

Thomasville Blueprint

A New Comprehensive Plan for Thomasville

Welcome Back!



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Linkscape 360
Fontaine Maury
Gallinar Planning
Urban Advantage

charrette events:

- H&s-On Design Workshop
 Monday, September 18 | 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Open Design Studio
 Tuesday, September 19 Thursday, September 21
 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM | 227 W Jackson St
- Lecture 1: Placemaking
 Tuesday, September 19 | 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM | Library
- Lecture 2: Walkable Bikeable Streets
 Wednesday, September 20 | 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM | Chamber of Comme
- Open House
 Thursday, September 21 | 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM | 227 W Jackson St
- Work-In-Progress Presentation
 Friday, September 22 | 6:00 to 8:00 PM | 227 W Jackson Street

what is a comprehensive plan?

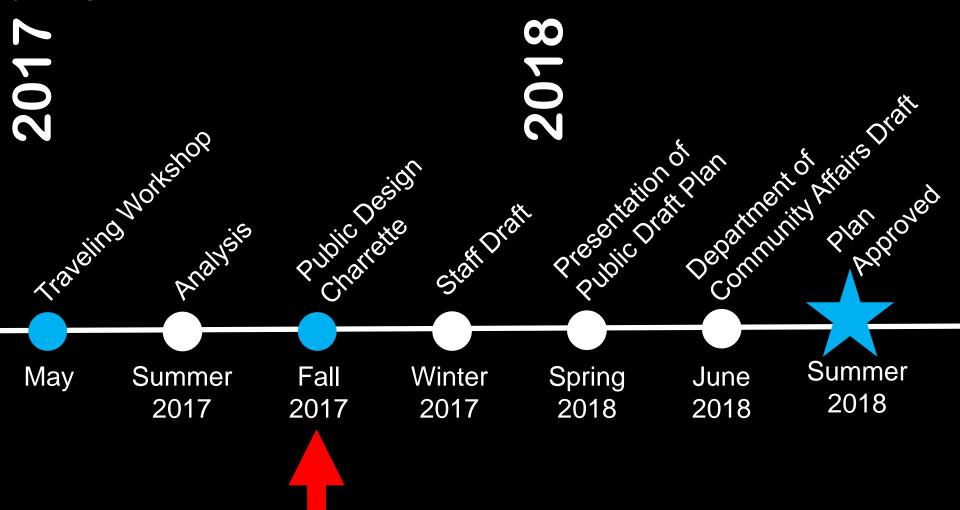


the guiding document to direct capital improvements, evaluate development projects, guide public policy & ensure that Thomasville is the city its residents want it to be

DRAFT Comprehensive Plan Elements

- 1. L& Use
- 2. Urban Design
- 3. Downtown
- 4. Transportation
- 5. Public Facilities
- 6. Housing
- 7. Economic Development
- 8. Historic Preservation
- 9. Health
- 10. Sustainability

project timeline



monday: h&s-on design session



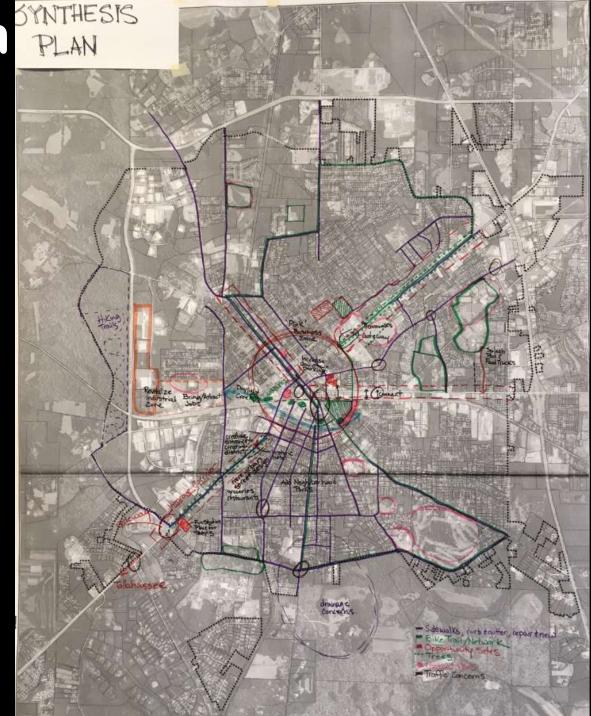




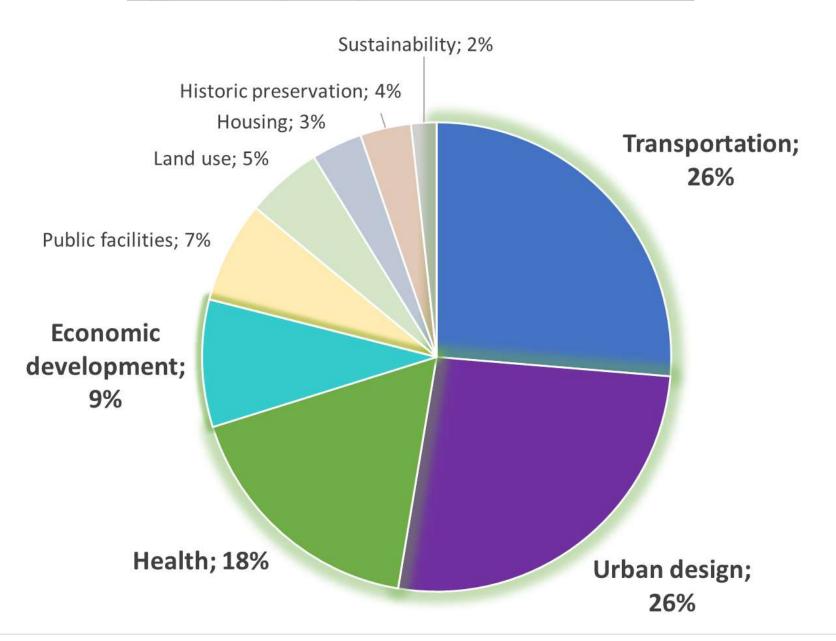


150+ people

synthesis plan Plan



Big Ideas by Comprehensive Plan Element



one word card

ONE WORD that comes to mind about Thomasville:
NOW:
IN THE FUTURE:
(in my vision)

ONE WORD about Thomasville... NOW:



ONE WORD about Thomasville... IN THE FUTURE:



tuesday - thursday: open design studio









tuesday: library forum



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thomasville receives an award...



CDBG priority; Redevelopment Fund, Employment Incentive Program,

wednesday: chamber series



wednesday: students



Harper Elementary Students

thursday: students



Thomasville High School

tuesday – thursday: technical meetings



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- Economic Development
- Historic Preservation
- Resilient Community
- Civic & Community Facilities
- Civic Services
- Roses site
- Housing
- Mobility & Health
- Community Design & Character
- Churches & Pastors

thursday: open house







in total



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TAKE ACTION



PROTECT AND ENHANCE

Themavellie Sloopsist jotA is a w-month compotentive planning process to develop a vision and declaim making framework to save Thomassille late the future. This Comprehensive Plan will play a pivotal role in stuping the future of our streets, melablishoods, and public spaces for the next tensity to thirty years. Thomasvilla-Biosprint 2028 will set broad peddies and identify specific actions aimed at enhancing our community's quality of life while also protecting the goa's bistoric, cultural and instructed explanations.

WE WANT YOU!

Check out the wherlule believ for male events. A more detailed wheelule is available on the Events Point.

Kick-Off Event & Hands-On Design Session

Monday, September 18 1 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Thomasville Municipal Building | 144 East Jackson Street not us for an informative presentation on four planning & community visioning. Estimated the presentation, work attriguish your neighbors to draw your viscon for the future of Thomseuther This is a territy-friendly event - bring your utilitient

Open Design Studio & Technical Meetings

September 19 - September 21 | 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Bacchus Building | 225 & 227 West Jackson Street

Now by the studie to talk with the design tourn and provide input as the plan evolves. This will be a printed opportunity to provide feedback as the helial plan shae are being severaged.

Open Planning Studio

Tue, hep-th, 2013, stronam - Thu, hep-21, 2017, 9-nopm 227 West Jackson Street, Thomasville, GA (map)

Visit the Open Planning Studio, where the convoltant team will work on sille to text concepts and conduct statisholder sweetings. Beview the work-in-progress, and give your feedback on the draft ideas!

Housing Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 2017

0.000m - 13.00pm

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Mobility & Health Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2017 zoropia - Jioopia

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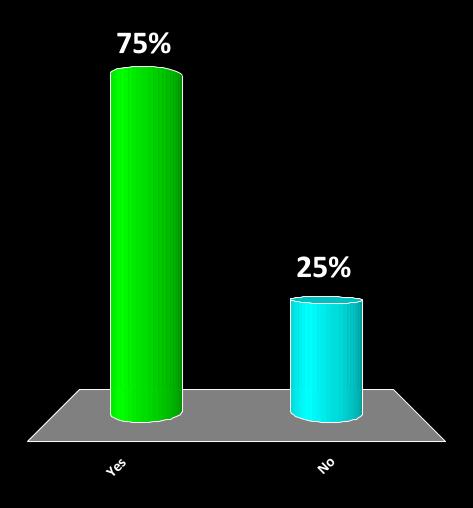
13,200 views

poll

Did you attend any of this week's events?

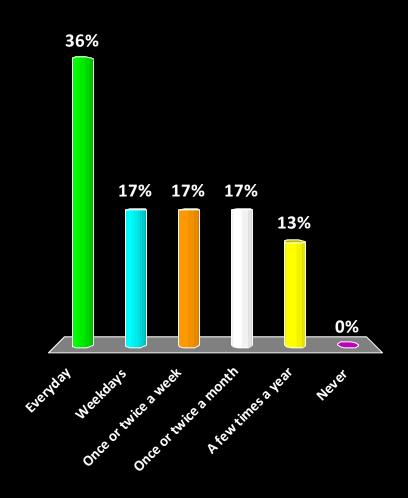
1. Yes

2. No



How often do you go downtown?

- 1. Everyday
- 2. Weekdays
- 3. Once or twice a week
- 4. Once or twice a month
- 5. A few times a year
- 6. Never



what we heard



big ideas

build truly great streets

enhance gateways to town with active, attractive, multimodal corridors including Jackson Street, Smith Street, Broad Street; new destinations & uses including groceries, retail & activities, complete the streets, especially with sidewalks & trees

maximize connectivity

sidewalks & trail networks to connect through neighborhoods to amenities such as schools, parks, commercial areas & downtown; crosswalks, underground utilities, high fiber cable, improve neighborhood parks

expand housing options

rehabilitate & infill neighborhoods, affordable housing, senior housing, student housing, homebuyer assistance, non-profit home assistance

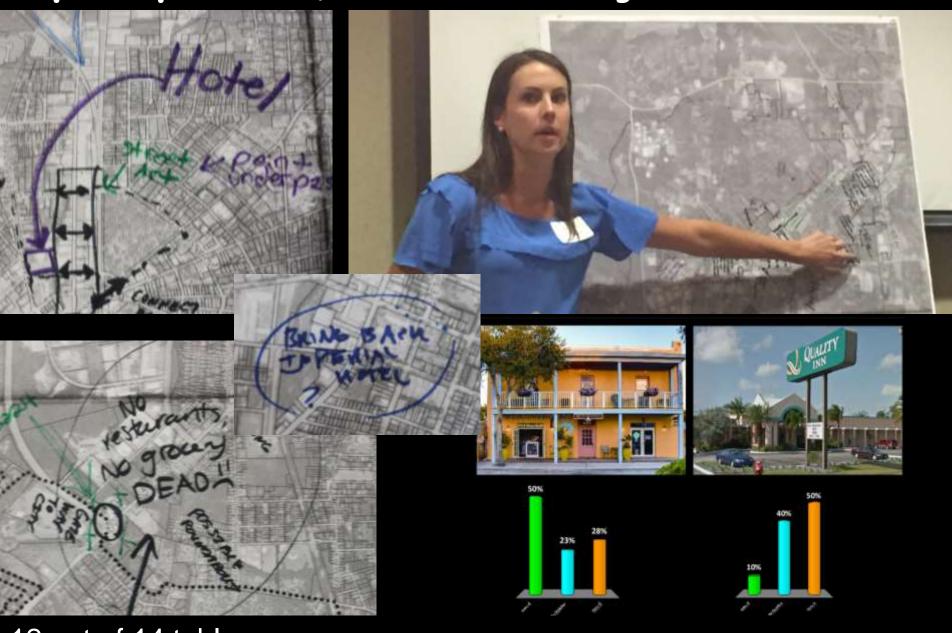
grow & attract, but protect & enhance character

make the city a weekend getaway, hotels for visitors, evening activities, diversity of retail & food services, community events, evening hours, teen activities, roses & public art in every park, enhance parks, native plantings, historic preservation, easy parking

a prosperous, inclusive city

<u>one</u> Thomasville, help small businesses. attract industrial businesses to bring jobs, spur business attraction, retention, expansion & diverse entrepreneurship throughout the city including downtown, attract millennials, foster bringing young people back

a prosperous, inclusive city



12 out of 14 tables

ONE WORD that comes to mind about Thomasville:

NOW: Two or Three Cities

IN THE FUTURE:

(in my vision)

new commercial



Existing Conditions

Clay Street and Mitchell Street Intersection



Clay Street and Mitchell Street Intersection



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West Jackson and Patten Street Intersection



West Jackson and Patten Street Intersection



parks



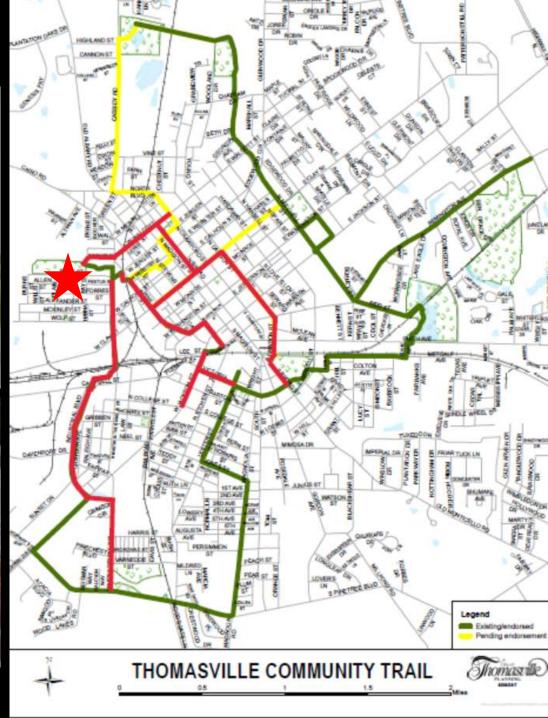
A Work In Progress

Francis Weston Park





First Splashpad in City



parks & sustainability

promote recycling



Install recycling receptacles in public locations such as parks and along streets.



Establish a city-wide recycling curb pickup program.

parks & sustainability

improve park access & amenities



Provide restroom facilities in other public parks



Continue to expand walking and biking trails to connect green spaces throughout the city.

parks & sustainability

improve water runoff reclamation



Install "rain gardens" to ease stormwater runoff and replenish local aquifers



Consider allowing permeable pavers to reduce demand on the stormwater system in Thomasville

Parks & Public Facilities

Expand the Parks & Recreation Department

Consider an Arts & Culture Department

Art in every park, murals & food trucks, events (city & private) that involve alcohol in ampitheater

More tools for Planning & Engineering

A Tree Planting Campaign, residents take ownership of the planting strip, a Stormwater ordinance, assessments to underground utilities

Upgrade the Land Bank

Staff & strategy for the Land Bank

Continue the Bike Loop

Connect all neighborhoods & all parks with a bike trail



Enhancing competitive advantage in Thomasville





Enhancing the city's competitive advantage using the Comprehensive Plan

Build positive differentiation

Answer the question "why"

Uses existing assets

Consider larger megatrends



Our research and your responses point to three focus areas for the plan



smoothing investment friction



attracting and retaining businesses



retaining and attracting people



Smoothing investment friction



Vision Be a small city model for ease of investment, permitting and doing business

> Update codes and city organization

- Track pain points
- Schedule review periods
- Follow through

Simplify government interactions

- Move online
- Create a onestop shop
- Maintain accountability



Attracting and retaining businesses



Vision | Be the most attractive small city investment destination in Georgia

Comprehensively support economic development marketing

Build an internal competitiveness council

Selectively promote focus areas and business linkages

- Add resources and stakeholders to econ dev efforts
- Target by size & Daedalus Advisory Services - Private and Confidential - 3017
- Collect, measure & track data
- Link policy to data changes
- Identify areas with development potential
- Connect partners and gov't resources



Retaining and attracting people



Vision Be the most attractive small city in Georgia for living, working and being educated

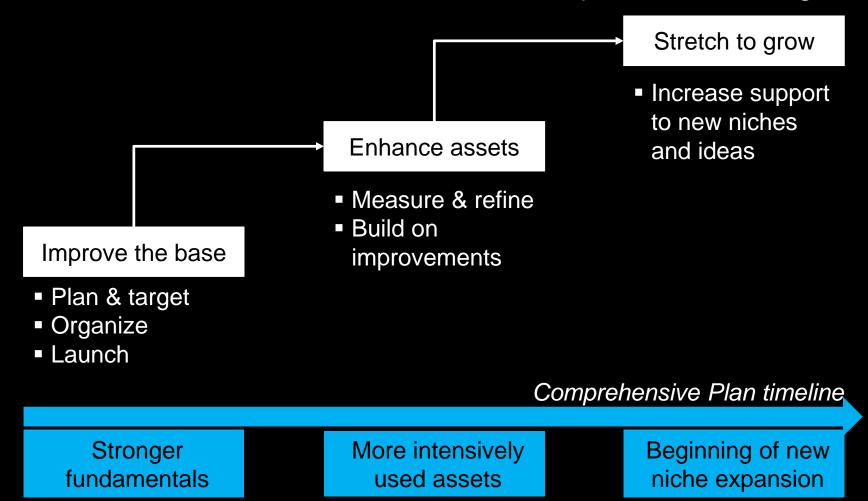
> Build partnerships for activities, business facilitation & social services

Enhance entertainment options for youth and families

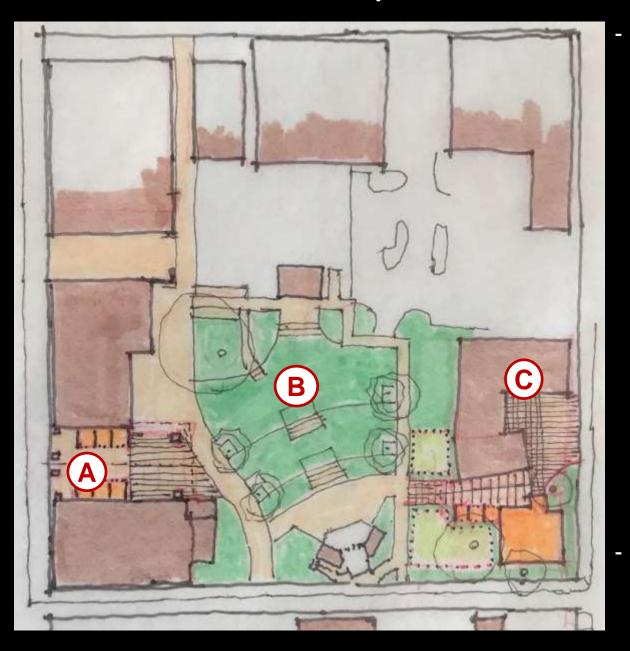
Provide wider educational, training & employment opportunities

- Develop partnership plans
- Allow role sharing
- Focus on retail, food & experiences
- Use business & technical school partners
- Facilitate local employment matchmaking
- Remove old hiring requirements

Process and results for enhanced competitive advantage



Studio 209 and Amphitheater



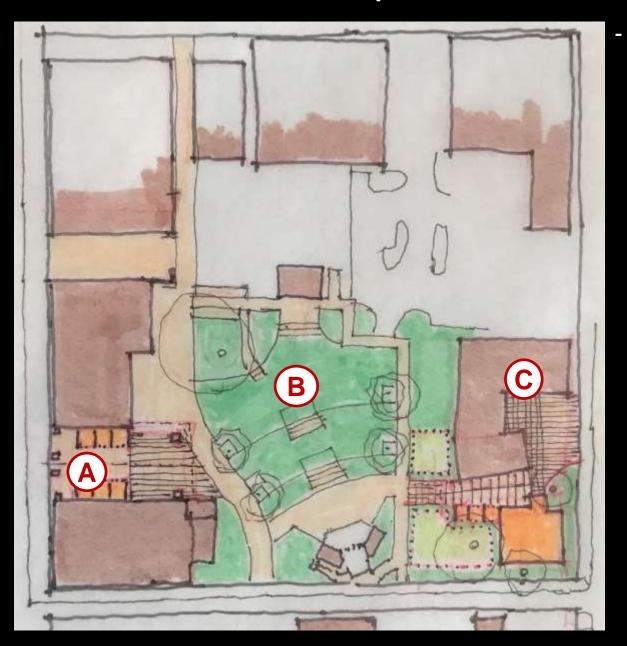
A – 231 W Jackson St

- Entrance from West
 Jackson through
 building court. View to
 Studio 209
- Roof covering over existing building and new rear terrace
- Artist cubicles for studio, display and sales inside building walls
- Rear terrace for outside studio and sculpture uses and display

B – Amphitheater

No updates, revisions or modification

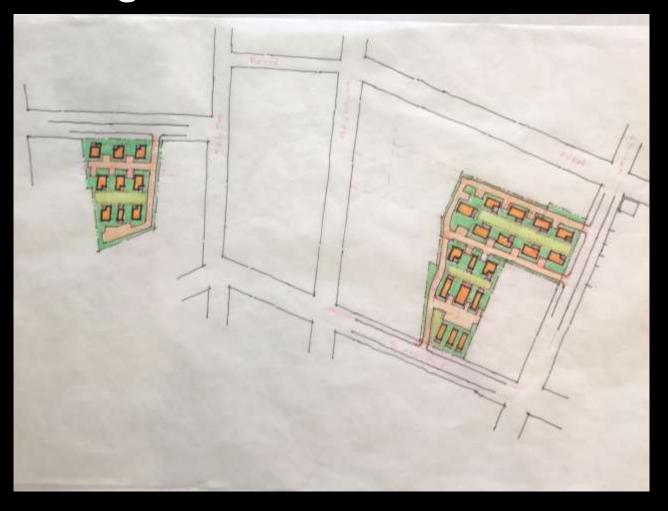
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C – Studio 209

- Connected walkaway to amphitheater between sculpture gardens and existing building and new studio spaces/buildings. Trellis covering
- New two-story studio facility
- Artist cubicles for studio, display and sales
- Sculpture court in front of existing Studio 209 building

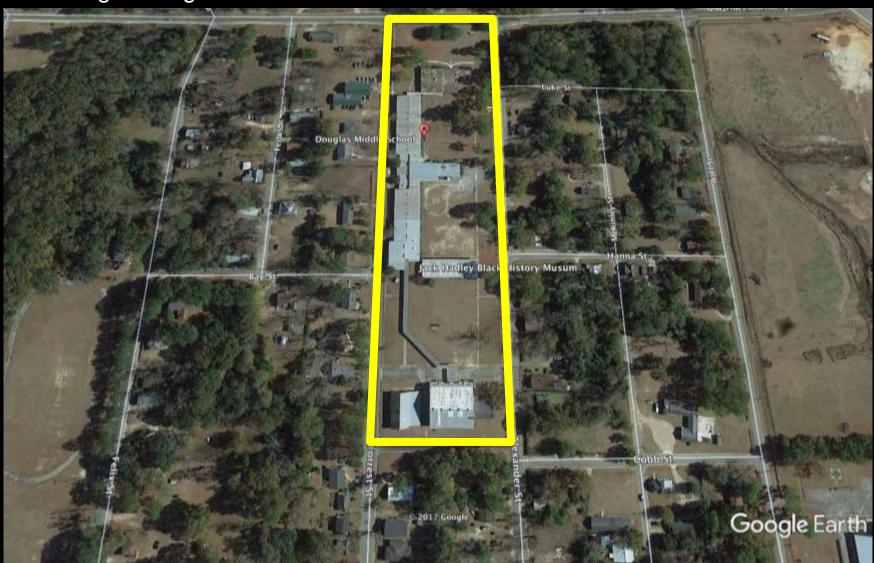
Cottage Courts in Victoria Park Overlay District



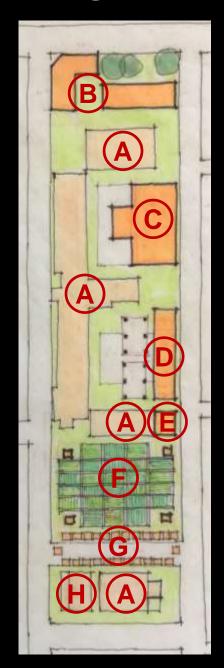
Three, nine unit cottage courts planned on vacant parcels



Douglass High School Site



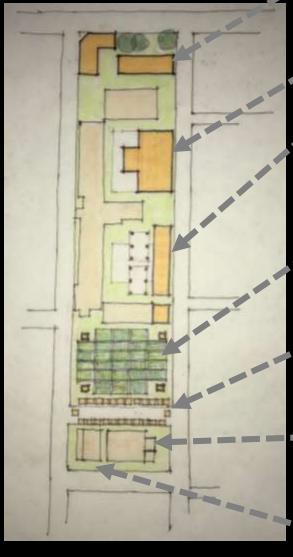
Douglass Center for Excellence



- A. Existing buildings and uses
- B. New retail buildings
- C. New building arts facility
- D. New artist lofts, studio space sales, and outdoor covered sculpture and studio space
- E. New lobby and display addition for black history museum
- F. Contract farming
- G. Neighborhood market
- H. Vocational school and makers space



Douglass High School



- 7 Commercial space for rent
- Building Arts School and Maker Space
- **5** Live-Work Lofts and Exhibition Space
- 4 Organic Contract Farm
- 3 Pop-up Market
- **2** Community Center
- 1 Trade School and Maker Space

Daedalus Advisory Services





existing conditions



1 – street trees and sidewalk enhancement



2 – monument in Broad Street



3 – infill at end of the view down Smith St



4 – infill framing the view down Smith St



5 – explore a public space at Broad St and Remington Ave



long term prospects



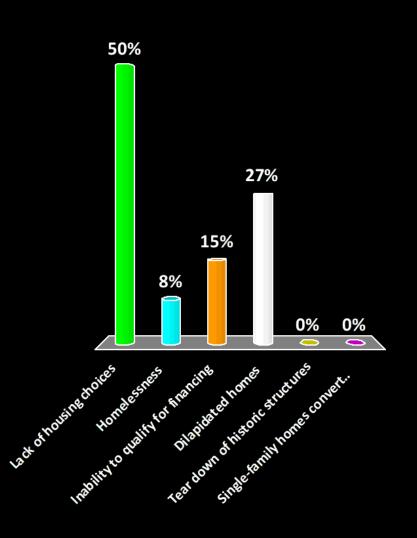
existing conditions

expand housing options



What are the general housing concerns affecting Thomasville?

- Lack of housing choices
- 2. Homelessness
- Inability to qualify for financing
- 4. Dilapidated homes
- 5. Tear down of historic structures
- Single-family homes converted to boarding homes



living on second floors?









Opportunities: Downtown Housing







Upper Level Redevelopment & Adaptive Reuse

Opportunities: Address Dilapidated



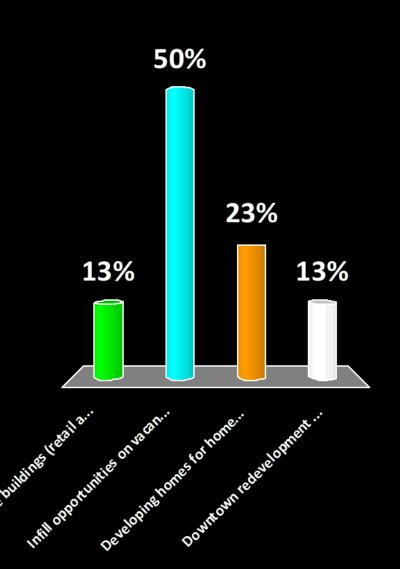




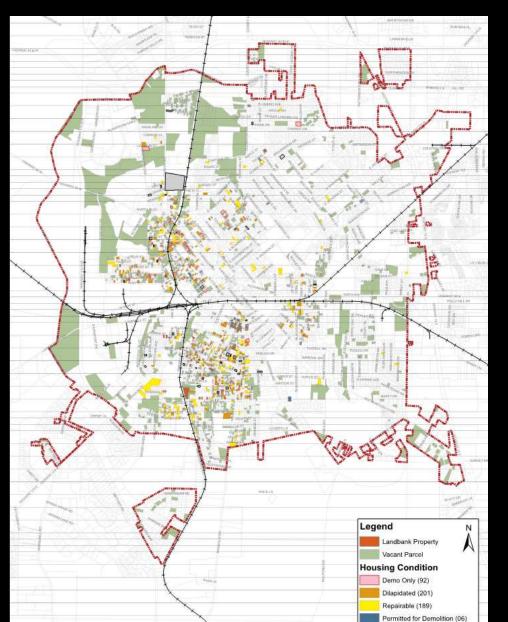
W. Clay Street

What is the biggest opportunity for housing in Thomasville?

- 1. Mixed-use buildings (retail at the bottom, housing on top)
- 2. Infill opportunities on vacant parcels
- 3. Developing homes for homeless populations
- Downtown redevelopment through housing options



Opportunities: Infill Redevelopment



Land Bank Parcels

Vacant Parcels

Dilapidated Parcels

Opportunities: Infill Redevelopment



Opportunities: Create A Housing Collaborative



Habitat For Humanity

Community Training Outreach Center

Thomasville Planning Department

Thomasville Land Bank

Thomasville Landmarks

Thomas County Housing Authority

Williams Family Foundation

Other Nonprofit Developers

Private Developers

Financial Institutions

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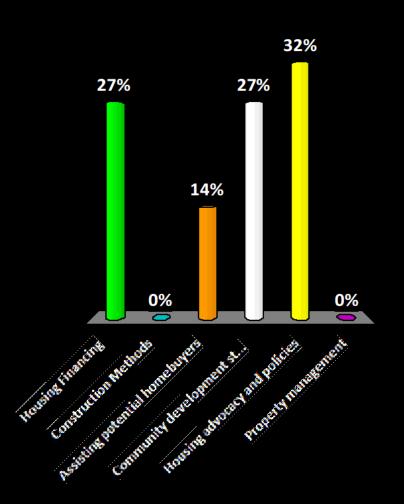
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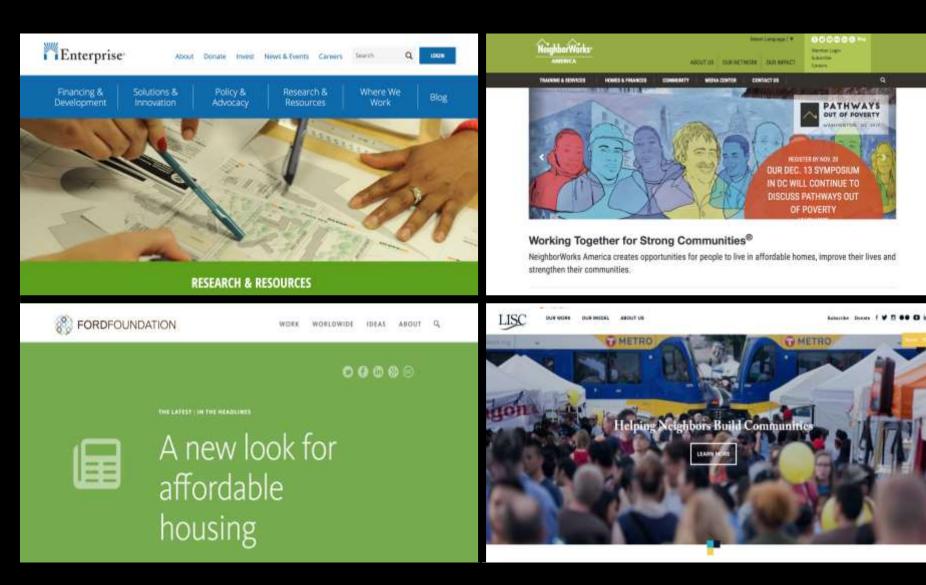
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If you work in the housing sector, what areas could you benefit learning

- 1. Housing Financing
- Construction Methods
- Assisting potential homebuyers
- Community development strategies
- Housing advocacy and policies
- 6. Property management



Opportunities: Create A Housing Collaborative



public housing

public housing



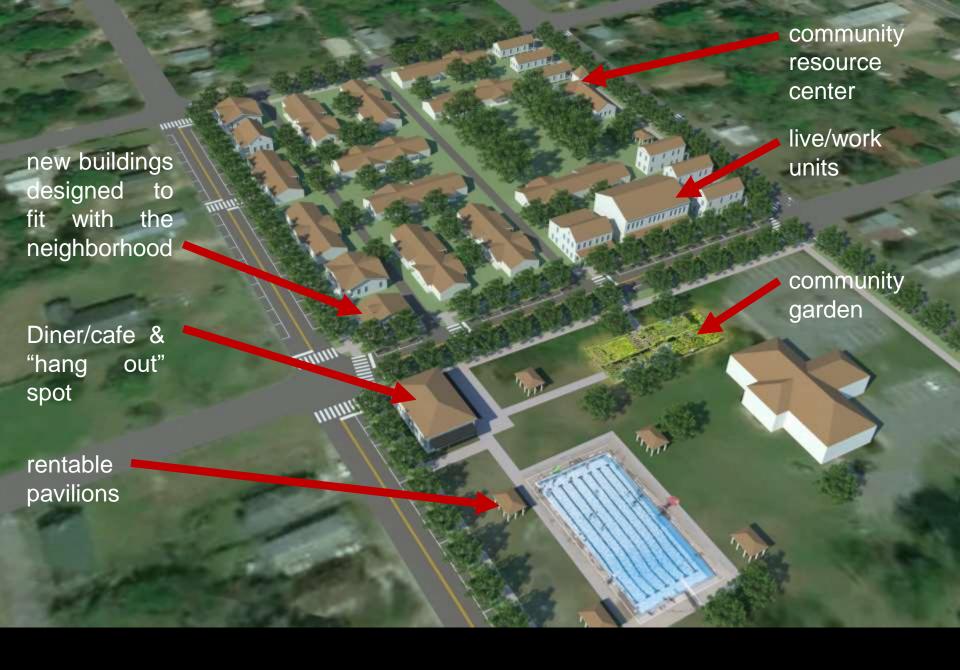




Faircloth Homes existing conditions: good urban design relationships – fronts to fronts, open shady common space, few trees, buildings that don't fit in with neighboring styles, large unused green field



Faircloth Homes Option 1: strategic replacement of existing buildings to help area look and feel more like the neighborhood, new building types, maintain shaded open space, make use of green field, community resource center.





Faircloth Homes Option 2: reorganize lot access, relocate open space to corner, diverse building types that look and feel like the neighborhood, make use of green field, community resource center.



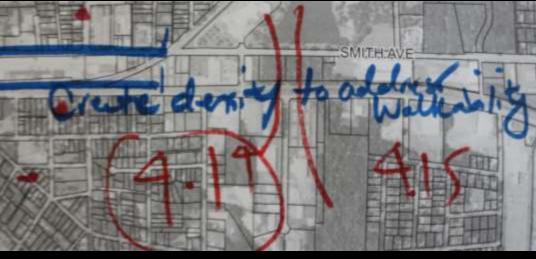
traditional character





grow & attract, but protect & enhance

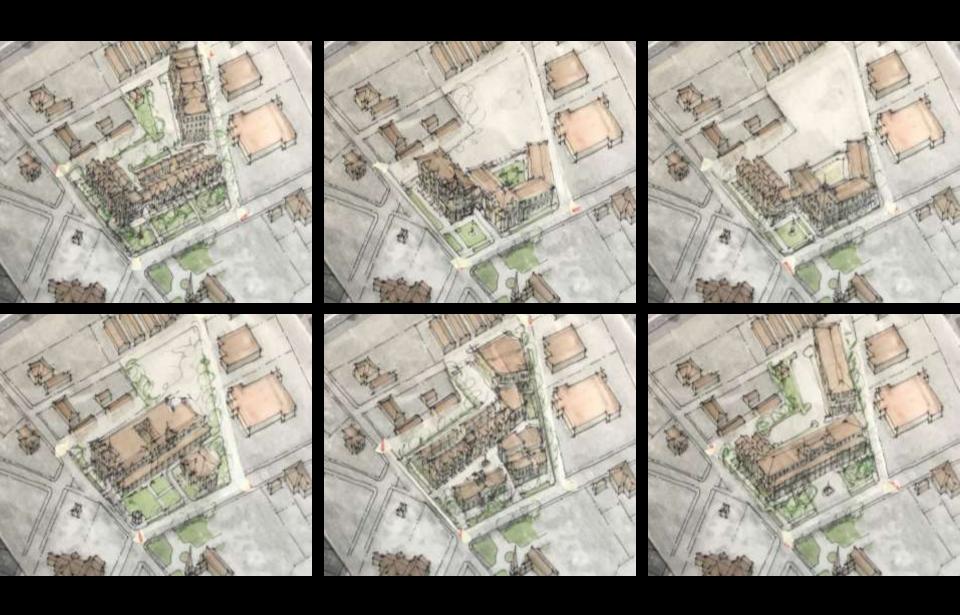




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site of the former Roses Department Store

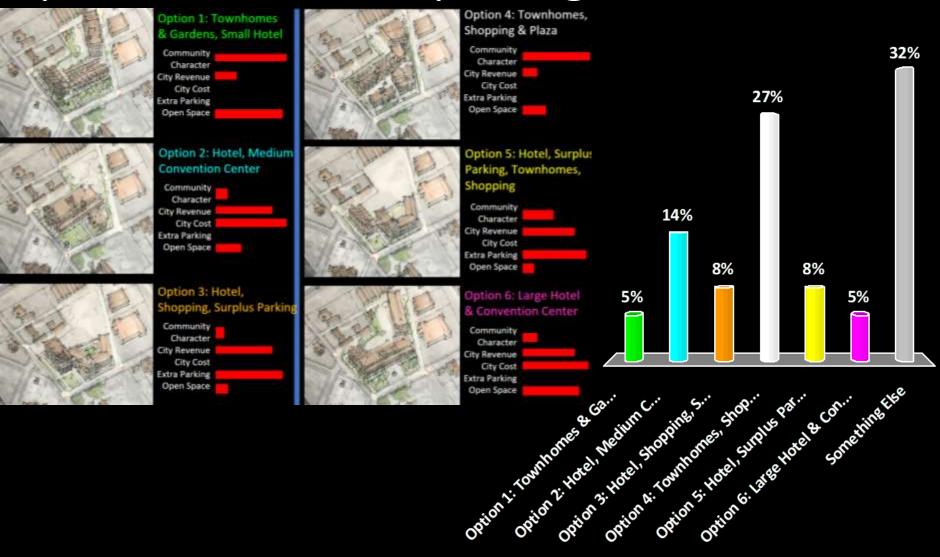


exploring variations

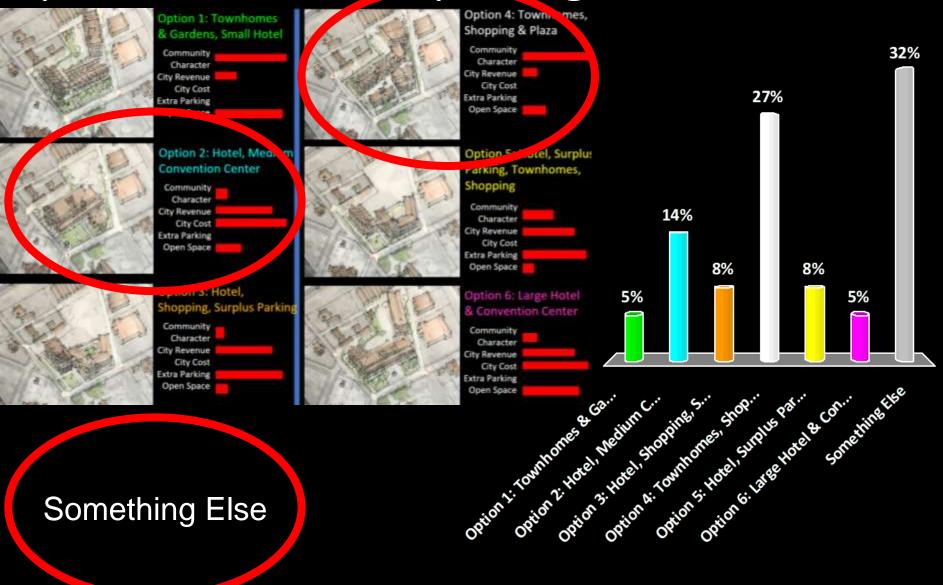
open house roses polling



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40 people



Townhomes, Shopping & Plaza

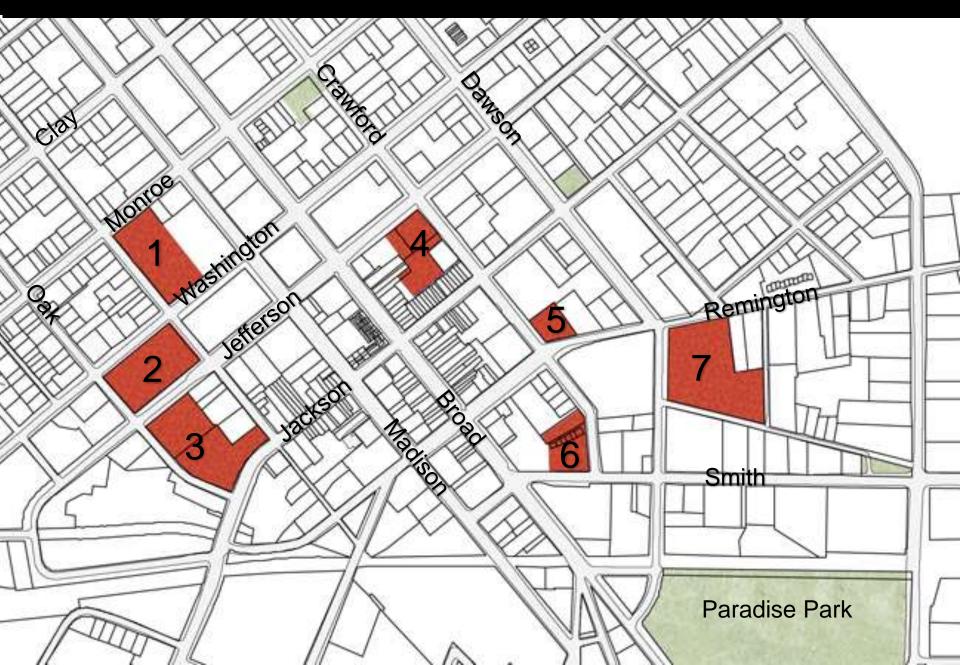


Hotel & Medium Convention Center

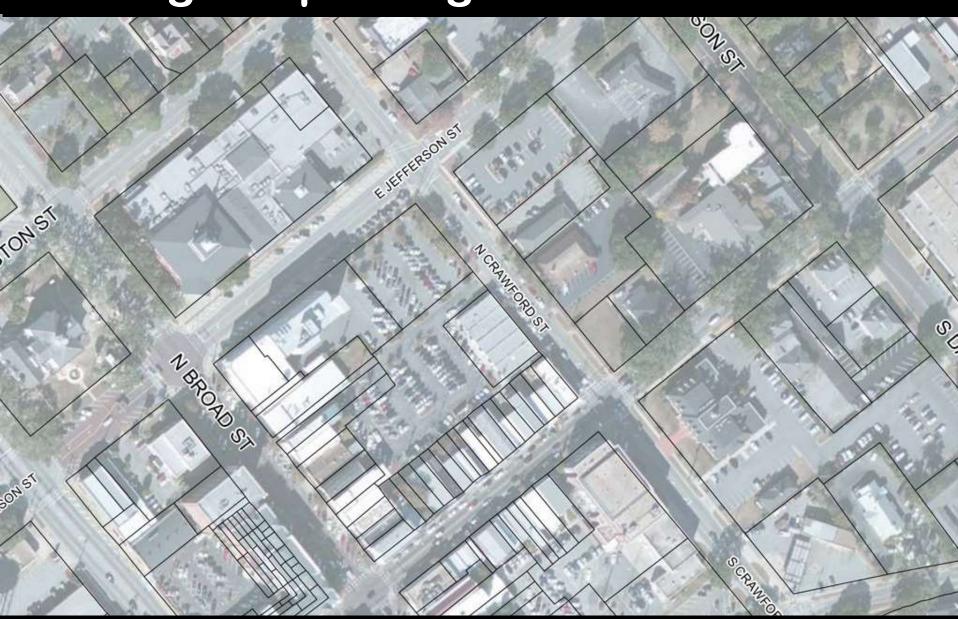




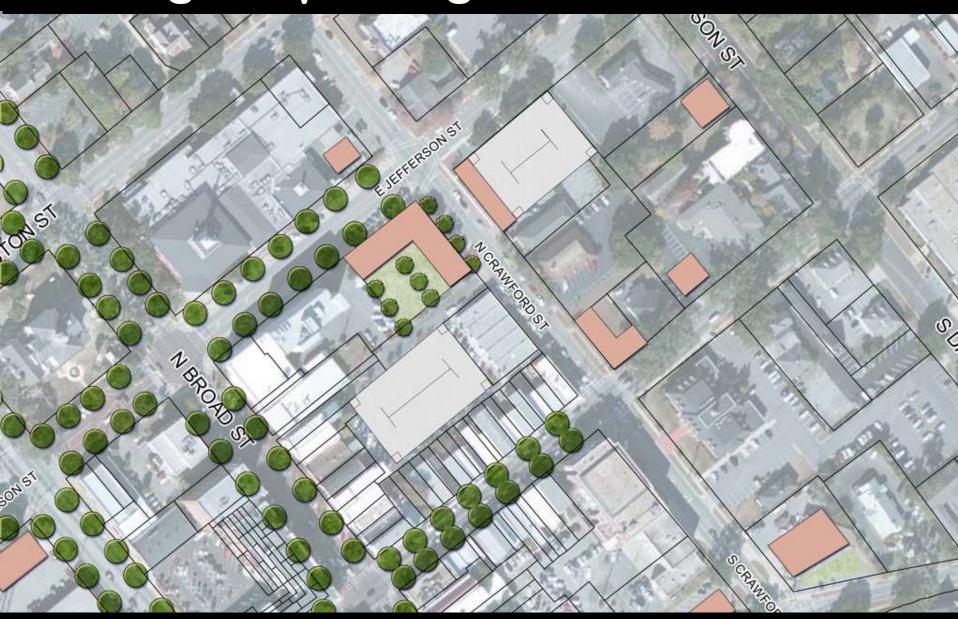
convention center / hotel sites



buildings vs parking



buildings vs parking



infilled downtown parking

Jefferson Street



existing conditions

Jefferson Street



improved sidewalks

Jefferson Street



street trees

Jefferson Street



storefronts

Jefferson Street



hotel

Creative District – Art and Events



Creative District – Art and Events



Murals painted onto blank walls by local artists

Creative District – Art and Events



Vacant lot used for temporary events until redeveloped

parking parking



(1) Intersection of Stevens St and W Jackson St; (2) Trinity Anglican Church; (3) Thomas County Public Library: (4) Thomas County Judicial Center

This town is historic preservation.

Break the stigma around preservation. It should be viewed as an asset, not a threat.

flipper park / dawson st / macintyre park









homes large

flipper park / dawson st / macintyre park









homes small

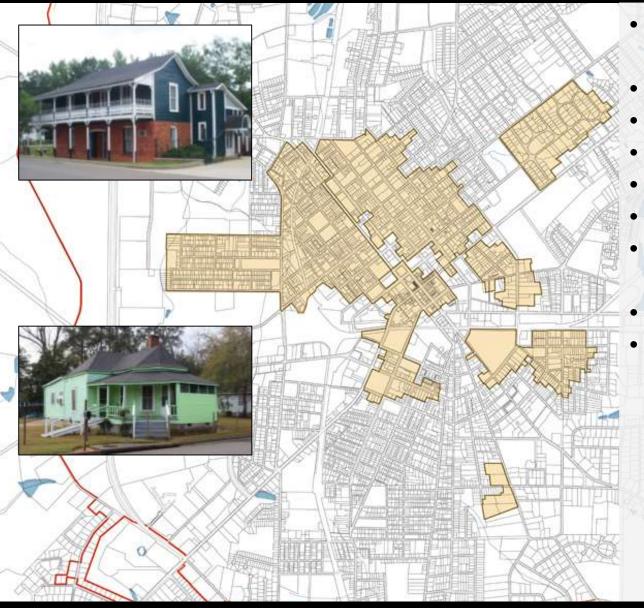
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historic renovation

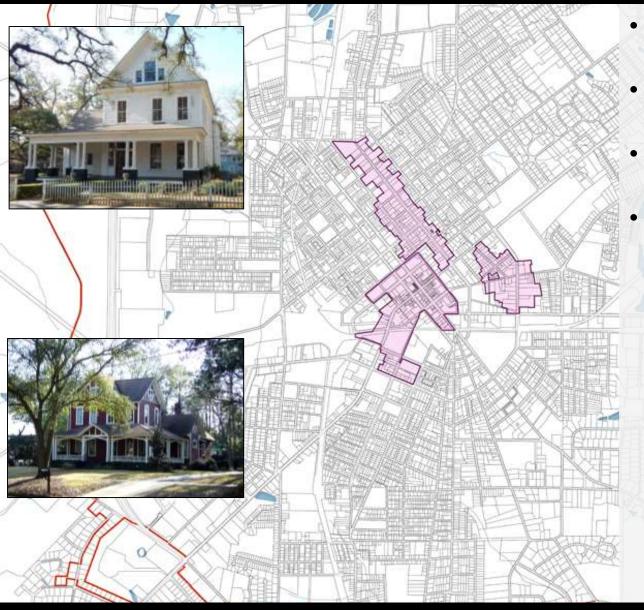
the importance of preservation





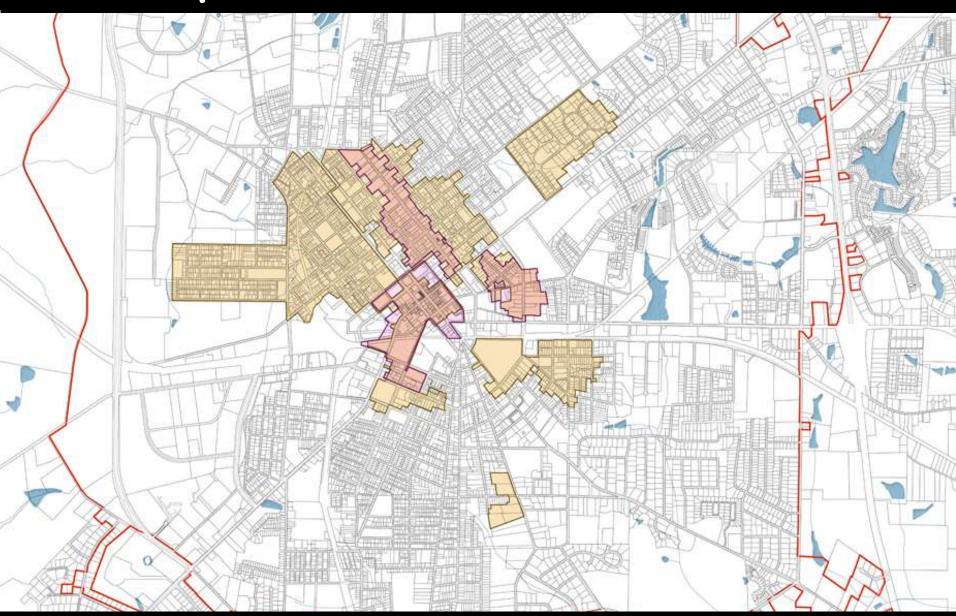
- Dawson Street
 Residential
- East End
- Fletcherville
- Gordon Avenue
- Paradise Park
- Stevens Street
- Thomasville Commercial
 - Tockwotten-Love Place
- Dewey City



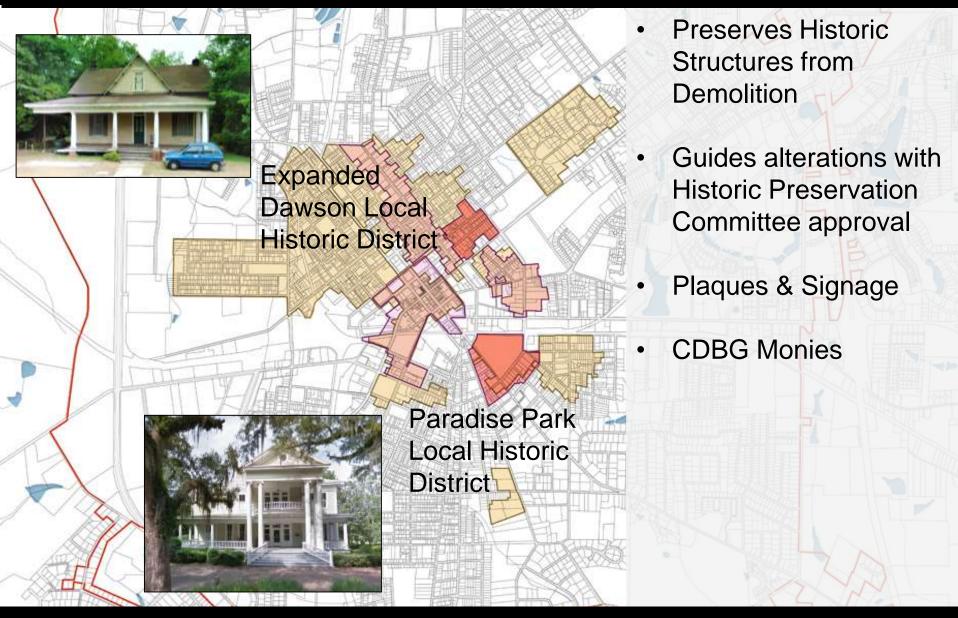


- Dawson Street Historic District
- Downtown Historic District
- Fletcherville Historic District
- Tockwotten-Love
 Street Historic District

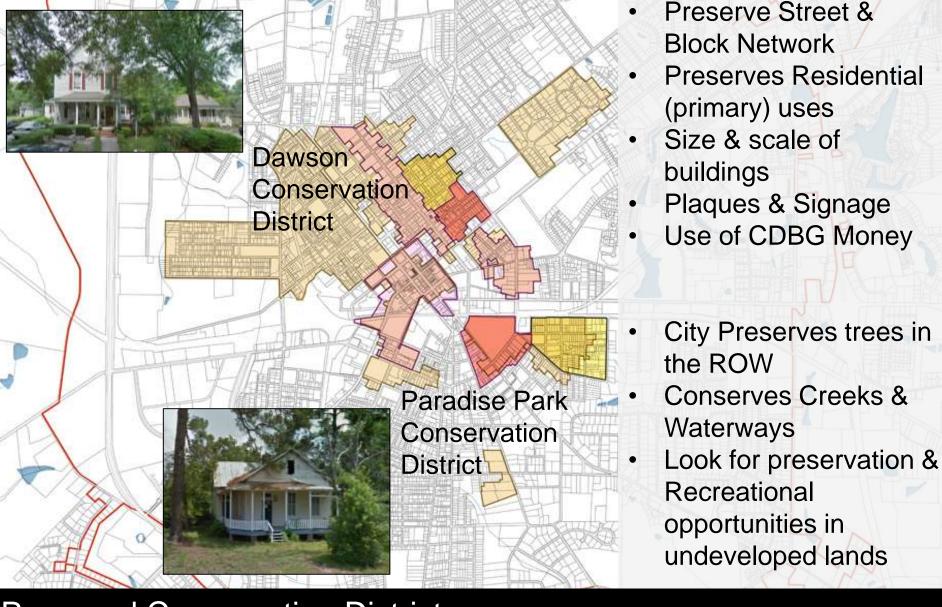




National & Local Historic Districts



Proposed Local Historic Districts



Proposed Conservation Districts

- Update 2002 Preservation Guidelines
- Inventory all historic structures
- Update the Code

Educate on using the International Existing Building Code, further adopt land use code to allow the adaptation of buildings

Make sue the HPC & Landmarks are inclusive

Insure that local boards reflect the entire community

a prosperous, inclusive city

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street & sidewalk improvements





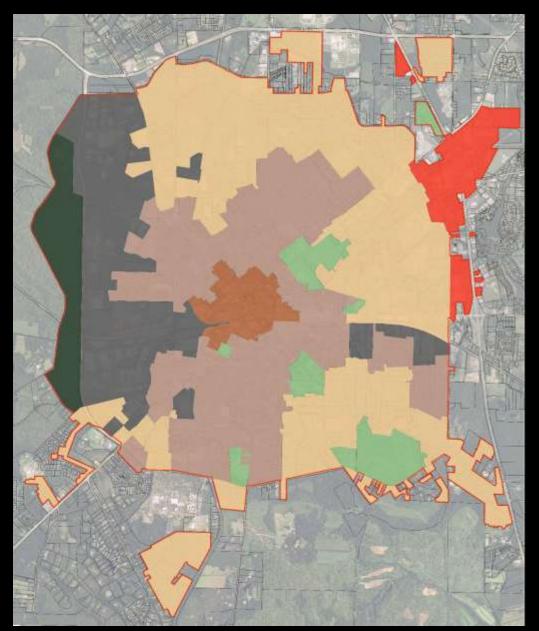




Downtown

Traditional Neighborhood

Suburban







Industrial



Highway <u>Comme</u>rcial



Natural



Future Character Map produced during this Charrette











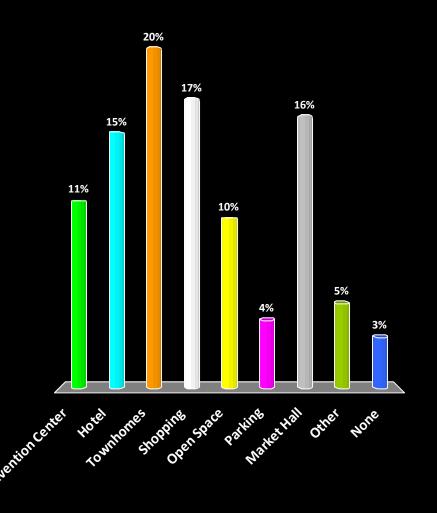




poll

What uses would you most like to see at the Roses site? (pick up to 3)

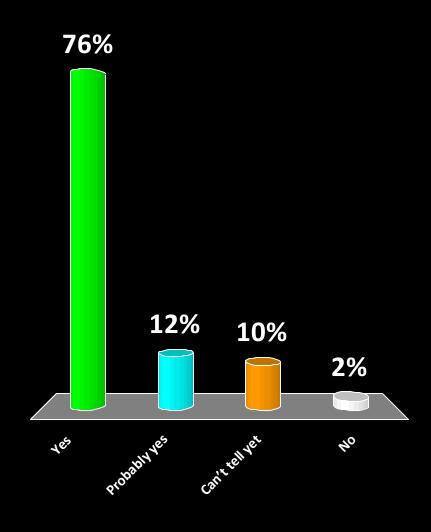
- 1. Convention Center
- Hotel
- 3. Townhomes
- 4. Shopping
- 5. Open Space
- 6. Parking
- Market Hall
- 8. Other
- 9. None



Do you like this idea?



- 1. Yes
- 2. Probably yes
- 3. Can't tell yet
- 4. No



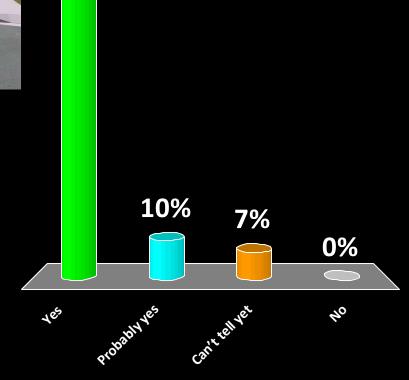
Do you like this idea?

83%





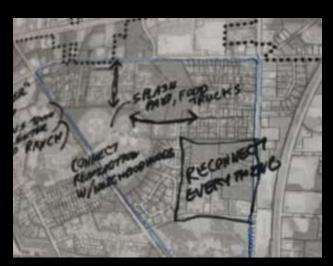
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maximize connectivity & build great streets









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principle 1. urban form first



walkability

- determine context 1st!
- to walk or not to walk?
- discuss function...
- then, the street design details

principle 2. speed

lower vehicle speed is vital to liveability



pedestrian fatalities & speed

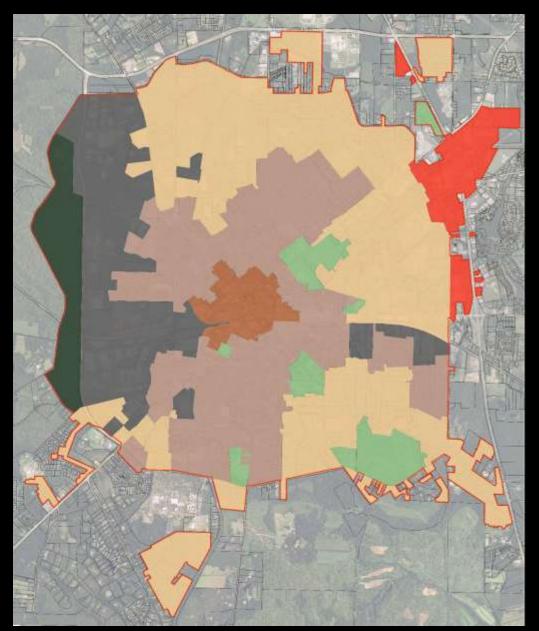


Future Character Areas

Downtown

Traditional Neighborhood

Suburban







Industrial



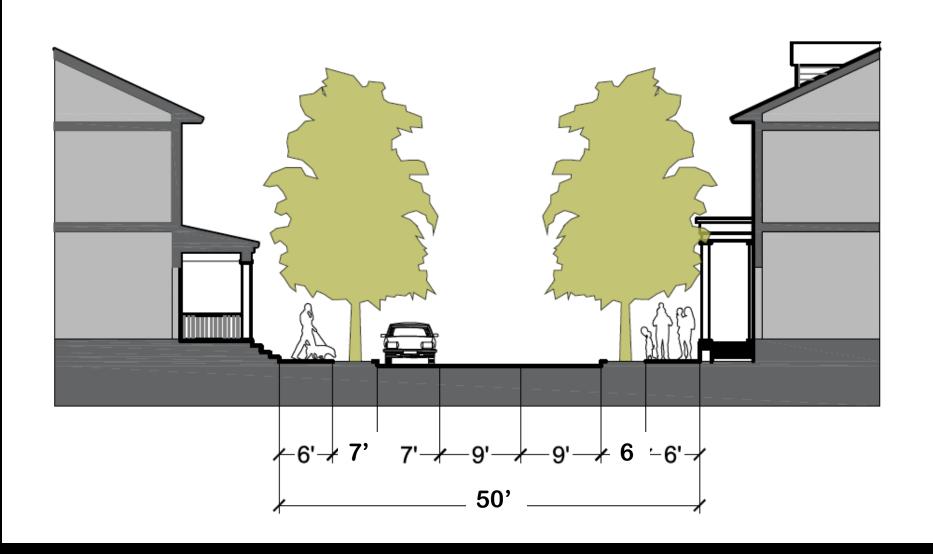
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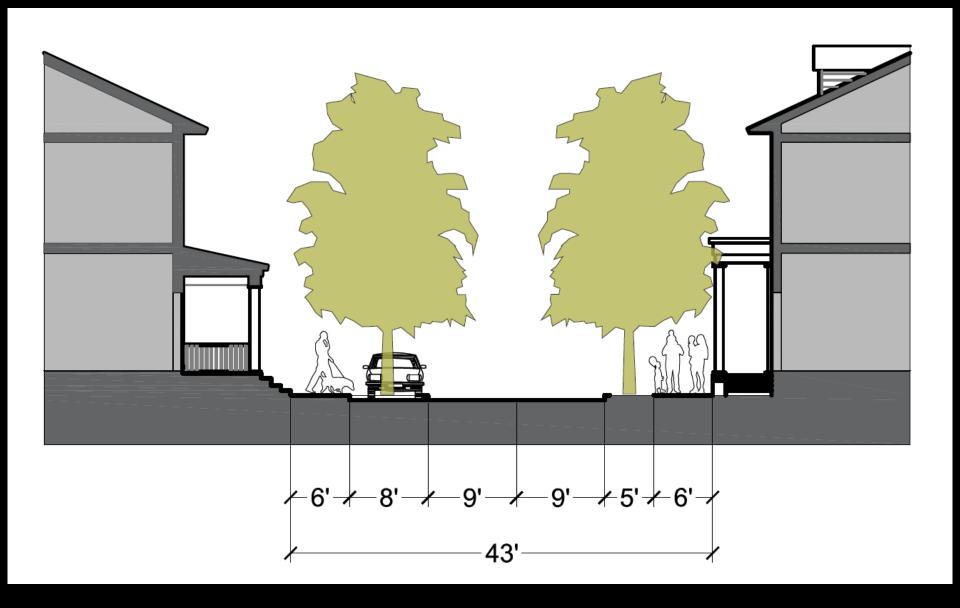


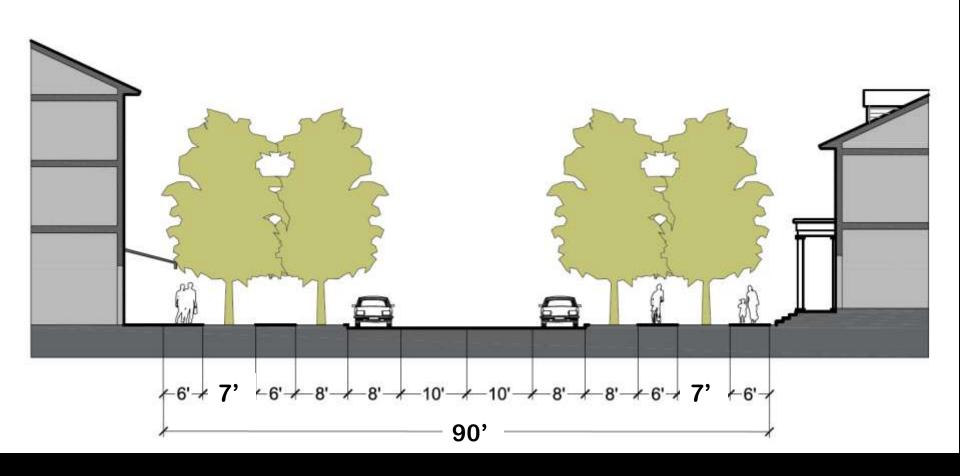
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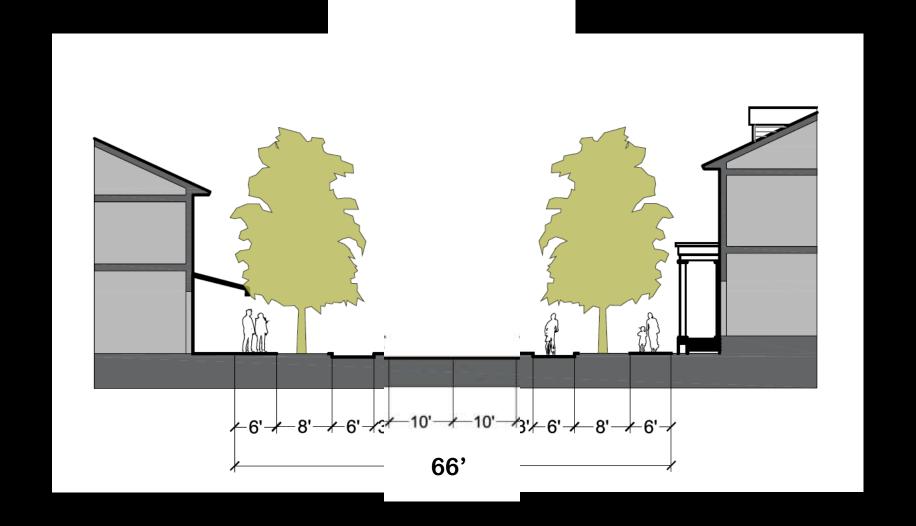
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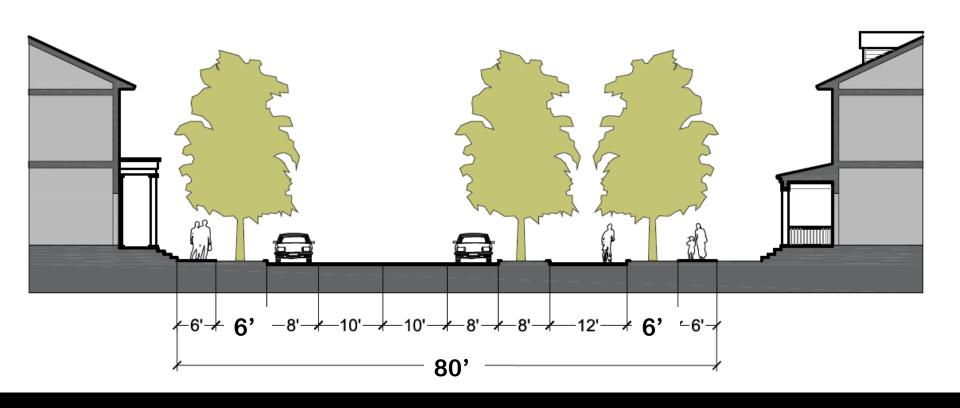




Traditional Street ST 90-36 B Separate Bike Path

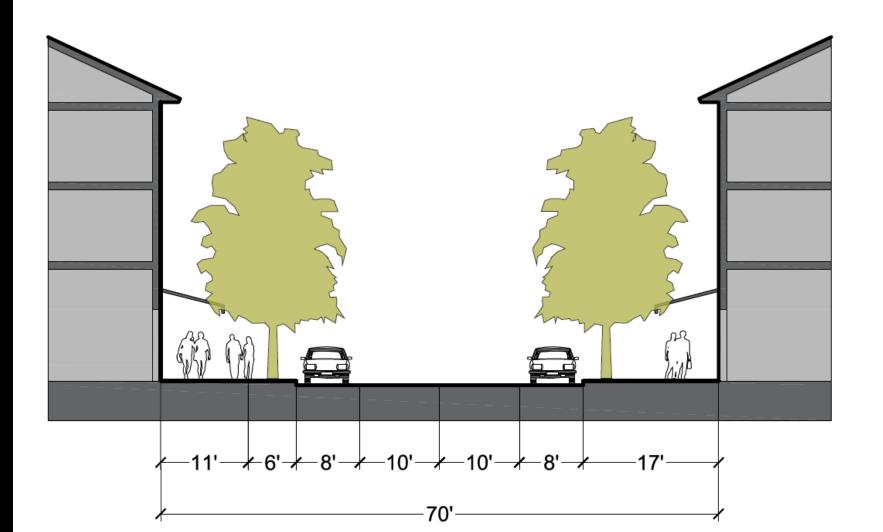


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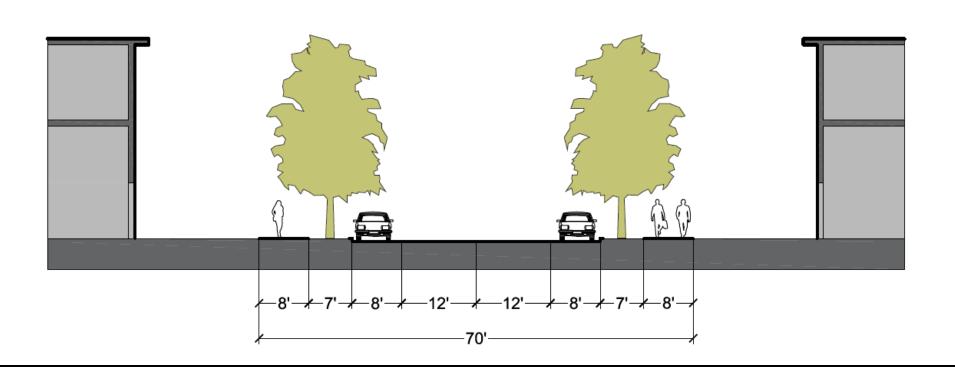
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Main Street





Industrial Street 1



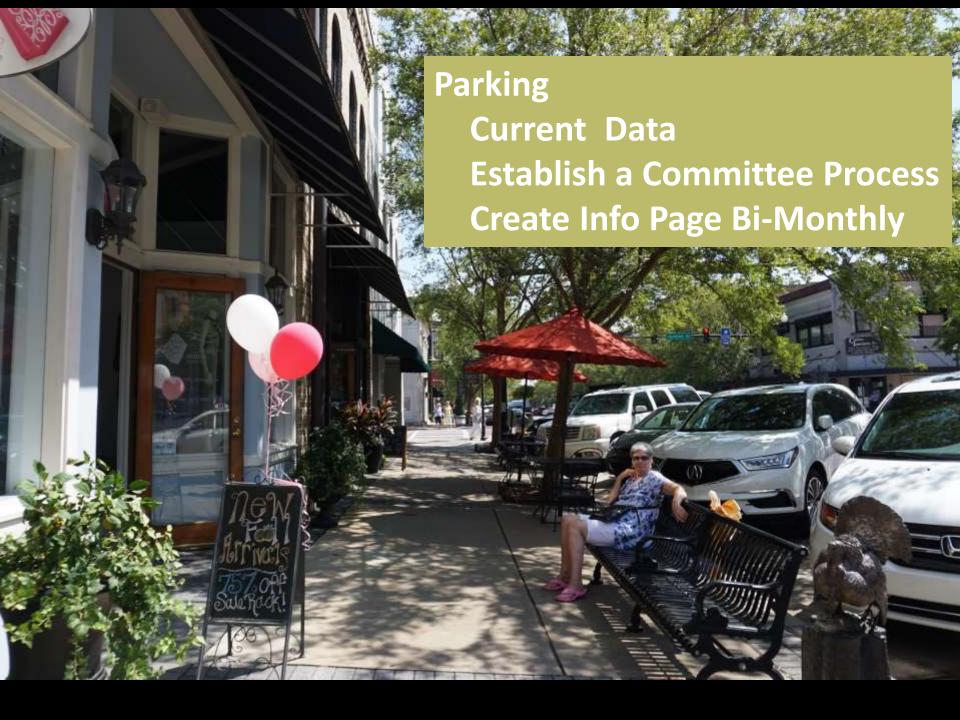


Figure 1: Study Area Boundary Map

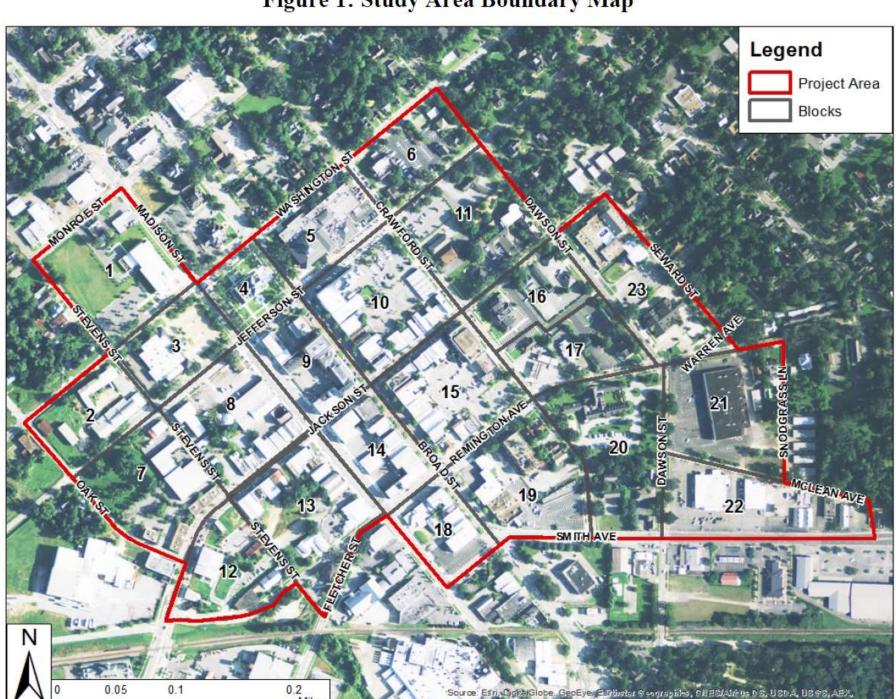


Figure 5: Parking Utilization by Block: Friday 12:00pm

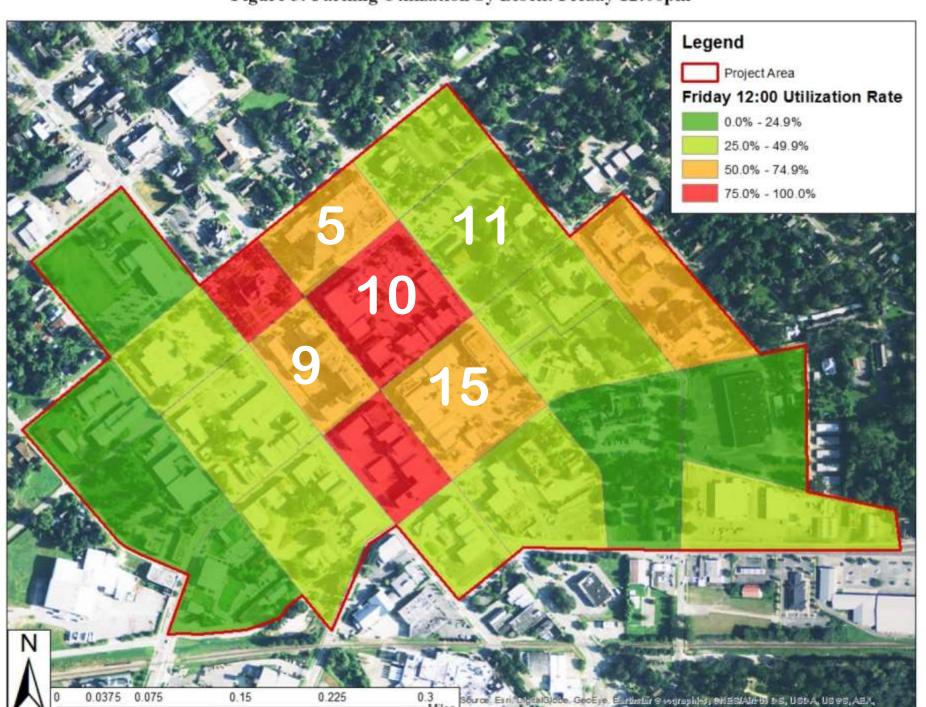


Figure 14: Average Parking Utilization Rate by Lot During Lunch Hours on Friday (11:00am & 12:00pm)

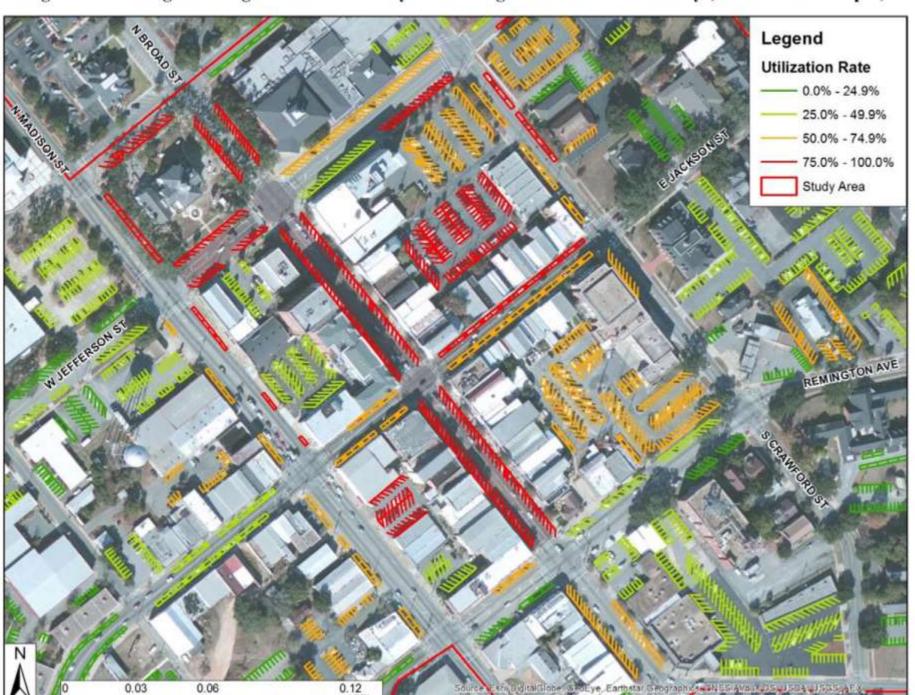
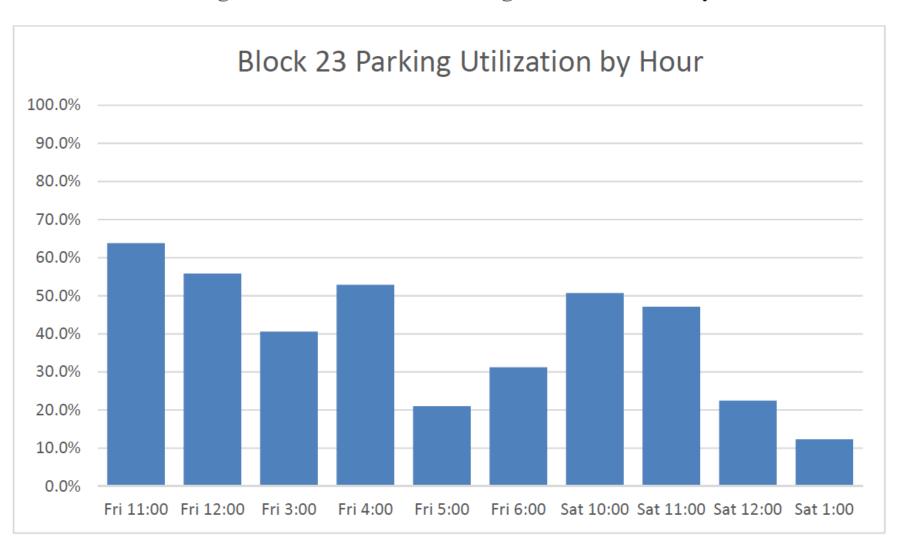
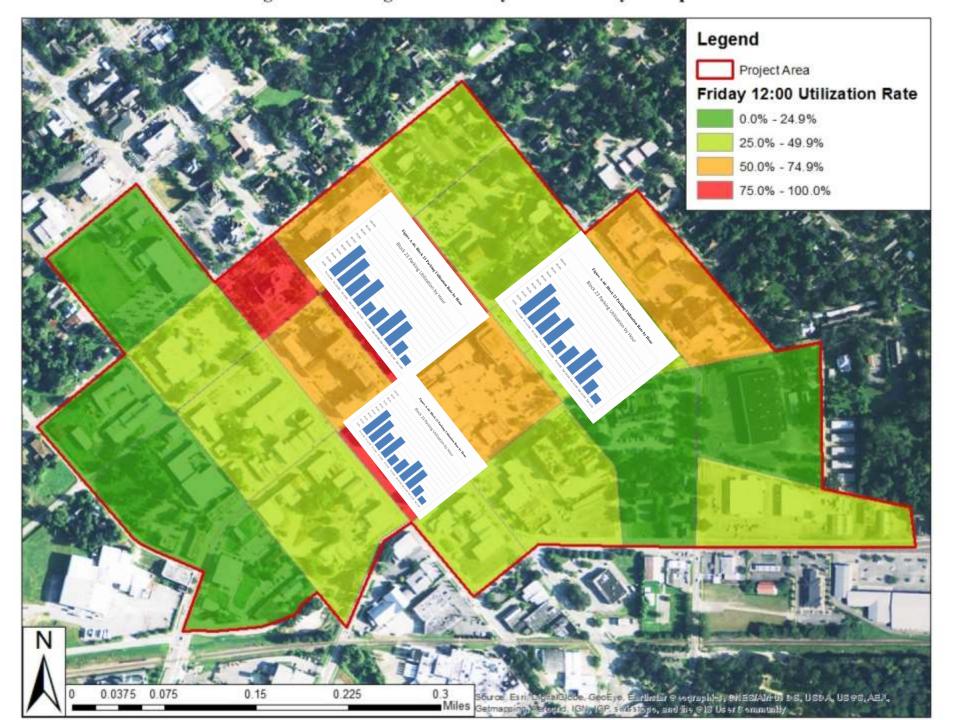
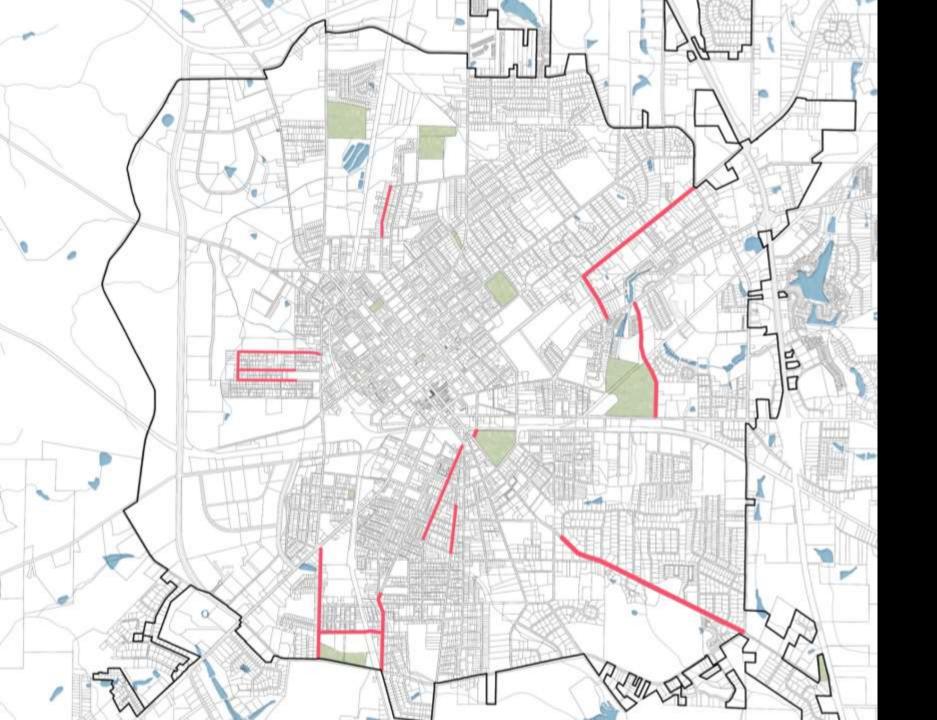


Figure A-46: Block 23 Parking Utilization Rate by Hour











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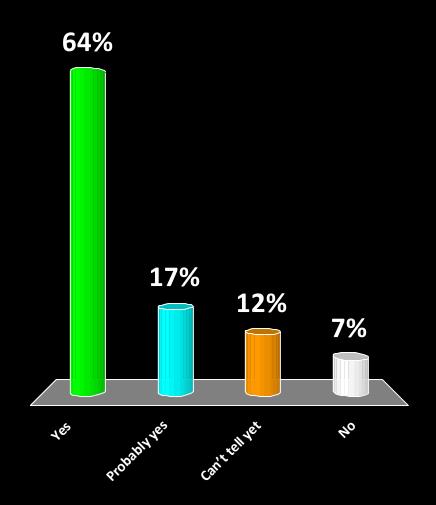


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poll

Do you think the draft ideas presented tonight are on the right track?

- Yes
- 2. Probably yes
- 3. Can't tell yet
- 4. No



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Thank you



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