A scenic view of a waterfront town, likely North Kingstown, Rhode Island. The foreground shows a calm body of water with several wooden pilings and a white boat docked on the left. In the middle ground, a row of houses and a prominent church with a tall steeple are visible. The background consists of a line of trees under a clear blue sky.

# TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RE-WRITE

\_INTERFACE STUDIO

APRIL 9, 2015

# \_INTERFACE STUDIO

## URBAN DESIGN, PLANNING, GRAPHIC DESIGN & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Scott Page, Principal

Stacey Chen, AICP, Senior Associate



## COMMUNITY ECONOMIC FUTURES PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Beth Ashman, Principal





SUWANEE  
20/20  
SUWANEE, GA

## RECENT EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

### COMMON FACTORS:

EXTENSIVE AND CREATIVE PUBLIC INPUT – BOTTOM UP PLANNING

MARKET-DRIVEN STRATEGIES WITH SHORT-TERM ACTIONS



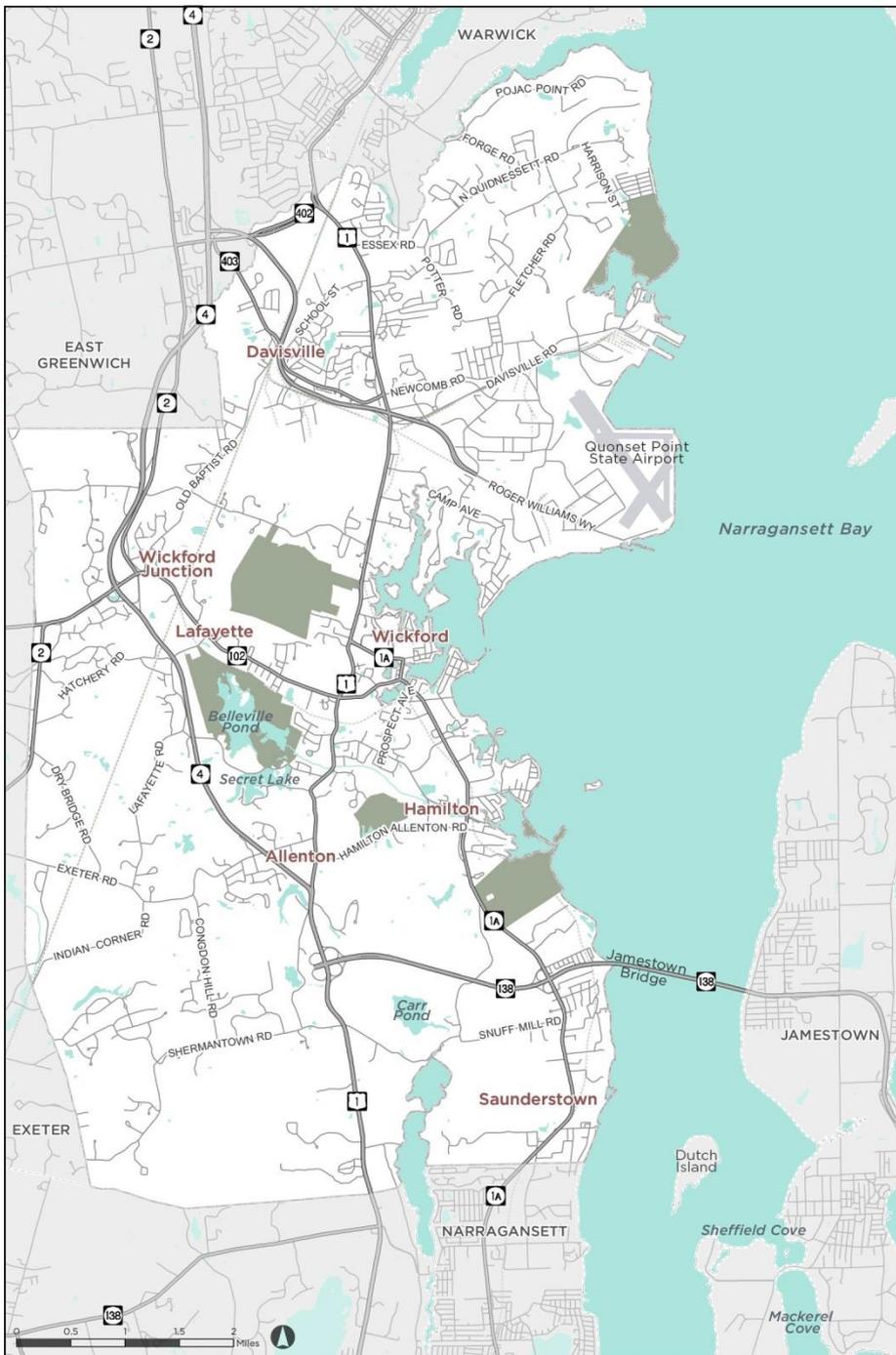
BLUEPRINT  
BINGHAMTON  
BINGHAMTON, NY



DREAM  
DORMONT  
DORMONT, PA  
WINNER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA APA DANIEL BURNHAM AWARD FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN 2014

# WHY PLAN?

- ESTABLISH PRIORITIES & DEVELOP A VISION FOR WHAT WE WANT
- ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY DIALOG & ACTION
- GUIDE DECISION MAKING
- DETERMINE HOW BEST TO ALLOCATE LIMITED RESOURCES
- RAISE MONEY FOR IMPLEMENTATION



OUR PROCESS:  
**RESEARCH**

OUR WORK IS DATA DRIVEN

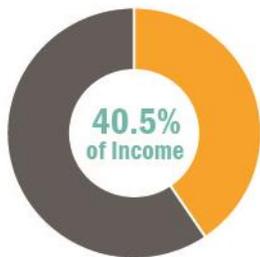
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD ANNUAL SPENDING ON GAS



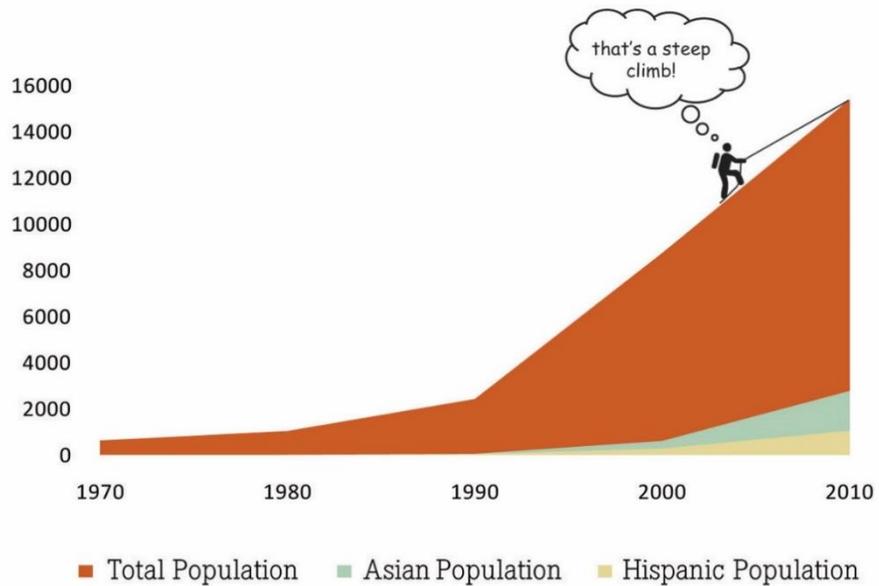
COST OF HOUSING



COST OF HOUSING + TRANSPORTATION

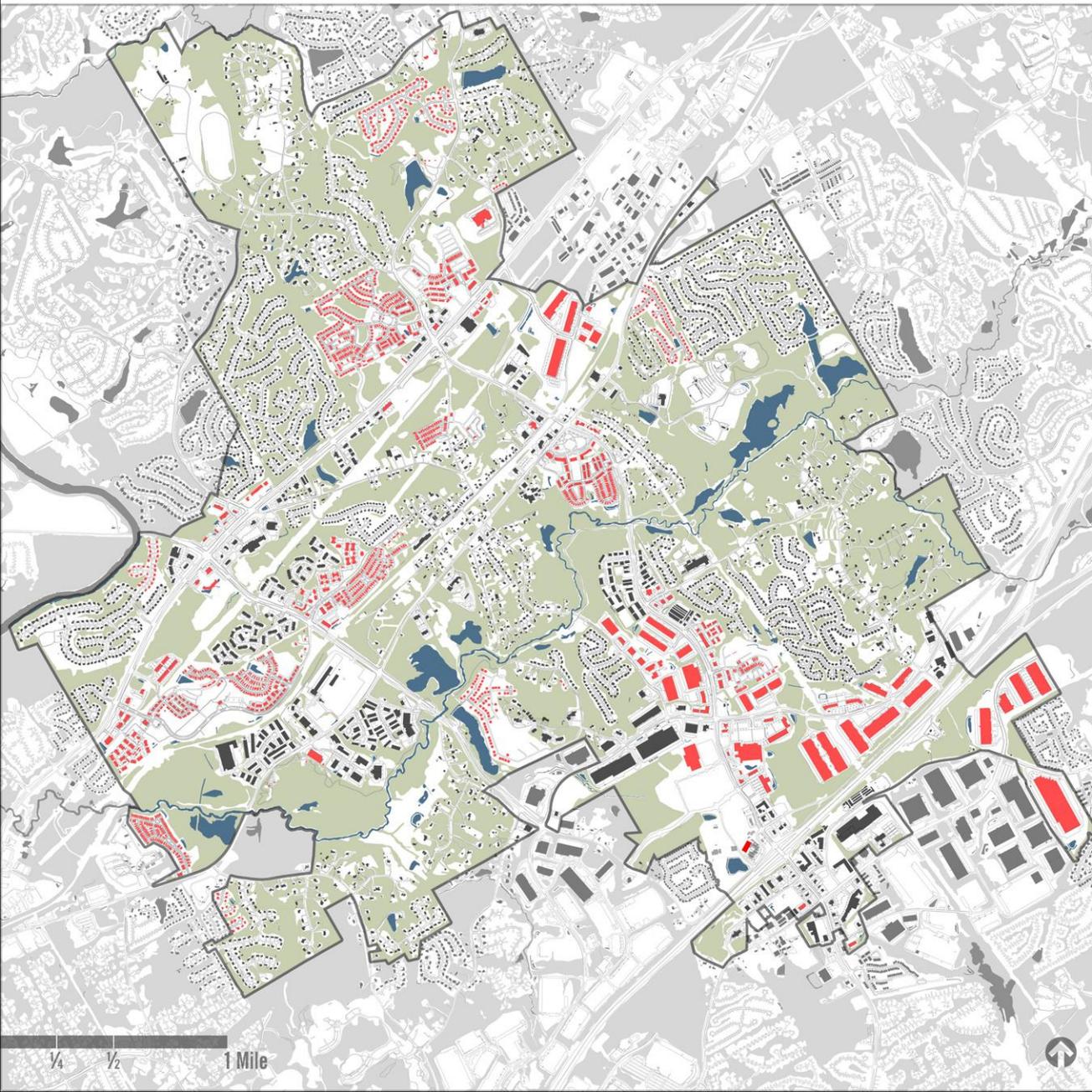


POPULATION GROWTH IN SUWANE



Suwanee 20/20, Suwanee, GA

# DEVELOPMENT 2000s



## HOUSING UNITS

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1950s ■

1960s ■

1970s ■

1980s ■

1990s ■

2000s ■

1/4 1/2 1 Mile



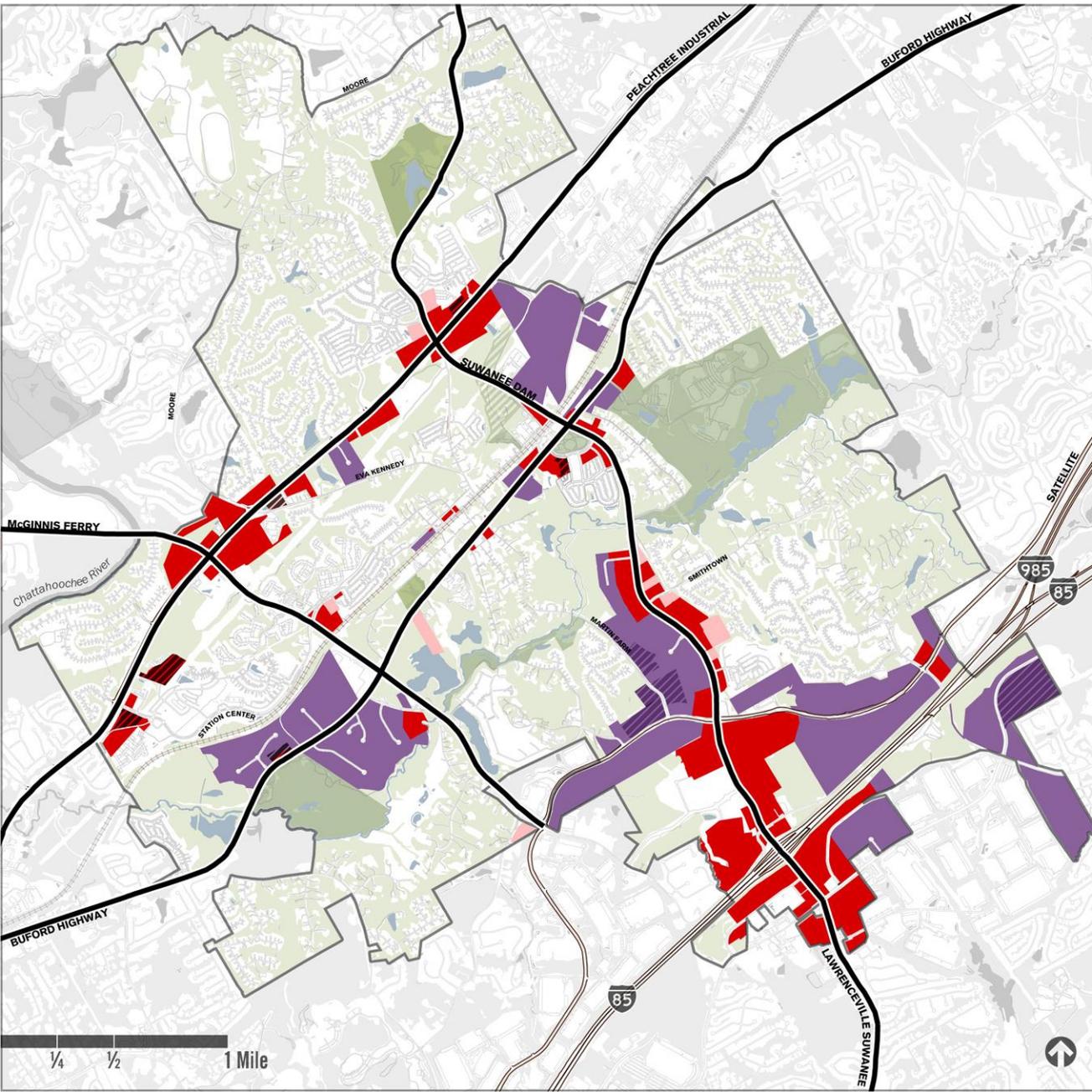
Suwanee 20/20, Suwanee, GA

# WHERE WE WORK

**8975** PEOPLE WORK  
IN SUWANE

**3/4** OF ALL COMPANIES  
IN SUWANE ARE SMALL  
BUSINESSES EMPLOYING  
5 PEOPLE OR LESS

**1/4** OF ALL EMPLOYEES  
WORK AT SMALL BUSINESSES



Suwanee 20/20, Suwanee, GA

- commercial
- office
- industrial
- space available

SOURCE city of suwanee

OUR PROCESS:  
BUILDING  
SUPPORT &  
CONSENSUS

OUR WORK IS PEOPLE DRIVEN



**A STEERING COMMITTEE:**

# POTENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN

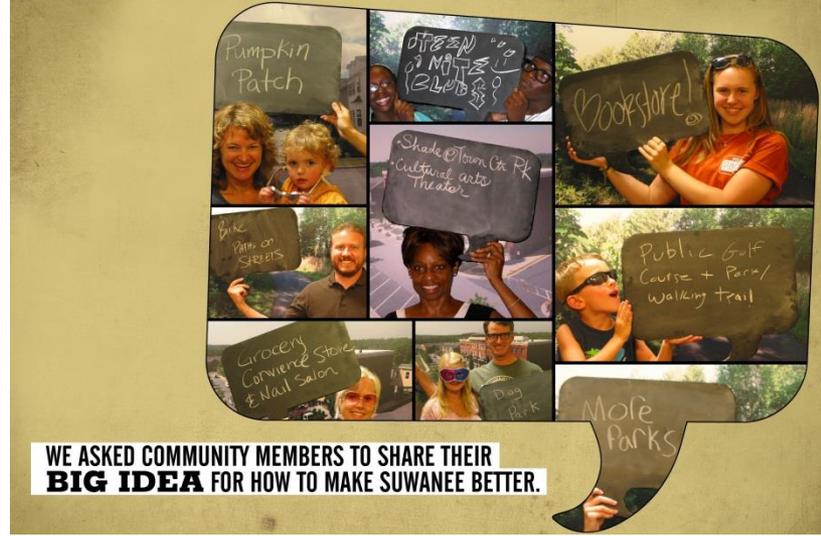
- INTERVIEWS (up to 15)
- FOCUS GROUPS (potential groups: residents, service providers, merchants, environment, transportation, youth, housing)
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- COLLABORATIVE MAP
- PUBLIC FORUM or OPEN HOUSE (2-4 depending on level of intensity)
- POP UP MEETINGS (in different locations)



# OPEN HOUSES



## SUWANEE 20/20 VISION PLAN TOWN CENTER OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY



Suwanee 20/20, Suwanee, GA



Blueprint Binghamton, Binghamton, NY



PUBLIC PRIN

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SHOW & TELL:  
SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND INSIGHTS FOR  
THE CITY AND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Blueprint Binghamton, Binghamton, NY



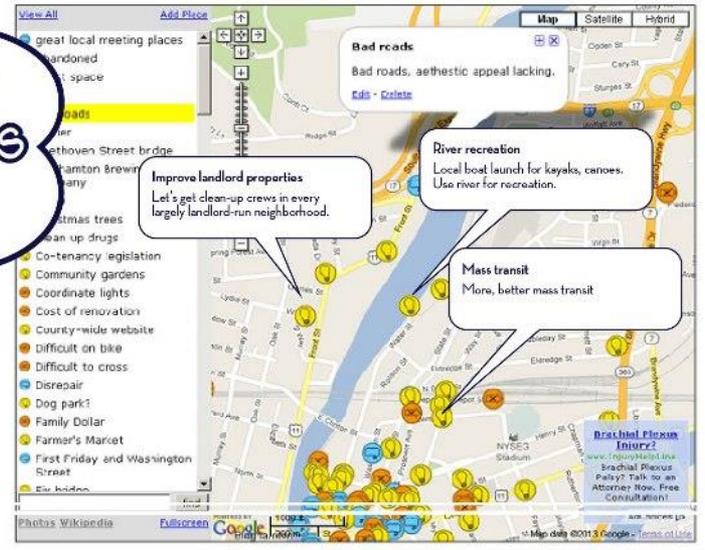
# GOT AN IDEA?

add it to the online Collaborative Map

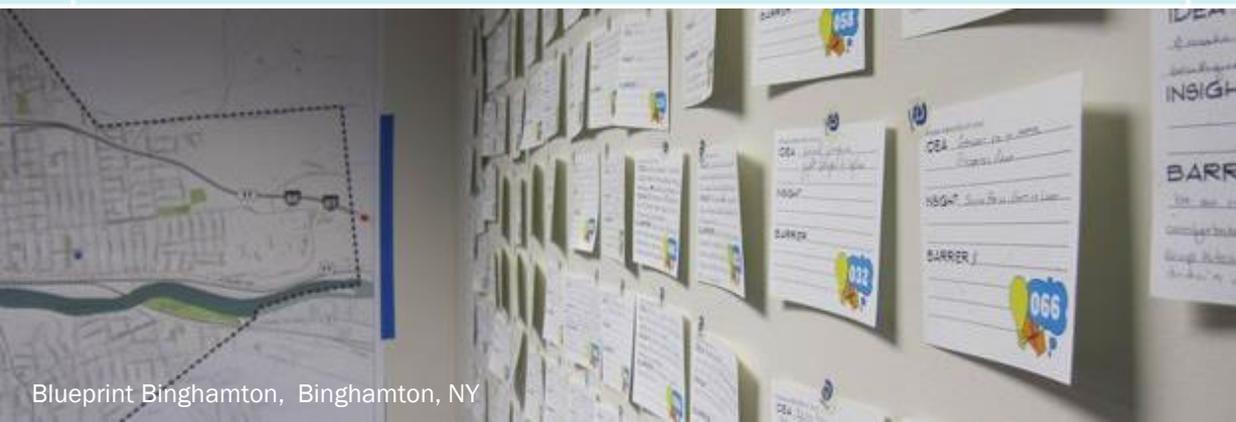
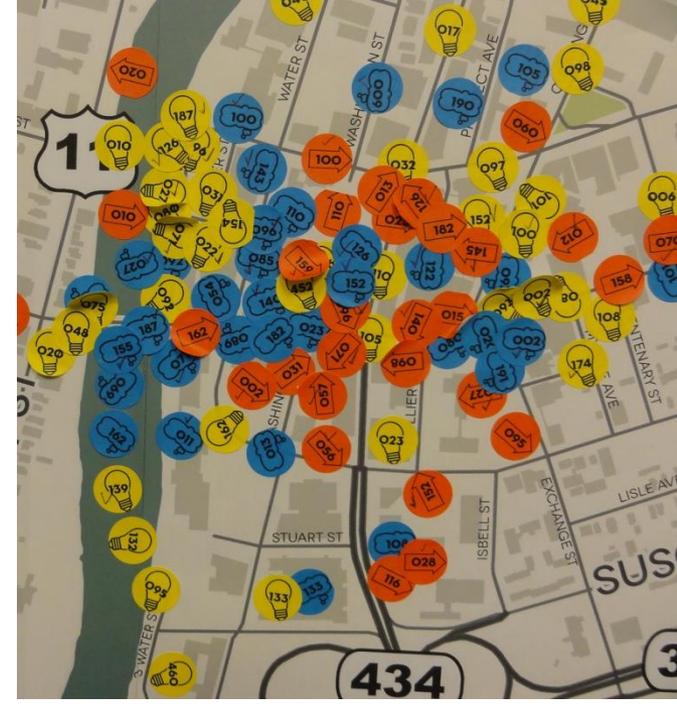
## COLLABORATIVE MAP

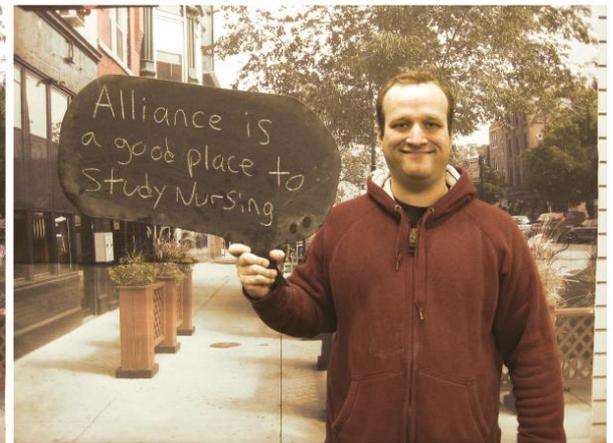
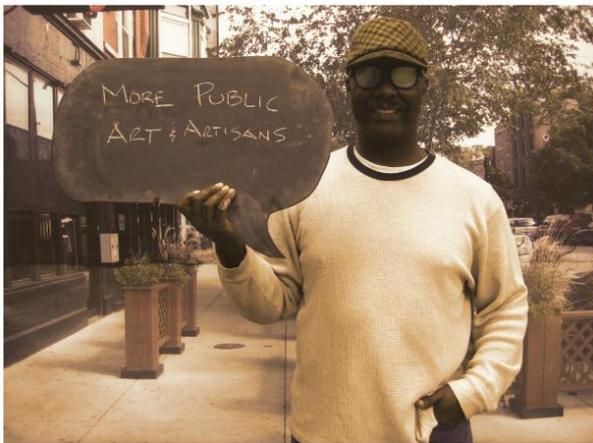
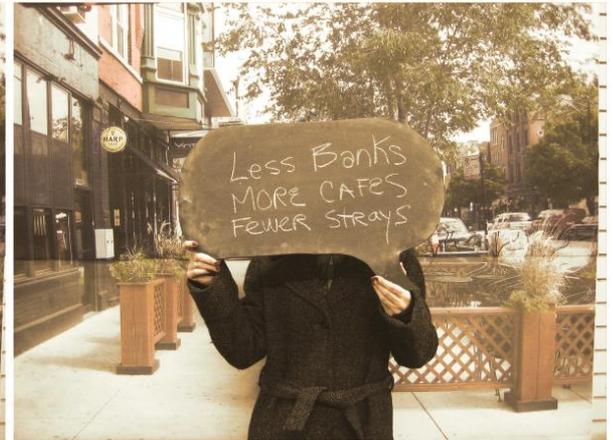
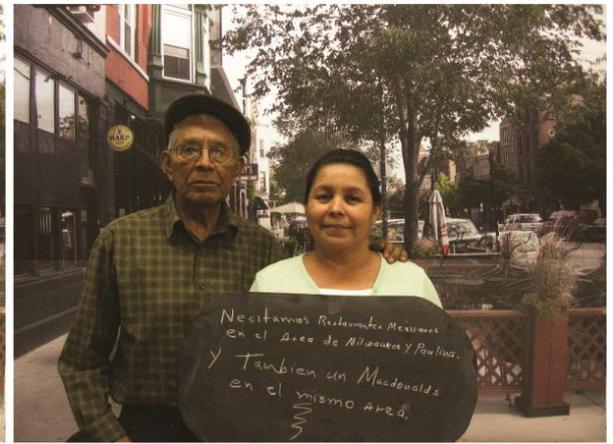
DO YOU HAVE AN INSIGHT OR IDEA FOR A SPECIFIC PLACE IN BINGHAMTON?  
TELL US WHAT IT IS AND SHOW US ON THE MAP!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW MAPPING INSTRUCTIONS](#)



AND SEE WHAT YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE SAYING



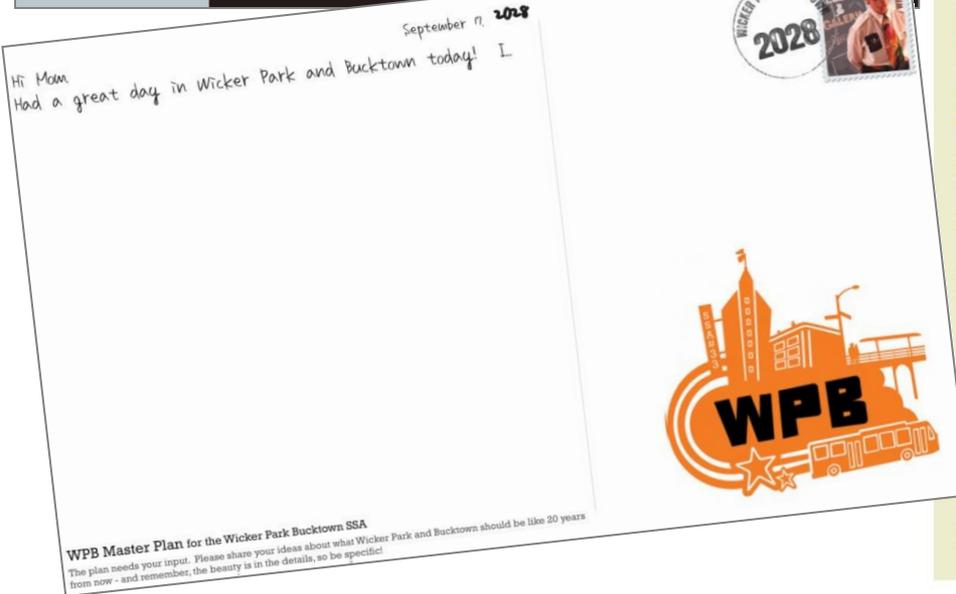
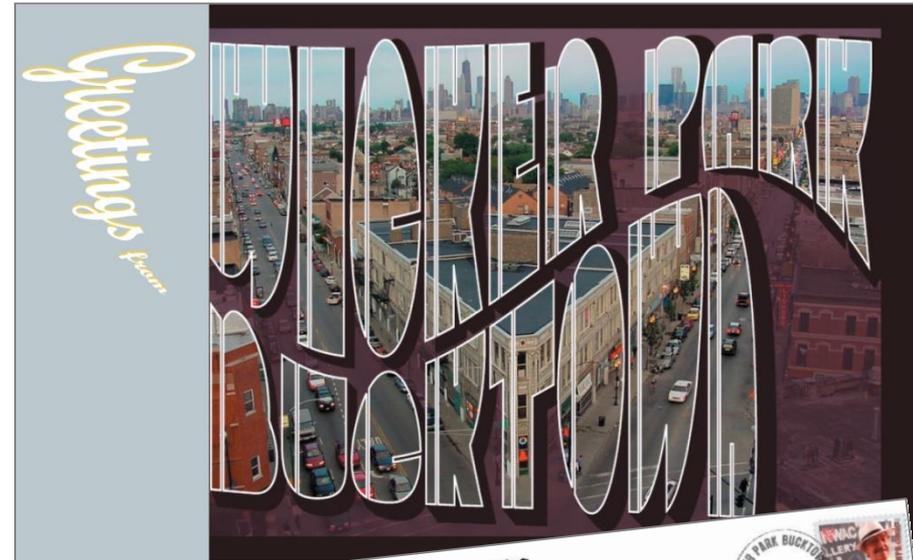


**BIG IDEA**

Wicker Park Bucktown, Chicago, IL

# VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Wicker Park Bucktown, Chicago, IL

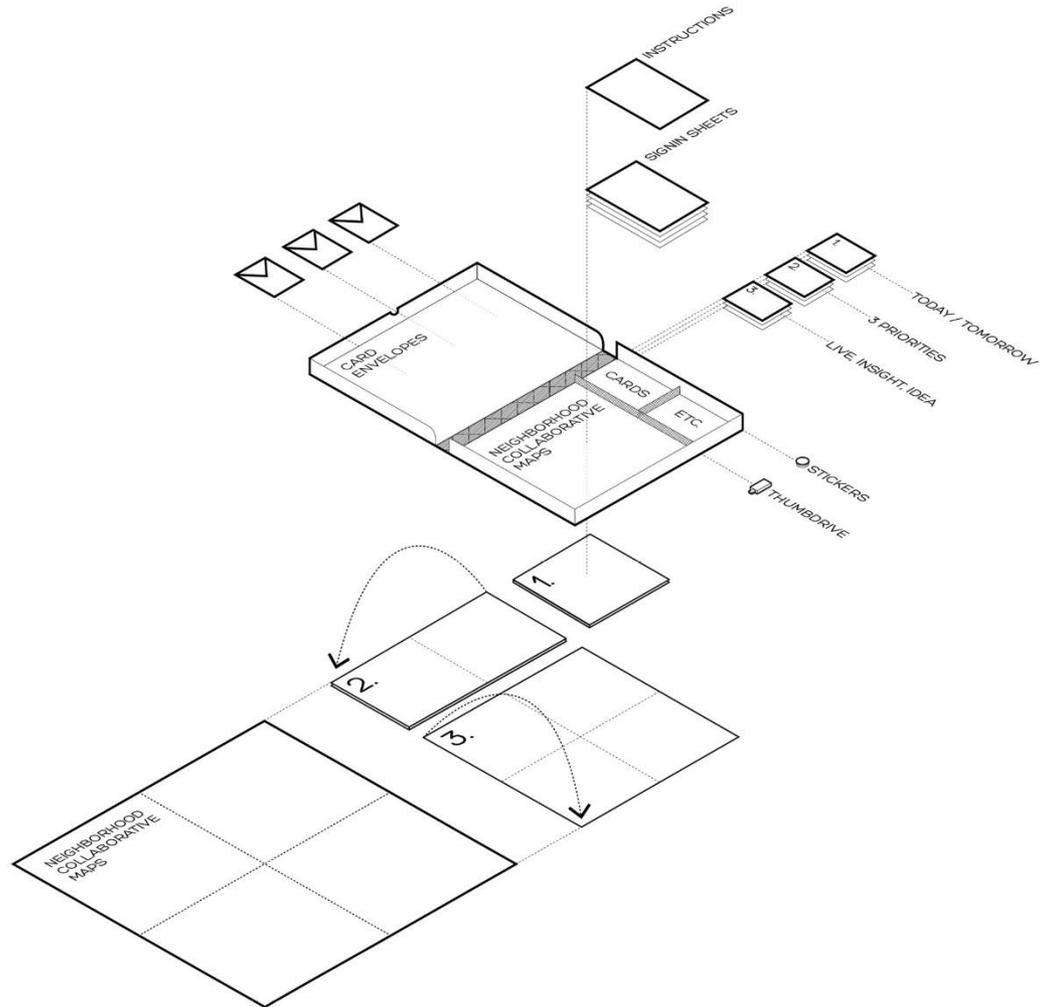


## in 2028...

...much to everyone's surprise, the flat iron building still is all **art studios** and inhabited by artists of all kinds. in fact, now the little banking offices that bank of america built and are always empty now always have **art shows** hanging from floor to ceiling...this intersection is a real hub now! there are lots of **free shuttle buses** to the lake! to old town, to metra (now called the bucktown station), to the clybourn & elston corridors, to humboldt park, just everywhere! i **don't need a car** all weekend!...was really impressed with the amsterdam-style **bike lanes**. rather than having the bike lanes between traffic and parked cars, the lanes are between the sidewalk and parked cars. i was also impressed to see how **green/sustainable** it was... found **parking** on hoyne between the hours of 6-9pm. and the **valet** parkers parked guest cars somewhere that did not affect residents trying to come home from a long day at work...was impressed to learn that if a retail storefront is empty more than a month the owner is required to pay for **posters** that **cover the windows** that have random wicker park bucktown neighborhood facts. very cool!...noticed that the **feeling of community** still lives on. north avenue was alive with many **unique shops** and pleasant places to stop and grab a **quick bite**. the **moving sidewalks** also helped getting us around and allowed us to see much more of the community...was here to see all the **fabulous artwork** at "around the coyote." it is fantastic the way they have upgraded the flat iron building. twenty years ago it was looking really shabby! now there are **artists studios/residences** on the second and third floors and a fantastic **rooftop patio** for **outdoor exhibits**. the main floor is strictly **retail**—that is, artists' work on display and for sale (year round). rents are extremely low due to a subsidy from the city, the building looks fantastic and is truly the **gateway** to the wpb area!...visited several world-class

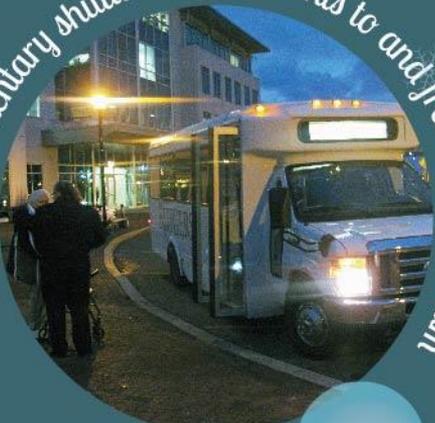
**art galleries**. then went to dinner in a great (one-of-a-kind) **restaurant**. after that i attended a **live music** production. it was a great experience...love all the **old buildings** that have been in the neighborhood forever. it's amazing how the **diversity** of people has remained in the neighborhood and the **eclecticism** that has always characterized wicker park... hung out at the concord court plaza **beer garden**. our hotel is off the plaza in a warren of alleys between milwaukee ave and damen. we rode the **late night trolley** from bars on damen down to division; i drank too much. we rode the bloomingdale trail over to the new **riverfront park**, where **high rises** step over the freeway and terrace down to a **waterfront promenade**... was happy to park in the new **parking garage** on ashland just north of milwaukee/ division in the old k-mart/jewel area. the main story **retail mall** has just opened with parking above. i especially like the central **indoor courtyard** where young artists (on a rotating basis) are allowed to display and sell their artwork. on the upper levels, above the garage is the new **theatre, music and dance auditorium** with a seating capacity of 25,000...love the place. it's a **friendly** place to live, and **fun** at the same time. my girlfriend and i went to have coffee at one of the **small parks** located on milwaukee ave; had a cup of coffee and enjoyed a concert there. we walked along division st where we spent some time at borders, and then we watched a movie at the **independent film center** located right behind the mb bank building...i love living here! it has **everything** you'd want **within a short walk**. the people are **young, hip, and engaging!** this place keeps me young! i'm glad i decided to retire here...

# MEETING IN A BOX CONTENTS



## HOLIDAY PARTY

the complimentary shuttle took residents to and from the Aquarium



community members lingered and discussed their ideas for the neighborhood



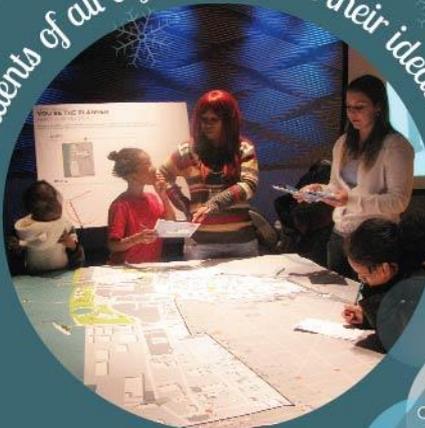
in total, 92 community members attended the event



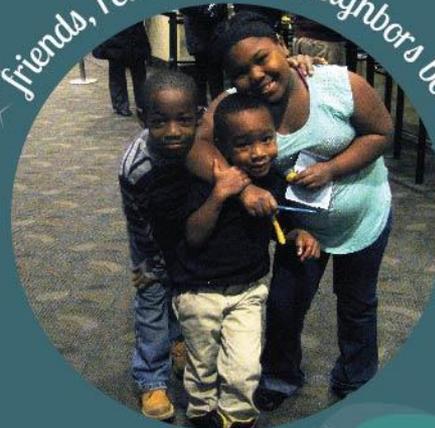
residents enjoyed refreshments



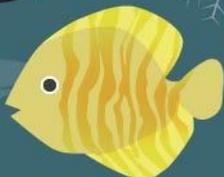
residents of all ages expressed their ideas on a map



friends, relatives, and neighbors bonded



Special thanks to the Adventure Aquarium for hosting this successful event!



# POP-UP EVENT





**INSIGHTS & ideas ABOUT HAMTRAMCK**  
*(and we would love to hear them)*

**- PUBLIC MEETING DEC 8 -**  
 On **Tuesday, December 8th** at **6:00 pm** at the **Hamtramck Public Library**, the second Hamtramck Master Plan public meeting will be held. The planning team will present their work to date, followed by an **open discussion** during which members of the community are invited to share their insights on life in Hamtramck and ideas for how it could be improved.

**- COLLABORATIVE MAPS -**  
 You can participate at your leisure by adding your input to the **HUGE collaborative maps** installed on the first floor of City Hall and in the Hamtramck Public Library. The maps serve as a way to collect the community's **place-specific insights and ideas** for how to improve the quality of life in Hamtramck. You can also contribute your thoughts to the **ONLINE VERSION of the collaborative map!** Check it out at...

**http://tiny.cc/hamtramckplan**

**SPREAD THE WORD!**  
 Please help spread the word about the public meeting and the collaborative maps! We get our most valuable information and our best ideas from members of the community!

**INTERFACE STUDIO**

SYMBOLICAL HEAD  
 ILLUSTRATING THE VARIOUS THEMES OF EVERYDAY LIFE IN HAMTRAMCK

Fig. 22.

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# AND HELP SPREAD THE WORD

**FLYERS** > announcing the online collaborative map, web resources, and major events

**PROJECT PAGE** > providing materials for on-line sharing and distribution

**FACEBOOK FAN PAGE** > peer to peer dialogue

OUR PROCESS:  
**STRATEGY  
DEVELOPMENT**

# [WE LISTEN TO MANY VOICES]

COMMUNITY INTERVIEWS/  
STEERING COMMITTEE

OPEN HOUSE/  
PUBLIC EVENTS

FOCUS GROUPS

WEB PRESENCE



sign up for email updates!

Name   
Email

**submit**

**SHARE YOUR IDEAS**   
*for how to make SUWANEE BETTER!*

**SUBMIT PHOTOS**   
*of what you love & don't love ABOUT SUWANE*

# [THEN WE WEAVE THOSE VOICES INTO ONE VISION]



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# QUALITY OF LIFE



**SAFETY**



**HEALTH**



**EDUCATION**



**JOB**



**COMMUNITY & IDENTITY**



**NEIGHBORHOODS**



**CULTURE**



**PUBLIC SERVICE**

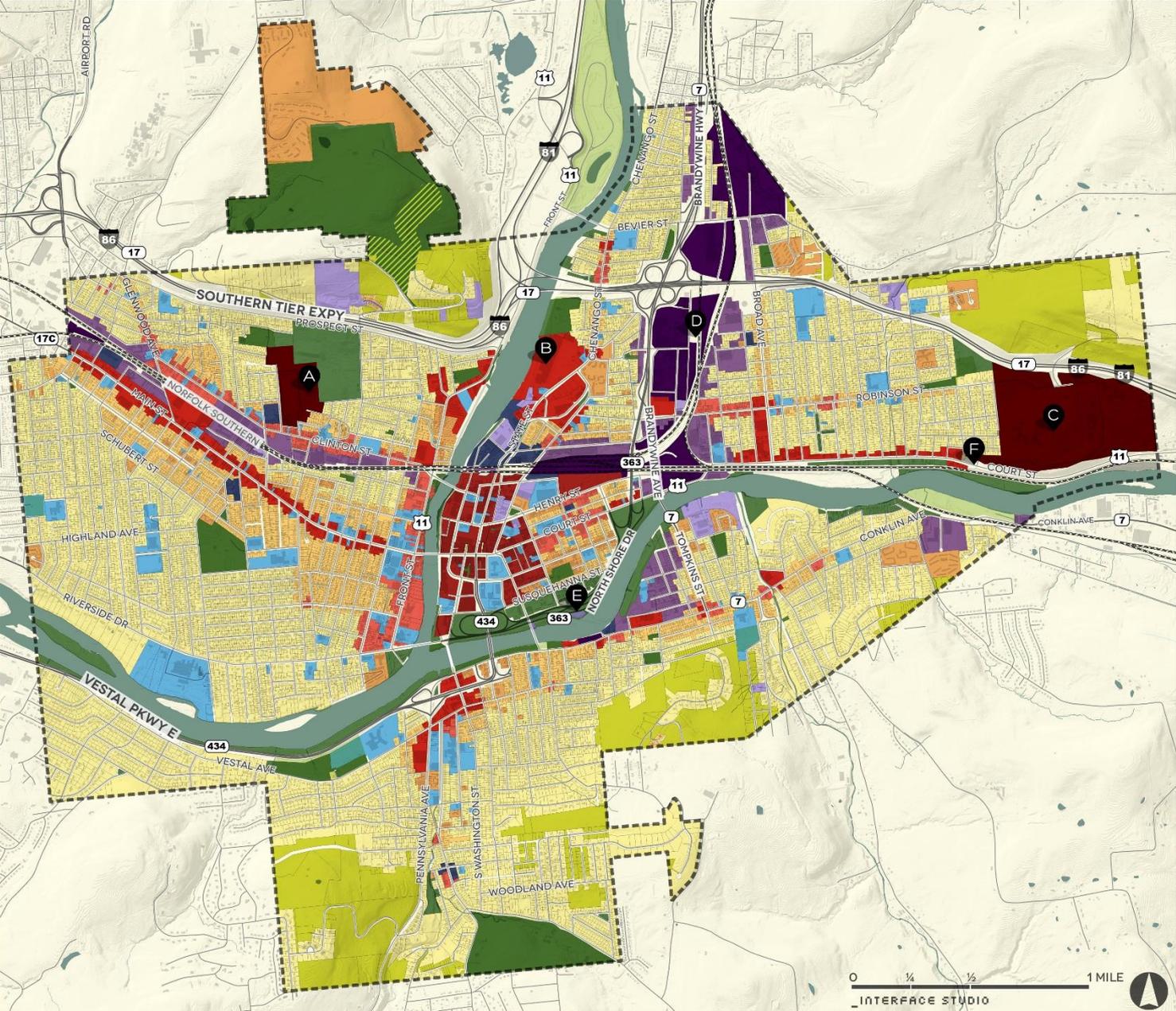


**MOBILITY**



**ENVIRONMENT**

# LAND USE & POLICY



- DOWNTOWN
- TRADITIONAL COMMERCIAL
- GENERAL COMMERCIAL
- GENERAL INDUSTRY
- LIGHT INDUSTRY
- PRODUCTION / MIXED-USE
- URBAN BUSINESS PARK
- SINGLE - FAMILY DETACHED
- SINGLE + TWO FAMILY
- MULTI - FAMILY
- ESTATE RESIDENTIAL
- ESTATE RESIDENTIAL - GOLF COURSE
- INSTITUTIONAL
- UTILITIES
- PARKS & OPEN SPACE

- A: CHARLES ST. BUSINESS PARK
- B: BINGHAMTON PLAZA
- C: GREATER BINGHAMTON HEALTH CENTER
- D: BRANDYWINE INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR
- E: SUSQUEHANNA RIVERFRONT DOWNTOWN
- F: FLOOD-PRONE COMMERCIAL, COURT STREET

# TRANSPORTATION

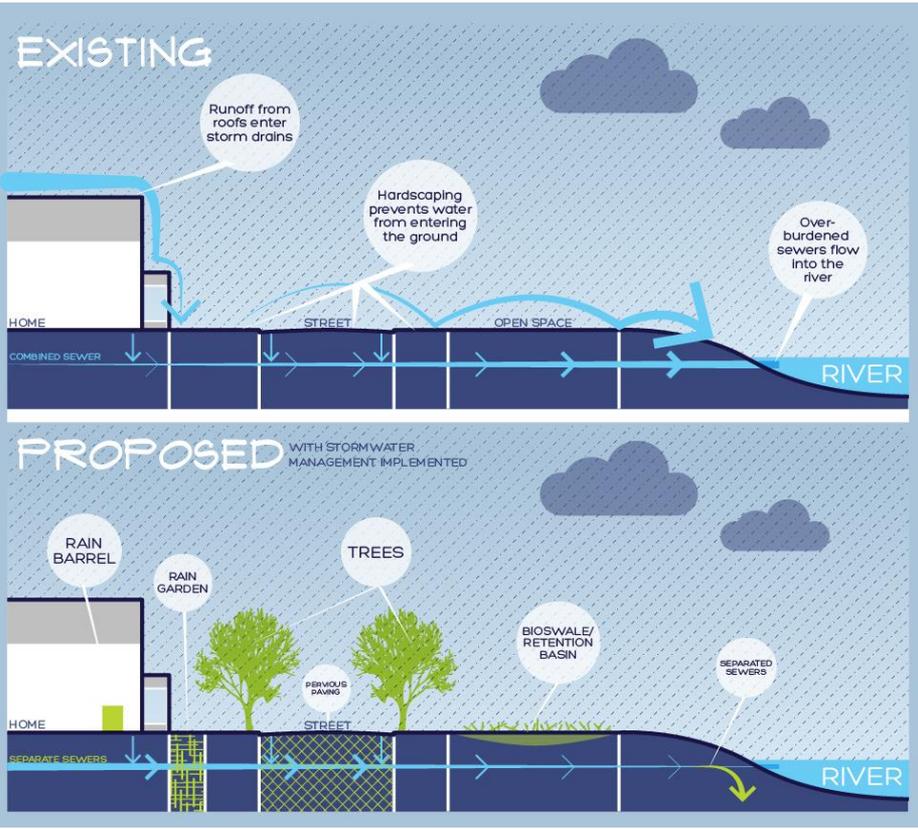


# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL RETAIL, OFFICE, INDUSTRY... JOBS

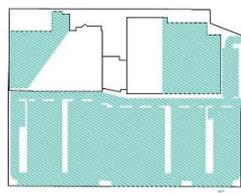
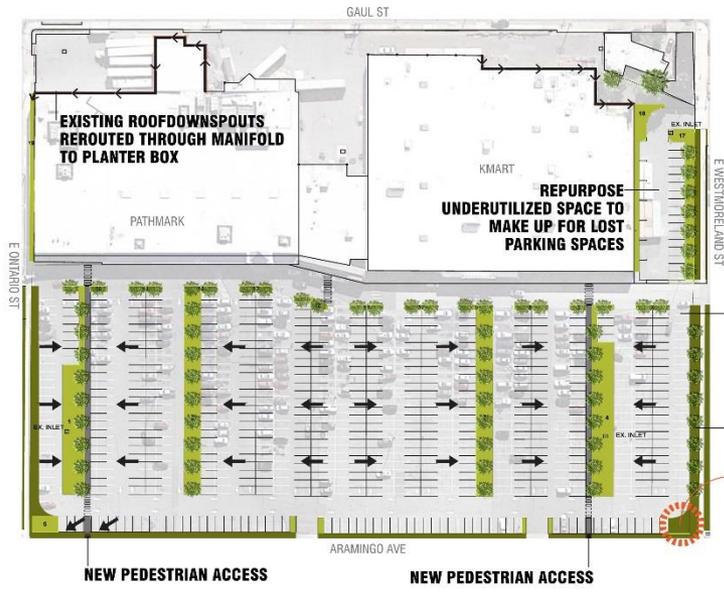


# RESILIENCY



Blueprint Binghamton, Binghamton, NY

# RESILIENCY



THIS SCENARIO CAPTURES THE FIRST INCH OF WATER FROM 255,681 FT<sup>2</sup>

RESTRIPING PARKING LOT ALLOWS FOR CAPTURING WATER AROUND EXISTING INLETS (REGRADEING THE SITE IS NOT REQUIRED)

PUBLIC R.O.W IMPROVEMENT

CORRIDOR GATEWAY OPPORTUNITY

PWD SMIP GRANTS CONTRIBUTE UP TO \$100,000 PER ACRE OF IMPERVIOUS AREA MANAGED, THEREFORE **THE COST OF THIS PROJECT TO THE PROPERTY OWNER COULD BE \$0.00**

ONCE CONSTRUCTED, THE PROPERTY OWNER WILL **SAVE \$2,187 PER MONTH** ON THEIR STOMWATER BILL

- LEGEND
- PRIVATE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (SMP)
  - PUBLIC STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (SMP)
  - EXISTING STORMWATER FLOW



# OPEN SPACE

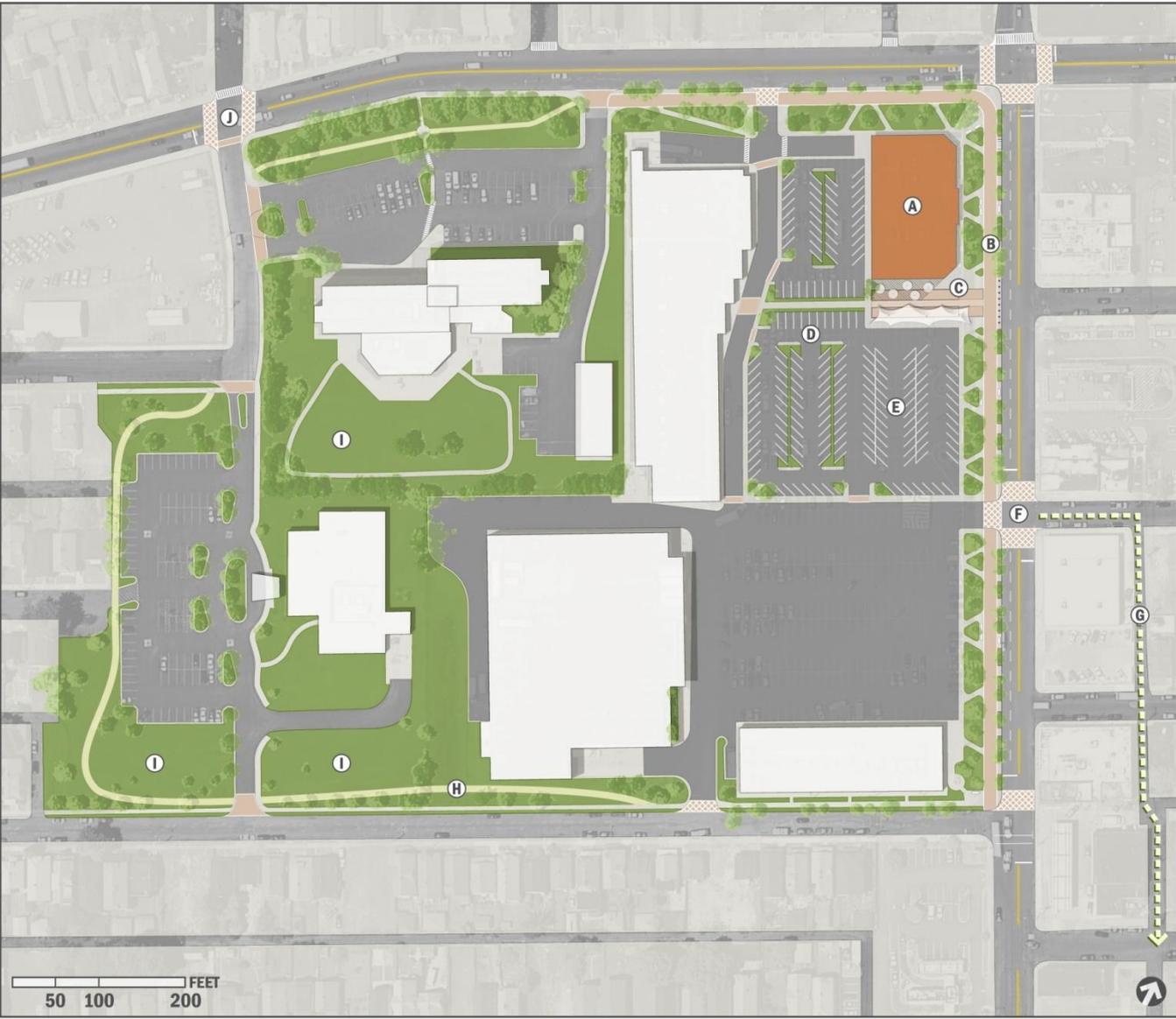


Macon, GA

Improving Tatnall Square, Macon, GA

# CONCEPTUAL AREA PLANS

## TOWN CENTER RETROFIT



- (A)** MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT
- (B)** 16' MULTI USER PATH
- (C)** URBAN PLAZA FLEX SPACE
- (D)** PARKING LOT GREENING & ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS
- (E)** PERMEABLE PAVEMENT TEMPORARY USE FLEX SPACE/ FUTURE DEVELOPMENT SITE
- (F)** CAMPAU BIKE/ PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNAL
- (G)** BIKE CONNECTION TO VET'S PARK
- (H)** MULTI USER PATH
- (I)** RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES
- (J)** HOLBROOK BIKE/ PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNAL

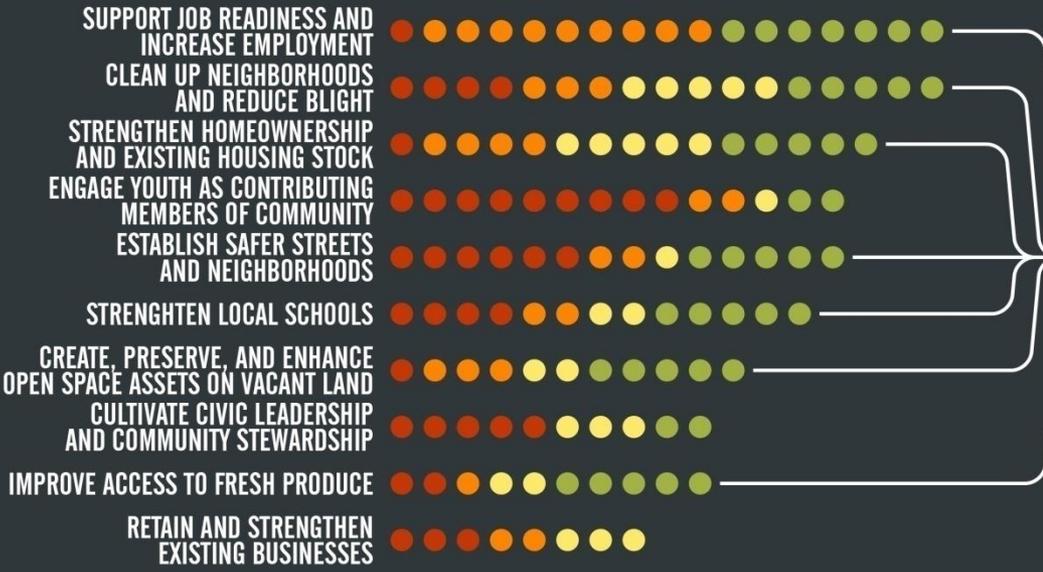
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# IMPLEMENTATION



## COMMUNITY'S TOP 10 PRIORITIES

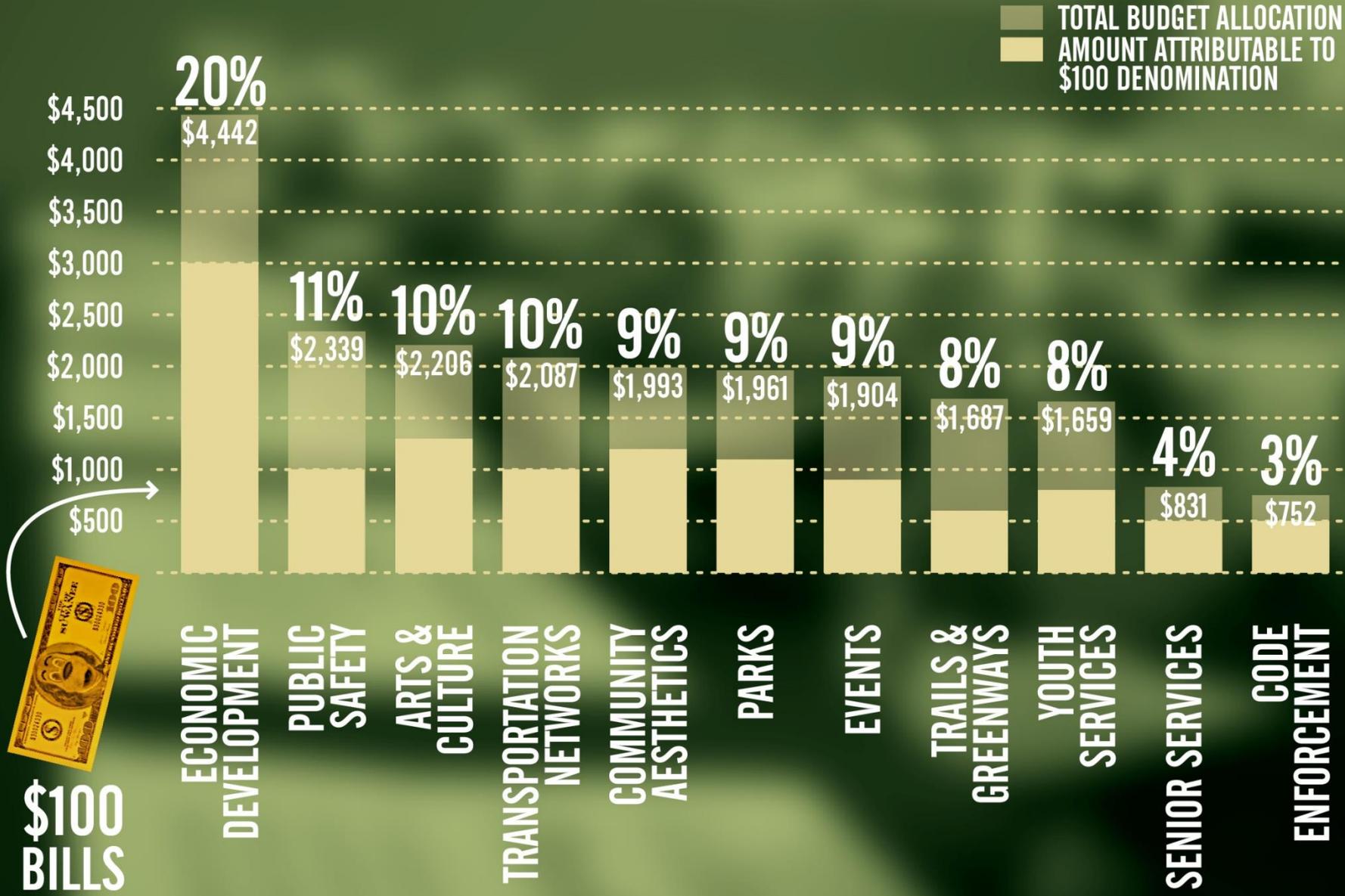


- FIRST PRIORITY RANKING
- SECOND PRIORITY RANKING
- THIRD PRIORITY RANKING
- SHORT-TERM PRIORITY RANKING

**TOP NOW! PRIORITIES**

- + ● ● ● ● ENHANCE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON LANCASTER AVE
- ● ● ● STRENGTHEN LOCAL SCHOOLS

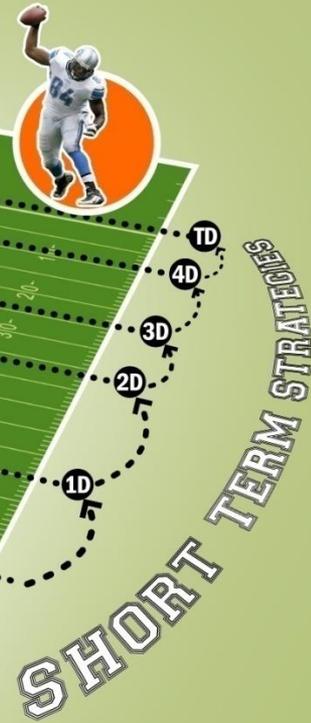
# PRIORITIZATION



# LONG TERM STRATEGIES



THE "HAIL MARY"



THE "RUNNING GAME"

# SCHEDULE





**THANK YOU!**

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