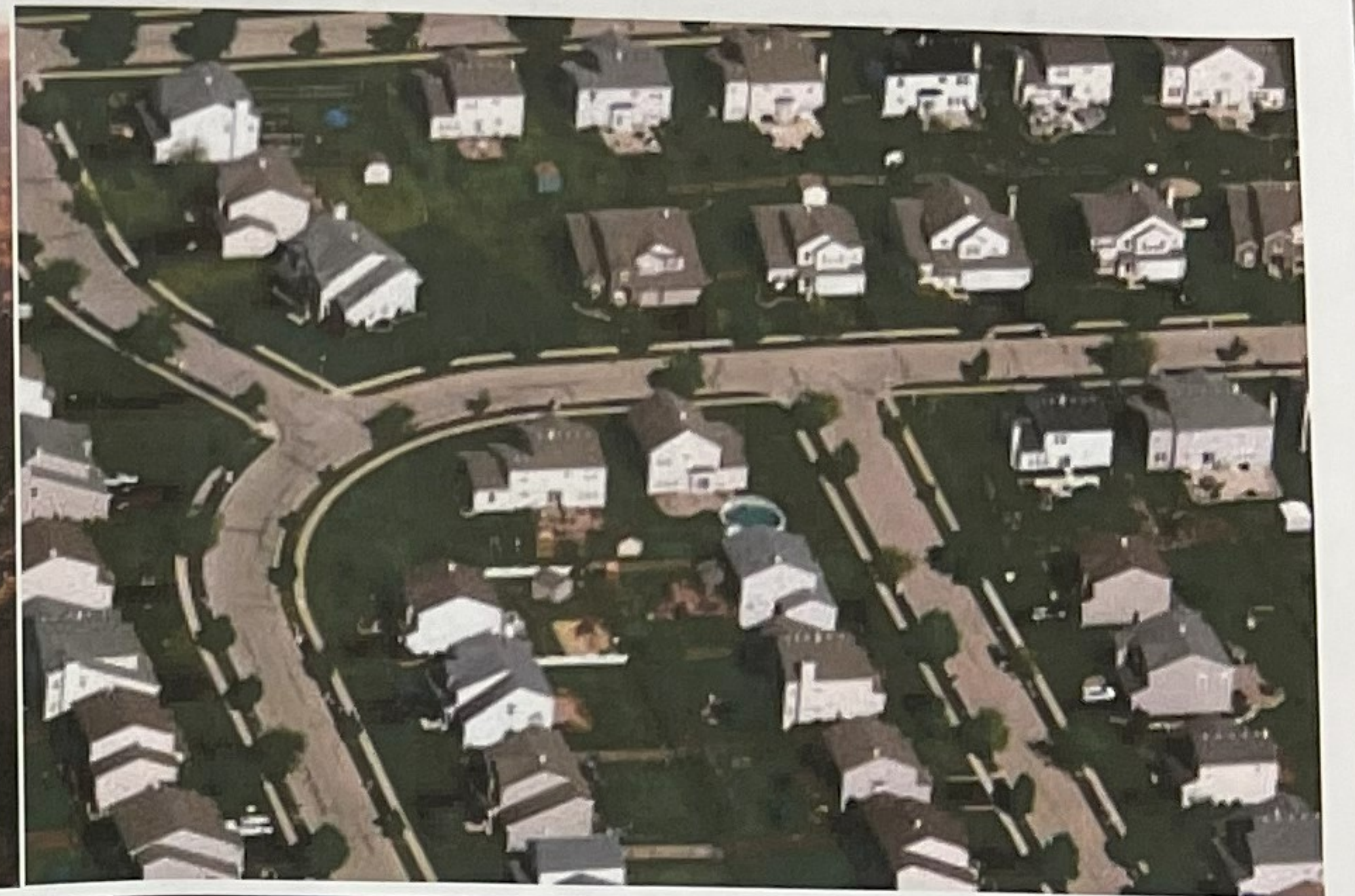
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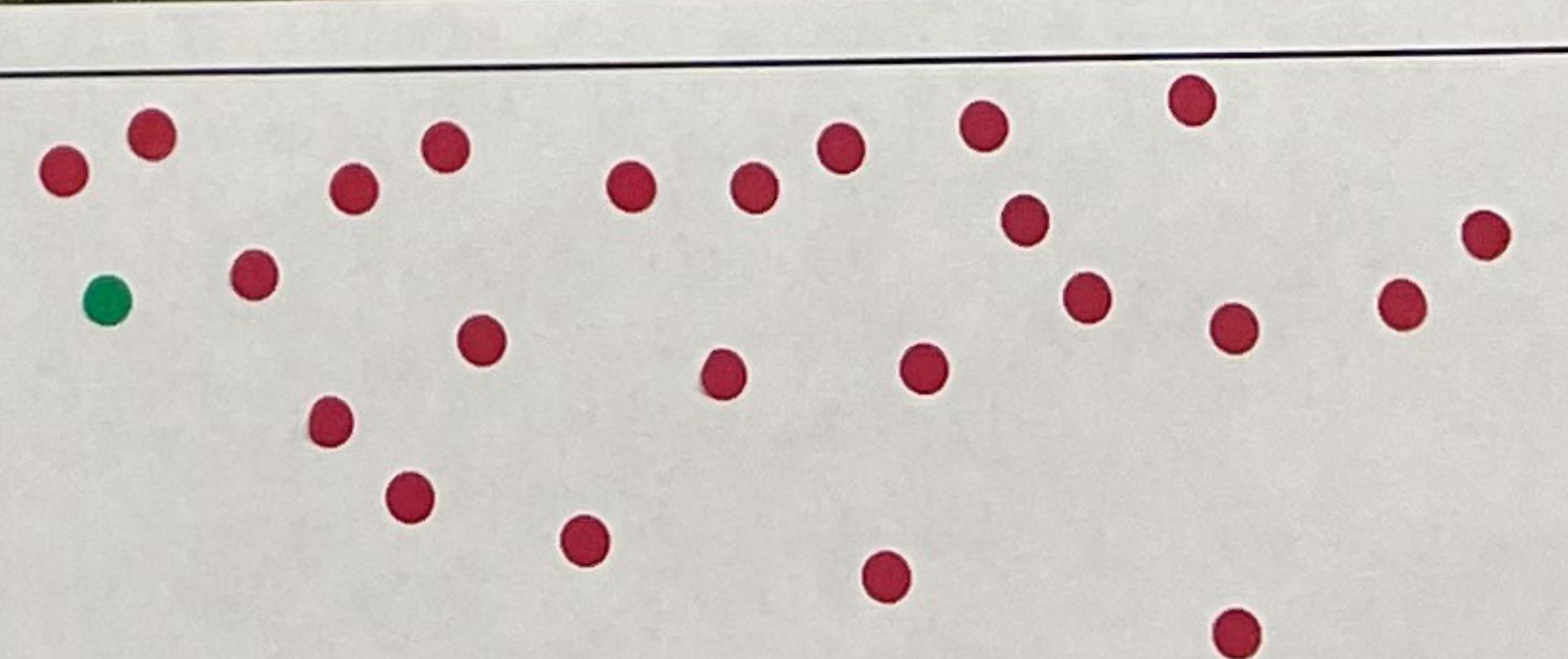
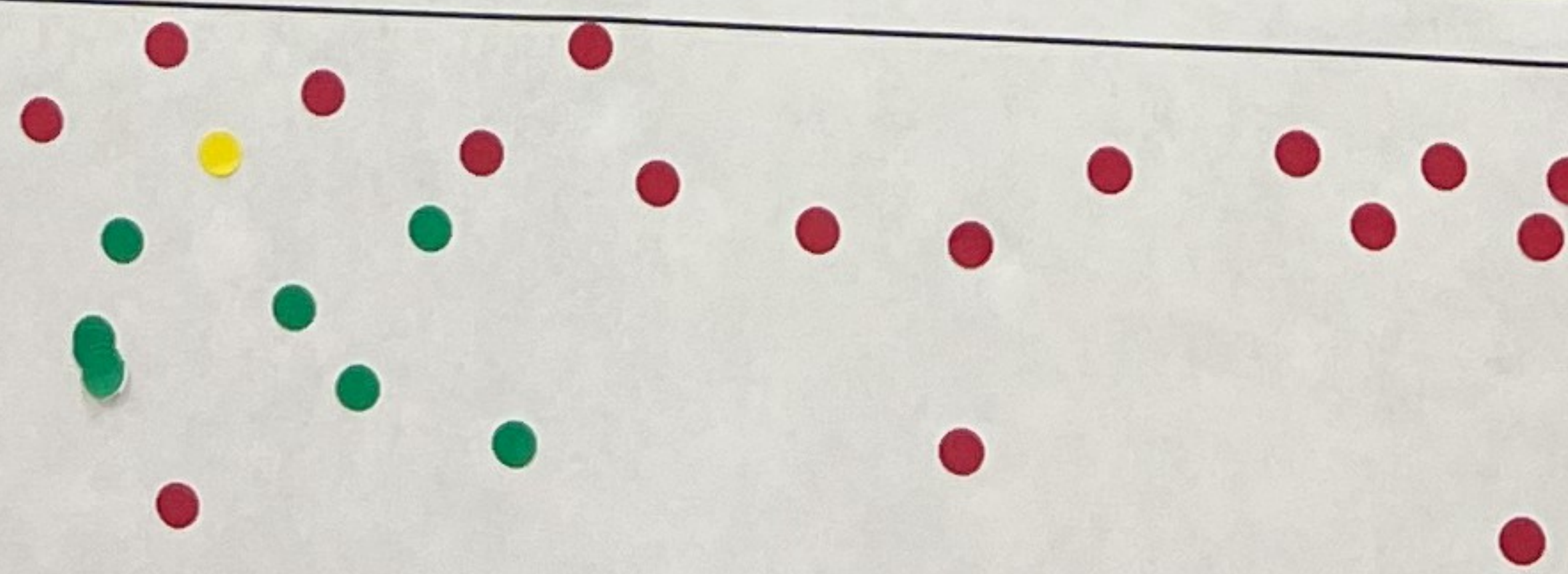
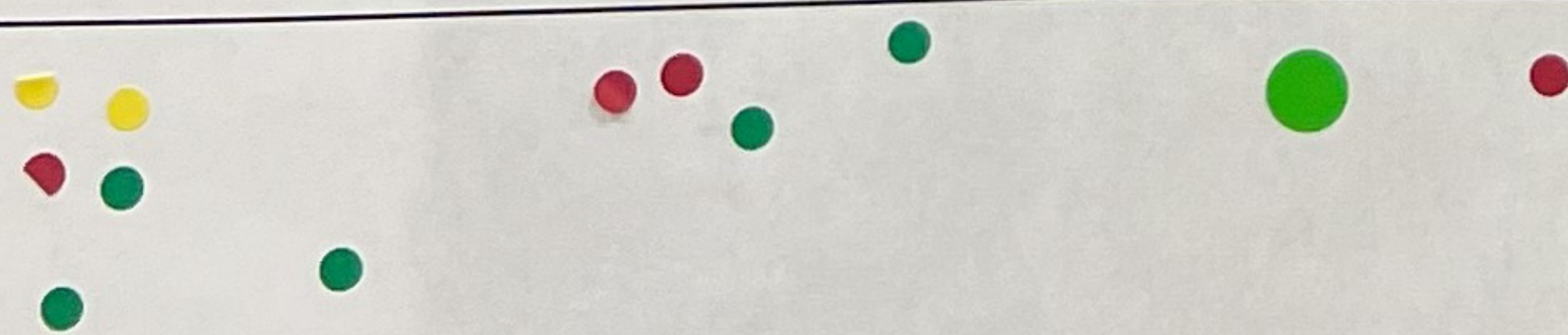
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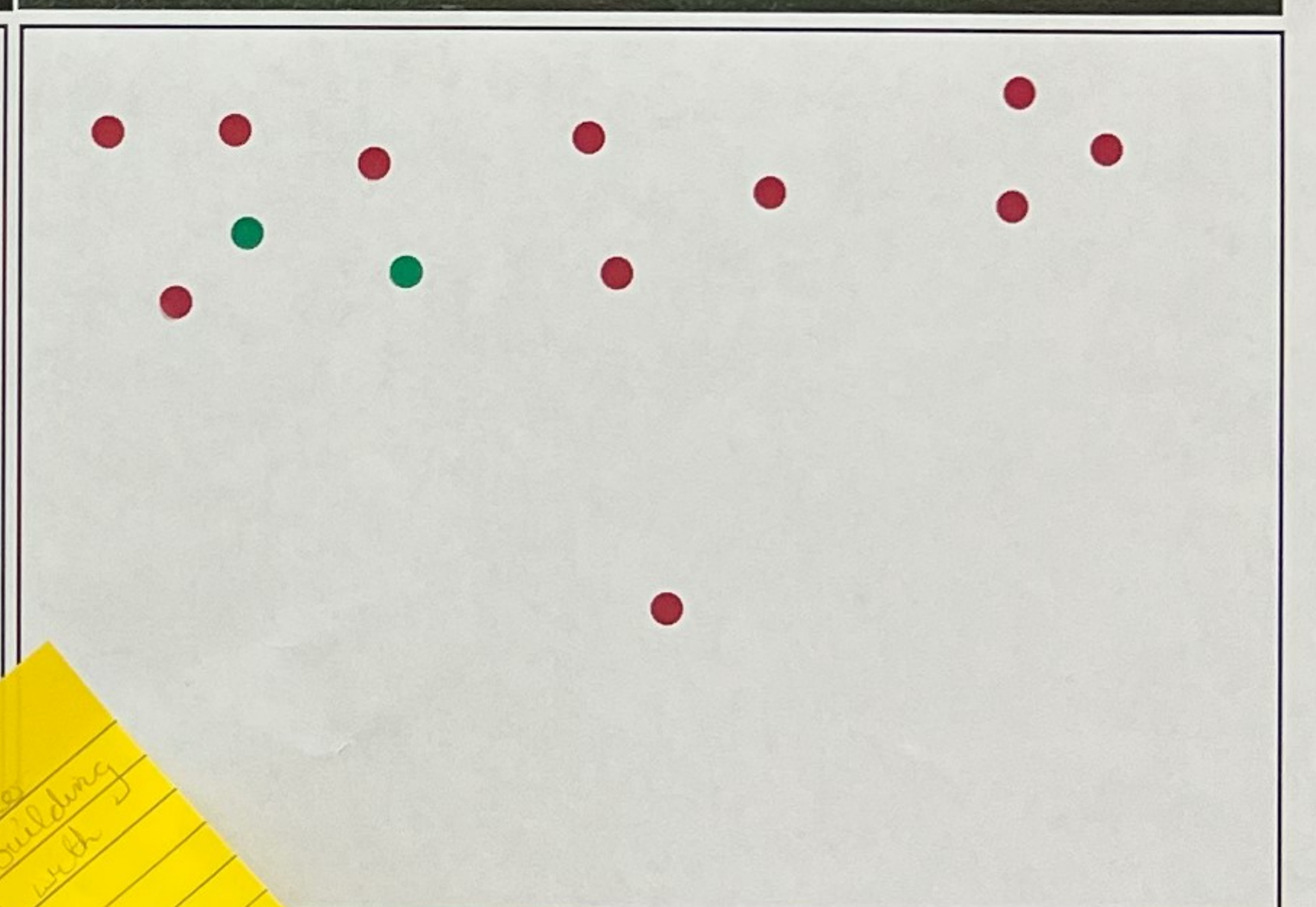
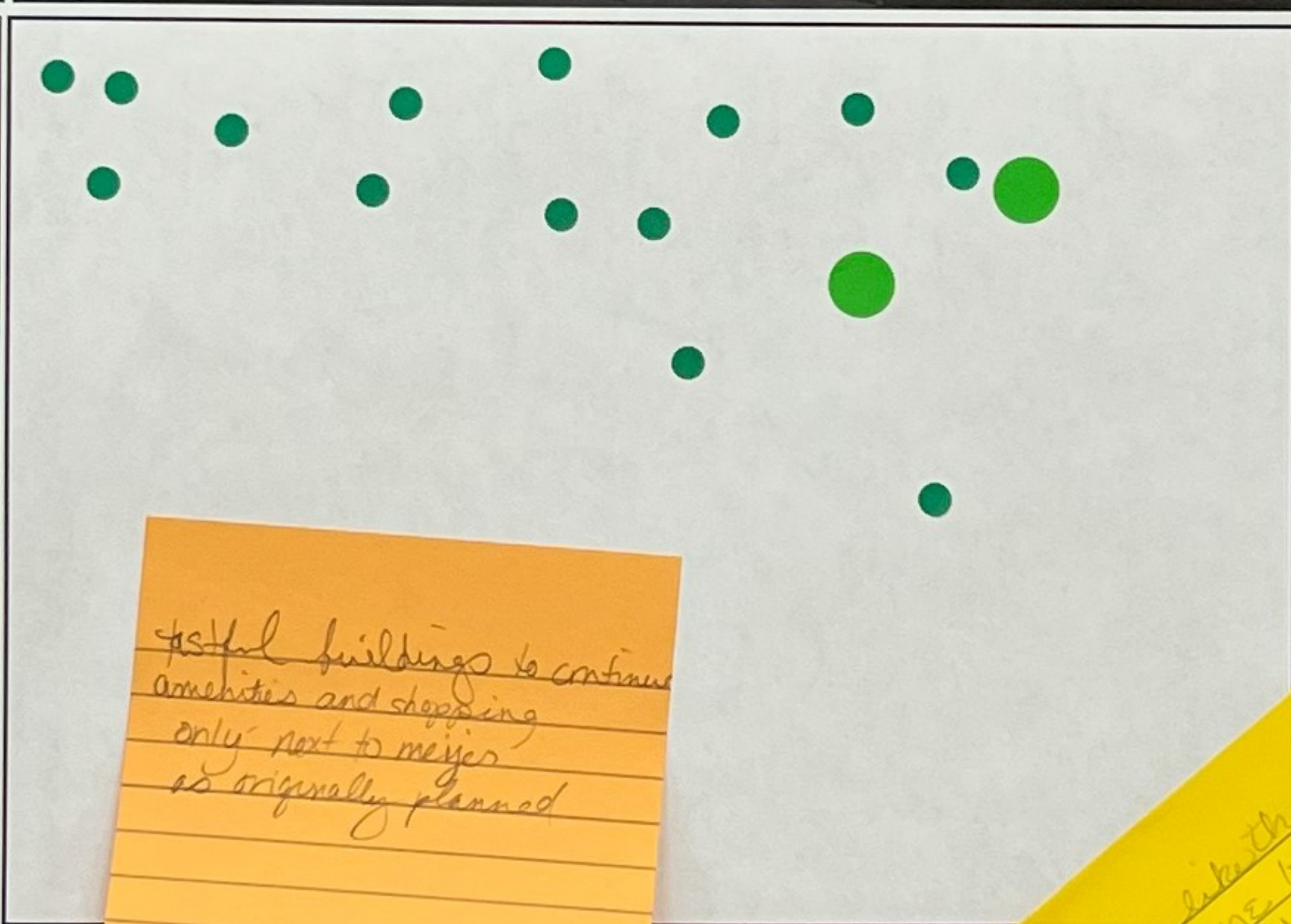
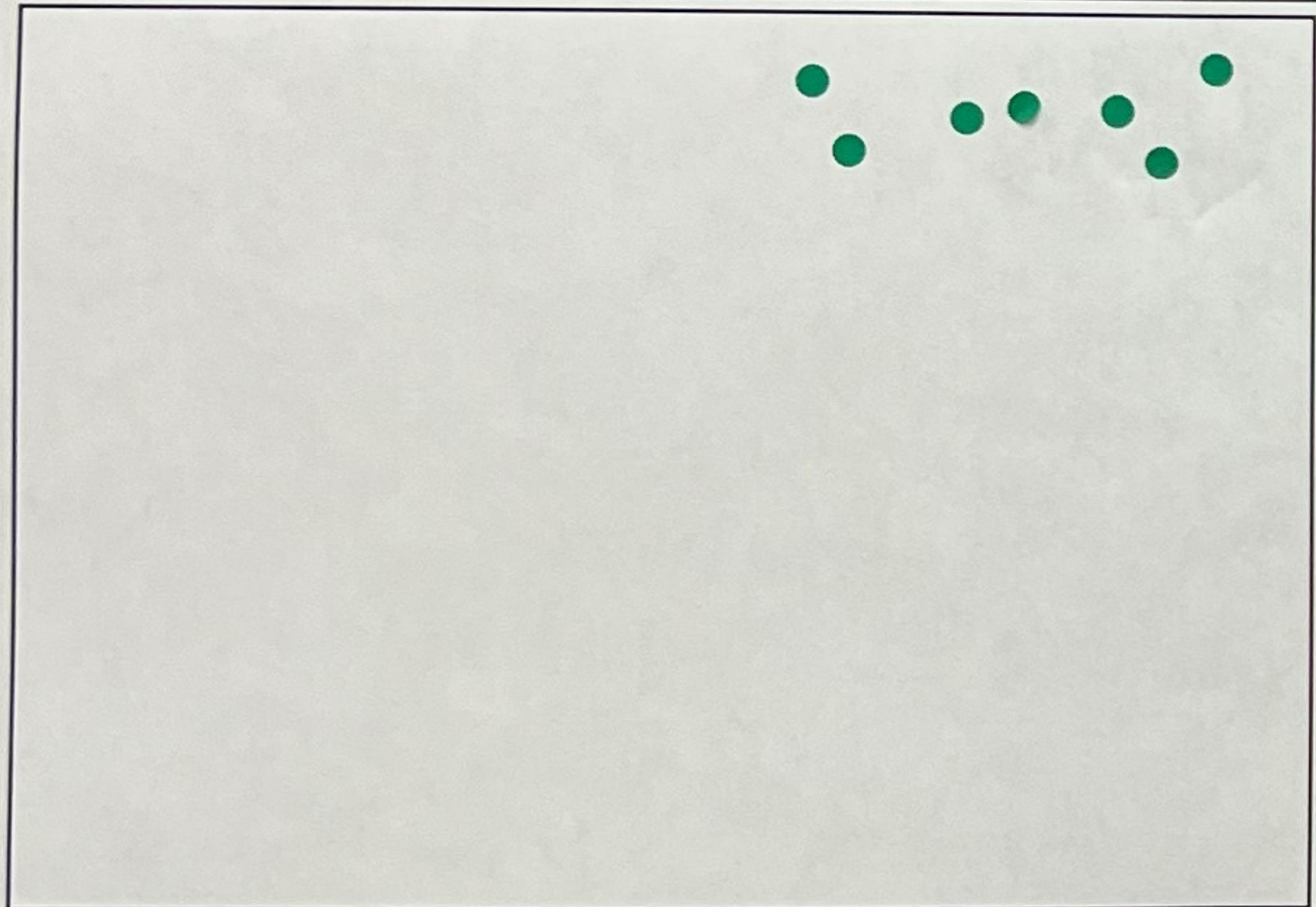
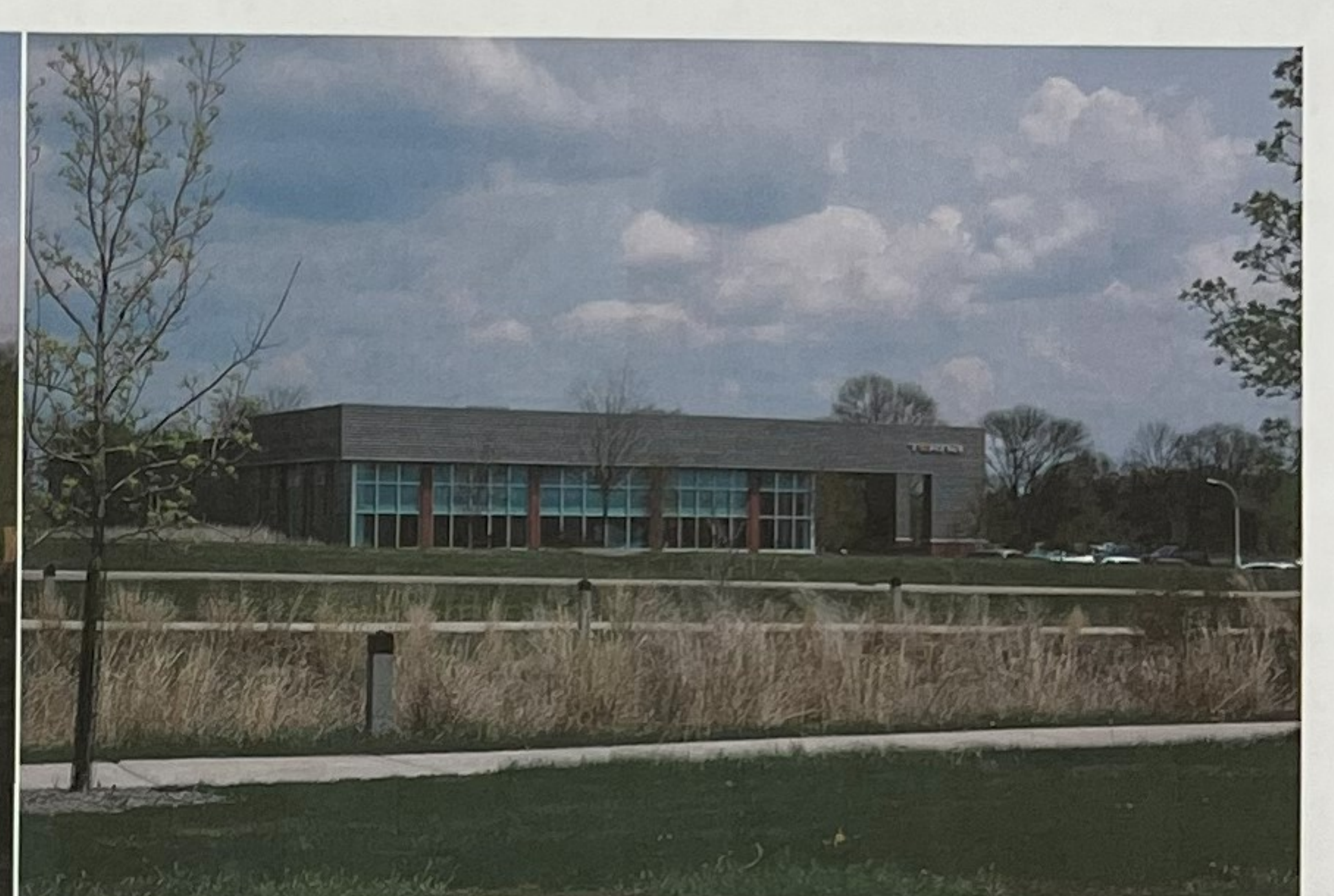
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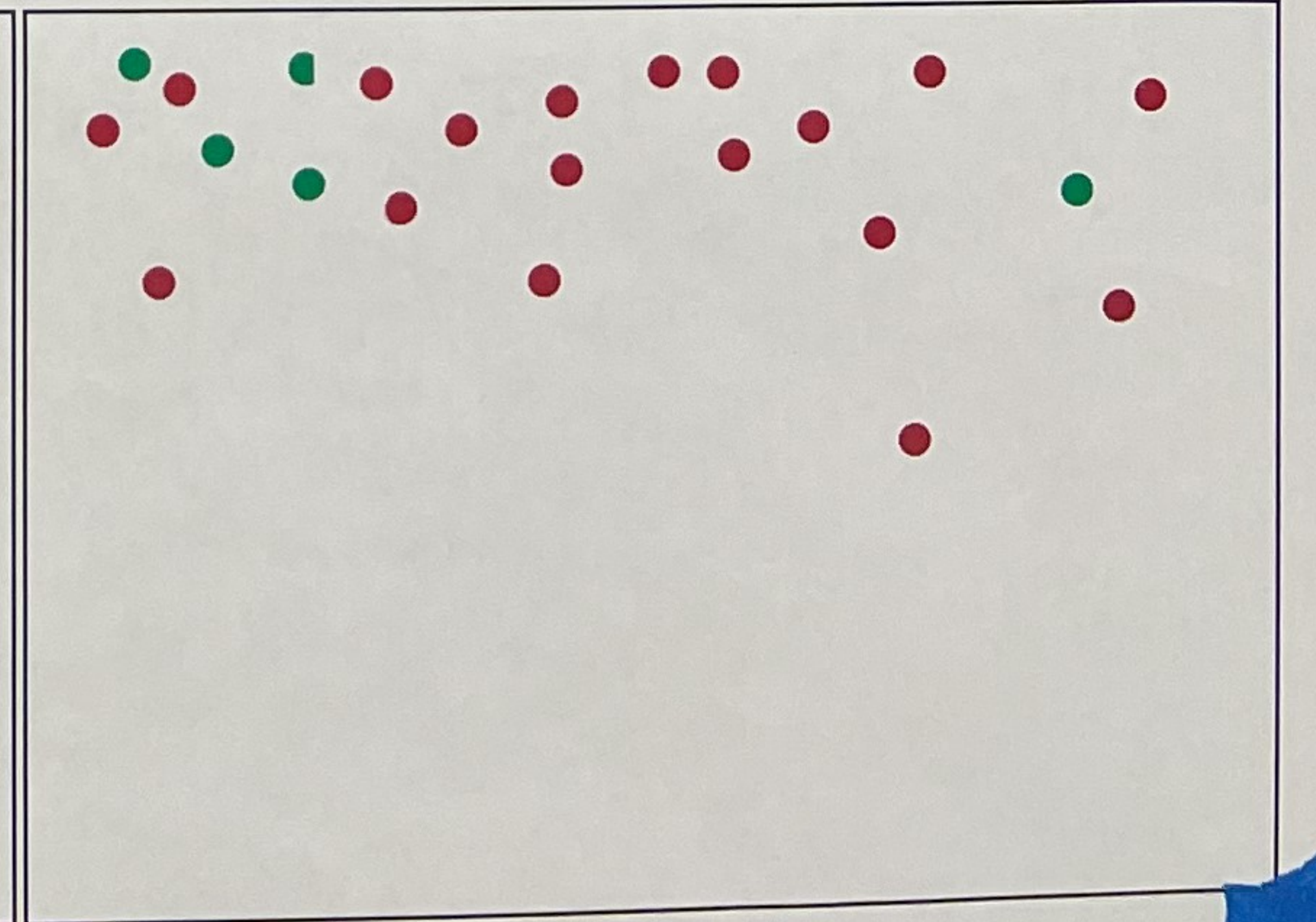
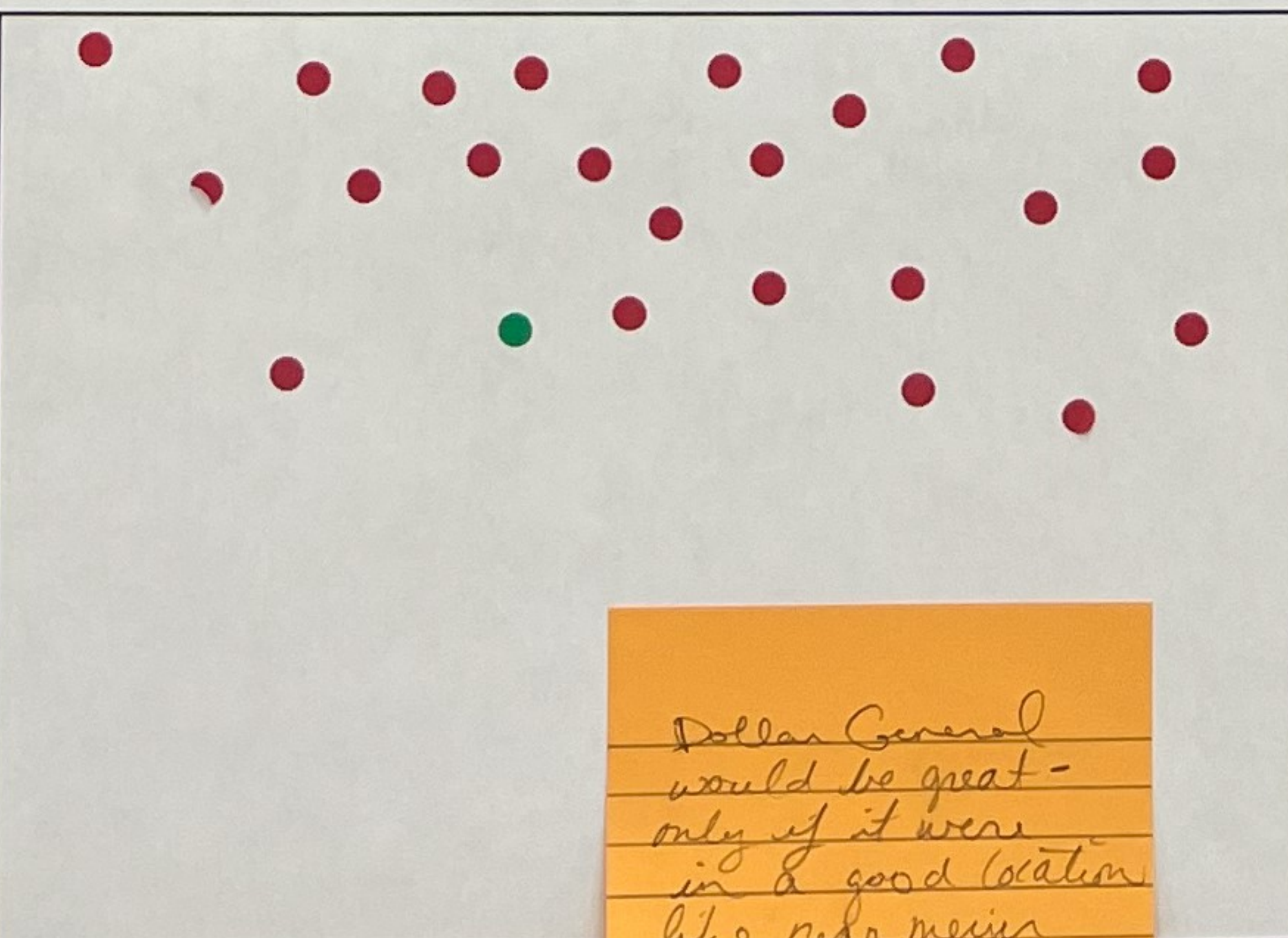
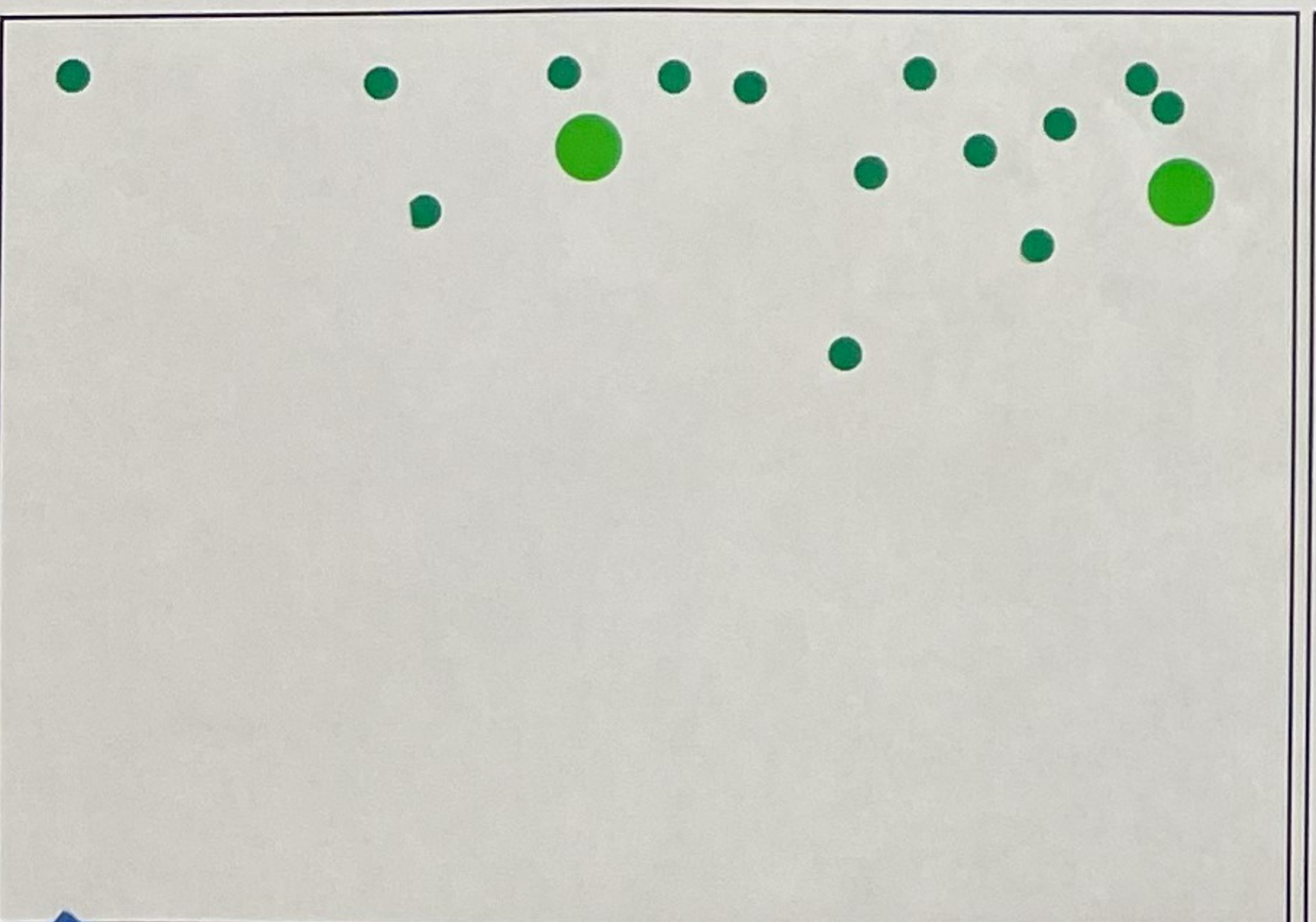
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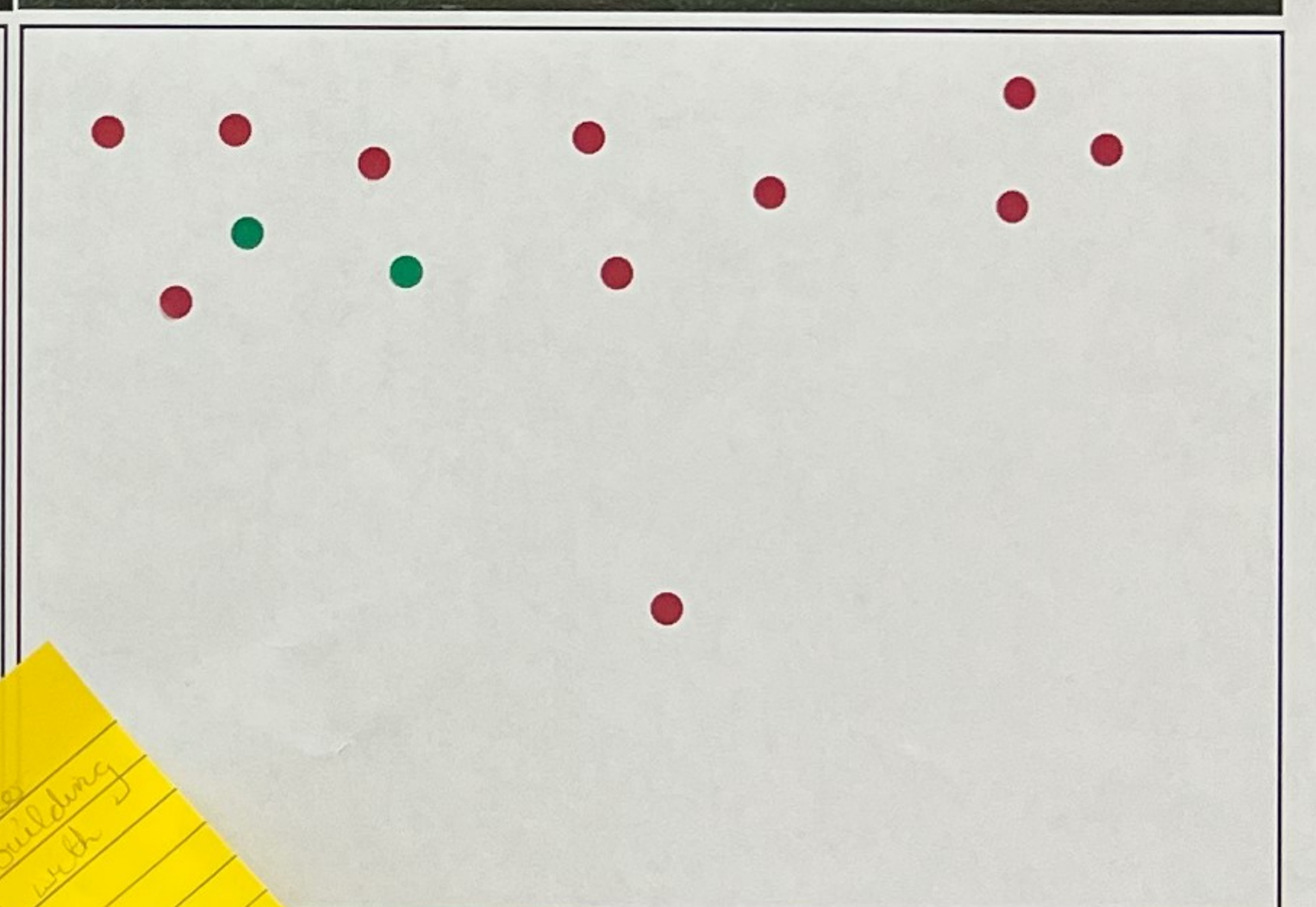
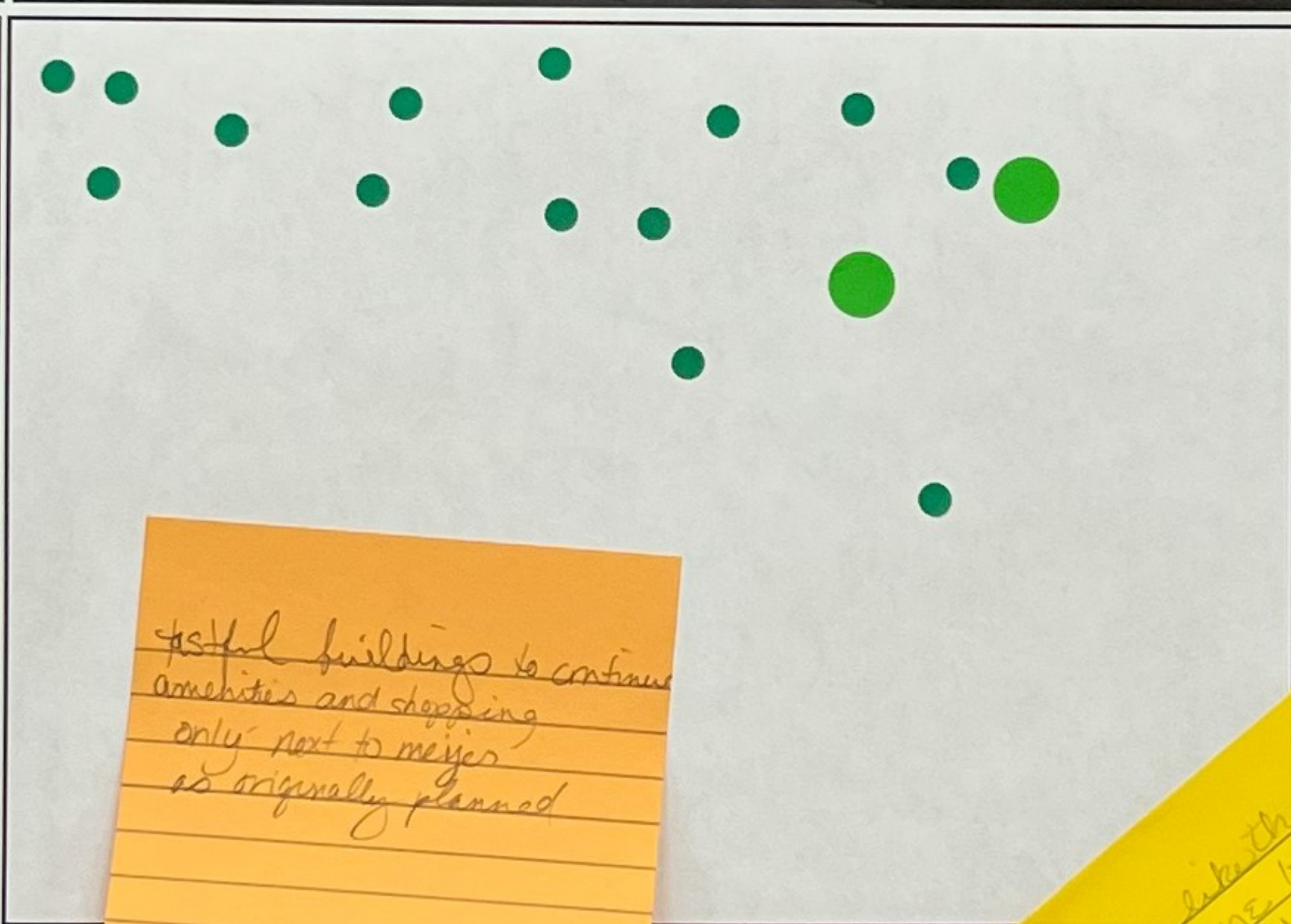
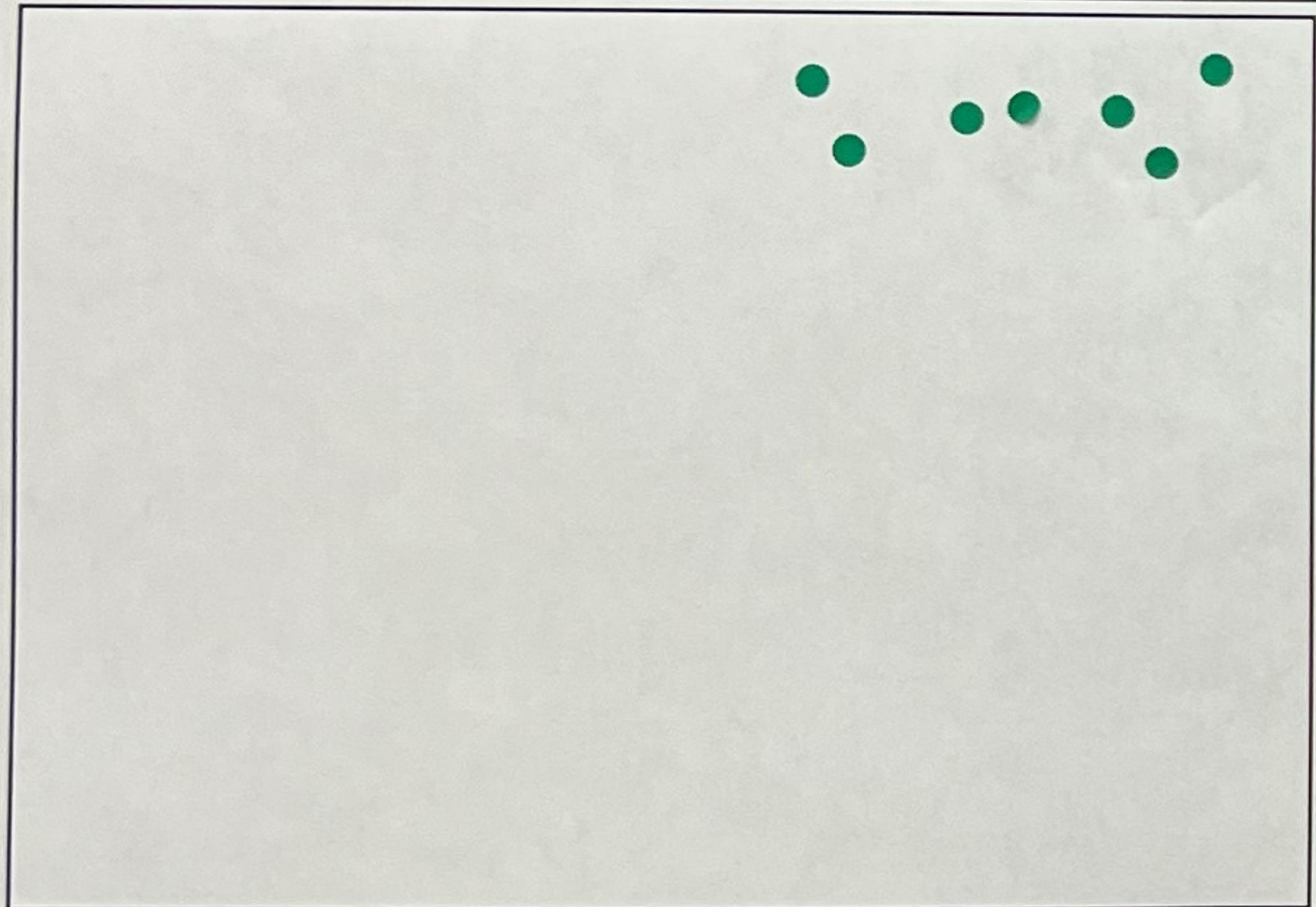
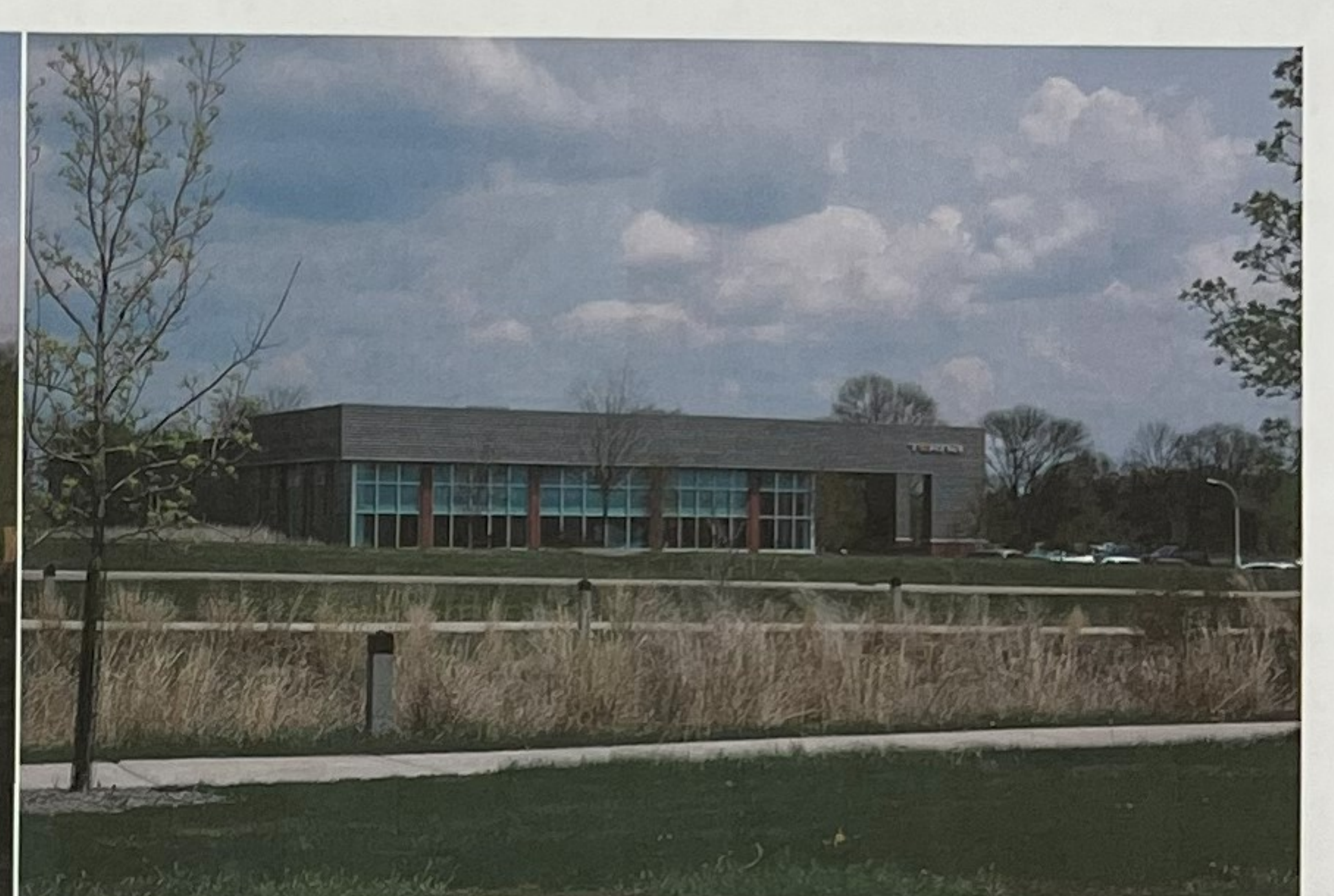
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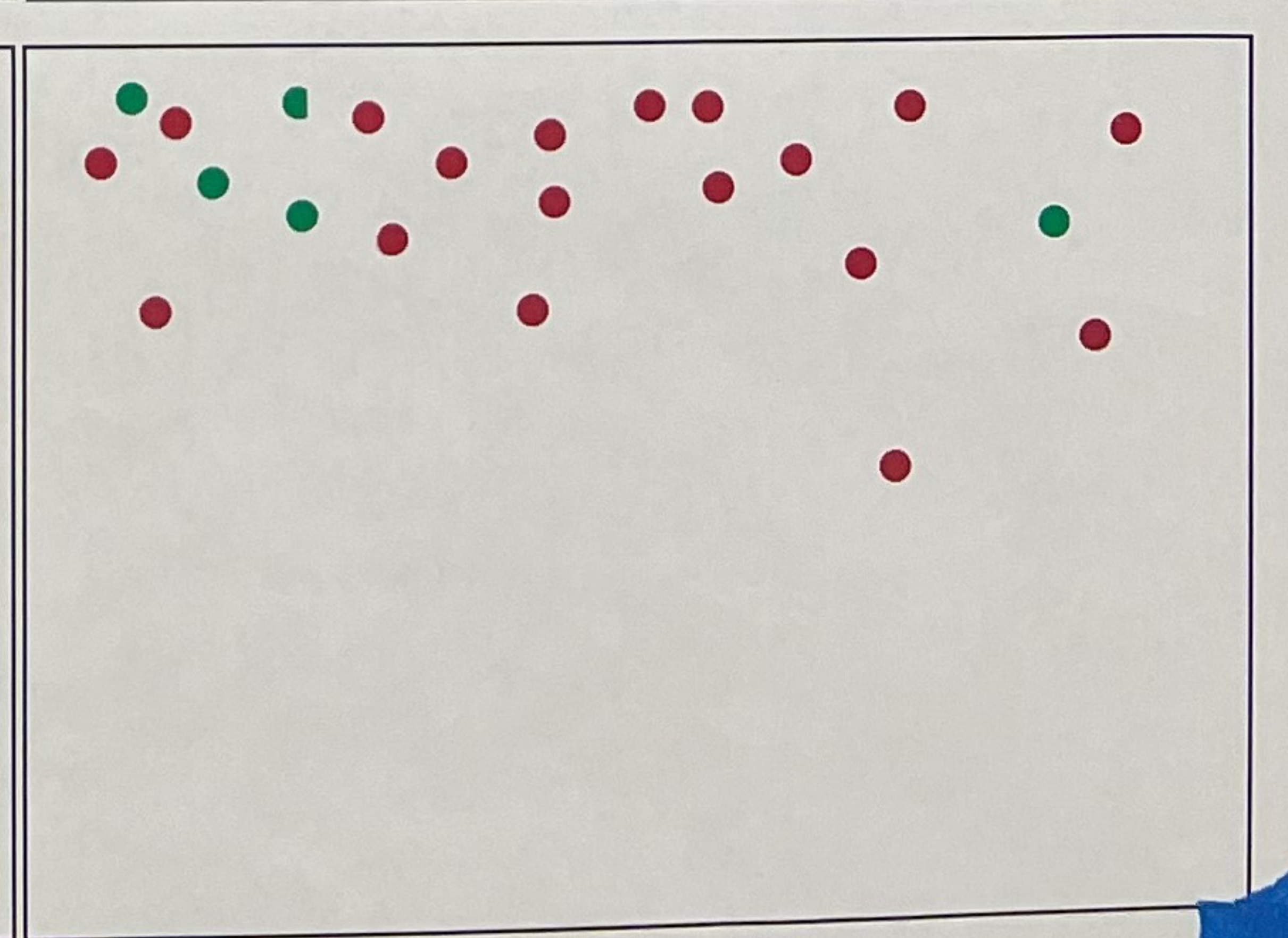
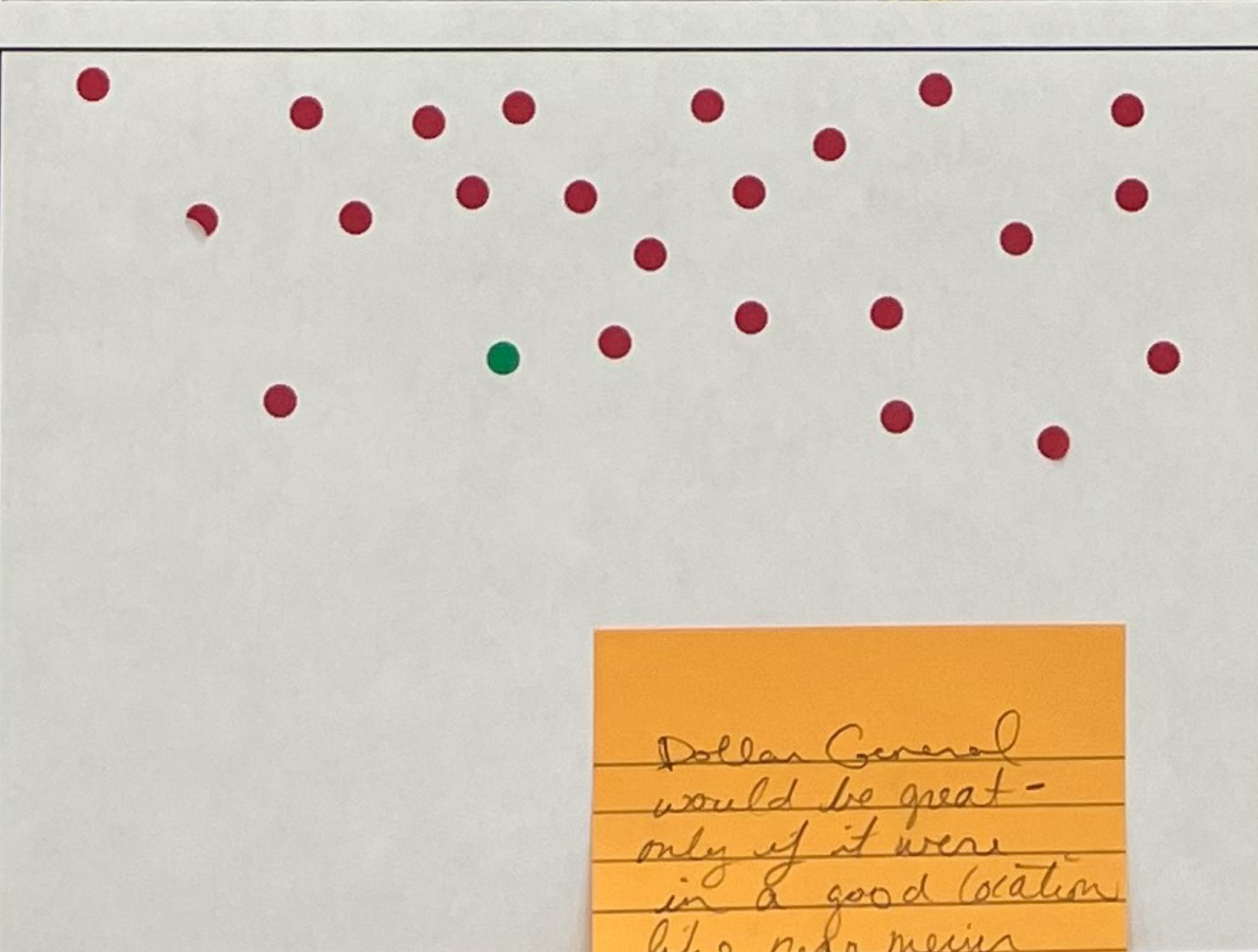
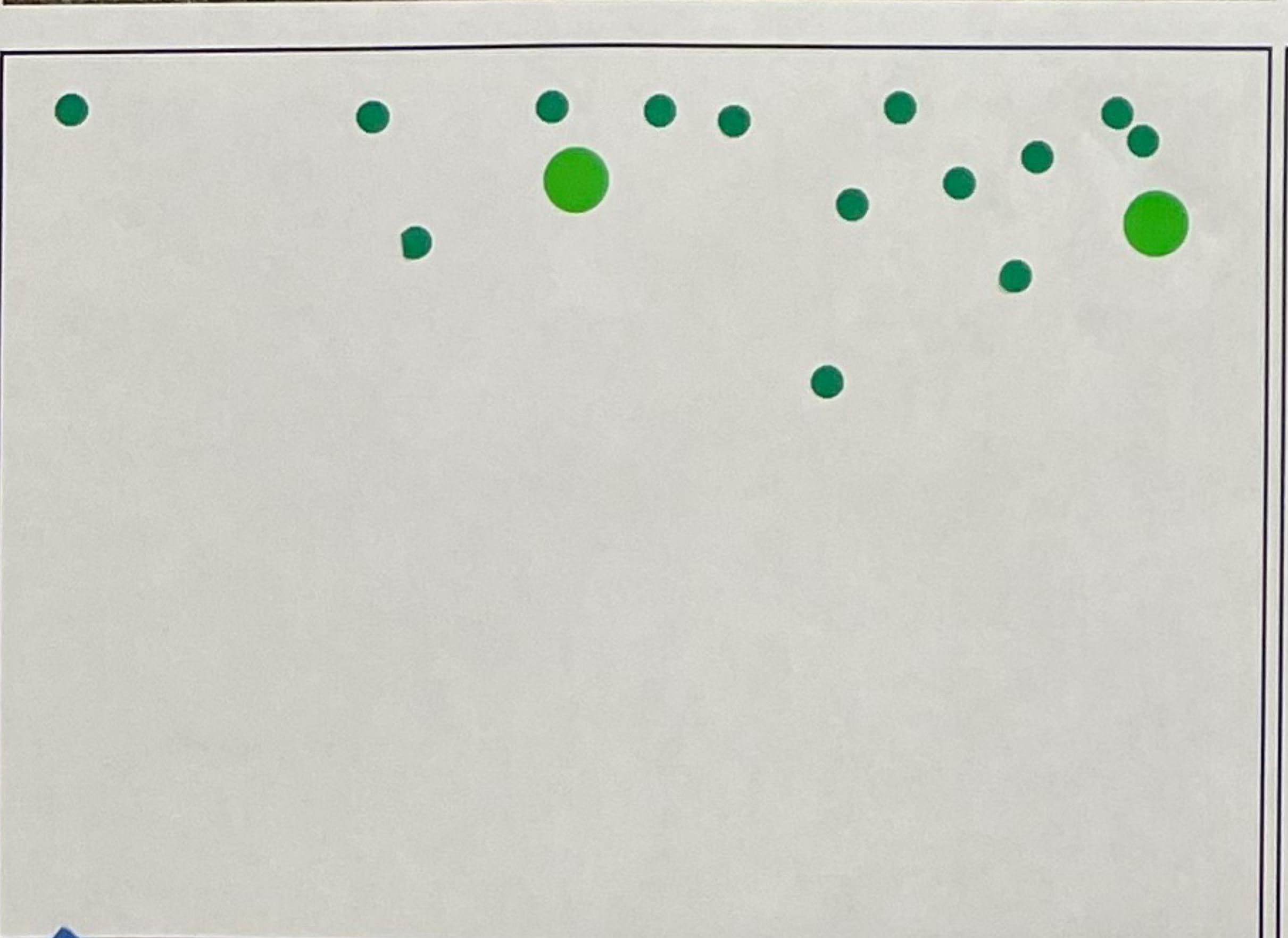
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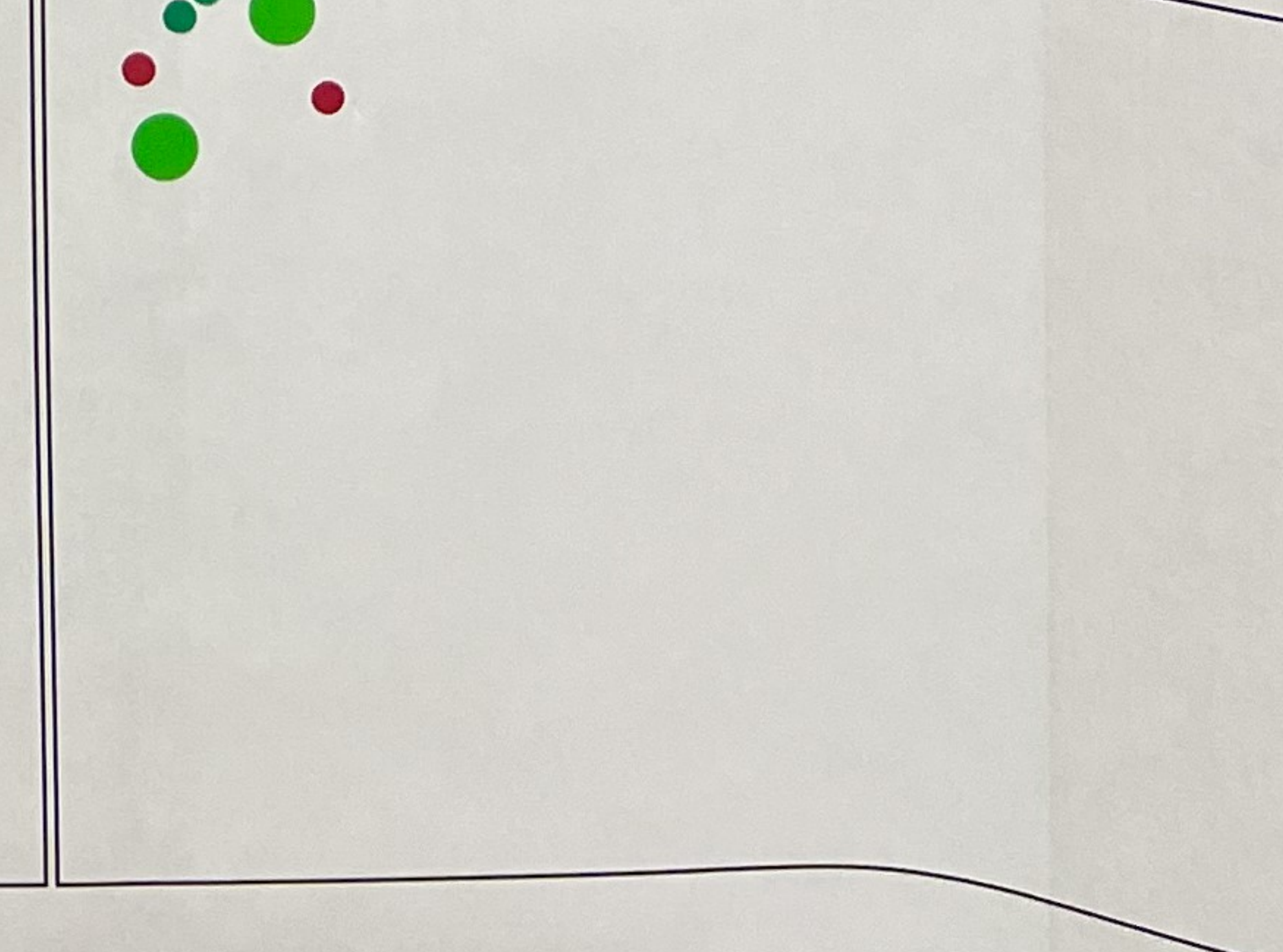
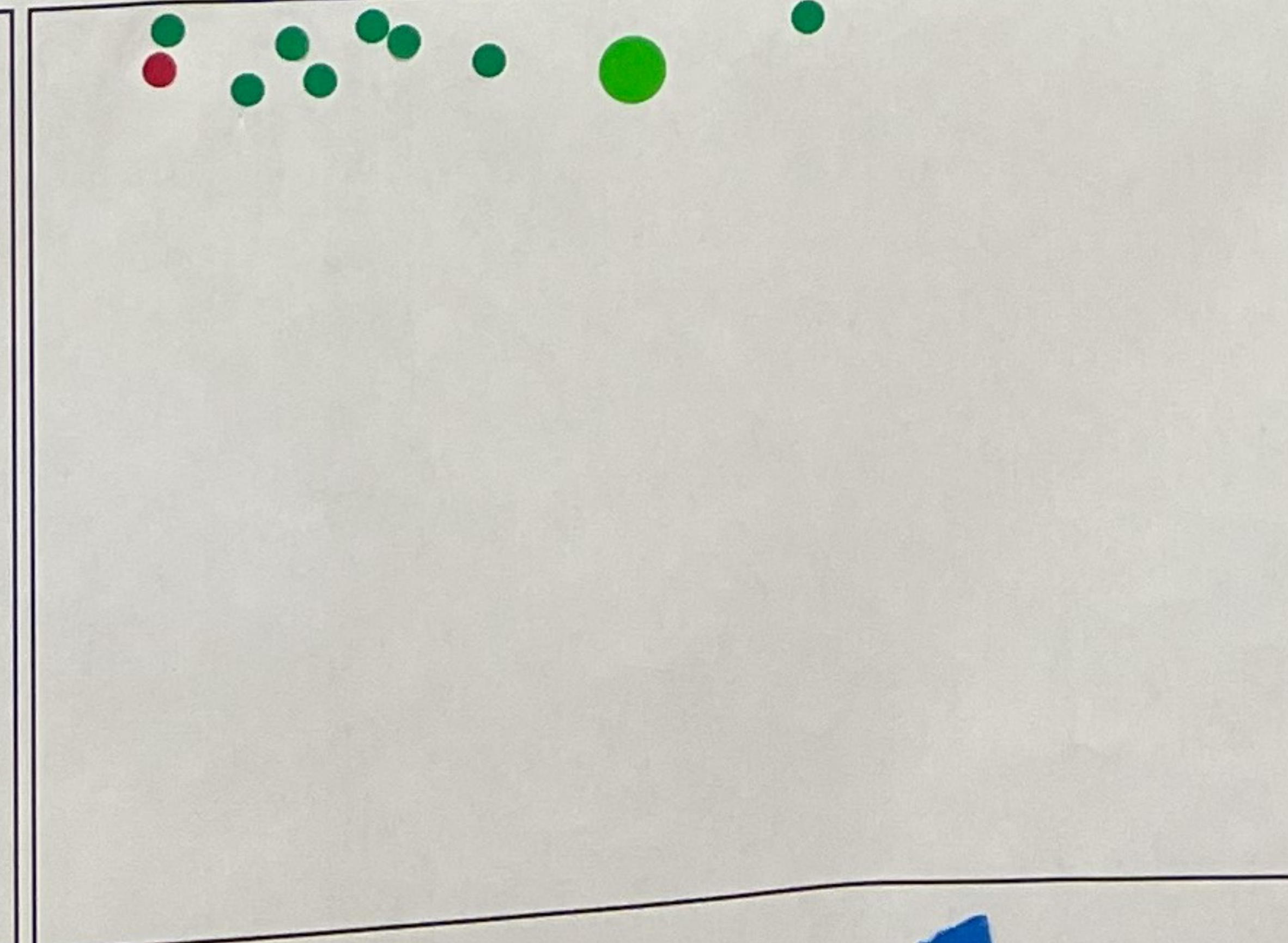
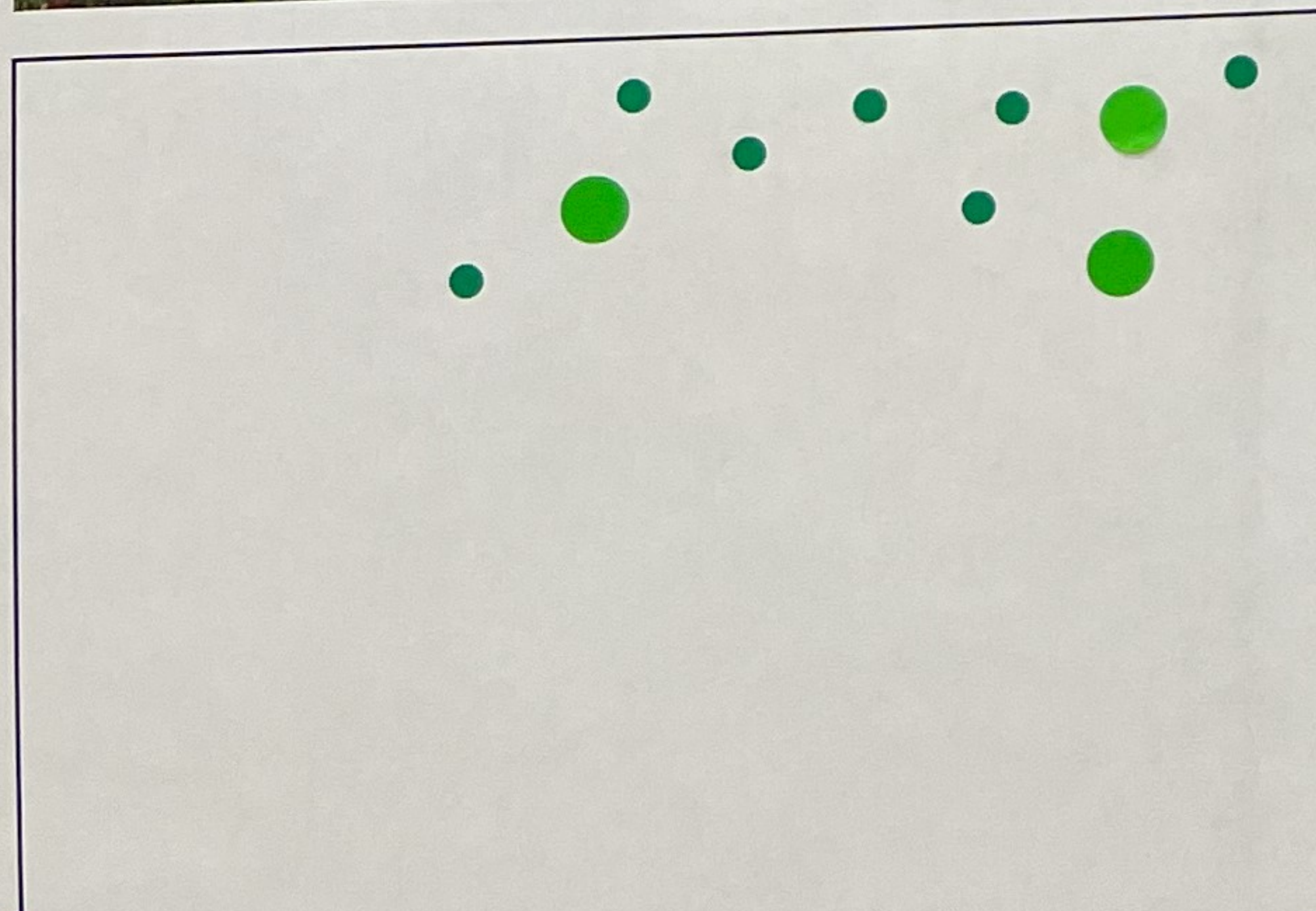
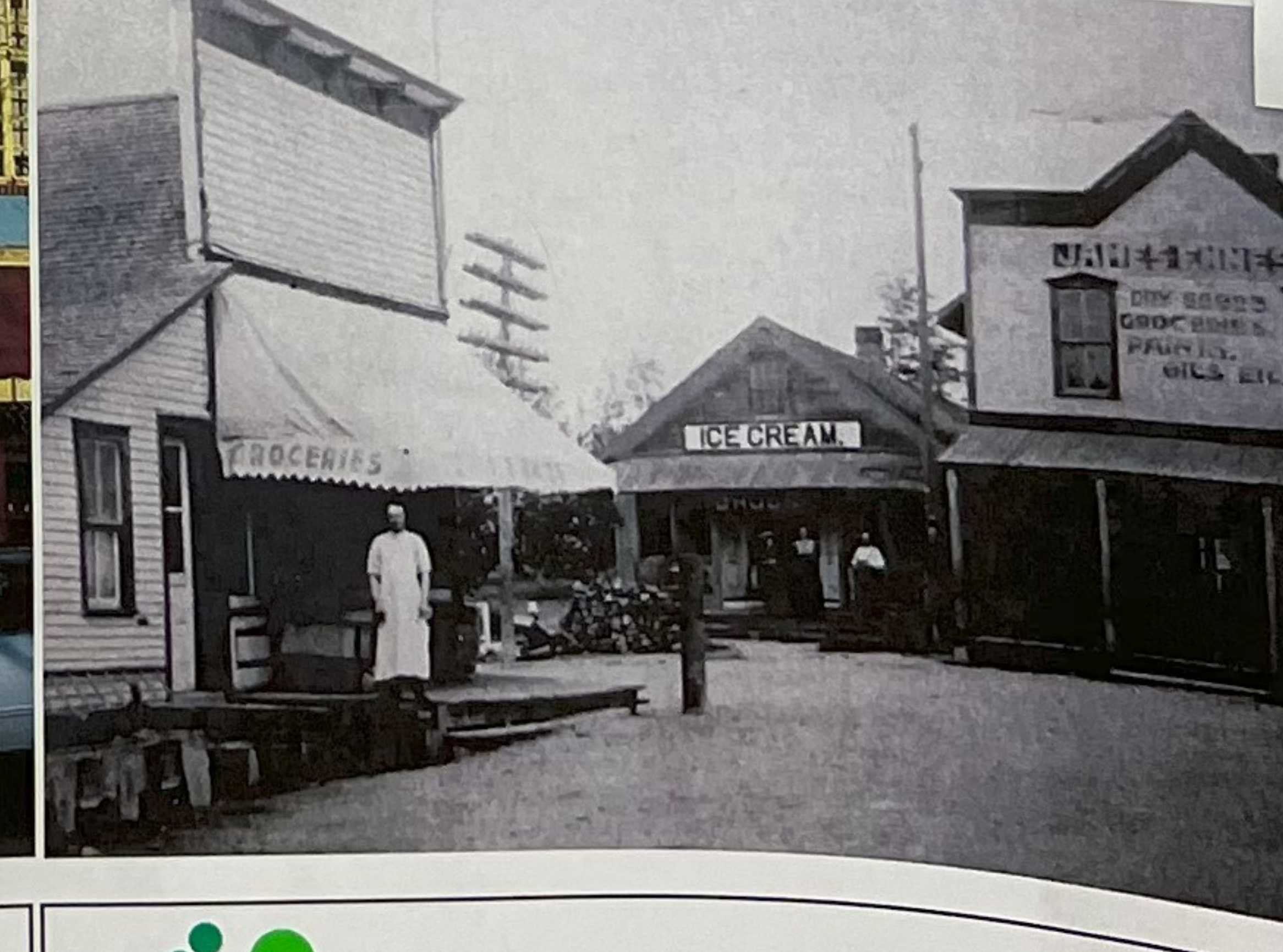
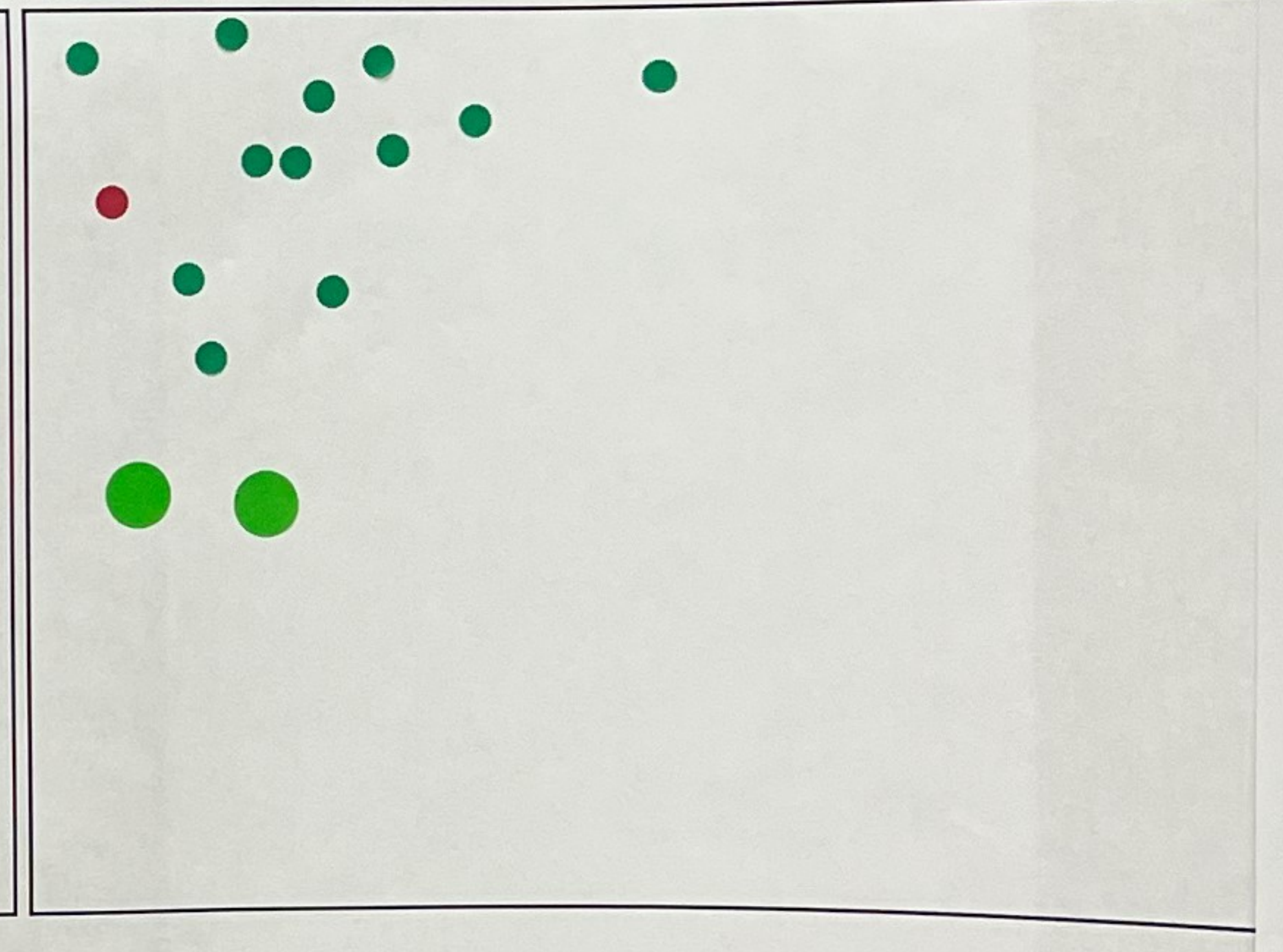
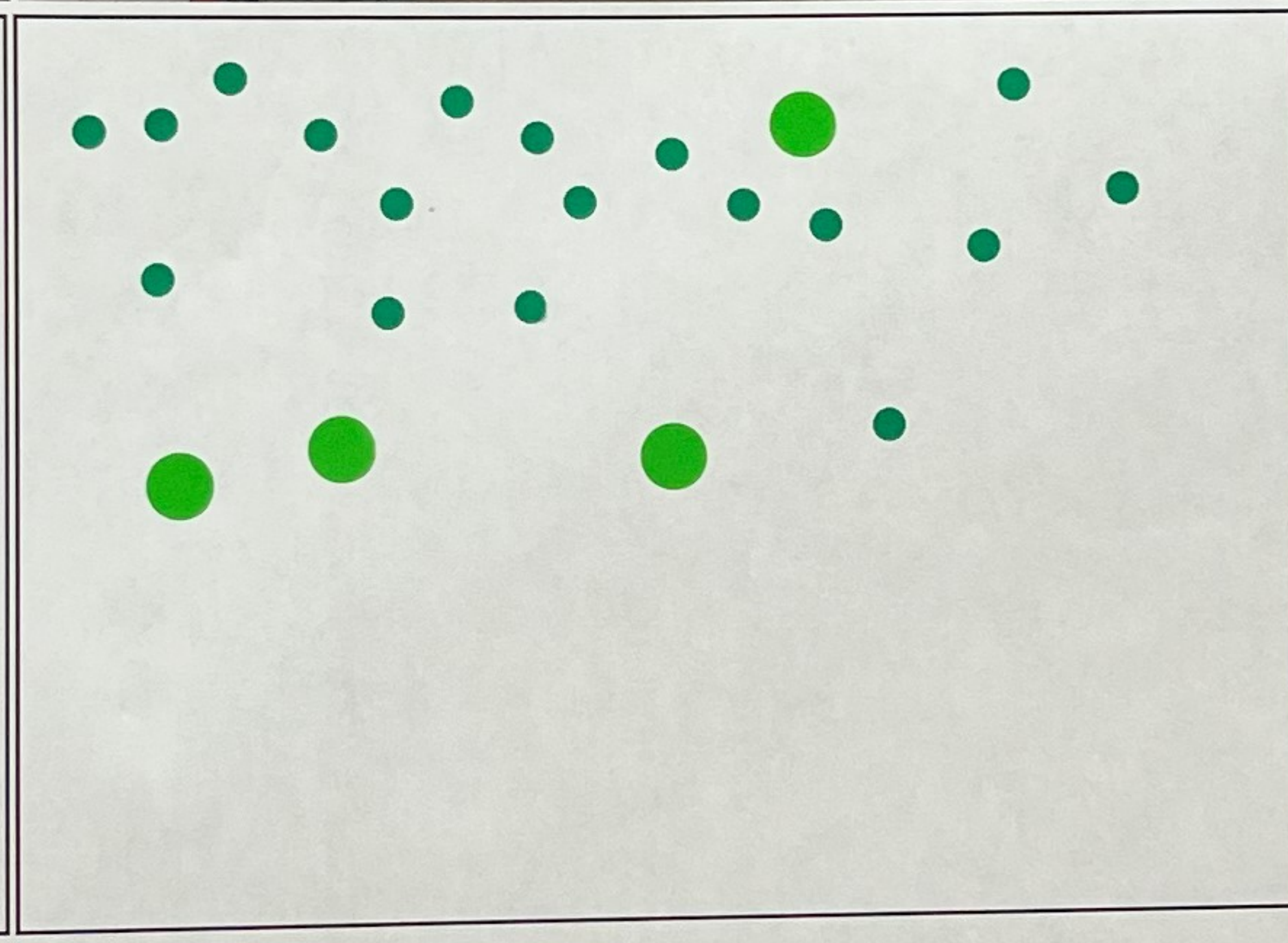
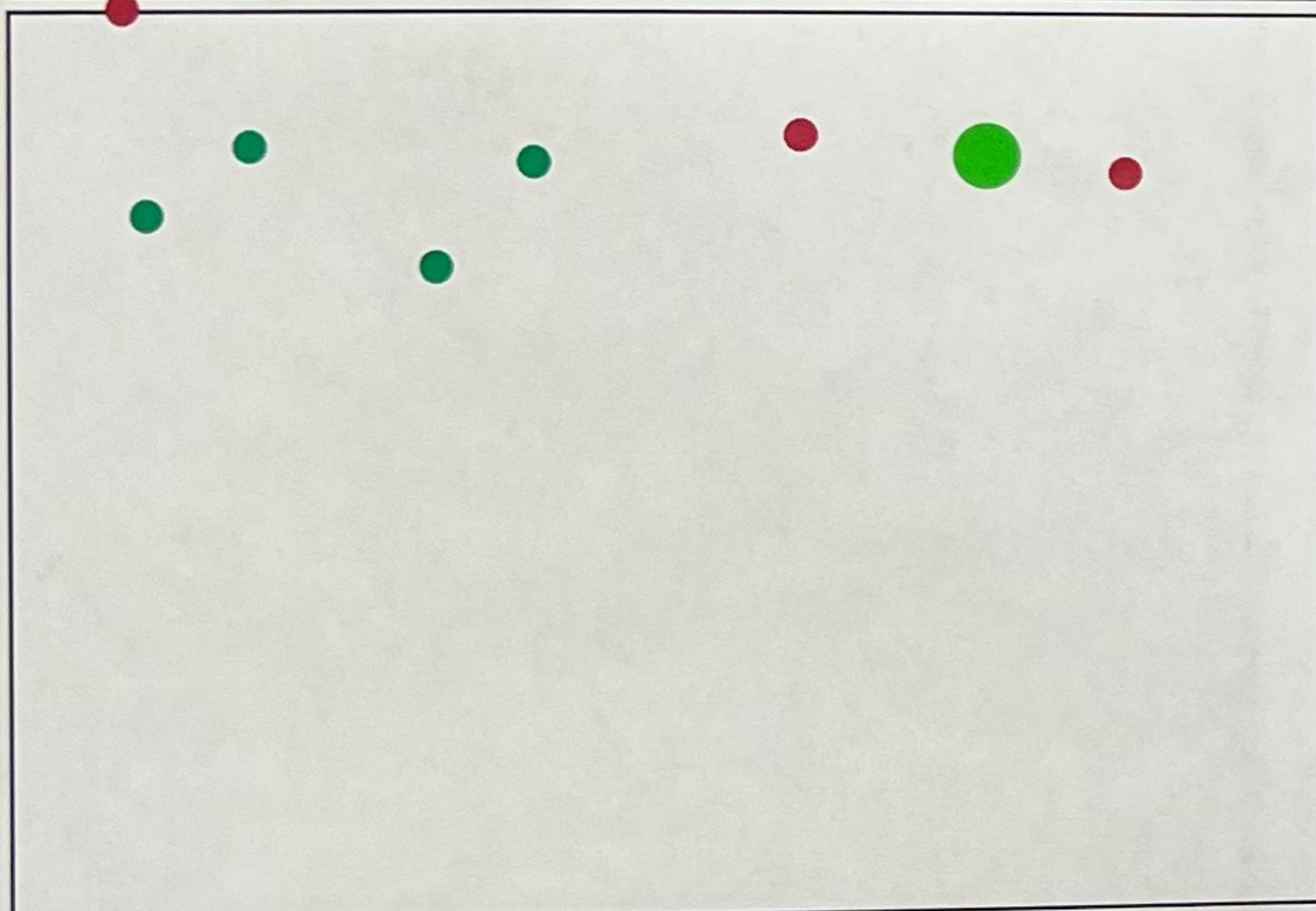
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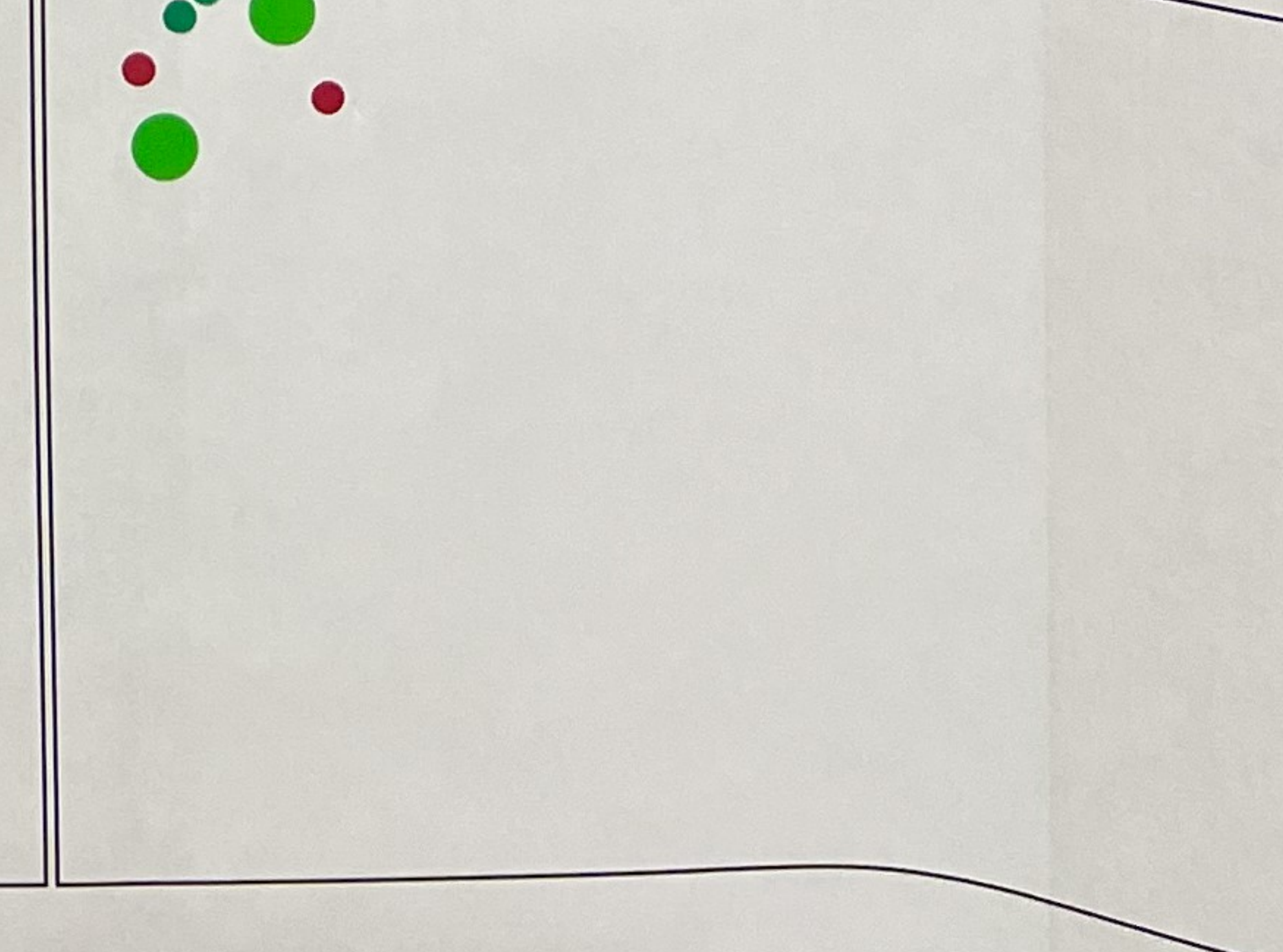
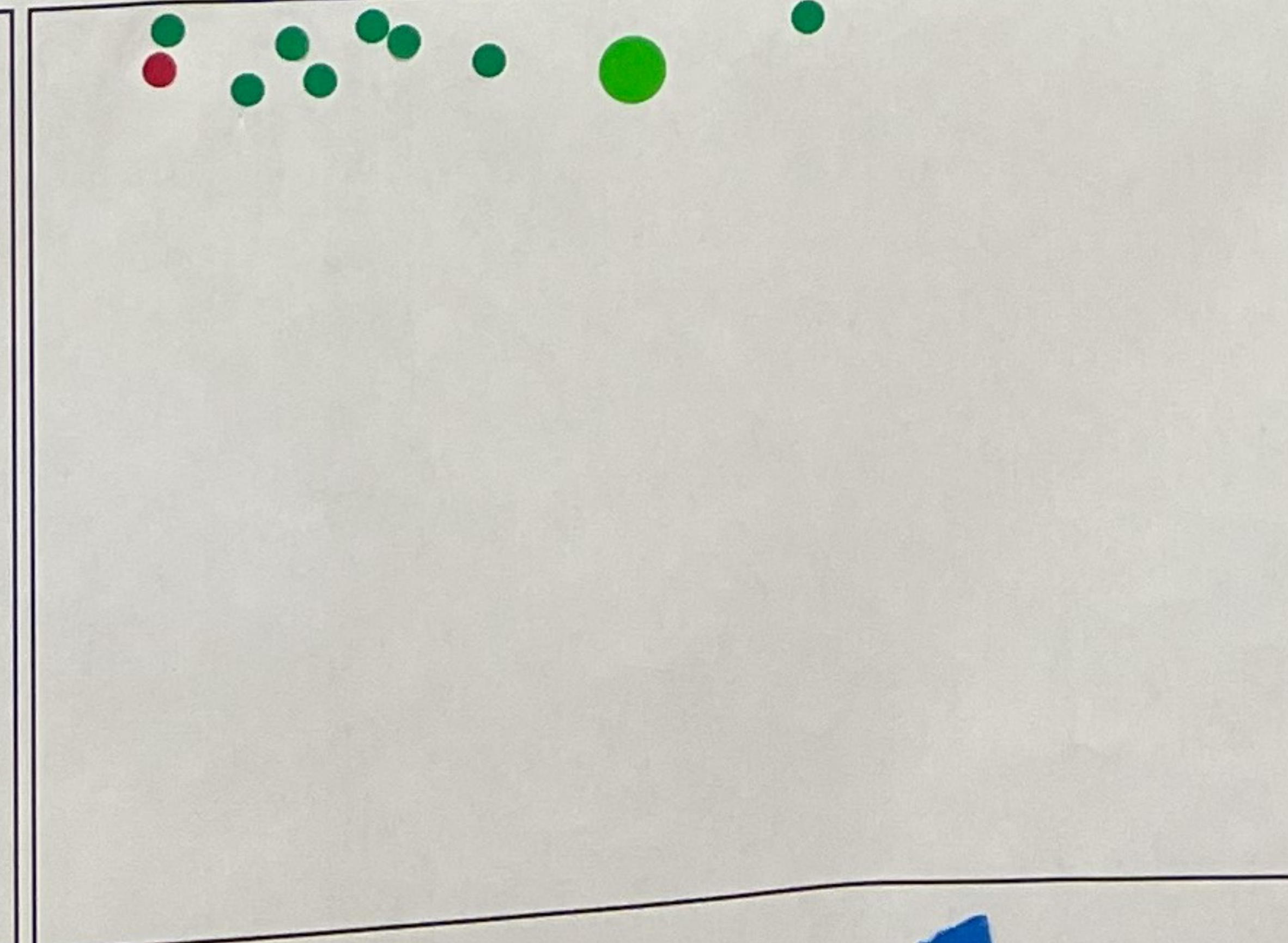
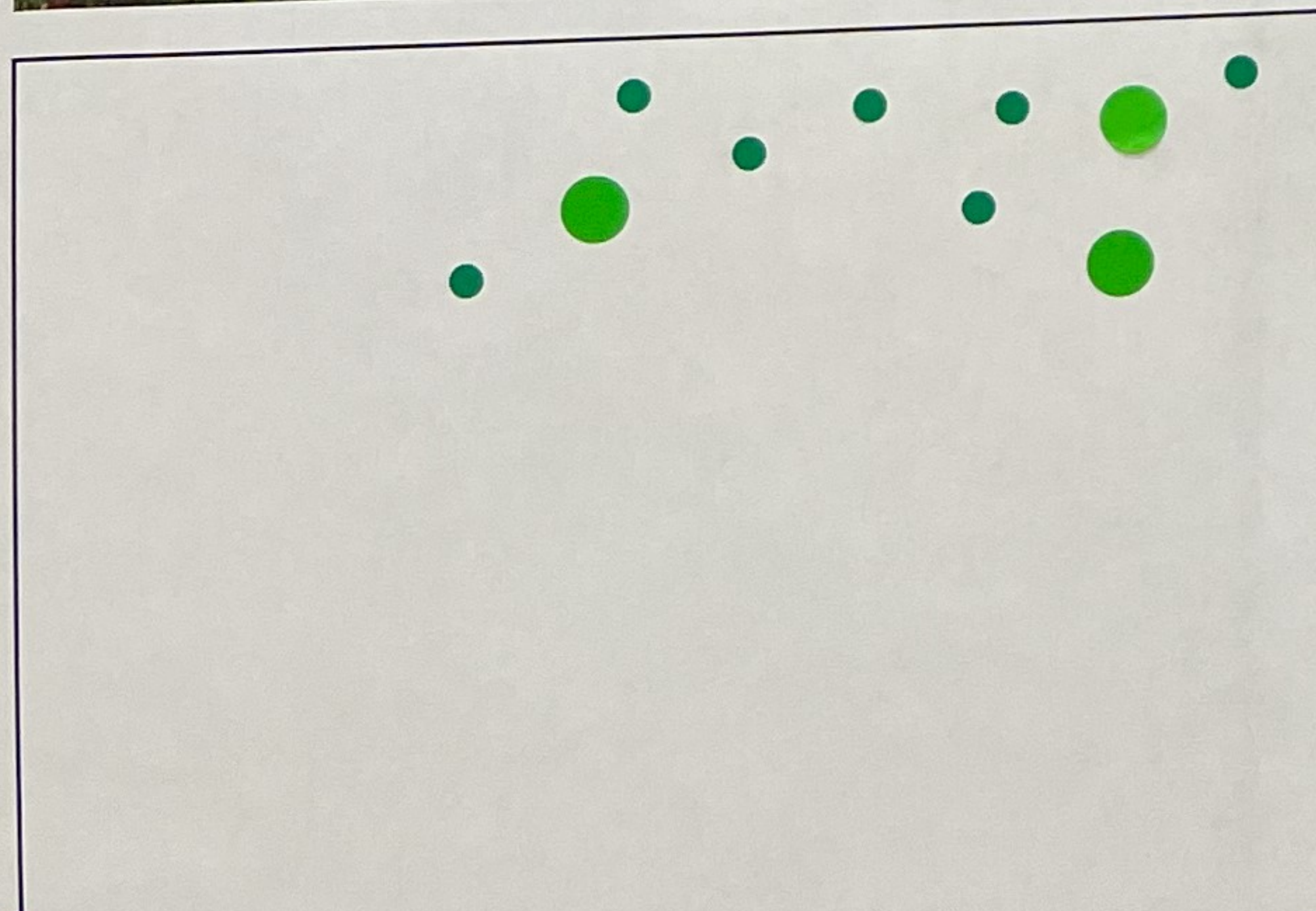
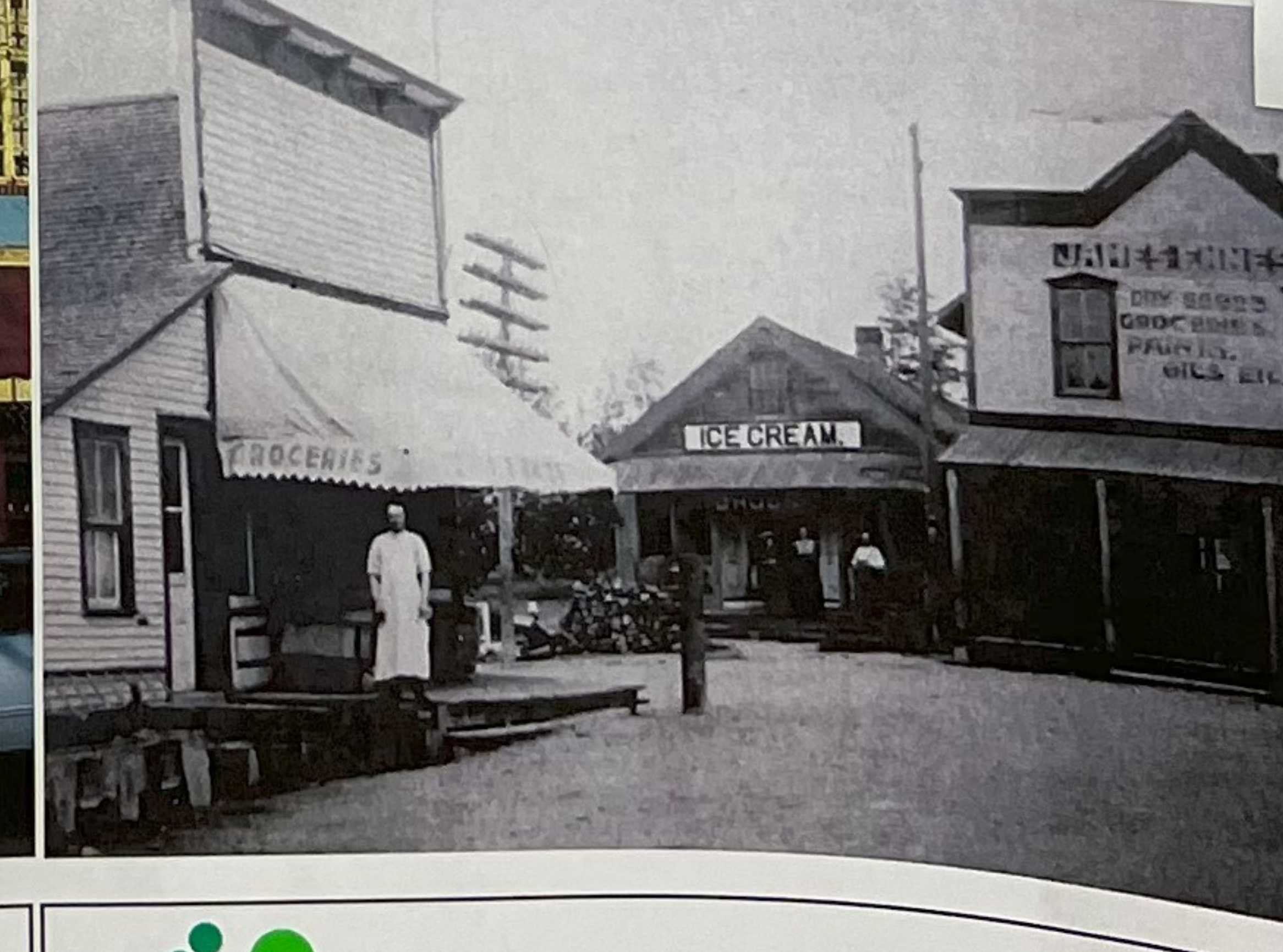
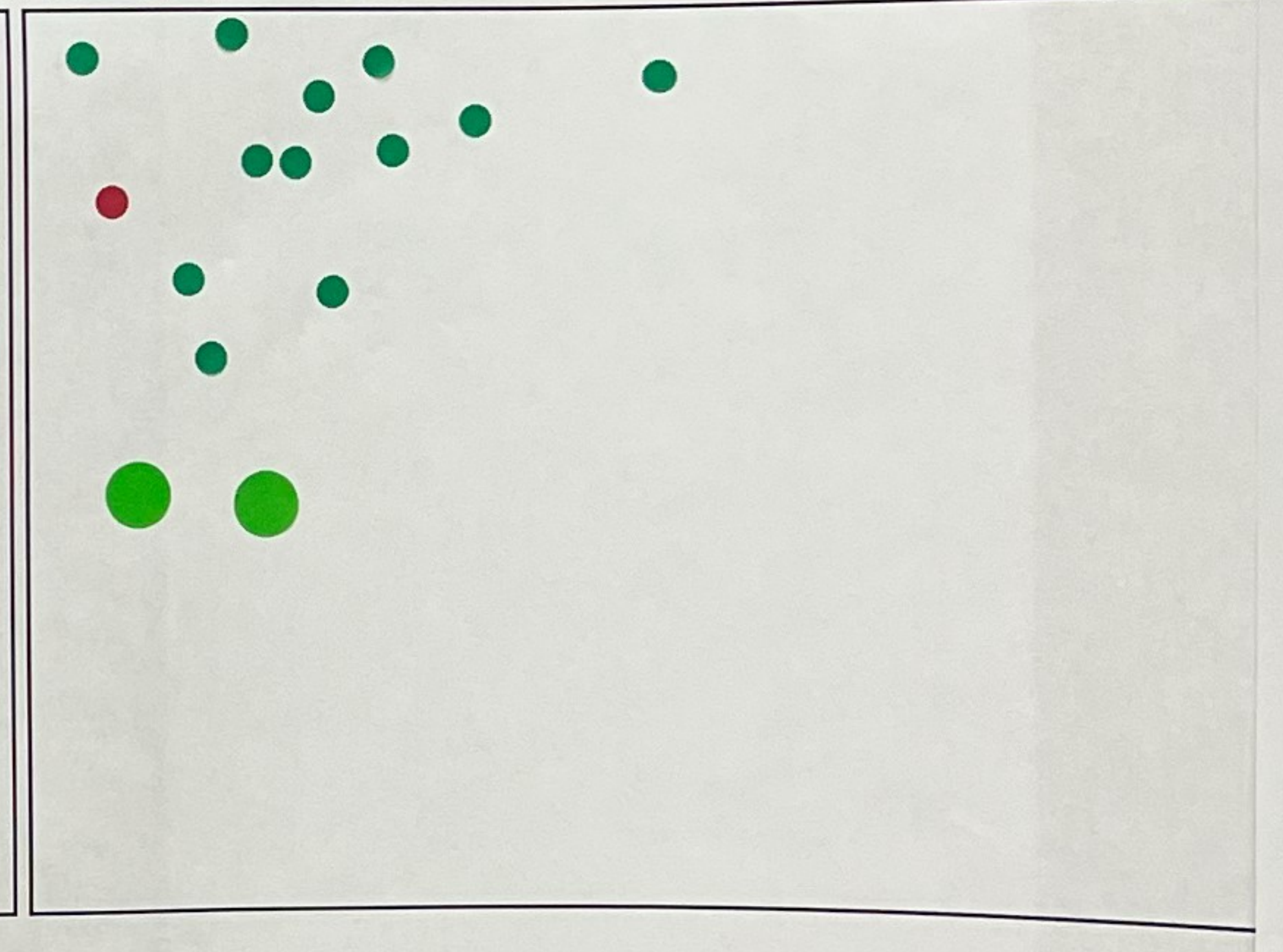
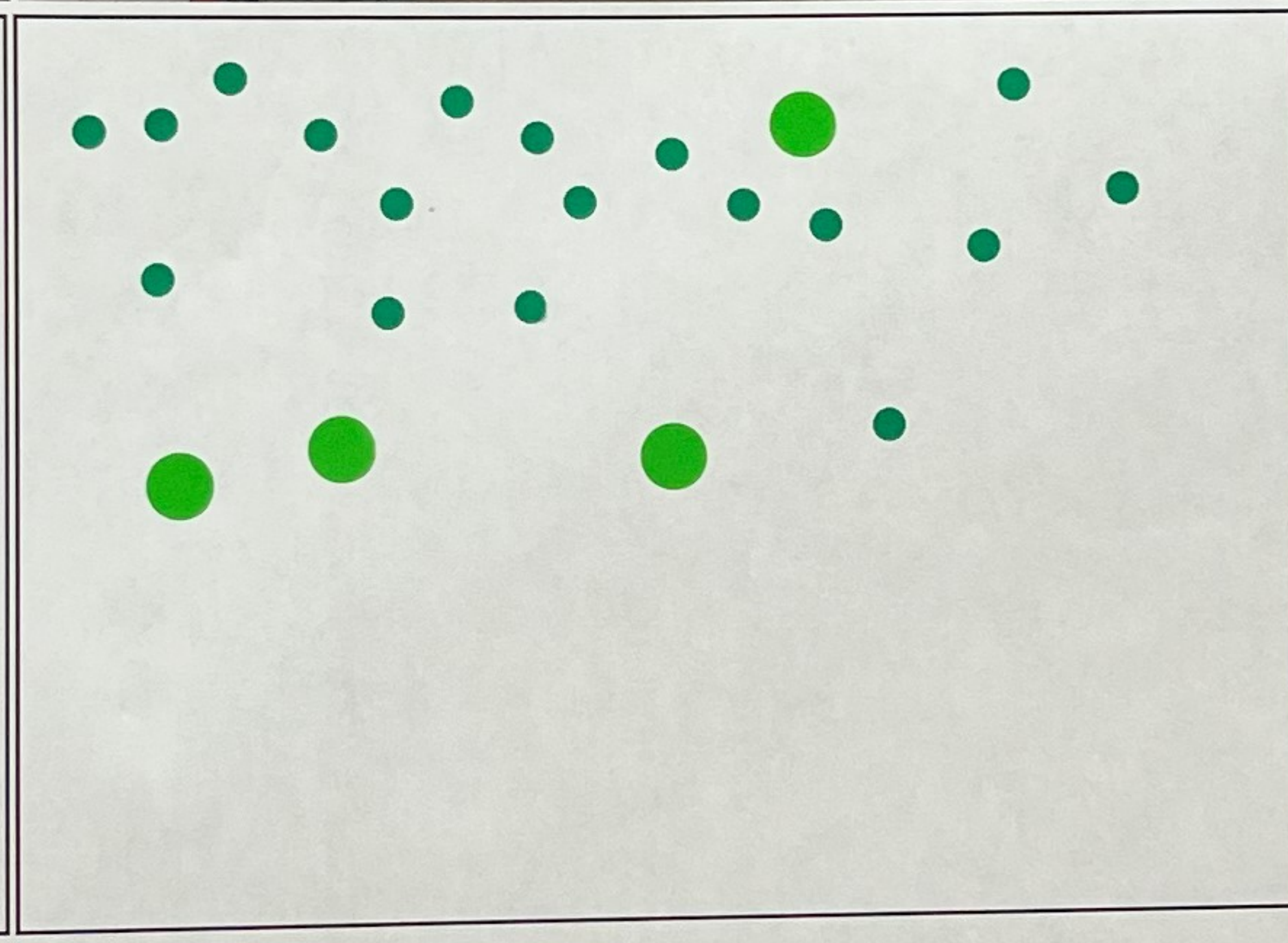
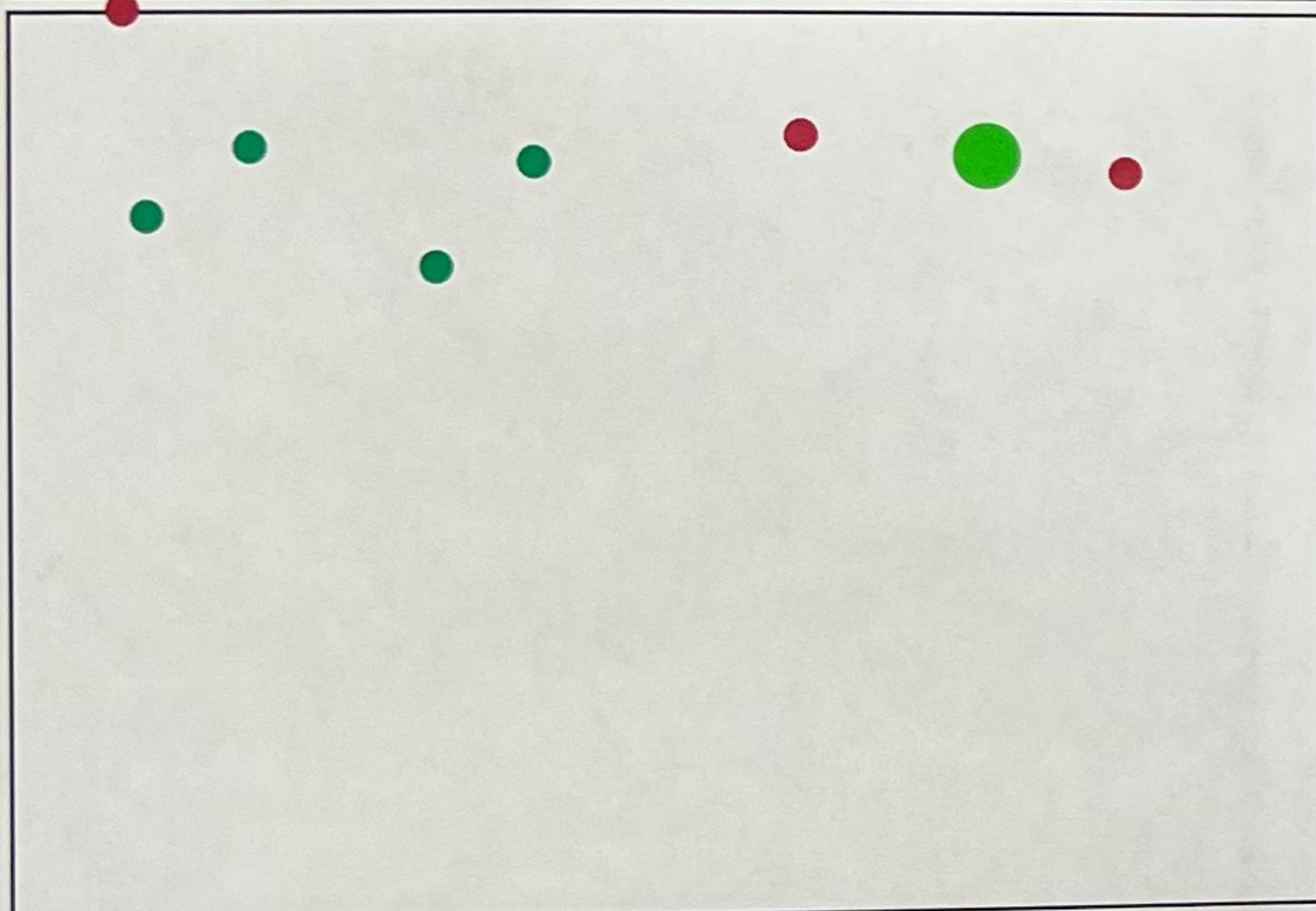


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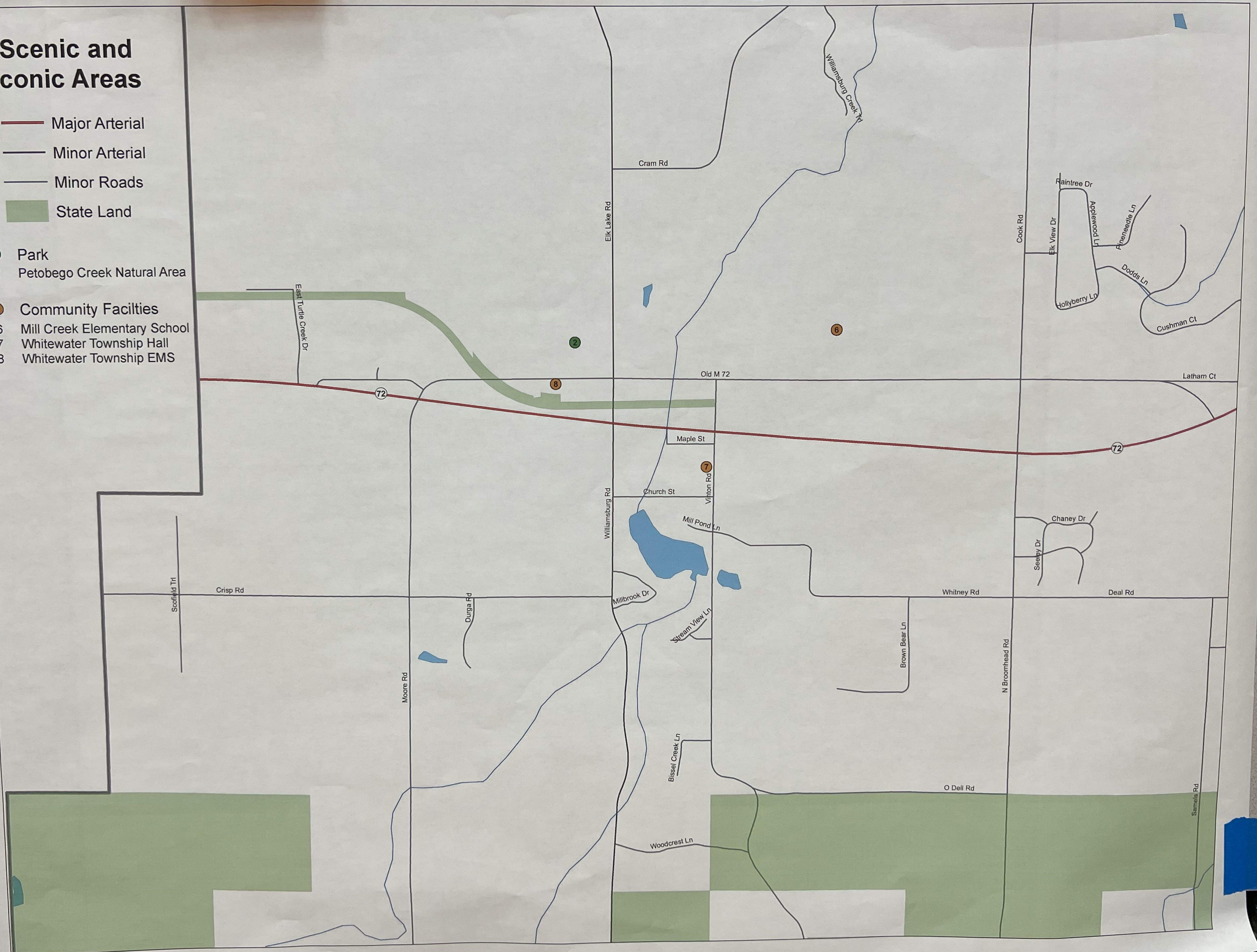


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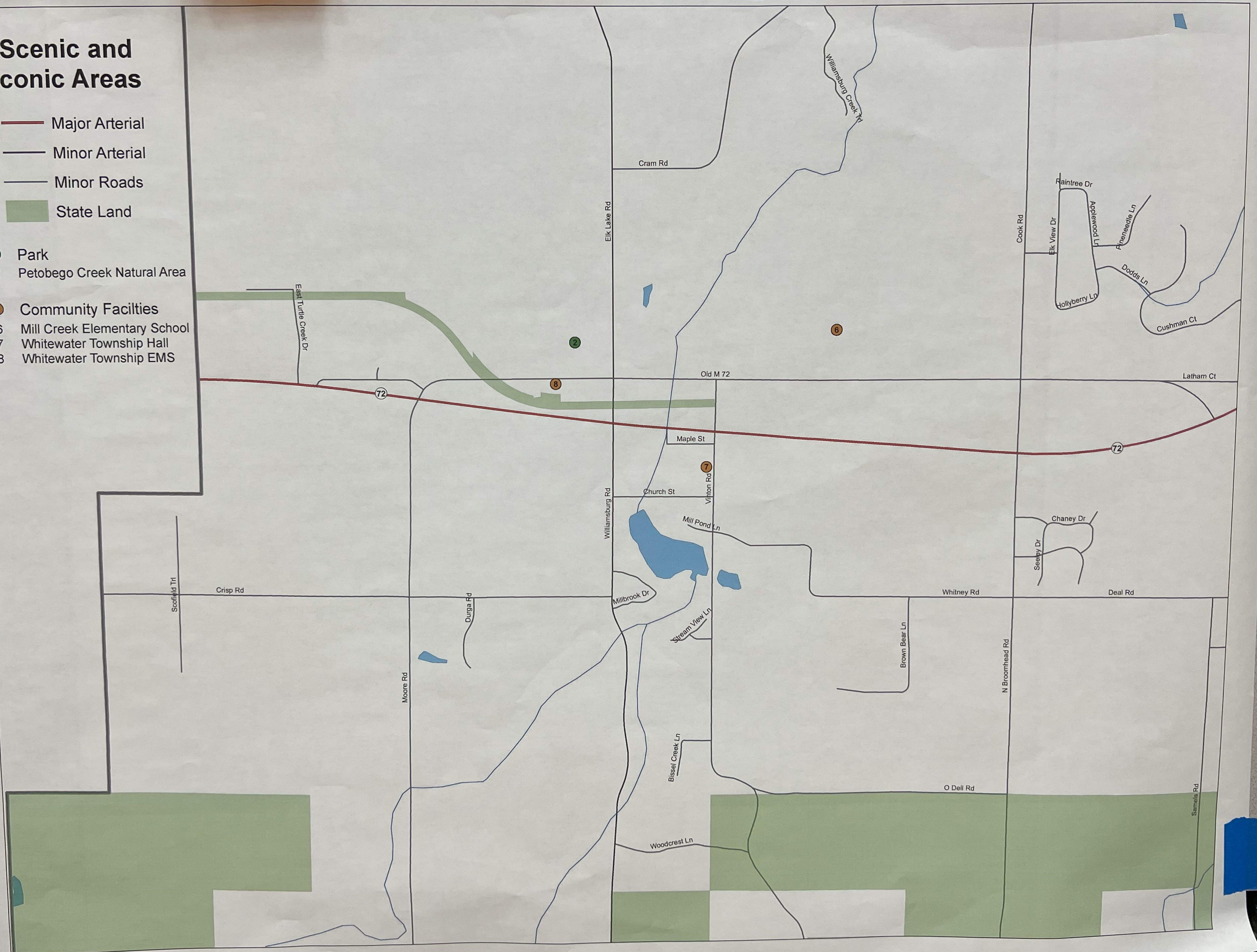


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• Yes!

Yes Keep our lakes clean.

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- Light @ M72 + Williamsburg Rd needs new sensor and/or flashing red (in low traffic times) (current wait times 3-12min)

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Are ^{current} speed limits appropriate in WWT?

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Infrastructure Comments

Would you be in favor of septic field inspection on lakefront property? •••

- Yes. Inspect septic fields. Support state wide regulation.

• Yes!

Yes Keep our lakes clean.

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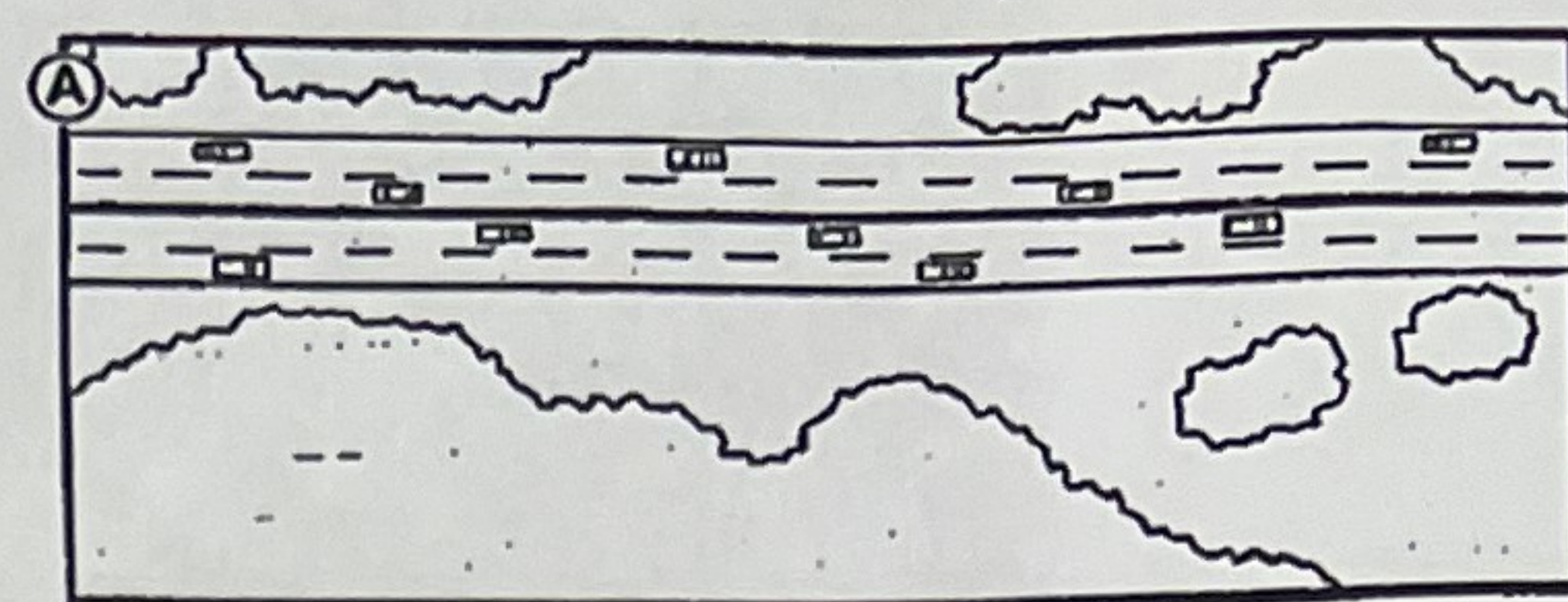
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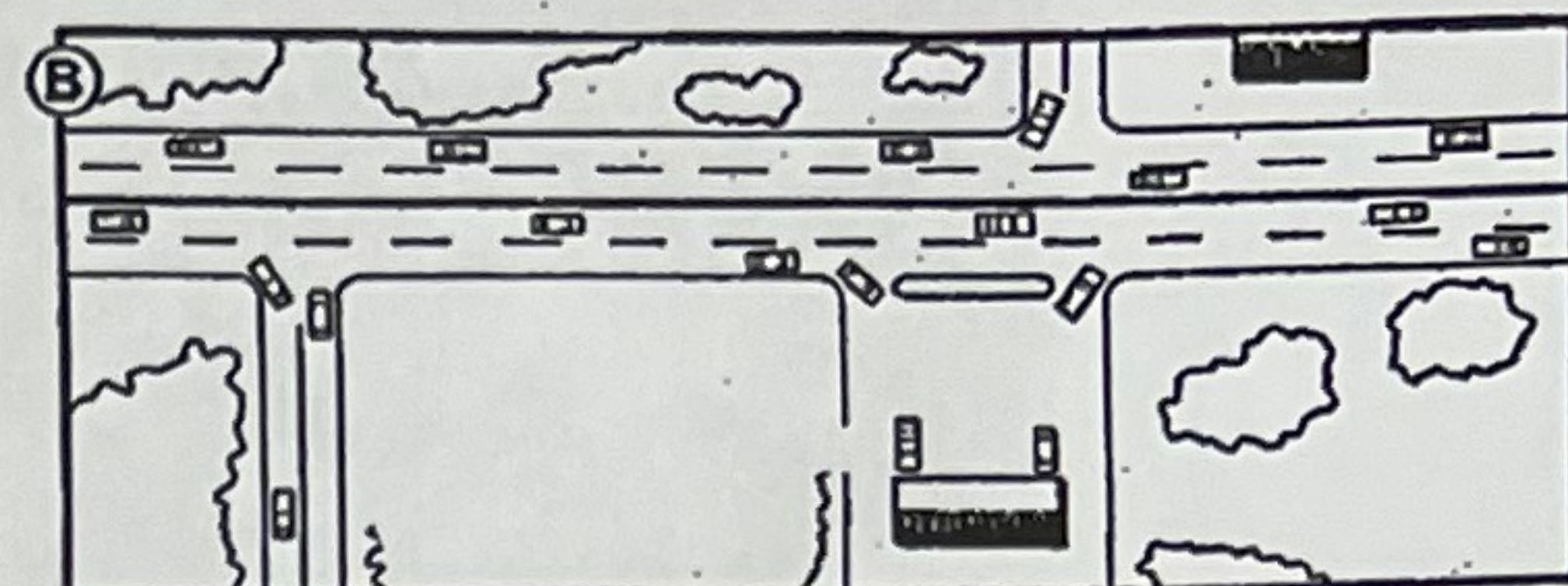
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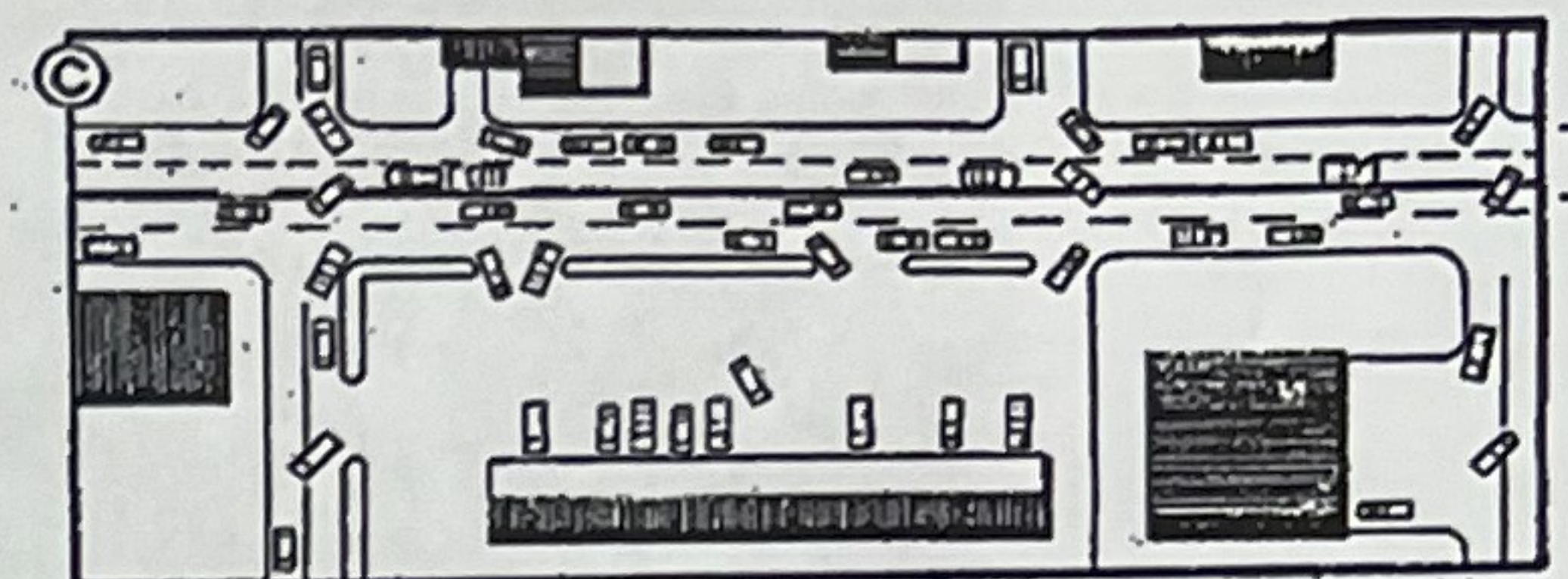
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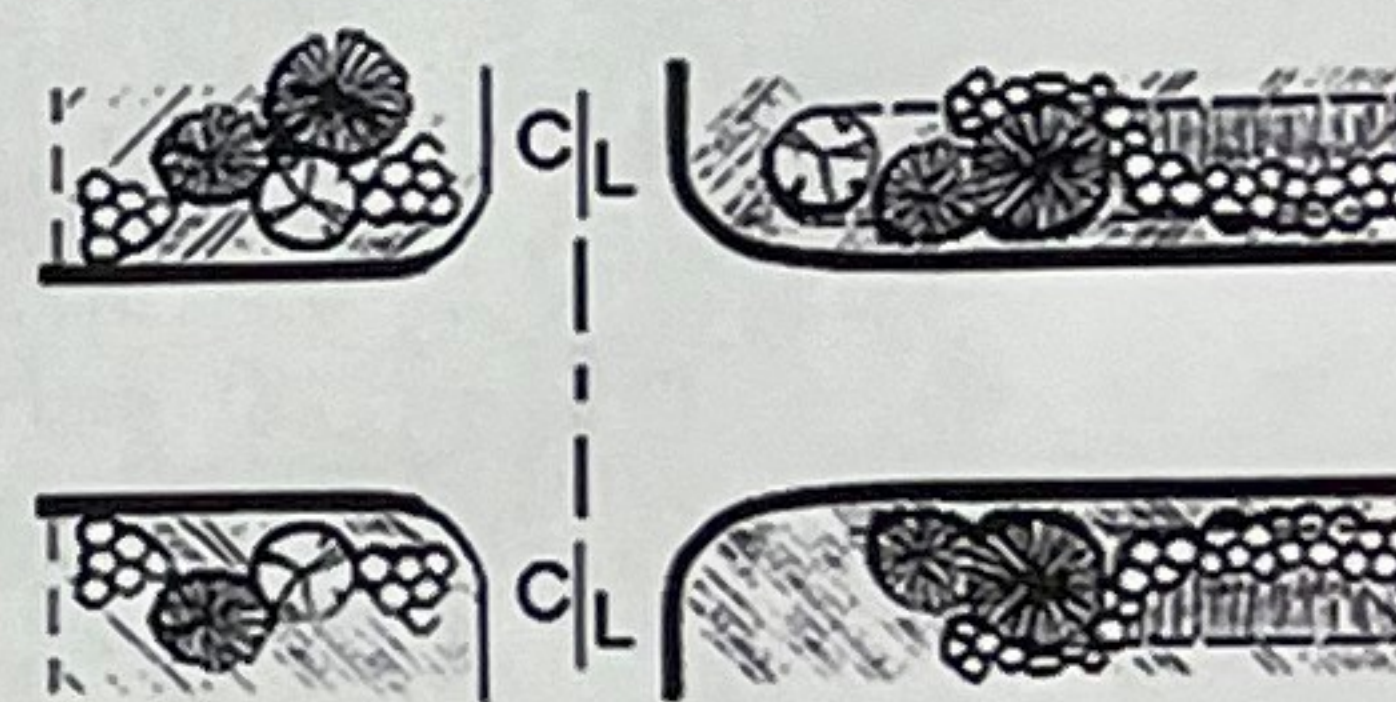
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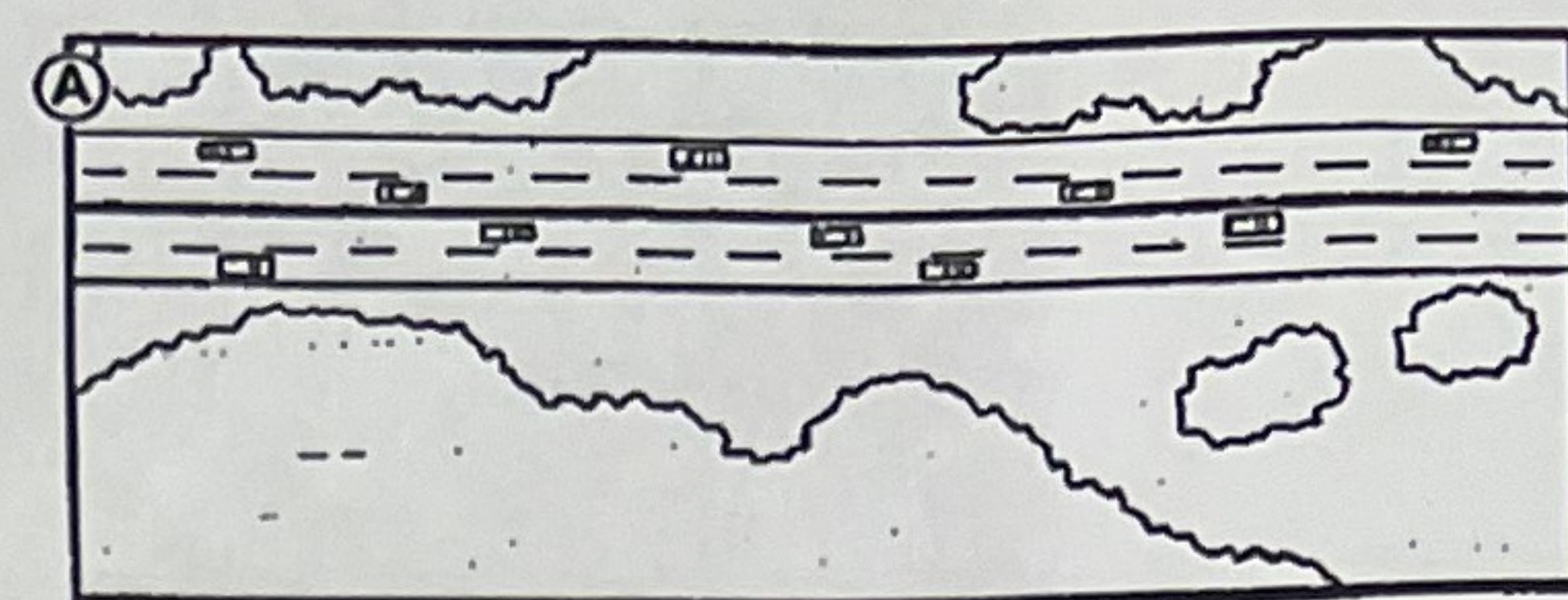
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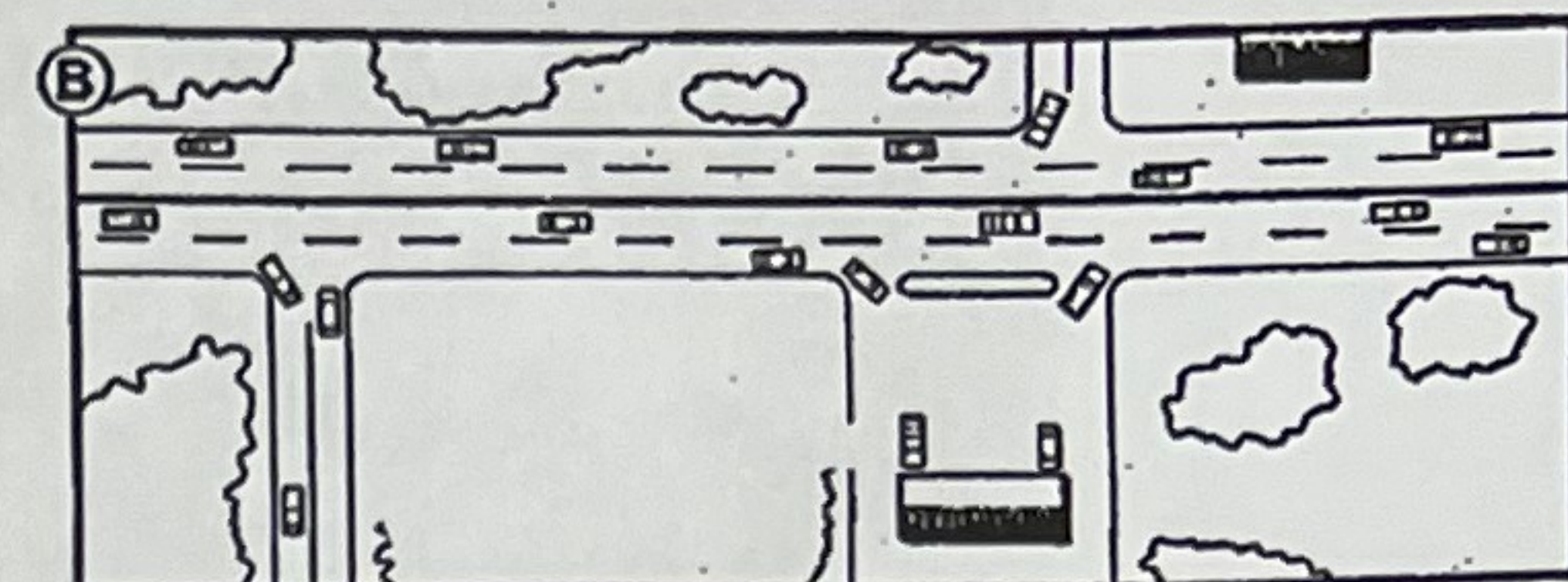
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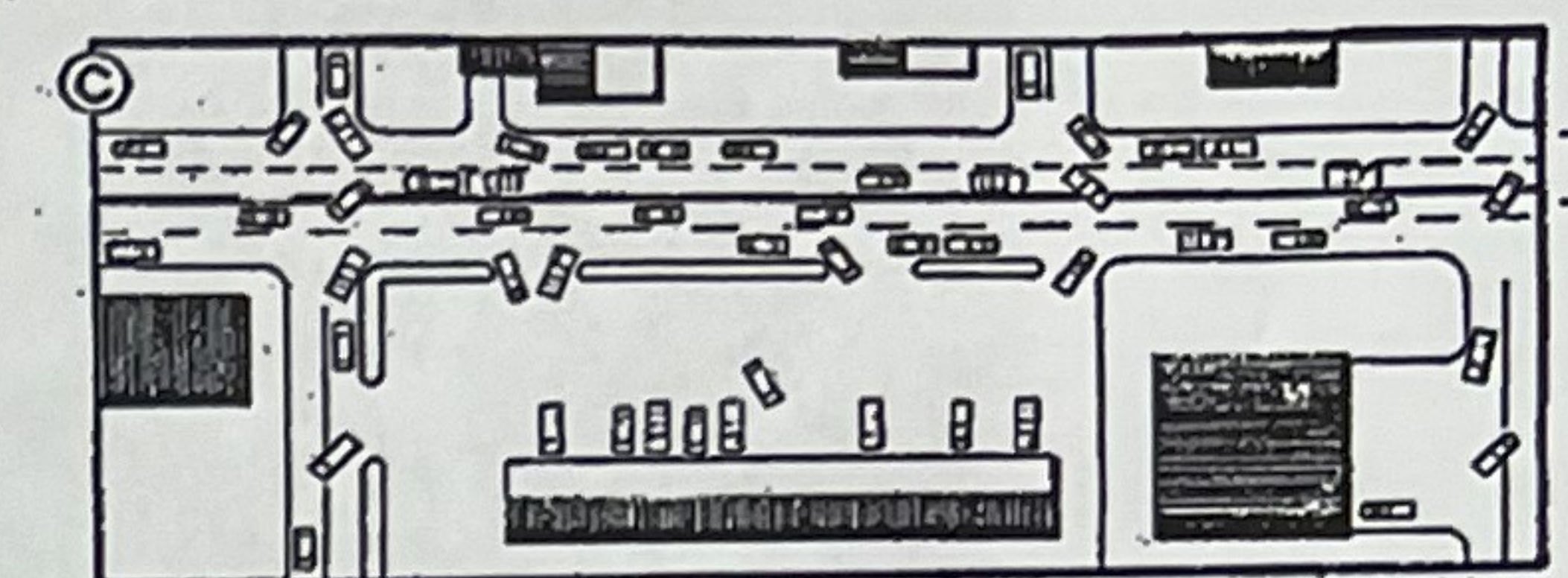
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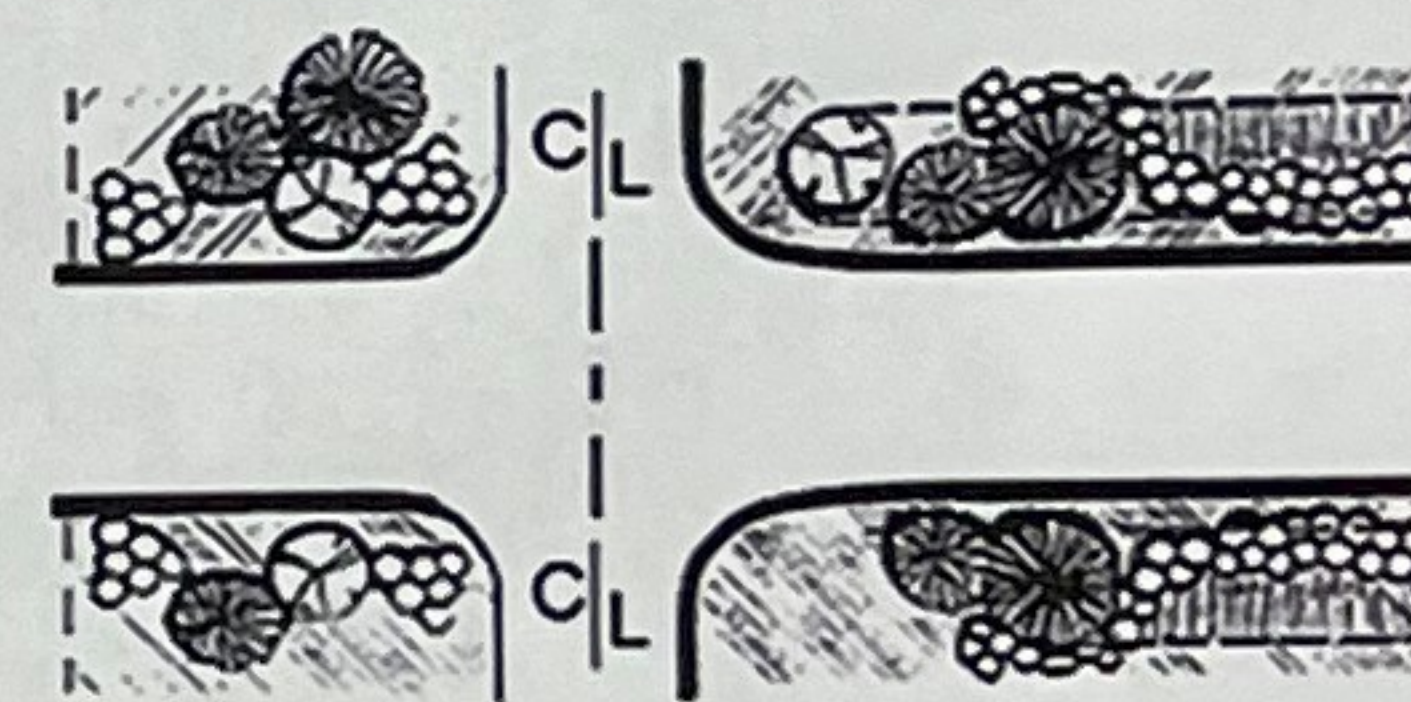
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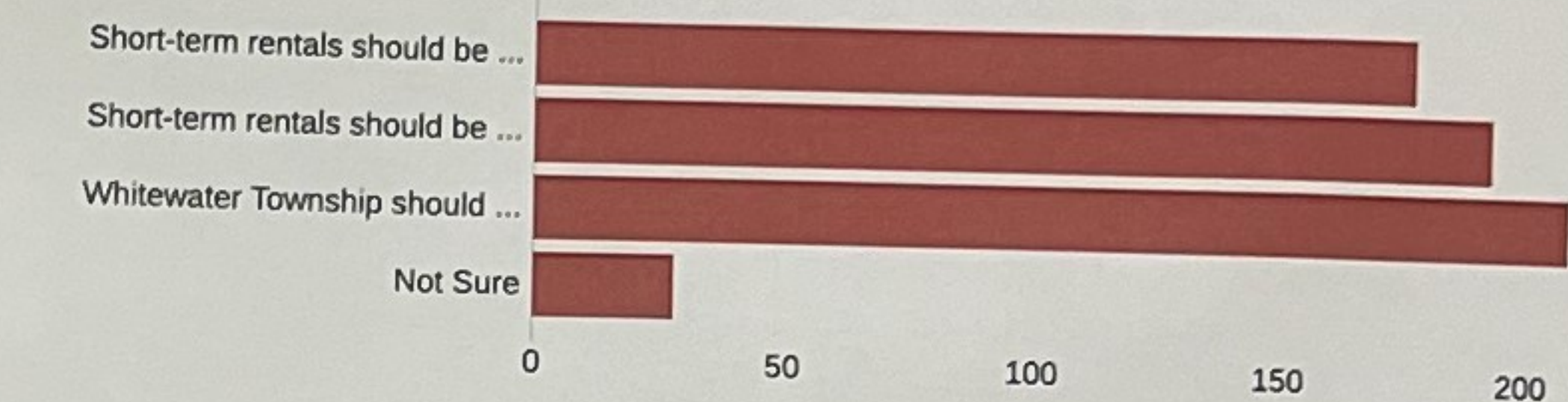
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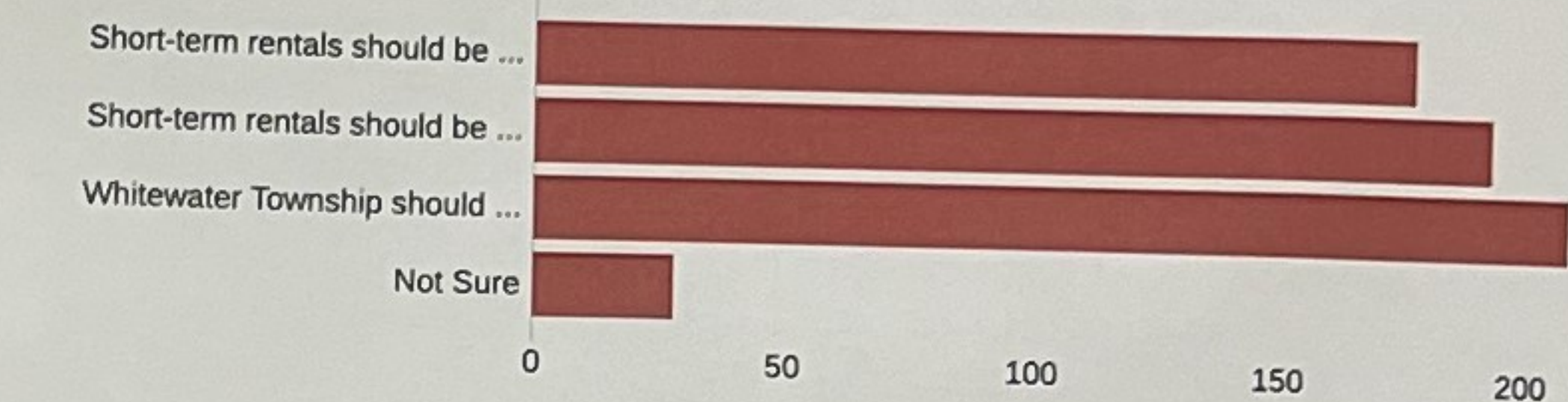
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with updated info

It would be interesting
know what % of WWT
residents are riparian,
i.e. live on Elk Lake & Lake
Skogen

Great
Job!