

# CREEDMOOR COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN



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# Site Overview

- +/- 55 acres in area
- Property owned by the State (via Dormitory Authority of the State of New York)
- Office of Mental Health and Office for People with Developmental Disabilities run programs on the campus





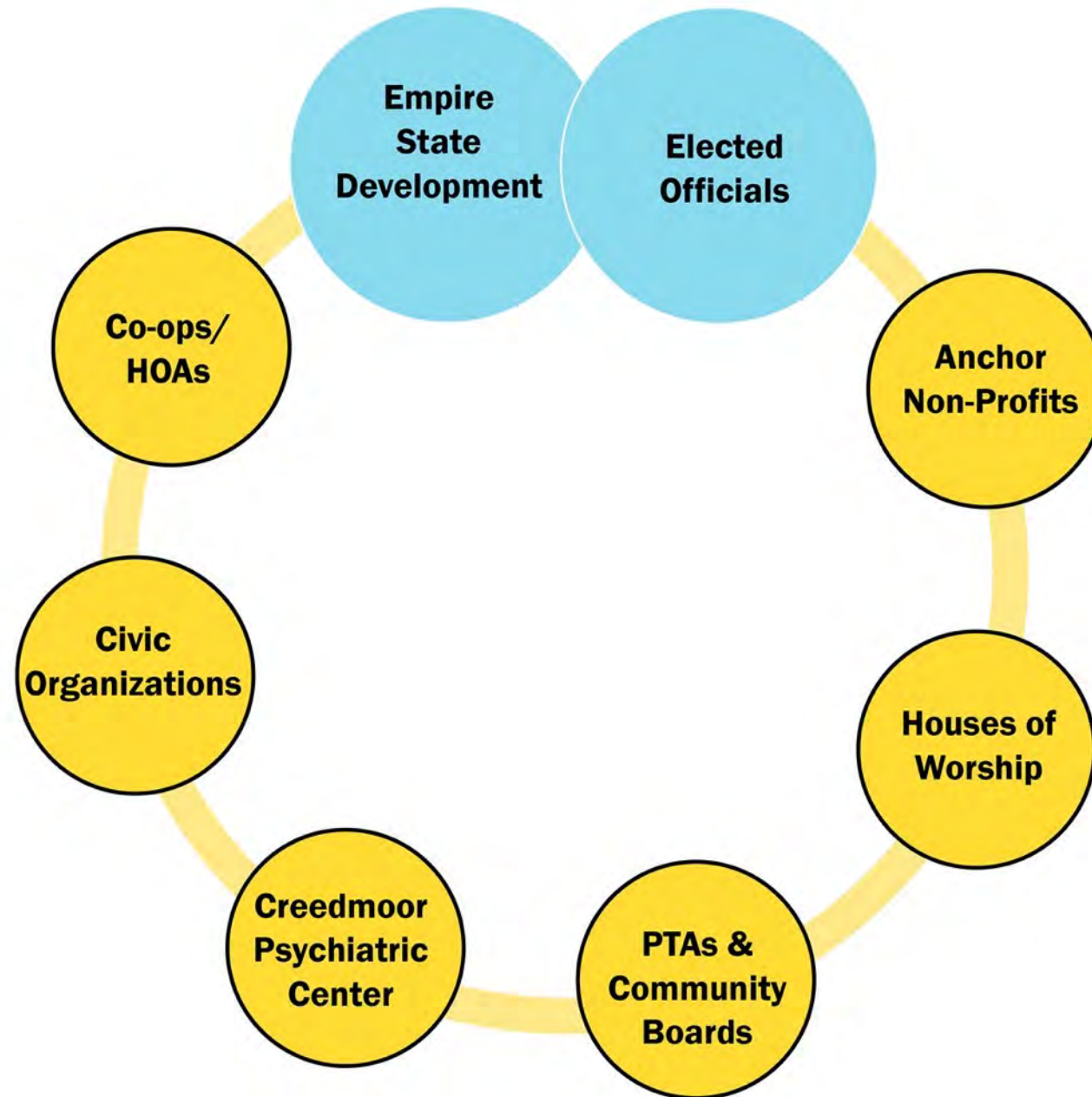
# Project Objectives

- Build shared knowledge of the Creedmoor Site
- Identify priorities for the development of the surplus Creedmoor properties
- Develop an urban design and planning framework for future redevelopment

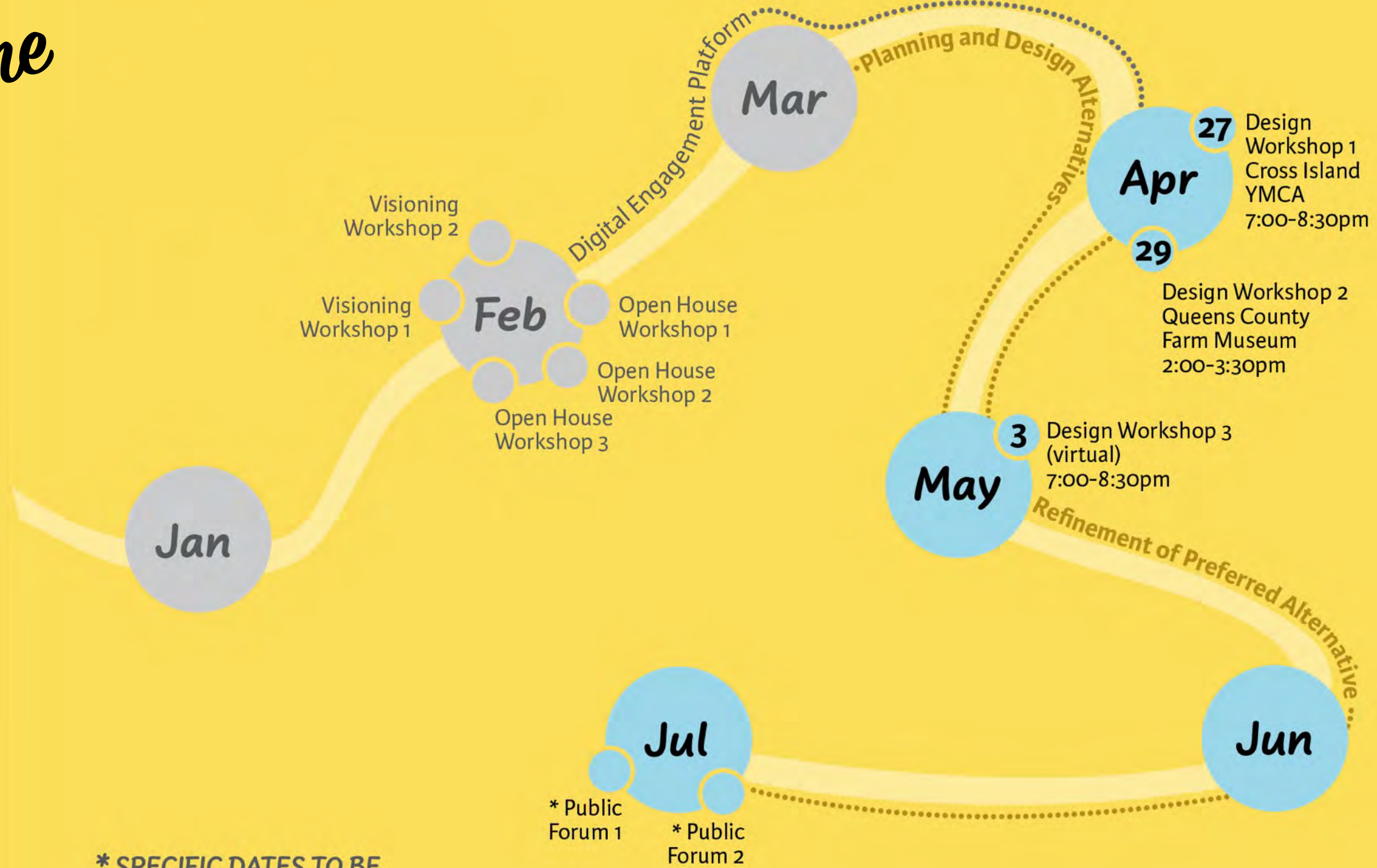




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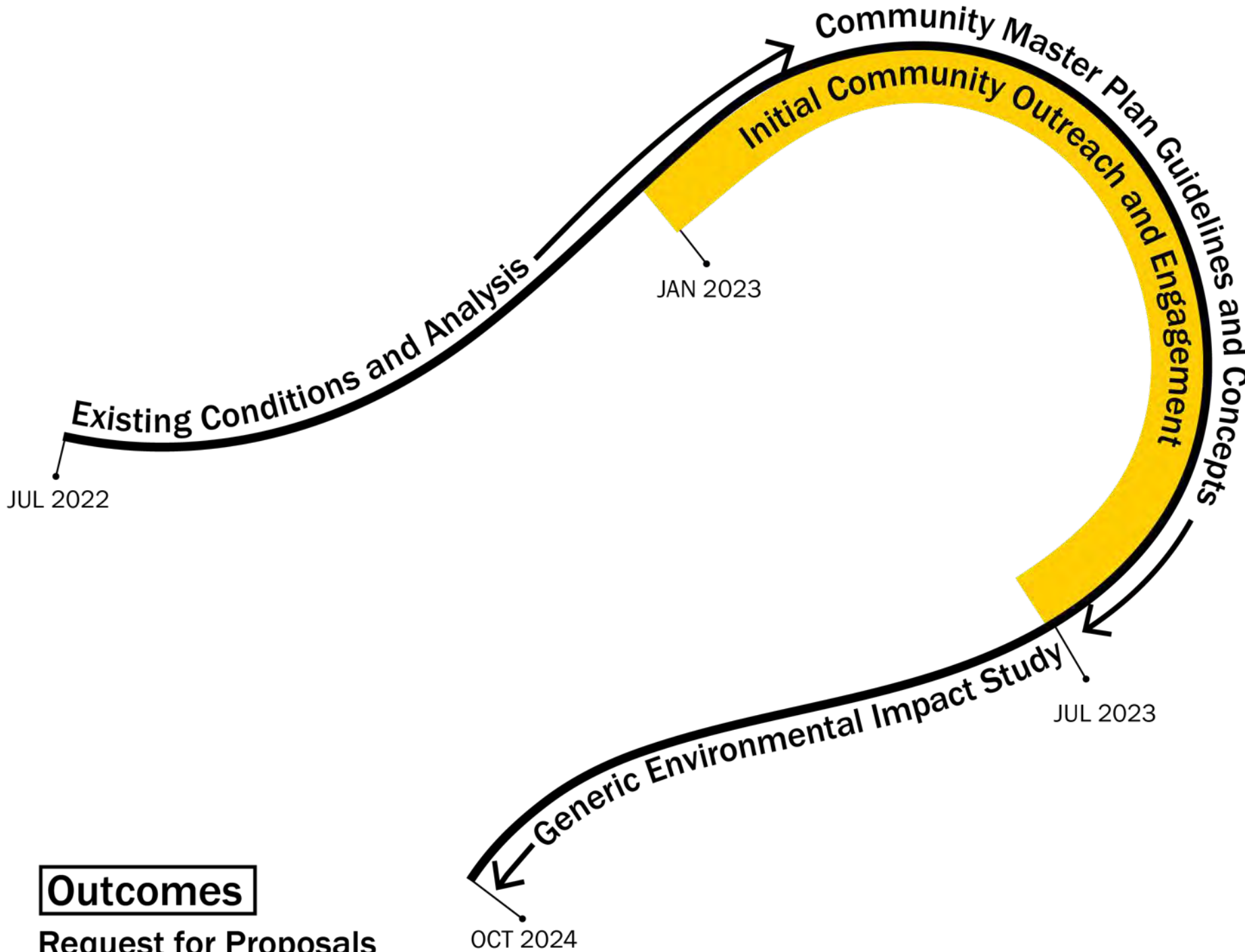


# Timeline



\* SPECIFIC DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

# Process and Timeline



## Outcomes

- Request for Proposals
- Future Development



# January - April 2023 Outreach at a Glance

**5** ESD-Hosted Community Workshops

**400+** Workshop Attendees

**364** Total Signups for ESD Mailing List

**30+** Local Organizations Canvassed

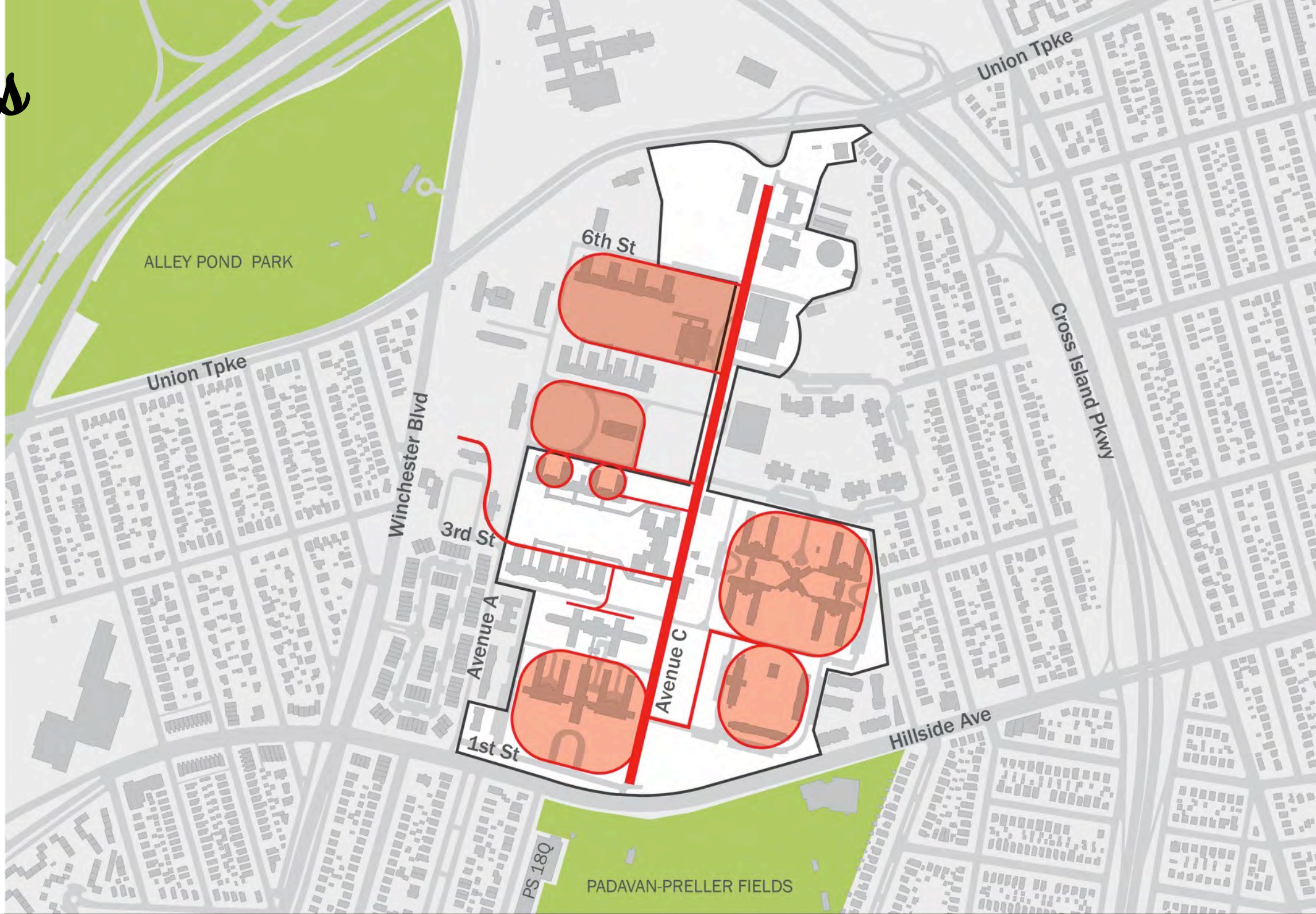
**10+** Site Visits and Meetings with  
OMH/Creedmoor Staff





# Development Challenges

- Creedmoor site is not on the NYC street grid, which limits its access to utility services from surrounding roads/areas.
- New development and buildings that do not have access to the existing service network will need new utility infrastructure, which could impact development costs.
- Avenue C will need to be maintained as this it is the primary sewer and storm water utility line for Creedmoor and surrounding areas.





# Preservation Opportunities

- Reuse and repurposing existing historic buildings will require investigation into environmental, structural, and other building engineering aspects
- The information revealed e.g. asbestos removal, lead removal, etc. through future engineering studies will help determine the impact on development costs





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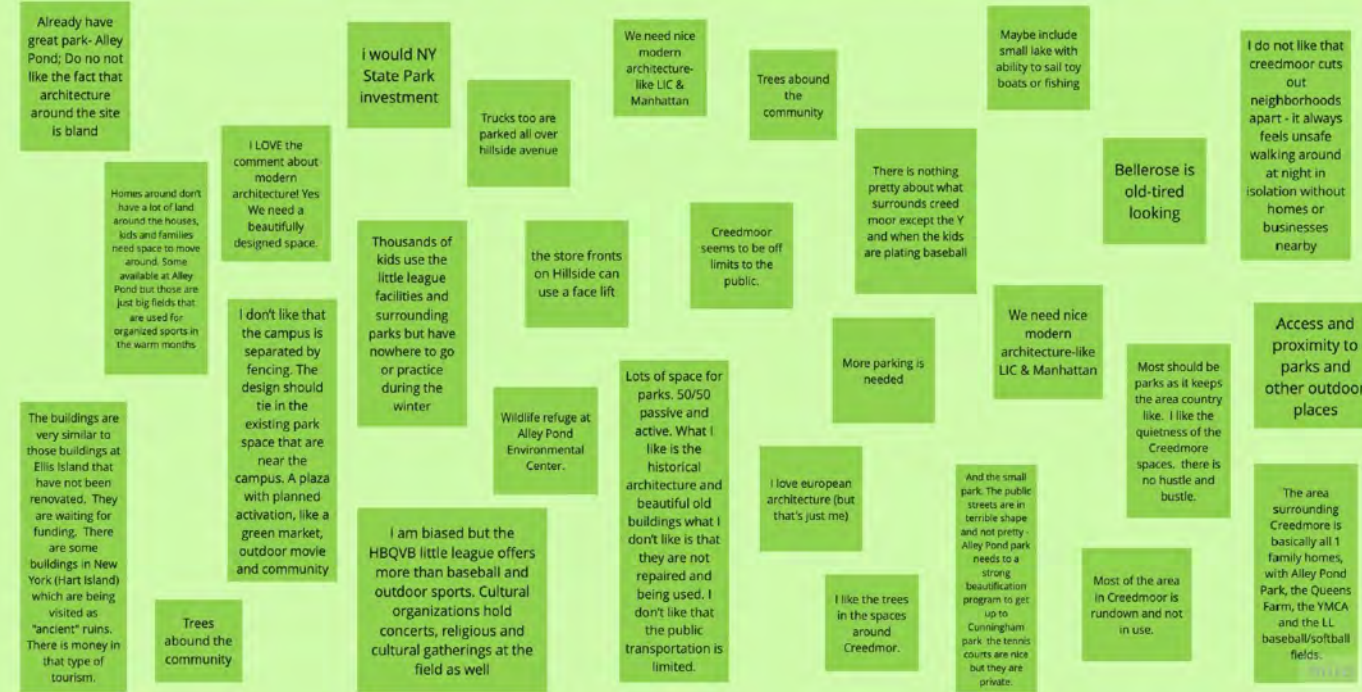
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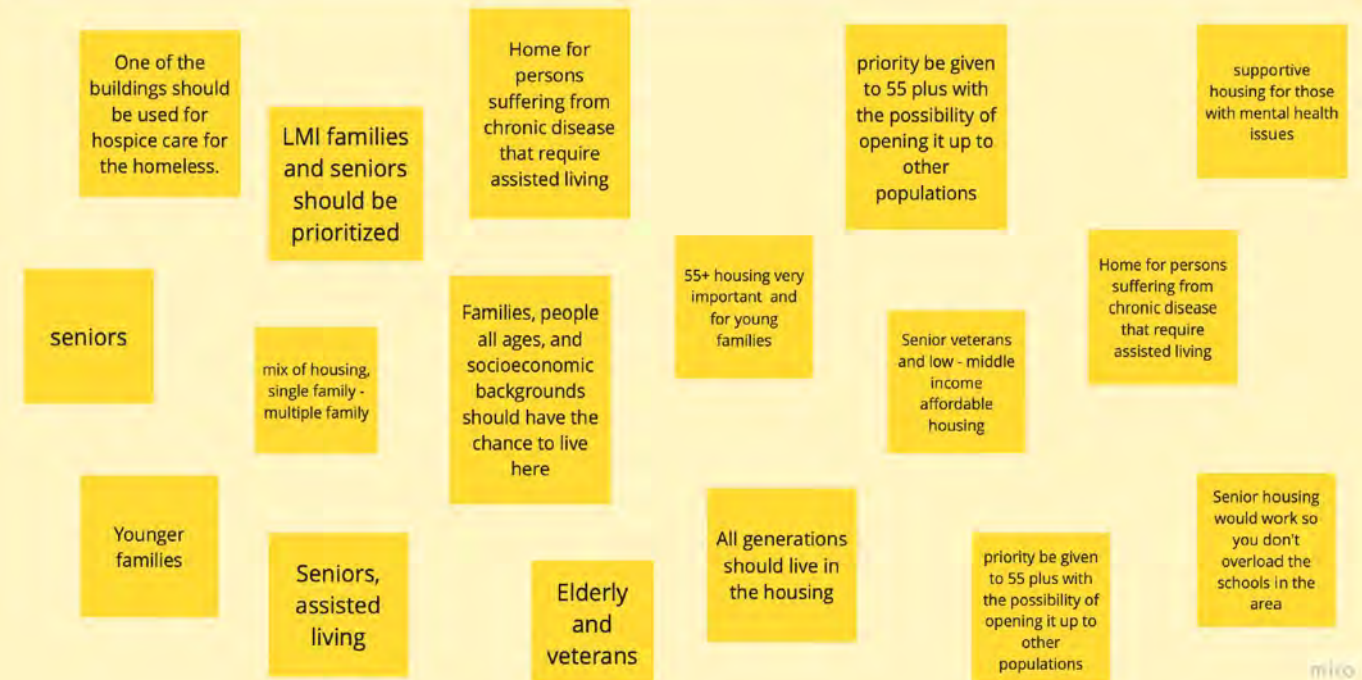
# Highlights from Community Input

- **Request:** Housing to accommodate people of “all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds.”
- **Request:** Strengthen connections between the site and regional open space (e.g. Alley Pond Park, Vanderbilt Motor Parkway)
- **Request:** Multipurpose community spaces
- **Request:** Shuttle between Creedmoor and Queens Village Station.

## What do you like and what do you not like about the spaces that currently exist in and around Creedmoor?



## Who should live here?





# Selected OMH Priorities

- Integrate Housing Opportunities for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness
- Maintain Opportunities for OMH Client Volunteerism and Community Integration
- Introduce New Workforce Development Opportunities for OMH Clients
- Create a Farmer's Market for OMH Clients to Sell Produce They Grow Themselves through a Gardening Program
- Add Spaces where OMH Client Art Could Be Displayed



Pieces from OMH Living Museum



# PLACES WE'VE HEARD THE MOST ABOUT





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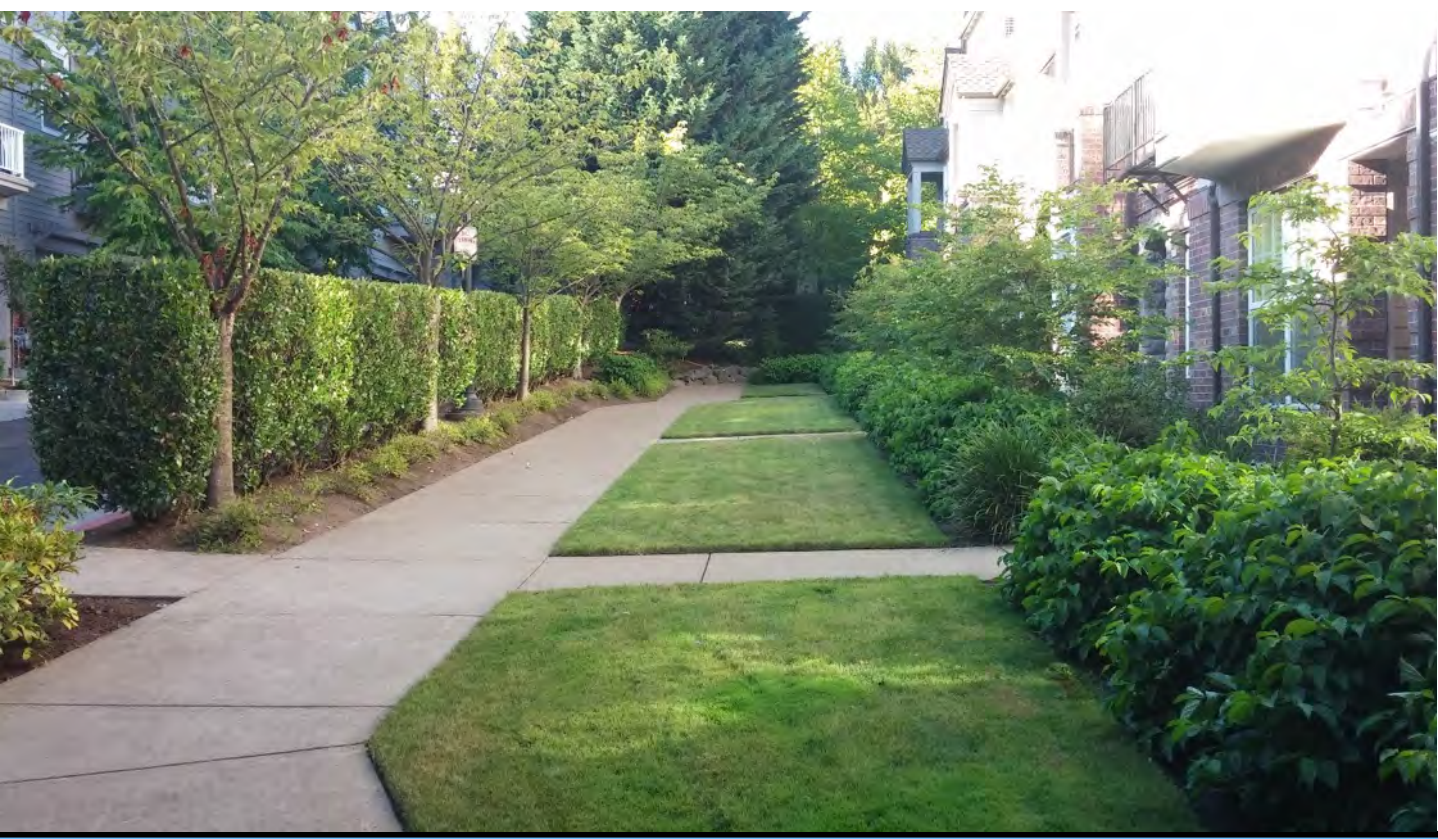




**WHAT WE HEARD**  
The parks, the green space, the quiet "oasis" feel, and proximity to other neighborhoods. I am hoping that whatever is built on the site will fit in with what is already existing.



**WHAT WE HEARD**  
Parks vs plaza 70% parks vs 30% plaza similar to Rochdale Village.



**Backyards**

**Central Open Space**





**WHAT WE HEARD**  
Passive recreation should be prioritized. Plenty of park space in surrounding area for active recreation which is used.



**Shared Green Small Spaces**



**WHAT WE HEARD**  
...a place to hang out with friends and family. A place where neighbors can meet and chat and get a cup of coffee. A place to hear some music, dance or watch a show.

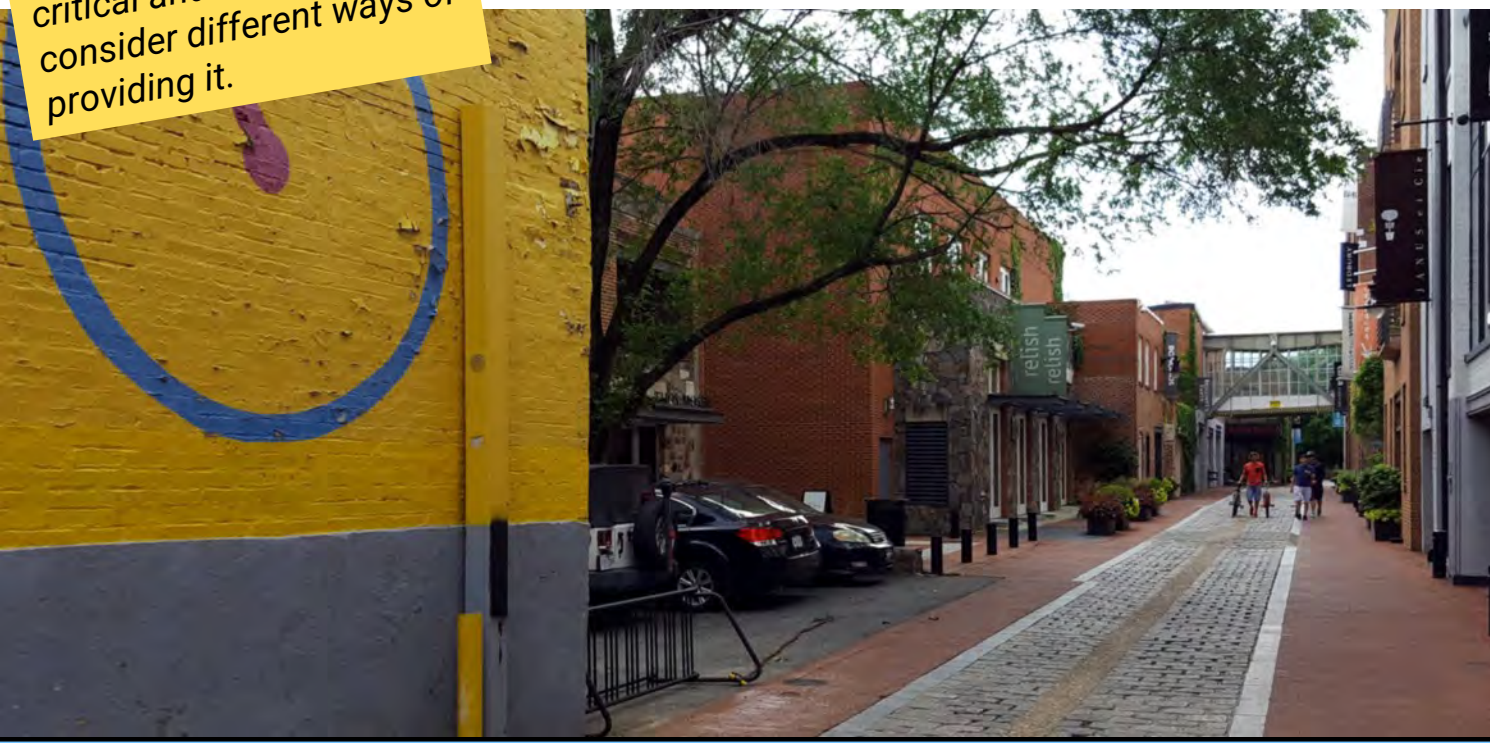
**Town Center**





**WHAT WE HEARD**  
 Parking and access is critical and we need to consider different ways of providing it.

**WHAT WE HEARD**  
 ...the elderly shouldn't need to leave the campus to shop for the basics...



**WHAT WE HEARD**  
 We need better pedestrian infrastructure and scooters.

**Alleyway**

**Main Street**





**WHAT WE HEARD**  
Glaring issue at Creedmoor is the lack of pedestrian and bike access across.



**Shared Street**



**WHAT WE HEARD**  
Although we have Alley Pond Park and Cunningham Park in the area, they are not the safest. More walking paths would be great.



**Pedestrian Path**





These 4-6 and 6-8 story elevator buildings provide access to retail, commercial, and parking amenities within the building at the street level or within walking distance. Open spaces access includes semi-private backyards and adjacency to public green spaces.



These are 2-3 story walk-ups or 4 story multi-family units with a shared entrance and stairway. Parking can be provided on the property as front-end or back-end surface parking, and/or in the form of on-street parking. These units provide potential for semi-private backyards.



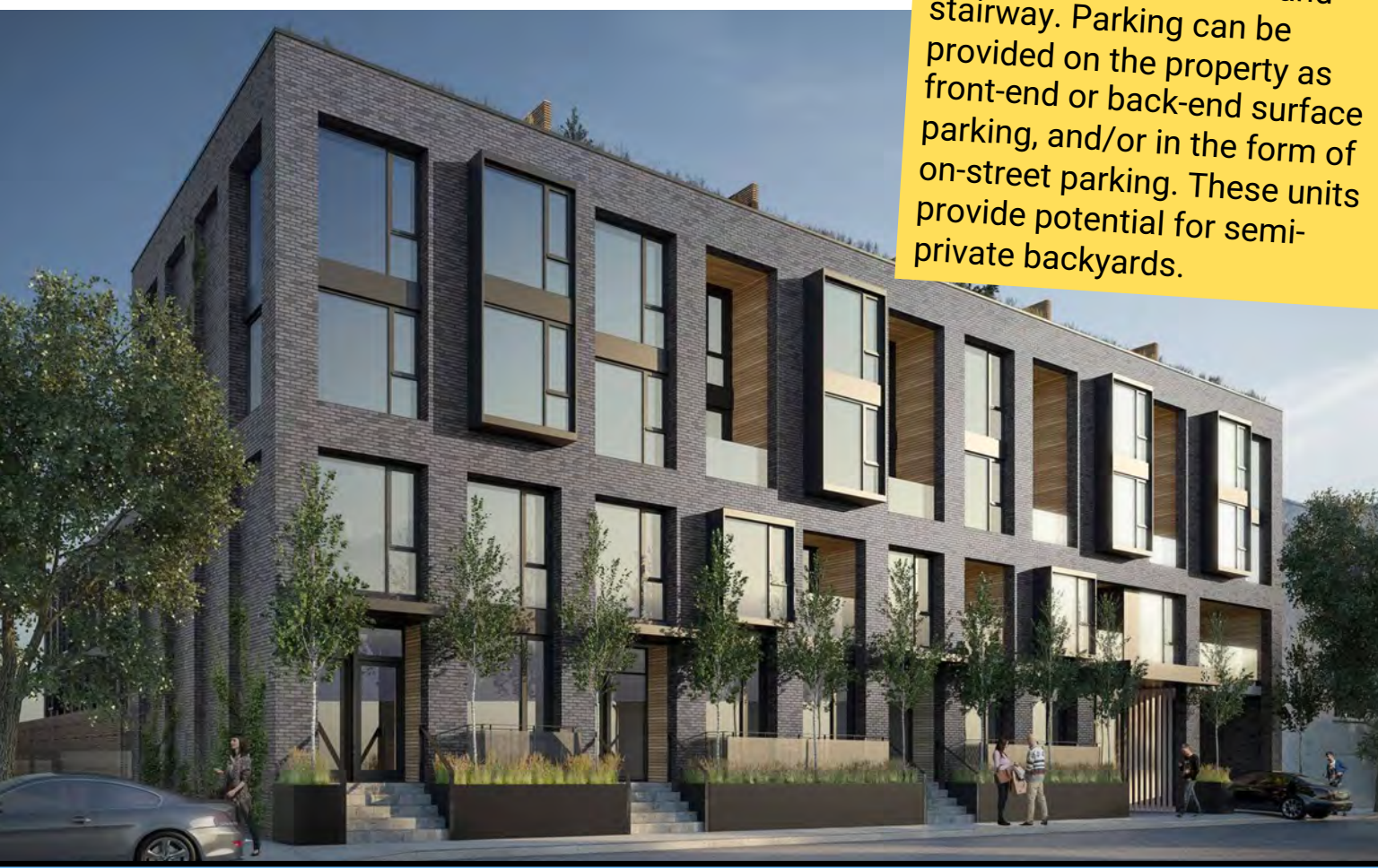
**Senior/Supportive Housing**

**First Time Home Owners/Renters**

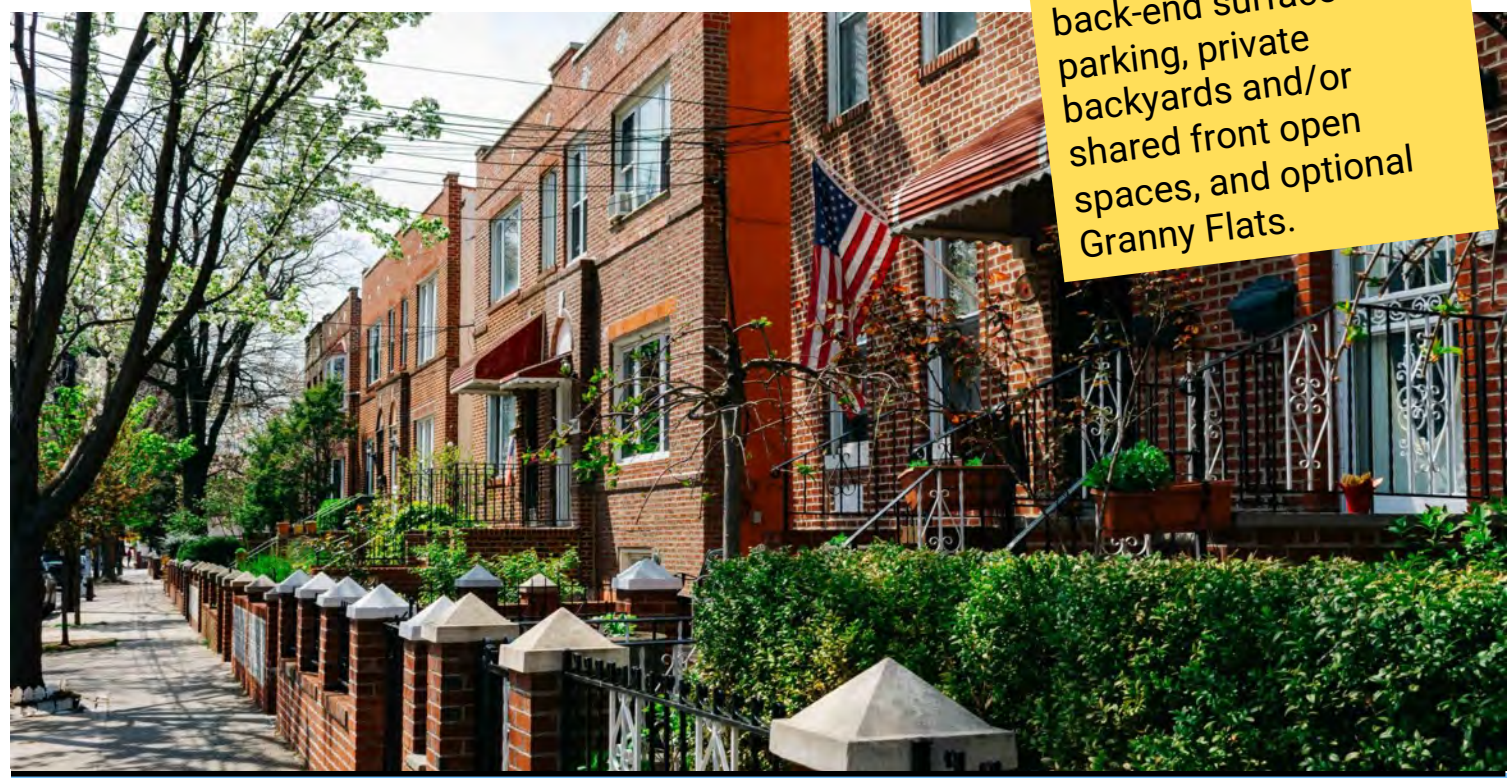




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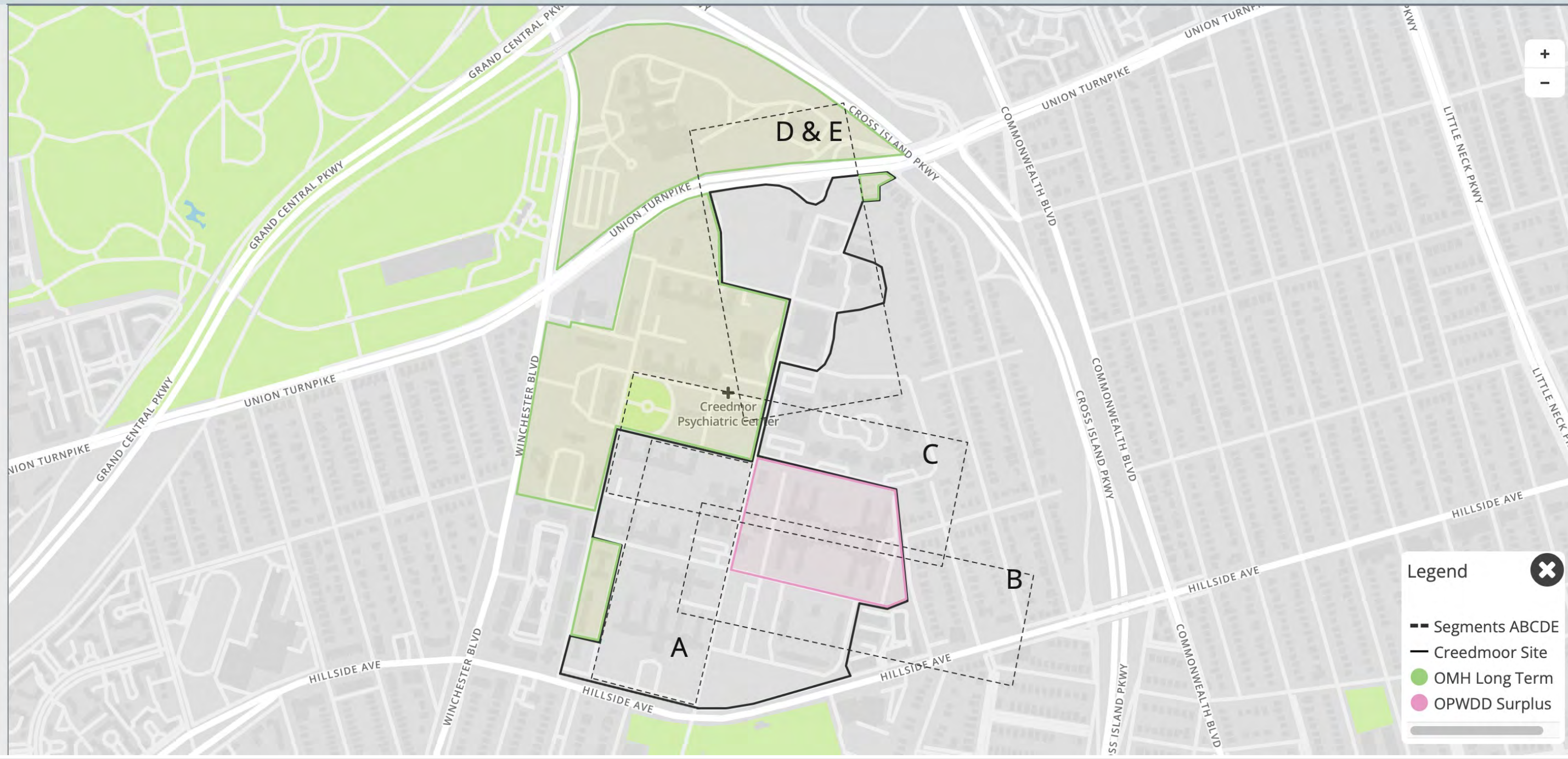
Low-density housing are 2-3 story walk-ups with front-end and/or back-end surface parking, private backyards and/or shared front open spaces, and optional Granny Flats.



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**Low Density Housing**







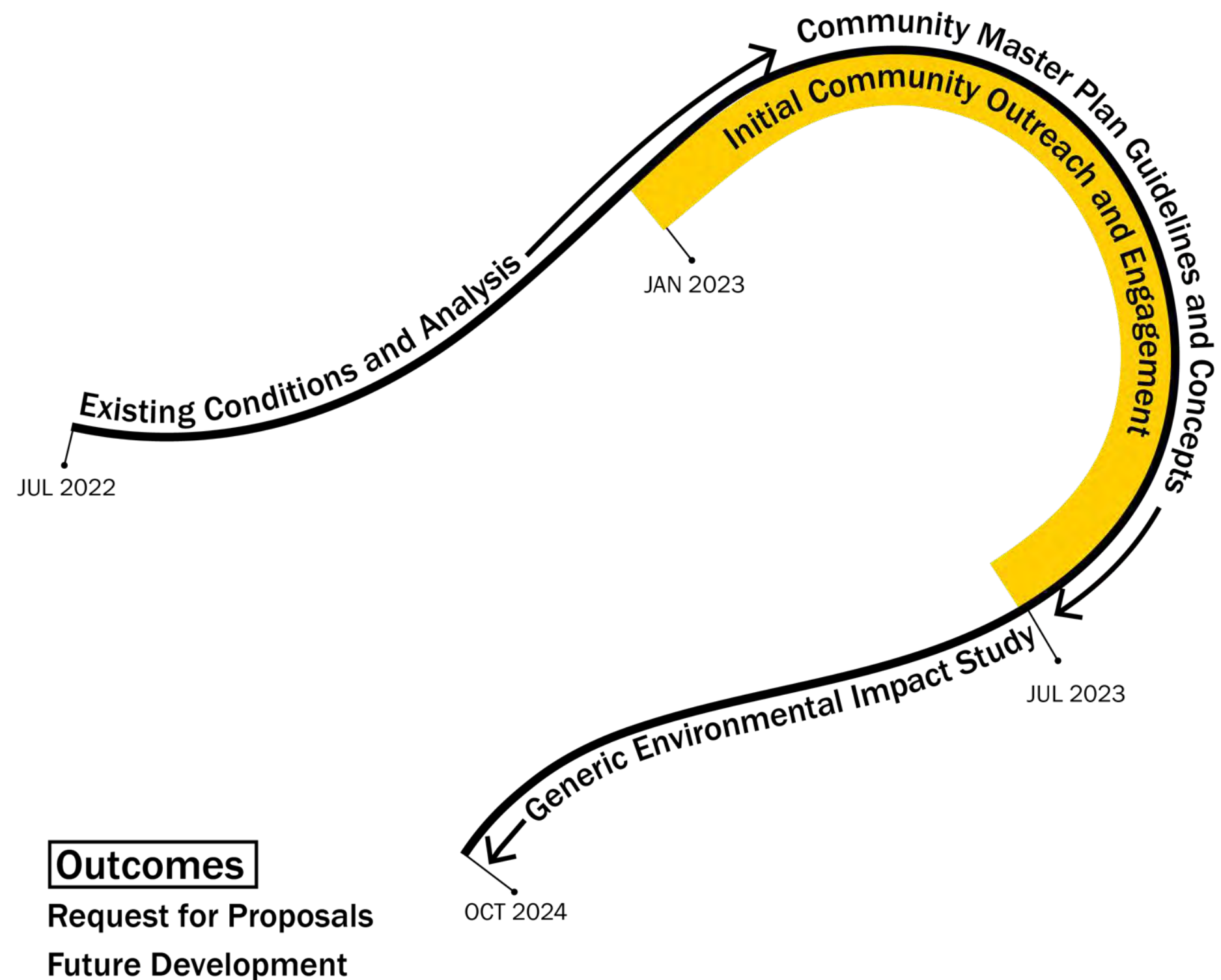
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## SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES

First Name \*      Last Name \*      Email \*

**SIGN UP**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**16** Thu  
Feb **Open House Workshop 1** / Martin Van Buren High School / 7:00PM

**RSVP**

**18** Sat  
Feb **Open House Workshop 2** / Lifeline Center for Child Dev. / 2:00PM

**RSVP**

**23** Thu  
Feb **Open House Workshop 3** / Zoom / 7:00PM

**RSVP**

## PAST EVENTS

### VISIONING WORKSHOPS

**Visioning Workshop 1**  
February 02, 2023  
P.S./I.S. 208

**Visioning Workshop 2**  
February 07, 2023  
Virtual

**Download Presentation**

