



Northside

Comprehensive Land Use Plan

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INTRODUCTION

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NORTHSIDE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN UPDATE

This plan is designed to represent the voices of the people of Northside. The original Comprehensive Land Use Plan was created in 2006 over a period of three years, many meetings, conversations and ideas between community members, business owners, students, and property owners. We had a lot to say and were very interested in the process, with an e-mail update list of 78 people and multiple others who attended the meetings. This plan builds off the foundation of the 2006 Plan. We had a lot to say in this plan as well, commenting on what is working, what isn't working, and offering ideas on how to make Northside a better place to live and work. A big part of this update was making sure that the goals and objectives of the 2006 Plan are still current, adding or removing goals if need be. This plan also updates the Future Land Use Plan to reflect the changes in development opportunities and priorities, taking into consideration the new zoning districts proposed in the City's Land Development Code (LDC) and the possibility of implementing form-based code in and around the business district.

Most of us like what Northside has going for it, and are proud to call the neighborhood home. We take a lot of pride in our community and have various concerns about certain issues that they feel are holding the neighborhood back. The 2006 Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and this update, were created to address these issues, to create a guide for positive change within the neighborhood.

When the City of Cincinnati adopted Plan Cincinnati, the City's Comprehensive Plan, it signaled a significant shift in planning in the United States. Some jurisdictions have moved forward with pieces that support quality of life and livability in an urban context, but paired with the Land Development Code, Form-Based Code, and other initiatives, Plan Cincinnati represents a truly comprehensive sea-change. While Plan Cincinnati focuses on the City as a whole, many of the policies and principles can also be applied to individual neighborhoods.

This plan update will apply these principles to Northside. As an early adoptee of these new tools, we can show other City neighborhoods how to recreate urban form in contemporary ways in light of the people and economy of a 21st century place. This 2013 Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update is a chance for Northside residents to dream about what the neighborhood can become. In our shared efforts to implement this plan, Northside can sustain a true "thriving urban village".



**HISTORY
&
PAST PLANS**

History

The seeds of settlement in Northside began near the turn of the 18th Century around what is now the intersection of Hamilton and Spring Grove Avenues; both thoroughfares had previously been Native American trails. The neighborhood was named Cumminsville after an early settler in the area and was annexed to the City of Cincinnati in 1873.

Northside was designated its own neighborhood in the City of Cincinnati in the mid 1970's when I-74 permanently divided Cumminsville into two neighborhoods. The portion of the neighborhood north of the railroad right-of-way that bisected Cumminsville was nicknamed "Northside," which later became the permanent name of the new neighborhood.

Our population remained small until two infrastructure projects facilitated outward population movement in the mid-nineteenth century; the Miami-Erie Canal and the Cincinnati-Hamilton-Dayton Railroad. After the construction of the canal and rail line, the formerly rural settlement saw an influx of commuters that sought respite from the crowded City. Transportation further bolstered population increase when tracks for horse-drawn streetcars were established on Spring Grove Avenue in 1861.

Both the flood of 1937 and the widespread adoption of the family automobile after WWII caused some residents to move further outward into the more pastoral settings beyond the City boundaries, thereby causing population decreases in Northside. Our population has been decreasing since the mid-twentieth century. Regardless of population decline, our proximity to Downtown, Cincinnati State, University of Cincinnati, Interstates I-74 and I-75, in addition to modestly-priced homes, have made the neighborhood increasingly attractive to first-time home buyers and young professionals. We have a progressive and diverse population, with a vibrant and revitalizing business district.



The Spring Grove Avenue Horse-Drawn Streetcar



The Northside Business District, Hamilton Avenue



Past Plans

Northside Land Use Plan (2006)

This Land Use Plan accomplished a great deal. The focus was to provide us and the City of Cincinnati with a clear, community-driven vision for the future of our neighborhood. The proposed land use plan can be found within the document. The following action plans arose from community and stakeholder consultation:

Chase Cultural Campus

This plan called for a redesign that would “better connect and enhance McKie Recreation Center, make important connections to Hamilton Avenue and Hoffner Park, and to be fully integrated into the northern edge of the new Blue Rock mixed use area.” Though not fully implemented, it did result in a new, better connected, Chase School and McKie Recreation Center.

Second School Plan

A second school site was to be created at either the Schwab School or the Kirby Road School. As a result, the Parker Woods Montessori School was built on the site of the Schwab School and the Kirby Road School is planned to be a market rate apartment complex.

4000 Block of Hamilton Avenue

This was to be a collaborative effort between the Business Association and developers to acquire and rehabilitate properties in the 4000 block of Hamilton Avenue. This effort is still ongoing.

Southern Gateway Plan

The intersection of Spring Grove and Hamilton Avenues is highly traveled, and acts as a gateway into Northside from the south. Many businesses are found here; there are several two storey retail establishments that include storage and residences on upper floors. This section of the businesses district is deemed to require streetscape improvements as seen further north on Hamilton Ave., and also increased parking facilities. This effort is still ongoing.

Northside Comprehensive Land Use Plan September, 2006



Aerial photograph of Northside and its abundant greenspace.

Metro Transfer Station/ Gateway Circulation Hub Project

Knowlton's Corner is the second most active transfer location in the City. Given the volume of passengers filtering through this hub, we wanted to provide adequate shelter against inclement weather and ensure that the bus stop location is easily accessible and safe for users. This will be a collaborative effort between the Northside Community, Queen City Metro, and the City of Cincinnati. This project is still ongoing.

East Spring Grove Gateway

This Gateway is currently an area of industrial uses, and the envisioned plan would have created a contemporary industrial park, with existing businesses Rotex acting as an anchor. This effort is still ongoing.

Badgely Run Park

This was considered the highest priority greenspace project; it made use of land originally intended for the Colerain Connector. This project was part of a larger effort to connect greenspaces in Northside. This project is ongoing.

Greenspace Trust

The Greenspace Trust was created to acquire and hold land strategically in order to accomplish the community goals for greenspace in Northside. This program has allowed us to create more greenways through the neighborhood and provide adequate wayfinding signage through the neighborhood. This process is still ongoing and will be for the considerable future.

Other 2006 Plan Accomplishments

The 2006 plan accomplished a lot of our goals. We have increased our programming for teens and pre-teens, provided new spaces to showcase our creative class, and created strategies and forums to market the neighborhood and make everyone who comes to the neighborhood feel welcome. We have also improved and enlarged our greenspace, while enhancing connections to them.

We wanted to attract the right kind of commercial development to our neighborhood, and we did. Using our 2006 plan, we were able to stop a Walgreen's from locating on the Myron Johnson site because their proposed building did not fit the desired character of the neighborhood. Instead we have a plan for a large mixed use building that engages the street and will help provide a visual anchor into Northside from Hamilton Avenue.

We have also taken a lot of steps to help increase homeownership and housing options in the neighborhood. CNCURC, The Model Group, Habitat for Humanity, Working in Neighborhoods, and other private developers are investing here. We have several large projects that have been completed or are in progress, from new single-family housing in Rockford Woods and Virginia Place to market-rate multi-family apartments with American Can Lofts and the proposed Kirby Road Lofts. We also wanted to see more housing options for seniors, and new senior housing is in progress next to American Can Lofts.



Land Reuse Plan for the Colerain Connector (2000)

Several parcels of land were purchased by the Ohio Department of Transportation between 1964 and 1975 to create a limited access parkway connecting Hamilton/Ashtree Avenues and I-74. This project was abandoned, but an assemblage of undeveloped land remained at the site. The Land Reuse Plan for the Colerain Connector includes a skateboard park, biking/hiking trail, playground, gardens/greenspace, park and ride, and traffic improvements. Additional housing was also proposed for the site. This plan has largely been implemented, with the exception of the proposed skate park at the corner of Colerain Ave. and Virginia Ave.

Northside Urban Renewal Plan (1996)

The need for this plan emerged from a Strategic Planning process that occurred in Northside from 1993-94, and is the result of an analysis of existing conditions, business owner surveys, and community consultation. The plan was intended to guide us in creating a dynamic commercial area to serve the neighborhood and attract a regional market. This plan also includes a detailed urban design plan within it.

Other Plans:

Revive Cincinnati: Neighborhood of the Lower Mill Creek (2011)

Northside Strategic Plan (1994)

Northside Industrial Study (1985)

Northside Community Plan (1983)

Northside Neighborhood Business District, Focus Area One – Urban Design Plan (1978)

Neighborhood Housing Conservation Report Northside (1978)

Plan Cincinnati (2012)

Plan Cincinnati is a comprehensive document that will serve as a long-range plan to guide and manage growth, protect the environment and influence future development in the City. It is derived from five primary initiative areas; Compete, Connect, Live, Sustain and Collaborate. These initiative areas were distilled from extensive public consultation, and the document further expands on them by setting them against a physical and policy framework. This plan includes specific implementation goals for each neighborhood, including Northside.



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In order to look to the future, it is important to look at the type of neighborhood Northside has traditionally been. We are a diverse neighborhood with a healthy business district, but the number of residents and buildings are shrinking. Information is presented from 1990 through 2010 to indicate long term trends.

Population Characteristics

Almost 7,500 people live in Northside. Having lost 1,100 residents from 1990-2000 and another 1,500 residents from 2000-2010, the population loss here is similar to the City as a whole, as the percentage of population loss was only slightly higher than the City’s population loss. Our age composition has traditionally been fairly consistent with the City.

The percentage of persons under 18 has dropped 10 percent since 1990, while our senior population has remained steady. A growing number of young professionals, many of them unmarried with no children have been moving to the area. This may explain the higher average age than in years past. These trends, along with results from the planning process indicate that many ‘near-seniors’ in the neighborhood will be looking for innovative housing and lifestyle options as they age in Northside.

The number of African-Americans in Northside increased significantly between 1990 and 2000 from 20.6% to 39%, but reduced between 2000 and 2010, now comprising almost 36% of the neighborhood.

Our Hispanic population has risen slightly over the last 20 years, at a slightly lower percentage than the City as a whole. This trend is expected to continue to rise over the next 10 years and beyond.

Population Characteristics						
	Cincinnati			Northside		
	1990	2000	2010	1990	2000	2010
Total Population	364,040	331,285	296,943	10,527	9,389	7,467
Median Age	31	32.4	32.5	33.1	33.7	37.8
% Under 18	25.0%	26.0%	22.1%	30.0%	27.0%	20.2%
% Over 65	14.0%	12.0%	10.8%	12.0%	10.0%	10.0%
% African American	38.0%	43.0%	44.8%	20.6%	39.0%	36.3%
% Hispanic	0.6%	1.0%	2.8%	0.0%	1.0%	1.6%
% White	60.5%	53.0%	49.3%	78.6%	57.7%	59.2%
% Other	1.5%	4.0%	4.8%	0.7%	3.3%	4.5%

Source: US Census 1990-2010



Household Characteristics

The composition of households in Northside is similar to those throughout Cincinnati. With a gradual but persistent rise in single-person households, almost 43% of our housing now falls in this category. Since our neighborhood's senior population has not risen significantly, these new single-person households are likely to be adults and young adults without children. We are also home to many gay and lesbian households who began moving here as early as the 1970s.

In the mid 2000s, approximately 2,000 low-income housing units in the West End were demolished. Low-income residents were able to obtain Section 8 vouchers and move to new neighborhoods in the City. These changes were not reflected in the 2000 Census, but 2010 characteristics of Northside show a reduction in the percent of rental units and assisted housing units in the neighborhood, significantly lower than the City's general percent of assisted units.

Household Characteristics						
	Cincinnati			Northside		
	1990	2000	2010	1990	2000	2010
Total Households	154,243	147,979	133,420	4,388	4,054	3,570
% Married Households	33.0%	27.0%	23.2%	35.0%	26.0%	22.5%
% Female Headed	18.0%	18.0%	19.1%	19.0%	21.0%	17.4%
% Single Person	39.0%	43.0%	43.4%	32.0%	39.0%	42.9%
In Group Quarters	9.5%	4.1%	4.9%	0.0%	0.5%	0.2%

Source: US Census 1990-2010

Income Characteristics

The Great Recession appears to have slowed income growth in both the City and the neighborhood. While incomes vary widely in our neighborhood, the median income for Northside is similar to the City as a whole. The percentage of households making over \$50,000 has jumped dramatically in the last 20 years, possibly to the influx of young professionals who have moved to the area. When compared to the City, a smaller percentage of Northside households make over \$50,000, but the poverty rate in Northside has held steady, bucking a City and nationwide trend.

Household Income Characteristics						
	Cincinnati			Northside		
	1990	2000	2010	1990	2000	2010
Median Household Income	\$21,006	\$29,493	\$34,104	\$18,600	\$31,188	\$34,495
% Below poverty	24.0%	22.0%	27.4%	25.0%	23.0%	22.1%
% \$50,000	24.3%	27.0%	36.4%	8.0%	26.0%	31.6%

Source: US Census 1990-2010



Employment Characteristics

Our employment picture looked relatively strong in 2010. Even with the Great Recession, Northside residents remained employed at similar rates as when the economy was strong in the late 1990s and early 2000s. The unemployment rate and percentage of those who are not in the labor force actively seeking employment has remained steady since 2000. The number of people in the labor force decreased slightly, which coincides with the population loss of the neighborhood.

Employment Characteristics						
	Cincinnati			Northside		
	1990	2000	2010	1990	2000	2010
Total Civilian Labor Force	172,423	162,466	153,464	5,091	4,850	4,422
% Unemployed	7.9%	7.3%	7.4%	9.0%	7.0%	6.9%
% of population 16+ not in labor force	38.0%	37.0%	35.9%	36.0%	32.0%	32.0%

Source: US Census 1990-2010

Housing Characteristics

Though there are still proportionally more homeowners in Northside than the City, homeownership rates are down from previous years. Even with also losing renter occupied units, Northside has maintained the percentage balance with ownership. The percentage of vacant units rose, probably due to the housing crisis caused by the recession. More than 20% of housing units in the neighborhood are vacant.

Housing Characteristics						
	Cincinnati			Northside		
	1990	2000	2010	1990	2000	2010
Median Value	\$82,300	\$94,400	\$129,100	\$66,700	\$73,600	\$110,608
Median Mortgage Payment	\$508	\$961	\$1,364	N/A	\$801	\$1,195
Median Rent	\$371	\$444	\$617	\$272	\$463	\$549
Total Housing Units	169,088	165,945	161,095	4,662	4,594	4,484
% Vacant	9.0%	11.0%	17.2%	6.0%	12.0%	20.4%
% Owner Occupied	35.0%	35.0%	32.2%	44.0%	44.0%	40.5%
% Renter Occupied	56.0%	54.0%	50.6%	49.0%	44.0%	39.1%
% 1 Bedroom Units	30.1%	30.0%	28.4%	N/A	26.9%	23.0%
% 2 Bedroom Units	33.1%	32.2%	32.0%	N/A	33.0%	35.5%
% 3 Bedroom Units	21.2%	22.3%	23.3%	N/A	28.1%	24.9%
% 4+ Bedroom Units	11.4%	11.7%	12.9%	N/A	9.2%	12.9%
% Assisted	14.0%	13.0%	6.6%	N/A	9.0%	5.9%

Source: US Census 1990-2010



In the same time period, there were 15 single-family units on the market for under \$50,000. These units are often marketed to, and purchased by, real estate speculators and investors who are looking for rental units. Some of these buyers are reputable property managers who provide sound affordable housing for people who need it and for the neighborhood. Many, however, are unscrupulous investors who have no respect for the neighborhood, its sellers, or potential renters.

According to the 2010 Census, Northside has 269 assisted housing units. Assisted housing refers to any unit for which the market rent is being subsidized by the Federal or state government. The largest subsidy program - the Federal Section 8 program - has undergone significant change over the past ten years, greatly impacting the housing market across the City and in Northside. Section 8 vouchers may now be used to rent any unit the recipient chooses. Previously, vouchers were attached to a specific unit.

This change in the Section 8 program is part of what is driving the large number of real estate speculators to try to satisfy the new demand for assisted housing in the private market. Unfortunately, many of these new investors are inexperienced property managers who are weakening the neighborhood and providing substandard housing units to low-income people.

The 269 assisted units in Northside represent approximately 6% of all units in the neighborhood, a slightly lower percentage than the City as a whole. These numbers are drastically down from the 445 assisted units in the neighborhood in 2000. The overall numbers in the City are down as well, part of a nationwide trend of lower income units moving to the suburbs.



A sample of houses in Northside

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LOCATION AND PHYSICAL FEATURES

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Physical characteristics define Northside and Cincinnati as a whole. Northside has varying geography, from flat plains along the Mill Creek Valley to the south, to steep slopes in the northern and western parts of the neighborhood. Northside is well connected, with access to the Mill Creek, railroads and two major interstate highways.

Land Use and Zoning

Northside encompasses nearly two square miles, with an additional 114 acres in overlap areas that are claimed by both Northside and surrounding neighborhoods. The northern part of the neighborhood is primarily residential. Homes in the northeast section are generally large and built on lots between 6,000 and 10,000 square feet. Other single family homes throughout the neighborhood are built on lots between 2,000 and 6,000 square feet. A limited number of medium sized apartment buildings are along Hamilton Avenue and scattered throughout the southwestern part of the neighborhood. A number of large single family homes have been divided into multiple units for rental properties.

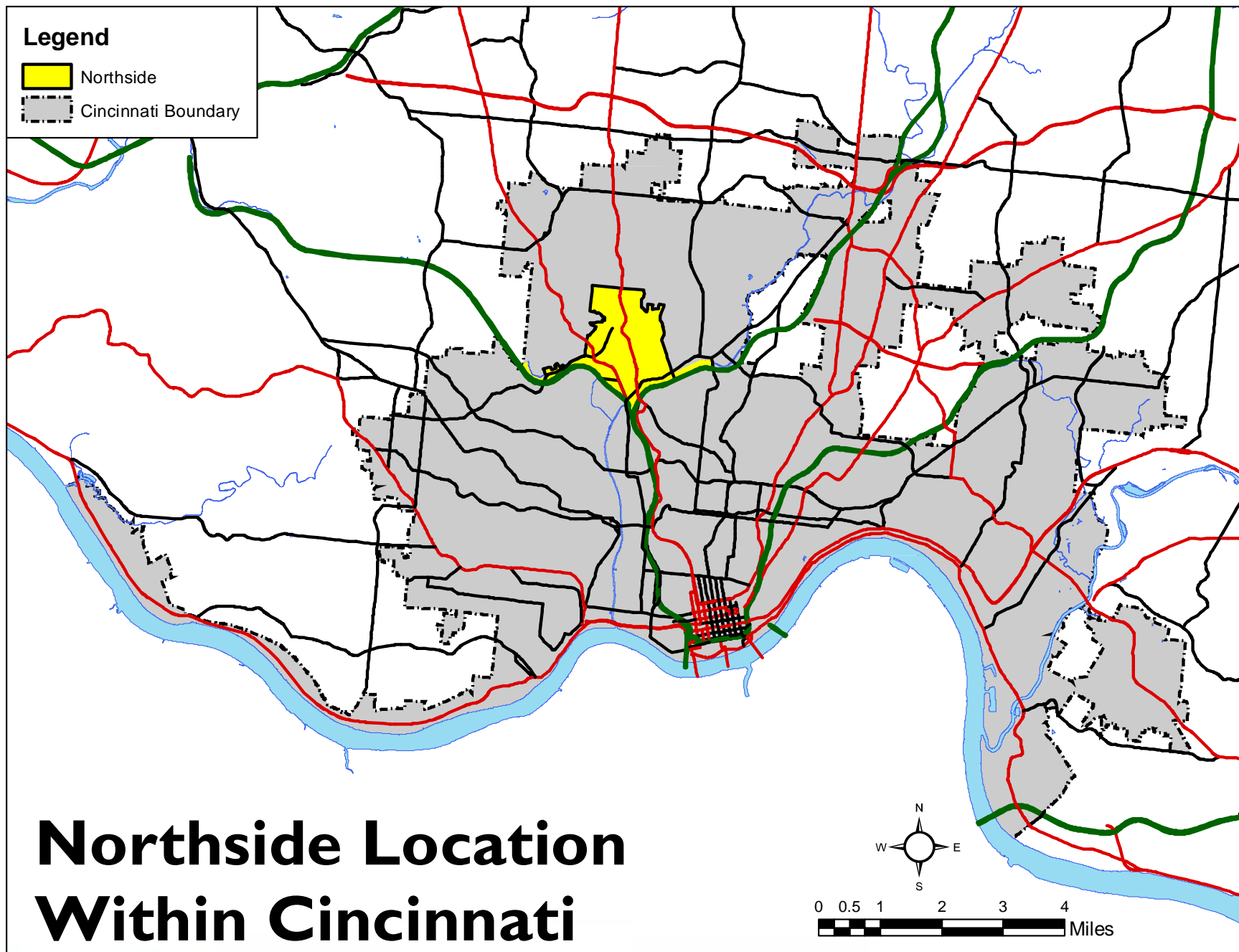
The main business district in Northside is on Hamilton Avenue between Spring Grove and Chase Avenues. Additional retail is along Spring Grove at Hoffner Street. These retail uses are traditional turn of the century two to four-story buildings placed at the sidewalk line with limited parking. Additional retail uses exist throughout the neighborhood in corner stores, with small clusters of retail along Blue Rock Street, Colerain Avenue, and Chase Avenue.

The southern part of the neighborhood was originally made up of commercial and industrial uses mixed with residential structures throughout. Some of the businesses, like Rotex, continue to grow and maintain their properties. In many other cases, however, these large industrial buildings are vacant and require significant investment to attract new industrial tenants to the neighborhood.

LAND USE	TOTAL ACRES	PERCENT
Commercial	66.6	5.6%
Condominiums	0.1	0.0%
Congregate Housing	4.9	0.4%
Educational	32.4	2.7%
Greenspace	29.1	2.5%
Heavy Industrial	12.2	1.0%
Institutional	56	4.7%
Light Industrial	37.0	3.1%
Mixed Use	16.9	1.4%
Multi-Family	69.8	5.9%
Office	6.5	0.5%
Parks & Rec	136.5	11.5%
Public Service	9.4	0.8%
Public Utilities	4.2	0.4%
Right-of-Way	38.0	3.2%
Single Family	292.6	24.7%
Transportation	179.7	15.2%
Two-Family	77.1	6.5%
Vacant	104.1	8.8%
N/A	11.6	1.0%
Total	1184.6	100.0%

Source: CAGIS























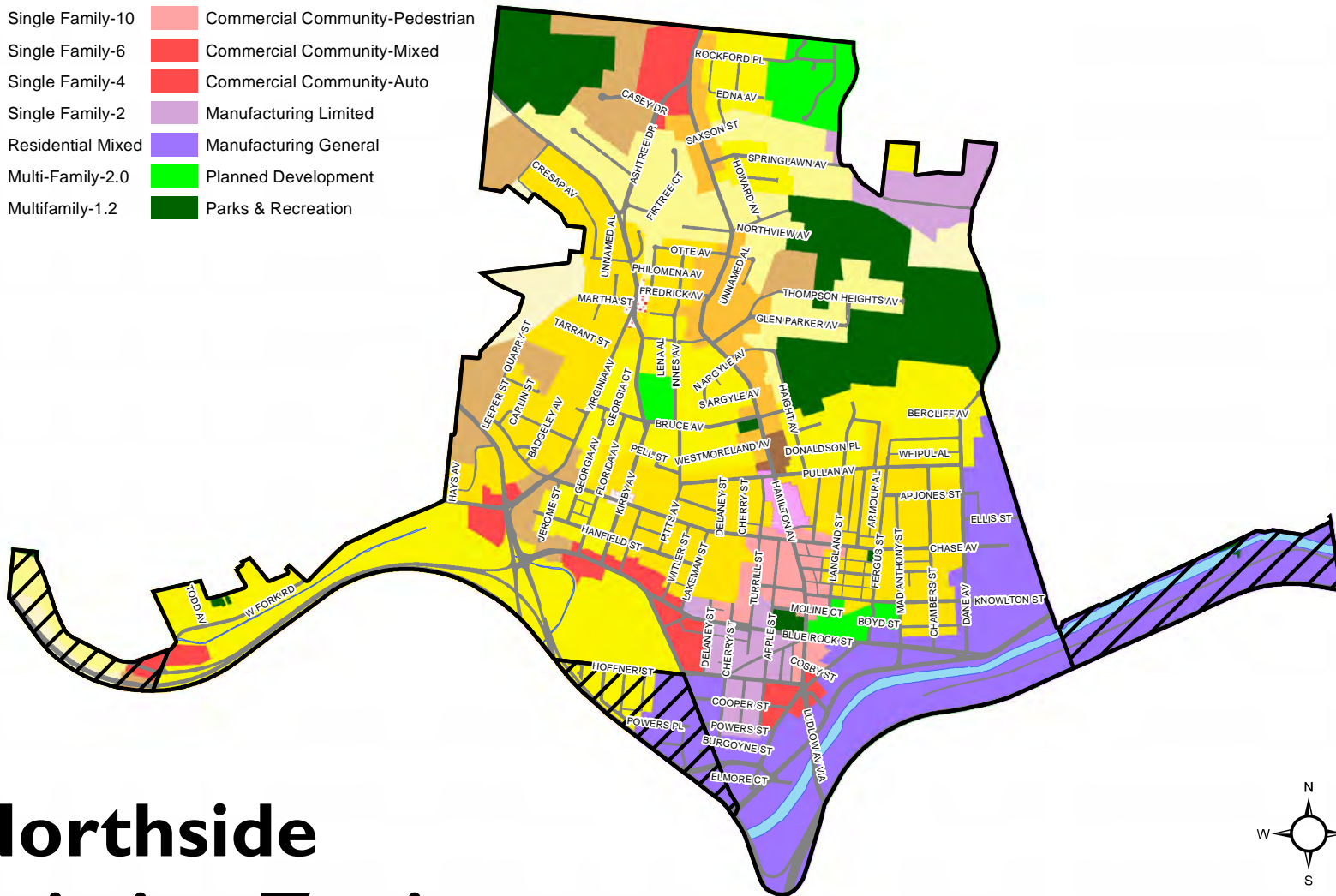


Northside Location Within Cincinnati

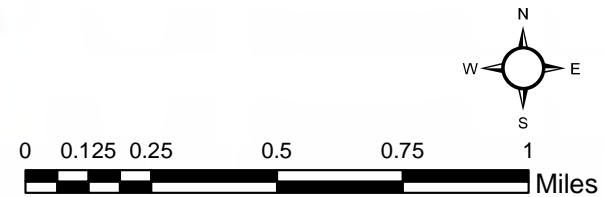


Legend

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|  | Northside |  | Office Limited |
|  | Overlap Area |  | Commercial Neighborhood-Pedestrian |
|  | Single Family-20 |  | Commercial Neighborhood-Mixed |
|  | Single Family-10 |  | Commercial Community-Pedestrian |
|  | Single Family-6 |  | Commercial Community-Mixed |
|  | Single Family-4 |  | Commercial Community-Auto |
|  | Single Family-2 |  | Manufacturing Limited |
|  | Residential Mixed |  | Manufacturing General |
|  | Multi-Family-2.0 |  | Planned Development |
|  | Multifamily-1.2 |  | Parks & Recreation |



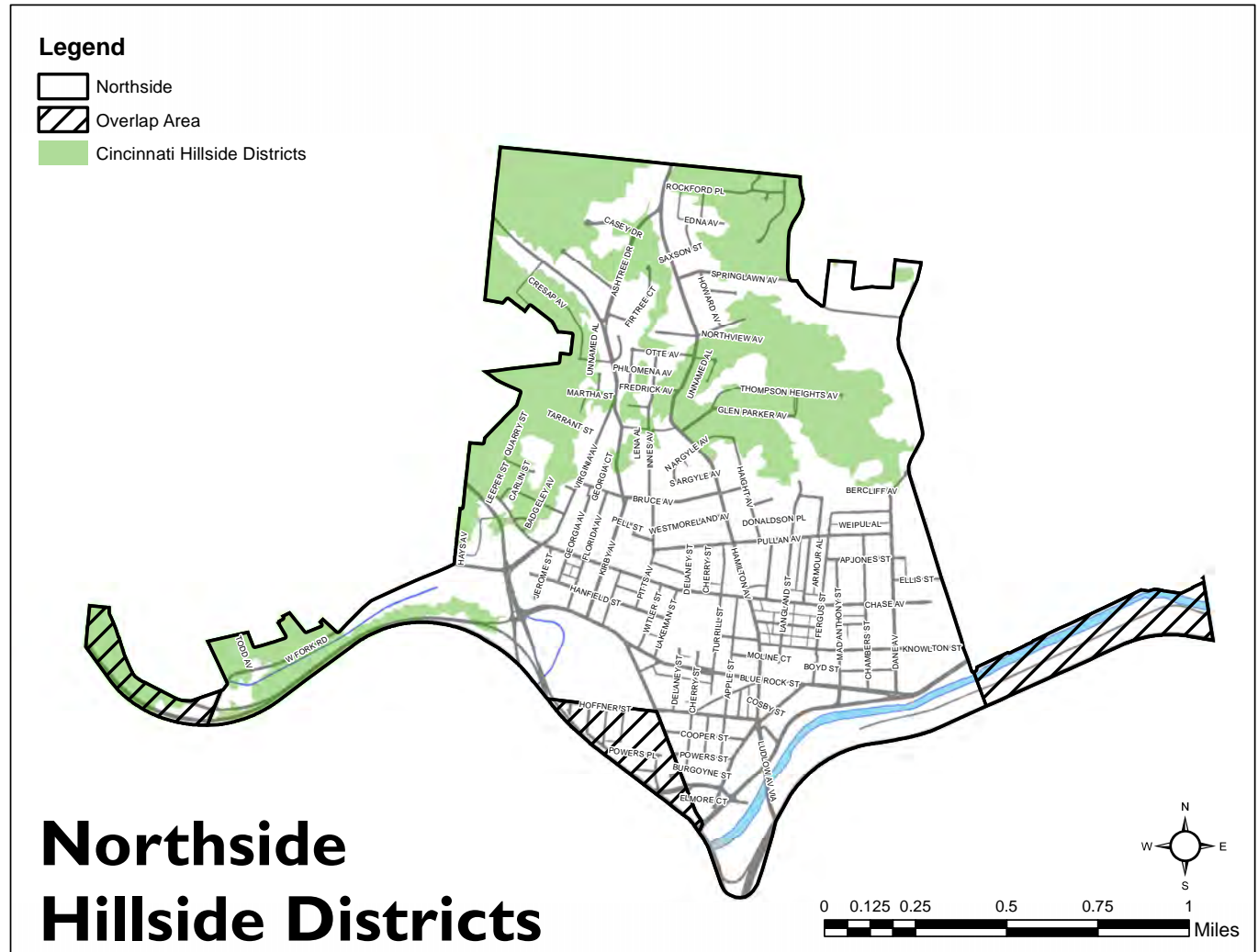
Northside Existing Zoning



Topography

A large percentage of the northern and western parts of Northside are located within a Hillside Overlay District. Cincinnati's hillsides make our City unique, but can also make development precarious due to the natural instability of hillsides. Cincinnati regulates development on hillsides that have a higher potential for landslide. The regulations are found in the Hillside Overlay District of the Cincinnati Zoning Code (See Chapter 1433 – Hillside Overlay Districts). In hillside areas, the existence of a 20 percent slope, in combination with the Kope geologic instability, is evidence of a condition of natural critical instability and development under conventional regulations may lead to landslides or excessive soil erosion. "Kope formation" means the shale bedrock that is overlaid by colluvium soils (soil material, rock fragments or both), moves by creep, slide or local wash deposited on or at the base of hillside slopes.

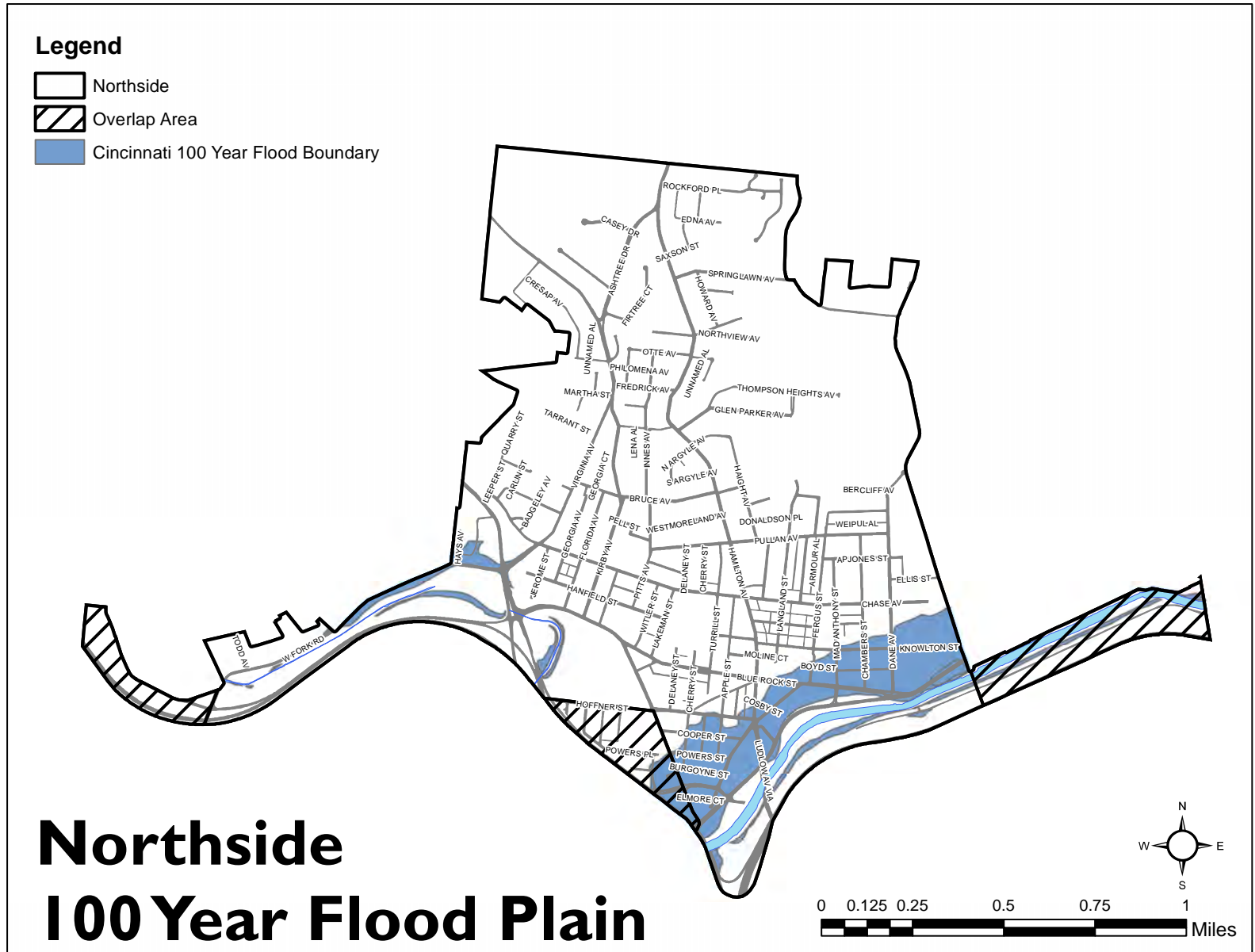
The colluvium forms a deposit that is thin on the steeper, higher slopes and gradually becomes thicker near the bottom of the hill. Landslides may occur in the colluvium, because the colluvium is derived from the weathering of bedrock. The additional regulations of the Hillside District are needed to respect the contours and views of the hills for all equally, not for the sole benefit of a few individuals. Presently, approximately 425.5 acres, or about 31% of Northside is in a Hillside District, compared to 26% for the City as a whole.



Flood Plains (or Flood Zones)

Due to our proximity to the Mill Creek, the southern valley of Northside has several areas in the 100 year flood zone (areas where flooding has a 1% chance of being exceeded in any given year).

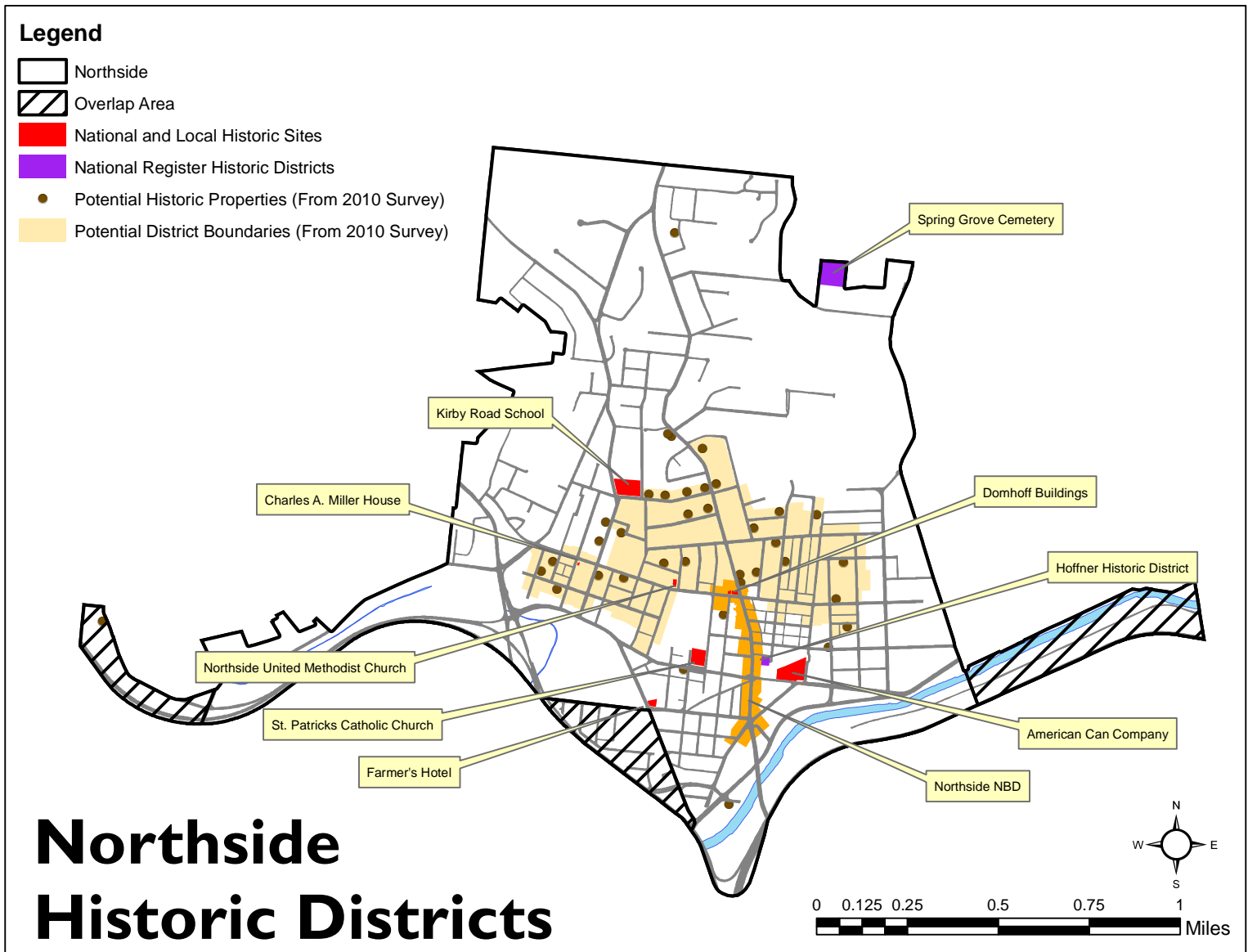
Flood zones are geographic areas that the Federal Environmental Management Agency (FEMA) has defined according to varying levels of flood risk. These zones are depicted on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Hazard Boundary Map. Each zone reflects the severity or type of flooding in the area. Chapter 1109 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code contains the "Flood Damage Reduction" regulations to maintain the City's compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).



Historic Districts and Landmarks

Northside's rich history shows in the character of its buildings. Our neighborhood is home to both national and local historic districts, along with nationally and locally designated historic buildings worthy of preservation.

In 1980, Cincinnati passed comprehensive local legislation and established the Historic Conservation Board to recommend designation of historic structures, sites and districts to the City Planning Commission and City Council and to review exterior alterations, new construction and demolitions to ensure compatible change.



Besides these districts, the Cincinnati Urban Conservator's office created a survey of other historic properties in the neighborhood and created boundaries for potential new districts. Although the National Register is a program of the National Park Service, it is administered at the state level by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. Cincinnati City Council recently approved two local landmark designations, designating the Kirby Road School on February 27th, 2013 and the Farmer's Hotel on August 7, 2013.



THE PROCESS

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This process started in 2003 to create a new, comprehensive land use plan to build on the 1983 Northside Community Plan. The new plan built off the 1983 plan while incorporating other area and transportation plans within the neighborhood into one comprehensive plan for the neighborhood. The 2006 Northside Comprehensive Land Use Plan took a thorough look at all elements of the neighborhood, laying out specific goals and objectives to address Quality of Life, Housing, Commercial Development, and Greenspace Development. After a comprehensive public process including ten public meetings and a 78 person e-mail list, the plan also created a Future Land Use Map and a map of rezoning recommendations for the neighborhood.

Every year, all 52 neighborhoods in Cincinnati have an opportunity to apply for grant money to fund neighborhood projects. We wanted to update the plan in response to the re-configuration and closing our access points to I-74, and to begin planning for potential new zoning districts coming from the Land Development Code, including the use of Form-Based Code in and around the Neighborhood Business District. In order to properly address these things and provide an adequate time period for our neighborhood to provide input, the Northside Community Council requested and received funding to update our 2006 Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

The Progression of the Plan

The plan update was designed to be community based, building on the goals and objectives of the 2006 Plan. A lot of the language in this update is from the 2006 Plan. The steering committee and City staff reviewed the goals and objectives of the 2006 Plan, updating or removing existing goals and strategies and adding new ones.

We provided numerous opportunities for public participation in this process. We held four community meetings, and created a survey that could be filled out on paper or online, to receive feedback for this plan. We also set up an e-mail list for those who were interested to receive updates on the progress of the plan, including drafts of the document and upcoming events. Northside residents were encouraged to actively participate in this plan to the extent their time schedules would allow.

What follows is a general timeline of the plan update process and the evolution of the plan.

The steering committee

The first step in the public engagement process was to develop a steering committee to provide oversight and give direction to the plan update. The neighborhood set up a steering committee in December of 2012 made up of community leaders from the Community Council, Business Association, Urban Redevelopment Corporation, and interested citizens. Over the year-long process, the steering committee met approximately 20 times and guided this plan to its current state. The steering committee decided to mirror the format of Plan Cincinnati, the City's Comprehensive Plan after seeing its success.



The Initiative Areas

The 2006 Northside Comprehensive Land Use Plan focused on four Key Action Strategies.

Quality of Life

Housing

Commercial Development

Greenspace Development

With the adoption of Plan Cincinnati in 2012, the City's Comprehensive Plan, all new plans and development should be consistent with it. To maintain consistency, the goals and objectives of these Action Strategies were reorganized into the Five Initiative Areas of Plan Cincinnati. These Initiative Areas are:

Compete - Be the pivotal economic force of the region.

Connect - Bring people and places together.

Live - Strengthen our magnetic City with energized people.

Sustain - Steward resources and ensure long-term vitality.

Collaborate - Partner to reach our common goals.

Public Input

A total of four public meetings were held to discuss the plan update. The kickoff meeting was held on Monday, June 10, 2013, with a duplicate meeting held on Saturday, June 15, 2013 for those who were unable to attend the Monday meeting. The purpose of these first meetings was to obtain public input about the physical and social goals of the neighborhood. Public input was highly encouraged through comment cards, surveys, and speaking up at the meetings. Residents were also encouraged to draw and comment on maps to show to show strengths, weaknesses, areas of opportunity and areas they would change.

The third public meeting was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2013.

After analyzing the data from the kick-off meetings and the survey, we presented the future land use plan, our vision, and our goals based on what you told us. At this meeting, residents, property owners and business owners were asked to review these documents to make sure we captured the spirit of the neighborhood.

The fourth public meeting, held on Wednesday, August 7, 2013, presented a draft of the plan. We e-mailed the plan to interested parties, and was posted on www.northside.net. After reviewing comments of draft, we modified the draft and made it ready for publication.

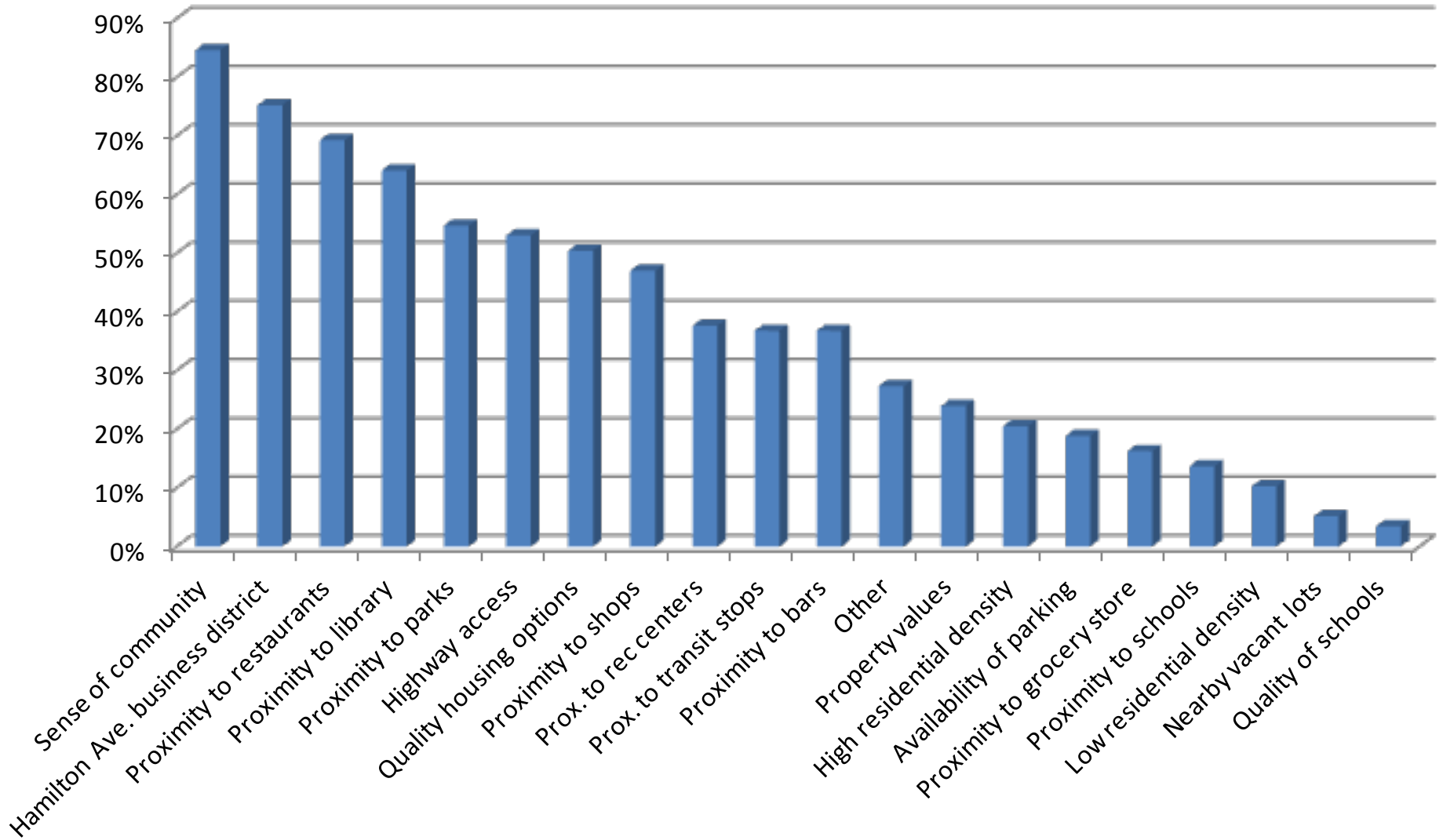
After this final meeting, a few more comments came in that needed to be addressed in order for this plan to go forward.

On April 21, 2014, this plan was presented to and approved by the Northside Community Council.

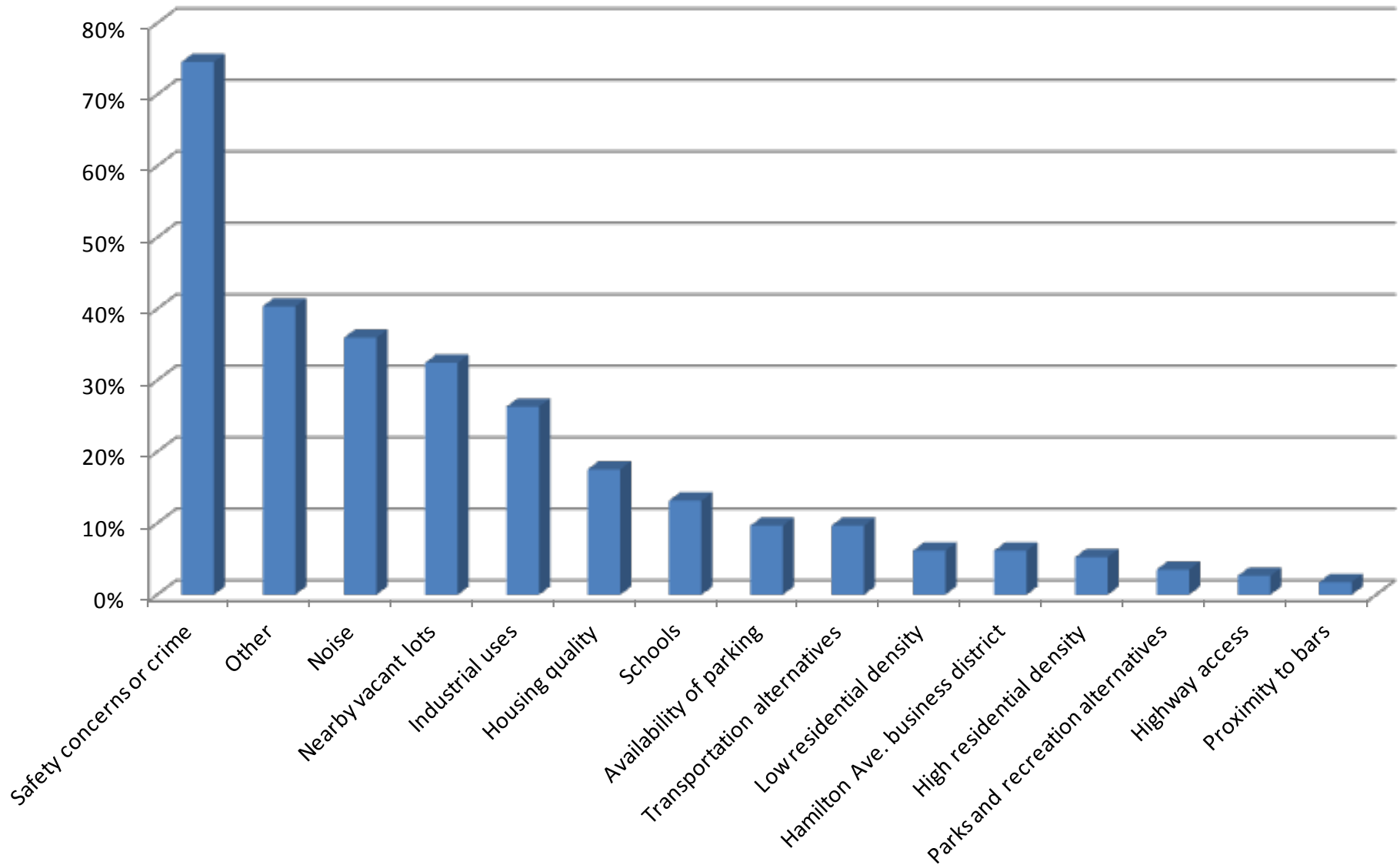
On May 5, 2014, this plan was presented to and approved by the Northside Business Association.



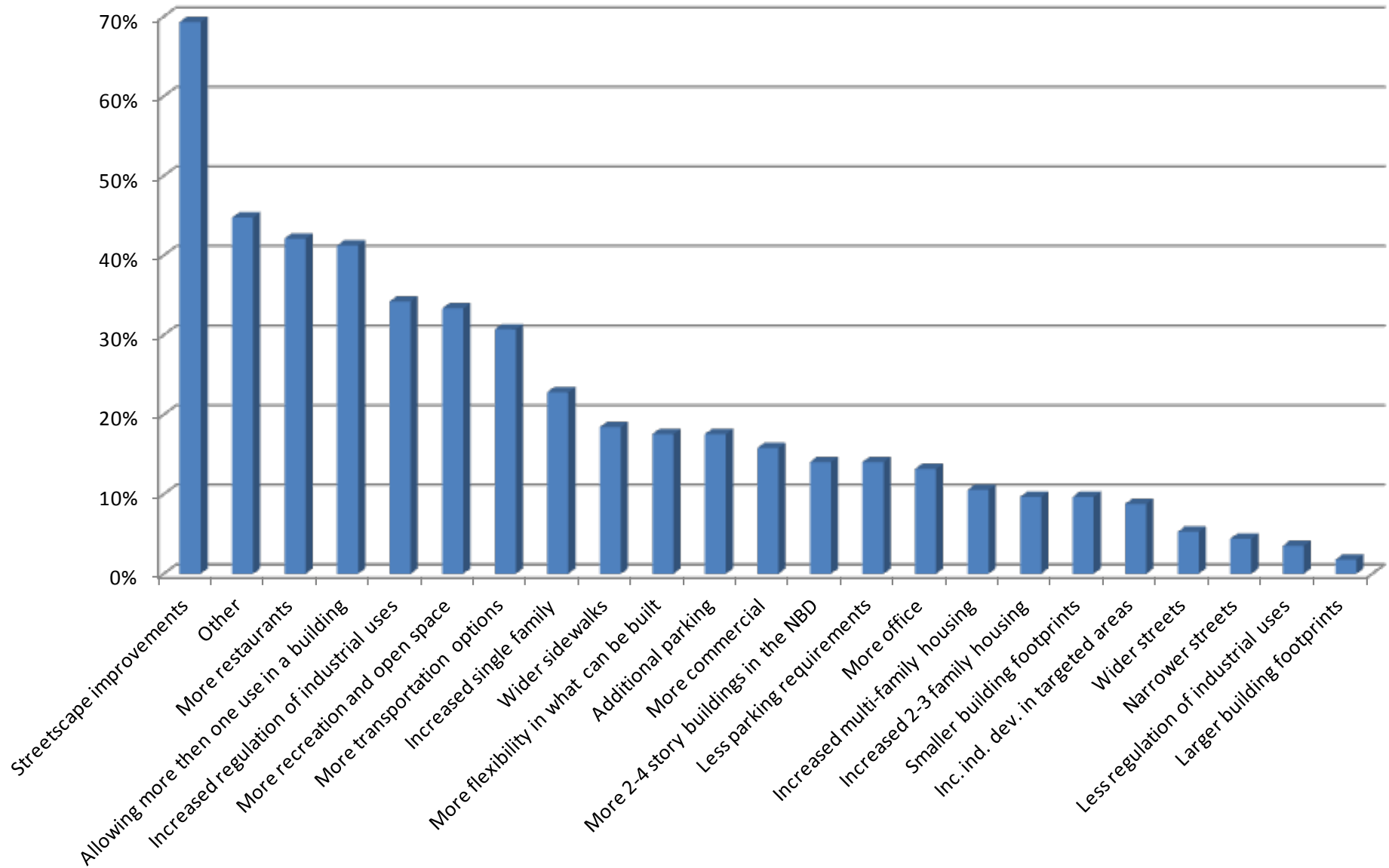
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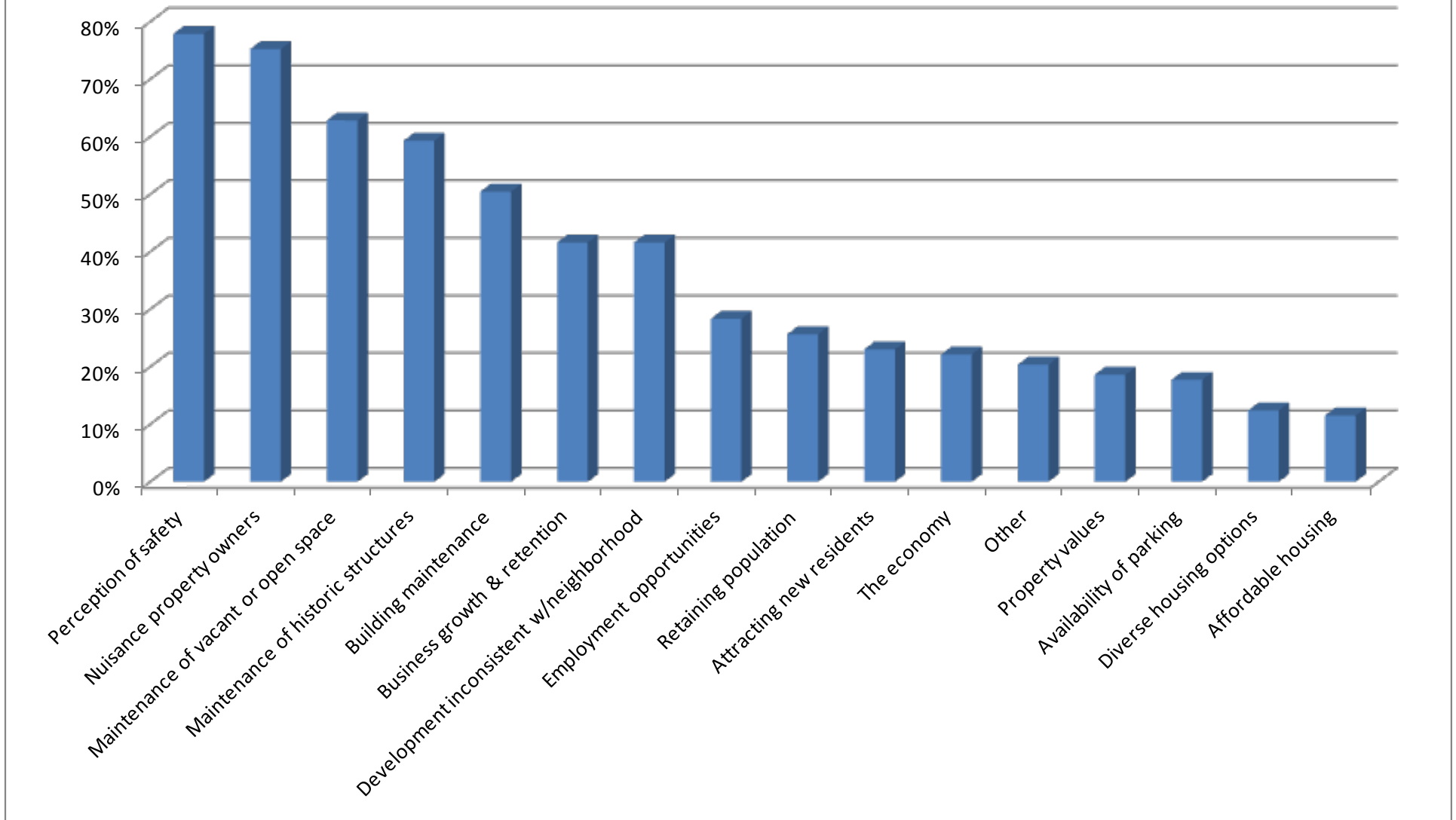
What do you like the least about your location?



What changes would most improve Northside?



What are some challenges facing Northside?



Additional Public Comments

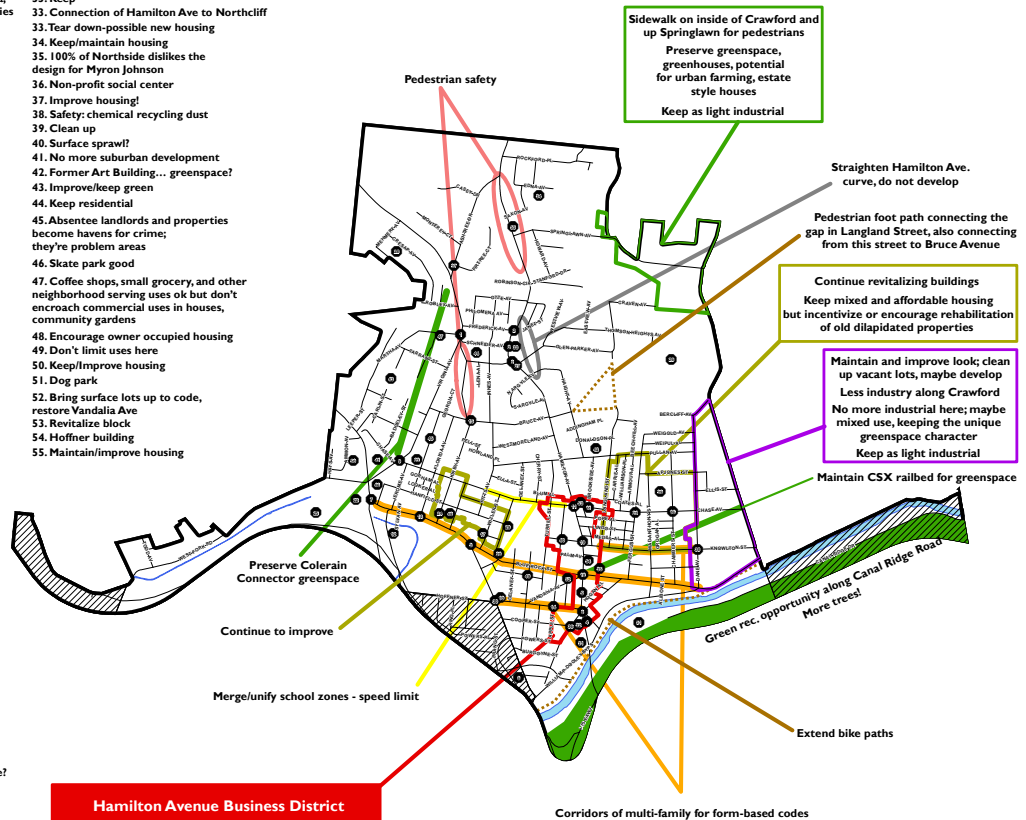
At the kick-off meetings, we encouraged attendees to draw and comment on maps of Northside and tell us what you like, dislike, or want to see change. The map below lists all of the comments we received. Common themes on the map showed your desire for more flexible development regulations, better enforcement of property maintenance codes, streetscape improvements, and traffic calming measures, especially along major roads. You also wanted to make sure that we focus development efforts in and around the business district.

Public Comment Map

We asked you to draw on maps to tell us how you feel about Northside. Here is what you had to say:

1. Four-way intersection at Schneider, Martha, Virginia, and Kirby is too big a hub for commercial opportunities
1. Some mixed use here
2. Put intersection at Virginia and Kirby
2. Do not redevelop: improve corner
3. Keep as commercial retail
4. I'd love to see a business/housing that is actually active go in here! Current building but renovation would be nice
5. WiFi everywhere
5. Possible residential upstairs
6. Limit sprawl
6. Redevelopment opportunity
7. More connection/walkways to Mt. Airy and other greenspaces
8. Improve left turns
8. Open up intersection, remove right hand turn lanes, add left hand turn lanes, remove concrete island
8. Northside Gateway: paving, change, arch, lighting, signage
9. Left turn is not visible
10. Preserve Farmer's Hotel
11. Protect the African-American businesses here
12. Limit sprawl
14. Greenspace (storage lot)
15. Bad intersection/ add roundabout
16. Mixed use: apartments above, stores below
17. Make Northside Mart a laundromat
18. Vegetable truck for days that farmers market is not open
18. Keep green and connect to existing green - offer vista over Hamilton
19. Regular trash pick-up and clean-up at Knowlton's corner and others
20. Mixed use housing/artist space
21. Keep single-family or two-family housing; expand area to maybe include Apjones Street
22. Soccer field
23. Mt. Airy apartments and apartment on Virginia Avenue require more police attention: very disruptive
24. Upgrade housing on Colerain and Kirby
25. Preserve greenspace
26. Great woods, could be utilized
27. Greenspace or LEED housing!
27. Getting onto Hamilton Ave. from Glen Parker is very difficult; walking across is very risky
28. When will you begin developing on Cresap Avenue?
28. Develop housing
28. Great woods, keep
29. School
30. Limit sprawl
31. City-owned health offices are needed (maintain)
31. Redevelop
32. Keep historic

33. Keep
33. Connection of Hamilton Ave to Northcreek
33. Tear down-possible new housing
34. Keep/maintain housing
35. 100% of Northside dislikes the design for Myron Johnson
36. Non-profit social center
37. Improve housing!
38. Safety: chemical recycling dust
39. Clean up
40. Surface sprawl?
41. No more suburban development
42. Former Art Building... greenspace?
43. Improve/keep green
44. Keep residential
45. Absentee landlords and properties become havens for crime; they're problem areas
46. Skate park good
47. Coffee shops, small grocery, and other neighborhood serving uses ok but don't encroach commercial uses in houses, community gardens
48. Encourage owner occupied housing
49. Don't limit uses here
50. Keep/Improve housing
51. Dog park
52. Bring surface lots up to code, restore Vandalia Ave
53. Revitalize block
54. Hoffer building
55. Maintain/improve housing

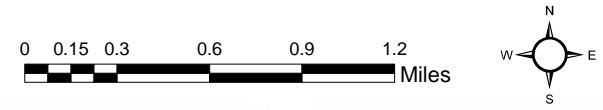


Hamilton Avenue Business District

Make this area more walkable
 Activate business district alleys
 Need a bakery, more cafes, tea rooms; make it appealing to come places for people to socialize; model after High Street in Columbus
 Focus redevelopment here; viable businesses
 Critical mass of viable businesses needed - consistent with community interests
 Potential retail/livable spaces
 Put in businesses that encourage pedestrian customers (i.e. retail)

Additional Map Comments

- Get rid of parking minimums for new developments
- Creative uses for vacant lots
- Better transportation and information about the options to support new potential residents
- Information on housing options that are neighborhood specific, accessible, and affordable
- Visual improvements to perimeter of Northside so edges reflect internal community attributes
- Manage lighted property
- Recruit Starbucks
- Streetscaping: make the place more visually appealing for new people moving in
- Encourage local businesses to come
- Expand commercial opportunities
- Support and encourage small, locally owned businesses (tax incentives?)
- Improve the look of buildings at the intro. Into Northside (Northside entrance point?)
- Commercial opportunities in vacant/underutilized lots
- The trees, little virgin-wooded areas, are what gives Northside its charm, just like the historical buildings
- Regain control of industrial space; use and develop greenspace of Mill Creek
- Use railroad right of way space to connect neighborhood areas off street
- Better connections to recreational bicycle trails
- Coffee shops, restaurants, sidewalk cafe/fresh produce/grocery stores close to bus transfer station - businesses and facilities which cater to bus riders, capturing business from riders who are transferring from one bus to another
- Secure bike racks next to bus stop
- Promote safe pedestrian crossings with motion-activated crossing lights
- Don't miss opportunities to complement changes to I-75 corridor
- Make streets safer for bicycles
- Maintain vacant houses
- More trees and shade
- Sustainable, H2O, energy, pollution, geothermal
- Doggie bags on posts near trash cans in parks and along main roads
- Think global, act local
- Promote bikes
- Create an organization like a chamber of commerce or business incubator to provide or send money/capital/support for businesses; it feels like the small/local businesses need support
- Increase neighborhood population: this will help support businesses
- Fix eyesores; demolish condemned buildings
- Keep energy consumption to a minimum; vigilance towards reducing climate change
- Persevere: emphasize increase number of trees (include fruit and nut) and cut air and noise pollution
- Plant trees and food here
- Most industry is wasted and is polluting our mother earth! We don't need it!
- More commercial impedes upon current ones, makes noise, and takes out trees - not good or peaceful
- No more buildings or industry; keep the green, outside areas
- No more paving over soil, please. Help owners fix up their beautiful, architectural homes
- Keep the trees
- Plant food, not grass and become independent of stores (for food)
- Keep the greenspace
- Bring surface lot up to code at Ace Doran, introduce landscaping, restore Vandalia Ave. (both sides of RR)
- Instead of developing large areas, tear down eyesores and replace those buildings
- Concerns about how many trees get wiped out with development; in the past, promises made broken
- We need more activities for teens and pre-teens that will hold their interest and enrich their lives
- Stoffer Properties, property at Chase & Dase (NE corner) available, now zoned light manufacturing/industrial, maybe incorporate rail right of way... Would this be an option for permanent space for farmers market? Also studio space?
- Mill Creek could be beautiful with housing and businesses
- No more "development" is progress
- General concern east side of Hamilton should get some attention
- Street lighting, lights with motion detectors, lights along sidewalks (environmentally efficient) for pedestrian safety
- Safe exercise, fun
- Tennis courts, more recreation
- Setbacks for bushes/shrub/flower gates; not enough site lines for walkers through Northside
- Streets are undrivable
- Consider noise factors
- Need a few laundromats
- No more noise, please!
- Renters are a big part of Northside and are raising their kids here, etc. but can't afford to buy, care very much for their community
- No more noise, please
- Get people walking, enjoy health
- Increase awareness and signage of greenspaces and trails
- Focus on: single family housing, safety & cleanliness, and tree-lined streets
- Bikes good!
- Extend Mill Creek walkway
- Limit time that temporary buildings can be occupied
- Parking for houses on Colerain Avenue
- Allow present multi-family units to continue
- Live/work space
- Can we plant food instead of inedible lawns? Stop poisoning our soil
- Let the wild herbs grow, too i.e. the lowly dandelion is extremely nutritional with vitamins and minerals
- Let's teach kids to identify wild, edible, nutritional herbs... and stop so much noisy mowing!
- Instead of huge complexes with 100 units, create 2 & 4 family houses that have yards, access to street
- Bicycle connectivity
- Increase pedestrian safety
- Continued connection of greenspaces
- Fix the streets, particularly traffic streets
- Enforce surface lot requirements (gravel/paving)
- More trees along Blue Rock and other viable locations
- Slow down traffic on Hamilton Avenue; sidewalk is too narrow
- Create dedicated bike path from 6-8 every day on Hamilton Ave
- Concerned there is no plan for increased vehicular traffic on Blue Rock
- Inventory agricultural resources and develop conservation alternative and funding



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VISION

Northside is focused on being a diverse neighborhood that provides great housing choices, a variety of work environments and job opportunities, easy access to recreational greenspace, cultural and educational opportunities that allows one to live an interesting, nurtured and active life close to home. The neighborhood strives to be a holistic, sustainable community that provides a unique, welcoming environment for people of any income, race, cultural background or physical ability. Northside’s vision is that of a true “urban village” which can be a model of success for other neighborhoods.



Hoffner Park



Lawn Chair Ladies at the 4th of July Parade



GUIDING POLICY PRINCIPLES

THE “BIG IDEAS” BEHIND PLANNING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Plan Cincinnati was created through the guidance of extensive public consultation. Several themes arose as “Big Ideas” of the Plan; these ideas became the overall principles guiding the goals, strategies, and action steps that would inform planning in Cincinnati. These “Big Ideas” can also be applied to Northside. Most of these ideas are echoed in this plan, with a focus on the neighborhood instead of the City as a whole.

- Increase our population
- Build on our assets
- Be recognized
- Be aggressive and strategic in future growth and development
- Preserve a pedestrian, greenspace oriented neighborhood
- Develop a culture of health
- Preserve our resources and facilitate sustainable development
- Strengthen community organizations
- Lead by example for other neighborhoods
- Implement our Plan



McKie Recreation Center Splash Pad

GUIDING GEOGRAPHIC PRINCIPLES

FOUR GEOGRAPHIC PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

There are four overall principles that guide Plan Cincinnati and the implementation of its strategies. Once again, these principles also apply to Northside. These principles are designed to strategically guide the location of future investment and growth in both the City and the neighborhood:

- Focus revitalization on existing centers of activity
- Link centers of activity with effective transportation for maximum accessibility
- Enlarge, enhance, and project existing greenspaces in the neighborhood
- Maximize industrial reinvestment in existing industrial areas



The Mill Creek Bike Trail

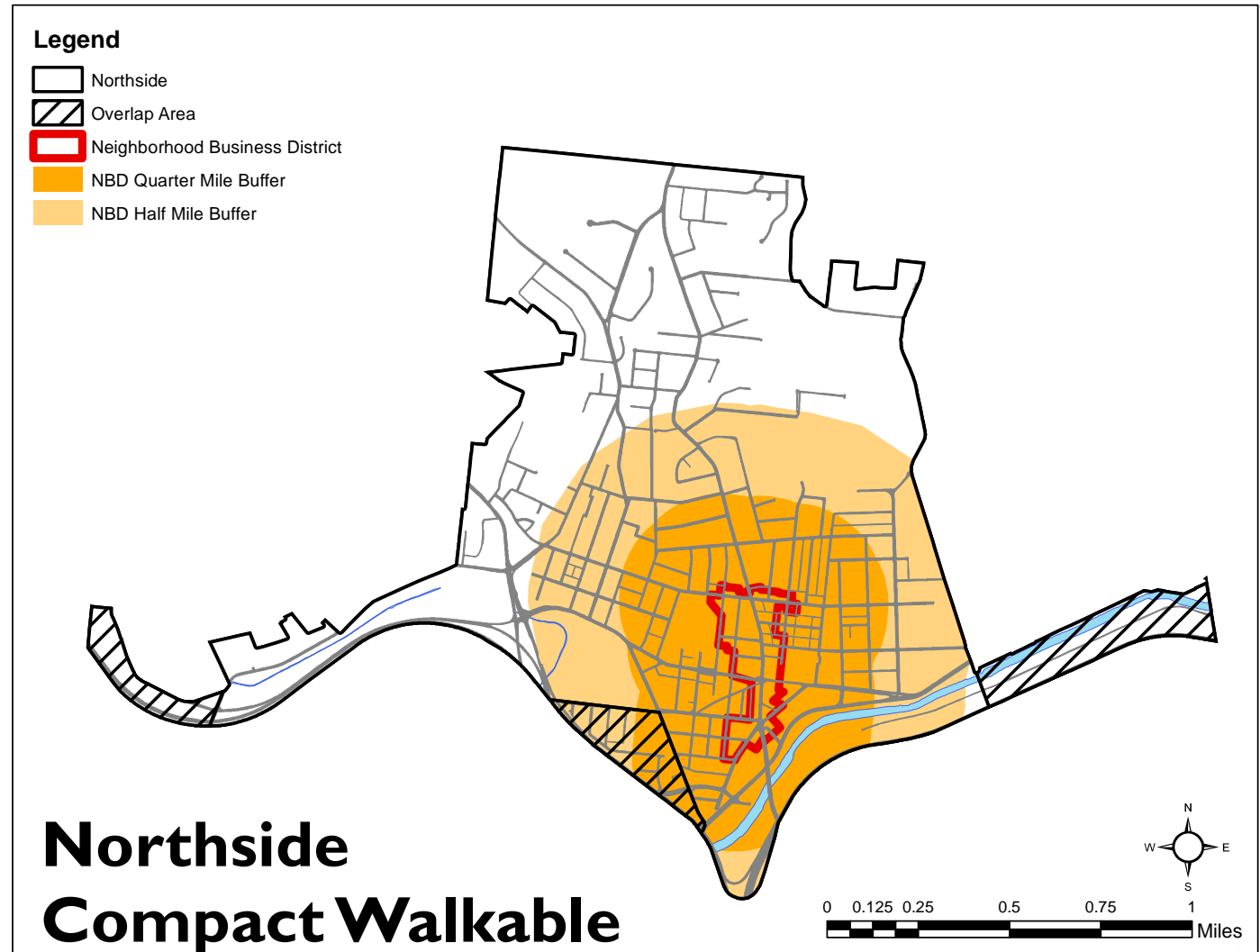
FOCUS REVITALIZATION ON EXISTING CENTERS OF ACTIVITY

Cities and neighborhoods throughout the United States are trying to design communities around pedestrian-scale main streets surrounded by residential neighborhoods. We are fortunate to already have this.

Our business district is more than just a commercial area. It is a gathering place for our neighborhood.

In order to strengthen our business district, we must also work to meet the needs of surrounding residential neighborhoods. The focus is on a 1/2 mile area around our business district, which is typically the maximum distance someone is willing to walk. It is important to invest in existing infrastructure, focusing resources towards the density and walkability of this area.

New commercial and civic activities should be located into the existing business district to create a concentrated, thriving urban area.

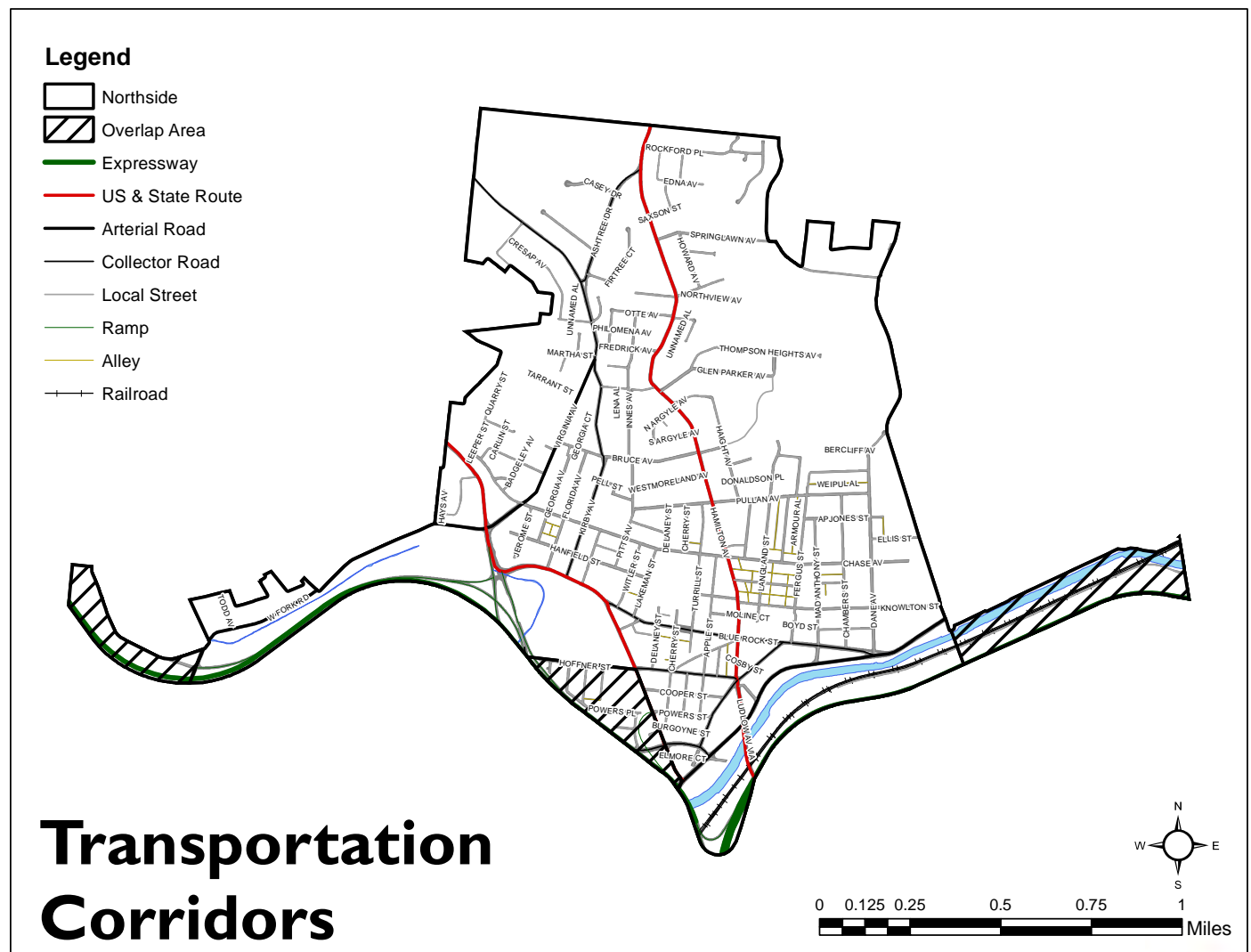


LINK CENTERS OF ACTIVITY WITH EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION FOR MAXIMUM ACCESSIBILITY

We are one of the few Cincinnati neighborhoods with direct access to both I-74 and I-75. These two interstate highways are major transportation corridors for the City and the region.

Hamilton Avenue and Colerain Avenue are the two major state routes through our neighborhood. Blue Rock Street, Virginia Avenue, Kirby Avenue, Spring Grove Avenue and West Fork Road are all considered arterials, connecting the state highways with the interstate highways. The majority of our streets are primarily residential.

Multiple rail lines run through Northside south of the Mill Creek. The rail line that served the historically industrial southern part of the neighborhood has been abandoned and partially redeveloped and is no longer a transit corridor. We are currently served by bus with METRO routes 15x, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 27, 39 and 51 having at least one stop in our neighborhood.

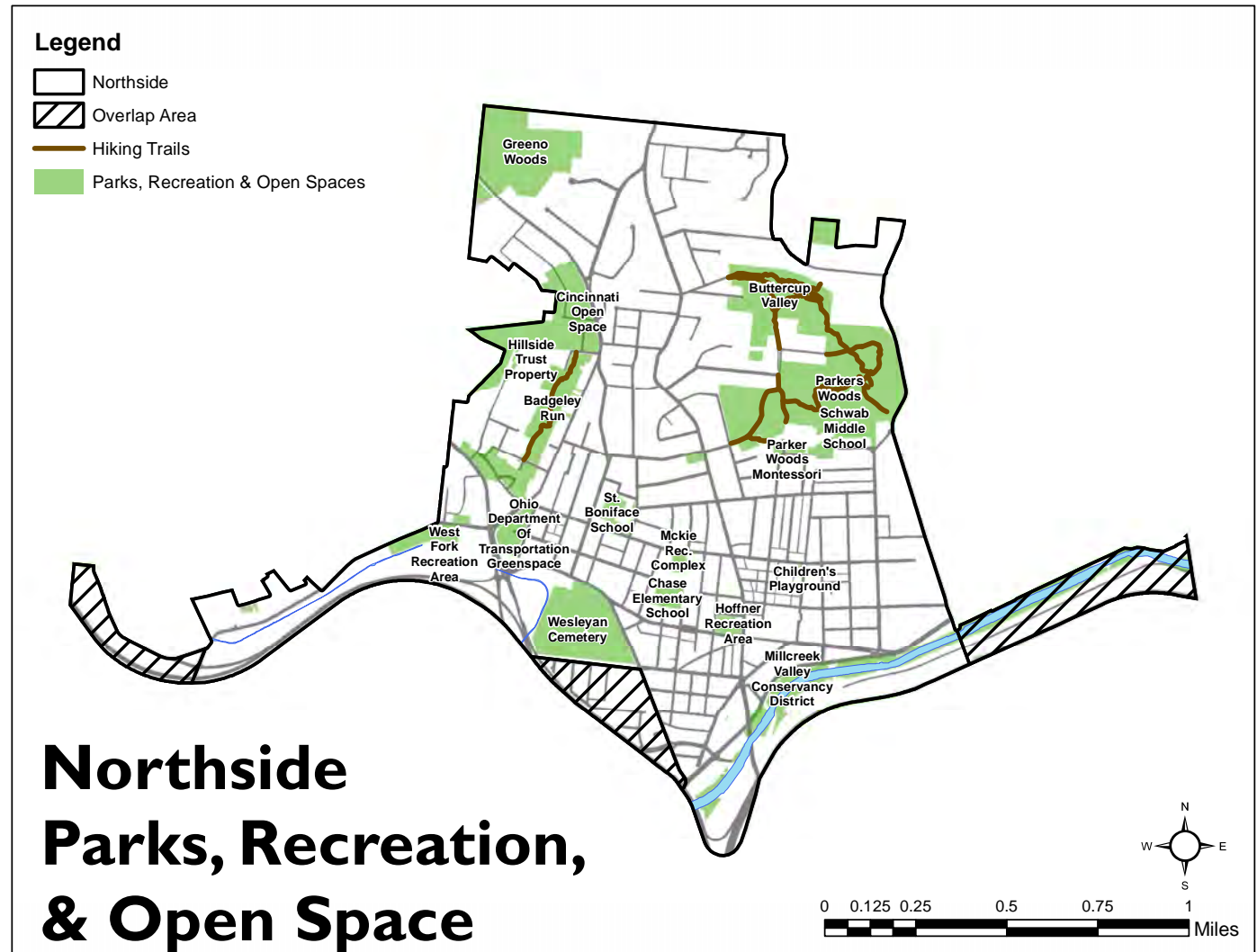


ENLARGE, ENHANCE AND PROTECT EXISTING GREENSPACES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Northside is surrounded by parks, cemeteries, and other forms of open space. Spring Grove Cemetery and Mt. Airy Forest provide regional recreational opportunities adjacent to the neighborhood.

There are also a number of regional attractions within the neighborhood. Buttercup Valley and Parker's Preserve provide hiking trails, some with views of Spring Grove Cemetery. Wesleyan Cemetery is located in the southwest part of our neighborhood. There is also a linear park and multi-modal trail running along the Mill Creek.

Northside is home to the newly renovated McKie Recreation Center, which has a spacious fitness center, gymnasium, computer lab, and outdoor garden plots. Jacob Hoffner Park is located at the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Blue Rock Street, near the center of our business district. This park is designed to look like an old town green, and hosts a number of picnics and festivals each year.

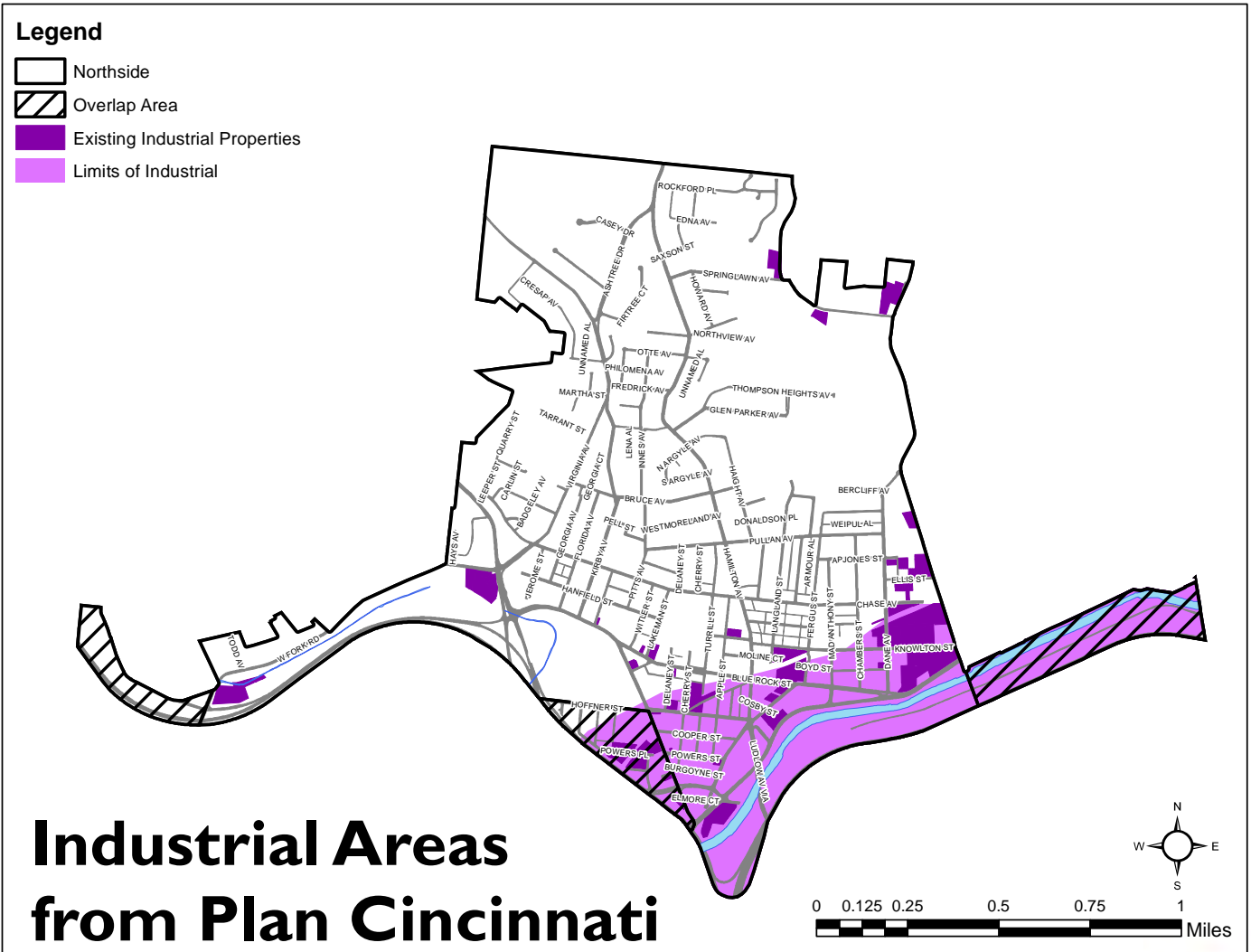


MAXIMIZE INDUSTRIAL REINVESTMENT IN EXISTING INDUSTRIAL AREAS

Industrial uses are needed in order for our economic base to grow, but it is important to designate where those future industrial uses belong. Plan Cincinnati recommends that future industrial development should be concentrated in places where industrial development already exists.

One of the most important locations for industrial development and growth is in the Mill Creek corridor. Because of its central location, flat lands, and access to the Ohio River and key railroad lines, the Mill Creek corridor has historically been the location for industrial uses.

It is important to note that not all industrial development needs to be heavy industry but can be clean technology and innovation industry. This is especially true along the Mill Creek south of Spring Grove Avenue and William Dooley Bypass, which we would like to see become a recreation area.



THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP

The City is currently working to update the Zoning Code, which may result the City rezoning parts of our neighborhood and we want to make sure we are prepared. The Future Land Use Map is being updated to reflect how you want to see the neighborhood develop. Like the Future Land Use Map of the 2006 Northside Comprehensive Land Use Plan, this update focuses on a diverse set of land uses, guided by a set of zoning and development regulations that are distinctive and progressive.

The Future Land Use Map shows the general location of desired future land uses in the neighborhood. This map is NOT a zoning map. It is only conceptual and does not assign any legally binding land uses to areas or restrict existing uses that may not fall into the right category on the map. However, it can help the neighborhood stop new incompatible developments. For instance, the 2006 Plan helped us stop a Walgreen's from going in on the Myron Johnson Lumberyard site and allowed Northside to wait for a more desirable project that has a greater impact on the tax base and neighborhood character.

Moving away from a strict division between uses, this map encourages overlapping uses in some areas to promote the “urban village” feel. The map was created using four tools:

1. **The 2006 Future Land Use Map.** The 2006 Plan received large amounts of public input and created a vision of what the neighborhood wanted to be in the future.
2. **Existing zoning.** While some uses and zoning may be undesirable to some residents, this plan does not want to prohibit existing businesses from operating.
3. **Existing land uses.** Some existing land uses were not compatible with current zoning regulations. It was important to take those uses into consideration when drawing the boundaries of this map.
4. **Public input from the steering committee, residents and business owners.** Multiple steering committee meetings, public meetings, and surveys helped finalize the direction of this map.

There is a strong desire from our community leaders to implement the Cincinnati Form-Based Code, which focuses on building form first with uses secondary. The first group of neighborhoods are already going through this process, and Northside wants to use this tool as well.

The Future Land Use Map consists of seven categories, representing the types of land that are within the neighborhood and the vision for the future. The next few pages give a brief description of what each category represents and the type of building form and uses we would like to see in these areas.



Agriculture/Industrial

This category was created for the area around Springlawn Avenue. There are existing businesses here, but there is a lot of open space and agricultural uses here as well. New businesses should be welcomed to locate in this area, but this area should retain its green character through large lots with buildings set back from the street to preserve this green corridor.

Commercial-Industrial

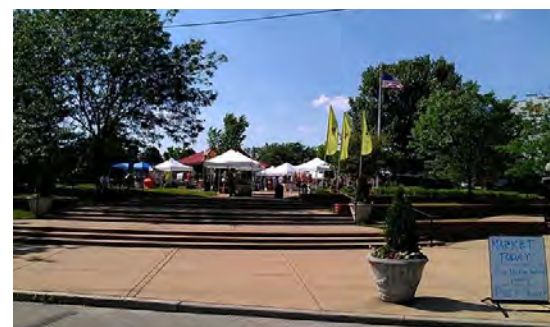
This area provides a variety of options in this area to allow for light industrial and manufacturing uses while allowing for retail, service and commercial activity that will support the industrial uses and provide a transition into the mixed use areas. To keep this area as commercial/industrial, residential activity should be limited to the upper floors. We do not want to see automobile holding facilities, government correctional institutions, government facilities and installations, high impact production, metal waste salvage/junk yards, mining and quarrying, oil and gas storage, private vehicular storage lots, sexually oriented businesses, waste disposal and waste transfer facilities in these areas. We welcome community service facilities, day care centers, outdoor recreation and entertainment, park and recreation facilities, public and private schools, religious assembly, residential care facilities, residential if abutting existing residential and special assistance shelters.

Community Institutions

These are schools, libraries, and recreation centers.

Greenspace

These are sensitive natural resource areas, public parks, community gardens, recreation areas, natural and scenic areas, and their supporting uses.



Mixed Use - Commercial, Office, and/or Residential

This area focuses on the business district and the surrounding areas. It provides a focal point for the community and accommodates neighborhood serving retail, service, and residential uses in a compact, walkable urban form. This area should generally consist of 2-4 story buildings built to the sidewalk that contain commercial or office uses on the first floor with offices or residential units above them. This designation allows for live/work spaces and allows for a higher residential density to support the business district.



Single-Family

These areas focus on maintaining the existing small to medium detached homes that make up most of the neighborhood. The existing two-family buildings in this area are able to continue as they always have, but vacant two-family buildings are encouraged to be converted back to single-family.



Single, Two, or Multi-Family

This area is flexible by allowing a variety of housing choices which reinforce the walkable nature of the neighborhood and support adjacent neighborhood-serving commercial areas. New buildings should have a small to medium footprint to fit in with surrounding structures and not be more than four stories tall to preserve the neighborhood character.





A view of a potential METRO transfer station near Knowlton's Corner drawn at the neighborhood open house.












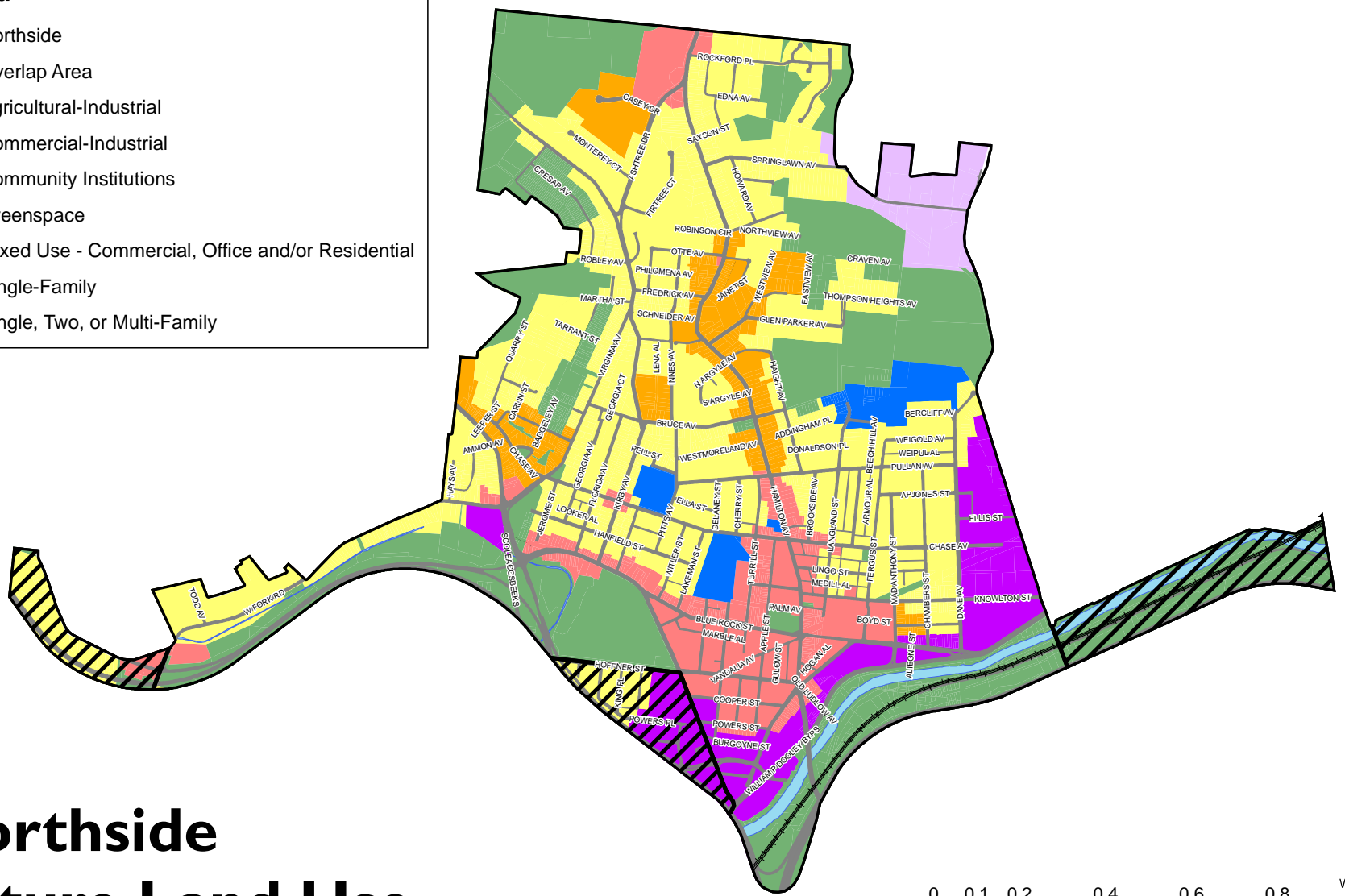


A view of a potential infill housing on Knowlton Street drawn at the neighborhood open house.

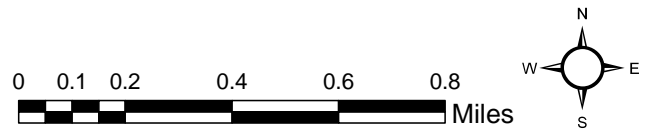


Legend

-  Northside
-  Overlap Area
-  Agricultural-Industrial
-  Commercial-Industrial
-  Community Institutions
-  Greenspace
-  Mixed Use - Commercial, Office and/or Residential
-  Single-Family
-  Single, Two, or Multi-Family



**Northside
Future Land Use**



THE FIVE INITIATIVE AREAS

The 2006 Northside Comprehensive Land Use Plan focuses on four Action Strategies. These action strategies are Quality of Life, Housing, Commercial Development, and Greenspace Development. In an effort to align all new projects and plans with Plan Cincinnati, the City's Comprehensive Plan, these four Action Strategies have been placed in the following categories:

- Compete:** Set an example of a strong neighborhood economy.
- Connect:** Bring people and places together.
- Live:** Strengthen our neighborhood with energized people.
- Sustain:** Steward resources and ensure our long-term viability.
- Collaborate:** Work together to reach our goals.

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COMPETE

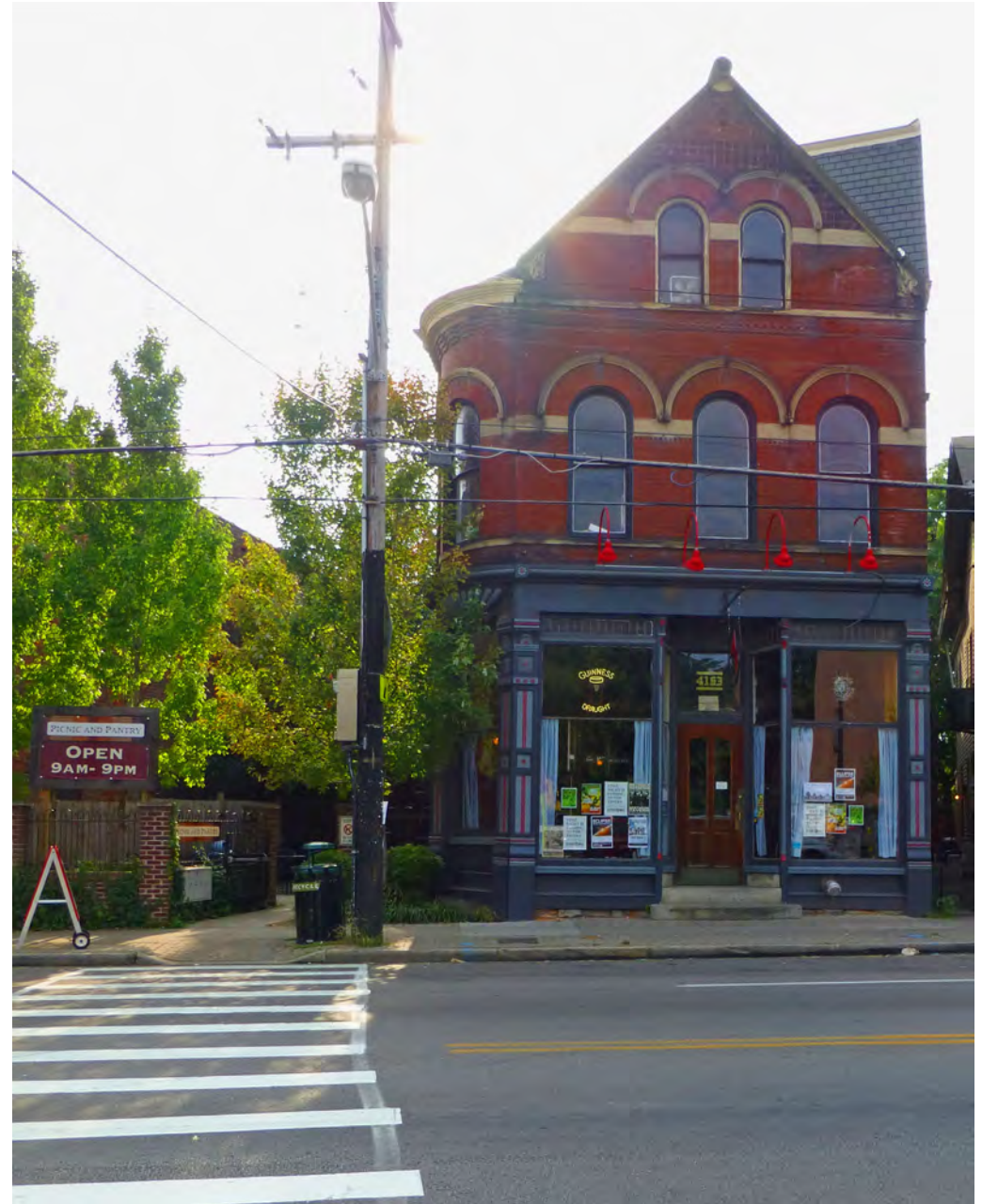
Set an example of a strong neighborhood economy.

Economic development must be sustainable, meaning that it is strategic and well maintained. When development decisions are made with a reasoned approach and an accepted strategy, the results can be more stable and long lasting.

Businesses want to operate in a place where they can attract and retain loyal customers. Success is not based on businesses alone, but also the ability to increase the neighborhood's population.

Our Goals

1. Foster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability and opportunity.
2. Encourage building standards that help promote new and sustainable development in the neighborhood.
3. Become recognized in the City and the region as a vibrant and unique neighborhood.



Northside Tavern

Compete Goal 1: Foster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability and opportunity.

Our economic base will increase through focused business retention, expansion, and entrepreneurship efforts; a skilled workforce; and a strong, supportive business climate. We will encourage, nurture and support business development for everyone while increasing opportunities for African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and other minority community members.

Our Strategies

“Grow our own” by focusing on retention, expansion and relocation of existing businesses.

- Our existing businesses are a large part of what makes Northside unique. We want to make sure that our existing businesses have everything they need to prosper and grow.

Create a climate for new and innovative commercial uses in Northside that enhance our historic character and identify opportunities for mixed-use developments.

- Projects like the American Can Lofts building are innovative ways to allow for a mixed use developments. We want to make sure that creative re-uses of buildings are permitted to allow for unique spaces that will attract new and unique tenants. We need to identify additional buildings and development sites that have the potential to be redeveloped in the same manner.

Focus redevelopment opportunities in the area south of Blue Rock Street for new kinds of commercial, residential, studio and light manufacturing uses and other unique, unconventional live/work spaces.

- Renovating old industrial factories and warehouses into mixed use buildings with retail, office, and residential uses has been a success in our neighborhood and the City. Renovating instead of building new increases the tax base for the neighborhood while preserving a landmark building.

Encourage all Northside businesses to utilize the local labor force.

- If qualified, local workers can be more efficient by being closer to work. This arrangement could reduce single occupancy vehicle travel which means less pollution and reduces the financial burden of commuting, keeping more money in the pocket of the employee which he/she can spend in the neighborhood.

Work to redevelop or reuse the former Save-a-Lot property.

- This approximately one acre site is located one block west of Hamilton Avenue. Because the property is on a side street with a low traffic count, a new grocery probably will not locate here on its own. This part of Northside is built out, so one acre of developable land is a prime opportunity for the neighborhood to attract new development.

Preserve the industrial employment base along existing industrial corridors of the neighborhood by proactively retaining those businesses, many of which have decades of history in Northside.

- *Northside has many businesses that have been around for decades. These industrial areas are important to our neighborhood, providing tax dollars and jobs which employ residents and bring new people to the neighborhood. We need to work to retain and attract new tenants in the existing industrial areas that are compatible with the Mill Creek Greenway.*

Implement the recommendations of the Growth and Opportunities (GO) Cincinnati economic development study and action plan.

- *Although GO Cincinnati is not specific to Northside, it recommends that the area around the Mill Creek remain a job creator and to focus on brownfield redevelopment to create green industries that complement surrounding properties. More specifically, GO Cincinnati recommends making investments to promote the redevelopment and repurposing of blighted and underutilized commercial/industrial properties. This is an important goal for the land around the vacated Powers Street interchange and the area south of Blue Rock Street to the Mill Creek due to the particular obsolescence and poor condition of some of the industrial property in the area, and also because of the need to maintain the surrounding residential areas as safe and attractive places to live.*

Encourage local and City-wide entrepreneurs to open establishments on Hamilton and Spring Grove Avenues to enhance retail offerings in the neighborhood to provide a wider variety of goods and services.

- *Businesses should locate in and around our business district and along major corridors. This strategy is not to promote competition that could hurt existing businesses, but rather to recruit businesses and services that help Northside residents satisfy their daily needs and complement the existing business district and the neighborhood.*

Identify strategic parts of the neighborhood that need improvement and encourage local and neighborhood-based investments.

- *While there are many areas we would like to improve, the reality is that we need to prioritize projects so we can accomplish the highest priority projects first and finish the others as funding allows.*

Work to create opportunities for youth employment.

- *We want to make sure that our next generation maintains a sense of community and learns valuable skills while making some extra money.*



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Compete Goal 2: Encourage building standards that help promote new and sustainable development in the neighborhood.

In order to attract new development, We need to work with the City to allow for a wider range of uses in the business district and the surrounding areas. A wider range of uses makes Northside more attractive for investment and will increase the variety of businesses in the neighborhood.

Our Strategies

Make zoning changes where appropriate to accommodate new land uses, and ensure that the zoning in the southern part of the neighborhood is flexible enough to allow housing, light industrial, office, studio, and retail uses to coexist in the same blocks and buildings.

- We don't want to make it harder for new businesses to operate or building owners to be limited to one use in these areas. We need to work with the City to implement new zoning tools in our neighborhood, such as a form-based code, that focus more on building design than use.

Work with property owners to renovate and maintain the 4000 block of Hamilton Avenue and work to reduce overall storefront vacancies.

- In order to maintain and evolve our business district, we need to attract more tenants that help promote pedestrian traffic to the district. In order to accomplish this, we need to make sure that we have desirable spaces available to attract these businesses.

Encourage new development to complement the surrounding buildings, especially in and around the business district.

- We want to see our neighborhood retain its character, especially in the business district.

For new construction, encourage larger commercial and office uses to provide buildings that engage the street, locating along Colerain Ave., Spring Grove Ave. Hoffner Ave., Knowlton St., and Blue Rock St., and where appropriate, have housing above.

- Placing these businesses along major corridors provides a larger employment base and will complement our existing business district by bringing more people into the neighborhood to support the local bars, restaurants, and shops.

Redevelop brownfields and underutilized sites into green industrial and office uses in the Mill Creek Corridor.

- This area has traditionally been the industrial base of our neighborhood and the City. While the type of desired industrial has changed to less intense uses, we want to make sure this area remains a job creator in our neighborhood.

Pursue compatible land use and redevelopment opportunities for vacant or underutilized land.

- New development should generally fit the character of the land uses and buildings that surround it.

Compete Goal 3: Become recognized in the City and the region as a vibrant and unique neighborhood.

We pride ourselves on being different. Many locals are aware of our unique character, but we want to make sure we are known beyond our neighborhood boundaries.

Our Strategies

Create prominent gateways at neighborhood entrances, including signage, monuments, buildings, and public art unique to Northside.

- Gateways are very important for our branding efforts. A gateway announces to visitors that they have arrived in Northside. Gateways can take many forms, but should be something that is uniquely Northside, something that we can identify with.

Fund and implement a comprehensive identity and marketing strategy.

- Northside is a unique and great place to live. We know it, but we want to make certain everyone else does too. We need to show the great aspects of our neighborhood and make sure that residents and business owners know all that we have to offer.

Capitalize on our historic character and cultural heritage.

- We can capitalize on our historic character through interactive tours of historic sites and by actively pursuing historic designations of important unique historic sites and structures. We can celebrate our cultural heritage with festivals, events and performances, interactive classes and workshops, and a variety of other activities. Both of these assets should be included in our marketing efforts.



Current Initiatives:

1. Milhaus Development on Myron Johnson site
2. Powers Street interchange abandonment
3. 4000 block of Hamilton Avenue
4. South Block
5. CoSign
6. Northside Brand Evolution
7. Save-a-Lot site
9. Cincinnati Port Authority
10. Cincinnati Property Maintenance Division
11. Cincinnati Recreation Commission
12. Cincinnati State
13. City Department of Planning and Buildings
14. City Department of Trade and Development
15. City Office of Environmental Quality
16. Groundworks Cincinnati
17. Hamilton County Development Company
18. Happen, Inc.

Partners in helping Northside Compete:

1. Northside Community Council (NCC)
2. Northside Business Association (NBA)
3. Cincinnati Northside Community Redevelopment Corp. (CNCURC)
4. Churches Active in Northside (CAIN)
5. Northside Community Fund
6. Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce
7. Cincinnati Development Fund
8. Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United (CNBDU)
19. Local financial institutions
20. LPK
21. MoBo Bicycle Coop
22. Northside Citizens on Patrol (NCOP)
23. Small Business Association
24. The Haile/US Bank Foundation
25. University of Cincinnati
26. Xavier University

MYRON JOHNSON SITE

The 2.39 acre site on the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Blue Rock Street has been empty since the Myron Johnson Lumber Yard vacated the property. Milhaus Development, based out of Indianapolis, Indiana has proposed two buildings on the site that contain 100 market-rate apartments and approximately 8,000 square feet of ground floor commercial spaces with 125 parking spaces. The final design was approved by both the Northside Community Council and the Northside Business Association. Milhaus is also looking to redevelop a vacant site north of the property at 1518 Knowlton Street into an additional 20 market-rate units.



Rendering looking at the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Blue Rock Street

POWERS STREET INTERCHANGE ABANDONMENT

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) closed the Powers Street interchange and reconfigured the Beekman St. /Colerain Ave. interchange to give residents access to I-74 in both directions from one location. The closing of the Powers interchange will provide the neighborhood with new developable land between Colerain Avenue and Prang Street. The Future Land Use Map shows this area as being Commercial/Industrial.

4000 BLOCK OF HAMILTON AVE.

This area is a gateway to the Hamilton Avenue Business District. The historic business district has two-to four-story, mixed-use buildings with retail uses on the ground floors and residential, storage and other uses on upper floors. Upper floors of these buildings are underused and in many cases vacant. While there are some viable businesses in this block, vacancies here are significant and property maintenance is generally poor. The Northside Business Association is working to purchase four buildings in the 4000 block to assemble the property to sell to a developer.



SOUTH BLOCK

The Northside Business Association (NBA) is working to redevelop property from 3990 to 3934 Spring Grove Avenue. The NBA selected South Block Properties, LLC to start this by redeveloping the two buildings. One is planned to be a food service business and the old garage is being renovated into artist studio spaces.



COSIGN

CoSign is an initiative designed to enhance economic activity in the neighborhood by pairing artists and designers, small businesses and professional sign fabricators to design and install unique handcrafted signage for local retailers. So far, CoSign has completed 10 signs in Northside and has plans to complete more.



SAVE-A-LOT SITE

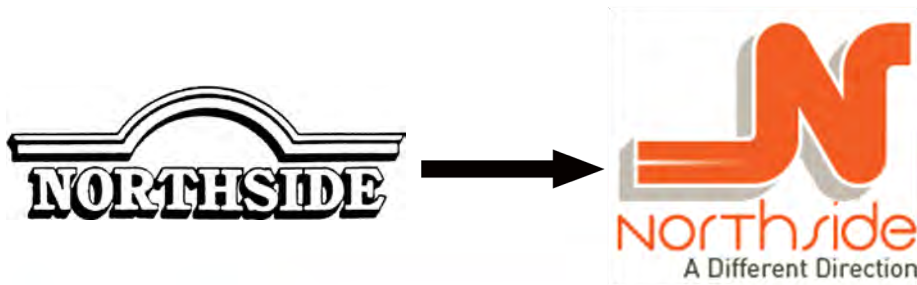
The Save-a-Lot closed in August of 2013. The closure of the store leaves a vacant, one acre parcel a block west of Hamilton Avenue and the historic business district. Northside community leaders are actively working to recruit a partner to help redevelop the site into another grocery store or a new, mixed use development as identified in the Future Land Use Map.



The Save-a-Lot site is at the far left, with the business district on the far right

NORTHSIDE BRANDING EVOLUTION

As part of an effort to re-brand the neighborhood, Northside has been working with LPK to re-brand the Northside logo to give residents a sense of pride on envelopes, letterhead, flyers, banners, flags, etc. to create an identity and set the neighborhood apart from other communities.



Looking east on Knowlton Street



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CONNECT

Bring people and places together.

Transportation infrastructure is vital to the success of a neighborhood. Although the City and state spearhead larger transportation projects, our neighborhood can provide input for these larger projects and coordinate smaller scale projects, like connecting our homes and businesses together with a network of sidewalks and trails and making sure those connections stay open.

It is also important that homes and businesses are well connected to the infrastructure they need, including adequate capacity for water, sewer, electricity and telecom services to support them.

Our Goals

1. Increase safety, connectivity and facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users.
2. Ensure that our infrastructure can support the needs of existing and future residents and businesses.



Looking north on Hamilton Avenue from Chase Avenue

Connect Goal 1: Increase safety, connectivity and facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users.

We want to ensure that Northside has safe sidewalks, bike lanes, paths, and transit stops that are able to serve the community's present and future needs. We also want to encourage multi-use streets, proper maintenance, safety, personal security, universal ADA access, and better enforcement of traffic laws.

Our Strategies

Work with METRO to design a hub/transfer station near Knowlton's Corner.

- Northside contains the second busiest transfer point in Cincinnati and brings many residents outside of our neighborhood to Northside. It is essential for us to work with METRO to design the site to fit Northside's unique character.

Fix sidewalks that are broken or cracked. Add or connect sidewalks where possible and include spaces for the addition of street trees where feasible to promote better walkability.

- Sidewalks and pedestrian connectivity are essential to maintain an urban neighborhood. Broken or missing sidewalks are uninviting to visitors, decrease walkability and can be dangerous. Street trees help break up the façade of large buildings and provide comfort to pedestrians. We need to coordinate with the City and Urban Forestry to provide street trees where there aren't any and make sure Urban Forestry is included in all roadway improvement projects.

Continue to construct hike/bike trails to strengthen connections between greenspaces, establish a uniform wayfinding system, and increase communications to actively promote these areas.

- Northside has a lot of wonderful greenspaces in and around our neighborhood. We must work to connect these greenspaces and promote them so residents and visitors can enjoy all of the green amenities we have to offer.

Connect the Northside business district, parks, and residential areas with safe walking paths, sidewalks, and bike paths.

- These green paths not only provide natural sanctuaries, they help get people moving through the neighborhood with minimal impact on the environment. It is important they are properly maintained and developed to keep Northside green.

Improve the connection of bike paths and the Mill Creek bike trail and create a physical and visual connection back to the Mill Creek.

- Northside is fortunate to have the Mill Creek flowing through the southern part of the neighborhood. We want to build on the momentum of the existing bike trail and make sure this trail is accessible to the neighborhood while also connecting it to other neighborhoods. The Mill Creek is a large asset for the community, and we want to make sure we show it off.

Expand complete streets on major thoroughfares beyond Hamilton Avenue.

- We must encourage streets that provide safe spaces for walking, biking, and public transit. Complete streets usually have built in methods to slow down traffic, such as on street parking and narrower lanes to provide for wider sidewalks and bike lanes. Planning for additional public transit options now could pave the way for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) or a potential future streetcar line along Hamilton Avenue. Additional thoroughfares that could benefit from complete streets are Blue Rock Street, Spring Grove Avenue, Colerain Avenue, and Virginia Avenue.



Promote awareness of crosswalks.

- *Pedestrian safety is essential, especially in a business district. We need to make sure crosswalks are well marked, and work with the City to come up with creative ways to ensure motorists are aware of all crosswalks, especially the mid-block crosswalks in the business district.*

Expand Safe Routes to School program in all of the schools in Northside.

- *We must continue to work with the Ohio Dept. of Transportation the City, and Cincinnati Public Schools to promote and implement this program so children and parents are aware of the safest ways to walk or bike to school.*

Apply Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) standards to ensure pedestrian safety.

- *Most criminals do not want to be seen committing a crime. These standards encourage greater visibility in areas by thoughtful design. It encourages strong lighting on sidewalks, at entrances to private spaces, and removing clutter, landscaping, or other elements that may block sight lines. It also encourages limiting access points to buildings or other spaces and placing elements like public bathrooms in high traffic areas.*



Bicycle safety is very important to our community



METRO buses are a fixture on Hamilton Avenue

Connect Goal 2: Ensure that our infrastructure can support the needs of existing and future residents and businesses.

In order to grow, we need to have infrastructure in place that can support an influx of residents and new or expanding businesses. Transportation infrastructure generally receives the most attention, but we also need to make sure that our water, sewer, and electrical infrastructure can handle our existing and growing needs.

Our Strategies

Work with the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTe) to calm traffic along major streets.

- Streets like the northern portion of Hamilton Ave, Kirby Ave., Blue Rock St., Colerain Ave. and Spring Grove Ave. have local traffic, but are also used to move people through the neighborhood. Vehicles often travel along these streets at a high rate of speed and make it tough for residents to pull out onto them. During the public process for this plan, multiple residents noted that vehicles travel at high rates of speed on Kirby Ave down the hill and would like DOTe to conduct a study for traffic calming measures on Kirby Ave. at the three key intersections: Martha Ave. and Virginia Ave., Ashtree Dr., and Chase Ave.

Ensure that existing roads are adequately maintained.

- While this problem is not specific to Northside, side streets and several main thoroughfares are plagued by potholes and crumbling roads. A specific example of concern is Ashtree Dr. Although it has the appearance of a residential street, it handles through traffic from College Hill and northern suburbs to I-74. We would like to see this road improved with curb and gutters from Kirby Ave. to Hamilton Ave. We would also like to have curb and gutter on Washburn St., Leeper St., Carlin St., Kentucky Ave., and Ammon Ave and sidewalks where there are none.

Work with existing industries to restrict truck traffic to certain streets and make sure those streets are well built and maintained.

- Northside's industrial history is important to our neighborhood. Industrial activity brings larger vehicles to the neighborhood that take a toll on our roads. Working with the City to restrict truck traffic to certain roads will allow for a higher quality of life for surrounding residents and will reduce the number of roads that need to be maintained to handle this type of traffic.

Work with local utility providers to ensure they can adequately provide service to Northside's businesses and residents.

- If we are going to work to increase density in and around our business district, we must ensure that we have adequate utilities. Power outages are inconvenient to residents, but it means lost money for businesses. Depending on the use, industrial areas need more capacity than other areas, and we must work with them and our utility companies to make sure their needs are met. Ensuring adequate telecom services, including the possibility of a wi-fi hot spot in the business district could help both visitors and business owners.

Maintain public stairway and alleyway systems.

- Stairs and alleyways are important to our pedestrian network. When these areas become overgrown and filled with trash, they do not appear inviting to anyone and increase the perception of crime in the area. Neighborhood organizations need to partner with the City to collect garbage, manage weeds and maintain the surface of the steps and alleys to create an inviting atmosphere and increase pedestrian connectivity.



Current Initiatives:

1. METRO transfer station
2. Bike Share Program
3. Hike/bike Trails
4. I-74 Colerain Avenue Interchange

Partners in helping Northside Connect:

1. Cincinnati Health Department
2. Cincinnati Hillside Trust
3. Cincinnati Parks Department
4. Cincinnati Public Schools
5. Cincy Bike Share, Inc.
6. City Department of Planning and Buildings
7. City Department of Public Services
8. City Department of Transportation and Engineering Duke Energy
9. Go Vibrant
10. Greater Cincinnati Water Works
11. Groundworks Cincinnati
12. Hamilton County Parks Department
13. Interact for Health
14. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful
15. METRO
16. Metropolitan Sewer District
17. MoBo Bicycle Coop
18. Neighborhood schools
19. Northside Greenspace Inc.
20. Ohio Department of Transportation
21. OKI
22. Spring in Our Steps
23. Telecom service providers

METRO TRANSFER STATION

A major struggle for Hamilton Avenue and Spring Grove merchants and transit riders is the lack of a good transit facility in the vicinity. Knowlton's Corner is the second most active bus transfer location in the City. With no adequate shelter anywhere in the business district along Hamilton Avenue, bus passengers must wait in all kinds of weather on narrow sidewalks that barely accommodate them. Additionally, bus passengers often have to cross several busy streets at rush hour to make their connections. The neighborhood wants to provide transit riders the accommodations and respect they deserve.



A METRO transfer station would benefit our neighborhood

BIKE SHARE PROGRAM

The City of Cincinnati, Green Umbrella and the Leadership Cincinnati Class 34 recently announced the proposed launch of a bike share program to launch in Spring, 2014. Cincy Bike Share, Inc. will manage this program.

HIKE/BIKE TRAILS

The Mill Creek Greenway Trail is a 3 mile paved hike/bike trail extending along the Mill Creek into South Cumminsville.

Badgely Run Park has a walking trail running through the wooded area with various amenities for hikers.

We are actively working to connect all of our greenspaces with hike/bike trails, bike lanes, or safe, wide sidewalks to connect all of our greenspaces together. Interact for Health recently awarded Green Umbrella a \$70,000 grant to develop a master plan to connect existing walking and bicycle trails throughout the Cincinnati region.



The Mill Creek Greenway

I-74 INTERCHANGE RE-CONFIGURATION

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is re-configuring the Beekman St. /Colerain Avenue interchange to give residents access to I-74 in both directions from one location. Some residents in this area have been affected by increased noise due to ODOT clearing trees and buying property to allow for the space needed for this project. This project has changed traffic patterns in the area and opened up some additional land north of Colerain Avenue. This additional land could be used to expand the footprint of our proposed skate park.



The interchange re-configuration at Colerain Avenue

LIVE

Strengthen our neighborhood with energized people.

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming, diverse community. In order to maintain our momentum, we must improve the public life of our workforce and residents. We also want to make sure that we have an adequate supply of quality housing for all of our residents, regardless of income, age, race, background or physical ability.

Our Goals

1. Create a neighborhood where all residents, young and old, feel safe, nurtured and enriched.
2. Increase homeownership rates.
3. Increase the quality and quantity of affordable and market rate rental housing.



We want to welcome everyone to our neighborhood

Live Goal 1: Create a neighborhood where people, young and old, feel safe, nurtured and enriched.

We pride ourselves on being a diverse urban neighborhood. We want to be known as a vibrant, cultural, engaged neighborhood that openly welcomes everyone. We need to make sure we have safe, adequate housing for people with all types of income, family size or type, seniors, and those with disabilities.

Our Strategies

Keep working to encourage everyone to stay engaged and involved in the neighborhood and market events and activities in unique ways, using methods to reach all ages, backgrounds, and ethnicities, so that everyone has information and feels welcome.

- *Northside is a community of active, engaged citizens. We host a wide range of events from farmers markets to rock concerts. In order to build a greater sense of community, we need to make sure as many residents as possible know about our events through flyers, social media, and word of mouth and work to combine these announcements into one unified system.*

Create a wide variety of quality housing types for a diverse group of people with mixed incomes.

- *Housing needs to be provided for all income levels that accommodates singles, small, inter-generational and larger families, seniors who want to downsize, and people of all physical abilities. This could be the possibility of auxiliary units for children or parents in single family areas. There needs to be a wider variety of senior housing in the neighborhood for all incomes, not just low-incomes, so all Northside residents have the option to age in place.*

Improve enforcement of property maintenance and zoning codes.

- *Property maintenance issues loom large in the neighborhood. We need to work with the City to make sure that property maintenance and zoning codes are properly enforced in all areas of the neighborhood.*

Work to maintain our public spaces.

- *Trash and overgrowth in public areas increase the perception of crime. Northside has a number of alleys that could be an asset to the neighborhood and increase pedestrian connectivity if they are properly maintained.*

Activate and program existing event spaces to showcase and encourage performance and visual artists of all types. Actively participate in community programming and development at McKie Recreation Center/Pool and Hoffner Park.

- *Northside contains multiple venues for art and musical performances. We don't want these great public spaces to be under-utilized. We need to work with the Parks Department and Recreation Commission to influence how these spaces are used and to provide lacking amenities, such as restrooms in public parks.*

Work towards ensuring that new development does not displace current residents or property owners.

- *We support new development, but we do not want to see anyone have their property taken against their will for a project.*



Continue activities that promote tolerance and embrace diversity, and actively work to celebrate the cultural differences which exist in the neighborhood.

- *Northside prides itself on welcoming everyone to our neighborhood. It is important that this continues.*

Continue to develop projects that revitalize under-producing or obsolete spaces by creating a mix of uses that take advantage of existing significant buildings and the unique physical layout of the area.

- *The renovation of the American Can Lofts building has been a successful project, converting a vacant factory to apartments. This project and the proposed Kirby Lofts in the old Kirby Road School should be a model for redevelopment of large, older historic structures where appropriate.*

Make art an essential element of public spaces and buildings.

- *Northside is a community of artists. Local art should be a prominent part of public spaces and gateways into our neighborhood.*

Continue to work on increasing safety and the perception of safety in the neighborhood.

- *Although crime rates have decreased, many Northside residents have concerns about crime or the perception of crime in the neighborhood. When people feel safe, they are more inclined to open a business, live in or visit the neighborhood.*



Live Goal 2: Increase home ownership rates.

Increasing homeownership rates has been a goal of our neighborhood for a long time. Homeownership represents an investment in the community and increases the amount of property owners that live in the neighborhood.

Our Strategies

Create new and continue the existing strong programs and events that welcome new residents.

- We want to make sure that our new residents feel welcome and want to stay in the neighborhood for a long time. Welcoming new residents helps them to meet their neighbors and get involved in the community.

Assist moderate-income renters making the transition to home ownership.

- There are many long-term residents here who invest their time and resources in the community, but may not have the knowledge base or resources for all the costs involving the initial purchase of a home. Helping them pull these together would help increase homeownership rates and invest in residents who really want to be here.

Work towards bringing the Cincinnati's Real Estate Ambassadors Program to Northside to promote urban living and home ownership rates.

- We need to lobby realtors who work in Northside to apply for this program. Once appointed, they will learn about special programs that can help residents and builders renovate urban homes and share this knowledge with the community.

Work to restore converted multi-family units back into their original use as single-family homes.

- In order to make more money, some landlords have configured their single-family units to two or multi-family units. When the opportunity arises, we want to restore these units to their original state.



CNCURC recently completed these two homes on Chase and Fergus

Live Goal 3: Improve the quality and quantity of affordable and market rate rental housing.

Renters make up a large population of Northside. We want to make sure that residents of ages and income levels who do not want to purchase a home have plenty of options. We want to increase residential density in and around the business district to support our local small businesses.

Our Strategies

Integrate more housing into our neighborhood business district to strengthen it and increase pedestrian activity.

- *A key element of the Future Land Use Plan is mixed-use development. Mixed-use development generally consists of buildings with commercial or office on the first floor with office and/or residential above. Hamilton Ave. is home to multiple transit routes, so this area can support a higher density. A higher residential density will support more businesses in the district.*

Coordinate with subsidized housing providers (landlords) and management agencies (HUD, CMHA, Hamilton County) to ensure that the neighborhood maintains its current balance of subsidized housing, and that this housing is well-maintained.

- *We are currently below our historic levels of subsidized housing, so we should be welcoming to new residents. Maintenance of these units is very important. Ideally, these units will look no different from those of their neighbors.*

Analyze housing stock to determine what structures can be remodeled and which are more appropriate for demolition, taking historic guidelines into account.

- *Northside is home to many older deteriorating properties. We need to take an inventory of these properties to see which ones are historic and can be renovated, while understanding that some of these structures may not be able to be saved for a reasonable cost.*

Work with and assist subsidized housing residents to connect with the appropriate channels to help resolve problems.

- *Often times people in privately owned subsidized units will not complain about substandard conditions for the fear of being shut out of other housing opportunities for speaking up.*

Ensure the neighborhood has adequate senior housing for all income levels so residents can age in place.

- *Currently, the senior housing in Northside is only for lower income seniors. If this does not change, many current community leaders and long time residents who are above the income threshold may have to leave the neighborhood against their wishes to find housing that meets their needs.*



Current Initiatives:

1. CNCURC renovations
2. Kirby Lofts
3. Virginia Place - Phase 2
4. Senior housing next to American Can Lofts
5. Trash Social
6. Northside Skate Park
7. Community events (4th of July Parade, 2nd Saturdays, Rock and Roll Carnival)
10. Northside Community Fund
11. City Department of Trade and Development
12. City Planning and Buildings
13. Professional Artistic Research (PAR) Projects
14. Wordplay, Inc.
15. Happen, Inc.

Partners in helping Northside Live:

1. Cincinnati Northside Community Urban Redevelopment Corp. (CNCURC)
2. The Model Group
3. Habitat for Humanity
4. Housing Coalition
5. HUD
6. Northside Arts
7. Northside Education Committee
8. Citizens on Patrol
9. Light Up Northside
16. Whiz Kids
17. Cincinnati Public Libraries
18. Cincinnati Health Department
19. Cincinnati Port Authority
20. Community arts organizations

CNCURC RENOVATIONS

Since its inception, CNCURC has renovated and restored dozens of vacant houses back to their original state. This organization is helping Northside increase the homeownership rates in the neighborhood, but only renovates vacant houses so existing residents are not displaced.

CNCURC is currently working on Blockwatch 45223 on Witler and Hanfield Streets, which includes construction or renovation of 12 single family and one mixed use building, including site improvements. CNCURC is also working on the Fergus Street Homeownership Project, which renovates or builds 10 single family homes and makes site improvements.



Blockwatch project area



Fergus St. project area

KIRBY LOFTS

Kirby Lofts is a proposed renovation project of the Kirby Road School, which was built in 1910. The proposed project would have 37 units in the existing school, with a possible 40 more units in a second building if the market allows. This project fulfills a goal of the 2006 plan to reuse the school in some capacity.



The Kirby Road School

VIRGINIA PLACE

Virginia Place is a new housing development located west of Virginia Avenue and just north of Colerain Avenue. It is located on the land vacated by for the Colerain Connector, which would have connected I-74 with Hamilton Avenue, but would have created a highway through the neighborhood and was successfully blocked . The Colerain Connector Master Plan, which provides a blueprint for the redevelopment of this land calls for housing in this area.

The full buildout plan of Virginia Place consists of detached single-family units, attached single-family townhomes, and some attached two-family units. The orange area on the Future Land Use Map (page 50) in this location is only meant for these types of units and not higher density multi-family.



The concept plan for Virginia Place

SENIOR HOUSING NEXT TO AMERICAN CAN LOFTS

One of the goals of this plan is to increase housing for seniors. This project sits on 0.757 acres and is scheduled to accommodate up to 54 dwelling units. These units are planned to be affordable housing for seniors. Construction on this project has been delayed, but we hope that this project can move forward to help fulfill our needs for increased senior housing.



The potential site of new senior housing

NORTHSIDE TRASH SOCIAL

This volunteer group spends one hour a month targeting a street or block that needs to be cleaned up. Trash bags and gloves are provided to help with the cleanup. Once the hours is up, volunteers are encouraged to attend a happy hour at a local bar.

SKATE PARK

With the new interchange, the neighborhood wants to have a new skate park to welcome residents to Northside when they enter the neighborhood from I-74. This project is located at the Badgely mound on the corner of Colerain and Virginia Avenues and is the last part of the Colerain Connector Master Plan to be implemented. The neighborhood is working with Cincinnati Recreation Commission to make this dream a reality.



ASD Renderings of the proposed skate park



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Northside hosts a number of community events every year that the neighborhood the City look forward to. These events include the Rock and Roll Carnival at Hoffner Park to celebrate July 4; Second Saturdays, which local businesses have longer hours and promote specials for art, shopping, eating and drinking; and the 4th of July Parade, held rain or shine since 1854 with a brief hiatus from 1960-1969.



Our 4th of July events draw a huge crowd every year, even in the rain



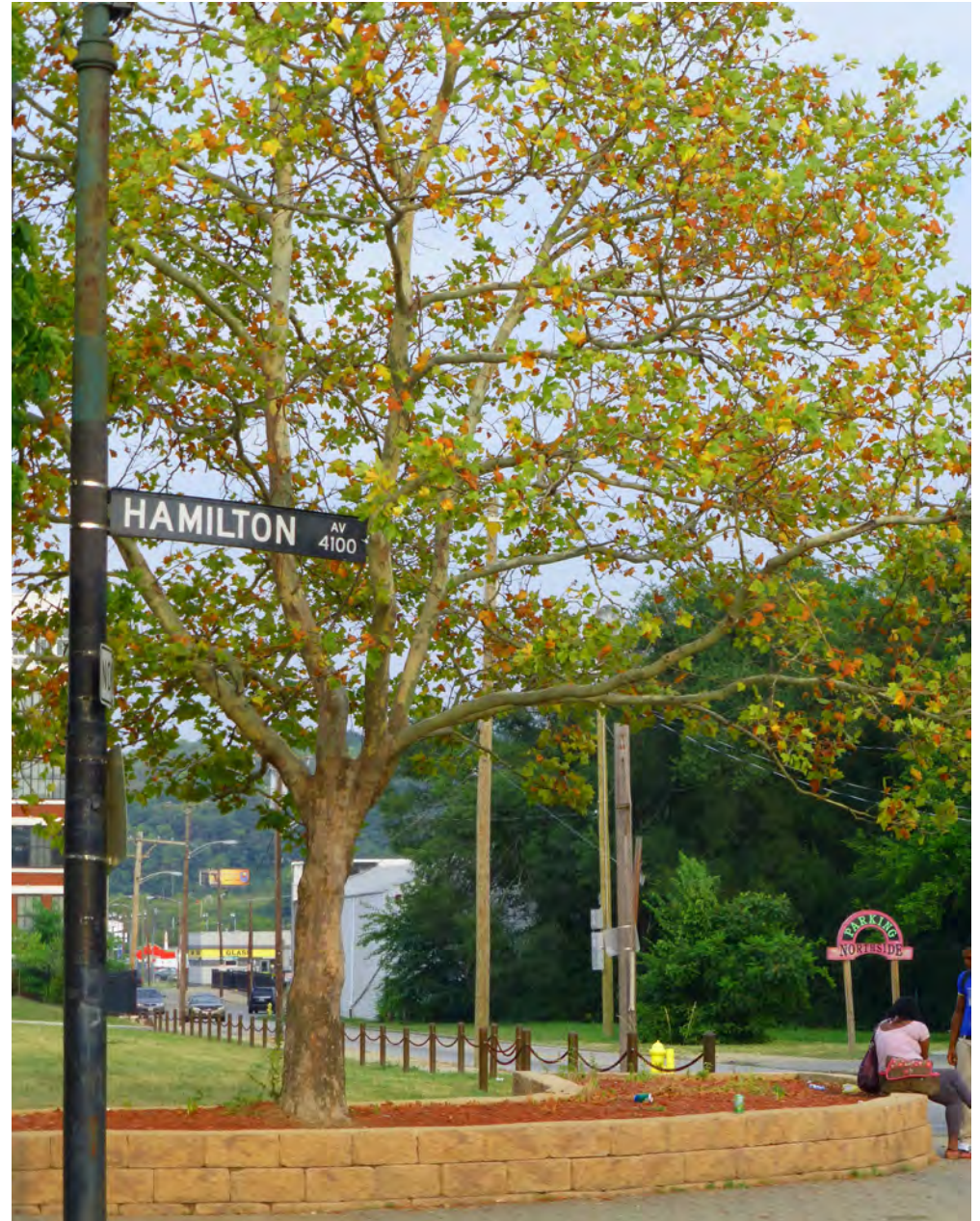
SUSTAIN

Steward resources and ensure our long-term viability.

Our ample, extraordinary greenspace sets us apart from other urban neighborhoods. We want to preserve our existing resources and develop new ones to maintain our neighborhood character. We also want to create a healthier neighborhood and ensure that we have access to fresh food on a daily basis.

Our Goals

1. Enhance the architecturally historic, pedestrian streetscape and 'green' character of the neighborhood and preserve our natural environment.
2. Ensure that all Northside residents have access to fresh, healthy food.
3. Become a healthier neighborhood.



Even in our business district, we have a strong natural environment

Sustain Goal 1: Enhance the architecturally historic, pedestrian streetscape and ‘green’ character of the neighborhood and preserve our natural environment.

We pride ourselves on being an urban neighborhood with ample parks and greenspaces. As we grow, we want to maintain our urban feel while keeping and enhancing our parks and green elements along our streets.

Our Strategies

Maintain the historic character of the Hamilton Avenue Business District by encouraging renovation and façade improvements to existing buildings where necessary, and compatible infill development as opportunity arises.

- The business district is Northside’s only historic district. Renovation is encouraged in this district over demolition. If there is an opportunity for new construction, it is essential that any new construction match the size, scale, and materials of the surrounding buildings.

Ensure that existing and new users in this area embrace the spirit and intent of all EPA and related environmental laws and regulations regarding clean air and water.

- Northside prides itself on having wonderful greenspaces. If we want to develop the area around the Mill Creek to a recreational area, we need to make sure that environmental standards are being followed so we can enjoy the great outdoors.

Promote and incentivize energy efficiency in new and existing housing and commercial building stock.

- Increased energy efficiency allows us to grow while putting less of a strain on existing infrastructure and lowering individual utility bills. We need to encourage developers and builders to build to high, energy efficient standards. We also want to work with the utility companies and the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance can help educate residents and business owners and provide resources to achieve this.

Plant trees in areas with a lower-than-average tree canopy as defined by Urban Forestry.

- Northside has a lot of greenspace, but some areas in the southern part of the neighborhood do not have many trees. Planting more trees in these areas will provide shade and cleaner air and help keep a consistent feel throughout the neighborhood.

Work with the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) to design retention ponds and to daylight waterways where appropriate.

- As part of the Colerain Connector Plan, we were able to use the land to create Badgely Park on the west side of Kirby Road. Daylighting Badgely Creek would remove the creek from a pipe buried underground and would bring it back to the surface, adding a water feature to the park. Where appropriate, other streams that have been piped should be brought back to the surface as well, as long as it is appropriate.

Work to de-channelize the Mill Creek.

- The concrete channel helps control flooding, but it takes away an asset to our neighborhood. Letting the creek flow again would enhance the the Mill Creek bike trail and the southern part of our neighborhood. In doing so, we still want to make sure we have adequate flood control.



Support the Colerain Connector Master Plan as approved by Northside Community Council and the City Planning Commission, City Council, and OKI for development of the Colerain Connector area.

- *The Colerain Connector Master Plan puts land that was acquired to build a highway through the neighborhood back to productive use. This plan focuses predominately on greenspace, with some housing at the southern portion along Virginia Ave. and Colerain Ave. The implementation of this plan is almost complete except for a skate park on the NE corner of Virginia Ave. and Colerain Ave.*

Enhance and protect the wonderful green spaces in the neighborhood; the green belt that connects Northside to other communities.

- *Green spaces help define Northside. We want to make sure that these areas are not only preserved, but enhanced to allow more people to find and use these trails and green spaces through the use of signage and maps.*



Trail head at Mill Creek Greenway



If maintained, alleys can help connect our greenspaces

Sustain Goal 2: Ensure that all Northside residents have access to fresh, healthy food.

Eating fresh meat, fruits, and vegetables provides essential vitamins and minerals. Access to fresh food helps us lead healthier lives and supports our local farmers and community gardens.

Our Strategies

Expand the current programming for creating, operating and maintaining community gardens and agricultural initiatives, including an enhanced public education component to the benefits of eating healthy food and partnerships with local grocery stores or neighborhood markets.

- *We have successful community gardens, but we want to expand our program even more, including education promoting the benefits of eating fresh food over processed food with lots of preservatives. Partnering with the local corner or grocery stores is one way that we could incorporate fresh food into our neighborhood every day.*

Continue to promote the Northside Farmers Market.

- *The Northside Farmers Market is currently our best resource for fresh meat and produce. The Farmers Market is very successful, but we want to continue to make sure that everyone in our neighborhood is aware of this resource.*

Actively seek strategies to connect low-income Northsiders with quality affordable fresh foods and other grocery and household items.

- *With the Save-a-Lot closing, we are without a neighborhood grocery store. We want to make sure residents have access to a grocery store, especially those who do not own their own vehicle. We want fresh food to be available to the neighborhood every day instead of being limited to the Farmer's Market on Wednesdays.*



Northside Farmer's Market

Sustain Goal 3: Become a healthier neighborhood.

We want to create a healthier environment, decrease mortality and chronic and acute diseases.

Our Strategies

Continue to develop programming in parks and open spaces for everyone.

- Everyone in our neighborhood, especially children and seniors need to get outside and move. Programming in these areas provides education about nature and open spaces and provides opportunities for exercise.

Increase participation in recreational and educational activities, events and venues that get people moving and into nature.

- Northside has wonderful greenspaces which provide recreational opportunities, so we want to make sure we use them to their full potential.

Work with Northside Health Clinic to increase accessible community education for pregnant women and new mothers.

- The first 18 months for a child are critical for development. Providing the proper educational information to new mothers may result in healthier children in our neighborhood.

Identify and prioritize prevalent illnesses in the neighborhood and develop educational strategies to address them.

- Prevention is the best medicine for illnesses. If we are able to educate people on what is causing certain illnesses, we can educate others to take steps on how to prevent the illness before it starts.



A youth camp at McKie Recreation Center



Children playing at McKie Recreation Center

Current Initiatives:

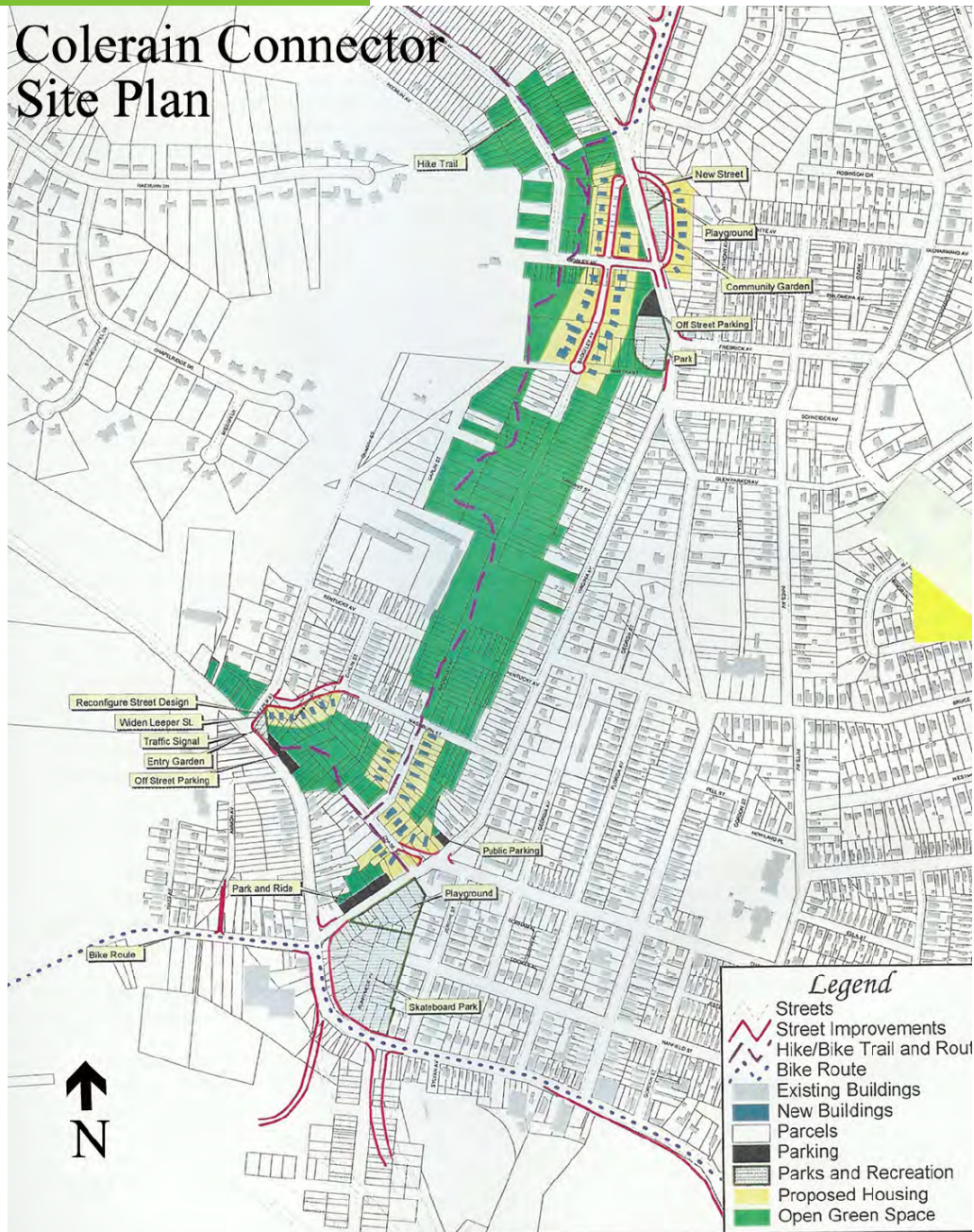
1. Colerain Connector Master Plan
2. The Farmer's Hotel
3. Community Gardens
4. Northside Farmers Market
5. Go Vibrant

Partners in helping Northside Sustain:

1. Greenspace Trust
2. Hillside Trust
3. Northside Greenspace Inc.
4. Keep Northside Beautiful
5. Interact for Health
6. Groundwork Cincinnati - Mill Creek
7. Cincinnati Recreation Commission
8. Cincinnati Parks Department
9. Interact for Health
10. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful
11. City Department of Public Services
12. Metropolitan Sewer District
13. Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

14. Gabriel's Place
15. Happen, Inc.
16. Wordplay, Inc.
17. Cincinnati Health Department
18. Churches Active in Northside (CAIN)
19. Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati
20. City Office of Environmental Quality
21. Cincinnati Public Schools
22. Cincinnati State
23. Green Umbrella
24. Go Vibrant
25. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Colerain Connector Site Plan



COLERAIN CONNECTOR MASTER PLAN

Northside Community Council approved the Colerain Connector Land Reuse Plan in 2002. That plan includes an extensive set of green space recommendations for reuse and reintegration of land formerly intended for use as an expressway. After successfully defeating the highway plan, the neighborhood is moving forward with green space improvements. This land use plan reaffirms Northside's commitment to the Colerain Connector Land Reuse recommendations, designating this area as the top green space initiative. These open spaces will provide an important part of the plan to connect the various park lands surrounding Northside. This plan has almost entirely been implemented with the exception of the skate park. The neighborhood will continue to work with both the Park Board and Recreation Commission on this project.



THE FARMERS HOTEL

The Farmer's Hotel was built in 1859. This historic Roadhouse is the last standing link to Cincinnati's "Porkopolis" days, when thousands of swine were driven on foot to the slaughterhouses of Spring Grove Avenue. This building was designated a historic landmark by the City on August 7, 2013 so it cannot be torn down. It is currently vacant, so CNCURC is working with the City to purchase and renovate the building.



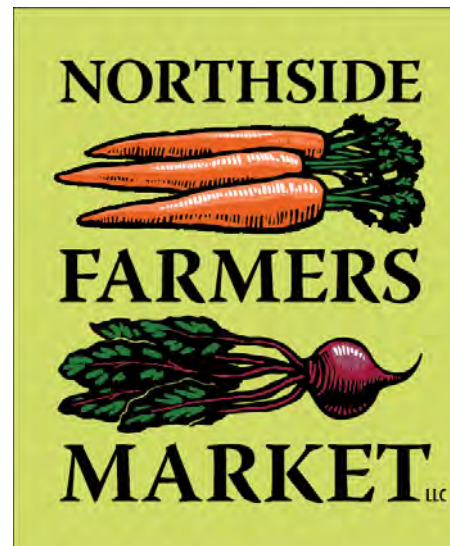
The Farmer's Hotel

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Community gardens help reach a number of goals in this plan: more greenspace, youth activities, locally grown food that can support lower income residents and can be sold at the Northside Farmer's Market on Wednesdays afternoons. Northside currently has community gardens at McKie Recreation Center, the Village Green, and on Witler Street.



NORTHSIDE FARMERS MARKET



The Northside Farmers Market is open every Wednesday from 4-7 pm. The market sells local grains, vegetables, and grass fed meats. The market is held at Jacob Hoffner Park from mid May to mid October, depending on the weather. It is held at North Presbyterian Church in the colder months.

The market supports local farmers and growers, provides us with fresh, delicious food to eat and reinforces our history as a farming community dating back to the 1880s.

GO VIBRANT

Go Vibrant is an organization within Cincinnati that encourages people to get out and move. Their website, www.govibrant.org, provides information about all kinds of outdoor activities to get people out of the house and moving. They also sponsor safe walking routes throughout the neighborhood, providing one, two, and three mile walking routes.



govibrant walking routes
are as easy as 1, 2, 3.

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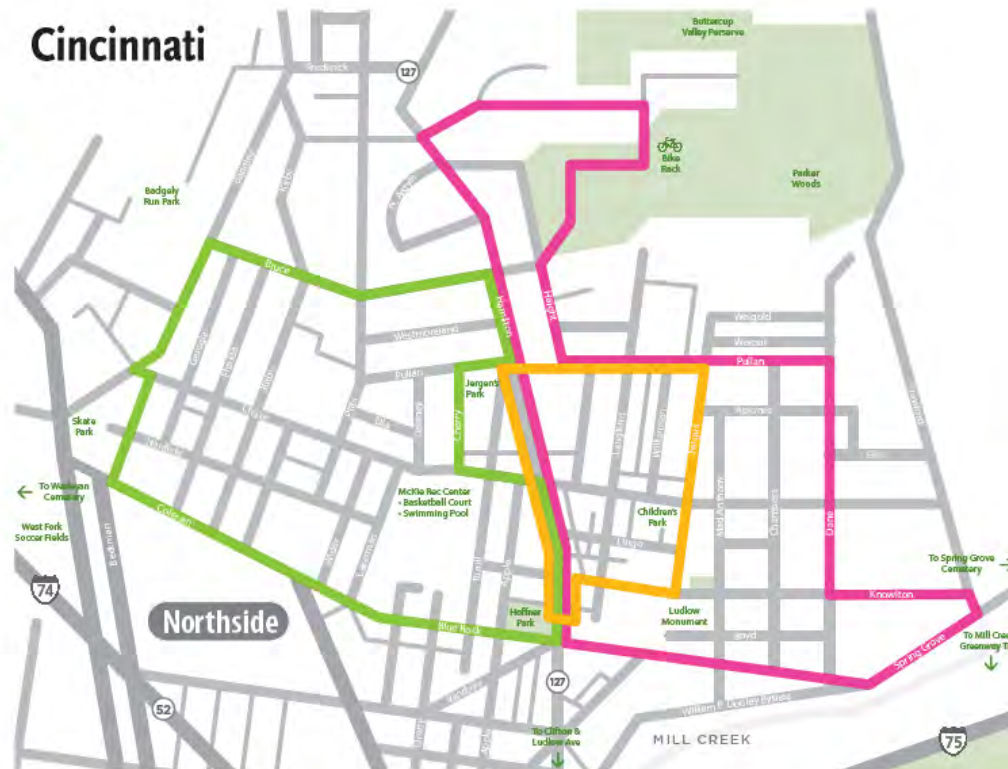
family member, neighbor or co-worker to join you. Or take time out and enjoy by yourself.

2. PICK A ROUTE

orange	1 mi	-20 mins
green	2 mi	-40 mins
purple	3 mi	-60 mins

3. WALK, ROLL, RUN IT

follow the color coded signs on the way and have fun!



Explore and experience a unique blend of classic homes, eclectic businesses, scenic parks, great entertainment and tasty food - all within walking distance!



COLLABORATE

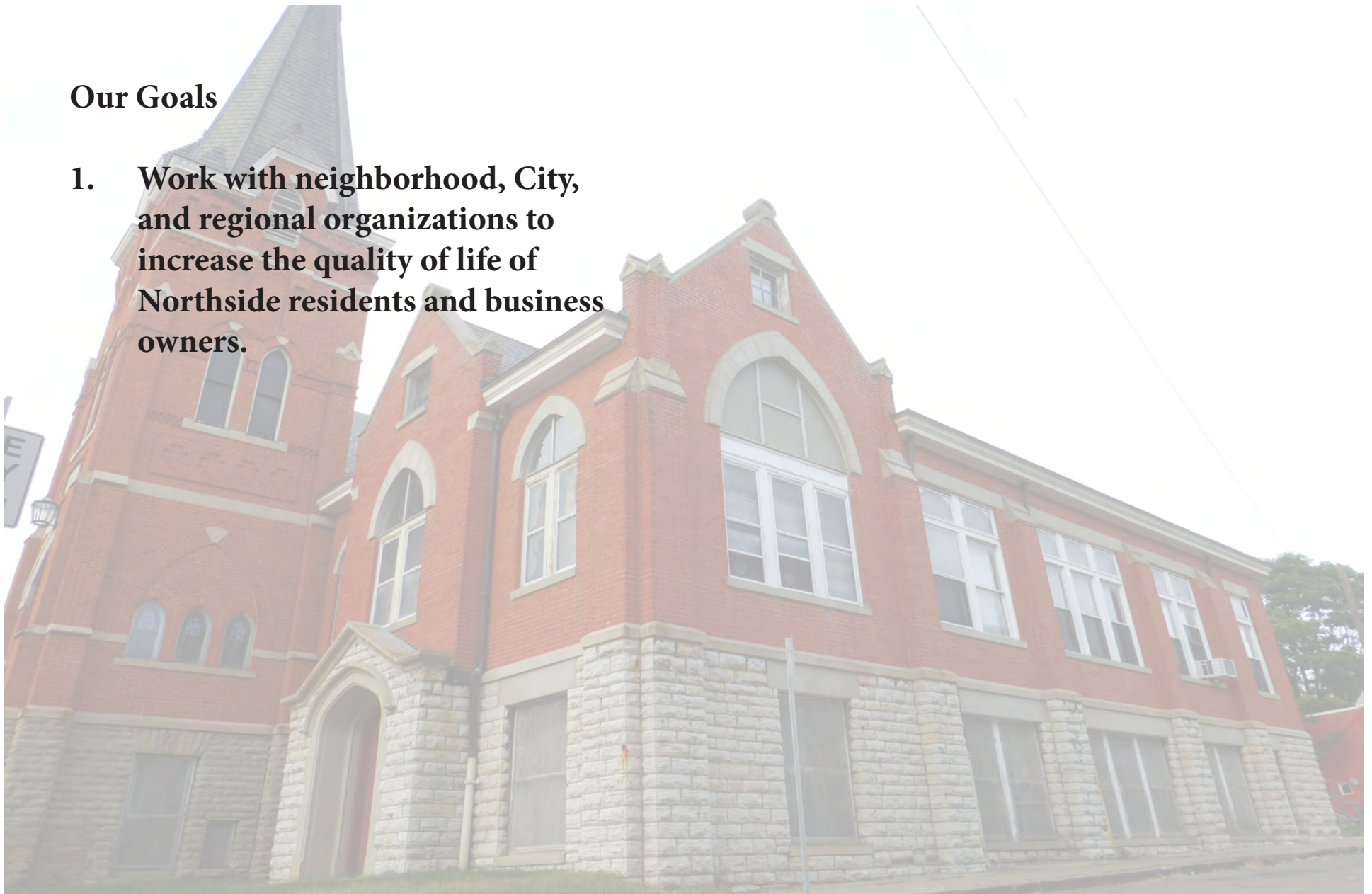
Work together to reach our goals.

Northside is an active neighborhood, but we cannot reach all of our goals on our own. Community organizations need to work with each other, along with local businesses, schools, institutions, other neighborhoods, and City and state organizations.

Working together can increase success in reaching neighborhood goals, since many other neighborhoods are dealing with the same issues we are.

Our Goals

1. **Work with neighborhood, City, and regional organizations to increase the quality of life of Northside residents and business owners.**



Collaborate Goal 1: Work with neighborhood, City, and regional organizations to increase the quality of life of Northside residents and business owners.

Northside is a great neighborhood, but we cannot reach our goals alone. In order to reach our goals, local organizations and businesses need to work together. We also need to work with other neighborhoods and the City to solve common problems and come up with permanent solutions to evolve our neighborhood.

Our Strategies

Actively work with Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) and other education providers to ensure good neighborhood schools for Northside children, and provide increased educational choices for families of all incomes by supporting cost-effective schools that continuously improve their academic performance.

- Education is very important to our future. We need to ensure that children of all economic backgrounds have access to great schools. Great neighborhood schools will not only enrich our neighborhood, they can help increase our population by attracting families who want their children to attend our schools.

Continue to actively work to eliminate drug-related crime in Northside. Continue to work with Citizens on Patrol, Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence, Cincinnati Human Relations Monitors, the Court Watch programs, and provide strong communication between residents, businesses, and the Cincinnati Police Department.

- Working with the City to reduce and eliminate crime is extremely important. The perception of crime can be a large deterrent to attracting an influx of new residents, businesses, and visitors. These ongoing efforts are very important to the vitality of our neighborhood.

Actively work with neighborhood organizations, our local schools, the library, and McKie Recreation Center/Pool to develop positive programming for teens and pre-teens in Northside. These activities should help better integrate young adults into the life of our neighborhood.

- After school and summer programming are essential for teens and pre-teens. Northside has a lot to offer for all different interests, from sports to the arts. Keeping young adults active in and around the community will enrich the community. Our schools have the potential to be community institutions beyond the McKie Recreation Center/Pool. These schools have large event spaces that could host neighborhood events. We need to work with the schools to ensure cooperation.

Work with current owners and surrounding stakeholders to develop strategies for redevelopment and reuse.

- New development or redevelopment has an effect on surrounding properties. It would be ideal if proposed redevelopment or reuse of buildings conforms with the standards from this plan. We must work with developers to ensure new development is consistent with the goals of the neighborhood.



Current Initiatives:

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| 1. Northside Citizens on Patrol (NCOP) | 13. Cincinnati Public Schools |
| 2. Blockwatch 45223 | 14. Cincinnati Recreation Commission |
| 3. Electronic Communications and Social Media | 15. Court Watch |
| | 16. Dramakinetics |

Partners in helping Northside Collaborate:

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| 1. Northside Community Council | 17. Hamilton County Parks Board |
| 2. Northside Business Association | 18. Hamilton County Probation Office |
| 3. Cincinnati Northside Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (CNCURC) | 19. Hamilton County Prosecutor |
| 4. Churches Active in Northside (CAIN) | 20. Happen, Inc. |
| 5. Cincinnati City Council Safety Committee | 21. MoBo Bicycle Coop |
| 6. Cincinnati Department of Planning and Buildings | 22. Northside Citizens on Patrol (NCOP) |
| 7. Cincinnati Department of Trade and Development | 23. Northside Community Council Education Committee |
| 8. Cincinnati Human Relations Commission | 24. Northside Community Fund |
| 9. Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence | 25. Off the Avenue Studios |
| 10. Cincinnati Parks Department | 26. Ohio Department of Education |
| 11. Cincinnati Port Authority | 27. Surrounding neighborhoods |
| 12. Cincinnati Public Library | 28. Whiz Kids |
| | 29. Wordplay |



NORTHSIDE CITIZENS ON PATROL (NCOP)

Volunteers patrol their neighborhoods, acting as the eyes and ears of the Police Department. Patrols concentrate around problem areas aiding the police by increasing visibility. NCOP units deter crime by their mere presence and visibility to the general public.

Using police radios and cell phones, team members are able to communicate directly with officers and report crimes in progress.

Much of the NCOPs function, however, is the reporting of quality-of-life issues. By locating and reporting issues that contribute to criminal activity, these teams are able to fix the proverbial “broken window.”

All members must complete a basic program with 12 hours of class training and an 8-hour ride-a-long with a police officer; they must also attend additional ongoing training throughout the year.



BLOCKWATCH 45223

This program is in place to work with our neighbors, our neighborhood, and our City to provide a safe and unified community through meetings and social interaction, discussing events and issues, providing information and presenting our concerns to officials.

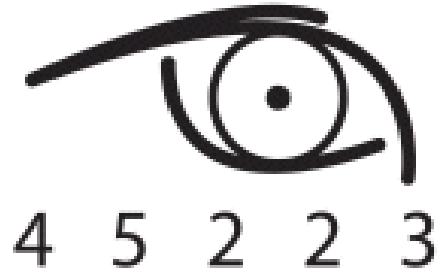
This program spawned other organizations to get involved in the neighborhood through multiple channels. The Blockwatch 45223 Homeownership Project (the “Blockwatch Project”) is also designed to increase homeownership in a depressed and densely built area in Northside that has been overwhelmed by a disproportionate increase in foreclosures, vacant, blighted buildings and crime. Defined by the boundaries of Chase Avenue on the north, Blue Rock Street on the south, Lakeman Street on the east and Kirby Avenue on the west, CNCURC identified redevelopment of Hanfield Street between Witler and Gordon streets and the first block of Witler Street between Blue Rock and Hanfield streets the most vital to the success of the Blockwatch Project.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

These programs are in place to work with our neighbors, our neighborhood, and our City to provide a safe and unified community through meetings and social media communications. We encourage people to go to www.northside.net to check out the latest events for community organizations. We also send out Bits and Pieces, a weekly e-newsletter and communicate through Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor, a new social media site that encourages interaction among residents who live in the same geographic area.



Blockwatch



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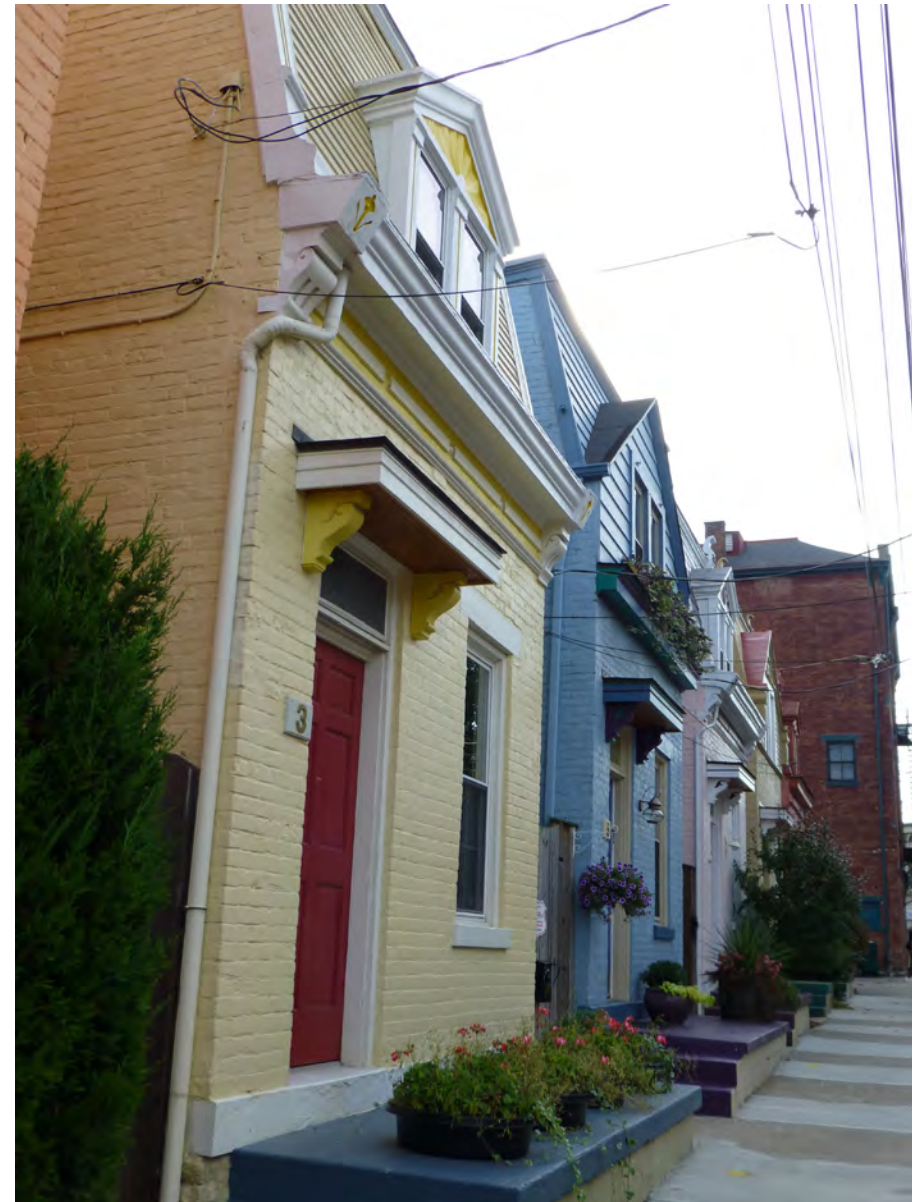
The adoption of this Land Use Plan is just the first step, and then the hard work begins – the work to implement the strategies set forth in this plan.

The work becomes easier, however, with the help of our partners. The recommendations in this plan are pivotal to reaching our future vision, and while the neighborhood and the City will play a role in implementation, it may not be the lead agency for every strategy. The steering committee that was closely involved in the development of Plan Cincinnati will also be key to its successful implementation.

The steering committee will transition to an Implementation Committee and will need to work with neighborhood businesses and organizations to solidify prioritization, timelines, partners, and potential funding sources.

Some parts of our vision are already being implemented. Our neighborhood is committed to seeing the success of this plan, and some of our partners are already thinking about implementation. The neighborhood can use this plan as a guide for new development and program strategies. The City is working on making the Zoning Code more flexible to allow for more flexible development in the future. We will still need to work with the City to implement our land use recommendations to obtain the zoning we desire. We need to continue to work together with residents, local businesses, the City, and other neighborhoods that surround Northside to make decisions and attract new development that will be best for our neighborhood and the City.

The following pages prioritize which strategies are most important to us, identifies which organizations we can partner with to accomplish these strategies, and creates a timeline for how many years each strategy should take to accomplish.



Housing along Moline Court

The list of partners was created by the steering committee and is not absolute. We should work with any organization that we can to help accomplish our goals.

Compete Goal 1: Foster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity.

STRATEGY	RANK	TIMELINE	PARTNERS
“GROW OUR OWN” BY FOCUSING ON RETENTION, EXPANSION AND RELOCATION OF EXISTING BUSINESSES.	1	ONGOING	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, BANKS, CINCINNATI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CREATE A CLIMATE FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE COMMERCIAL USES IN NORTHSIDE THAT ENHANCE OUR HISTORIC CHARACTER AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS.	2	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, HISTORIC CONSERVATION BOARD, CNCURC, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, LOCAL ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS
ENCOURAGE LOCAL AND CITY-WIDE ENTREPRENEURS TO OPEN ESTABLISHMENTS ON HAMILTON AND SPRING GROVE AVENUES TO ENHANCE RETAIL OFFERINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO PROVIDE A WIDER VARIETY OF GOODS AND SERVICES.	3	LONG	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI PORT AUTHORITY, CINCINNATI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LOAN FUND OPERATORS, SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATORS (VARIOUS)
FOCUS REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA SOUTH OF BLUE ROCK STREET FOR NEW KINDS OF COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, STUDIO AND LIGHT MANUFACTURING USES AND OTHER UNIQUE, UNCONVENTIONAL LIVE/WORK SPACES.	4	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CNCURC, LOAN FUND OPPORTUNITIES, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, CINCINNATI PORT AUTHORITY, LOCAL ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, CINCINNATI STATE
PRESERVE THE INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT BASE ALONG EXISTING INDUSTRIAL CORRIDORS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD BY PROACTIVELY RETAINING THOSE BUSINESSES, MANY OF WHICH HAVE DECADES OF HISTORY IN NORTHSIDE.	5	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CNCURC, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, LOCAL ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS
IDENTIFY STRATEGIC PARTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT NEED IMPROVEMENT AND ENCOURAGE LOCAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED INVESTMENTS.	6	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CNCURC, CINCINNATI PORT AUTHORITY, NORTHSIDE CITIZENS ON PATROL, LOAN FUND OPPORTUNITIES, CINCINNATI POLICE, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
WORK TO REDEVELOP OR REUSE THE FORMER SAVE-A-LOT PROPERTY.	7	SHORT-MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CNCURC, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT FUND, BANKS, LOCAL ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS
WORK TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT.	8	SHORT-MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, HAPPEN INC, CHURCHES ACTIVE IN NORTHSIDE, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, MOBO BICYCLE COOP, CIVIC GARDEN CLUB, LOCAL BUSINESSES
IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITIES (GO) CINCINNATI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY AND ACTION PLAN.	9	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, CINCINNATI OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
ENCOURAGE ALL NORTHSIDE BUSINESSES TO UTILIZE THE LOCAL LABOR FORCE.	10	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI STATE, LOCAL JOB FAIRS, LOCAL BUSINESSES/INDUSTRIES



Compete Goal 2: Encourage building standards that help promote new and sustainable development in the neighborhood.

STRATEGY	RANK	TIMELINE	PARTNERS
WORK WITH PROPERTY OWNERS TO RENOVATE AND MAINTAIN THE 4000 BLOCK OF HAMILTON AVENUE AND WORK TO REDUCE OVERALL STOREFRONT VACANCIES.	1	SHORT-MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI POLICE, CINCINNATI PORT AUTHORITY, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, LENDING INSTITUTIONS, CNBDU, CINCINNATI PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, CINCINNATI PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DIVISION, CINCINNATI LAW DEPARTMENT, LOCAL, STATE, AND HISTORIC TAX CREDITS
MAKE ZONING CHANGES WHERE APPROPRIATE TO ACCOMMODATE NEW LAND USES, AND ENSURE THAT THE ZONING IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ALLOW HOUSING, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, OFFICE, STUDIO, AND RETAIL USES TO COEXIST IN THE SAME BLOCKS AND BUILDINGS.	2	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI PLANNING AND BUILDINGS
ENCOURAGE NEW DEVELOPMENT TO COMPLEMENT THE SURROUNDING BUILDINGS, ESPECIALLY IN AND AROUND THE BUSINESS DISTRICT.	3	MID-LONG	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CNCURC, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPERS, ARCHITECTS
FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, ENCOURAGE LARGER COMMERCIAL AND OFFICE USES TO PROVIDE BUILDINGS THAT ENGAGE THE STREET, LOCATING ALONG COLERAIN AVE., SPRING GROVE AVE. HOFFNER AVE., KNOWLTON ST., AND BLUE ROCK ST., AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, HAVE HOUSING ABOVE.	4	MID-LONG	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CNCURC, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPERS, ARCHITECTS
PURSUe COMPATIBLE LAND USE AND REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR VACANT OR UNDERUTILIZED LAND.	5	SHORT-MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CNCURC, CINCINNATI PORT AUTHORITY, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, VARIOUS LOAN FUNDS, BANKS
REDEVELOP BROWNFIELDS AND UNDERUTILIZED SITES INTO GREEN INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE USES IN THE MILL CREEK CORRIDOR.	6	LONG	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, GROUNDWORKS CINCINNATI, OHIO CLEAN FUNDS, CITY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, GREEN CINCINNATI, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, SIERRA CLUB

Compete Goal 3: Become recognized in the City and the region as a vibrant and unique neighborhood.

STRATEGY	RANK	TIMELINE	PARTNERS
CREATE PROMINENT GATEWAYS AT NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRANCES, INCLUDING SIGNAGE, MONUMENTS, BUILDINGS, AND PUBLIC ART UNIQUE TO NORTHSIDE.	1	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING, OKI, ARTWORKS, PAR PROJECTS, VISIONARIES AND VOICES, KEEP CINCINNATI BEAUTIFUL, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, ART ACADEMY, SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS, COSIGN, HAILE/US BANK FOUNDATION
FUND AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE IDENTITY AND MARKETING STRATEGY.	2	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, LPK, GRANT FOUNDATIONS
CAPITALIZE ON OUR HISTORIC CHARACTER AND CULTURAL HERITAGE.	3	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CNCURC, CINCINNATI PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, WESLEYAN CEMETERY, CINCINNATI VA, SCHOTT MONUMENTS, MASONS, CINCINNATI PARKS, CINCINNATI HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, STATE AND FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES



Connect Goal 1: Increase safety, connectivity and facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.

STRATEGY	RANK	TIMELINE	PARTNERS
WORK WITH METRO TO DESIGN A HUB/TRANSFER STATION NEAR KNOWLTON'S CORNER.	1	SHORT-MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, METRO
CONNECT THE NORTHSIDE BUSINESS DISTRICT, PARKS, AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS WITH SAFE WALKING PATHS, SIDEWALKS, AND BIKE PATHS.	2	ONGOING	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT, OKI, GROUNDWORKS CINCINNATI, MOBO BICYCLE COOP, GREEN UMBRELLA, NORTHSIDE GREENSPACE ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI PARKS, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT, GO VIBRANT, HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING, CINCINNATI HILLSIDE TRUST
FIX SIDEWALKS THAT ARE BROKEN OR CRACKED. ADD OR CONNECT SIDEWALKS WHERE POSSIBLE AND INCLUDE SPACES FOR THE ADDITION OF STREET TREES WHERE FEASIBLE TO PROMOTE BETTER WALKABILITY.	3	SHORT-MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
EXPAND COMPLETE STREETS ON MAJOR THOROUGHFARES BEYOND HAMILTON AVENUE.	6	LONG	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CITY PLANNING, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CONTINUE TO CONSTRUCT HIKE/BIKE TRAILS TO STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS BETWEEN GREENSPACES, ESTABLISH A UNIFORM WAYFINDING SYSTEM, AND INCREASE COMMUNICATIONS TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE THESE AREAS.	4	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT, OKI, GROUNDWORKS CINCINNATI, MOBO BICYCLE COOP, GREEN UMBRELLA, NORTHSIDE GREENSPACE ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI PARKS, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, GO VIBRANT, HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING, CINCINNATI HILLSIDE TRUST, INTERACT FOR HEALTH
IMPROVE THE CONNECTION OF BIKE PATHS AND THE MILL CREEK BIKE TRAIL AND CREATE A PHYSICAL AND VISUAL CONNECTION BACK TO THE MILL CREEK.	5	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT, OKI, GROUNDWORKS CINCINNATI, MOBO BICYCLE COOP, GREEN UMBRELLA, NORTHSIDE GREENSPACE ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI PARKS, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, GO VIBRANT, HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING, CINCINNATI HILLSIDE TRUST, INTERACT FOR HEALTH
EXPAND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM IN ALL OF THE SCHOOLS IN NORTHSIDE.	7	ONGOING	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, OKI, CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS, LOCAL SCHOOLS, CINCINNATI POLICE, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING
PROMOTE AWARENESS OF CROSSWALKS.	8	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CINCINNATI POLICE, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING
APPLY CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED) STANDARDS TO ENSURE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.	9	SHORT	NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, CINCINNATI POLICE

Connect Goal 2: Encourage building standards that help promote new and sustainable development in the neighborhood.

STRATEGY	RANK	TIMELINE	PARTNERS
ENSURE THAT EXISTING ROADS ARE ADEQUATELY MAINTAINED.	1	SHORT-MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, METRO, NORTHSIDE CITIZENS ON PATROL, CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
WORK WITH EXISTING INDUSTRIES TO RESTRICT TRUCK TRAFFIC TO CERTAIN STREETS AND MAKE SURE THOSE STREETS ARE WELL BUILT AND MAINTAINED.	2	SHORT	INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CINCINNATI POLICE, CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING (DOT) TO CALM TRAFFIC ALONG MAJOR STREETS.	3	SHORT	CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CINCINNATI POLICE
WORK WITH LOCAL UTILITY PROVIDERS TO ENSURE THEY CAN ADEQUATELY PROVIDE SERVICE TO NORTHSIDE'S BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS.	4	ONGOING	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, DUKE ENERGY AND OTHER UTILITIES, METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT, GREATER CINCINNATI WATER WORKS, CITY OF CINCINNATI, HAMILTON COUNTY
MAINTAIN PUBLIC STAIRWAY AND ALLEYWAY SYSTEMS.	5	SHORT-MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, SPRING IN OUR STEPS, CINCINNATI HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NORTHSIDE CITIZENS ON PATROL, CITY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DIVISION, KEEP CINCINNATI BEAUTIFUL, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, CINCINNATI POLICE, METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT



Live Goal 1: Create a neighborhood where people, young and old, feel safe, nurtured, and enriched.

STRATEGY	RANK	TIMELINE	PARTNERS
CREATE A WIDE VARIETY OF QUALITY HOUSING TYPES FOR A DIVERSE GROUP OF PEOPLE WITH MIXED INCOMES.	1	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CNCURC, LOCAL DEVELOPERS, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, WORKING IN NEIGHBORHOODS, CINCINNATI METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, PROPERTY MANAGERS, REAL ESTATE INVESTORS ASSOCIATION, HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CINCINNATI, NORTHSIDE BANK AND TRUST, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, CINCINNATI PORT AUTHORITY
IMPROVE ENFORCEMENT OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND ZONING CODES.	2	SHORT	PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY, CITY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DIVISION, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, CINCINNATI HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NORTHSIDE CITIZENS ON PATROL
CONTINUE TO WORK ON INCREASING SAFETY AND THE PERCEPTION OF SAFETY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.	3	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, TRASH SOCIAL, KEEP CINCINNATI BEAUTIFUL, NORTHSIDE CITIZENS ON PATROL, HAMILTON COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE, SAFETY AND LIVABILITY COMMITTEE
KEEP WORKING TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO STAY ENGAGED AND INVOLVED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND MARKET EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN UNIQUE WAYS, USING METHODS TO REACH ALL AGES, BACKGROUNDS, AND ETHNICITIES, SO THAT EVERYONE HAS INFORMATION AND FEELS WELCOME.	4	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, HAPPEN INC, CHURCHES ACTIVE IN NORTHSIDE, THE NORTHSIDER, BITS AND PIECES, SAFETY AND LIVABILITY COMMITTEE
CONTINUE TO DEVELOP PROJECTS THAT REVITALIZE UNDER-PRODUCING OR OBSOLETE SPACES BY CREATING A MIX OF USES THAT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EXISTING SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS AND THE UNIQUE PHYSICAL LAYOUT OF THE AREA.	5	LONG	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CNCURC, LOCAL DEVELOPERS, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, WORKING IN NEIGHBORHOODS, CINCINNATI METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, PROPERTY MANAGERS, REAL ESTATE INVESTORS ASSOCIATION, HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CINCINNATI, NORTHSIDE BANK AND TRUST, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, CINCINNATI PORT AUTHORITY
ACTIVATE AND PROGRAM EXISTING EVENT SPACES TO SHOWCASE AND ENCOURAGE PERFORMANCE AND VISUAL ARTISTS OF ALL TYPES. ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING AND DEVELOPMENT AT MCKIE RECREATION CENTER/POOL AND HOFFNER PARK.	6	SHORT	PAR PROJECTS, ARTSWAVE, ARTWORKS, CINCINNATI PARKS, HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS, HAPPEN INC, DRAMAKINECTICS, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION
WORK TOWARDS ENSURING THAT NEW DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT DISPLACE CURRENT RESIDENTS OR PROPERTY OWNERS.	7	SHORT-MID	CNCURC, US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CINCINNATI METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, WORKING IN NEIGHBORHOODS, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
WORK TO MAINTAIN OUR PUBLIC SPACES.	8	SHORT	TRASH SOCIAL, KEEP CINCINNATI BEAUTIFUL, CINCINNATI PARKS, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, HAMILTON COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE, CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES, SPRING IN OUR STEPS, CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS, NORTHSIDE CITIZENS ON PATROL
CONTINUE ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE TOLERANCE AND EMBRACE DIVERSITY, AND ACTIVELY WORK TO CELEBRATE THE CULTURAL DIFFERENCES WHICH EXIST IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.	9	ONGOING	PAR PROJECTS, ARTSWAVE, ARTWORKS, CINCINNATI PARKS, HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS, HAPPEN INC, DRAMAKINECTICS, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, CHURCHES ACTIVE IN NORTHSIDE, CINCINNATI HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MAKE ART AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF PUBLIC SPACES AND BUILDINGS.	10	LONG	PAR PROJECTS, ARTSWAVE, ARTWORKS, CINCINNATI PARKS, HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS, HAPPEN INC, DRAMAKINECTICS, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION



Live Goal 2: Increase home ownership rates.

STRATEGY	RANK	TIMELINE	PARTNERS
WORK TO RESTORE CONVERTED MULTI-FAMILY UNITS BACK INTO THEIR ORIGINAL USE AS SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES.	1	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CNCURC, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
CREATE NEW AND CONTINUE THE EXISTING STRONG PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THAT WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS.	2	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, REAL ESTATE INVESTORS ASSOCIATION, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, CINCINNATI AREA BOARD OF REALTORS, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
WORK TOWARDS BRINGING THE CINCINNATI'S REAL ESTATE AMBASSADORS PROGRAM TO NORTHSIDE TO PROMOTE URBAN LIVING AND HOME OWNERSHIP RATES.	3	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CNCURC, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
ASSIST MODERATE-INCOME RENTERS MAKING THE TRANSITION TO HOME OWNERSHIP.	4	MID	OHIO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CNCURC, WORKING IN NEIGHBORHOODS, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, BANKS

Live Goal 3: Improve the quality and quantity of affordable and market rate rental housing.

STRATEGY	RANK	TIMELINE	PARTNERS
INTEGRATE MORE HOUSING INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT TO STRENGTHEN IT AND INCREASE PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY.	1	LONG	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, DEVELOPERS, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, PROPERTY OWNERS, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, ARCHITECTS
ANALYZE HOUSING STOCK TO DETERMINE WHAT STRUCTURES CAN BE REMODELED AND WHICH ARE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR DEMOLITION, TAKING HISTORIC GUIDELINES INTO ACCOUNT.	2	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CNCURC, CITY URBAN CONSERVATORS OFFICE, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, CINCINNATI HEALTH DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI DAAP, CINCINNATI PORT AUTHORITY, CITY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & CODE ENFORCEMENT, RESTORING OUR COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE
ENSURE THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS ADEQUATE SENIOR HOUSING FOR ALL INCOME LEVELS SO RESIDENTS CAN AGE IN PLACE.	3	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY, DEVELOPERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, CINCINNATI METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
COORDINATE WITH SUBSIDIZED HOUSING PROVIDERS (LANDLORDS) AND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES (HUD, CMHA, HAMILTON COUNTY) TO ENSURE THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD MAINTAINS ITS CURRENT BALANCE OF SUBSIDIZED HOUSING, AND THAT THIS HOUSING IS WELL-MAINTAINED.	4	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY, HAMILTON COUNTY, CINCINNATI METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CINCINNATI HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
WORK WITH AND ASSIST SUBSIDIZED HOUSING RESIDENTS TO CONNECT WITH THE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS TO HELP RESOLVE PROBLEMS.	5	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY, HAMILTON COUNTY, CINCINNATI METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CINCINNATI POLICE, CINCINNATI HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION



Sustain Goal 1: Maintain the architecturally historic, pedestrian streetscape and ‘green’ character of the neighborhood.

STRATEGY	RANK	TIMELINE	PARTNERS
MAINTAIN THE HISTORIC CHARACTER OF THE HAMILTON AVENUE BUSINESS DISTRICT BY ENCOURAGING RENOVATION AND FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS WHERE NECESSARY, AND COMPATIBLE INFILL DEVELOPMENT AS OPPORTUNITY ARISES.	1	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CNCURC, CHURCHES ACTIVE IN NORTHSIDE, FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, PROPERTY OWNERS, CITY TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, LOCAL BUSINESSES
PLANT TREES IN AREAS WITH A LOWER-THAN-AVERAGE TREE CANOPY AS DEFINED BY URBAN FORESTRY.	2	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, URBAN FORESTRY, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CINCINNATI PARKS, PROPERTY OWNERS & BUSINESSES, GREEN UMBRELLA
ENSURE THAT EXISTING AND NEW USERS IN THIS AREA EMBRACE THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF ALL EPA AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING CLEAN AIR AND WATER.	3	MID	OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, CITY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, GROUNDWORKS CINCINNATI, GREEN UMBRELLA, METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT, GREATER CINCINNATI WATER WORKS
PROMOTE AND INCENTIVIZE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN NEW AND EXISTING HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING STOCK.	4	SHORT	CNCURC, CHURCHES ACTIVE IN NORTHSIDE, CINCINNATI STATE, DUKE ENERGY, CITY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, GREEN UMBRELLA, REAL ESTATE INVESTORS ASSOCIATION, COMPANIES THAT PERFORM ENERGY AUDITS, PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY, BUSINESSES
SUPPORT THE COLERAIN CONNECTOR MASTER PLAN AS APPROVED BY NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY COUNCIL, AND OKI FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLERAIN CONNECTOR AREA.	5	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, CINCINNATI PARKS
ENHANCE AND PROTECT THE WONDERFUL GREEN SPACES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD; THE GREEN BELT THAT CONNECTS NORTHSIDE TO OTHER COMMUNITIES.	6	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CINCINNATI PARKS, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, GROUNDWORKS CINCINNATI, METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT, NORTHSIDE GREENSPACE INC, OHIO EPA, BOY AND GIRL SCOUT TROOPS
WORK TO DE-CHANNELIZE THE MILL CREEK.	7	LONG	GROUNDWORKS CINCINNATI, METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT, NORTHSIDE GREENSPACE INC, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, CINCINNATI PORT AUTHORITY, ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
WORK WITH THE METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT (MSD) TO DESIGN RETENTION PONDS AND TO DAYLIGHT WATERWAYS WHERE APPROPRIATE.	8	LONG	METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI PARKS, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION
INTEGRATE NEW USES WITH GREEN SPACES, EXISTING PARTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THE HAMILTON AVENUE CORRIDOR.	9	LONG	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, DEVELOPERS
CONTINUE TO DEVELOP YOUTH-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING IN PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.	10	ONGOING	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CINCINNATI PARKS, HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, GROUNDWORKS CINCINNATI, HAPPEN INC, MOBO BICYCLE COOP, CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS, CHURCHES ACTIVE IN NORTHSIDE, NORTHSIDE GREENSPACE INC, GREEN UMBRELLA, GROUNDWORKS CINCINNATI

Sustain Goal 2: Ensure that all Northside residents have access to fresh food.

STRATEGY	RANK	TIMELINE	PARTNERS
ACTIVELY SEEK STRATEGIES TO CONNECT LOW-INCOME NORTHSIDERS WITH QUALITY AFFORDABLE FRESH FOODS AND OTHER GROCERY AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.	1	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, BRIDGING THE HEALTH GAP, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, CINCINNATI UNION COOP INITIATIVE, FINDLAY MARKET
EXPAND THE CURRENT PROGRAMMING FOR CREATING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING COMMUNITY GARDENS AND AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVES, INCLUDING AN ENHANCED PUBLIC EDUCATION COMPONENT AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL GROCERY STORES.	2	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, HAPPEN INC, CHURCHES ACTIVE IN NORTHSIDE, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, NORTHSIDE FARMERS MARKET, CITY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, CINCINNATI UNION COOP INITIATIVE, CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS, GROUNDWORKS CINCINNATI
CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THE NORTHSIDE FARMERS MARKET.	3	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, HAPPEN INC, CHURCHES ACTIVE IN NORTHSIDE, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, NORTHSIDE FARMERS MARKET, CITY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, CINCINNATI UNION COOP INITIATIVE, CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS, GROUNDWORKS CINCINNATI

Sustain Goal 3: Become a healthier neighborhood.

STRATEGY	RANK	TIMELINE	PARTNERS
CONTINUE TO DEVELOP PROGRAMMING IN PARKS AND OPEN SPACES FOR EVERYONE.	1	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI PARKS, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT, LOCAL ART ORGANIZATIONS, HAPPEN INC, WORDPLAY, MOBO BICYCLE COOP, CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS, NORTHSIDE GREENSPACE INC, GREEN UMBRELLA, CHURCHES ACTIVE IN NORTHSIDE, PAR PROJECTS
INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND VENUES THAT GET PEOPLE MOVING AND INTO NATURE.	2	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI PARKS, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS, NORTHSIDE GREENSPACE INC, GREEN UMBRELLA, CHURCHES ACTIVE IN NORTHSIDE, WE THRIVE, GO VIBRANT, MOBO BICYCLE COOP
WORK WITH NORTHSIDE HEALTH CLINIC TO INCREASE ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND NEW MOTHERS.	3	MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CINCINNATI HEALTH CLINIC, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, CINCINNATI STATE, CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, PLANNED PARENTHOOD, FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER, HEALTHY MOMS AND BABES, UNITED WAY, LOCAL HOSPITALS
IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE PREVALENT ILLNESSES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THEM.	4	SHORT	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CINCINNATI HEALTH CLINIC, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, CINCINNATI STATE, CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, PLANNED PARENTHOOD, FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER, HEALTHY MOMS AND BABES, UNITED WAY, LOCAL HOSPITALS



Collaborate Goal 1: Work with neighborhood, City, and regional organizations to increase the quality of life of Northside residents and business owners.

STRATEGY	RANK	TIMELINE	PARTNERS
CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY WORK TO ELIMINATE DRUG-RELATED CRIME IN NORTHSIDE. CONTINUE TO WORK WITH CITIZENS ON PATROL, CINCINNATI INITIATIVE TO REDUCE VIOLENCE, CINCINNATI HUMAN RELATIONS MONITORS, THE COURT WATCH PROGRAMS, AND PROVIDE STRONG COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND THE CINCINNATI POLICE DEPARTMENT.	1	MID-LONG	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS, HAPPEN INC, WORDPLAY, CHURCHES ACTIVE IN NORTHSIDE, CINCINNATI PUBLIC LIBRARY, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL-EDUCATION COMMITTEE, ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ACTIVELY WORK WITH CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS (CPS) AND OTHER EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO ENSURE GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS FOR NORTHSIDE CHILDREN, AND PROVIDE INCREASED EDUCATIONAL CHOICES FOR FAMILIES OF ALL INCOMES BY SUPPORTING COST-EFFECTIVE SCHOOLS THAT CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE THEIR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.	2	SHORT-MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI POLICE, COURT WATCH, CINCINNATI LAW DEPARTMENT, HAMILTON COUNTY PROSECUTOR, HAMILTON COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE, CINCINNATI INITIATIVE TO REDUCE VIOLENCE, CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL SAFETY COMMITTEE, CINCINNATI HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION
ACTIVELY WORK WITH NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS, OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS, THE LIBRARY, AND MCKIE RECREATION CENTER/ POOL TO DEVELOP POSITIVE PROGRAMMING FOR TEENS AND PRE-TEENS IN NORTHSIDE. THESE ACTIVITIES SHOULD HELP BETTER INTEGRATE YOUNG ADULTS INTO THE LIFE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.	3	SHORT-MID	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI PARK BOARD, HAMILTON COUNTY PARK BOARD, CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION, WORDPLAY, HAPPEN INC, CINCINNATI PUBLIC LIBRARY, WHIZ KIDS, ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI, CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MOBO BICYCLE COOP, DRAMAKINECTICS, OFF THE AVENUE
WORK WITH CURRENT OWNERS AND SURROUNDING STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND REUSE.	4	MID-LONG	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, NORTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CNCURC, CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, CINCINNATI PORT AUTHORITY, CITY PLANNING AND BUILDINGS, PROPERTY OWNERS, DEVELOPERS



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APPENDIX

Appendix A

Public Meeting Schedule

DATE:	TIME	TOPIC	PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE
06/10/2013	6 - 8 PM	Kick-off Meeting #1	79
06/15/2013	10 AM -12 PM	Kick-off Meeting #2	33
07/24/2013	9 AM - 9 AM	Open House	34
08/07/2013	6 - 8 PM	Presentation of Draft	34

OTHER MATERIALS

We sent a flyer advertising the public process in the mail to every property owner in the neighborhood using data from the Hamilton County Auditor. We also mailed it to as many business owners we could find, using lists from the neighborhood, the Northside Business Association, and a list from the City Department of Trade and Development.

The Northside Community Council, Business Association and neighborhood leaders also posted the flyer in businesses and distributed them at the Wednesday Farmer's Market and to larger apartment complexes and churches. The City assisted us in making sandwich board signs to set up around McKie Recreation Center and Knowlton's Corner close to the meeting dates to make as many people aware of this process as possible.

We also maintained an e-mail list of 124 people compiled from the online survey and the sign-in sheets at the public meetings. E-mails contained meeting reminders and all of the materials presented at the meetings.

The plan was approved by the Northside Community Council on April 21, 2014, the Northside Business Association on May 5, 2014, the City Planning Commission on May 16, 2014, and by Cincinnati City Council on June 18, 2014.



Public Meeting Notice



When and where:

Kickoff Meeting*

Monday, June 10 - 6 pm - 8 pm

McKie Recreation Center

OR

Saturday, June 15 - 10 am - 12 am

McKie Recreation Center

Northside Open House*

Wednesday, July 24 - 9am - 9 pm

Permit Center, 3300 Central Pkwy.

City Wide Open House**

Wednesday, July 31 - 10 am - 7 pm

805 Central Ave, 7th Floor (downtown)

Open House Results Meeting

Wednesday, August 7 - 6 pm - 8 pm

McKie Recreation Center

Final Community Presentation at

Northside Community Council Meeting

Monday, August 19 - 7 pm

McKie Recreation Center

Final Presentation to

Northside Business Association

Monday, September 9 - 6 pm

Happen, Inc. 4201 Hamilton Ave.

*If you can only attend a few meetings, these provide the greatest opportunity for public input.

**This meeting is for all Cincinnati neighborhoods. If you cannot attend the Northside Open House, this meeting will give you another chance to provide input, but it will not be as specific as the open house held in Northside.

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