

Land Use Bylaw Rewrite

Thorhild County

# What We Heard – Open House #1



December 15, 2021

## Public Open House

To kick off the project, 2 open house sessions were held with the public. On December 1, 2021 the project team met members of the public in-person. The second session was held virtually on December 8, 2021.

The in-person event included 12 information panels highlighting the project information and timelines, highlights of the public survey, and a summary of what we heard from the focus group sessions. Additional information was provided on the existing land use districts, the proposed approach for consolidating districts, and the proposed approach for consolidating land use classes.

The virtual event consisted of a presentation of the panels with comments captured via Google Jamboard with virtual sticky notes.

Approximately 10 people attended the events in total.

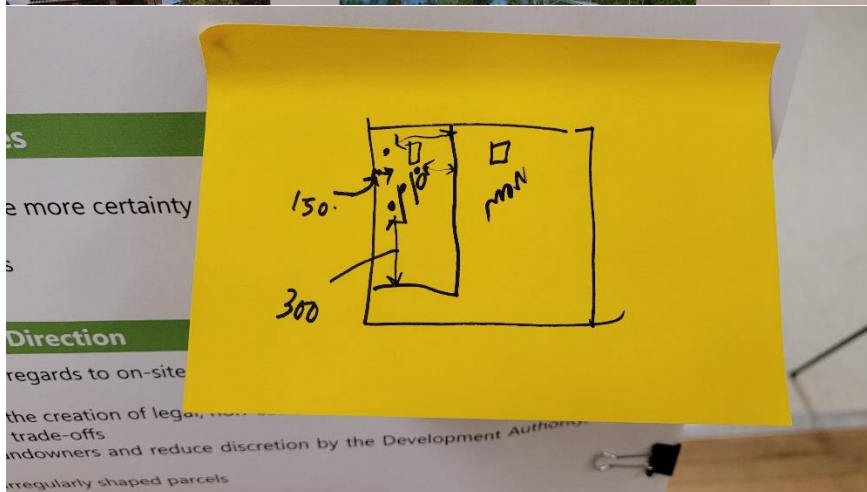
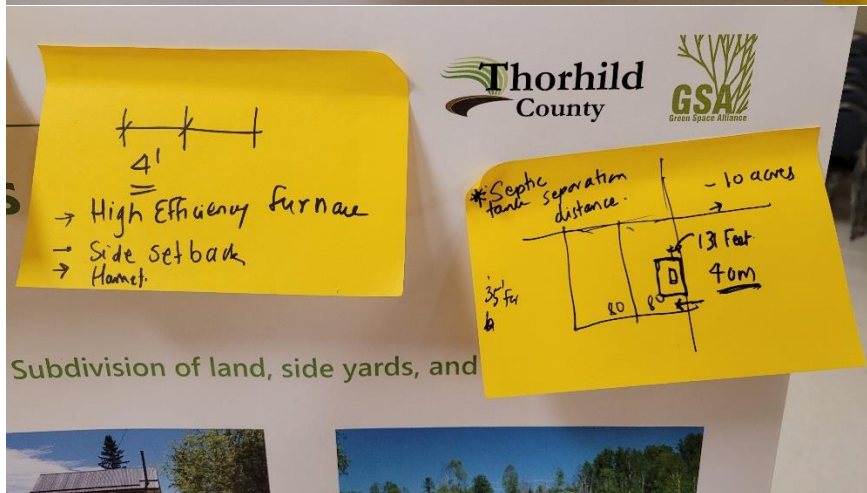
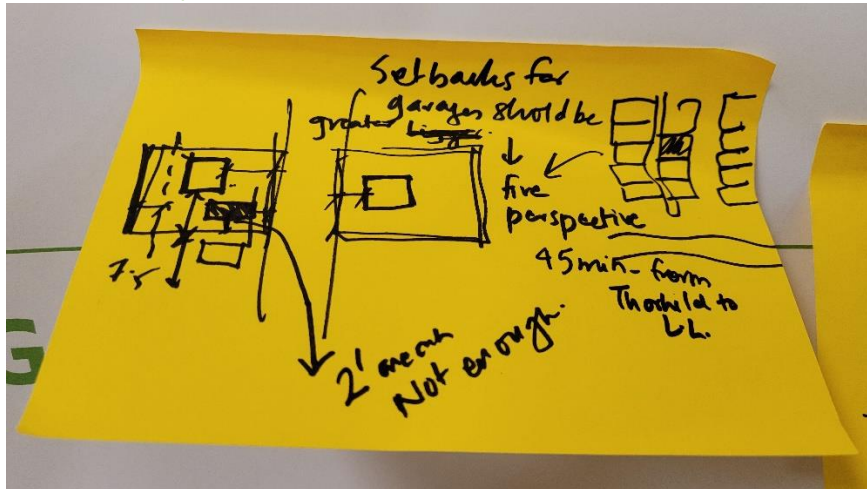
# Feedback

Detailed feedback during the open house events captured in the table below:

Topic	Feedback from the Open House Events (Online and In-Person)
Manufactured Homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comments</li> </ul>
Shipping containers and accessory buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comments</li> </ul>
Campgrounds and RVs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comments</li> </ul>
Gravel pits and gravel extraction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gravel extraction near long lake is a concern. Concerns with damage to the wetlands and natural areas</li> <li>Largest issue is the proximity of the gravel pits to the lake shore</li> <li>Enforcement concerns regarding hours of operation</li> <li>Consider more rigorous environmental studies to be submitted before approving a gravel extraction operation</li> <li>Reclamation not occurring as it should</li> <li>impacts to water aquifers</li> <li>Impacts of Gravel Pits on the Environment</li> <li>Enforcement was poor. Early Saturday - Noise Concerns with reclamation</li> <li>Proximity to gravel pits. buffer distance could be increased?</li> <li>Extensive studies - to understand long-term impact</li> <li>Road use agreement – why cant people use the same road?</li> </ul>
Subdivision of land, side yards, and setbacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setbacks for garages should be greater</li> <li>2 foot separation not enough</li> <li>Fire perspective, 45 minute from Thorhild to Long Lake</li> <li>4 foot separation for side setback in hamlet</li> <li>High efficiency furnace</li> <li>Septic tank separation, sites need more than 10 acres</li> </ul>
Wetlands and undeveloped lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comments</li> </ul>
Economic development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fertilizer plan move to north industrial area</li> <li>Possibly increase their land area x2 and decrease their tax for couple</li> <li>Environmental concerns</li> </ul>
Land use districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct control for environmental issue long lake east side</li> </ul>
Land use classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comments</li> </ul>

# Appendix A: Photo Log of Feedback

Comments on panels



## Control Zones

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Direct Control (DC2)

DIRECT  
CONTROL.  
FOR  
ENVIRONMENT  
ISSUE  
LOWLANDS  
EASTSIDE

FERTILIZER PLANT  
MOVE TO NORTH  
INDUSTRIAL  
AREA. AWAY

POSSIBLY INCREASE  
(THEIR)  
LAND AREA x 2  
+ DECREASE THEIR  
TAX FOR COUPLE

ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONCERNS

is)  
for multi-generational living  
make the County an attractive place to  
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## Gravel Extraction

Gravel extraction near long lake is a concern. Concerns with damage to the wetlands and natural areas

**Enforcement concerns regarding hours of operation**

Reclamation not occurring as it should

**impacts to water aquifers**

**Largest issue is the proximity of the gravel pits to the lake shore**

Consider more rigorous environmental studies to be submitted before approving a gravel extraction operation