



RICHLAND COUNTY

SIDNEY - FAIRVIEW

GROWTH POLICY

Steering Committee #2

June 19, 2025



□What is a growth policy?

□Why should you care?

□What's the timeline?

□Walking Tour

□Map Fun Time

Agenda

WHAT IS A **GROWTH POLICY?**



Required under MCA 76-1-601 in order to:

GUIDE decision making processes related to:
subdivision review, land use, public services
&

ALIGN the community goals with legal and procedural
frameworks



Outlines the county's VISION for

Development
land use
& infrastructure

ensuring SUSTAINABLE AND STRATEGIC
GROWTH.



In other words...

- A long-term plan for the future
- Guides how we grow and develop, based on local values and priorities
- Reviews housing, community, infrastructure and economic needs and makes recommendations
- Provides Implementation Plan
- Creates playbook for decision making

An aerial photograph of a fairground or festival grounds, showing numerous parked cars, tents, and people. A semi-transparent grey box with rounded corners is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing blue text.

It's one roadmap for the county and our communities, built with your input.

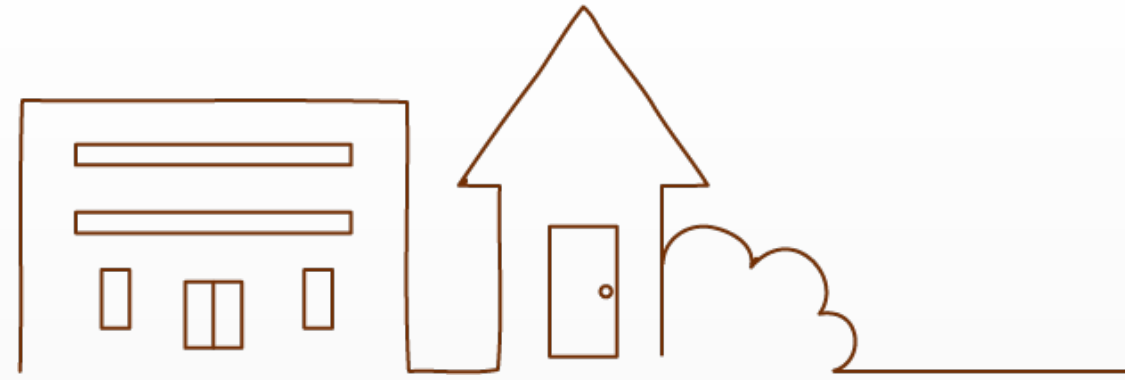
Why Now?

Because
Life Has
Changed

- Post-boom business era
- Shifts in local ag economy
- Demographic changes
- Funding for projects starts with a plan
- Required every 5 years

BONUS FUN:

Zoning Feasibility Study



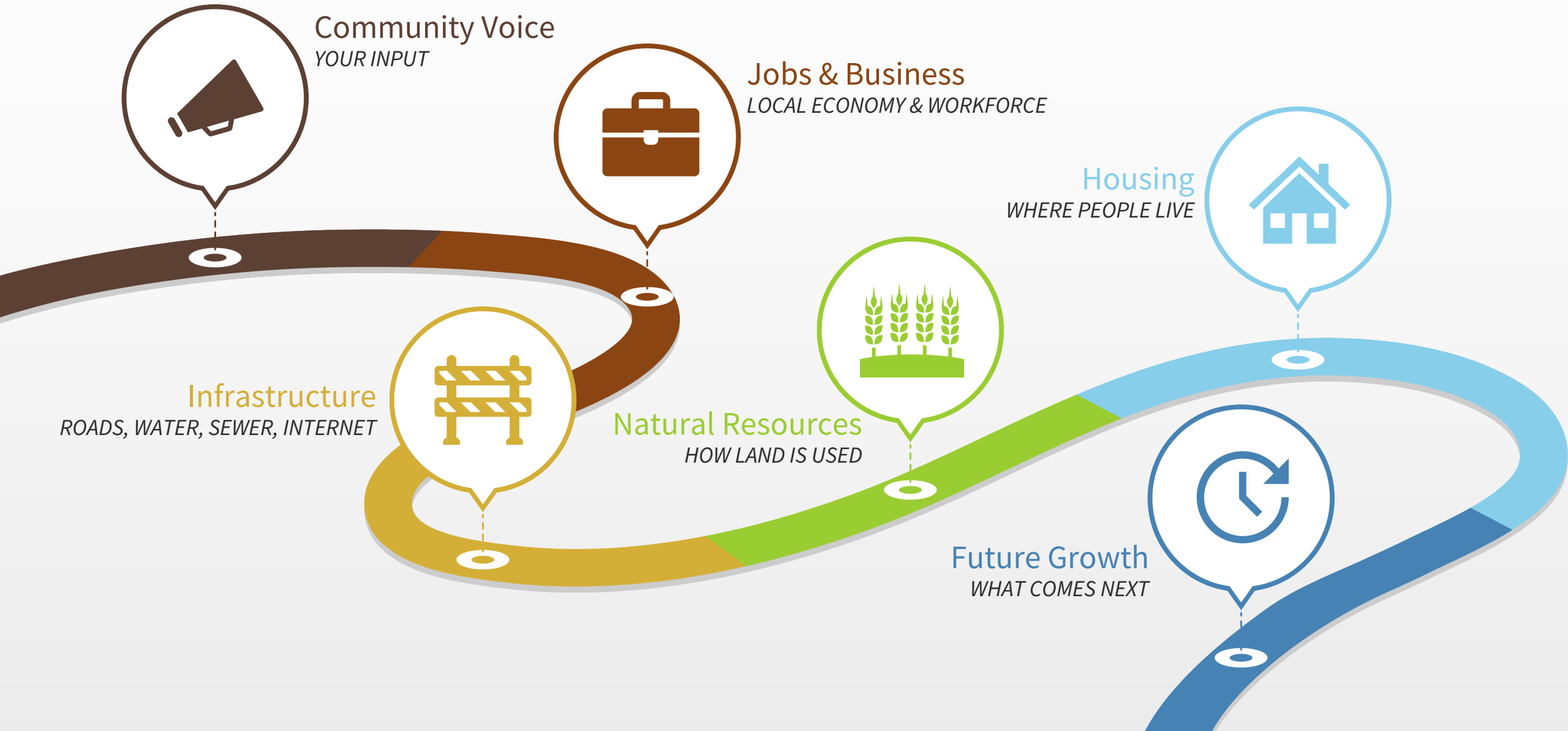
Plan of Attack

- Survey questions during greater Growth Policy survey
- Discussions at community meetings
- Review of land use maps & existing uses
- Review of potential conflict points for industrial uses
- Mapping of those conflict points

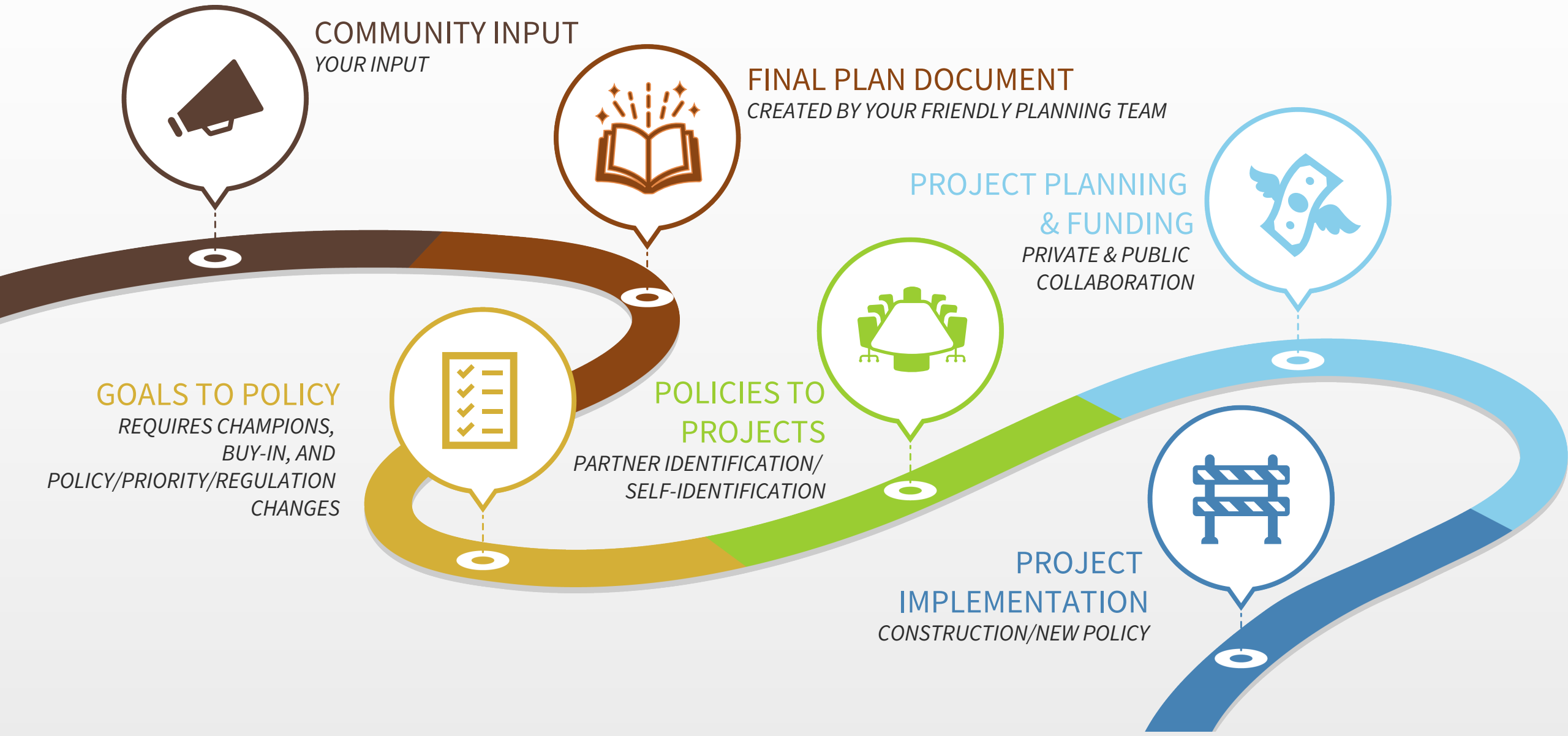
Format

Will be an addendum to the growth policy document

THE PLANNING ROADMAP



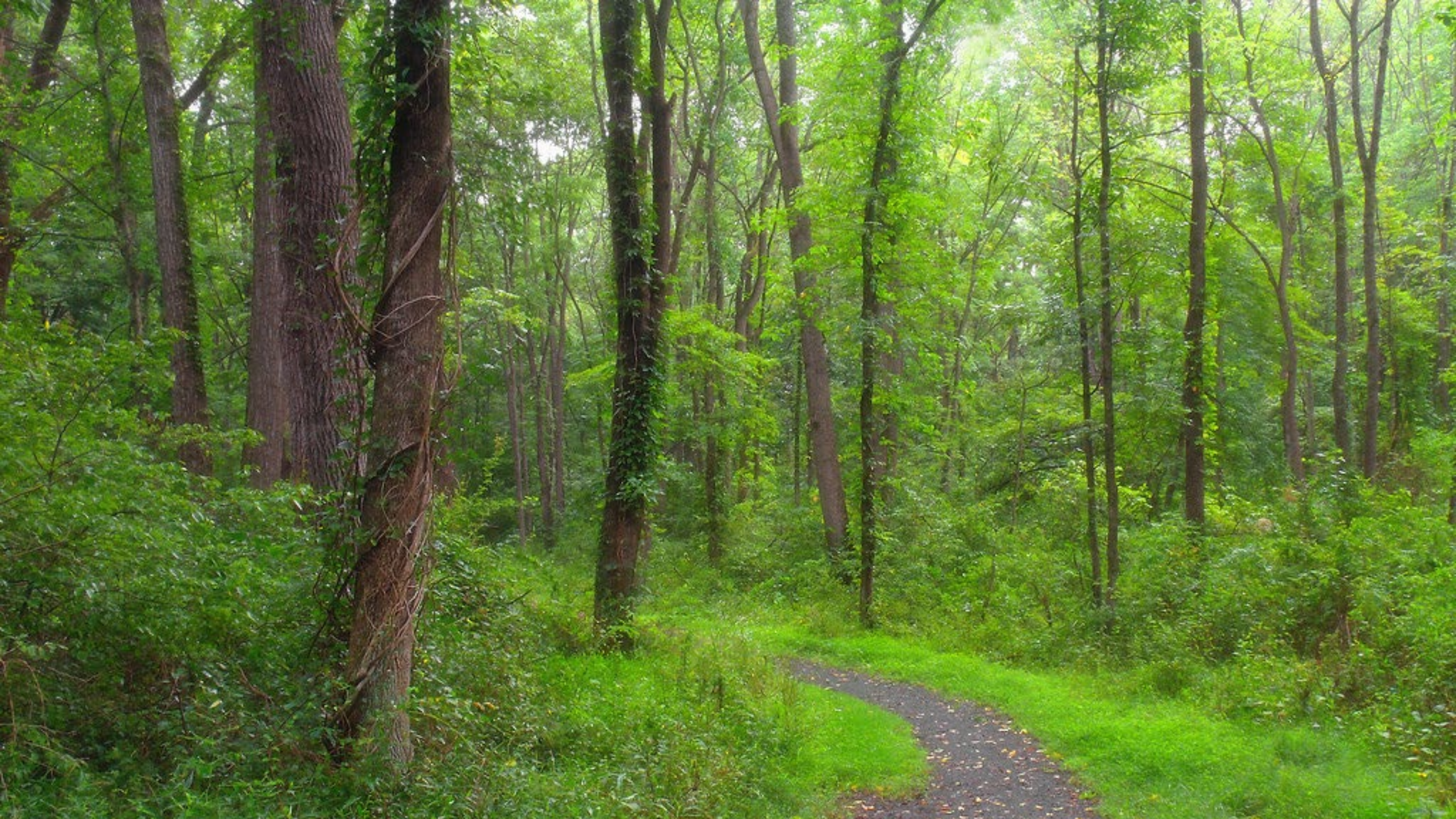
THE ACTUAL ROADMAP





WALKING TOUR TIME







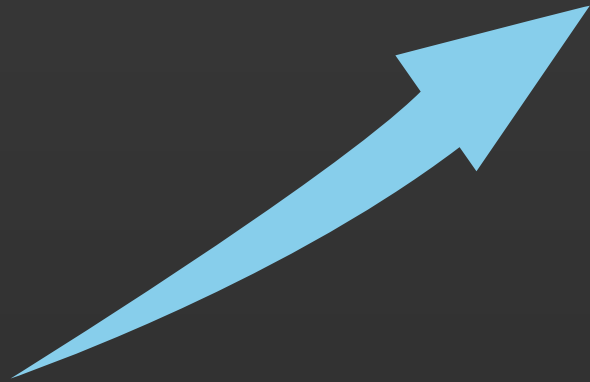
What do you notice?

- ☐ Do you feel comfortable?
- ☐ Would you walk a long distance?
- ☐ Have you ever walked this route before?
- ☐ Would you commute this way?
- ☐ Would you walk for recreation this way?
- ☐ Did you feel safe?
- ☐ What made you feel safe/unsafe?
- ☐ Did your walk change at all?

- ☐ Did you walk outside of what you consider “downtown”?
- ☐ Where is that boundary?
- ☐ Is there anywhere you COULDN'T walk? Why not?
- ☐ Did you cross the road at any point? Why?
- ☐ What was the favorite part of your walk?
- ☐ What was your least favorite part of your walk?
- ☐ What else did you notice?

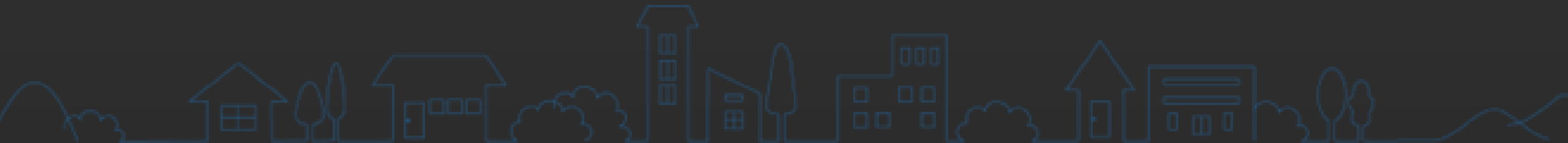


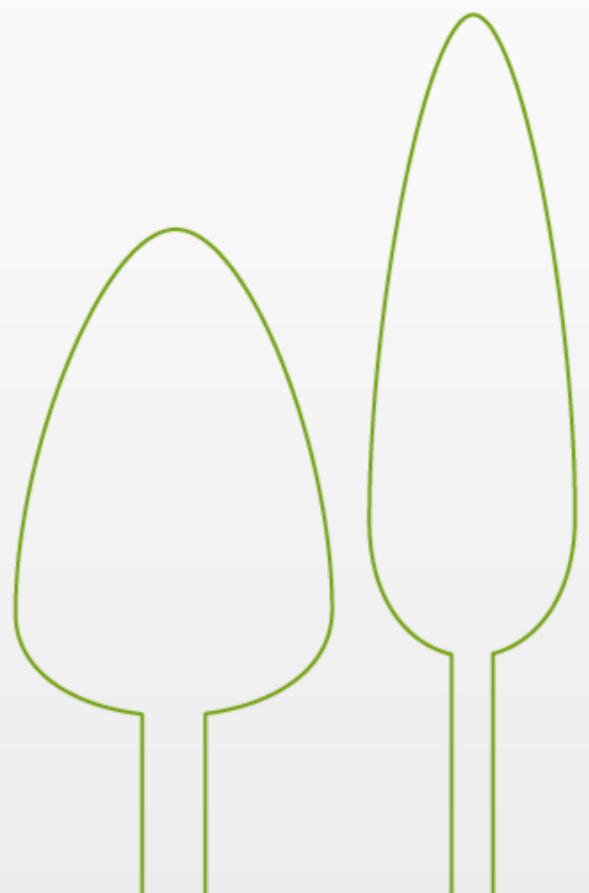
MAPPING



Write comments
on the map

Do you have other
favorite routes?



Two stylized tree outlines in green, one shorter and one taller, positioned on the left side of the slide.

RCGrowthPolicy.com



Richland County – Sidney – Fairview Growth Policy

Rooted. Strong. Forward.

Growth happens, but good growth takes planning. The Growth Policy is a community-driven plan for Richland County, Sidney, and Fairview. This plan is more than a requirement; it is a smart tool built from the voices of the people who continue to build Richland County, Sidney, and Fairview.

Featured Engagement



Join the
Conversation



Upcoming Events



See Where We're
Headed

Open

What Matters Most to You?

Every great plan starts with listening.

This survey takes about 10 minutes and covers the things that matter most to everyday life, like housing, childcare, job opportunities, and places to gather. Your input helps us build a plan that reflects real community needs.

Let's Begin!

Timeline



Existing Conditions

THANK YOU

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