

WEST SIDE

COMMUNITY RENEWAL PLAN

Charleston, West Virginia



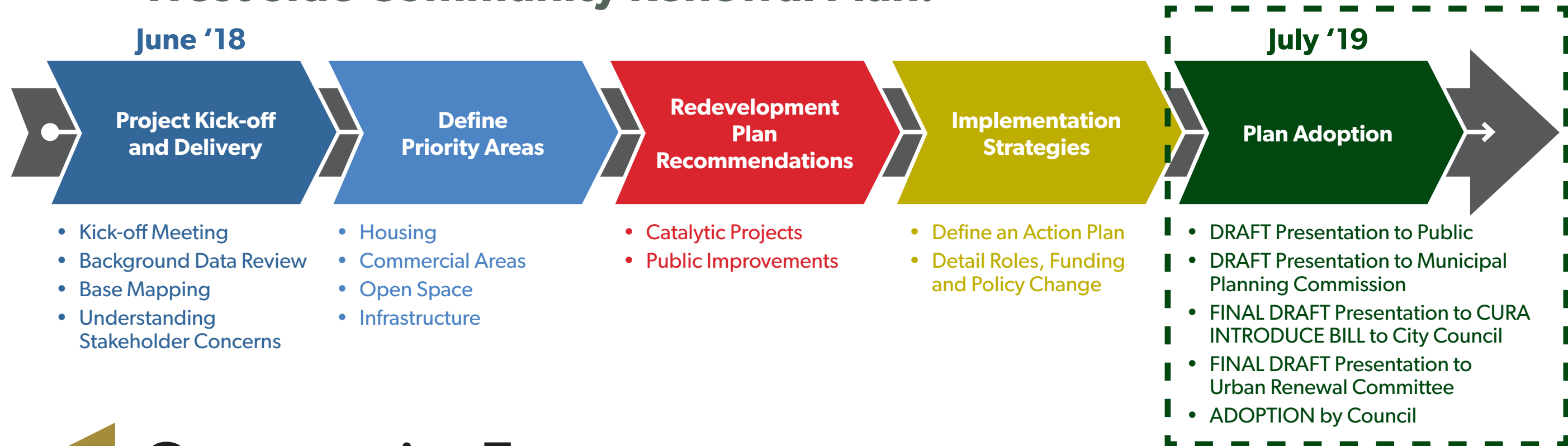
Municipal Planning



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The Planning Process

Community engagement is key to the success and future of the West Side Community Renewal Plan!



Community Engagement

- Kick-off (Orientation Committee Meeting) – June 27th
- Stakeholder Meetings:
 - City Council – August 16th
 - Business Owners + Developers – August 16th
 - Land Owners – August 16th
 - Non- Profits + Service Providers – August 16th
 - Police – August 17th
 - Educators – August 17th
 - Tuesday Morning Group – August 28th
- Home Ownership Zone Meeting – August 21st
- First Steering Committee Meeting – August 22nd
- West Side Community Association – August 23rd
- First Public Meeting (St. Anthony’s Catholic Church) – September 11th
- Pastor Watts Meeting – September 28th

- Deanna McKinney – October 2nd
- Chris Thomas – October 9th
- CURA Commissioners Meeting Report – October 10th
- MOECD – October 11th
- Meeting with Congressman Mooney – October 23rd
- Second Steering Committee Meeting – October 25th
- Neighborhood Tour Meeting - November 2nd
- Housing Stakeholder Meeting - December 10th
- Third Steering Committee Meeting - January 3rd
- 1200 Block Park Development Meeting - February 19th
- New West Side Council Members Meeting - March 1st
- Pastor Ealy - March 28th
- Pastor Watts Meeting - April 1st
- City Planning and City Attorney - April 9th

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- 2.0 Existing Conditions
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- 6.0 Plan Relationship to Other Community Documents
- 7.0 Authorized Authority Undertakings + Activities
- 8.0 Project Financing
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Background

Analysis

- The District (Study Area)
- History
- Character
- Public Development
- Property Conditions
- Floodplain
- Zoning + Land Use
- Publicly Owned Land
- Vacant Parcels
- Social Services
- Transportation + Circulation
- Existing Market Analysis

Issues + Opportunities

What We Heard!

- Blight + Abandoned Properties
- Crime + Safety
- Image + Character
- Neighborhood + Housing
- Open + Recreational Spaces
- Streets + Linkages
- Jobs + Education + Social Services
- Investment + Development
- Community Health

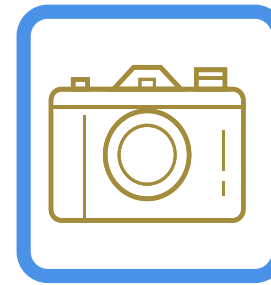
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◀ Community Vision + Guiding Principles

A safe, diverse, and desirable neighborhood with a positive agenda promoting social justice and quality of life.



SAFETY
Prevention and
Justice



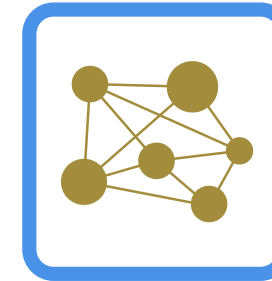
PERCEPTION
Change and
Educate



GROWTH
Diverse and
Sustainable



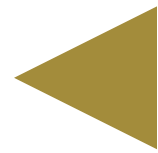
EQUITY
Access and
Affordable



CONNECTIVITY
Linkages and
Networks



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Recommendations + Catalytic Initiatives

Recommendations and actions to help guide the future of the West Side are developed into catalytic initiatives within the Housing Improvement Zone highlighting how they can transform the community.

1

Build a Strong Neighborhood with Access to Social + Health Services

2

Expand Public Transit into the Community

3

Improve Access to Open Space and Recreational Activities

4

Improve Neighborhood Safety + Blight Removal

5

Create Opportunities for Infill Housing Partnerships + Landbanking

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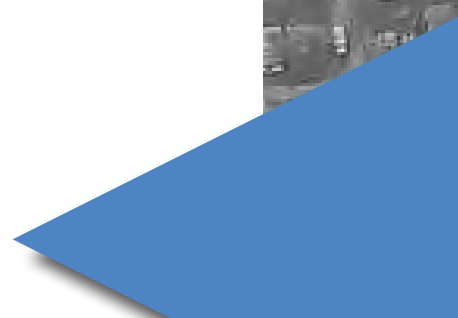
Create Opportunities for Housing Rehabilitation

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Attract Development, Business, Jobs & Training

8

Incorporate Complete Streets City-Wide



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6.0 Plan Conformity

The West Side Community Renewal Plan Update is in conformance with the Imagine Charleston Comprehensive Plan. As stated in the Comprehensive Plan, the vision includes:

- “Rehabilitate and maintain the existing housing stock and continue to enforce existing housing, rental, and maintenance codes to ensure neighborhoods remain strong and vital”
- “Emphasize home stewardship to promote home and property upkeep among renters, homeowners, and landlords”
- “Continue beautification effort to emphasize neighborhood character and eliminate blight”
- “Promote appropriate and compatible infill development”
- “Adopt reuse strategies for vacant and underutilized properties and buildings”
- “Ensure traffic in neighborhoods are at appropriate speeds to make it comfortable for pedestrians and bicyclists”
- “Provide housing to match the varied needs and income levels of the present and future population, with particular attention to housing in and near the downtown for college students and young professionals and a variety of housing choices to meet the changing needs as seniors age”
- “Continue to build neighborhood identity through community organizing and physical improvements”

These overall neighborhood goals directly relate to the intent of the West Side Community Renewal Update and are represented within the Plan.



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9.0 Catalytic Initiatives

- Introduction
- Global Recommendations for the Housing Improvement Zone (HIZ)
- The HIZ: Putting Ideas into Action



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◀ 9.0 Catalytic Initiatives

Introduction

- Overview of the Housing Improvement Zone

Global Recommendations for the Housing Improvement Zone

- Infill Housing Opportunities
- Land Banking
- Stimulate Housing Rehabilitation
- Adopt a Complete Street Policy
- Stormwater Management
- Streets, Lighting, Furnishings, and Street Trees
- Sidewalks
- Intersection Improvements, Crosswalks + Bumpouts
- Parks and Greenspace
- Public Art



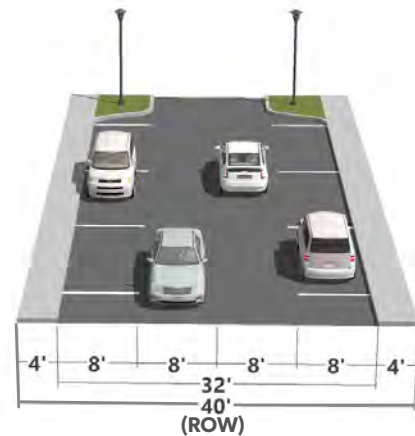
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9.0 Catalytic Initiatives

The HIZ: Putting Ideas into Action

- The Public Realm: Places and Spaces
- 3rd Avenue: 50' ROW
- Stockton Street and Bream Street: 50' ROW
- 2nd Avenue: 40' ROW
- 2nd Avenue Community Resource Center
- Alleyways: 15' ROW
- 2nd Avenue Community Park and Public Transit Stop

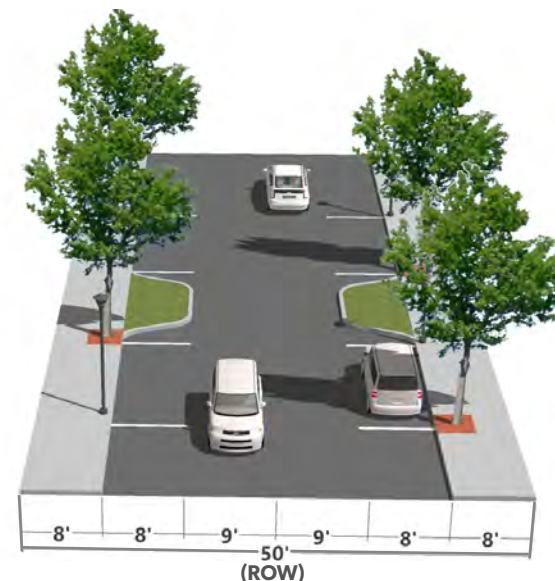
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2-Lane Road (40' ROW)



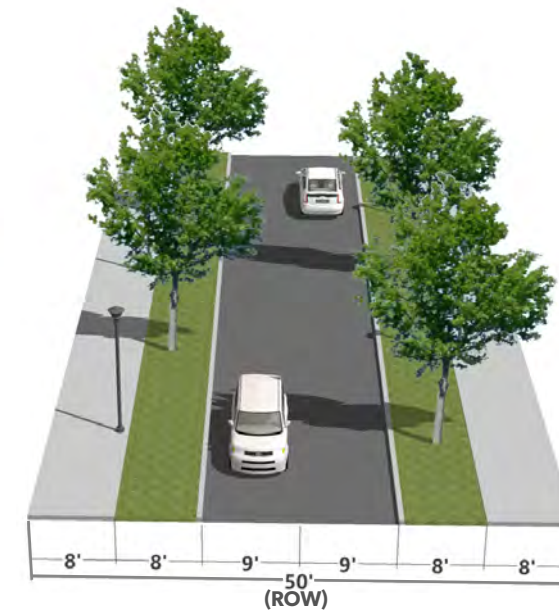
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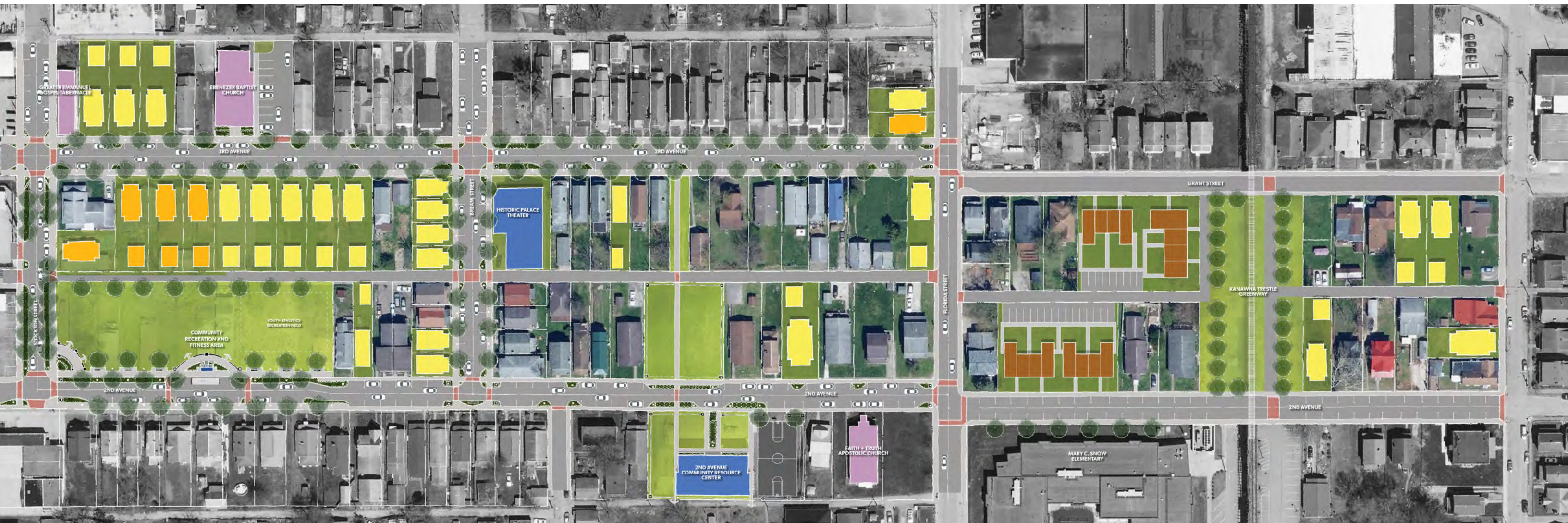


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Stockton St. Concept
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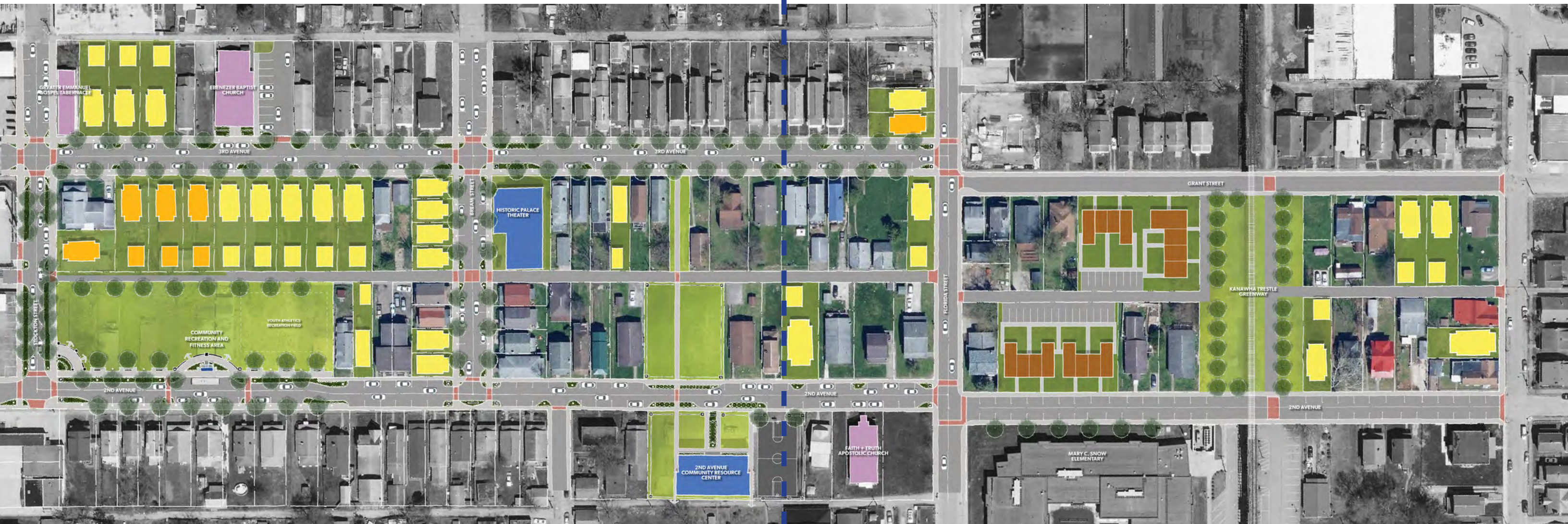


Housing Improvement Zone Catalytic Initiatives Concept

- Community Structures
- Churches
- Hope Townhouse Project
- Infill Housing Opportunities
- Infill or Rehab Housing Opportunities
- Green Space

West Side Community Renewal Plan Review





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GREATER EMMANUEL
GOSPEL TABERNACLE

EBENEZER BAPTIST
CHURCH

3RD AVENUE

3RD AVENUE

HISTORIC PALACE
THEATER

YOUTH ATHLETICS
RECREATION FIELD

COMMUNITY
RECREATION AND
FITNESS AREA

2ND AVENUE

2ND AVENUE
COMMUNITY RESOURCE
CENTER

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GRANT STREET

FLORIDA STREET

KANAWHA TRESTLE GREENWAY

2ND AVENUE

2ND AVENUE

MARY C. SNOW ELEMENTARY

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10.0 Implementation Strategies

<p>Early Term Projects 0-2 years</p>	<p>Pedestrian Safety Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with the City of Charleston to improve the condition of painted crosswalks and upgrade existing light fixtures with LEDs Work with the city to apply for grant funding through the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) for safe routes to schools sidewalk enhancements around the area of Mary C. Snow Elementary School Advocate for cleanup of CSX trestle ROW <p>District Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for the City Planning Department zoning updates Review West Side Community Renewal boundary for future expansion Work with City Parks and Recreation Department on a greenspace maintenance and management plan Work with Charleston Main Streets (CMS) and West Side Community Association to develop a West Side neighborhood district map 	<p>Public Art Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with local groups to incorporate public art within the neighborhoods and commercial corridors <p>Housing Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt the new title of Housing Improvement Zone and expanded area Continue housing demolition where needed and where found beneficial for future infill development Work with the City Planning Department to develop a housing infill list from the vacant properties record Advocate for the clearing of vacant lots and work to position these are temporary pocket parks and community gardens until a viable infill development arises Work with the city to take back urban alleyways throughout the district Develop a land bank <p>Commercial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Charleston Main Streets (CMS) to develop a property data base of vacant commercial structures and create promotional materials to advertise space available at commercial nodes identified
<p>Medium Term Projects 2-5 years</p>	<p>Complete Streets Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the city to develop a complete street initiative focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade all intersections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetated bump-outs Stamped, painted, or paver crosswalks ADA access ramp improvements Wayfinding/Placemaking Sidewalks upgrades New street and pedestrian lighting Enhanced on street parking Stormwater and green infrastructure improvements 	<p>Housing Infill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with housing entities such as, Habitat, RCCR, Appalachian Service Project, HOPE CDC, and others to locate and begin housing infill <p>District Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Charleston Main Streets (CMS) and West Side Community Association to implement wayfinding strategies to help promote and create an identity to new West Side districts Advocate for additional public transit routes within the neighborhood through Kanawha Rapid Transit Work with the city to develop a greenway with the CSX ROW and a full greenspace network with wayfinding systems 2nd Avenue Community Center Greenspace improvements
<p>Long Term Projects 5-10 years</p>	<p>2nd Avenue Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for program expansions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Side resource center development Kanawha County Public Library branch Computer learning center Expanded daycare Programming for all ages <p>2nd Avenue Community Recreation Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the city to develop a plan for the large greenspace within the Housing Improvement Zone 	<p>Trail Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a rail with trails plan along the Norfolk Souther active rail to connection the West Side with Downtown <p>District Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued efforts toward basic infrastructure improvements such as electrical, drainage, sewer, stormwater, broadband, sidewalks, lighting, bike lanes, tree planting, roadway reconstruction, traffic calming and speed management, and safe routes for children to go to school



QUESTIONS?

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