

PATHWAY TO OUR FUTURE
GUILDERLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Comprehensive Plan Update
Committee Meeting #8

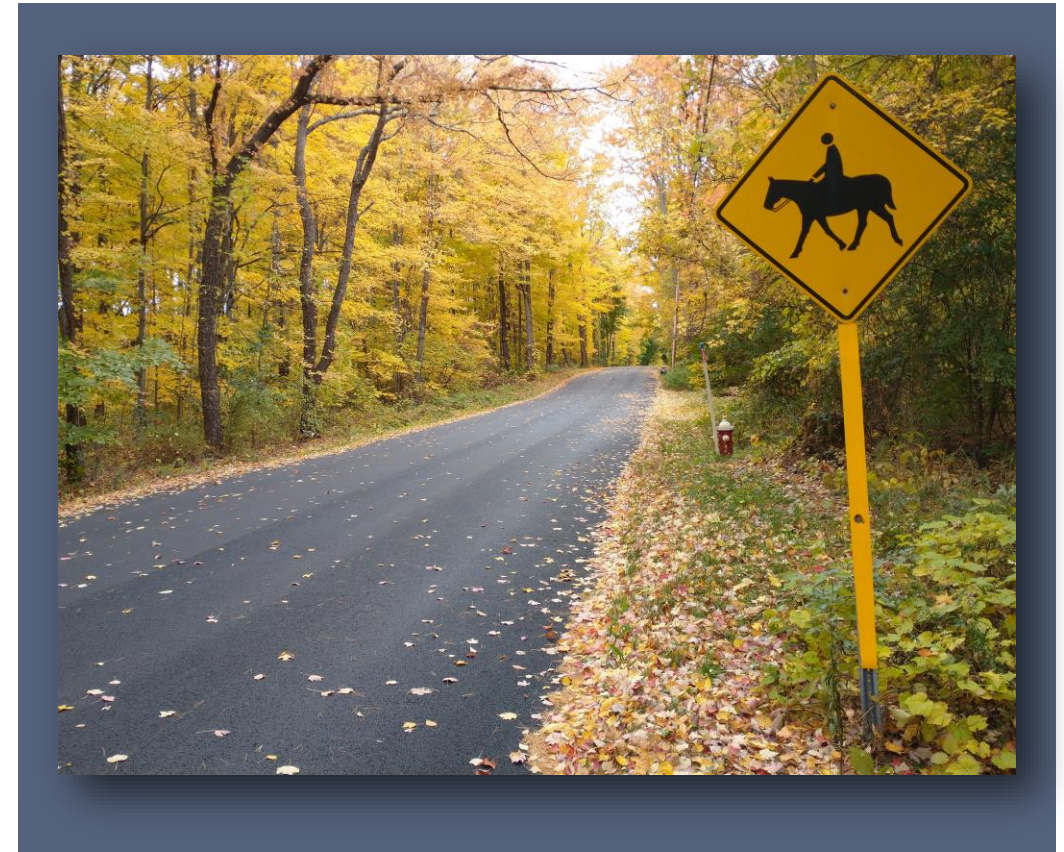
JANUARY 22, 2024

Guilderland Town Hall



AGENDA

- Welcome
- Project Schedule/Engagement Update
- Refined Draft Recommendations Discussion
- Future Land Use Discussion/Exercise
- CPUC Open Discussion
- Next Steps
- Public Comment



PROJECT UPDATE



*CPUC Meetings – Every other month





Remaining CPUC Meetings (Anticipated)

- **January 22, 2024- CPUC #8**

- **Purpose:**

- Review Draft Recommendations
- Discuss Future Land Use Map
- Public Workshop #3 Preparation

- **Materials Submitted:**

- Refined draft recommendations in advance

- **March 12, 2024- CPUC #9**

- **Purpose:**

- Discuss public feedback
- Refine Future Land Use Map

- **Materials Submitted:**

- Public Meeting summary in advance
- Draft Comprehensive Plan following meeting

- **May 14, 2024- CPUC #10**

- **Purpose:**

- Draft Comprehensive Plan Review
- Schedule CPUC Public Hearing/Public Meeting #4

- **Materials Submitted:**

- Draft Comprehensive Plan in advance

- ****June 11, 2024- CPUC #11**

- **Purpose:**

- Discuss Refinements to Draft Plan based on Public Input
- Consider Vote to Advance Draft Plan to Town Board

- **Materials Submitted:**

- Public Hearing highlights in advance

- ****July 2, 2024- CPUC #12 (if needed)**

- **Purpose:**

- Vote to Advance Draft Plan to Town Board





Public Engagement Completed:

- ✓ Project Website Comment Portal
- ✓ Public Open House & Visioning Workshop
- ✓ Stakeholder Focus Groups
- ✓ Community Survey
- ✓ Student Engagement
- ✓ Public Workshop #2

Remaining CPUC Public Engagement (Anticipated)

- **January/February 2024 – Public Workshop #3**
 - *Date to be Determined*
 - *Purpose:* Share preliminary recommendations and future land use map; gather input on priorities
- **Summer 2024 – Public Meeting #4/CPUC Public Hearing**
 - *Date to be Determined*
 - *Purpose:* Requirement per Town Law 272-a; gather public input on Draft Plan



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSION

- Goals assist in achieving the Vision
- Draft recommendations represent proposed actions to support Goals
- Subcommittees reviewed Goals from current Comprehensive Plan and provided input on potential updates
- CPUC provided input
- Consultant Team provided professional suggestions





2001 Comprehensive Plan:

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Inventory & Analysis
- Community Vision
- Plan Recommendations
 - Growth Management Tools
 - Land Use
 - Natural Resources
 - Transportation
 - By Planning Area
- Alternatives
- Action Plan

Proposed Update:

- Executive Summary
- The Planning Process
- Community Profile
- Vision & Goals
- Agriculture
- Business, Employment & Fiscal Resources
- Environment, Climate Change & Resiliency
- Neighborhoods & Housing
- Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Historic Resources
- Transportation & Mobility
- Future Land Uses
- Governance
- Implementation



AGRICULTURE

GOAL: *Ensure the long-term viability of agriculture as a vocation and economic pursuit within the Town of Guilderland by prioritizing the preservation of suitable farmland and by promoting agriculture as an important component of the Town's economy and character.*



BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT, AND FISCAL SERVICES

GOAL: *Establish and promote a diverse and strategic economic base that provides income, employment, and revenue to the community in a manner compatible with the future land use plan and unique identity of Guilderland.*



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & RESILIENCY

GOAL: *Protect the natural resources that support quality of life and Town character in Guilderland through strategic hazard mitigation and resiliency measures to mitigate the impacts of a changing climate.*





NEIGHBORHOODS & HOUSING:

GOAL: *Provide a balanced blend of quality housing opportunities, including a desirable range of housing types and price ranges, which are affordable and accessible to residents.*



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSION

NEIGHBORHOODS & HOUSING:

EXAMPLES OF MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING



PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE & HISTORIC RESOURCES

GOAL: *Provide access to a diverse network of well-maintained active and passive recreational facilities for Guilderland residents of all ages and abilities.*

GOAL: *Prioritize the preservation of open space in the Town of Guilderland, particularly where such areas perform critical ecosystem functions and/or contribute to scenic resources that influence the character, aesthetics, economy, health and welfare of the Town.*

GOAL: *Preserve Guilderland's historic resources and enhance cultural opportunities in the community.*



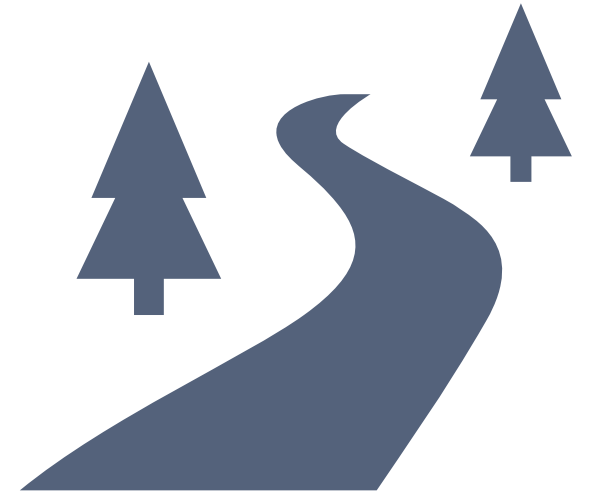
TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

GOAL: *Provide safe, convenient, and efficient transportation options for people and goods within, through and around the Town of Guilderland, which are supportive of the Town's future land use plan and which minimize the negative impacts of traffic on the Town's character and quality of life.*



What is a Future Land Use Map?

- Graphic and written representation of potential future land uses
- Provides framework and direction for future land use regulations and decision making in the community
- Reflects vision, goals and recommendations for the community in the future



A future land use map is a critical component of the Comprehensive Plan.

- It is not parcel specific but identifies where general types of land uses may occur over the next 10-20 years.
- It helps support the Comprehensive Plan thus supporting future zoning updates but is **NOT zoning.**



Where should additional commercial and/or residential development take place? What type?

From the survey!

- 69% of respondents say “The appearance and scale of commercial development is important”
- 61% say that “Providing senior housing/assisted living is important”
- 78% say that “Walkability in the Town is important”
- 61% say that “It is important to provide a range of housing options”

From the survey!

- 30% would prefer “low-density residential development of single-family housing”
- 47% would prefer a “mix of housing types and price points...individuals and families...variety of income levels”
- The common responses in the “Other” category are: starter homes, in-law suites, re-use existing structures, and sustainable construction



Where can public recreation spaces be improved, and connections made?
Where should agricultural lands be protected in Town?

Recreation

- 83% of survey respondents say “Expanding recreational opportunities in the Town is important”
- Tawasentha Park and Pine Bush identified as prominent assets; desire for more recreation opportunities in Westmere identified

Agriculture

- 80% of survey respondents say “Support for agriculture is important”
- Agriculture’s contribution to Guilderland’s scenic resources and economic resources emphasized in public input



FUTURE LAND USE DISCUSSION/EXERCISE

What land uses should be different moving forward and where?

Should there be any changes in future land uses along Route 20?

Where should additional **commercial** development take place? What type?

Where should additional **residential** development take place? What type?

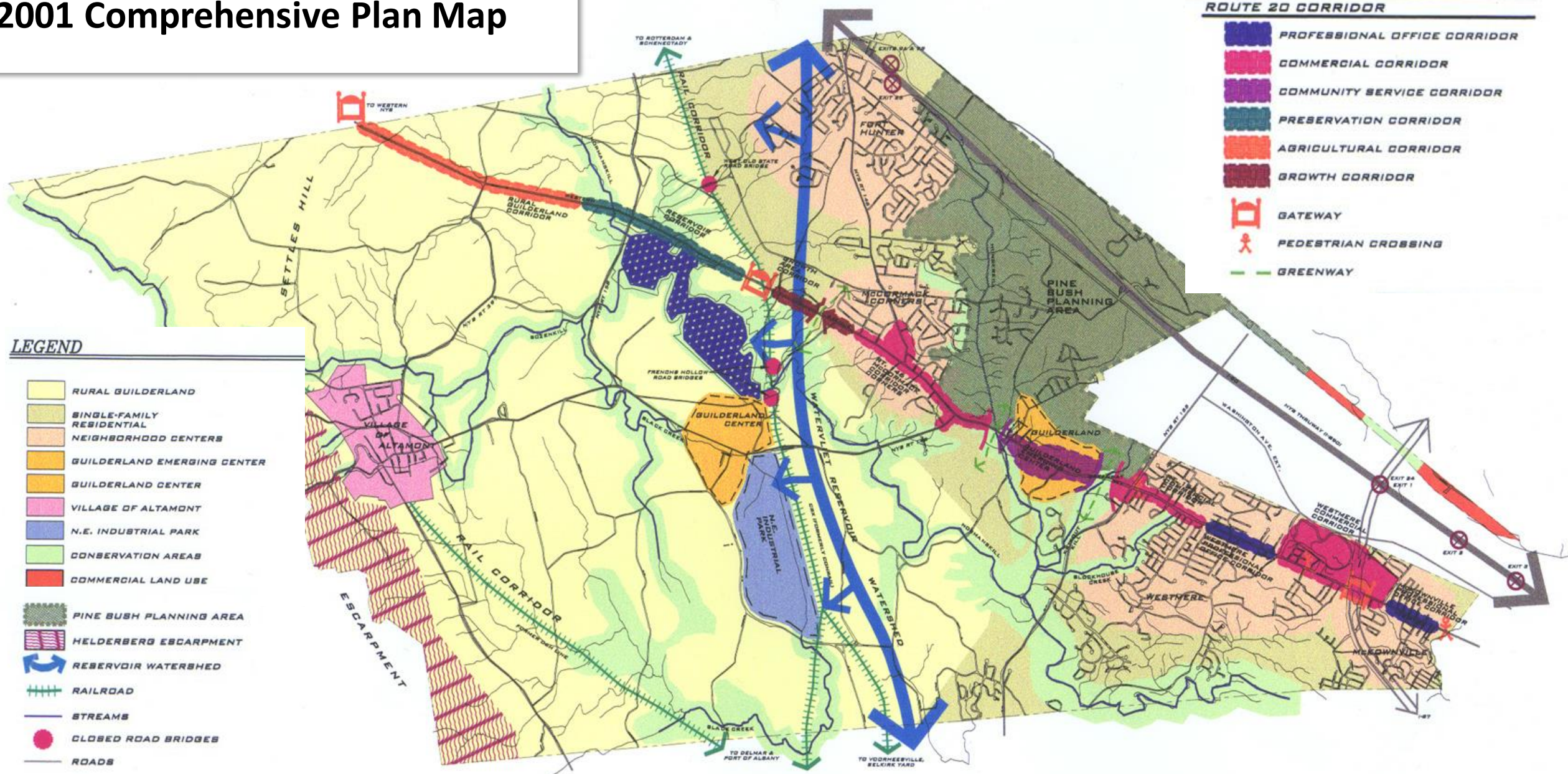
Where should agricultural lands be protected in the Town?

What should occur at the gateways?



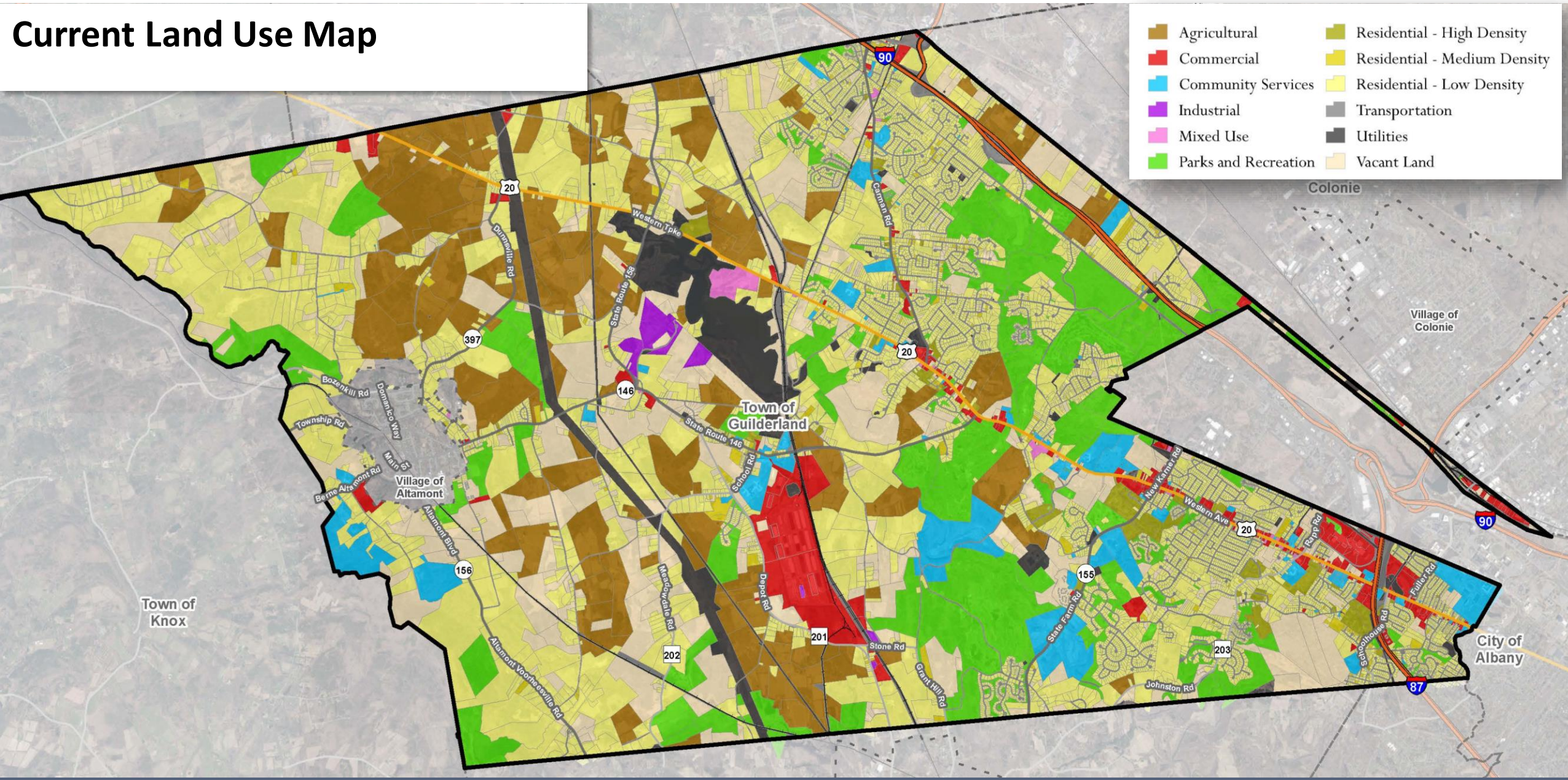
FUTURE LAND USE DISCUSSION/EXERCISE

2001 Comprehensive Plan Map



FUTURE LAND USE DISCUSSION/EXERCISE

Current Land Use Map



CPUC WORK TO REVIEW

1. Review Refined Recommendations
2. Identify Top 3-5 Priorities for each topic by February 2nd
3. Provide feedback on Future Land Uses



CPUC OPEN DISCUSSION



Additional Discussion Items?



NEXT STEPS

- Draft Recommendations & Future Land Use Map Refinement
- Public Workshop #3 - TBD
 - Share Draft Recommendations
 - Identify priorities
- Draft Comprehensive Plan Outline
- Next CPUC Meeting – March 12, 2024



PUBLIC COMMENT



Photo submitted by Guilderland Community Survey respondent

