

Official Community Plan Review

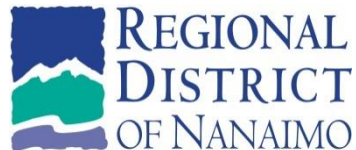


Electoral Area 'H'

Working Group Meeting

March 1, 2016 – NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

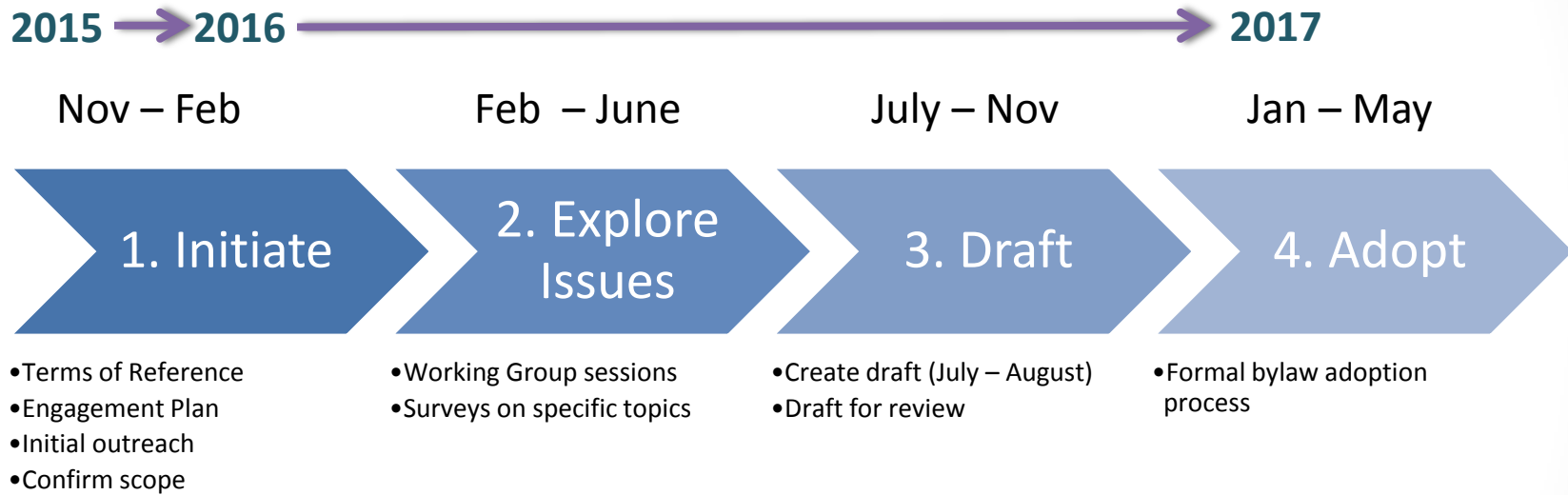
Lighthouse Community Hall



Goal of the project

- GOAL:
 - *To revise identified topic areas of the Electoral Area 'H' Official Community Plan so it continues to be a relevant and effective plan able to achieve the community vision.*
- Understand how the community would like to grow and develop into the future
- Update OCP

Project Timeline



Objectives of Meeting

- The OCP and Natural Environment:
 - To hear what is working and what is not working in the OCP
 - To hear what OCP content should change, and what should stay the same
- ...by building on what was said at the February 3 Community Meeting

Agenda

6:30	Welcome and introductions
6:45	Review of objectives and agenda
6:55	Mandate for Working Group and ground rules
7:20	Presentation on OCP and natural environment
7:35	Refreshment Break
7:50	Small group discussion
8:30	Presentation to large group
8:55	Next steps and closing comments

Mandate for Working Group

- to confirm and prioritize local issues
- to act as information source for community and RDN staff
- members to have a community vision and work together respectfully

Meeting Schedule

Date	Topic
March 1	Natural Environment
March 15	Community of all Ages
April 19	Growth & Development
May 17	Streets & Movement
June 7	Deep Bay
June 21	GENERAL COMMUNITY MEETING
July 5	Review of Community Meeting

...see you in September / October

GROUND RULES

OCP AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

What is an OCP?



What is an OCP?

- Manages existing and future use of land – what kind of use is supported where, and how much?
- How will the community grow and develop over time?
- **What needs to be protected?**
- What kinds of services are needed, and where?
- **What are the hazards in the area?**
- What are the public transportation needs?
- What community and institutional space is needed?

What is an OCP?

- Advocacy
- Priorities for funding
- Direction for interagency liaison

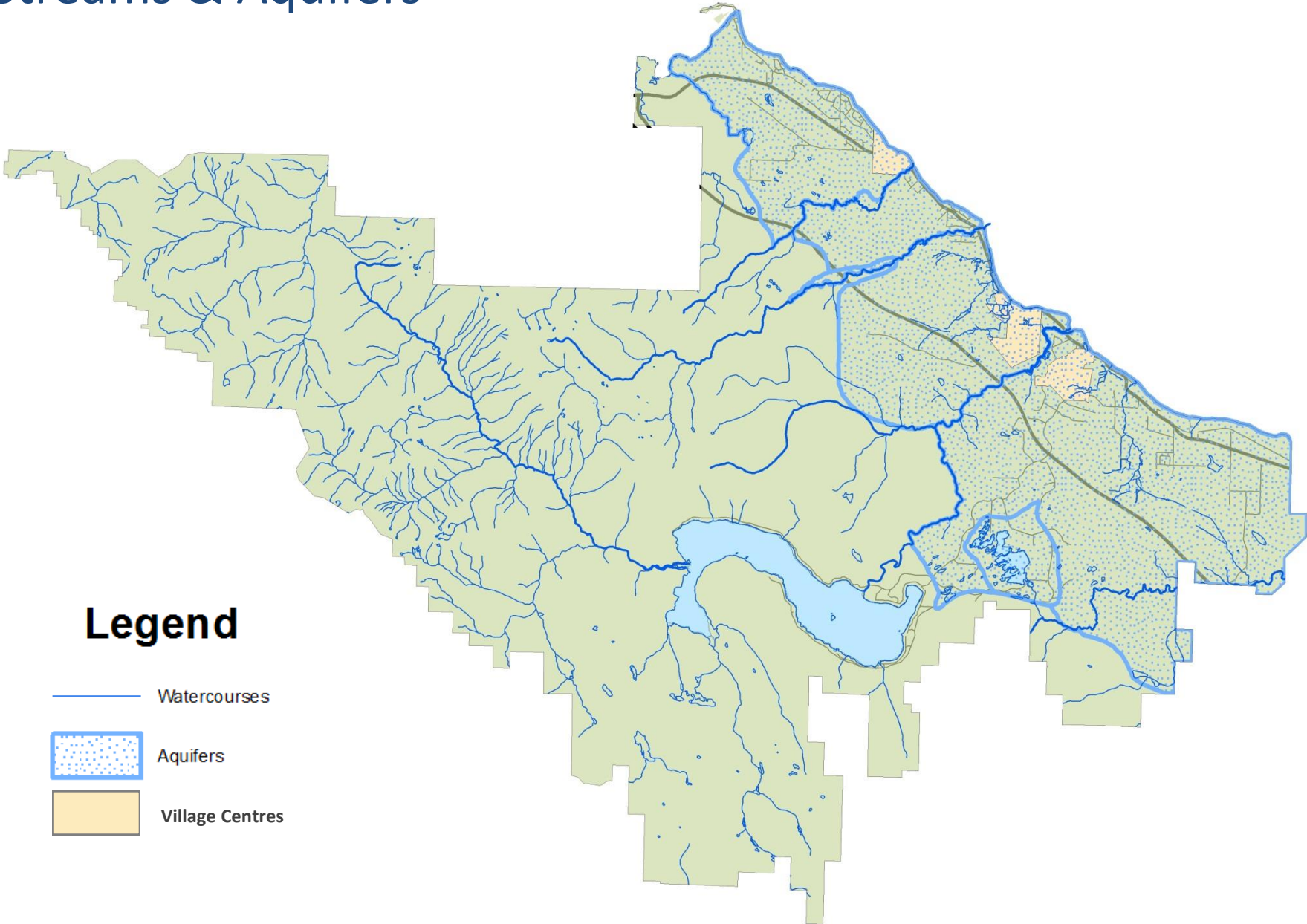
The Current Area 'H' OCP

- Adopted in 2004
- Updated in 2010 with Bowser Village Centre Plan
- Updated to comply with the provincial *Riparian Areas Regulation* and requirement for greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, policies and actions

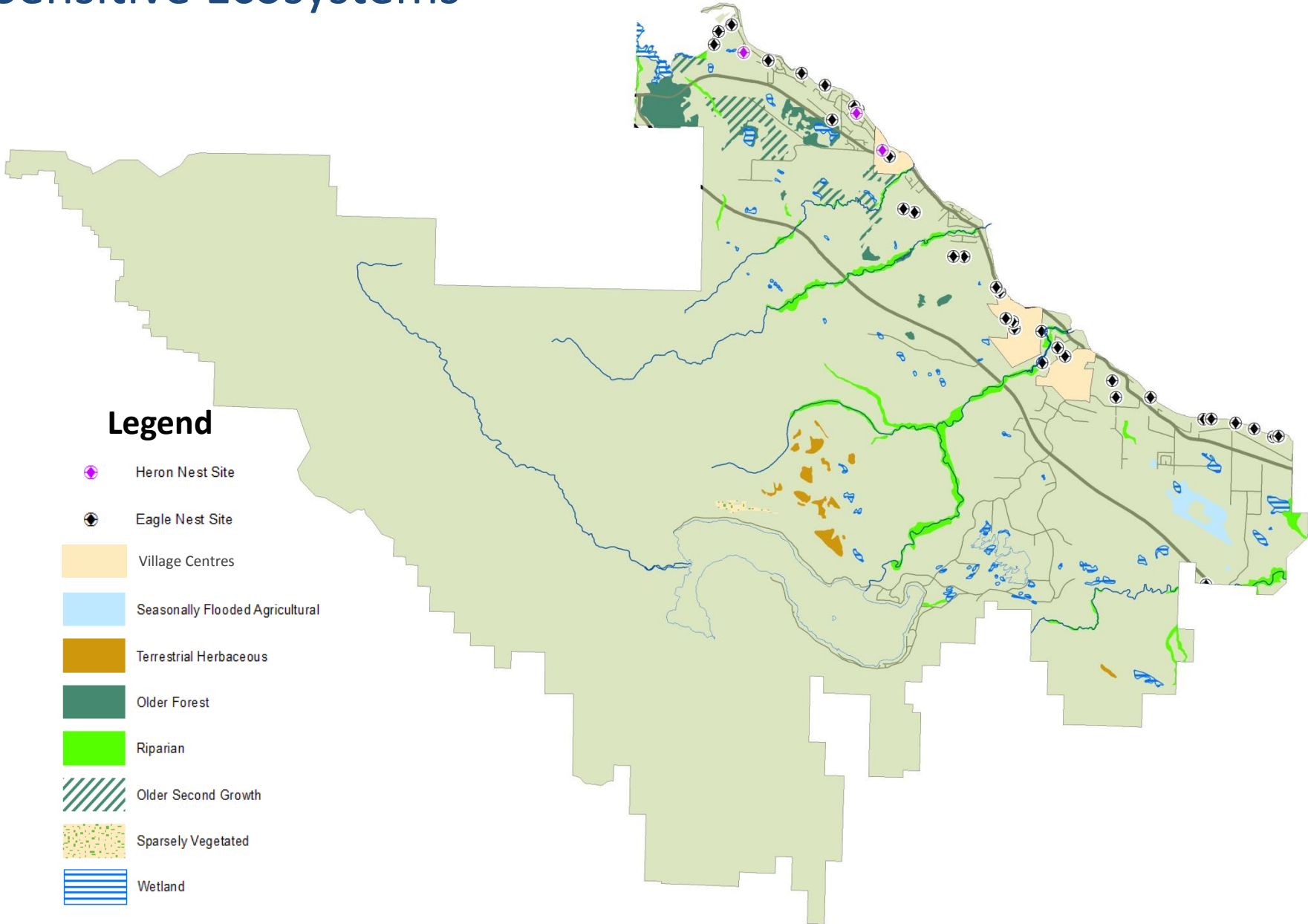


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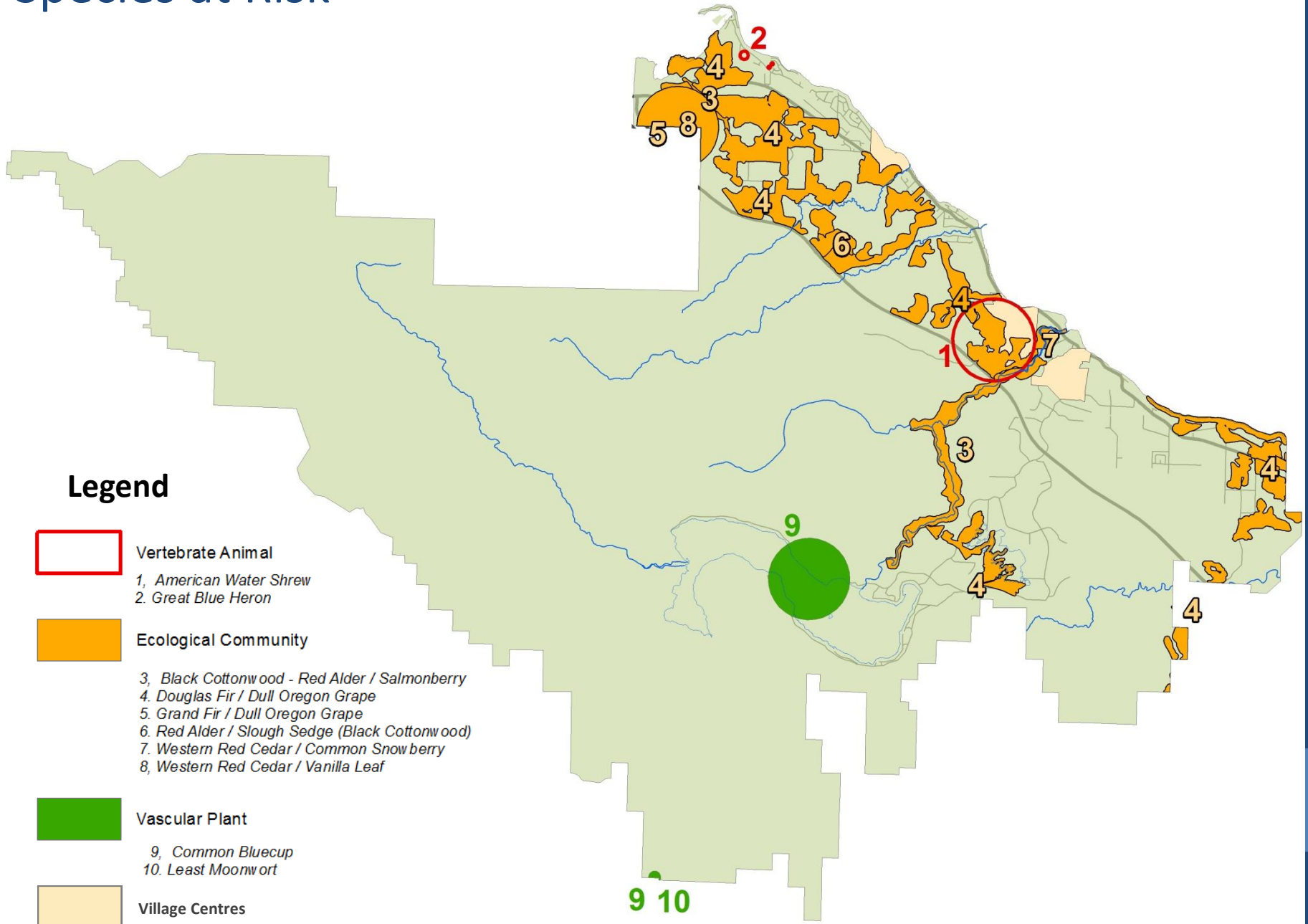
Streams & Aquifers



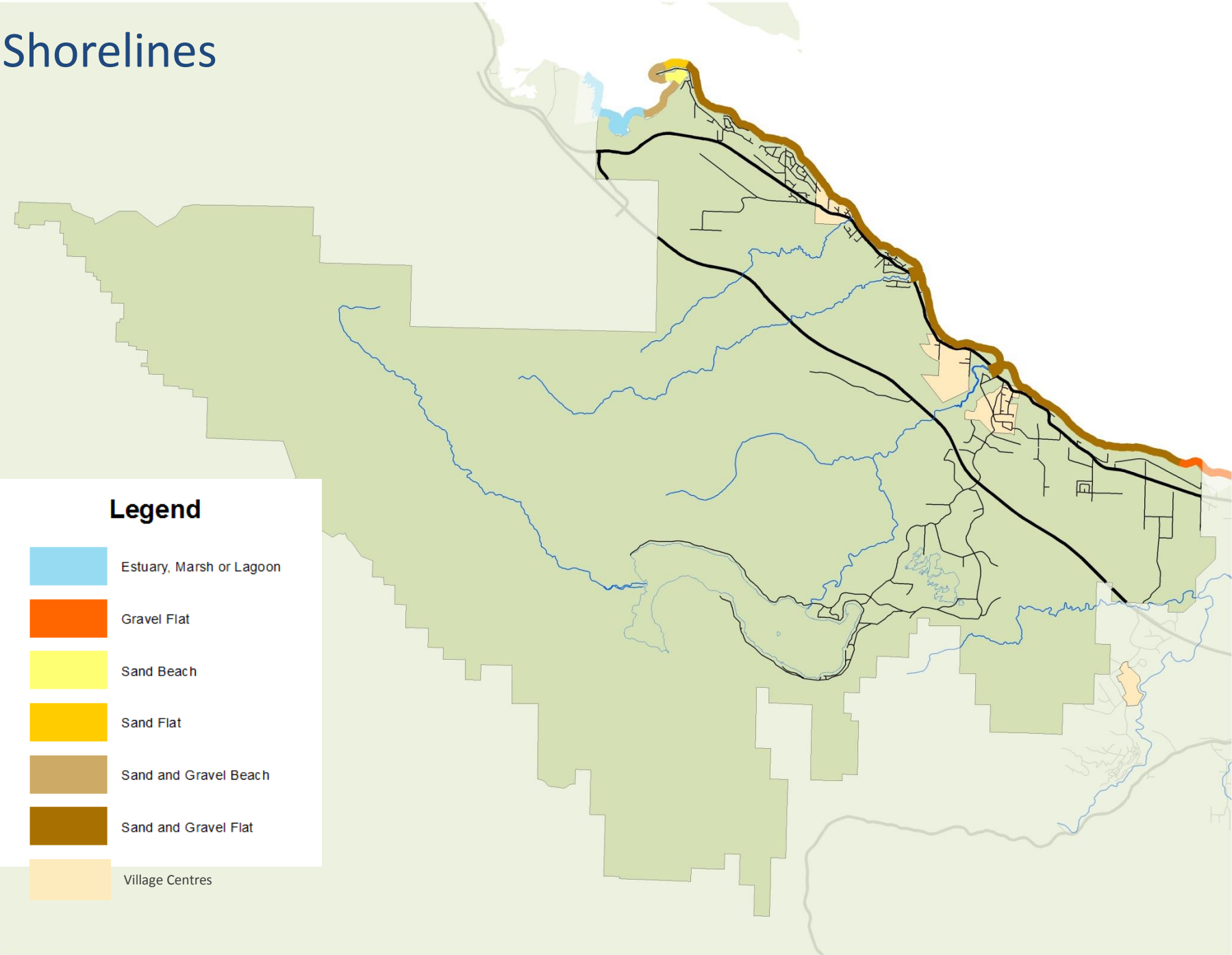
Sensitive Ecosystems



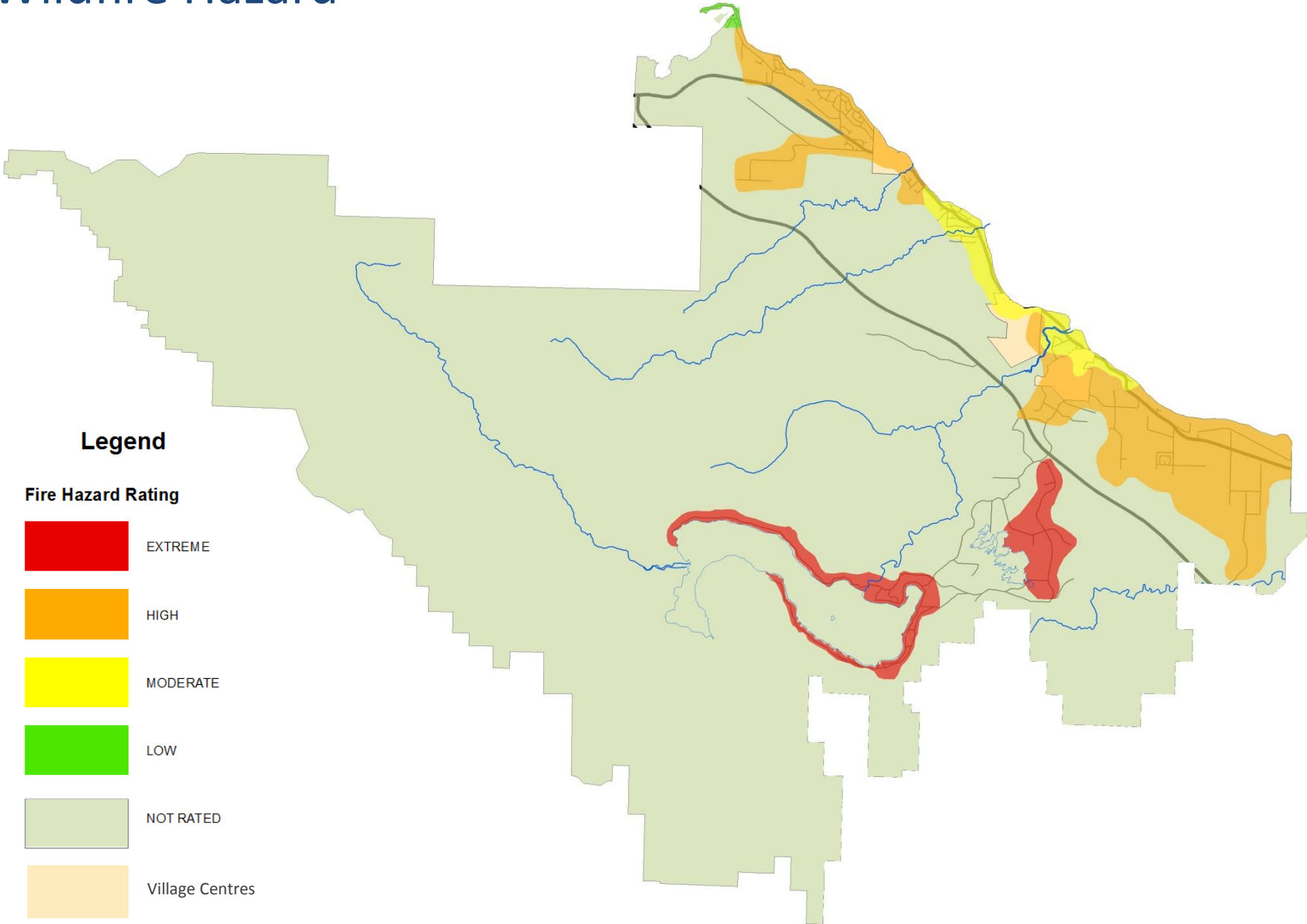
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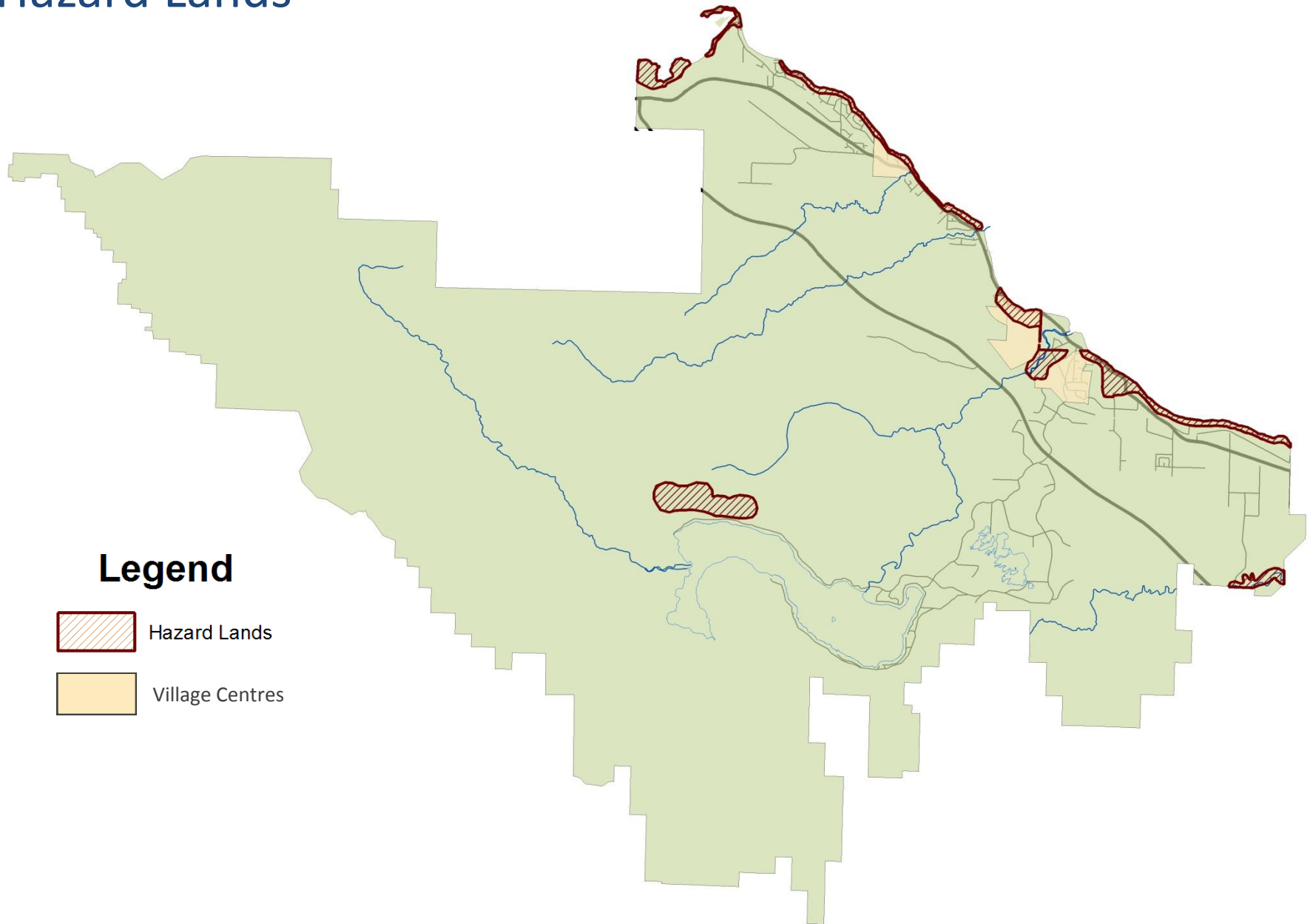
Shorelines




Wildfire Hazard



Hazard Lands



Legend

 Hazard Lands

 Village Centres

What about climate change?



Temperature

Average annual air temperature increased 0.8°C and average annual sea surface temperature increased 1.8°C since 1900.



Land Uplift

Land is rising by 2.1 mm per year on the RDN coast and dropping on the lower mainland coast.



Precipitation

Average annual precipitation has increased 14% since 1900.



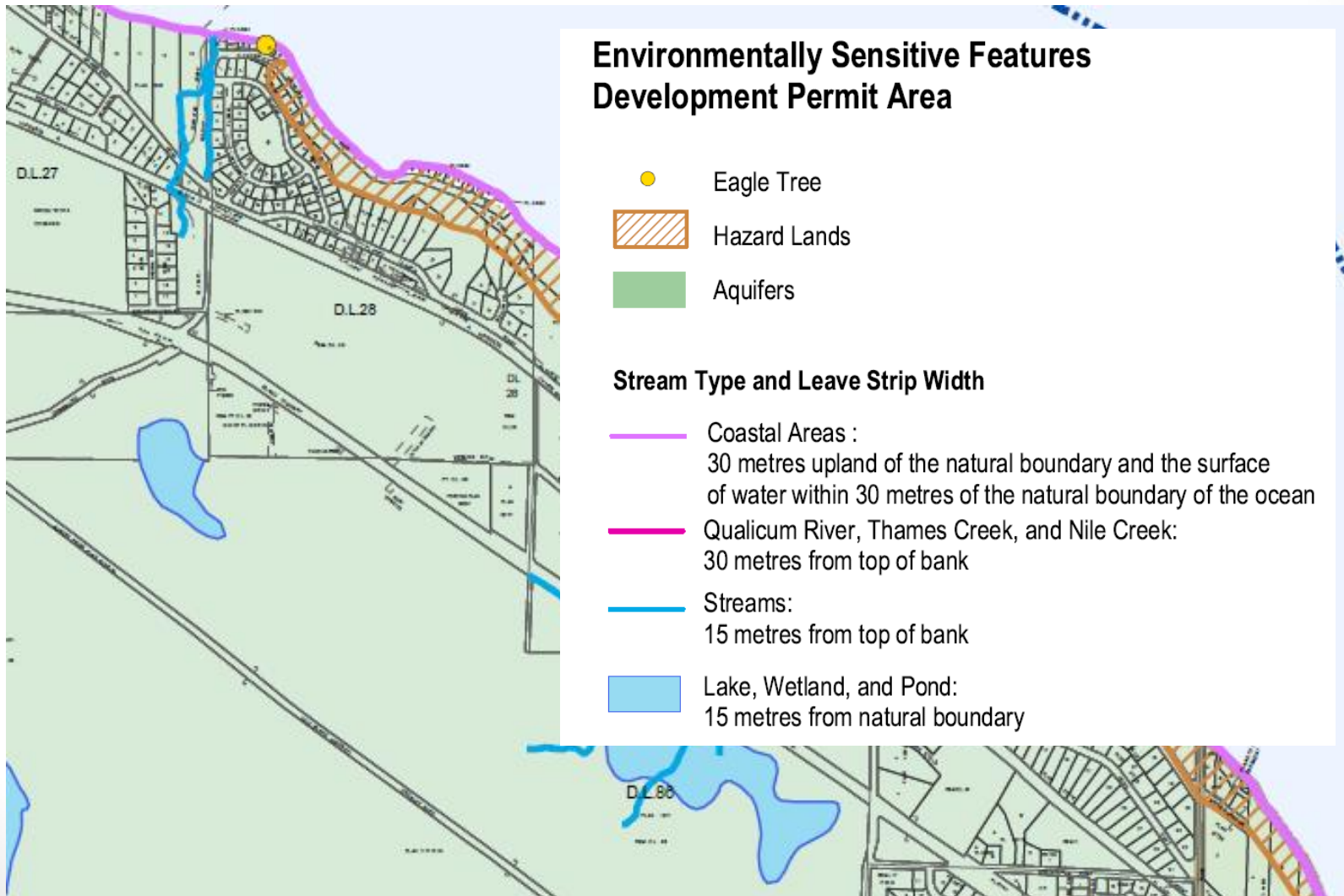
Sea Level Rise

Average sea level has risen over the past 95 years.

OCP Objectives, Policies and DPAs

- Objective:
 - *Preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas*
- Policy
 - *The Regional District shall only support rezoning to permit development on lands considered environmentally sensitive where the applicant or appropriate authority presents acceptable evidence that the proposed development will not adversely affect the environmentally sensitive areas*
- Development Permit Area
 - Before alteration of land, subdivision, construction or alteration of a building, within the DPA, a permit is required. May require professional report (biology, drainage, sediment and erosion)

Development Permit Areas



GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Next Steps

- Record of this meeting posted to website
 - Opportunity for comment at next Working Group meeting, or call or email
- March 15 Working Group – *A Community of all Ages*
- Engage wider community online, etc.
- General Community Meeting – June 21