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Welcome



Day 1: Opening Night & Visioning

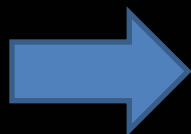
- Opportunities & Constraints
- Visioning Exercise



Day 2: Major Topics (Saturday @ 9 a.m.)

(short presentations and small group discussions)

- Land Use, Transportation & Housing
- Open Space, Agriculture, Cultural & Historic Resources
- Public Services, Infrastructure & Economic Development



Day 3: Workshop Results, Alternative Growth Scenarios & Key Areas

- Presentation of what we've learned from the workshops
- Discussion of alternative future growth scenarios, future land use map
- Key areas design activity: looking at the Village Center and Route 10



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Day 1

➤ What is a Master Plan? Blueprint for the future

- Describes a long-term vision and how to achieve it
- Guides zoning changes, capital improvements budgeting, decision-making

➤ What are the Visioning Workshops?

- Opportunity for community to discuss future of Southampton
- Input used to develop Master Plan
- Small group discussion format with short presentations
- Challenging and respectful discussion of the town's future



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Day 1 Visioning Results

In 2030, Southampton is a community that...

- ...retains the personality of a small New England town through smarter zoning and planning, preservation of open space, and lower population growth. The town provides expanded services to the entire community, including passive recreation, meeting spaces, and programs for all ages.
- ...uses its passion for land stewardship to foster a close-knit and vibrant community, while hewing to its New England character and a commitment to sustainability.
- ...is a community that will retain a rural character while promoting small, local businesses, and will have a vibrant village center, welcoming people of all ages. Southampton will have a well planned pedestrian and trail system and will remain fiscally responsible using smart growth principles to achieve a strong community spirit.



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Day 1 Opportunities & Constraints Results

Likes

- Strong Community Spirit
 - “good place to raise children”
- “Sense of Place”
 - Rural, quiet
 - Abundant natural lands, agriculture
 - Historic elements, village center
 - Recreation opportunities
- Regional perspective
 - Proximity to amenities, transportation routes



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Day 1 Opportunities & Constraints Results

Dislikes / Concerns

- “Sprawling” Land Use Patterns
 - Unchecked residential growth → housing affordability
 - Loss of farms, land management
 - “Strip” commercial growth on Route 10
 - Car-centric development
- Taxes and Services
 - Need for pedestrian amenities
 - Passive & active recreation opportunities
 - Traffic on Route 10
 - Gathering spaces
- Municipal Decisions
 - Lack of transparency
 - Lack of citizen participation



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Day 1 Opportunities & Constraints Results

Opportunities

- Planned & Balanced Growth
 - Protect natural & agricultural lands, historic
 - Encourage affordable, diverse housing
 - Vibrant, thriving village center
 - Design guidelines

- Expanded Services
 - Public safety, sewer, library
 - Greenway (Rail Trail), Riverwalk
 - Passive and active recreation

- Community Engagement
 - Master Plan
 - Transparency of government actions



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Day 2: Major Topics

- Land Use, Transportation & Housing
- Open Space, Agriculture, Cultural & Historic Resources
- Public Services, Infrastructure & Economic Development



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Land Use, Transportation & Housing

Key Considerations

- A variety of household types, income levels, and abilities live in Southampton.
- Zoning influences land use and housing development patterns.
- Most houses sit on lots greater than ½ acre.
- Limited housing options outside single-family homes available.
- Existing corridor for future bike path
- Similar commuting patterns.



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Land Use, Transportation & Housing Results

– **Balanced Growth**

- Protect natural lands and agriculture
- Concentrated commercial growth
- Challenges: “built out” village center; cost of CRs

– **Increase transportation options**

- Think multi-modal
- Expand sidewalk network, walking paths
- Bike trails and lanes
- Park and Ride lots
- Safe roads, maintain scenic quality

– **Diverse housing stock**

- Concerns with affordability, lot sizes, pace of growth
- Allow Open Space Residential Developments
- Mix of housing types, styles, and density



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Open Space, Agriculture, Cultural & Historic Resources

Key Considerations

- Public access at Tighe Carmody Reservoir
- Need for more / maintenance of existing recreation resources
- Protection of water resources – (inter-municipal)
- Prioritization of unprotected agricultural lands
- Cultural landscape – how Southampton defines itself
- Protection of historic resources



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Open Space, Agriculture, Cultural & Historic Resources Results

- **Southampton LIKES Open (Green) Space**
 - Long term fiscal effects of residential growth vs. preservation
 - How public sewer effect green spaces

- **Protect & Maintain Recreational Resources**
 - Protect Conant Memorial Park
 - Access to Tighe-Carmodie Reservoir

- **Protect Water Resources**
 - Landscaping / land management practices (e.g. fertilizer)

- **Enhance cultural & historic resources**
 - Demolition delay
 - Venues for cultural activities

- **Promote & Protect Agriculture**
 - Priority protection list, prime soils
 - Encourage farmers markets, farm stands, agricultural tourism



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Public Services, Infrastructure & Economic Development

Key Considerations

- Development long roads within Barnes Aquifer
- Priorities for existing infrastructure investment
- Public Sewer – is there a need? If so, where?
- Balance between increase town services and (residential) tax base
- What are best areas for targeted economic development?



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Public Services, Infrastructure & Economic Development Results

– Increased Services

- Town Hall hours; Library expansion, technology, hours
- Strengthen police, fire, EMT
- Increased Financial support

– Infrastructure Investments

- FiOS, Broadband
- Pros and Cons of sewer development

– Economic Development Opportunities

- Commercial Route 10 North -- Lt. Industrial Route 10 South
- Encourage home based business, cottage industries

– Destination Community

- Agricultural tourism
- Vibrant Village Center



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Questions, Comments, Queries & Concerns

Next: Alternative Scenarios & Future Land Use Map Activity

- Merits and drawbacks of different growth scenarios
- Where to concentrate development and where to focus on preservation

Use maps and trace paper provided at your table!! Don't be shy of writing on the maps!

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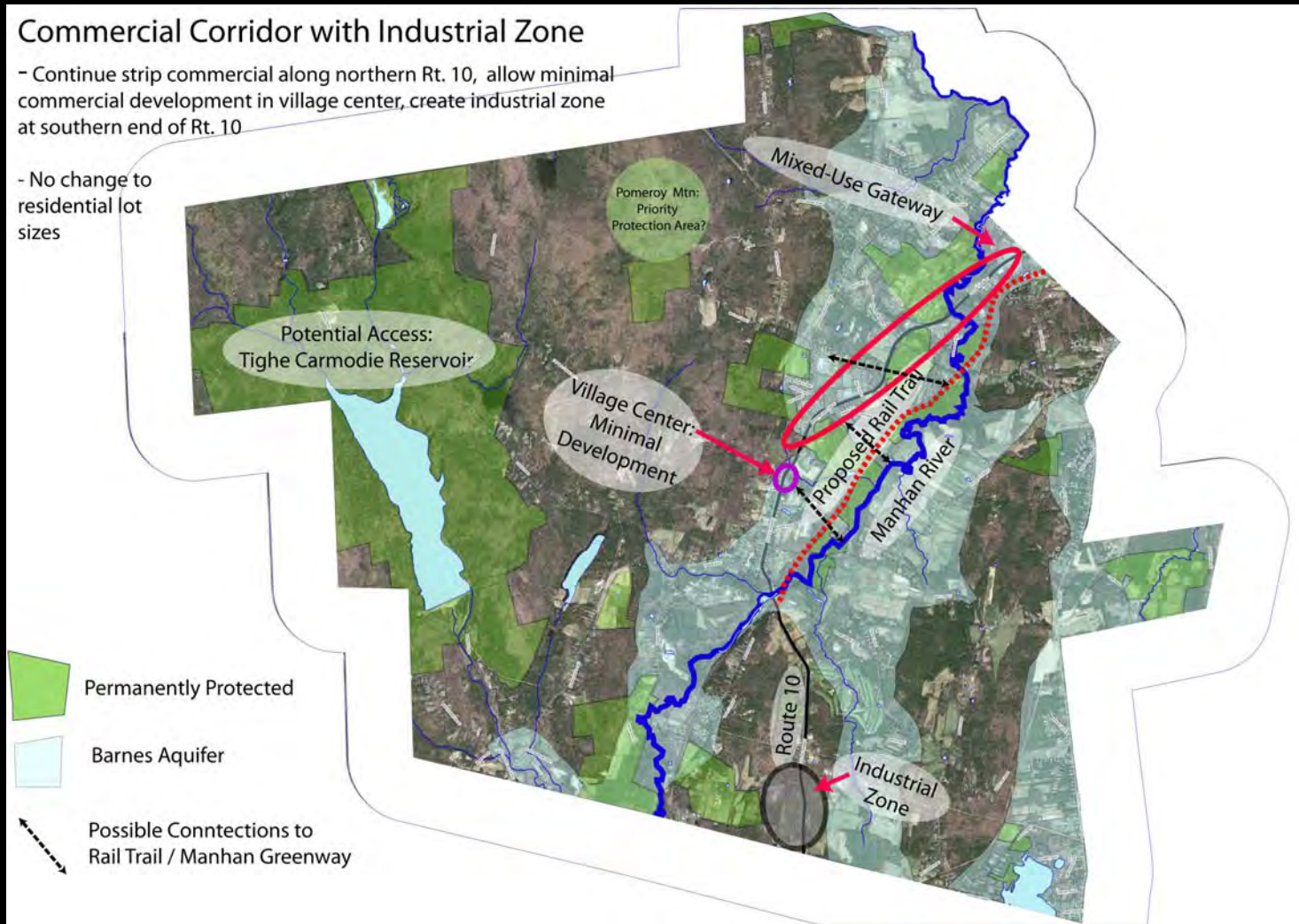
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Alternative Growth Scenarios

Commercial Corridor with Industrial Zone

- Continue strip commercial along northern Rt. 10, allow minimal commercial development in village center, create industrial zone at southern end of Rt. 10

- No change to residential lot sizes



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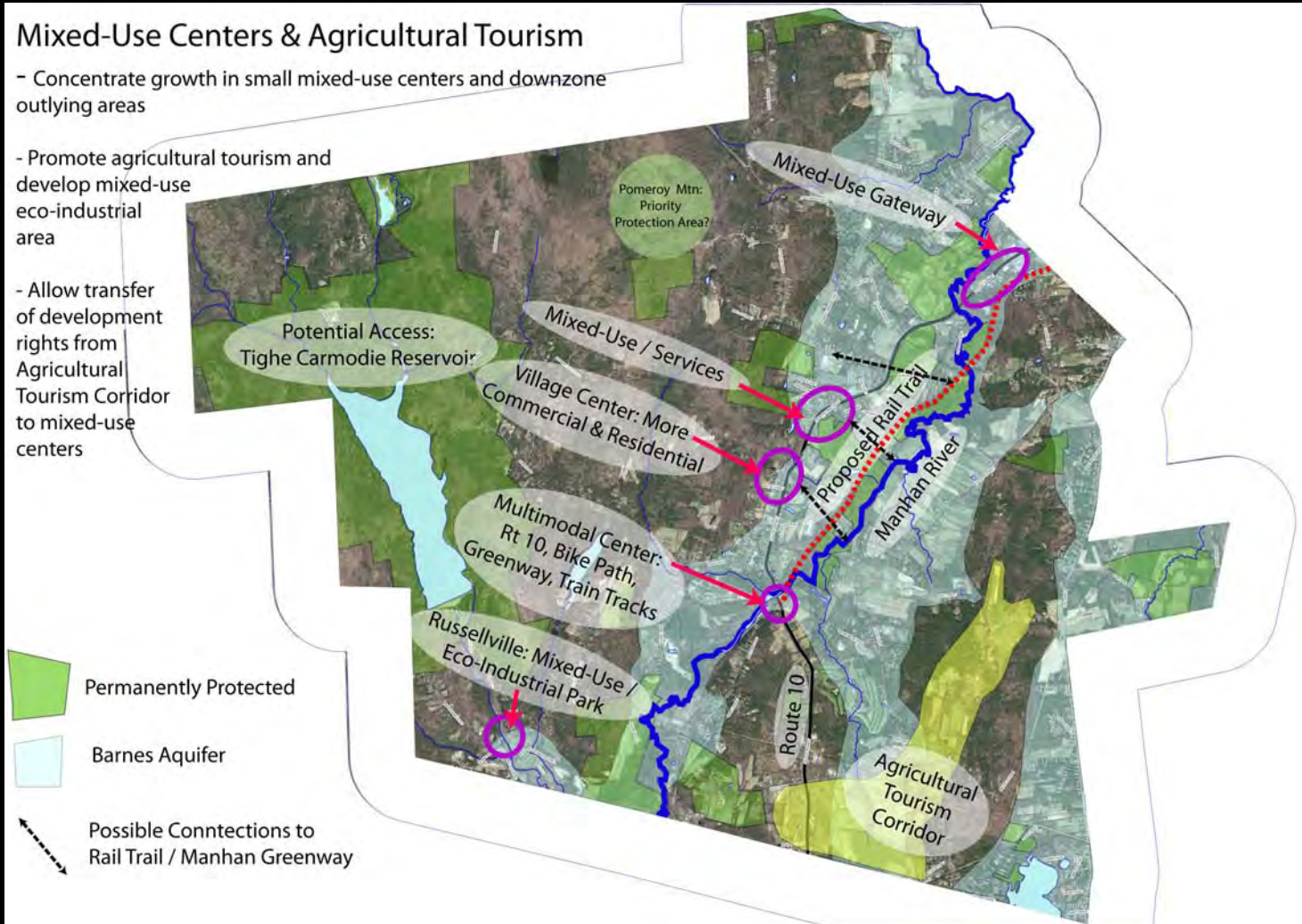
Alternative Growth Scenarios

Mixed-Use Centers & Agricultural Tourism

- Concentrate growth in small mixed-use centers and downzone outlying areas

- Promote agricultural tourism and develop mixed-use eco-industrial area

- Allow transfer of development rights from Agricultural Tourism Corridor to mixed-use centers



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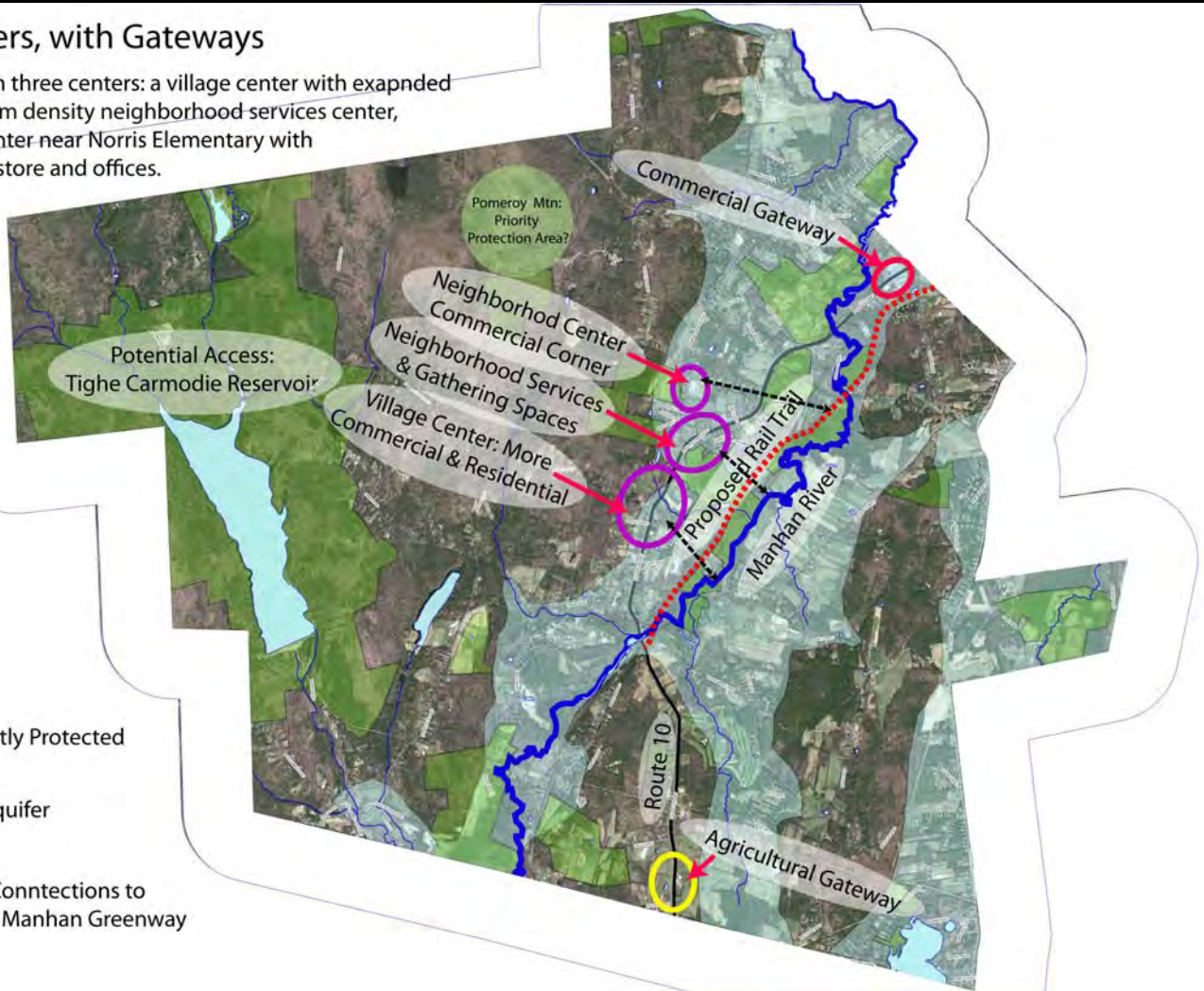
Alternative Growth Scenarios

Three Centers, with Gateways

- Focus growth in three centers: a village center with expanded services, a medium density neighborhood services center, and a satellite center near Norris Elementary with a neighborhood store and offices.

- Downzone or allow transfer of development rights from outlying areas

- Develop visual gateways at Rt.10 entries





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Ground Rules for Discussion Activities

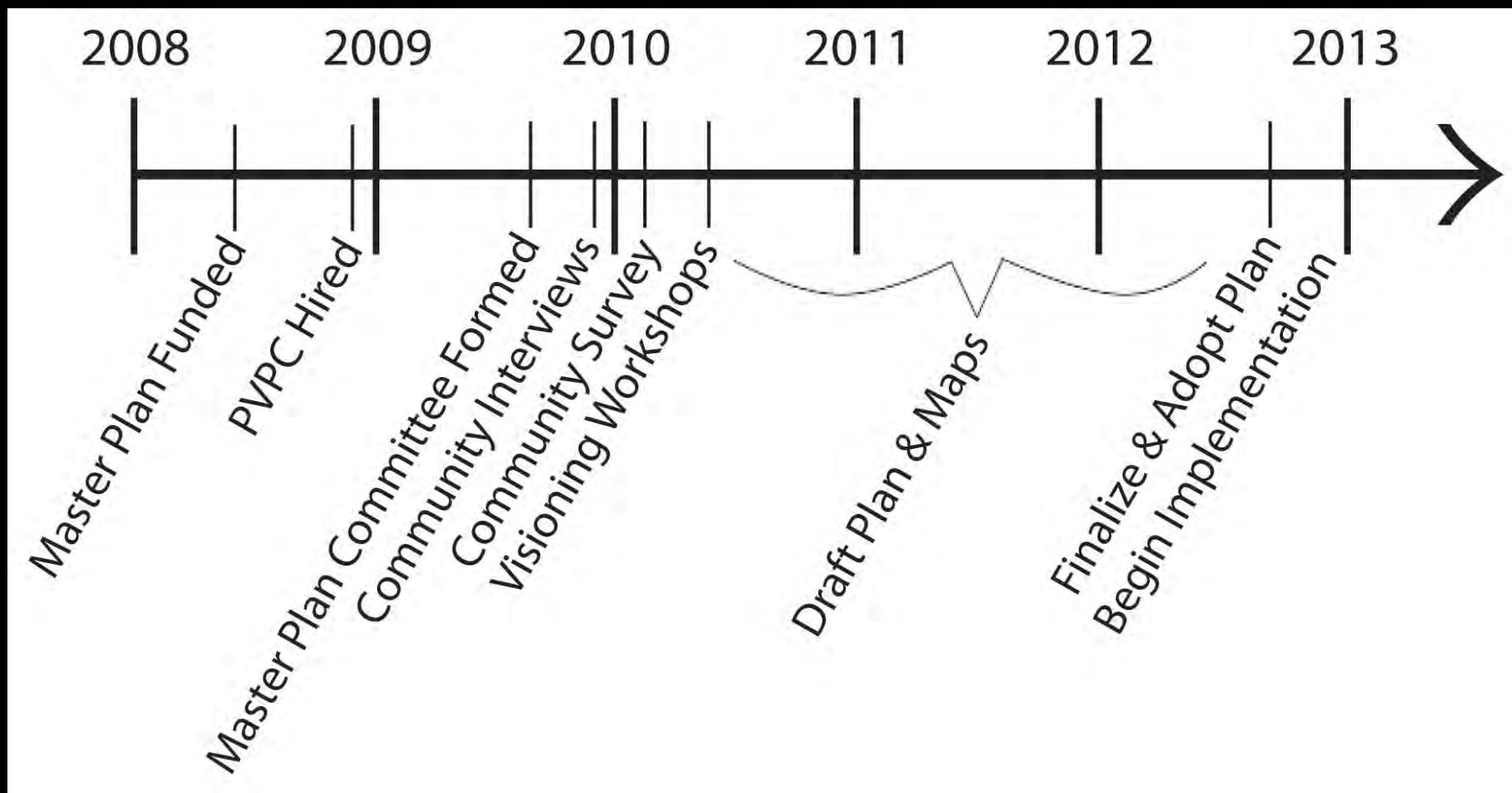
Guiding Principle: Mutual Respect of All Participants

- Listen carefully to others. Do not interrupt or dominate the discussion. Everyone's opinions and feelings are important.
- Respect other points of view, even if you don't agree.
- Speak openly and honestly from personal experience.
- Do not criticize other people or rehash past conflicts.
- Don't argue over facts. Agree to disagree until an answer is found.
- When disagreement occurs, acknowledge that conflicts exist and try to understand the other point of view.
- Focus on areas of agreement and try to expand them.
- Keep an open mind.

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What's Next?





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Final Comments

➤ How to Stay Involved

- Leave us your email address to receive Master Plan Updates
- Document drafts will be posted on website
- MPC meetings are open to public
- Email input to committee and PVPC
 - Jessica Allen, PVPC: jallan@pvpc.org
 - Diana Schindler, Town Administrator:
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- Later: Attend Public Hearings & Town Meeting