

MAY 2022

Ganges (SYOWT/Shiya'hwt)
Village Area Plan Task Force

Workshop Summary

Introduction

On March 26th and 27th, 2022, members of the Salt Spring Island Ganges Village Area Plan Task Force gathered for a two-day team workshop facilitated by Ahne Studio.

The workshop began with an overview presentation of the first phase engagement process and the draft themes that emerged from the community's input. Through a series of activities, the group co-created a draft vision, developed a set of goals, and identified a boundary for the Area Plan.

The ideas, perspectives, and experiences of the group were captured using sticky notes and refined in real time using a virtual whiteboard. The following pages outline a revised version of the input that was shared. The verbatim notes from the workshop boards can be found in the Appendix.



Task Force members combined their perspectives with input from the community, to develop an emerging vision and set of goals.

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Emerging Vision

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Ganges is the beating heart of Salt Spring.

The village nurtures local and global connections by fostering a welcoming, diverse, healthy, and creative community.

The village acknowledges its diverse legacy grounded in Indigenous roots. With small town values of respect, kindness, and safety, Ganges flourishes and regenerates in the face of sea change.

Lenses

The Task Force identified four lenses through which Area Plan policies should be developed and evaluated: Arts, Culture, and Heritage, Environmental and Community Wellbeing, Economic Resiliency and Vibrancy, and Reconciliation and Equity in Planning.



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Emerging Goals

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1. Connect community services and amenities through a walkable, accessible, and safe network.
2. Create a village that is transportation-friendly, balancing the interests of all users, commercial activities, and enhancing safety for all.
3. Ensure that village character reflects the soul of the Island, with funky, vibrant, authentic, and cohesive approaches to planning and design.
4. Increase the supply of safe, affordable, and special needs housing, supporting a diversity of lifestyles living in the village core.
5. Prioritize infrastructure that evolves to address the needs of a thriving village.
6. Foster a vibrant year round economy that promotes and celebrates local businesses and services, encourages entrepreneurial spirit, and sustains a robust, local workforce.
7. Ensure that the village is inclusive and welcoming to all.
8. Commit to genuine reconciliation through village planning processes and elevate equity in planning decisions.

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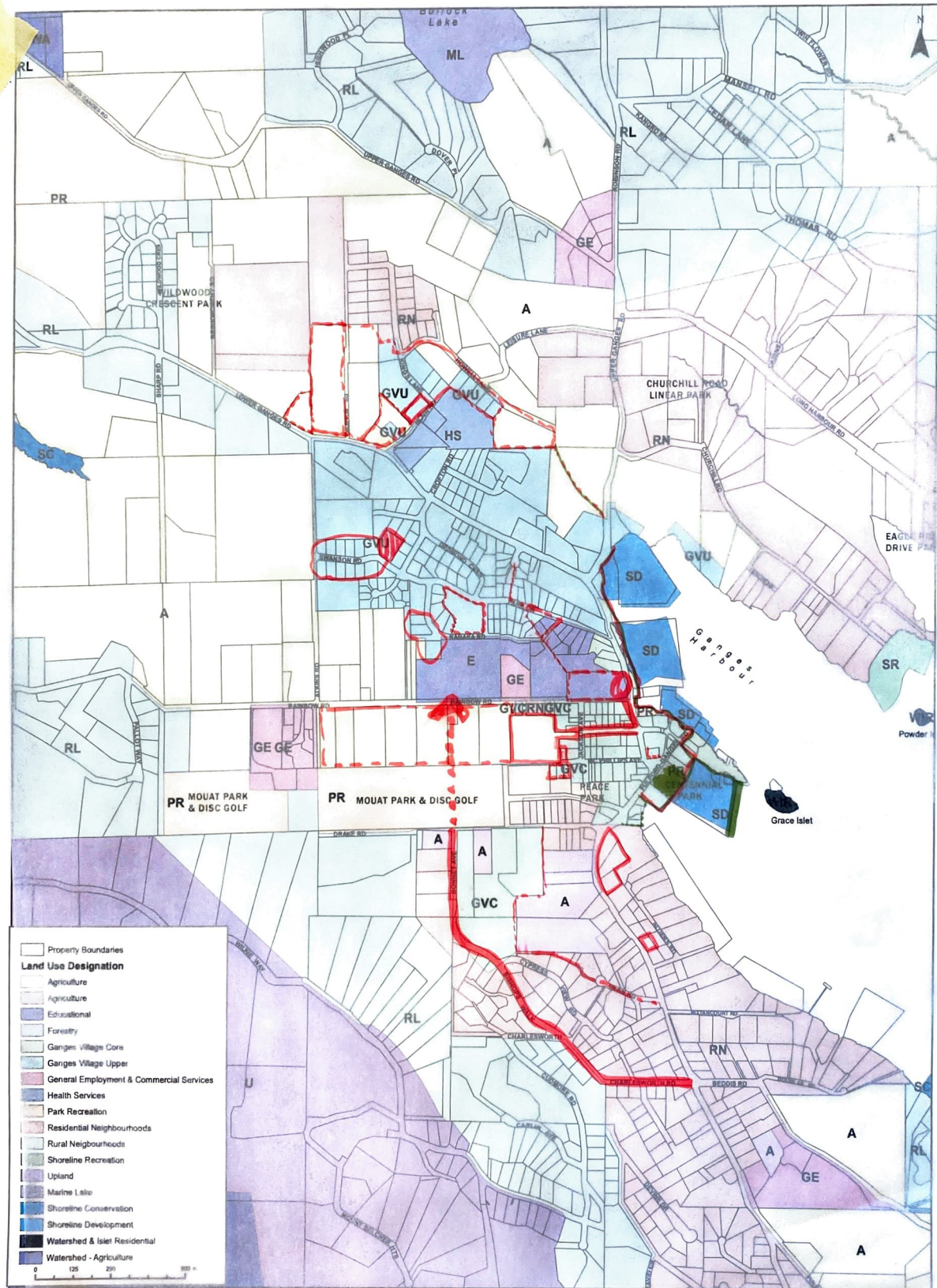
Draft Area Boundary

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Early Explorations

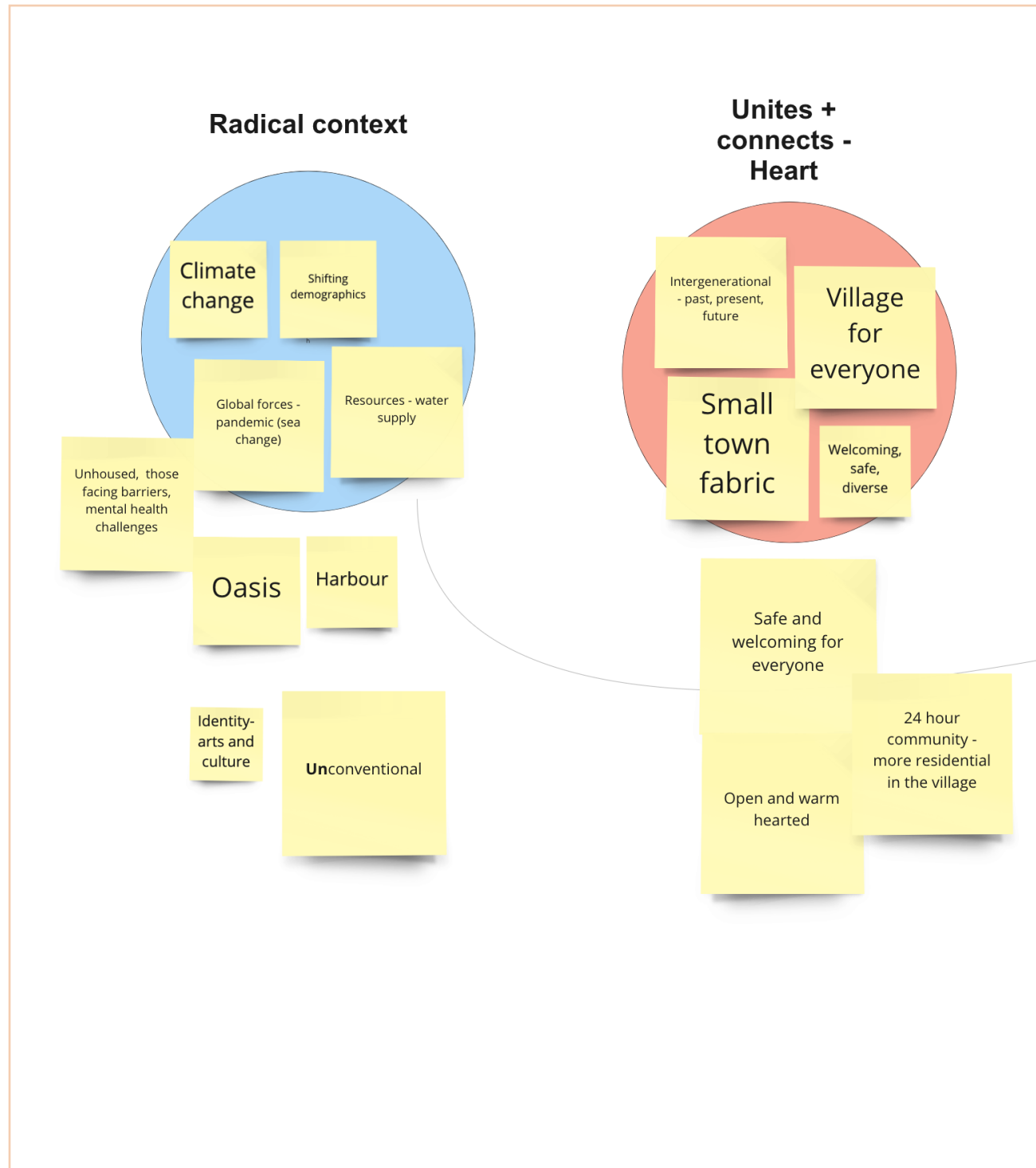
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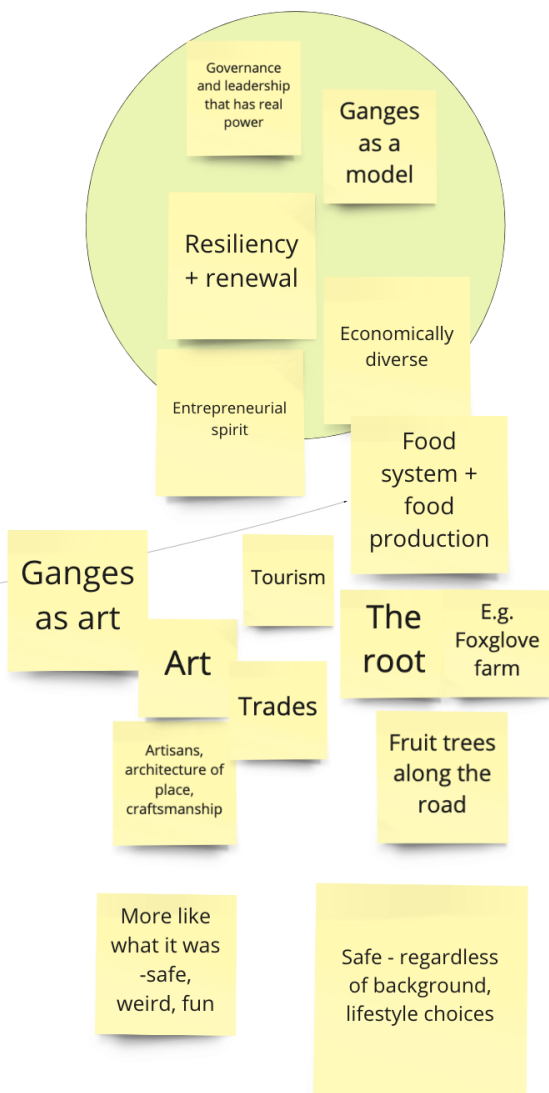
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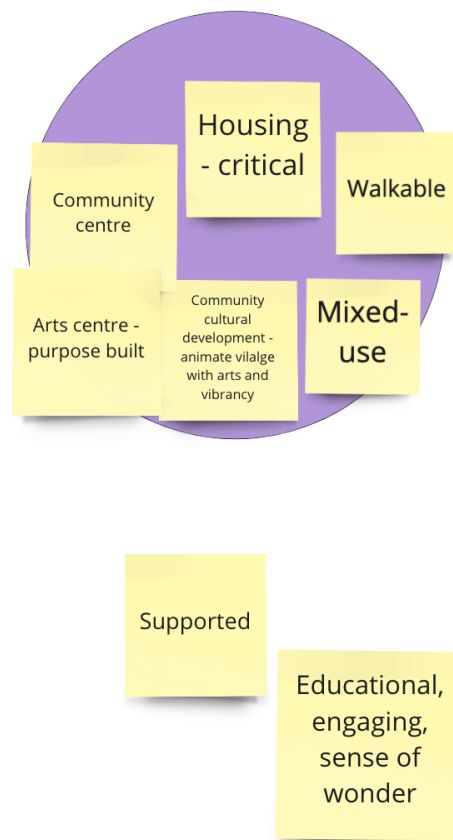
Appendix: Miro Boards



Leads - enables positive change



Provides - Infrastructure / quality of place



Vision Statements

Restful,
nurturing,
safe

Salt Spring Values
- supportive of
people with
diverse lifestyle
choices

Acknowledgement to the foundation

Relevant

Service to comm

- The Ganges Village Local Area Plan sets an example in recognizing its varied and inspirational heritage, addressing its currently unprecedented challenges and striving for a future that is economically environmentally, socially, culturally ...
- It is an inclusive, affordable, welcoming, entrepreneurial, mixed used and safe community at the heart of our island.

Ganges is the beating heart of the Salish Sea, Ganges is a creative flavour, and global - expertise exposure (?).

At the intersection - microcosm

Propelled by intergenerational

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Cohesive voice for
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acknowledging
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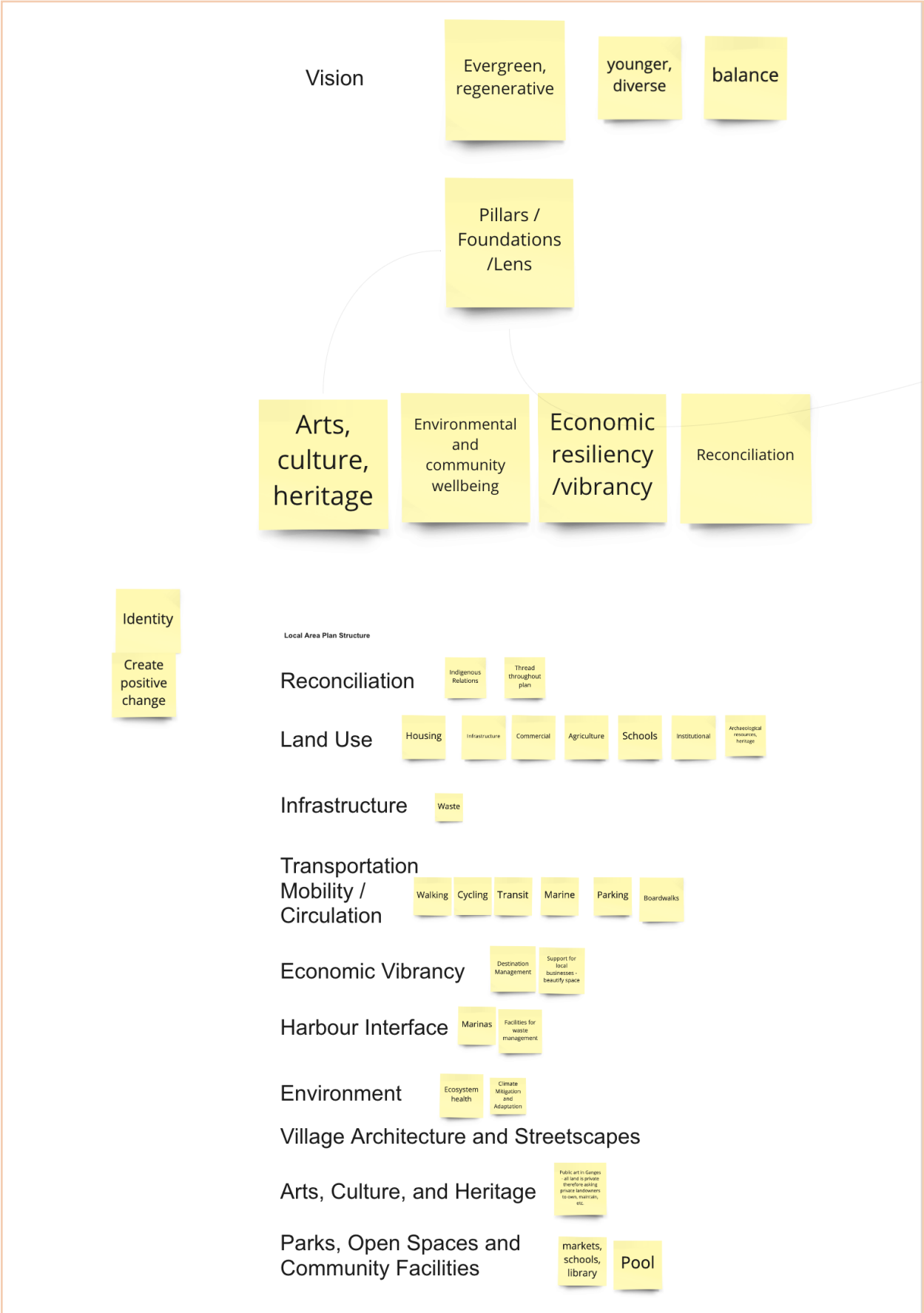
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Draft Vision v1

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Inclusion of First Nations - territory as well - Indigenous

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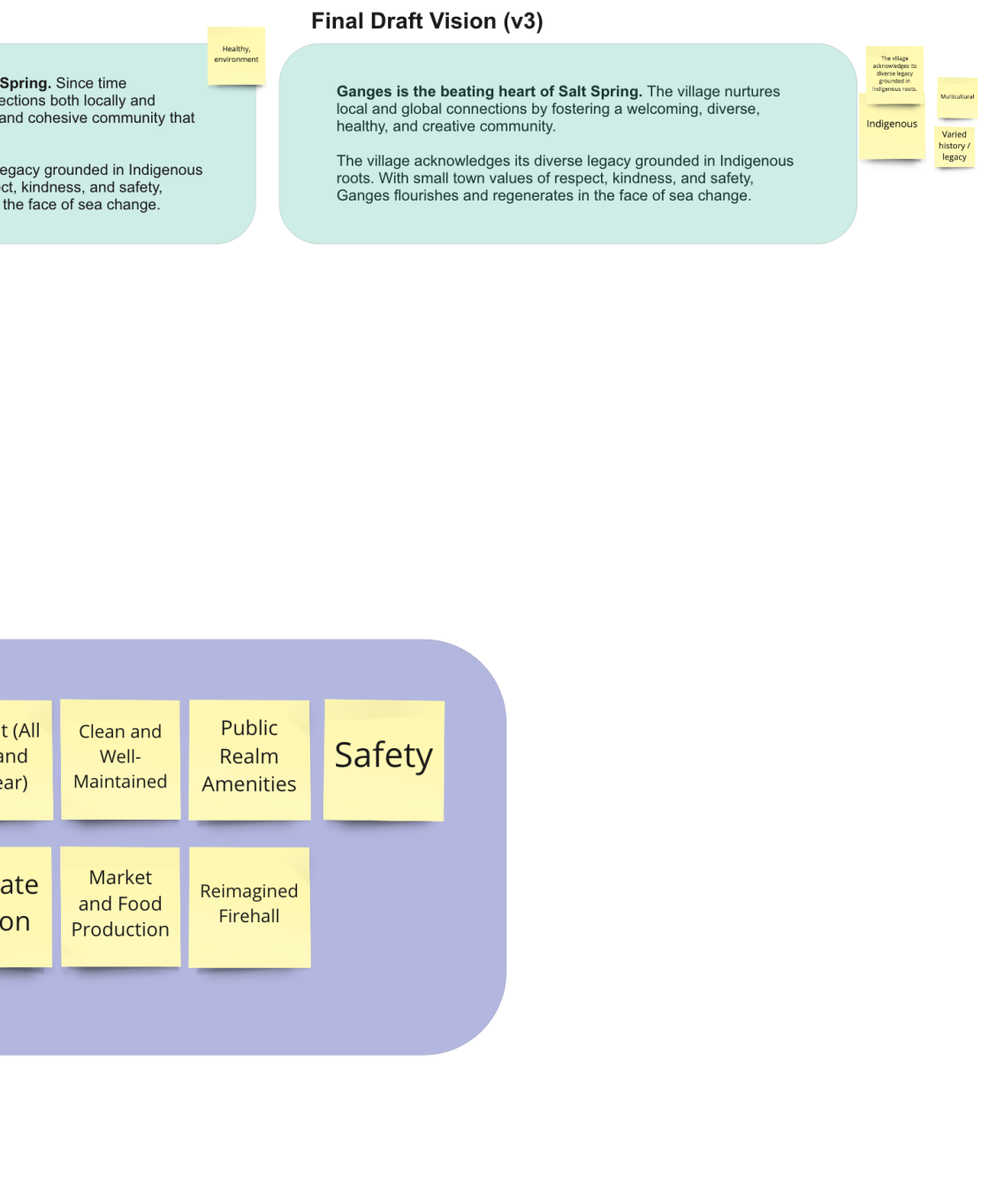
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Lenses/ Pillars / Foundations

- Arts, culture, heritage
- Environmental and community wellbeing
- Economic resiliency /vibrancy
- Reconciliation - JEDI

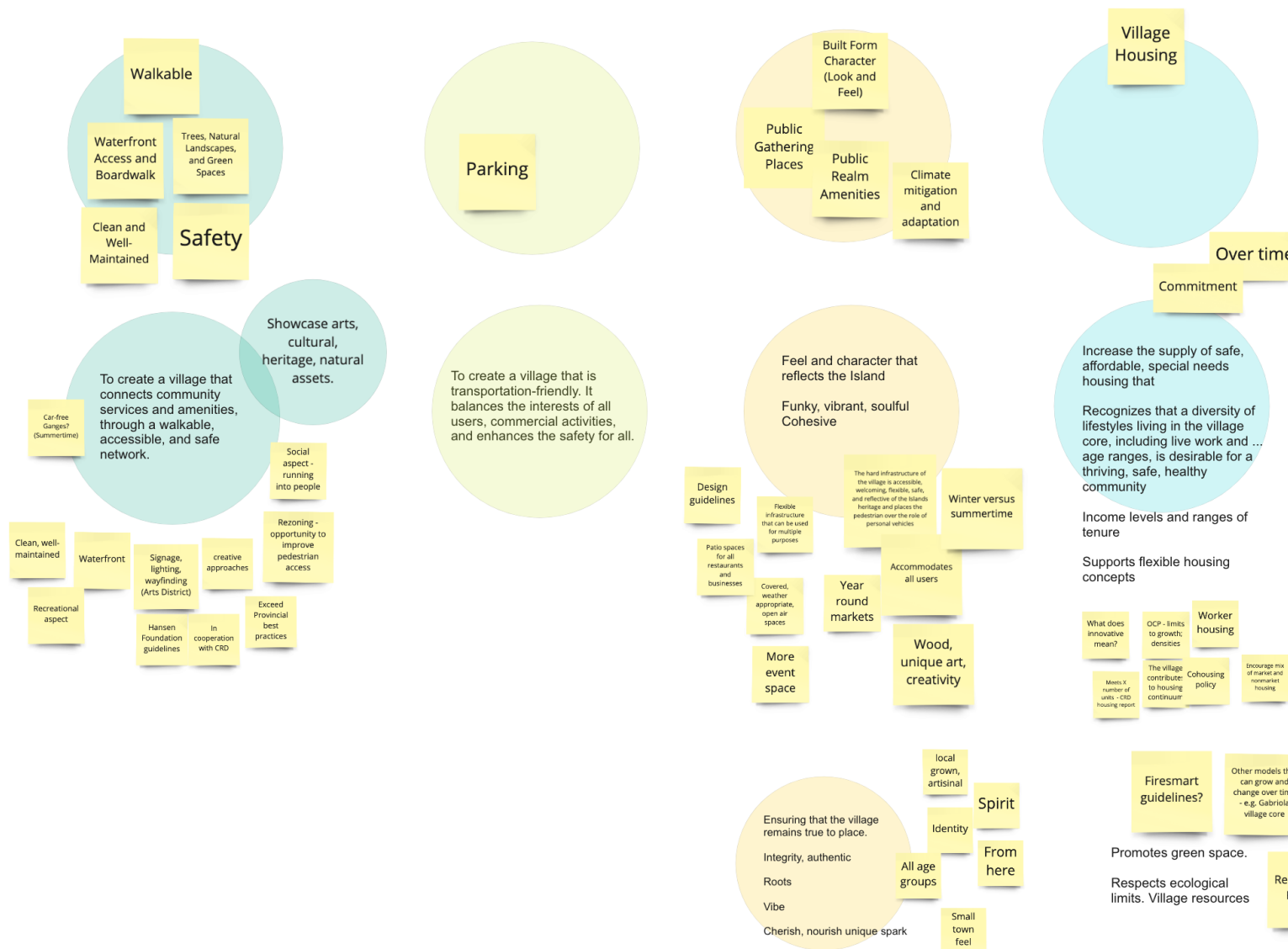
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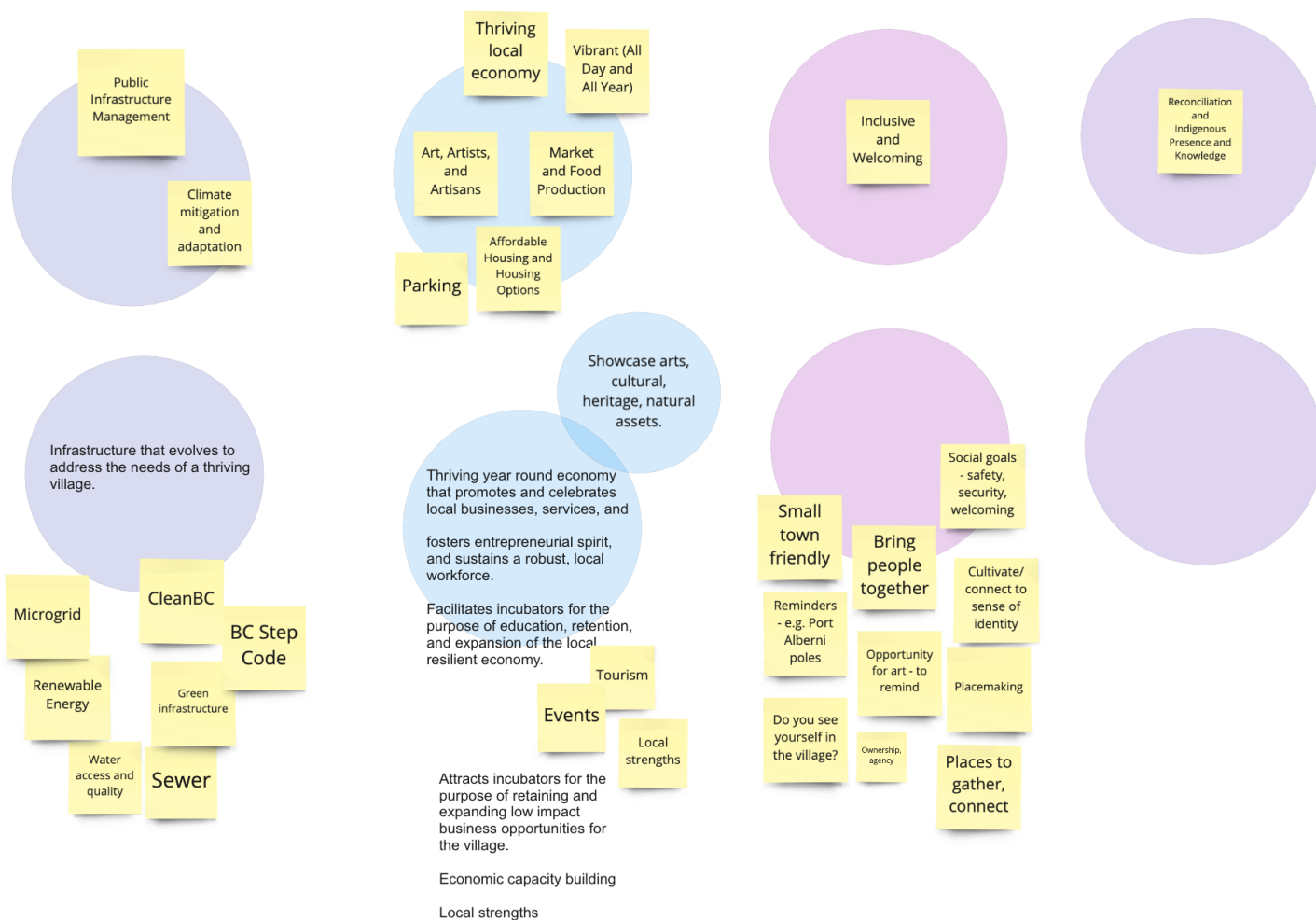
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| Walkable | Public Gathering Places | Trees, Natural Landscapes, and Green Spaces | Village Housing | Local Businesses | Waterfront Access and Boardwalk | Vibrant Day and All Year |
| Built Form Character | Art, Artists, and Artisans | Affordable Housing and Housing Options | Inclusive and Welcoming | Parking | Reconciliation and Indigenous Presence and Knowledge | Climate Action |



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What does Ganges want? (Goal Areas)





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Help create a vision and plan for the
future of Ganges (SYOWT/Shiya'hwt) Village.

For full details visit: islandstrust.bc.ca/ganges

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