



CITY OF JUNEAU

Telephone Hill: Phase I Update



Telephone Hill Update

Topics:

- Project Introduction (Nick D)
- Project Scope & Timeline
- Existing Conditions Summary
- Stakeholder and public meetings (James B)
- Consultant presentation public meeting results
- Next Steps (Nick D)

Project Timeline

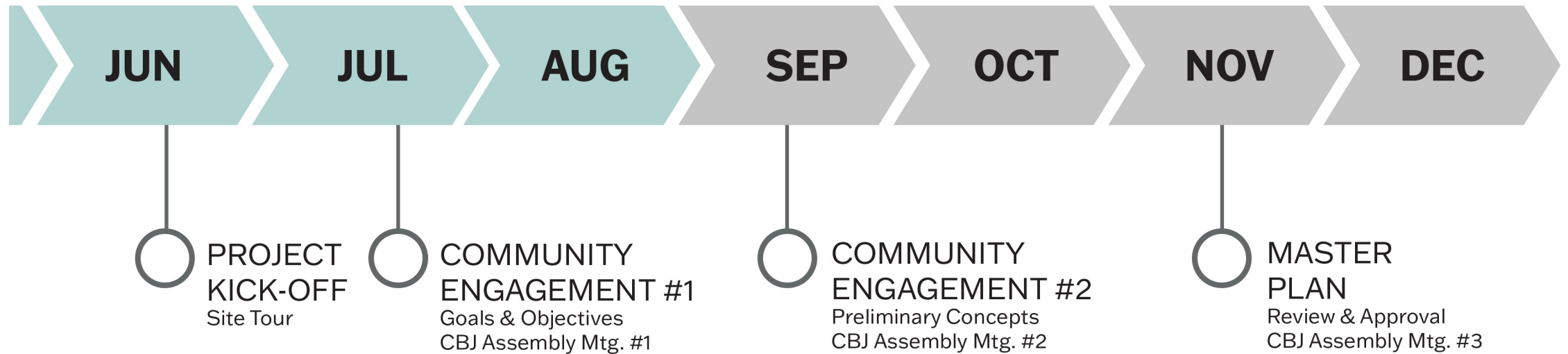
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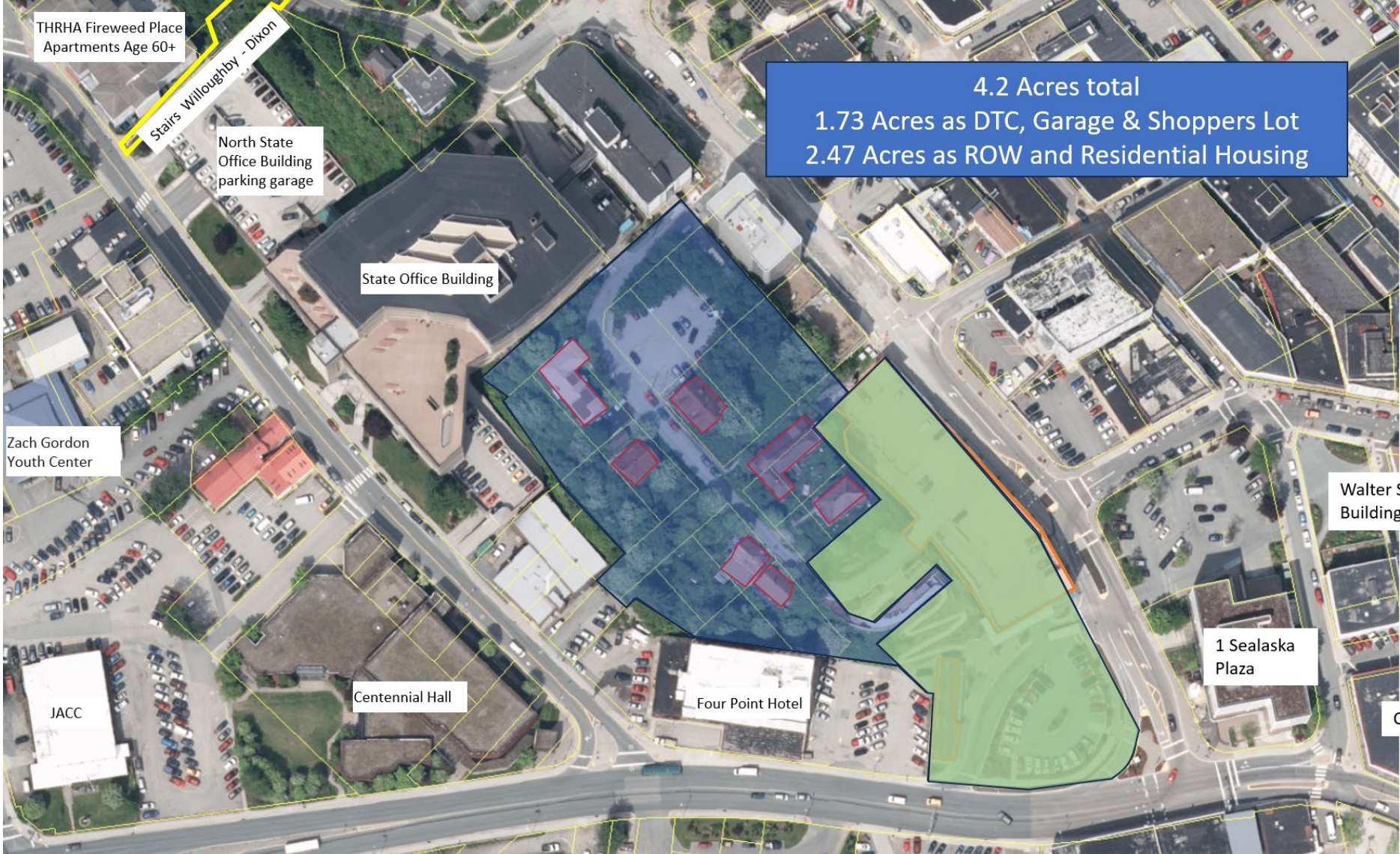


Phase I: Project Orientation Tasks

Tasks

- Kick-off & Site Visit Mtg. (date) – Complete
- Engagement Plan – Complete
- Background Data Analysis – In Process
- Survey (complete) & Basemapping (draft)
- Community Engagement #1 – complete
- Section 106: Desktop Analysis – in process
- Building & Hazardous Materials Survey – in process
- Historic Resource Survey – in process

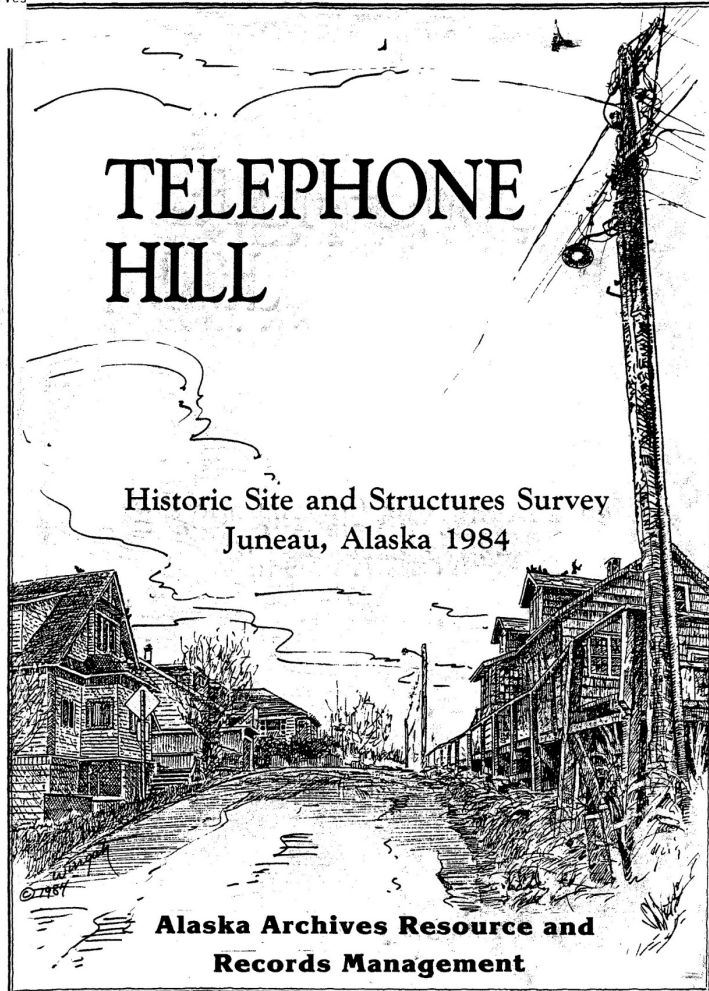
Existing Conditions Summary



Historic Section 106 Review

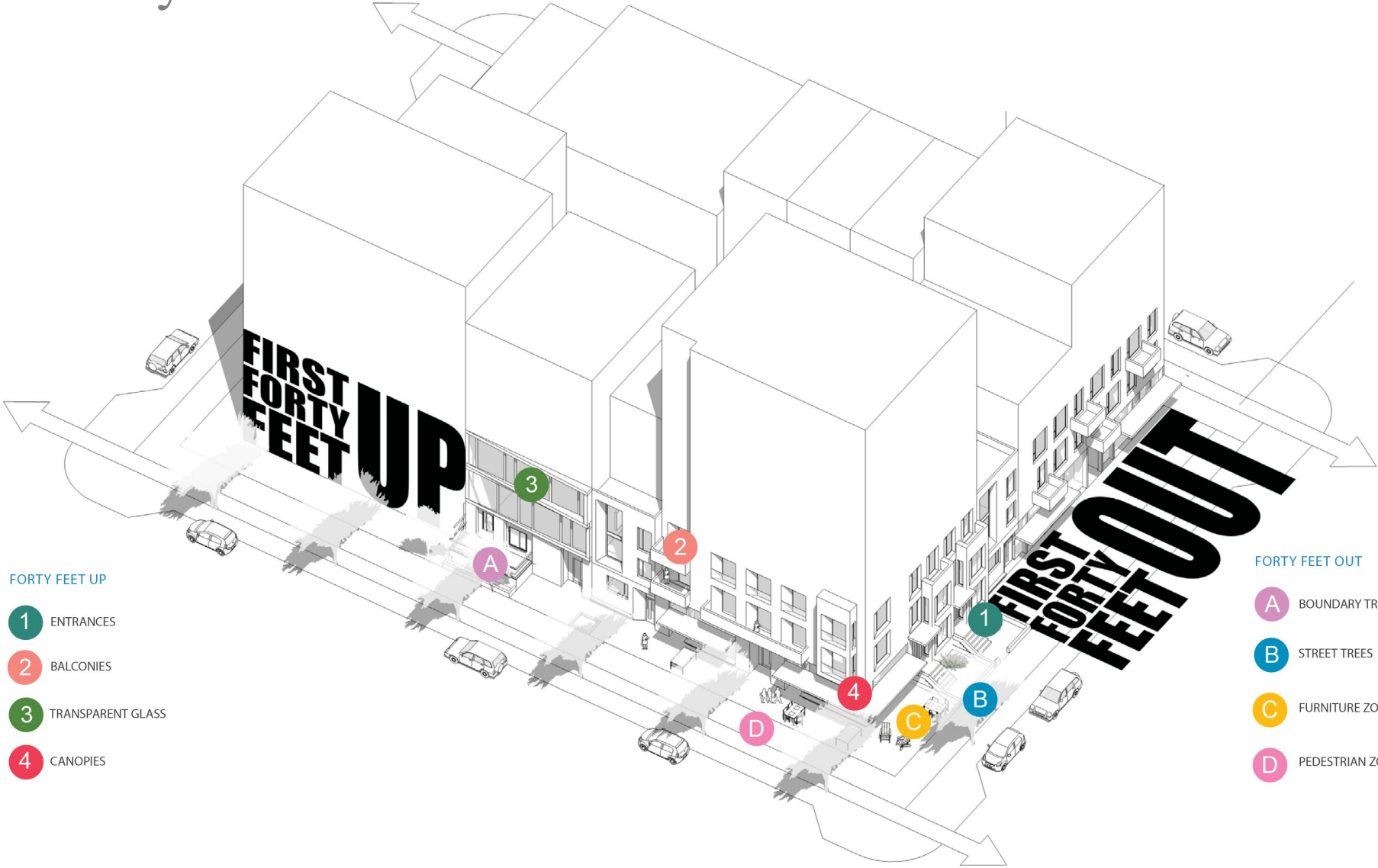
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- Project sub consultant, Northern Land Use Research Alaska, is completing Section 106 desktop analysis.
- Futuresite prep or development using state or federal funds requires Section 106 compliance.
- There does not appear to be a federal requirement for Section 106 compliance.

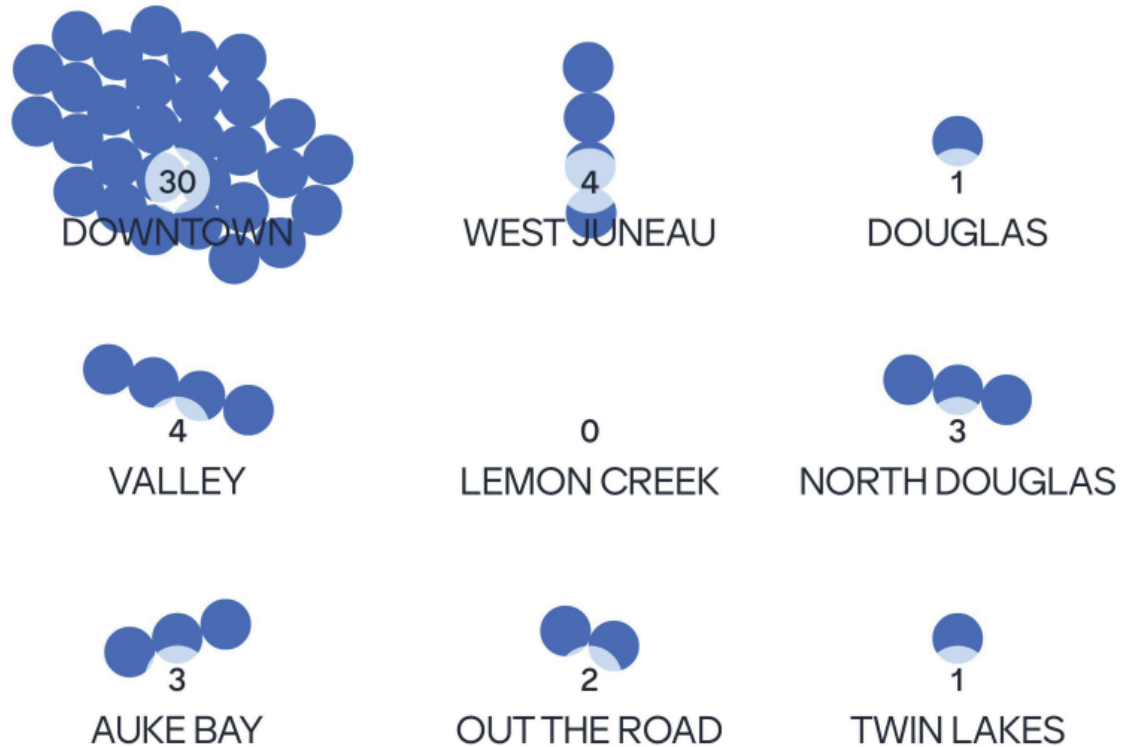
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Survey Results

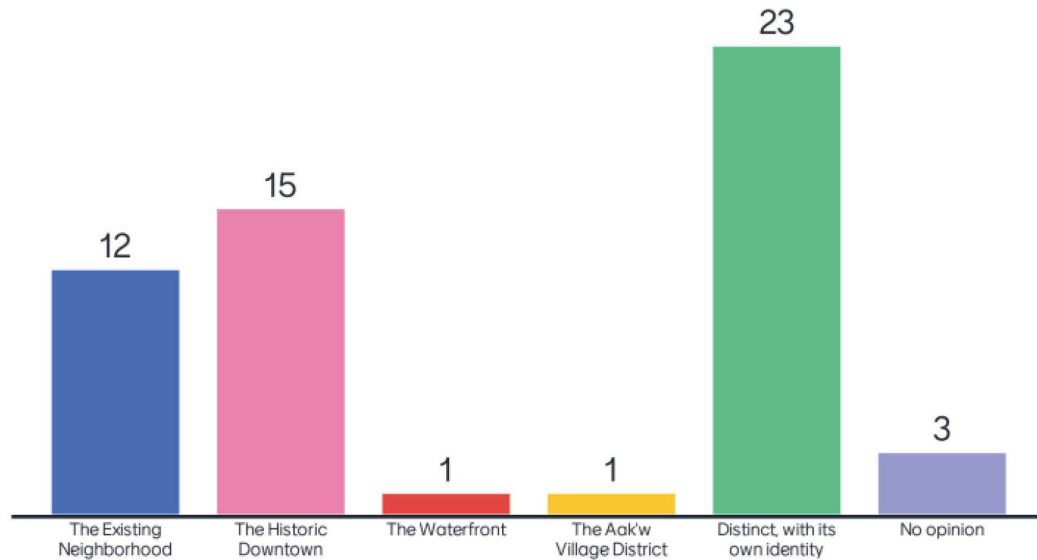
Where do you live?



TAKEAWAY

The majority of respondents reside in Downtown Juneau. West Juneau, Valley, and Auke Bay also have notable representation. Other areas like North Douglas, Twin Lakes, and out the road have smaller participant counts, while Douglas and Lemon Creek had limited to no responses.

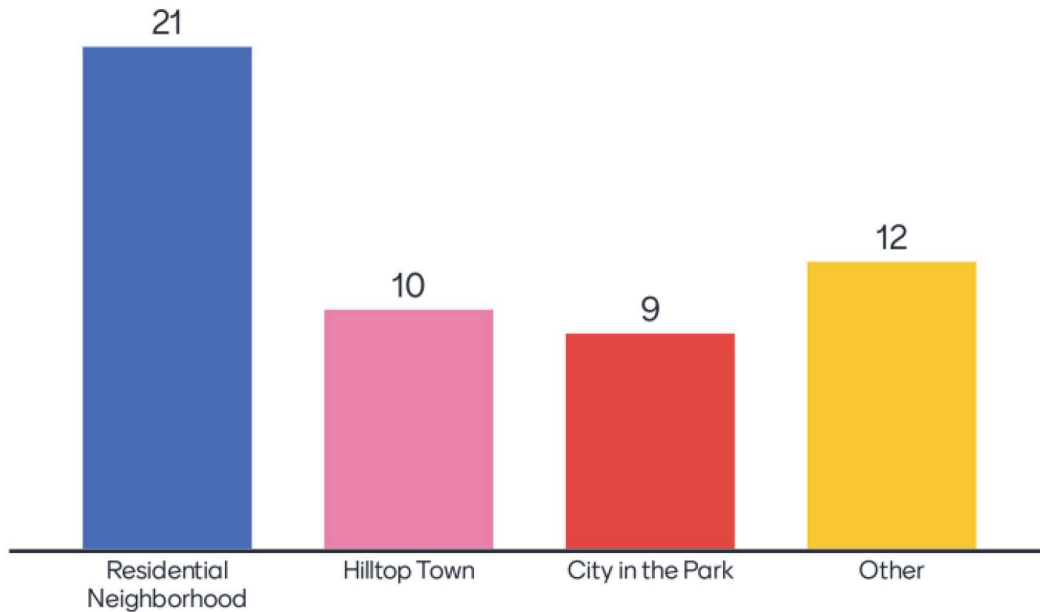
What would you like to see Telephone Hill as an extension of?



TAKEAWAY

A substantial number of respondents are in favor of Telephone Hill being a distinct place with its own unique identity. Additionally, there is a notable interest in aligning the area with the existing neighborhood and the historic downtown. These results underscore the importance of maintaining a balance between preserving existing elements and fostering new, distinct qualities in the evolution of Telephone Hill's extension.

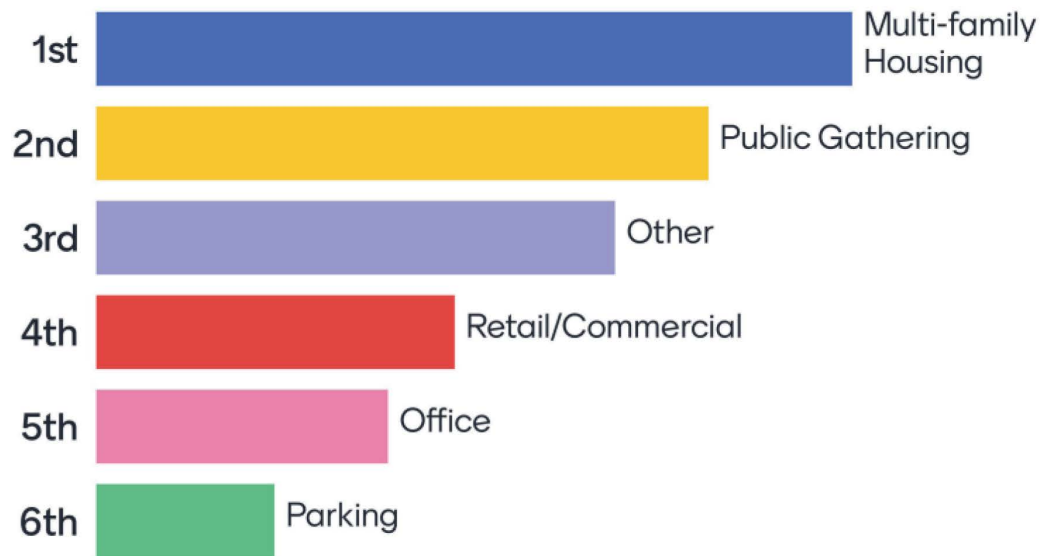
If Telephone Hill were to have a distinct identity, would it be:



TAKEAWAY

A significant portion of participants envision Telephone Hill as a residential neighborhood, suggesting a focus on maintaining its residential character while potentially enhancing its community feel and adding more housing options. Notably, a number of participants provided alternative ideas, showcasing the breadth of creative possibilities.

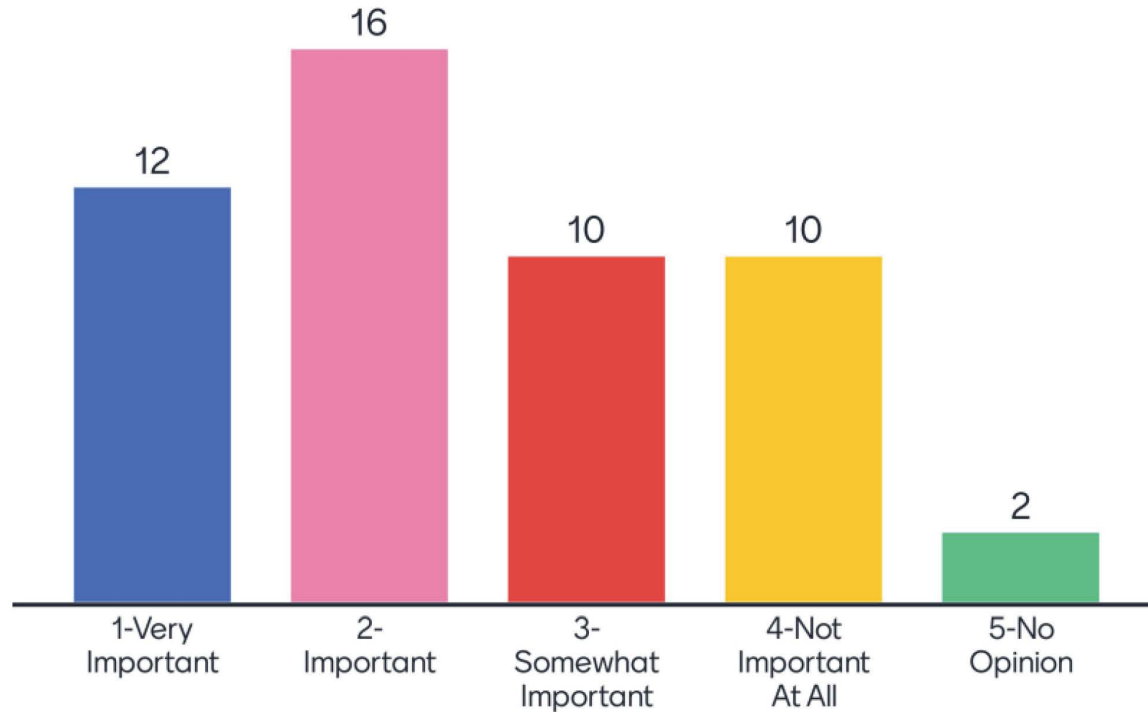
Of the following uses the project is considering, please rank in order your preferences:



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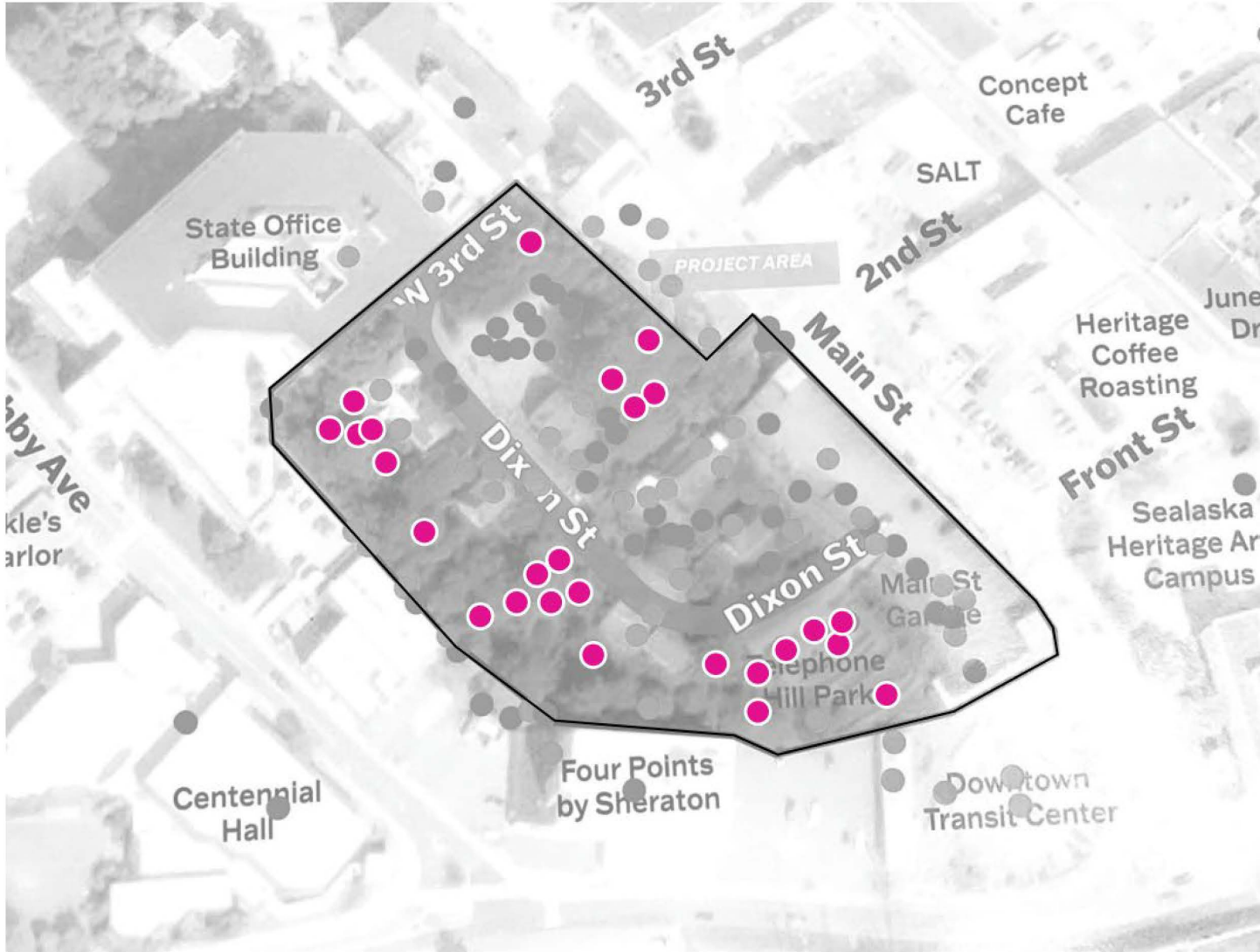
Multi-family housing emerges as the top preference, indicating a strong demand for residential options. Public gathering spaces also garner substantial support, suggesting a desire for communal areas. Notably, office and retail/commercial spaces hold lower rankings, signaling a greater emphasis on residential and communal aspects rather than work or shopping environments.

How important is it to have Telephone Hill physically connected to other districts?



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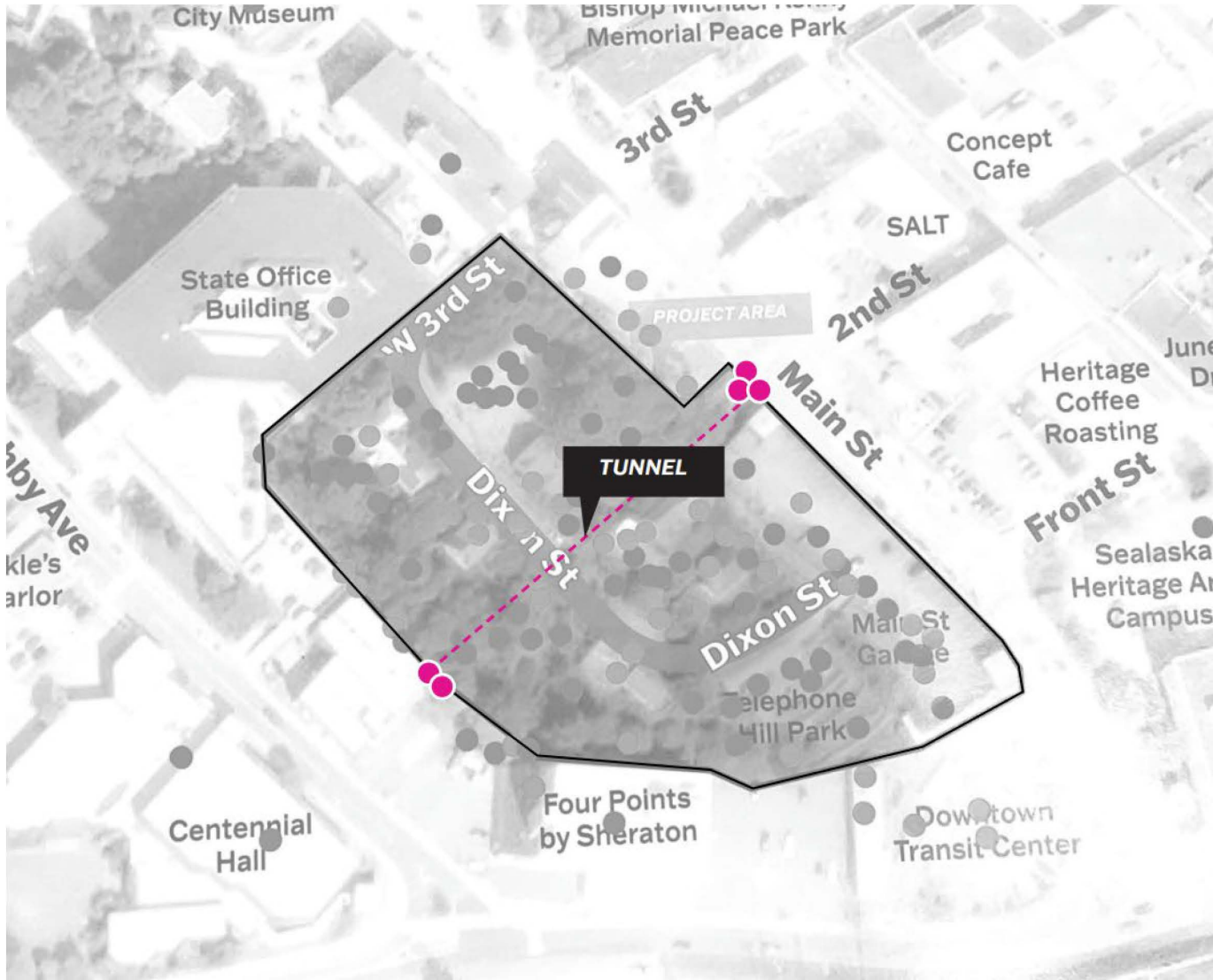
The findings reveal there is not a consensus about physical connectivity to other districts, but over half do lean towards its importance.



GREEN SPACE

The preservation and enhancement of greenery, trees, and open spaces is a priority for many respondents.





TUNNEL

Community members showed interest in reviving the tunnel as a means of access and connection between districts.

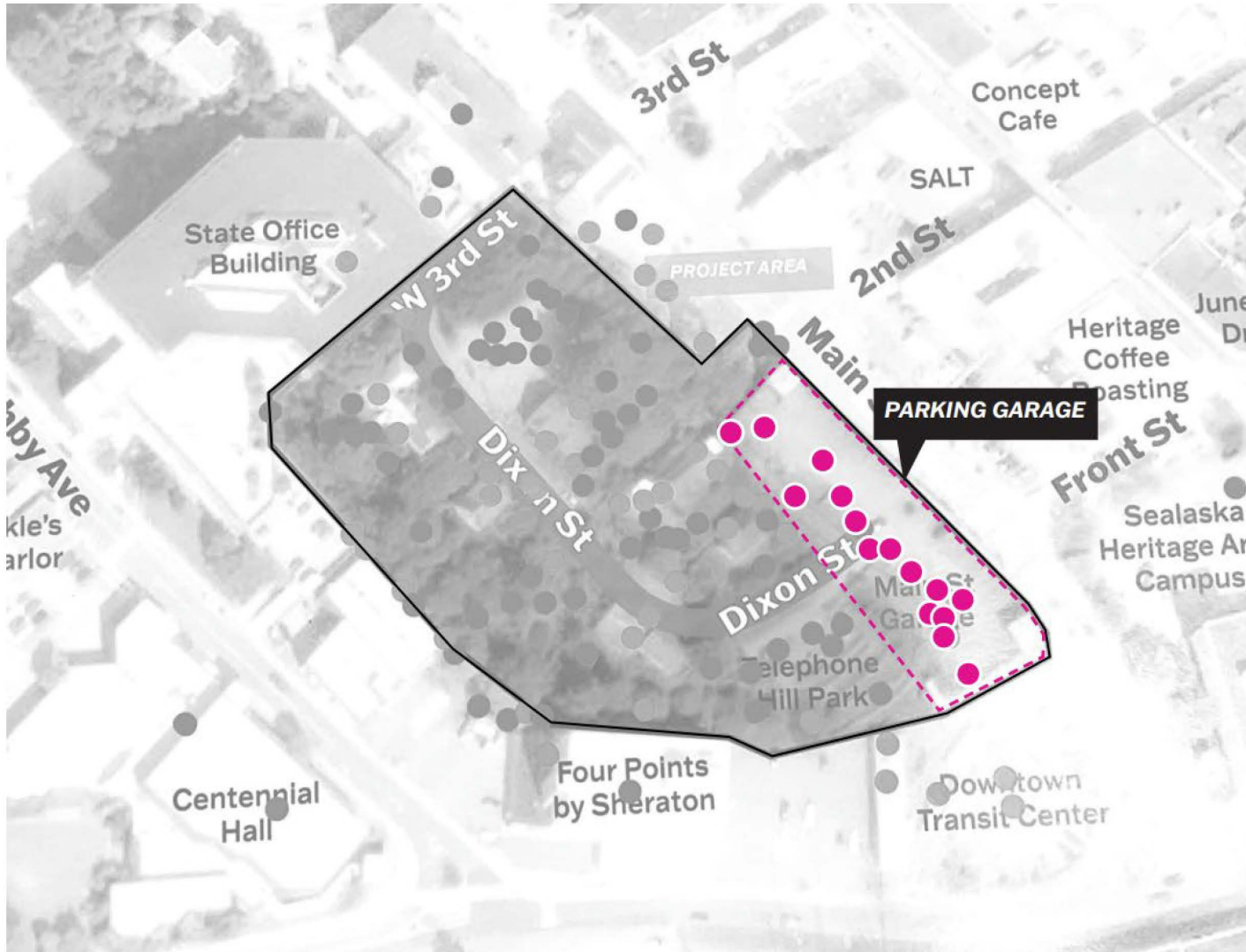




ACCESS

Many participants pointed out access issues to Telephone Hill, particularly from Willoughby Avenue.

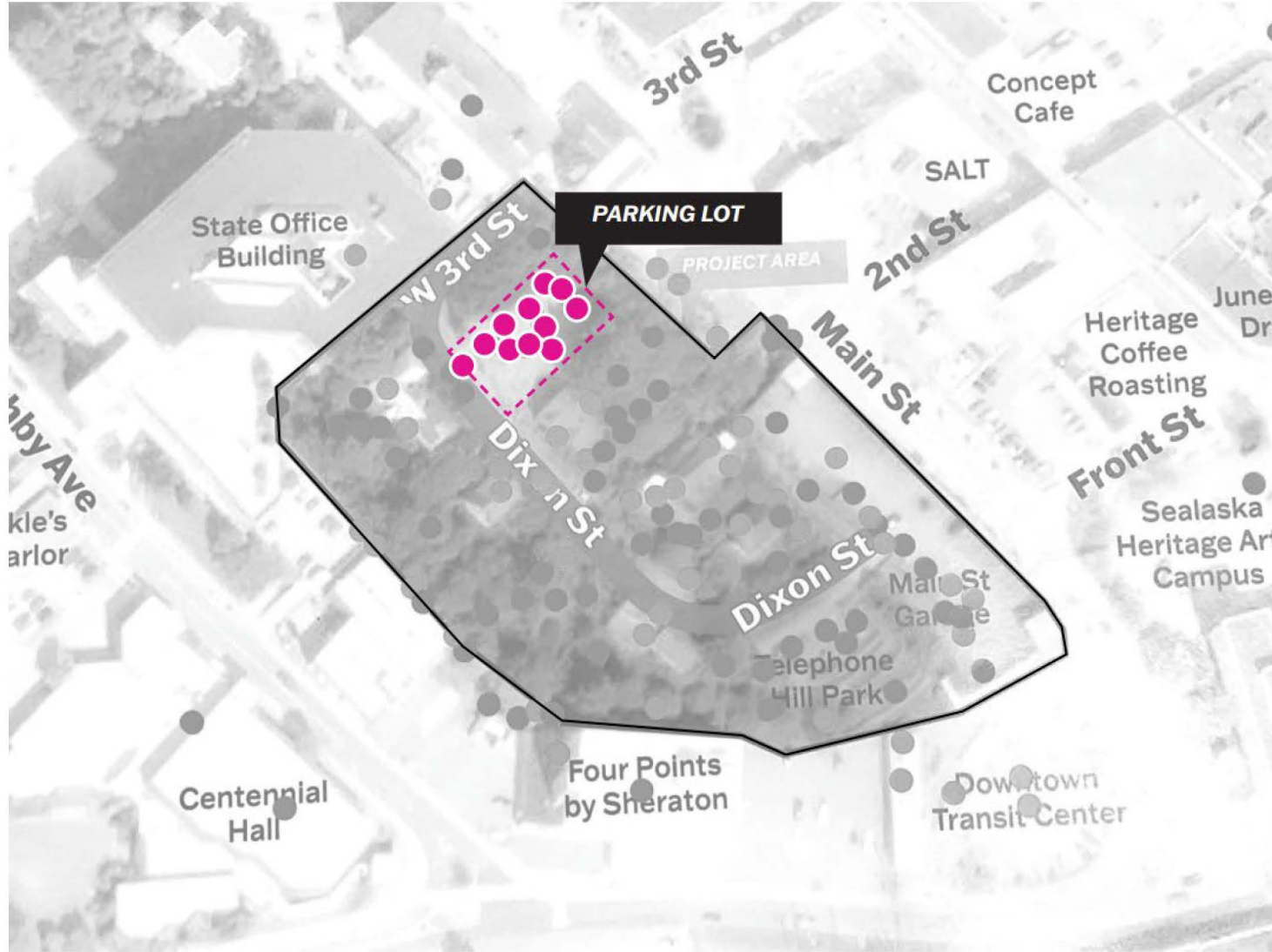




PARKING GARAGE

The parking garage drew in many dots for opportunities and challenges. Some wonder if there is possibility to build housing on top, others are satisfied with the parking it will provide to the redevelopment area.

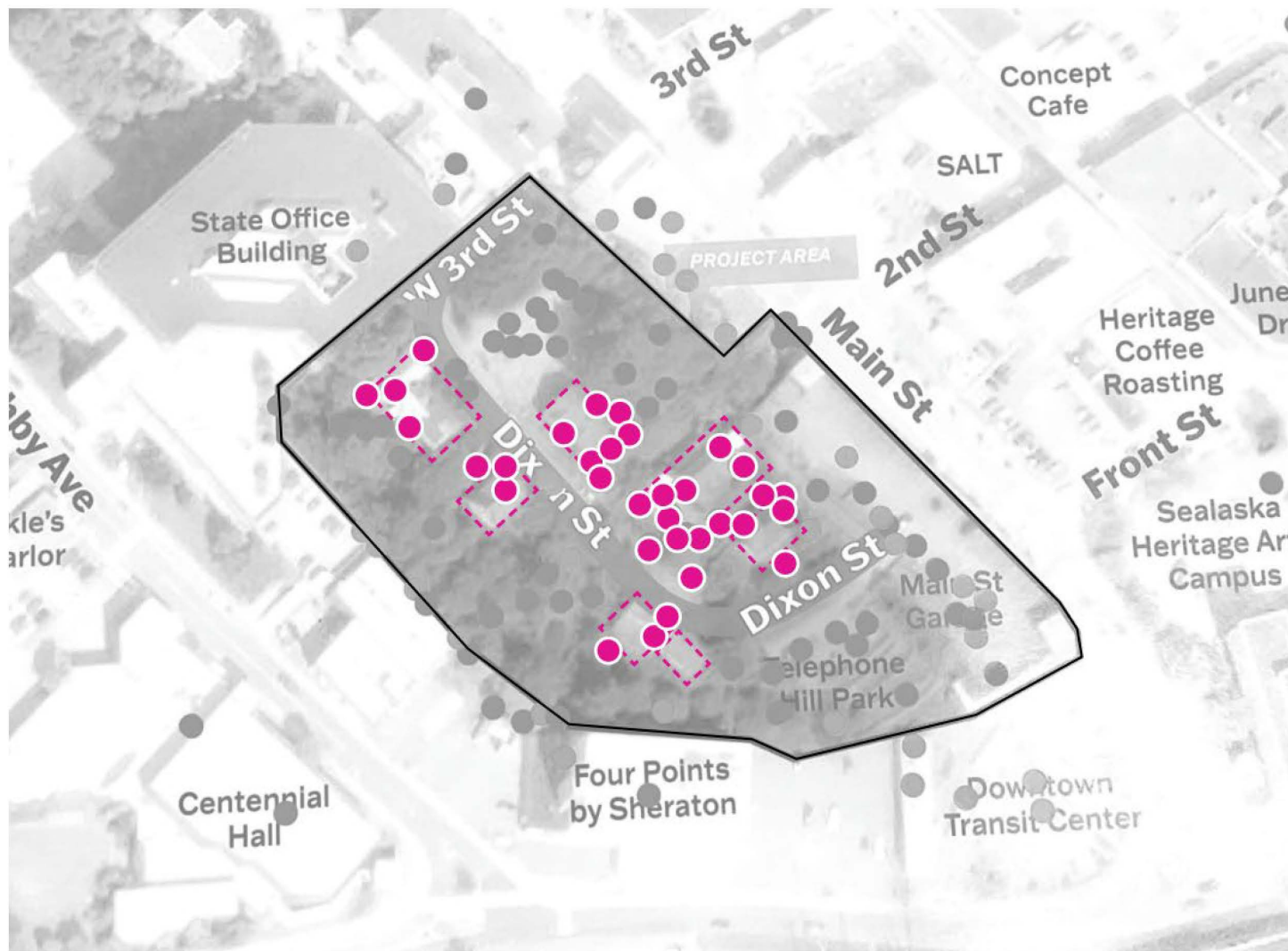




PARKING LOT

Respondents see this parking lot as an opportunity for more housing or park space.





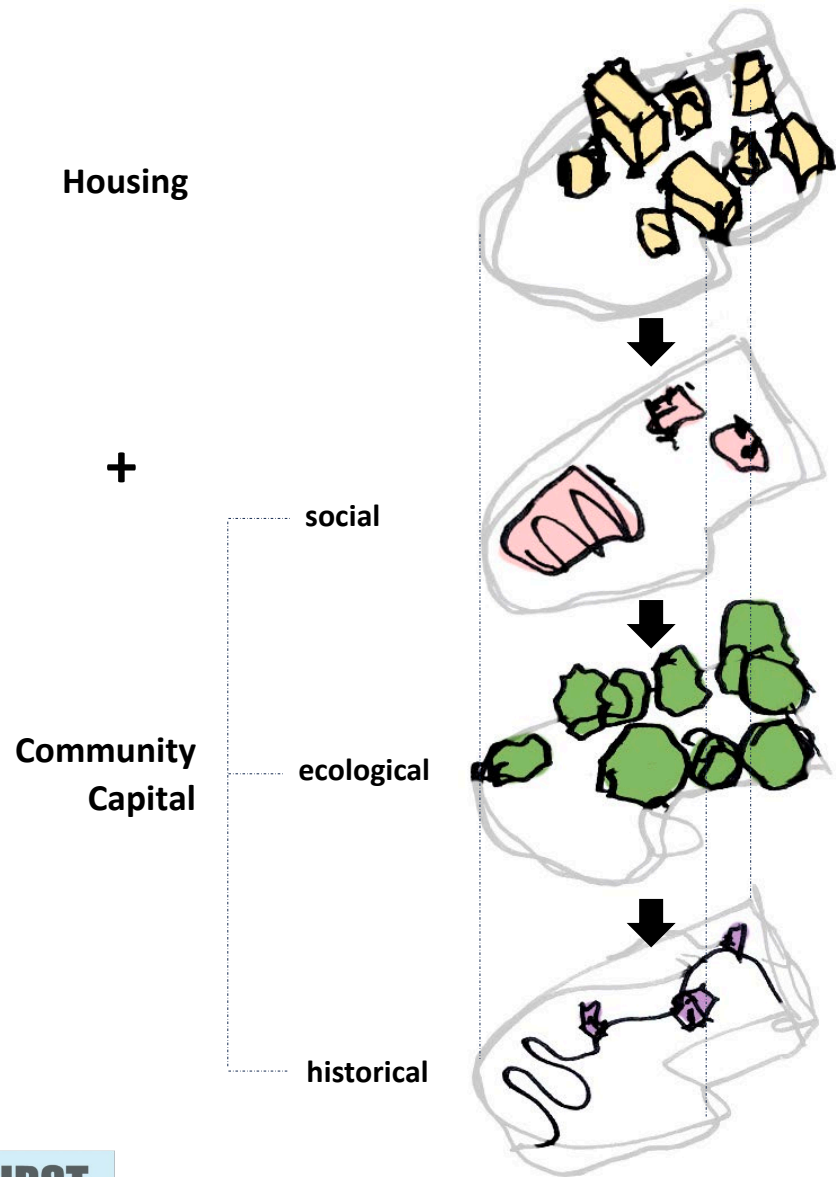
HISTORIC HOMES

The historic homes are a point of contention, as many see their historic significance as important to preserve, and others see this as a challenge to the City's goal of providing more housing on the site.



RESULTS SUMMARIZED

- Establishing a **distinct identity** for Telephone Hill gains significant support.
- A **residential neighborhood** is desired with more housing options.
- Specifically, **multi-family housing** garnered the top response for uses on Telephone Hill.
- The participants prioritize the creation of more **green spaces and public gathering** areas.
- Active transportation methods such as **walking and biking** are highly valued.
- A notable issue is **access** to Telephone Hill and connection to other districts, with some bringing back the idea of the tunnel.
- A **community-focused approach** to redevelopment is requested, which may elevate the challenges around **resistance**.
- The participants see a need for a **long-term vision** to strike a balance between preserving **historical charm** and future development.



The aspiration for Telephone Hill is to forge an exceptional, **vibrant new neighborhood** dedicated to housing the people of Juneau; where the **fusion of social, ecological, and historical treasures** will amplify its character and provide a tapestry of experiences for public enjoyment.

NEXT STEPS

- Schedule & Complete Building & Historic Surveys
- Scope & Contract Phase II

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