



# REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW

**Phase 4: Draft Regional Plan Release**

**June 20, 2023**

**HALIFAX**

# Purpose Today

The purpose of today's staff presentation is to present the **Draft Regional Plan** to Regional Council, with the intention of releasing it for **community engagement from July 12th to October 27th, 2023.**



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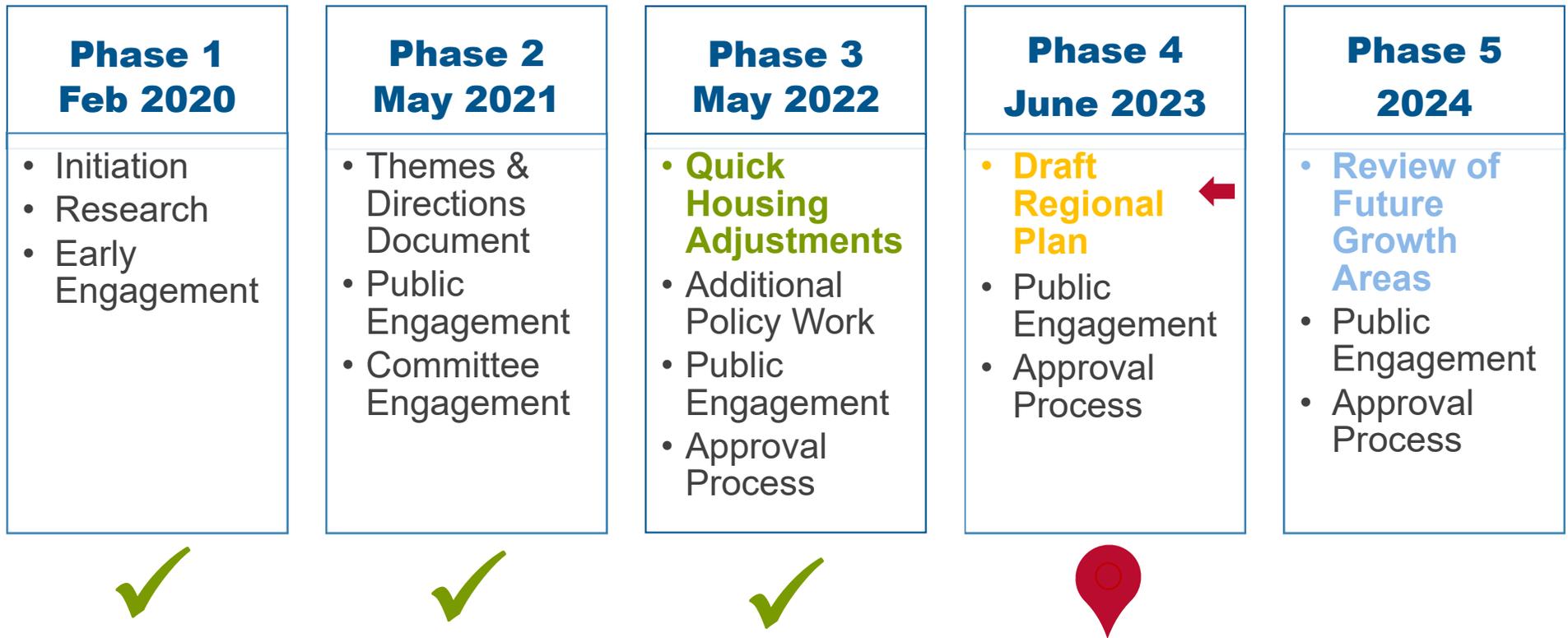


# Draft Regional Plan

- » Repeal and Replace the 2014 Plan
- » Responding to:
  - » Increased population growth and housing demand
  - » Need to act on climate and equity
  - » Integration of Priority Plan actions
    - » Integrated Mobility Plan
    - » Halifax Green Network Plan
    - » HalifACT
    - » People Prosperity Planet
    - » Sharing our Stories



# Work Plan Overview



# Phase 4 – Engagement Milestones

2023	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>Key Deliverables</b>	Release of Draft Plan (COW) June 20						What We Heard Report
<b>Engagement Milestones</b>		Launch of Public Engagement Program			Close of Public Engagement Program	Consolidate Public Feedback	

## Key Dates

- » **June 20:** Release of Draft Plan (COW)
- » **July 12:** Official Launch of Public Engagement
- » **October 27:** Close of Public Engagement
- » **December:** What We Heard Report

# Phase 4 – Detailed Engagement Program



2023	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT
Key Milestones	Draft Plan Released June 20				Engagement Closes October 27
Online Engagement	[Yellow bar spanning JUN to OCT]				
Stakeholder Meetings	[Yellow bar spanning JUN to JUL]			[Yellow bar spanning SEPT to OCT]	
Pop-Ups		[Yellow bar spanning JUL to SEPT]			
Public Open Houses				[Yellow bar spanning SEPT to OCT]	
Inquiries	[Yellow bar spanning JUN to OCT]				

# Updated Work Plan

- » Phase 4 is following the Work Plan and work is on track
- » Minor adjustments made to the Regional Plan Review Work Plan (Attachment C)
  - » Identified work that is ongoing and/or occurring outside of the Review, for example Green Network Plan and HalifACT actions



# Site Specific Requests

- » Requests for amendments to the Regional Plan and/or community plans for specific properties provided in Attachment D
  
- » To be managed in Phase 4 (current)
  - » Purcell's Cove Backlands
  - » Lake Banook boardwalk
  - » Eastern Passage - limit on multi-unit development by development agreement
  - » Adaptive reuse
  - » Burnside and Aerotech



# Site Specific Requests

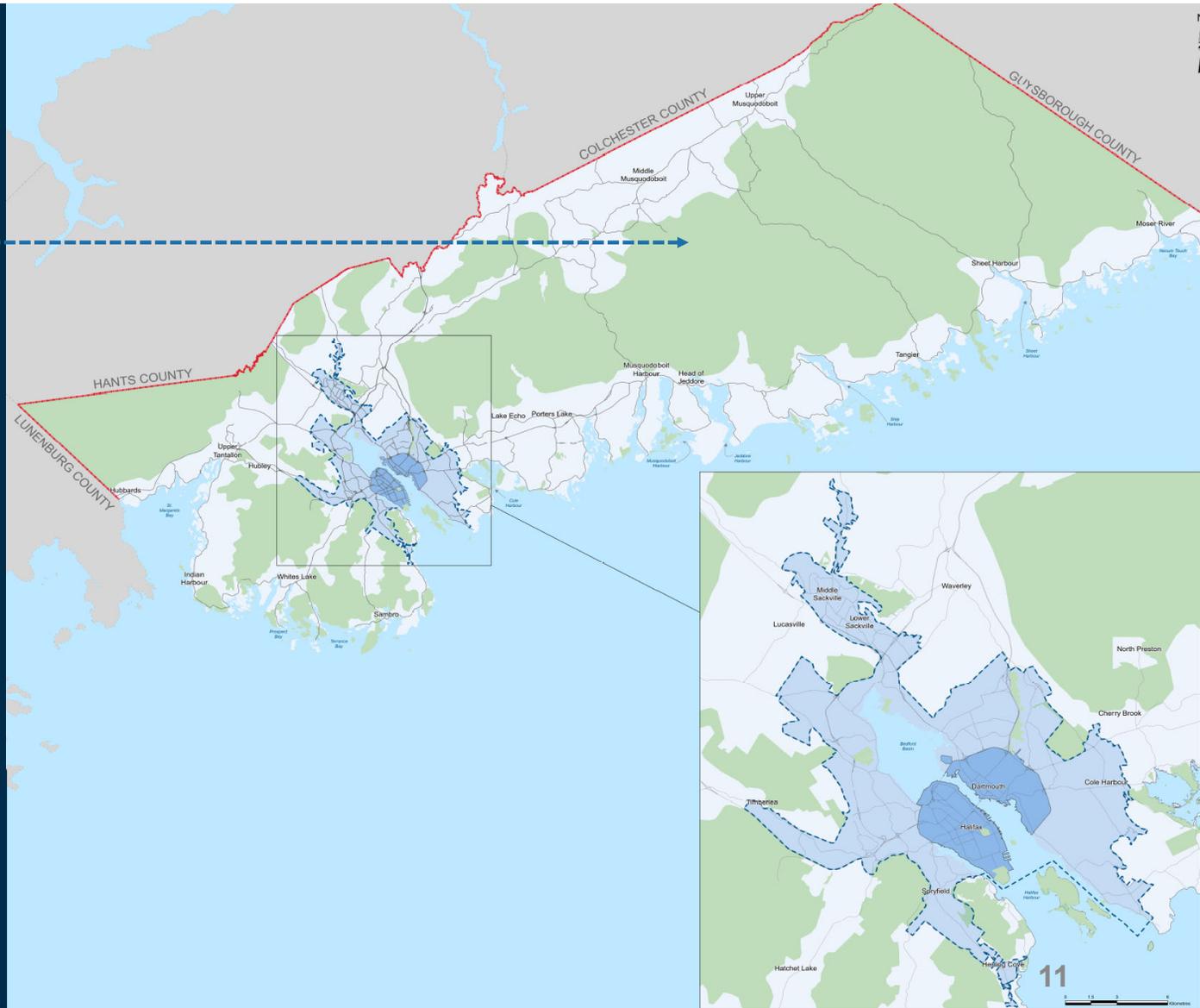
- » To be managed in Phase 5 (Future Growth)
  - » Urban Service Area expansion
  - » Growth controls (Schedule J)
  - » Urban Reserve areas
  
- » Recommended approach for Suburban Area requests will be addressed in a future report





## Smart Growth

- Mix land uses and take advantage of compact design
- Preserve open space, agricultural land, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas
- Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities
- Create a range of housing choices
- Create walkable and connected neighbourhoods





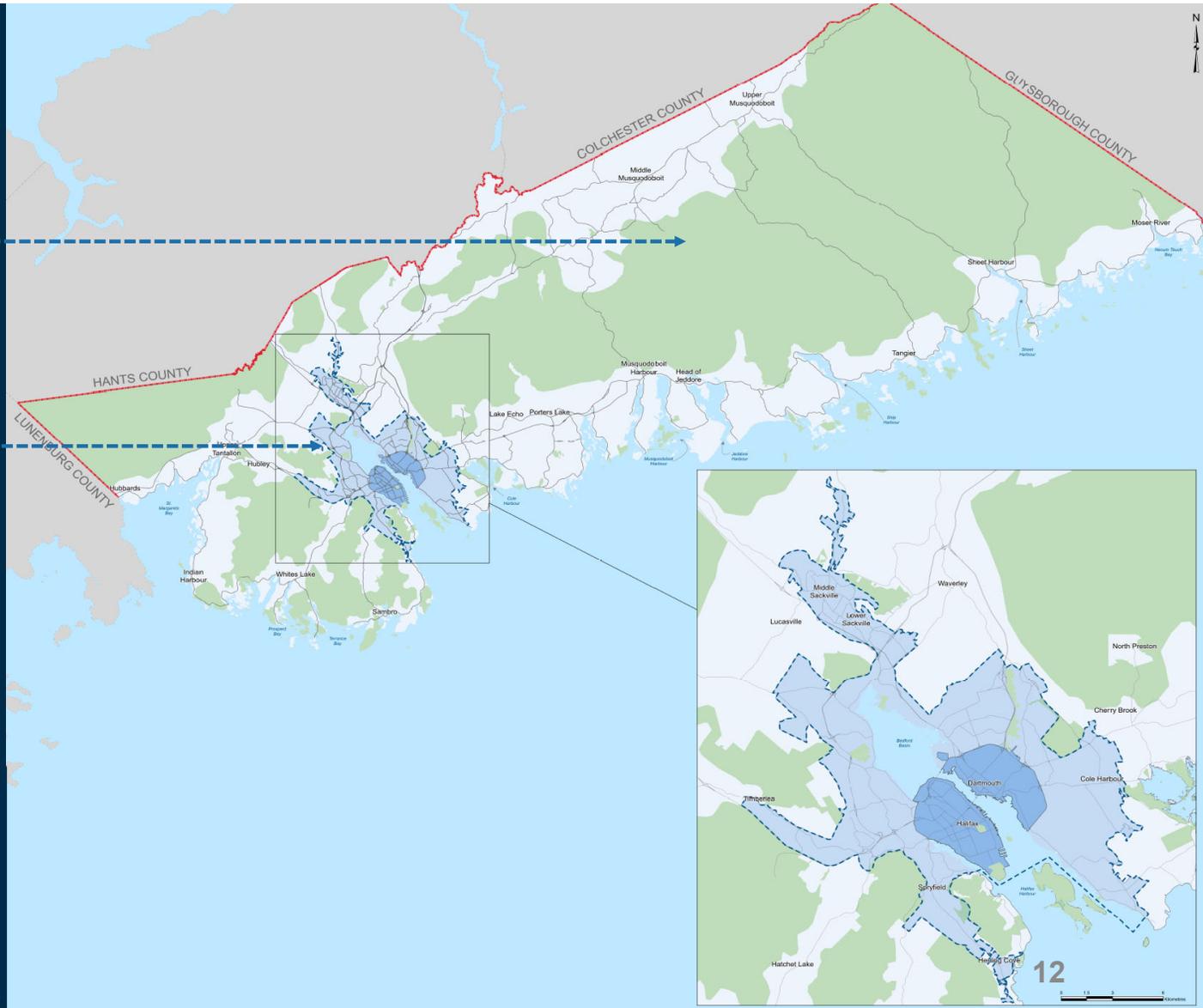
Smart Growth



Water and Wastewater Services



Conventional Transit Services





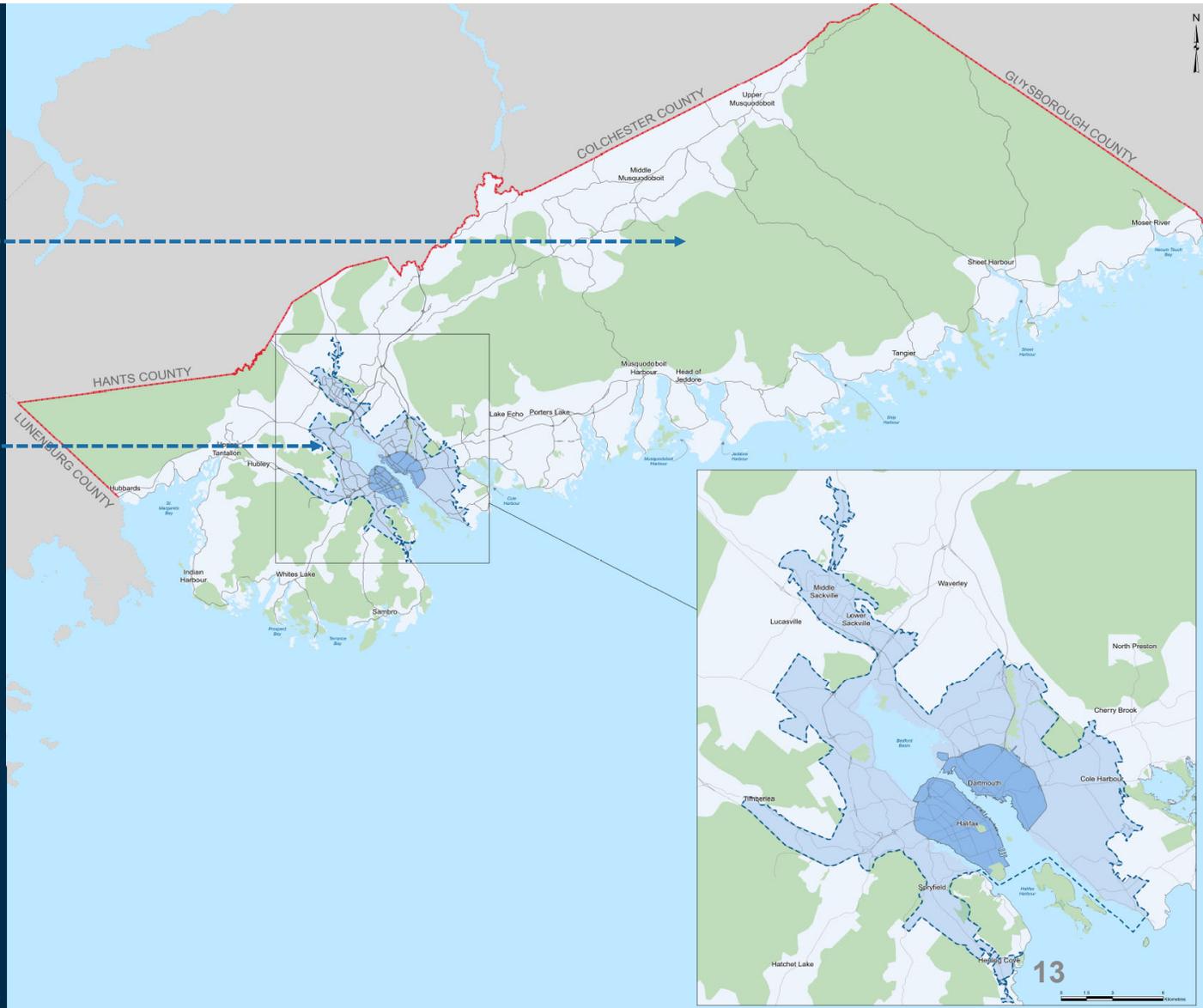
Smart Growth



Growth Boundary



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Smart Growth



Growth Boundary



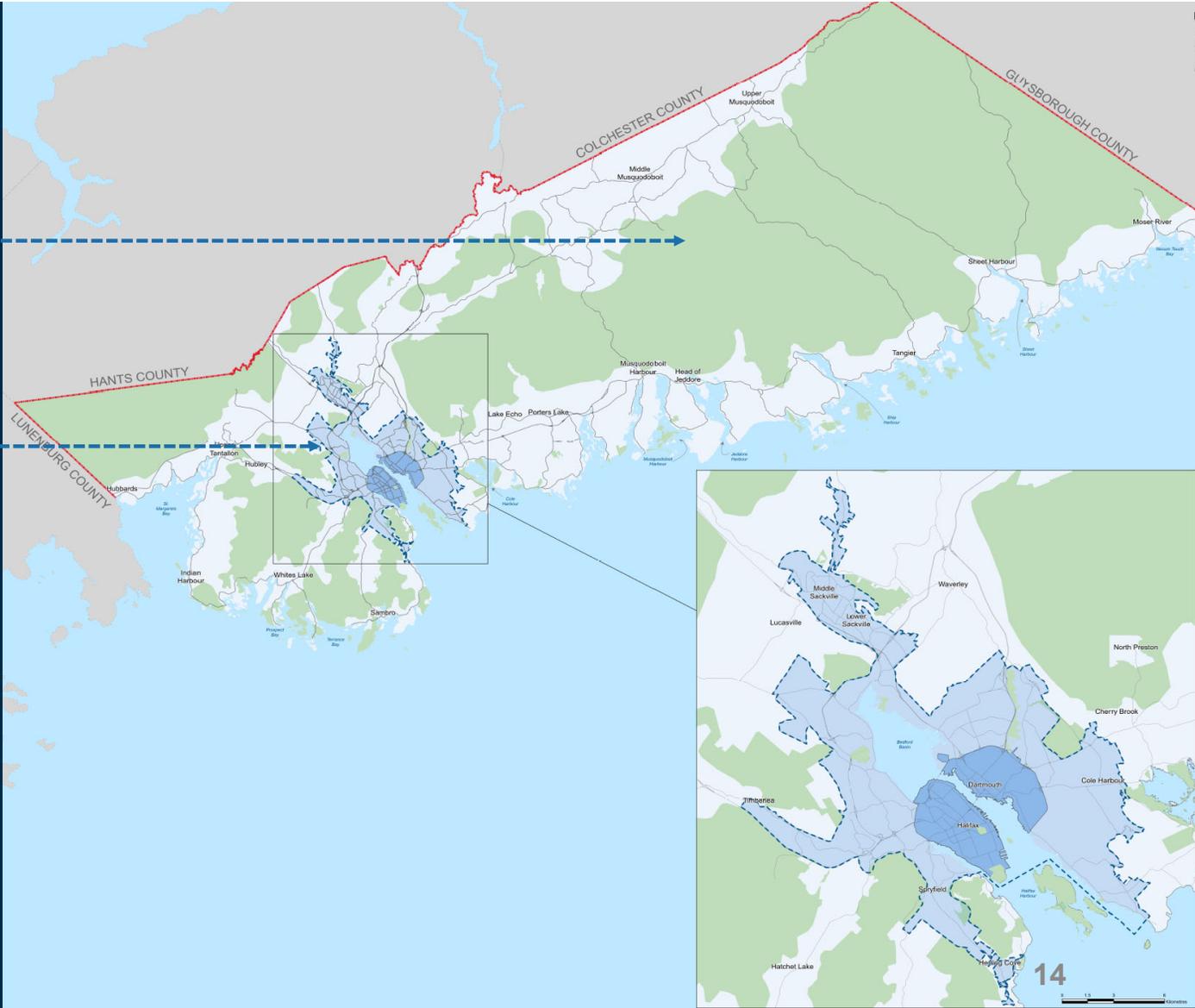
Decarbonization Goals



Mobility Goals



Community-Building Goals



## New Policies

Introducing policies to:

- » Plan for a future population of 1 million people
- » Target 90% of new housing to the urban areas (Centre and Suburban communities) and 10% to rural areas
- » Direct intensification to rapid transit corridors
- » Increase gentle density and adaptive reuse
- » Introduce the missing middle
- » Increase watercourse, wetland buffers and coastal protection
- » Protect essential corridors
- » Identify new mode share targets and strategic mobility corridors
- » Protect industrial employment lands



## New Policies

Support for continued work on:

- » Density Bonusing
- » Inclusionary Zoning
- » Housing Partnerships
- » Watershed management
- » Critical infrastructure/ climate hazards
- » Naturalization and Natural Assets
- » Urban Forest Management
- » Renewable Energy
- » Heritage Conservation Districts
- » Heritage Development Agreements
- » Cultural Landscapes



## New Programs & Studies

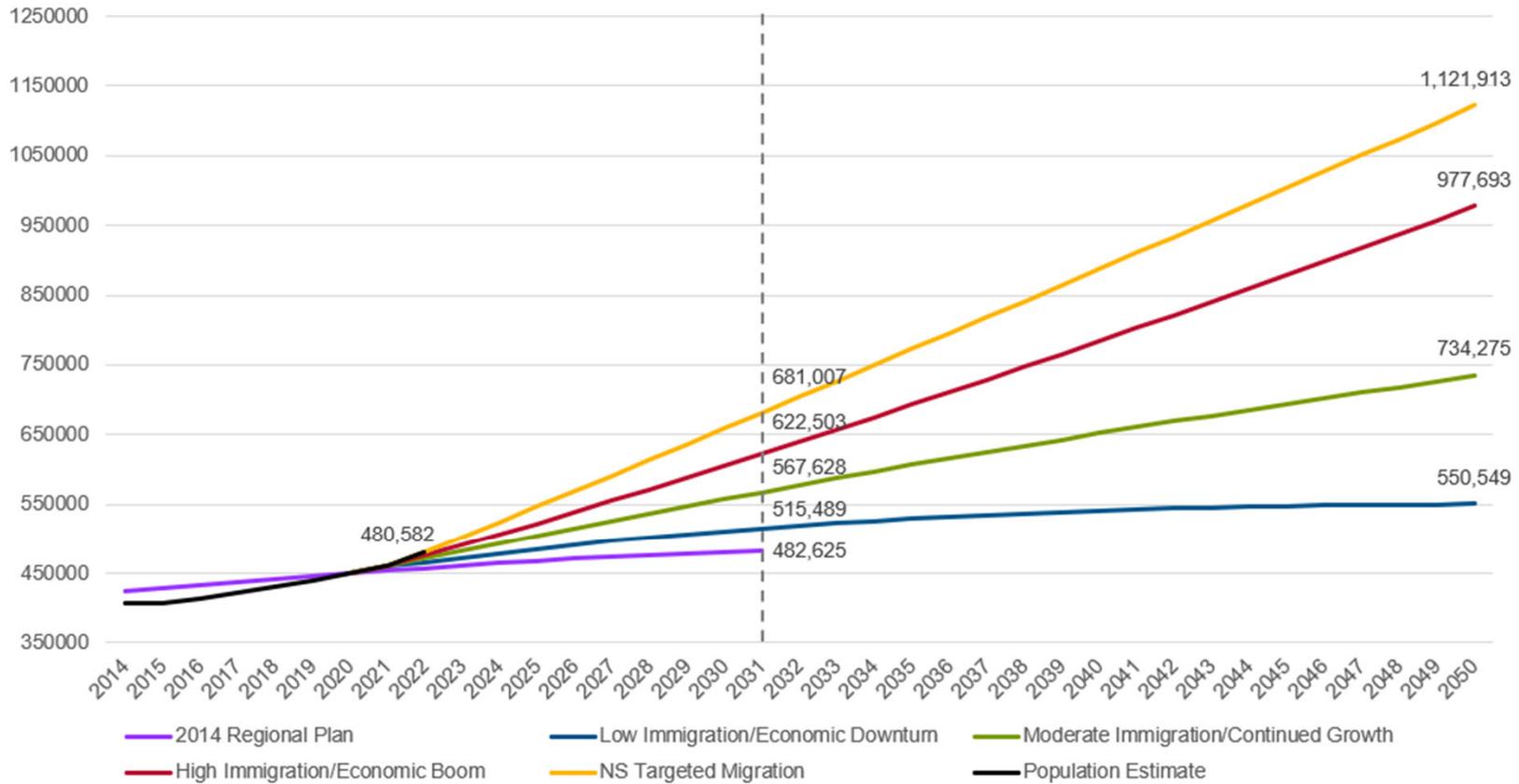
Support for new work to:

- » Develop Programs for:
  - » addressing historic inequities and the legacy of colonial approaches to settlement
  - » community-led story telling for underrepresented groups
  
- » New Priority Plans:
  - » Regional Parks Priority Plan
  - » Regional Transportation Plan with the Joint Regional Transportation Agency
  - » Strategic Growth and Infrastructure Priority Plan

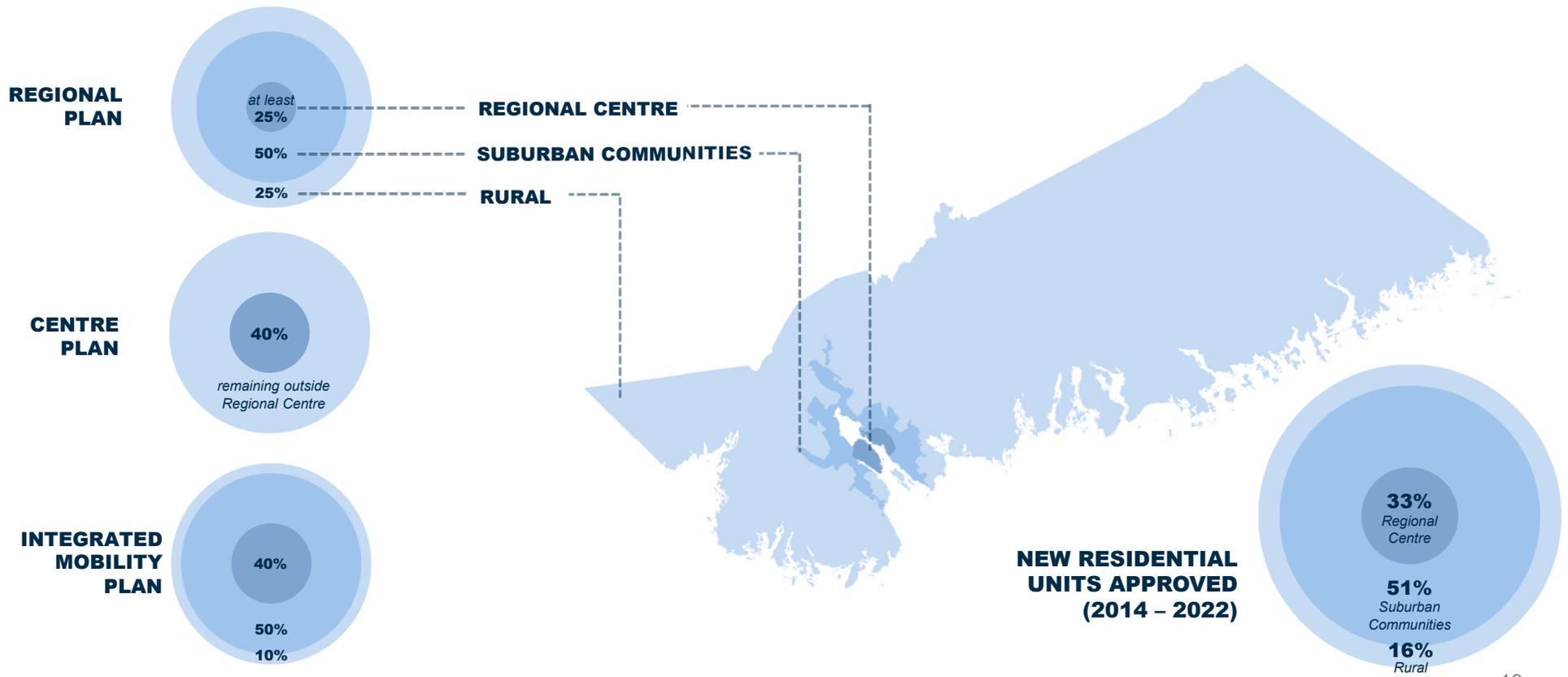


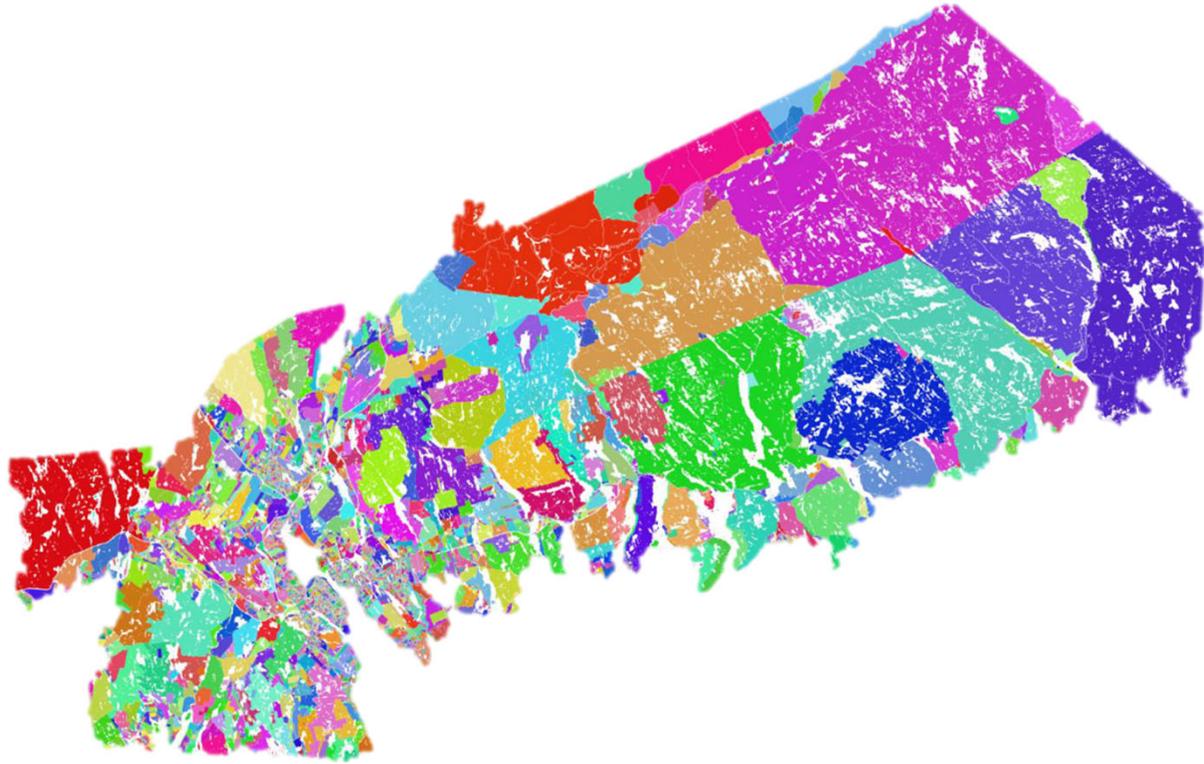
# POPULATION

Halifax Population Projection Scenarios



# GROWTH TARGETS







# Rural Plan

Policy Introduces:

- » Guiding Principles
- » Continued Support for Rural Centres
- » Study on Rural Services and Mobility
- » Community-Led Planning

2023

Study on Rural  
Services &  
Mobility

Study on Rural  
Community  
Characteristics

2024

Engagement on  
Rural  
Characteristics

Community-Led  
Planning  
Framework  
Designed

2025

Community-Led  
Planning  
Undertaken

2026

Rural Plan  
Structure: *Overall  
Land Use  
Framework and  
Principles*



# Suburban Plan

Policy Introduces:

- » Guiding Principles
- » Existing and Proposed Growth Areas
- » Transit Oriented Land Use and Densities
- » New Suburban Design Guidelines

2023

Regional Plan  
Community  
Planning  
Engagement

Suburban Plan  
Initiation

2024

Suburban Plan  
Structure: *Overall  
Land Use  
Framework and  
Principles*

2025

Suburban Plan  
Land Use By-law:  
*Areas for  
Intensification*

2026

Suburban Plan  
Land Use By-law:  
*Remaining Areas*



## Next Steps

- » Members of our team will be available to answer your questions as you work through the document
- » Coordination with Councillor offices regarding newsletters, local paper announcements and social media package
- » The formal engagement public engagement program will begin on July 12<sup>th</sup>
- » The full engagement schedule will be posted on our website and ongoing messages will be sent out across media platforms as the engagement program proceeds



**To learn more, ask questions, join the project's mailing list and make your voice heard:**

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