



African Nova Scotian
**Road to
Economic
Prosperity**

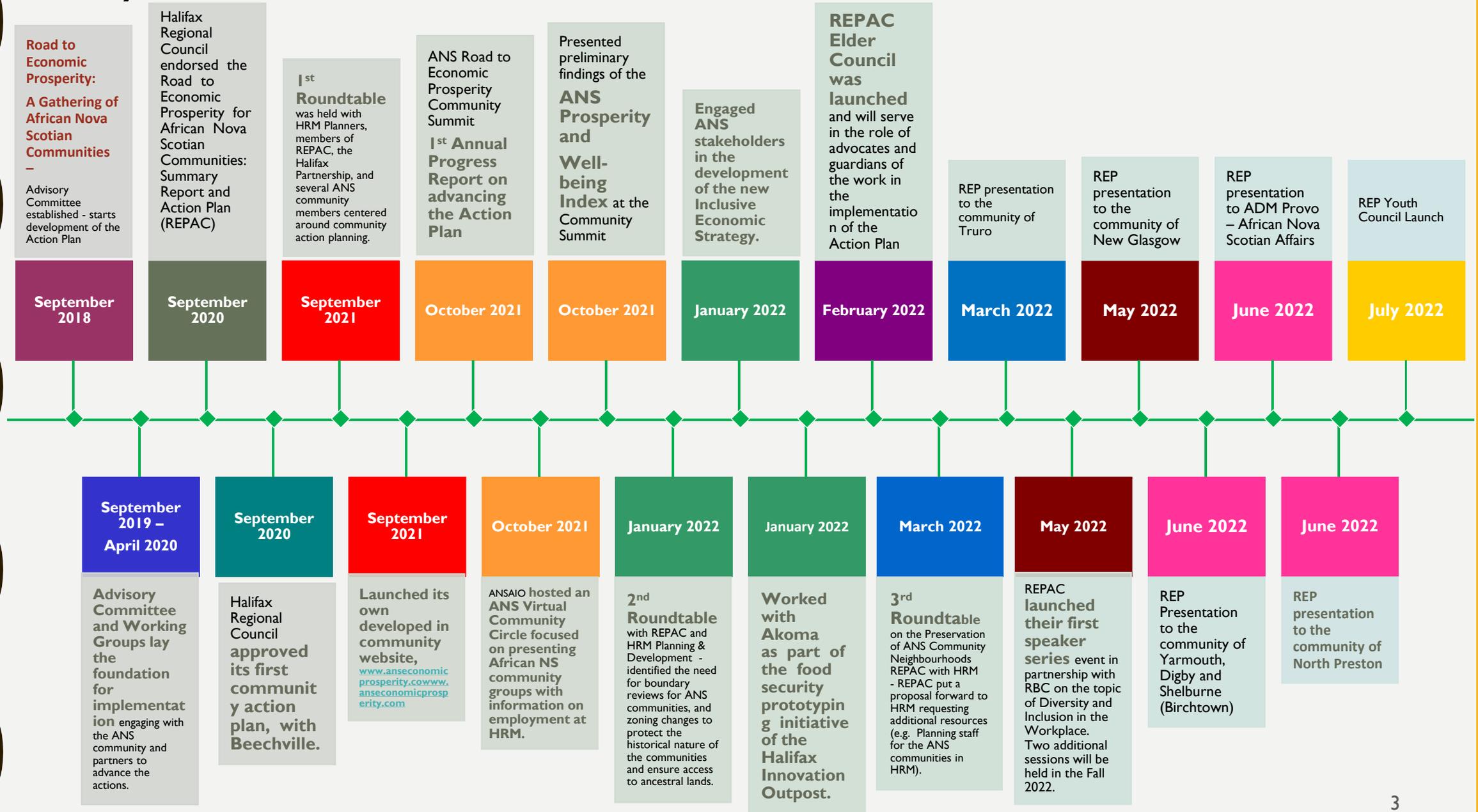
Presentation

African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity Action Plan developed and owned by the Community in partnership with the Halifax Partnership and HRM



PROGRESS TO DATE

Key Milestones



ROAD TO ECONOMIC PROSPERITY'S (REP) ROUNDTABLE WITH THE MAYOR ON THE PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION OF ANS COMMUNITIES

- Its goal is to reshape the relationship between community and the city's administration. Addressing how we can work together to address the issues of land ownership, zoning, and community boundaries
- First session was held on September 10th with follow up sessions on January 27th and March 17th
- The first session was to highlight the current issues community is facing to drive the administration to action. The second was more focused on the issue of Zoning which was a major issues identified in the first session. The third was to formalize some of the changes made and discuss next steps as we look to expand the tools available to community.
- Requested funding of \$500,000 for additional staff to work in / with community. Staff report being completed next budget cycle.



ELDER COUNCIL

CREATION OF ELDER COUNCIL



PARTNERS:

PARTNERSHIP

HALIFAX

ELDER COUNCIL

- Darlene Lawrence – South Shore
- Cameron Brown – Caribbean
- Charles Sheppard – Cape Breton
- Iona Duncan-States – Halifax
- Louise Delisle – South Shore
- Melinda Daye – Halifax
- Craig Smith – Halifax
- Olive Phillips – Caribbean
- Lavonne Sparks – Halifax
- Glenda Talbot-Richards – Northern
- Chuck Smith – South Shore
- Shawna Paris-Hoyte – Halifax

Membership

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- ❖ Resources/support person from the primary agencies
- ❖ Youth and elder representation

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- ❖ Develop a work plan and timeline for completion
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- ❖ Remain open to new ideas and concepts
- ❖ Offer possible alternatives when an agreement cannot be reached
- ❖ Discuss everyone's positions on matters of group interest
- ❖ Agree on how to communicate these as a group to external parties

Values

- ❖ Ethical and competent leadership
- ❖ Strong, progressive and effective institutions with Afrocentric representation and values
- ❖ Economic infrastructure that gives back to the community
- ❖ A coherent strategy for healing, for trauma, and emotional well-being.



YOUTH COUNCIL

CREATION OF YOUTH COUNCIL



PARTNERS:

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PARTNERSHIP

HALIFAX

YOUTH COUNCIL

- Myannah Carvery – Valley
- Chelsea Slawter-Wright – Halifax
- Mamadou Wade – Halifax
- Shekara Grant – Halifax
- Joshua Lafond – Halifax
- Graham Cromwell – South Shore
- Venessa Hartley – South Shore
- Templeton Sawyer – Caribbean
- Kjeld “KJ” Conyers-Steede – Caribbean
- Emperor Ben Robertson – African Diaspora

Supports

Jenee Jarvis– Halifax Partnership
Russel Brooks – HRM
Matt Burt - HRM

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BEECHVILLE SURPLUS LANDS



BEECHVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK STREET RENAMING



BEECHVILLE ZONING





UPPER HAMMONDS PLAINS

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WHAT IS A **CLT**? ▶ A **Community Land Trust** is a non-profit organization that owns land and puts it to use for community benefit.



From Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust, Toronto

UPPER HAMMONDS PLAINS

Melvin Land Tract

• (2 parcels, 128+983) 1111 Acres

Historical Parcels

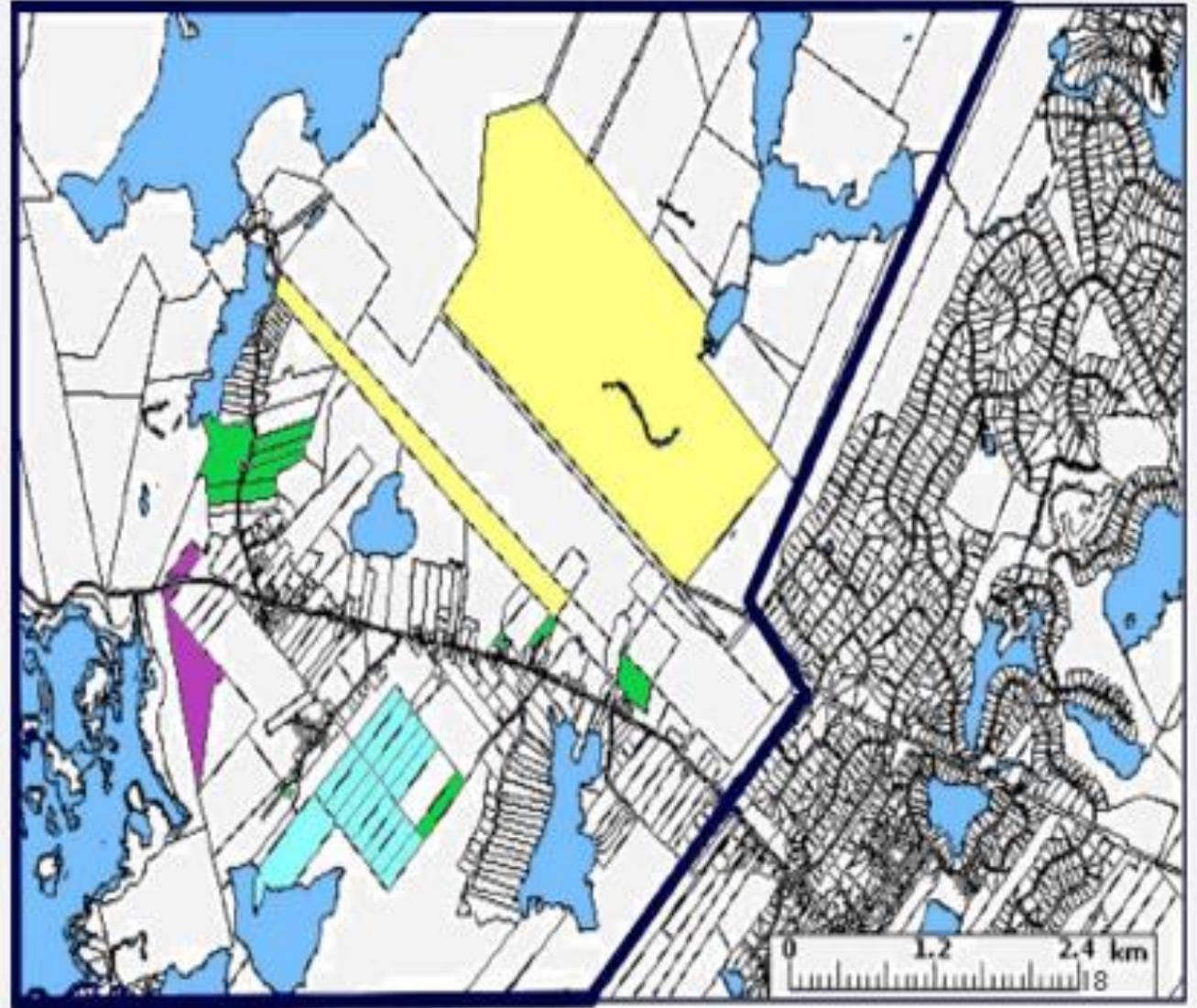
• (approx. 14 parcels) 194 Acres

Owner Unknown Parcels

• (approx. 10 parcels) 88 Acres

Ungranted Land

• (1 parcel) 53 Acres



UPPER HAMMONDS PLAINS - ZONING



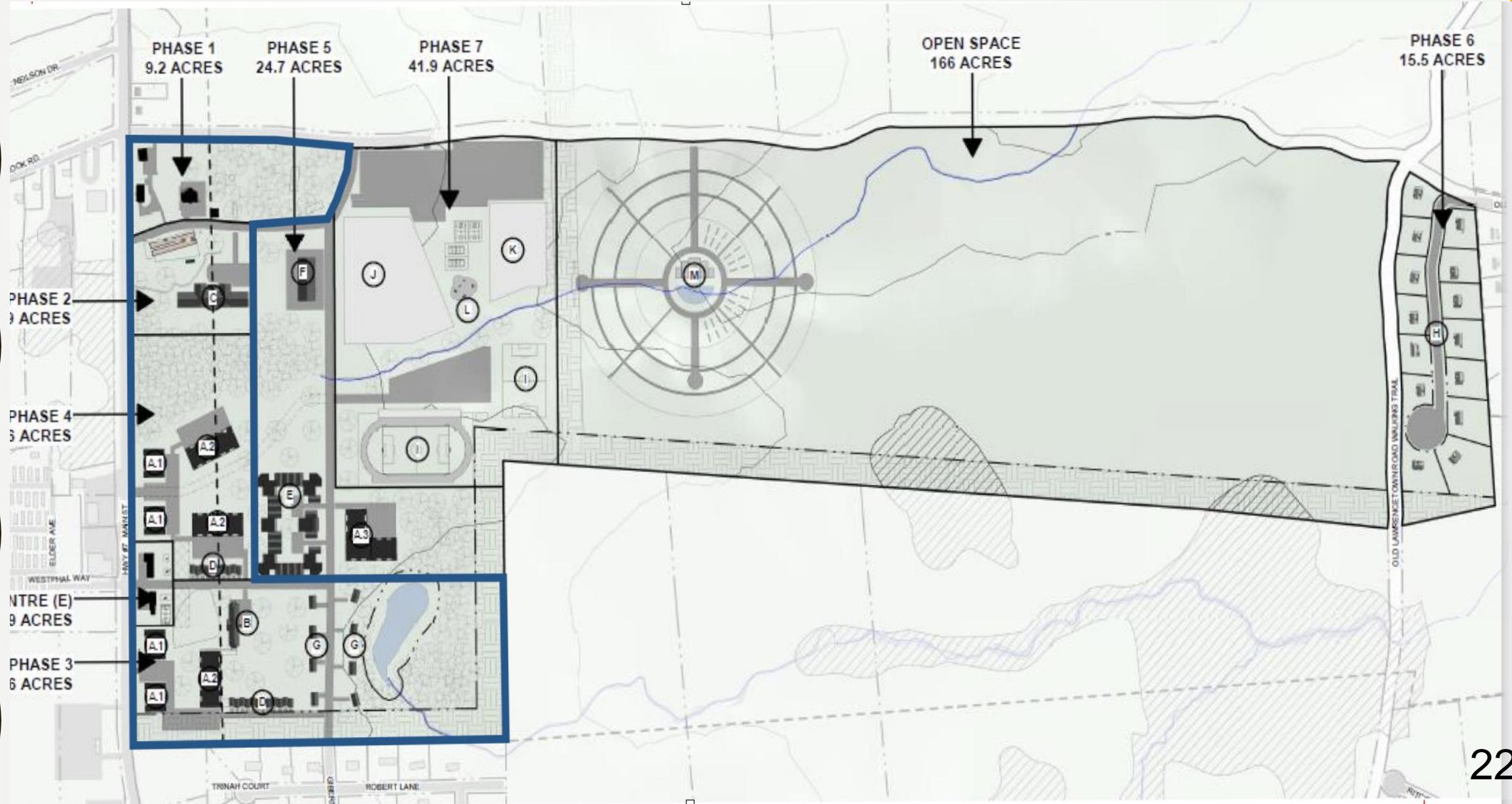
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AKOMA

AKOMA PLANS



ONGOING PROJECTS/INITIATIVES

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- Family Centre – 5 children – EPEA
- Rental Bauld Centre rentals – Y/NS Works and Community Hall
- Bauld Annex – Community organizations – DPAD, MLA
- Community Garden – over 40 gardeners from Congo, Tibet, Syria, Jamaica, Scotland, England, Portugal and Republic of Brunelli

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

- Bauld Centre Kitchen Refit
- Hydroponic Garden
- Old Home Restoration – Kinney Place
- Rapid Housing Initiative
- Garden Shelter & Toilet

MEDIUM & LONG-TERM INITIATIVES

MEDIUM TERM (18 months – 3 years)

- Black Vendors Market
- Senior Housing
- New Children's Centre
- Long Term Care Facility

LONG TERM (3 – 10 years)

- Mixed Income Rental with Commercial at Ground Floor
- Mixed income housing
- Sports Facility
- Funeral home & Cemetery
- Black Memory Lane

WHAT WE HEARD

- Needs Assessment
- Survey
- Meetings
- Consultations
- Presentations [over 500 people]

WHAT IS STILL NEEDED

- Halfway House
- Shelter for ex-offenders
- Hotel
- Africentric School
- Auditorium



PROVINCIAL PRESENTATIONS

INCLUDING OUR PROVINCIAL ANS COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK

We've shared our framework and the plan with the provincial ANS communities so that they can start the work with their municipalities and revitalize their communities. We have presented in several communities with a great reception to the work and an excitement to begin organizing communities in the regions.

We have presented in:

- Truro
- New Glasgow
- Yarmouth
- Digby
- Shelburne / Birchtown
- Whitney Pier
- Amherst



**COMMUNITY
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
WORK**

WHAT IS ON THE ROAD AHEAD?

September 2022

By the end of September 2022:

- Lucasville will have started their community planning
- Upper Hammonds Plains will have completed their strategic planning
- Beechville will have updated their strategic plan

WHAT IS ON THE ROAD AHEAD?

East/North Preston, Lucasville and Lake Loon/Cherrybrook:

- Host information sessions on and implement the processes that have been established in Beechville
- Introduce and begin the process of creating Community Land Trust or similar organizations in the communities where they don't already exist

Maroon Hill:

- Address the continued erosion of Black spaces and communities.
- Undo the erasure of the African Nova Scotian narrative from our shared history.

Africville:

- Engage with the multiple organizations who have been leading this work (The Genealogy Society and ANSAIO) in a deep discussion to better align goals and develop work plans

THANK YOU

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