



Lower Providence 2040

A Comprehensive Plan for Lower Providence Township

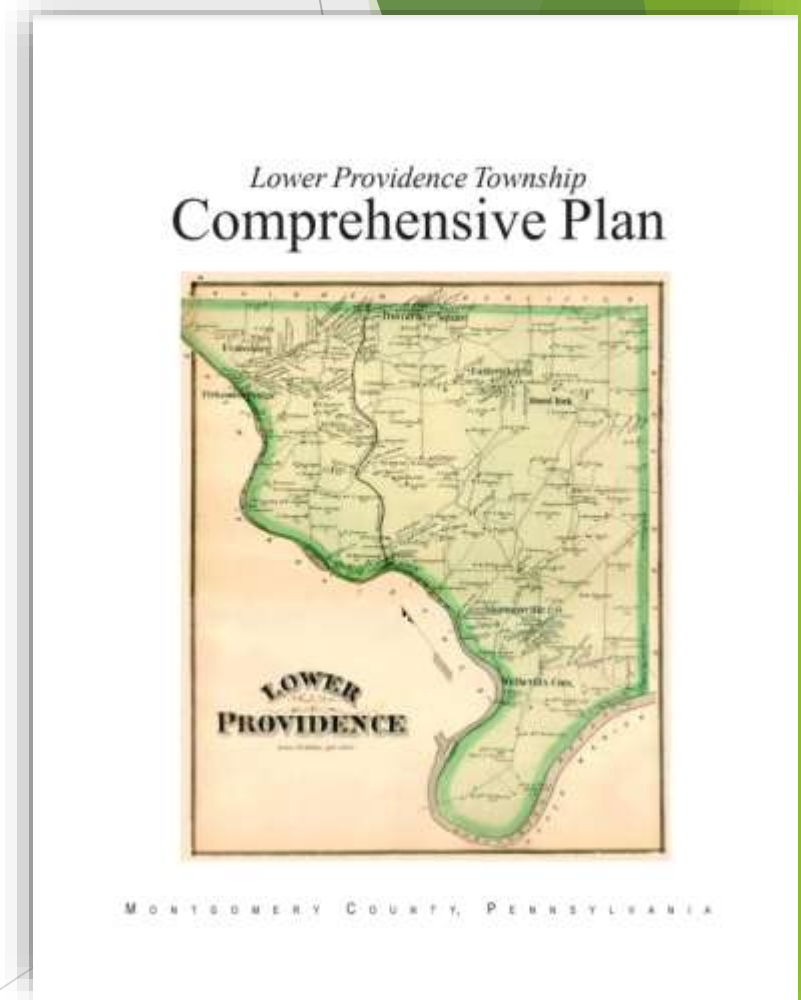
Agenda

- ▶ Introduction to Comprehensive Planning
- ▶ Visioning Activity
- ▶ Breakout Room Discussions
- ▶ Reconvene
- ▶ Closing

Introduction to Comprehensive Planning

A comprehensive plan:

- ▶ Describes a long-range vision for the community
- ▶ Recommends policies and sets priorities to achieve the community's goals
- ▶ Is comprehensive in geography, subject matter, and timeframe
- ▶ Has certain required elements in Pennsylvania



Lower Providence Township Comprehensive Plan (2002)

Benefits of a Comprehensive Plan

- ▶ Community-based visioning process
 - ▶ Supports community-identified goals
 - ▶ Provides direction for implementation
- ▶ Provides guidance for policy-making and decisions regarding infrastructure, zoning amendments, public investments, and more
- ▶ Can be used to support funding and grant requests

Requirements of a Comprehensive Plan

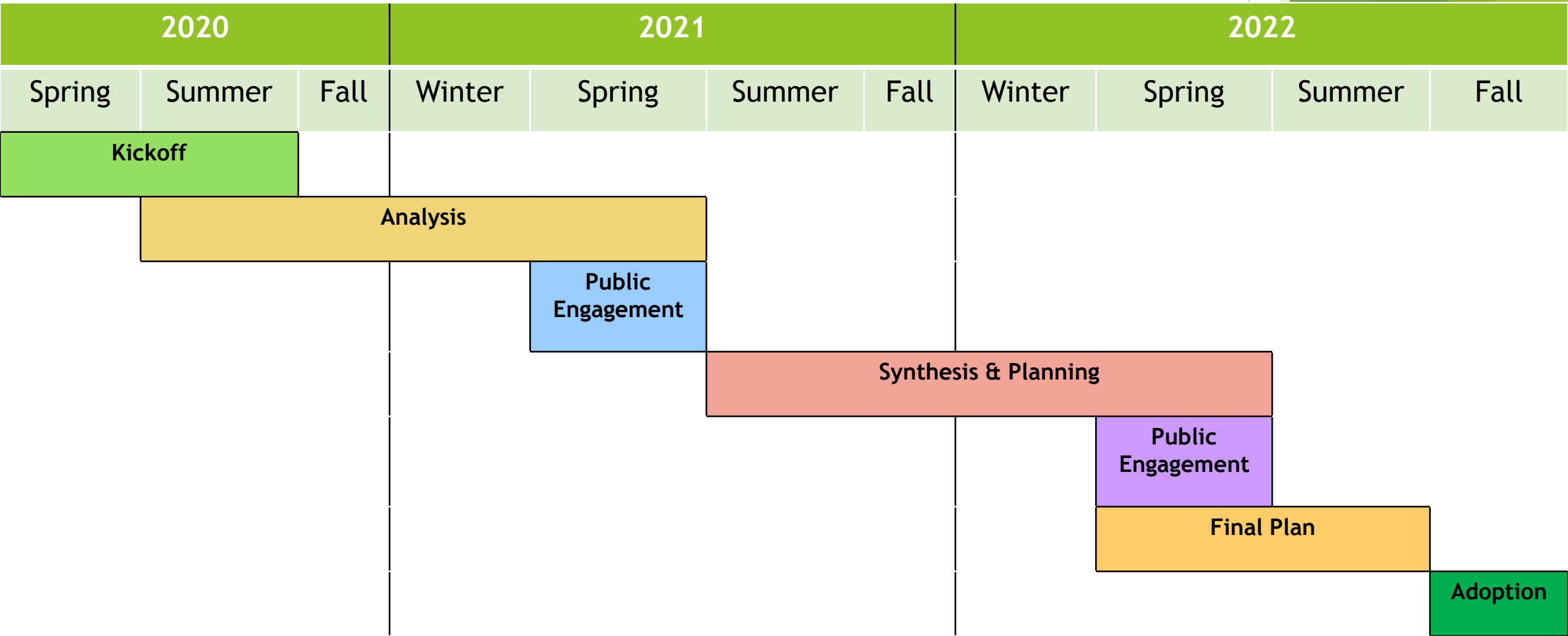
Pennsylvania's *Municipalities Planning Code* (MPC) requires certain elements:

- ▶ Statement of ***Objectives***
- ▶ Discussion of ***Short- and Long-Range Implementation Strategies***
- ▶ Statement of ***Interrelationships*** between plan components
- ▶ Statement of ***Consistency*** with comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities and the county

Requirements of a Comprehensive Plan

Pennsylvania's *Municipalities Planning Code* (MPC) requires plans covering certain topics:

- ▶ **Land Use**
- ▶ How to meet **Housing** needs
- ▶ **Movement** of people and goods
- ▶ **Community Facilities and Utilities**
- ▶ The protection of **Natural and Historic Resources**
- ▶ Reliable supply of **Water**



Visioning - Township Highlights

What can Lower Providence be proud of?

What does Lower Providence do well?

What are the good things that we should work to keep, maintain, or preserve?



Visioning - Changes Needed

What could Lower Providence do better?

Where can the township improve?

What should we work to repair, replace, or reimagine?



Visioning - Imagine the Future

What do you want Lower Providence to be like in 2040?

How would the township look differently in 20 years?

What is life like in the Lower Providence in 2040?



Proposed Vision Statement

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In 2040, Lower Providence aspires to be a vibrant, connected, and inclusive community that prioritizes the preservation of its natural resources, sustains and grows its businesses, and develops as a healthy and resilient township.

Planning Topic Breakout Rooms

1. Employment & Business Development
2. Commercial Character
3. Natural Environment
4. Road Safety, Traffic, & Transit
5. Walking and Biking
6. Housing and Neighborhoods
7. Community Identity
8. Vision Statement

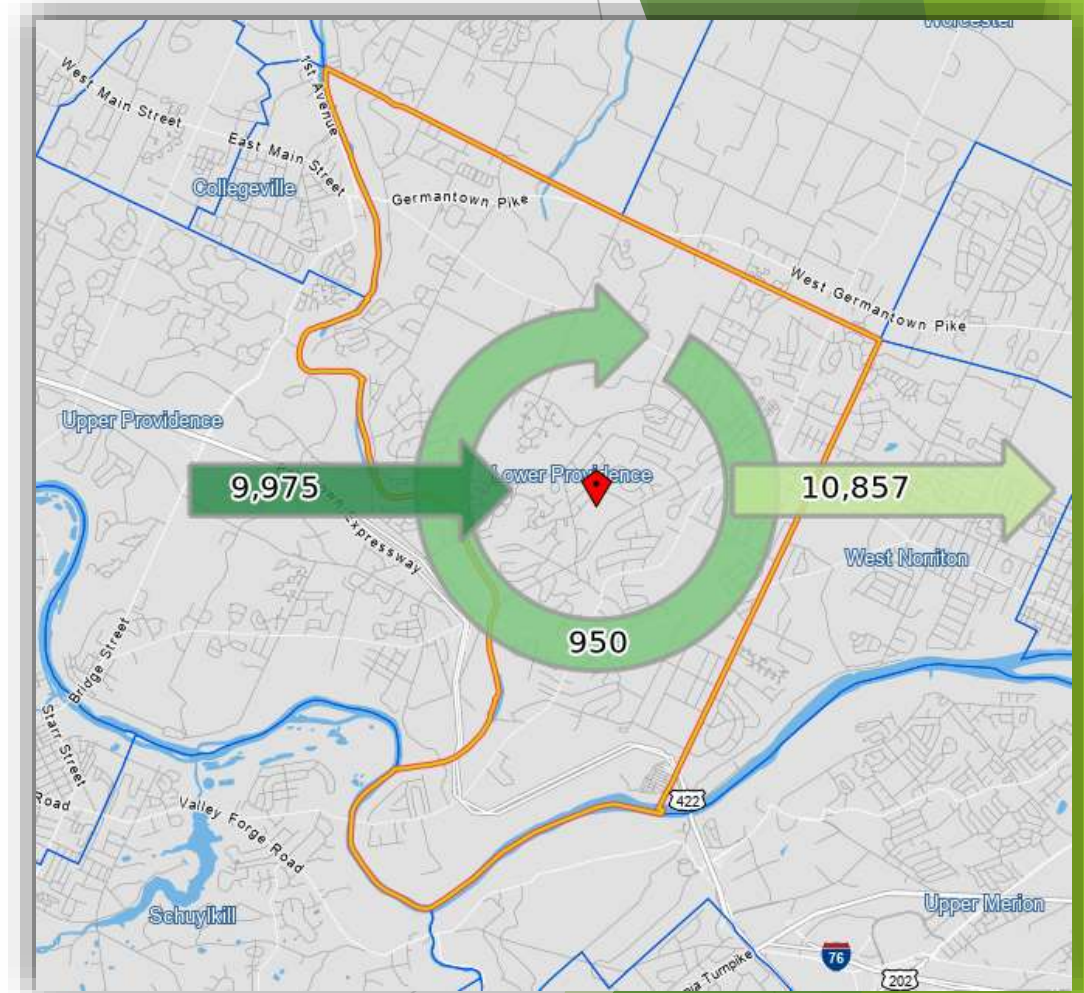
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Choose the topics you want to join.
We can help if you have questions!

The organizer will announce when it is time to change sessions.

1) Employment & Business Development

- ▶ Should Lower Providence make it a goal to bring more jobs to the township?
- ▶ What can Lower Providence do to support local businesses and create opportunity?



Inflow and outflow of primary jobs (2018 ACS 5-Year Estimates)

2) Commercial Character

- ▶ Where do you want to go (post-COVID) for dining or entertainment?
 - ▶ What do you like about that place?
- ▶ What businesses/kinds of businesses would you like to see in the township?



3) Natural Environment

- ▶ Have you experienced stormwater runoff or flooding issues?
- ▶ What other environmental hazards have you encountered in the township?
- ▶ What can the township do to be more sustainable, or support environmental sustainability?



Flooding on Perkiomen Creek (2014)

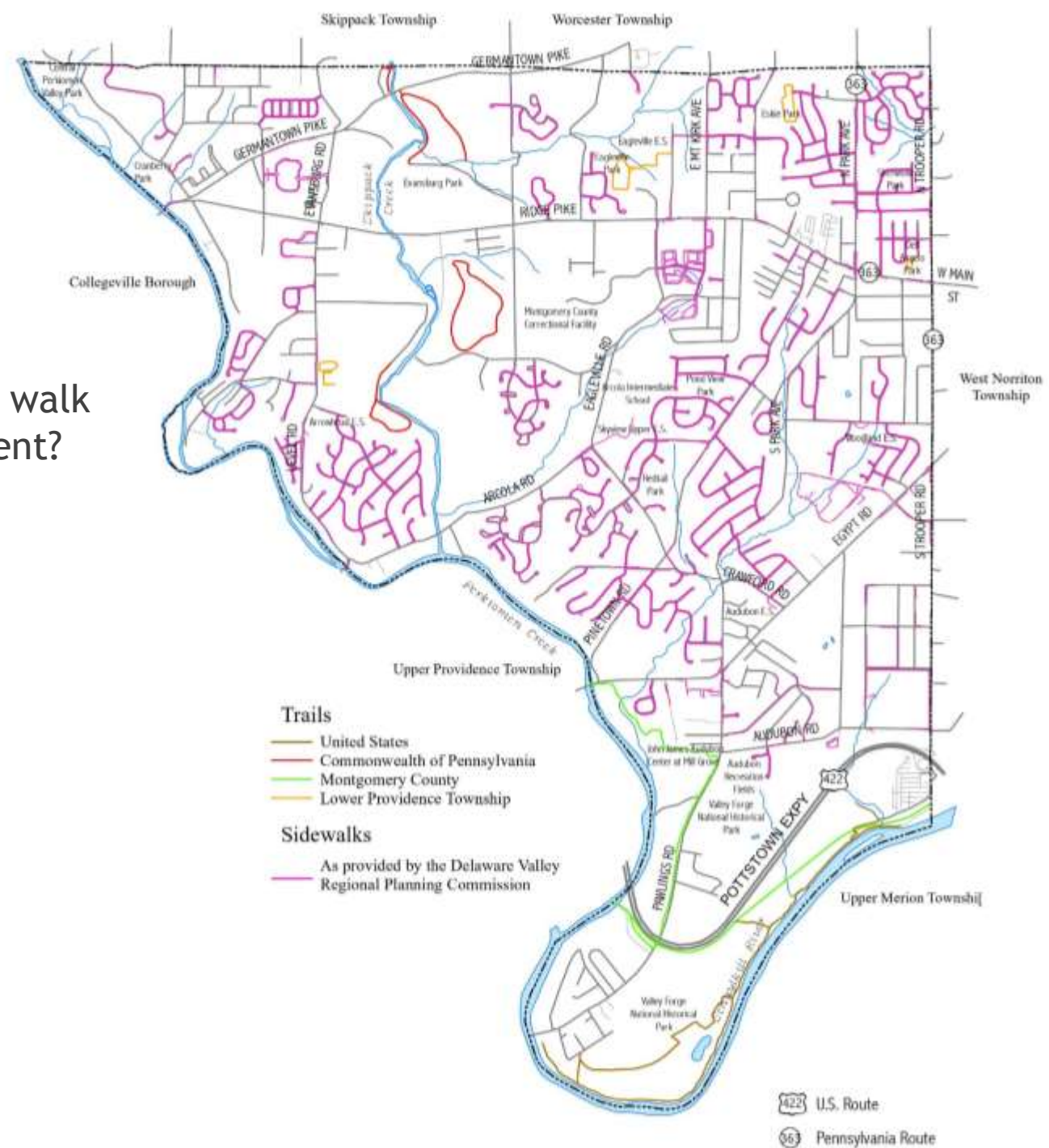
4) Road Safety, Traffic & Transit

- Where are there road safety issues in Lower Providence?
- What kind of improvements would you like to see on the streets and roads of the township?
- What has been your experience taking transit



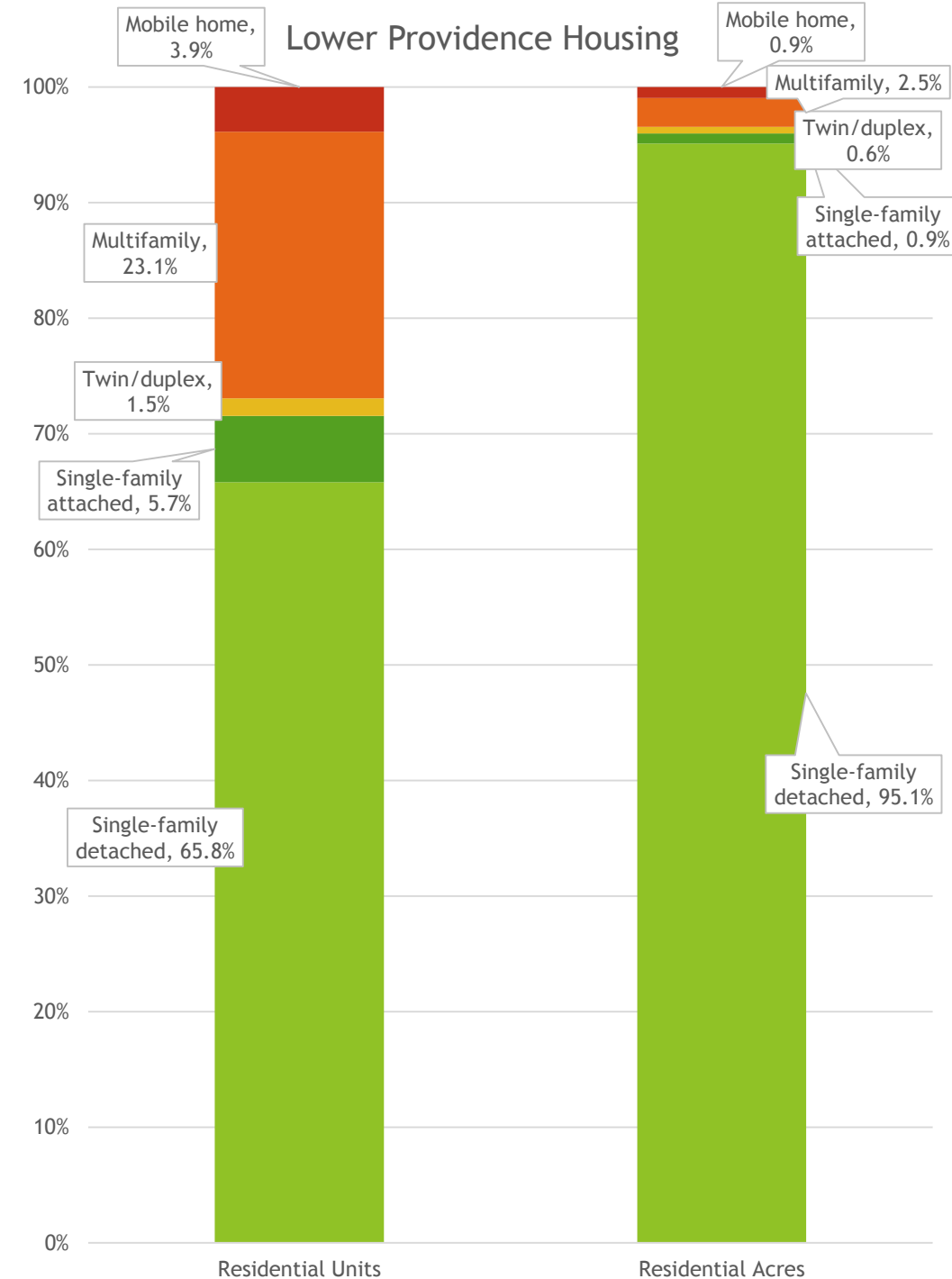
5) Walking and Biking

- ▶ What places in the township would you like to walk or bike, but are currently unsafe or inconvenient?
- ▶ What would help you to feel safe...
 - ▶ ...walking in Lower Providence?
 - ▶ ...bicycling in Lower Providence?



6) Housing and Neighborhoods

- What are the housing needs of current and future Lower Providence residents?
- What housing options are needed to meet the changing needs of the township?



7) Community Identity

- ▶ What makes Lower Providence a unique community?
 - ▶ What makes you feel welcome, included, or involved in your community?
- ▶ Should the township make a goal of improving its name recognition, or emphasize the different places that make up Lower Providence?



8) Vision Statement

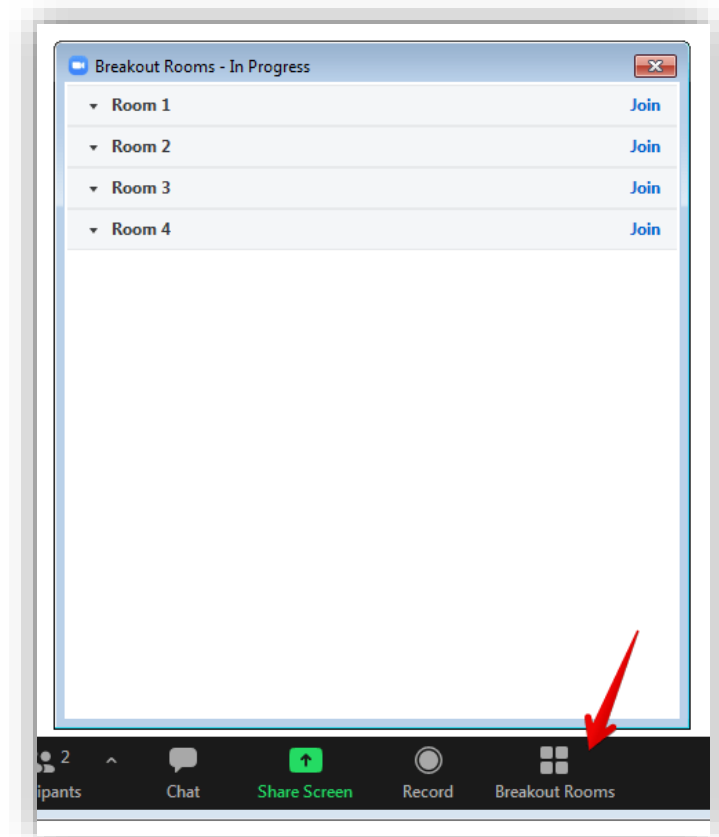
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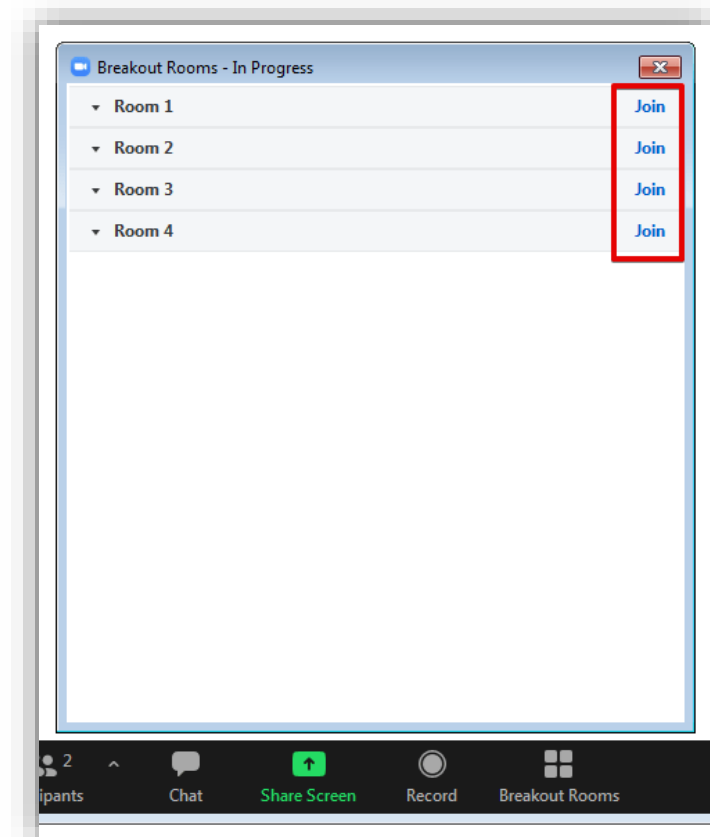
- ▶ Connectivity
- ▶ Transportation Infrastructure
- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Parks and Open Space
- ▶ Community Character
- ▶ Public Services
- ▶ Social Connections

Zoom Breakout Room Instructions

Open the Breakout Rooms menu from the bottom bar



Select the Breakout Room you would like to join



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- ▶ What were the key issues identified in your breakout room?
- ▶ Reimagine Ridge Pike:
<https://www.lowerprovidence.org/home/news/reimagine-ridge-pike-design-challenge>
- ▶ How can I stay involved in the comprehensive plan?
 - ▶ Visit <https://www.lowerprovidence.org/comprehensive-plan-update> for updates and future meetings
 - ▶ Take the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/LowerProvidence2040
 - ▶ Contact us: jmiklos@montcopa.org