

Village of Rockport Strategic Plan Update and Community Transportation Strategy

Public Information Centre (PIC) #3

March 12th, 2020

6pm – 8pm

Rockport Recreation Hall



Township of
Leeds and the
Thousand Islands

Agenda

1. Project Refresher - Study Area & Project Process
2. PIC #2: What We Heard
3. Project Parameters
4. Revised Concept Plan
5. Next Steps for the Project
6. Discussion

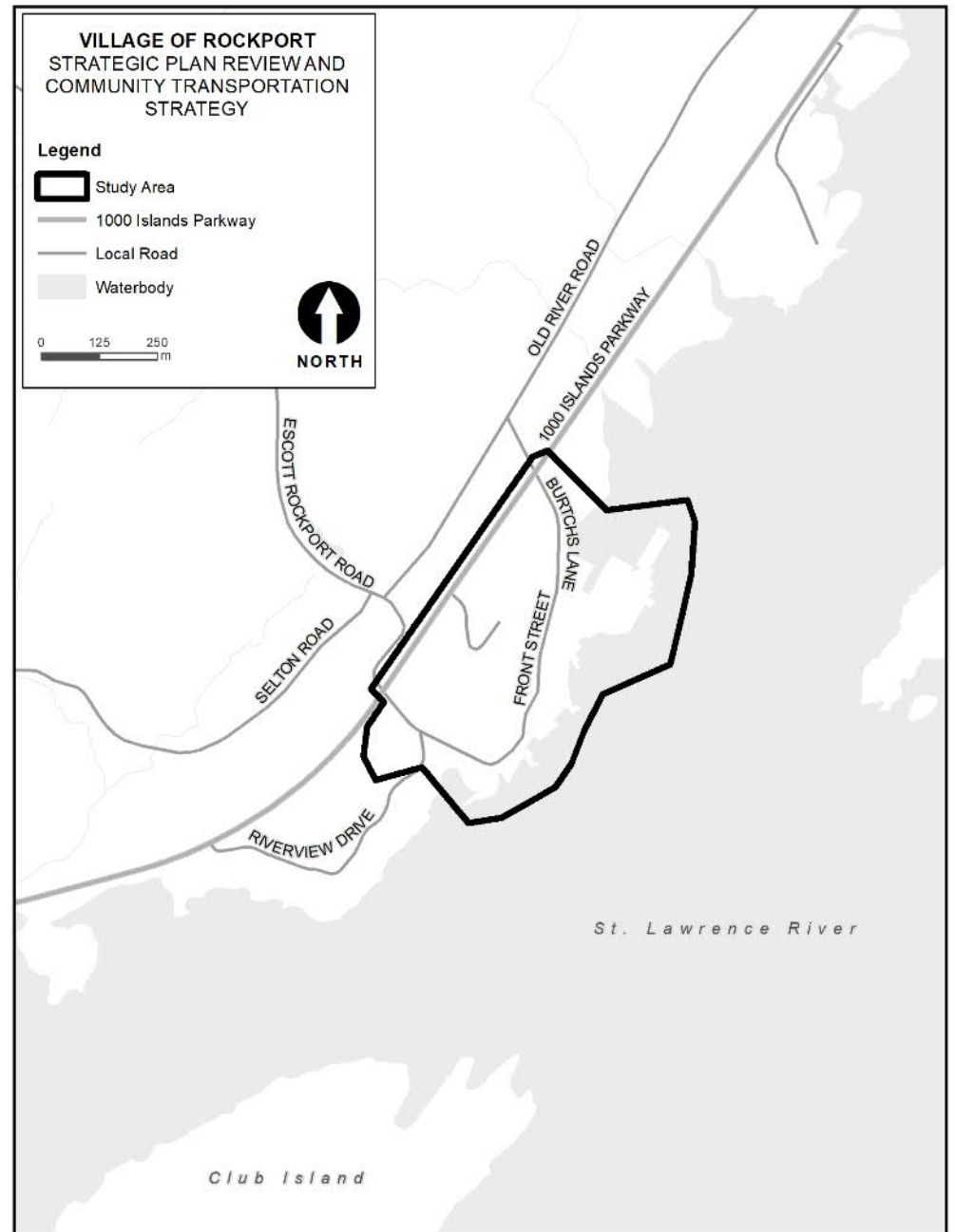
Please hold questions until the end.

All information will be posted online for review.

Study Area



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Process

Phase	Tasks
Phase 1 October	Review existing conditions (land use, transportation) Consult with public and stakeholders to understand their needs, concerns, and opportunities
Phase 2 December	Develop and evaluate alternative concepts to address the issues and opportunities identified Consult with public and stakeholders to review concepts and select preferred concept
Phase 2.5	Develop new concept based on public and stakeholder feedback
Phase 3 February/March	Refine concept based on public and stakeholder feedback Draft Strategic Plan and Community Transportation Strategy
Phase 4 April/May	Consult with public and stakeholders to review draft Finalize Strategic Plan and Community Transportation Strategy Present to Council

PIC #2: What We Heard

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- Support to retain and improve the boat launch
- Support for better delineation of public and private space
- Support for reducing speed limit on Parkway and adding pedestrian crossing
- Support for short term public parking and boat trailer parking
- Support for improving congestion
 - Safer pedestrian movement
 - Retain access for emergency vehicles
- Support for reduction of tour bus parking/idling in the village centre
- Support improved wayfinding signage

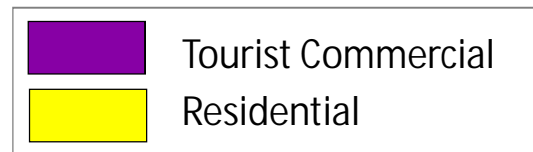
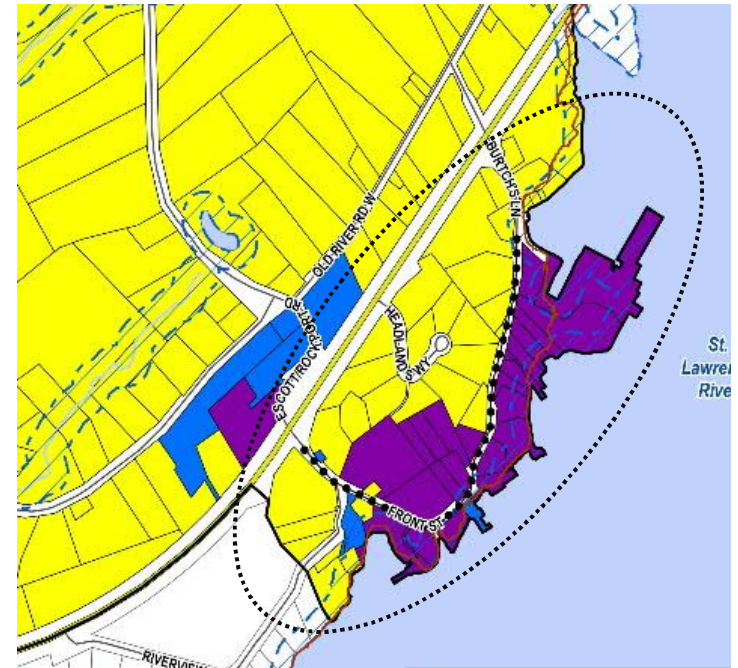
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Ontario municipalities, big and small, have limited ability to control an existing development.

For example, we cannot:

- Limit existing business operations
- Require the construction of a new parking lot or changes to existing parking lot
- Change the amount of parking that must be provided
- Require a landowner to provide a new road/access to their property
- Require a landowner to swap properties
- No mechanism to transfer development rights
- No mechanism to restrict the number of tour boats arriving
- Some requirements will be dictated by other governing bodies (e.g. St. Lawrence Parks Commission)

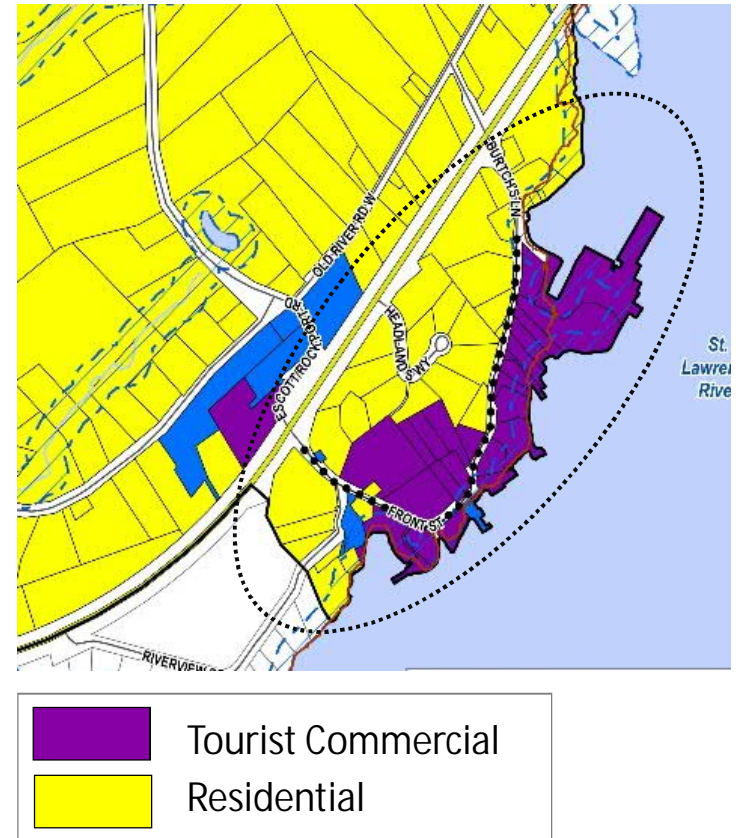


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For example, we can:

- make recommendations to be considered through future planning approvals for the site
- make recommendations regarding required studies for redevelopment and issues to be considered in the scope of the study
- make recommendations regarding short/long term capital improvements for the Township to consider



New Rockport Village Land Use Concept

A vision for the future



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Overview



Public Parking

Public Parking
Public/boat trailer parking
outside of the village core



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Pedestrian Priority

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1. Seasonal road closure on Front Street (emergency vehicles exempt)



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Pedestrian Priority on Front Street:



Pedestrian Priority Area: Street Closure (Seasonal)



Permanent bollard + removable chain



Retractable wooden bollard

Pedestrian Priority Area: Street Treatment



Painted Bump-Out



Physical Bump-Out

Pedestrian Priority Area: Street Treatment



Marked Treatment



Paver Treatment

Pedestrian Priority

1. Speed reduction on Parkway
2. Signalized crosswalk on Parkway
3. Crosswalk on Front Street



Pedestrian Priority
4. Public parkette on the waterfront Customs dock



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Boat Launch

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1. Retain and improve ramp
2. Boat trailer turn-around area
3. Queueing area



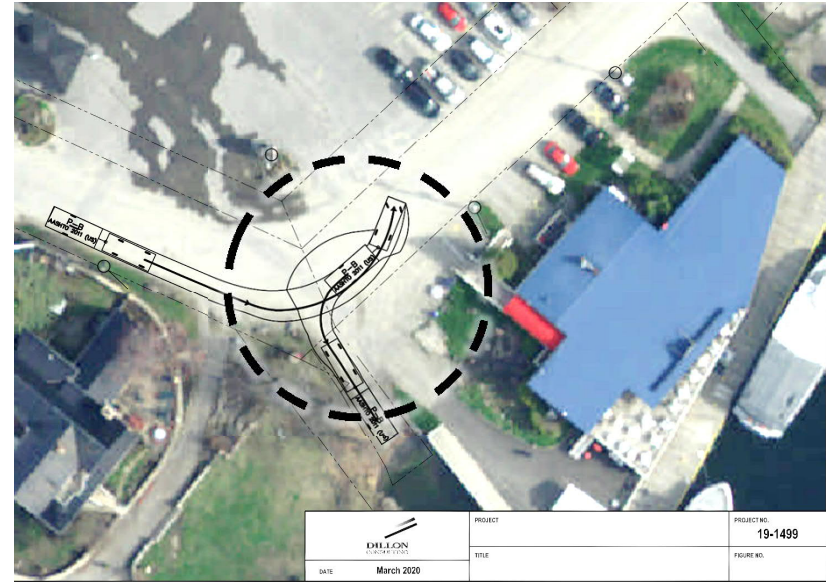
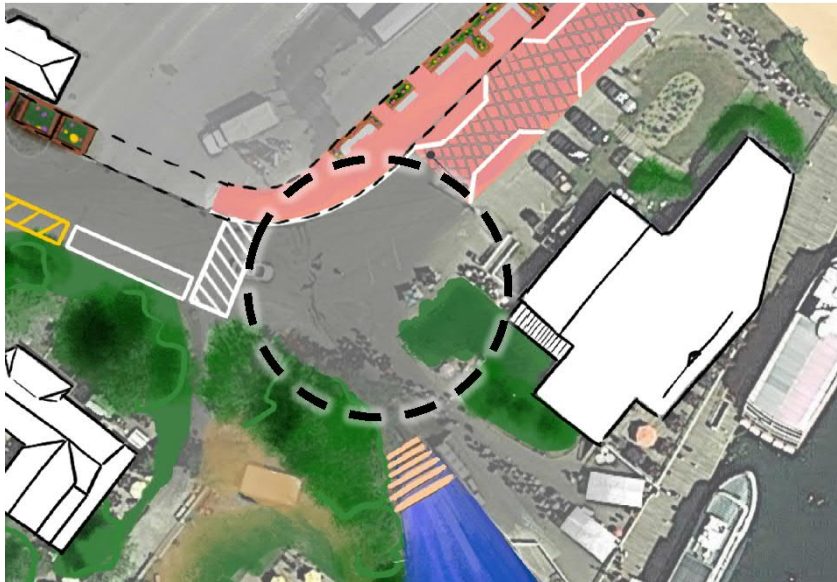
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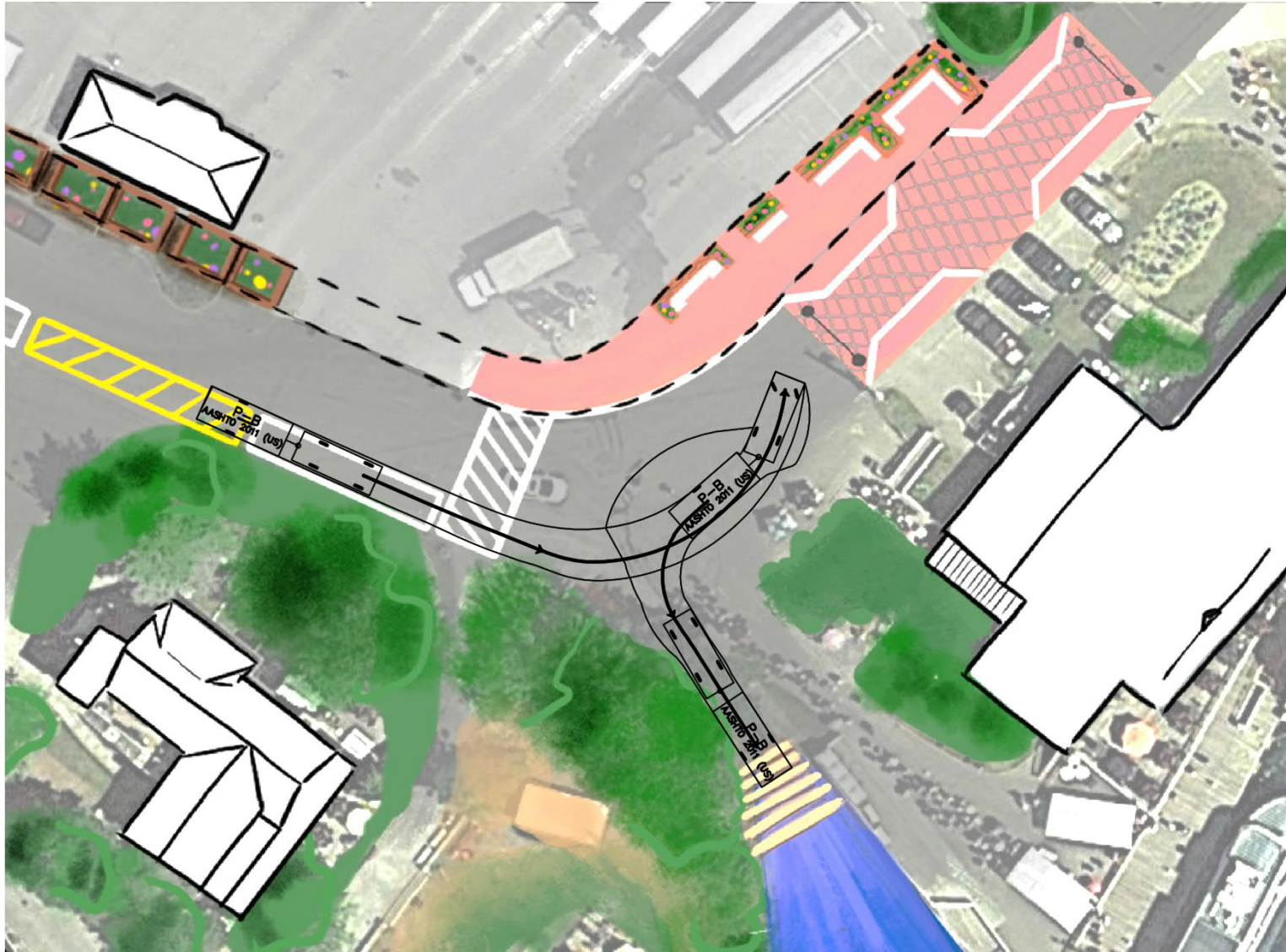
Boat Launch: Turn-Around Area



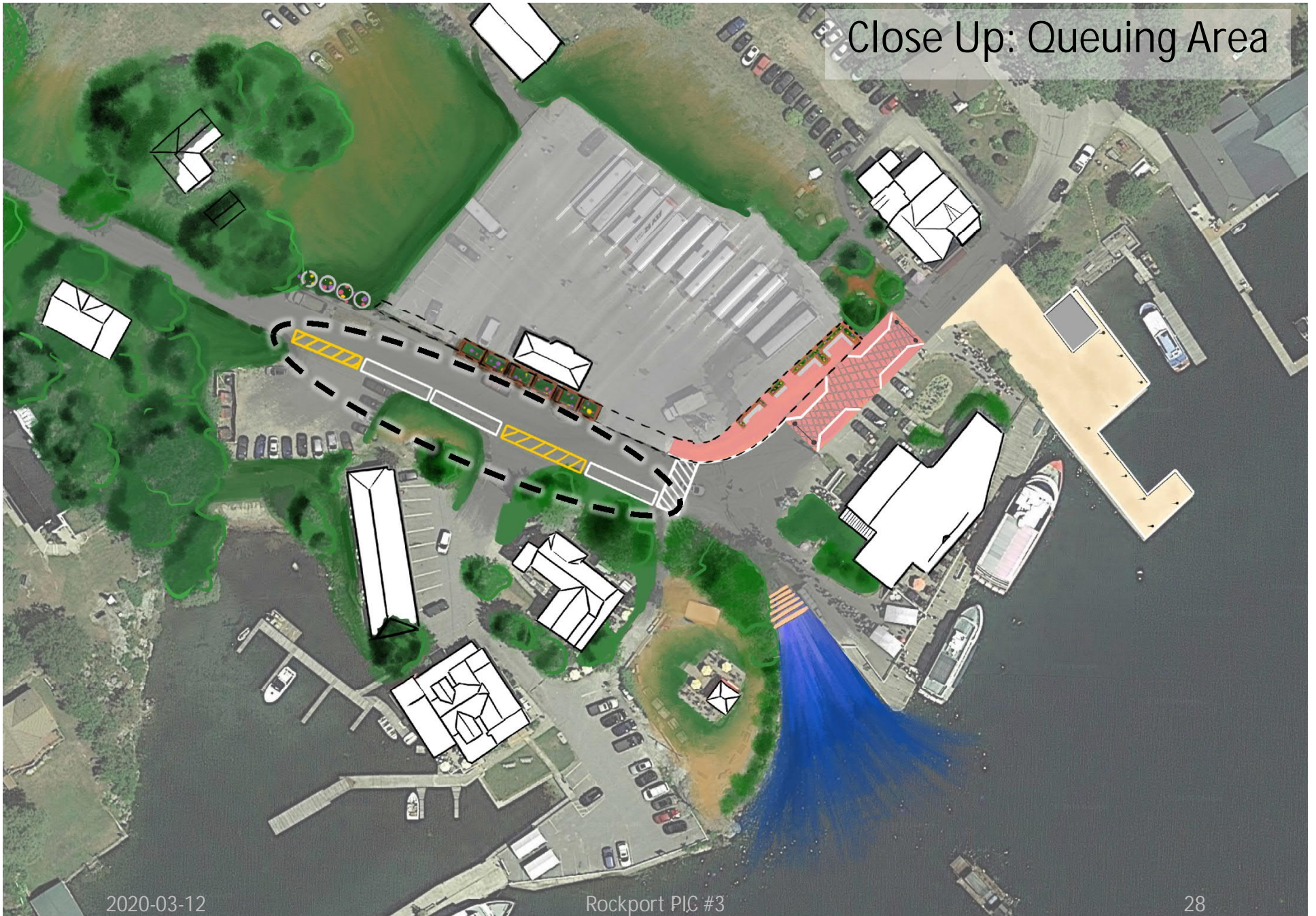
Boat Trailer Turn-Around



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Close Up: Queuing Area



Delineation of the Boat Queue



Enabled by the Improved Delineation of the Public Right-of-Way



Street Beautification

Street
Beautification
1. Planters
2. Benches



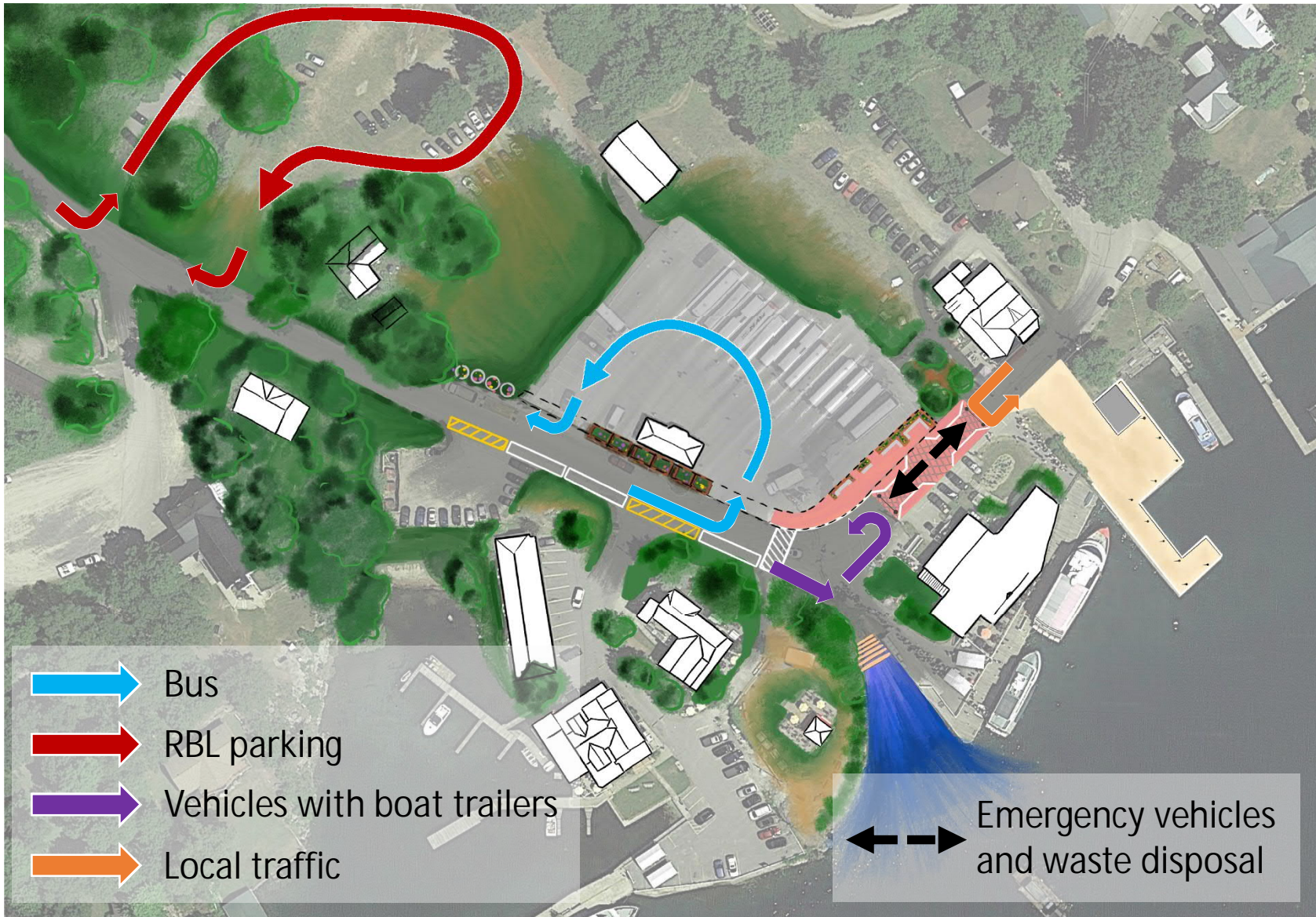
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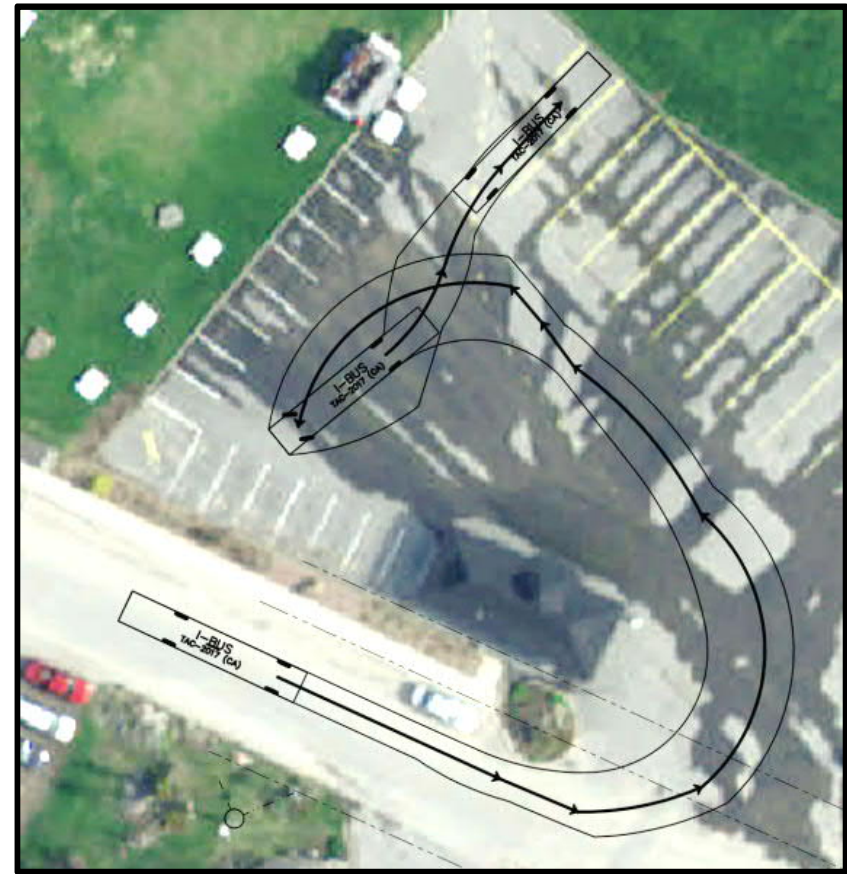
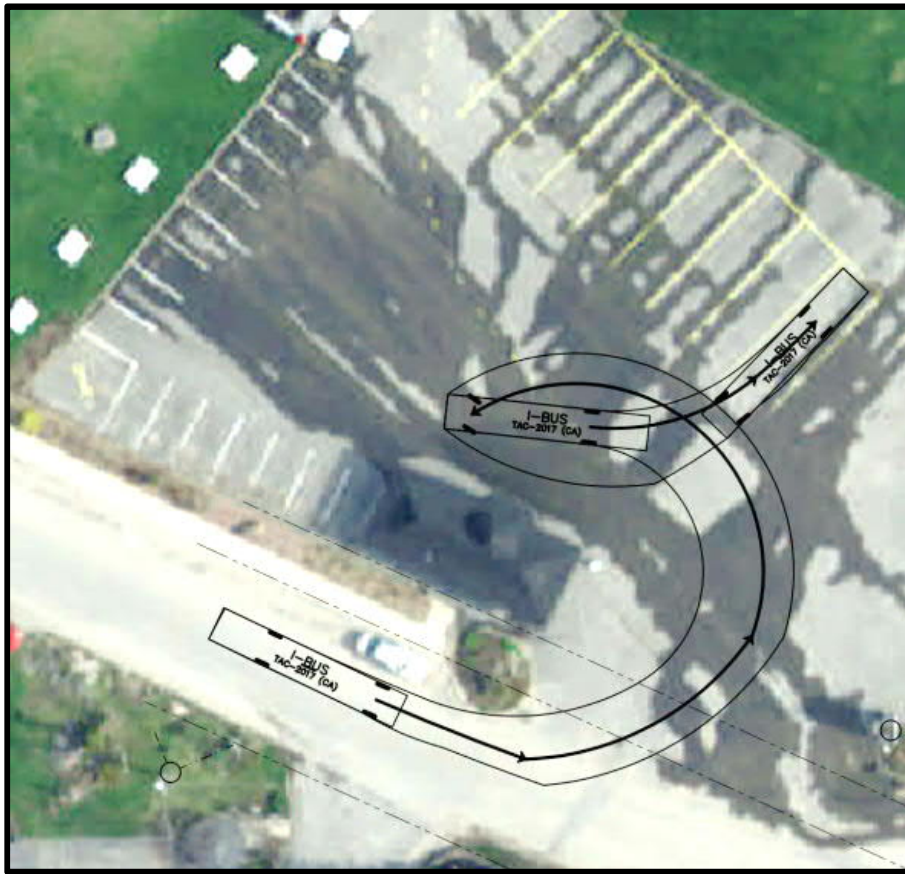
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Vehicular Movement

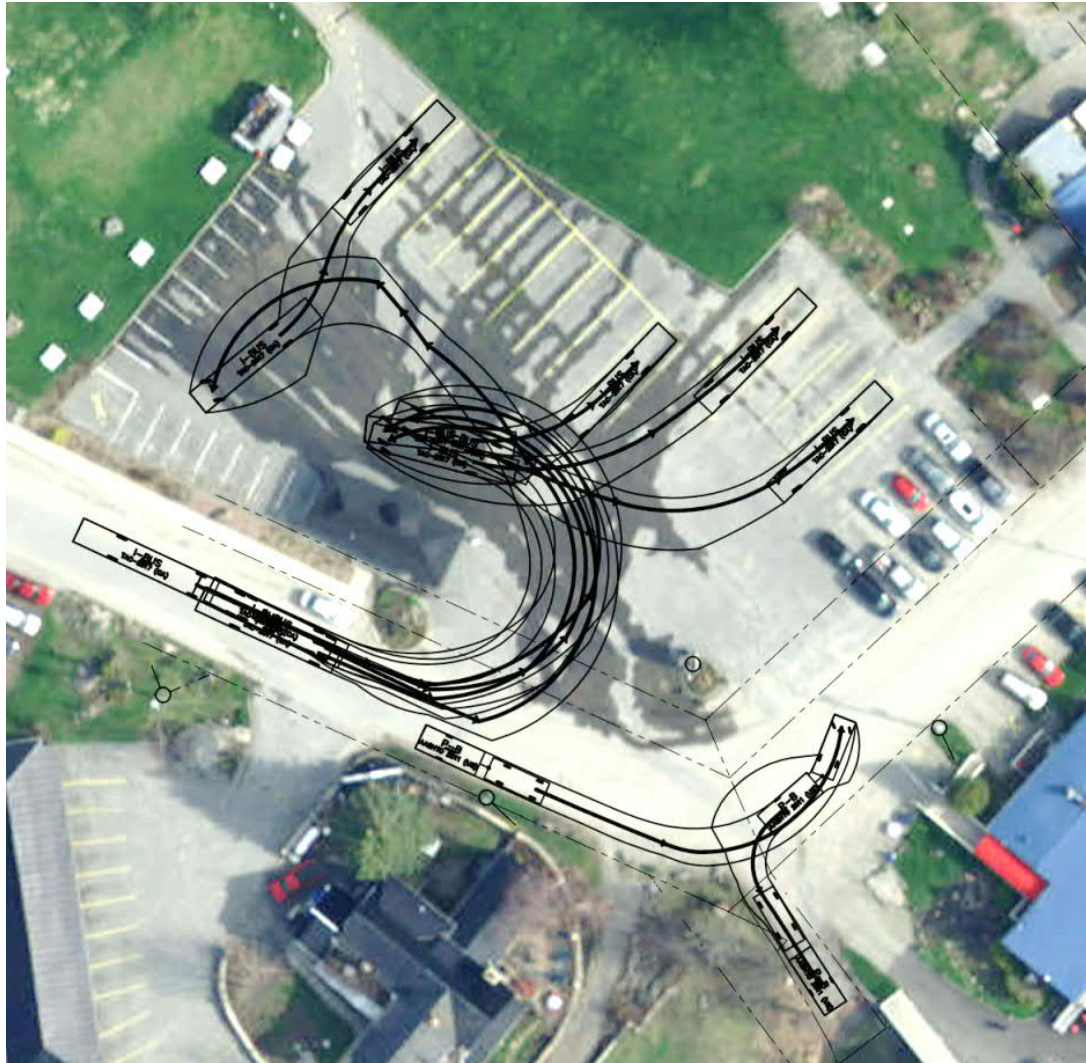


Retain Parking Lot Access for Buses



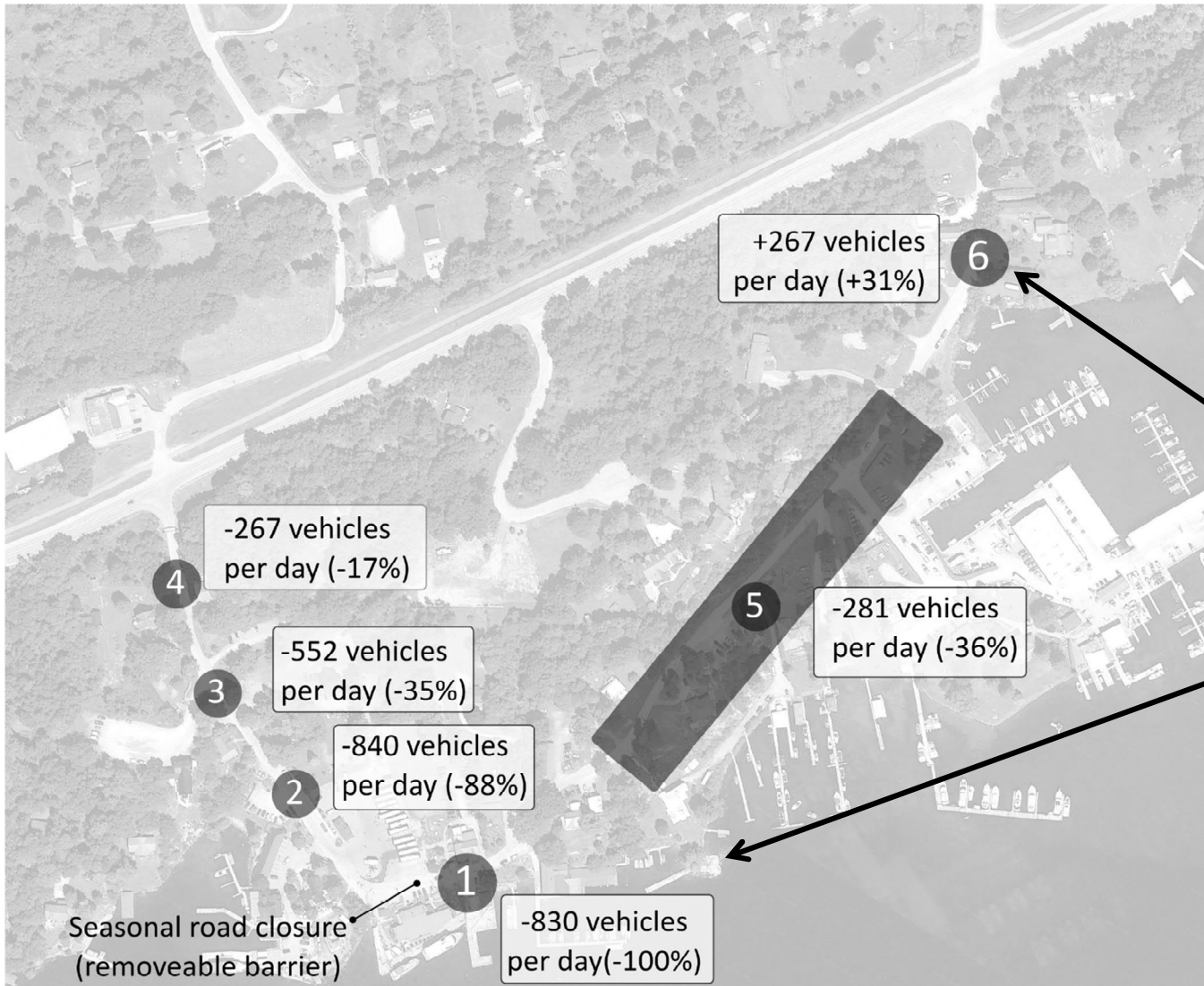
analyses of tour buses' turning radiuses for different bus parking spaces...

Retain Parking Lot Access for Buses



... overlaid, to visualize the total required space for a bus to turn around

Traffic Impact



Traffic volumes from:
Sat., Aug. 3, 2019
Sun., Aug. 4, 2019
Wed. Aug. 7, 2019

- Average increase of 267 vehicles per day (8am-8pm)

- Average decrease of 830 vehicles per day (8am-8pm)

Pedestrian Movement

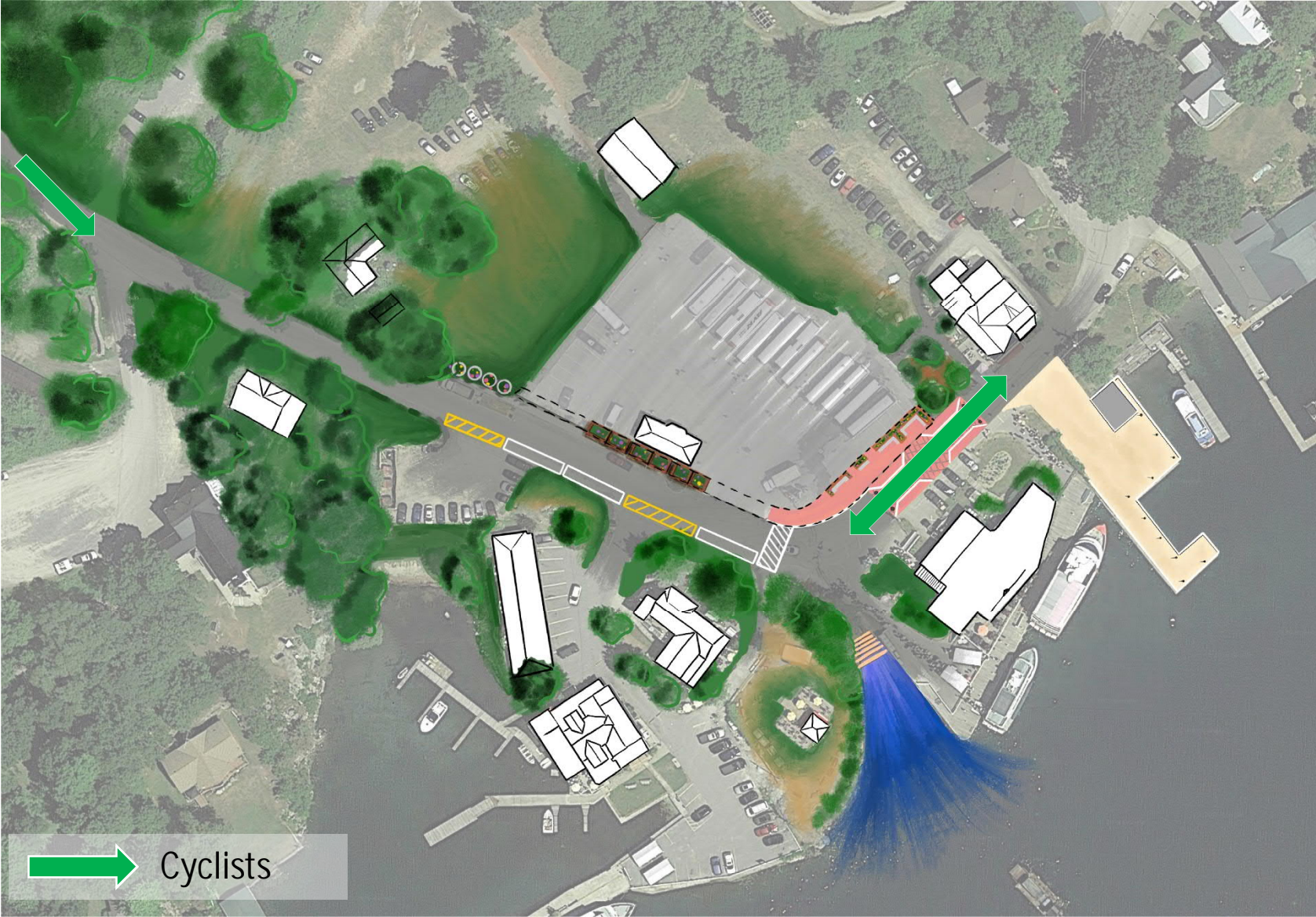


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Cyclist Movement



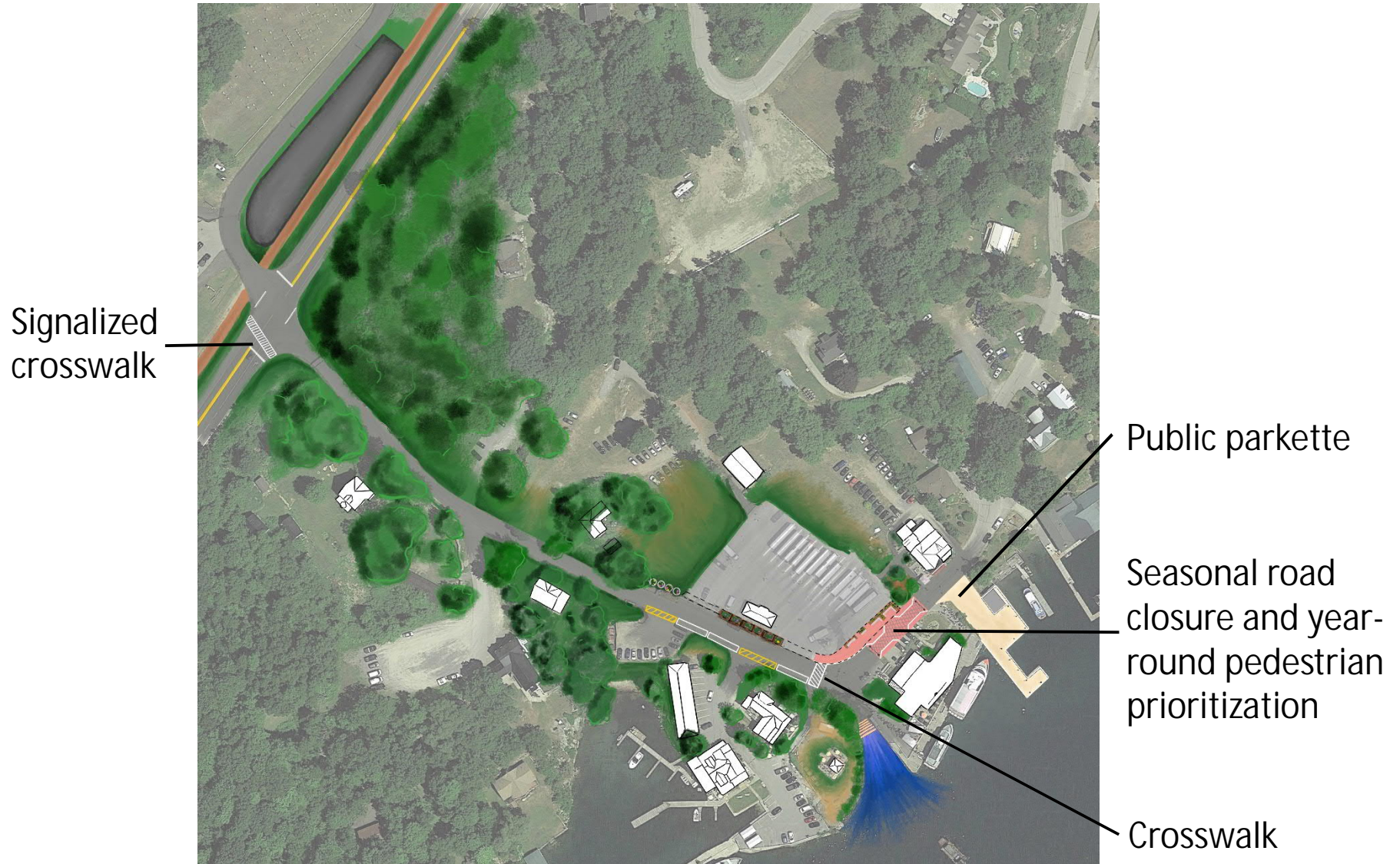
To Recap...

Recap: Public Parking

Short-term public parking for vehicles and boat trailers



Recap: Pedestrian Priority



Recap: Boat Launch



Boat trailer queue

Boat trailer turn-around area

Retain and improve the boat ramp

Recap: Street Beautification



Planters

Benches

Phasing

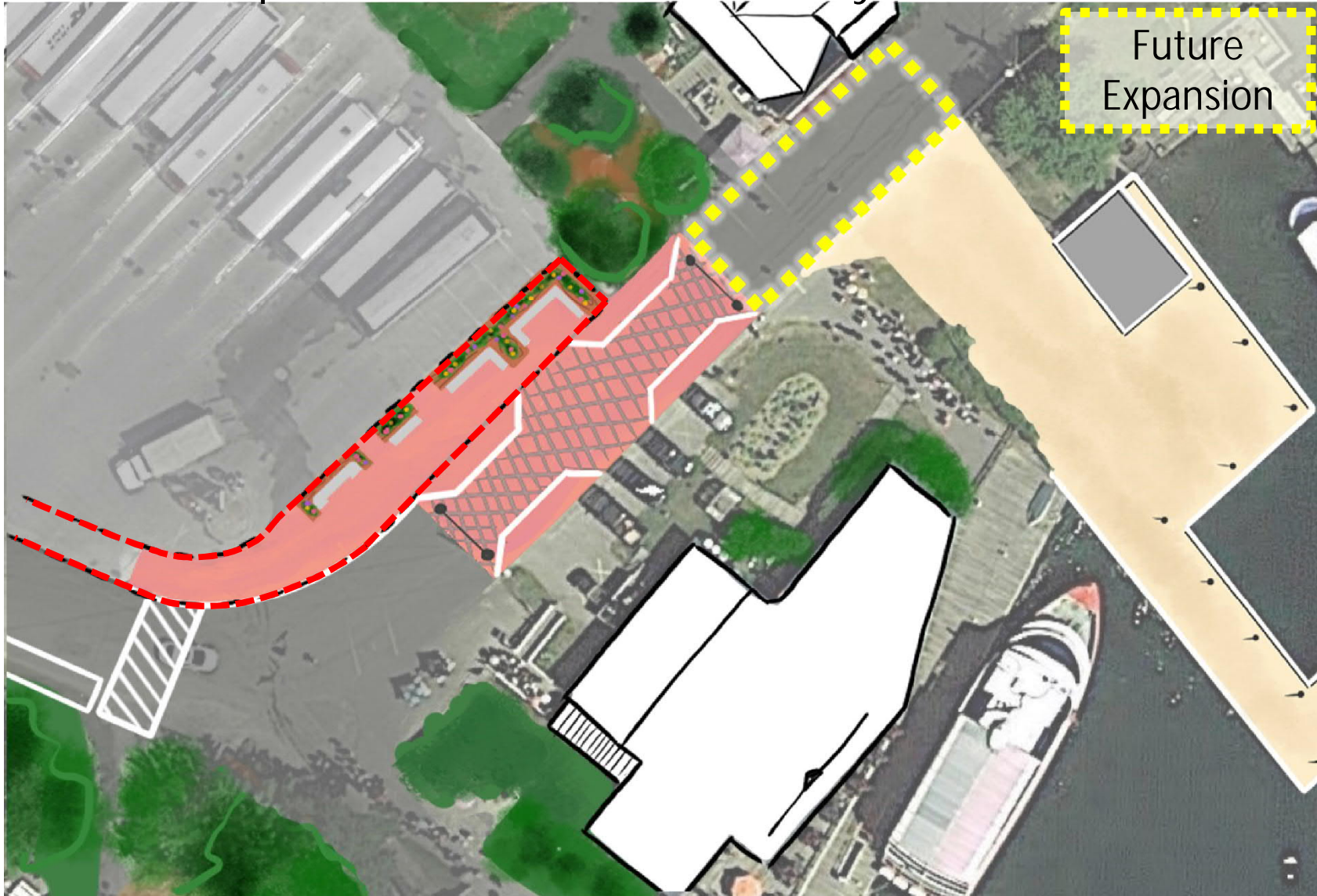
Short Term

- Retains boat ramp and adds parking for boat trailers
- Through-traffic reduction
- Adds queue for boat ramp
- Increases pedestrian safety
- Beautification and heritage character retained
- Limited barriers to implementation

Medium Term

- Work to identify location for off-site Township-owned bus parking
- Potential to expand the pedestrianization to the Rockport Customs Dock Park

Potential Expansion of Pedestrian Priority on Front Street:



Next Steps

- We want your feedback on the revised concept plan
- Please provide any additional comments by March 26th, 2020
- All materials will be available online at leeds1000islands.ca/Rockport
- Comments can be submitted to RockportPlan@townshipleeds.on.ca

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Discussion

- What do you like about the Concept?
- What would you like to see improved?
- Do you agree with the phasing?
 - Full execution of concept in short term
 - Develop coach bus parking lot in medium term
- Other questions/comments?

Please feel free to provide written comments on the comment forms or on the boards, if you prefer

Thank you for attending!

Please contact us & stay involved

<http://leeds1000islands.ca/rockport>
RockportPlan@townshipleeds.on.ca

Facebook, Twitter

Further comments will be accepted until March 26th, 2020.

If you have any comments or questions about the project, please reach out to the project team:

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