

# MAYNE ISLAND FLEXIBLE HOUSING

Special Meeting – Part of MI Housing Regulation and Policy Review





- What is Flexible Housing
- Review of Flexible Housing Options
- Meeting 1 Summary of Key Issues Raised
- What lots are available?
- Discussion of Questions



### WHAT IS FLEXIBLE HOUSING?

- Housing not limited to a single focus (e.g. seniors, multi-unit)
- Housing that could address a number of needs without rezoning, government funding or substantial investment
- Housing that can facilitate individual households sharing the costs to purchase a lot while being able to live in separate dwellings
- Housing that can facilitate more rental availability
- Housing that can facilitate supportive living arrangement (e.g. senior care providers living in separate dwelling on senior's property)
- Housing that does not increase overall development footprint



### **OPTIONS**

The Mayne Island Housing Regulations and Policy Review identified a number of options to increase housing flexibility. These included:

- Allowing secondary suites on all residential lots
- Allowing secondary suites on smaller lots that have a cottage
- Permitting larger cottages and secondary suites
- Permitting tiny homes in addition to secondary suites and cottages
- Establishing a maximum floor area policy on all dwelling units with flexibility for floor area to be distributed among a number of units on the lot



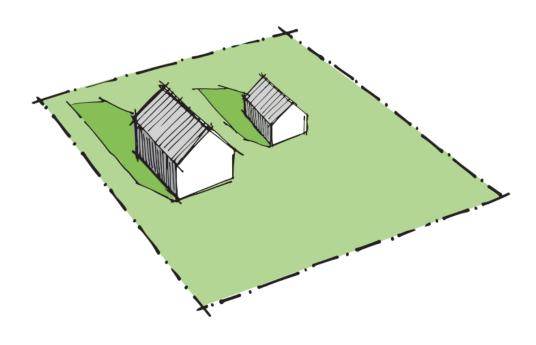
### **FOCUS OPTION**

#### **Establishing and Distributing Maximum Floor Area**

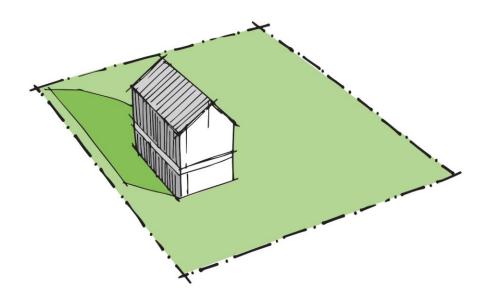
- 1) Allowing one dwelling with no maximum floor area and retaining the ability to have a cottage (with existing specified square footage maximums for cottage) or a secondary suite (where permitted) What exists
- 2) Establishing regulations that would permit additional dwelling units if a total aggregate maximum floor area is not exceeded Option being explored







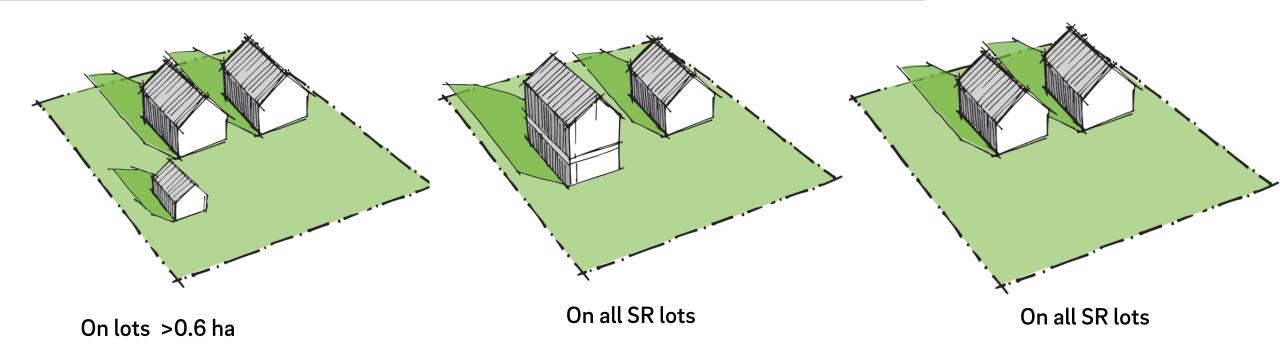
Lots > 0.6ha



All lots in SR not in water service areas

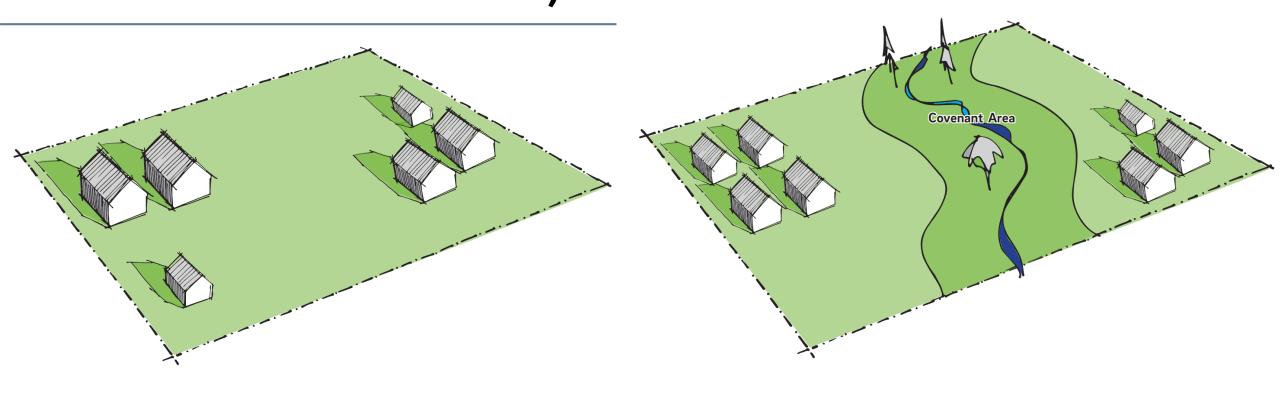


# FOCUS OPTION ILLUSTRATED (SR ZONE)



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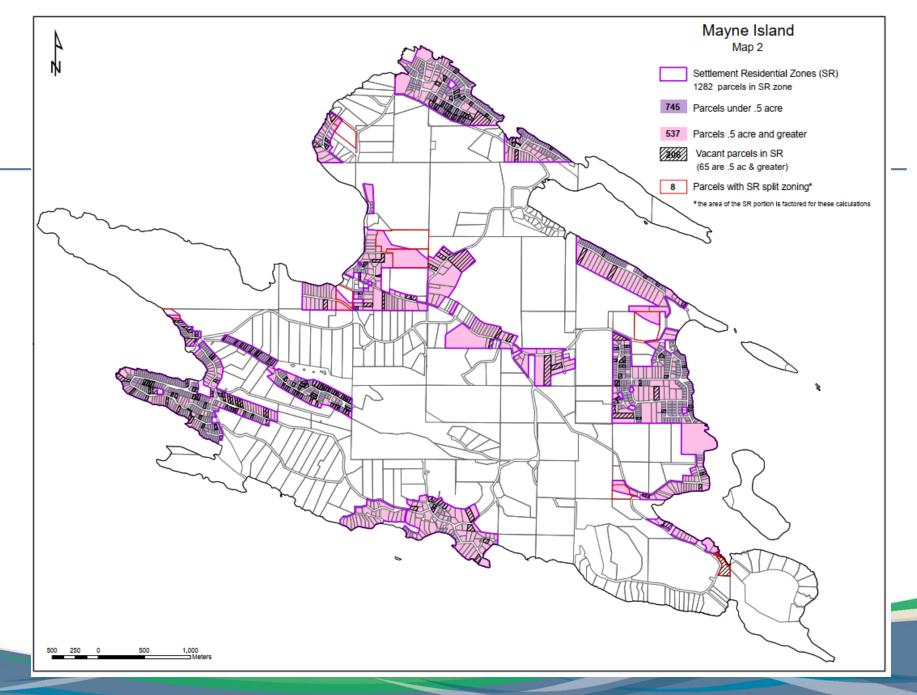
## **CONSIDERATIONS**

- Recreational vehicles are not included in maximum square footage;
- Tiny homes on wheels are not included;
- Increase of floor area maximum for secondary suites;
- Require rainwater catchment for all additional density; and
- Do not allow more than one dwelling unit to be rented as a home occupation STVR.



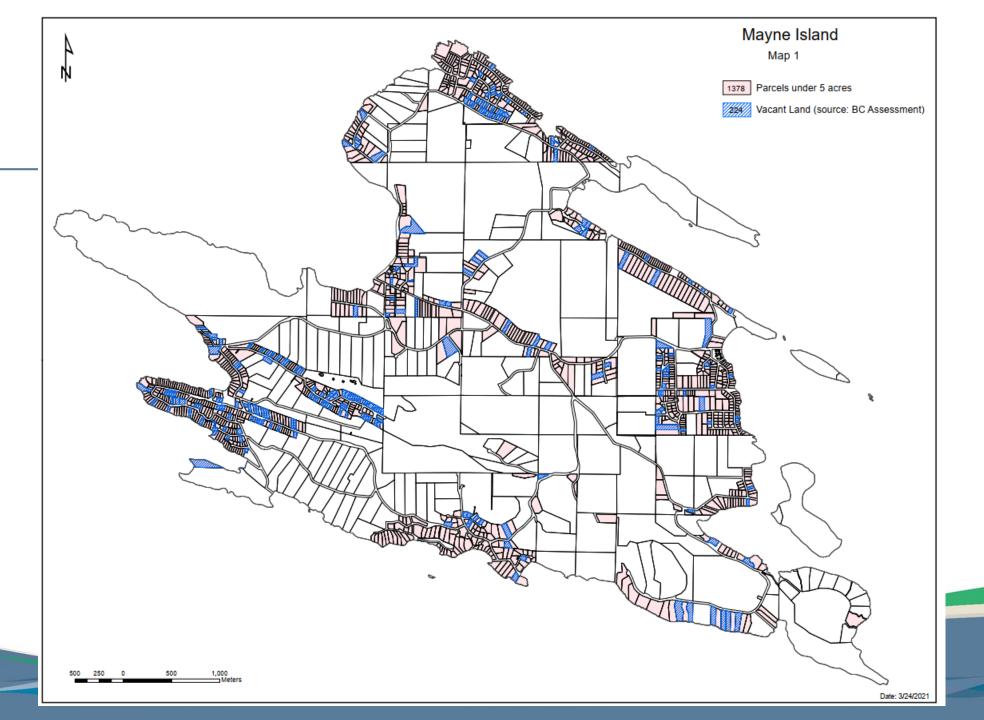
# **ISSUES RAISED JAN 18,2021**

- Interest in distributed square footage approach
- Village Point Improvement District is concerned about increased water use
- Interest in Improvement districts considering secondary suites
- Interest at looking at process where water board can decide
- Concerns related to increasing density for rental business
- Concerns related to increasing density on lots <.6 hectares (1 acre)</li>
- Support for increasing rental options to create options for young people
- Questions related to shared ownership
- Interest in water catchment
- Interest understanding how many lots this could apply to

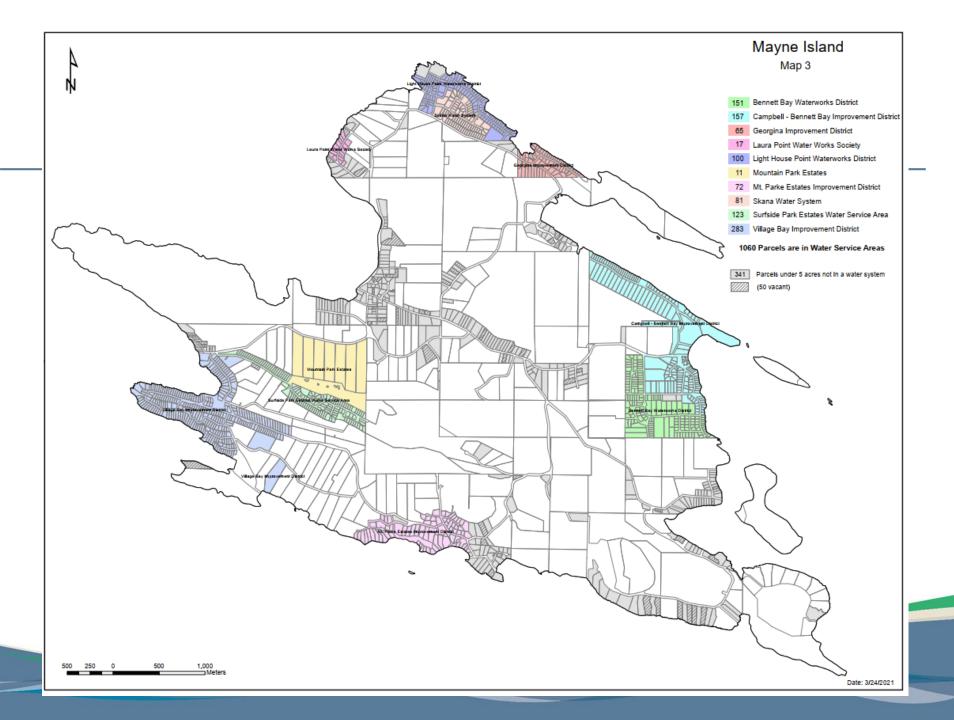




# Lots in the Settlement Residential Zone









Lots under 5 acres and vacant lots where residential use is permitted



### **QUESTIONS**

- How many lots could the distributed density approach apply to (lots under 0.6 hectares and up to 5 acres)?
- Should larger lots be considered?
- Which improvement districts want to be exempt from consideration of this approach?
- Could some improvement districts consider secondary suites?
- What kind of maximum floor area should be considered in a distributed scenario?