

RDOS

Electoral Area "G"

Official Community Plan



# Community Open House

June 24, 2021



# Welcome! Thanks for joining.

1. What is an Official Community Plan (OCP)?
2. Why do an OCP?
3. How is an OCP created?
4. What we know about Area “G”.
5. What we’ve heard from you.
6. Are these the right directions?

# Meeting Conduct

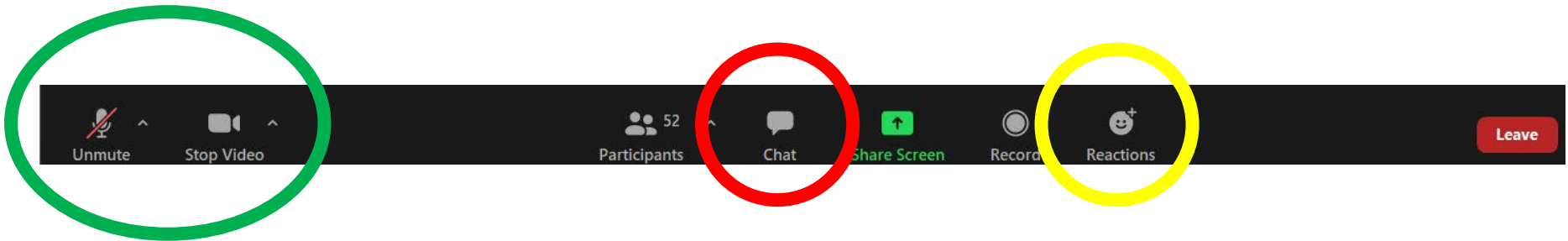
- Please wait until the open discussion time at the end of the presentation to “unmute”
  - We will facilitate the discussion and call upon participants to speak
- Use respectful language in the chat and in verbal comments
  - We will remove anyone who violates this
- Everyone will get a chance to provide input
  - Zoom chat, email, or open discussion
- Listen with an open mind
- Talk about the problem, not the person
- Agree to disagree
- Stay on track and on topic

# How to communicate with us during the open house.

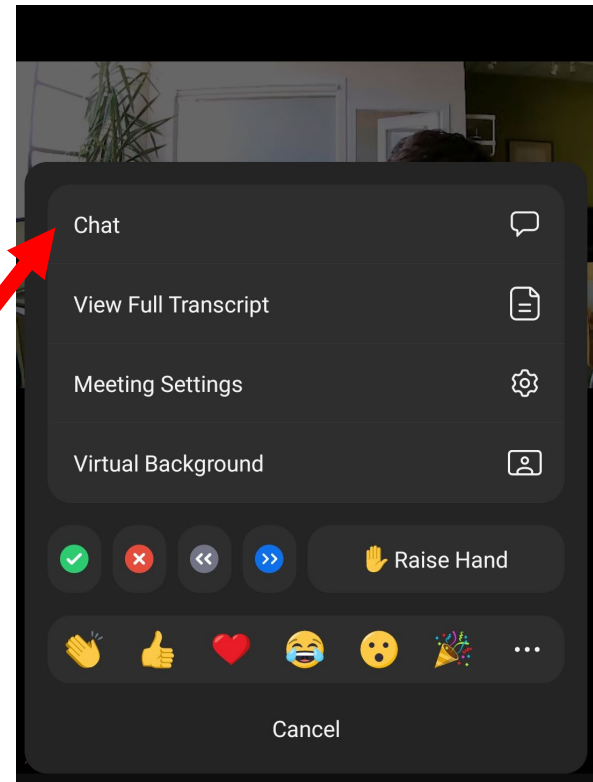
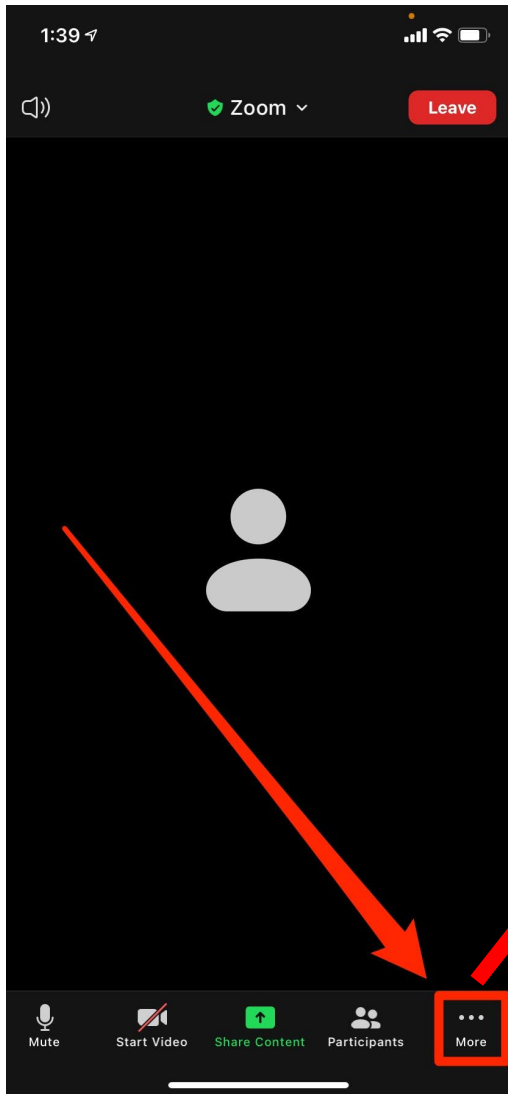
1. Use zoom chat
2. Take notes and email it to us  
([jordan@ecoplan.ca](mailto:jordan@ecoplan.ca))
3. Open Discussion at the end of the slide presentation

# Zoom

1. Mute/unmute ●
2. Chat ●
3. Reactions ●



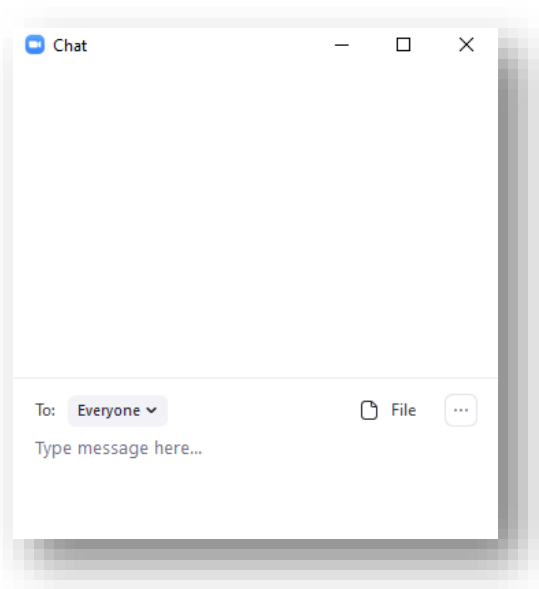
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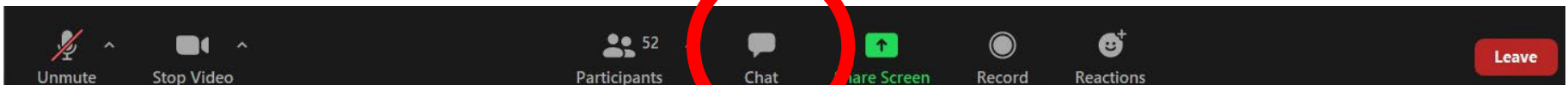
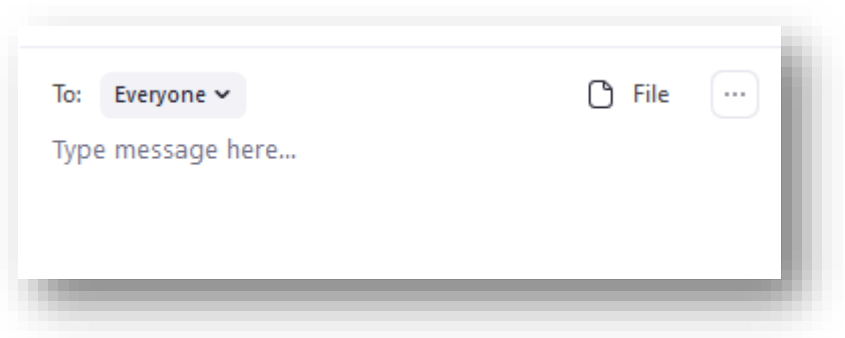
# Zoom Chat Practice:

- What community are you joining us from?

1. Chat pop-up



2. Chat window on the side bar



— *So what's an* —

*OCCP?*

**PLAY VIDEO**



# What's an OCP?

It's a set of policy statements...

water-smart communities

housing choices

manage land responsibly

support local

environmental

agriculture

protection

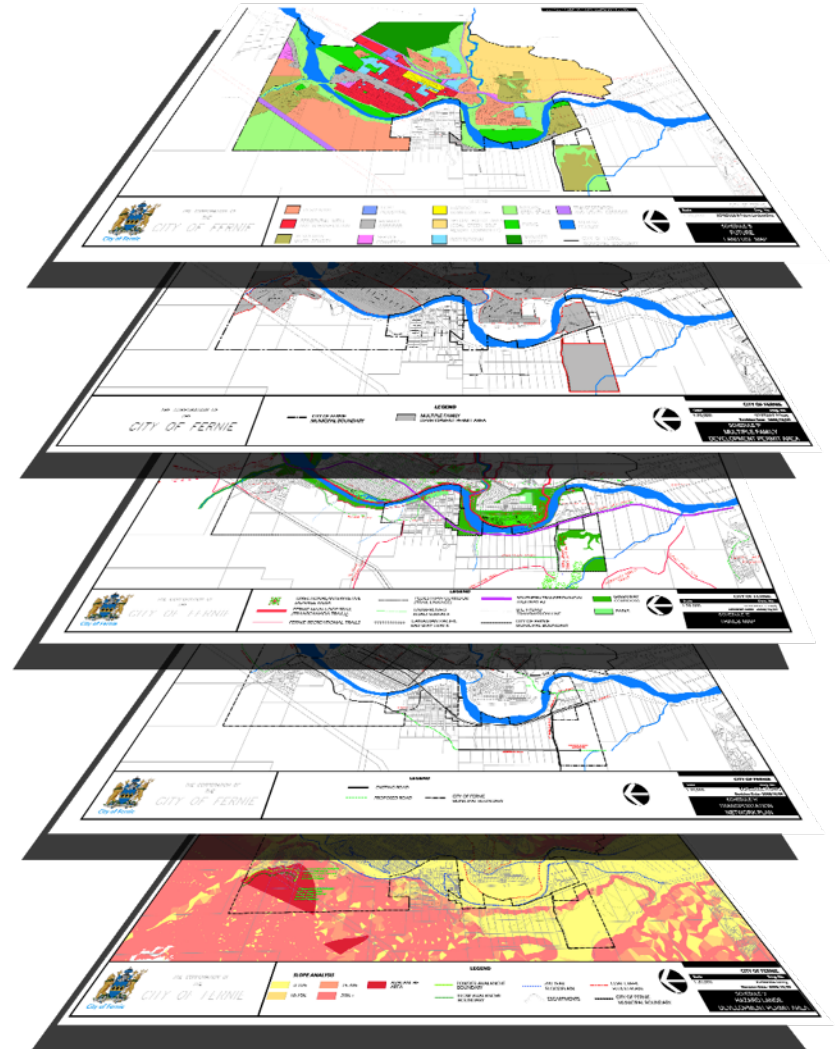
transportation options

economic  
development

food security

# What is an OCP?

...and a series of maps

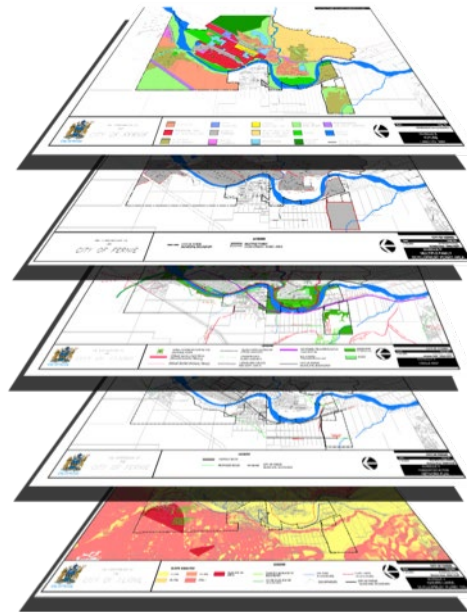


# What is an OCP?

...that provide a consistent and coordinated approach for land use planning and community development

water-smart communities  
housing choices  
manage land responsibly support local agriculture  
environmental protection transportation options  
economic development food security

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= OCP

A scenic landscape of a valley with mountains and a river, overlaid with a blue gradient and the text "Why do an OCP?".

— *Why do an OCP?* —

# Why an OCP?



- It is a bylaw, but its high level and helps guide the RDOS
- Outlines vision to external agencies, neighboring communities & jurisdictions
- Helps align future projects with the community's vision
- Establishes a framework for future regulation (should it be required) or supports minimal regulation if preferred

# How will it affect me directly?

- ✗ Bring about a surge of development
- ✗ Regulate buildings on my private property
- ✗ Increase my taxes

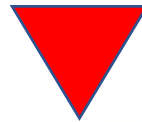
- ✓ Provide direction to the RDOS & other Agencies
- ✓ Have a say in what you want to see for the future
- ✓ Support community values
- ✓ Lead to future initiatives



*How is an OCP  
created?*

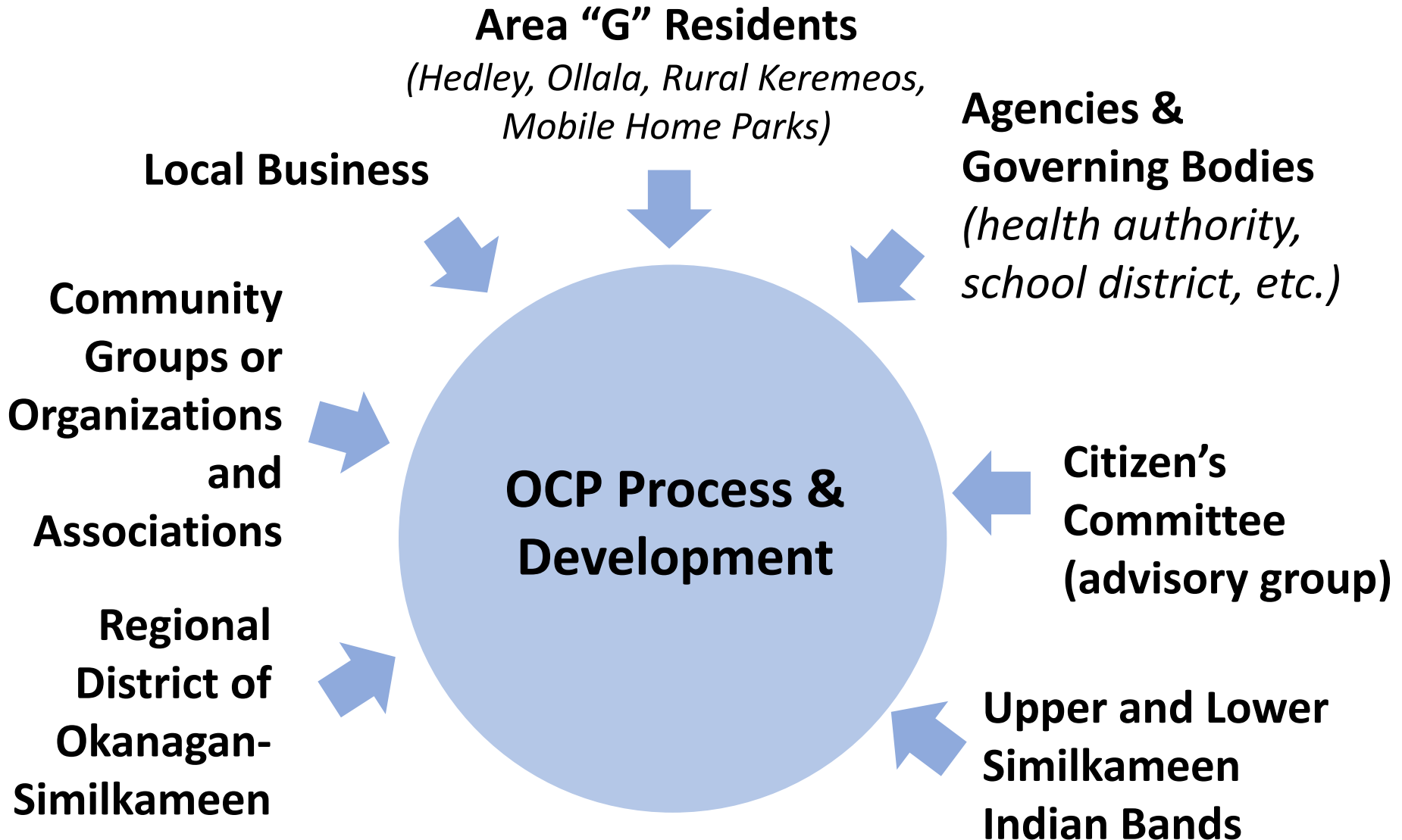
# Project Process

**We are Here**





# Who contributes to an OCP?



- Citizens Committee
- Direct Resident Information Mail-outs (at each phase)
- Surveys (3)



## *Public consultation*

- Open Houses
- Focus Groups
- Online Activities

# How can I get involved?

- ❖ Review information
- ❖ Participate in online activities
- ❖ Complete surveys and polls
- ❖ Attend scheduled events and provide your input
- ❖ Email your comments
- ❖ Speak to your neighbours, share ideas
- ❖ Share your thoughts directly with Citizens Committee members or Director Roberts

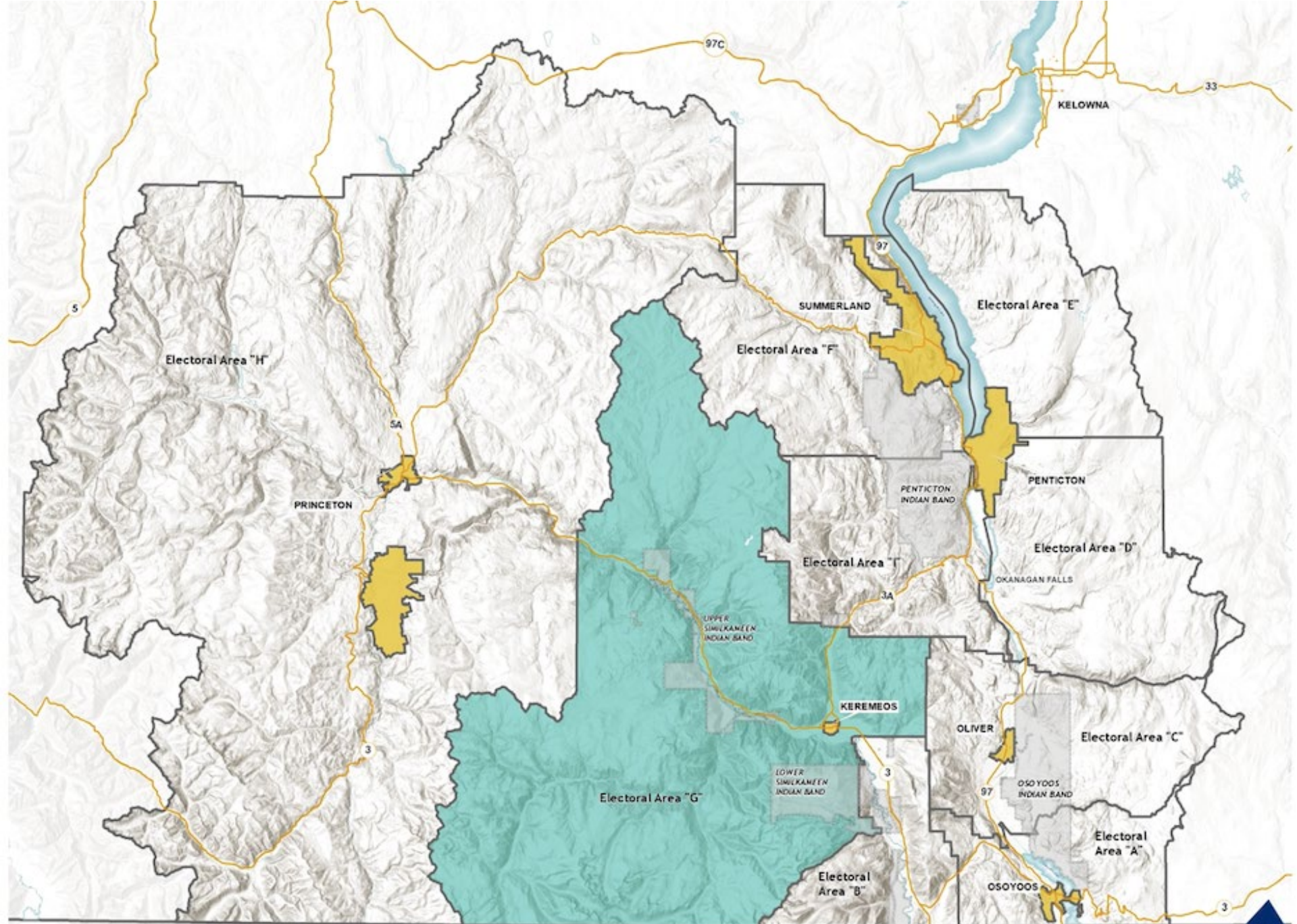


*Area “G”*

*Community Profile*

# Community Profile

- What is it?
  - A snapshot of Area “G” today
  - Organized using proposed OCP chapter areas
  - Identifies current trends and key issues



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NORTH  
1:135,000

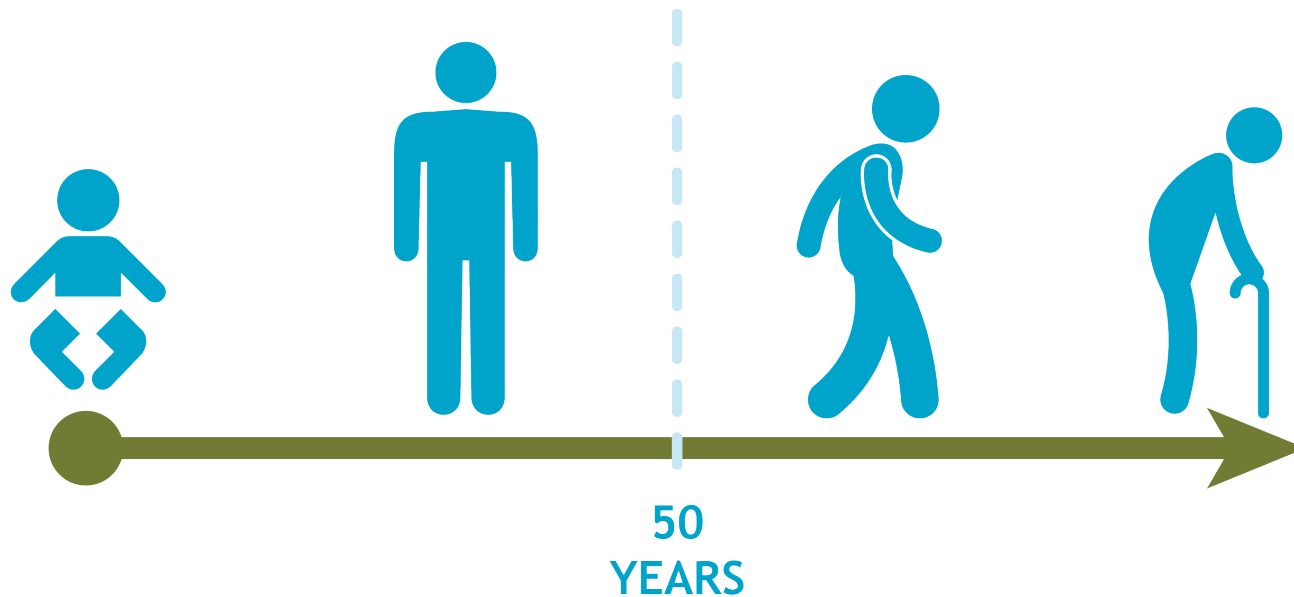
# Population & Demographics

- Population has seen a slight decrease, but considered fairly stable.



# Population and Demographics

Population is getting older on average.





# Water supply and quality remains an ongoing issue



# The natural environment is rare.



The dry grasslands and open pine forests of the South Okanagan are considered one of the four most endangered ecosystems in Canada.

Most need a car to get around.



Climate change will bring more extreme weather events.



Droughts, fire, flooding

Over 75% of the workforce commutes.



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Housing in Area “G” is mostly single family.





*What We Heard  
From You*

# Resident Survey



- Posted from March 29th to April 30<sup>th</sup> (one month)
- Online and Paper Copy
- Advertised:
  - Post card directly to residents
  - RDOS Regional Connections Site
  - Community posters
  - CivicReady notice (2)
  - Newspaper ad (4)
  - Social Media release (5)
  - Citizens Committee
  - Stakeholder calls
- 124 Responses received

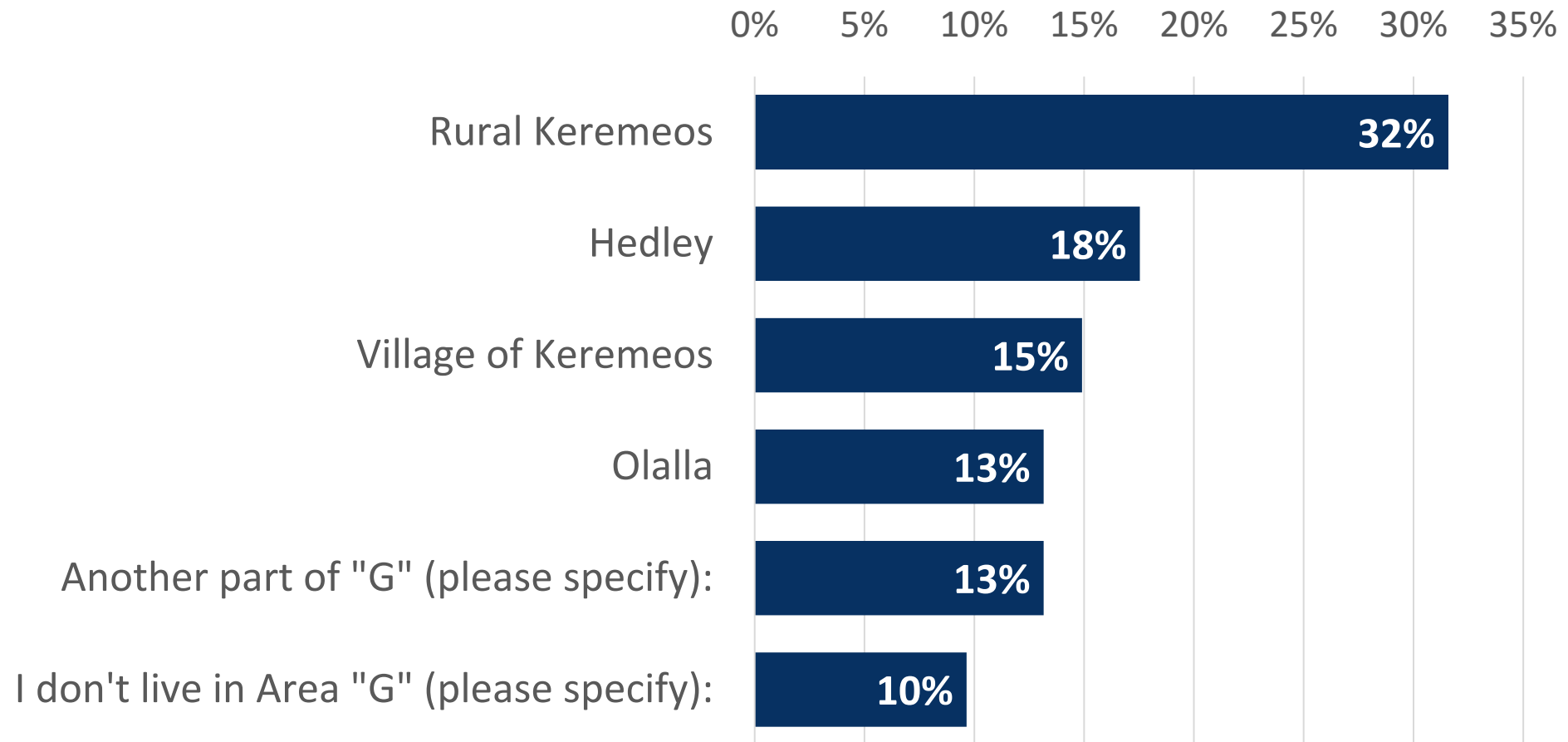


# Survey Objectives

- Understand resident and communities' interests within Area "G"
- Help identify key priorities for the OCP

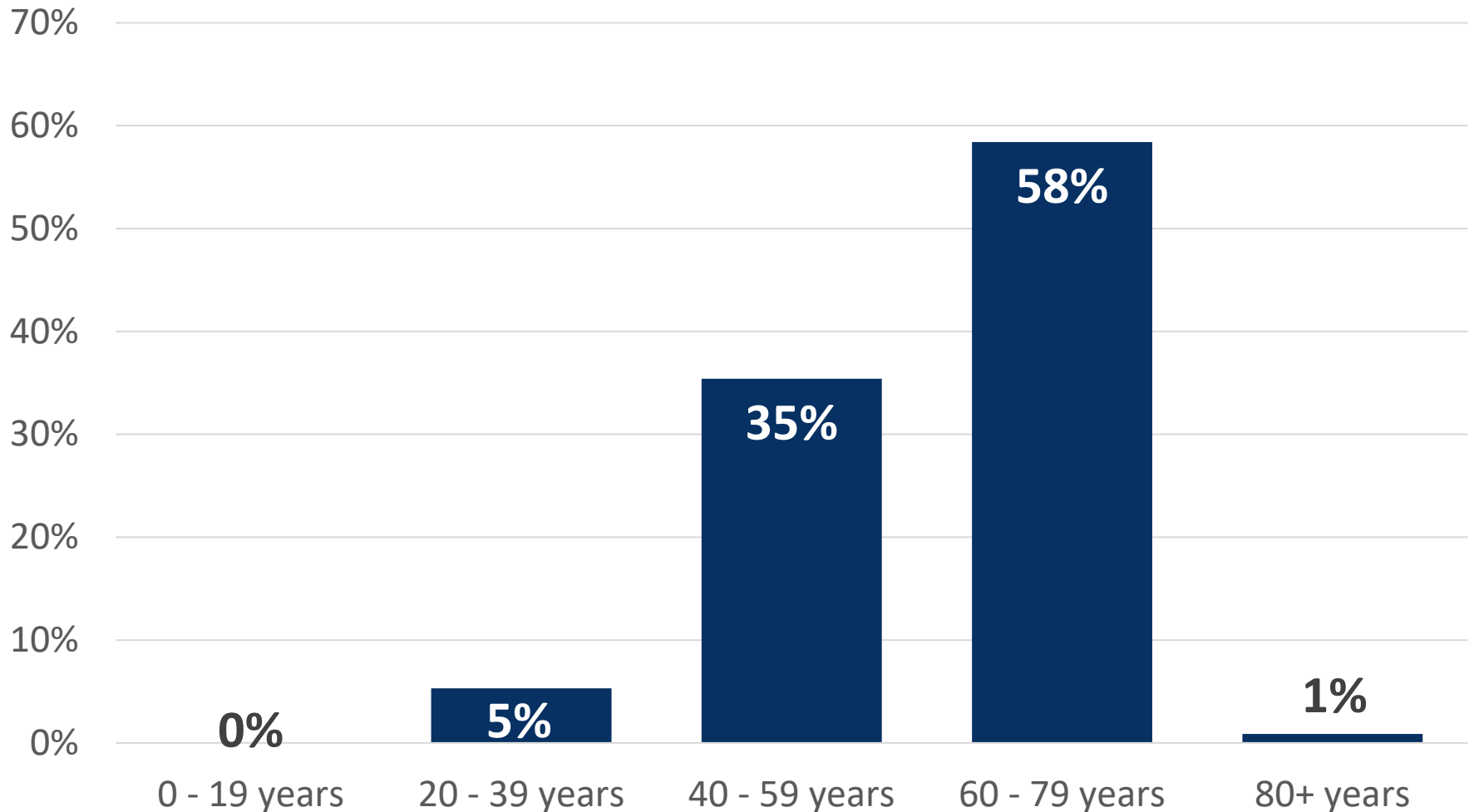


# Respondents – Who took the survey?



*83% of respondents were permanent, full time residents.*

# Respondents – Age Profile



*Reflective of the population, but a gap in 0-19 years.*

# What residents like.



- Rural lifestyle that is quiet, slow paced, relaxed, creative, and minimally regulated
- Close-knit community
- Being close to nature, clean water and air, outdoor recreation, and beautiful landscapes

# What needs attention.



- Unkept properties
- Illegal dumping
- Limited services and infrastructure
- Unreliable telecommunications
- Poor water quality
- Limited arts & culture venues
- Loss of local businesses
- Safety concerns — speeding, buildings in disrepair, crime

# What's changed.



- Less housing availability
- Increased number of people moving here
- More businesses closing
- Increased wildfire and flooding events

# Did we get it right? What else would you like to add or comment on?

Options to respond:

- Zoom Chat
- Email afterwards ([jordan@ecoplan.ca](mailto:jordan@ecoplan.ca))



*OCP*

*Framework*



# Vision for the future.



- Quiet, rural lifestyle
- Beautiful landscape, natural areas and outdoor recreational opportunities
- Safe
- Thriving agriculture
- Local business
- Improved infrastructure
- Slightly wider demographic profile (younger families and individuals)
- Good housing and housing options



Protecting community watersheds for  
water quality and quantity



Image: planh.bc

Maintaining ALR land primarily for farming and food production



Define areas for future growth.



Image: smartmovebc.com

Economic development through tourism,  
small business and outdoor recreation.



Environmental protection.



Ensure affordable housing availability  
and options to age in place.

# Do these match your priorities? / Is there anything missing?

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# Community Differences



## **Hedley:**

- Community and social services, water infrastructure, supports for local business or encouraging more local business.

## **Olalla:**

- Protection of a quiet lifestyle and land.

## **Rural Keremeos:**

- Managing growth and development, protection of rural agriculture, access to natural areas and recreation

# What else matters to your community?

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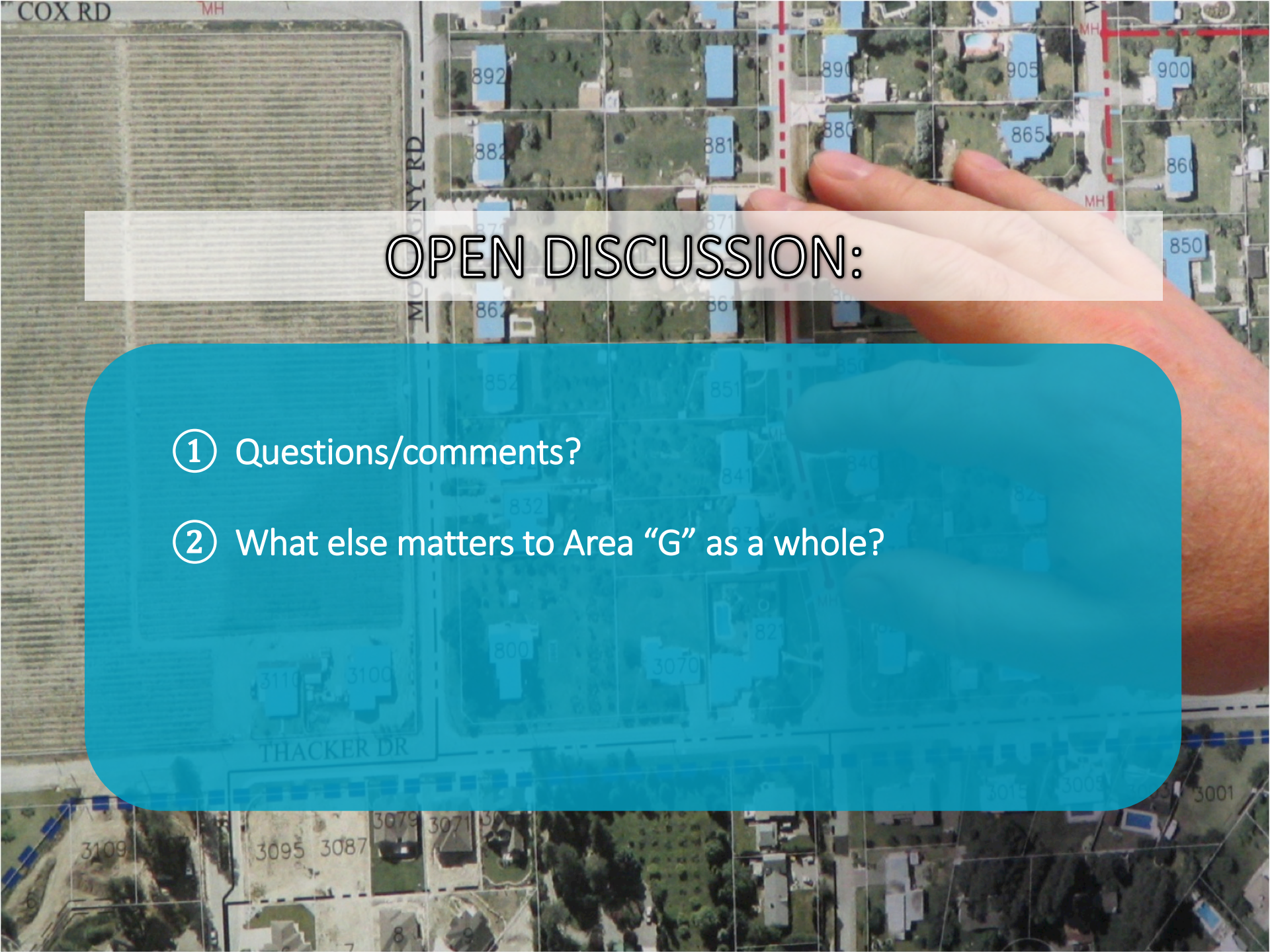
# Next Steps

- Online activities remain open
- Draft OCP framework (summer)
- Fall resident focus groups to review key parts of the OCP
- Resident Survey
- Draft OCP Open House (winter)



*Break*

5 mins



## OPEN DISCUSSION:

- ① Questions/comments?
- ② What else matters to Area “G” as a whole?



Be Part  
of the  
Plan

**THANK-YOU FOR ATTENDING!**

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