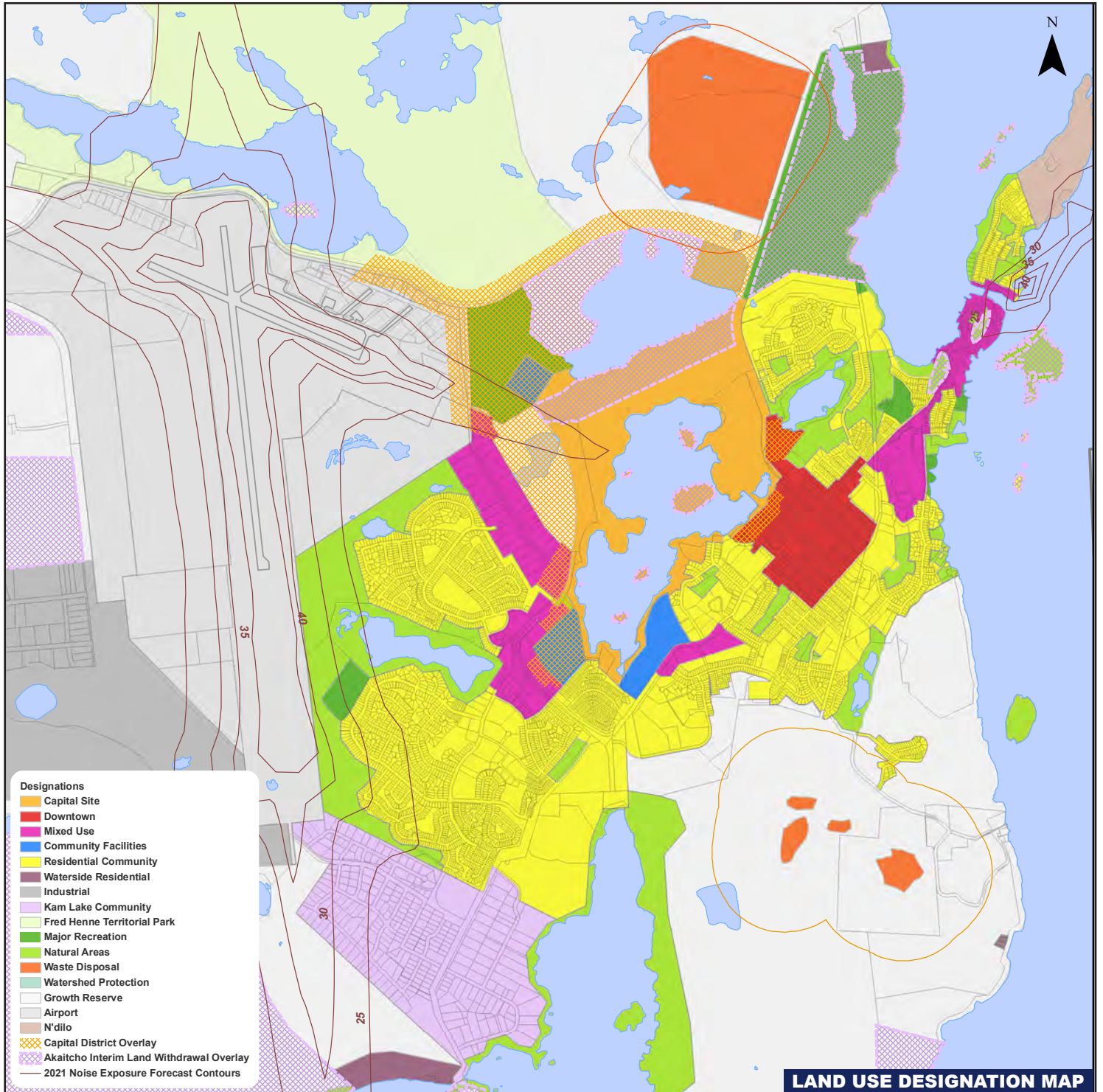




YELLOWKNIFE GENERAL PLAN - 2011 TO 2021

The City is updating the 2004 General Plan. The 2011 General Plan will implement the Council-adopted Smart Growth Development Plan which sets out a 50-year vision framework for growth and development. The 2011 General Plan contains maps and policies that guide the growth and change of the community over the next 10 years to move the community towards the longer-term 50-year vision.

A Draft 2011 General Plan was presented to Council for review in August 2011 and has been posted on the City's website. We would like to hear your thoughts on the Draft 2011 General Plan.





STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Strategic Framework section identifies that moderate growth is anticipated over the next 10 years. Residential, commercial, and industrial growth is to be directed to target growth areas (SEE MAP). Targets are established for residential and employment intensification. Targets would be reviewed at least every 5 years. Housing policies commit to providing a range of housing opportunities and support for affordable housing.

Population		= 3,230 new residents
Dwelling Units		= 1,385 new homes
Jobs		= 2,350 new jobs

LAND USE DESIGNATIONS AND POLICIES

Land Use Designations and Policies section describes the policies for the development of land for each of the Land Use Designations identified in the mapping. The Parks, Trails and Open Space Network is identified with supporting policies on park size and location, trail protection and the integration of Natural Areas with development. Land Use Designations include, among others, Capital Site, Downtown, Mixed Use, Residential Community, Waterside Residential, Industrial, Major Recreation, Natural Areas, Watershed Protection, Waste Disposal, Growth Reserve, Airport and Ndilo.

COMMUNITY DESIGN

Community Design section contains criteria to evaluate development proposals in existing neighbourhoods to ensure their compatibility with surrounding development. This Section also defines Character Areas with special design considerations. Finally, Land Development Guidelines are established to ensure new development areas achieve a high quality of community design.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation section introduces road classifications and policies for active transportation, traffic management, transit, transit oriented development nodes, and parking.

MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Municipal Infrastructure section outlines policies for municipal infrastructure including water supply and treatment, water and sewer services, waste disposal and community energy planning.

REGIONAL COORDINATION

Regional Coordination section addresses a range of regional issues including the municipal boundary, YKDFN communities, and harbour activities.

IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation section identifies Plan implementation tools such as the preparation of planning studies, development schemes and by-laws, and the review of subdivision and development permit applications.

How to Get Involved

The Draft General Plan 2011 is posted on the City's website at www.yellowknife.ca. The City is hosting two Open Houses in the upstairs foyer at City Hall to invite public comment. The Open Houses will be held Monday September 19th and Wednesday September 21st from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Please come on out and participate, we would like to hear from you.

The City will be accepting written comments until October 4, 2011. Comment form is available on the City's website. Please contact Wenyan Yu at wyu@yellowknife.ca or 920-5673 to obtain more information about the upcoming Open Houses or the General Plan 2011 planning process.

