



RDOS

Electoral Area “A”

Rural Osoyoos


OCP Update

Community Open House

September 21, 2020



Agenda

- **Project Overview**
 - **Community Profile**
 - **Project Overview**
 - **OCP Update**
 - **OCP mini survey**
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Project Overview



Official Community Plan (OCP) snapshot

So what's an OCP?



It's a set of policy statements...

sustainable communities

housing choices

manage land responsibly

support arts

environmental

& culture

protection

transportation options

economic
development

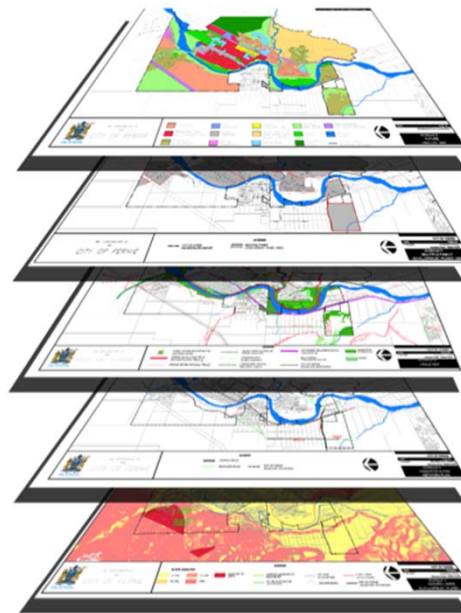
food security



...that provides a consistent and coordinated approach for land use planning

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= OCP



OCP 101

- OCPs typically have the following elements
 - Aspirational
 - Articulate a community **Vision** and supporting **Broad Goals**
 - Operational
 - Identify potential **new projects/studies**
 - Regulatory
 - Development Permit Areas that follow provincial *Local Government Act* requirements



Current OCP

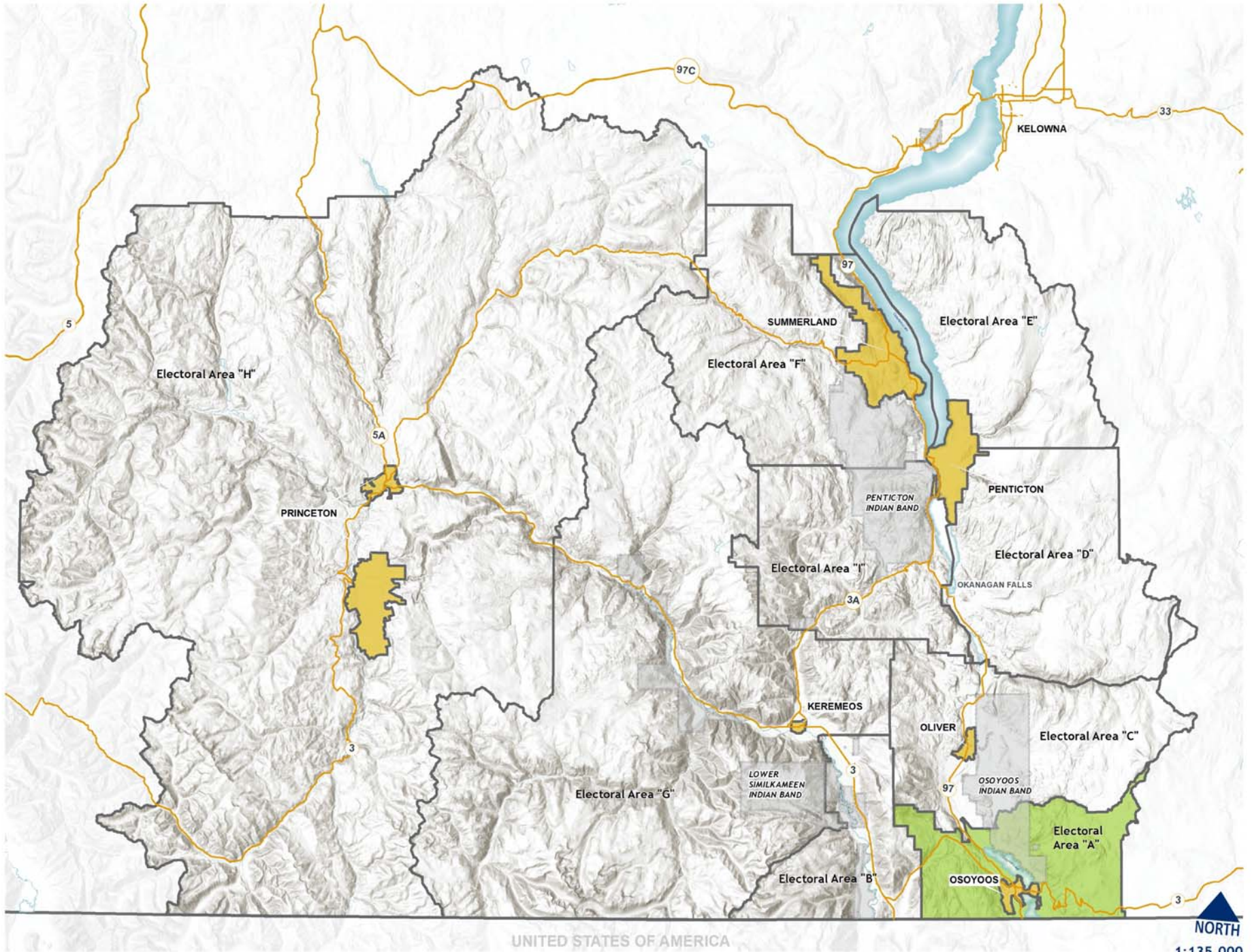
- Dates from 2008
 - Not consistent with more recently updated OCPs in the RDOS – content and organization
 - “Thin” policy chapters (e.g., Hazard Lands)



Community Profile



Electoral Area “A” Today



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NORTH
1:135,000

POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

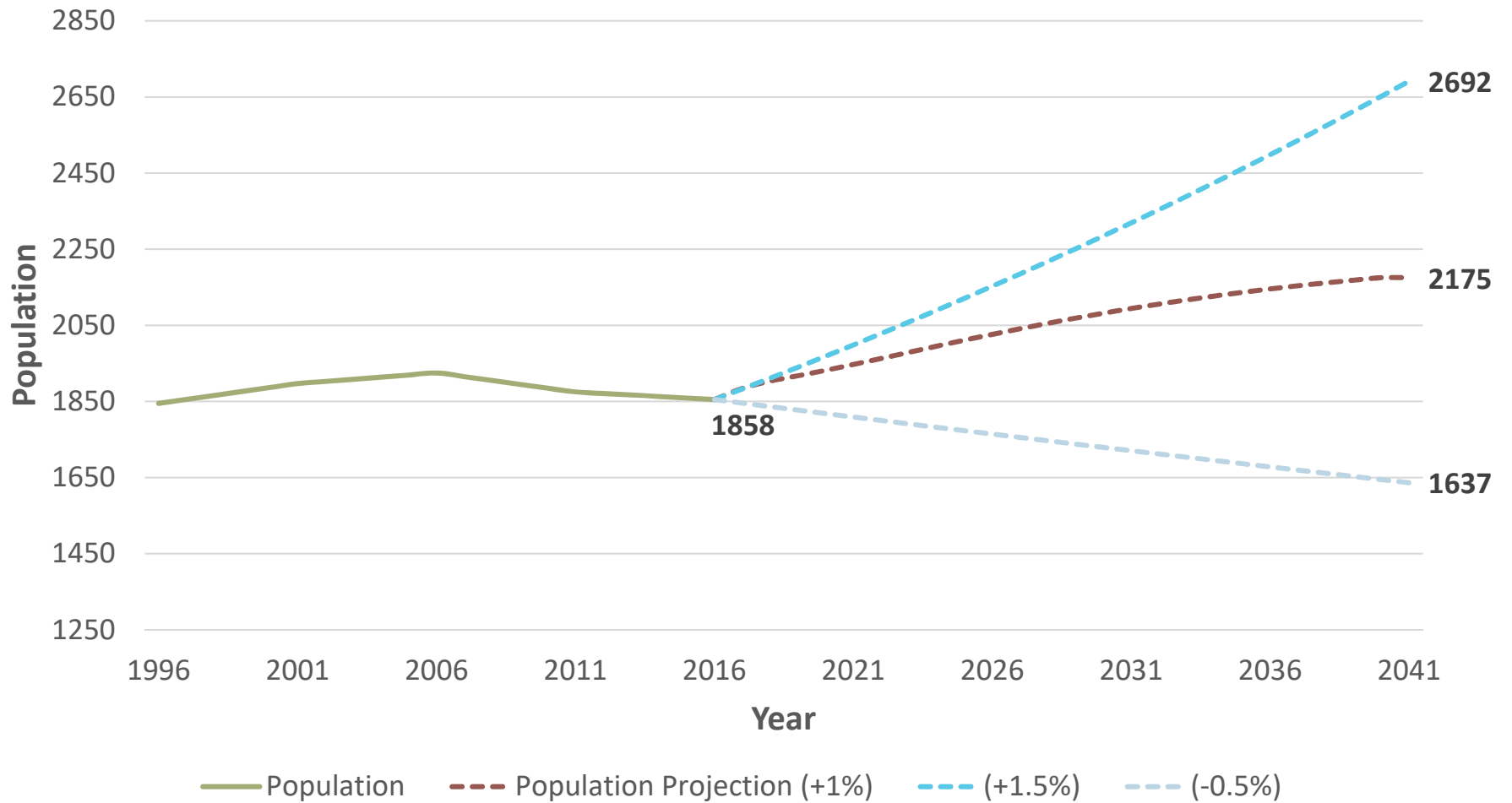
A declining population.



Between 2011 and 2016, the population shrank by about **34** people or 2%. Other Electoral Areas are growing.

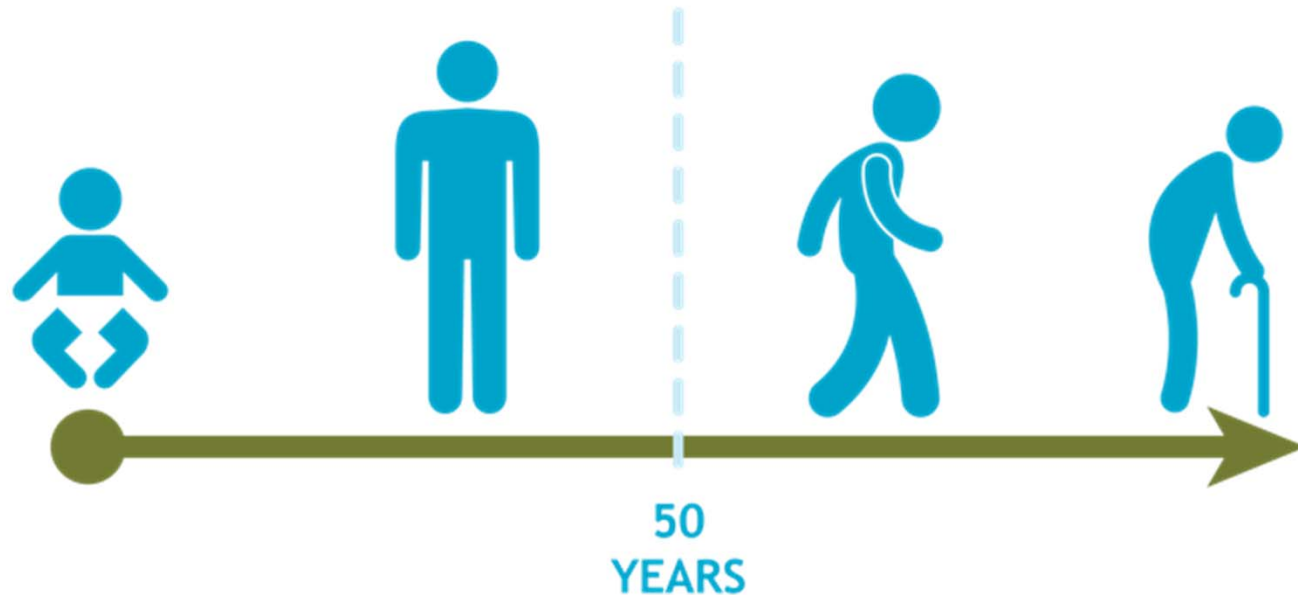


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An aging population.



People **over the age of 50** are the largest proportion (46%) of the population. The median age was **58**, which is 15 years older than the provincial median (43).

Water supply and water quality is an issue.



Throughout South Okanagan, water supply, water quality and capacity is a major issue for current residents, new residential development, and agriculture.



Climate change is a growing concern.



Area is subject to growing climate change hazards, like drought, wildfires, and heat waves.



Project Overview



Work-to-date and upcoming

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Community Engagement - to date

- **Community survey 1**
 - About 100 responses
 - Large response from Anarchist Mountain
- **Project newsletter, website, postcard**
 - Project postcards sent to all households
 - Project website and info hub
 - 2 project newsletters
- **Other outreach**
 - Growers Supply Conference (Feb.27)
 - Anarchist Mountain Community Association (July 15)
 - Osoyoos Farmers Market (July 25, August 15)

An information flyer with a blue header that says "GET INVOLVED!". Below the header is the text "Help plan your community's future!". The main body of text states: "The RDOS is working on a project to review and update our Official Community Plan (OCP) for Electoral Area 'A'. Work started on our project in November 2019 and we expect to complete it by September 2020." There are three bullet points: "What are the most important issues the OCP Update should highlight?", "Are there new issues that we need to address?", and "What kinds of policies can help achieve the future you want for Area 'A'?". To the right of the text is an image of a computer monitor displaying a website. Below the monitor is the contact information: "MORE INFORMATION? Christopher Garrish, Planning Manager cgarrish@rdos.bc.ca 250-490-4101 / 1-877-610-3737 www.rdos.bc.ca". At the bottom of the flyer is a blue bar with the text "Visit the project web page at www.rdos.bc.ca to learn more about the project and participate in our community survey." and a small icon of three people.

Community Engagement - upcoming

- **Community survey 2**

- Publicized through post card and postings on community sites (e.g. Anarchist Mountain Community Association, Osoyoos Loop, Kilpoola Park Estates Group, etc.)
- Up until Monday, October 19th



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- ▶ *What are the most important issues the OCP Update should highlight?*
- ▶ *Are there new issues that we need to address?*
- ▶ *What kinds of policies can help achieve the future you want for Area "A"?*

MORE INFORMATION?
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OCP Update

Working Draft Highlights

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Draft OCP

- Restructured to match other recently updated OCPs
- Background data and other information updated (population projections, new and updated Provincial Acts like *Water Act*, etc.)
- Chapters are almost the same as 2008 OCP
- Key changes
 - **Community Profile**
 - **New Vision and updated Broad Goals**
 - **Local Area Policies chapter (North West Osoyoos Lake, Osoyoos Lake South, Anarchist Mountain, Kilpoola)**

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there's a winding road and some buildings. The middle ground shows a large body of water, possibly a lake or reservoir, surrounded by greenery. In the background, there are mountains under a cloudy sky. A large teal rounded rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing text.

Vision


Electoral Area “A” is a predominantly rural region made up of smaller settlement areas and neighbourhoods. Residents value its rural character and preserving and stewarding its important agricultural areas, natural habitats, and recreation areas. Residents are also committed to ensuring water resources are well-managed and protected and that community wildfire risks are reduced.



COMMUNITY SAFETY & HEALTH – Manage and reduce community wildfire risks and promote community wellbeing for all generations.

WATER RESOURCES - Protect and manage water resources, including both surface and groundwater, for residential uses, agriculture, and ecosystem health

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING - Provide the opportunity for limited new growth and housing options for all age groups, while ensuring new housing development maintains the area's rural character.



AGRICULTURE - Maintain existing and encourage new, compatible agricultural activities in the Agricultural Land Reserve, while limiting subdivision of designated agricultural properties.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - Improve and support the development of new infrastructure, including community water and sewer and internet connectivity.

TRANSPORTATION - Maintain a safe and efficient transportation system for all road users.

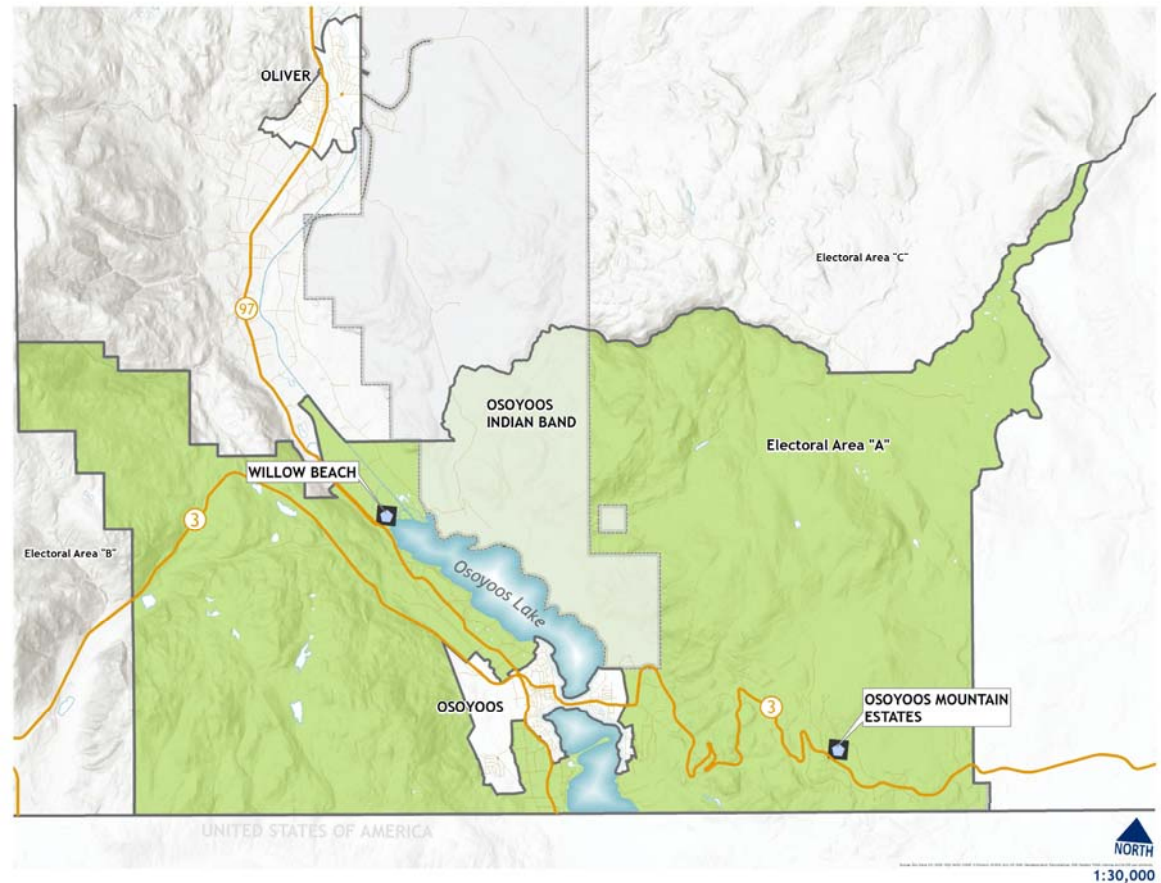


NATURAL ENVIRONMENT - Steward and protect the area's natural features, including sensitive ecosystems and habitat

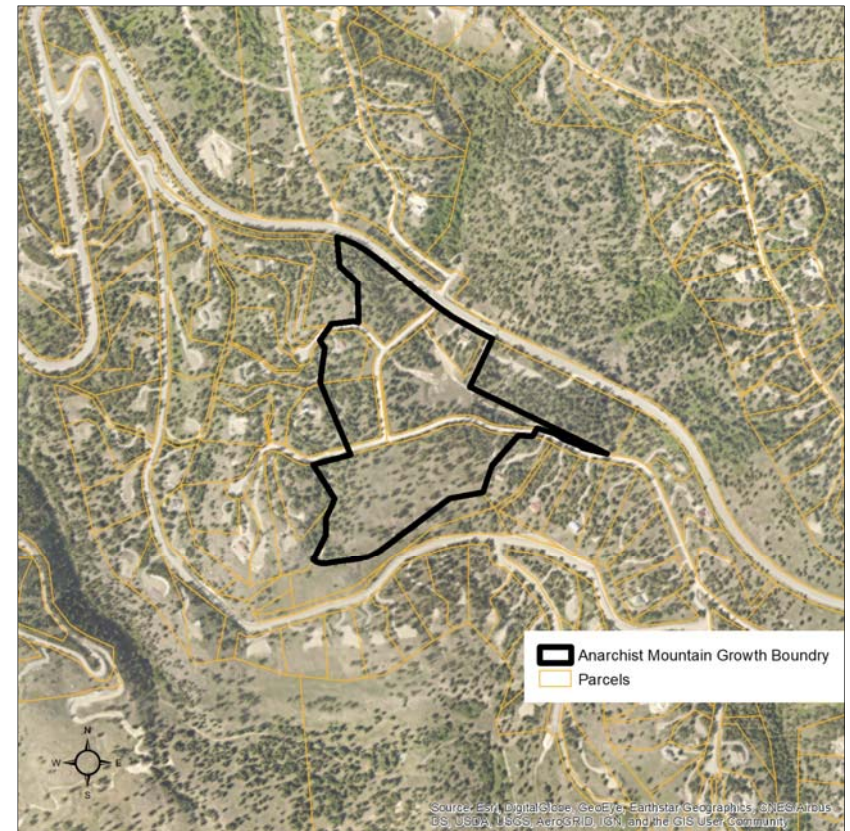
OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION. Improve and expand communications, consultation, and engagement with Osoyoos Indian Band.

Residential Development & Growth Management

- Policy to review suitability of Willow Beach and Anarchist Mountain as Rural Growth Areas when the Regional Growth Strategy is reviewed or updated (2020/2021)



Residential Development & Growth Management



What's Next?



Next Steps

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- Engagement & Consultation
 - Community Survey 2
 - Referrals
 - Refined Draft OCP





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THANK YOU!

