

New Hope Borough Comprehensive Plan Update

PC Meeting – 4/14/25



Agenda

- Review Project Timeline
- Community Data (*loose ends from last month*)
- Resident Survey Summary (*comments*)
- Workshop 1 Summary
- Transitioning to Workshop 2

Plan Process & Timeline



Phase 1 - Information Gathering

1. Resident Survey 12/2024 – 3/2025
2. Borough Administration and Officials Workshop 6/10/24



Phase 2 - Workshop Series

1. Workshop 1-Identifying Community Issues 2/20/25
 2. Workshop 2-Organizing Teams and Visioning **May/June 2025**
 3. Workshop 3-Solutions and Choices
 4. Workshop 4-Capacity Building
- } Summer/Fall 2025



Phase 3 - Plan Development

1. BCPC Plan Development
 2. Draft Plan Review
 3. Open House
 4. Council Review/Adoption
- } Late 2025 / Early 2026

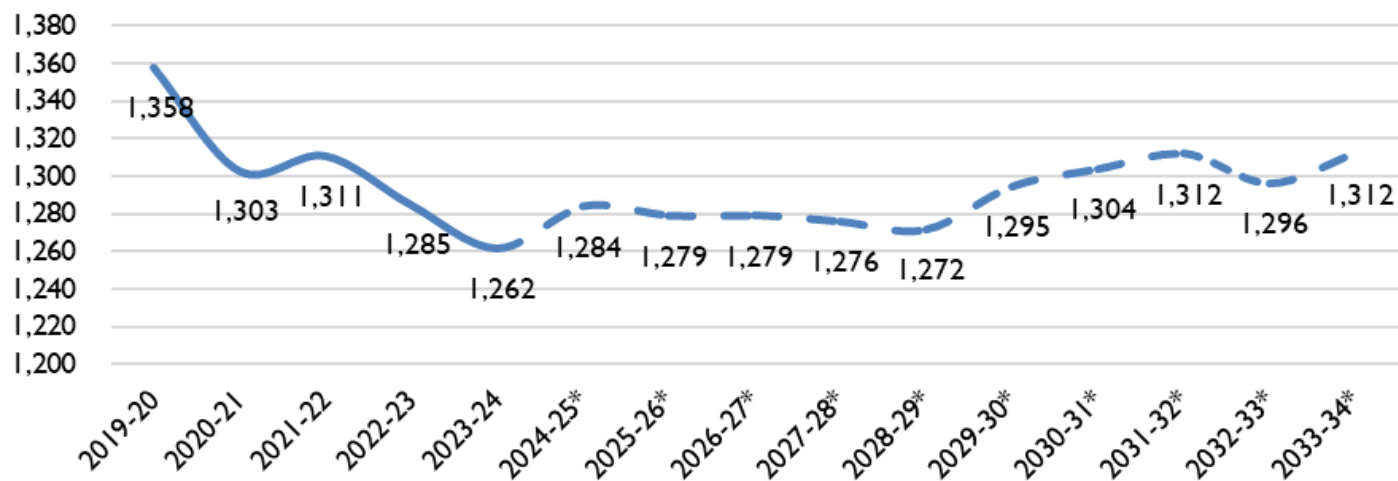
Community Data

Loose Ends

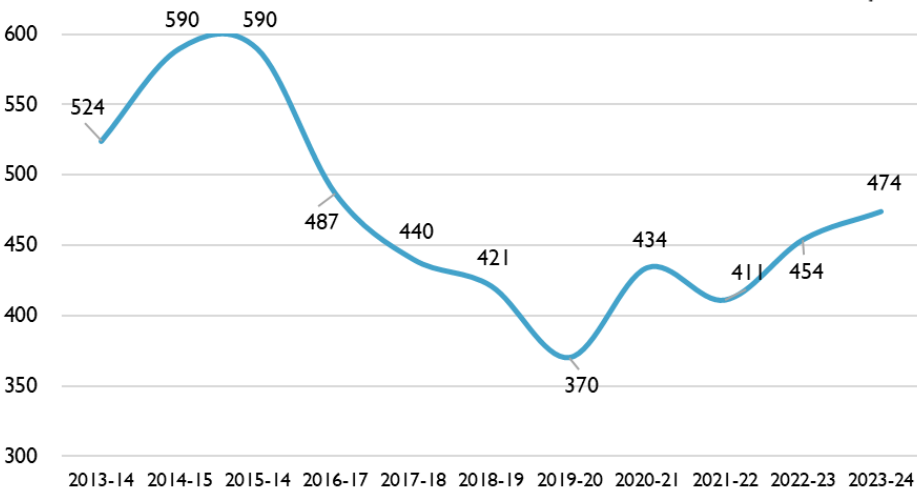


School Enrollment

New Hope Solebury School District K-12 School Enrollment



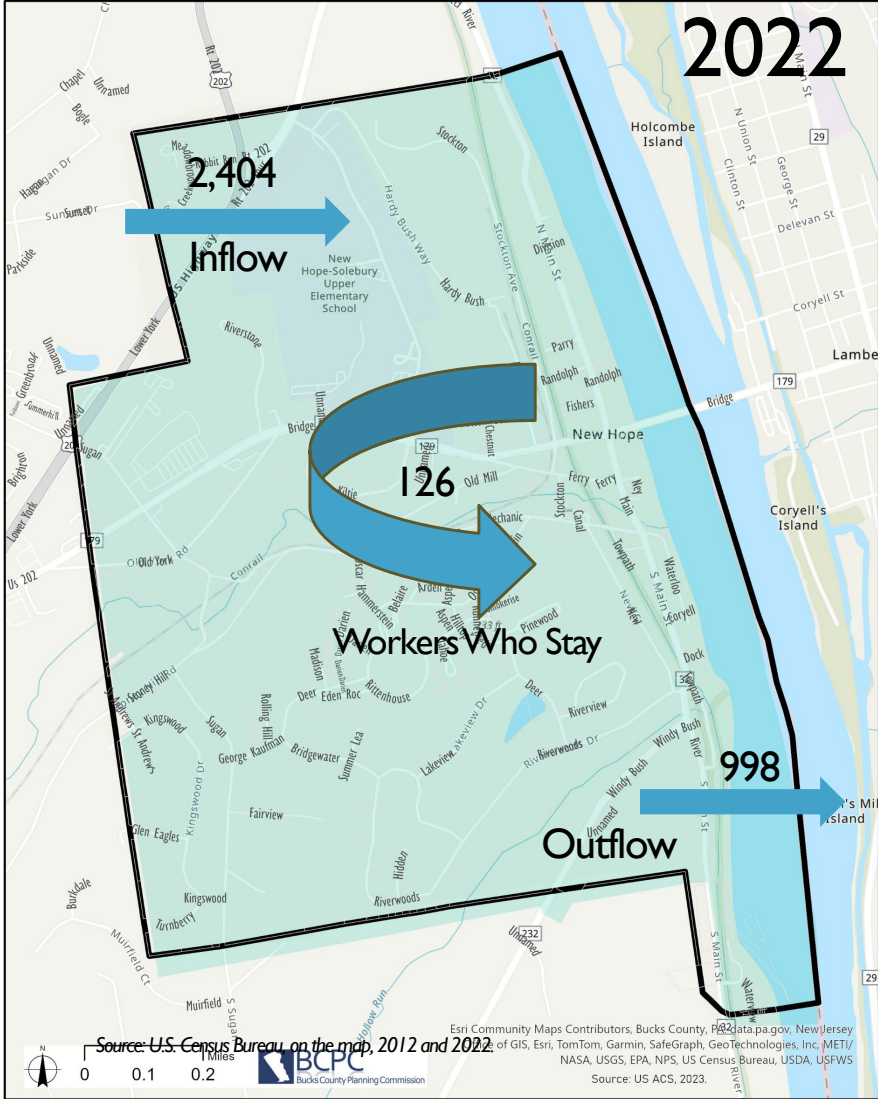
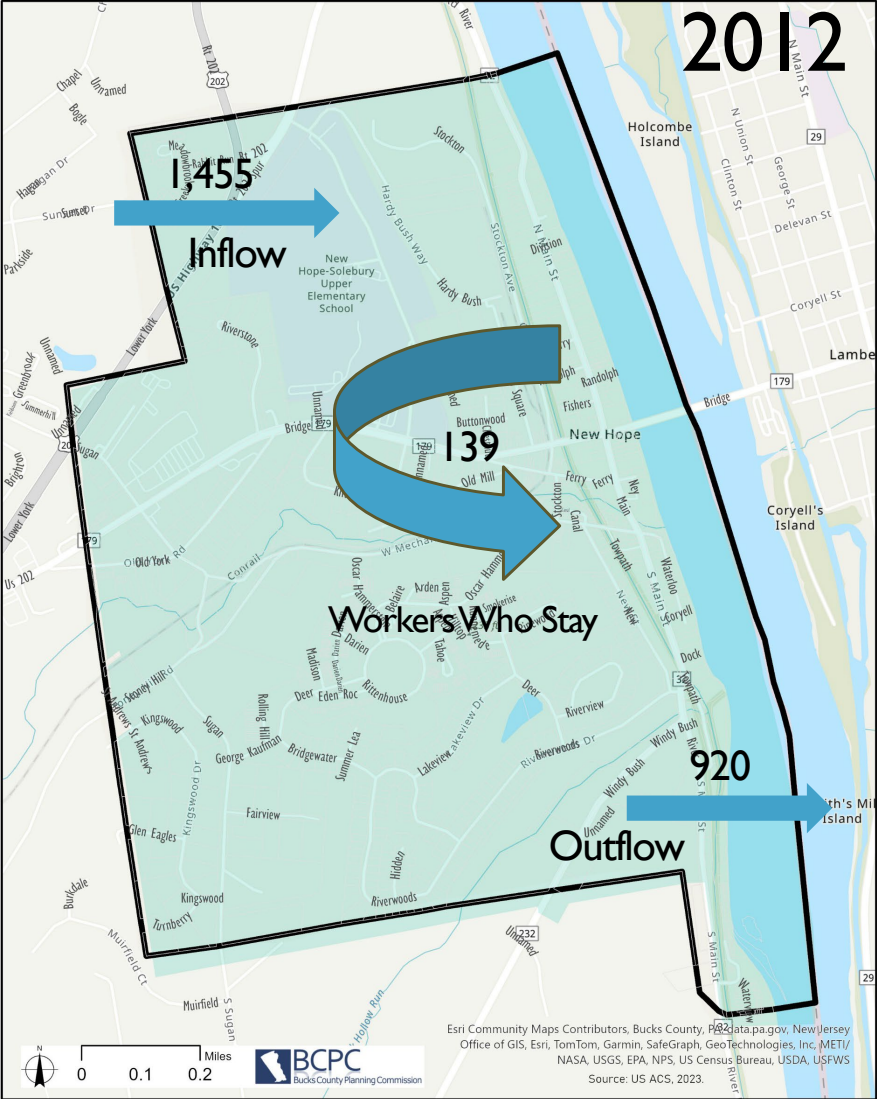
School Enrollment, 2013-2023*



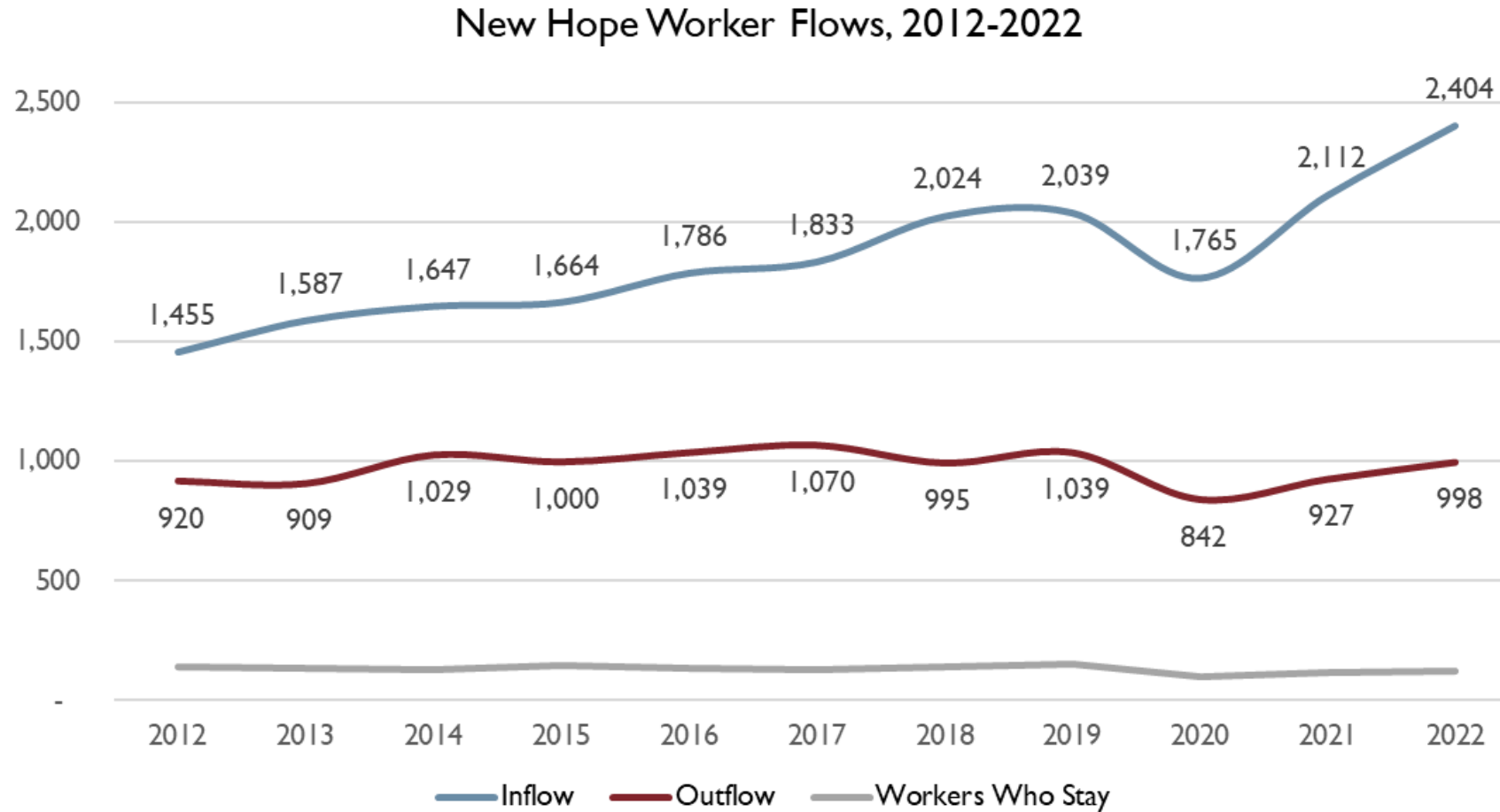
PA Department of Education, 2025.

Source: U.S. ACS Estimates, 2013-2023.
*Note: for school students with age 3 and over.

Commuting Trends



Commuting Trends



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, on the map, 2012 to 2022.

Resident Survey Comments



Q3: What is one aspect of living in the Borough you love most?



Survey



Survey

Q5: What is one physical feature of the Borough you love most?



Survey



Workshop 1 Summary

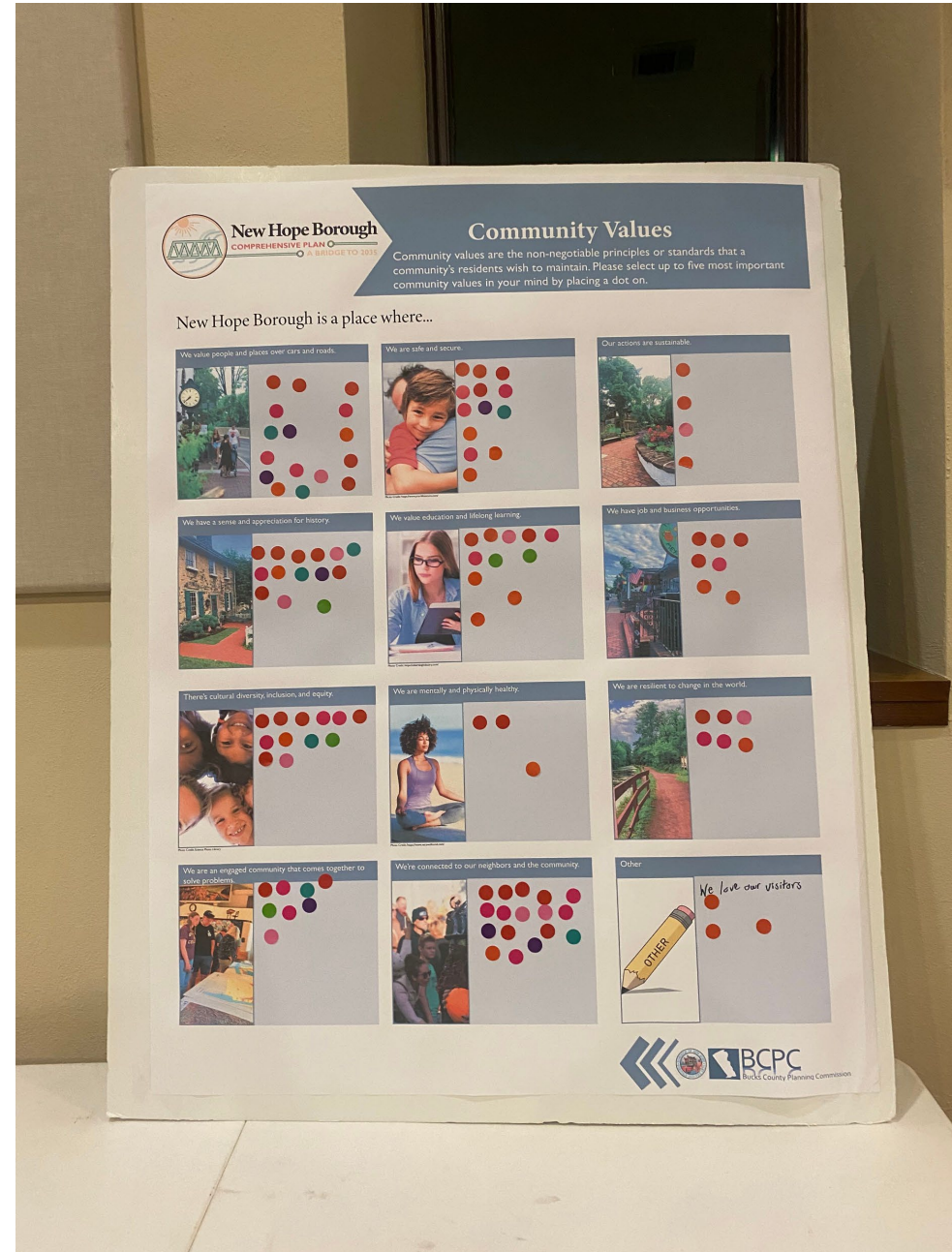
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Overview



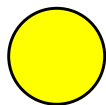
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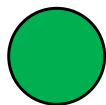
Overview

Community Values	Board 1	Board 2	Top-five
We value people and places over cars and roads.	16	8	24
We are safe and secure.	13	11	24
Our actions are sustainable.	4	4	8
We have a sense and appreciation for history.	14	11	25
We value education and lifelong learning.	11	3	14
We have job and business opportunities.	7	3	10
There's cultural diversity, inclusion, and equity.	12	4	16
We are mentally and physically healthy.	3	3	6
We are resilient to change in the world.	6	1	7
We are an engaged community that comes together to solve problems.	8	10	18
We're connected to our neighbors and the community.	17	16	33
Other (Solar Power; We love our visitors)	3	2	5
	114	76	190

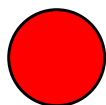
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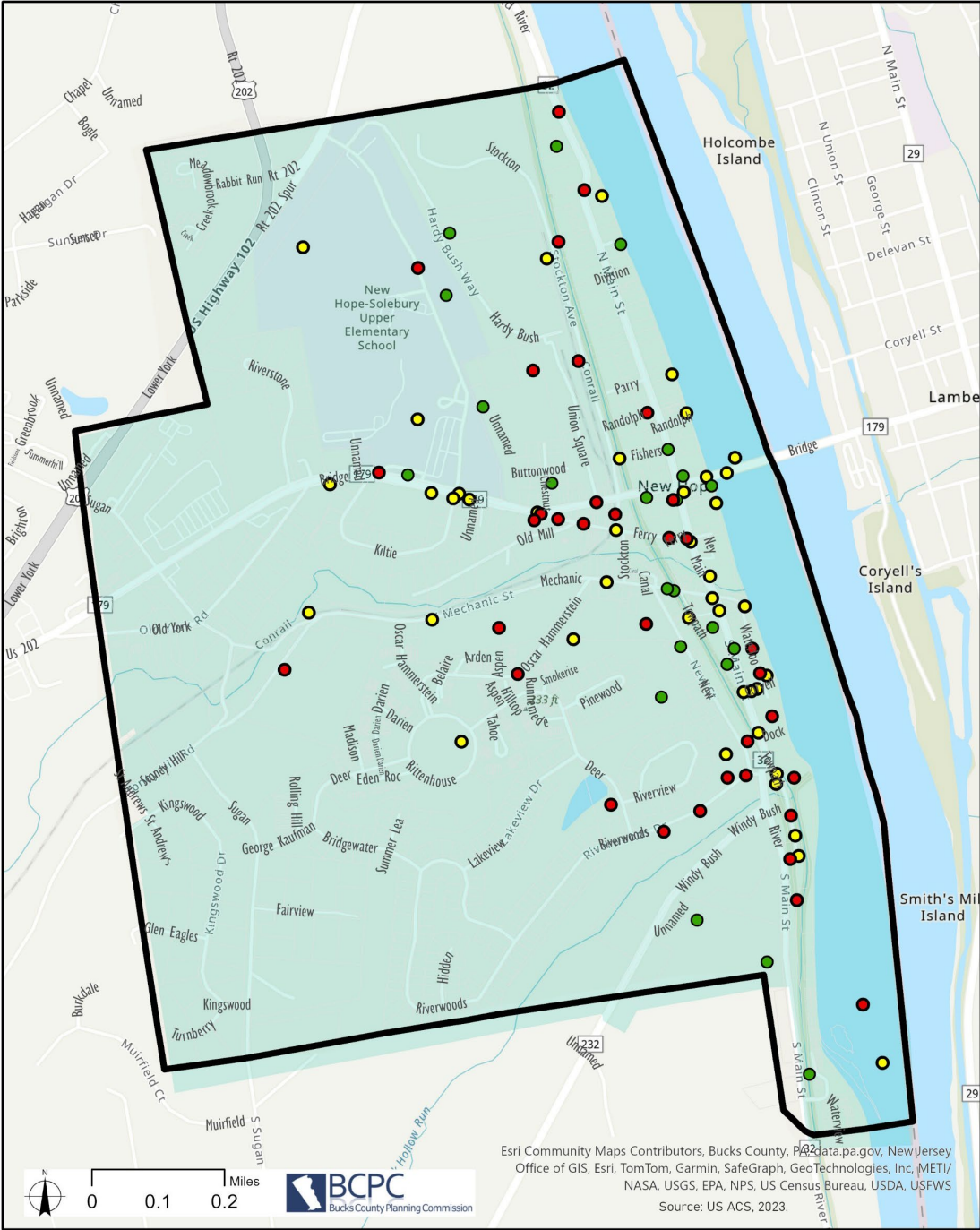
Enhance



Preserve



Transform



Mapping Exercise

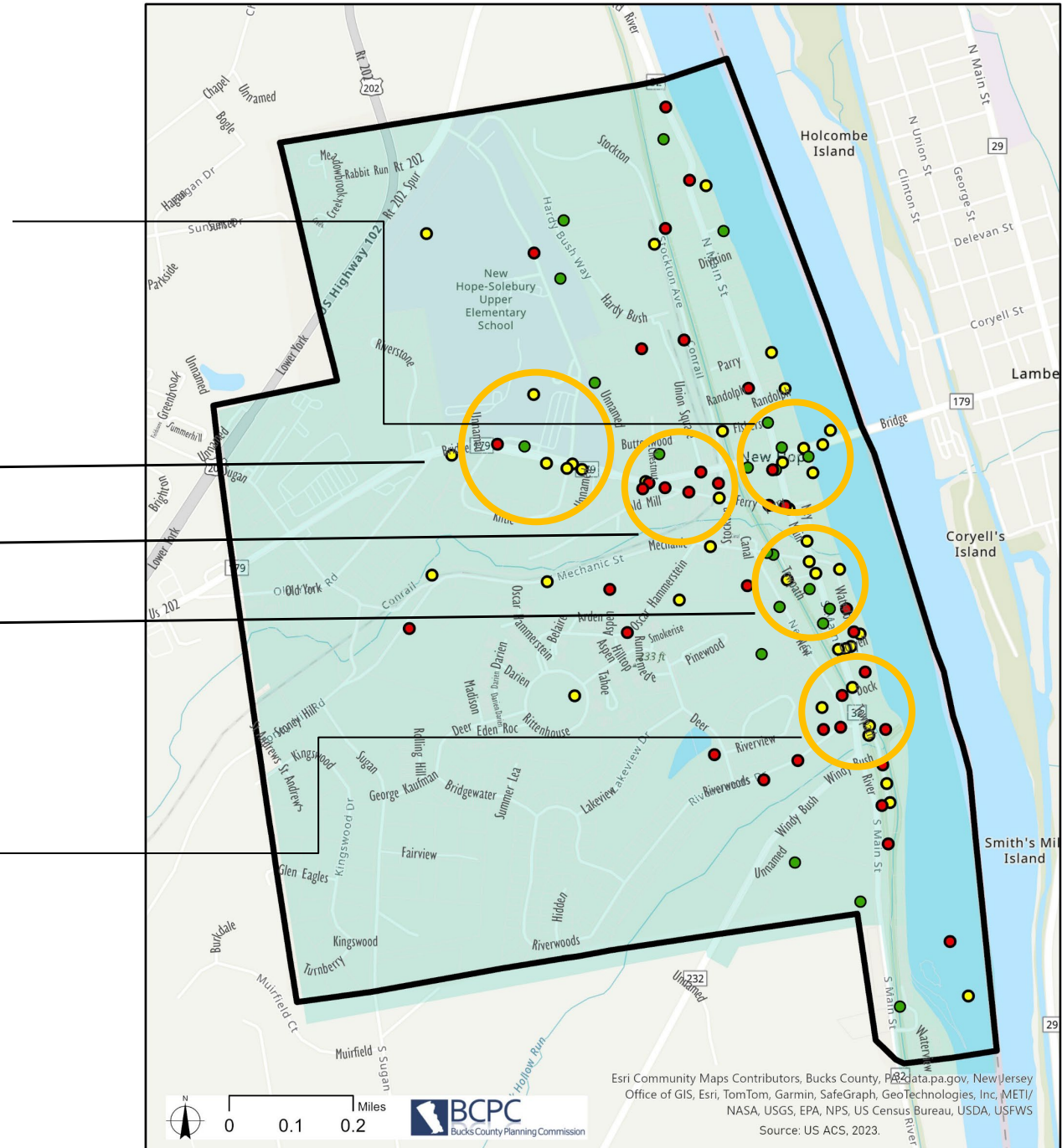
Preserve riverfront and historic character;
Enhance toilets, sidewalks, and bush trimmings

Enhance traffic light, sidewalk and crosswalk of school

Transform speeding on Ferry St

Enhance Main St sidewalks, benches and building appearances; and **preserve** historic character

Enhance retail spaces, and **transform** (i.e. bury) powerlines



General Comment Trends *(in-person & virtual)*

Canal cleanup

Affordability

Land preservation and sustainability planning

Pedestrian Safety

Signage

Assign BID director/manager

Parking planning

Transition Workshop 2



Workshop 2: Choices and Visioning

Overview

- Introduce and discuss focus areas in detail and establish general goals for each
- Stations are established and participants rotate through, responding to prompts/questions as they go. Example prompts/questions may include:
 - A process of discovery (i.e. what we need to learn about a given topic)
 - What is an ideal outcome for this topic?
 - What happens if nothing changes/status quo remains?

Workshop 2: Choices and Visioning

Overview

- After the Workshop:
 - BCPC will compile notes, distribute to advisory committee for another layer of input and feedback on each topic.
 - BCPC will debrief with Boro PC who will provide additional feedback, as needed.
 - In preparation for Workshop 3, BCPC will provide additional research on each topic area, review how other elements of the plan integrate with the core focus areas, develop a panel of subject matter experts, begin to research possible solutions.

Workshop 2: Choices and Visioning

Determining Focus Areas

Resident Survey Q8: What is most important for Council to consider when planning for the future?

▼ Preservation of Community Character	70.93%	222
▼ Historic Preservation	63.26%	198
▼ Parking	52.40%	164
▼ Growth Management	51.44%	161
▼ Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Safety	50.80%	159
▼ Traffic	50.48%	158
▼ Access to Nature and the Outdoor Environment	44.41%	139
▼ Tourism & Business Development	33.23%	104
▼ Climate Resilience	26.84%	84
▼ Housing Choices	25.24%	79
▼ Solar Power and Alternative Energy	23.32%	73
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 18.85%	59
Total Respondents: 313		

Workshop 2: Choices and Visioning

Determining Focus Areas

Workshop 1: General comments heard we heard the most about

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Workshop 2: Choices and Visioning

Determining Focus Areas

Proposed Focus Areas:

1. Historic Preservation
 2. Vehicular Traffic and Parking
 3. Growth Management and Affordability
 4. Bicycle & Pedestrian Access and Safety
 5. Business Development and Tourism
 6. Planning for a Changing Climate
 7. Access to Nature and the Outdoor Environment
- Workshop 2A**
Anticipated Date: May
- Workshop 2B**
Anticipated Date: June