

Where to Grow... Out, In, or Up?









What is Low-Rise Multi-Home Infill?



















When Does Infill Housing Get Built?

- 1. An older house is put up for sale
- 2. A builder or developer buys the property
- 3. The builder knocks down the house
- 4. A new infill home is built on the same land





Benefits of Infill Homes

✓ Most affordable to build, heat, cool, and maintain

✓ Most affordable for the city to service

✓ Offers many types of homes close to downtown

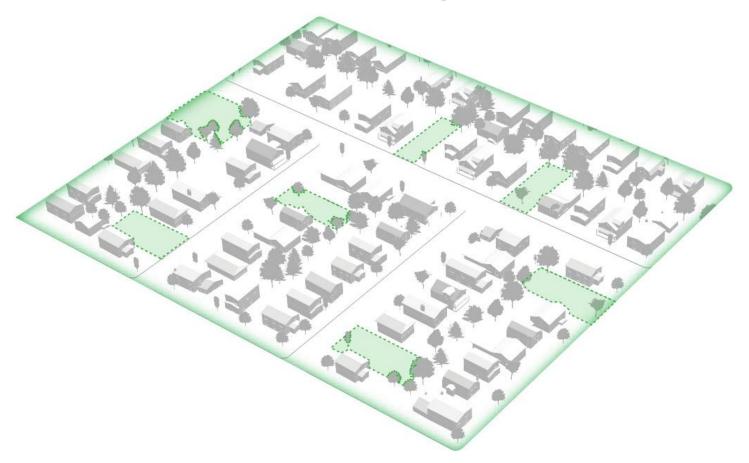


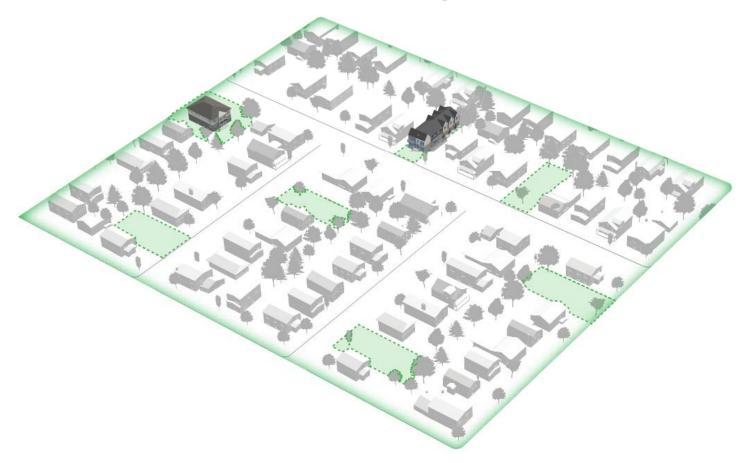
Benefits for the Municipality

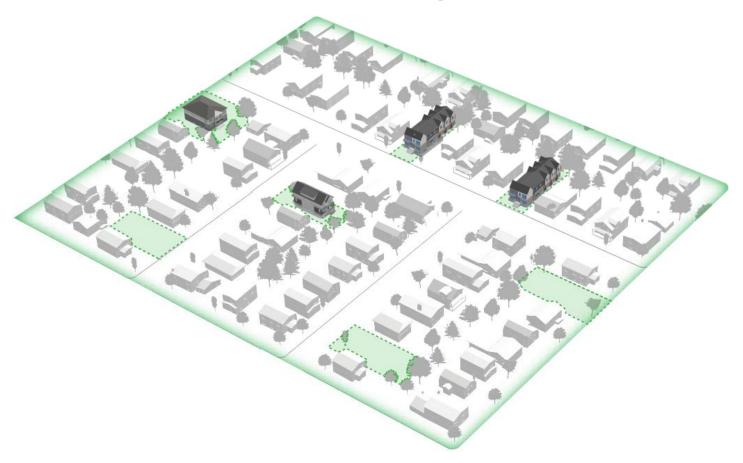
- ✓ Balance municipal budgets and fund affordable housing
- ✓ Protect and improve the look of existing low-rise neighbourhoods
- ✓ Reduce emissions without extra costs

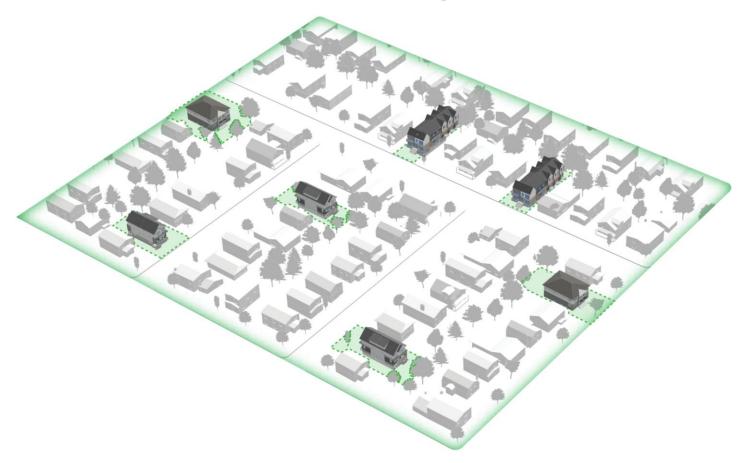
✓ Add more homes in already serviced neighbourhoods











Growth in Kincardine

Official Plan – 2045

- 2500 new residents = 900 new dwellings
- 300 homes built, 600 remaining
- Continuing this trend, over 70% of new growth will be single-family homes



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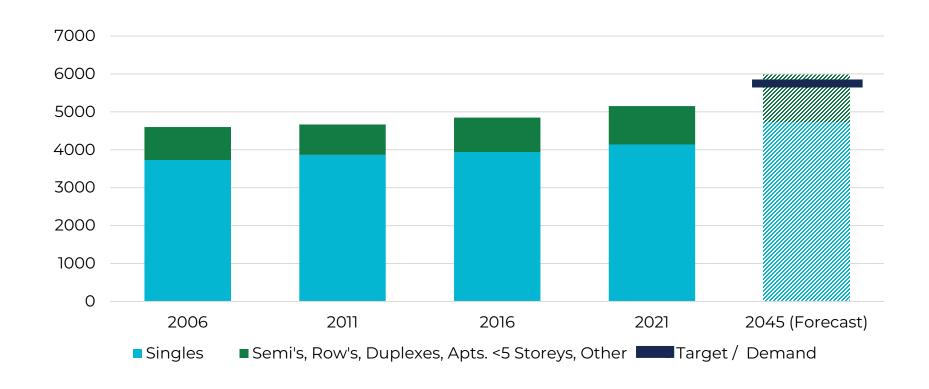
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Official Plan Municipality of Kincardine



Housing Type Trends in Kincardine to 2045



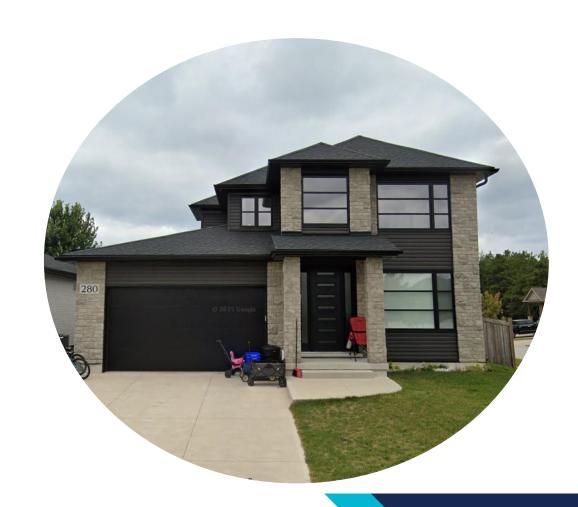


Summary of Barriers and Opportunities



Barriers to Infill in Kincardine

- Existing and proposed zoning perpetuates larger homes at higher price points
- Servicing constraints, heritage designations and protecting natural areas
- Complexities to stormwater management
- Parking





Opportunities for Infill in Kincardine

- Older housing stock that is well-suited for infill
- Large, deep rectangular lots
- The space available for infill could exceed potential demand

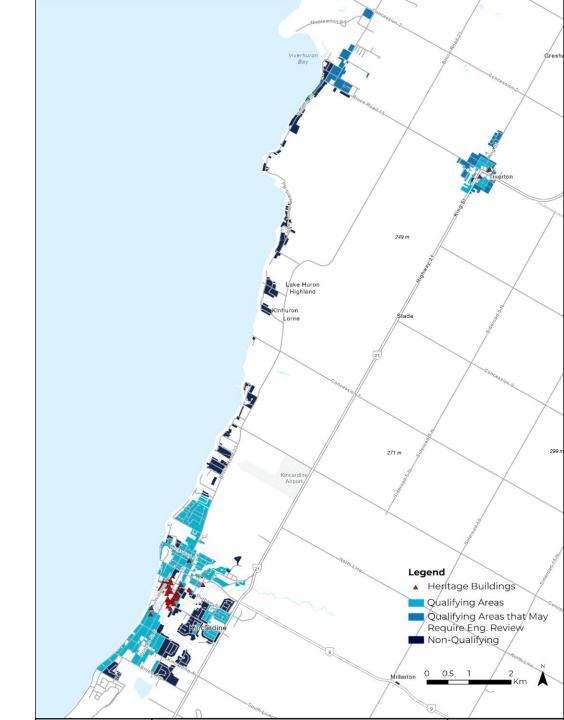




MAPPING IDEAL AREAS FOR INFILL

Qualifying Area

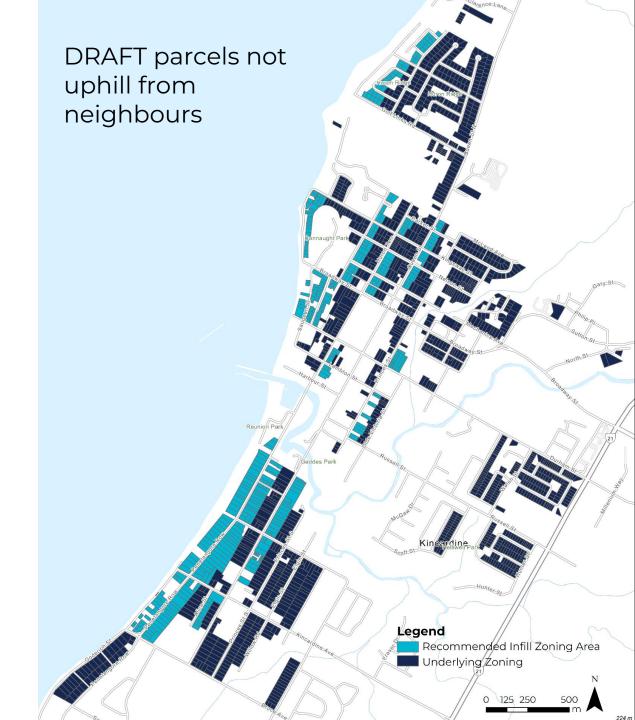
- Low-rise residential areas
- Older neighbourhoods
- Not environmentally sensitive (floodplain)
- Serviced with water, storm and sanitary sewers
- No heritage designation



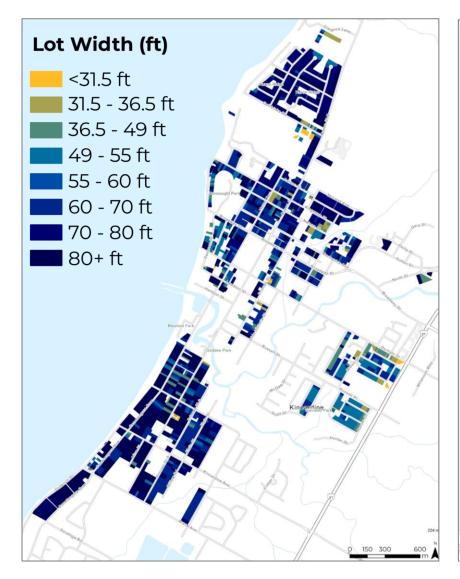
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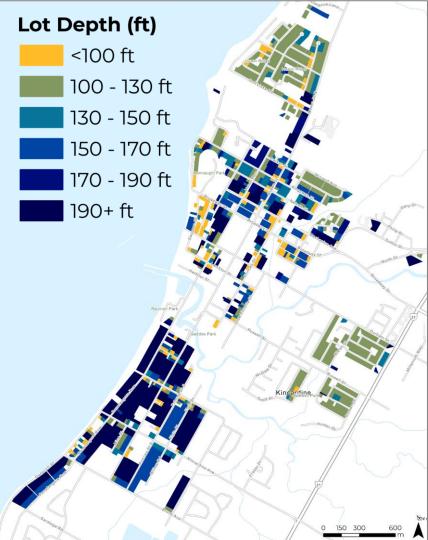
Stormwater Management

- Rainwater must be directed to the street to avoid flooding on neighbouring properties
- Stormwater can be complicated and cost-prohibitive
- Developers should be directed to build on properties that are downhill from their neighbours



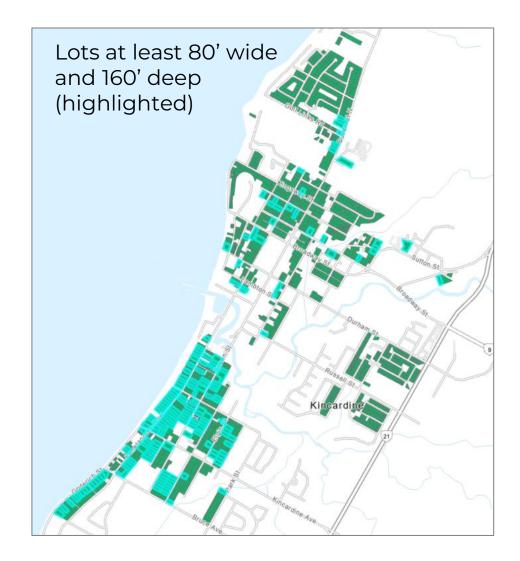
Infill Opportunity by Lot Size

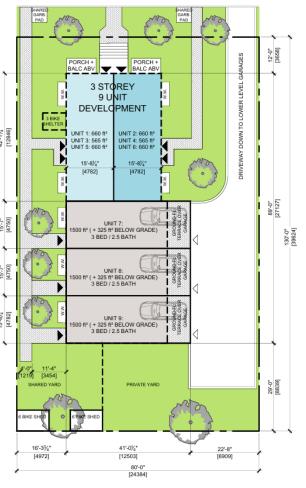




- Standard rectangular lots
- A large proportion of wide, deep lots are oriented perpendicular to the lakeshore

Large Lots Mean More Housing Potential







What Infill Could Look Like on a Large Lot



SOLUTION

A Neighbourhood Parking Solution

- Common "legal non-conforming use" in Canada (e.g. Ottawa and Toronto).
- The Town of Milton is implementing a transitional parking lot strategy as an interim measure while street permit parking is being enacted.







SOLUTION

Neighbourhood Parking Lots

- Privately owned
- Maintained by the developer
- Serving residents of new infill in proximity to the parking lot
- Zoning can regulate the building size, location and landscaping to make sure it fits into the neighbourhood





Growth Scenarios in the Qualifying Area

Scenario 1: New Zoning	Scenario 2: BuildingIN
Kincardine's new Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 2025-052	BuildingIN's recommended zoning (max. 2-storeys)
Existing Building Code	Existing Building Code
Existing stormwater management requirements	Standardized stormwater management submissions
Limited neighbourhood upgrades	Generous neighbourhood upgrades
On-site parking required	On-site parking permitted, neighbourhood parking lots
Development charges for primary dwellings	Development charges for 1/3 of dwellings
Small amounts of high-end single-family custom infill + expansion growth of larger more expensive homes farther away from downtown to meet housing need	Infill projects meet demand for smaller more affordable homes. New buildings are scaled to fit the context with animated facades and porches. Strengthened municipal finances for pedestrian paths and sidewalks





Scenario 1 Streetview Example



- Large, custom singlefamily homes
- Dominant garage doors
- Lack of inviting building façade features

Building IN Scenario 2 Streetview Examples



- More types, tenures and sizes to accommodate families, young couples, seniors, etc.
- ✓ Parking for residents and visitors
- ✓ Fit with the neighbourhood character
- ✓ Inviting building facades (porches, larger windows, etc.)

How Can We Ensure Infill Enhances Neighbourhood Character and Social Dynamic?

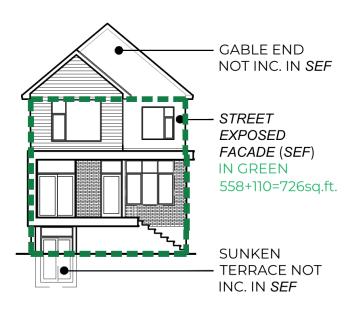


Form-Based Zoning

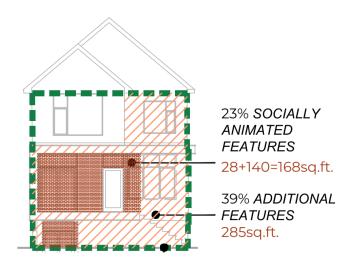


Zoning the Street-Exposed Façade

- Façade articulation
- Glazing
- Socially animated features (porches, decks, balconies, bay windows...)









Next Steps

- Community Consultation
- Refine Qualifying Area Map
- Establish the Recommended Zoning Overlay Regulations
- Simulate a Refined Growth Scenario
- Building Code Interpretation Memos

• Simplified Stormwater Management Permit Submission



