

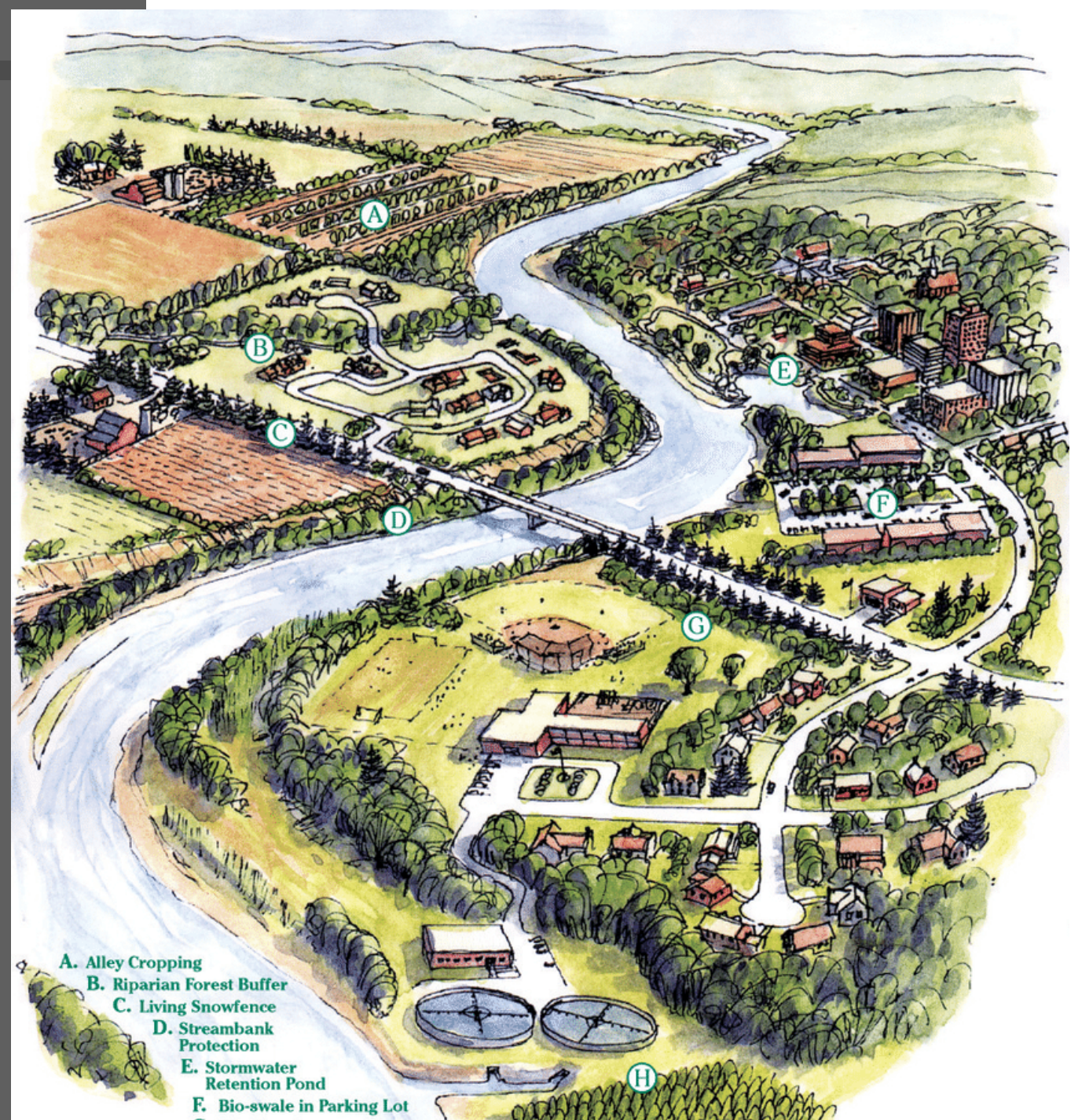
Regional Plan Project

February 14, 2023

What is the Regional Plan Project?

It is the process of developing a regional plan.

Regional plans assess the challenges and opportunities related to growth and development within the region and present solutions that transcend or cross municipal boundaries.



future land use plan and map



identify area of regional significance...



... and define types of development with substantial regional impact



Policies to guide growth and development ...



...including public services and environmental protections

Program for Implementation



Action items



Timeframe



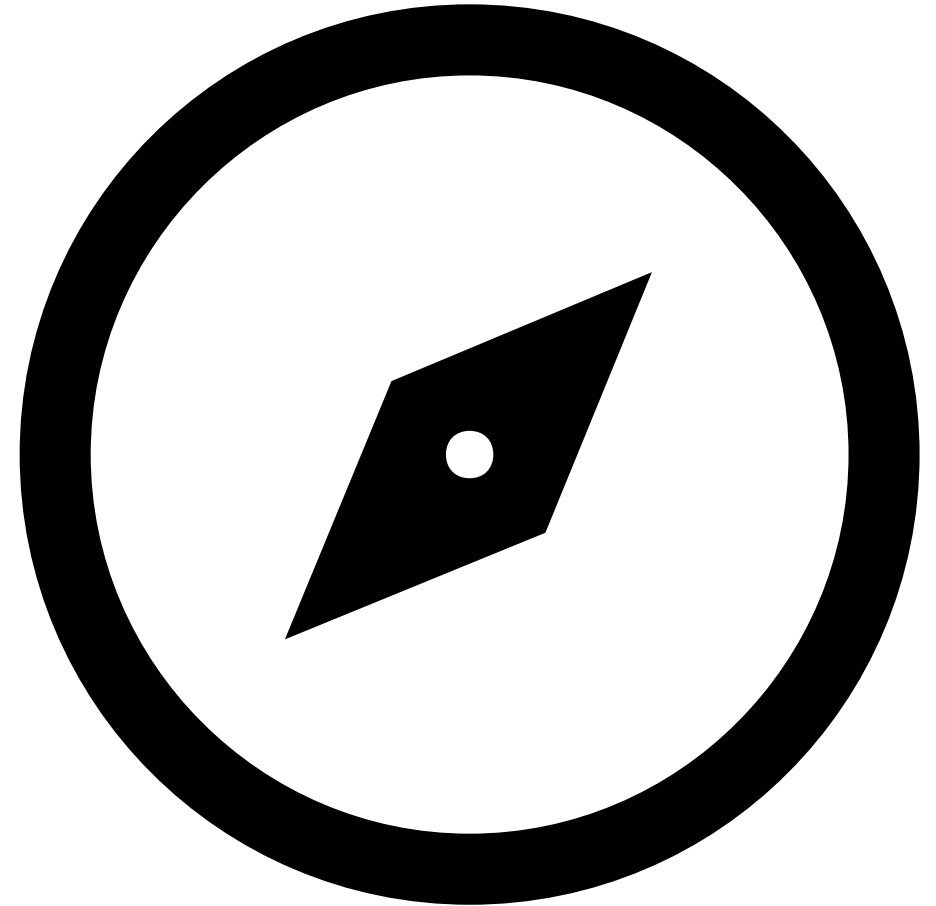
Partners



Possible
sources of
funding

Why have a Regional Plan?

To present a vision for the region to help guide local planning efforts and investment decisions of the public and private sectors.



promote coordination



role in State regulatory proceedings...



...projects with substantial regional impact

...Act 250 and Section 248

**When will it
be
undertaken?**

...now



Simplified timeline



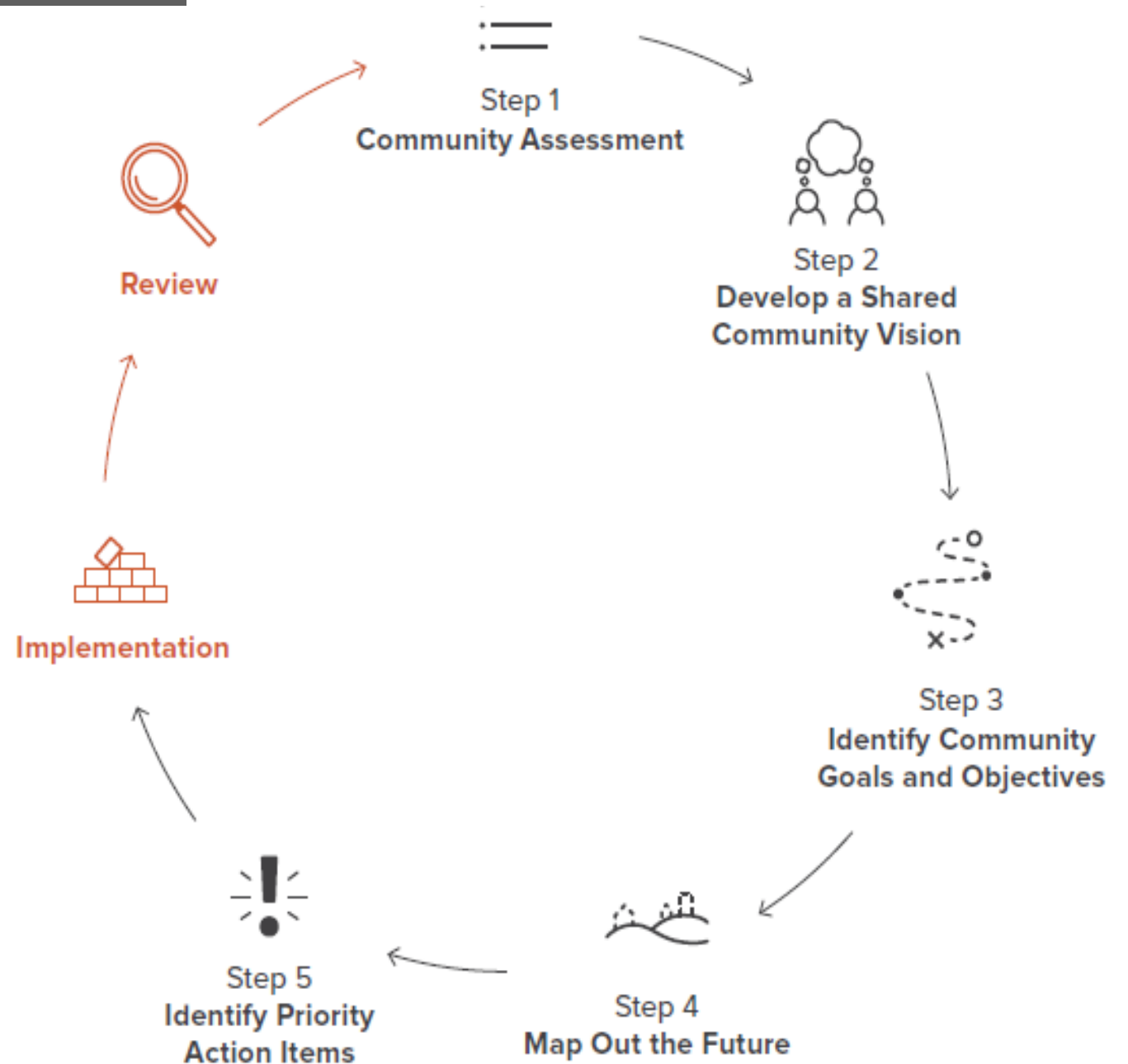
Dedicated effort for FY 23 and FY24

Plan expiration
August 2024

Who will be responsible?

The plan development process:

- lead by staff
- guided by the Regional Plan Committee
- adopted by the CVRPC Board of Commissioners



- draft narrative from Plan Central Vermont effort
- draft vision statement and overarching aspirations/goals
- draft new Substantial Regional Impact (SRI) criteria has been previously developed by the Project Review Committee

New Regional Plan Vision + Aspirations

Vision

Central Vermont is a place where people and commerce thrive and innovate, the health of the natural environment and residents' quality of life are valued, and local communities are equipped to plan for and respond to emerging trends and unexpected challenges.

Aspirations

Steward a strong **culture of cooperative planning** with residents working together to find solutions to sustaining the vitality of local communities and high quality of life enjoyed in our Region.

Foster a **prosperous, equitable, and adaptable economy** that will provide full employment in a broad range of occupations at a livable wage.

Preserve an **economically viable working landscape** of farms and forests, with increased local food production and access to healthy food.

Protect **ecologically functioning natural systems** and sustainably manage natural resources including wildlife, habitat and water resources.

Minimize contribution to a **changing climate** and be prepared to mitigate impacts from increased natural hazards.

Ensure a **range of housing choices** that are high quality, safe and attractive, provide affordable options available for all residents.

Accommodate the availability of **reliable and affordable energy** supplies, increased energy efficiency, and diverse renewable energy resources and facilities.

Preserve the **rural character and unique historic settlements** with thriving downtown and village centers serving as cultural and economic hubs.

Guide construction and maintenance of **cost-effective infrastructure** that supports desired growth patterns, public health and environmental sustainability.

Stimulate a **healthy, active and connected population** in communities that work for all residents.

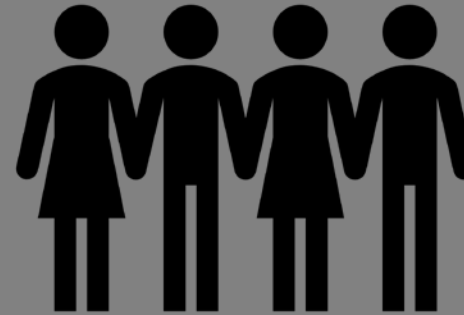
Provide an **integrated, regional transportation system** that encourages various modes of travel.



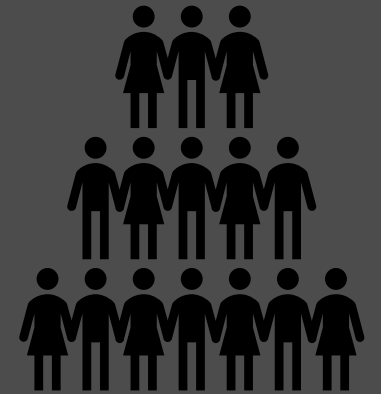
Staff



**Regional
Plan
Committee**

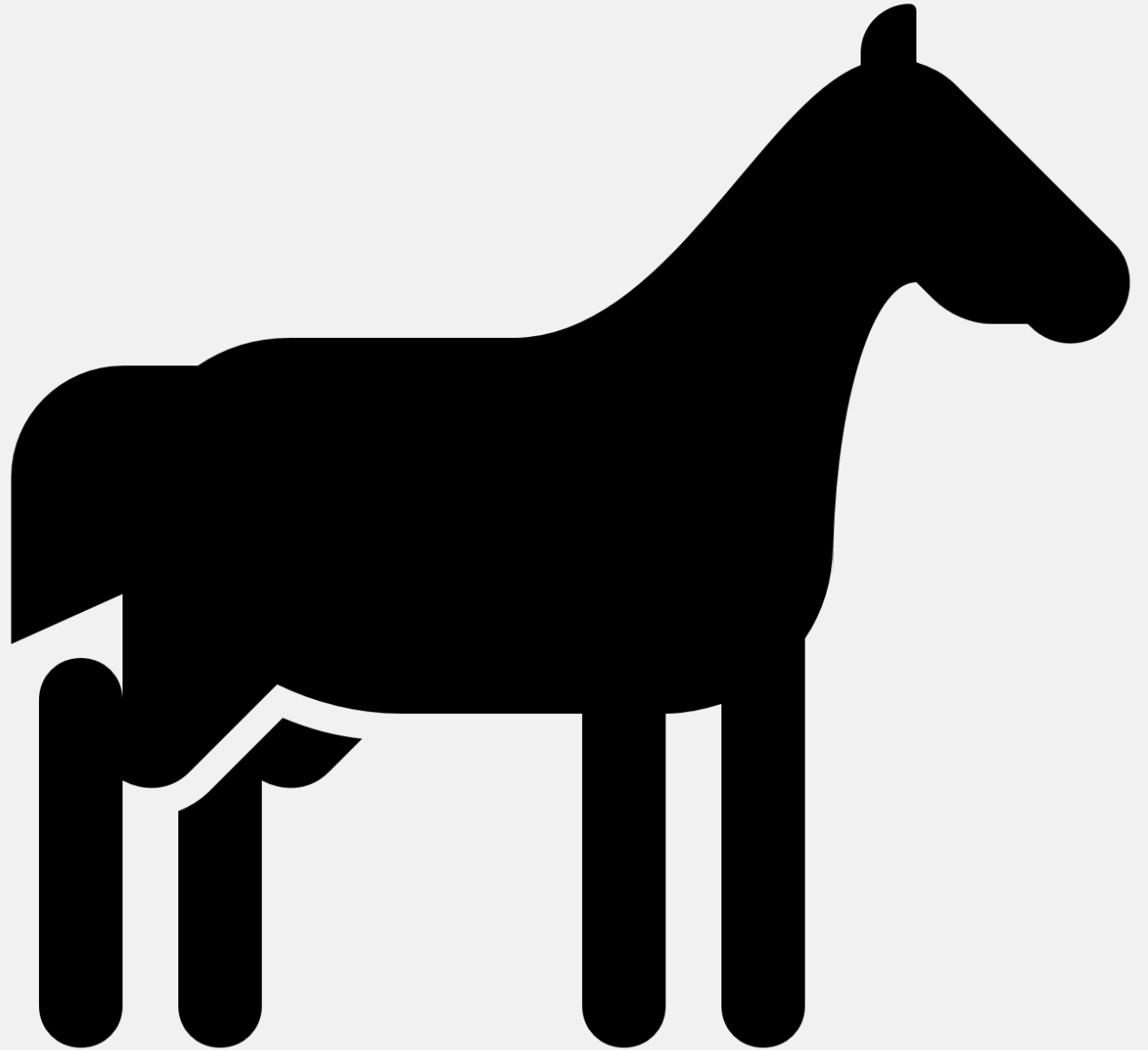


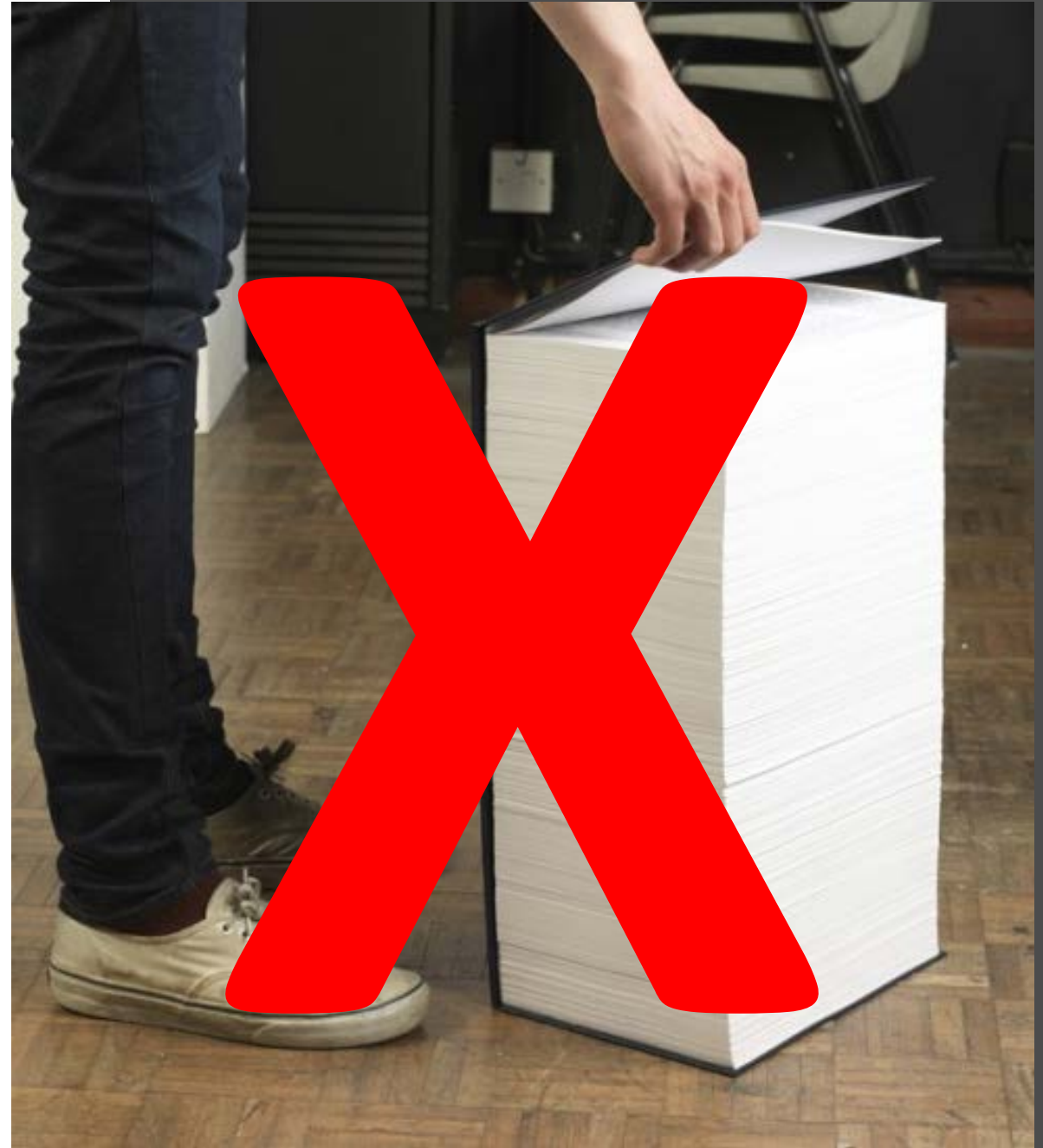
Board



Stakeholders

**What will
be
different?**





the new plan will be...



Short and concise

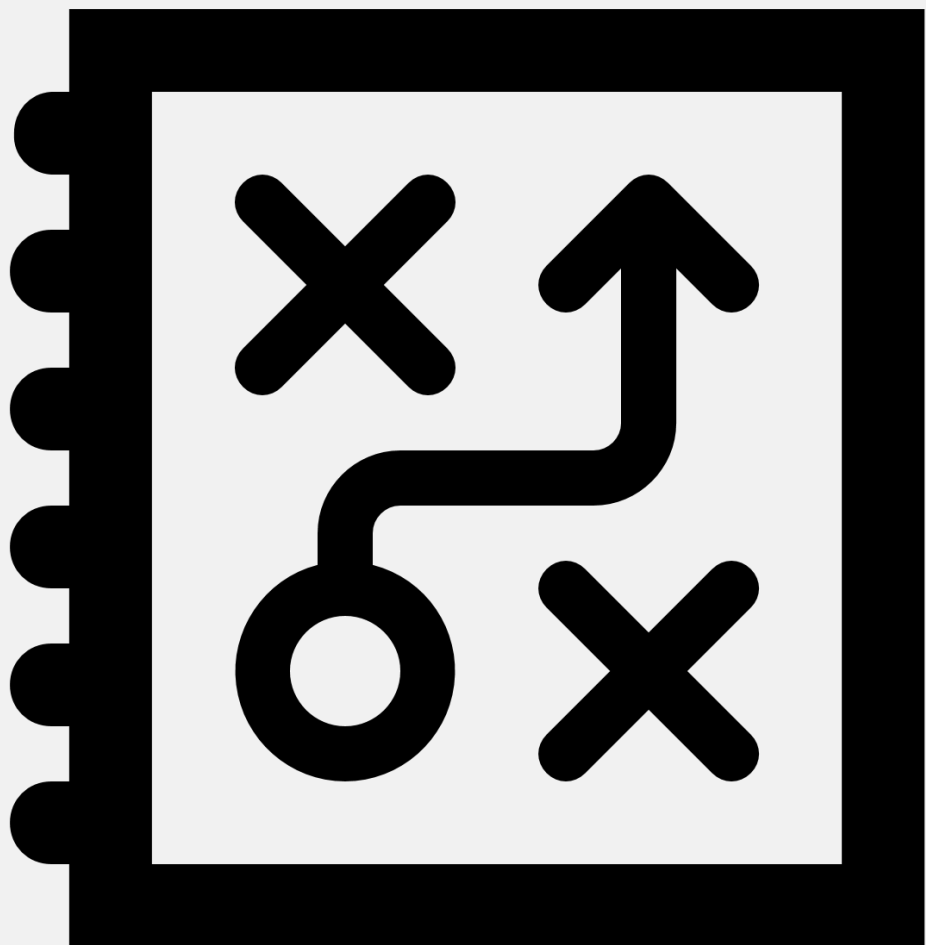
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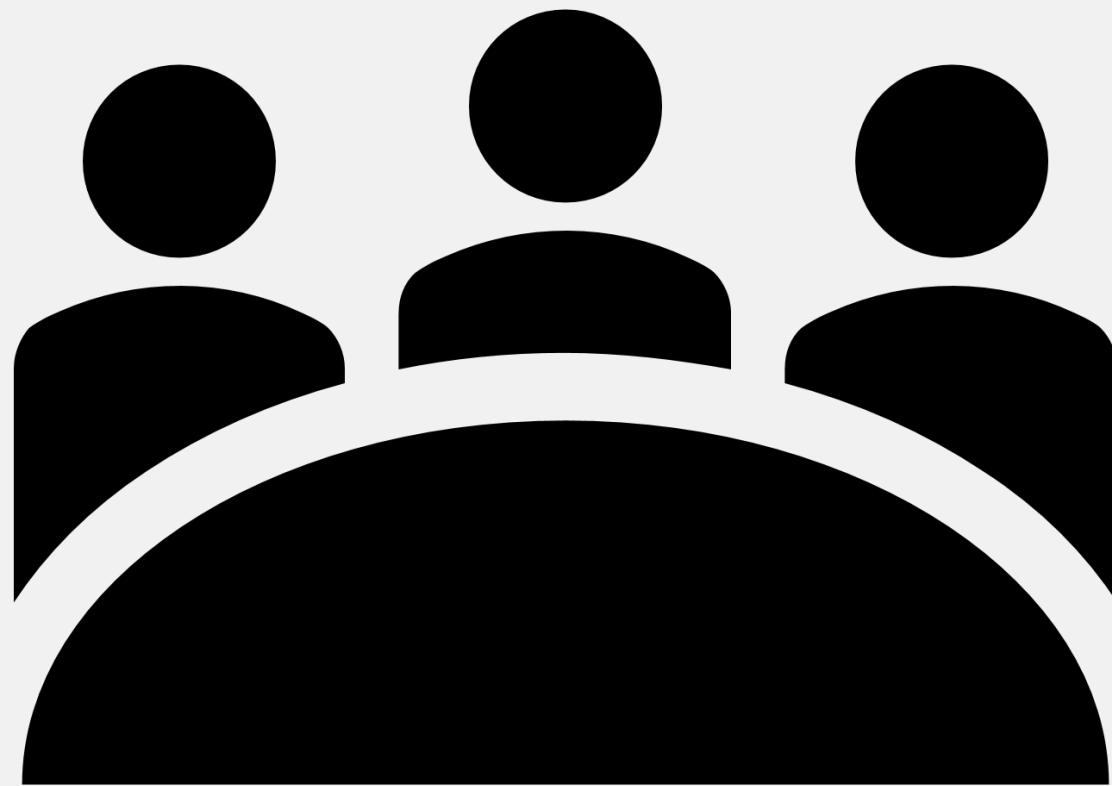
emerging trends and
highlight key findings

Clear link between and
policies





Strategic implementation program



Focused on what RPC can do