



# SUMMIT LAKE

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS

## Neighborhood Task Force

May 19, 2022

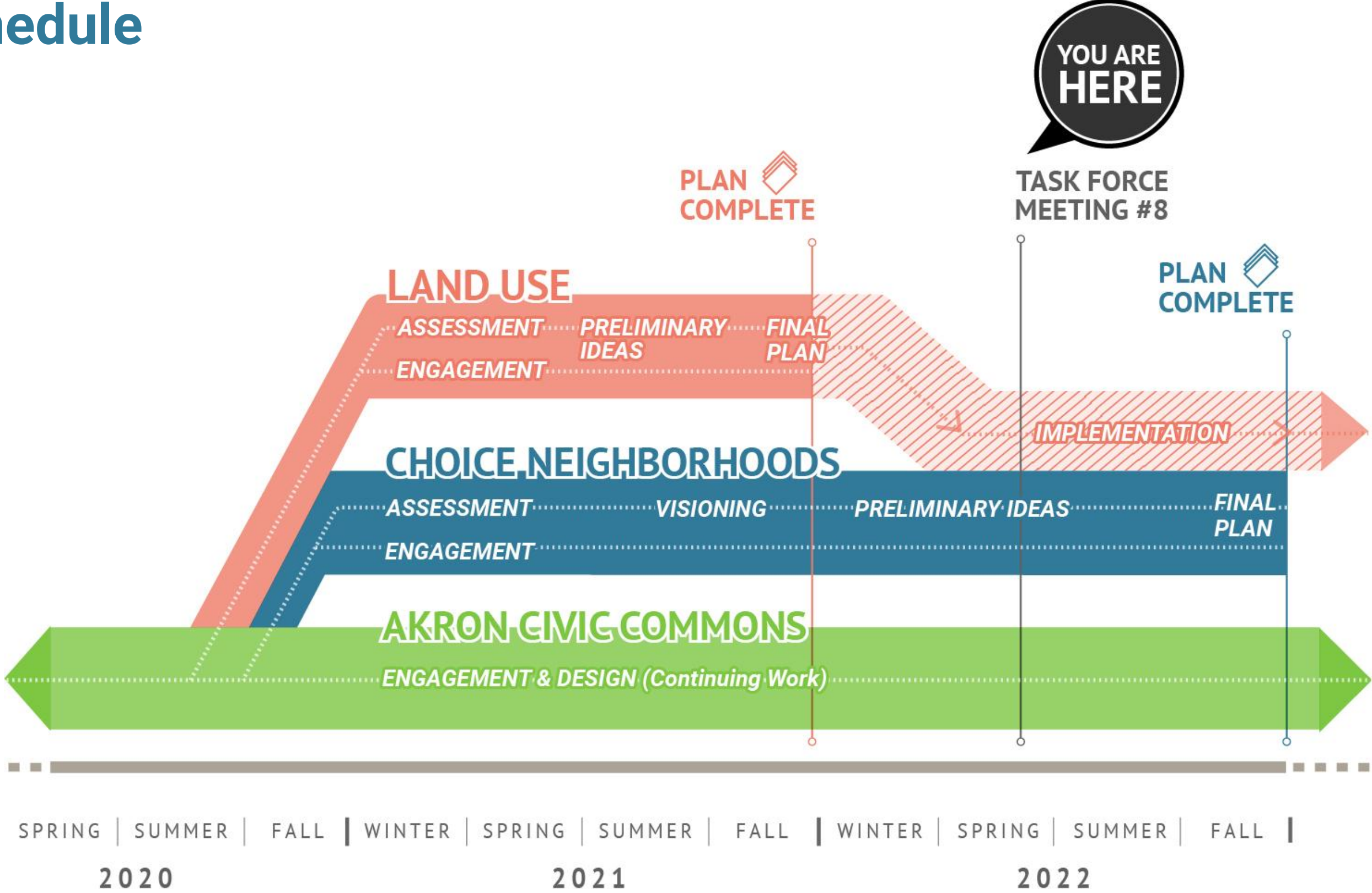


# Welcome!

# Today's Agenda

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

# Schedule



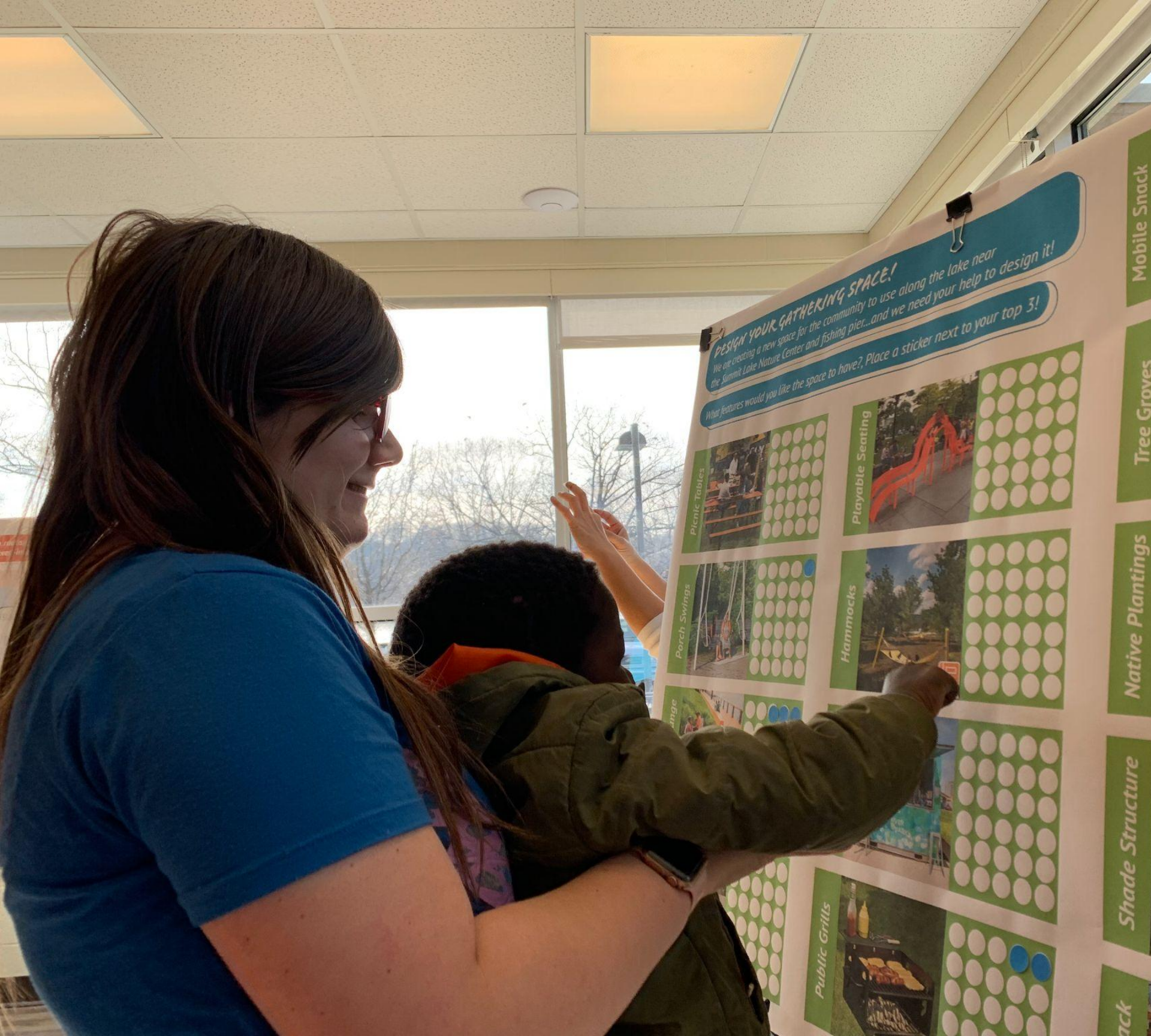
# Choice Neighborhoods Update

- Round 3 Workshops
- Summit Lake Community Clean Ups
- Preliminary neighborhood strategies
- Next Steps



# Round 3 Choice Neighborhoods Workshops

- Final Vision for Summit Lake
- Redesign of Summit Lake Apartments - roadway reconfiguration
- Early Start Project - new proposed gathering space (AMHA Choice)



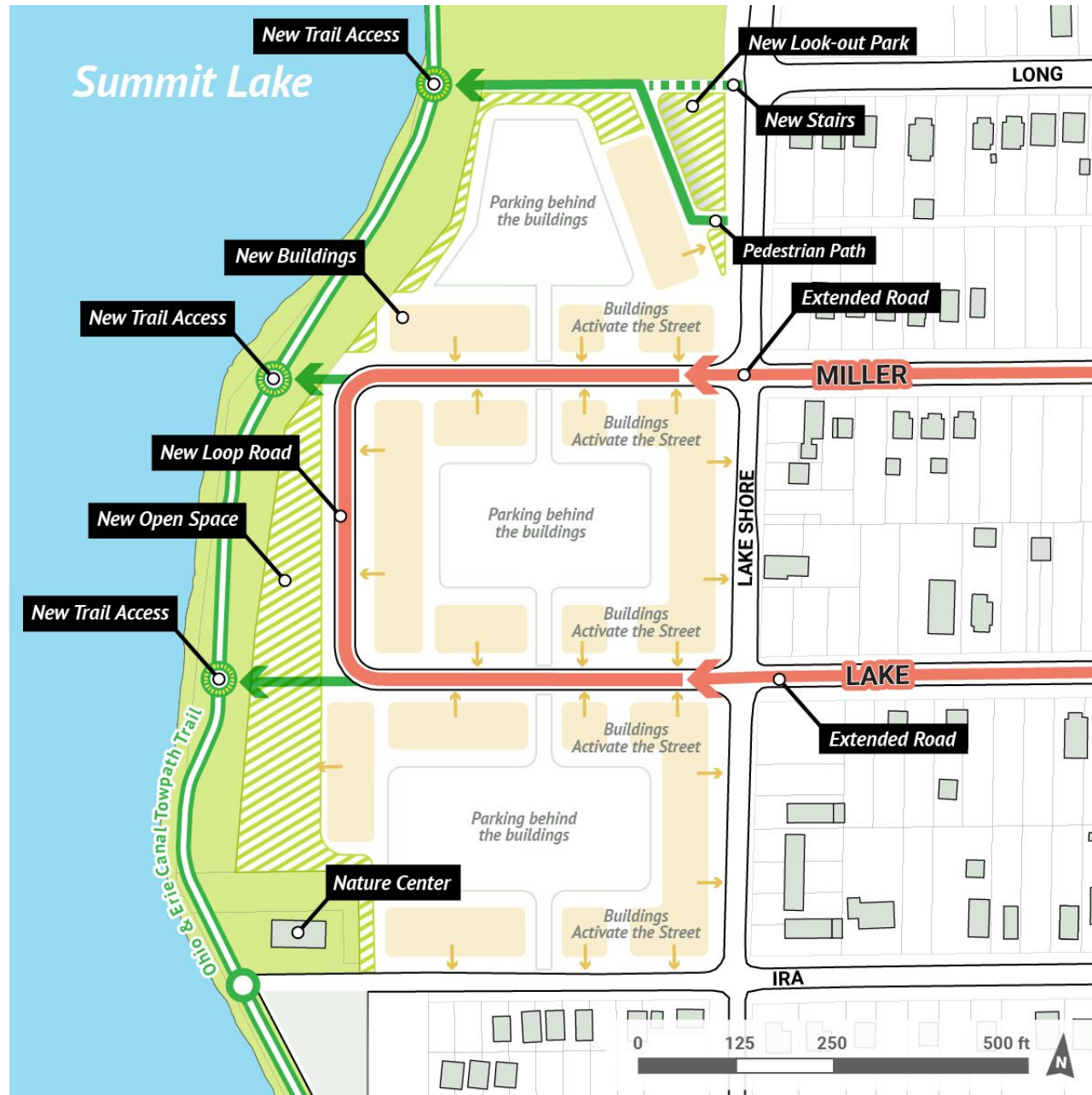
## **A Vision for the Future of Summit Lake**

**Summit Lake is a safe, welcoming and family-friendly community with quality housing and local businesses, where new and long-term residents, proud of their community, work side-by-side to improve the neighborhood.**



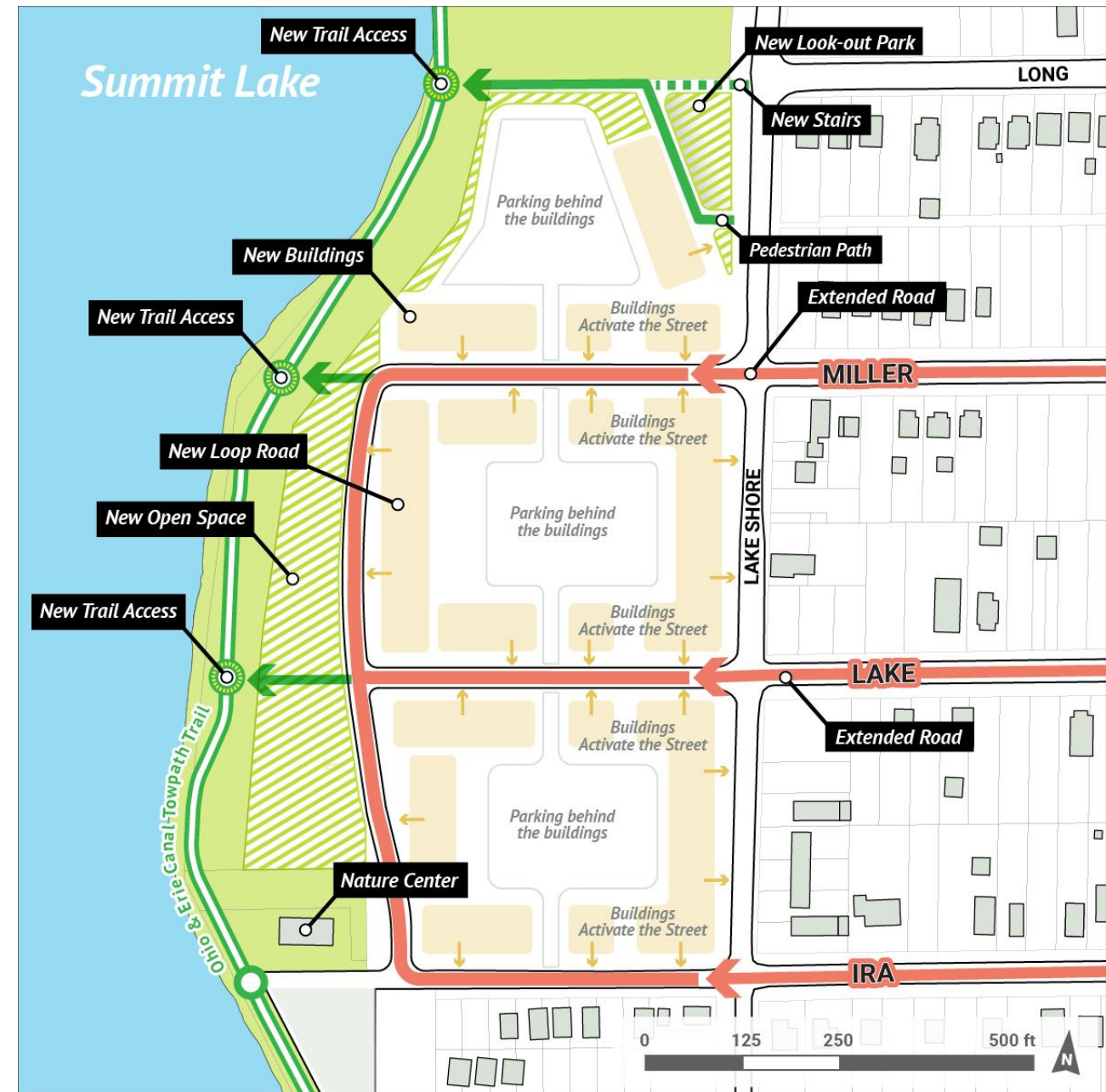
# Redesign of Summit Lake Apartments

**Option 1:** Extending Miller and Lake, adding a new road next to the Towpath Trail



## Community and stakeholder preference

**Option 2:** Extending Miller and Lake, adding a new road next to the Towpath Trail from Miller to Ira

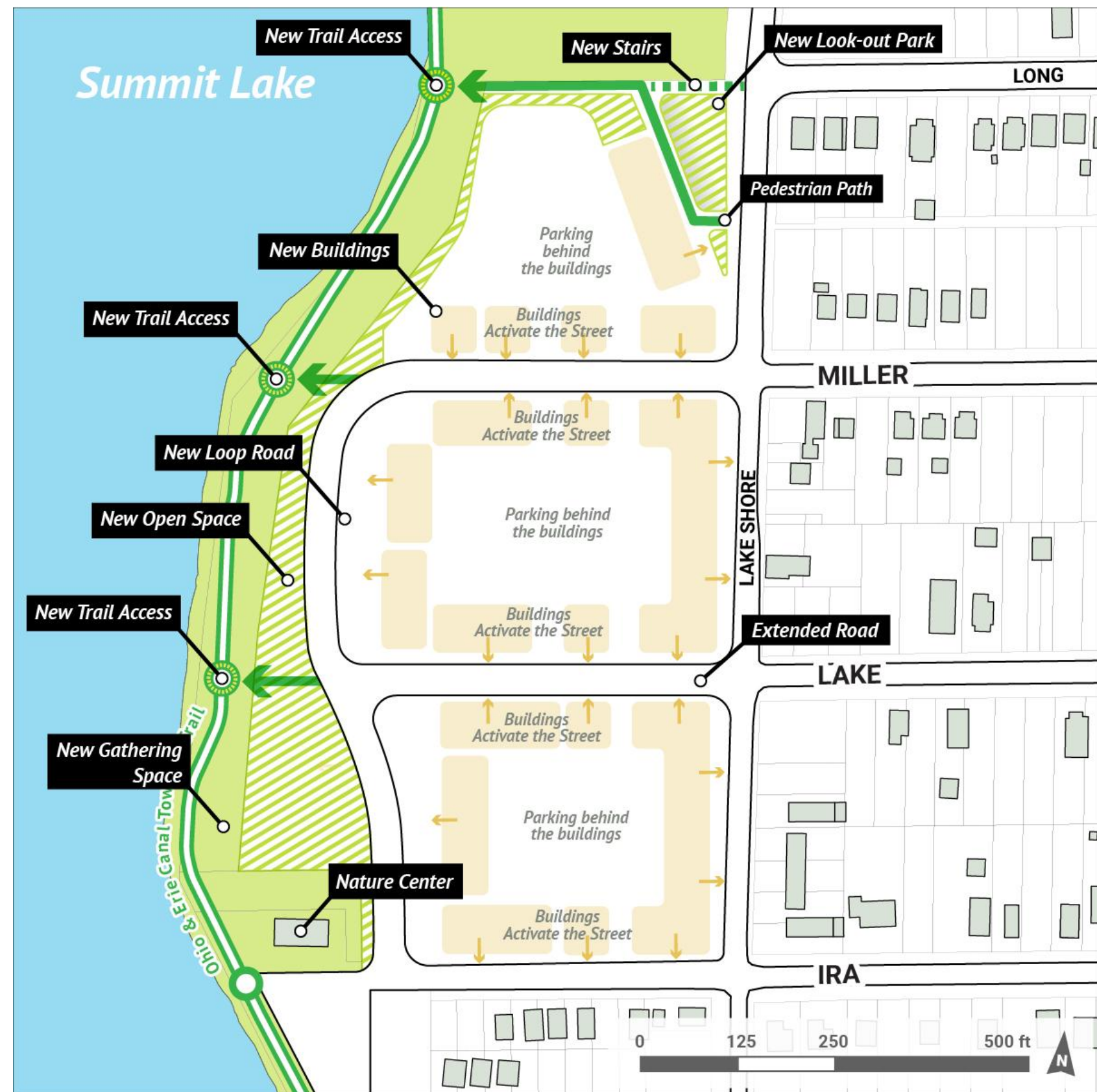


# Redesign of Summit Lake Apartments

## Site objectives

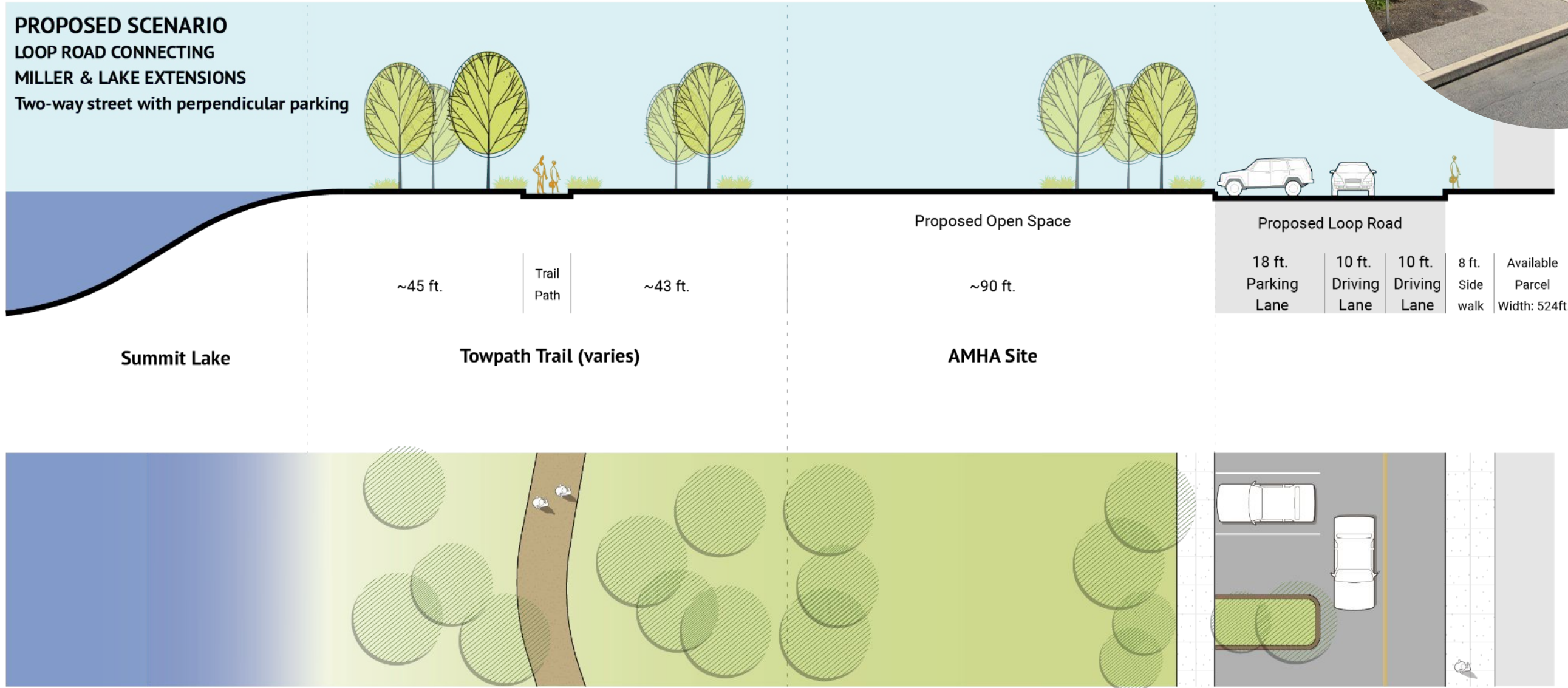
Based on community input, goals for the redeveloped site are to:

- Better connect the site with the neighborhood
- Better connect the neighborhood to the lake and towpath trail
- Maximize views of the lake when possible
- Create public open spaces that connect to the lake and trail





# New lakefront open space and road



# New gathering space ideas

## Top 5 Choices:

1. Outdoor Lounge
2. Snack Shed
3. Public Grills
4. Porch Swings
5. Playable Seating



## DESIGN YOUR GATHERING SPACE!

We are creating a new space for the community to use along the lake near the Summit Lake Nature Center and fishing pier...and we need your help to design it!

What features would you like the space to have?, Place a sticker next to your top 3!

**Picnic Tables**

**Playable Seating**

**Mobile Snack Vendors**

**Tree Groves**

**Porch Swings**

**Hammocks**

**Native Plantings**

**Outdoor Lounge**

**Snack Shed**

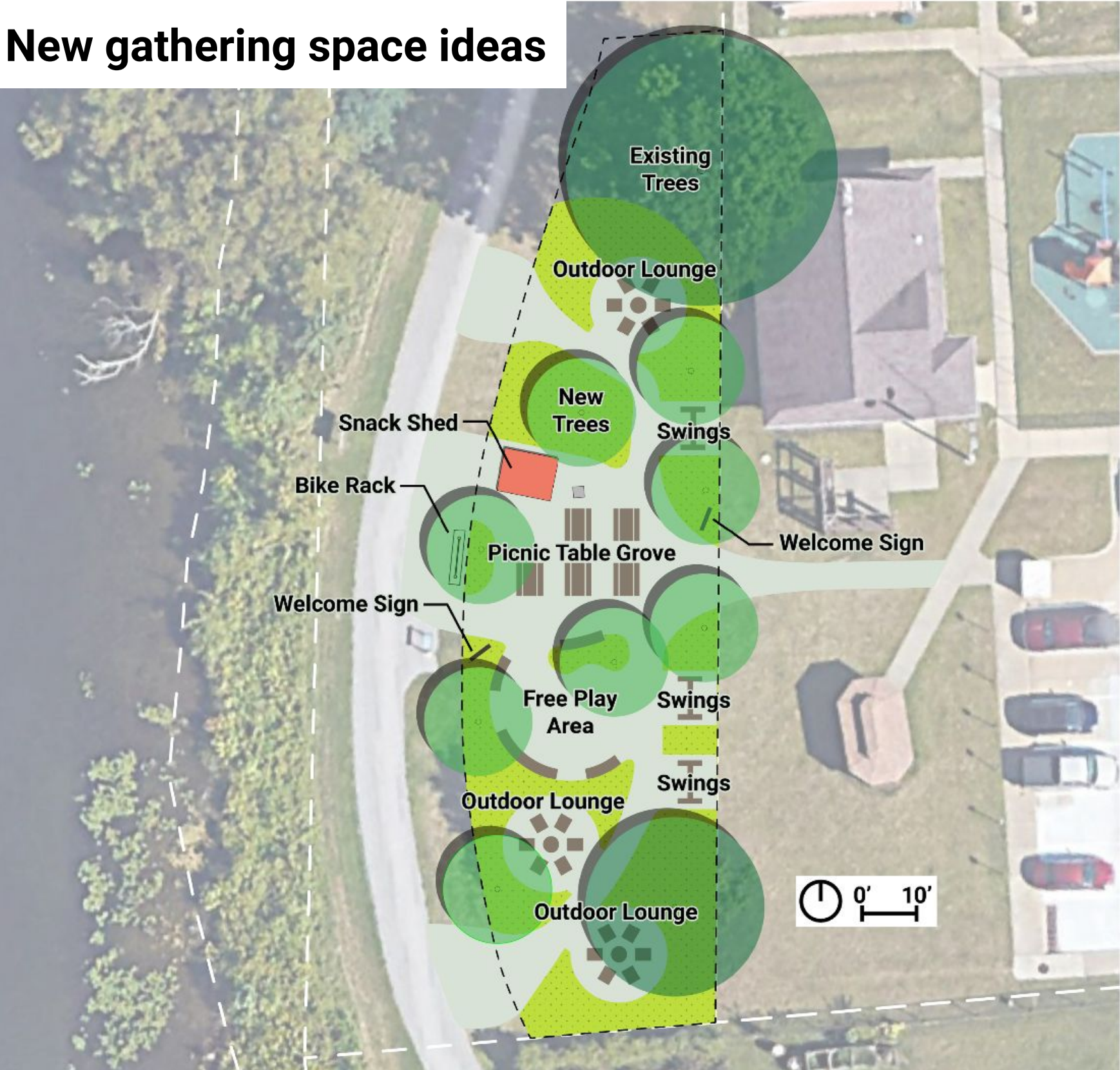
**Shade Structure**

**Stone Benches**

**Public Grills**

**Scooter Track**

# New gathering space ideas



## Summer Pilot 2022



Bike Cart



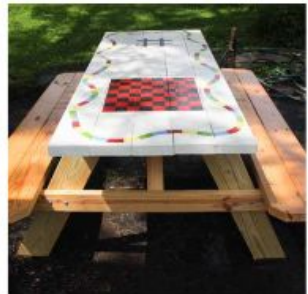
Temp. Food Stand



Adirondack Chairs



Swing Prototypes



Picnic Tables



Free Play Area



Container Garden w/ Native Plantings



Programming for Play

## Permanent Build



Snack Shed



Outdoor Lounge



Swings



Bench Seating



Picnic Table Grove



Free Play Area



Native Plantings



Tree Groves

# Summit Lake Community Clean Up



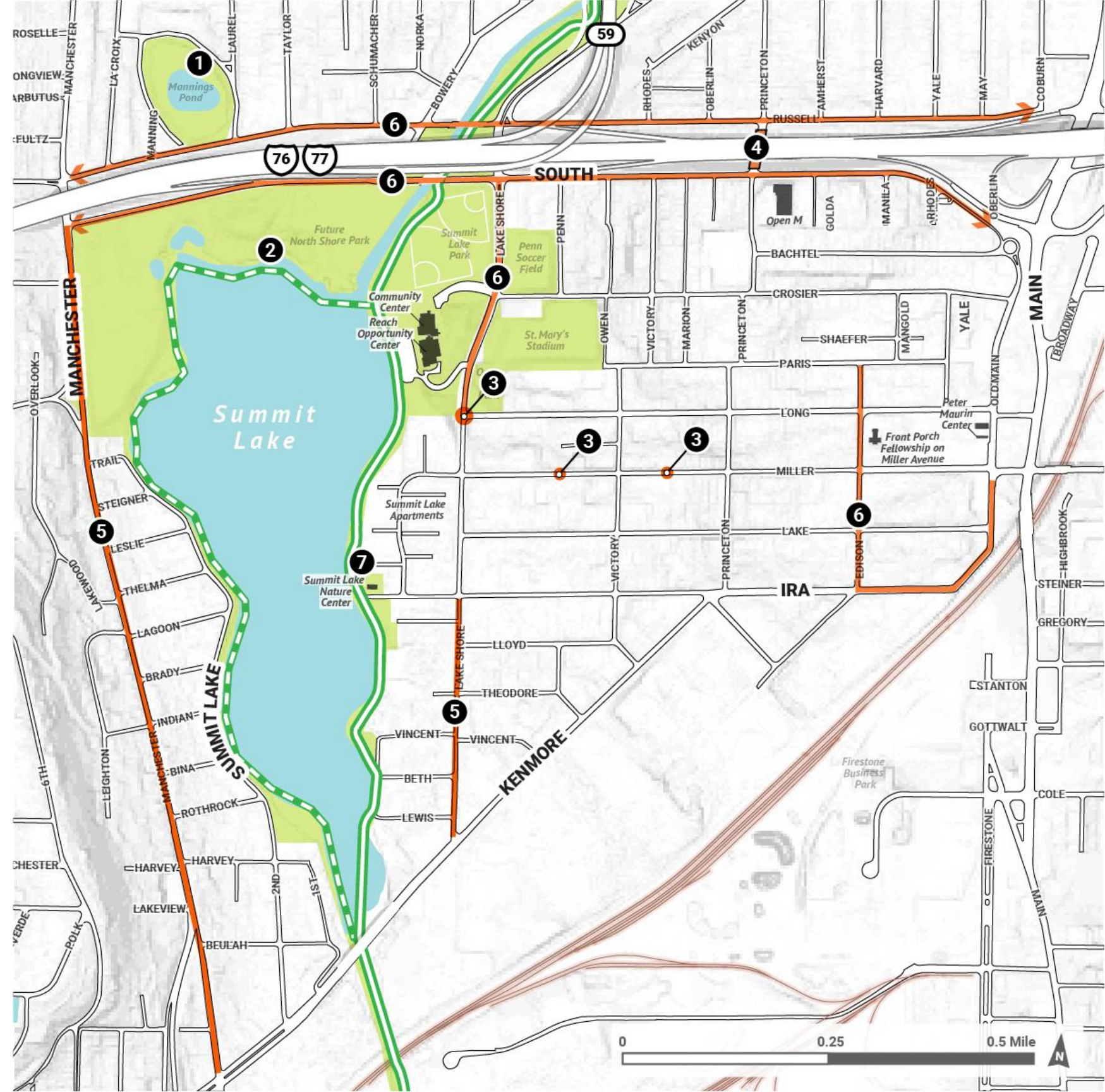
# What's happening now

## [On-map]

1. Mannings Pond Pocket Park
2. Summit Lake North Shore and Ohio and Erie Canal Summit Lake Trail
3. Traffic safety interventions at Lake Shore Blvd and Long Street, and Miller Avenue **(Completed!)**
4. Princeton Street Bridge aesthetic improvements
5. Street repaving
6. Street studies
7. Gathering space

## [Off-map]

8. Neighborhood clean up
9. Street light survey and repair **(Completed!)**
10. Tree planting **(Completed - 300 trees!)**
11. Pilot greenways
12. Gas line improvements and associated sidewalk repair



# Preliminary neighborhood ideas

[On-map]

1. **Better gateways** to bridge Summit Lake across the highway
2. **Lake Shore Boulevard** as the front door to the neighborhood
3. **New sidewalks and bike-friendly routes** to connect to Community Center and Reach Opportunity Center
4. New lakefront **open space and nature trail**
5. **Safer neighborhood streets** for walking and biking

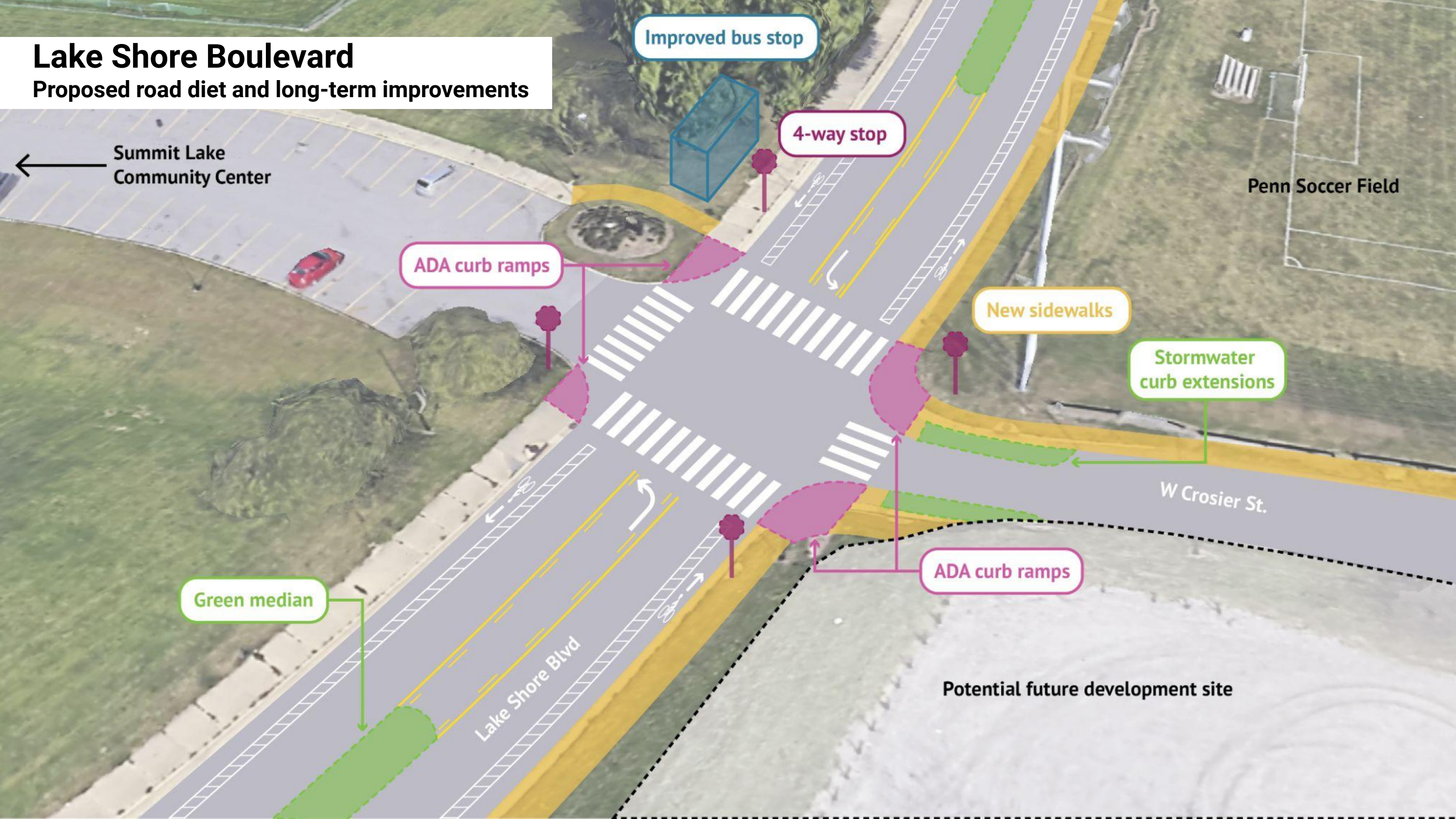
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6. **Temporary uses on vacant lots** such as greenways, pocket parks, gardens, and native pollinator plantings
7. **Existing home improvements** such as exterior renovations, porch lights
8. **New housing** with a range of affordability levels, tenure, and housing types
9. **More events** for community socializing



# Lake Shore Boulevard

Proposed road diet and long-term improvements



Summit Lake Community Center

Improved bus stop

4-way stop

Penn Soccer Field

ADA curb ramps

New sidewalks

Stormwater curb extensions

W Crosier St.

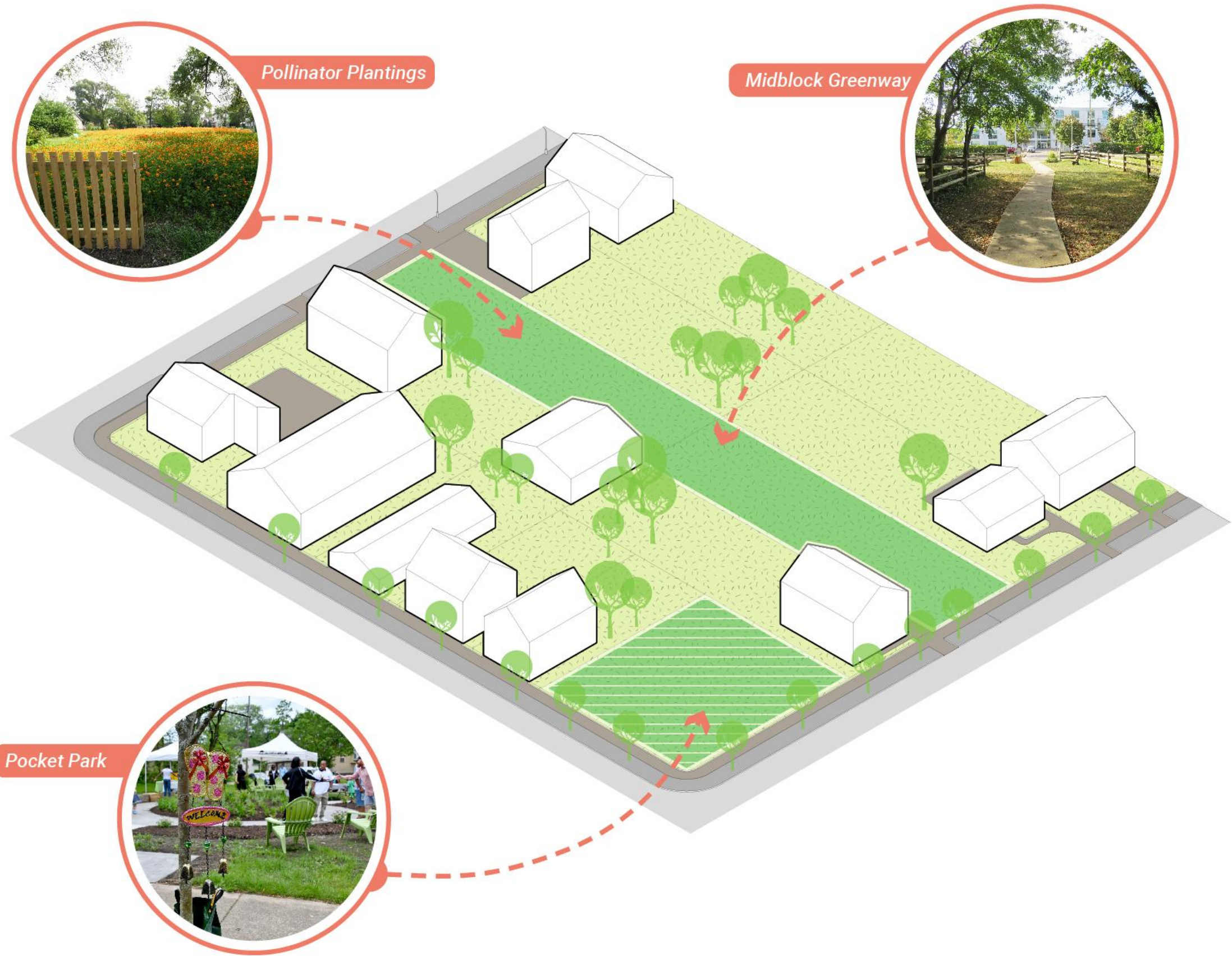
Green median

Lake Shore Blvd

ADA curb ramps

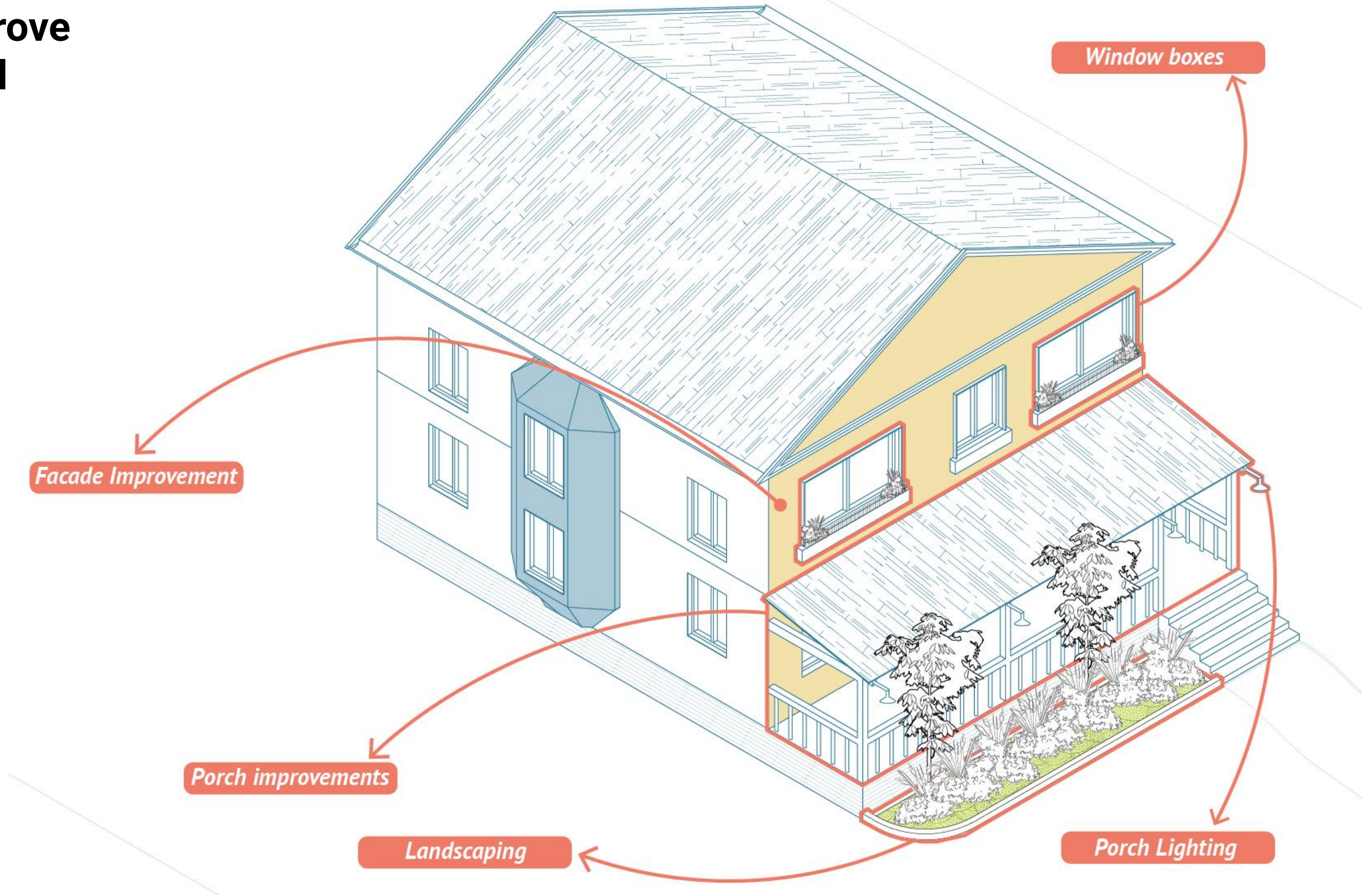
Potential future development site

# Temporary uses for vacant lots





# Help residents improve their properties and retain affordability



# Neighborhood Activities + Next Steps

- **Round 4 workshops May 31 and June 1 to review:**
  - Summit Lake Apartments redesign: site plan options and housing architectural typologies
  - Proposed neighborhood strategies
- **Refinement of housing plan**
- **People Plan framework of services and support**
- **Draft Transformation Plan - due June 16**
- **Final Transformation Plan - due December 16**
- **Pursuit of implementation funding**

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# CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS WORKSHOP

Come and give us your feedback on future changes to Summit Lake Apartments and the neighborhood.  
Come by **WHEN** and **WHERE** it is most convenient for you between 4:30 and 6:00 pm at one of the locations below

**May 31 from 4:30-6:30pm**  
at the Front Porch Fellowship on Miller Avenue,  
1095 Edison Avenue

**June 1 from 4:30-6:30pm**  
outside the Summit Lake Community Center  
and Reach Opportunity Center

**FOOD!**

**\$25 gift card raffle!**

visit [www.akronciviccommons.org/choice-neighborhood](http://www.akronciviccommons.org/choice-neighborhood)

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# Akron Civic Commons Update

- **Ohio and Erie Canal Summit Lake Trail**
- **Summit Lake North Shore Design**



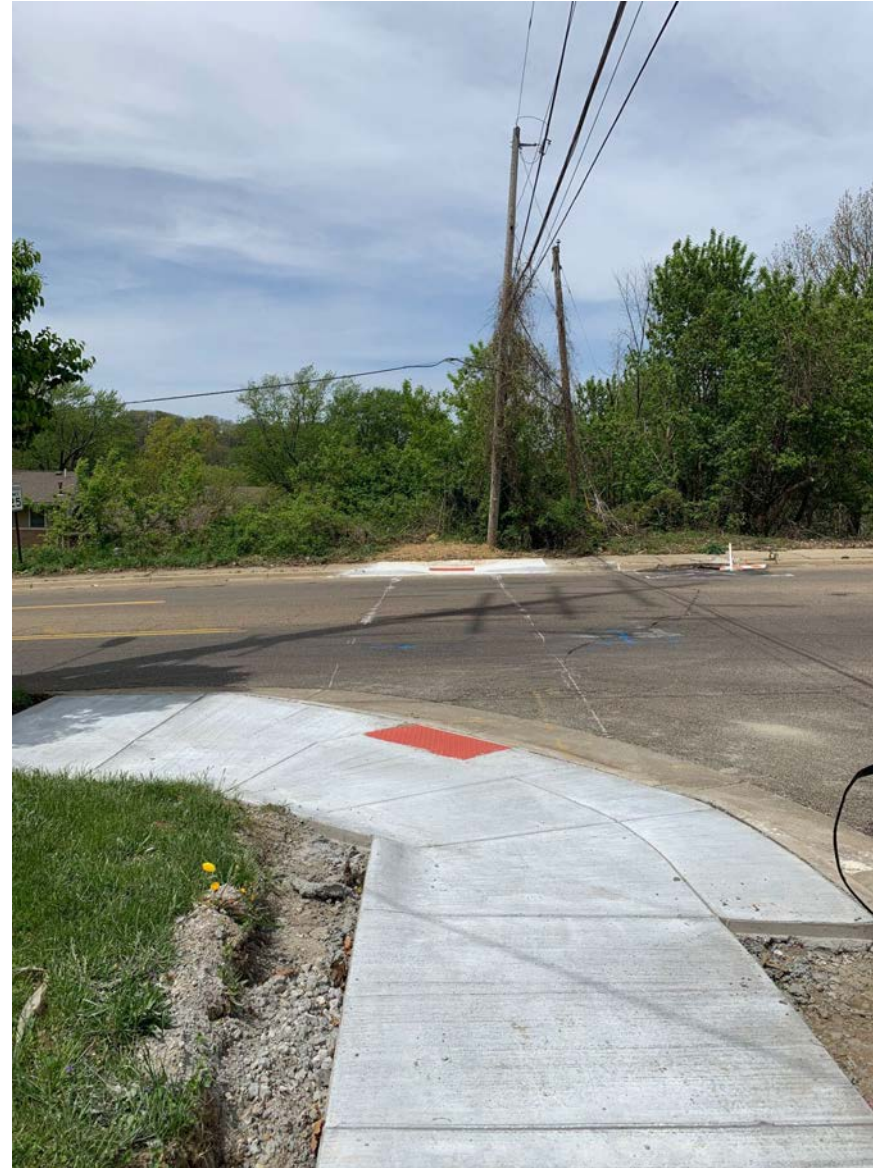
# Land Use Plan Updates

- **Short-term actions**

- Pedestrian safety improvements
- Pilot greenway
- Manning's Pond pocket park
- Exterior home renovation program

- **Next steps:**

- Rezoning
- Future development - new housing



*New ramps, crosswalks and signs being installed at Lake Shore Boulevard and Long Street*



*New speed tables installed on Miller Avenue*

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