



WILBURTON-GRAND CONNECTION

BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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OVERVIEW

- Tonight's discussion will focus on:
- *Grand Connection Framework Plan*
 - Motion to adopt and initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- Wilburton Commercial Area Update
 - Emerging vision and priorities
 - Draft Environmental Impact Statement

WHERE WE ARE

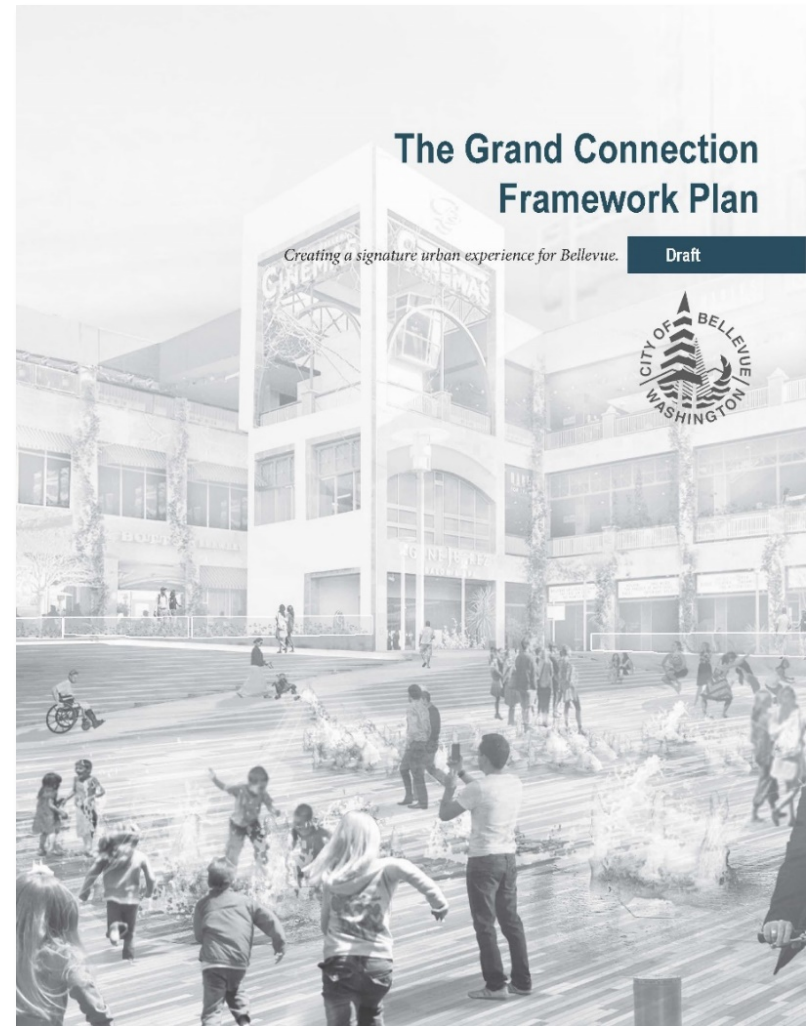


WHERE WE HAVE BEEN



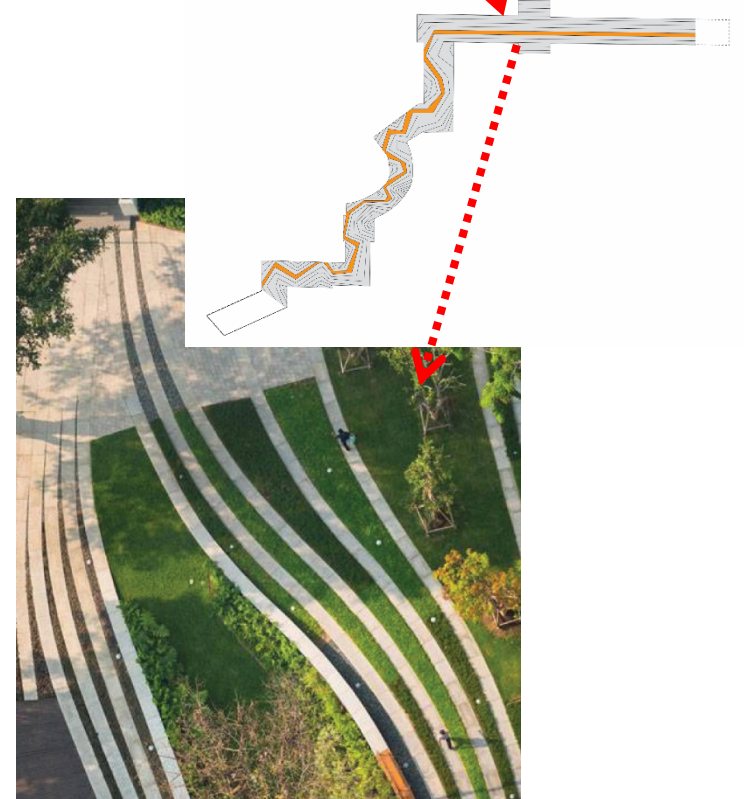
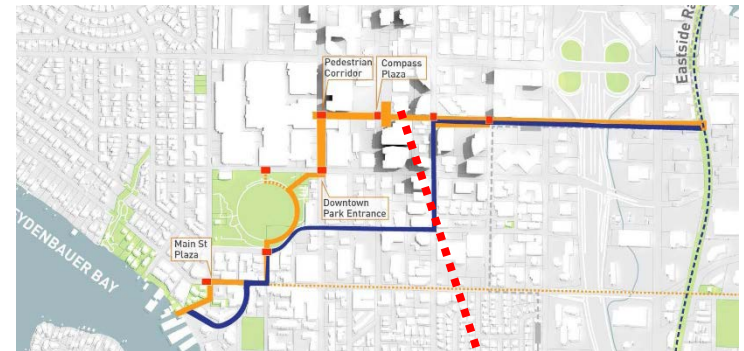
FRAMEWORK PLAN

- Sequence One
 - Meydenbauer Bay Park Entrance (100th and Main Street) to Civic Center District
 - High level visioning process
 - Does not include Interstate 405 crossing
- Presented to Council and released to the public – June 2017
- Over 2,500 online views
- Emails to over 2,000 subscribers
- Comments focused on clarifying questions
- Presented to
 - Planning Commission
 - Transportation Commission
 - Parks & Community Services Board
 - Bellevue Downtown Association
 - Visit Bellevue
 - Meydenbauer Center
 - Wilburton Hill Neighborhood annual picnic
 - Open houses with King County (Eastside Rail Corridor)



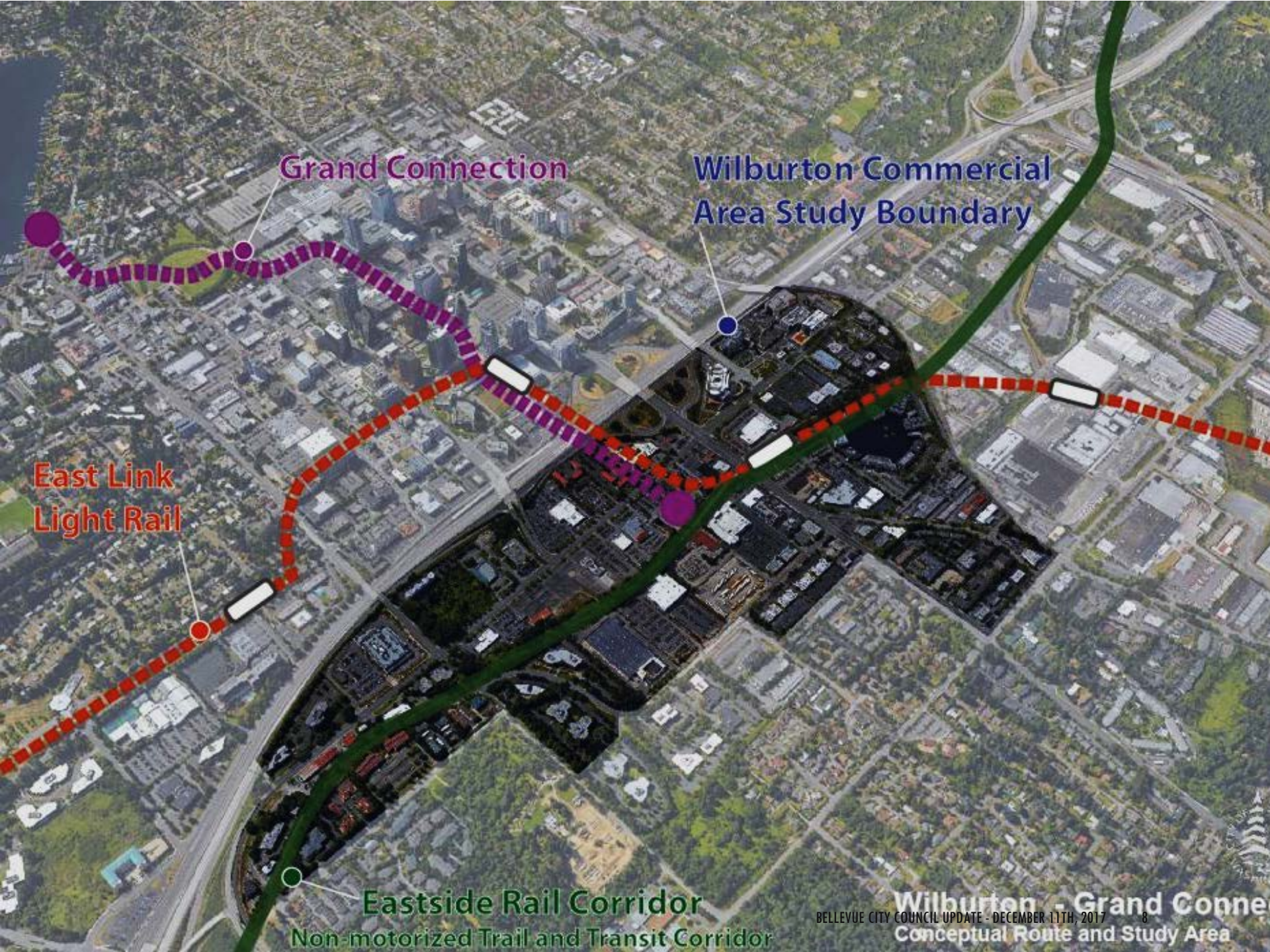
WHAT'S NEXT

- Motion to adopt Framework Plan and initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- Development of a detailed implementation plan
 - In progress
- Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Code, Design Guideline Updates
- Interstate 405 Crossing
 - Wilburton EIS Evaluation January – April
 - Second Framework Plan – April
 - Selection of a preferred alternative – Summer of 2018
 - Begin design refinement of preferred alternative – Fall/Winter 2018



WILBURTON COMMERCIAL AREA





Grand Connection

Wilburton Commercial
Area Study Boundary

East Link
Light Rail

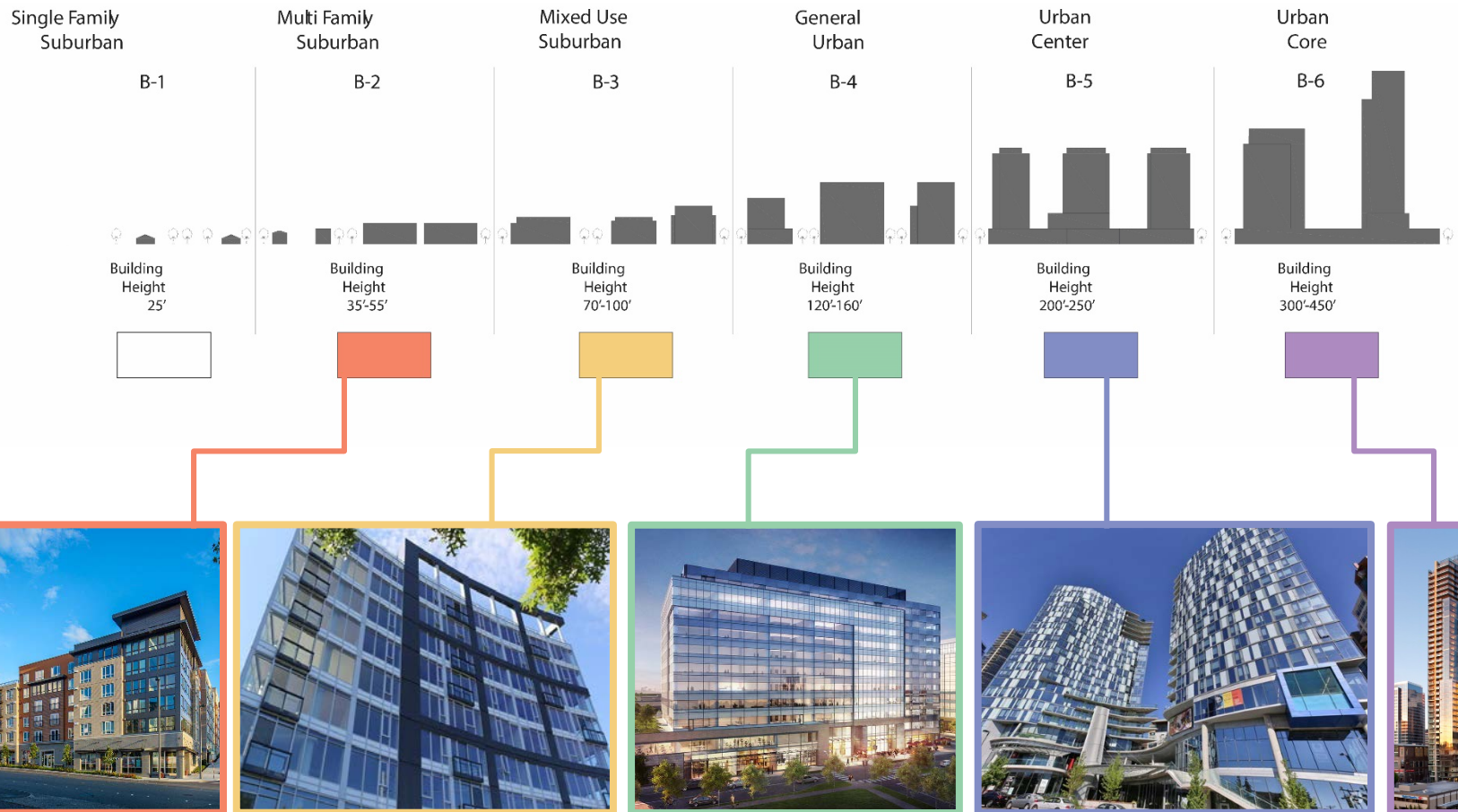
Eastside Rail Corridor
Non-motorized Trail and Transit Corridor

COMMITTEE AND SCOPE

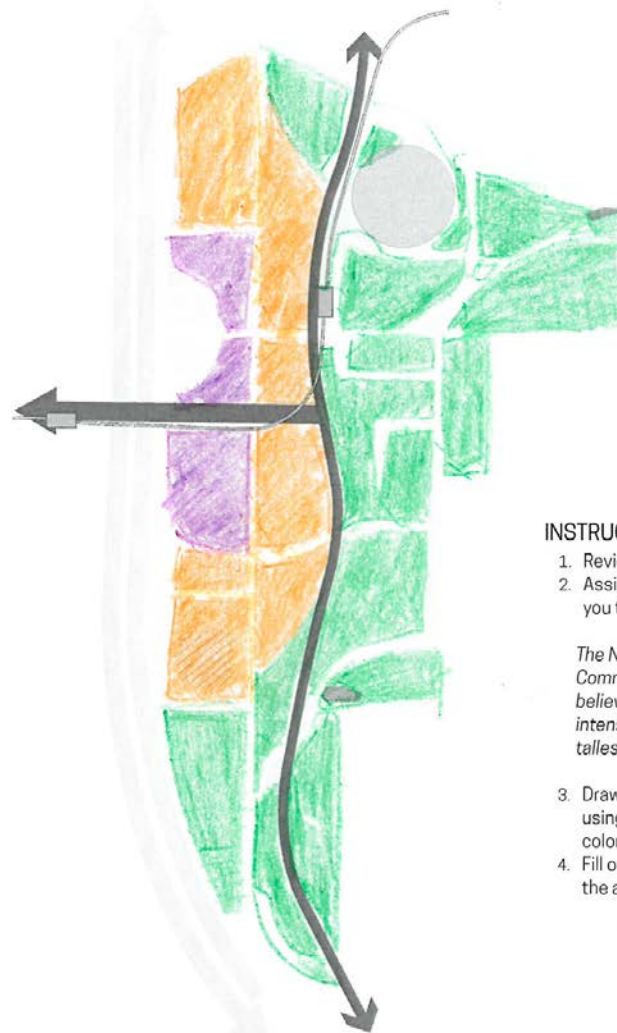
- 15 Member Committee
- Scope
 - Land Use
 - Transportation
 - Urban Design
- What is its relationship to the context
 - Downtown
 - BelRed/Spring District
 - Wilburton Hill Neighborhood
- How to leverage assets
 - Grand Connection
 - Eastside Rail Corridor
 - East Link Light Rail
 - Global Innovation Exchange



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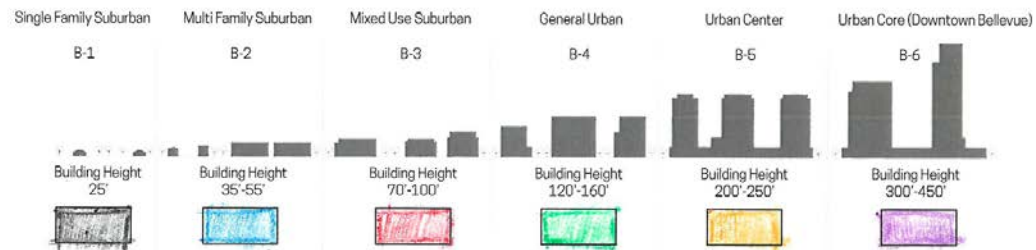


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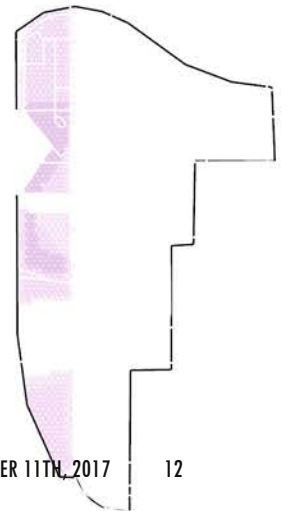
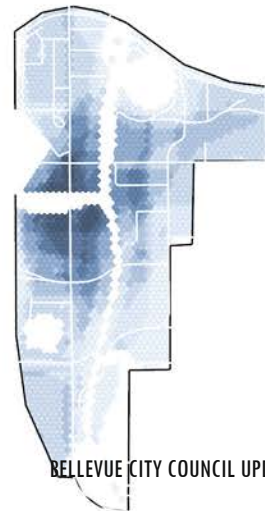
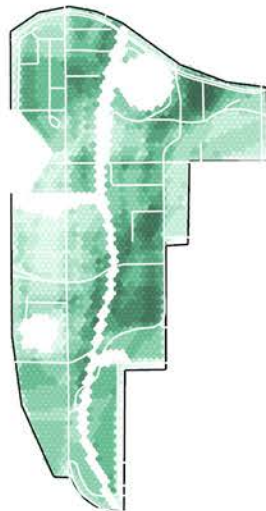
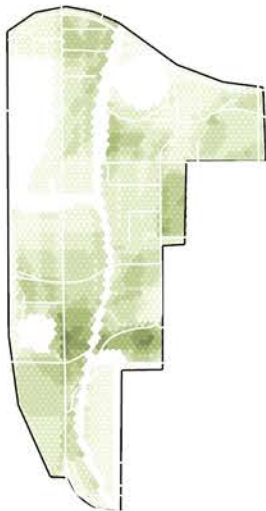
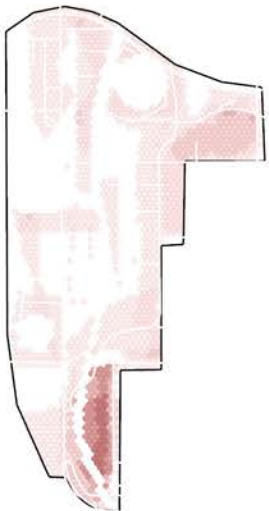
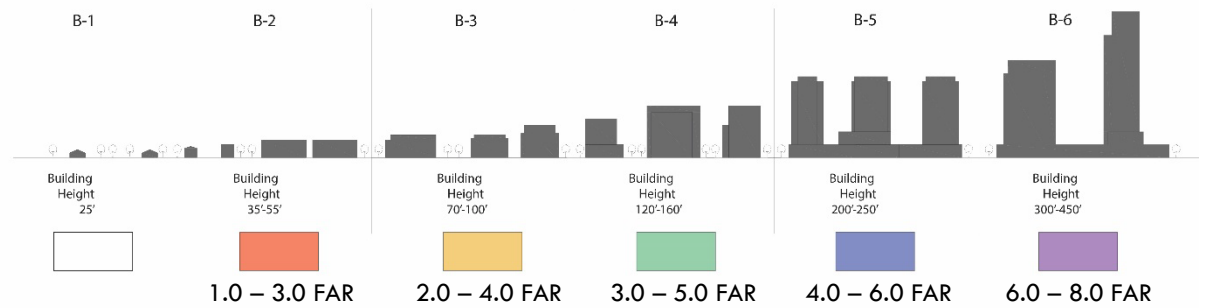
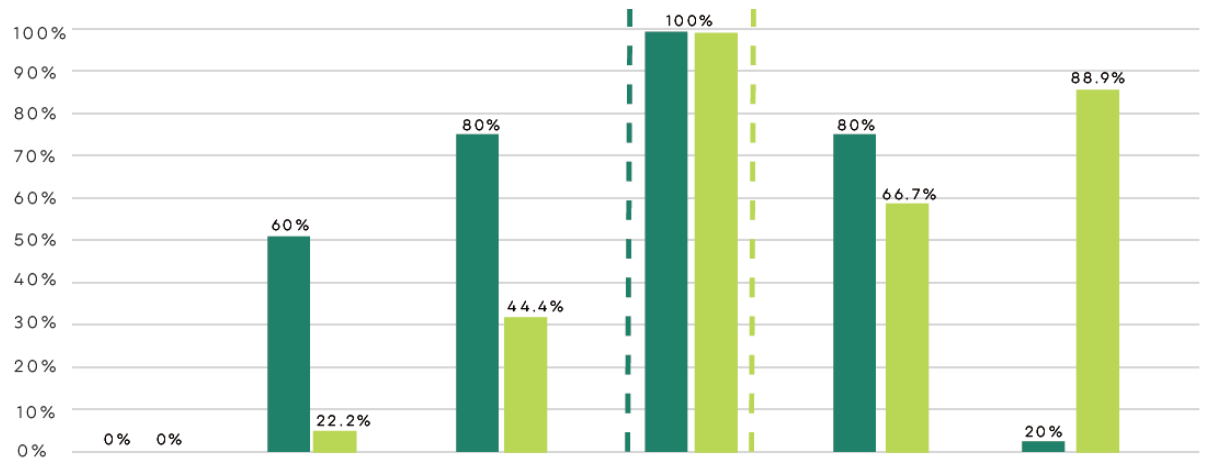
1. Review the Bellevue Urban transect diagram.
2. Assign a color to each environment (below) that you think should be in the Wilburton study area.

The Neighborhood Core for the Wilburton Commercial Area will reflect what you believe should be the highest density and intensity of uses (greatest mix of uses and tallest structures).

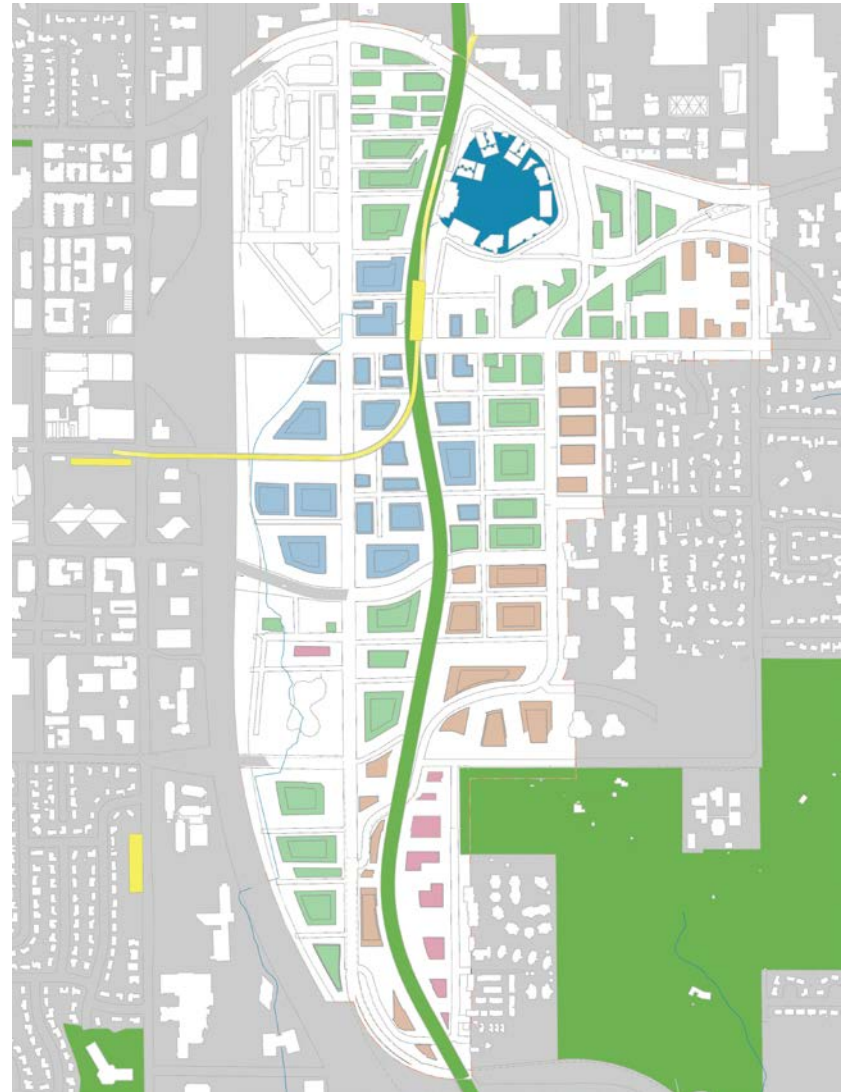
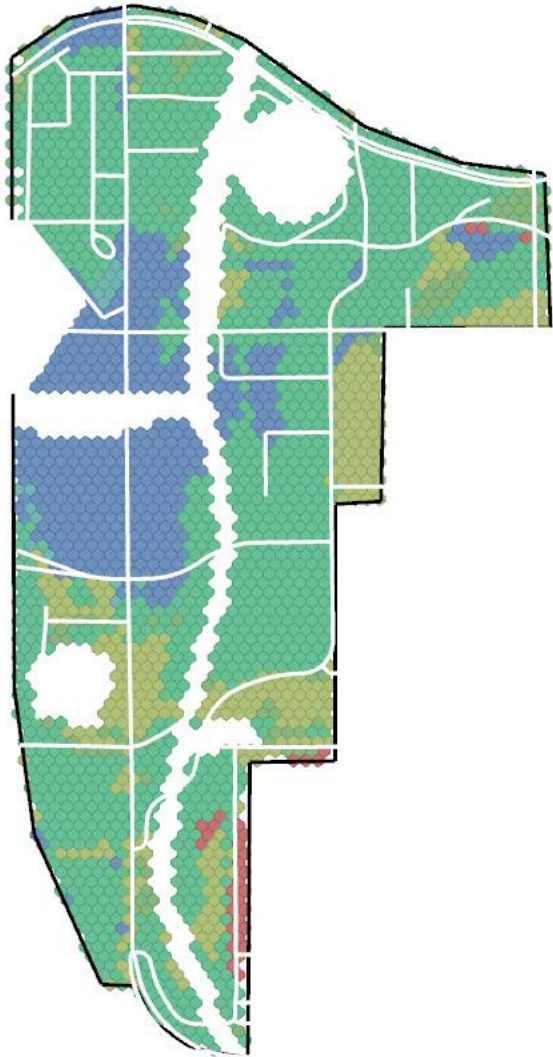
3. Draw the Neighborhood Core on the map using the corresponding color. Be sure to fill in colored area completely.
4. Fill out the rest of the map with the applicable colors.



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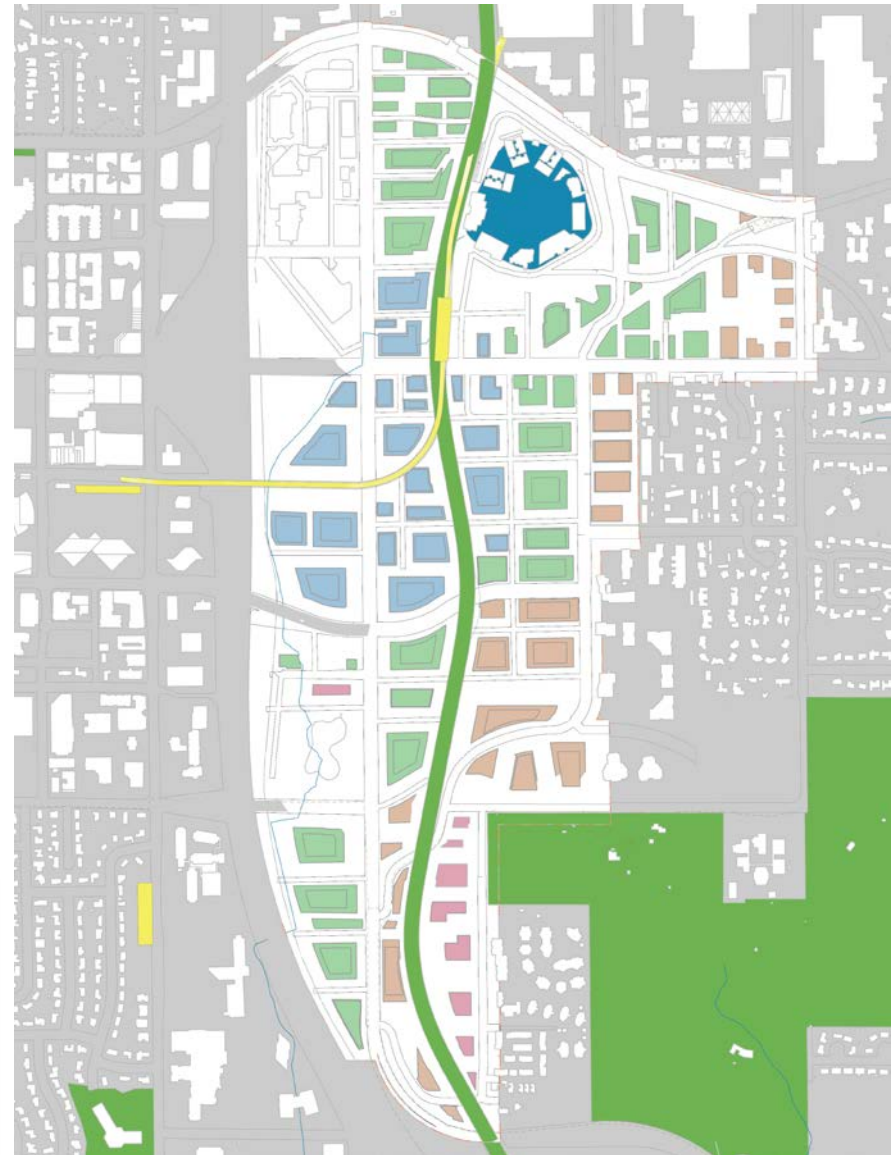
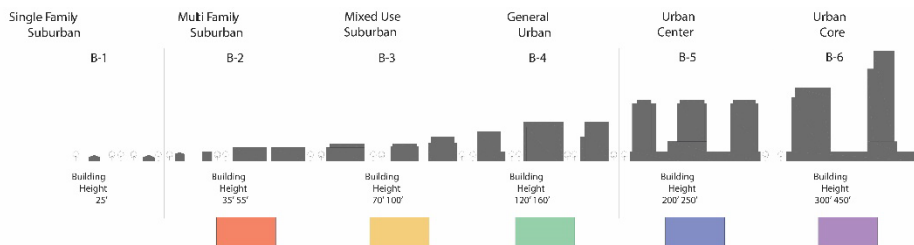


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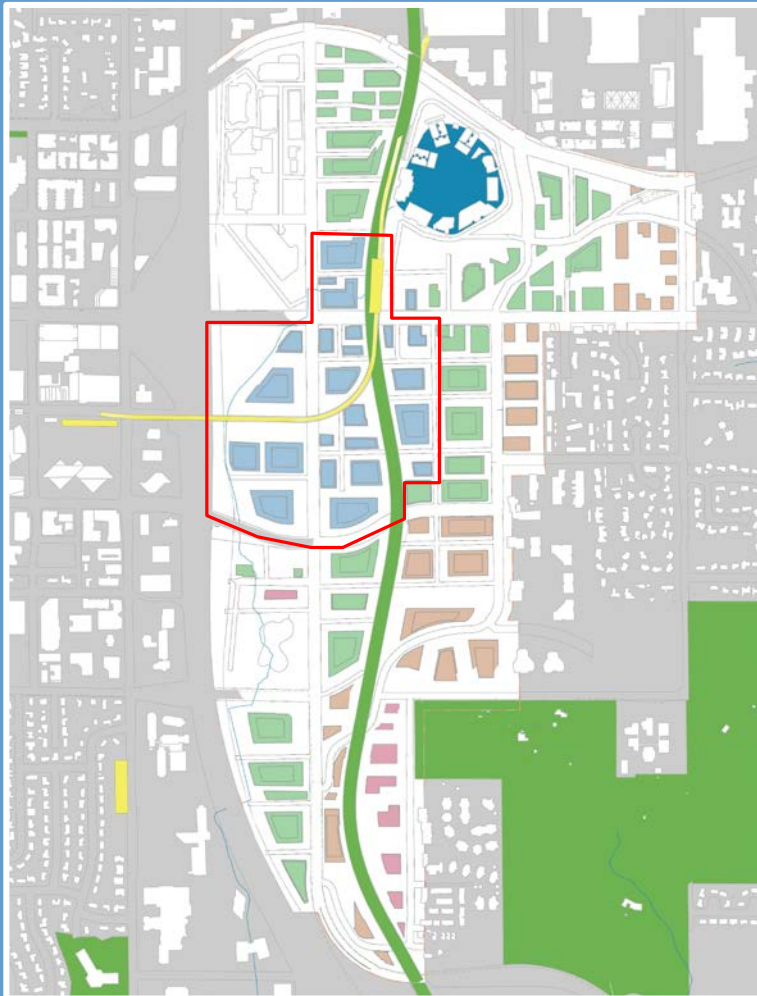


EMERGING VISION — ORGANIZING PRINCIPLES

- Density concentrated around ERC / GC Intersection
 - “Special Opportunity Area”
- Wilburton Light Rail Station
- Nodes / Transitions from Spring District and East Main
- Transitions to Wilburton Hill Neighborhood and Park



DESIGN PRINCIPLES



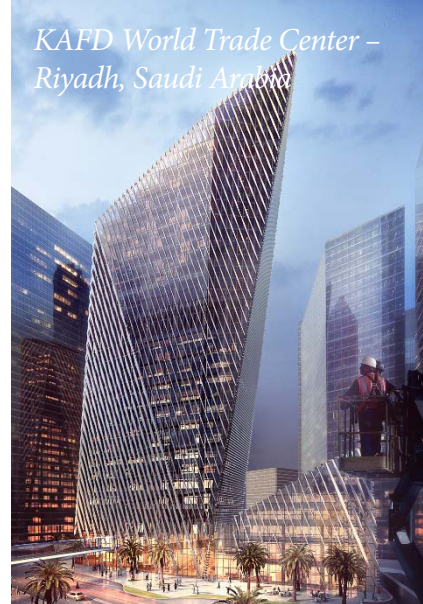
Dream Center – Shanghai



“It’s a destination where people want to be at all hours.”

Inspired design that preserves key public views and separation.

KAFD World Trade Center – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



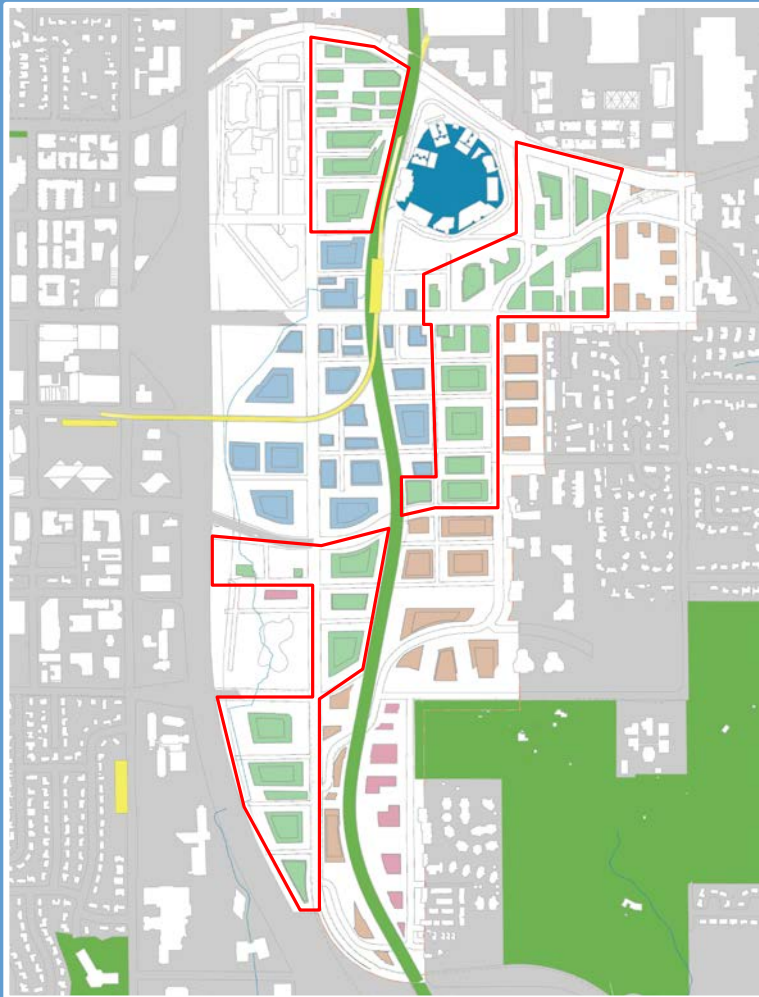
Unique architectural forms

Hamilton Residence – Hamilton, ON



Complexity in massing to diminish scale

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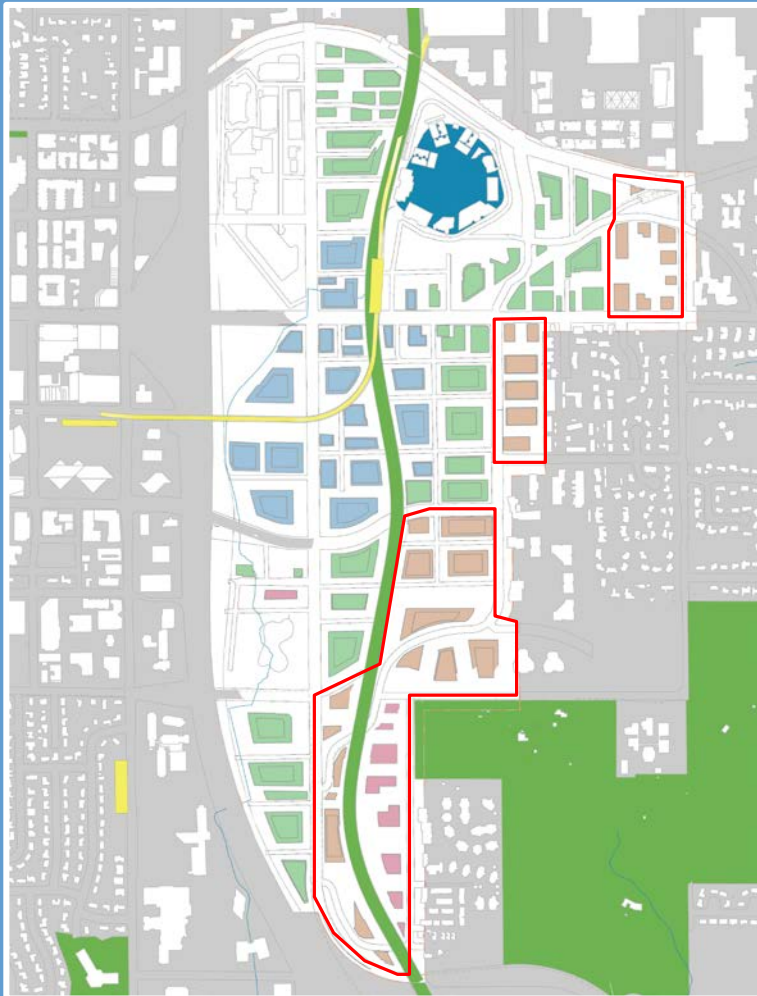


Olympic Village – Vancouver, BC



The Ratcliffe – Charlotte, NC

DESIGN PRINCIPLES



Downtown Woodstock – Woodstock, GA



Gentle density, respectful of its surrounding context.



700 North Church, Charlotte, NC

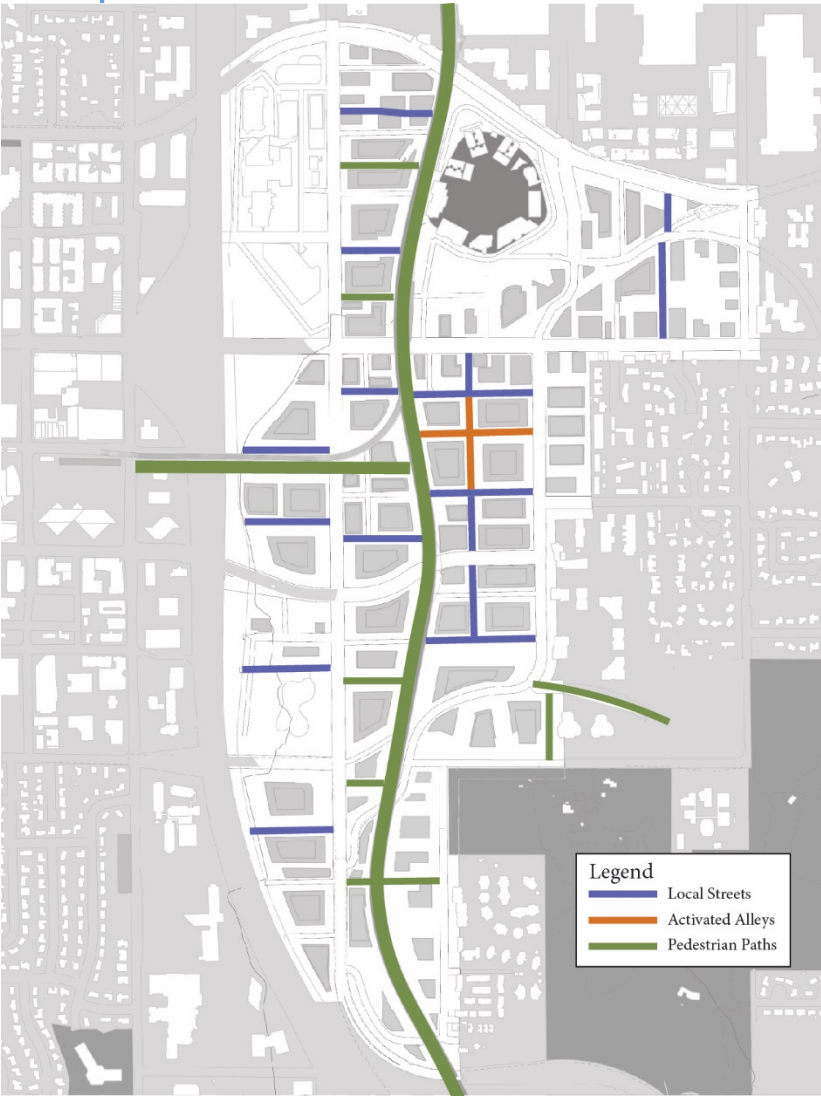
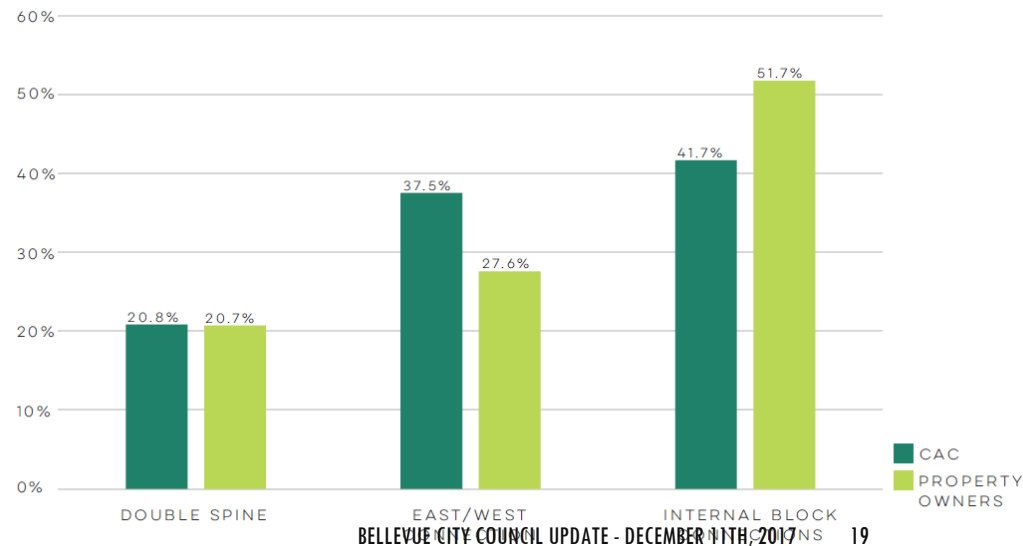


EMERGING VISION — STREET LEVEL

Emphasis on the Pedestrian Realm

EMERGING VISION — TRANSPORTATION

- Connections to the Eastside Rail Corridor
- Activated alleys as public spaces
- 116th Avenue NE as a grand boulevard
- Local streets and woonerfs
 - Smaller blocks and to provide service areas in lieu of back of house (Eastside Rail Corridor)





“The Committee vision to date has supported the concept of a pedestrian destination. It’s warm and inviting. It has character and texture with corners and alleys.”

EMERGING VISION — TRANSPORTATION PRECEDENTS

Activated Alleys



Indianapolis Cultural Trail– Indianapolis, IN



Pedestrian Boulevard– St. Petersburg, Russia

EMERGING VISION – TRANSPORTATION PRECEDENTS

Pedestrian & Cyclist Infrastructure



EMERGING VISION — TRANSPORTATION PRECEDENTS

Sustainable and Green

Passeig de St. Joan – Barcelona, ES



Olympic Village – Vancouver, BC



EMERGING VISION — TRANSPORTATION PRECEDENTS

Inspired Design

EMERGING VISION — PARKS & OPEN SPACE

- Eastside Rail Corridor as a defining feature

- Active uses facing the trail
 - Restaurants
 - Shops
 - Services

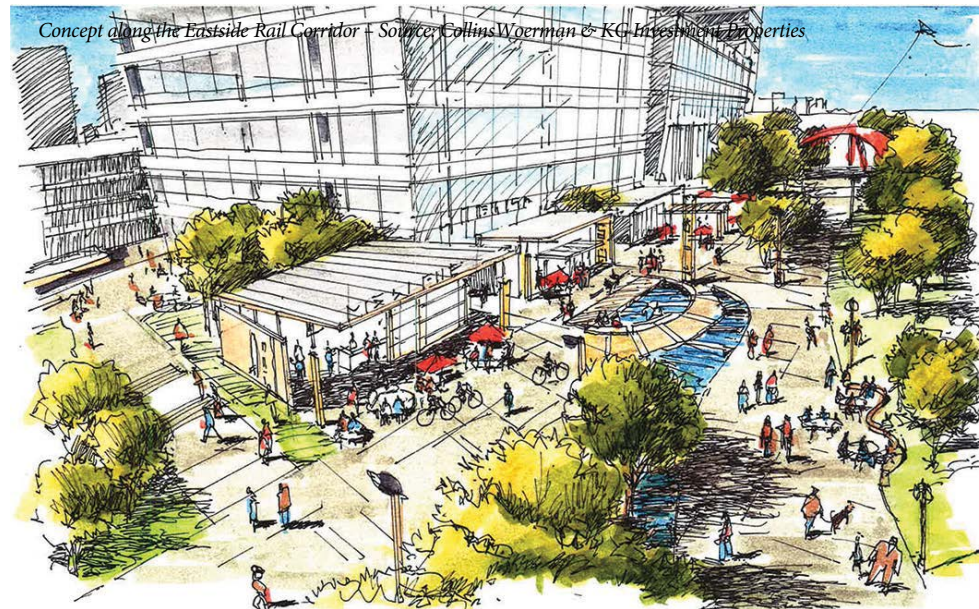


- Central civic space

- Natural assets as public amenities

- Sturtevant Creek
- Wetland

- Well designed pocket parks and plazas



"Connectivity is critical. Support the Eastside Rail Corridor and Grand Connection to enrich the pedestrian experience."



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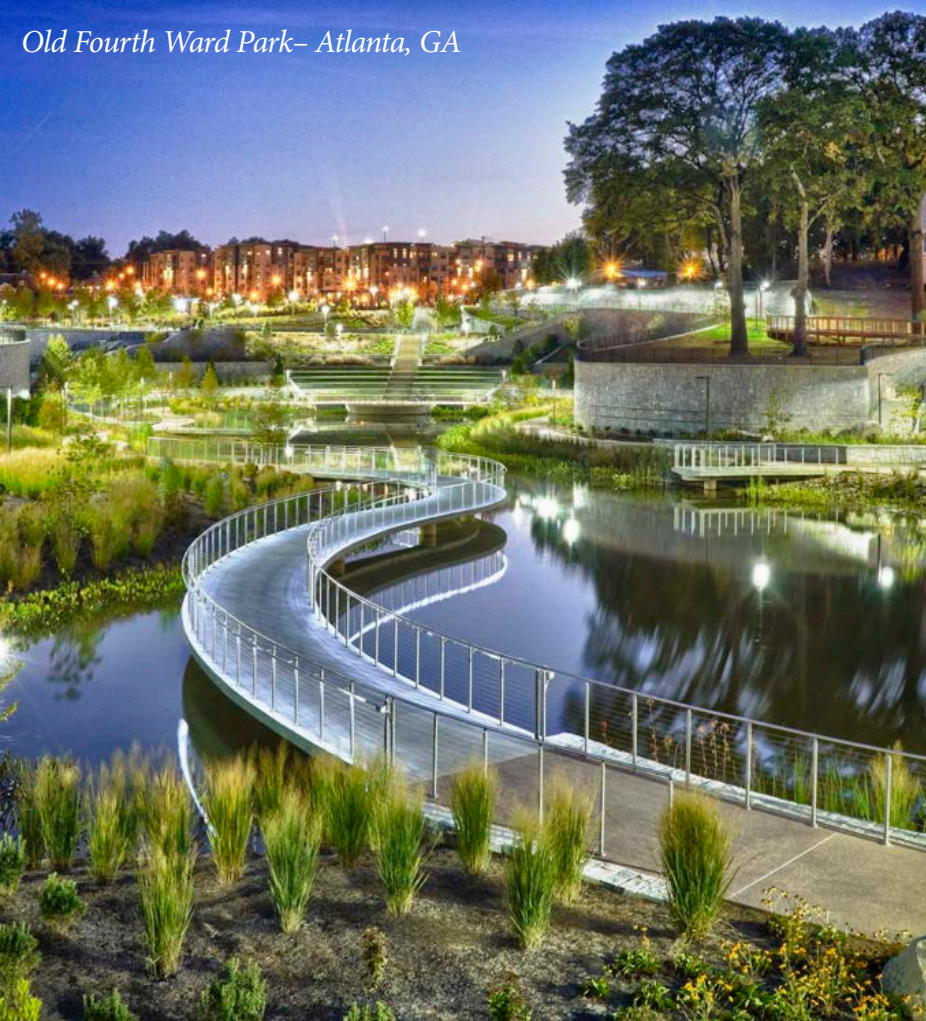
*Activated Eastside Rail Corridor
Trail Oriented Development*



EMERGING VISION — PARKS & OPEN SPACE PRECEDENTS

Large Central Civic Space

Old Fourth Ward Park– Atlanta, GA



City Creek Center – Salt Lake City, UT



EMERGING VISION — PARKS & OPEN SPACE PRECEDENTS

Natural Assets as Amenities

CBC Plaza - Vancouver, BC



Bryant Park - New York, NY



EMERGING VISION — PARKS & OPEN SPACE PRECEDENTS

Activated Pocket Parks and Plazas

OUTREACH

- Boards and Commissions
 - Planning
 - Transportation
 - Parks and Community Services
- Bellevue Downtown Association
 - Land Use Committee
 - Transportation Committee
- Open House with King County
 - Eastside Rail Corridor
- Online surveys
 - Over 700 responses
- Wilburton Hill Neighborhood
 - Annual Picnic – 150 attendees
 - Flyers - 900

NEXT STEPS

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - January / February 2018
- Select / Refine Preferred Alternative
 - March 2018
- Final Environmental Impact Statement
 - April 2018
- Final CAC Vision Report
 - May 2018

An aerial architectural rendering of a proposed urban park. The park features a winding river or stream, several bridges, and a network of pedestrian walkways. The landscape is populated with various types of trees, including tall evergreens and deciduous trees with autumn foliage. The park is situated in a city environment, with several multi-story buildings visible in the background. The word "QUESTIONS?" is overlaid in large white letters on the right side of the image.

QUESTIONS?

