



# Review of Road Allowance as Informal Beach Access

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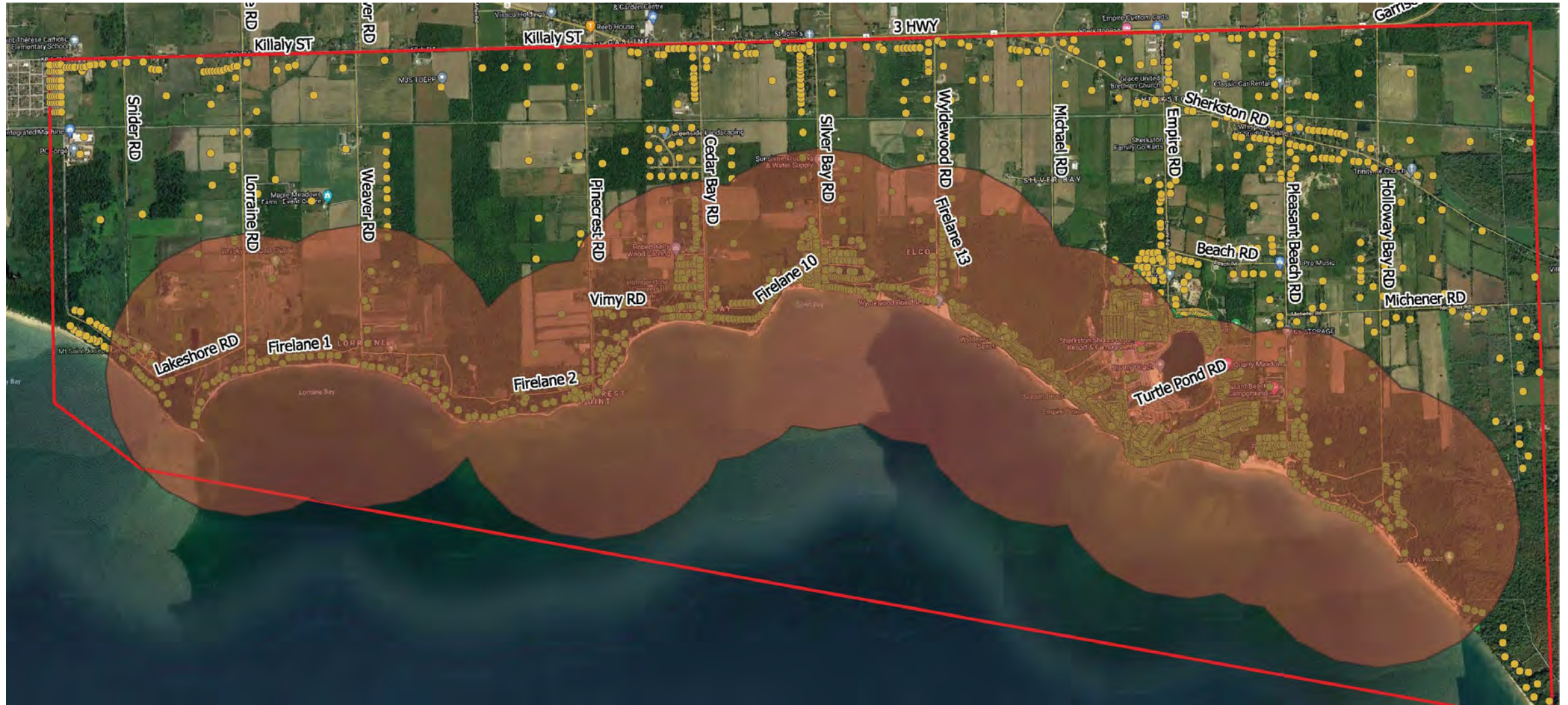


# Road Allowances





# Road Allowances – Primary Survey Zone



# Process Reminder: From the Work Plan

## ✓ Public and Property Stakeholder Consultation Preparation and Execution

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.

# Parking Prohibitions

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

# 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 is in alignment with proposals under this plan. Specifically:

- key access process be added into the MC process when required
- Approval of key access to approved persons with required accessibility assistance devices

City's revamp of parking by-law prescriptions to limit summer-season parking at the majority of road ends is also consistent with the range of options (does not conflict with those options); As regards Wyldewood and Pleasant Beach please see specific recommendations.

# Gate Access Cont'd

In addition, consider if possible at Pleasant Beach and Wyldewood ROWs the creation of accessible path adjacent to the gates that would be sufficient to enable certain accessibility assistance devices to gain access to the 66 ft ROW beach termination.

- Should the City wish to provide additional accessibility assistance measures in place during the summer months, as an added benefit, this should be considered at the Pleasant Beach access primarily and potentially at the Wyldewood Access.
- Such measures do not confer these ROWS with the status of operational beaches nor is this suggestion verified in terms of potential liability or safety concerns associated with access features but is a logical extension of the permissions for gate access.

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)



# Policy Considerations

- Accessible Access
- Issues for non-operational municipal lands such as Beach Road End Allowances





# Emerging Options for Public Discussion

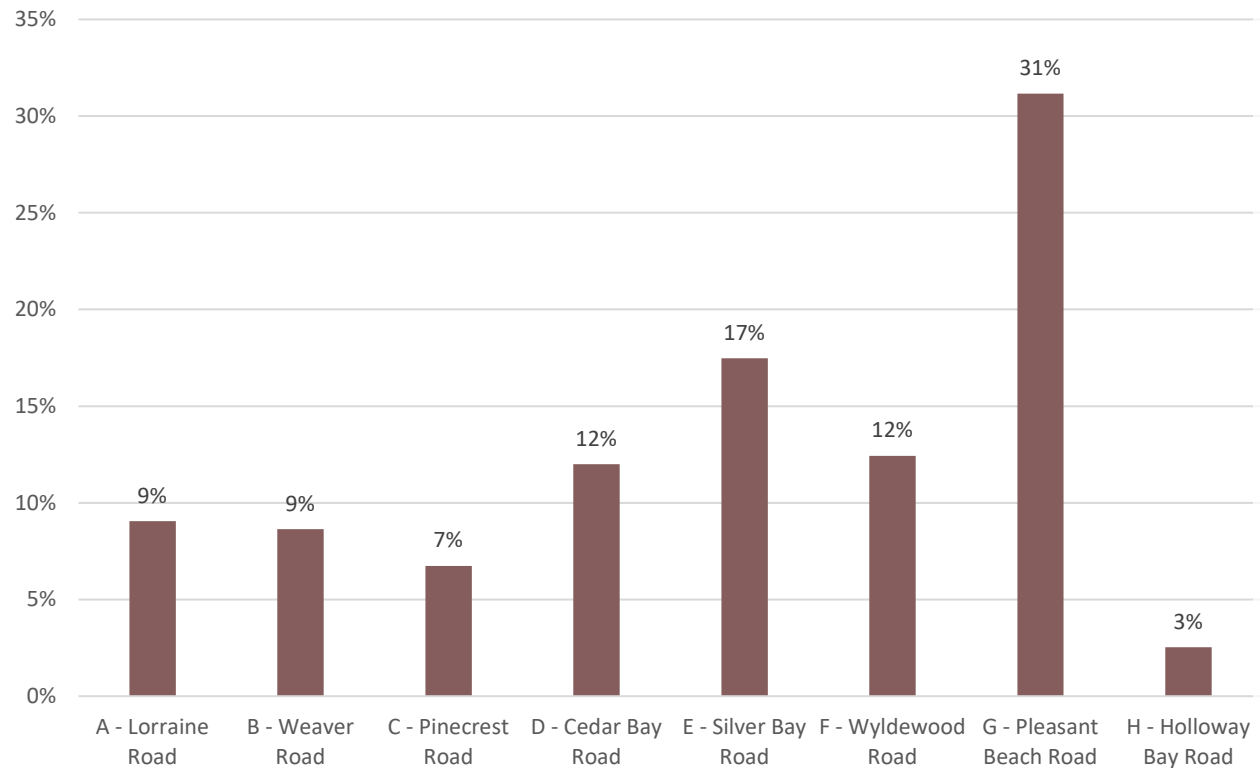
# Survey Respondent Information

- 42% of respondents reported their property fronts directly onto one of the road allowances
- 24% within the main survey zone
- 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

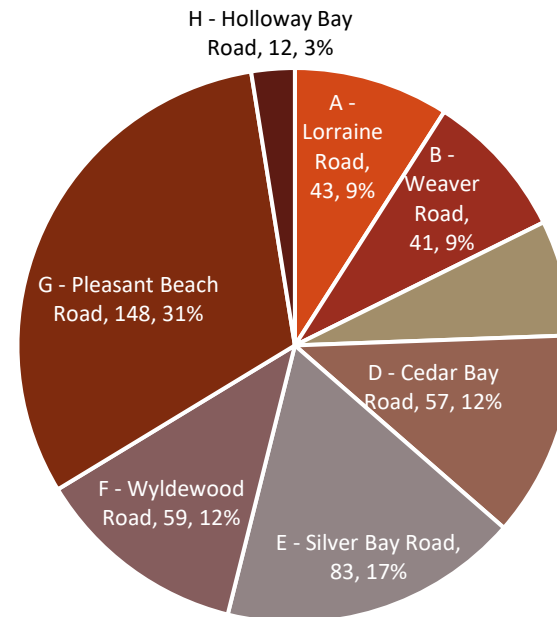


# Respondent Location

Closest Road Allowance (in Zone)

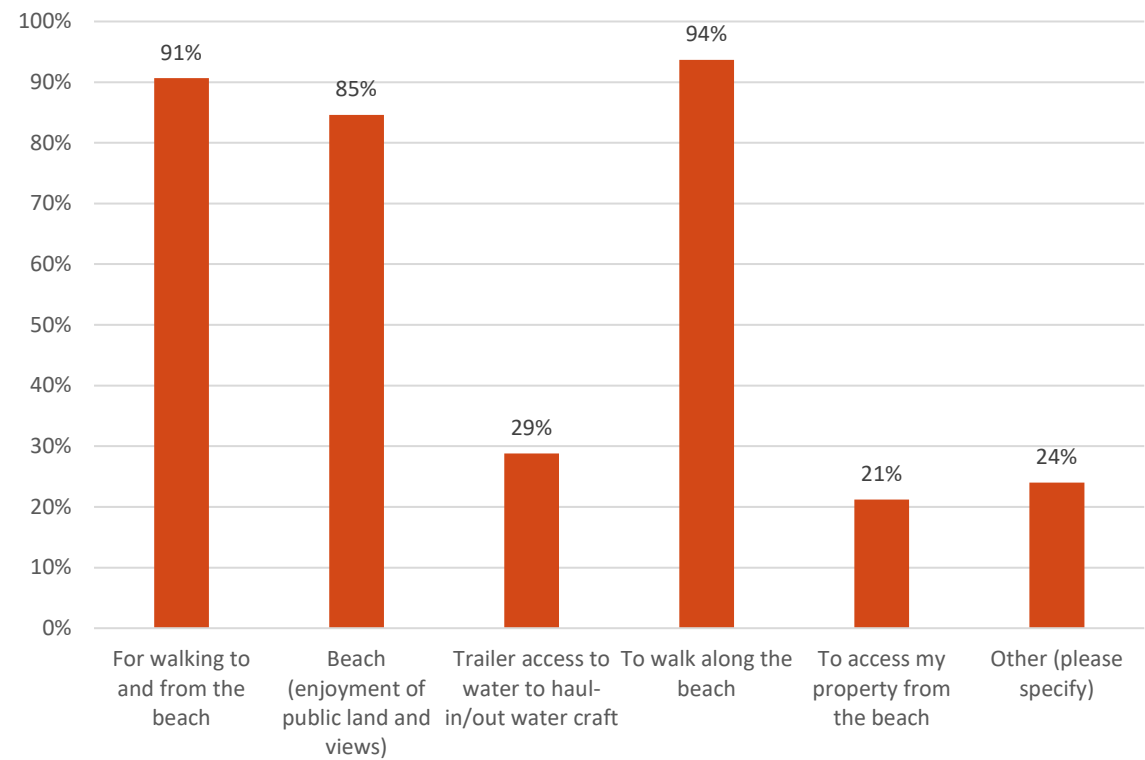


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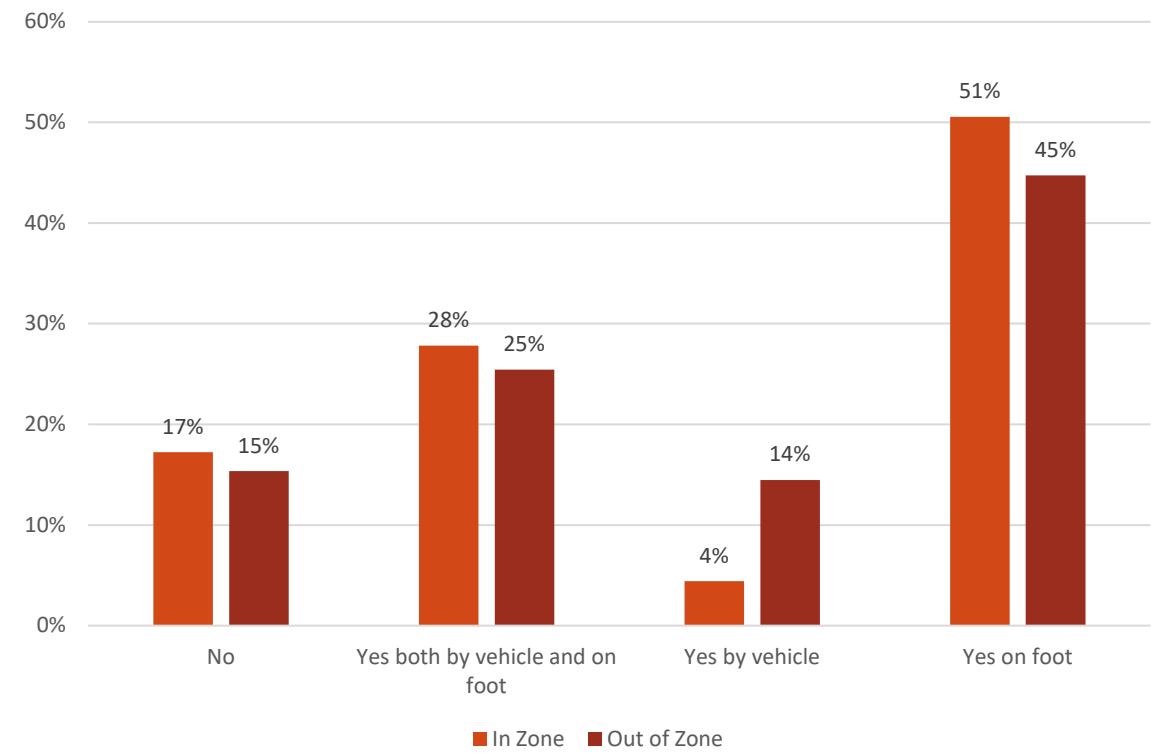


# Need for Access

Why do you access the beach at the road allowances?

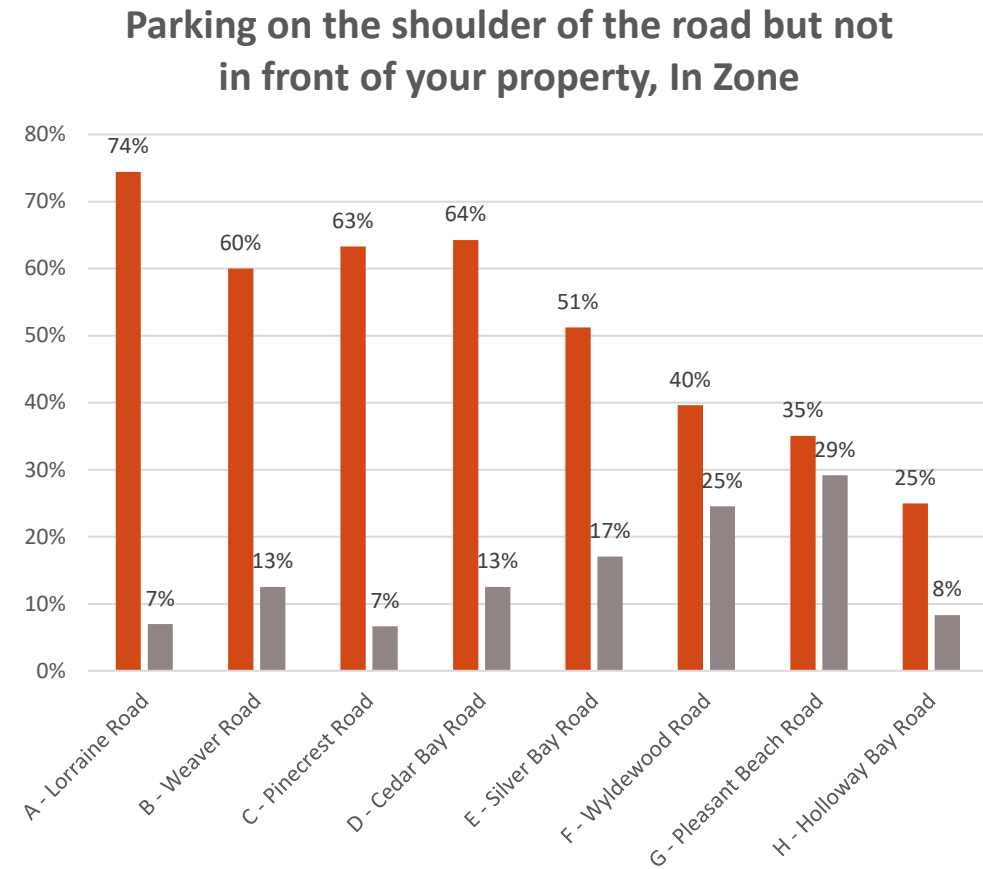
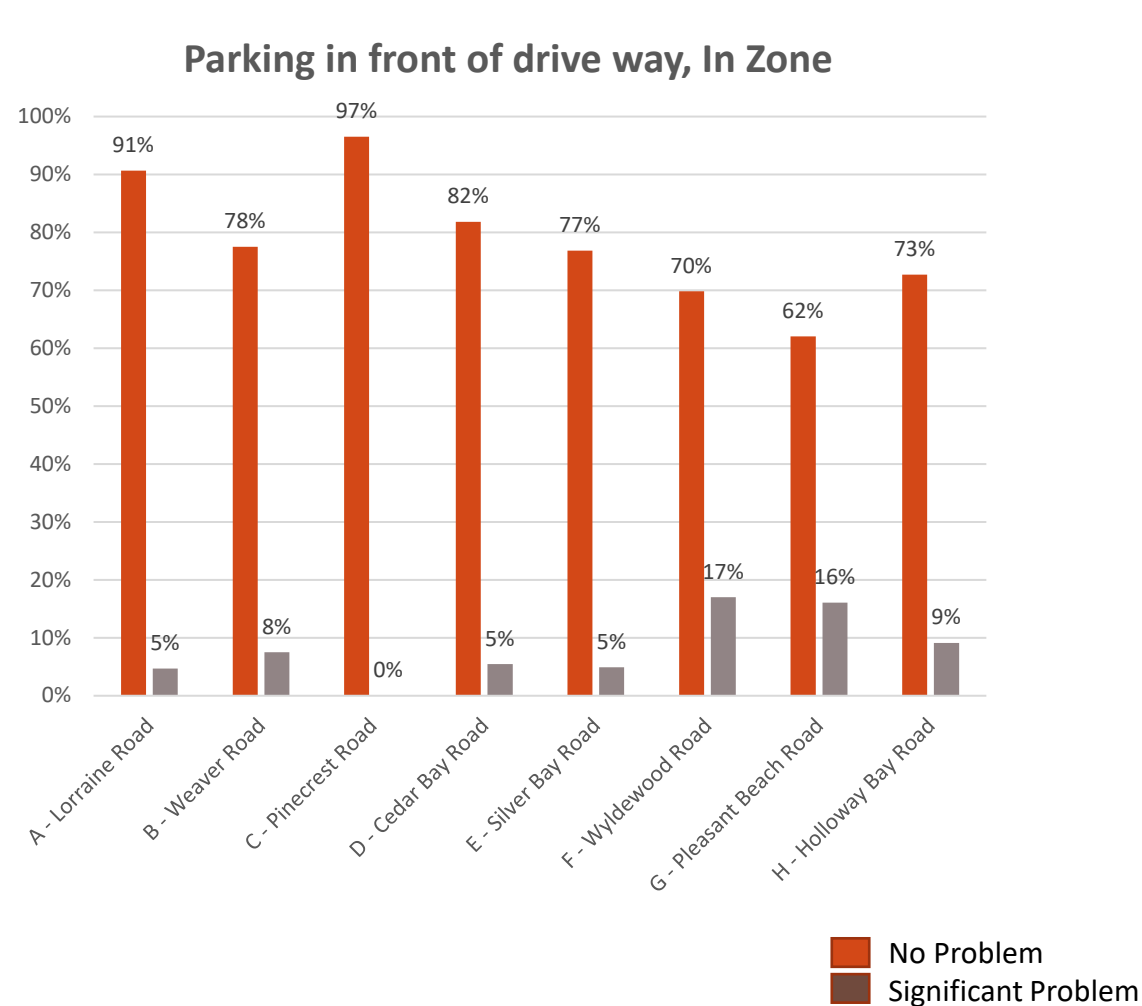


Do you require on-going access to the shoreline via the road allowance

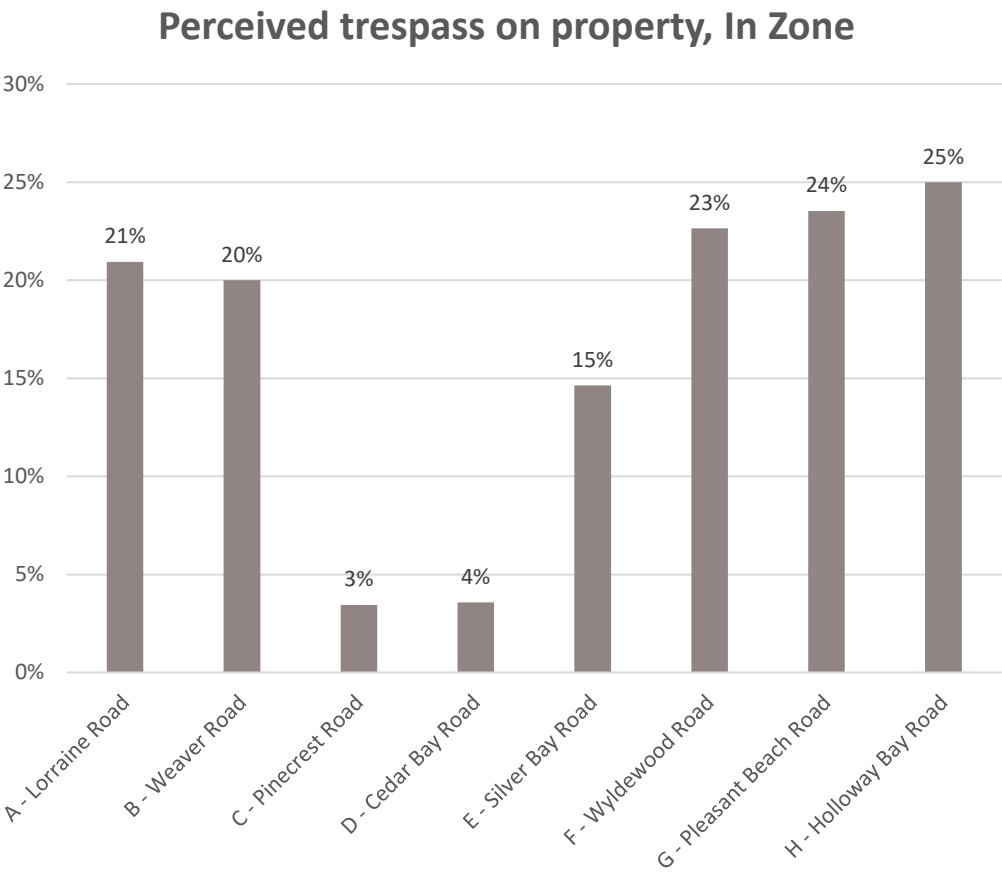
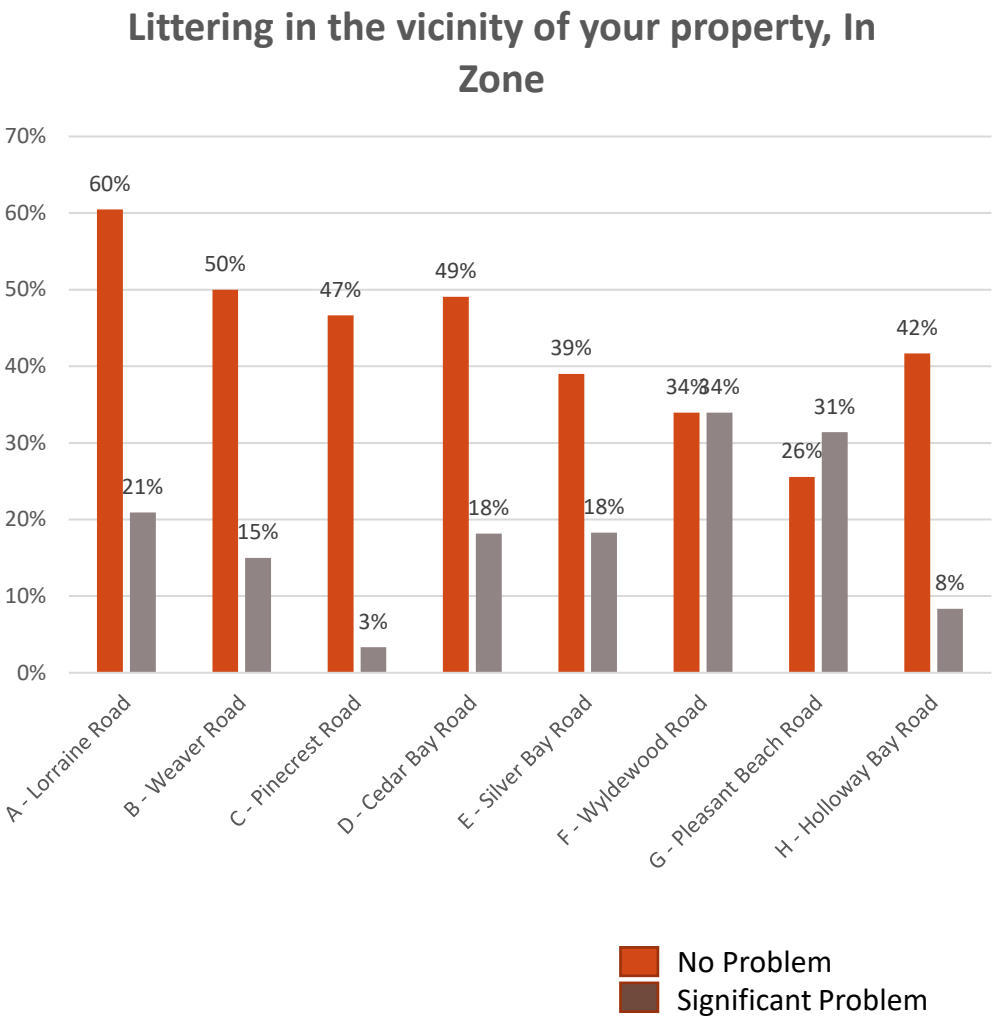




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## Illegal Dumping

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

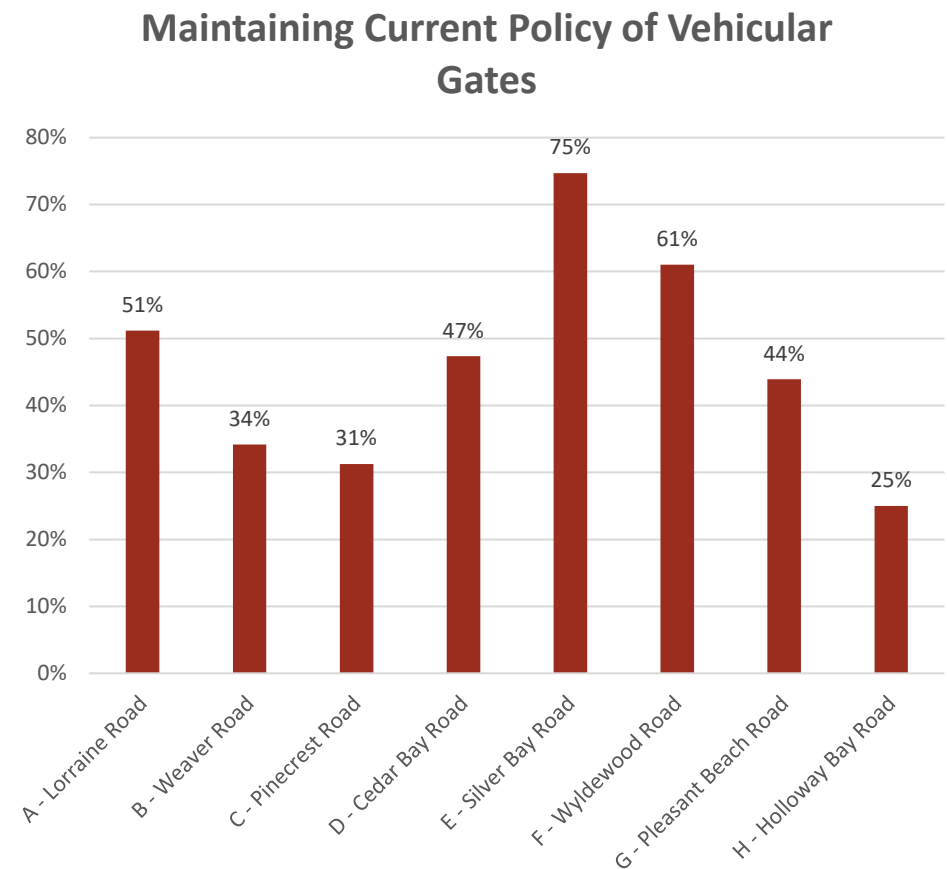
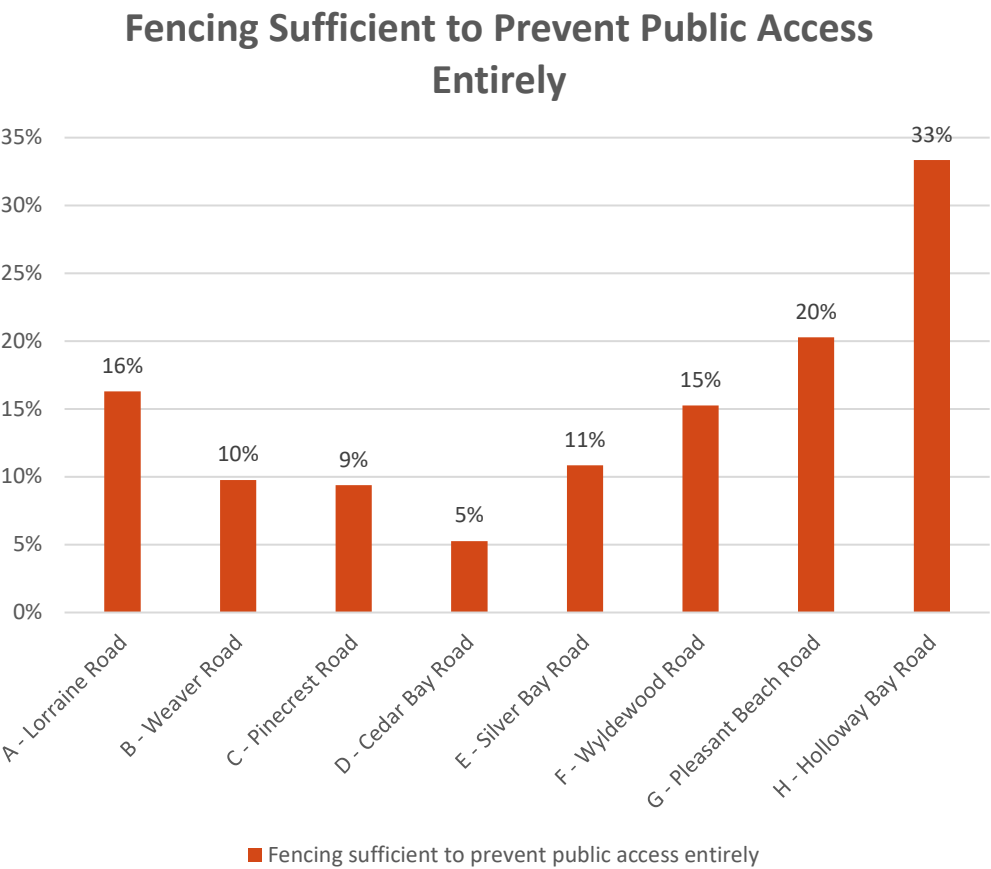
## Noise Disturbances at Night

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

## Washroom Access

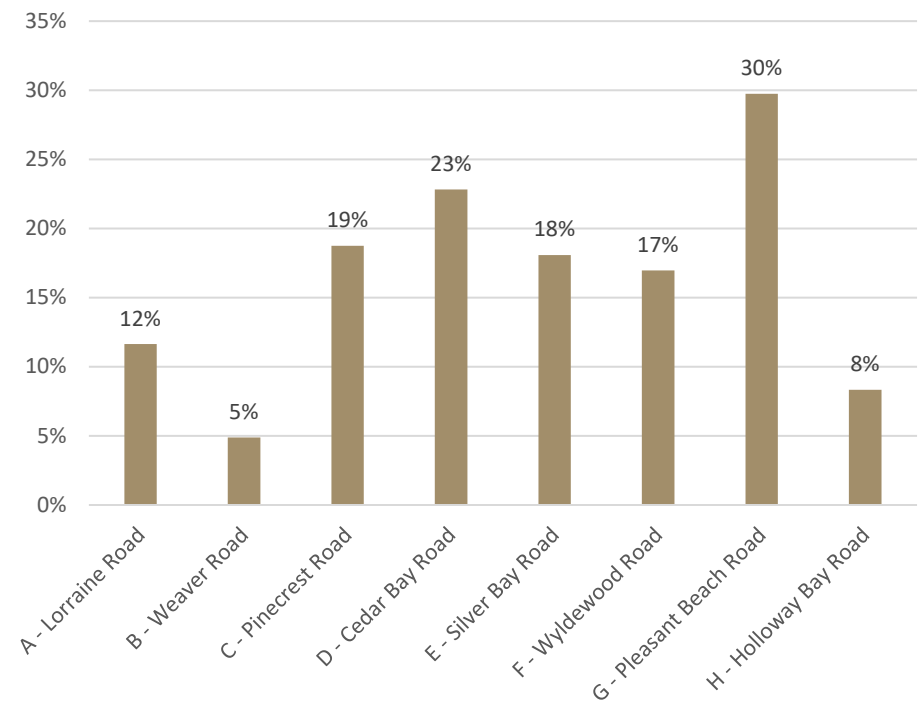
- Wildwood Road
  - 38% indicated a significant problem
- Pleasant Beach Road
  - 24% indicated a significant problem

# Willingness to Consider Measures (In Zone)

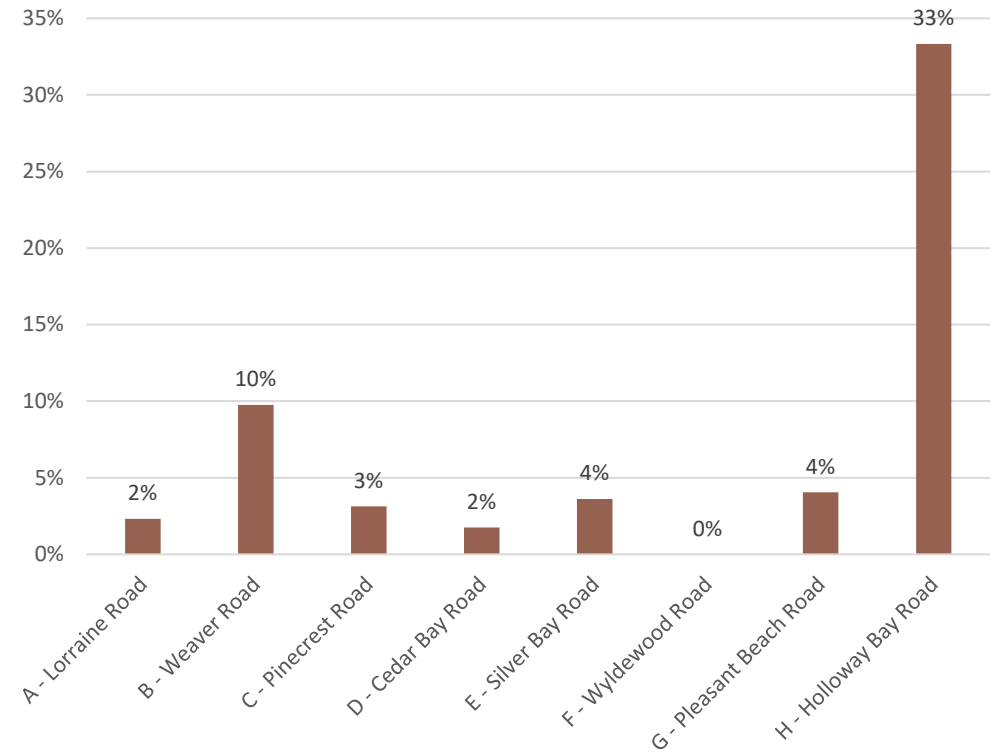


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Add More Legal Parking Further Away from the Beach or on an Off-Street location

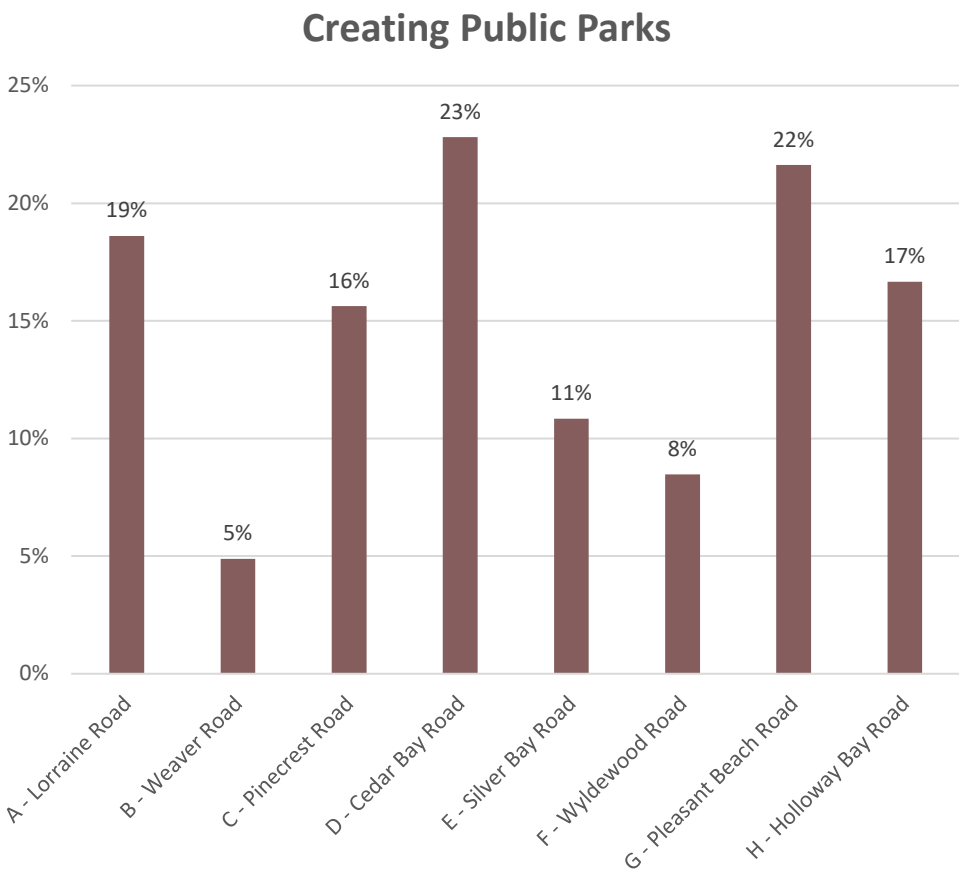
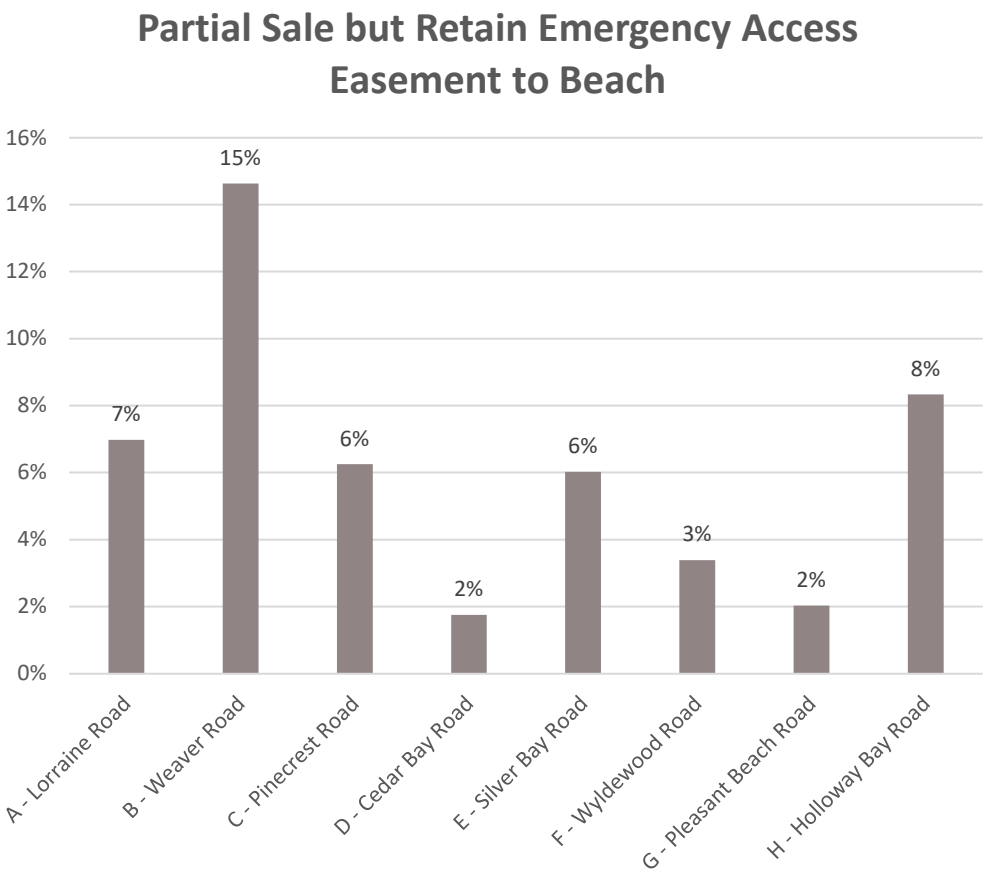


Sell Road Allowance Lands at the Shore to Private Owner(s)





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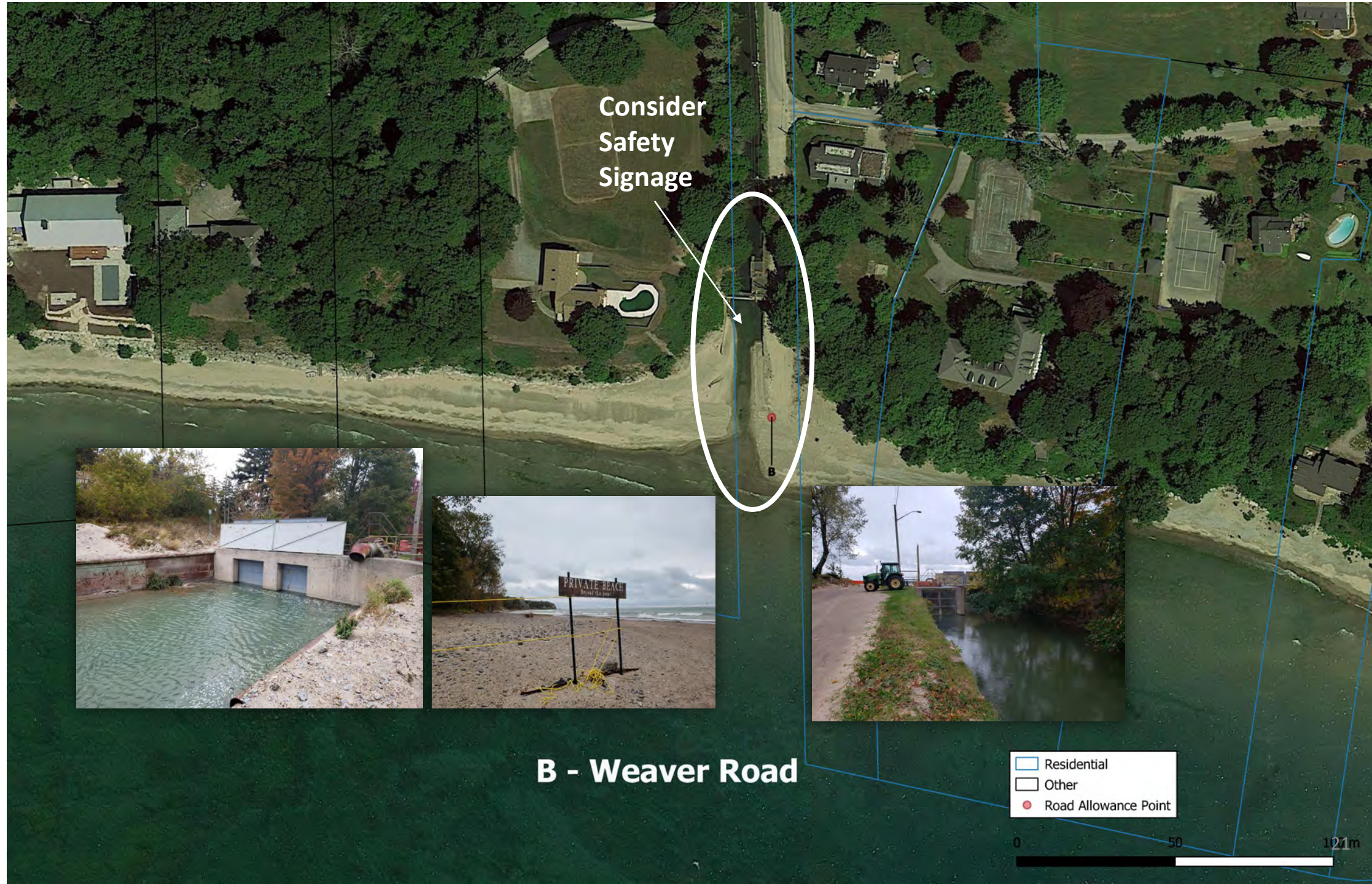


## A - Lorraine Road

- 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



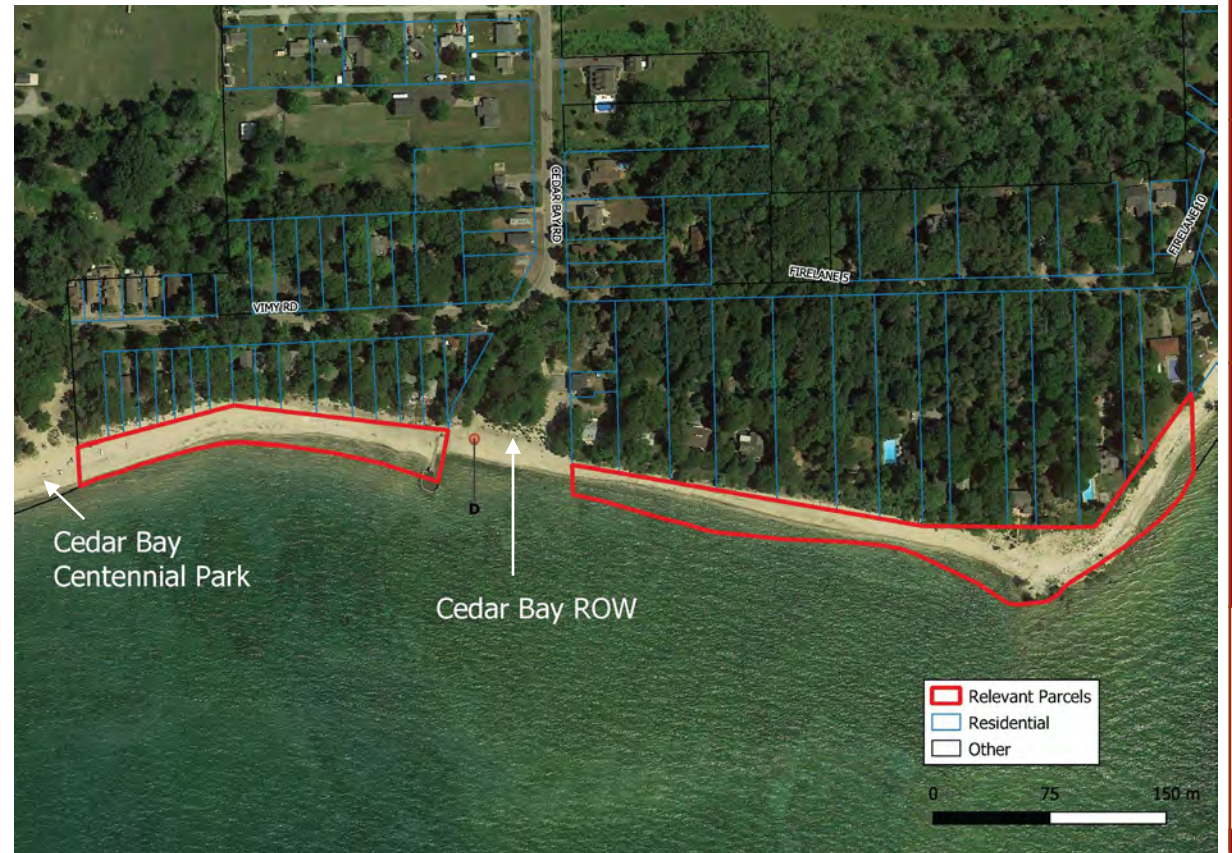




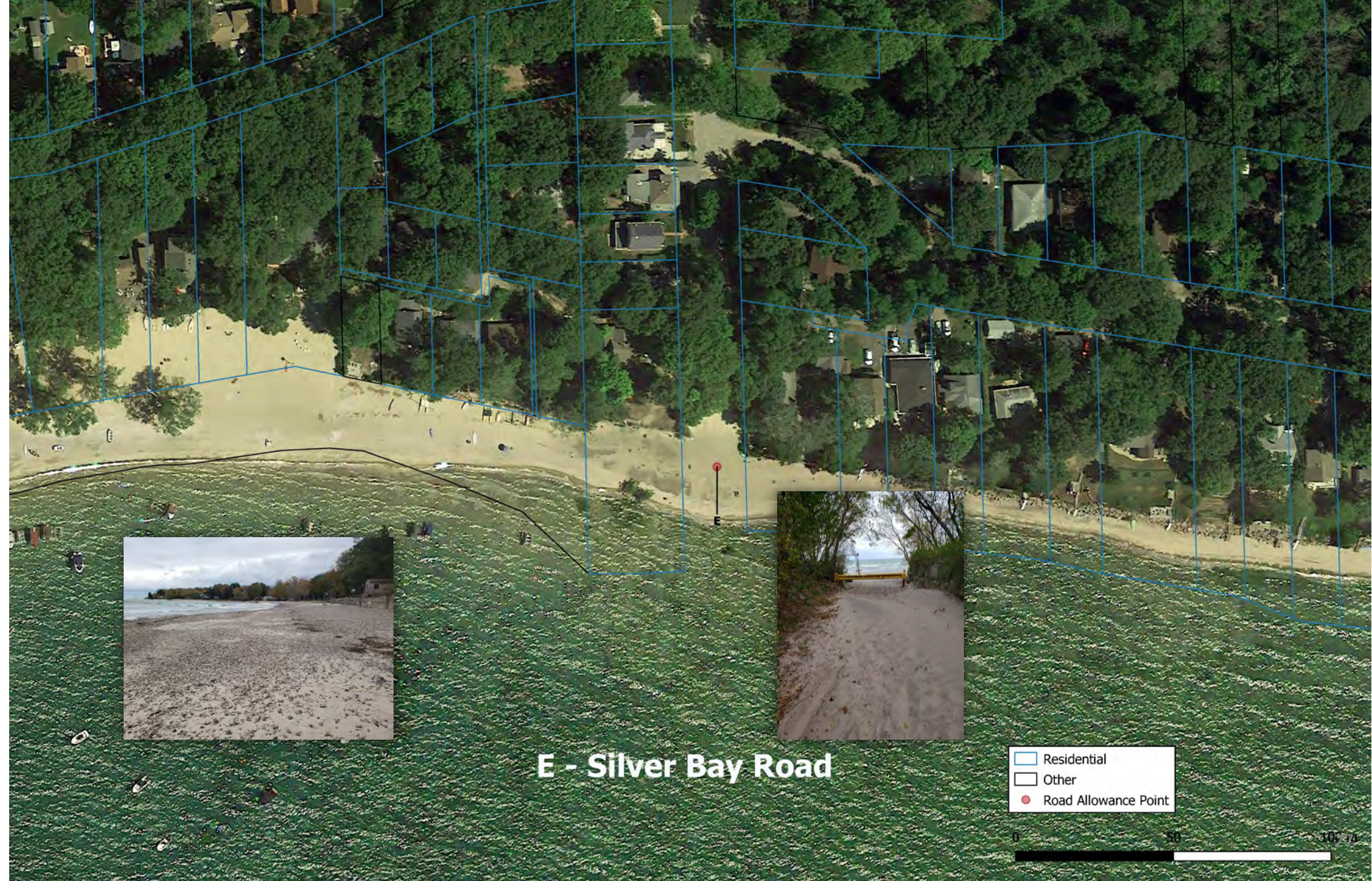
D - Cedar Bay Road



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# 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

