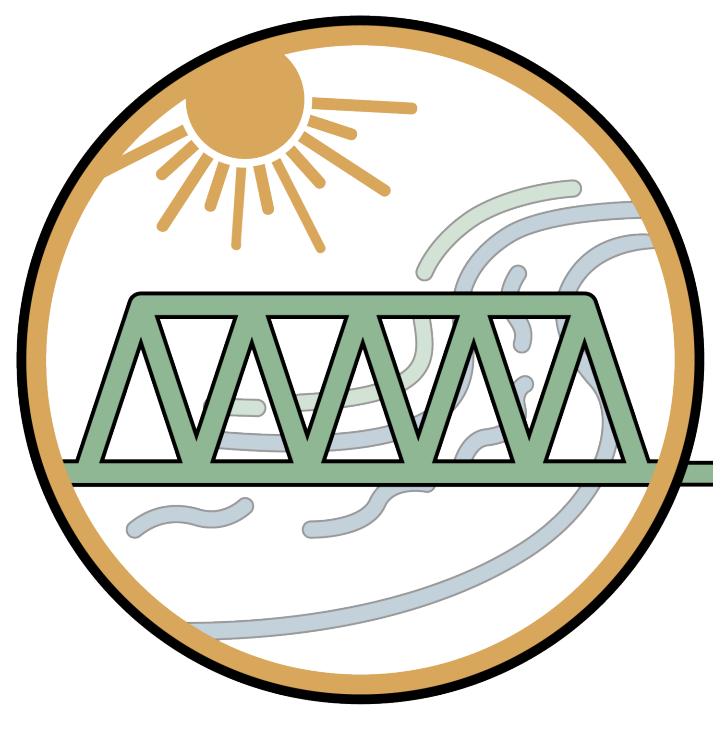
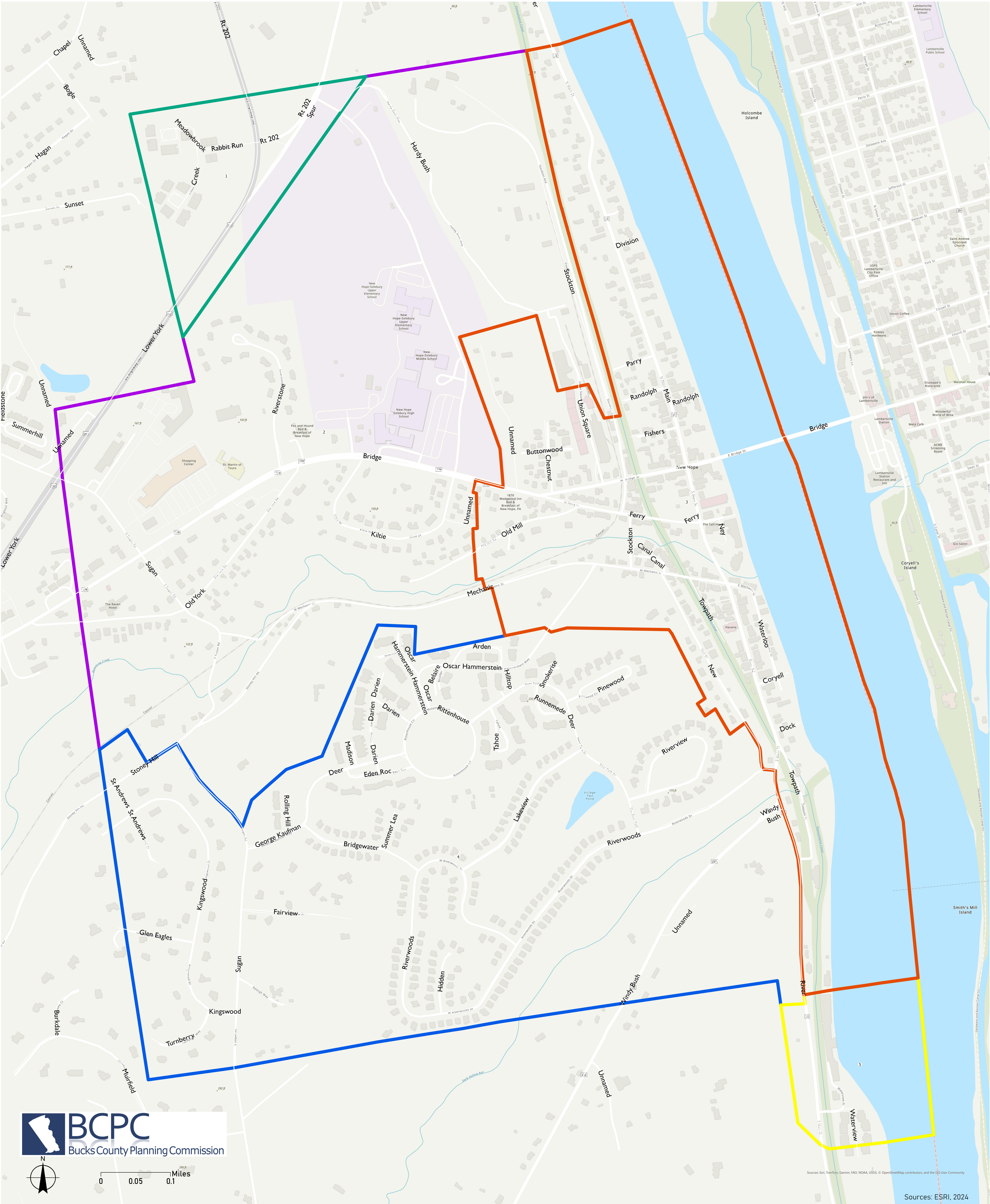




Where do You Live?

Welcome to New Hope Borough Comprehensive Plan Workshop
3B. Please place a dot on the map to indicate your home location.



Growth Management & Affordability

What We Heard

Manage Growth Responsibly

- Limit overdevelopment, especially condos and oversized homes
- Tie growth to infrastructure capacity (e.g. sewer, stormwater)

Promote Sustainable Development

- Green building standards for all new construction
- Encourage walkability, trails, and sidewalk access
- Preserve green space for people and wildlife
- Limit car dependence in planning

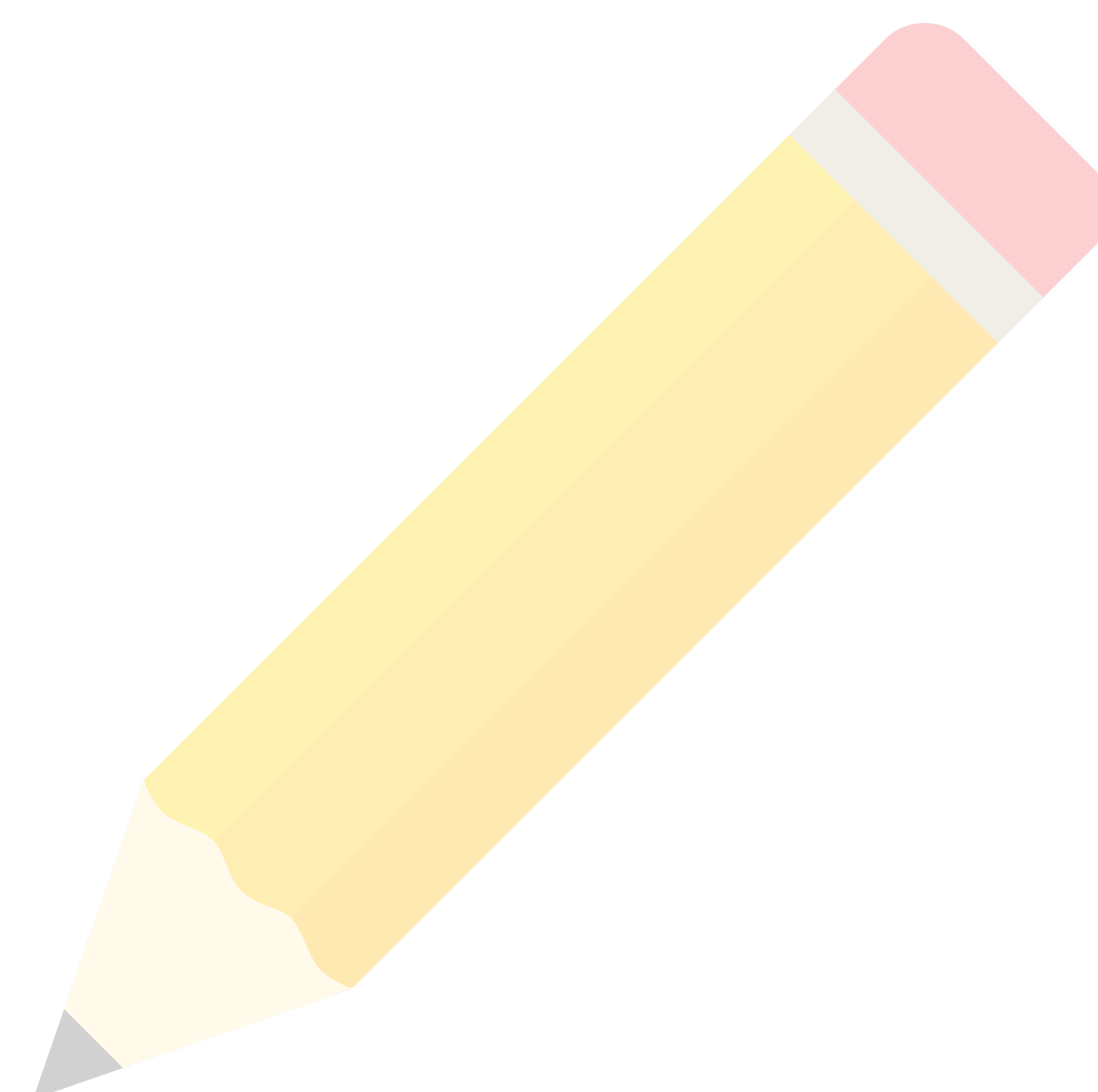
Support Housing Affordability

- Incentivize affordable units in new developments
- Allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs), not just for AirBnB

Look for Beneficial Development Opportunities (e.g. JDM Site)

- Plan for mixed-income, community-oriented housing
- Include housing for artists, teachers, seniors, and essential workers
- Ensure variety in unit size and cost—no “cookie cutter” builds
- Consider a “blue zone” model with gardens, walkability, and efficiency

What We Missed



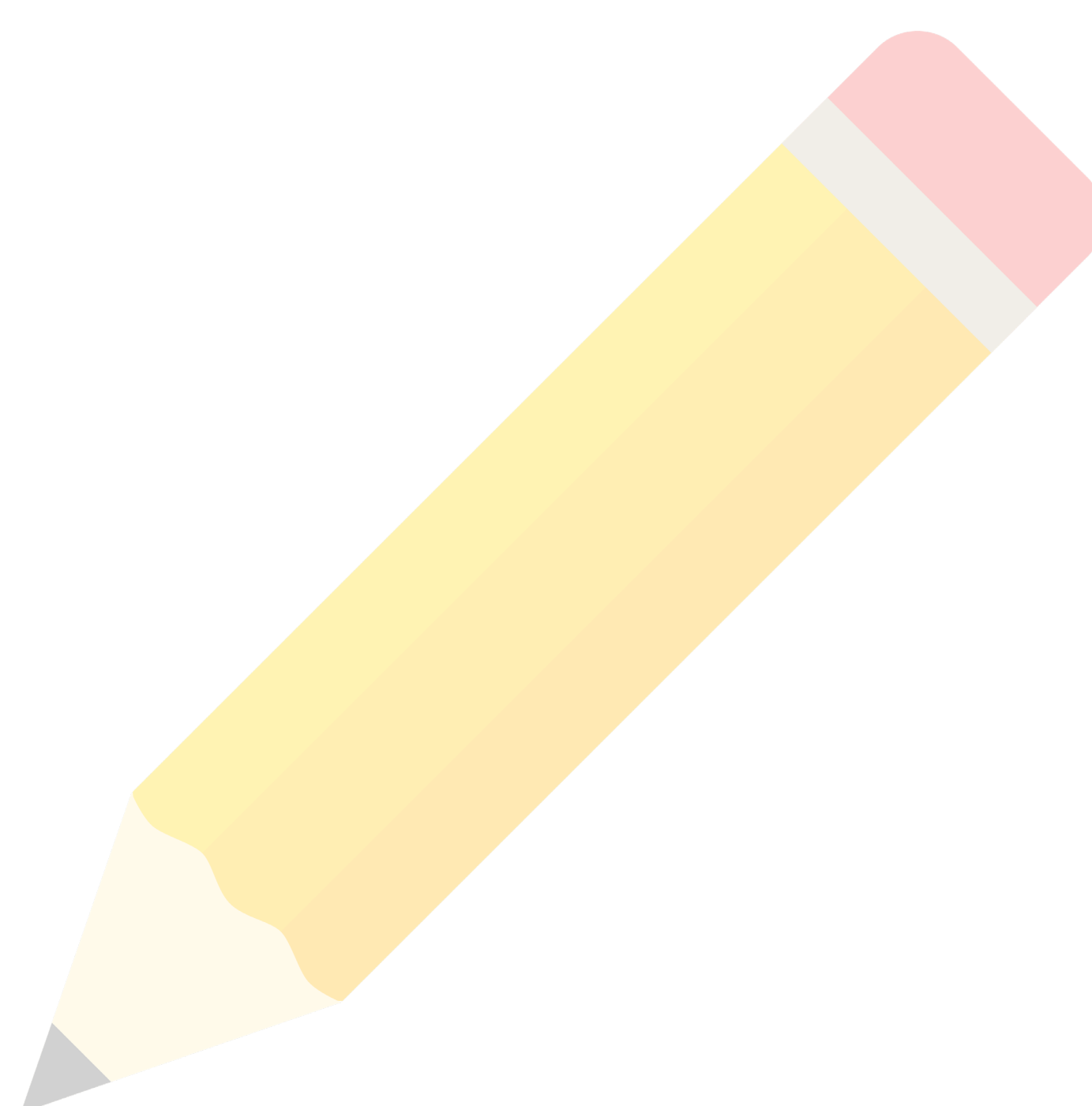
Example Goals / Principles

- Preserve the Borough's scale and character by managing growth within the limits of existing infrastructure and the community's small-town fabric.
- Promote sustainable and equitable development that supports a diverse mix of residents, including artists, teachers, and service workers, while maintaining environmental integrity.
- Strengthen affordability and housing choice by encouraging adaptive reuse, smaller-scale units, and accessory dwellings instead of large new footprints.
- Balance the old and the new by supporting careful infill and renovation that complements historic patterns rather than replaces them.
- Plan within real limits — growth should align with the Borough's environmental capacity, public services, and long-term resilience.

Example Opportunities / Action Steps

- Explore incentives or fee structures that reward preservation of affordable units and discourage unnecessary expansion (e.g., penalties for reducing multi-unit housing or increasing house size).
- Promote an inclusionary housing policy that encourages a percentage of new multi-unit developments to be affordable to lower- and moderate-income households.
- Encourage mixed-use development (e.g., apartments above shops) to preserve the business district and strengthen housing diversity.
- Review zoning to limit “monster homes” and excessive lot coverage, while promoting smaller, energy-efficient, and accessible housing types.
- Prioritize maintenance of existing infrastructure — stormwater, sewer, sidewalks — before extending new systems to serve additional development.
- Explore development of a “Blue Zone” community on large parcels (e.g., JDM property) that integrates mixed-income housing, walkable streets, green spaces, energy-efficient design, and amenities for residents of all ages and abilities, with the goal of fostering long-term health, affordability, and community vitality.
- Support Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) for local residents and workforce housing, with controls on short-term rentals.
- Require all new construction to meet or exceed green building standards.

Comments?



Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety

What We Heard

Improve Intersection & Pedestrian Safety

- Address dangerous visibility at Sugan & Old York (consider traffic lights, “no turn on red”)
- Add and maintain sidewalks on key streets (Sugan, Old York, New St, Main)
- Increase crosswalks, including pedestrian-activated blinking lights
- Implement traffic calming: speed bumps, slow zones (15 MPH on Ferry/Mechanic)

Enhance Bike & Pedestrian Infrastructure

- Create bike lanes separate from sidewalks/cars
- Improve and maintain towpath and canal path with signage and surface repairs
- Install more bike racks throughout town

Enforce Traffic & Safety Regulations

- Increase police presence for traffic and pedestrian enforcement
- Crack down on speeding, distracted driving, and unsafe pedestrian crossings

Upgrade Sidewalks & Streetscape

- Repair and maintain sidewalks—ensure accessibility for wheelchairs, strollers
- Consider burying power lines to widen sidewalks and improve aesthetics
- Maintain brick sidewalks with even surfaces (take cues from Peddler’s Village, Lambertville)

Community Engagement & Planning

- Work with residents, businesses, and schools on walking/ biking routes
- Promote safety education for tourists and residents

What We Missed



Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety

Example Goals / Principles

Safety first

- Protect pedestrians and cyclists through design, visibility, and enforcement.

Accessibility for all

- Ensure sidewalks and paths are continuous, safe, and ADA-compliant.

Connected movement

- Link neighborhoods, schools, and downtown via sidewalks, trails, and bike routes.

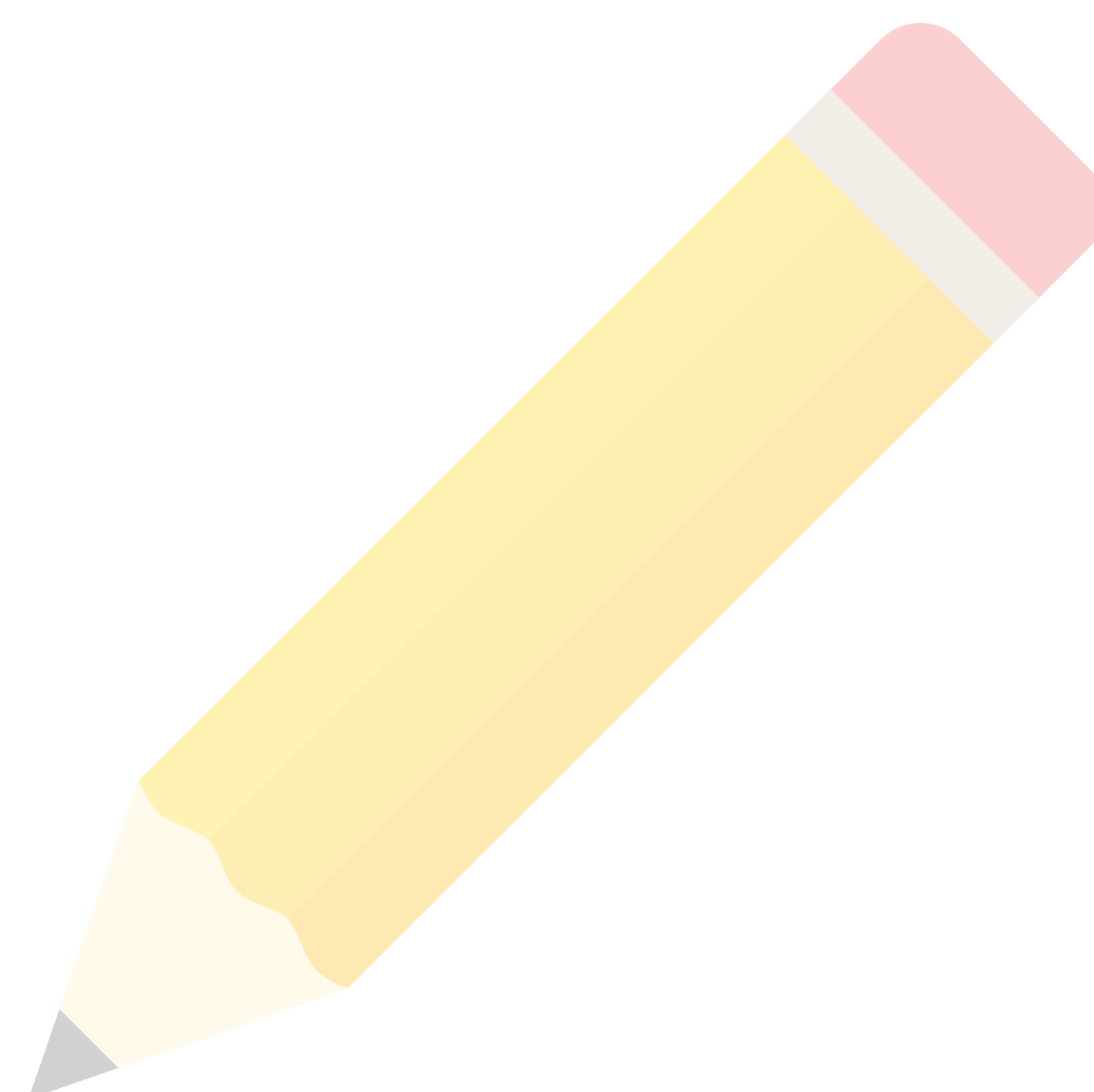
Shared responsibility

- Residents, businesses, and government all play a role in maintaining safe streets.

Example Opportunities / Action Steps

- Prioritize dangerous intersections for redesign, improved sightlines, crosswalks, or pedestrian signals (e.g., Old York & Suga, Bridge & Main).
- Conduct a comprehensive sidewalk inventory to identify gaps, accessibility issues, and priorities for pedestrian improvements.
- Repair, expand, and maintain sidewalks and walking paths, ensuring ADA accessibility and safe surfaces.
- Implement dedicated bike infrastructure, including bike lanes where feasible, bike racks, and clearly signed connections to regional trails.
- Install high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian-activated beacons, reflective markings, or raised crossings at key locations.
- Use traffic calming measures—speed bumps, rumble strips, or narrowed lanes—on high-risk pedestrian corridors.
- Beautify and maintain walking routes (e.g., trimming vegetation, repairing brick sidewalks, adding shade trees).
- Engage schools and residents in identifying safe walking and biking routes, with clear signage and distance markers.
- Explore temporary pedestrian zones or shared streets for events and weekends.

Comments?



Traffic & Parking Management

What We Heard

Improve Traffic Flow

- Add signage to reduce cut-through traffic (e.g. “Local Traffic Only” on E Ferry)
- Control peak traffic at Main & Bridge with police presence on weekends
- Explore alternate access routes to ease congestion at Bridge chokepoint
- Restrict truck access to non-peak hours

Make Parking Easier

- Improve and expand parking signage
- Fix and simplify kiosk systems
- Residential permit parking & worker discounts
- Reconsider seasonal free parking and short-term incentives
- Explore underutilized areas (e.g., behind Union Square) for more parking

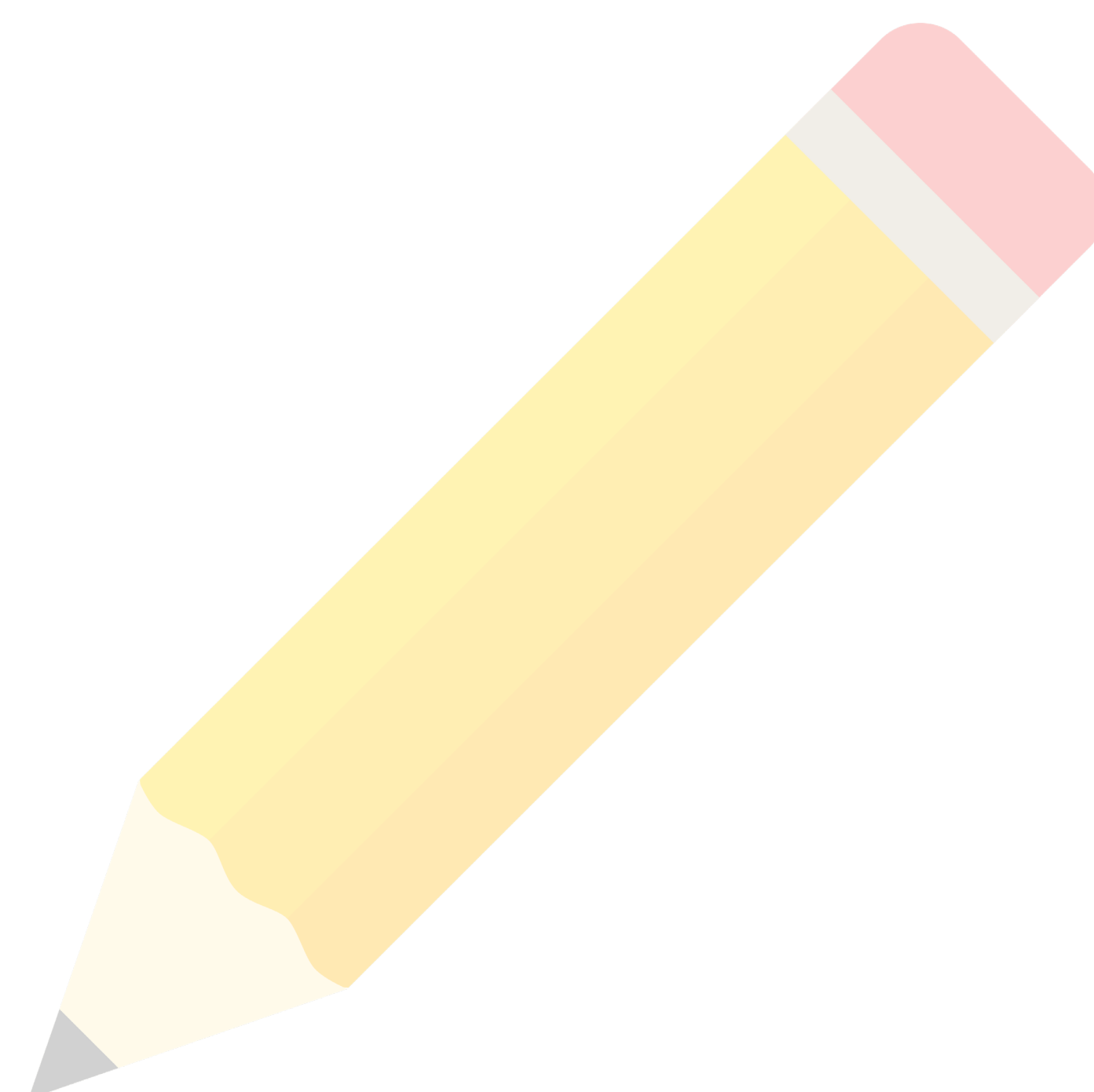
Support Pedestrians & Safety

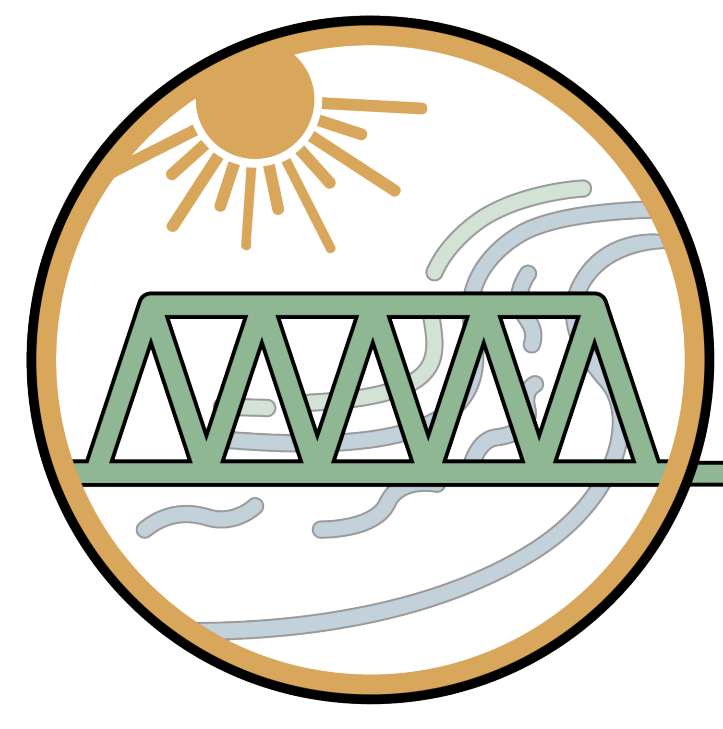
- Add missing crosswalk at W Mechanic & Main
- Use crosswalk design to celebrate local culture (e.g., LGBTQ+ pride)
- Consider pedestrian mall on Mechanic St
- Traffic calming (e.g., speed bumps, signage)
- Noise
- Enforce motorcycle and vehicle noise ordinances

Commercial Traffic

- Set strict delivery windows to avoid daytime congestion
- Enforce vehicle size restrictions
- Create Uber/Lyft pick-up zones to reduce street congestion

What We Missed





Traffic & Parking Management

Example Goals / Principles

Balance flow and livability

- Manage traffic and parking to preserve downtown’s walkable character without compromising resident quality of life.

Enforcement and accountability

- Consistent enforcement of speed, noise, and parking regulations is critical.

Smart management of limited space

- Efficiently allocate parking and traffic lanes for residents, businesses, visitors, and deliveries.

Regional coordination

- Collaborate with neighboring municipalities and state agencies to improve traffic patterns and safety.

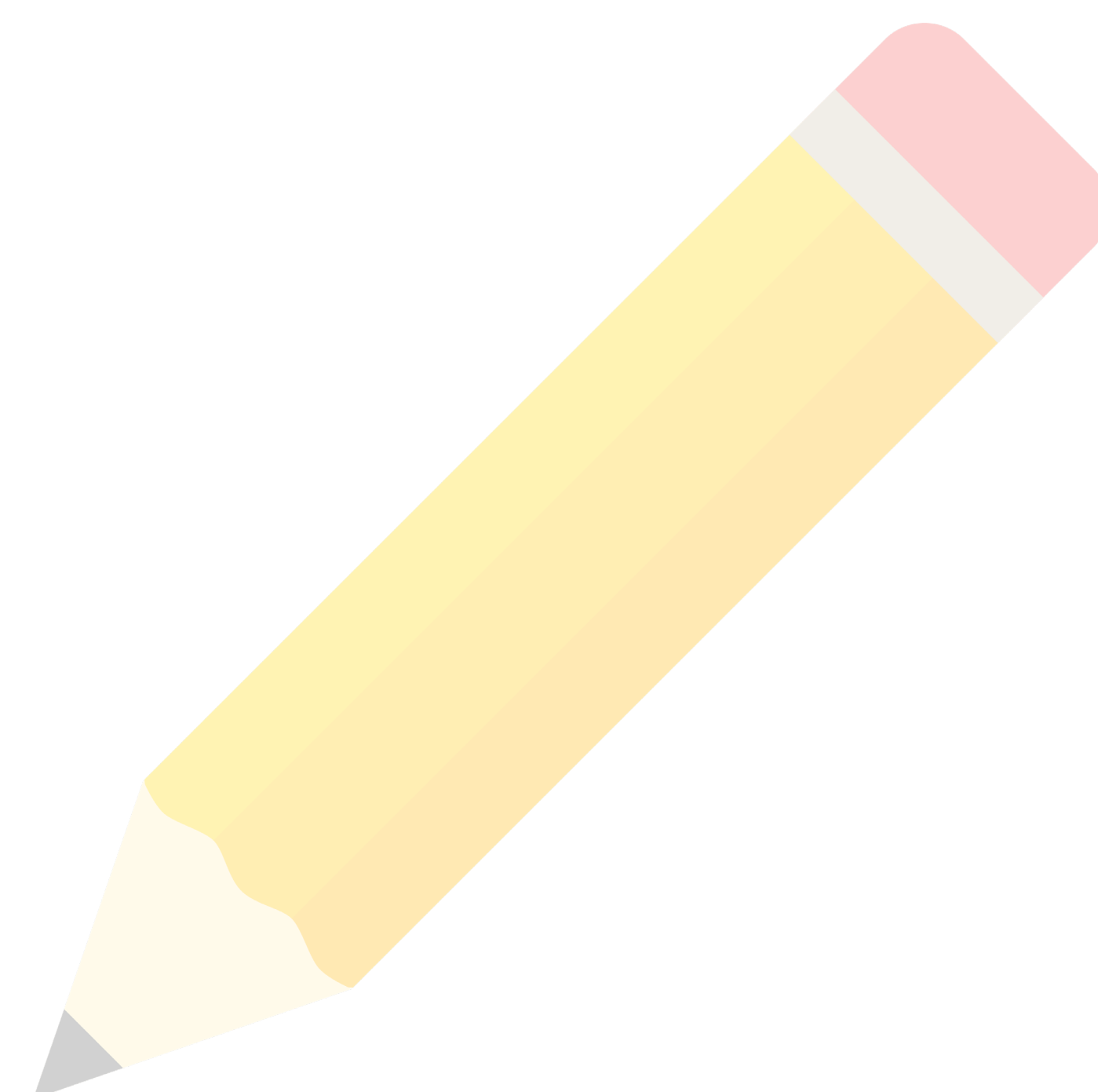
Example Opportunities / Action Steps

- Conduct a parking study to evaluate availability, utilization, and opportunities for improved parking management.
- Perform a traffic study to assess congestion points, vehicle flow, and safety impacts on key streets.
- Explore resident parking programs and preferential/permit parking zones to reduce congestion and prioritize locals.
- Evaluate ways to restrict delivery and commercial truck traffic on Main, Bridge, and Ferry Streets to minimize conflicts with pedestrians.
- Improve parking guidance through signage, kiosks, and digital tools, directing visitors to available lots.
- Evaluate and enforce speed limits, noise ordinances, and vehicle

restrictions on key streets (e.g., Sugan, Mechanic, Bridge & Main).

- Consider temporary or pilot traffic measures—one-way streets, “local traffic only” signage, or rerouting—to test solutions before permanent changes.
- Explore shuttle or circulation options from satellite parking lots to downtown to reduce demand on Main Street.
- Maintain parking infrastructure, ensuring kiosks, meters, and directional signs are functional, clear, and user-friendly.
- Monitor intersection flow and pedestrian compliance, using officers or technology during peak times.

Comments?



Planning for a Changing Climate

What We Heard

Water & Flood Management

- Use permeable paving, green infrastructure, and pocket parks
- Coordinate with Solebury and other regional partners for watershed protection

Green Building & Energy

- Green building standards on new developments
- Promote solar, geothermal, EV charging, and energy-efficient heating
- Encourage underground utilities to free sidewalk space and reduce hazards

Tree & Vegetation Management

- Plant and maintain native, disease-resistant trees and shrubs

- Increase shade trees to mitigate heat, especially near outdoor spaces

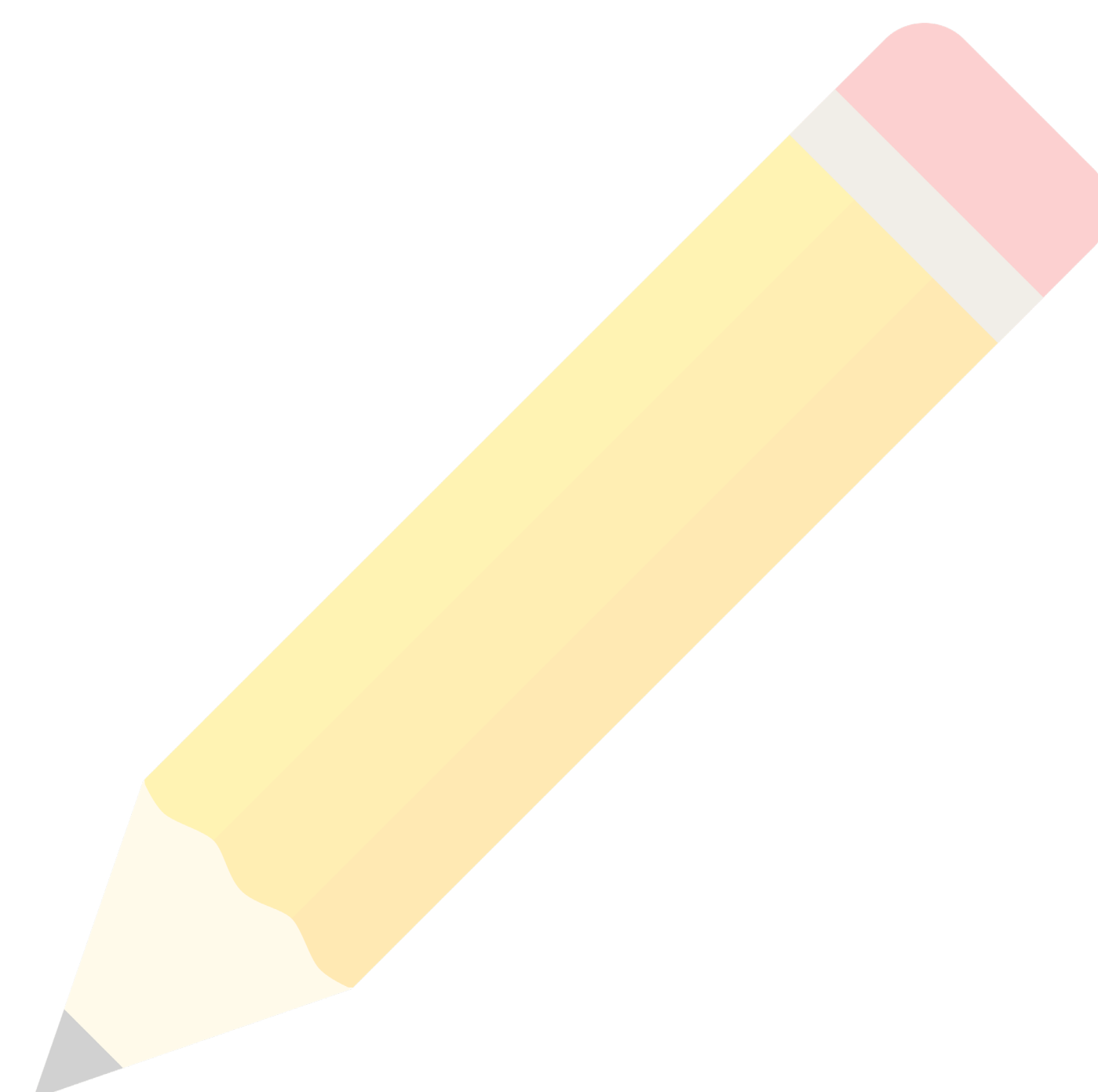
Climate Change Preparedness

- Conduct comprehensive climate vulnerability and threat assessments
- Update flood risk maps beyond FEMA data
- Plan for rising temperatures, drought, fires, and increased storm intensity

Community Engagement & Policy

- Support residents with flood assistance programs
- Integrate climate considerations into zoning and subdivision and land development ordinances
- Foster partnerships with schools and property owners on sustainability efforts

What We Missed



Planning for a Changing Climate

Example Goals / Principles

Protect natural systems and water resources

- Preserve wetlands, creeks, and green spaces to absorb water, reduce flooding, and maintain biodiversity.

Build resilient infrastructure

- Ensure new and existing buildings, roads, and utilities can withstand extreme weather events and climate impacts.

Promote sustainable energy and low-carbon solutions

- Encourage solar, geothermal, electric vehicle infrastructure, and energy-efficient building practices.

Enhance community preparedness and equity

- Mitigate climate risks for all residents, considering vulnerable populations and upstream/downstream impacts.

Integrate climate planning across all sectors

- Incorporate climate considerations into open space, business, and housing decisions.

Example Opportunities / Action Steps

- Require green building standards and energy-efficient design for all new developments.
- Preserve and enhance wetlands, open spaces, and riparian buffers, including pocket parks and naturalized areas along creeks.
- Encourage the use of permeable paving, rain gardens, and bioswales to manage stormwater and reduce runoff.
- Conduct a comprehensive climate vulnerability assessment, including flooding, heat, drought, and health impacts.
- Update flood risk maps and watershed management plans in coordination with neighboring municipalities.

- Expand tree canopy and native plantings to provide shade, stabilize soils, and improve air quality.
- Encourage renewable energy adoption—solar, geothermal, and EV infrastructure—with incentives and supportive zoning.
- Support resident flood mitigation programs, such as guidance on elevation, drainage, and property-level stormwater management.
- Maintain and manage creeks, canals, and drainage systems to reduce flood risk and improve ecological function.
- Integrate climate considerations into parking, traffic, and open space planning, ensuring infrastructure supports resilience.

Comments?

