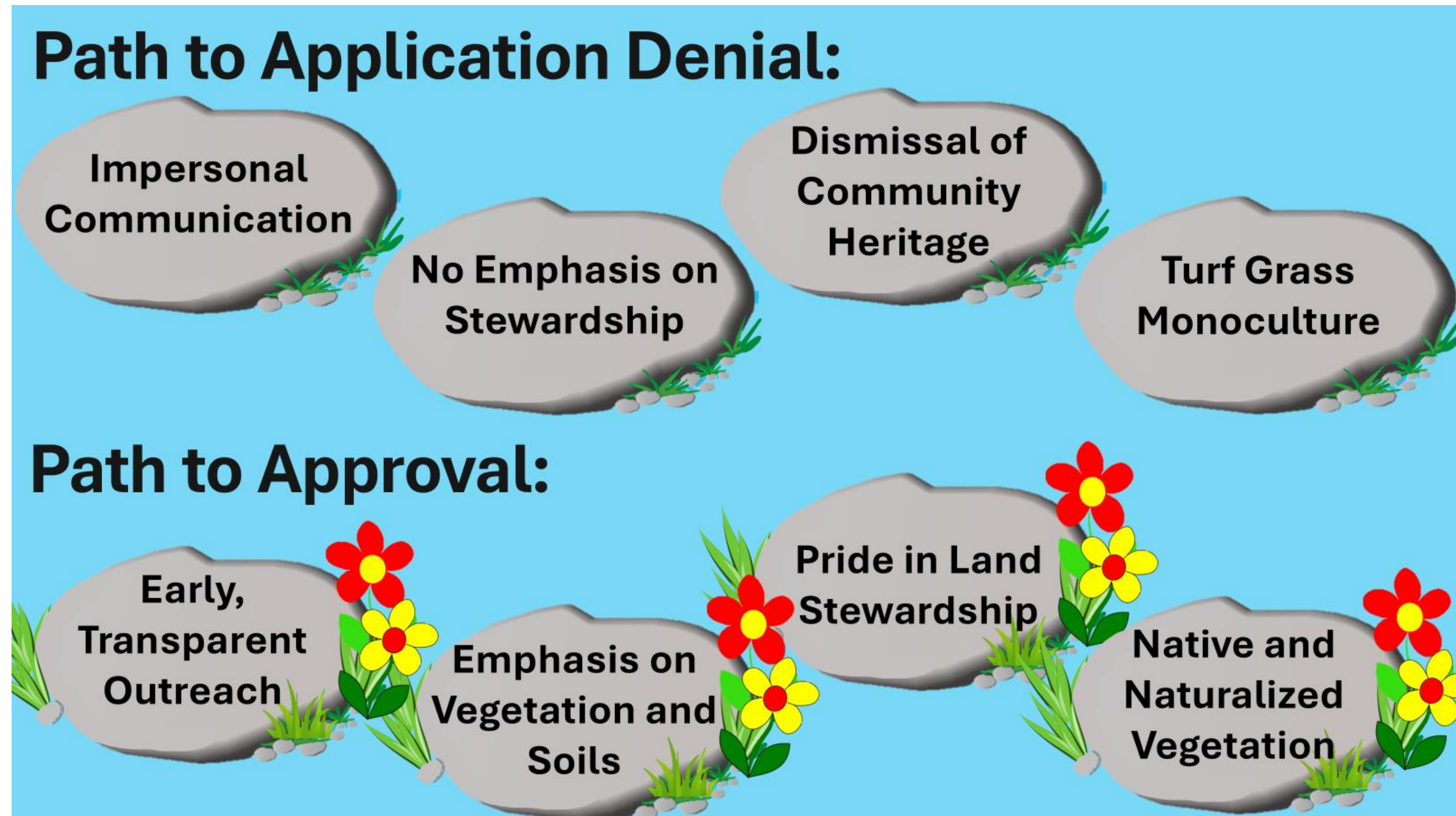


# An emphasis on land stewardship is a powerful ally in agricultural communities - and just like farming, it all starts with **vegetation**.

## Vegetation and Land Stewardship: The Road from NIMBY to YIMBY isn't Paved, It's Planted



### Intro

Utility-scale solar projects in agricultural communities are facing increasing local opposition and permit denial.

An emphasis on beneficial vegetation, soil health, land stewardship, and embracing the community’s natural and agricultural heritage can transform the local approval process.

### Lessons Learned

- Projects are more successful when they **speak the same language** as the local community.
- Opposition is rooted in the fear that solar will conflict with the agricultural way of life and local heritage.
- Use thoughtful vegetation planning and outreach to **demonstrate your commitment to land stewardship**.



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