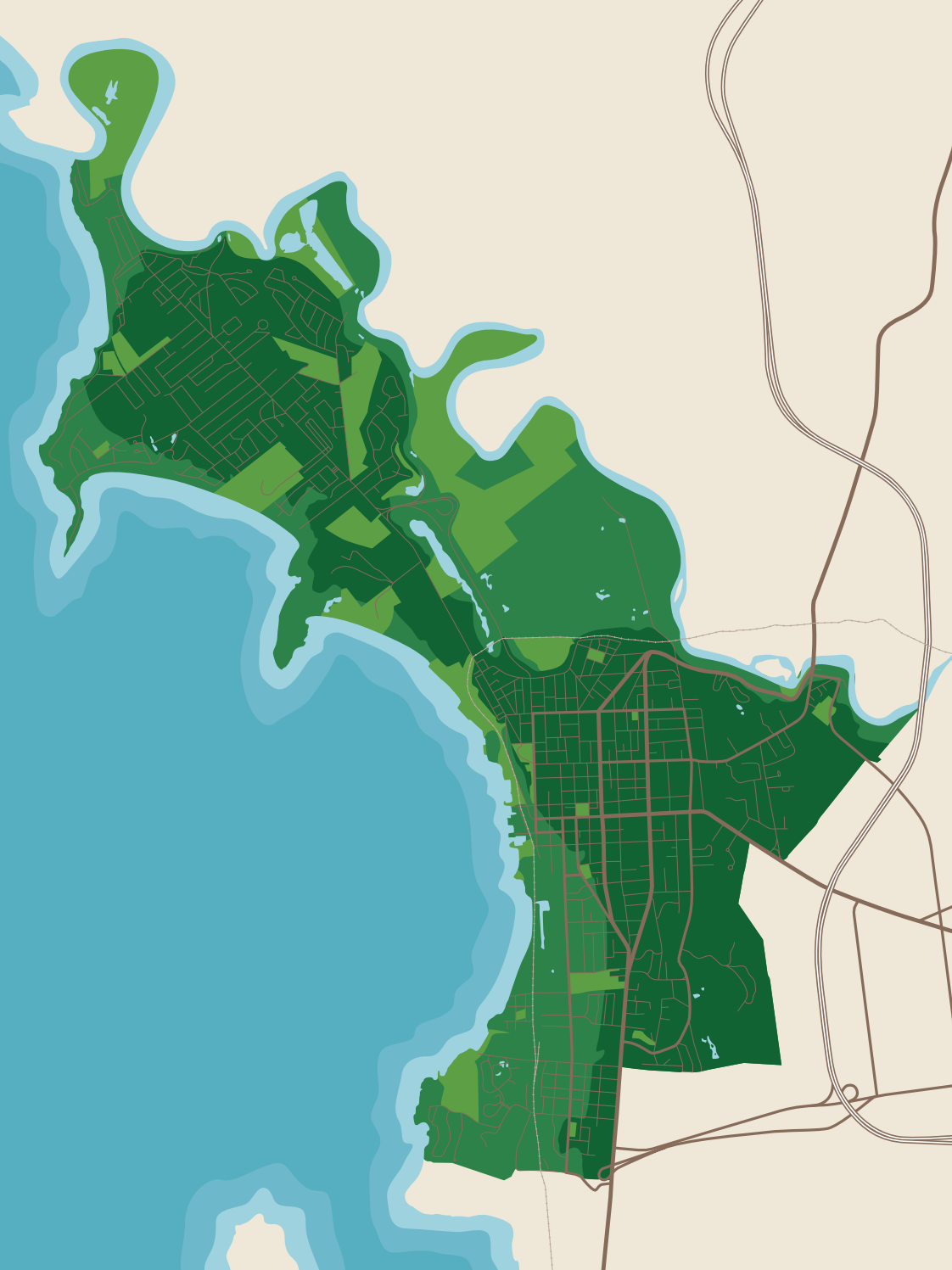
THE BURLINGTON VERMONT

PARKS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN



Why Create a Parks Master Plan?

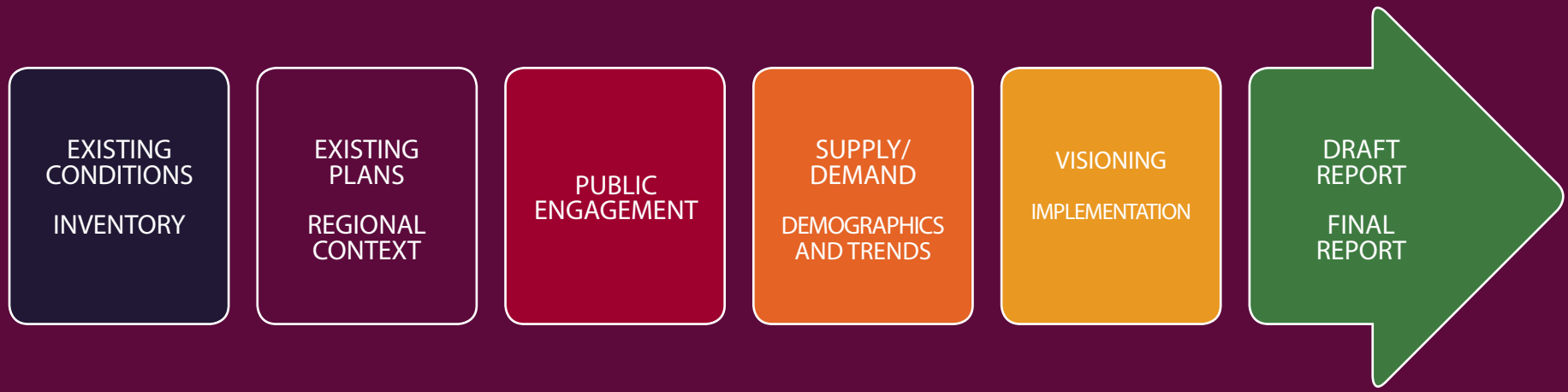
WHY A MASTER PLAN?

Scope

Purpose & Goals

Integrate with City Plans & Processes

Process for the Plan



Why Parks Matter

ECOLOGY

MOUNTAINS

LAKE + RIVER

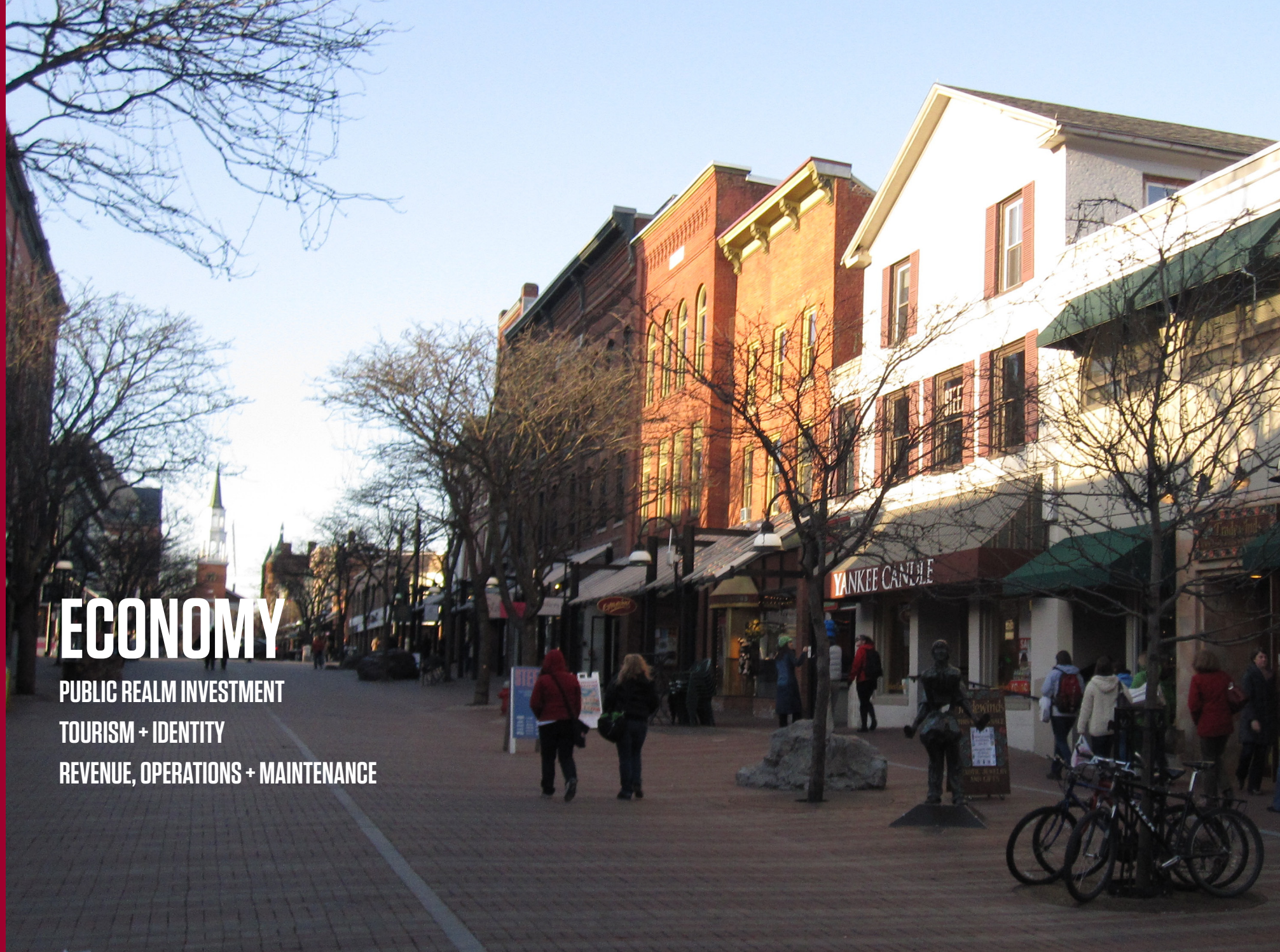
FOREST

CULTURE

THE CULTURAL CAPITAL

CITY HISTORY

ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT



ECONOMY

PUBLIC REALM INVESTMENT

TOURISM + IDENTITY

REVENUE, OPERATIONS + MAINTENANCE

COMMUNITY

DIVERSE POPULATION

"THE CITY'S SOCIAL SCENE"

DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

Inventory + Analysis

INVENTORY
PARKS + OPEN SPACE

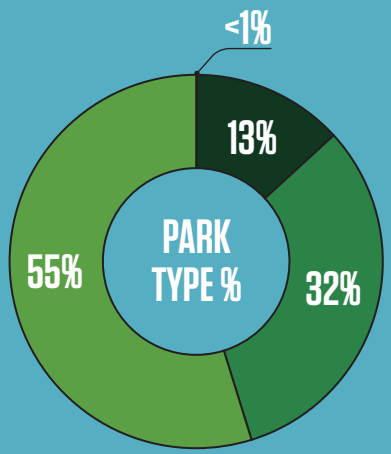
Burlington's Parks and Open Space

- Approximately 518 Acres of City Parks & Cemeteries
- 12 Acres per 1,ooo Residents
- Parks are concentrated along the Lakefront and Winooski River Valley

INVENTORY
PARK TYPES

NRPA Parks Classifications

- Mini Parks (<1 Acre)
- Neighborhood Parks (1-10 Acres)
- Community Parks (10-50 Acres)
- Regional Parks (>50 Acres)
- Special Use Parks (Varies)



MINI PARKS

(<1 ACRE)

CHAMPLAIN PARK
POTVIN PARK
DEWEY PARK
LITTLE PARK
MYRTLE STREET AVANT GARDEN

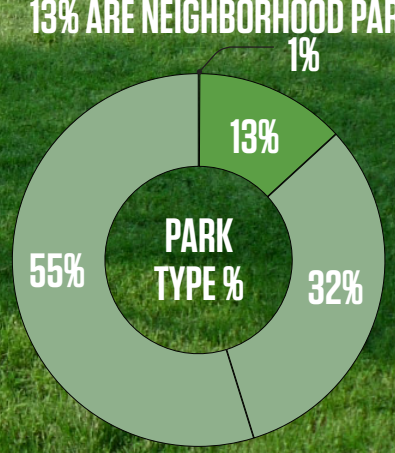
<1% OF PARKS ARE MINI-PARKS

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

(1-10 ACRES)

APPLETREE PARK
BAIRD PARK
CITY HALL PARK
CRESCENT WOODS
LAKESIDE PARK
NORTHSHORE NATURAL AREA/CITY BEACH
POMEROY PARK
PERKINS PIER
ROOSEVELT PARK
ROUNDHOUSE PARK
SCHIFFILITI PARK
SCHMANSKA PARK
SMALLEY PARK
WATERFRONT DOG PARK AT URBAN RESERVE
GREENMOUNT CEMETERY
ELMWOOD CEMETERY

13% ARE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

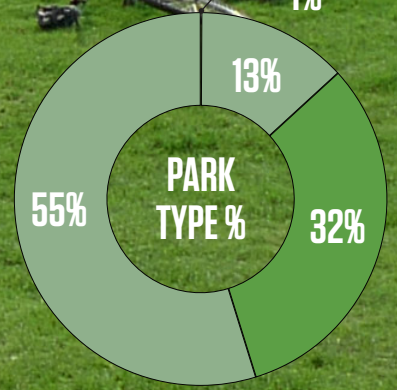


COMMUNITY PARKS

(10-50 ACRES)

ARMS PARK
ARTHUR PARK
BATTERY PARK
CALAHAN PARK
MOUNT CALVARY RED MAPLE WETLAND
STARR FARM PARK
WATERFRONT PARK AND PROMENADE
LAKEVIEW CEMETERY

NEARLY A THIRD ARE COMMUNITY PARKS



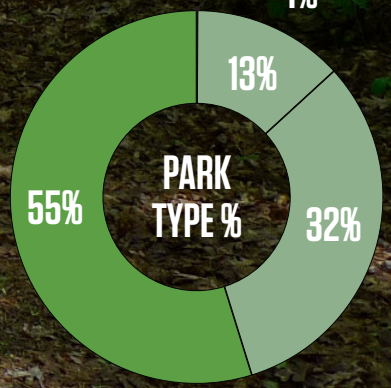
REGIONAL PARKS

(>50 ACRES)

ETHAN ALLEN PARK
LEDDY PARK
MCKENZIE PARK
NORTH BEACH*
OAKLEDGE PARK (BLANCHARD BEACH)*

*SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 50 ACRES

OVER HALF ARE REGIONAL PARKS



SPECIAL USE

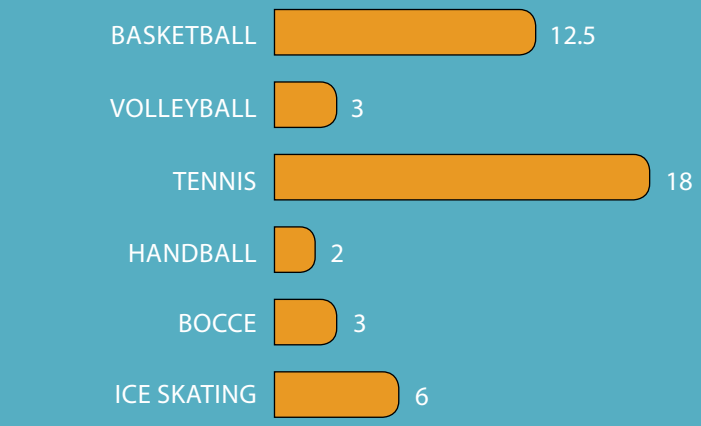
(VARIES)

FISHING PIER (1.43 ACRES)

INVENTORY
PARK AMENITIES

FIELDS

COURTS



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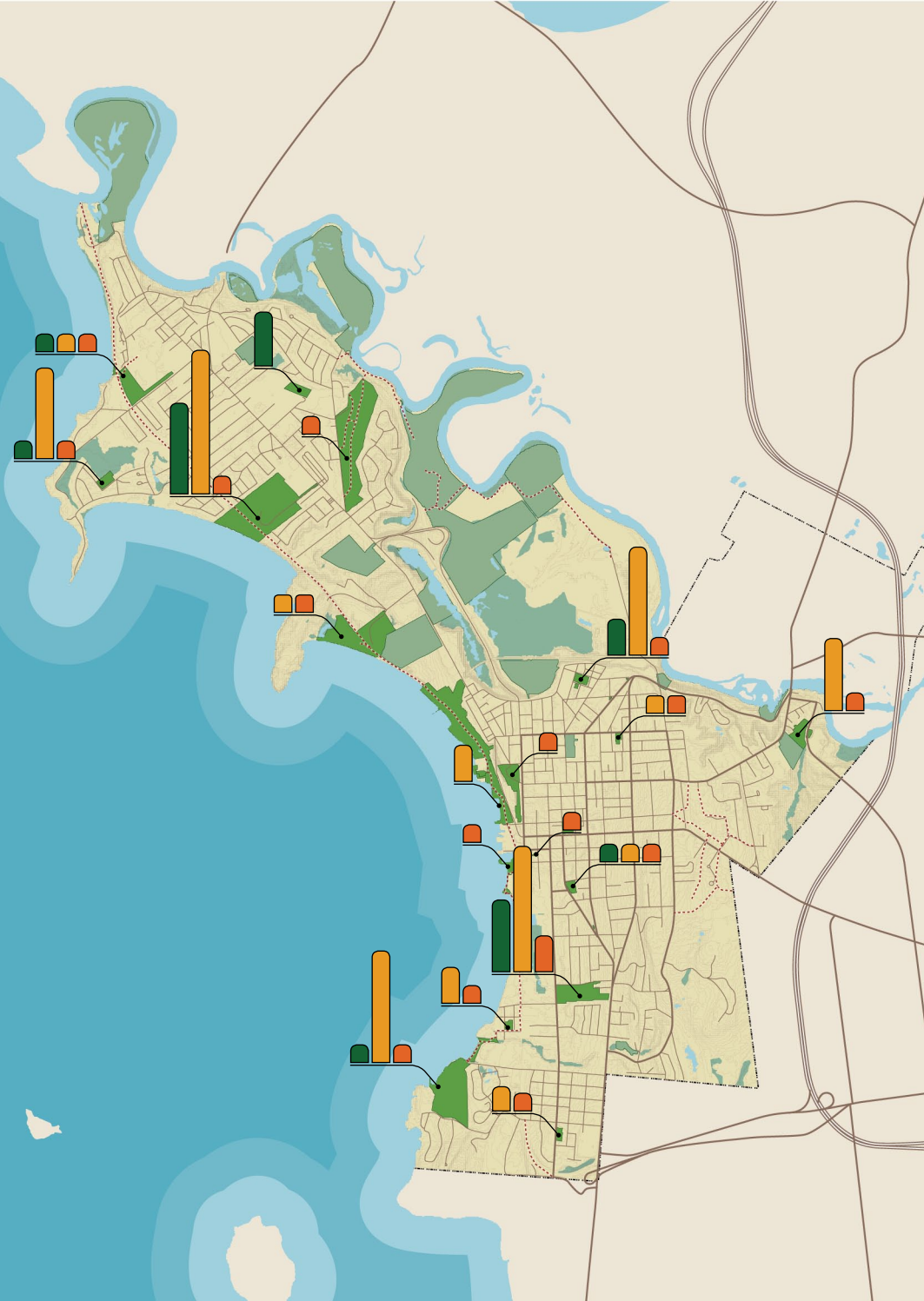
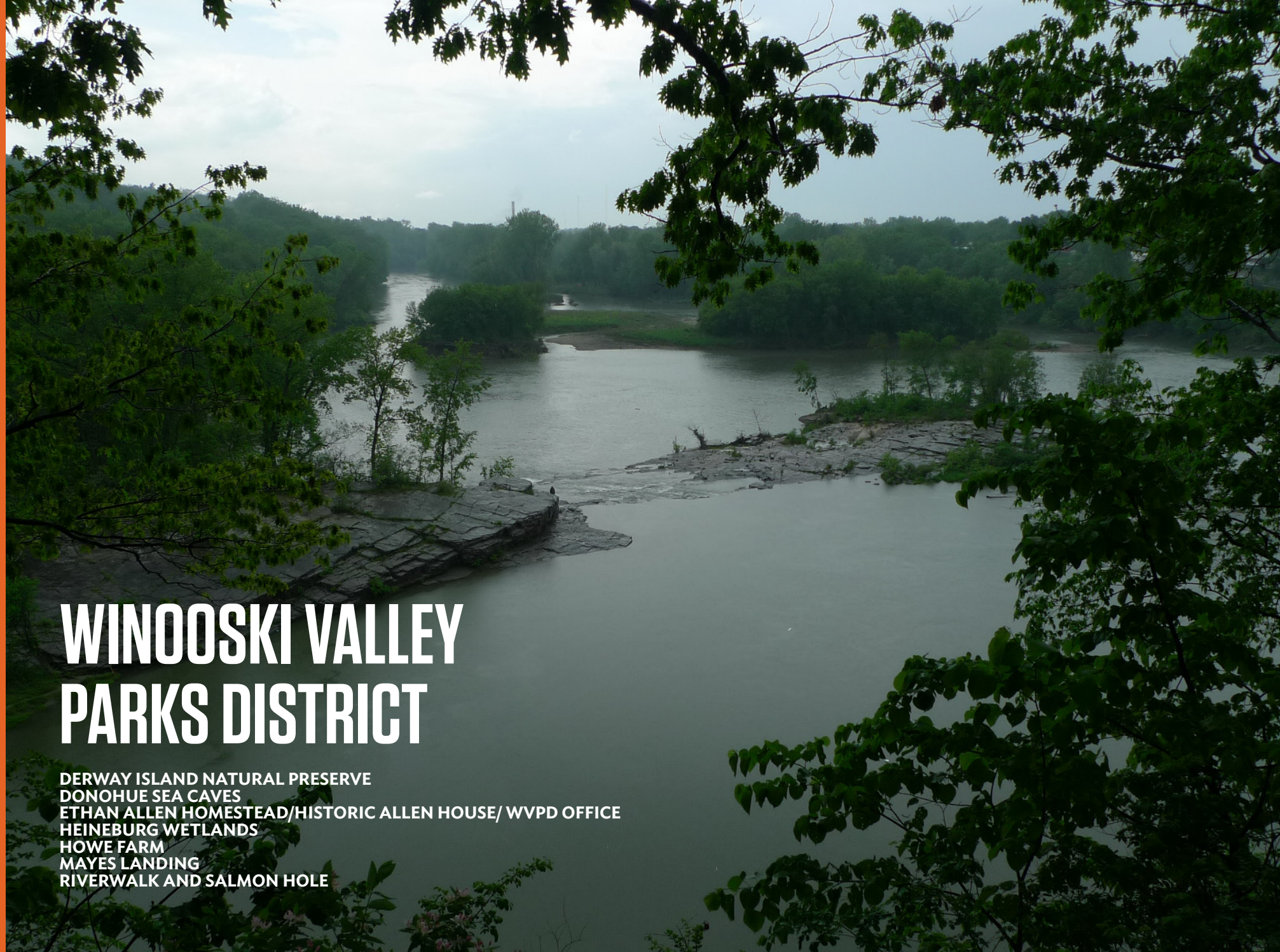


INVENTORY
OTHER OPEN SPACE

Burlington's Open Spaces

- Cemeteries ~ 59 Acres
- Urban Wilds ~ 201 Acres
- WVPD ~ 450 Acres
- Other ~ 780 Acres

- WINOOSKI VALLEY PARKS DISTRICT
- URBAN WILDS
- CEMETERIES
- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- OTHER



WINOOSKI VALLEY PARKS DISTRICT

DERWAY ISLAND NATURAL PRESERVE
DONOHUE SEA CAVES
ETHAN ALLEN HOMESTEAD/HISTORIC ALLEN HOUSE/ WVPD OFFICE
HEINEBURG WETLANDS
HOWE FARM
MAYES LANDING
RIVERWALK AND SALMON HOLE

URBAN WILDS

MOUNT CALVARY RED MAPLE WETLAND
ETHAN ALLEN PARK
MCKENZIE PARK
ARMS PARK
ARTHUR PARK
CRESCENT WOODS

CEMETERIES

LAKEVIEW CEMETERY
GREENMOUNT CEMETERY
ELMWOOD CEMETERY

COMMUNITY GARDENS

STARR FARM COMMUNITY GARDEN
WVPD COMMUNITY GARDEN + DISCOVERY GARDEN*
ROCK POINT COMMUNITY GARDEN*
LAKE VIEW COMMUNITY GARDEN*
AVANT GARDEN
RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN*
ARCHIBALD NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN*
THOMMY THOMPSON COMMUNITY GARDEN*
MEDICAL CENTER GARDEN*
CALAHAN COMMUNITY GARDEN
CHAMPLAIN COMMUNITY GARDEN*
BAIRD COMMUNITY GARDEN
WHEELOCK COMMUNITY GARDEN*

*LEASED COMMUNITY GARDENS

OTHER OPEN SPACES

RED ROCKS PARK
THE INTERVALE
THE LANDFILL

INVENTORY
RECREATION

YEAR ROUND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

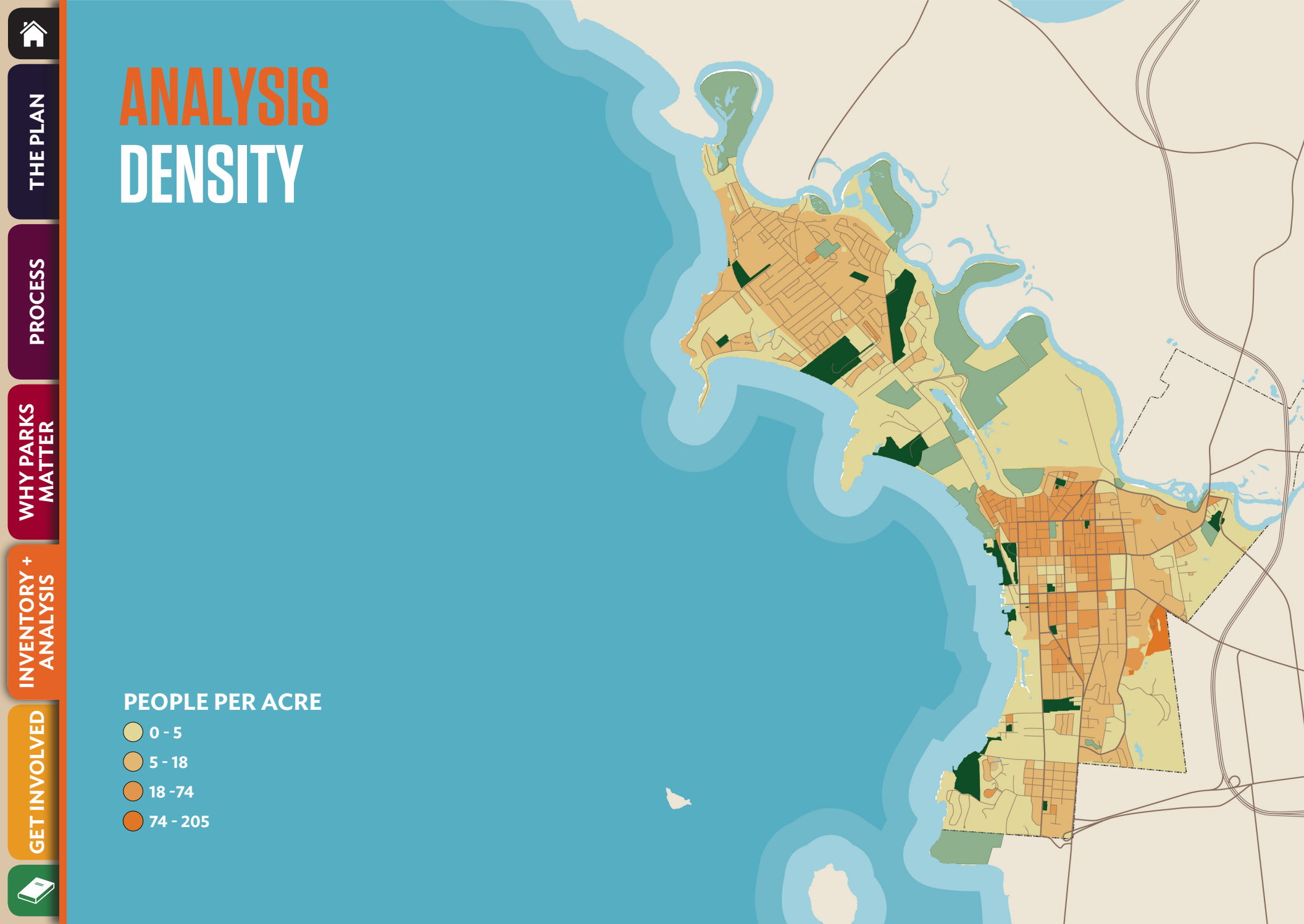
SEASONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND SHELTERS

ANALYSIS
CONNECTIVITY

Moving around Burlington

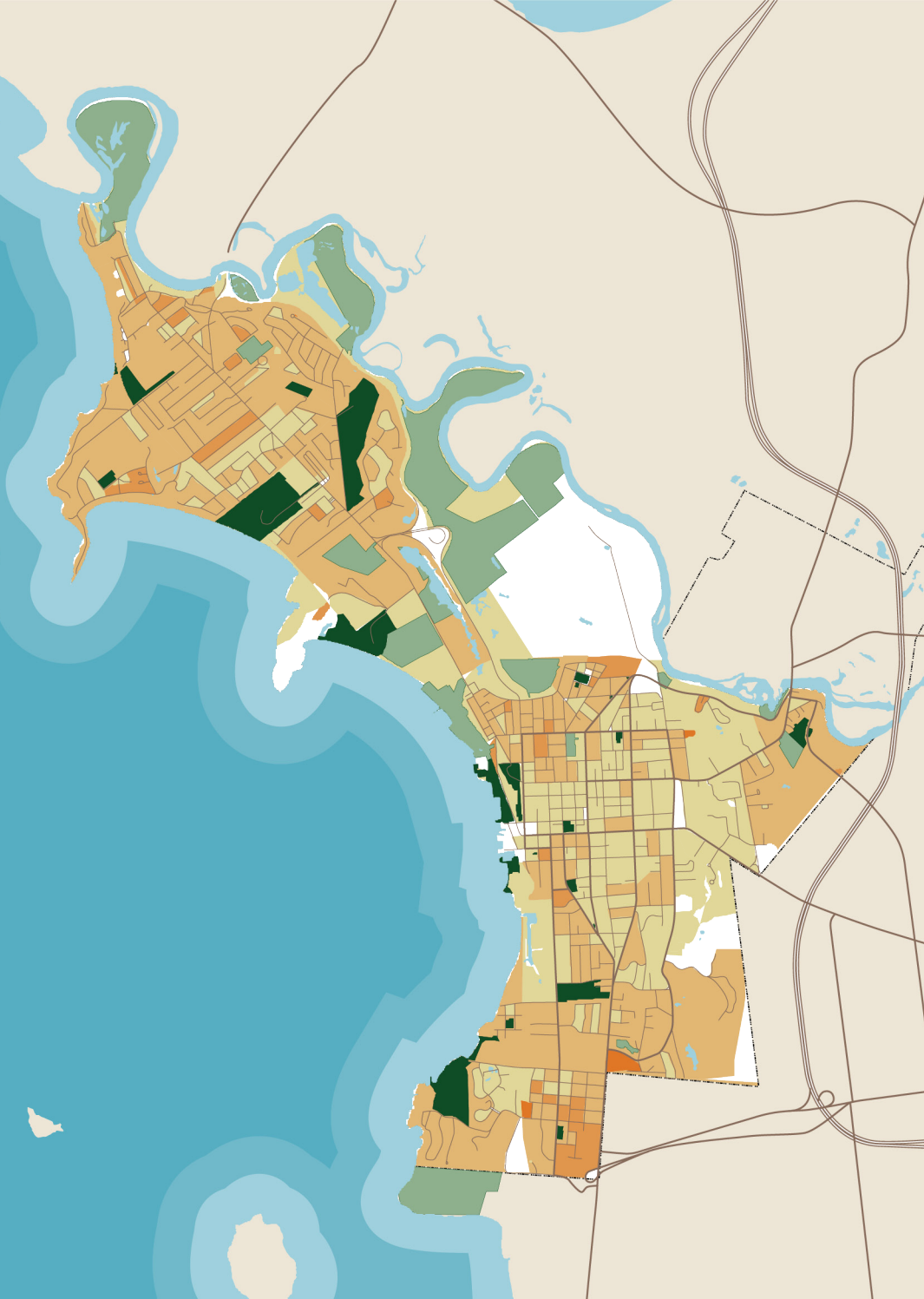
- Excellent connectivity along the waterfront bike path
- 48 miles of trails (34 public)
- Most of the city has access to a park within a 10 minute walk (limited access in wards 1+6)
- North vs. South: Downtown is viewed as a barrier to movement

ANALYSIS
DENSITY



ANALYSIS

YOUTH <5 YR



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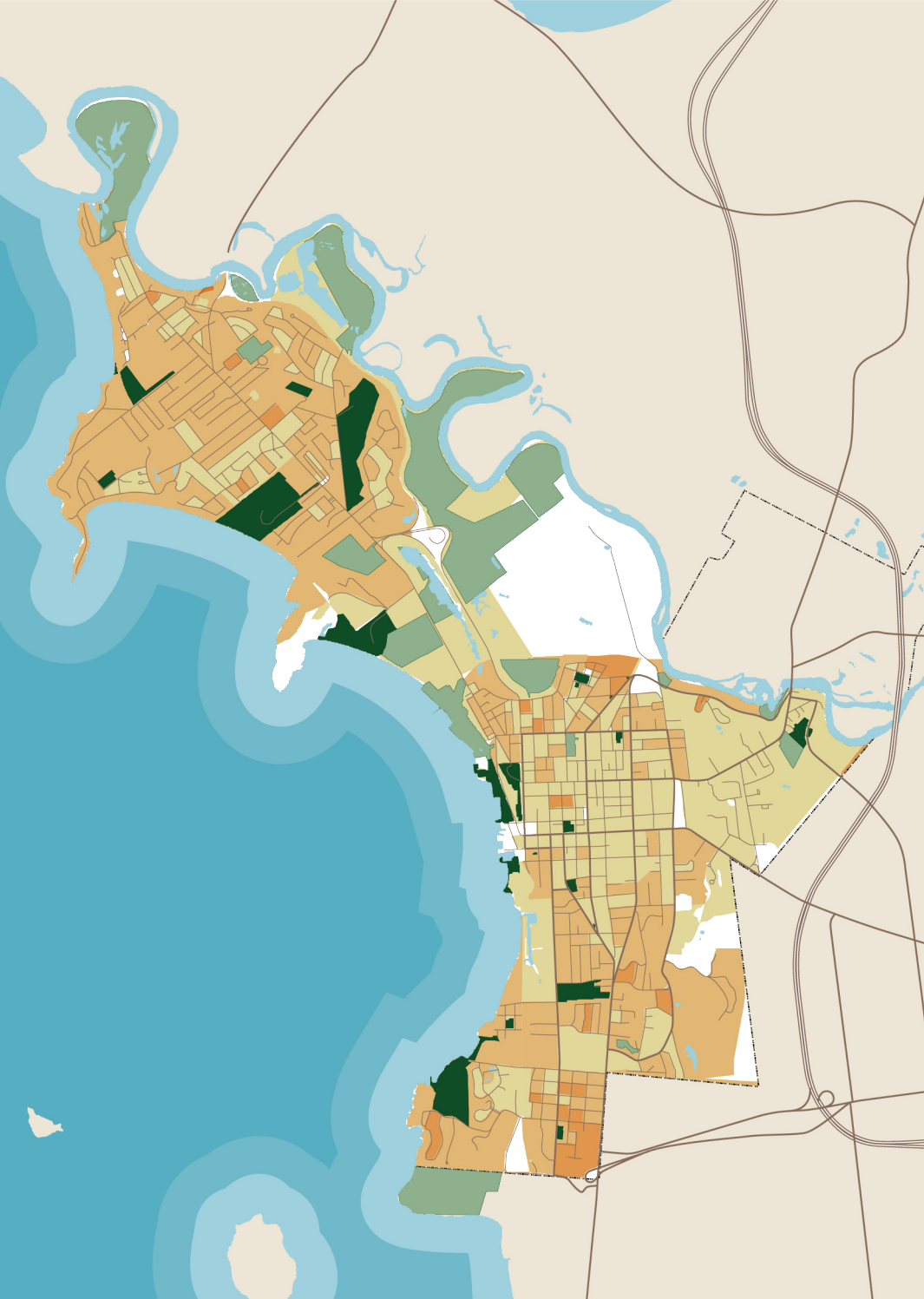
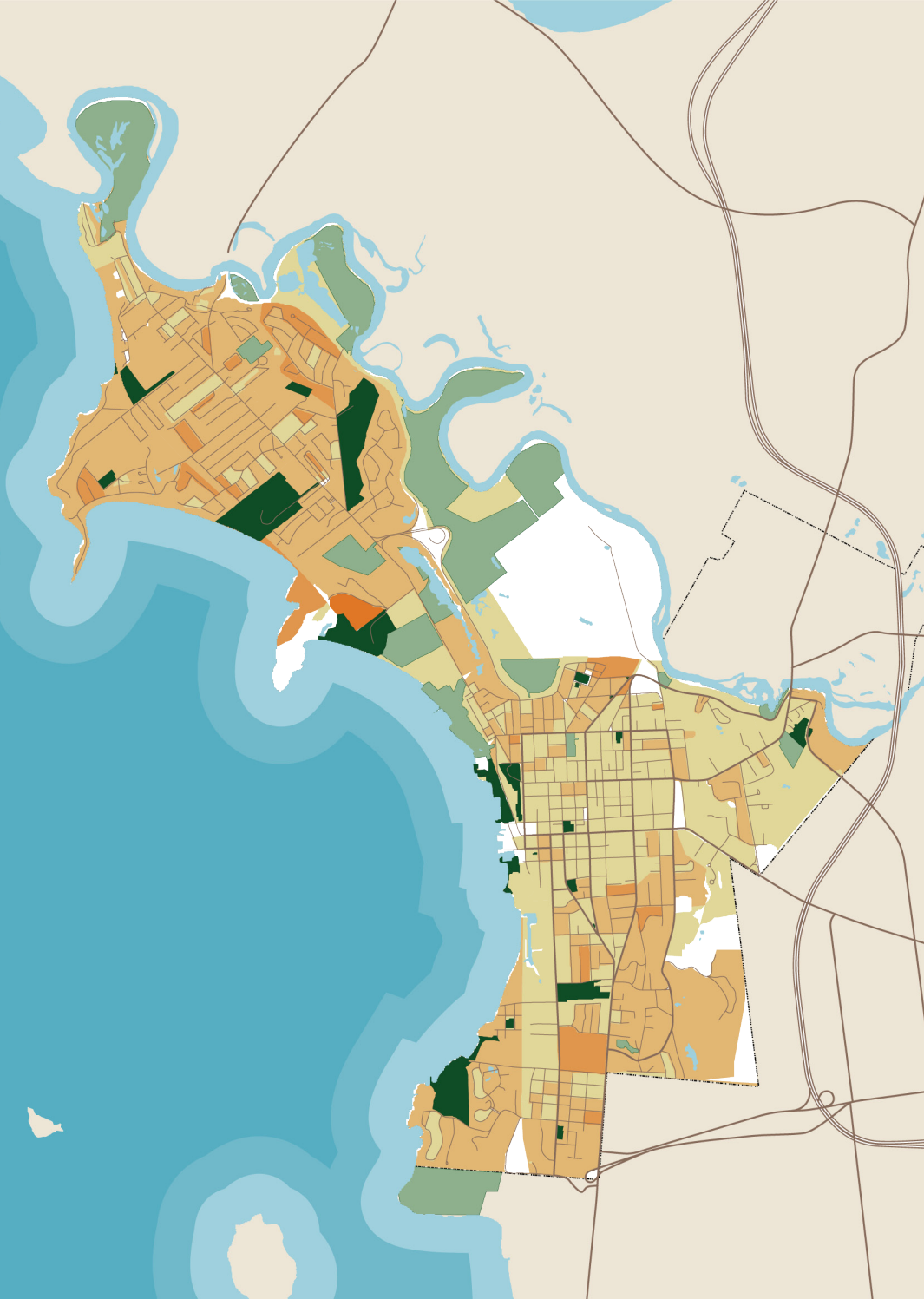
YOUTH 5-9 YR



ANALYSIS

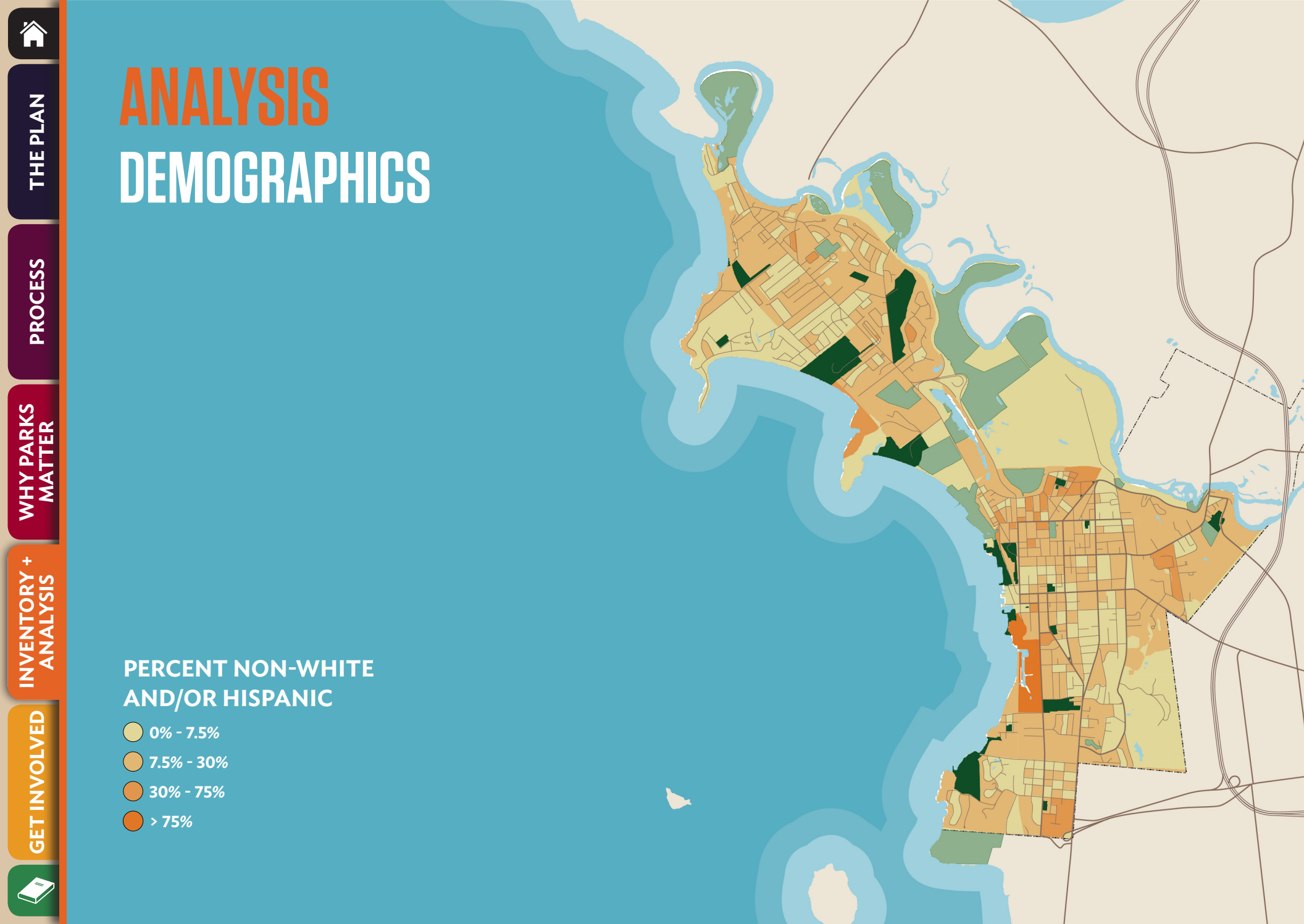
YOUTH 10-18 YR



PERCENT OF TOTAL POP.

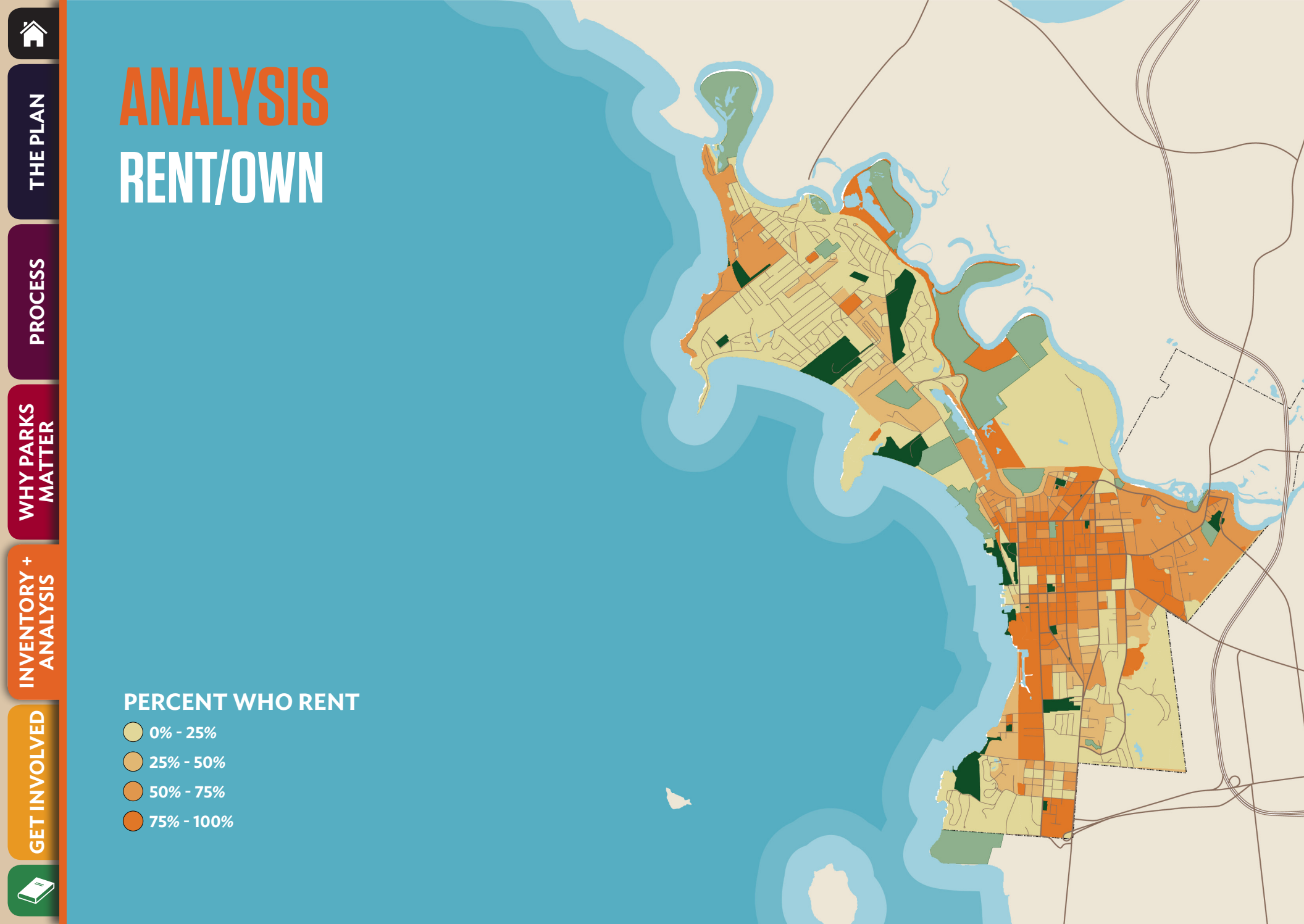
- 0% - 5%
- 5% - 15%
- 15% - 30%
- > 30%

ANALYSIS
DEMOGRAPHICS



ANALYSIS

RENT/OWN



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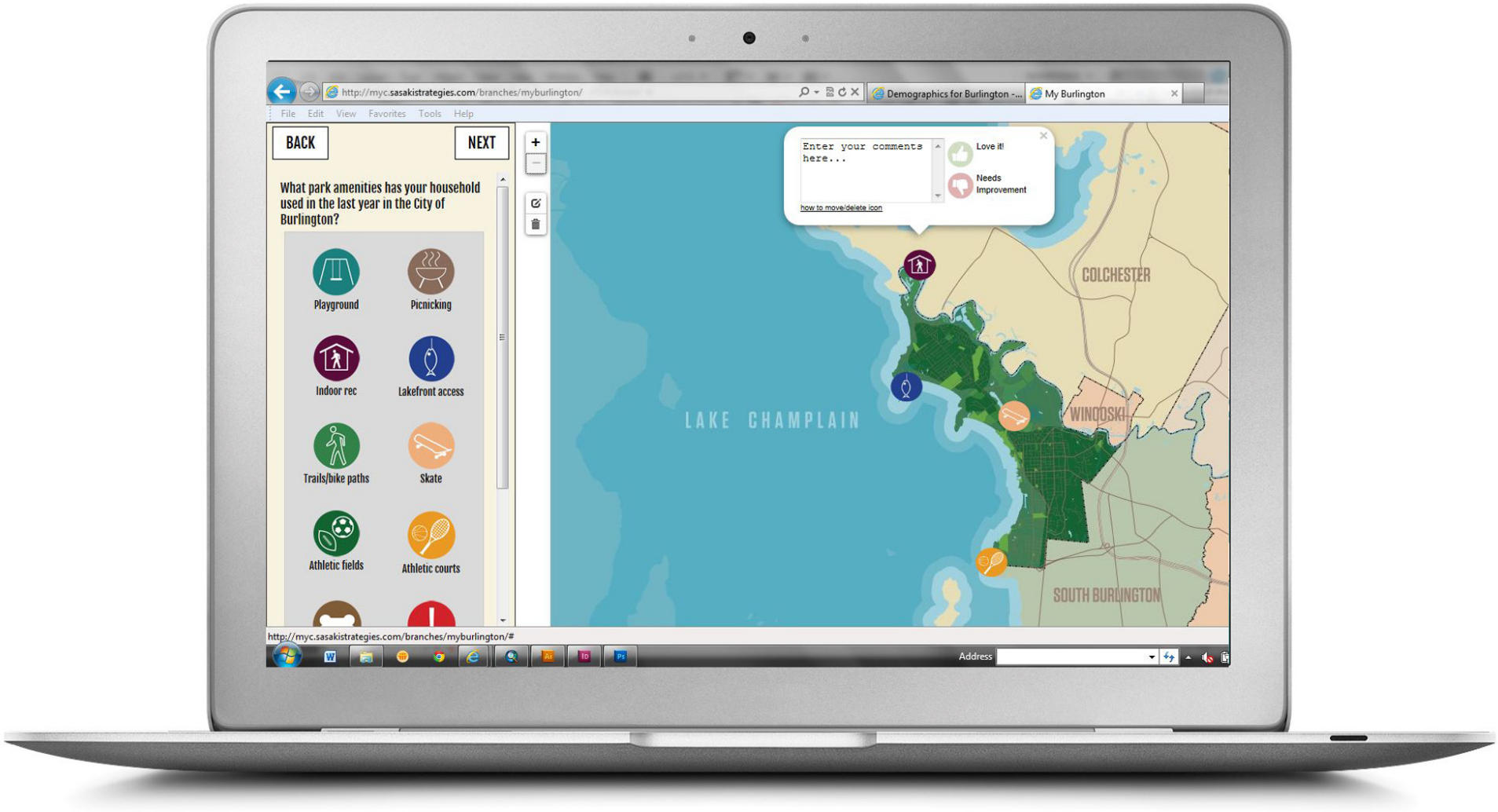
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