

Public Meeting #1

May 21st, 2025









Welcome Today's Agenda

Meeting Agenda

5:30-7:00 p.m.

- grab some food!
- Welcome
- Brief presentation
- Activity ------ share your thoughts!
- Next Steps ------ stay involved!
- Adjourn



Franklinton Board of Trade

Trent E. Smith Executive Director



Franklinton Board of Trade



2023 Franklinton Board of Trade Survey & 2024 Capital Improvement Requests



REALM Collaborative & the Neighborhood Design Center



Brian Bernstein

Project Lead / Manager / Urban Designer

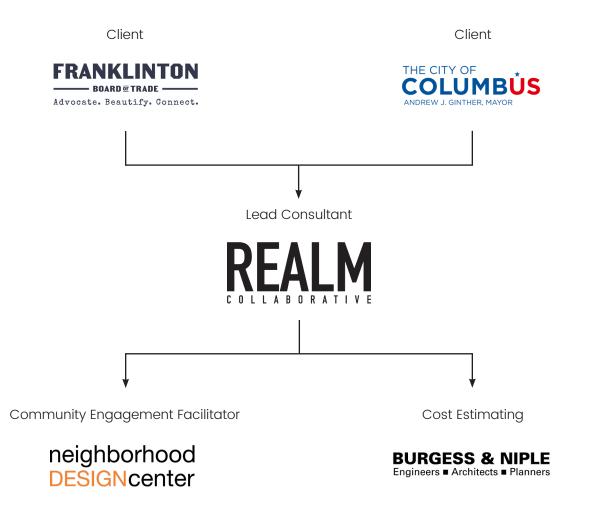
neighborhood DESIGNcenter

Juliana Silveira

Community Engagement Facilitator



Your Team - Who We Are





Introductions Your Team - Who Is Contributing

Public Meetings: YOU!

Aimed at garnering feedback & direction for prioritization of Franklinton Projects.



Working Group:

Provide input on recommendations made by the Team and the Client during the project. They meet bi-weekly.

- · City of Columbus
- Franklinton Residents
- Franklinton Board of Trade
- Franklinton Area Commission
- Consultant Team

Advisory Committee:

Provide input on recommendations made by the Team and the Client during the project. They meet prior to public meetings.

- Franklinton Area Commission
- East Franklinton Review Board
- Franklinton Arts District
- Franklinton Residents

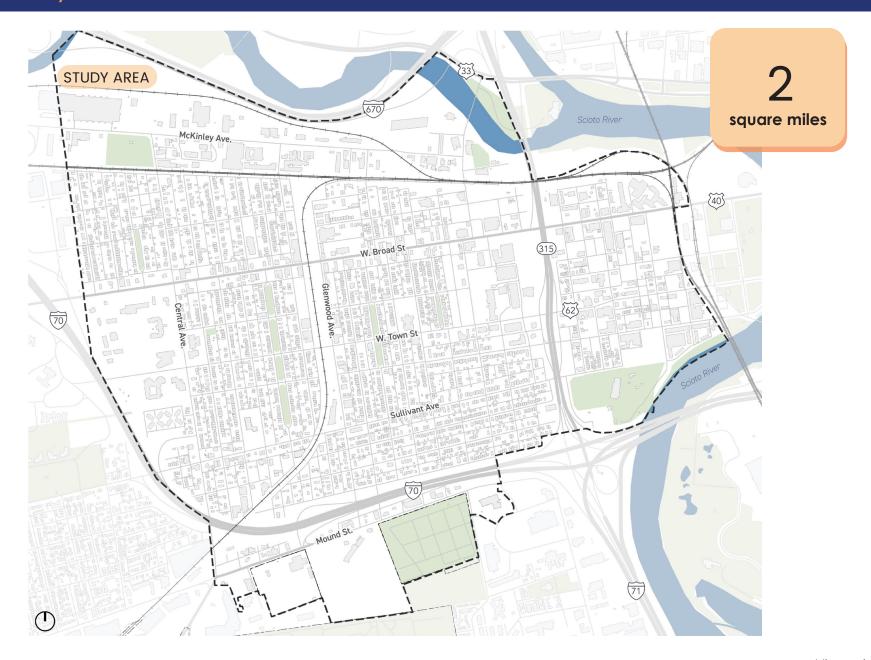
Stakeholders:

Interviewed for their unique perspectives on the community and Study Area. Their interviews will be analyzed and used, with other public input, to shape the prioritization roadmap.

- City of Columbus Departments
- Civic Organizations & Residents
- Business Owners & Organizations



Project Study Area Project Study Area

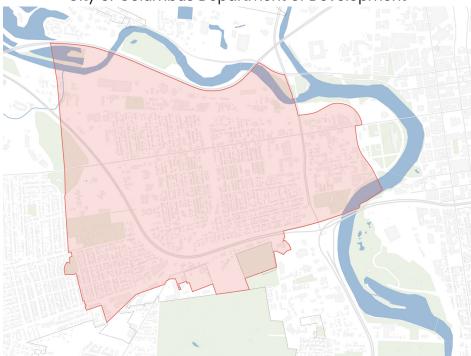




Project Study Area Project Study Area

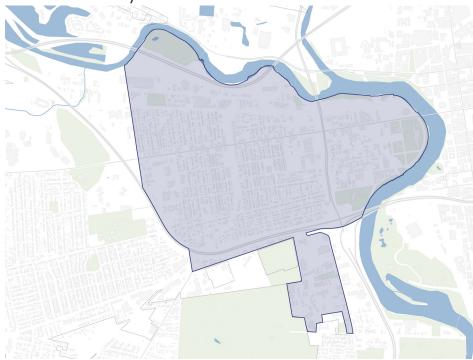
Neighborhood Investment District

City of Columbus Department of Development



Franklinton Area Commission Boundary

City of Columbus Area Commission



Project Phases Project Focus

Phase Goals

Community Engagement Plan

Targeted community and resident-based organization engagement.

Current State Assessment

Contextual analysis to highlight current conditions and prior and existing studies.

Comprehensive Project Opportunity Proposal Report

Create a structured and actionable framework of potential neighborhood improvements.

Establish the Vision

Develop a comprehensive plan that prioritizes projects into 3 timelines.

Project Phases Project Focus

Statement of Outcome

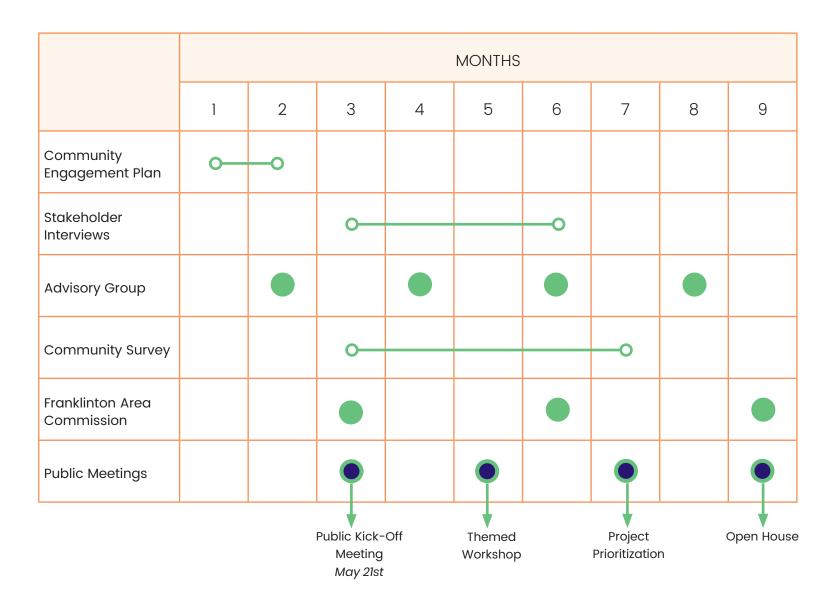
Establish the Vision

Develop action items into a comprehensive plan that prioritizes projects into 3 timelines; short-term, mid-term, and long-term.

These timelines will help
the City target their
investment and encourage
community organizations
to create partnerships
to work towards priority
projects.



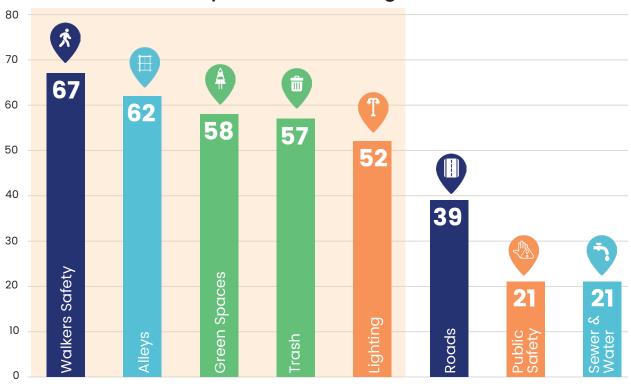
Project Timeline





2023 FCI Survey Responses





81 responses

Other priorities mentioned include:

- · Affordable housing
- Abandoned dogs
- Bike lanes
- Grab & go food options
- Squatters
- Walkability



- · Need traffic calming
- Crosswalk near library
- Replace current sidewalks
- Need crosswalks with flashing lights



 Need more trees & shade, park space



- Unpaved alleys with tree growth partially blocking access
- Residential alleys
- · Prone to flooding



- Trash set on fire
- Illegal dumping
- Trash cans left out



- · More lighting needed:
 - Everywhere
 - Alleys
 - Underpasses
 - Cypress & State



2023 FCI Survey Responses by Category



WALKERS SAFETY

Priority Ranking: 1

Top locations:

- Library (4)
- W Walnut, Gift, McDowell, Lucas, and Town (2)
- 3. E Franklinton Commercial Hub (BrewDog, Land Grant, etc.) (2)
- 4. Avondale, Gladden (2)
- 5. Walnut between McDowell & Gift (2)
- 6. Throughout (2)



ALLEYS

Priority Rankina: 2

Top locations:

- 1. Alleys on W Walnut St. between McDowell & Gift (7)
- 2. All alleys in Franklinton (6)
- 3. All alleys West of 315 (2)
- 4. South of Sullivant (2)



GREEN SPACE:

Priority Ranking: 3

Top locations:

- Everywhere (5)
- 2. Green space at Dodge Recreation Center (3)
- 3. Avondale Ave between Town & Sullivant and near State (2)



TRASH

Priority Ranking: 4

Top locations:

- Alleys trash and fires set (11)
- Everywhere (4)
- Residential streets (2)
- 4. Alleys trash cans are left out all the time (2)



LIGHTING

Priority Ranking: 5

Top locations:

- Everywhere (6)
- Alleys (4)
- Cypress St. (2)
- 4. Under bridges (2)



ROADS

Priority Ranking: 6

Top locations:

- Throughout neighborhood (4)
- Broad St and Broad & Central(3)
- Broad St, Town, and Rich (2)
- 4. Town & South Yale Ave (2)



PUBLIC SAFETY

Priority Ranking: 7

Top locations (in no particular order):

- Sullivant Ave corridor (1)
- Town & Hawkes (1) Wedgewood (1)
- High crime areas (1)
- Glenwood & Town (1)



SEWER & WATER

Priority Rankina: 7

Top locations (in no particular order):

- West Park near Sullivant (1)
- Sullivant Ave, between Rich & Thomas
- Businesses on Harrison Rd at McKinley Ave (1)
- 4. Campbell & Hawkes, from Hawkes to Glenwood, and along Thomas Ave (1)
- 5. Martin & Bellows (1)
- Alley against RR tracts at Princeton (1)
- Alley by FBOT (1)
- Cypress & State (1)
- Hayden, North Princeton (1)
- 10. Avondale near Sullivant (1)



"Everywhere" or "Throughout" is mentioned 21 times

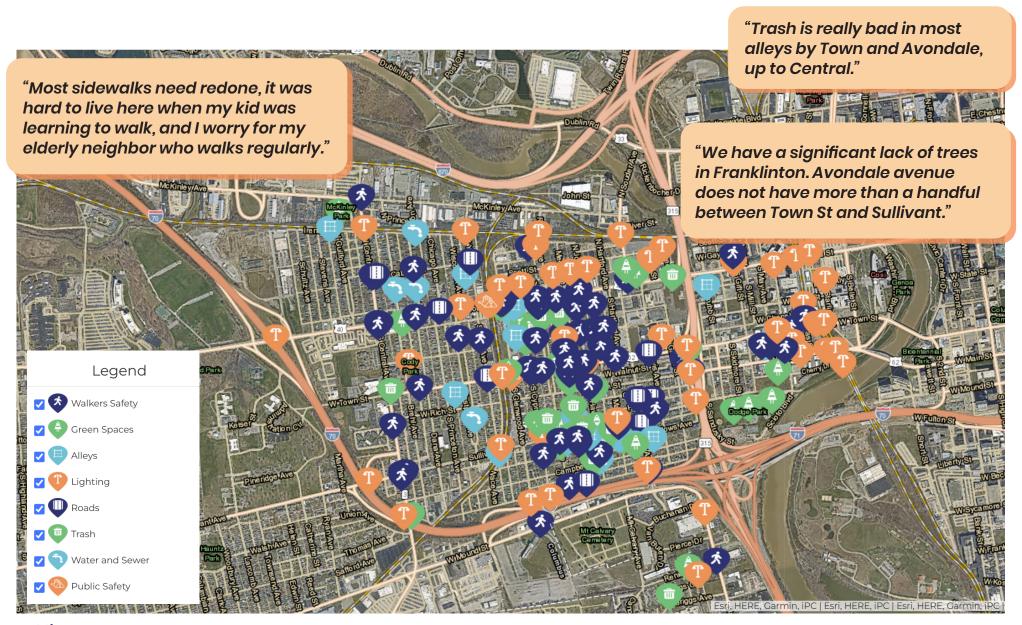
"Alleys" is mentioned 19 times (outside of the "Alleys" category)

"Walnut." "Gift." "McDowell" are each mentioned 11 times "Town" is mentioned 7 times

"Sullivant" is mentioned 6 times



2023 FCI Survey Responses by Category Mapped



Requests Resulting from 2023 FCI Survey

2024 Franklinton Area Commission Capital Improvements Requests

Priority #1: Recreation and Parks

Dodge Park

Large tree plantings

McKinley Park

- Evaluation of space for more inviting use; additional parking Acquisition for a Park
- Northwest and southeast corner of Glenwood Ave & Town St.
 Sullivant Gardens Community Center
- Update on status of soccer fields & assessment of future interior improvements from 2023 budget

Priority #2: Walkers Safety

Harmon Ave. South of Renick St.

Add sidewalks

Broad St. at Dakota

• Pedestrian island with crosswalk

Add sidewalks

 North-South directional streets between Sullivant Ave. & Thomas Ave, specifically Dakota, Avondale, Hawkes, Martin, & Cable

Bike safety

• Barriers for bike lanes on Broad St.

Raised crosswalks

- Broad St. at Dana Ave
- Glenwood
- Town St. around the library, Avondale Elementary, and Gladden Community House

Priority #3: Public Service (Alleys)

Irene Alley

- Widen, level, reinforce, brought up to safety standards Gay St. between Glenwood & Rodgers
- · Widen, level, and reinforce

Priority #4: Public Service (Lighting)

Dark Zone Assessment of neighborhood

Replace lighting to LED bulbs & downward-facing lighting fixtures along major throughways

Add lights to areas where lighting is non-functioning

- Cable Ave.
- Glenwood Ave at Gay St
- Gay St. between Glenwood and Rodgers
- Alley between Rodgers and Meek
- Alley between Meek and N Jones
- Alley between N Jones and N Hartford
- Foos St between Scott St and Gay St
- Scott St at N Green St
- Starling St between W Broad and W State St
- W Town St at S May Ave, McDowell St, and Lucas St
- W Rich St at W Cherry St

Priority #5: Recreation and Parks – New Park North of McKinley

Development of approx. 75 unused acres of land north of McKinley Ave behind COTA into a park with a primary entrance from Franklinton



Stakeholder Interviews

Business Stakeholders

May 6th - 11:30a-1p

Concerns:

- Sidewalk conditions
- Busy thoroughfares inviting traffic to already dangerous conditions
- Pedestrian safety at intersections
- Limited parking

Recommendations/Wants:

- City-owned paid parking lot on land bank property or a trolley
- Branding & placemaking to increase continuity across Franklinton
- Public art and consistent wayfinding & signage
- Brighter streetlights for safety
- Increased tree canopy coverage mindful of storefront visibility
- Investments prioritized and implemented in stages
- Increasing collaboration between businesses

City Department Stakeholders

May $7^{th} - 3 - 4p$

Updates on Ongoing Plans/Projects:

- LinkUS plan & scope
- Bike+ Plan and Vision network

Current or recently completed plans:

- Blueprint Columbus
- Saunder Ave Bridge connection to Scioto Trail
- Recreation & Parks improvements
- Aesthetic & lighting improvements to State St railroad underpass

Other Highlights:

- Residents want to encourage further development in West and South Franklinton
- Sidewalk conditions and ADA compliance an issue
- LinkUS's potential impact on already limited parking
- Past alley improvements have been cost prohibitive, may require a more creative solution

Departments represented:

Public Utilities, Economic Development, Mobility & Parking, Traffic Management, Engineering, Planning, Recreation & Parks

Civic Group Stakeholders

May $9^{th} - 4-5:30p$

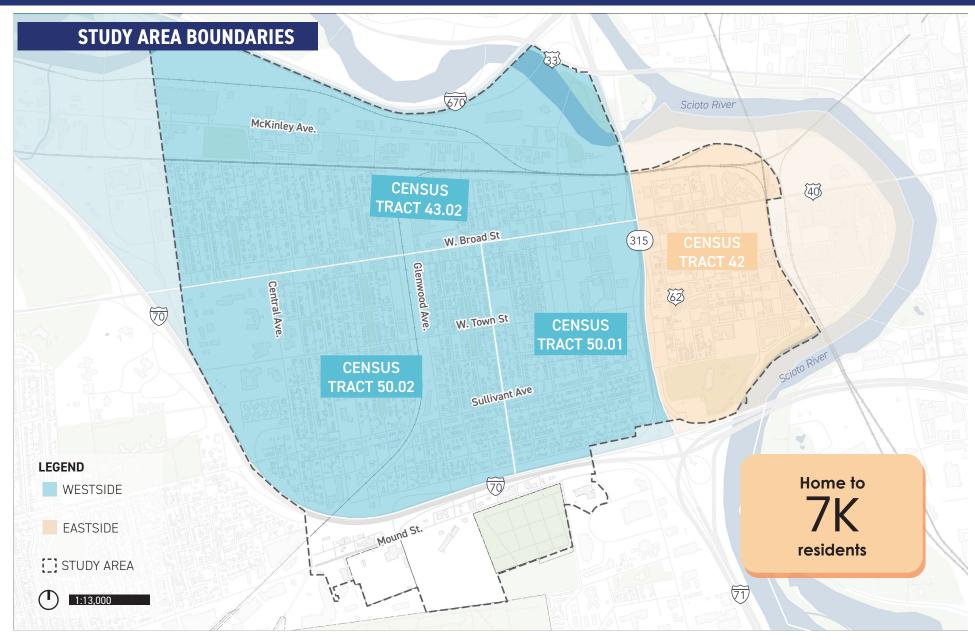
Concerns:

- Improvements needed to pedestrian and vehicular infrastructure
- Limited safe connectivity between East & West Franklinton keeps families from civic facilities
- Unsafe traffic conditions speeding & disobeying stop signs
- Lack of adequate tree canopy
- Lack of communication about AEP & City tearing down trees
- Lack of amenities within community leads to feelings of neglect & safety concerns

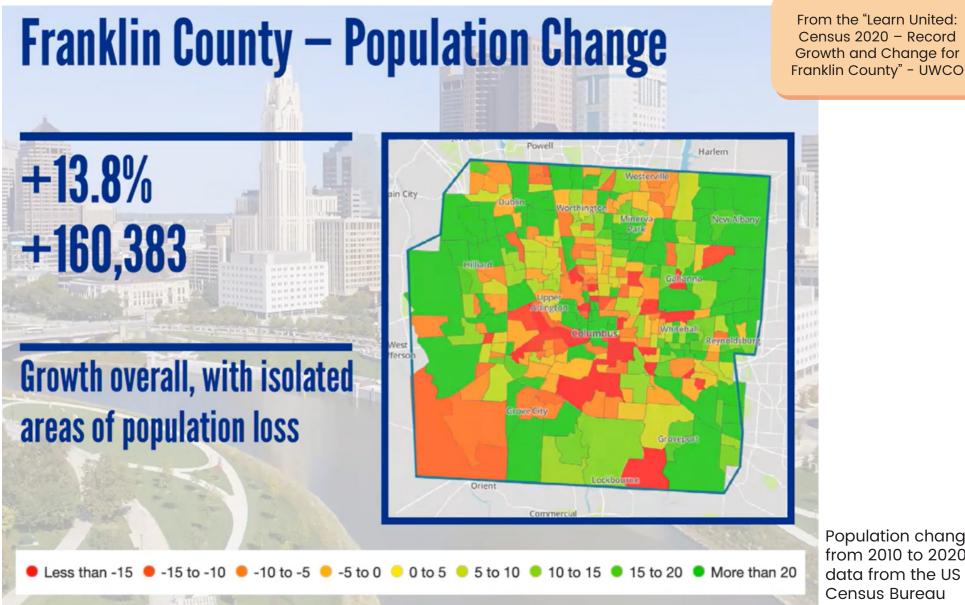
Recommendations/Wants

- Improve connectivity, lighting, & beautification efforts
- A Franklinton tree planting program

Study Area



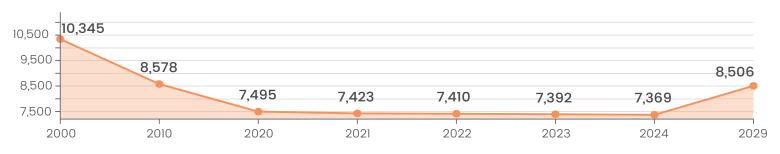
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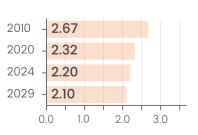
Population change from 2010 to 2020. data from the US Census Bureau

Community Change Snapshot

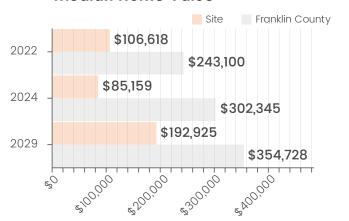




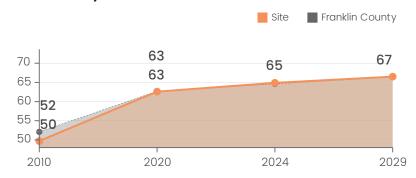
Avg. Household Size



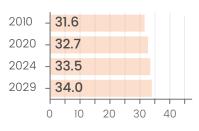
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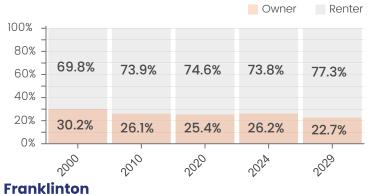
Diversity Index



Median Age



Owner vs Renter Occupied Units



2000-2020 Compound **Annual Growth Rate**







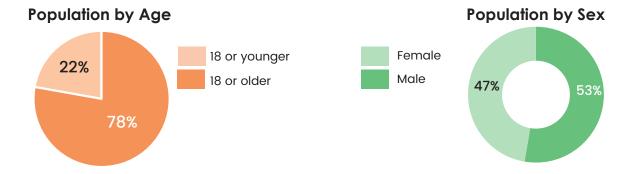
Total Housing Units: Past, Present, Future

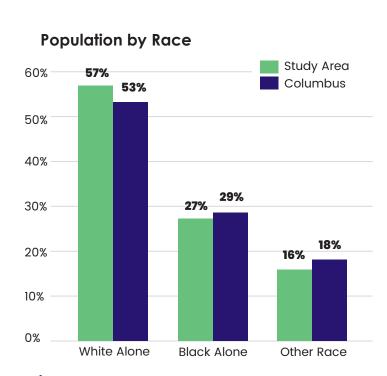


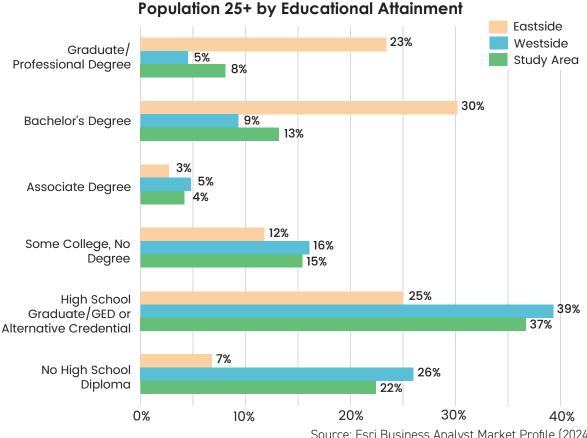
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2024 Study Area Population

7,369



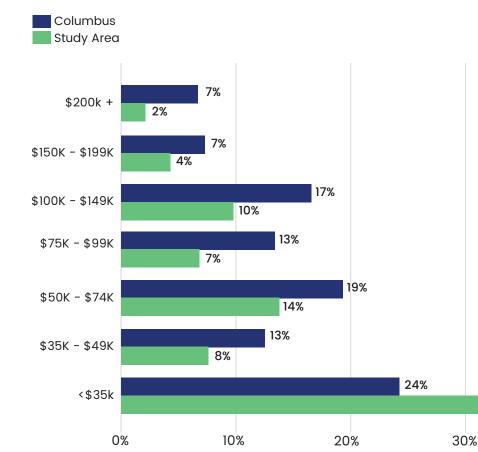




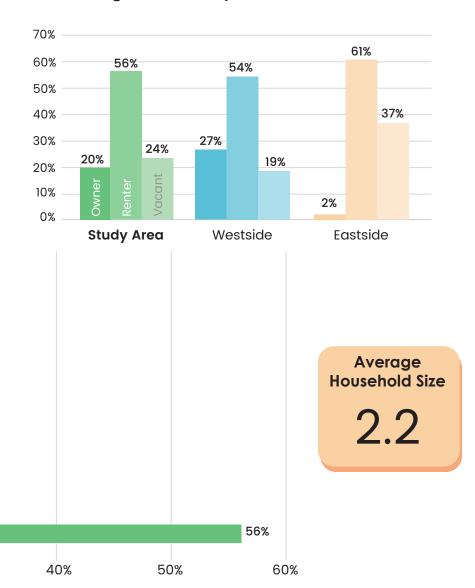
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Households by Income

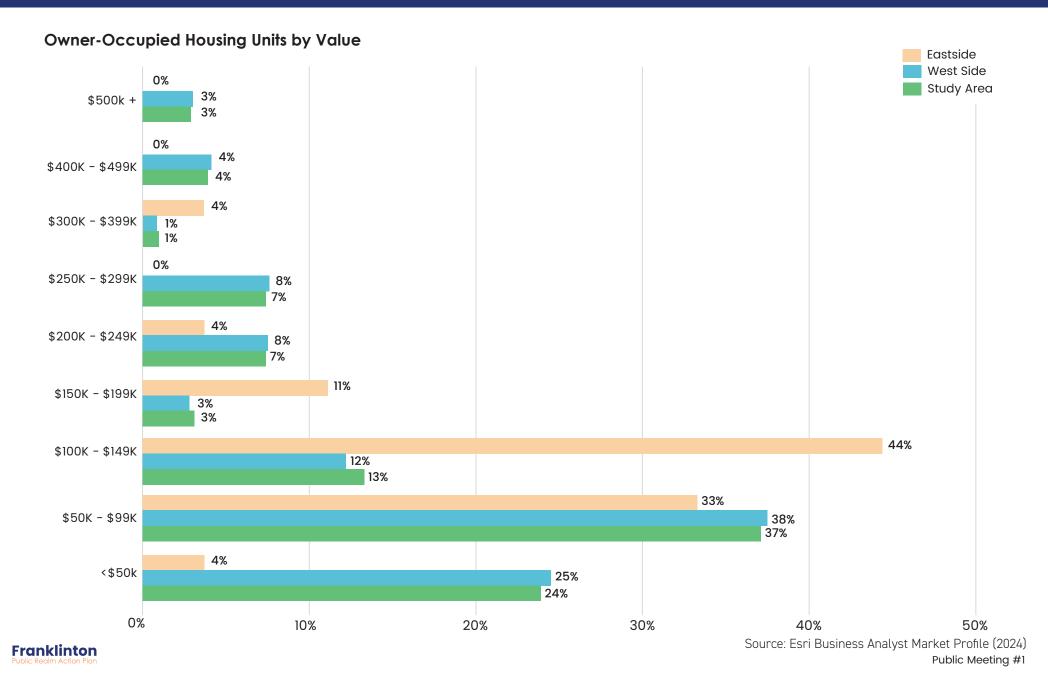


Housing Unit Summary

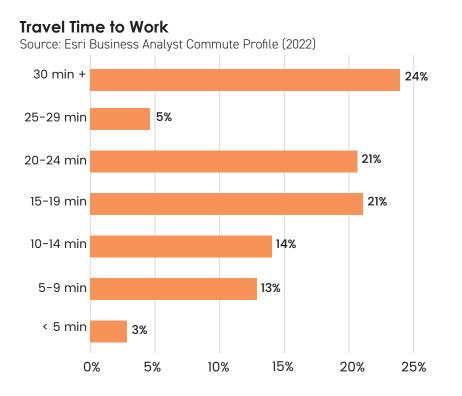


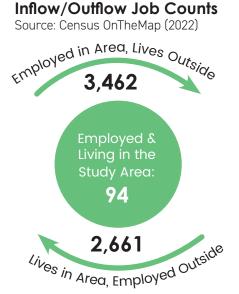


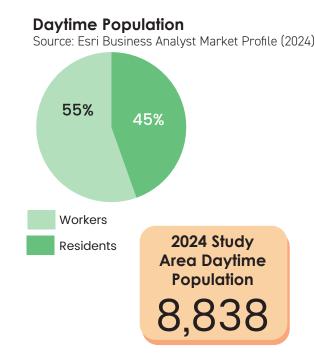
Existing Conditions Demographics



Demographics





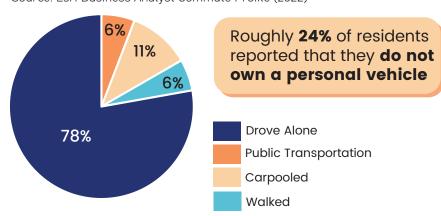


Civilian Population 16+ in the Labor Force

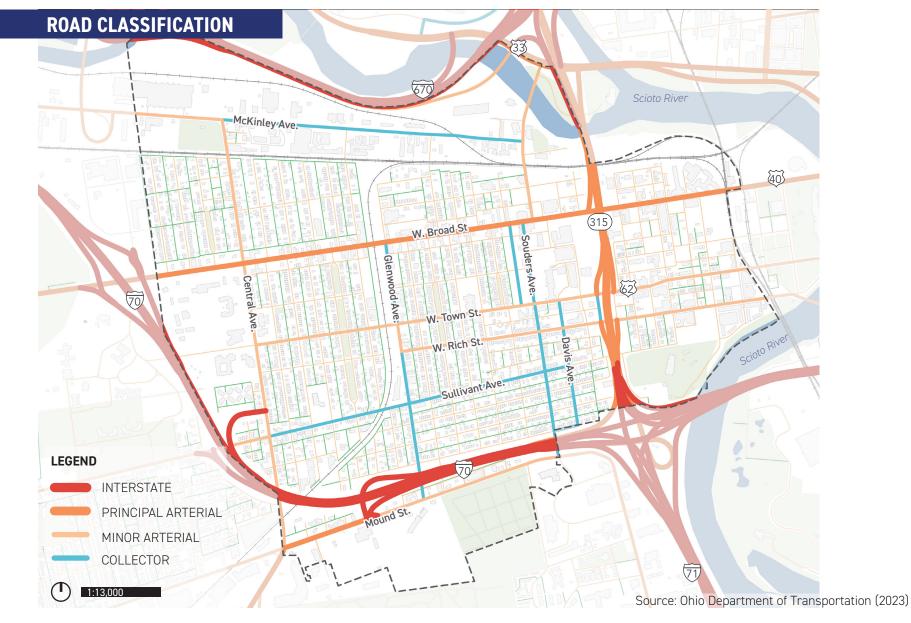
Source: Esri Business Analyst Market Profile (2024) 97% 94% 100% 80% **Study Area** 60% **Employed** 40% Unemployed Columbus 20% 6% 3% **Employed** 0% Unemployed **Study Area** Columbus

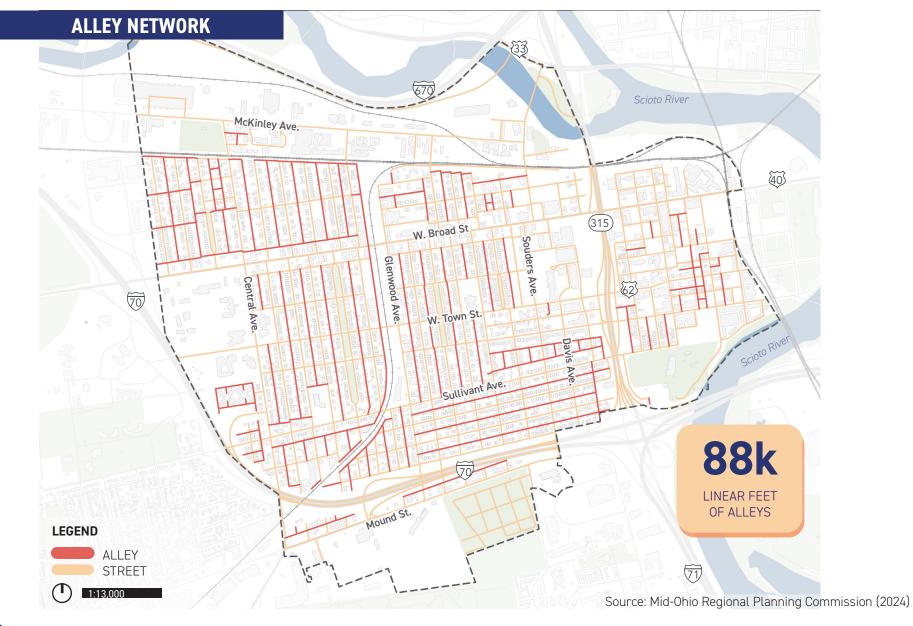
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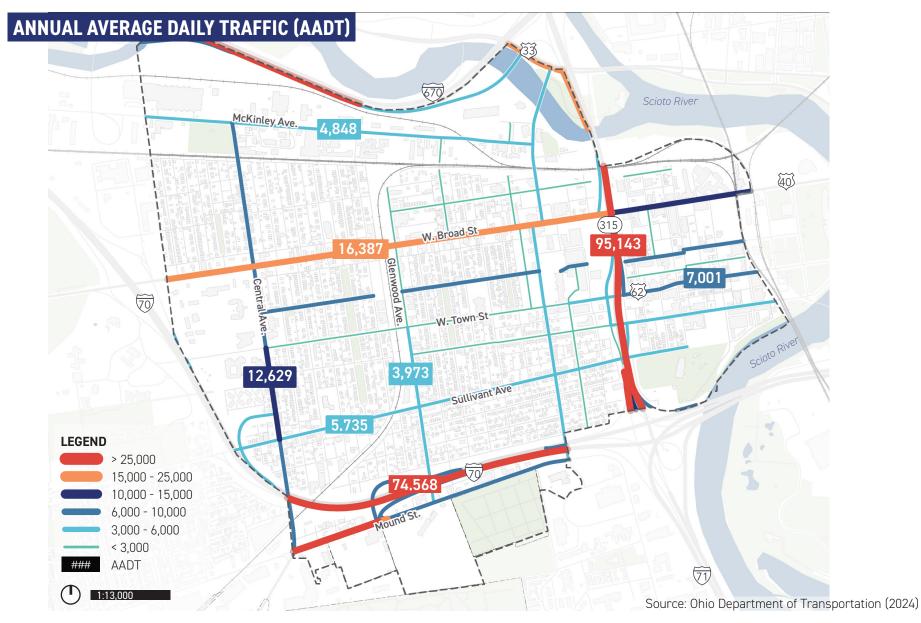
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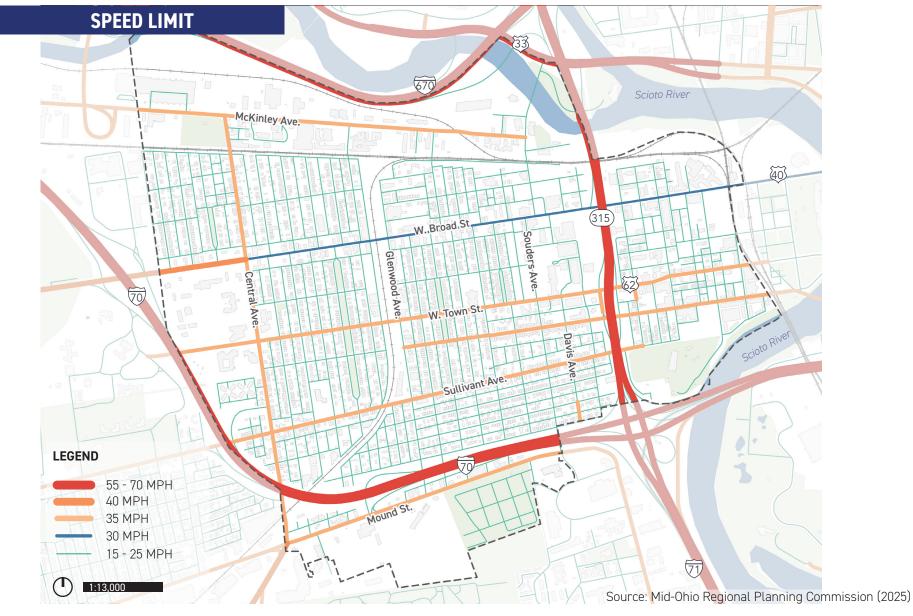




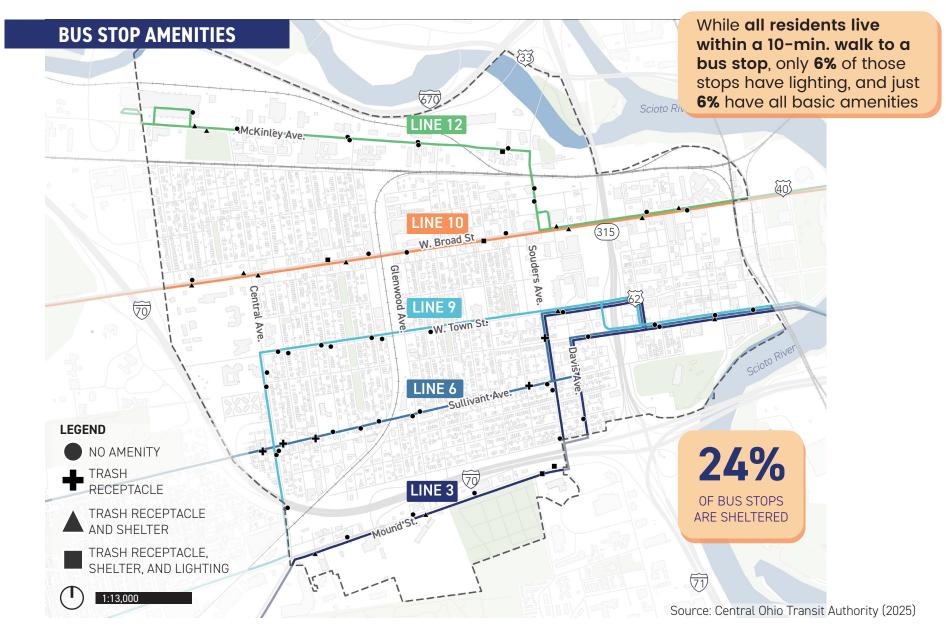




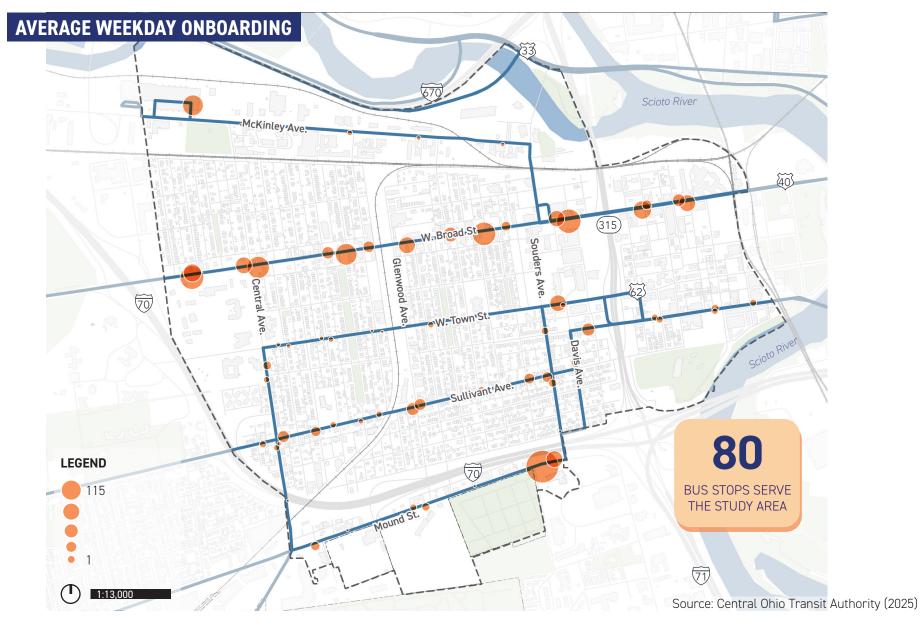




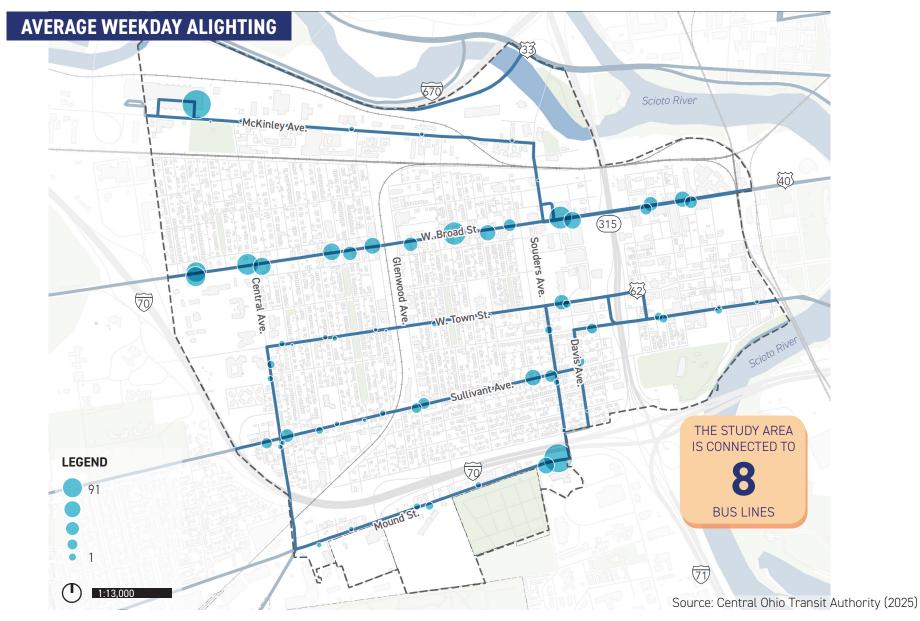
Existing Conditions Physical Inventory - Bus Network



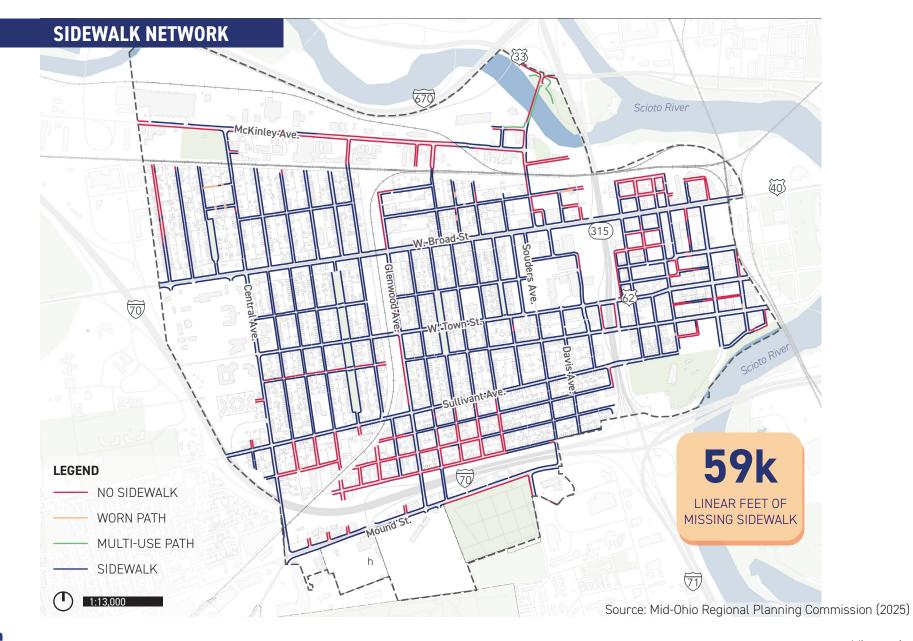
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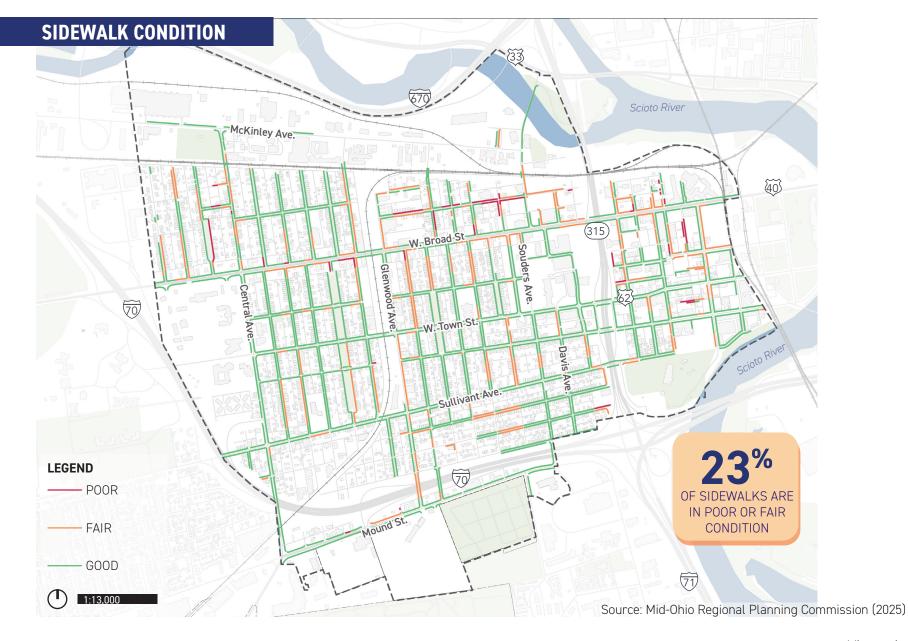
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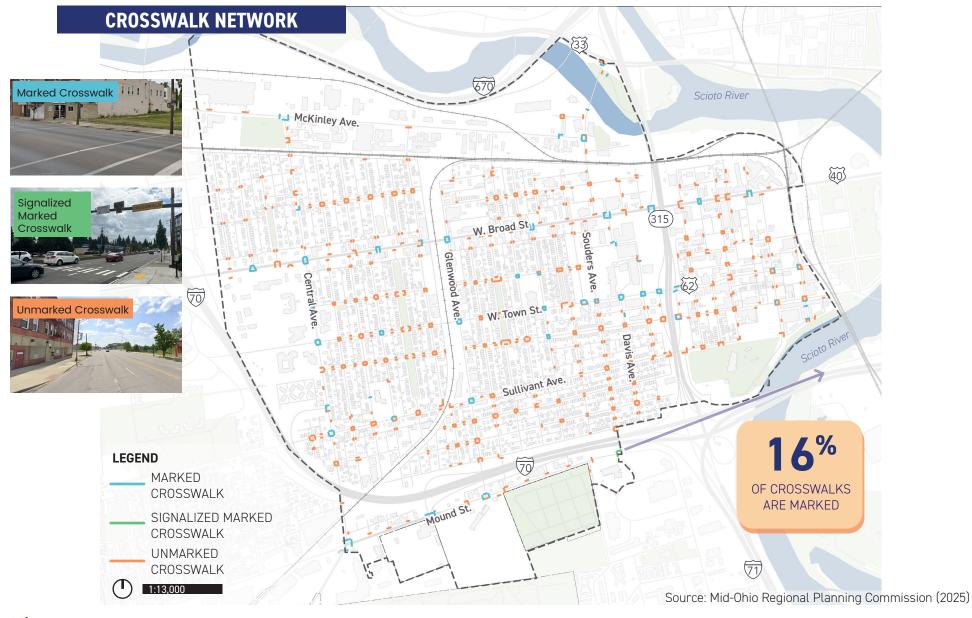
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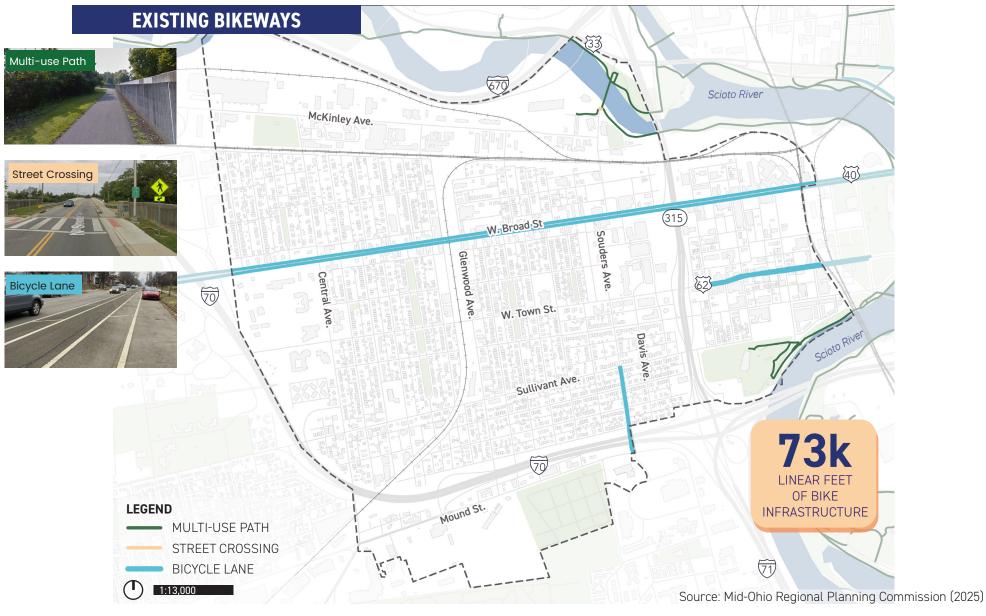
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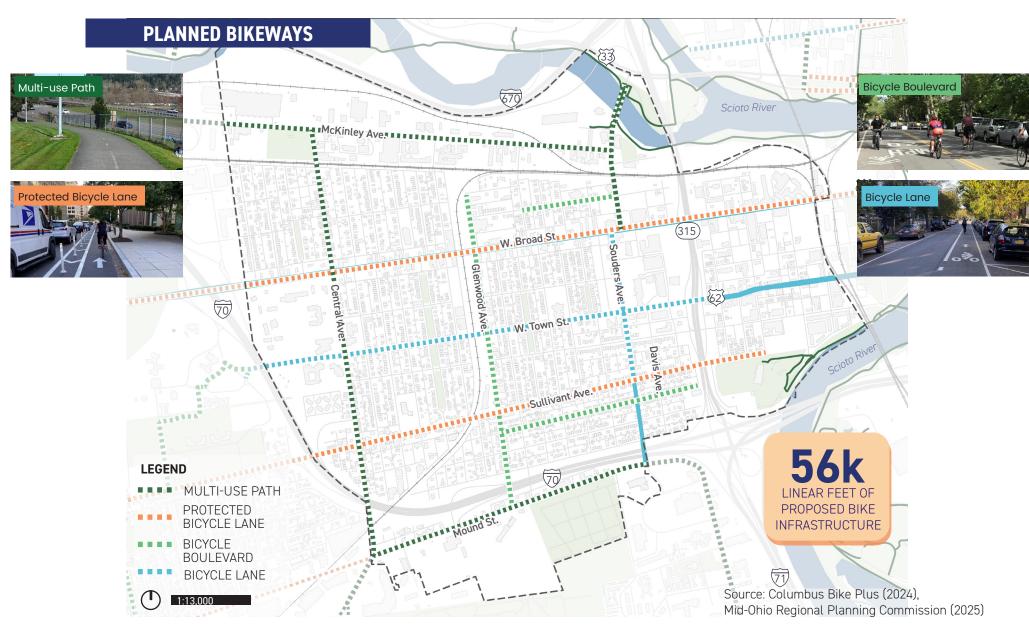
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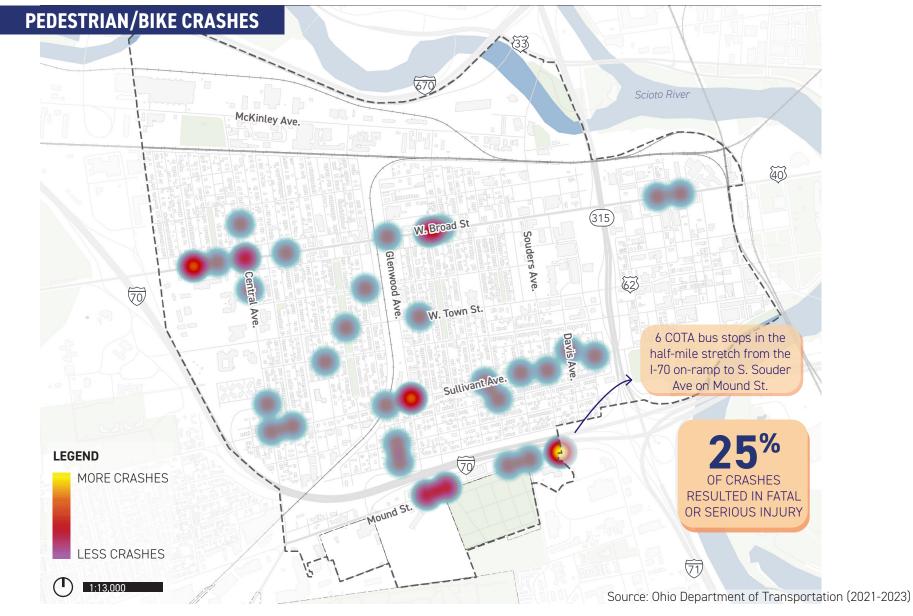
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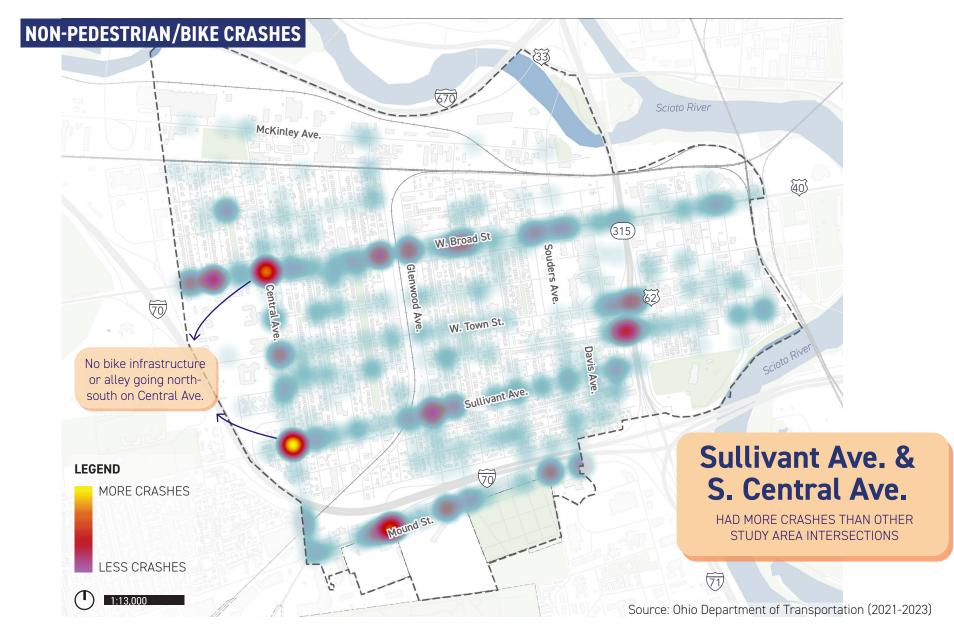
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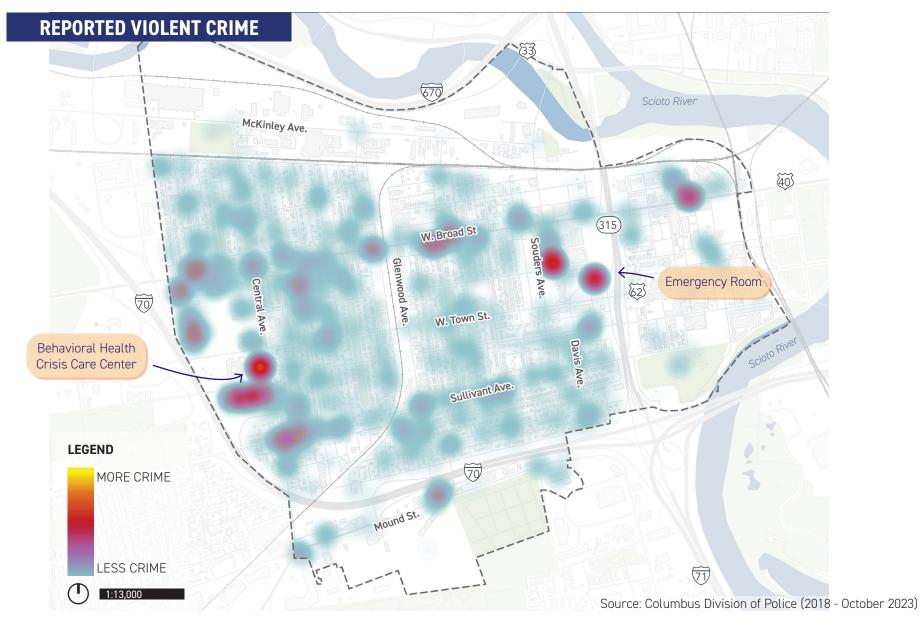
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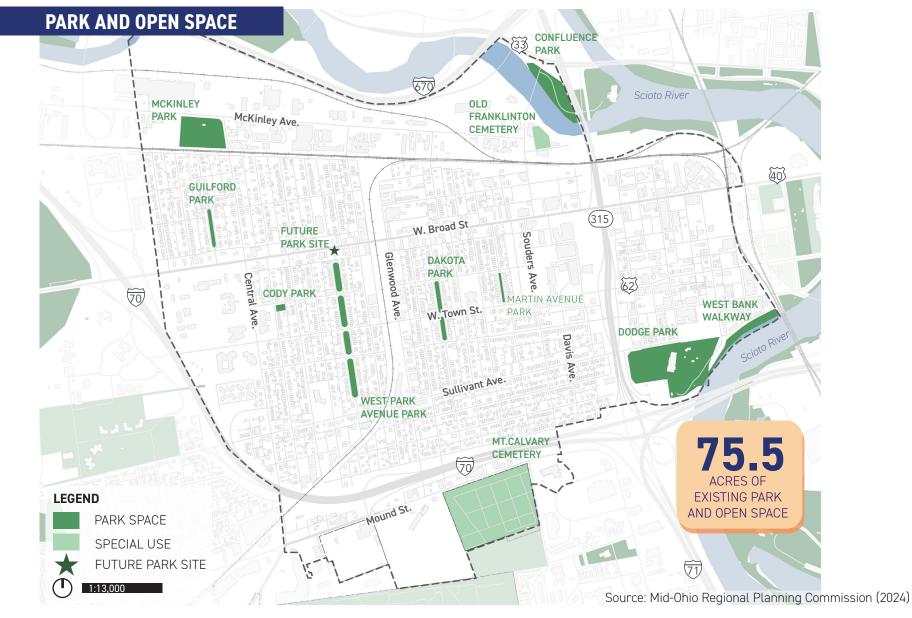
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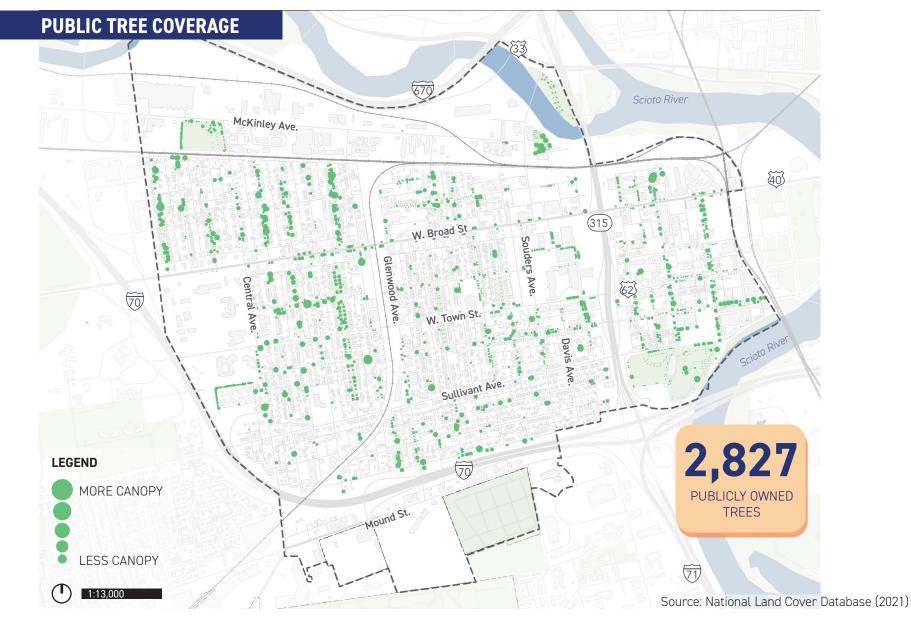


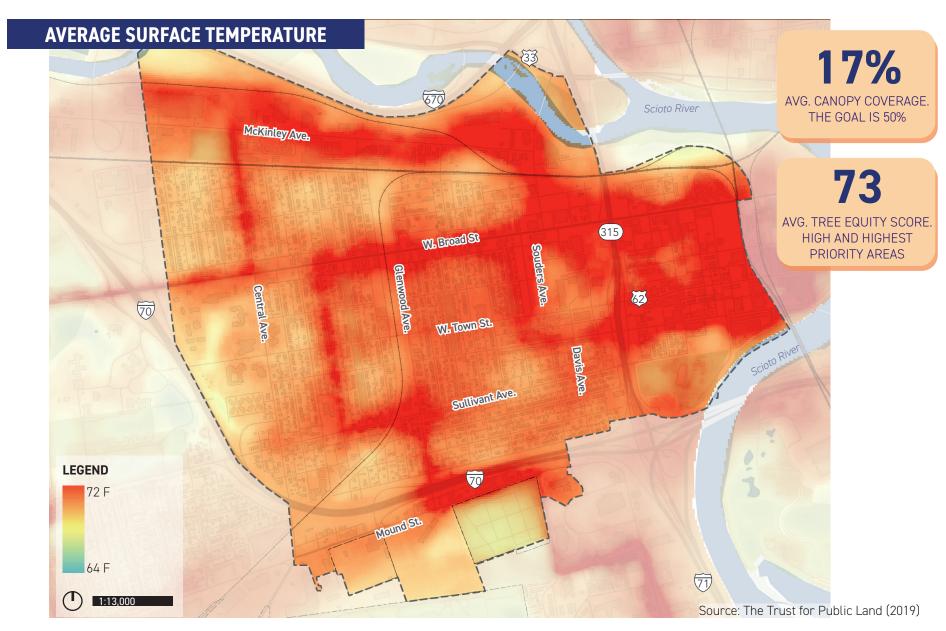
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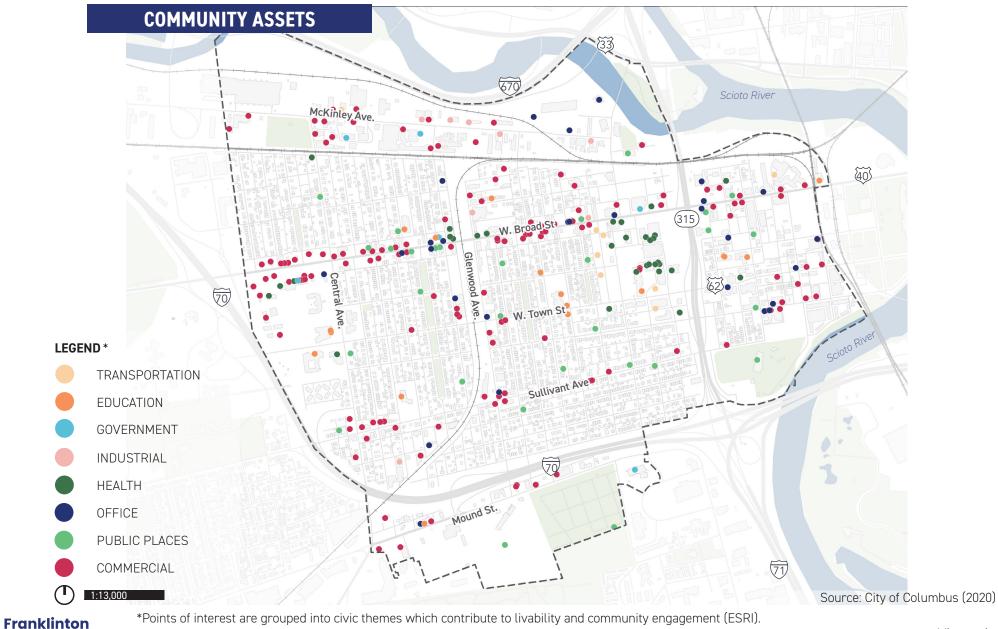


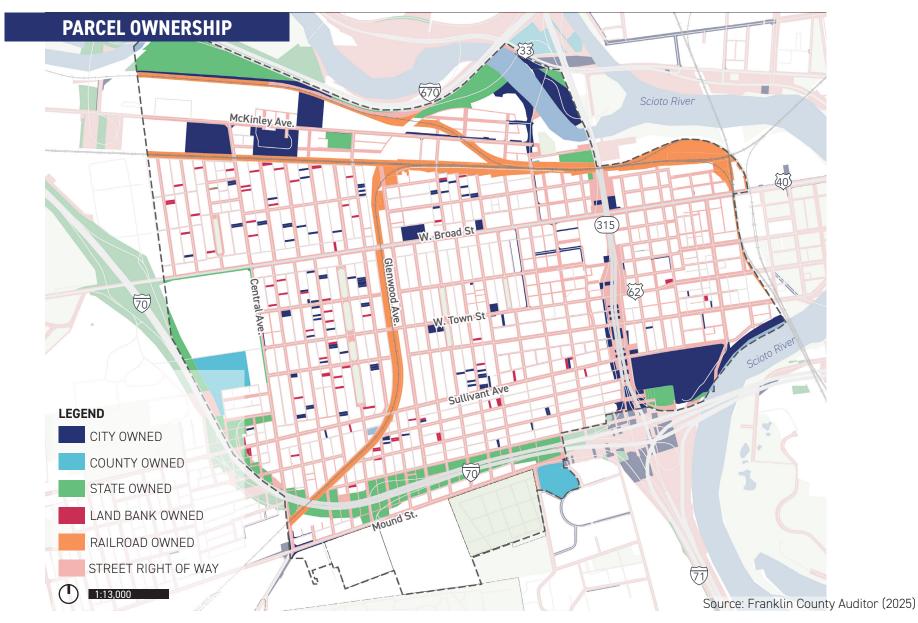












Existing Conditions

Study Area

Recent Investment in Franklinton











1983

FEMA Floodplain
Declaration

1993

Floorwall Construction Begins 2004

Floodwall Completed 2011

Franklinton a Coleman Development Prioritv 2024

Zone-In Corridor Plan Released

! Investment

224 TOTAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROGRAMS



East Franklinton Creative Community District Plan (2012)



West Franklinton Plan (2014)



West Broad Street Feasibility Study (2018)



COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Franklinton Target Area Plan (2019)



West Franklinton Gateway (2020)



SUMMARY REPORT Franklinton Community Street Tree Inventory Summary Report (2021)



COLUMBUS URBAN FORESTRY MASTER PLAN

Columbus Urban Forestry Master Plan



Columbus Climate Action Plan (2021)



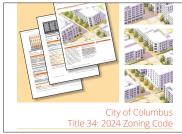
Columbus City Schools District-Wide Travel Plan (2022)



FAC Capital Improvements Survey (2023)



Vision Zero Action Plan (2023-2028)



Zoneln Columbus (2024)



Bike Plus (2024)



LinkUS West Broad (2027)



Blueprint Columbus

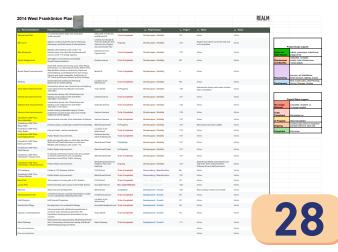


OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROGRAMS PER STUDY

East Franklinton Creative Community District Plan (2012)



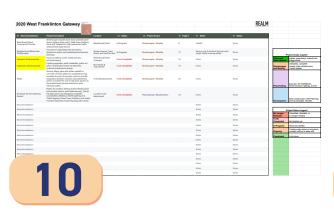
West Franklinton Plan (2014)



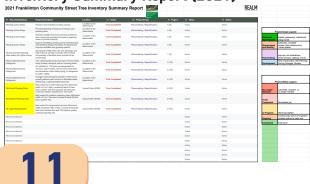
Franklinton Target Area Plan (2019)



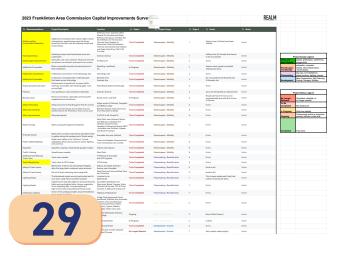
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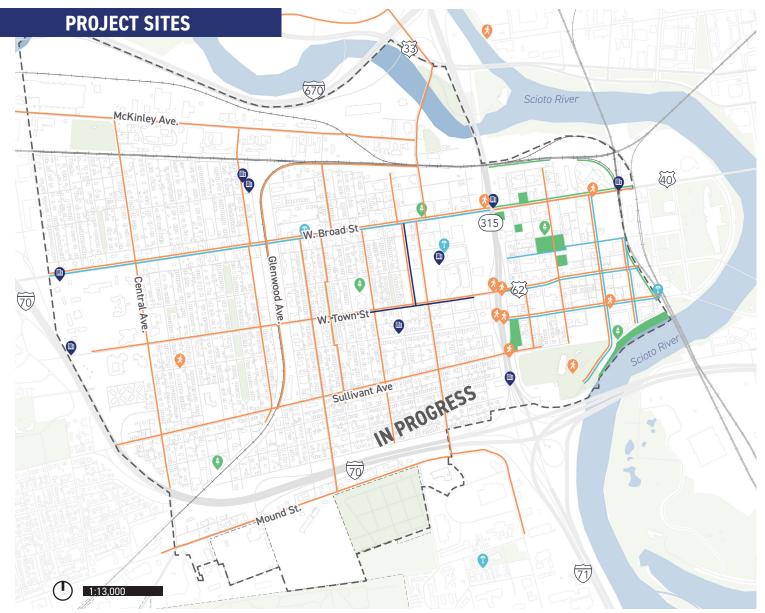




2012 East Fran	klinton CCDP						REALM		
T _T Recommendations	Project Description	Location	⊙ Status		T _T Page#	T _T Notes	T _T Notes		
Overhead Utility Consolidation	Consolidate and bury overhead utilities	Broad, Lucas, McDowell St	To be Completed	Streetscapes / Mobility	5.24 (F74)	Notes	Notes		
Pavement Improvements & Curb Replacement	Targeted pavement improvements and curb replacement; encourage sidewalk improvements	Dodge Park Neighborhood	To be Completed	Streetscapes / Mobility	5.24 (F74)	Notes	Notes	Pi	roject Scope Legend
Tree Planting Program	Initiate block-by-block street-tree planting program	Location to be determined	To be Completed	Streetscapes / Mobility	5.24 (F74)	Notes	Notes	Parks and Open Spaces	plazas, greenways, waterfronts, playgrounds
Underpass Improvements	Improve connections under bridges	Highway Underpasses	To be Completed	Streetscapes / Mobility	4.20 (F48)	Notes	Notes	Streetscapes and Mobility	sidewalks, complete streets, bike infrastructure, transit plazas
Calm Traffic	Road Diet such as Lane reduction, widened sidewalks, bike/transit features	West Broad St	To be Completed	Streetscapes / Mobility	4.21 (F49)	Notes	Notes	Placemaking	pop-ups, art installations, street furniture, lighting, events
Transit Hubs	Establish transit hubs at key nodes	McDowell at Broad & McDowell at Rich	To be Completed	Streetscapes / Mobility	5.10 (F60)	Notes	Notes	Development	New Construction, Site Planning, Zoning Changes, Studies
Bike Boulevard	The creation of bikes lanes in Franklinton	McDowell and Gift St	To be Completed	Streetscapes / Mobility	E7 (F151)	Notes	Notes		
Bike Lane	The creation of bikes lanes in Franklinton	Broad, Rich and Town St	Ongoing	Streetscapes / Mobility	E8 (F152)	Broad & Rich St have bikes lanes while Town St has bike blvd	Notes	Pi	roject Status Legend
Brick Paving of Lucas Street	Replace blacktop with brick for historic character	Lucas Street	Ongoing	Streetscapes / Mobility	5.21 (F71)	Public portion of Lucas St is paved and or has brick detailing. Portion owned by Lucas Street Proprietor LLC is still asphalt.	Notes	No Longer Relevant	Cancelled, obsolete, or no longer needed
Convert Town & Rich	Convert streets into two-way operation (recommend Rich as the "transit" street).	Town and Rich St	Completed	Streetscapes / Mobility	4.21 (F49)	Notes	Notes	To Be Completed	Not started yet
Rich Street Art Installation	Art installation at the railroad bridge welcoming you to East Franklinton	Rich Street Railroad Bridge	To be Completed	Placemaking / Beautification	4.5 (F33)	Notes	Notes	In Progress	Work has started
New Lighting District	Using available decorative lighting, implement lighting district	Rich, Town, State, Lucas and McDowell St	To be Completed	Placemaking / Beautification	5.24 (F74)	Notes	Notes	Ongoing	Continuously active or long-term, possibly without a clear end
Beautification	Add Street trees, Street bioswales and Public Art	West Broad Street Neighborhood: along Rich, Town, State, Lucas and McDowell St	To be Completed	Placemaking / Beautification	5.24 (F74)	Notes	Notes	Completed	Fully done
Screen Parking Lots	Public Realm Improvement	Location to be determined	To be Completed	Placemaking / Beautification	4.20 (F48)	Notes	Notes		
Streetscape Furnishing	Install well-designed, high-quality streetscape furnishings, including benches, waste receptacles and kiosks.	Arts and Innovation Neighborhood	In-Progress	Placemaking / Beautification	5.24 (F74)	Notes	Notes		
Elevated Park	Create elevated park space along unused rail spur	Railroad	To be Completed		4.20 (F48)	Notes	Notes		
Corridor Park	Within the Broad Street corridor, seek opportunities to create public open space that extends south into the adjacent neighborhood.	Broad Street Corridor	Completed		5.25 (F75)	Other then Gravity there seems to be no (public) open space along Broad St	Notes		
Pocket Parks	Determine spaces around the neighborhood	Location to be determined	To be Completed		4.20 (F48)	Notes	Notes		
Dodge Park	Swap land currently owned by CMHA with southeast section of Dodge Park to create a new family-oriented park within a neighborhood	Site of River & Rich Phase 2	No Longer Relevant		5.25 (F75)	River & Rich Phase 2 construction	Notes		
Scioto Park	Widened Scioto Park with removal of Main Street Dam	Scioto Park	Completed		5.25 (F75)	Is this the space next to the slingshot and trail?	Notes		
Land Swap	A land swap between the city and the Housing Authority makes new development possible, a more neighborhood-oriented open space.	South May Avenue	No Longer Relevant	Development / Growth	4.20 (F48)	Notes	Notes		

East Franklinton Creative Community District Plan (2012)





STREETSCAPES / MOBILITY

- OVERHEAD UTILITY CONSOLIDATION
- · UNDERPASS IMPROVEMENTS
- · TRAFFIC CALMING ON BROAD ST
- · TRANSIT HUBS ON MCDOWELL
- · BIKE BOULEVARDS & LANES
- BRICK PAVING
- · SOUDER AVENUE REALIGNMENT
- · SOUDER AVE CONNECTION
- · SULLIVANT & HARMON AVE **IMPROVEMENTS**
- · CURB & ALLEY REPAIRS
- · WEST BROAD ST BRT
- · WEST BROAD ST OVERPASS
- · MCKINLEY AVE & W MOUND ST MULTI-USE PATH

PLACEMAKING / BEAUTIFICATION

- · RICH ST ART INSTALLATION
- · NEW LIGHTING DISTRICTS
- · GREENFIELD VILLAGE SAFETY **IMPROVEMENTS**
- · LAND TRUST DEVELOPMENT

PARKS / OPEN SPACES

- ELEVATED PARK (RAILWAY)
- BROAD ST PARK SPACES & POCKET
- · SCIOTO PARK WIDENING
- 315 DISTRICT PARK
- · CONSOLIDATE UNDERUTILIZED LOTS INTO NEW PARK

DEVELOPMENT / GROWTH

- · MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT
- · S HARTFORD AVE REDEVELOPMENT
- · INFILL VACANT PROPERTIES
- · WEST GATEWAY REDEVELOPMENT

Today's Activity Mapping Exercise

Where would you like to see improvements?

Each map represents a different category of improvement:

Streetscapes / Mobility

Placemaking / Beautification

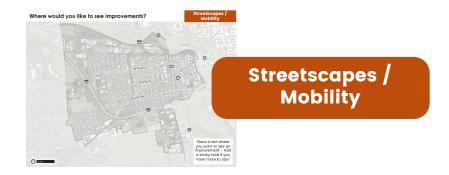
Parks /
Open Spaces



Today's Activity Mapping Exercise

Where would you like to see improvements?

- Find the map that matches the category of improvement you'd like to see.
- Place a dot on the map at the location where you want to see an improvement.
- Add a sticky note with your comments if you have more to say!







Today's Activity Mapping Exercise

Where would you like to see improvements?

Streetscapes / Mobility

Placemaking / Beautification

Parks /
Open Spaces

- Walkers Safety
- Lighting

Green Space

Roads

Trash

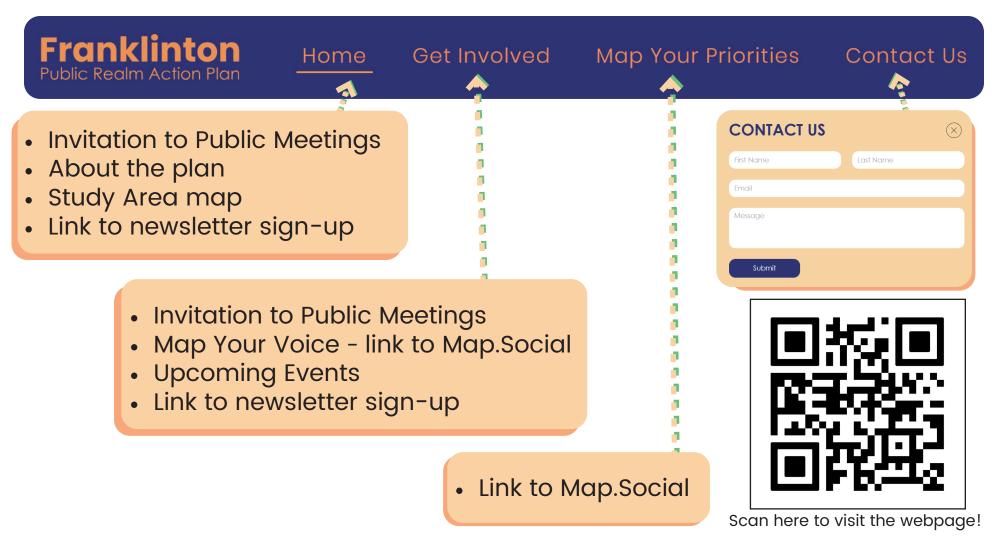
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Public Safety

Next Steps Online Resources

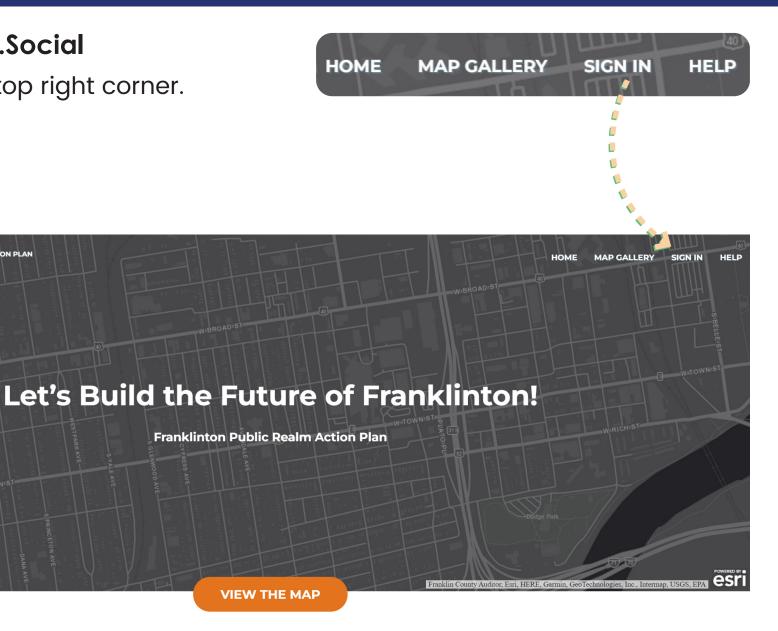
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Next Steps Map.Social

How to use Map.Social

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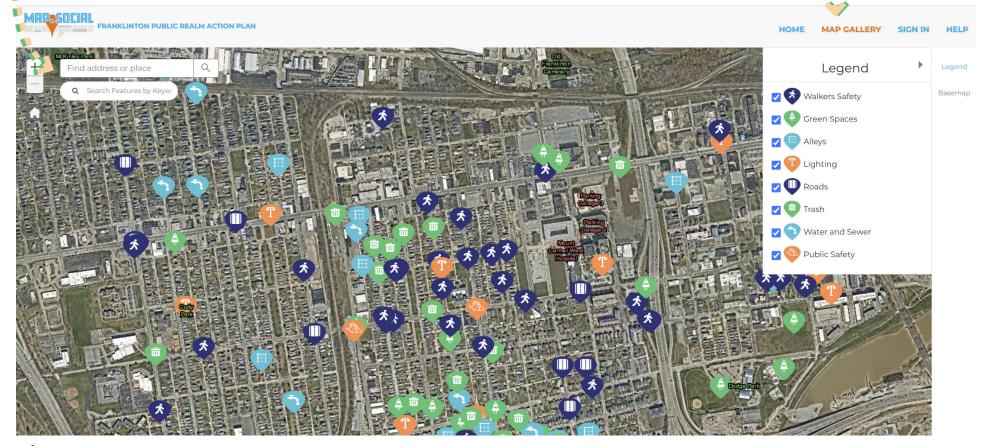


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2. Click the "Map Gallery" to go to the Map.

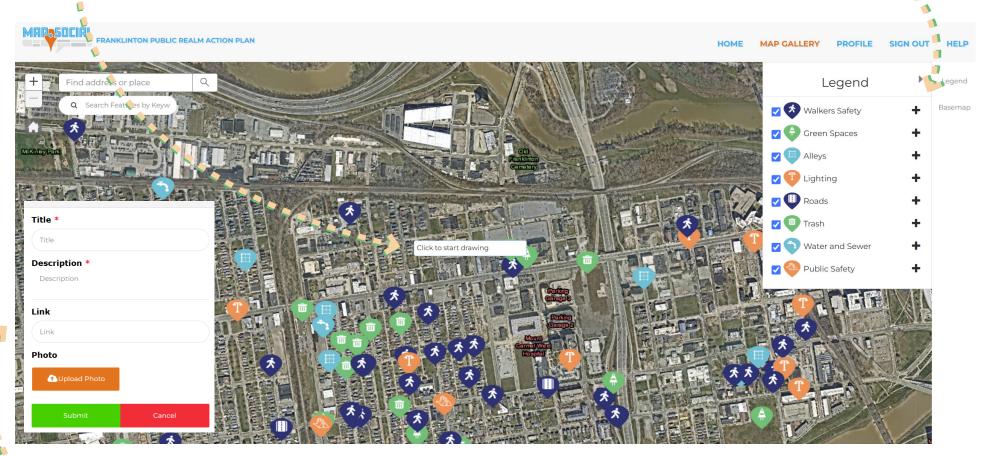
3. Use the 'Find Address or Place' in the top left corner to find a specific location or navigate to the general location where you want to add your comment.



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4. Select the plus sign next to the icon on the legend you want to add to the map and click/tap the specific location on the map where you want to leave your comment.



5. Complete the form and your comment will be added to the map.



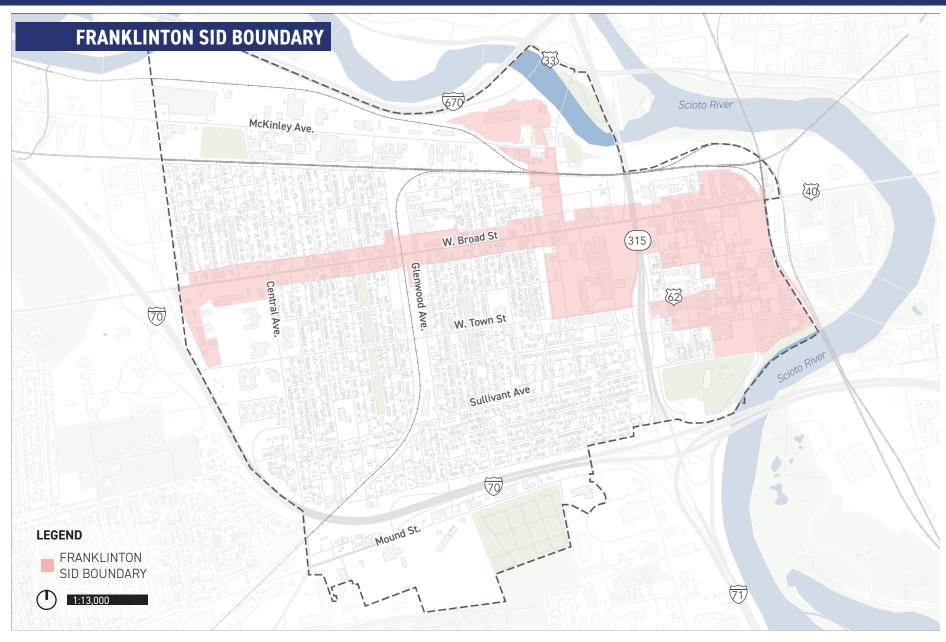








Existing Conditions Study Area





Next Steps Public Meeting #1

May 21st, 5:30 - 7p Gladden Community House (183 Hawkes Ave, Columbus)

Presentation

Mapping Exercise



Existing Conditions Physical Inventory - Safety

