



BEACONSFIELD

*Building climate change resilience
through social cohesion*

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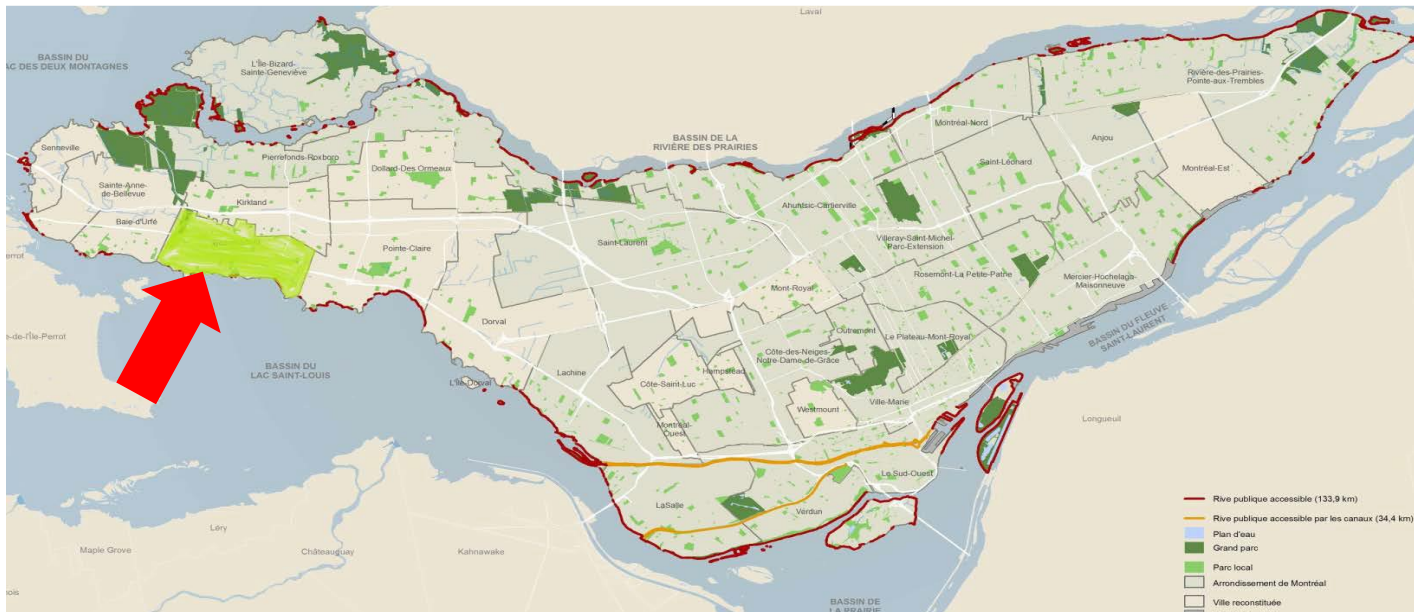


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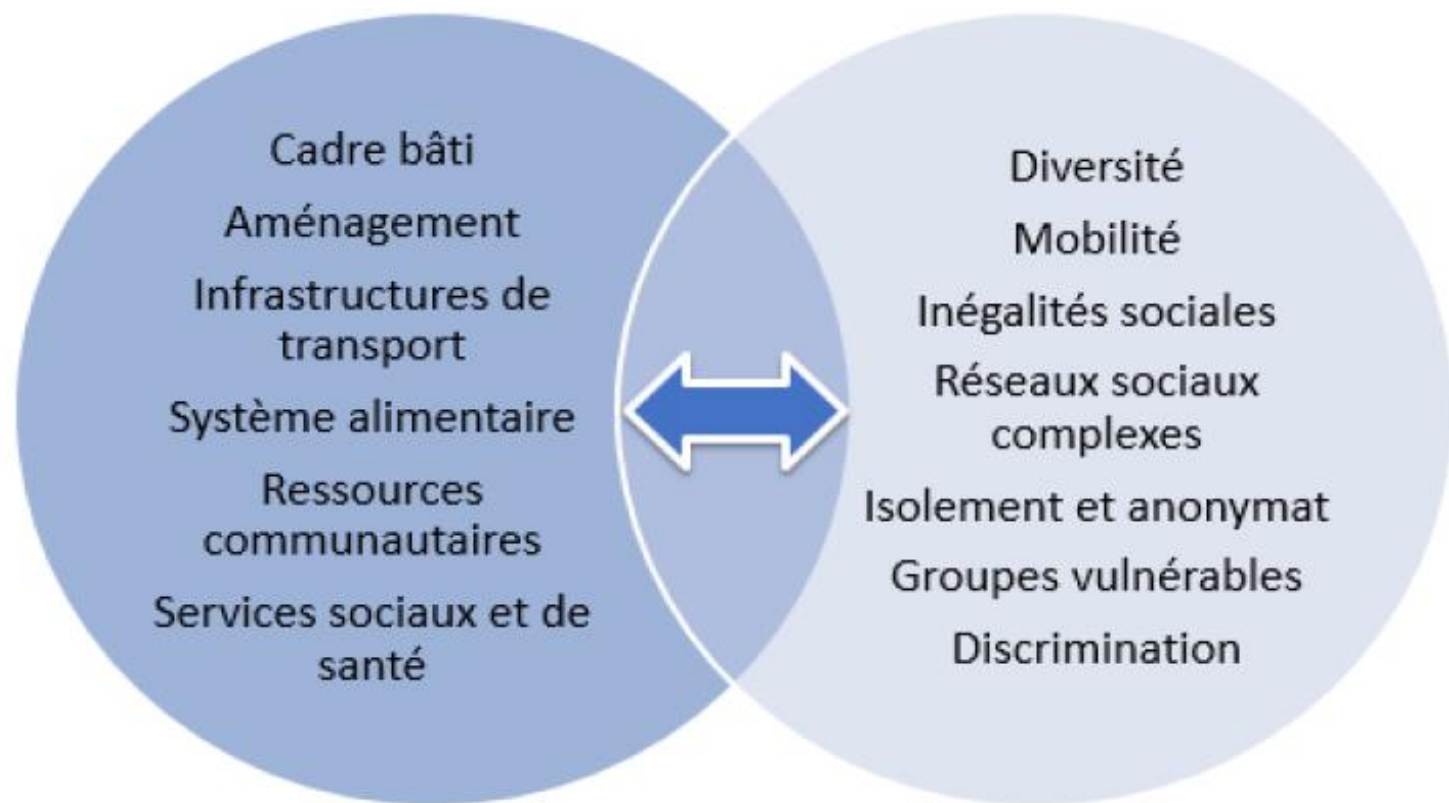
- ❖ Suburban municipality within the Agglomeration of Montreal
- ❖ 19 977 residents, 6600 residential buildings
- ❖ 92% single family homes



Urban Health in Montreal



- ❖ Aging population, many increasingly living in isolation
- ❖ Higher proportion of new residents to Canada
- ❖ Awareness of community, regional social support organizations
- ❖ Interaction urban environment and health of population



Scope



❖ Focus

- People who are more sensitive to weather-related impacts
- Subsidy: mobility challenges and living in social isolation

❖ Why

- Address the specific obstacles faced by vulnerable people missed by the climate vulnerability analysis (sensitivity)

❖ Opportunity

- Increase social cohesion within local neighbourhoods



City Plans



BEACONSFIELD

2021



ACCESSIBILITÉ UNIVERSELLE
Plan d'action à l'égard
des personnes handicapées

UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY
An Action Plan for
Persons with Disabilities



MUNICIPALITÉ AMIE DES AÎNÉS
Plan d'action

AGE-FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITY
Action Plan

Specific initiatives



THE VULNERABLE PERSON REGISTRY

to assist you in case of an emergency

This program is specifically intended for people...

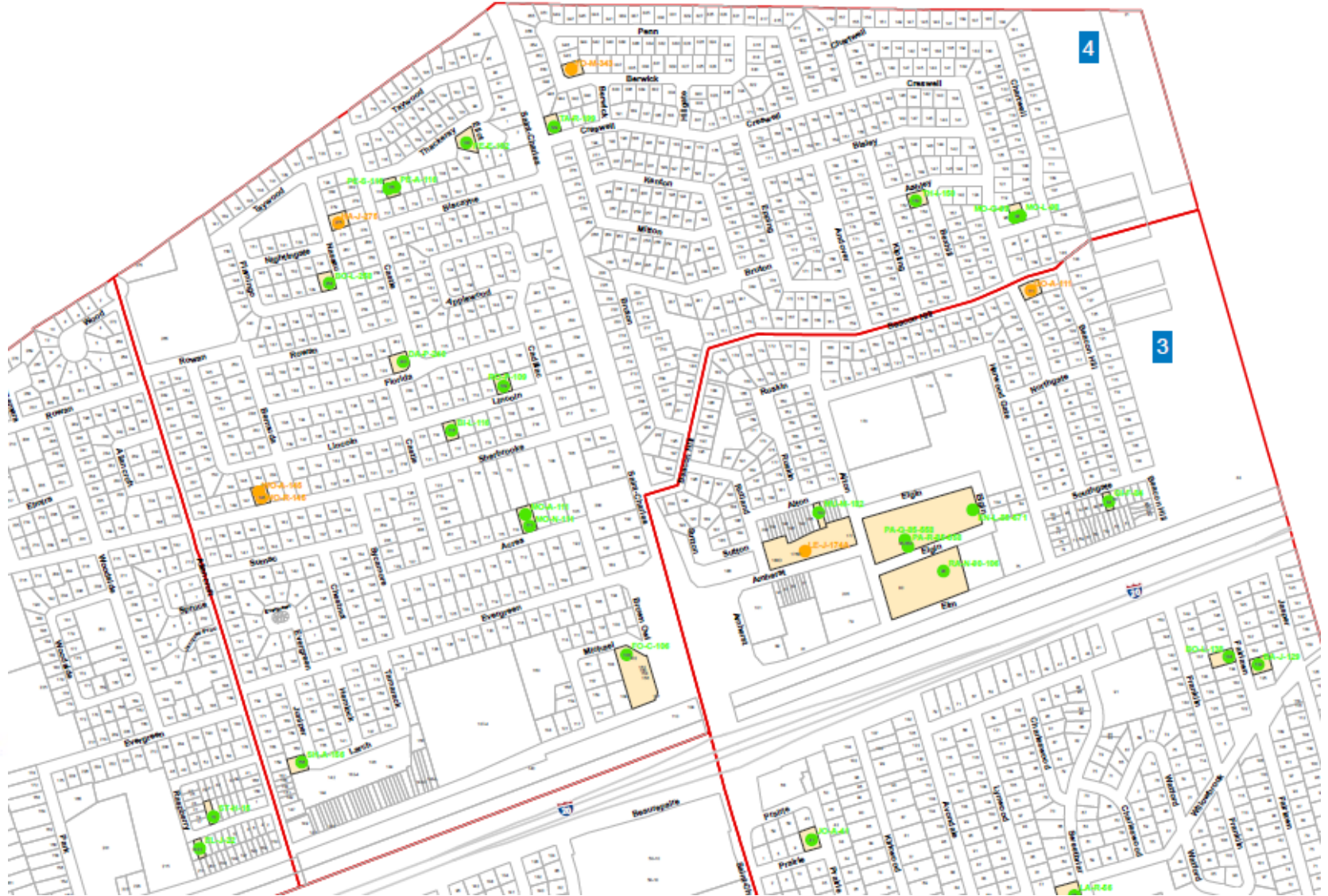
- ✓ Who are 75+ and living alone
- ✓ With loss of autonomy
- ✓ With reduced mobility
- ✓ With a hearing, visual, physical, sensory disability
- ✓ With an intellectual disability
- ✓ With a cognitive problem (Alzheimer's, etc.)
- ✓ With a pervasive developmental disorder
- ✓ With a mental health problem

INFO AND REGISTRATION:

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Initial mapping



Partners



- ❖ West Island Citizen Advocacy
 - defend the rights of vulnerable or disadvantaged people in its community to improve their quality of life
- ❖ West Island Community Resource Centre
 - improve the quality of life of persons in vulnerable situations by providing information and referrals services and tools
- ❖ Volunteer West Island
 - support the needs of volunteers as well as the community organizations and groups that require volunteer help
- ❖ Table de Quartier Sud de l'Ouest-de-l'Île
 - promote opportunities for citizens and communities to develop their potential, actively participate in social life
- ❖ MAHM and ICLEI-Canada



Local support



BEAUConnexion

Helping each other.

LES AMIS IS CONNECTING HOUSEHOLDS IN
BEAUREPAIRE THAT NEED A LITTLE HELP
WITH ONES THAT ARE LOOKING TO PROVIDE IT.

- are you able to help a neighbour?
- would you like some help from a neighbour?

FOR MORE INFORMATION :

- Email lesamisbeaurepaire@gmail.com
- Call 438-538-7812



Project activities



1. Define and establish a shared vision of social cohesion
2. Determine climate impacts and risks specific to vulnerable people
3. Identify and prioritize the most appropriate actions
4. Test the actions with community organizations
5. Implement select actions at select sites with local partners
6. Document findings in a practical handbook
7. Disseminate learnings to municipalities in Quebec and Canada



Outcomes



- ❖ Understand the climate specific obstacles experienced locally
- ❖ Share this knowledge to create a community of practice or a working group on resilience and social cohesion
- ❖ Build a network of supportive neighbors in specific areas
- ❖ Neighbours teach each other how to create and sustain resilient community activities in their area
- ❖ Develop the reflex where residents reach out to their vulnerable neighbours, and they in turn are open to asking for help
- ❖ Neighbors spontaneously initiate activities to increase social cohesion, after project completion, without direct City support



Act Together

