

Your community's **past, present** and **future.** Let's chat!





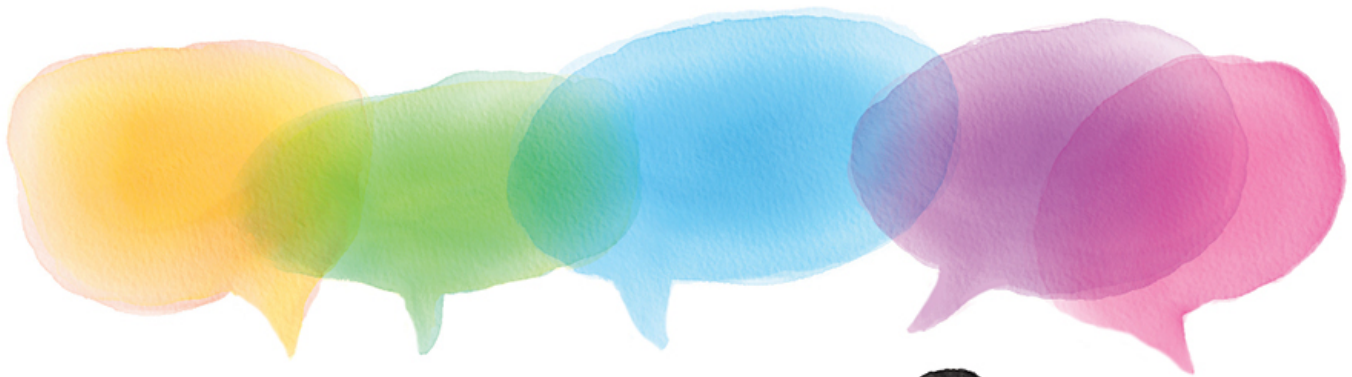
We need your input

Communities change and evolve over time

We're discussing growth, change and redevelopment in your community and the surrounding local area (including the communities of West Hillhurst, Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill, Hillhurst, and Sunnyside).

We need input from a broad and diverse range of people (from homeowners and renters, youth to seniors, singles, couples, families, those who are new to the area and those who have been here for a lifetime, local business owners and community groups) and anyone else who loves the area and is interested in how it could evolve over the next 30 years.

Your input and the input of your neighbours will help create a local area plan that will guide growth, change and redevelopment in the Riley Communities.



Why do we need to discuss growth, change and redevelopment?

Over time, trees and kids grow up, businesses change ownership and offerings, homes and buildings age. People choose to move, renovate or rebuild their homes or businesses to better suit their changing needs.

There is a stage in each community's life cycle when the choice to rebuild or redevelop homes and buildings becomes more and more frequent (generally as homes and buildings reach 50+ years).

A lot of change within a short time can start to feel unpredictable or overwhelming. It's at this stage where it can be helpful to have a plan in place to guide decisions about how and where change and redevelopment makes sense in communities.

Creating a plan to help guide change within communities ensures that there's flexibility (for people looking to make changes and innovate), direction (to help guide development when change is proposed), and certainty (for residents to know how their community may change in the future).



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Planning for the future together

We're excited to connect with you. Working together, The City and citizens, community association representatives, business owners, builders and others will create a local area plan for the Riley Communities area.

A local area plan outlines a future vision for the area, provides guidance on what growth makes sense where, and includes development direction that residents, landowners, builders and developers, city planners and Councillors can commonly refer to as new development ideas are proposed by property owners and landowners in the plan area.

"I've been very impressed with the positive, collaborative, and open process."

— FORMER LOCAL AREA
PLANNING PARTICIPANT



We need your input to help guide future change, growth and redevelopment in the area and in your community.

STEP 1

Review the information in this engagement booklet.

STEP 2

Respond to the questions at the back of this engagement booklet.

STEP 3

Tear out the comment page and drop it in the mail or provide input at calgary.ca/Riley





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Your input matters

This is your first of many opportunities to get involved. In this first phase, we are focused on looking back at the past, understanding the present and envisioning the future of the area. You can get involved in multiple ways in this first phase of engagement.

Let's chat!

- Review this engagement booklet, complete the comment form on the back page, tear it off and drop it in the mail by May 8.
- Provide your input online at calgary.ca/Riley by May 8.
- Join a virtual engagement session – check out the schedule at calgary.ca/Riley and register for a session.

Input collected through this phase of engagement will be used to create the first chapter of the local area plan, which outlines the area's history, highlights key features and amenities connected to the area as it exists today, and includes a vision and core values to help guide future decisions about growth, change and redevelopment in the future.

"I'm really grateful I had this opportunity to take input from the wider community and collaborate with such a diverse group of people."

— FORMER LOCAL AREA PLANNING WORKING GROUP MEMBER



We Want You!

Apply to join the Riley Communities Working Group

Are you interested in participating in more in-depth discussions about the Riley Communities with other community members?

Apply to join the Riley Communities Working Group by May 8 online at calgary.ca/Riley.



We need your input

What is important for people to know about the area's history?

Share your thoughts on page 15.

PAST: the area's history and roots

When thinking of change within your community and the surrounding area, let's first look back in time at the area's history (Past), then we'll focus on the area as it exists today (Present) and lastly, we'll think about how the area could evolve over the next 30 years (Future).

All communities change, and we can see that clearly when we look back in time. Having a good understanding of an area's past helps us learn about, appreciate, and better understand the history of the area, its people and the influences that led to what we see today.

Did you know?



A Long History of Public Transit

Residents have always enjoyed strong public transit access. In 1909, the streetcar network was extended outside of downtown, over the Louise Bridge and along 10 Street NW to 5 Avenue NW. By 1912, service expanded into Crescent Heights, Sunnyside, Grand Trunk (later renamed West Hillhurst), Parkdale and eventually Bowness Park. By 1919, a larger loop encircled most of the Riley Communities.

A streetcar passes through the business district on 10 Street NW at Kensington Road, circa 1920s. Courtesy of Calgary Transit.



Violet King and her Sunnyside Connection

Sunnyside was the childhood home of the first Black woman in Canada to practice law. Violet King (later Violet King Henry, 1929–1982) grew up in a home at 518–7 Avenue NW, which is still standing today. In 1953, King became the first Black person to obtain a Law degree from the University of Alberta's Faculty of Law, and the first Black woman admitted to the Law Society of Alberta. She spoke out publicly against racism as she broke barriers and continually acknowledged the struggle of people of colour in the workplace.

Violet King, the first Black woman admitted to the Alberta Bar, and to practice law in Canada. Courtesy of Libraries and Cultural Resources Digital Collections, University of Calgary, CU1140946.

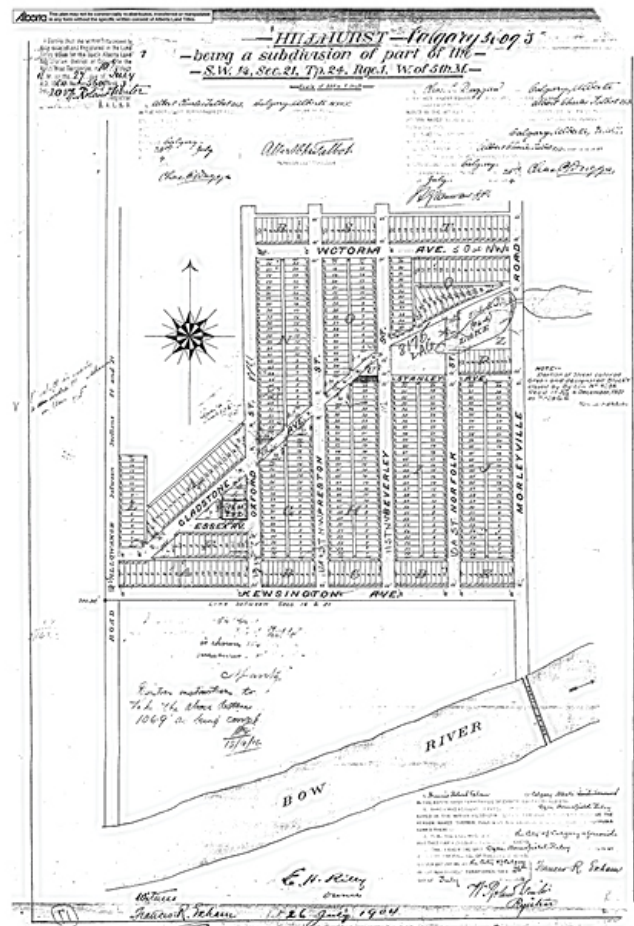
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Calgary's First Purpose-Built Indoor Shopping Mall

The northern part of Hounsfield Heights and Briar Hill continued to develop through the late-1950s. The city's first purpose-built indoor shopping mall, Calgary Centre (later renamed North Hill Shopping Centre), opened at 14 Street and 16 Avenue in 1958. The former Simpsons Sears department store, the mall's original anchor tenant, is on The City's Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources. It represents the shift towards large-format commercial and retail activities from the city core to outlying suburban areas of the city.

North Hill Shopping Centre, Calgary, Alberta, 1962 by Duffoto.
Libraries and Cultural Resources Digital Collections, University of
Calgary, CU1124313. Courtesy of Glenbow Archives



Indigenous Foundations

Tenth Street NW follows the traditional route to the Rocky Mountains and the Îethka Nakoda Wicastabi First Nations. The route was renamed the Morleyville Trail after Methodist missionary George McDougall established his mission at Morley. Gladstone Road NW parallels another trail that Indigenous peoples used to travel northeast from the Bow River.

Indigenous Foundations

Courtesy of Government of Alberta, Ministry of Service Alberta.

PRESENT: the area as it exists today

Understanding the area as it exists today – including what people love and what people would like to see change – helps inform how things could change and evolve in a way that integrates with what already exists and improves aspects that may need a little love or investment.

Over the past few years, we've been spending more time than ever in our communities. Looking at the map below, think about what you love about your community and surrounding area and what isn't working well.

Communities are made up of people and places. To better plan for communities and their evolving future, we need to hear from a range of community experts – the people who know and understand parts of a community best. The knowledge you share will help inform the foundations of your local area plan. We can't wait to hear from you!

— CITY PLANNER

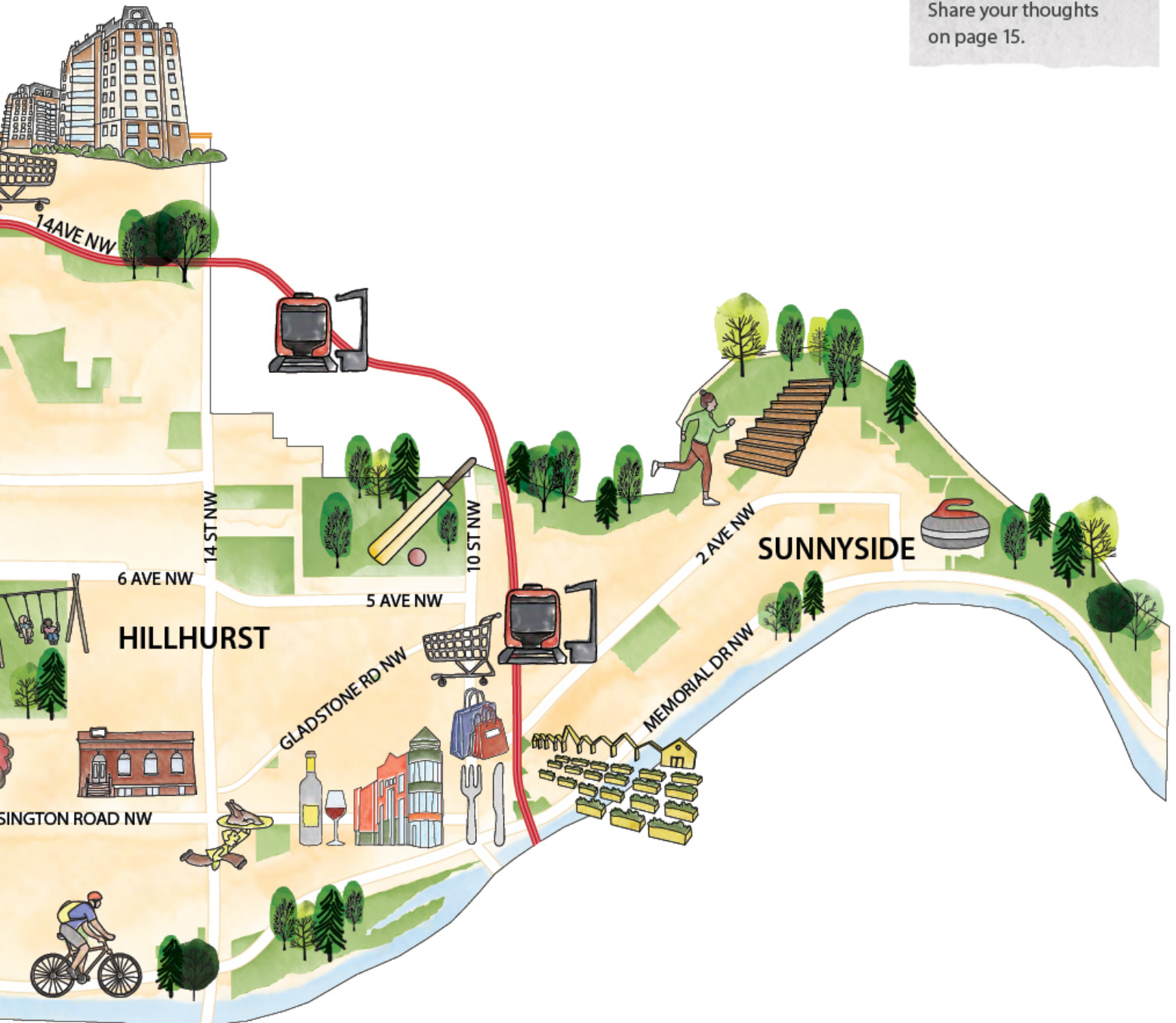




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What do you love about the area and your community and why? What are the challenges your area is facing and why?

Share your thoughts on page 15.





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What's important to you and for future generations when thinking about how the area could evolve?

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FUTURE: the next 30 years

Community change and evolution is often gradual, but many small changes can have a big impact over the long term and having a local area plan in place to guide change and redevelopment helps ensure individual changes contribute towards a bigger picture plan.

The wants and needs of this generation are different from the last and will be different from the next. We know that things will naturally adapt and change in response to people's changing needs, but having a better understanding of current and future needs is key to how we plan and where we go as communities.

What is important to you and for future generations when thinking of how the area and your community could evolve?





"As the demographics are changing, are there plans for residence (something other than what we have right now) for seniors? Is there something like that that could be considered for the plan area main corridors? In the heart of our neighbourhood would be amazing – the diversity of housing that could meet the needs of seniors as an example."

— CITIZEN





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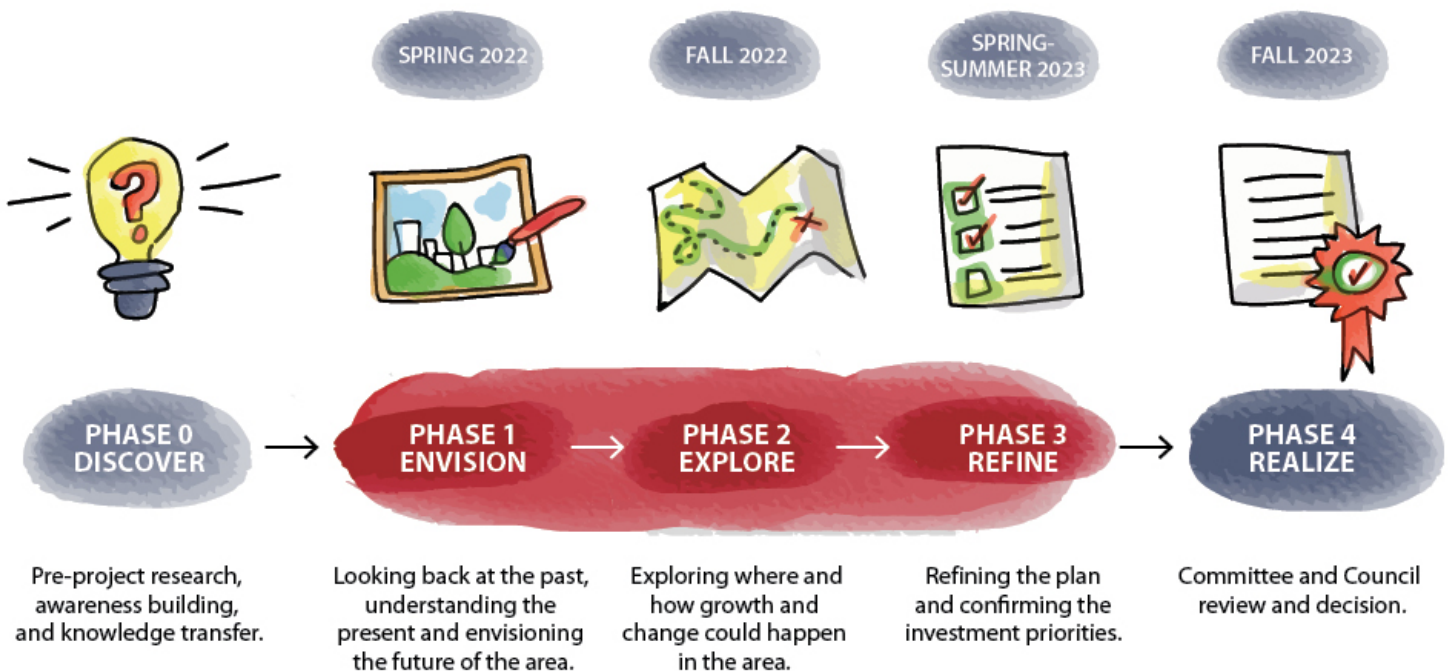
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Learn more and stay connected

Let's chat! Your input will help inform and influence the Riley Communities Local Area Plan that will provide direction on where and how it makes sense for your community and local area to change and evolve.

You have insights and ideas that are important as we discuss the evolution of your community and create a local area plan to help guide future growth and change. Get involved and stay connected.



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As we work together, your input will help inform a local area plan that will provide direction on where and how it makes sense for your community and local area to change and evolve.



We need you!

Get involved: Apply to join the working group

Are you passionate about helping shape your community for you and future generations? Are you interested in working with fellow citizens, community association members, local builders/developers and city planners to discuss growth and change in the Riley Communities?

What is the working group?

The working group includes people from a range of backgrounds who provide feedback, consider input provided by the broader community, and discuss concepts and ideas with city planners as the local area plan is created.

The working group will participate in 7 – 8 focused workshops over approximately 2 years.

Who can apply for the working group?

We're looking for a broad range of people to join the working group, including:

- Local residents including long-term or new homeowners and renters (balance of youth, young professionals, families, singles and seniors).
- People who work in the area.
- People who own property in the area.
- Local business owners.
- Members from the development industry.
- Community users (from a recreation or customer perspective).
- Education, Faith, Environmental, Cultural or Advocacy group members in the area.

Apply now until May 8 at calgary.ca/Riley



"I got to meet so many great people from surrounding communities and have some really interesting discussions with them and The City."

—FORMER LOCAL AREA PLANNING WORKING GROUP MEMBER



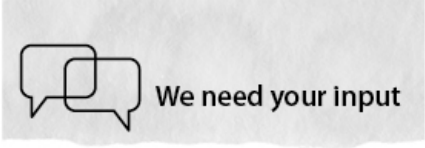
"Looking forward to the next session and further discussion."

—LOCAL AREA PLANNING WORKING GROUP MEMBER



"Thanks for a great session today. Excited to see where this goes."

—LOCAL AREA PLANNING WORKING GROUP MEMBER



1. Past

What is important for people to know about the area's history? (i.e. significant people or places, heritage).

4. Rank Ideas 1-8 (1 = high priority, 8 = low priority). Share any thoughts you have about how or where these ideas could happen in the area.

a. Promote housing options that are varied, inclusive and affordable. How or where?

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b. Provide opportunities to access goods, services and amenities close by. How or where?

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c. Offer opportunities to gather and participate in civic, arts, cultural and entertainment activities, in both public and private spaces. How or where?

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d. Provide varied and inclusive spaces and facilities for recreation, play and outdoor activities close by. How or where?

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e. Provide spaces that foster a sense of place and are designed for everyone. How or where?

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f. Ensure natural areas, biodiversity and ecological functions are protected, restored and enjoyed. How or where?

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g. Enable and support prosperity through diverse economic opportunities at a variety of scales. How or where?

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h. Support the use of existing streets, services and buildings to reduce the need for new infrastructure. How or where?

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2. Present

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3. Future

What's important to you and for future generations when thinking about how the area could evolve in the next 10-30 years and why? (Think of specific topics such as housing, connectivity (bike, transit, vehicle), sustainability and/or specific locations within the area (community gathering spaces, libraries etc.)



Riley Communities
Local Area Planning Project

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