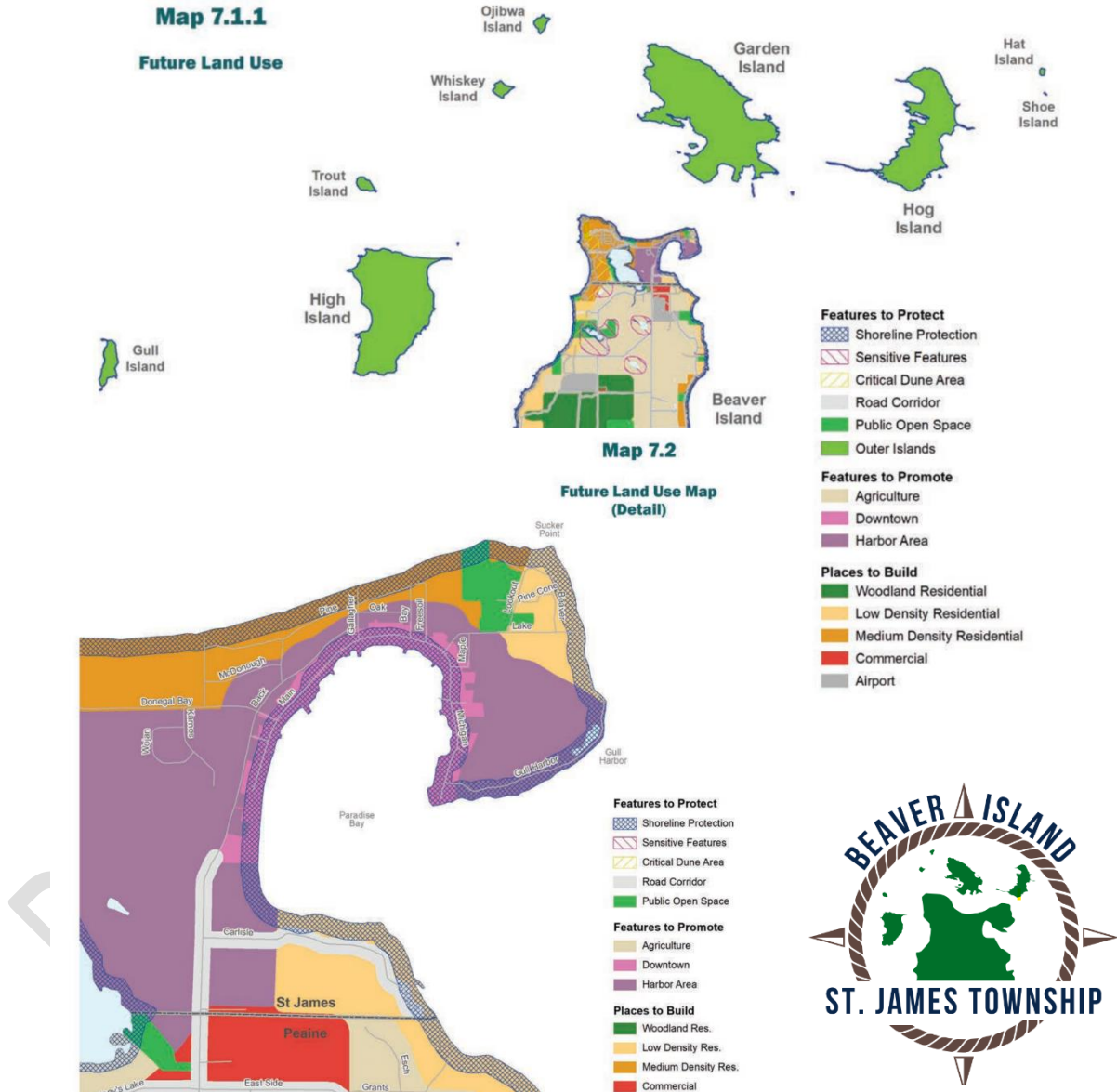


ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP BOARD'S 2024-2034 STRATEGIC PLAN

DELIVERED TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH A
MISSION, GOAL, AND ACTION PLAN

Draft for review: January 10, 2024



MISSION: Maintain and enhance the unique sense of place, including creating a safe walkable community and protecting unique natural features and open spaces that attracts people to St James Township and makes it a special place to visit and reside.

GOAL 1: Deliver on the Island Master Plan and Emergency Operations and Hazard Mitigation Plans as well as the Township's Capital Improvement Plan and Parks and Recreation Plan, ordinances, policies, plans, and initiatives that preserves, protects, maintains, and enhances the assets that create St. James Township's unique sense of place.

GOAL 2: Support and encourage economic development activities that create job growth and enhance the Township's unique and vibrant character. This includes creating better housing options, supporting the establishment of fiber to the home, and improving the Island's energy efficiency.

GOAL 3: Use this strategic plan to fund the activities needed to accomplish this mission and achieve these goals and actions, including effective use of all revenues and grant funding opportunities. Deliver on a building a better budget.

ACTIONS:

1. Safety: Work to keep hazard management plans and emergency operations plans relevant to the Island community.
2. Safety: Ensure medical and fire services are available.
3. Safety: Maximize traffic and parking opportunities in the downtown area.
4. Recreation/Natural Resources: Support recreation that maximizes our unique natural resources including the development and operations of marine and land recreation, walking, biking, and ski trails, and opportunities for night/dark sky recreation.
5. Recreation/Natural Resources: Ensure our natural resources are protected and enhanced with protection of threatened and endangered species, wildlife, sensitive natural communities, and continued Terrestrial Invasive Species control and avoidance of wood movement.
6. Recreation/Natural Resources: Continue and enhance efforts that protect, preserve, and enhance the Township's outstanding surface and groundwater quality, including developing septic system and water well policies.
7. Community: Support efforts to minimize blight and litter through waste management measures and updated ordinance enforcement, and other activities that reflect the character of the community.
8. Community: Coordinate plans, policies, and ordinances that create a range of housing options and affordability throughout the Township, with a focus on affordable, workforce, critical care worker, and senior housing as well as short- and long-term housing.
9. Community: Support efforts establishing fiber to the home and improving the Island's energy efficiency and resiliency.
10. Community: Deliver on building a better budget that is structurally sound and considers multiple year budgeting and future forecasting. Organize fiscal policies and procedures. Support training in building better budgets.