

What is your favorite environmental aspect of Kirkland?

recycling

shoreline

compost

BikeLanes

water

EV

park

waterfront

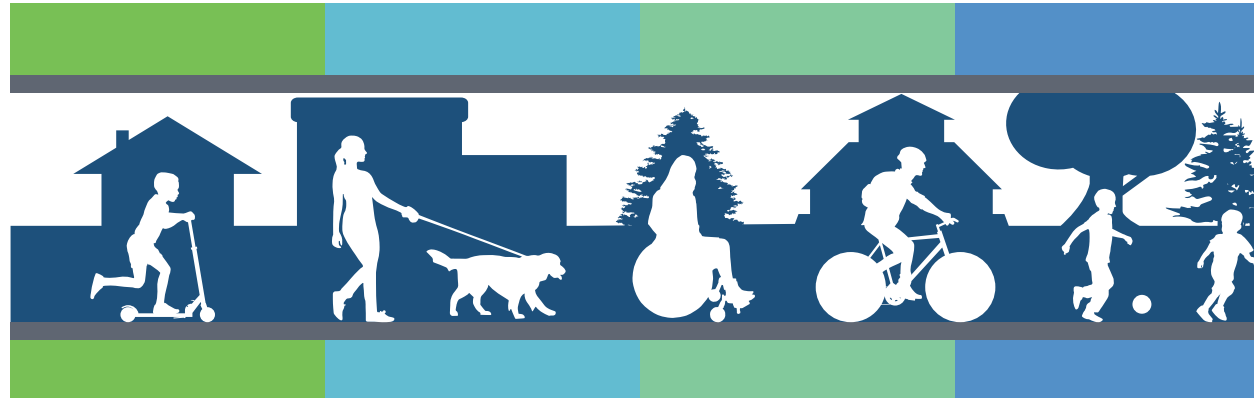
JuanitaBay

Greenways

environment

parks Community





YOU BELONG HERE
Sustainable – Connected – Welcoming

Sustainability, Climate and Environment Element

Focus Group Session #2

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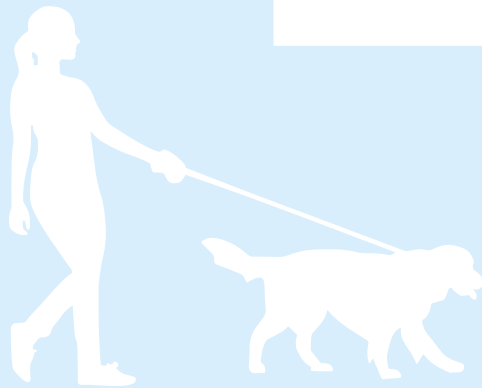
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Agenda

- ❖ Logistics and Community Principles
- ❖ How to Participate
- ❖ What we have heard so far
- ❖ Equity in Policy
- ❖ Exercise: Sustainability Conversation
- ❖ Recap and Next Steps



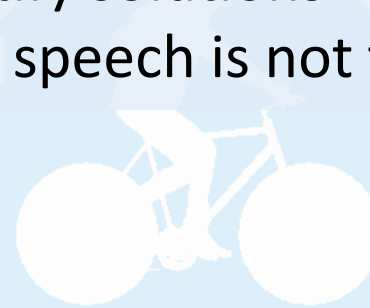
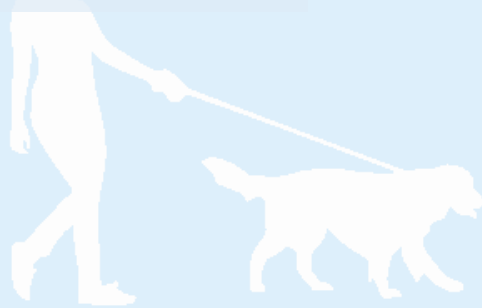
Logistics & Community Principles



Overview of buttons & etiquette

Community Principles

- Arrive as a community, leave as a community
- Respect the views of others
- Listen to understand, not to debate
- One person speaks at a time
- Identify solutions
- Hate speech is not tolerated



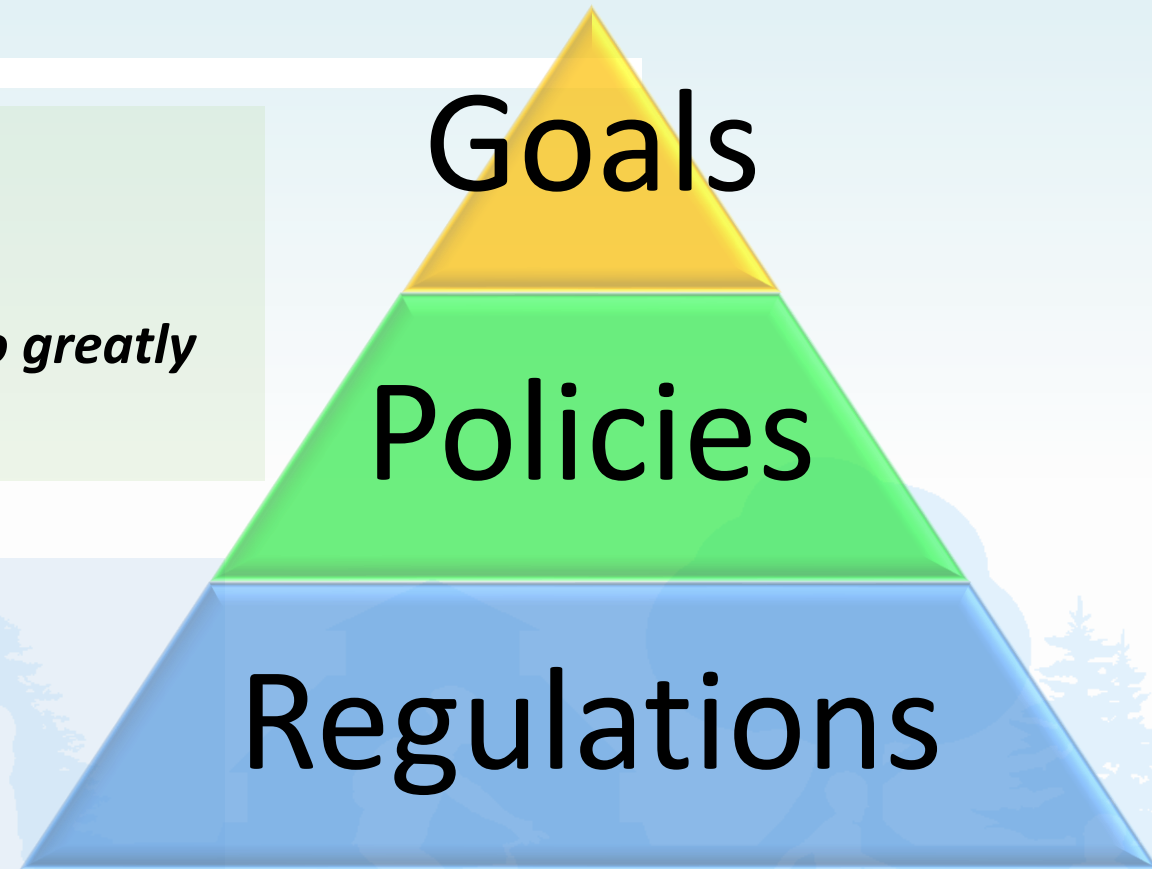
Goals-Policies

Overarching Goals

- Desired outcomes for each topic area
- E.g., ***Goal E-5: Target carbon neutrality by 2050 to greatly reduce the impacts of climate change.***

Policies

- Objectives to achieve goals
- Should provide clear direction
- May be translated into development regulations
- E.g., ***Policy E-5.7: Pursue 100 percent renewable energy use by 2050 through regional collaboration.***



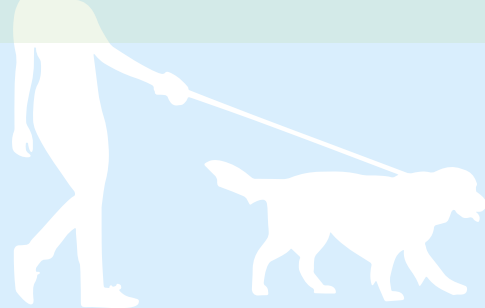
Development Regulations

Govern development

- Must be consistent with Comprehensive Plan and State mandates

Many Types:

- Building Code
- Zoning Code
- Subdivision Ordinance
- Shoreline Regulations



An Example of a policy without Equity

Manage activities affecting air, vegetation, water, and the land to maintain or improve environmental quality, to preserve fish and wildlife habitat, to prevent degradation or loss of natural features and functions, and to minimize risks to life and property.



Leading with Equity in a Policy

Ensure that **all residents** of the region, **regardless of race, social, or economic status**, have clean air, clean water, and other elements of a **healthy environment**. Identify and **mitigate** unavoidable negative impacts of public actions that **disproportionately affect** front line **communities**.



Sustainability Conversation

Q1: If you could paint a picture of a sustainable Kirkland over the next 5,10, and 20 years what would those attributes be?

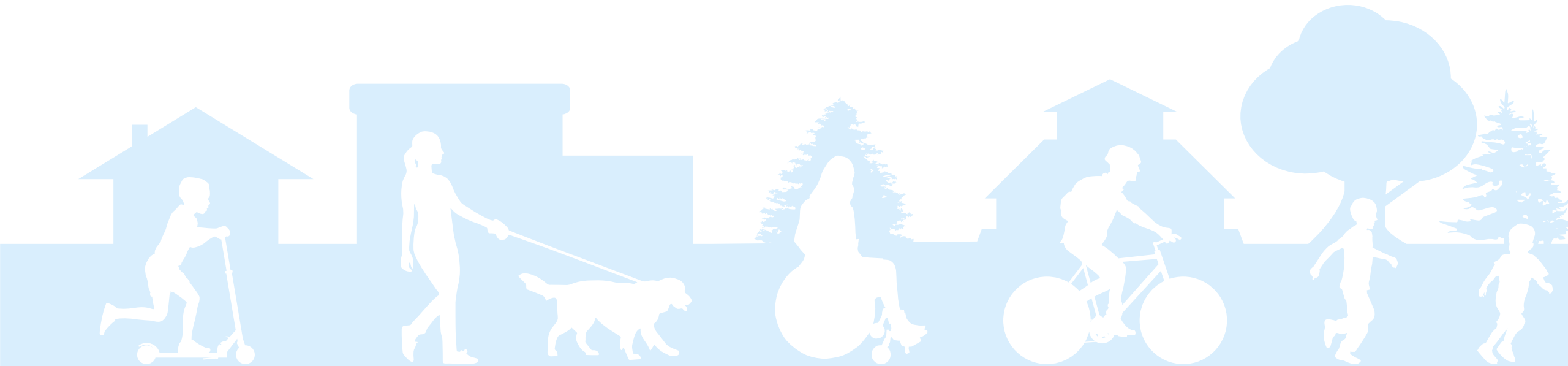


Exercise: Discuss Sustainability Questions

Q2: What suggestions do you have to help provide equitable access (for those that can't afford to make those changes and also those who rent) to climate change mitigation strategies/programs (e.g., home energy retrofits, tree plantings)?



Q3: Should gas hookups be banned in new construction?



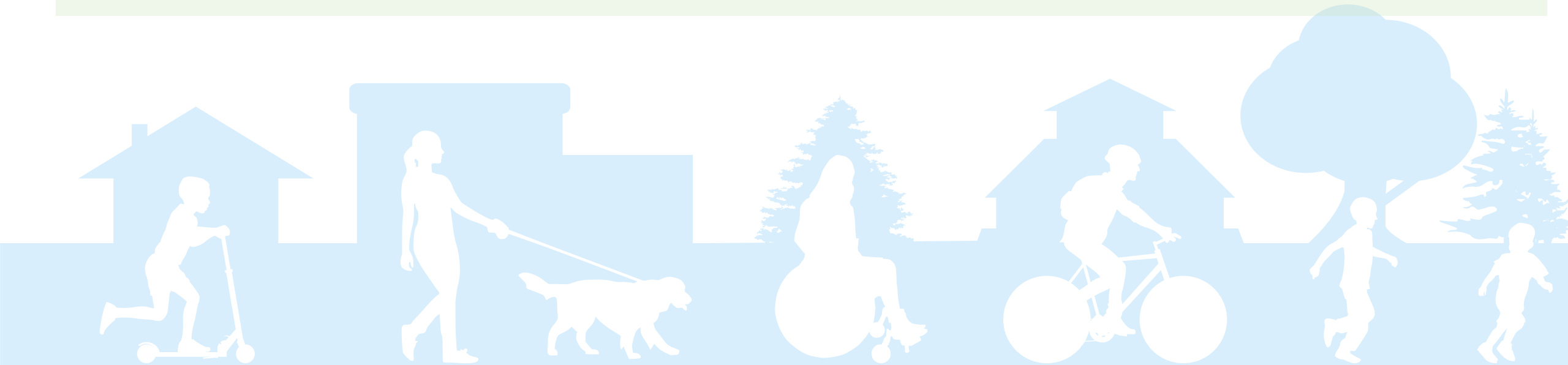
Q4: Do regulations as compared to incentives, education and other motivating factors help you make changes such as driving less, using less energy and wasting less food and other goods?



Q5: What would help you visualize these environmental issues and communicate progress (e.g., dashboards, maps, annual report card, educational newsletters)?



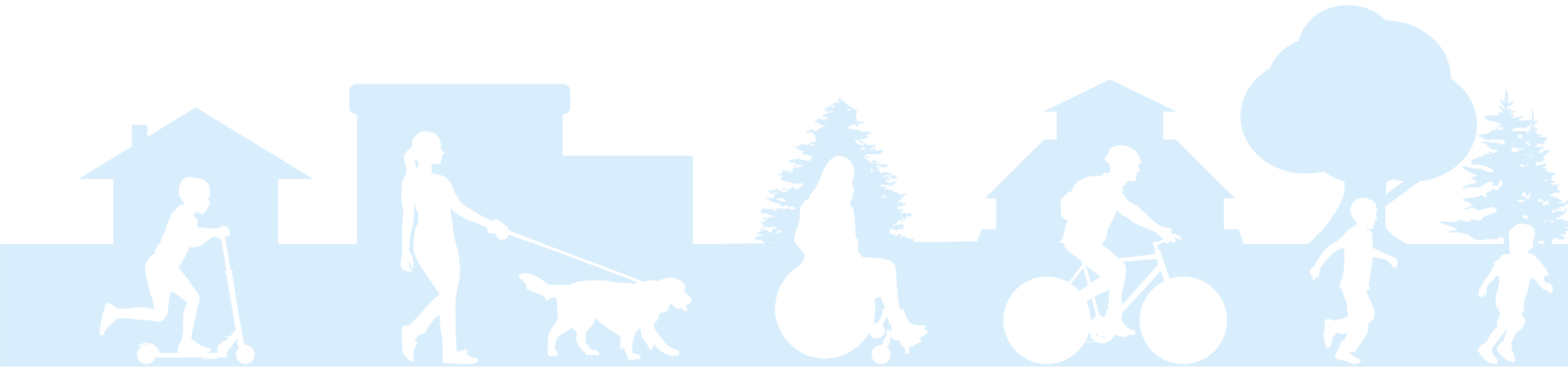
Q6: If you had a magic wand and could ensure two things were done, one now to improve our environment and the second over the next twenty years, what would those be?



Q7: Without a magic wand, what are some solutions would we need to achieve the outcomes of the question above? (e.g., policies, programs and regulations)?



Q8: After our discussion today, how has your opinion of a sustainable Kirkland changed? If so, how?



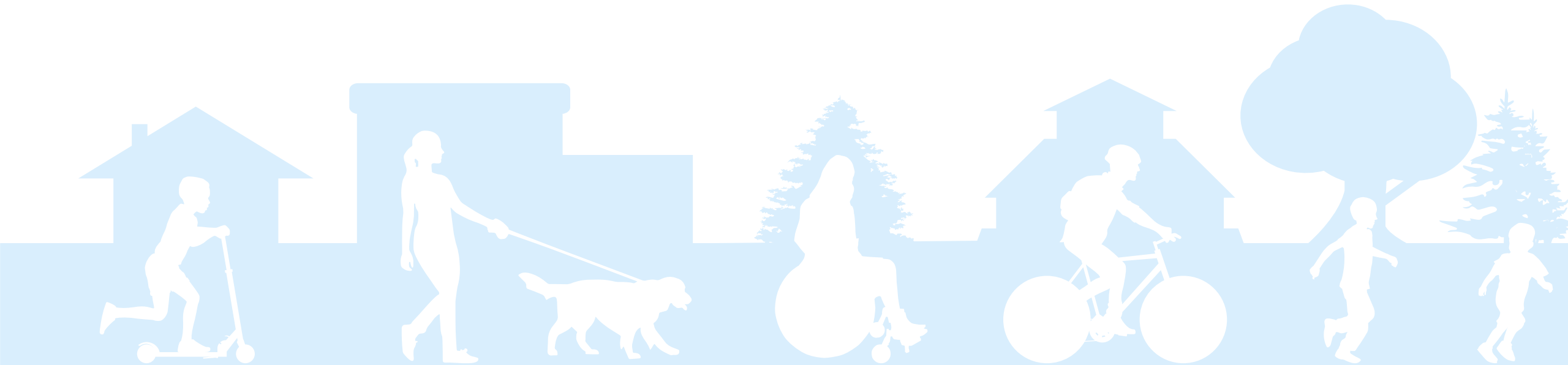
Recap and Next Steps

- ❖ Document your feedback in the worksheet – Due April 13th 2023
- ❖ Document the conversation from today's Exercise – Due April 14th, 2023
- ❖ Evaluate the final Survey Responses
- ❖ Draft revised policies and make consistent with Multi-County, County Planning Policies and State legislation
- ❖ Draft element planned to be available end of summer
- ❖ Reconvene this focus group to review draft or other means of feedback

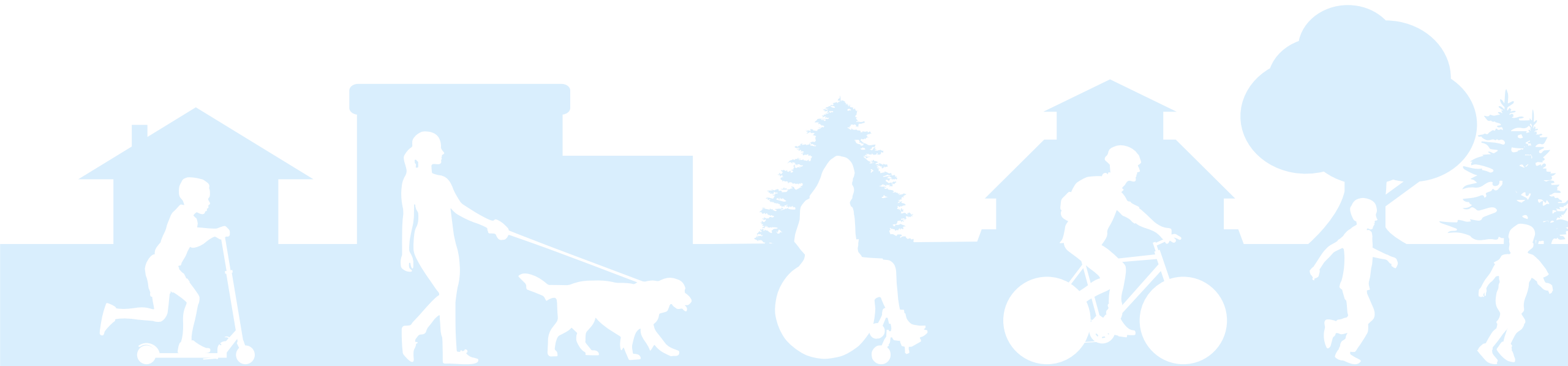


Additional Questions

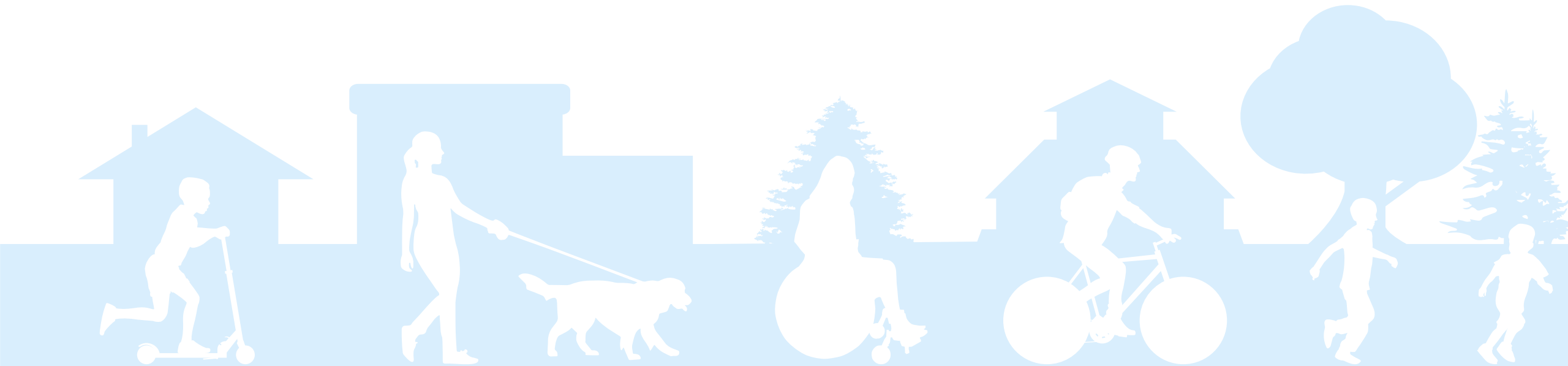
Q9: Are you willing to spend more in funding for public projects to be more sustainable? (Think public charging stations, Public buildings with solar panels etc.).



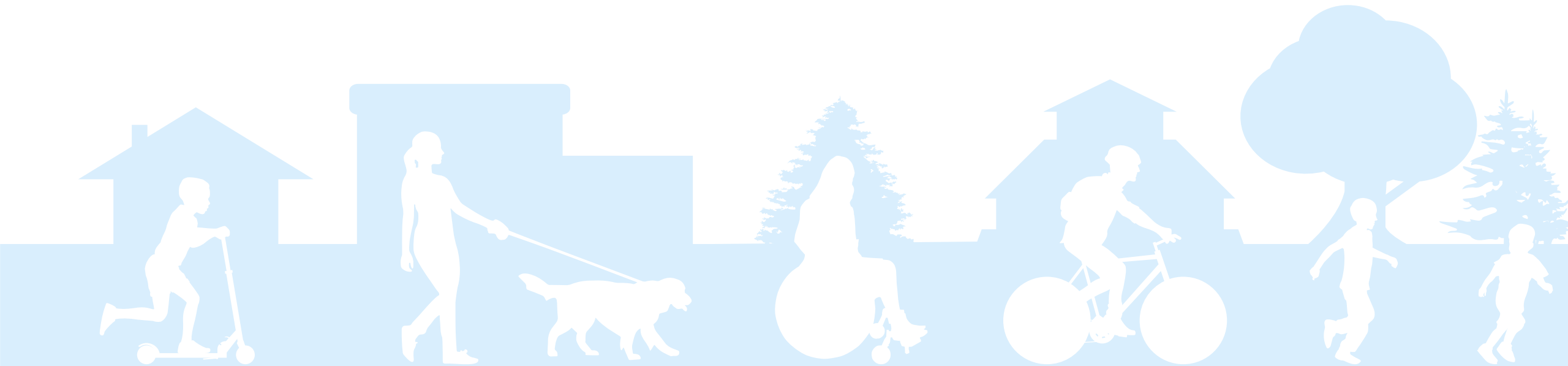
Q10: What would help you to retrofit your home, or do things such as install a heat pump, a heat pump water heater, install solar panels, etc. on your home? (e.g., contractor navigation, city website with information)?



Q11: Would you plant climate fighting trees (e.g., larger and evergreen) on your property? If not, why? Where do you think would be a good place to start with public right-of-way plantings?



Q12: Do you know of other cities that may be a sustainable model for Kirkland to consider emulating? What are they doing?



Q13: Should the city build more electric vehicle public charging stations and/or help make it easier to do this for building owners to build their own?

