

# WELCOME

# OKANAGAN RAIL TRAIL

# OPEN HOUSE



Contributors:



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# PROJECT BACKGROUND

- The CN Rail line was constructed to transport local produce and lumber to markets across Canada. High operating costs and low revenues saw the rail service cease in June 2013.
- In 2015 the City of Kelowna, District of Lake Country, Regional District of North Okanagan, and the Province of B.C. invested \$22 million in the purchase of the discontinued CN railway running from Coldstream to Kelowna.
- In early 2016 the Okanagan Indian Band joined the Inter-jurisdictional Development Team.
- The local governments and the province recognized the joint value the route could have as a continuous multi-modal transportation corridor connecting all the communities.

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# TRAIL DEVELOPMENT VISION

- The corridor will be developed in phases, with the initial phase being the construction of a continuous gravel trail with road crossings, signage, barriers and amenities to provide a basic level of safe and accessible use by pedestrians and cyclists.
- The trail surface will be crushed gravel approximately 4m width. Where steep hillsides or other constraints exist the width will be reduced.



*Representative Photo: KVR Trail – Okanagan Falls (3m width)*

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# BENEFITS

- Connects more than 200,000 residents living in communities of the Okanagan Valley
- Provides access to some of the valley's most scenic features, including 22 km of lakefront
- Preserves the corridor for future regional transportation opportunities
- Improves overall cycling and pedestrian linkages
- Supports destination tourism opportunities in the region
- Improves economic development opportunities
- Increases opportunity for preventative healthcare with associated recreational uses

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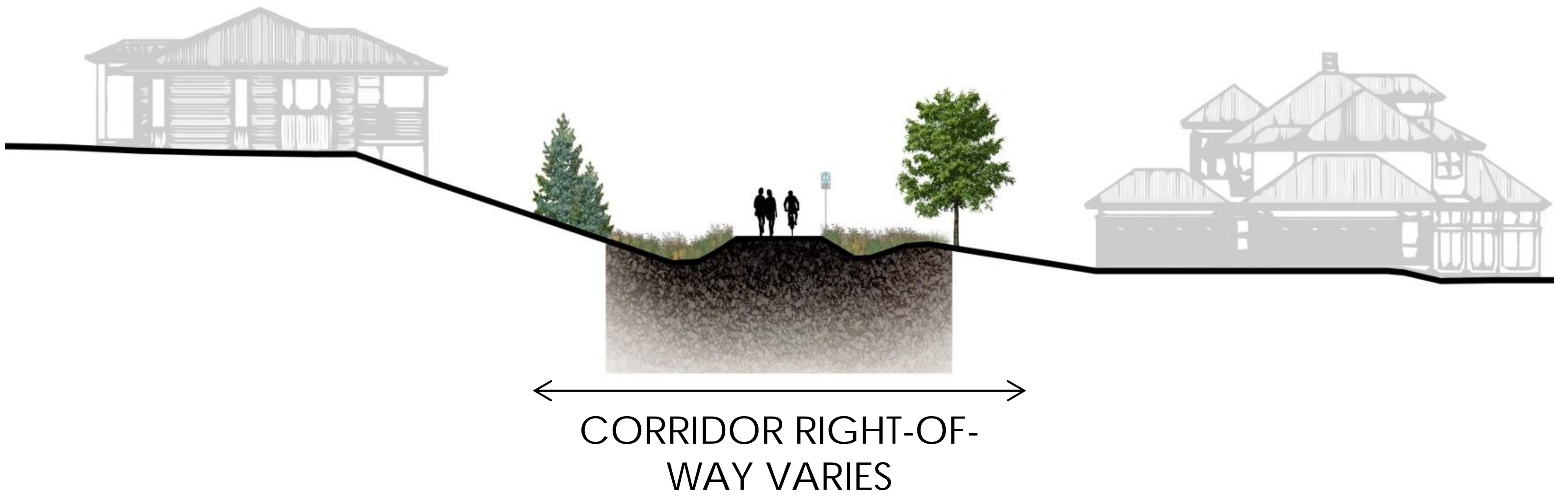
# TYPICAL TRAIL SECTION

3.0-4.6m COMPACTED  
GRAVEL SURFACE



## LAND USE SECTIONS

- Residential



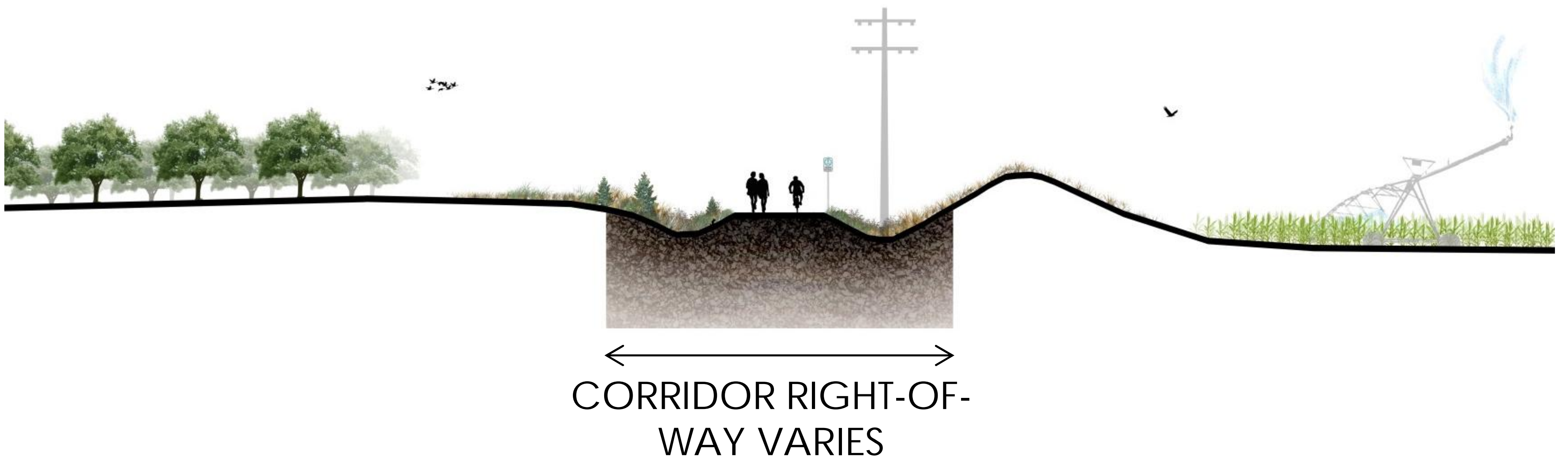
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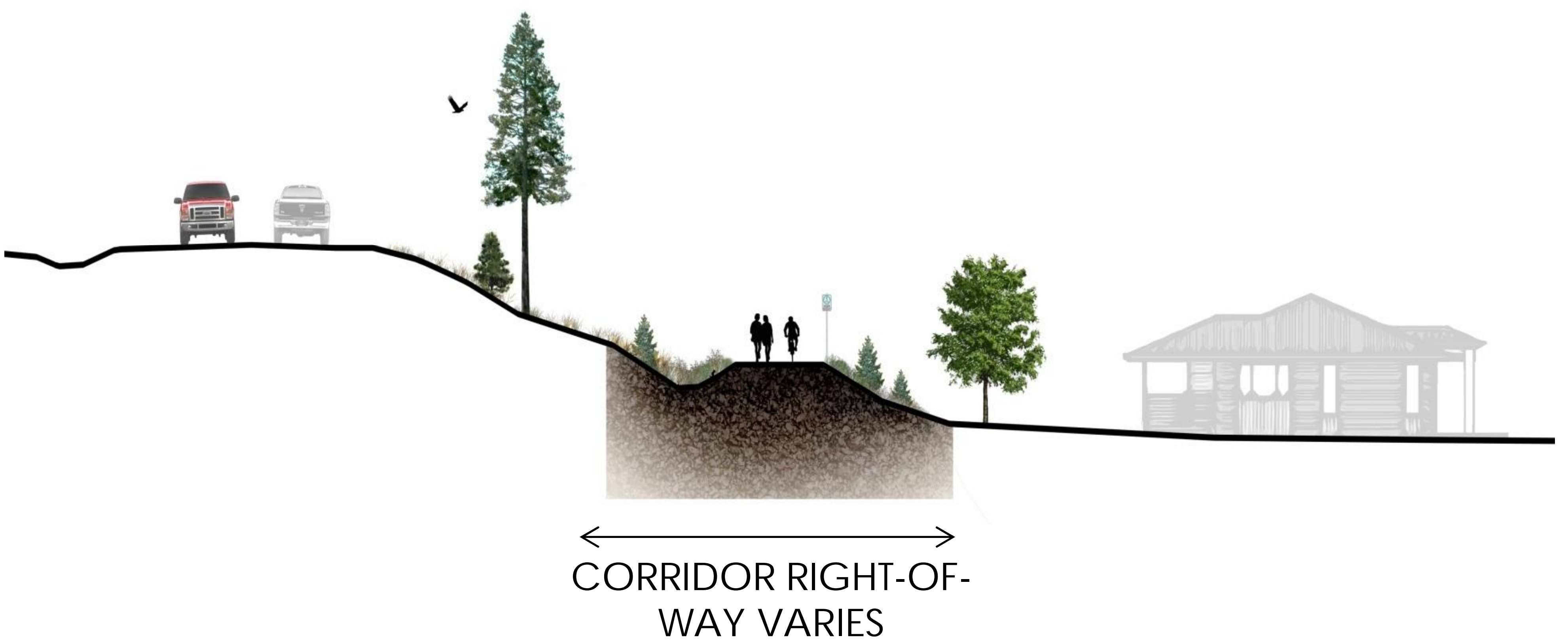


# LAND USE SECTIONS

- Agricultural



- Road and Residential



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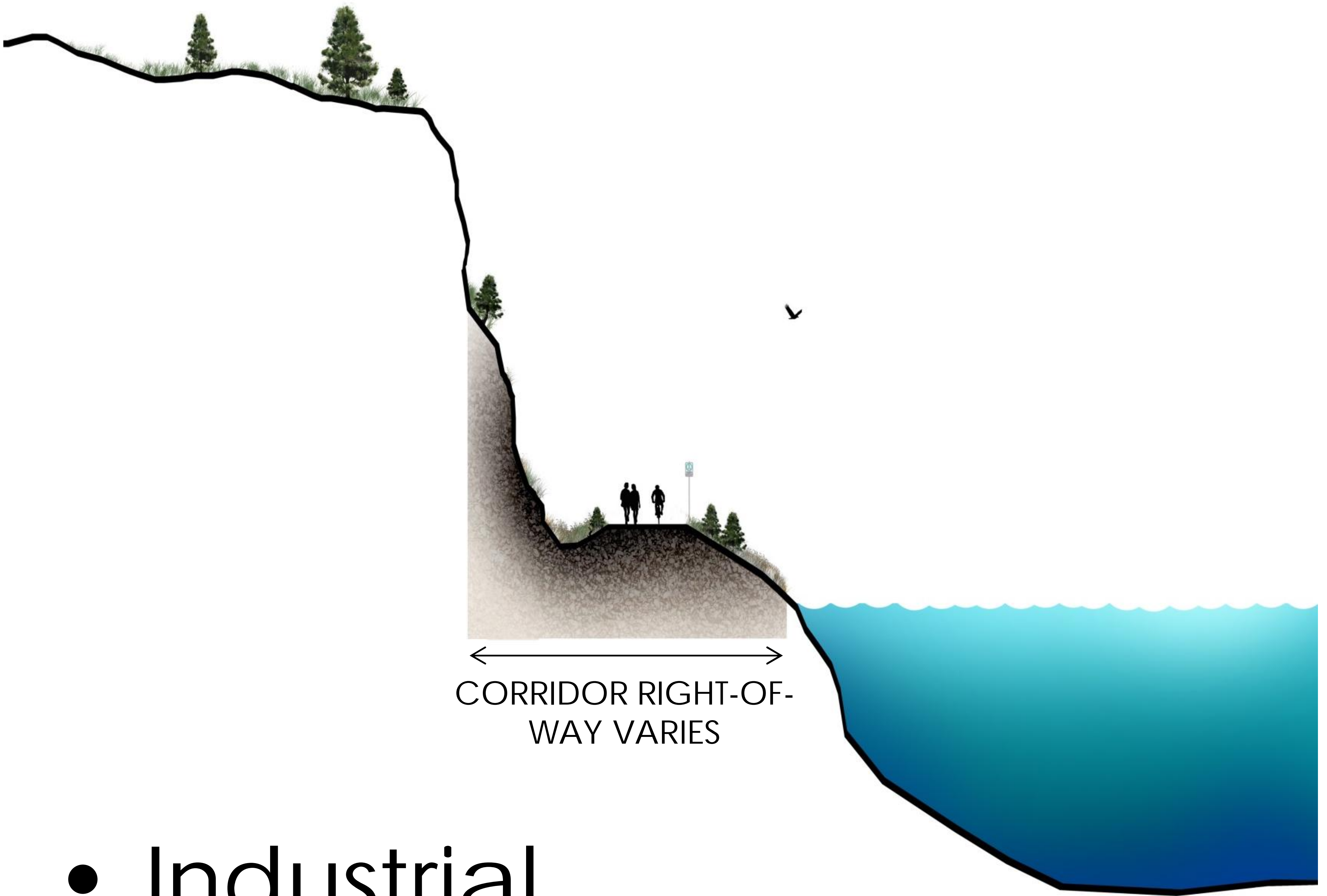
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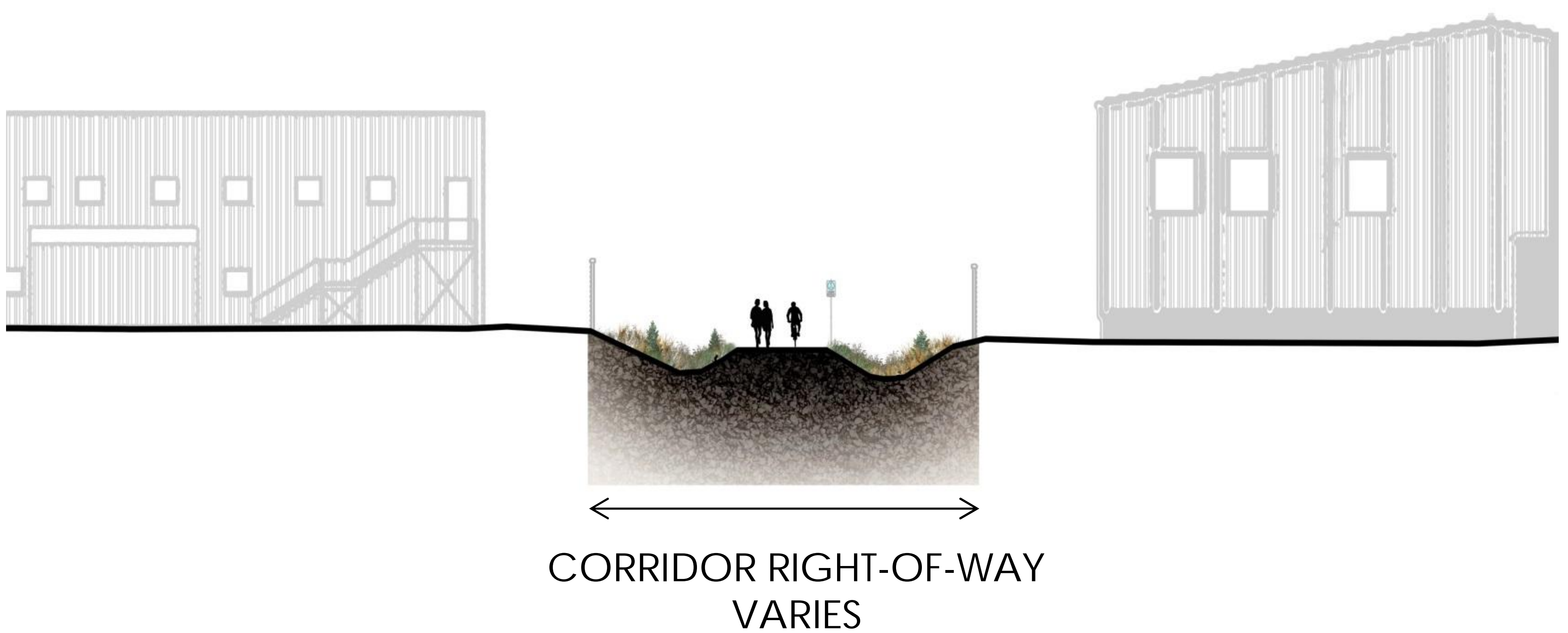


# LAND USE SECTIONS

- Rock Cut and Lake



- Industrial



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# NEXT STEPS

Now	Spring		Fall	Future
<p><b>FUNCTIONAL PLANNING FEEDBACK</b> Involve: Invite feedback from the public to advise them of the project and solicit their input on ideas, issues and values</p>	<p><b>COUNCILS/ BOARD APPROVAL</b> Trail development plan, cost estimate and fundraising plan go to respective councils and board for approval</p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY DRIVEN FUNDRAISING</b> ORTI launches fundraising campaign (on-going)</p>	<p><b>CN WORKS COMPLETE</b> Removal of spikes, plates, ties, rail and other equipment</p>	<p><b>START OF TRAIL CONSTRUCTION</b> To be determined; subject to fundraising and approval of elected councils and board. Further design and consultation to occur prior to construction</p>



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# HAVE YOUR SAY

- Visit [getinvolved.kelowna.ca](https://getinvolved.kelowna.ca) (this link is for residents of all the corridor's communities)
- Your feedback is important to inform the development of the trail
- If you have any questions please feel free to ask any of the staff or volunteers available

## THANK YOU FOR COMING

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