



Akoma's Affordable Housing Plan for Women

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Akoma History:

- **1921 – Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children (NSHCC) opens to historic crowd. Offering housing for 100+ yrs**
- **1978 – Orphanage closed. Akoma Family Centre opened two group homes.**
- **2014 - Assets of NSHCC transferred to Akoma Holdings Inc. Renamed “Akoma”.**
- **2016 – Refurbishment process of “Old Home” began**
- **2022 – Heritage status awarded**
- **2022 - Kinney Place Opened as an Intergenerational Centre & Black Business Incubator**

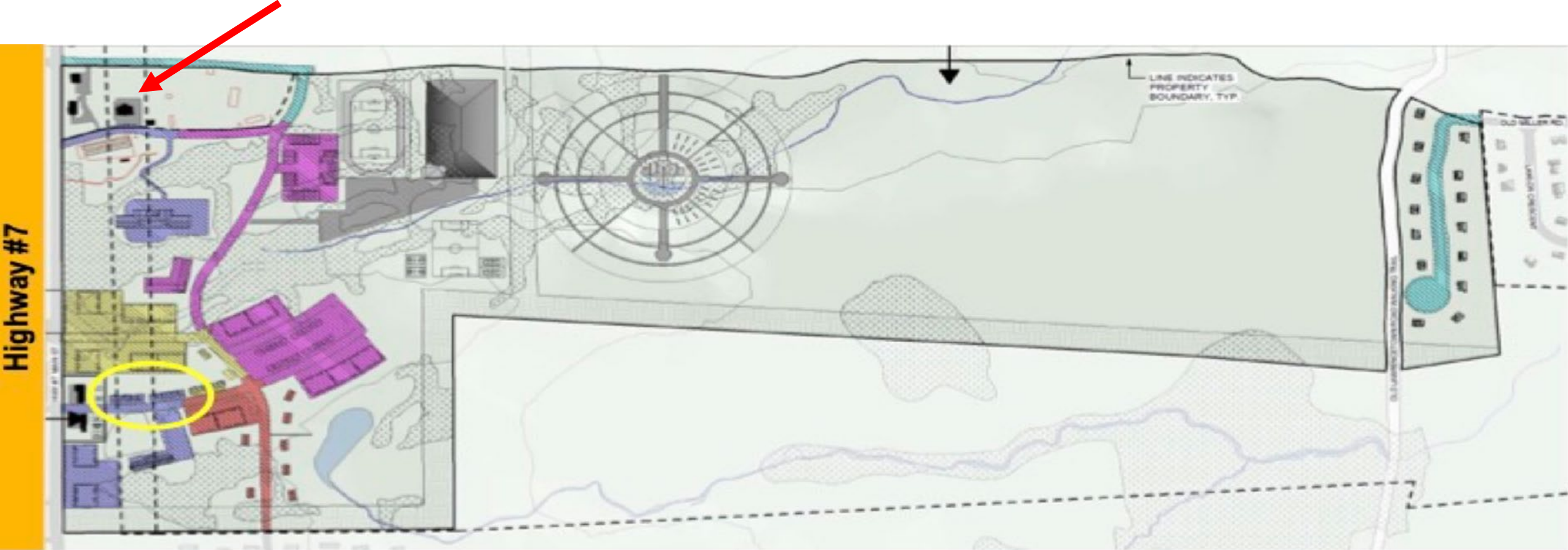
In a nutshell:

Akoma is a geographical hub for intergenerational living and economic prosperity for people of African descent in Nova Scotia. Akoma is a Black run and Black serving registered charity.

Kinney Place



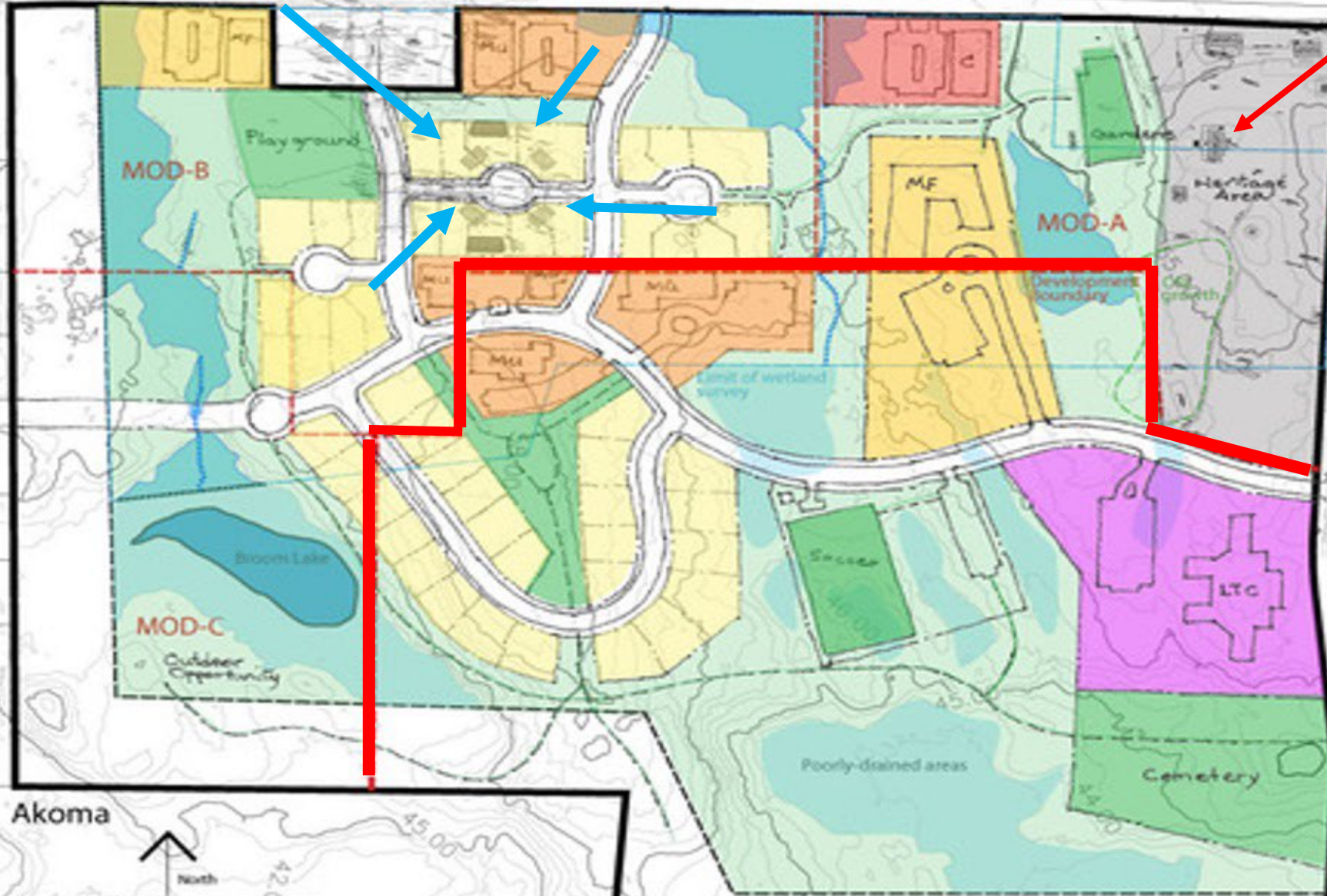
Development Plans: Largest Black land holding



KINNEY PLACE

Highway #7

RHI – Affordable Housing



Approximate power line right-of-way

Kinney Place, Before & After:

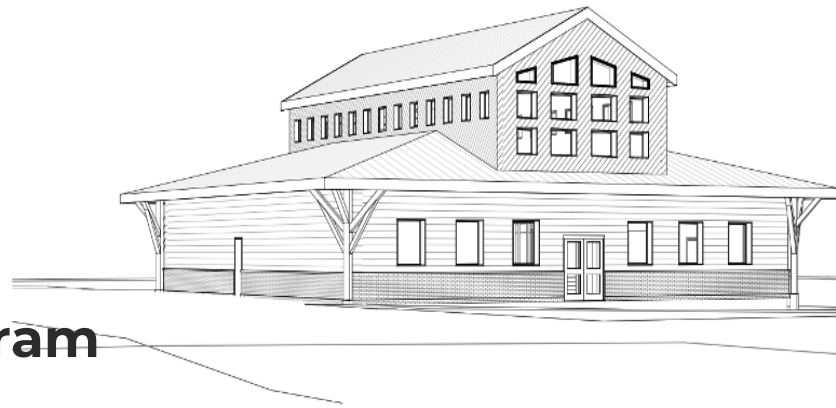






Current:

- Hydroponic Farm
- Black Incubator Program
- Rapid Housing Initiative – women & children



Future:

- Senior's Long-Term Care
- Mixed Commercial/Retail Rentals
- New Childcare Centre
- Affordable Housing
- Black Vendors Market
- Sports Facility

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Hydroponic Farm:

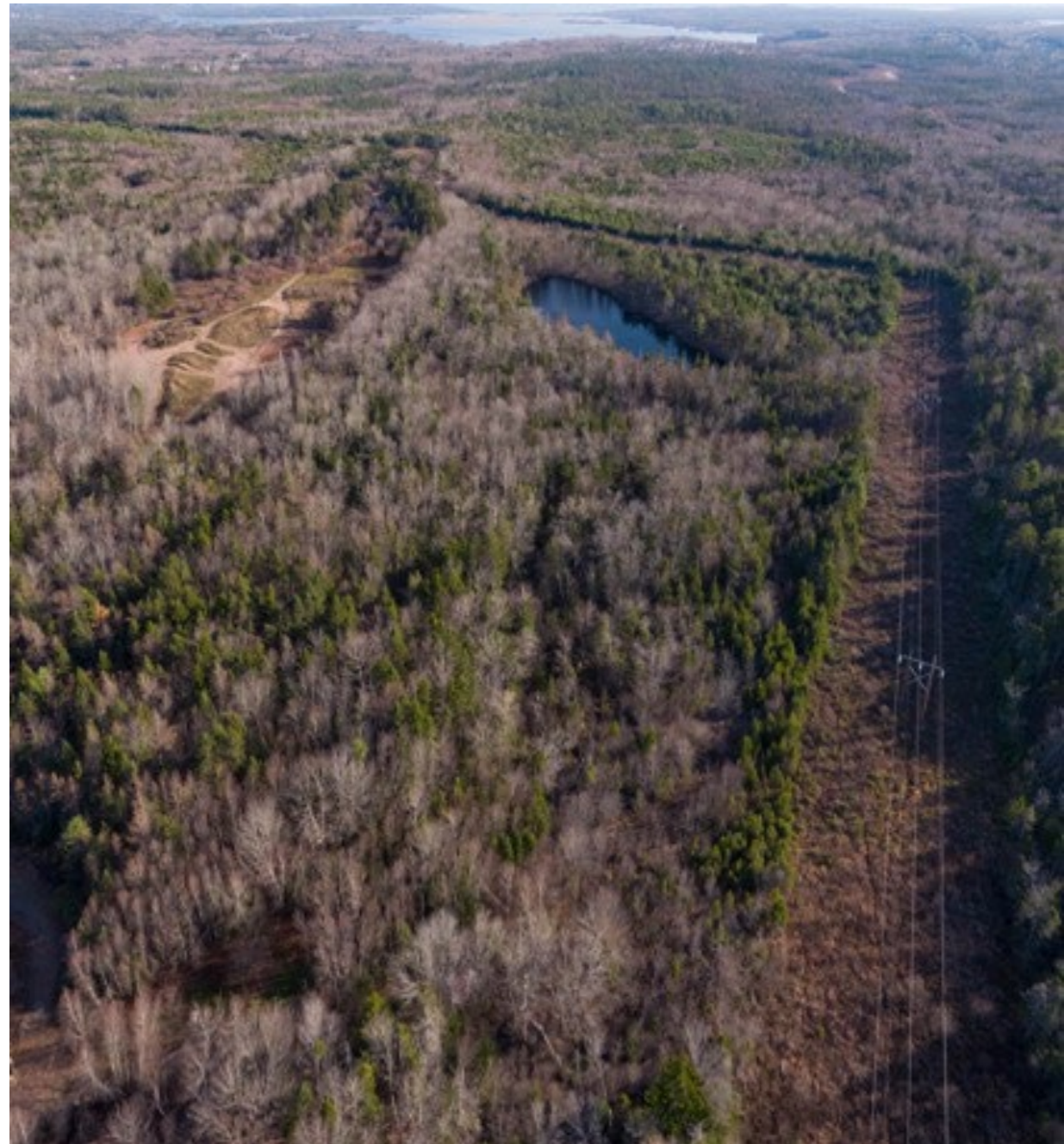


Community Garden:



Challenges:

- **Environmental Site Assessment**
- **Land Capability Analysis**
- **Wetland Delineation**
- **MOD Zones**
- **Arbitrary Boundary Lines**
- **HRM refusal to explain reason for boundary**
- **Water & Sewer Line Extensions**



Volunteer Opportunities

- Children
- Communication
- Cooking
- Event Planning
- Gardening
- Marketing
- Youth Programming
- Fundraising (Ticket Sales, BBQ, etc)
- Program Development
- Property Maintenance
- Records Archival
- Social Media
- Strategic Development
- Other

Please list: _____

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