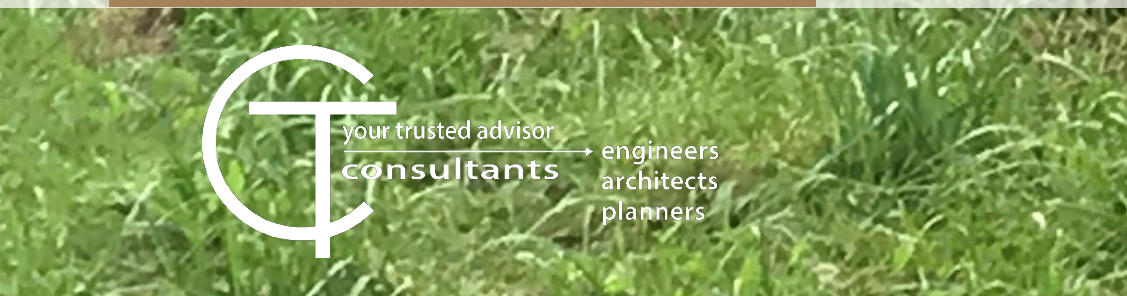




PLANNING THROUGH
2032
 GATES MILLS
 10 YEAR PLAN

**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
 Town Hall Workshop #2
 April 18, 2022



What to Expect Tonight

Presentation

Comprehensive Plan Project
Gates Mills 2032 & Beyond

Your Turn – Tell Us What You Think

Top Priorities: Goals & Objectives for Gates Mills 2032

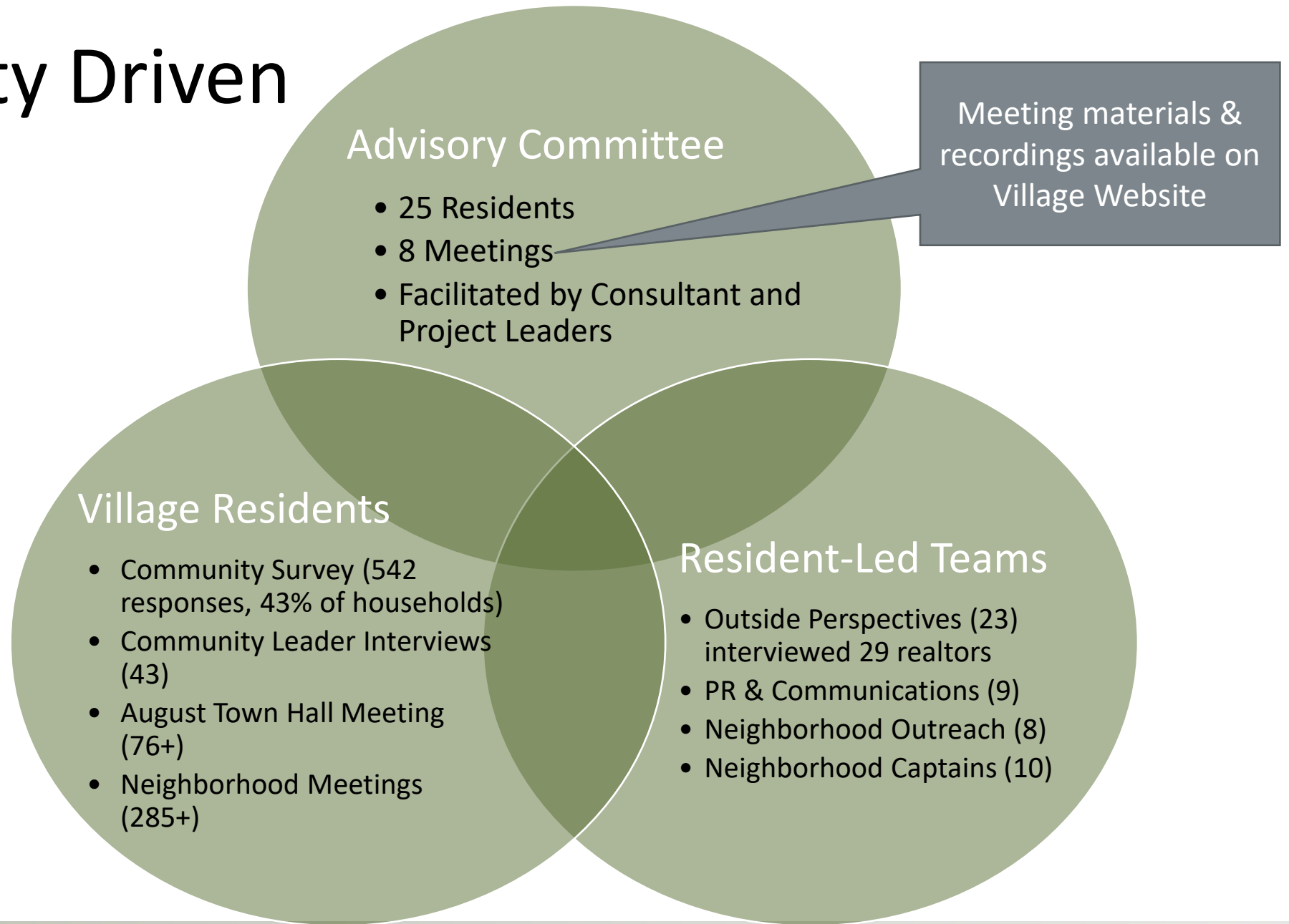
What is a Comprehensive Plan?



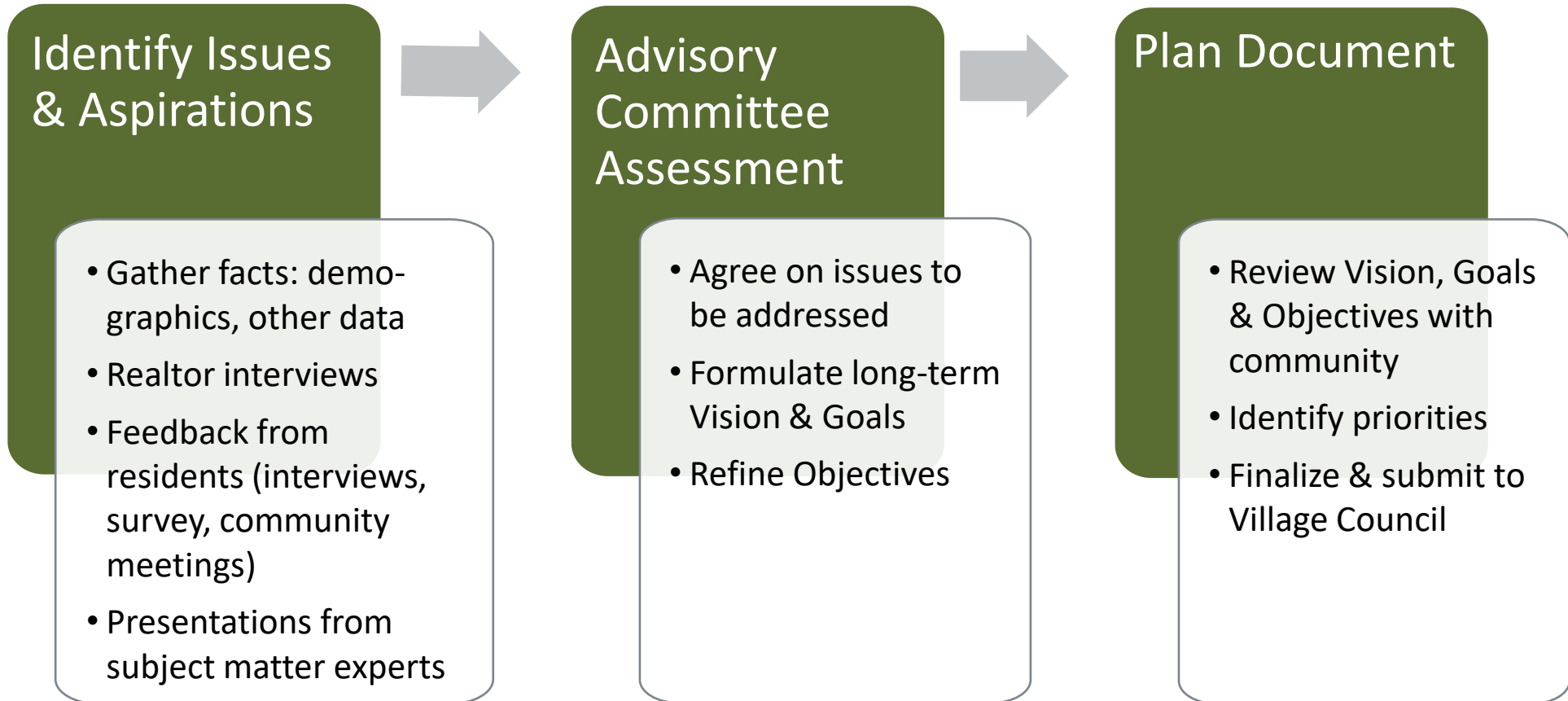
GUIDE for future decision making regarding the physical, economic and social well-being of the Village

Focuses on the Future of Gates Mills

Community Driven Plan



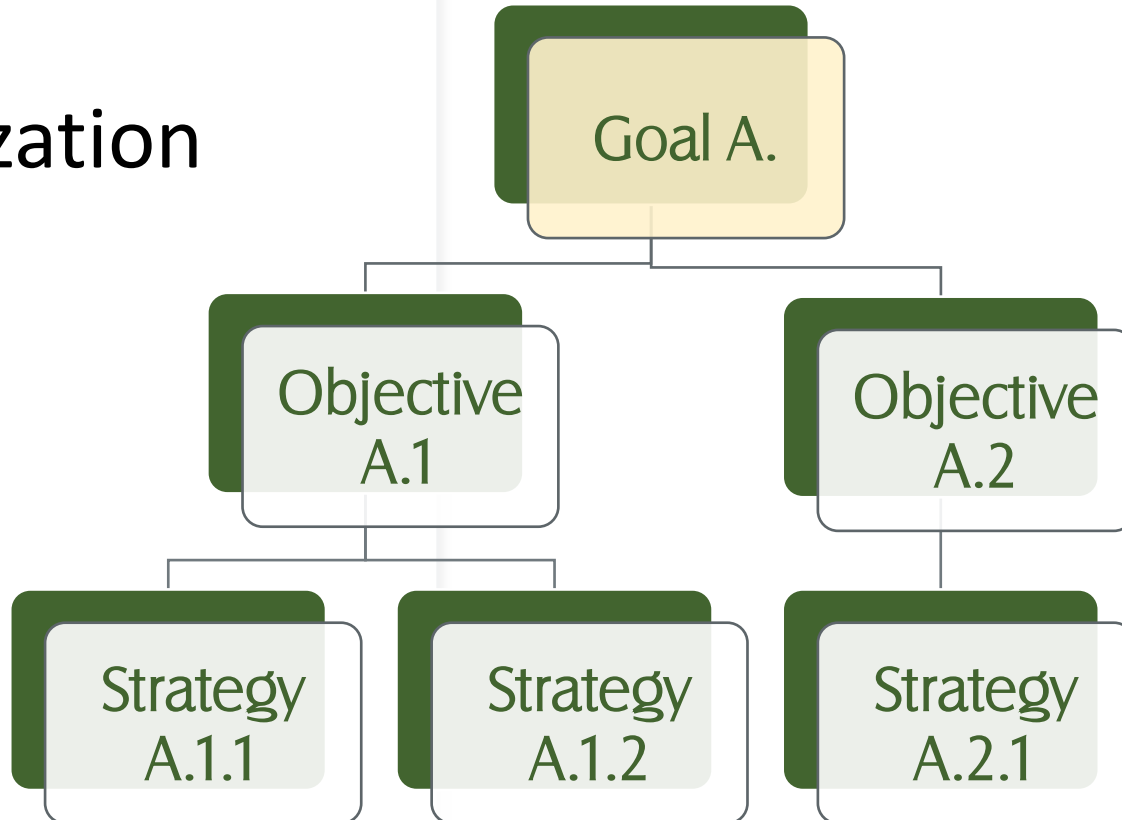
Process



Vision Statement

Describes how Village should look and feel in years to come.

Plan Organization



Framework for thinking holistically about the future.

Ways to achieve the specific goal.

Potential activity or action to accomplish the objective/goal.

VISION & GOALS



Overall Key Findings

- Residents treasure Village's rural/historic character, want to ensure it remains
- High percentage are long-time residents & high mix are older residents (30% \geq 65 and older compared to 16.7% statewide)
- Perception that much of housing stock is outdated, and many need updating to attract home buyers
- View that continuing land conservation efforts & maintaining current lot size zoning requirements (5-acre, etc.) are best ways to retain overall Village character
- Desire for no more housing than currently allowed, but some believe more choices are needed, particularly for those wanting to downsize but remain in the Village
- Historic Village Center is where "community" happens, important to retain its charm
- Residents' desire services to support aging residents
- Need contemporary amenities to attract the next generation of residents
- Overall, residents desire progress but are wary of change

VISION

Continue to be a highly desirable community that:

- **Preserves & enhances attributes that make the Village special:**
 - Outstanding serene rural natural environment
 - Historic houses, architecture, character
 - Small town values
 - Easy access to nearby amenities
 - Desirable neighborhoods & housing stock
- **Fosters a deep appreciation of Village's unique qualities**
- **Attracts new wage-earning residents**
- **Retains existing residents**
- **Inspires commitment to Village's continued overall high quality of life.**

Themes

A. Rural Village Character

B. Harmony With Nature

C. Desirable Housing & Neighborhoods

D. Community Pride & Engagement

E. Access & Connections

F. Quality Amenities & Services

Themes and Goals

A. RURAL VILLAGE CHARACTER.

Preserve/retain our rural character, including the Chagrin River Valley environ & historic properties.

B. HARMONY WITH NATURE.

Aspire to be a leading sustainable municipality committed to improving Gates Mills' resiliency.

C. DESIRABLE HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS.

Promote/preserve the variety & value of existing housing & neighborhoods, while carefully managing the limited allowance for new housing.

D. COMMUNITY PRIDE & ENGAGEMENT.

Promote/foster a sense of community pride & increase engagement.

E. ACCESS & CONNECTIONS.

Promote a safe & convenient roadway & trails system that facilitates local travel & fosters physical well-being.

F. QUALITY AMENITIES & SERVICES.

Continue to maintain & enhance community amenities/services that support our high quality of life.

PRIORITIZE GOALS & OBJECTIVES



Your Turn – What are your top priorities?

GOAL: Provide input to Advisory Committee's recommendation to Council achieving for Plan's goals.

TIME:

25 min: Goals 1 & 2

5 min: Break

25 min: Goals 3 & 4

20 min: Goals 5 & 6

5 min: Rank 6 Goals

MATERIALS:

- Goals/Objectives Work Sheets (6)
(1 per goal)
 - Goal Statement
 - List of Objectives with Priority Scale
 - Highlights of Strategies
- Goals Ranking Work Sheet (1)
- Post-it-Notes (for questions or suggestions)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Share thoughts on top priorities with table
- Mark sheets to indicate your priority rating for each objective
(limit high priority to max 2-3/session)
- Rank Goals 1 thru 6

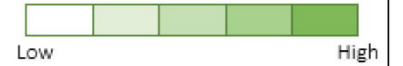
Example of Worksheets

Goal A. RURAL VILLAGE CHARACTER

Preserve/retain the history-steeped rural character of Gates Mills, including its extensive wooded hillsides, the beautiful Chagrin River, vast expanses of natural green space and the Village's numerous homesteads* and well-tended historic estates. Objectives & strategies include:

Objectives Low – High Priority Scale

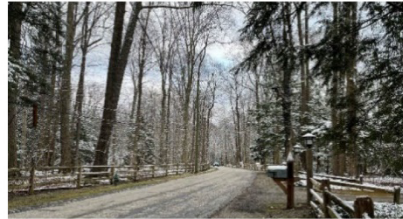
Obj. A.1. Preserve, protect & enhance the natural environment & habitat of the Chagrin River Valley.



Str A.1.1. Continue to support land conservation efforts through partnership with the Gates Mills Land Conservancy (GMLC).

Str A.1.2. For the few situations that qualify, encourage use of Village's Conservation Development District to preserve 50% or more of private development site (via permanent easement) without using tax dollars.

Obj. A.2. Protect important scenic views & natural landscaping along roadway corridors.



Str A.2.1. Identify important gateways, scenic corridors and/or scenic views that should be protected.

Str A.2.2. Consider new regulations/design guidelines to protect important scenic roadway corridors.

Str A.2.3. Add designated scenic corridors as feature to be protected as part of a Conservation Development.

Obj. A.3. Preserve, protect & increase the tree canopy in the Village.



Str A.3.1. Strictly enforce tree protection regulations.

Str A.3.2. On Village property, maintain existing trees & plant new trees that will thrive in a warming climate.

Str A.3.3. Consider providing educational resources for residents to help them choose the right tree for the right place.

Obj. A.4. Ensure dark, star-filled skies for future generations.



Str A.4.1. Strengthen & increase awareness of Village's Exterior Lighting standards, to preserve the nighttime rural atmosphere & prevent offensive lighting.

Str A.4.2. Investigate becoming a designated Dark Sky Place, & providing educational resources.

A. RURAL VILLAGE CHARACTER

1. Preserve, protect & enhance the **natural environment & habitat** of the Chagrin River Valley.
2. Protect important **scenic views & natural landscaping** along roadway corridors.
3. Preserve, protect & increase the **tree canopy** in the Village.
4. Ensure **dark, star-filled skies** for future generations

B. HARMONY WITH NATURE

1. Encourage/facilitate the use of **alternative & clean energy systems**.
2. Ensure all properties are well-maintained according to **environmentally responsible best practices** to protect both public & private investments.
3. Promote **composting, recycling, & diversion opportunities** to reduce the amount of material going to landfills.
4. Explore additional ways the Village can be **more sustainable**.

5 MIN BREAK

C. DESIRABLE HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS

1. Encourage **investment in existing housing stock** (housing updates & remodeling projects).
2. Provide **housing choices** that are consistent & compatible with the density of the surrounding housing.
3. Expand housing **options for older & retired(ing) residents**.

D. COMMUNITY PRIDE & ENGAGEMENT

1. Maintain & enhance the **Village Center** as a place for active community interaction.
2. Expand & modernize **communication strategies and methods** to increase awareness of local services & events, foster a welcoming environment & increase community interaction.

E. ACCESS & CONNECTIONS

1. Maintain quality **road infrastructure**.
2. Increase **pedestrian, biking, & other trail facilities** throughout the Village.

F. QUALITY AMENITIES & SERVICES

1. Continue to provide excellent **safety services**, which foster a sense of security throughout the Village.
2. Ensure **community amenities & services** that increase residents' ability to age-in-place are available.
3. Provide more **children-oriented community activities & services**.
4. Continue to work with the **Mayfield City School District & communities** therein.
5. Explore ways to improve **electric service** to residents.
6. Improve **cellular & internet service** so entire Village is suitable for remote work-from-home.

Prioritize the Goals

Rank Goals 1 to 6

(1 = highest priority)

(6 = lowest priority)

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THANK YOU FOR COMING

