

Rules of Participation

- **Be respectful**
- **Remain open-minded**
- **Have your say!**

Any individual who participates in comments or conversation that:

- contains profane language or sexually explicit content,
- is discriminatory or hateful in nature on the basis of ancestry, colour, race, citizenship, ethnic origin, place of origin, creed, disability, family status, marital status, gender identity, gender expression, sex or sexual orientation,
- violates any law, rule or regulation and/or promotes illegal activity/conduct.
- discloses personal data or information about others,
- violates any policies or procedures of the City of Port Colborne,

will have their comments deleted and may be removed from the online public meeting.



Review of Road Allowances as Informal Beach Access

December 14, 2021

AGENDA

TIMING	ITEM
6:30pm – 6:35pm	WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS
6:35pm – 7:15pm	PRESENTATION: STUDY PROCESS AND OUTCOME
7:15pm – 7:45 pm	FACILITATED DISCUSSION AND Q&A
7:45 pm – 8:00pm	WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS
ADJOURNMENT	

Protocol for Participant Discussion

This is a facilitated discussion – based on provision of information by consultants as input to discussion topics. We therefore itemize a certain amount of time for each issue/location. Please respect this.

This meeting is designed to capture a range of opinion.

Constructive information and opinion gathered will help City Staff and Council make appropriate decisions which balance public and private interests.

Ways to ensure these goals are met:

1. Follow the presentation and use the **CHAT function in Zoom** to offer comments
2. Take part in the **in-Zoom Meeting Polling**: a neat and effective way to understand what fellow participants think on a particular issue
3. Join the Discussion: We will do our best to allow participants to speak – PLEASE DO YOUR BEST to maintain the protocol:
 - i. Mics are Muted as a large meeting necessity - When invited to speak, limit input to a statement and/or a question.
 - ii. Self regulate time speaking – Rule of thumb - limit it to 2 minutes
 - iii. Yield the floor to others who want to speak
 - iv. Do not interrupt others

Question #1: About You

Please select one option that describes you best (if more than one is applicable, please select the most important one)

- A. My property is within approximately 1 kilometer from the beach
- B. My property fronts on to a road allowance
- C. My property fronts on to the beach
- D. My property is elsewhere in Port Colborne
- E. I'm not a property owner in Port Colborne but an interested participant

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Study Process & Work Plan

Road Allowances



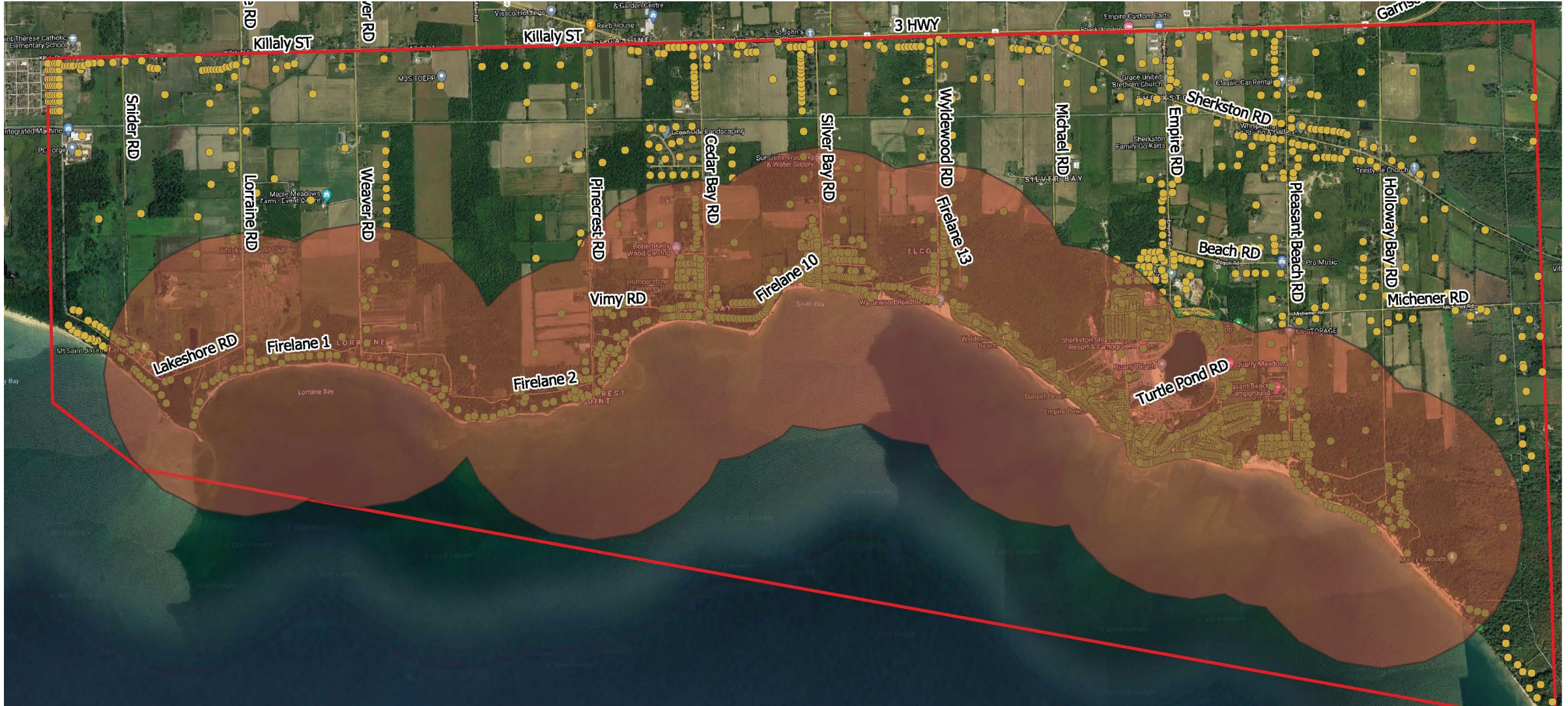
Process Reminder: From the Work Plan

✓ Public and Property Stakeholder Consultation

There are a number of different perspectives that are relevant to creating a workable range of solutions:

- Public at large and beach goers;
- Adjacent property owners;
- Potential commercial partners;
- Cottage owners; and
- Council and management of the City.

Road Allowances – Primary Survey Zone



Not in Force Parking Prohibitions

Highway	Side	From	To	Times/Days
Lorraine Rd.	East & West	Lake End	Approximately 1735m north to the Friendship Trail	May 1st to October 31 st inclusive
Weaver Rd.	East & West	Lake End	Approximately 1672m north to the Friendship Trail	May 1st to October 31 st inclusive
Pinecrest Rd.	East & West	Lake End	approximately 1852m north to the Friendship Trail	May 1st to October 31 st inclusive
Cedar Bay Rd.	East & West	Lake End	Approximately 1333m north to the Friendship Trail	May 1st to October 31 st inclusive
Silver Bay Rd.	East & West	Lake End	Approximately 1200m north to the Friendship Trail	May 1st to October 31 st inclusive
Wyldeewood Rd.	East	Approximately 378m north of the Lake End	Approximately 1060m north to the Friendship Trail	May 1st to October 31 st inclusive
Wyldeewood Rd	West	Approximately 215m north of the Lake End	Approximately 840m north to the Friendship Trail	May 1st to October 31 st inclusive
Pleasant Beach Rd.	East & West	Beach Rd	Approximately 840m north to the Friendship Trail	May 1st to October 31 st inclusive

Note: Parking Restrictions currently expired but may be reinstated in 2022 at the discretion of the City

Gate Access Matters

7 open, unimproved road allowances which terminate at Lake Erie. Four of the roads have a locked gate structure to prevent vehicular traffic:

- Lorraine Road
- Silver Bay Road
- Wyldewood Road
- Pleasant Beach Road

3 are open and barrier free:

- Weaver Road
- Pinecrest Road
- Cedar Bay Road

City's limitation of vehicular access on beach is generally in alignment with goals under this plan. Specifically:

- Limitation on Public Vehicular Access
- key access process be added into the Municipal Consent process when required
- Approval of key access to approved persons with required accessibility assistance devices ¹¹

Gate Access Con't

As regards the gates, and the addition of new locks, important considerations include:

- Maintain safety and functionality of locks
- Weatherproof to the extent possible
- Requirement for restrictions on key replication (via City approval only)

**Important: Question for Q+A later in Meeting:
What is YOUR opinion on gate access and locks?**

Policy Considerations – Is it a Beach or Not?

- Accessible Access
- Issues for non-operational municipal lands such as Beach Road End Allowances
- Gates would need to reviewed for accessibility as well
- Accessibility Mat issue with waves etc.



Question #2: Why do you access the beach?

Select one. If more than one applies, please indicate the most important reason for you.

- A. Walking along the beach
- B. Walking to and from property
- C. Beach enjoyment of public land and views
- D. Trailer access to water to haul-in/out water craft
- E. To access my property from the beach
- F. I generally don't access the beach



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Question #3: Do you require ongoing access?

Identify one option, the most important for you

- A. Yes, on Foot
- B. Yes, both by vehicle and on foot
- C. Yes, by vehicle
- D. No



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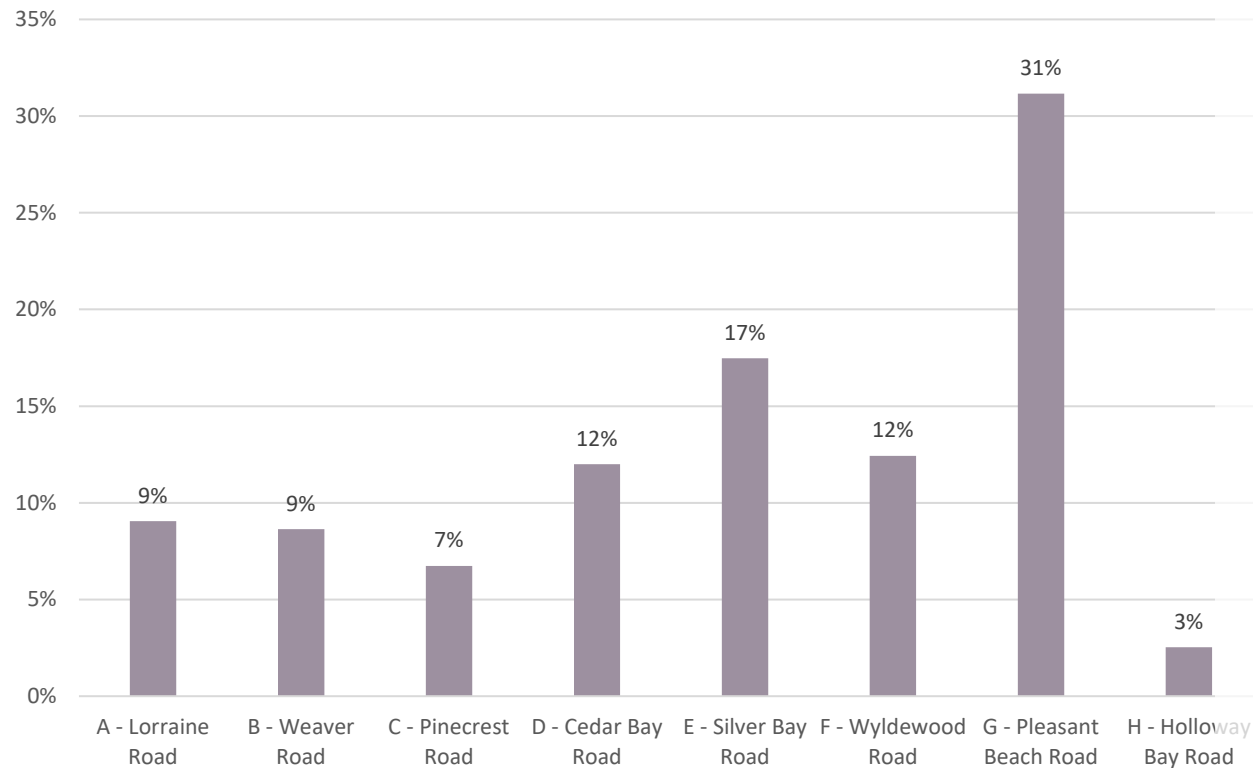
Emerging Options for Public Discussion

Survey Respondent Information

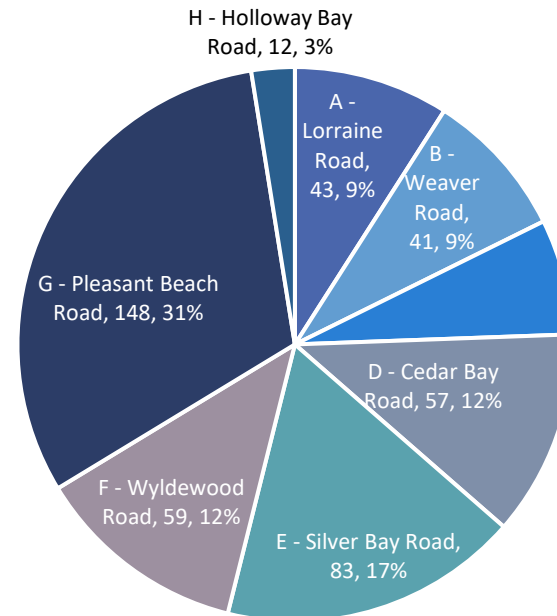
- Total of 772 Survey Respondents
- 42% of respondents reported their property fronts directly onto one of the road allowances
- 24% of respondents in main zone have frontage on shoreline
- 83% being within 1 kilometre
- 57% owned longer than 10 years
- 41% of the main zone are seasonal residents
- 31% of respondents indicated that they have deeded access to the shoreline

Respondent Location

Closest Road Allowance (in Zone)

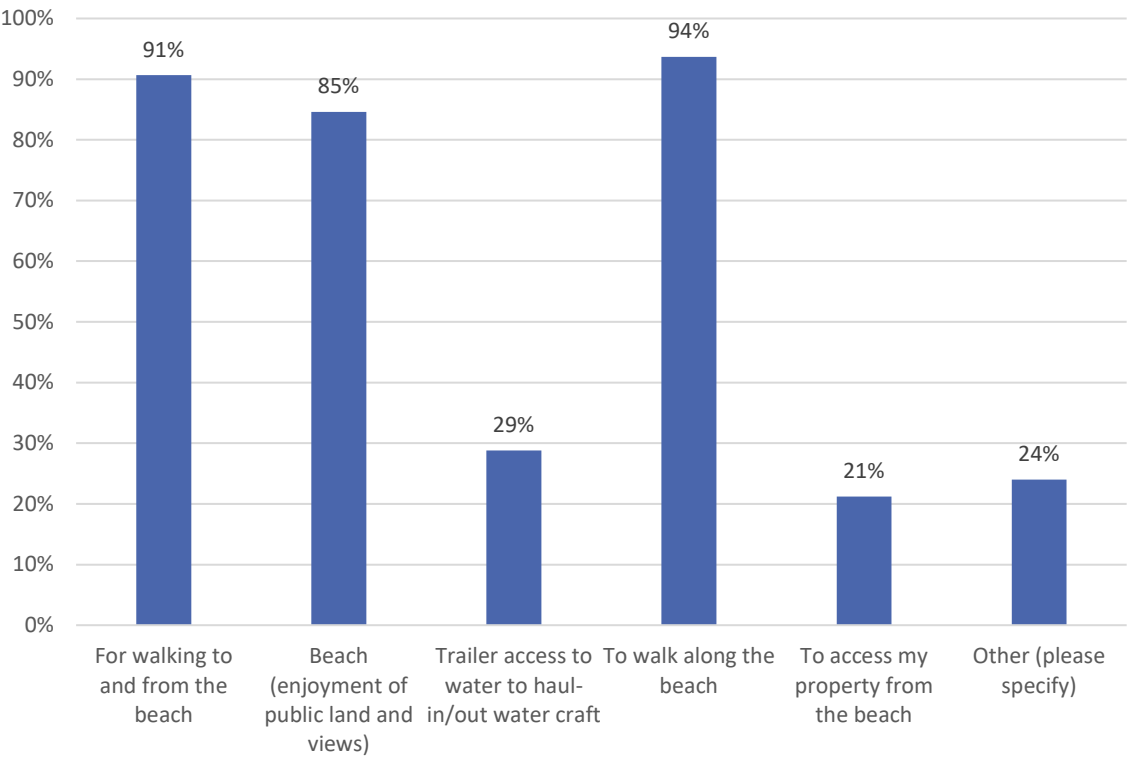


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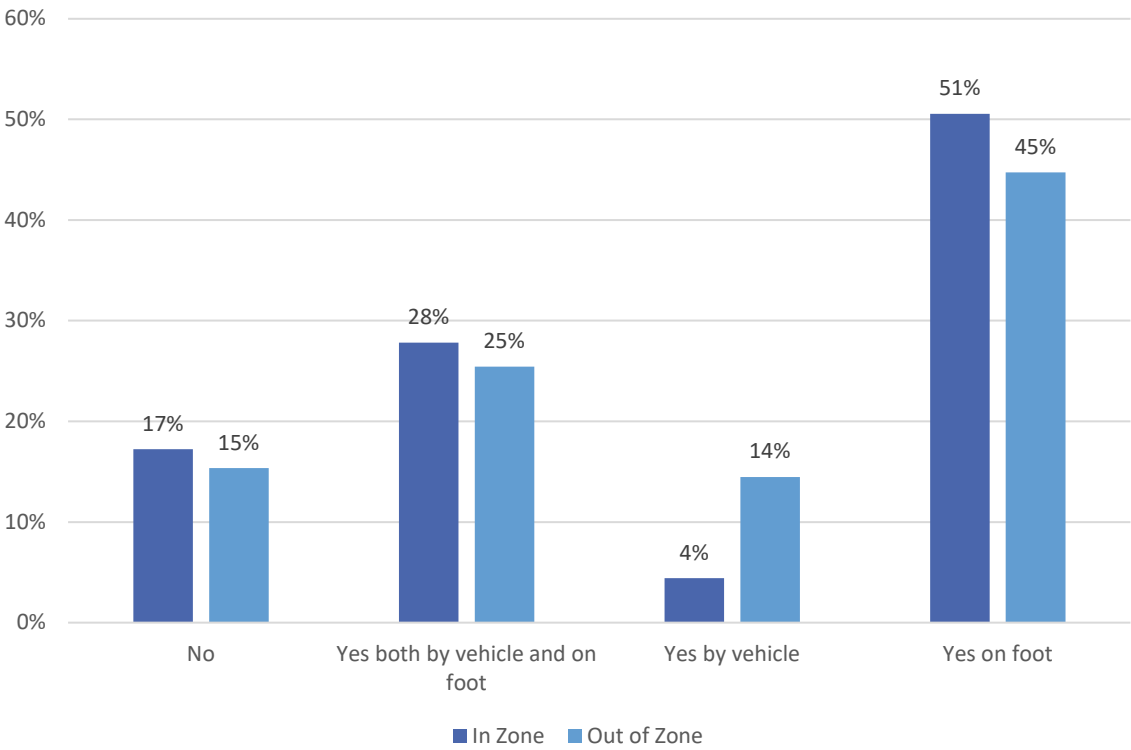


Need for Access

Why do you access the beach at the road allowances?

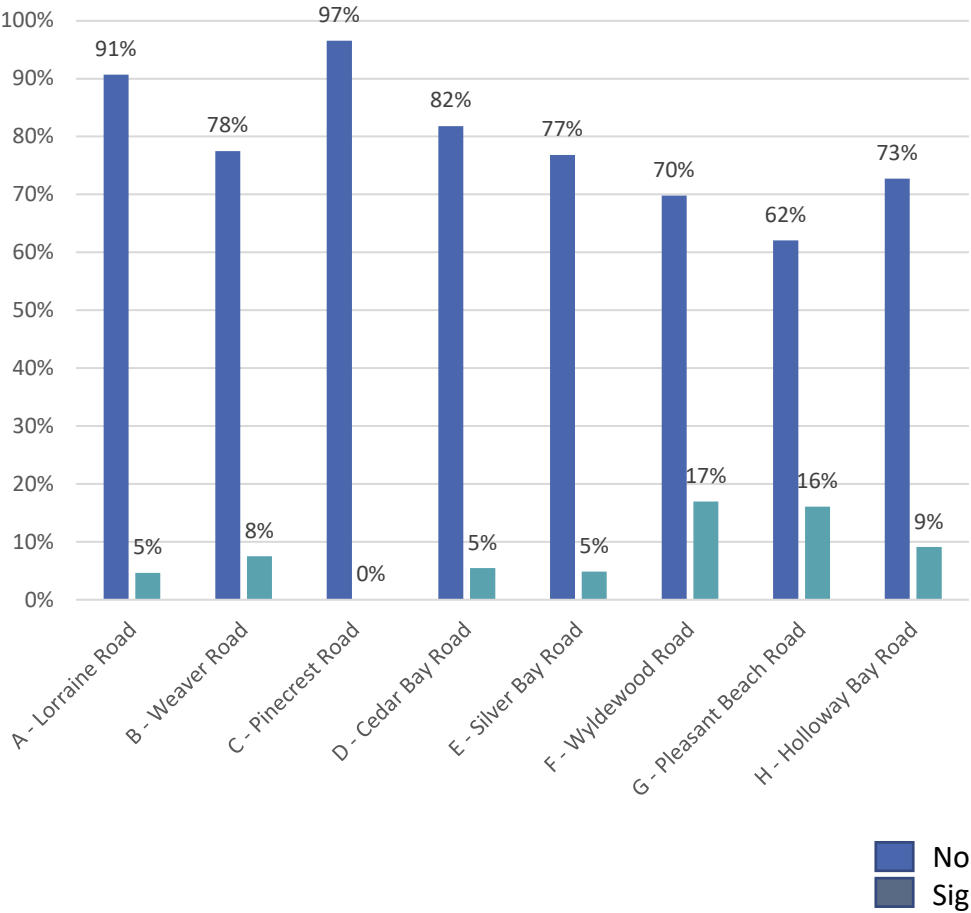


Do you require on-going access to the shoreline via the road allowance

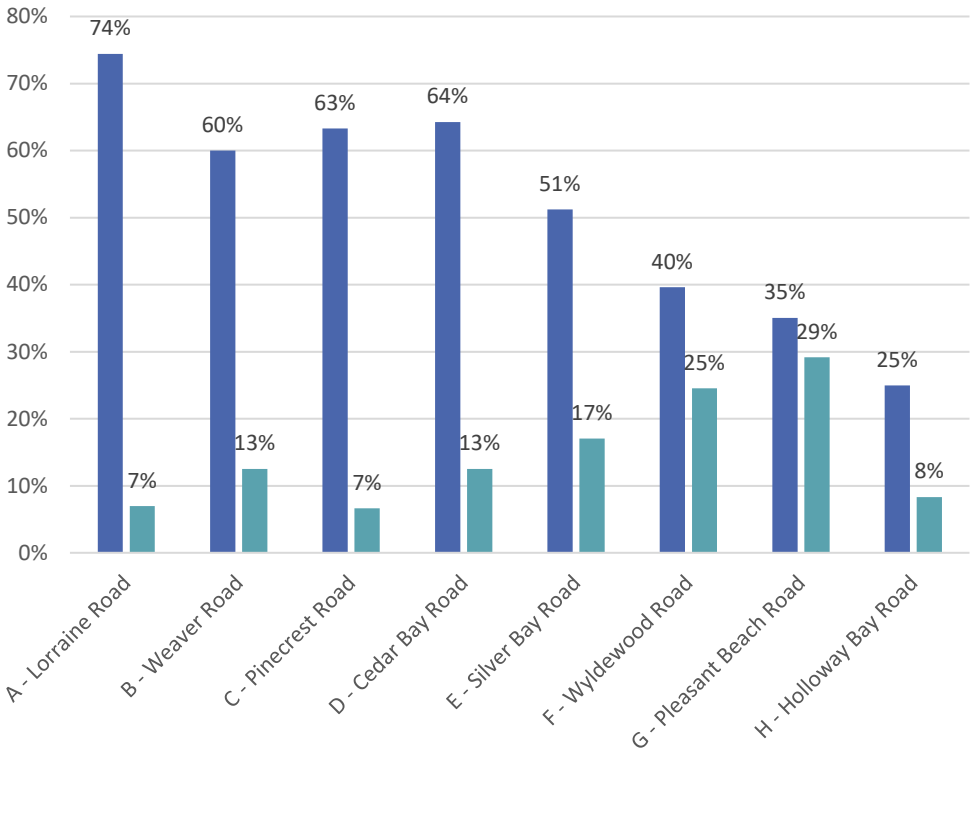


Salience of Issues

Parking in front of drive way, In Zone

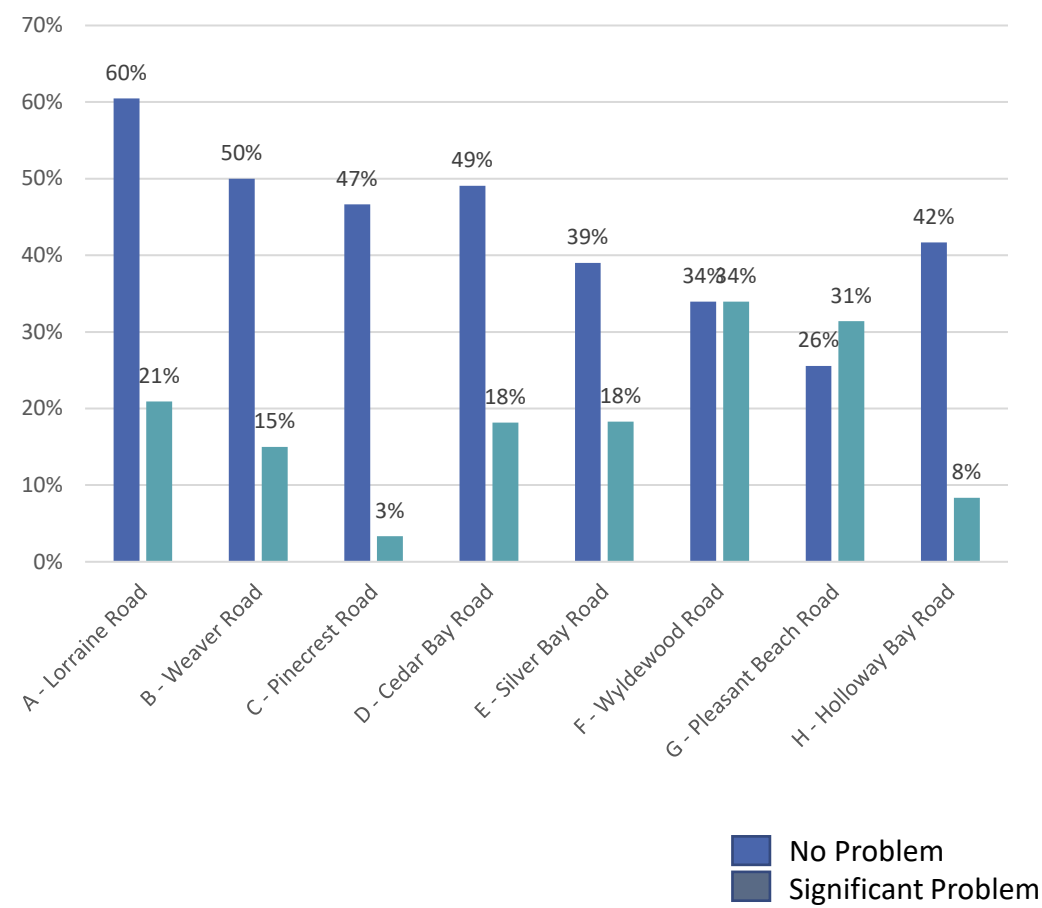


Parking on the shoulder of the road but not in front of your property, In Zone

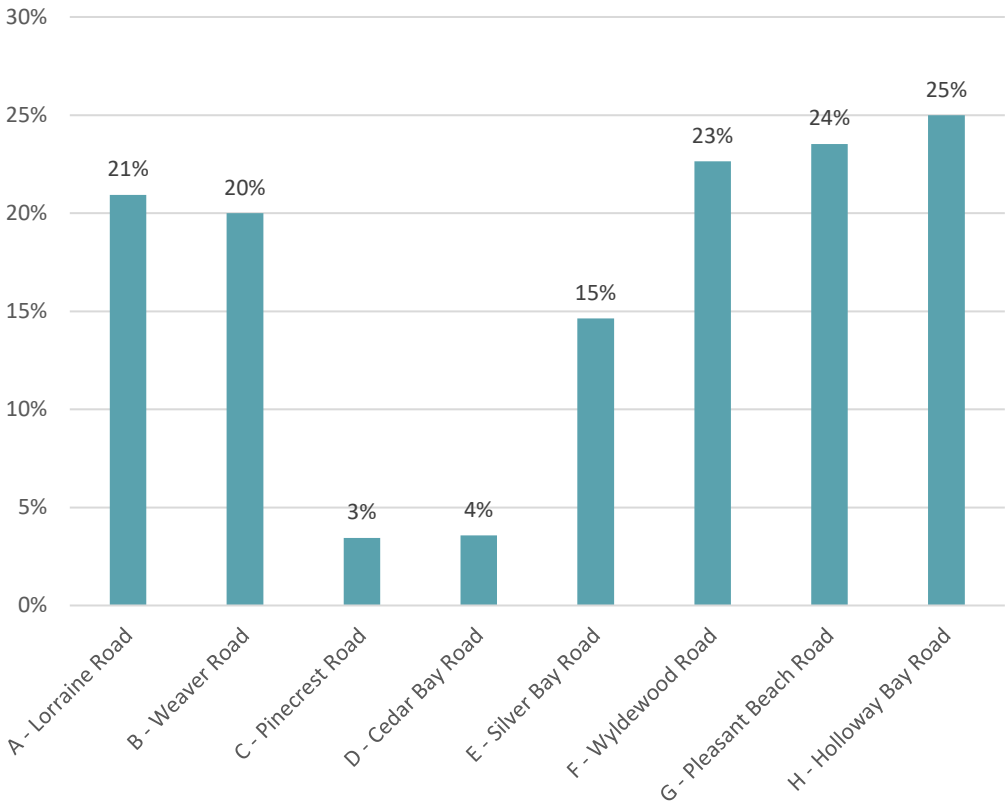


Salience of Issues

Littering in the vicinity of your property, In Zone



Perceived trespass on property, In Zone



Salience of Issues

Illegal Dumping

- Wildwood Road
 - 31% indicated a significant problem
- Pleasant Beach Road
 - 21% indicated a significant problem

Noise Disturbances at Night

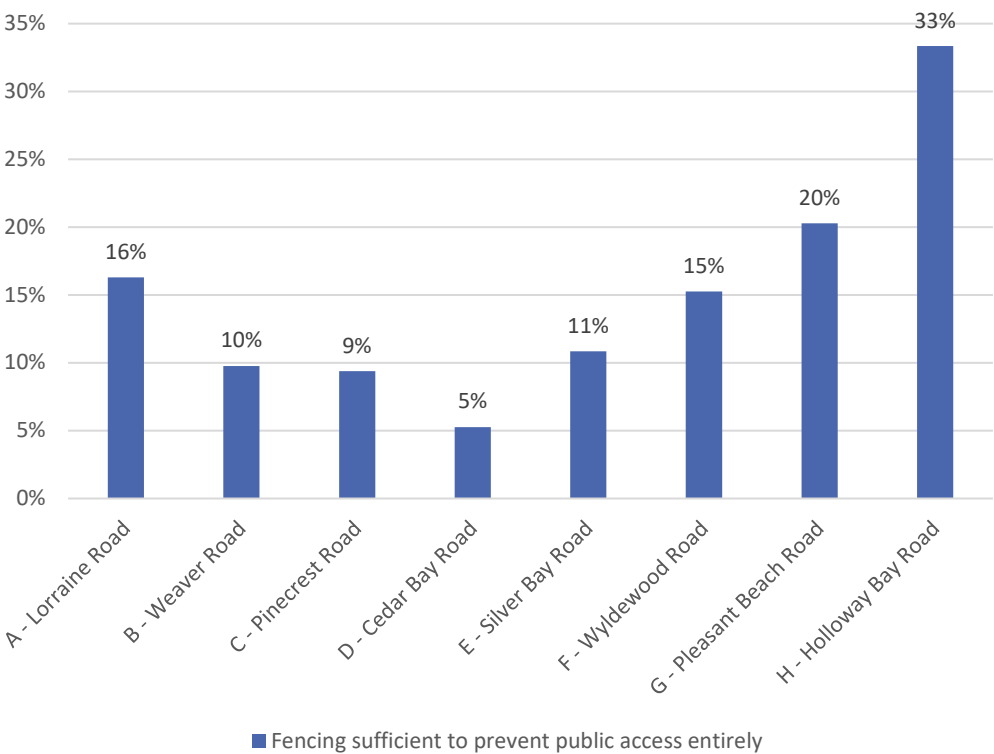
- Wildwood Road
 - 23% indicated a significant problem
- Pleasant Beach Road
 - 25% indicated a significant problem

Washroom Access

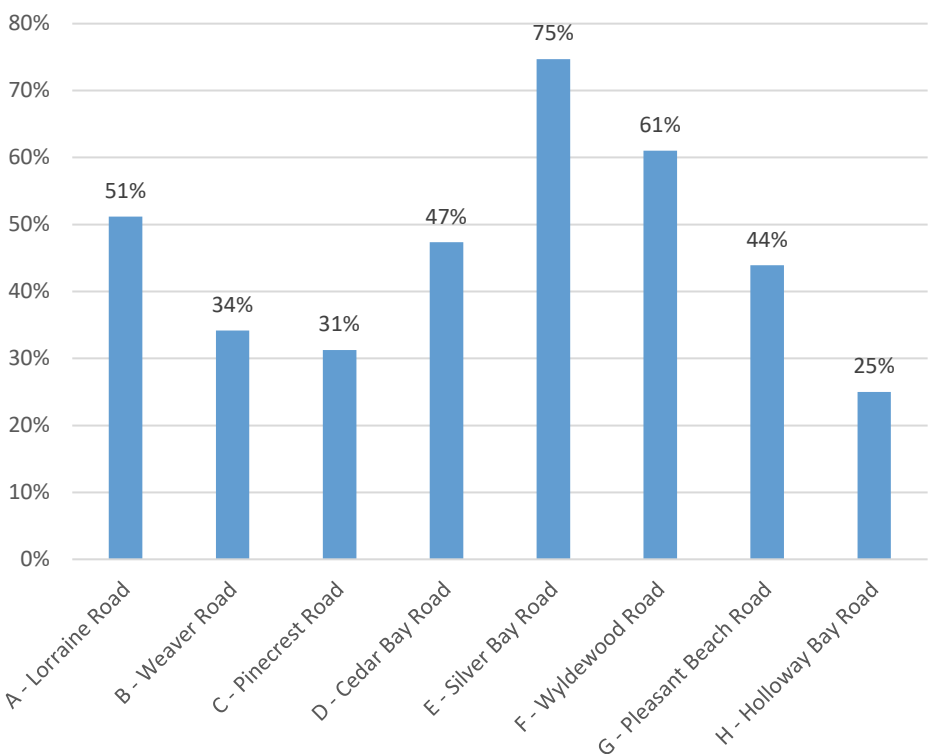
- Wildwood Road
 - 38% indicated a significant problem
- Pleasant Beach Road
 - 24% indicated a significant problem

Willingness to Consider Measures (In Zone)

Fencing Sufficient to Prevent Public Access Entirely

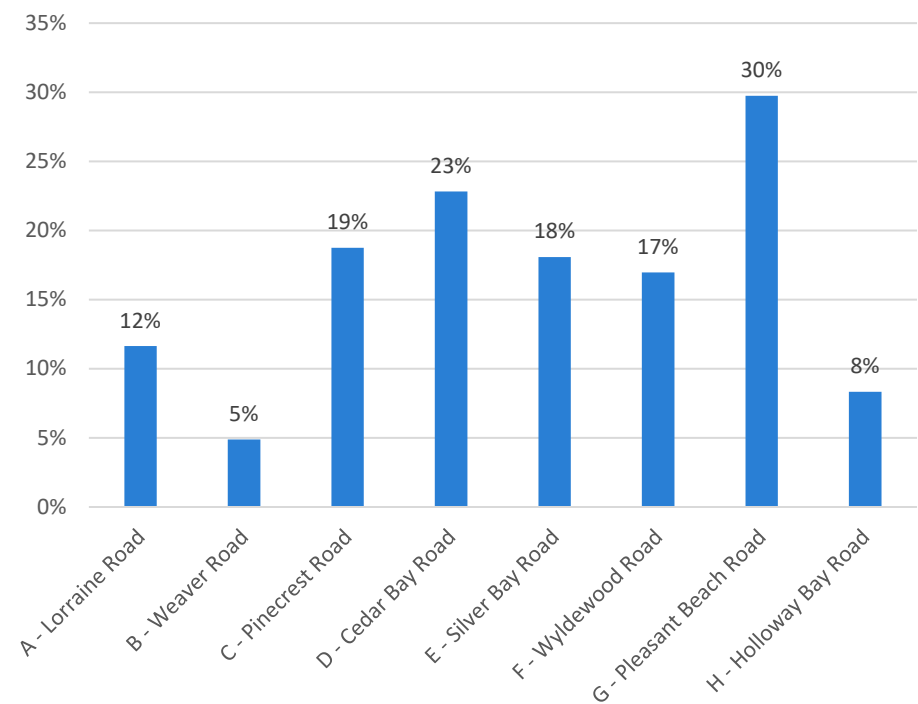


Maintaining Current Policy of Vehicular Gates

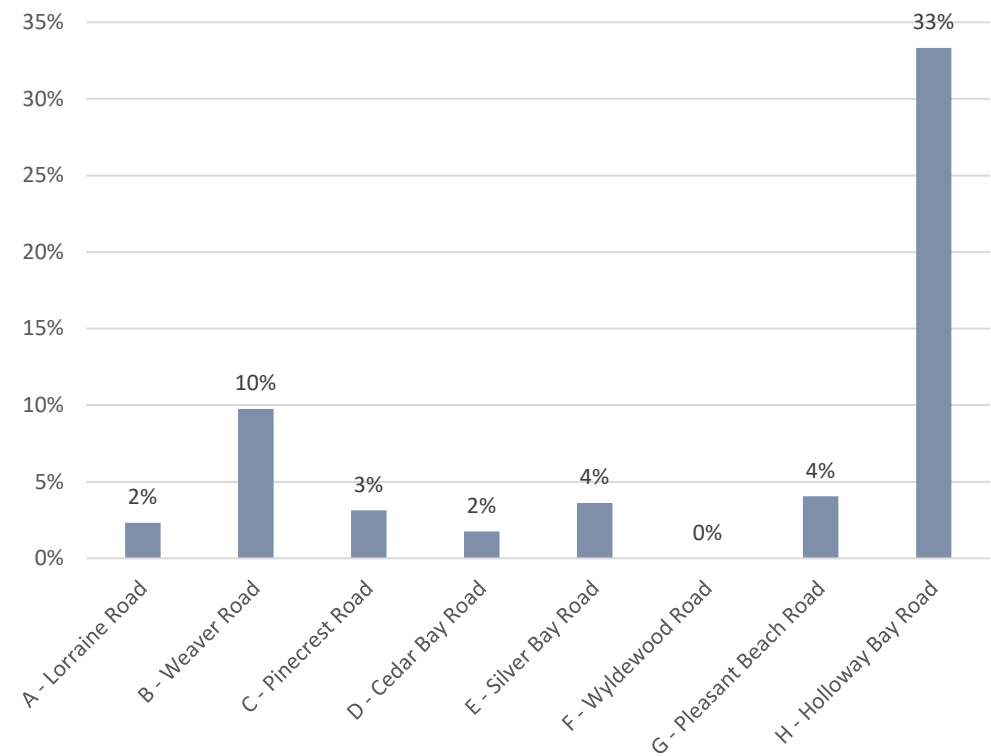


Willingness to Consider Measures (In Zone)

Add More Legal Parking Further Away from the Beach or on an Off-Street location

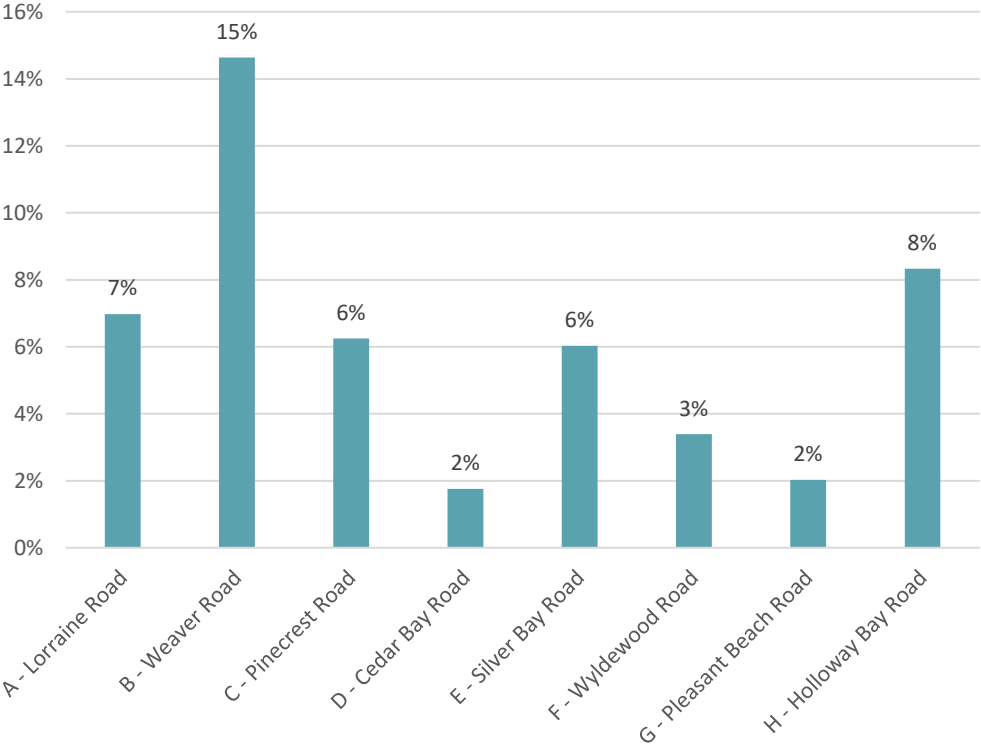


Sell Road Allowance Lands at the Shore to Private Owner(s)

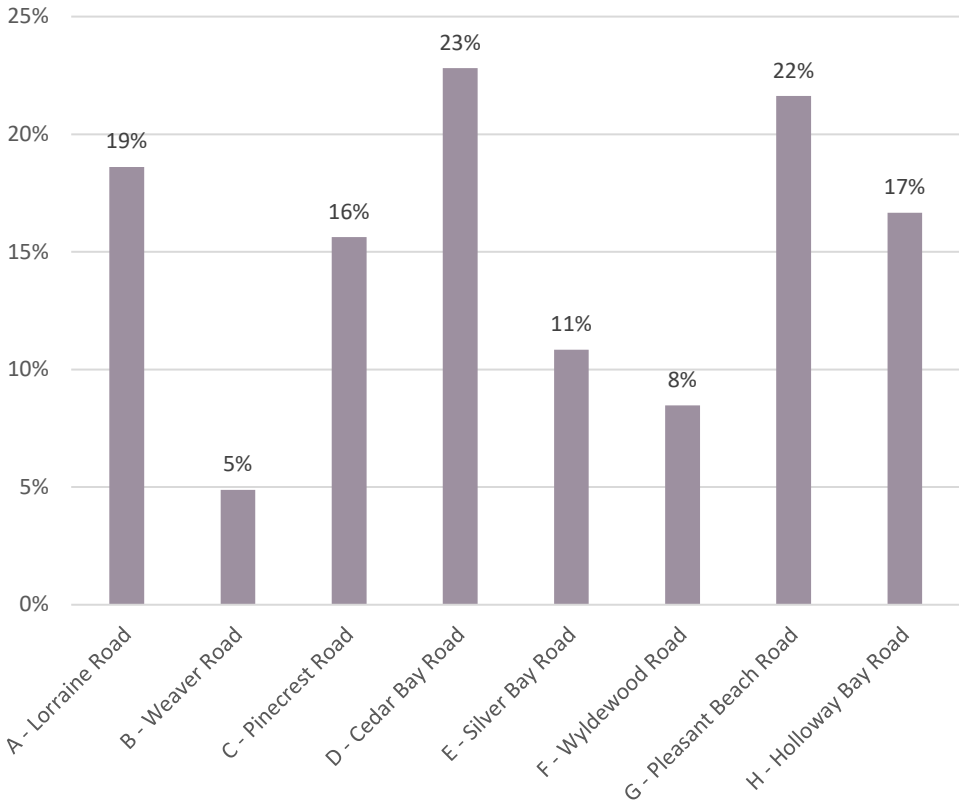


Willingness to Consider Measures (In Zone)

Partial Sale but Retain Emergency Access
Easement to Beach



Creating Public Parks



Question #4: Willingness to Consider Measures

Willingness to Consider Measures - In general, are you in favour of any of the following options for the beach ends of the road allowances under study: Tick those that you are in favour of:

- A. Fencing Sufficient to Prevent Public Access Entirely
- B. Maintaining Current Policy of Vehicular Gates
- C. Add More Legal Parking Further Away from the Beach or on an Off-Street location
- D. Sell Road Allowance Lands at the Shore to Private Owner(s)
- E. Partial Sale but Retain Emergency Access Easement to Beach
- F. Creating Public Parks
- G. Other

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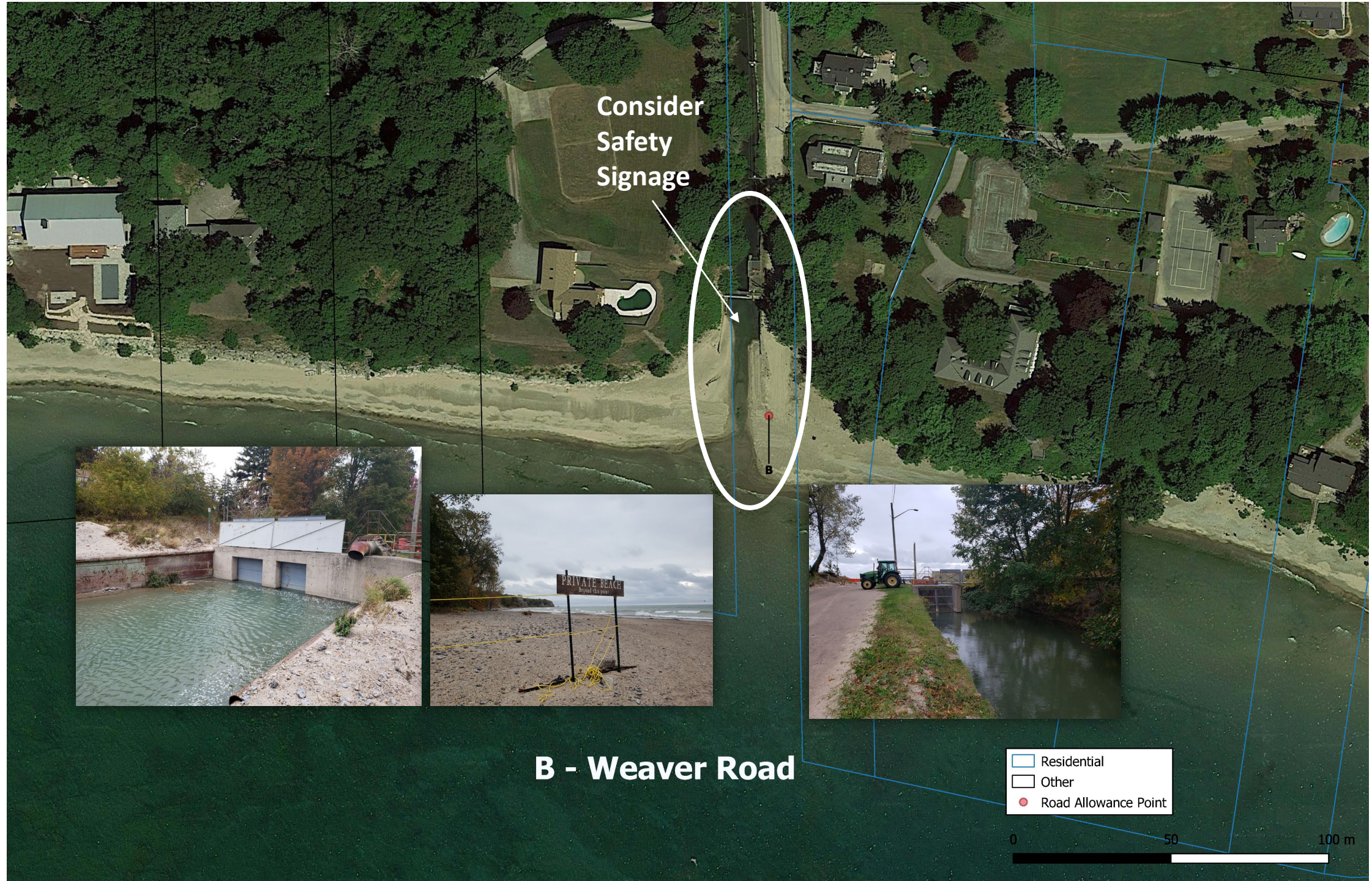




A - Lorraine Road

- Residential
- Other
- Road Allowance Point

Support Parking by-law with improved landscaping in ROW paved road shoulders



Weaver Road

- Consider safety signage north and south of Beach ROW entry
- Consider safety installations along west side of road

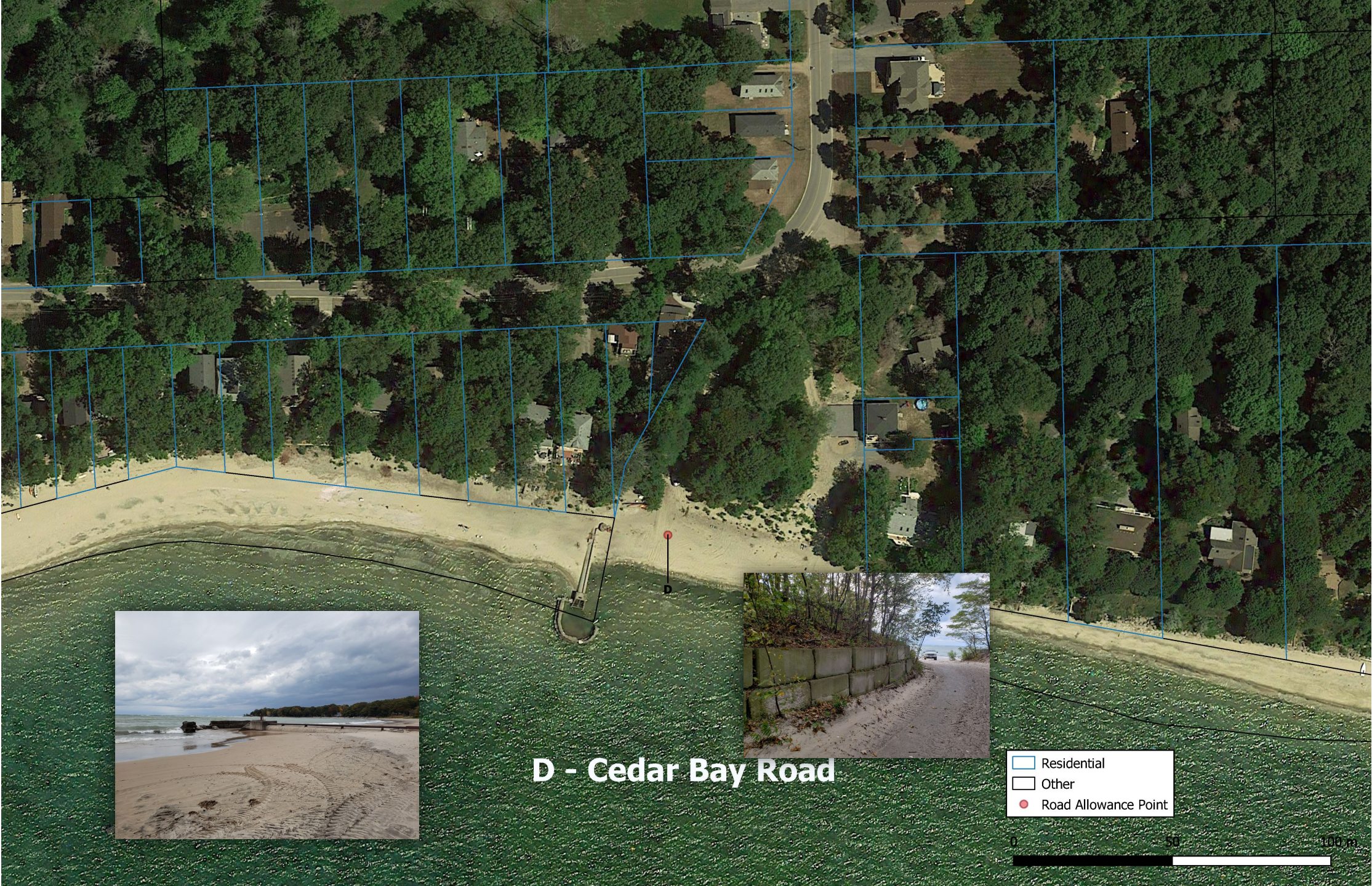




Pinecrest Road

- Promote Active Transportation along route
- Create public look-out and seating above beach as improvement-to current use of ROW
- Maintain restricted access width



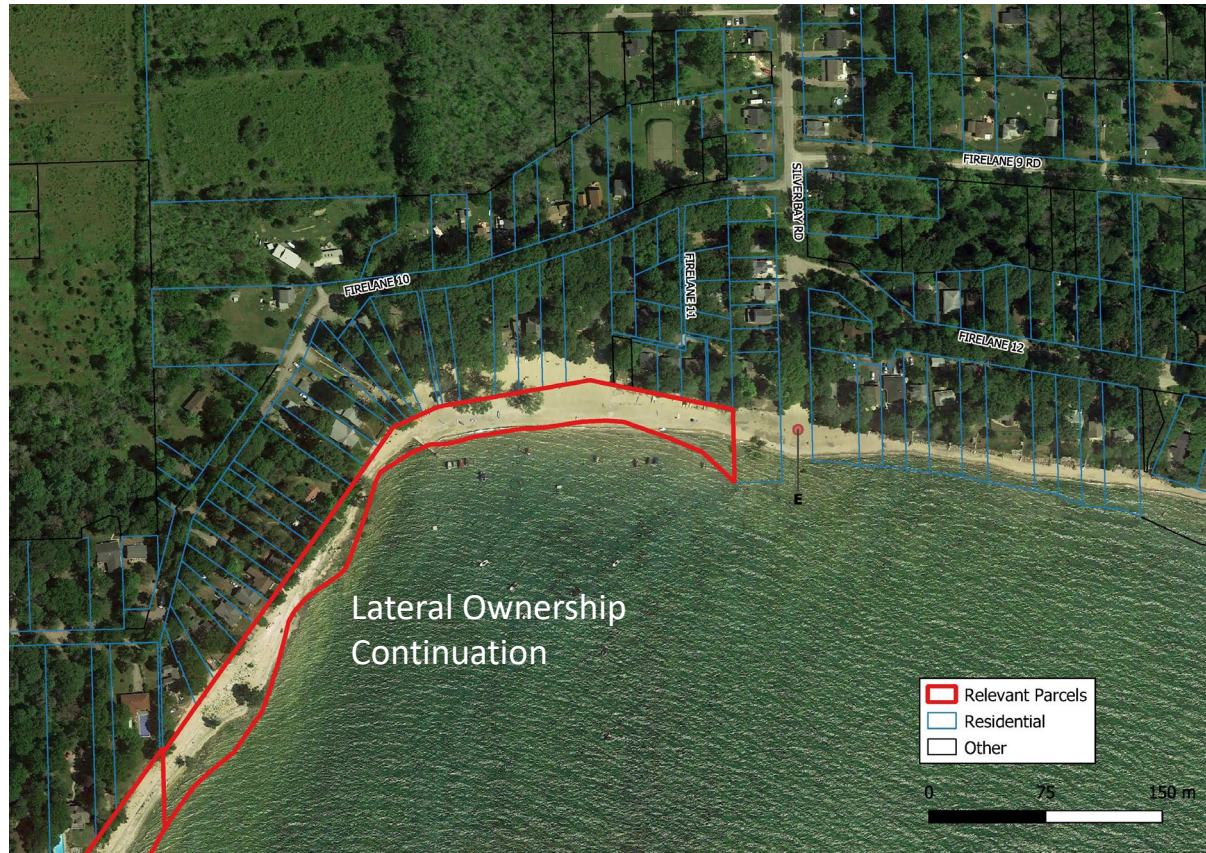


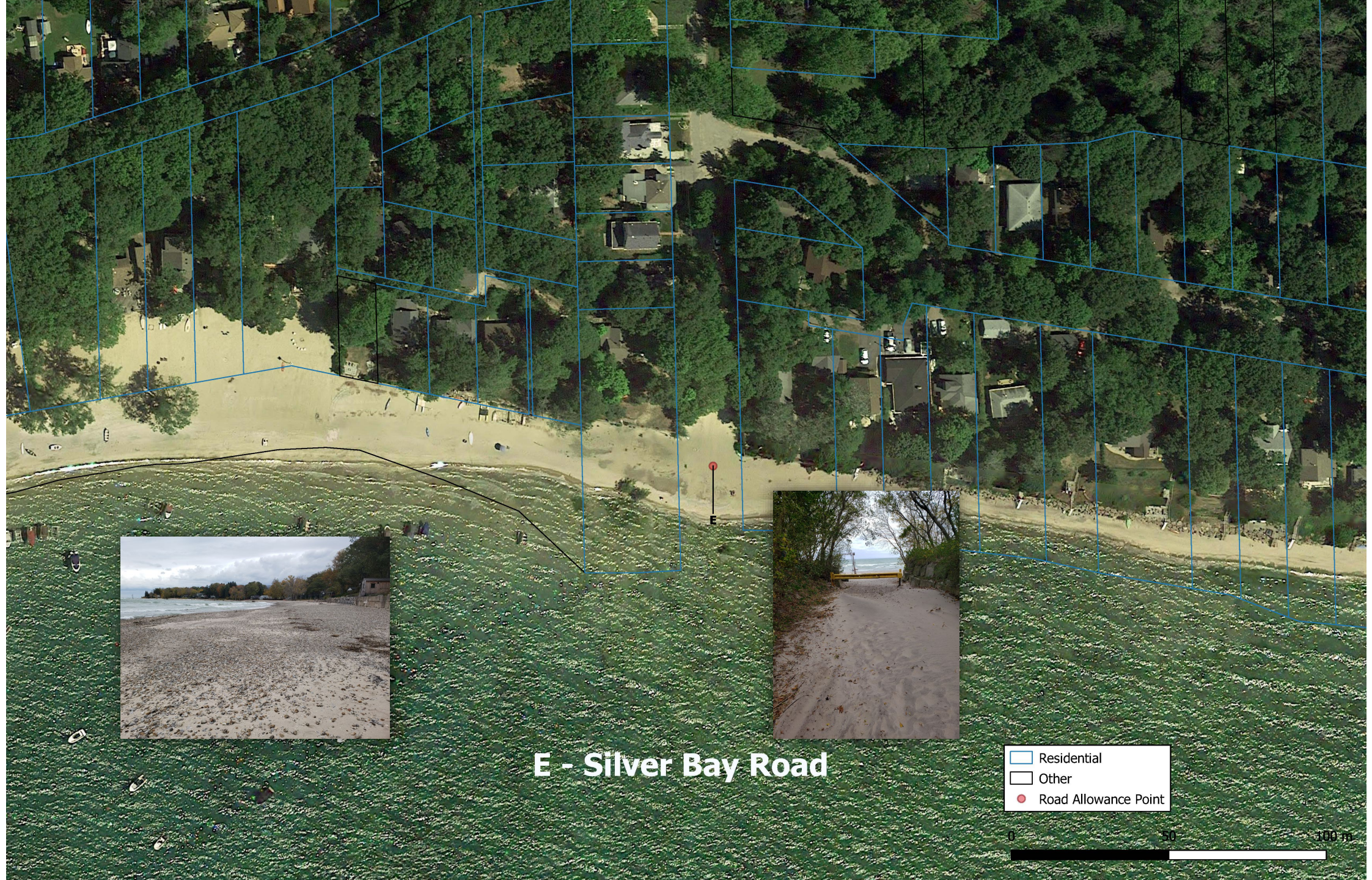
D - Cedar Bay Road

- Residential
- Other
- Road Allowance Point



Cedar Bay Road





E - Silver Bay Road

- Residential
- Other
- Road Allowance Point



Silver Bay Road

- Parking restrictions as proposed by City are recommended
- Ownership fabric supports maintenance of limited access via parking enforcement
- Active Transportation Route opportunity with small amenity:
 - Litter
 - Bench seating
 - Interpretation Opportunities





Wyldewood Road

- No sale of ROW in part or in whole
- Recognize demand for access and considered improved seasonal fencing in partnership with adjoining land owners
- Amenity limited to parking, litter control
- No seasonal washroom
- Consideration of promoting Active Transportation – bike ride in season at ROW access





Pleasant Beach Road

- Recognize demand and provide necessary amenities re: parking, washroom access and like
- Parking enforcement as proposed by City appropriate, use parking further north on Pleasant Beach Road
- Parking in proximity to Road end – consider accessible parking
- Partner with willing commercial service provide for F&B and washroom service
- Consider an option of Partnership with Sherkston Shores to secure mutually effective access and management of ROW and Sherkston property in immediate vicinity
- Consider land acquisition to improve parking, circulation and washroom/litter control





Holloway Bay Road

- Constrained access
- Collaboration with Town of Fort Erie for any trail access as part of an active transportation opportunity

