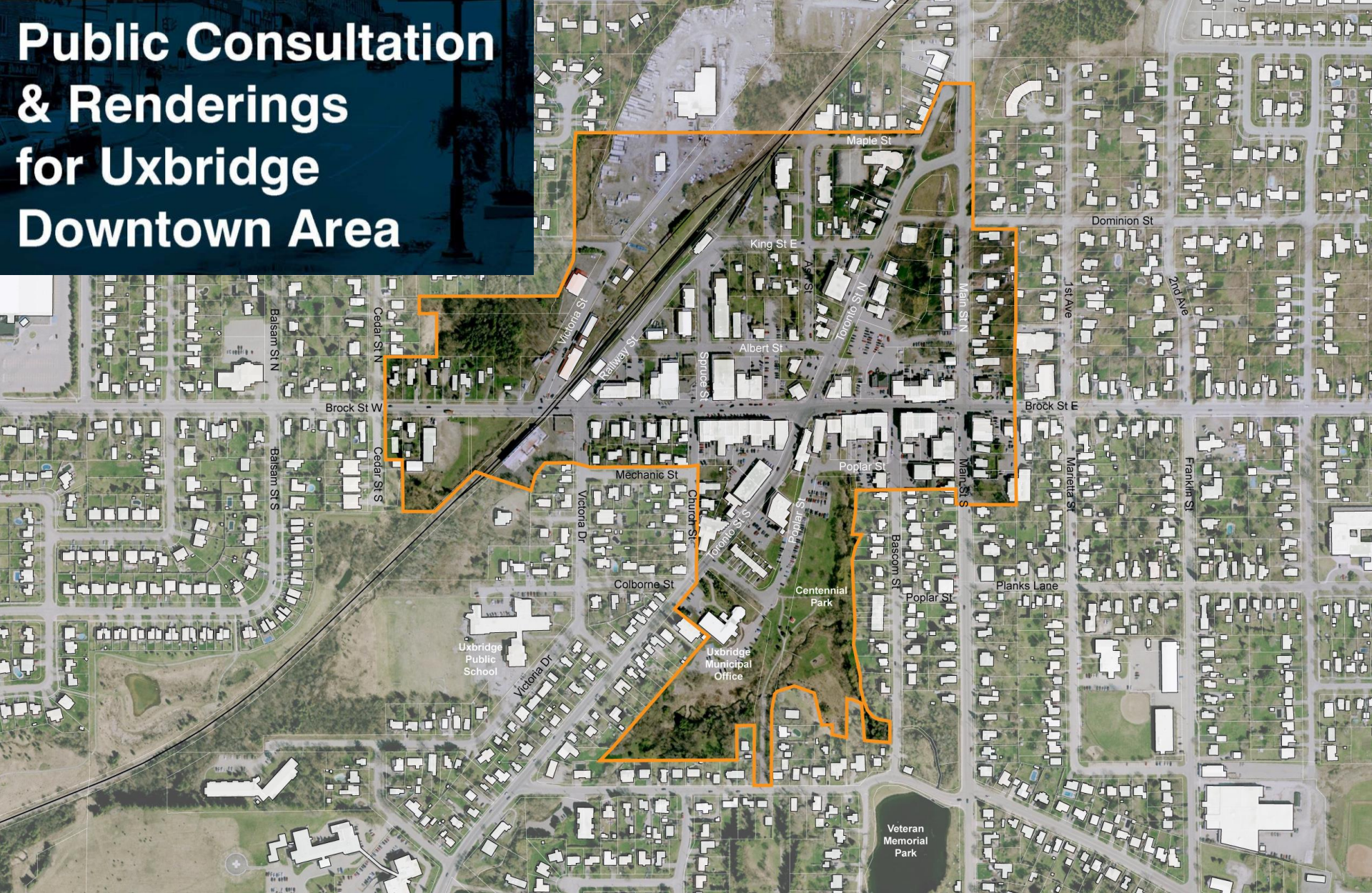


# Public Consultation & Renderings for Uxbridge Downtown Area



Community Workshop  
June 28, 2021



Set the context and area of focus



Existing conditions



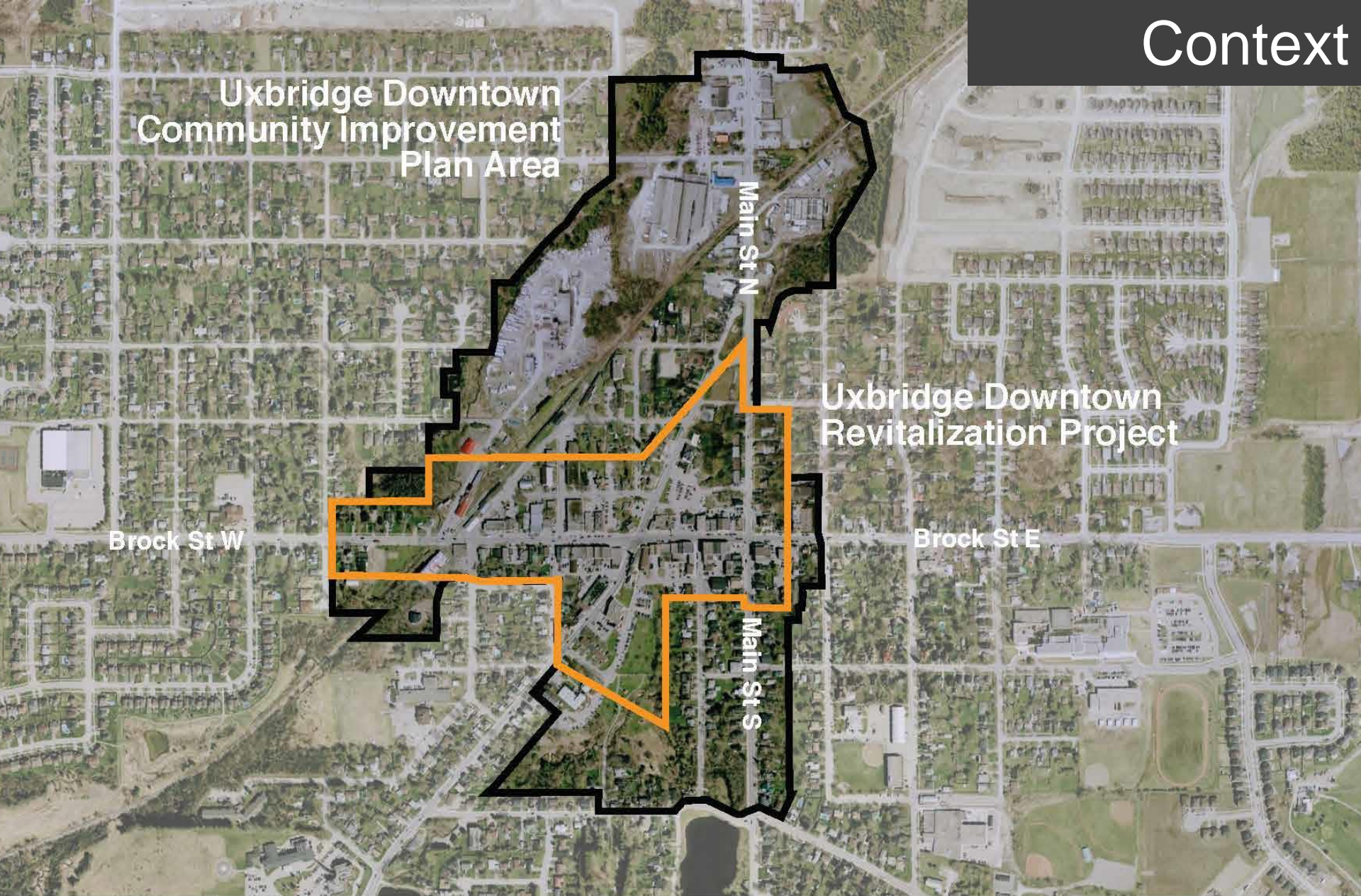
What we've heard in early conversations



Framework plan

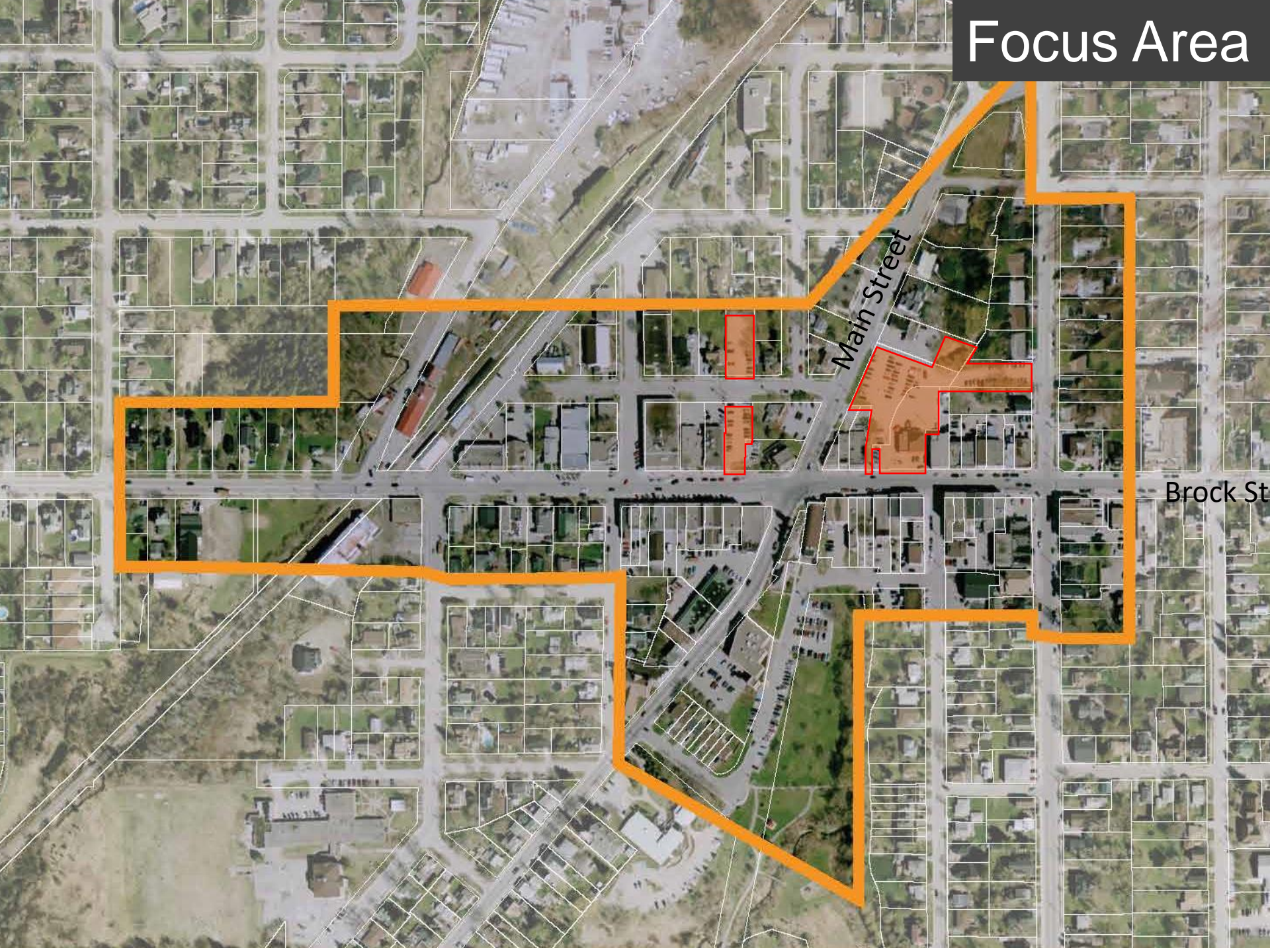


Five key directions



Renderings and visualization of the downtown vision to be developed over the next several months, targeting completion in the fall of 2021.

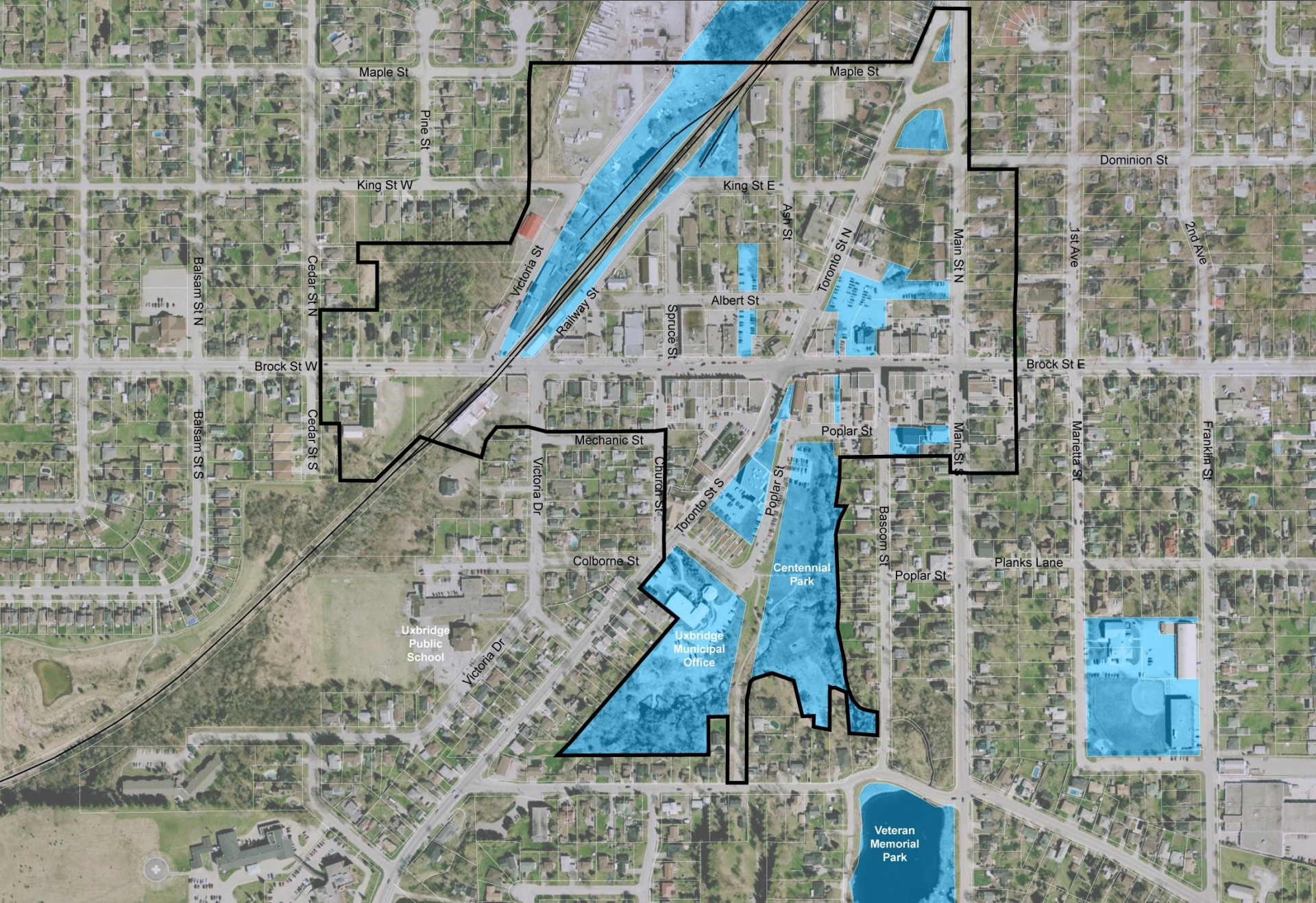
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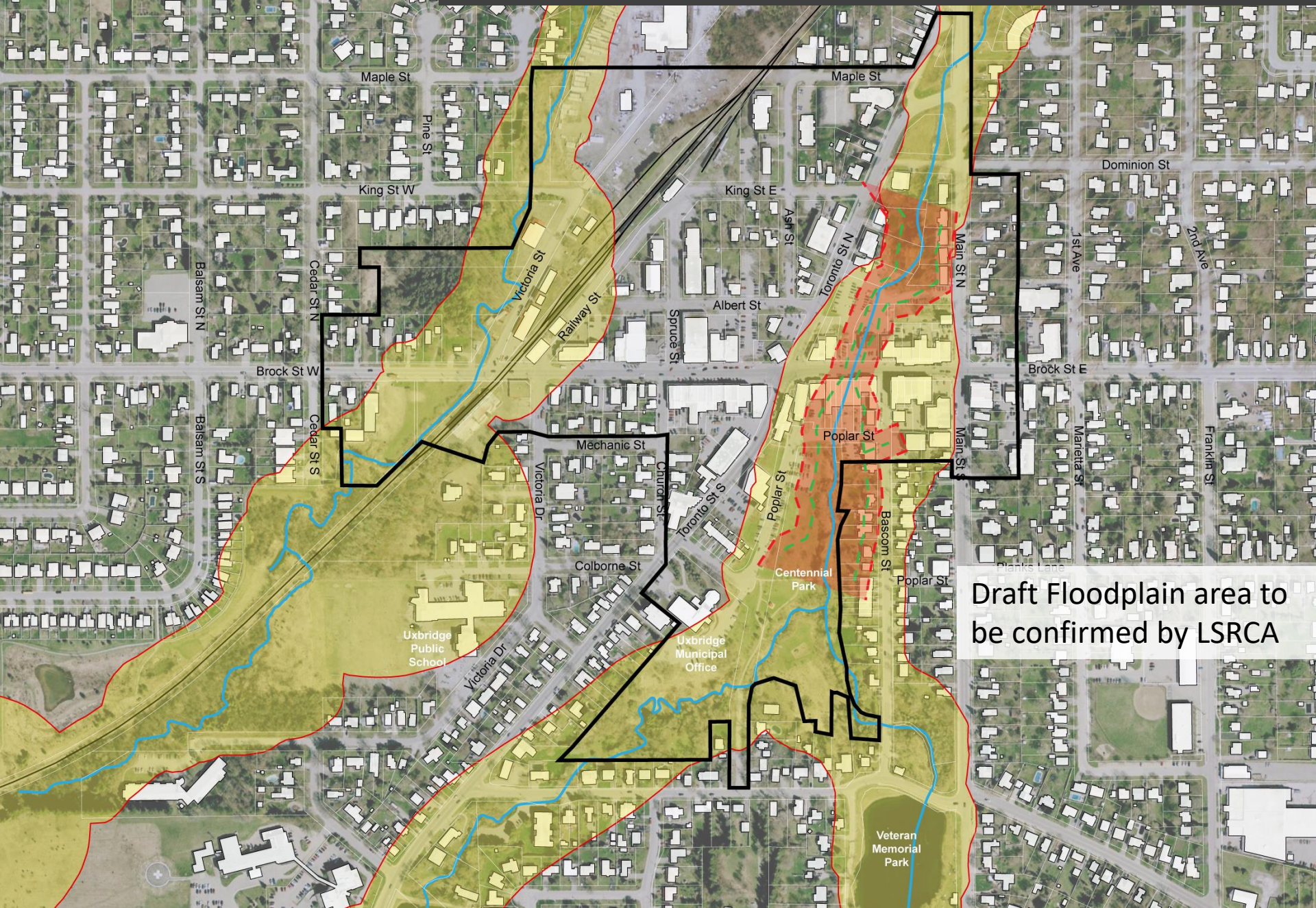
Main Street

Brock St

# Municipally Owned Properties



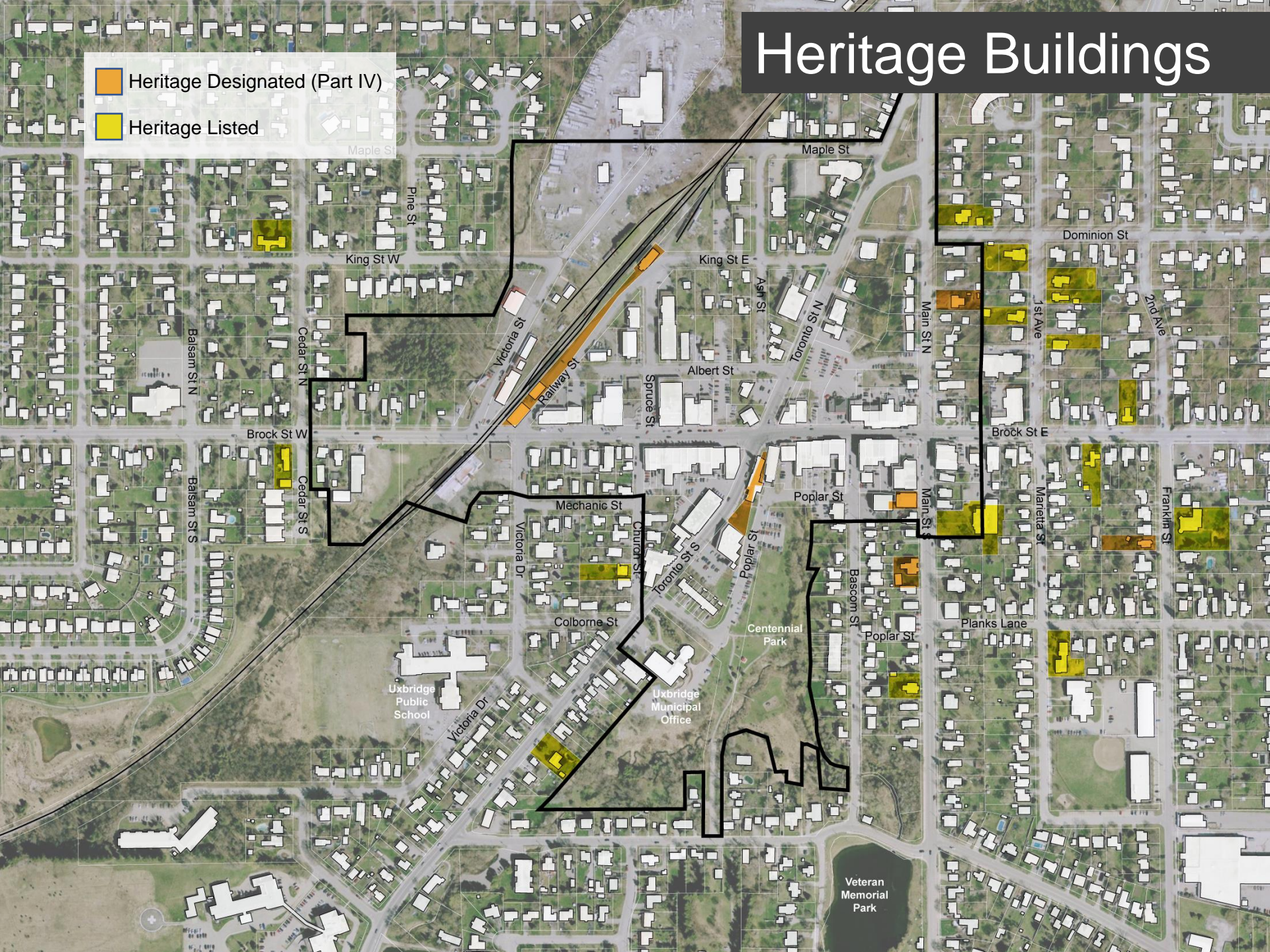
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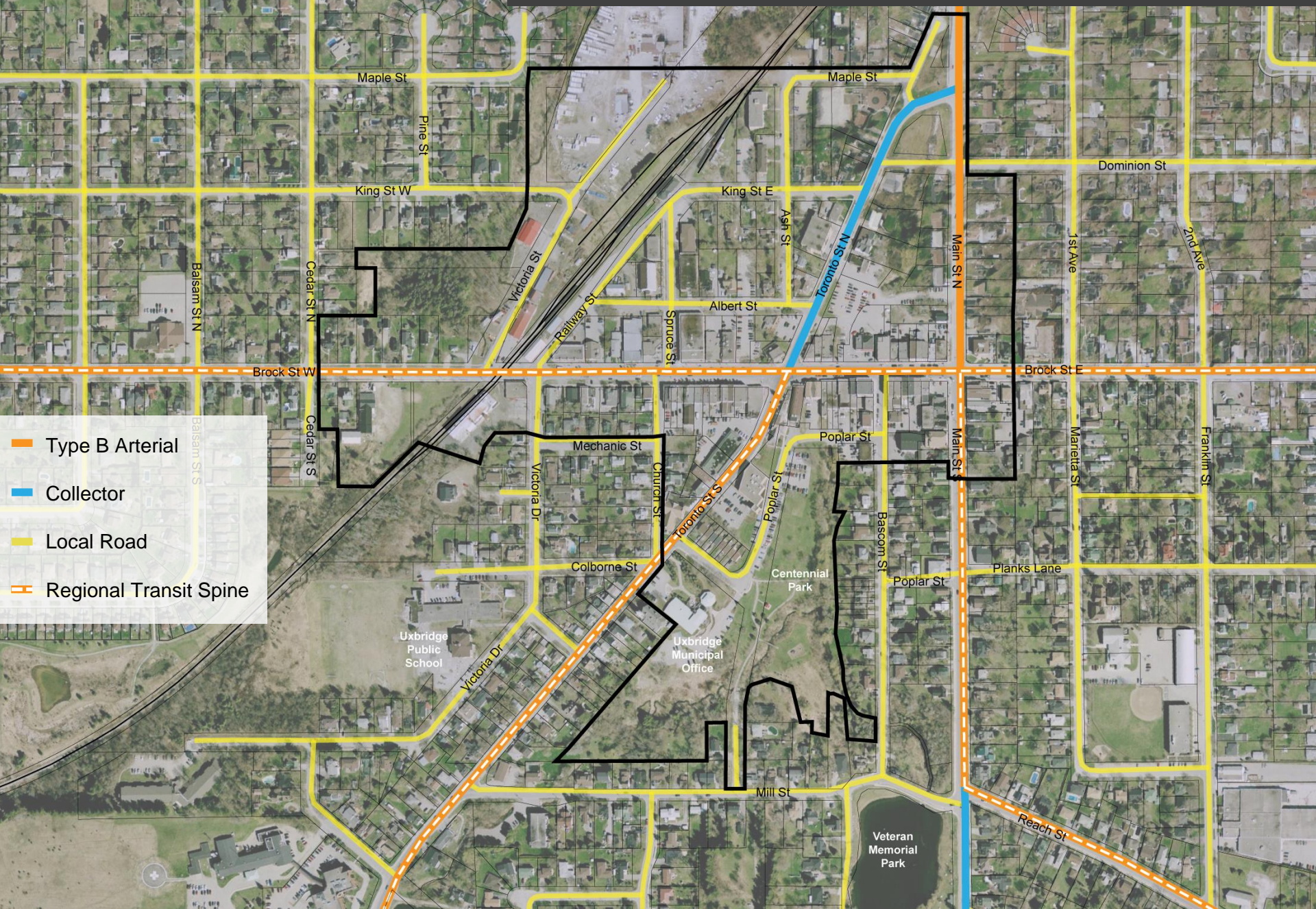
Draft Floodplain area to be confirmed by LSRCA

# Heritage Buildings

- Heritage Designated (Part IV)
- Heritage Listed



# Official Plan Transportation





# Early Conversations

**20**

**One-on-one conversations**

**500**

**Minutes of insight, thoughts, ideas, concerns**



**Councillors, staff, business owners, long time residents**



**Helps us to understand the opportunities and challenges for change**



## Buildings

- Getting the right businesses
- 6 storeys may be too high
- Higher density is ok, it is compatible, without losing too much of what they have
- Mix of contemporary and heritage is ok
- Want an eclectic approach where there's something for everyone
- What makes Downtown a destination
- Could it have the municipal building? Sell the current municipal building site
- A lot of buildings are owned by absentee owners, don't look after their properties. Disincentive to bring in tenants
- Opportunity to do something spectacular with the scale of development on the town owned property
- Too many vacancies



## Buildings

- Need more people living Downtown – 10 minute walk to downtown
- Feet on the street
- Need to have a “hook” something to attract people to Uxbridge
- Something to attract people to Uxbridge 12 months a year: Port Perry has the lake, Stouffville is close to Markham
- Need to be able to see people on the street – activity
- Opportunity for pop up shops, trucks, cafes
- Better mix of shops
- Don't want it to be overly commercialized

# Common Themes

## Parking

- Demand for parking will change in the future, so don't plan for too much now
- Need to maintain parking in the right locations
- A lot of seniors who want to park in front of stores
- Eliminate most of parking, leaving accessible spaces and space for loading, turn into more pedestrian space
- Keep parking to the edge of downtown
- Get rid of angle parking
- One way street system to accommodate more parking
- There's lots of parking, that's not the downfall
- We don't have enough parking
- Parking is poorly signed

## York Durham Heritage Route

- How to capitalize on people coming to town
- Harry Potter Village, theme trail

## Trucks

- Town has no control
- Truck route is signed, but truckers don't obey
- Trucks disrupt the enjoyment of Main Street

## Active Transportation

- Would prefer to have people access downtown on foot or on bike, need a complete system of trails, well signed

# Common Themes

## Parks / Green Space

- Need urban park space associated with any new development – a place for farmers market, visitors – communal space
- Most of the Town owned property should be green space – otherwise we are squandering a once in a lifetime opportunity
- Parking needs to be incorporated into development
- Places where people can linger and stay downtown
- Enhance Centennial Park – more activities, better attraction, exercise stations
- What draws children, parents will bring them downtown – playgrounds, ice cream, splash pad
- Greener streets, make them more appealing
- Need a Town Square – stage, water feature, seating
- Centennial Park was the town dump – this restricts some uses

## Implementation

- Clear direction with goals
- Achievable/measurable outcomes
- A good road map
- Can the municipality go after specific types of businesses they want downtown – curate the types of businesses
- Previous studies didn't include visualizations – people need to understand the change
- No results from previous projects
- Councillors need to “stay the course”, stay committed
- Without the political will, the project will flounder

# Vision Statement



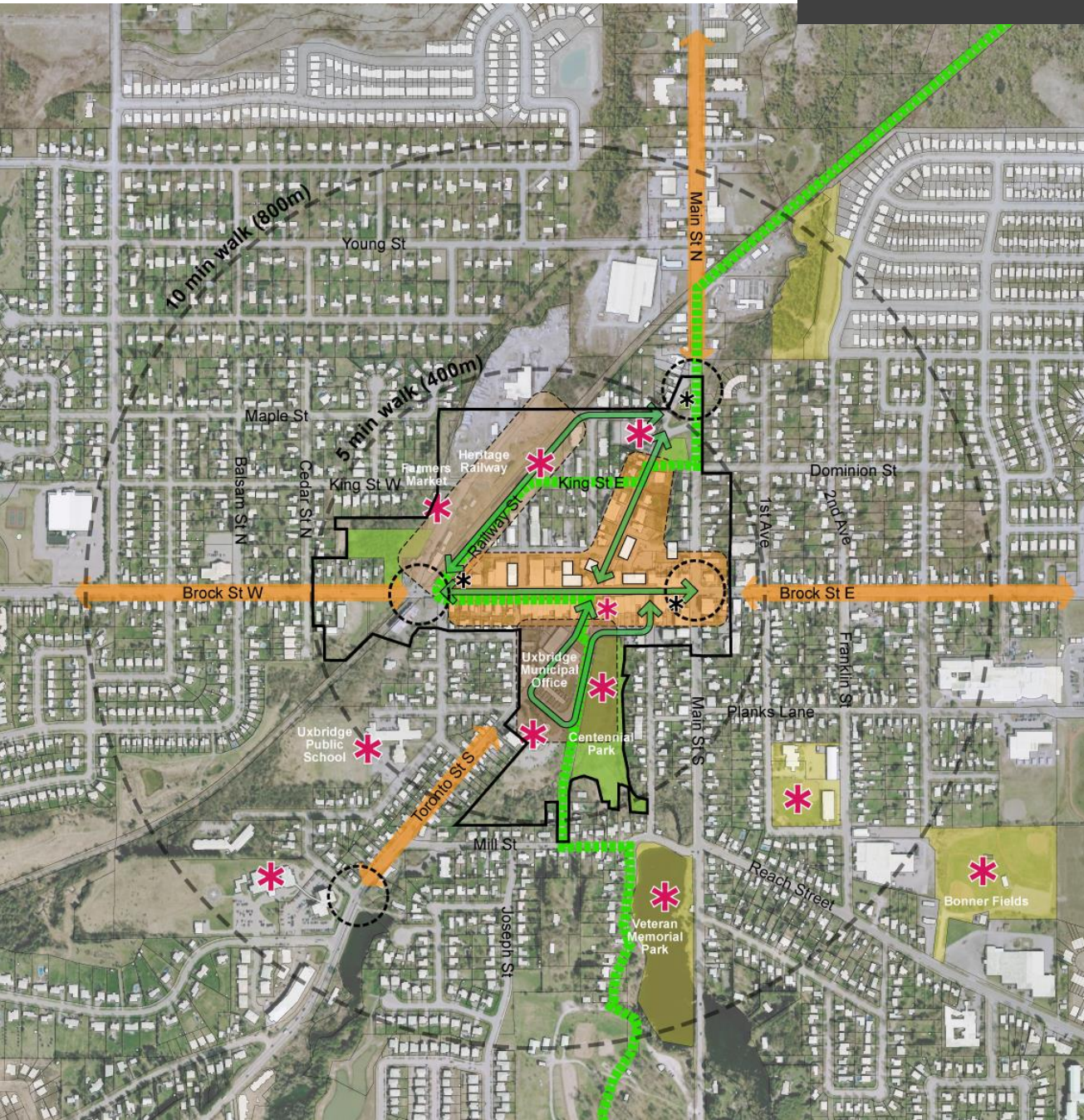
**Uxbridge is a vibrant and thriving downtown that is rich in history and recognized as an inclusive and accessible community.**

# Visualization Exercise
















- Articulate the visualization for Downtown in an overall plan and perspective vignettes.
- Is a high level conceptual exercise that looks at streets, buildings and public spaces.
- Is based on desk top review of mapping and background provided.
- Sets a 'Framework' and 'Key Direction' for future detailed planning and development decisions by staff and Council for specific projects and sites.

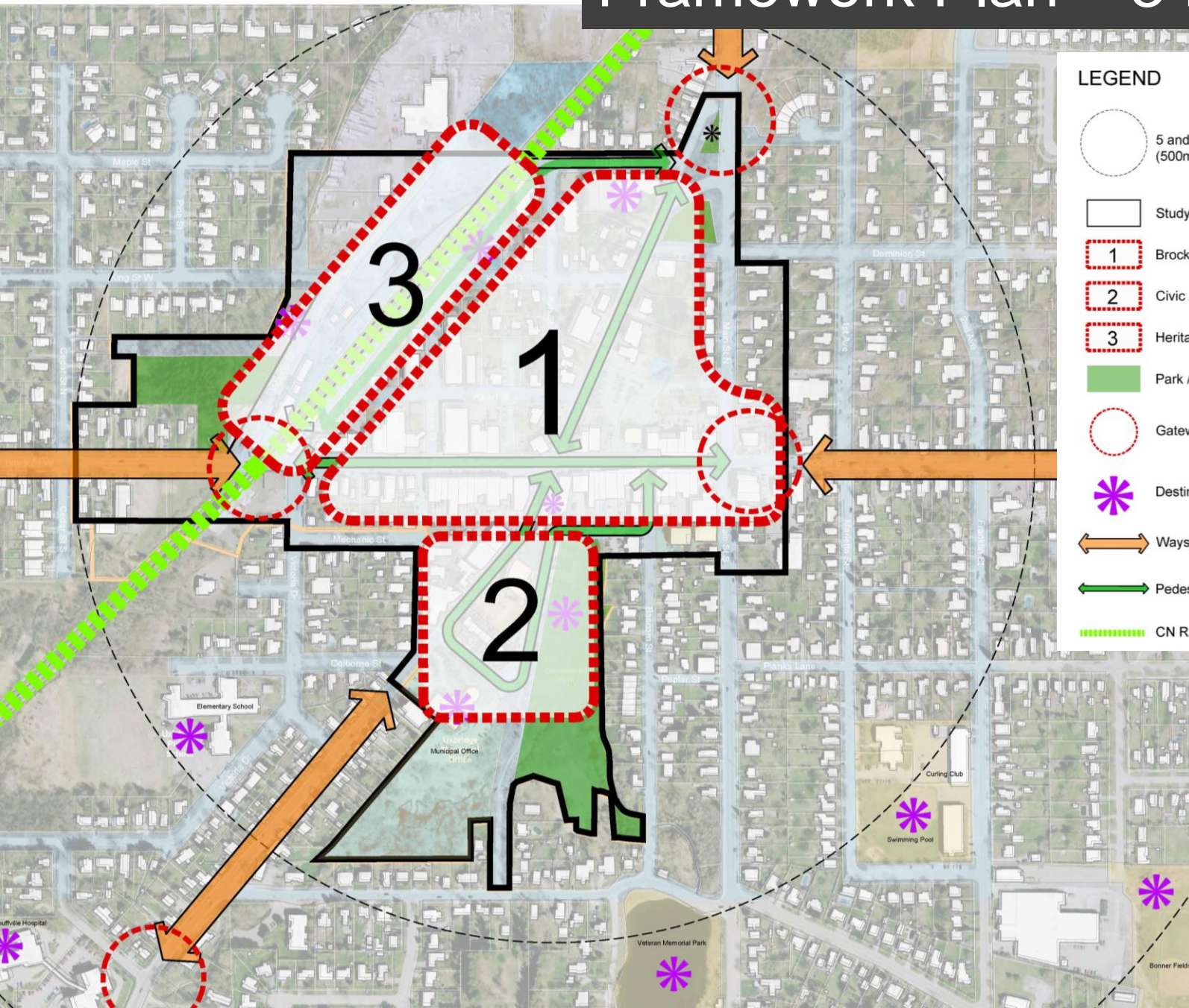
# Framework Plan













## LEGEND

-  5 and 10 Minute Walking Radii (500m and 800m)
-  Study Area
-  Brock Street Commercial Main Street
-  Civic Arts Cultural Precinct
-  Heritage Railway Cultural Precinct
-  Park / Green Space
-  Gateway Location
-  Gateway Element
-  Destination
-  Ways to the Downtown
-  Pedestrian Promenade
-  Existing / Potential Pedestrian Connection
-  CN Rail Trail / Trail

# Framework Plan – 3 Districts



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# Key Directions

## 1. Downtown Promenade / Walking Circuit

- Pedestrian Priority – safe, beautiful, coordinated streetscape treatment

## 2. Gateways

- Landmark Sites / Corners (Brock and Toronto St)
- Residential / Commercial Transition (Main and Brock Street and Main and Victoria Street)

## 3. Parking Options

## 4. Mixed Use Development - Residential Infill / Commercial / Community / Live Work and Community Uses

## 5. Three Character Districts / Activity Nodes

- Brock Street
- Civic Cultural
- Heritage Line

# KD #1 Downtown Promenade

- Pedestrian walking circuit or 'promenade' to access and animate the entire downtown
- Consistent and coordinated signage, paving, street furnishings and lined with trees
- Widen Brock Street to create more space for pedestrians, landscaping and spill out area
- Replace existing angled parking space with lay-by (parallel) parking



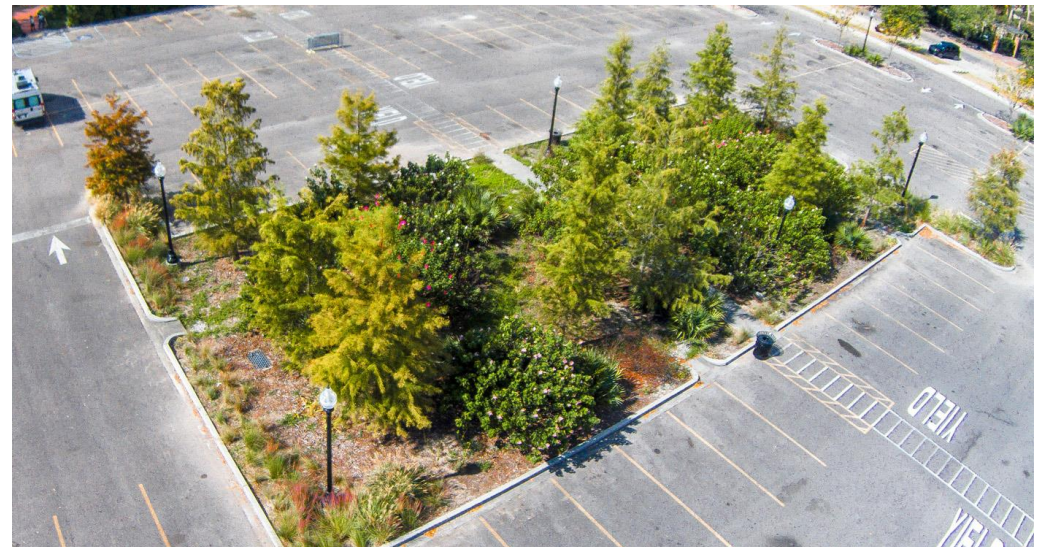
# KD#2 Gateways / Transition

- Gateway sites should special buildings and landscaping
- Gateway sites are opportunities for public art
- Design of buildings on gateway sites should address both public frontages



# KD #3 Parking Options

- Parking should not dominate the downtown
- There should be many different options and locations for parking
- Albert Street Parking; in lots and along the street
- Provide secure bicycle parking
- Incorporate planting and permeable paving
- A continuous pedestrian walkway, connecting Toronto Street to Railway Street should be provided



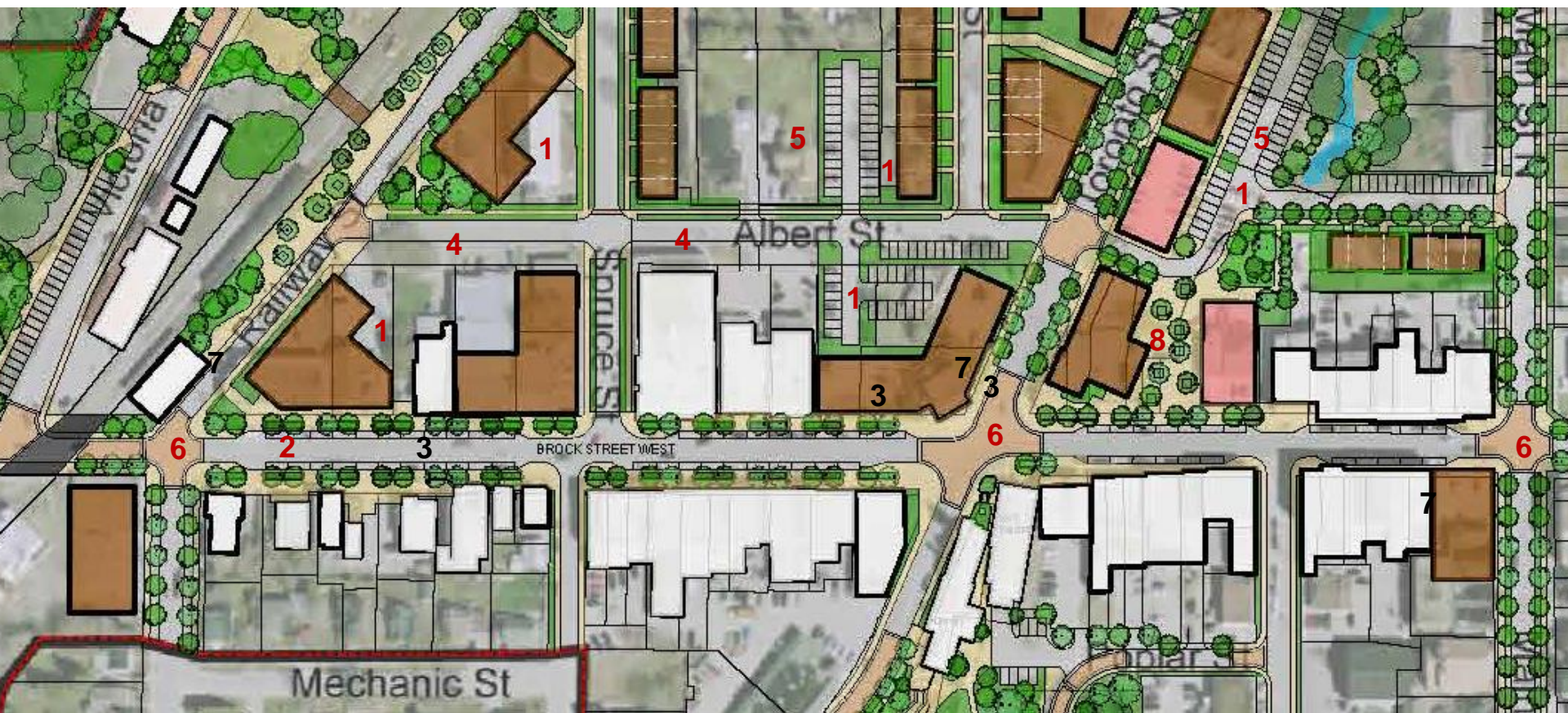
# KD #4 Residential Infill / Mixed Use / Live Work

- All new development in the Downtown should include mixed-use buildings, with commercial uses at the ground level and residential units in upper levels
- New buildings should have animated ground floor facades, with doors and windows (real (vision) glass), porches, stoops, porticoes etc.
- On larger redevelopment sites, provide landscaped mid-block pedestrian connections, that have 'eyes on the space'



# KD #5 Character Districts - Brock Street District

## Scenario 1 : Municipal Properties



1. Mixed-use development
2. Enhanced streetscape, widened sidewalk, landscaping, lay-by (parallel) parking
3. At-grade animated facades
4. Albert Street parking zone

5. Parking behind buildings
6. Gateway location
7. Landmark building
8. Pedestrian Mews

# KD #5 Character Districts - Brock Street District

## Scenario 1 : Municipal Properties



# Brock Street

- Parallel parking
- Tree lined street
- Widened sidewalk





# Toronto Street at Brock Street

- Mixed use development
- More place to live downtown
- Pedestrian mews and urban square
- Tree lined street, widened sidewalk



# KD #5 Character Districts - Civic Cultural District



1. Poplar St. Woonerf
2. Amphitheatre / stepped seating
3. Performance / gathering space
4. Relocate parking
5. Library accessible parking
6. Expanded parking
7. Heritage trail
8. Tree lined promenade (New trail / bridges)
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# Civic Cultural District – Poplar Street redesigned as a shared street

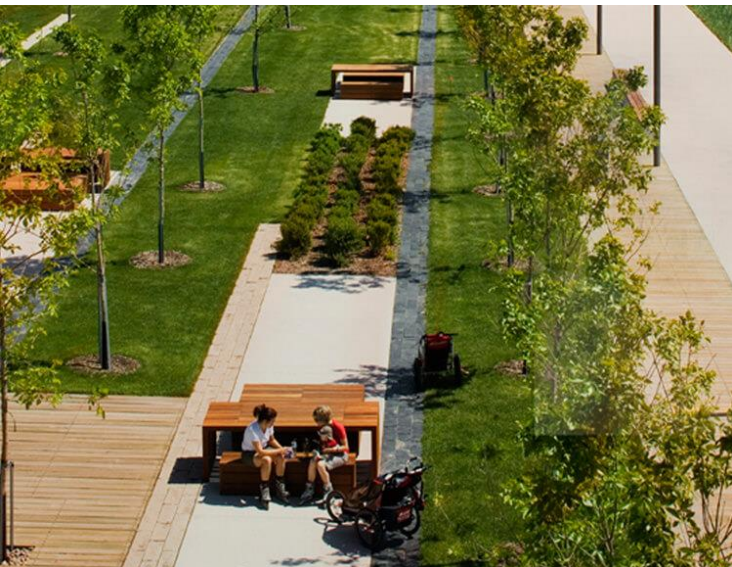


# KD #5 Character Districts - Heritage Line District

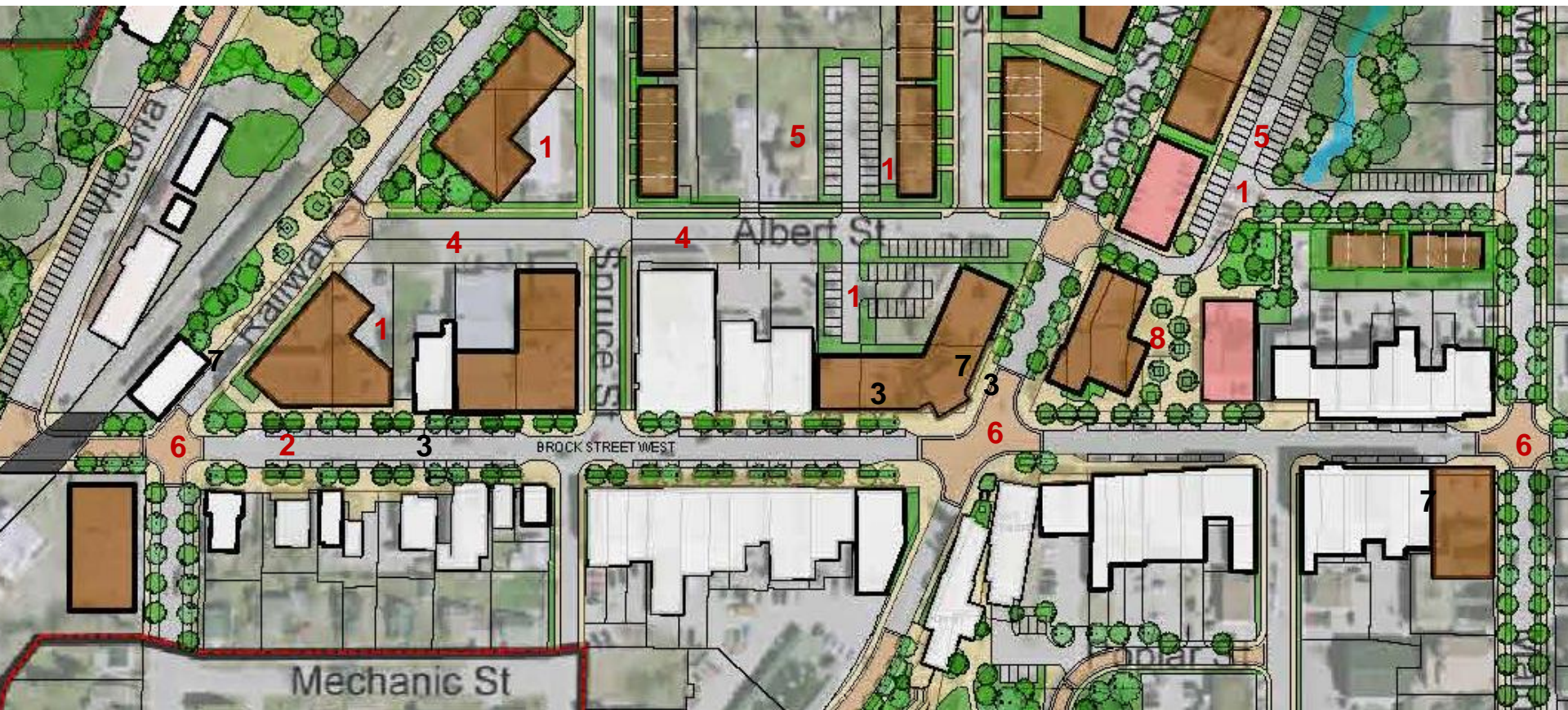


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- 2. Pedestrian promenade
- 3. Pedestrian walkway / connections
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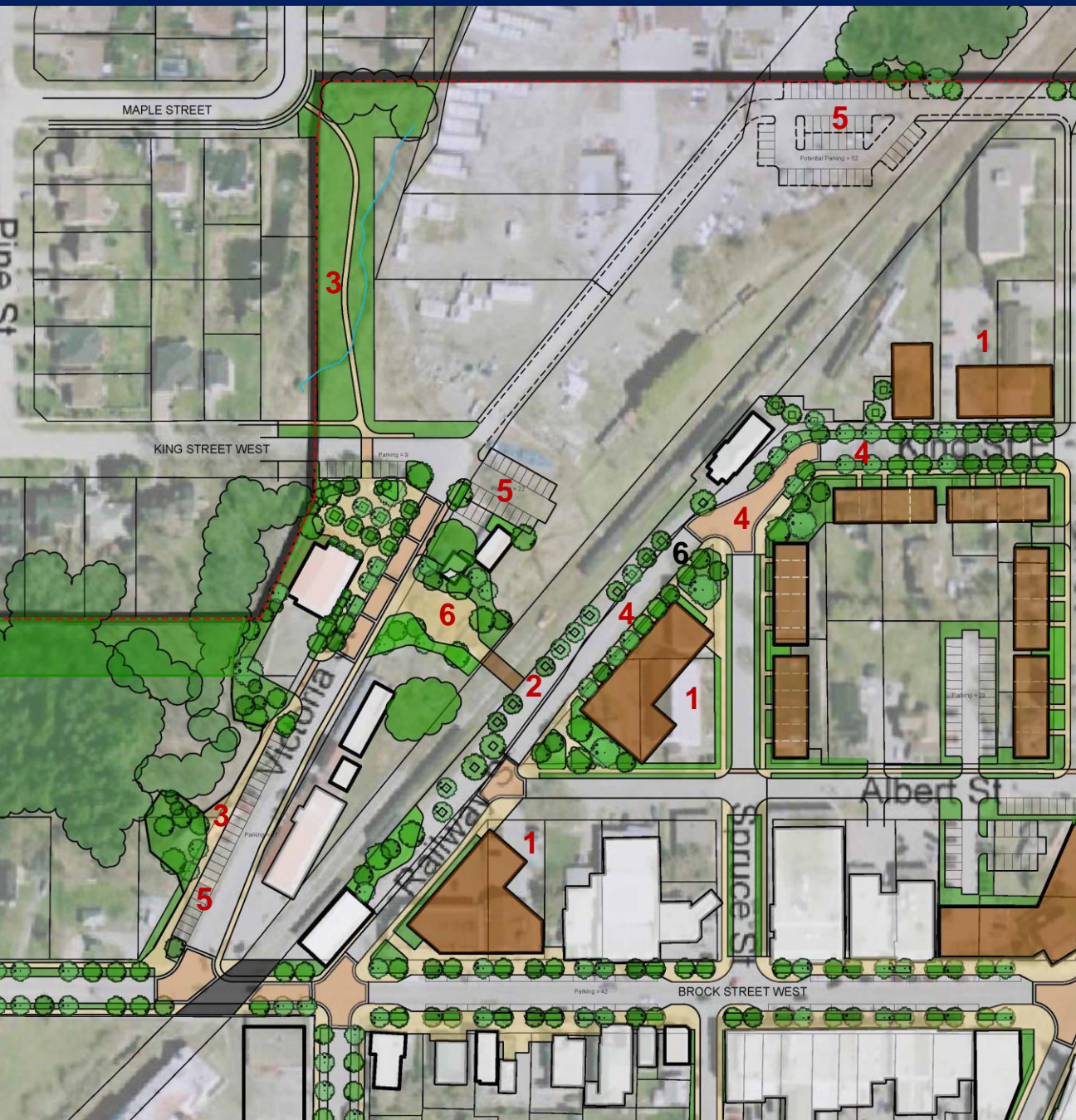
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# Work Plan

