



Comprehensive Plan Update

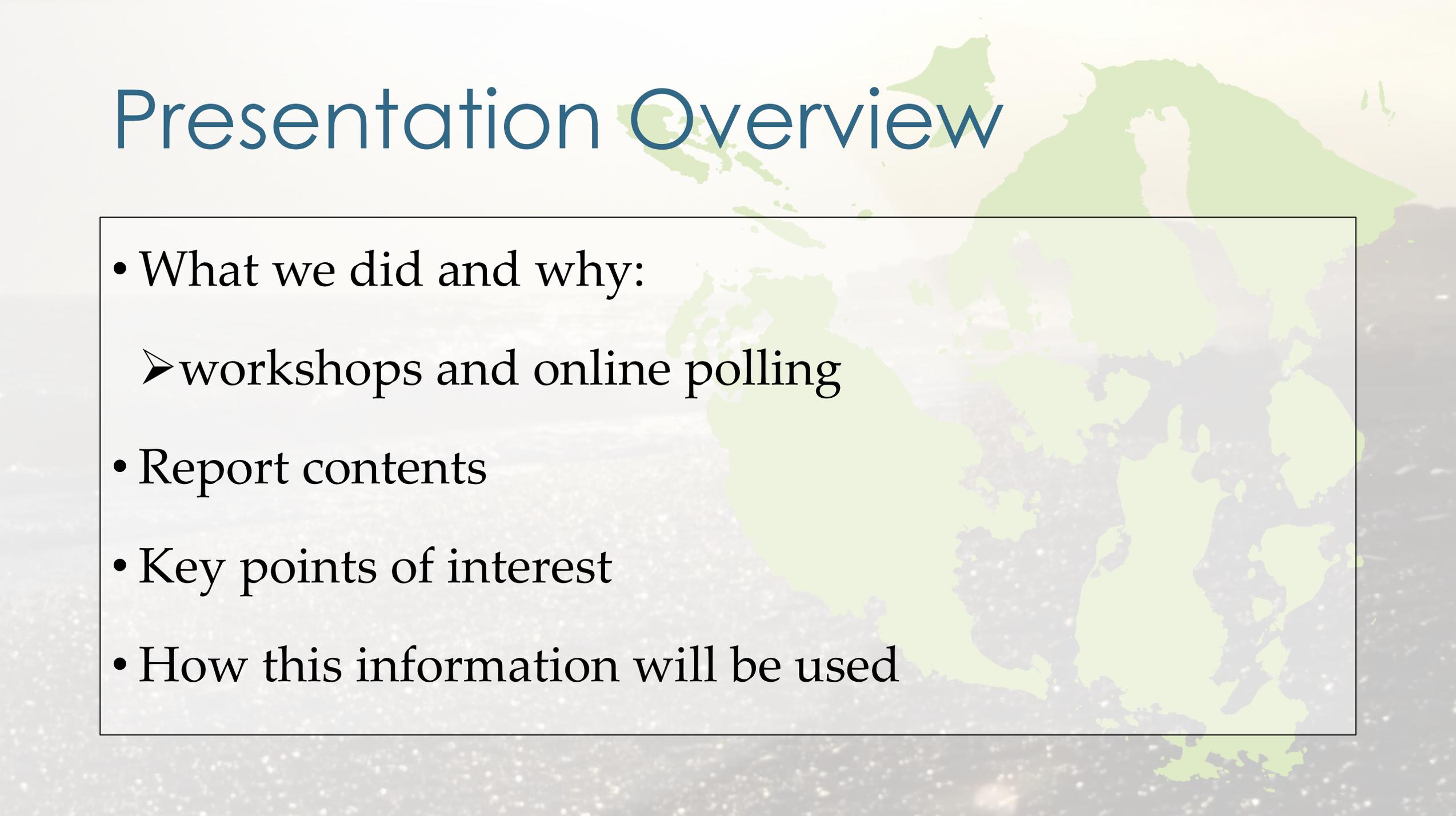
2018 Community Workshop Results

County Council

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Presentation Overview

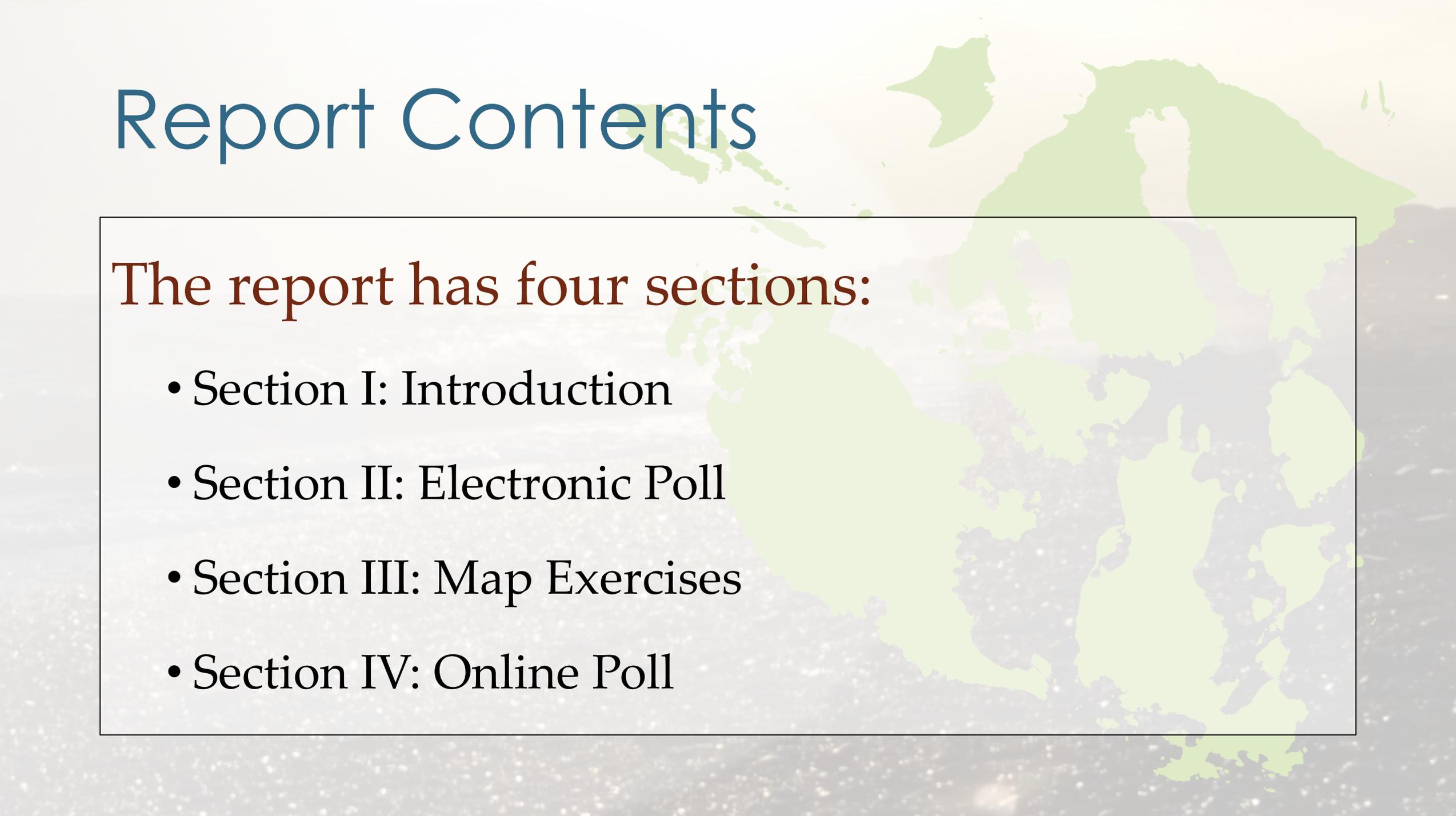


- What we did and why:
 - workshops and online polling
- Report contents
- Key points of interest
- How this information will be used

What we did and why

- Workshops: Lopez, Orcas, San Juan, Shaw & Waldron
- Began education and initiate conversations
- The workshops had two exercises:
 - Electronic poll preceded by information about each topic
 - Map exercises
- November online poll
 - Same information and questions presented in the workshop polling

Report Contents



The report has four sections:

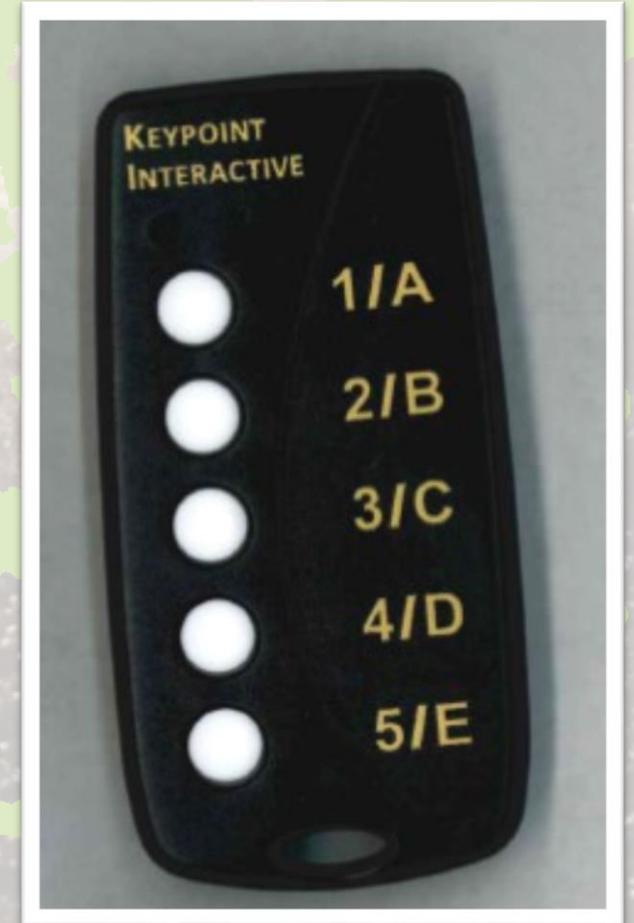
- Section I: Introduction
- Section II: Electronic Poll
- Section III: Map Exercises
- Section IV: Online Poll

Electronic Polling

Report Section II

There were 16 polling questions

- Based on the Council and Planning Commission issues list
- Electronic polling began the education and conversation about the policy issues
- Participants used 'clickers' to respond
- The results are not scientific and should not be seen as conclusive



Electronic Polling: Result Tables

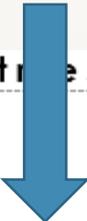
Report Section II

Table 1. Does more land need to be designated for nonresidential development?

	Lopez #	Lopez Percent	Orcas #	Orcas Percent	San Juan #	San Juan Percent	Shaw #	Shaw Percent	Waldron #	Waldron Percent	Total #	Percent
YES	15	65%	8	33%	9	50%	3	20%	1	8%	36	39%
NO	8	35%	16	67%	9	50%	12	80%	12	92%	57	61%
Total	23		24		18		15		13		93	

Table 16 – Correction – Page 15

Table 16. What role should the county take in developing other industries besides tourism?



	Lopez #	Lopez Percent	Orcas #	Orcas Percent	San Juan #	San Juan Percent	Shaw #	Shaw Percent	Waldron #	Waldron Percent	Total #	Percent
The County should continue to focus on the industries it already has – primarily tourism.	2	9%	1	3%	4	21%	4	24%	1	12%	12	13%
The County should have a supporting role for existing agencies and nonprofits by creating new programs to train entrepreneurs and workers.	13	62%	19	68%	7	36%	11	65%	5	63%	55	59%
The County should take the lead on growing more varied industries here, by creating new programs to train entrepreneurs and workers.	6	28%	8	28%	8	42%	2	13%	2	22%	26	28%
Total	21		28		19		17		8		93	

Electronic Polling

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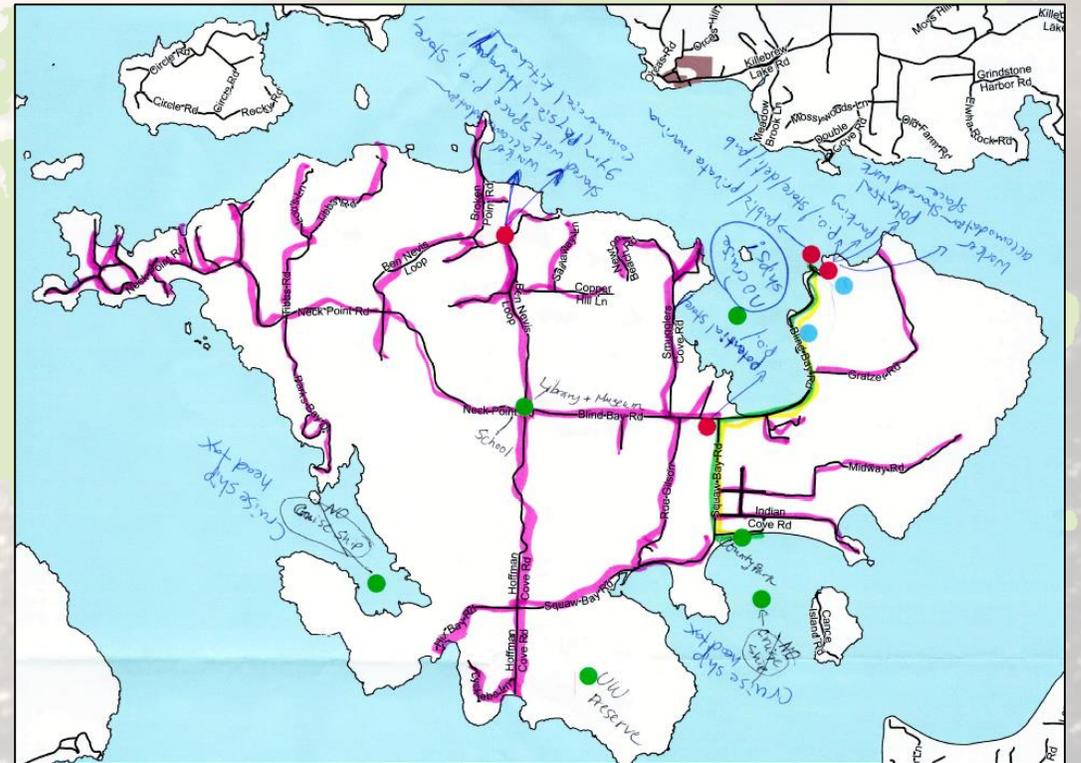
Key Points of Interest (all respondents)

- 61% said no more land needs to be designated for nonresidential development (Table 1)
- The two most significant barriers to development were costs of construction and land (Table 3)
- 89% were in favor of bike and pedestrian improvements (Table 7)
- 74% would participate in voluntary private well monitoring (Table 13)

Map Exercises

Report Section III

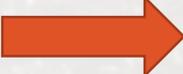
- Each event had 3 - 6 map groups
- Responses drawn on 24" x 36" map
- Encouraged to write comments
- All of the group maps are combined into one map for that event exercise
- Responses are discussed after each map

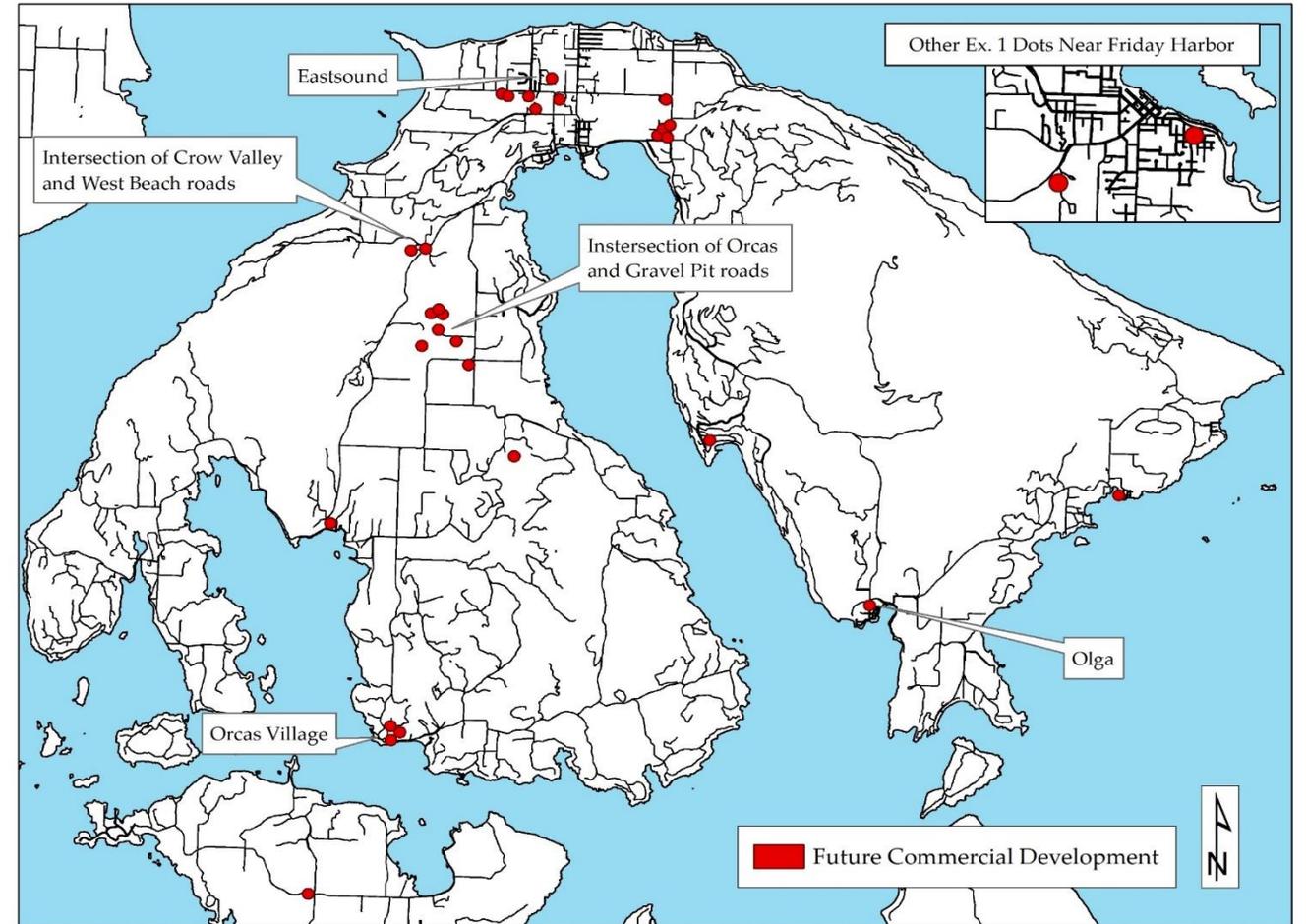


Map Exercise One: Future Commercial Development

Report Section III.A

- The provided maps showed areas currently designated for commercial development
- Placed red dots in areas preferred for future commercial development

Map 2, page 25 

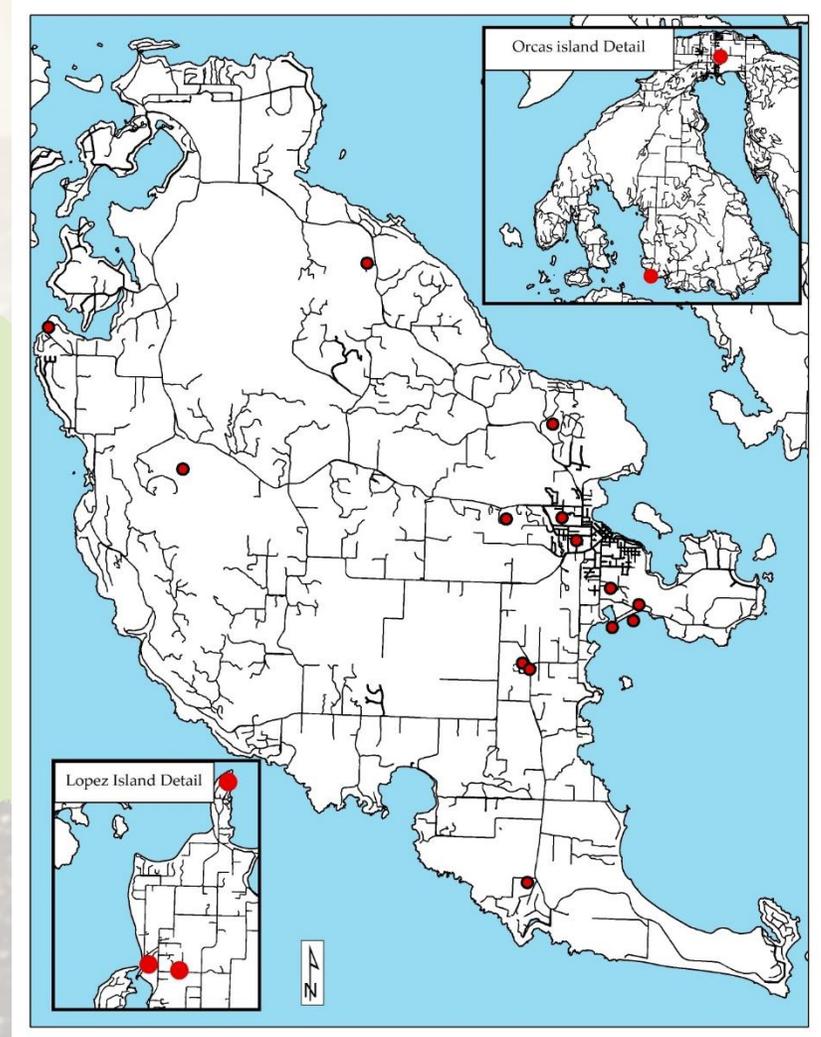


Map Exercise One: Future Commercial Development

Report Section III.A

- Most dots were placed in or near Urban Growth Areas (UGA) and activity centers
- Some highlighted areas with nonconforming uses
- More uses should be allowed in areas already designated for commercial uses instead of designating more land

Map 3, page 31



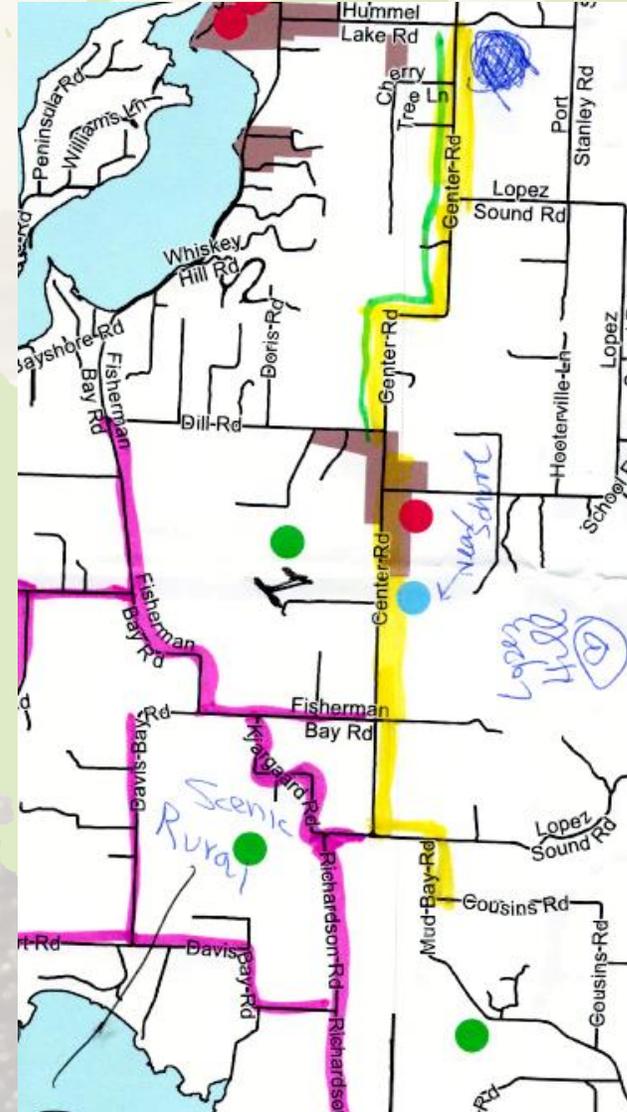
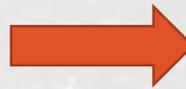
Map Exercise Two: Bike and Pedestrian Improvements

Report Section III.B

Highlight roads:

- Green-separated paths
- Yellow-wider shoulders
- Pink-roads to be preserved for rural character

Excerpt from Lopez Map Group 3

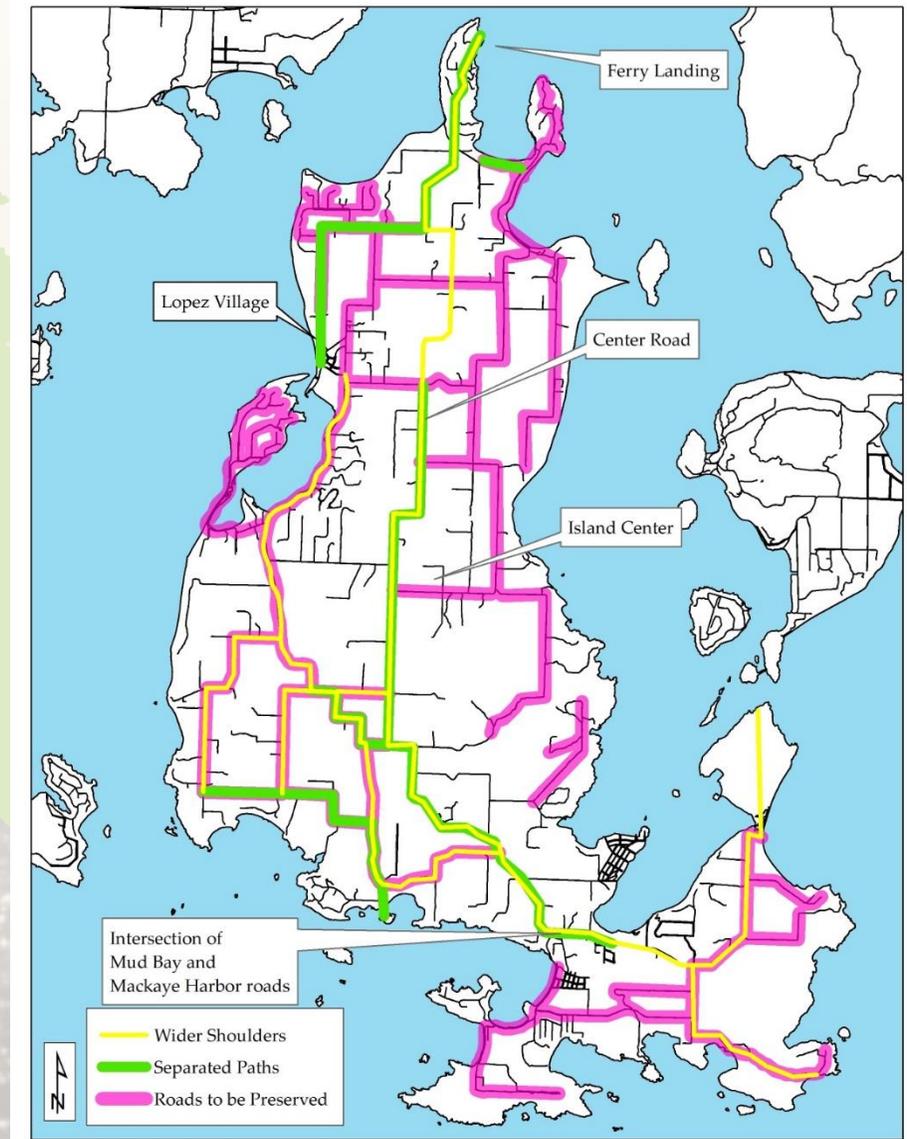


Map Exercise Two: Bike and Pedestrian Improvements

Report Section III.B

- There was no consensus on the preferred approach (i.e. Center Road) – double highlights
- Several groups on different islands did not add areas for wider shoulders
- Many places with opposing responses

Map 7, page 47

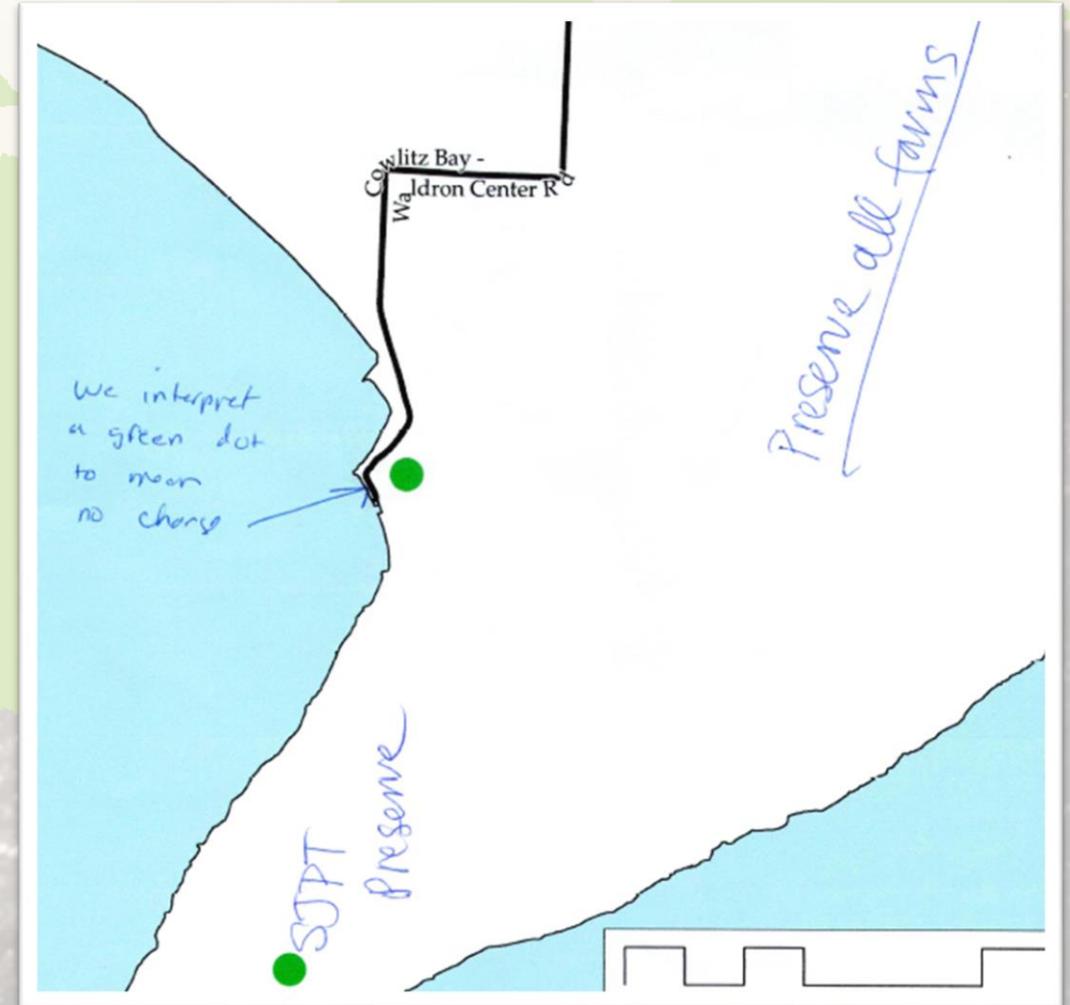


Map Exercise Three: Sense of Place

Report Section III.C

- Green dots were used to mark important areas notable for a sense of place

Excerpt from Waldron Map Group 1

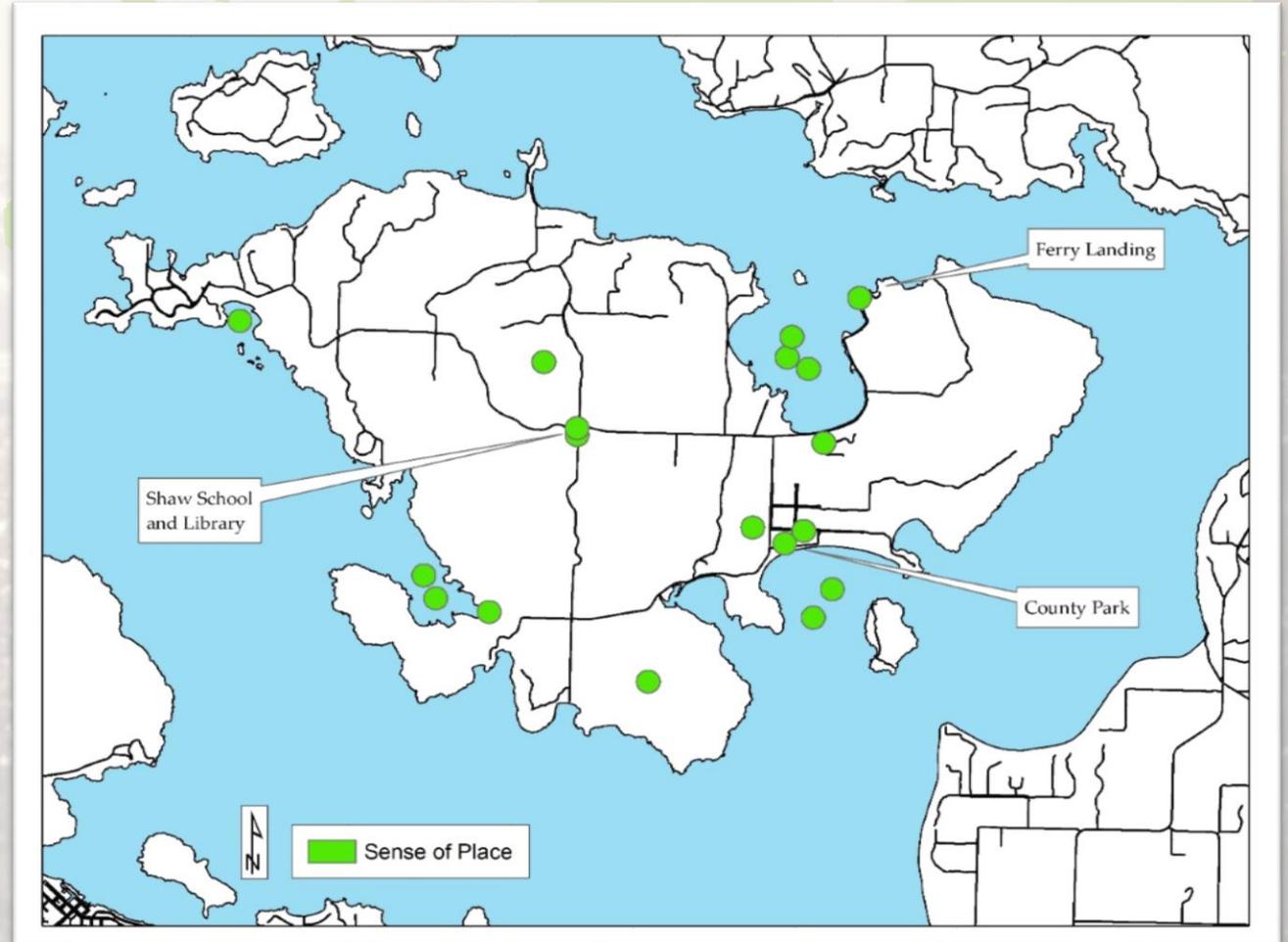


Map Exercise Three: Sense of Place

Report Section III.C

- Many responses were near roads identified in the bike and pedestrian exercise to be preserved for rural character
- The majority of responses identified scenic views

Map 14, page 83

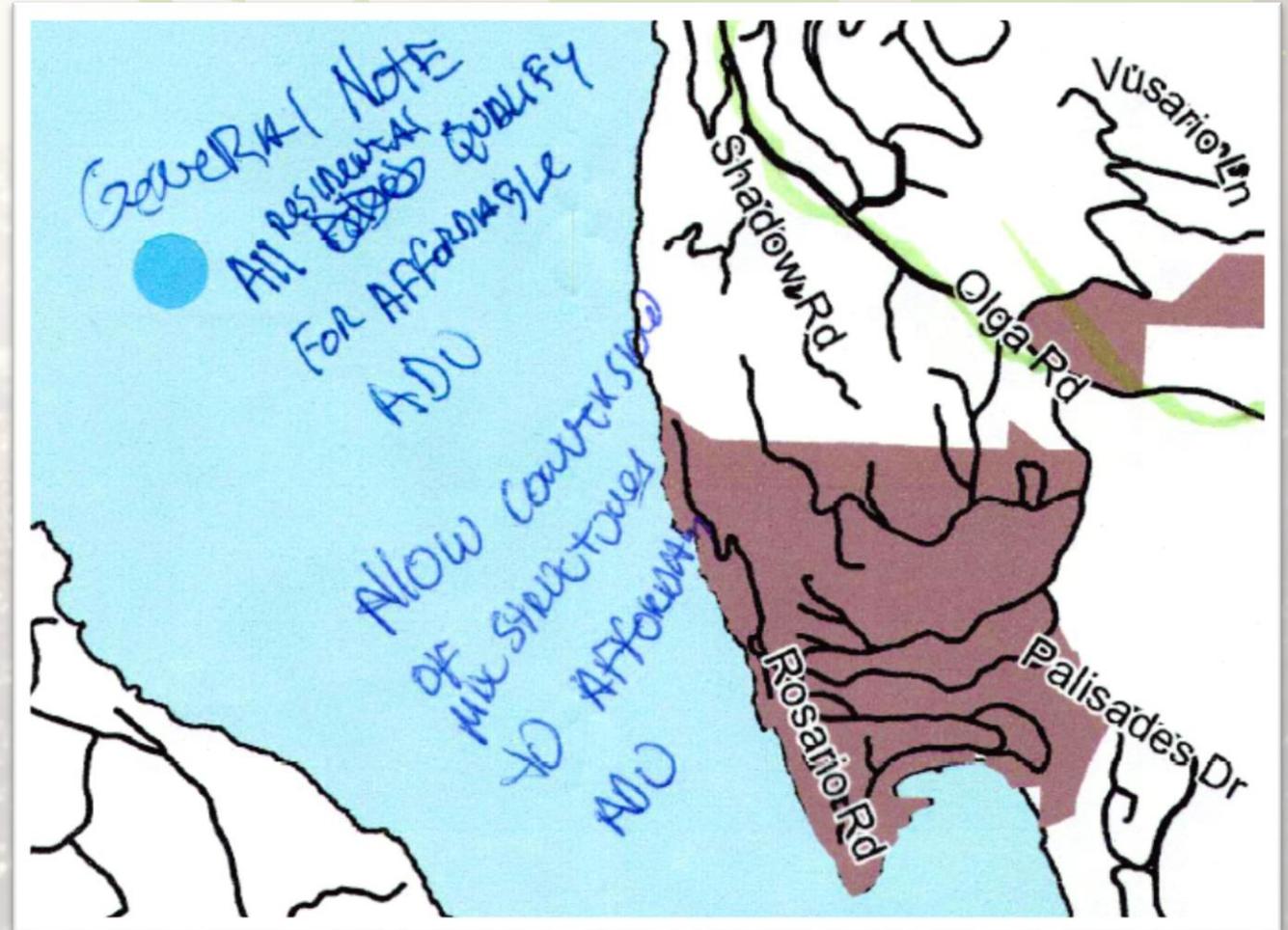


Map Exercise Four: Affordable Housing

Report Section III.D

Blue dots were used to mark ideal locations for affordable housing

Excerpt from Orcas Map Group 4

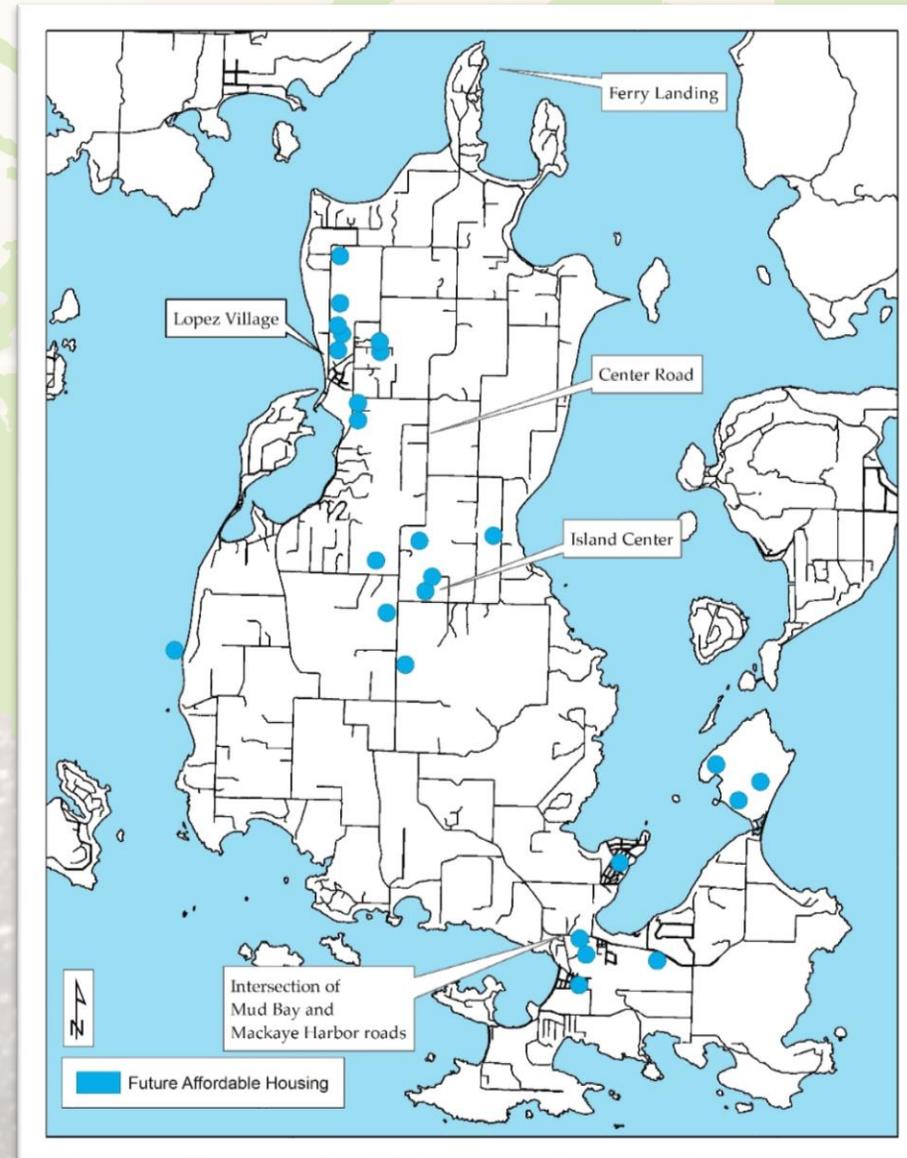


Map Exercise Four: Affordable Housing

Report Section III.D

- Many responses were placed near UGAs and activity centers
- Most of these responses were placed in the same areas identified as good areas for future commercial development

Map 16, page 101

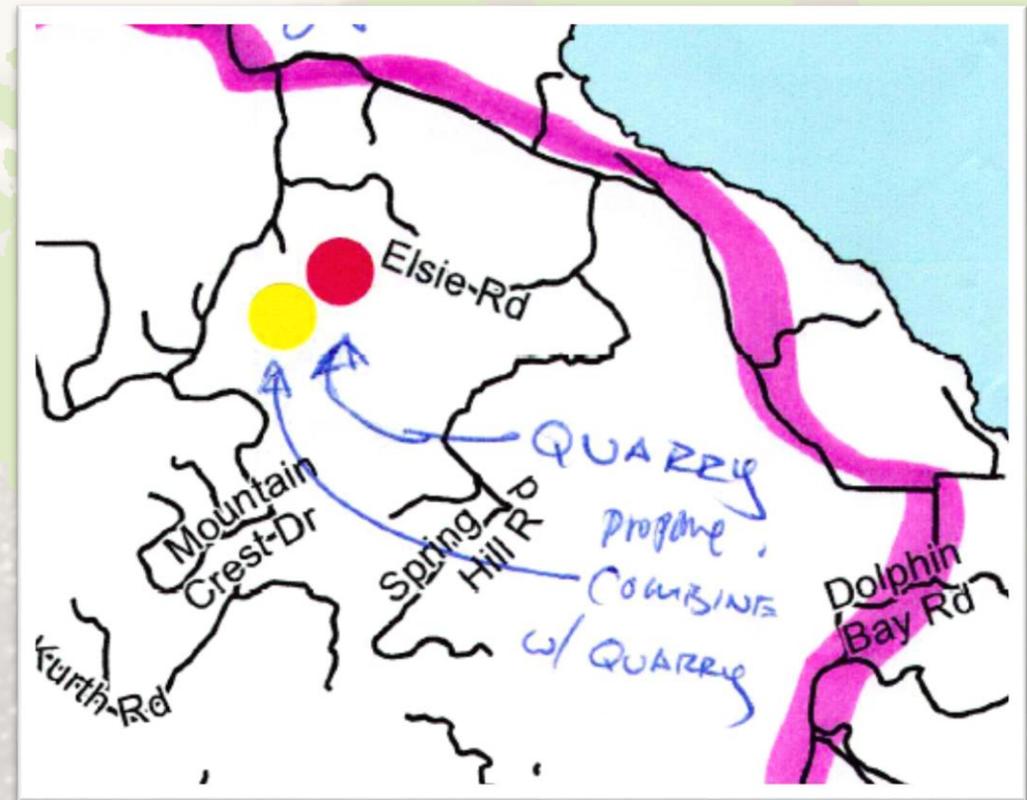


Map Exercise Five: Bulk Fuel Storage

Report Section III.E

- This exercise was only conducted at the Orcas Workshop
- Yellow dots were used to mark preferred bulk fuel storage locations

Excerpt from Orcas Map Group 1

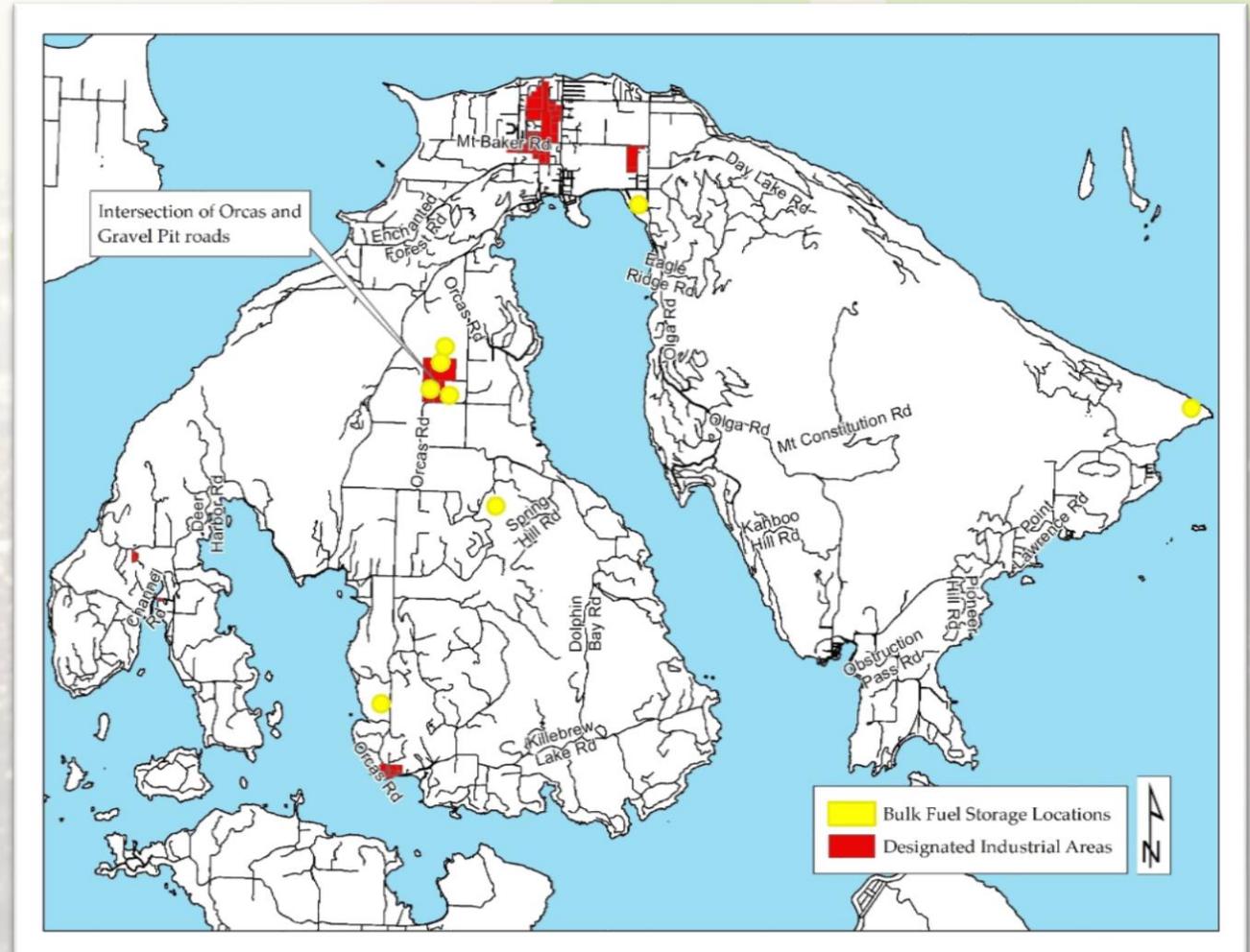


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Report Section III.E

The intersection of Orcas and Gravel Pit roads, near the existing solid waste transfer station received the most responses.

Map 21, page 122



Online Poll

Report Section IV

- A link to the poll was posted to the County website and in newsflashes
- Included the same background/educational information and questions as the workshop poll
- Received 171 responses

Online Poll

Report Section IV

Many responses were similar to the workshop responses. For example:

- No more land needs to be designated for commercial development (Table 37);
- Costs of construction and land are the most significant barriers to new development (Table 39); and
- A mix of wider shoulders and separated paths for bikes and pedestrians are preferred (Table 43)

Online Poll

Report Section IV

- 54% would participate in voluntary well monitoring (Table 49)
- 37% thought more ADUs should be allowed if they are permanently restricted to be affordable (Table 48)
- 67% thought that the County should accommodate either more hotels, resorts, and/or campgrounds (Table 41)

Comprehensive Plan Update

Next Steps for Continuous and Early Public Participation

- Workshop and online poll feedback will inform preliminary draft amendments to Plan elements, goals and policies
- All draft documents will be made available for public review and revised after comments are considered prior to incorporation into the final update draft
- Public hearings will be held on the final draft Comprehensive Plan update

Comprehensive Plan Update

More information is available on the DCD webpage

<https://www.sanjuanico.com/1306/Comprehensive-Plan-Elements>

Public comments on the Comprehensive Plan can be sent to

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QUESTIONS

