

6. Northwest Area and Fort Street Corridor

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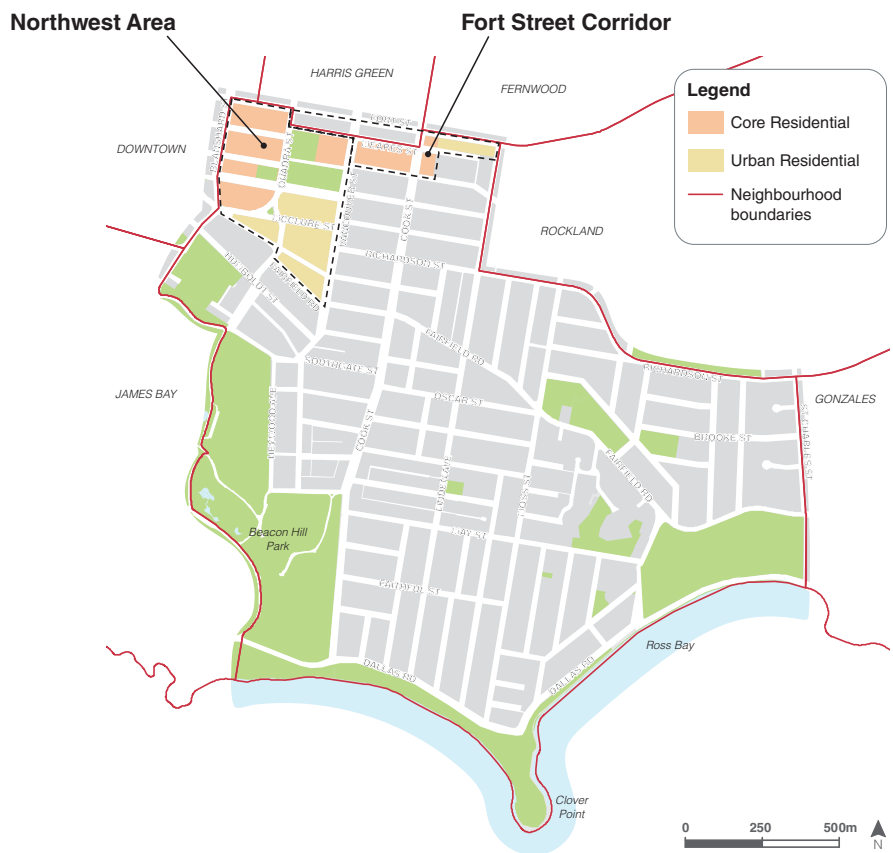
1. Create opportunities for more people to live close to downtown, jobs, amenities and transit
1. Direct contributions from new development to create new, on-site affordable housing in this area

The northwest area stretches from the shoulder of Victoria's downtown to leafy Vancouver Street in the east and Fairfield Road in the south. It includes a mix of housing types and ages, commercial uses, hotels, several parks and public spaces, including Pioneer Park, and community institutions such as the Downtown Y, Christchurch Cathedral and school.

The Fort Street Corridor stretches east towards Linden Street. Commercial and mixed-use buildings front along Fort Street and Cook Street, trending towards residential east of Cook Street and south of Meares Street. This area contains several sites protected by heritage designation or recognized on the City's Heritage Register.

This plan proposes development which transitions from the mixed-use downtown blocks west of Quadra Street and north of Courtney Street, to primarily residential development up to six storeys elsewhere blending into the Rental Retention area (Chapter 8) to the east and south. It identifies several special places for public realm investment, important tree-lined streets and a public view corridor to the Olympic Mountains.

Note: several blocks west of Quadra Street are also addressed in the Downtown Core Area Plan (see Map 7 and 8)



Map 6. Northwest Area and Fort Street Corridor.