



SUMMIT LAKE

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS

Neighborhood Task Force

January 20, 2022



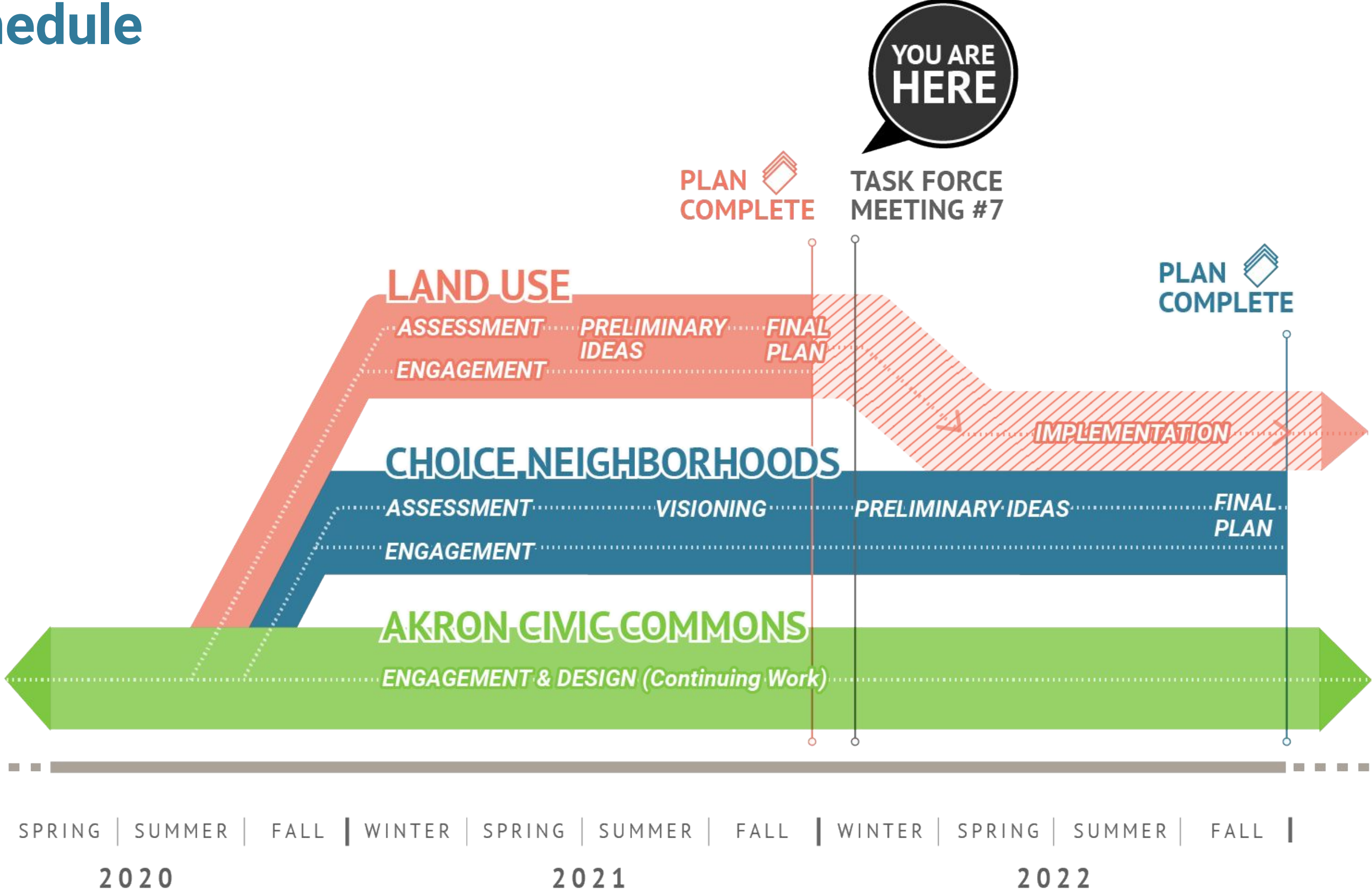
DANIEL HORRIGAN, MAYOR

Welcome!

Today's Agenda

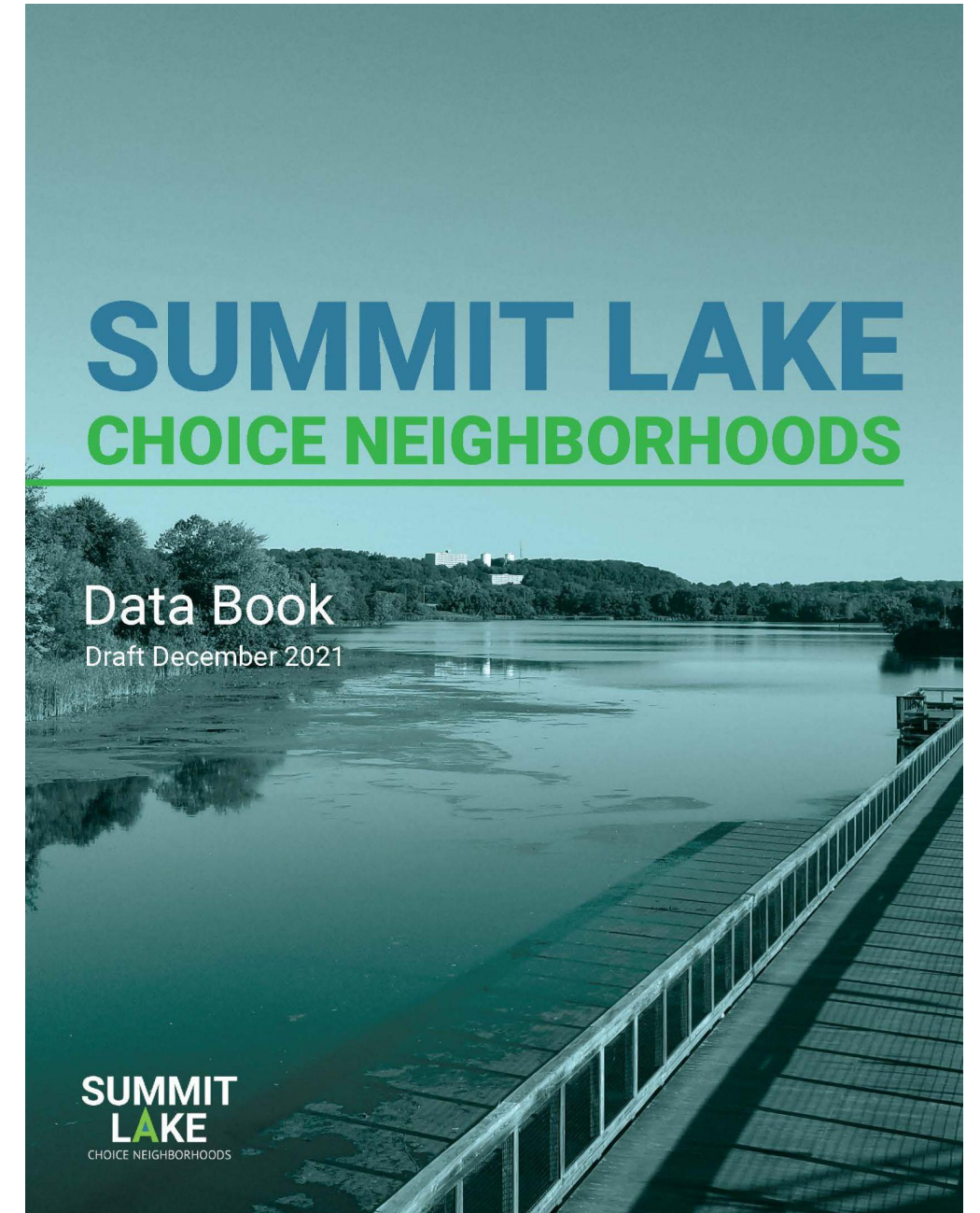
- **Choice Neighborhoods Update**
- **Akron Civic Commons update**
- **Land Use update**
- **Next steps**

Schedule



Choice Neighborhoods Update

- **Submitted first deliverable under the grant on December 15th - Annotated Outline**
- **Included Draft Data Book - summary of the information collected to date**
 - Analysis of census plus city data
 - Draft housing market study
 - Phase 1 Environmental Assessment
 - Historic consultation letter
 - Summary of community workshops #1 and #2
- **Have verbally been informed that HUD will be accepting the Annotated Outline**



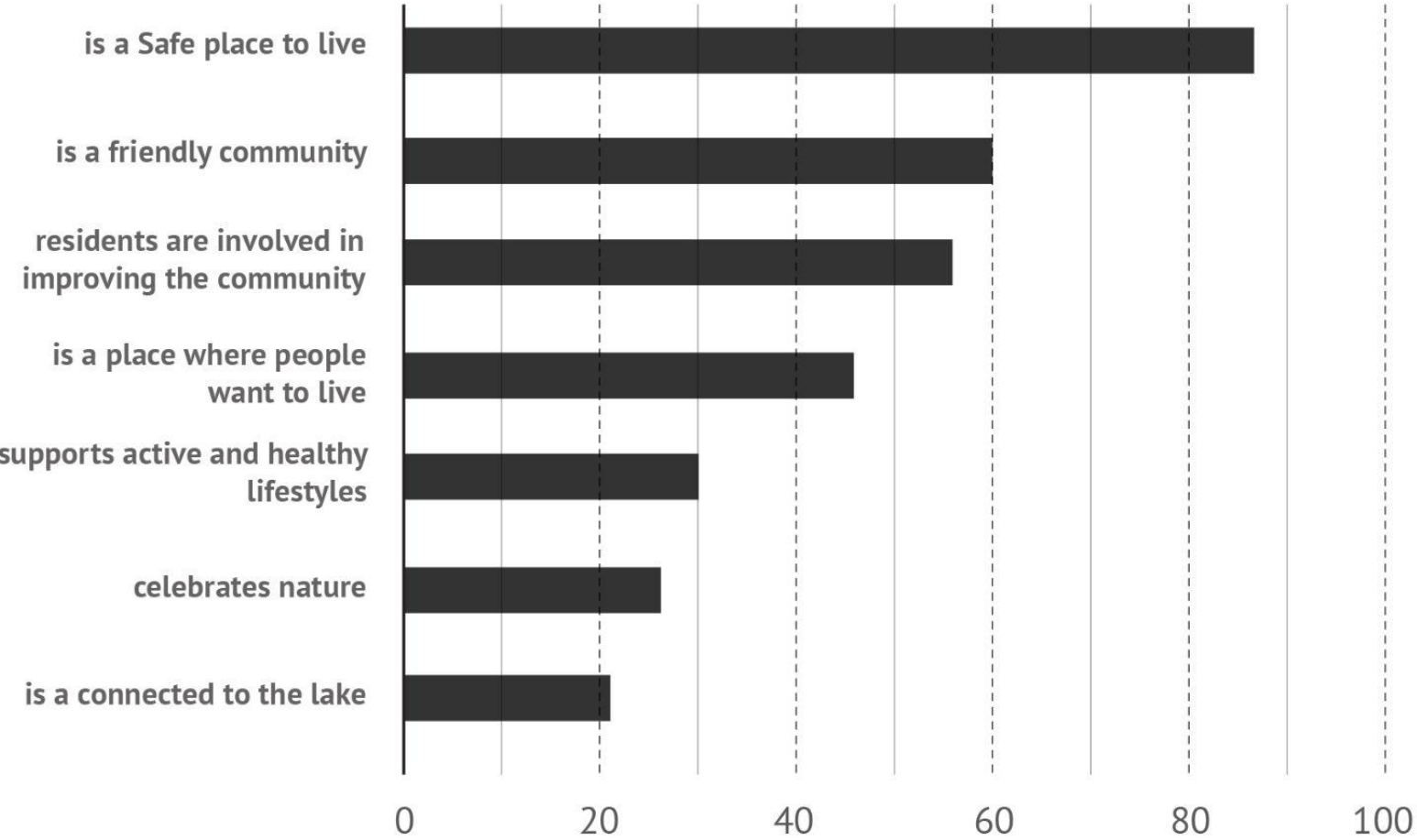
A Draft Vision for the Future of Summit Lake

Summit Lake is a safe and thriving community with quality housing, local businesses, spaces that support active and healthy lifestyles, and residents who take pride in their community and work together to improve the neighborhood.

VISION

Which descriptions are most important to you? - (125 Responses)

Summit Lake ...



Summit Lake is a safe and thriving community with quality housing, local businesses, spaces that support active and healthy lifestyles, and residents who take pride in their community and work together to improve the neighborhood.

How do you feel about this draft vision?

Is there anything missing?

Early Start Projects - \$375,000 available

Potential Projects	Partners	Status
Summit Lake Community Clean Ups	Summit Lake CDC (SLCDC), Akron Civic Commons, City of Akron	SLCDC developing program, aim to distribute applications in February 2022
Improvements to slow down traffic	City of Akron	Working with City traffic engineer to explore possibilities
Pilot greenway on vacant land	City of Akron	Working with City to identify location and partners, possibly begin Summer 2022
Exterior home renovations	City of Akron	Potentially as part of Citywide rehab program
Informational kiosk off Towpath Trail @ Lewis Street	Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, Akron Civic Commons	Include wayfinding + map for both Summit Lake and Kenmore destinations

Neighborhood Activities + Next Steps

- Follow up meeting with residents regarding housing market study
- Discussion with Akron Air Quality regarding ProPublica environmental report
- Working with the City on finalizing Land Use Plan and understand influence on future neighborhood investments and improvements
- Identifying important areas for initial investment and possible land assembly



Akron Civic Commons Update

- **Summit Lake Loop Trail**

- The plans for the Ohio & Erie Canal Summit Lake Trail are approximately at 95% completion.
- The goal is to finalize the design plan by the 1st quarter of 2022 and bid the trail project in the second quarter of 2022.

- **Summit Lake North Shore**

- We hired City Architecture to finalize the Summit lake NorthShore Design Plan and it is currently underway.
- The planning process will take 9 months and anticipate completion by the 3rd or 4th quarter of 2022.



Land Use Plan Activities to Date



Overview of Our Summit Lake Engagement Actions Timeline



- PHASE 1: ASSESSING EXISTING CONDITIONS
- PHASE 2: UNDERSTANDING OPTIONS
- PHASE 3: REFINING THE PLAN

Virtual Community Event - January 11, 2022

- **73 Participants (on Zoom)**
- **Presented overview of the process, previous community feedback, and draft land use plan**
- **Interactive participant session through Miro board**

A graphic for a virtual community meeting. It features an orange background with a green circular shape on the left and a circular inset on the right showing people working at a table. The text is in white and yellow. The logos for 'OUR SUMMIT LAKE' and 'ALL-AMERICA CITY AKRON' are at the top. The main title is 'VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING'. The date and time are 'Tuesday January 11th, 2022 6:00PM - 7:30PM' and the location is 'Online via Zoom'.

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VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday January 11th, 2022
6:00PM - 7:30PM
Online via Zoom

Virtual Community Event - Miro Board Public Feedback

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OurSummitLake.com **OUR SUMMIT LAKE** Neighborhood Land Plan

NEIGHBORHOOD PLACES:

- 1 Aldi
- 2 Watlao Sirlwathanaram Buddhist Temple
- 3 Save A Lot
- 4 Summit Lake Nature Center
- 5 Mt. Liberty Baptist Church

LAND USE CATEGORIES:

Greenspace		Residential - Missing Middle: 1-12 Units	
Residential - Single Family		Mixed Use Residential / Retail	
Residential - Apartment		Commercial	
Residential - Missing Middle: 1-4 Units		Industrial	

Missing Middle 1 - 4 Units

1 - 4 Dwelling Units per Building

- Single Family
- Duplex
- Townhouses
- Small Multi-family

Required Characteristics:

- Two story height maximum
- Windows facing the street
- Front porch or stoop
- Garage set back 10 feet minimum

Missing Middle 1 - 12 Units

1 - 12 Dwelling Units per Building

- Single Family
- Duplex
- Cottage Courts
- Townhouses
- Multi-family

Required Characteristics:

- Two story height maximum
- Windows facing the street
- Front porch or stoop
- Parking in the back

Commercial

Typical Uses:

- Automobile / parts shops
- Retail storefronts
- Repair shops
- Machine shop

Characteristics:

- Business uses w/ direct impact on surrounding area from occasional vehicle interaction in the public
- Visitor parking requirements

Greenspace

Typical Uses:

- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Athletic fields
- Neighborhood pathways
- Community gardens

Characteristics:

- Accessibility for a range of users
- Provide space for social interaction
- Access to nature has wellness benefits

Mixed-Use Residential & Retail

Mixed-Use Building Types:

- Residential with ground-floor retail
- Restaurant / Cafe / Coffee Shop
- Office / Retail Space
- Corner Store / Barber / Hair Salon
- Multi-family Apartment

Required Characteristics:

- Two story height maximum
- Shadow front setback
- Ground-floor windows facing the street
- Parking in the back

Single Family

Considerations:

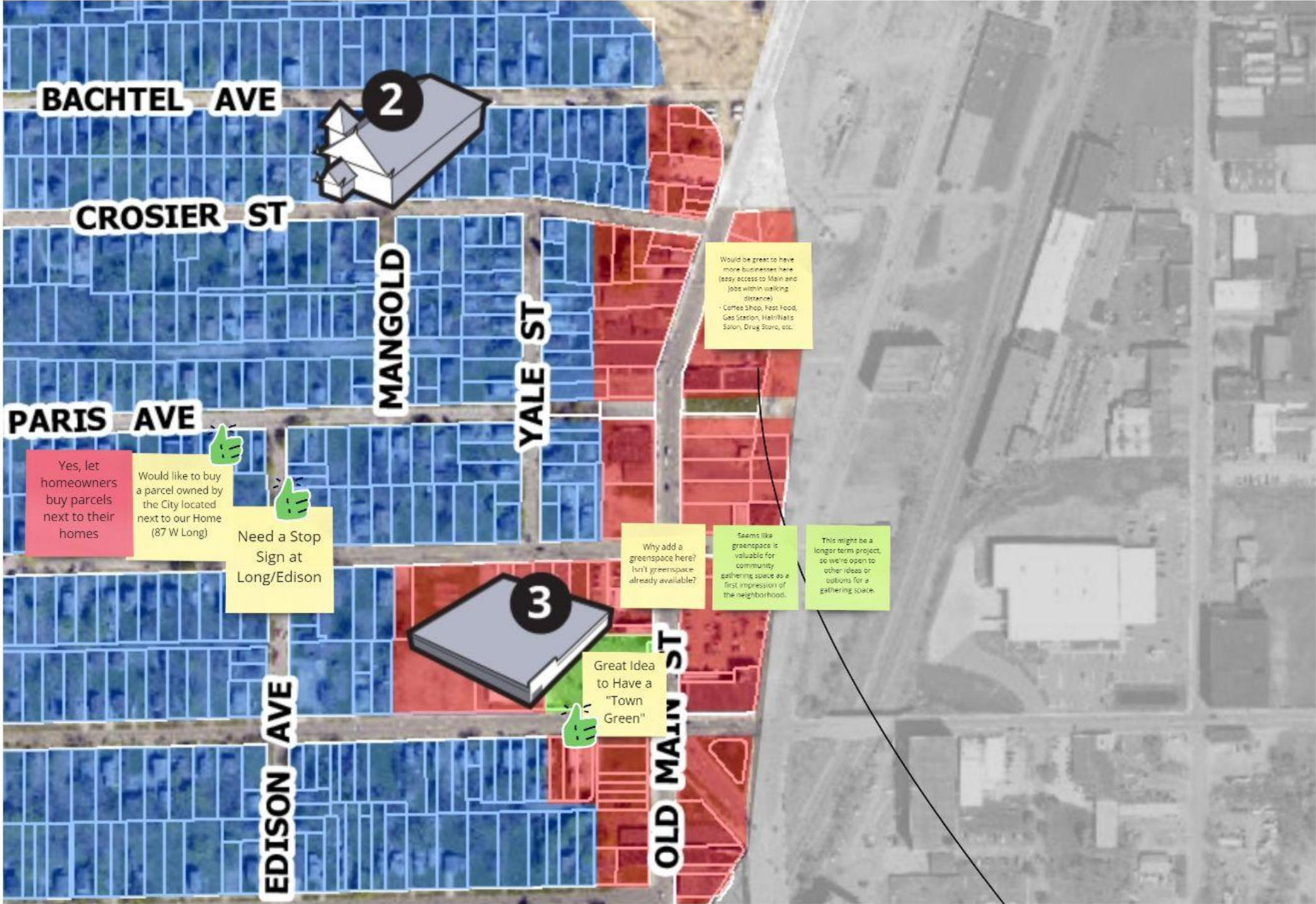
- Detached dwelling for one family
- Traditional neighborhood type
- Can be converted for small townhome
- Larger yards, but more setbacks

Required Characteristics:

- Two story height maximum
- Windows facing the street
- Front porch
- Garage set back 10 feet minimum

20% 🔍

Virtual Community Event - Miro Board Public Feedback



Why aren't we adding new homes to Summit Lake? Want something inspiring!	AMHA Working on new housing plans through the current Choice Neighborhoods Plan in Summit Lake.	City will work over the coming year to identify partnerships to develop new housing in Summit Lake. Will re-engage with residents to identify priority locations to start.
Will there be funds available for current homeowners to rehab our properties?	Details on a new federal program for home improvement funds will be made available soon. City of Akron will release more information as soon as it's available.	
What can we do to attract visitors or provide needed activities in Summit Lake?	This Land Use Plan is a step in the direction of providing missing neighborhood retail in Summit Lake.	We plan to build on the Summit Lake Vision Plan and AMHA's Choice Neighborhoods process to achieve the potential of our neighborhood.
Are where my mother lives is designated as multi-family housing. Will you build new homes in this area?	This Land Use Plan shows our shared vision. The City will not be the one building the new homes, but will need to partner with others to bring the vision to reality.	
Is there risk of eminent domain?	No, the City will not take existing homes.	
How can we address safety concerns of new walkways?	Walkways are intended to benefit current residents. Some residents may prefer new convenient connections.	We will meet with residents who live next to proposed walkways to discuss ideas for safety, lighting, and maintenance. Need to find common ground, but won't do it if residents are resistant to the walkways.
What's the point of building new		

Next Steps

- **Choice Neighborhoods**
 - **People** - focus groups with residents and service providers in February/March
 - **Housing** - developing site plan options for Summit Lake Apartments, selection of developer
 - **Neighborhood** - preliminary ideas

Next Steps



- **Land Use**

- Process all feedback from Virtual Community Meeting
- Coordination meeting with Choice Neighborhoods
- Intergenerational / Resident Advisory Board Meeting (Feb.)