

IDP Project Update

GPC – February 17, 2026





Objectives

1 What is an IDP

- Understanding of what an IDP is and our legal requirements under the MGA

2 Components of an IDP

- Understand the pieces that make up an IDP and how they function

3 Work Completed to Date

- What have we done so far

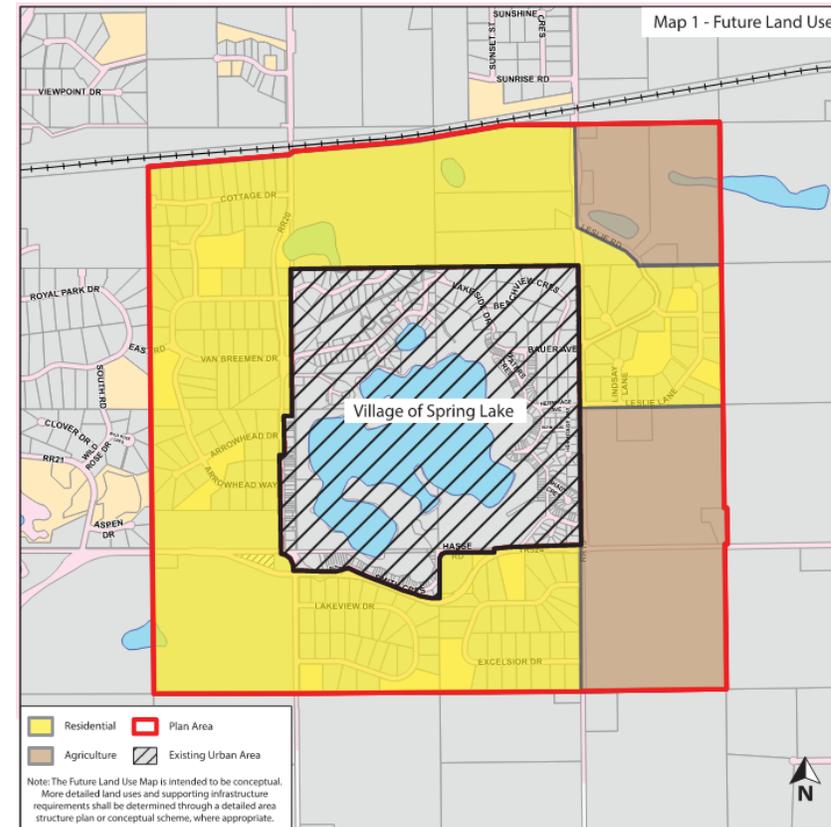
4 Our Strategy Going Forward

- Scheduling and Project Approach

What is an IDP

1 Statutory Plan

- Between two or more Municipalities
- Plan for how we work together to:
 - Attract and coordinate economic opportunities
 - Managing land use, subdivision and development in the IDP area
 - Coordinate future development and reduce the possibility of future land use conflicts



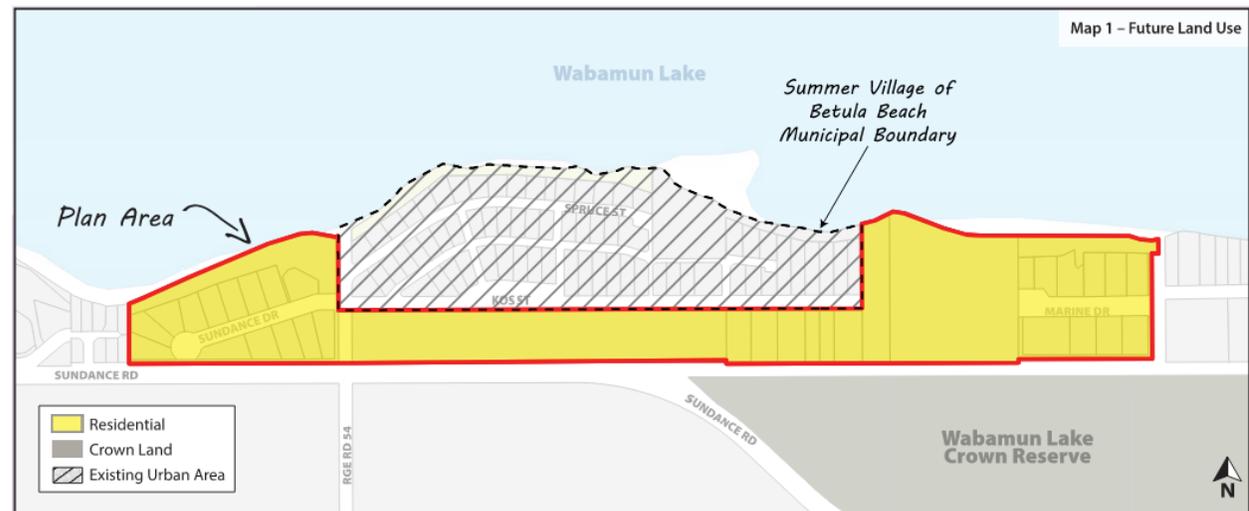
Village of Spring Lake IDP



What is an IDP

2 Legislative Requirements (s. 631)

- MGA: municipalities with shared borders must adopt an IDP
- Municipalities can jointly agree not to have one - can be revoked at any time
- Must address
 - Future land uses
 - Provisions of transportation
 - Intermunicipal programs
 - Environmental matters
 - Conflict resolution
 - Amendments and repeal
 - Administration of the plan
- Review every 5 years

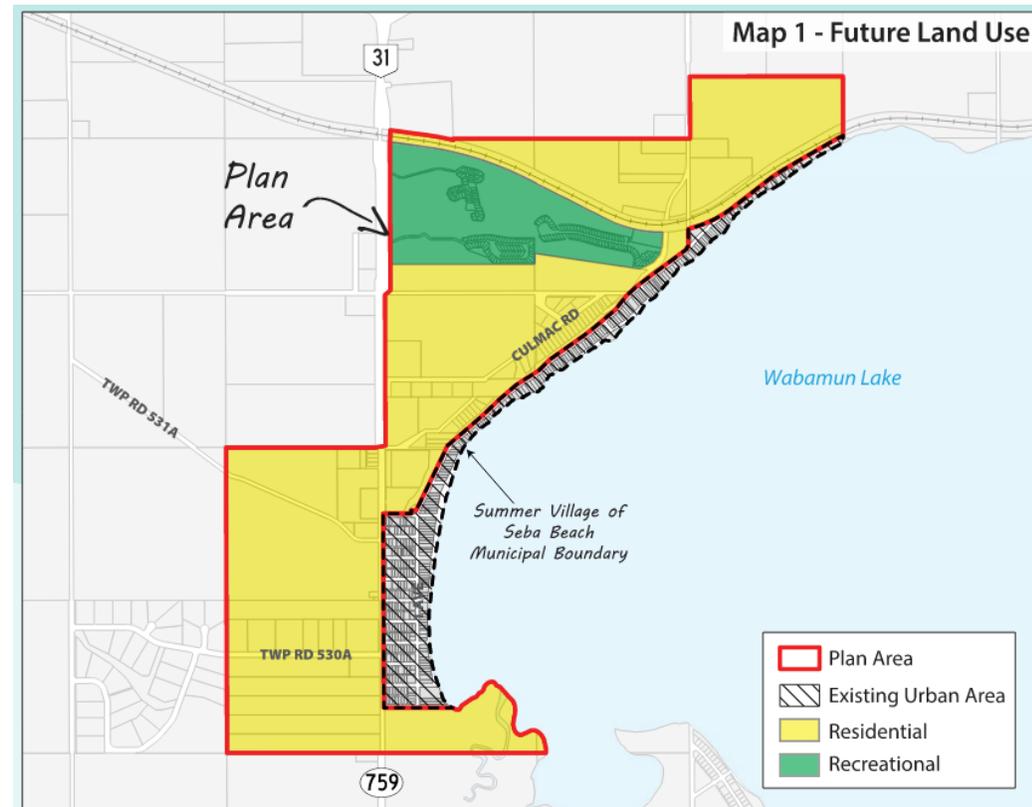


Summer Village of Betula Beach IDP

Components of an IDP

1 IDP Boundary and Future Land Use Concept

- Identify and determine and IDP boundary
 - 800 metre (one quarter section), can also be larger
- Does not force residents to change how they use land, guides future growth
- Development outside of the boundary is not subject to the IDP policies



Summer Village of Seba Beach IDP

Components of an IDP

2 Land Use Policies

- Referral process for applications
- Specific land use policies
 - Agricultural
 - Residential
 - Confined Feeding Operations
 - Resource Extraction
 - Urban Growth
 - Historical Resources
 - Forestry
 - Crown Lands
 - Recreation



Yellowhead County IDP Boundary – Hamlet Service Area

Components of an IDP

3 Transportation and Infrastructure Policies

- Network referrals
- Alberta Transportation
- Cost sharing
- Maintenance
- Haul Routes
- Rail Lines and infrastructure
- Servicing and Utilities

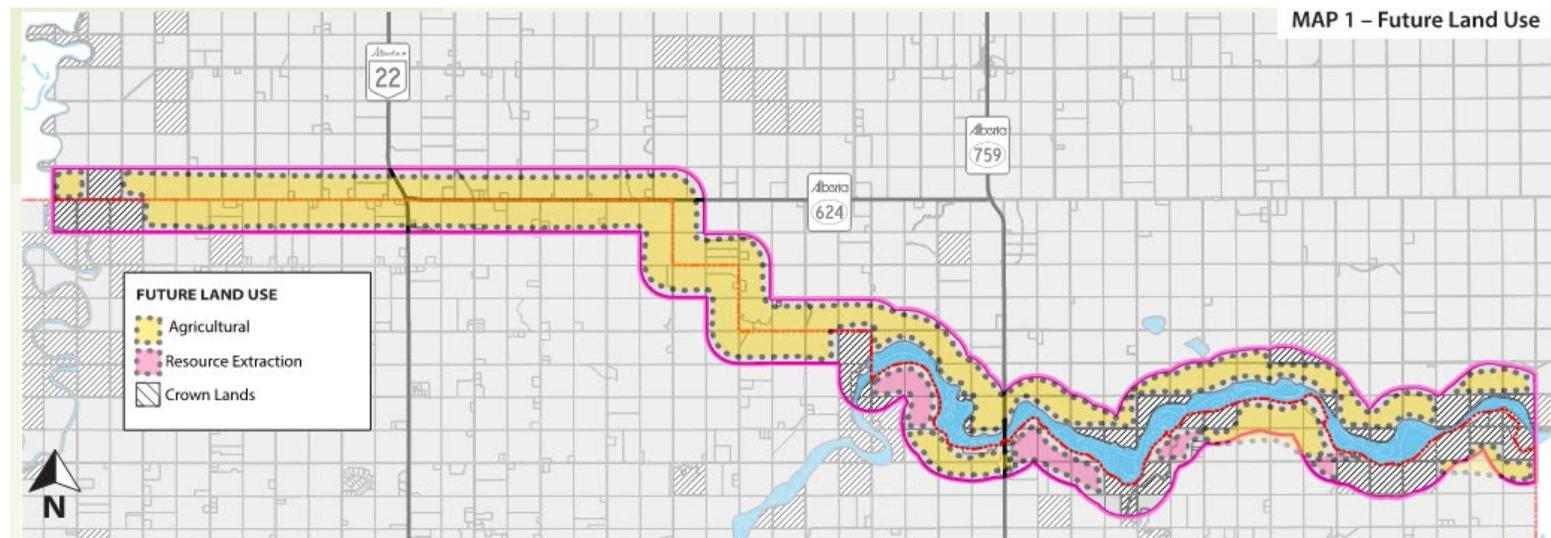


Yellowhead County IDP Boundary – Hamlet Service Area

Components of an IDP

4 Environmental Policies

- Environmental Reserve
- Connectivity
- Watershed management
- Setbacks
- Development on slopes



Brazeau County IDP Boundary



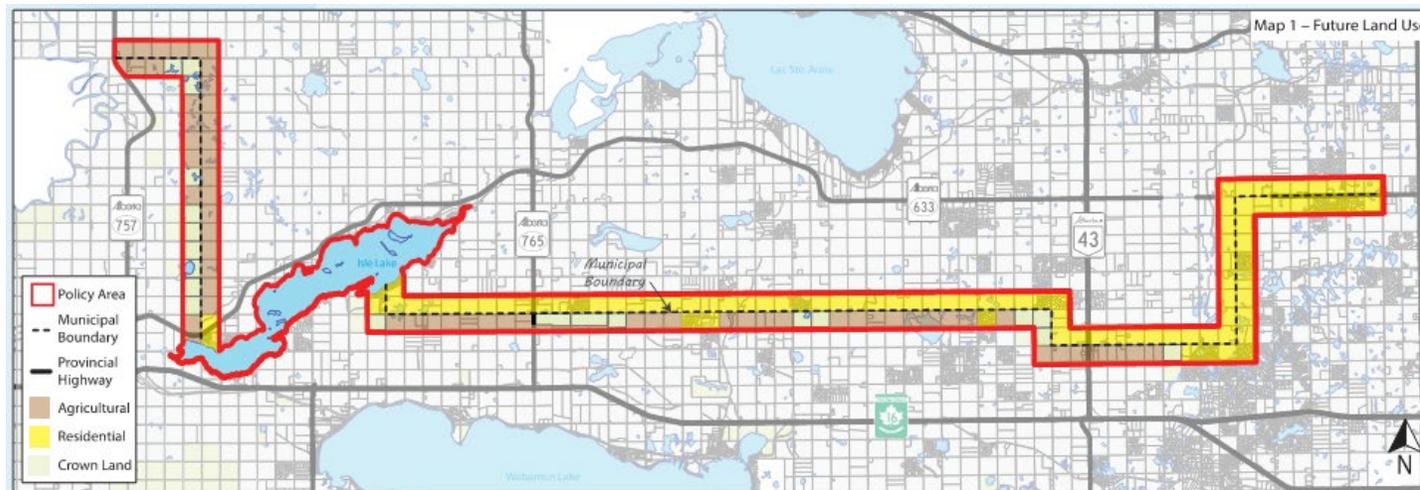
Components of an IDP

5 Intermunicipal Programs

- Tourism and Recreation
- Community Programs and Economic Development / Diversification

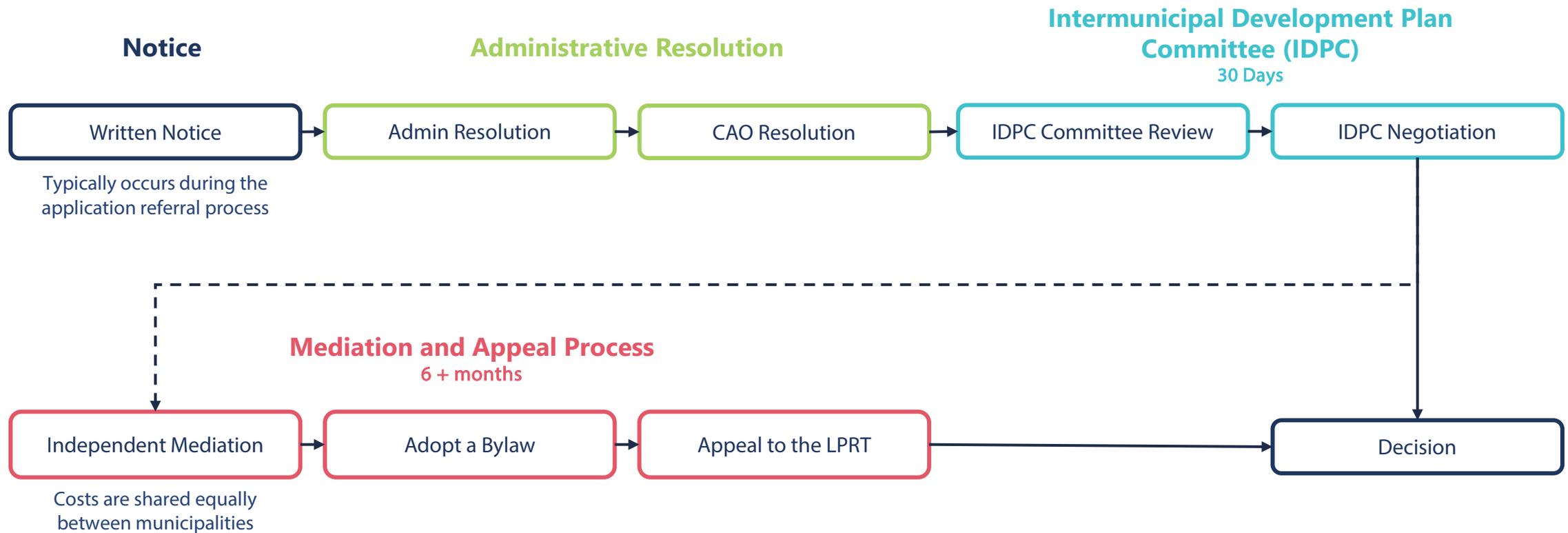
6 Implementation and Administration

- Adoption
- Plan Review and Amendments
- Dispute Resolution





Dispute Resolution





Working with an ICF

1 How they work together

- Service delivery and land use are closely tied together
- Avoid redundancy
- Collaboration and dispute resolution

2 How they are different

- ICF
 - Servicing Agreements
 - Not tied to a boundary
- IDP
 - Future Land Use Vision
 - Specific geographic boundary



Work Completed

1 IDP-MDP Policy Analysis

- Analyze the alignment between the new MDP to the existing policies in the IDPs.
- 74% - 87% Align to Partially Align

2 Policy Analysis

- Analyze each individual policy based on clarity, implementation, relevance, collaboration, equity, and impact
- 81% - 97% High



Project Approach

1 Existing IDPs

- Lac Ste. Anne County
- Brazeau County
- Yellowhead County
- Village of Spring Lake
- S.V. Betula Beach
- S.V. of Seba Beach
- S.V. of Point Alison

2 New IDPs

- **Mandated Deadline by Ministerial Order, November 2027**
- Sturgeon County
- City of Spruce Grove
- Town of Stony Plain
- Town of Devon
- City of Edmonton

3 No IDPs

- Passed by exemption in 2018-19
- S.V. of Kapasiwin
- S.V. of Lakeview
- Leduc County



Strategy

1 High Priority

- Mandated Deadline
- Complexity of Land Uses
- City of Spruce Grove
- Town of Stony Plain
- City of Edmonton

2 Medium Priority

- Mandated Deadline
- Rural Counties
 - Sturgeon County

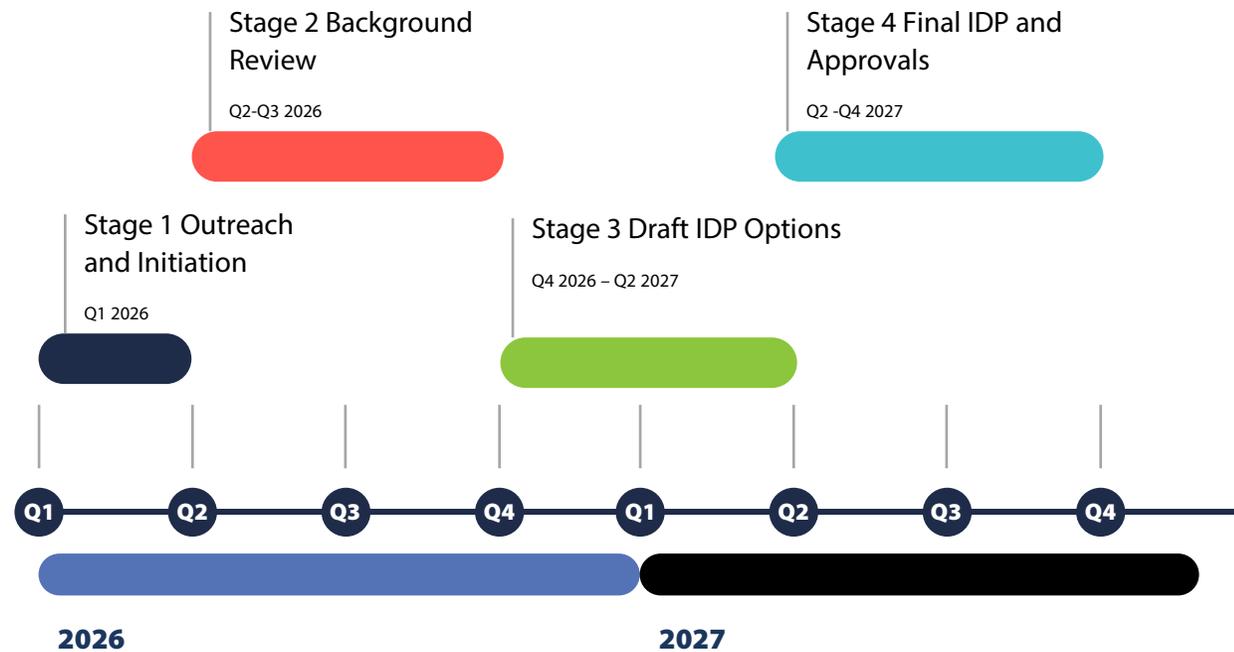
3 Lower Priority

- Existing IDPs in Place
 - Summer Villages
 - Rural Counties



Schedule – High Priority

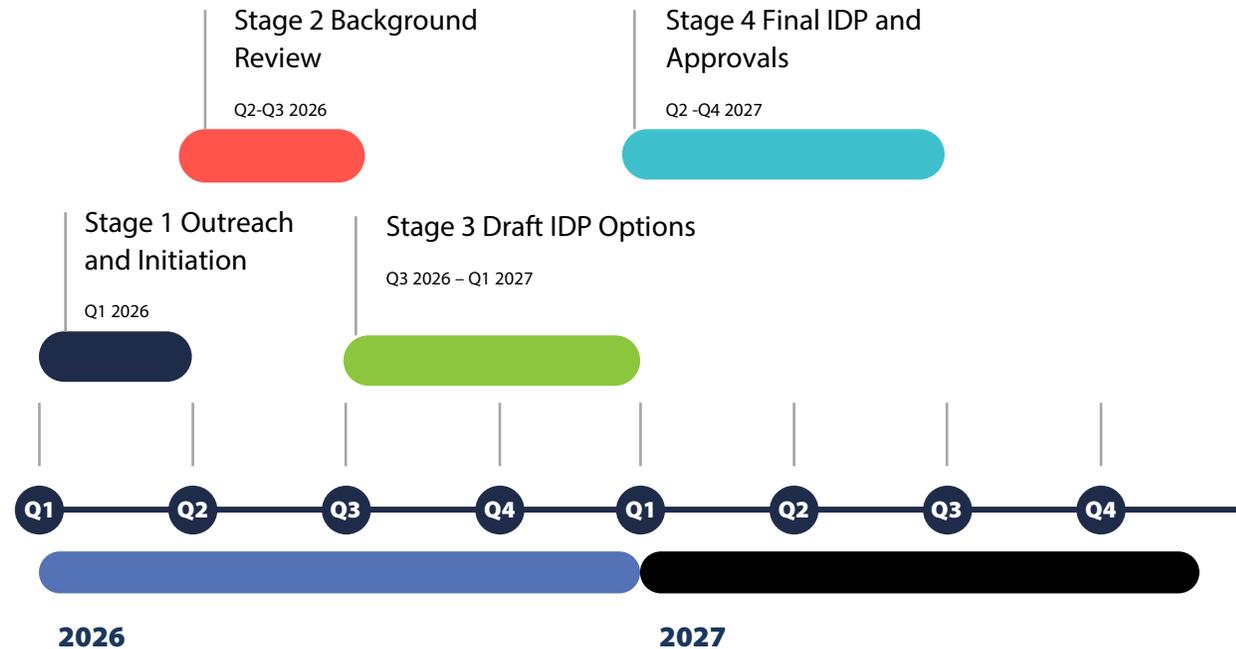
Mandated Deadline, Complex Land Uses





Schedule – Medium Priority

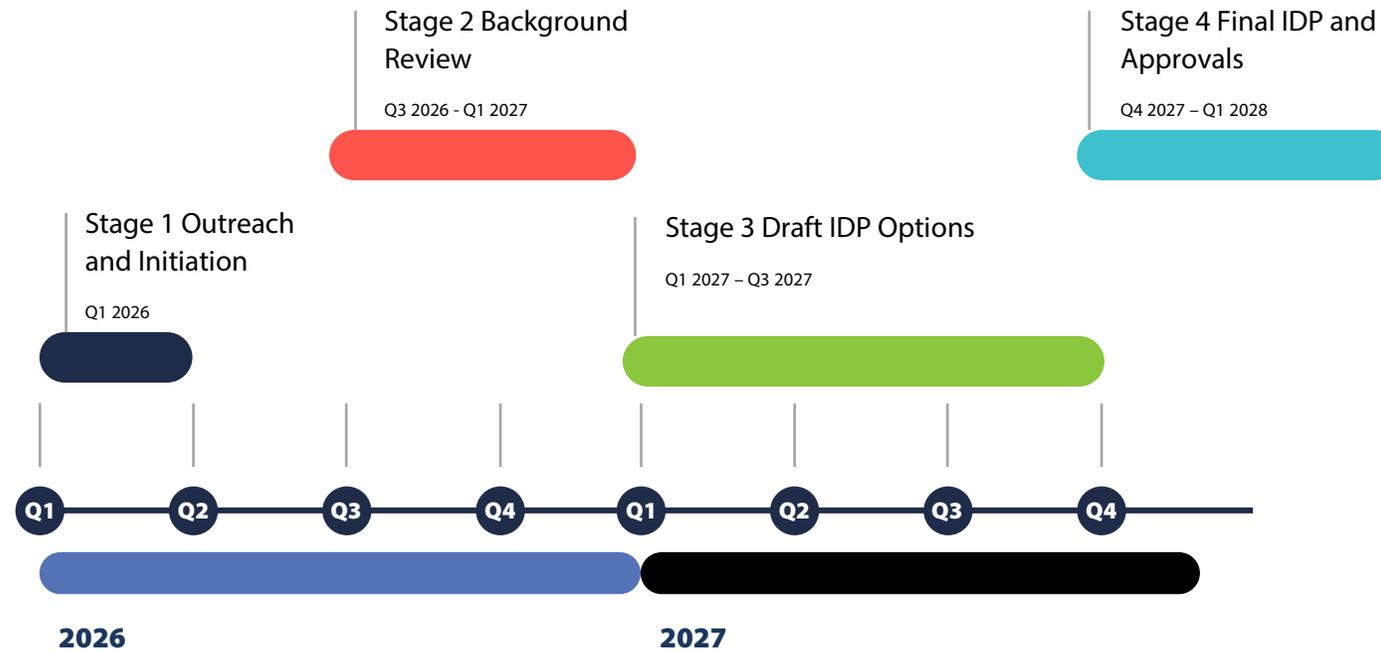
Mandated Deadline, Less Complex Land Uses





Schedule – Low Priority

Existing IDPs in Place





Council Question

- 1 What information do you need on this project?**
 - What can the project team do to help your understanding of the project, what we are required to do, etc.