# College North Neighborhood Plan



# About the Project The

The City of Appleton is in the final stretch of preparing a plan for the future of the College North Neighborhood, This plan will provide a guide for improving the area over the next 10 to 20 years, understanding that the area will continue to adapt to market changes. This neighborhood must be healthy for the community and region to remain vital and generate the energy to attract jobs, residents, and new investment.

- Continue to refine
   the Vision from the
   Comprehensive Plan
   for this district.
- Identify the future opportunities and forces affecting the neighborhood.
- Analyze potential redevelopment options for properties.

- Support equitable and inclusive development and design.
- Leverage relationships
   between stakeholders
   to create future
   opportunities.
- Update the Downtown
   Market Analysis and
   prepare a housing
   strategy for the area.

Purpose

## Next Steps

Assemble the plan document based on your comments.

Complete the library.

Coordinate active development projects.

## Tell us!

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## Neighborhood Momentum





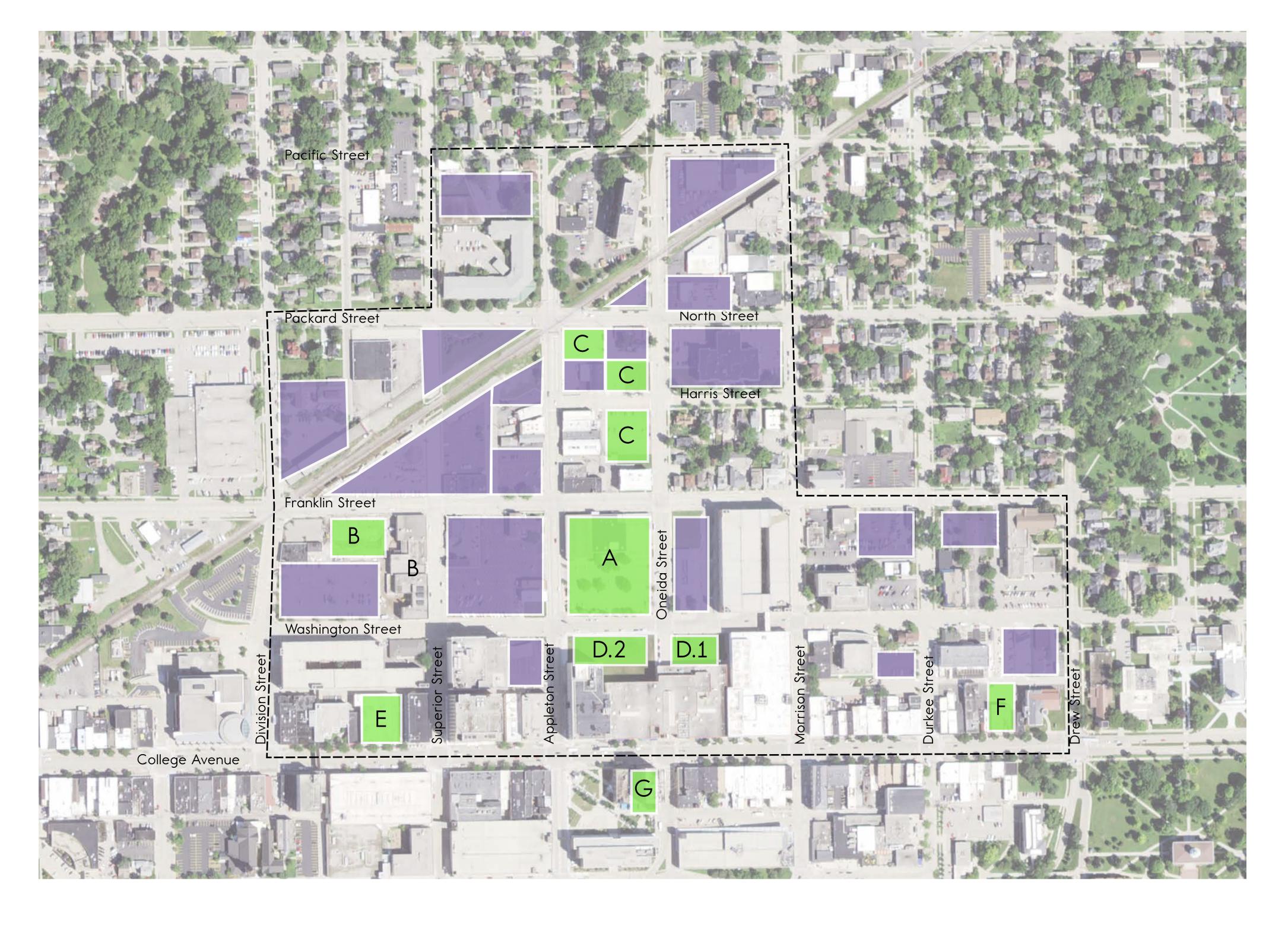
## Sites that are subject-to-change.

Buildings where market forces influence possible change in the site's future.

Conditions that lead to becoming a site that is subject-to-change include:

- > Market for higher intensity use
- > Vacant building
- > Open or vacant lots
- > Underused site
- > Obsolete or incompatible uses
- > Surface parking areas

This does not mean these are sites for redevelopment, but areas to explore for scenarios for preservation, reuse, <u>or</u> redevelopment.





## Sites with active projects.

Sites with development projects recently completed, under construction, or with an approved development agreement.

- A. Appleton Public Library
- B. Crescent Lofts
- C. Rise Apartments
- D. Merge Development (phases 1+2)
- E. Park Central
- F. 320 E. College Avenue
- G. Zuelke Building

Medium-intensity housing



Superior/Franklin

Mixed Use infill



Appleton/Washington

Multi-family



Division/Washington

Medium-intensity housing



Oneida/Harris

Mixed-use transit center redevelopment



Oneida/Franklin

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## Neighborhood Momentum





Crescent Lofts / 306 W. Washington Avenue and 315 W. Franklin Street

Over \$5M increment

69 apartments (58 low-moderate, 11 market-rate) Historic tax credit / WHEDA tax credit

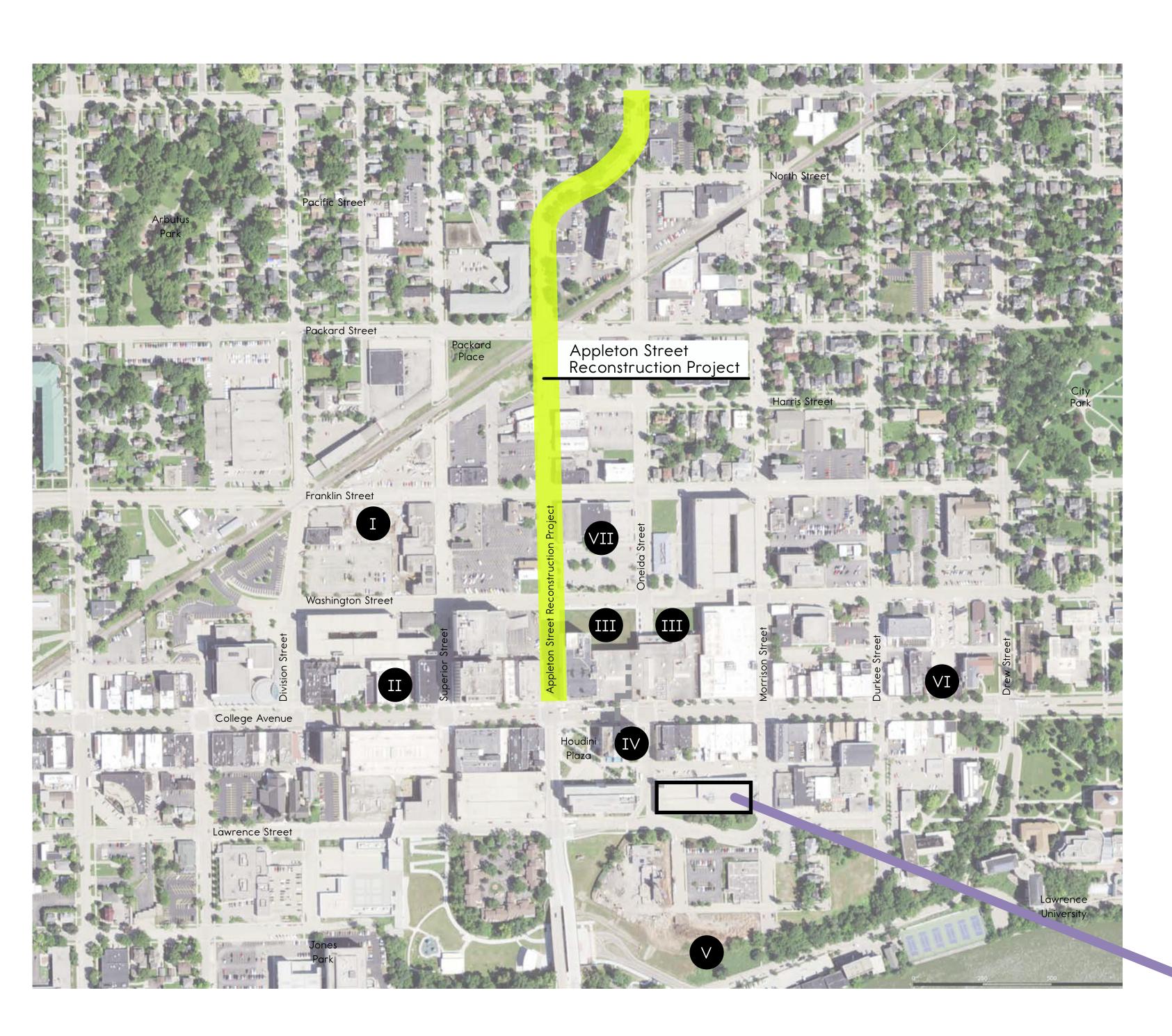


Park Central / 318 W. College Ave. Adding 3 floors (commercial first floor) 39 New Residential Units

800 Block, LLC / 823 W. College Ave.

20 market rate units (commercial first floor)

not shown on map



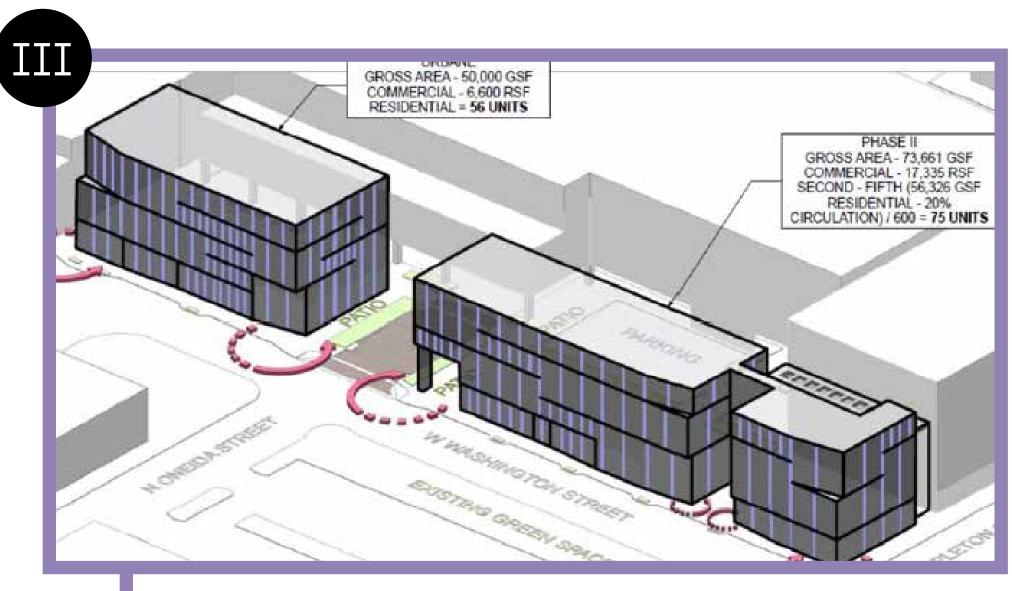


Library Site Construction 2022 / 2023



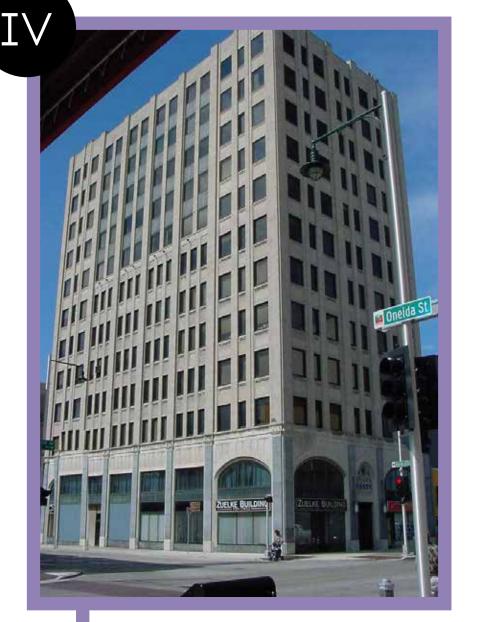
320 E. College Avenue39 residential units44 parking stalls

YMCA Ramp Rebuild - Under Construction



Merge Project / 115 E. Washington Street

Phase 1 - 56 residential units (commercial first floor)
Phase 2 - 75 residential units (commercial first floor)





US Venture Bluff Site

Zuelke / 103 W. College Ave. 66 residential units (commercial first floor)

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## Development Concept

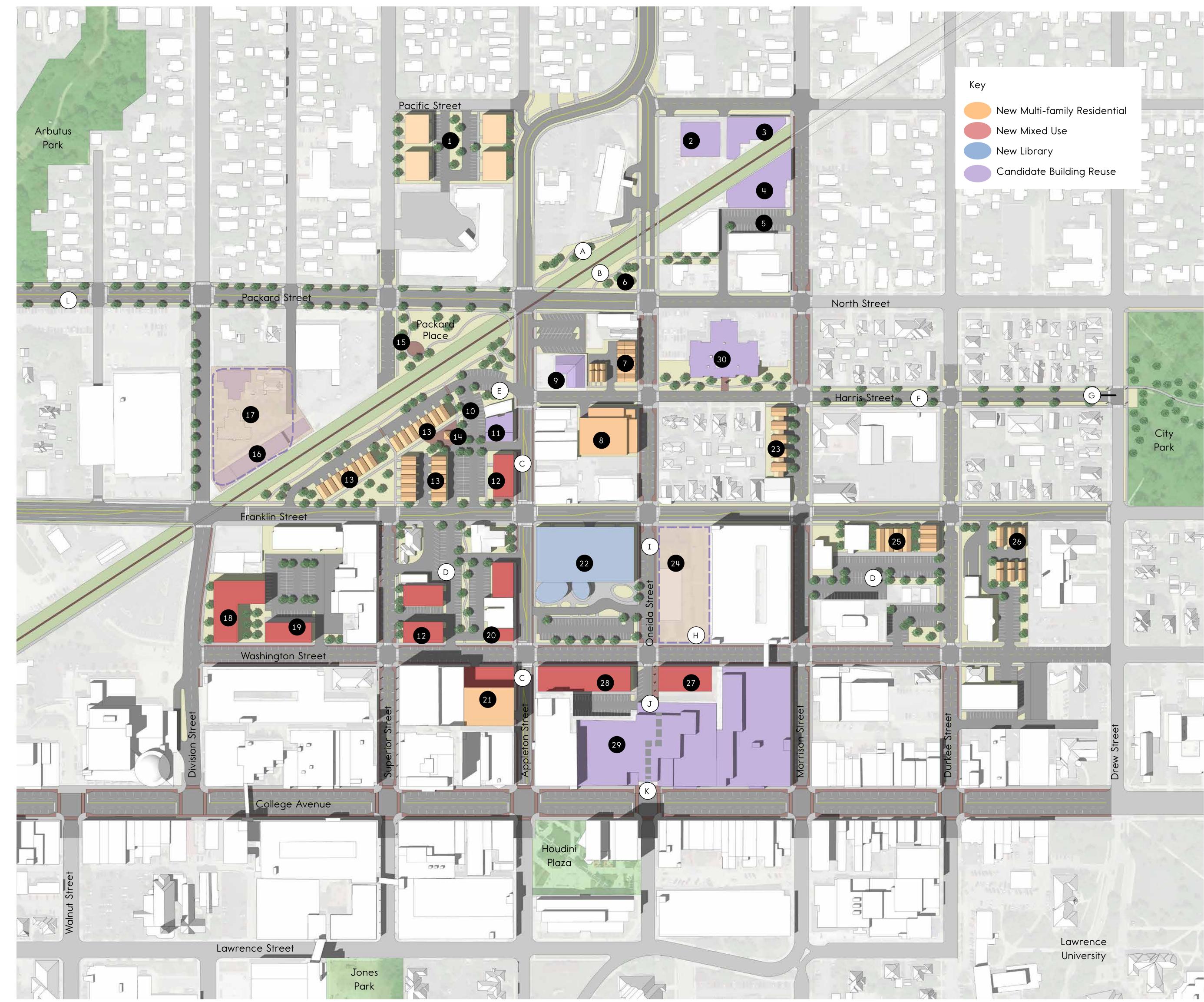


| V acc | Project                              | Var.   Desired  |  |  |  |
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| Key   | Project                              | Description  Senior assisted or independent living that could be congregate "small bouse" setting (8 to 12)   |  |  |  |
| 1     | Senior-oriented Living               | Senior-assisted or independent living that could be congregate "small house" setting (8 to 12 units per building) or townhouses.  |  |  |  |
| 2     | Possible Redevelopment               | Continue existing automotive use. If use change, then possible redevelopment for single-level cottage homes for older adults, connected to the rest of the Oneida Heights campus.   |  |  |  |
| 3     | Community Building                   | Potential amenity facility for senior housing campus.   |  |  |  |
| 4     | AASD Maintenance Building            | Reuse of existing maintenance center with potential move of school maintenance facility.  Potential uses include residential conversion, start-up space for small businesses, crafts industrial uses, artist studios, and a range of similar uses.  |  |  |  |
| 5     | AASD Parking                         | Parking for potential redevelopment of school district maintenance building and other potential development on surrounding sites. May include a pedestrian path to Morrison Street, linking to crailside shared use path connecting to the Performing Arts Center.  |  |  |  |
| 6     | Triangle Park                        | Open space buffer and support for new housing development, part of a railside greenway.  Ornamental fence separation from the adjacent railroad.  |  |  |  |
| 7     | Potential new residential            | Proposed townhome or multifamily development.   |  |  |  |
| 8     | New residential                      | Proposed LMI townhome/multifamily development, financed through LIHTC.  |  |  |  |
| 9     | New development site                 | New commercial or mixed use development. Site reuse could include restoration of building façade or adaptive reuse of existing building or potential redevelopment.   |  |  |  |
| 10    | Rookie's Parking Lot                 | Redesign of parking lot to increase capacity and improve circulation.   |  |  |  |
| 11    | Building rehabilitation              | Retention and rehabilitation of existing two-story commercial building with 2nd level residential.  |  |  |  |
| 12    | Mixed Use Projects                   | New commercial storefronts to activate street with possible second floor office or residential use.   |  |  |  |
| 13    | Townhome neighborhood                | New medium-density residential development west of Kalata Place between Franklin Street and railroad. Concept includes common open space, greenways, and about 24 townhouse/rowhous units. Includes vacation of Superior Street and Kalata Place right-of-way.  |  |  |  |
| 14    | Well Square                          | Neighborhood open space incorporates historic well into design.   |  |  |  |
| 15    | Packard Place                        | Expansion and development of existing neighborhood park, created by adding east half of Superior Street right-of-way. West half may be conveyed to adjacent property to provide access to Packard Street or maintained as public open space. Use to expand park does not necessarily require street vacation. |  |  |  |
| 16    | Building reuse                       | Reuse or demolition of existing industrial building as part of a Human Services Campus development that supports affordable housing.  |  |  |  |
| 17    | Human Services Campus                | Redevelopment of site around the Pillars shelter, providing space for new services and additional accommodations for temporarily unhoused people. May include tiny houses for transitional housing or even a mirroring of the structure that's on the site today (shown).                                     |  |  |  |
| 18    | New residential                      | Possible multi-family development.  |  |  |  |
| 19    | Washington Street<br>Development     | Commercial or mixed use development along Washington Street with interior private parking to support adjacent projects, including residential units.  |  |  |  |
| 20    | Appleton and Washington commercial   | Retain existing commercial buildings with new infill commercial on vacant lot at northwest corner.  |  |  |  |
| 21    | Chase Drive-thru<br>Redevelopment    | Mixed use development to redevelop drive-in bank site, including interior at-grade parking, possible commercial space on southwest corner of Washington, and upper-level residential.   |  |  |  |
| 22    | Library                              | Expansion and modernization of Appleton Public Library.   |  |  |  |
| 23    | Residential block                    | Rehabilitation of existing residential buildings or affordable residential infill on sites where rehabilitation is not economically feasible. May include single-family attached units along Morrison Street as properties become available for redevelopment.  |  |  |  |
| 24    | New Transit Center<br>Redevelopment  | New mixed use development, incorporating transit center into street level. Multiple potential use of upper levels include housing, offices, or lodging.   |  |  |  |
| 25    | Infill                               | Potential infill development site.  |  |  |  |
| 26    | Infill                               | Potential infill development on underused parts of US Bank office building site.  |  |  |  |
| 27    | Planned Development<br>Merge Phase 1 | Mixed use project north of City Center Plaza. Includes redesign of Oneida Street design, using ornamental or specialty paving to create a pedestrian-friendly shared street, while retaining vehicular access to City Hall drive-through and necessary fire emergency access.                                 |  |  |  |
| 28    | Planned Development<br>Merge Phase 2 | Mixed use project north of City Center Plaza.   |  |  |  |
| 29    | City Center Plaza                    | Initiate a reuse study to consider an indoor public market and tenant reprogramming.  |  |  |  |
|       |                                      |   |  |  |  |

| MOBILITY-ORIENTED PROJECTS |  |   |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| KEY                        | PROJECT                                | DESCRIPTION   |
| А                          | Railside North Path                    | Shared use path to connect Oneida Heights residents to downtown.  |
| В                          | Railside South Path                    | Shared use path between Morrison Street and Performing Arts Center. Key element of Art to Park loop connecting to City Park and the Lawrence campus. Developed south of railroad ROW line with ornamental fence separation from the railroad. |
| С                          | Appleton Street Streetscape            | Upgrade and streetscape improvements along Appleton Street as the featured north-south corridor through the College North area. Project already approved by Common Council.   |
| D                          | Common Parking Redesign                | Redesigned shared parking for greater efficiency and to support surrounding commercial and office development as needed.  |
| Е                          | Harris Street Extension                | Connection of Harris Street west of Appleton Street.  |
| F                          | Harris Street "Green Street"           | Enhancement of Harris Street with lighting, street landscaping, traffic calmers to connect College North to City Park and strengthen residential environment.   |
| G                          | Harris Gateway                         | Gateway connection to Harris Street district, linking street to historic City Park.   |
| Н                          | New Transit Center<br>Redevelopment    | New mixed use development, incorporating transit center at the street level. Potential uses of upper-levels include housing, offices, or lodging.   |
| I                          | Oneida Street Upgrade                  | Improvement of Oneida Street to support adjacent library, transit center redevelopment, and Merge projects. Elements include streetscape, on-street parking, and pedestrian friendly features.  |
| J                          | City Center Plaza<br>Pedestrian Street | Redesign of central space in City center Plaza to provide clearer and more attractive pedestrian continuity to College Avenue corridor.   |
| K                          | City Center Gateway                    | Improved College Avenue entrance to City Center Plaza, along with enhanced pedestrian crossing at College Avenue.   |
|                            | Greenway Link to Arbutus               | Greenway and sidepath on south side to Packard. May involve change in curbline or modi-   |

improved downhill access to park level from street.

fication of Post Office parking. Includes HAWK protected pedestrian crossing to park and



## Precedent Projects



### Townhouse Infill

New infill housing should consider the neighborhood's existing context.















## Mixed Use and Multi-family Infill

New mixed use should consider the neighborhood's existing context.











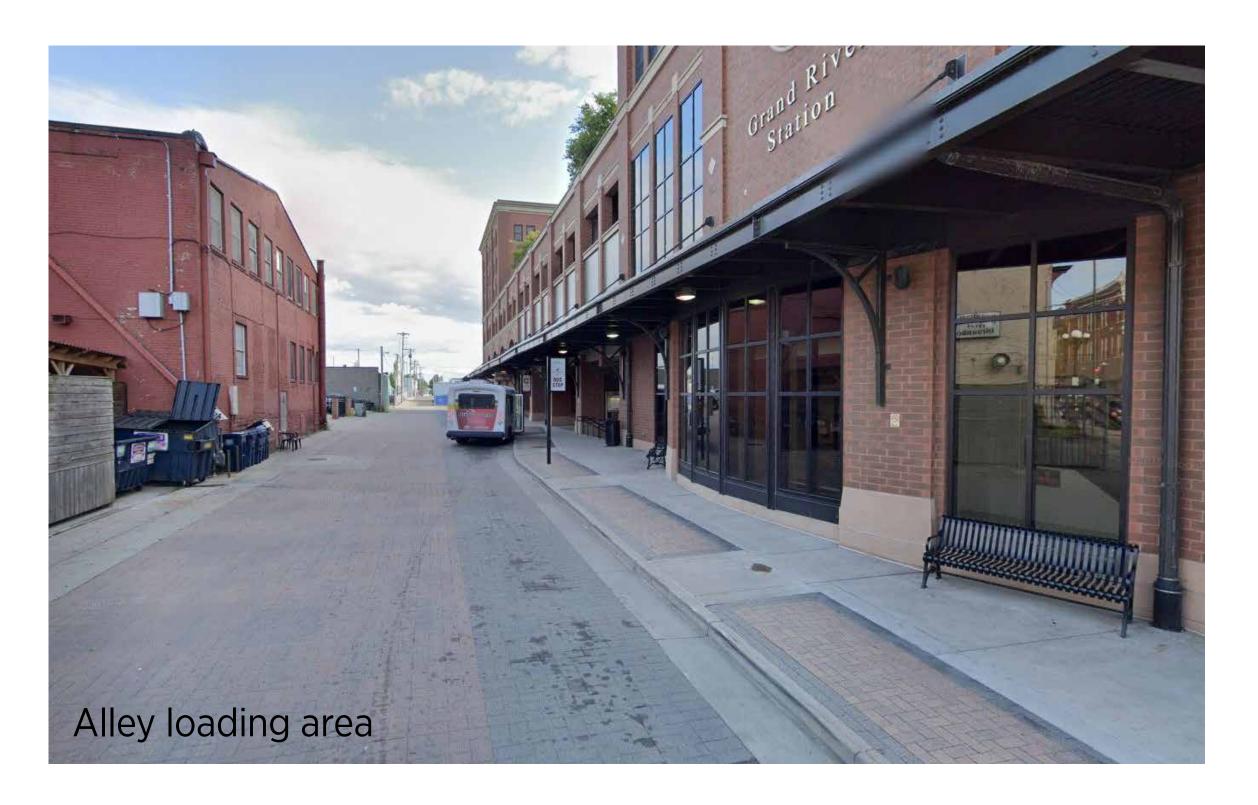




### Transit Center Site



Redeveloping the transit center into a mixed use project with the main-level as a transit center and upper-level residential. Example from La Crosse's Grand River Station.



Priorities for the Transit Center:

> Rebuild on current site with a facility that functions better for its users, drivers, and community.

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## Mobility Concepts



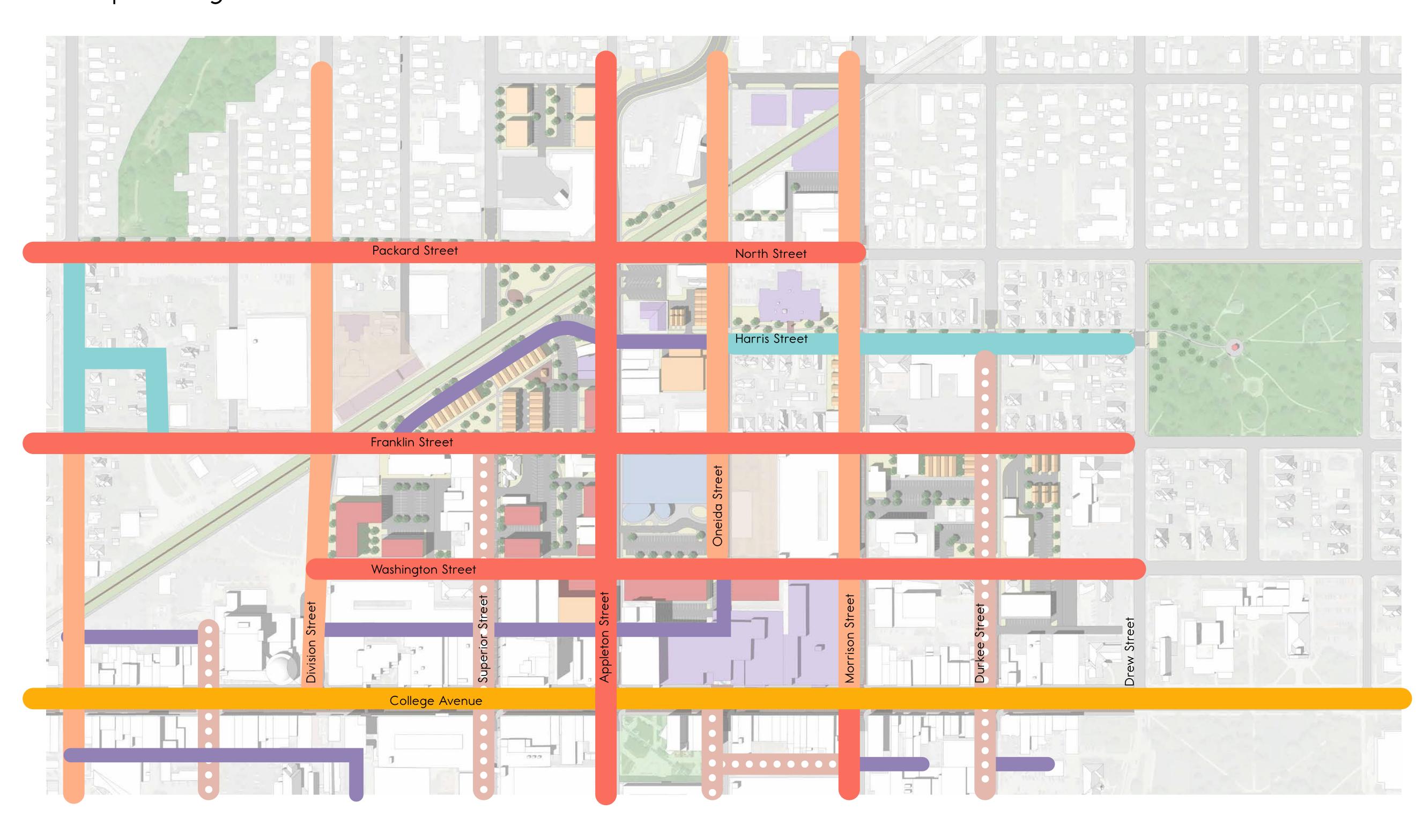
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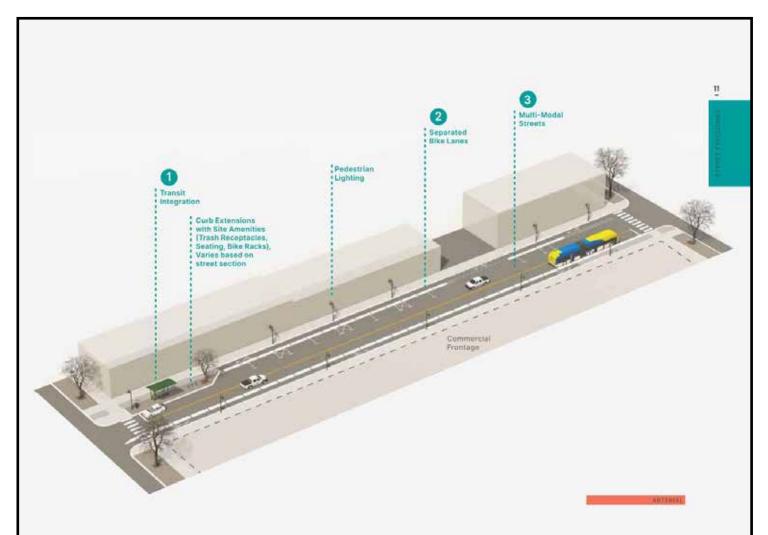
Shared Street

Residential

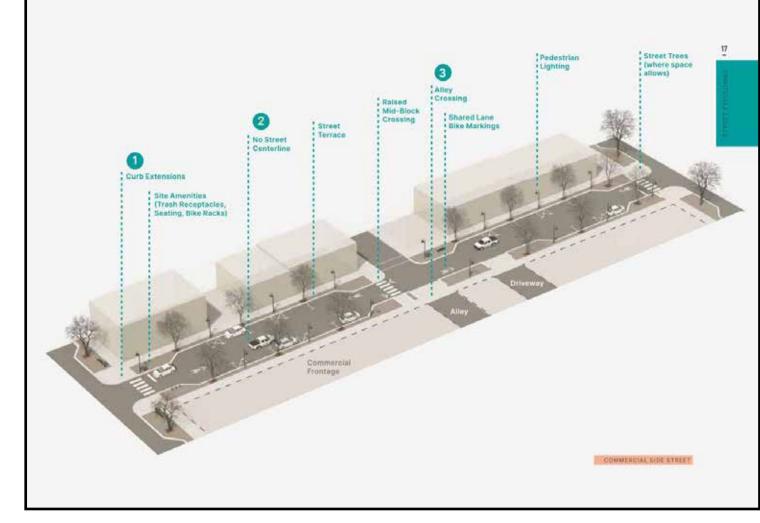
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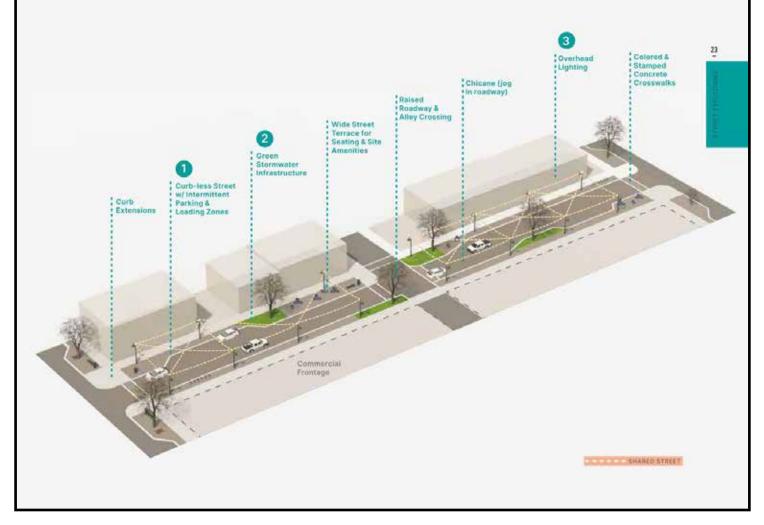
### Arterial



Commercial Side Street



Shared Street



Residential



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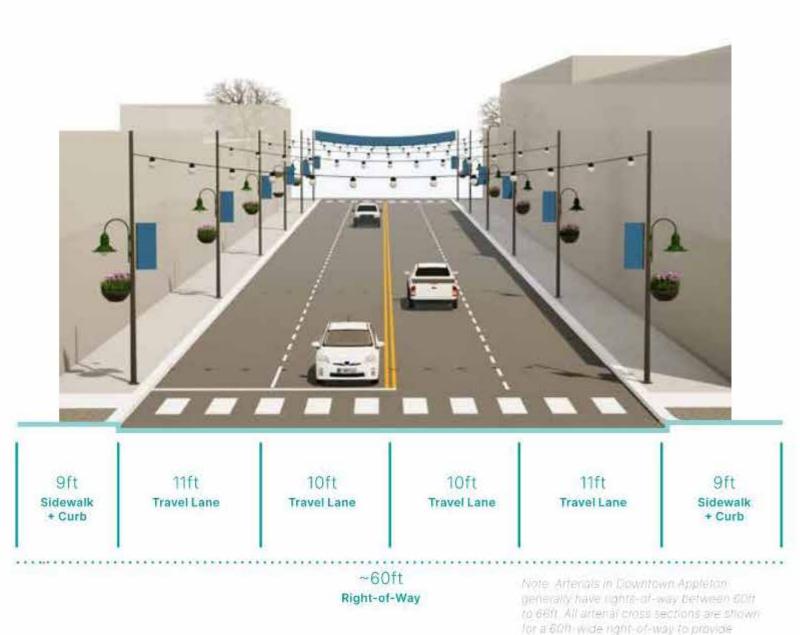
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### Arterial

# 4-LANE ARTERIAL This option may be best suited along high-speed and high-volume roadways such as Richmond St. This option proposes narrowing arterial lanes to maximize sidewalk space. This option includes: (2) 10.5ft-wide travel lanes in each direction

- in each direction9ft-wide sidewalks, with a
- minimum 6.5ft unobstructed clear zone for accessibility

   Given the constrained pedestrian
- space, consider string lighting, banners, and hanging planters to enhance the character of the roadway and create a sense of arrival to downtown.



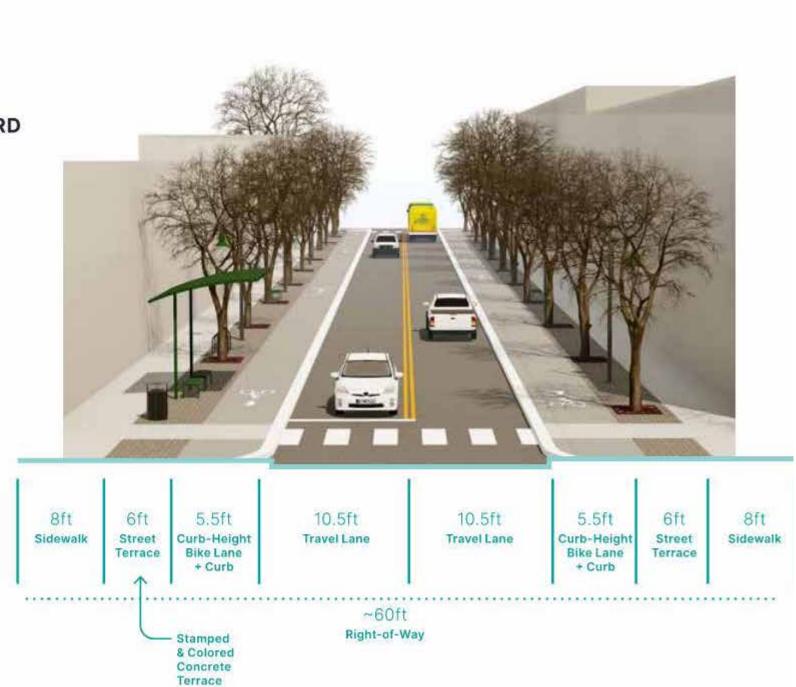
consistency. Rights of way wider than 600

provide opportunity for wider sidewalks, bike-

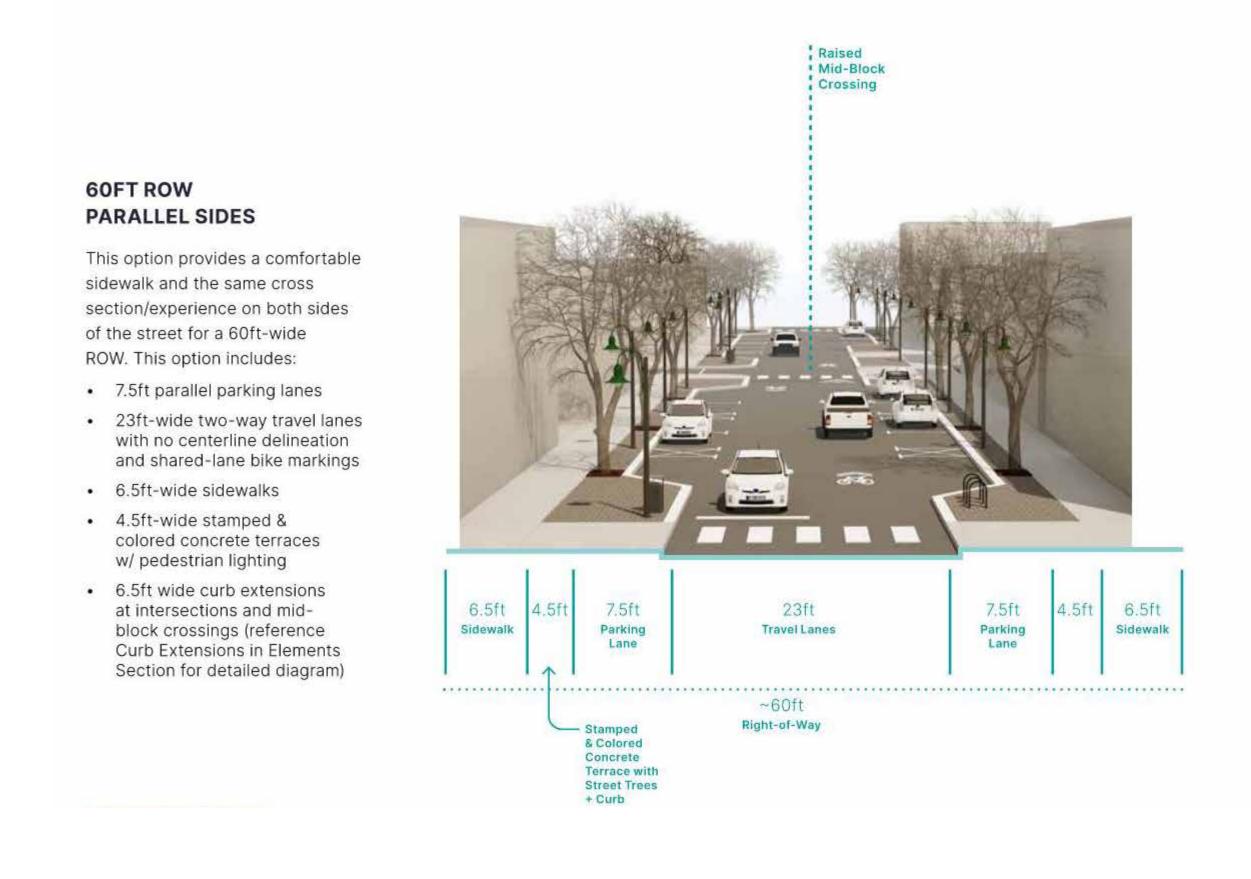
### 60FT ROW BIKE & PEDESTRIAN BOULEVARD

This option provides enhanced bike and pedestrian facilities while creating memorable and dynamic tree canopy. This option includes:

- 10.5ft travel lanes in each direction
- 5.5ft curb-height bike lanes in each direction
- An 8ft-wide sidewalk on both sides
- A 5ft stamped and colored concrete terrace w/ street trees, transit shelters, and site amenities, located between the sidewalk and the bike lane



### Commercial Side Street



#### 60FT ROW ONE-SIDE PARKING

This option provides parallel parking along one side of the street, which allows for wide sidewalks and terraces on both sides of the street. This option may be appropriate for streets with new developments with off-street parking options. This option includes:

- 7.5ft parallel parking lane on one side
- 23ft-wide travel lanes with no centerline delineation
- 8.5ft-wide sidewalks
- 6.25ft-wide stamped & colored concrete terraces w/ pedestrian lighting and street trees
- 6.5ft wide curb extensions at intersections and midblock crossings along the parking side (reference Curb Extensions in Elements Section for detailed diagram)





### Shared Street

#### **60FT ROW** SHARED STREET The section shown to the right illustrates a shared street with wide amenity zones, intermittent parking, and curb extensions. It includes: A stamped and colored concrete roadway w/ delineated edge lines but no curbs 23ft-wide travel lanes with a chicane and no centerline delineation Intermittent 7.5ft parallel parking and loading lanes 8ft-wide sidewalks (concrete) 6.75ft-wide stamped & colored concrete terraces w/ pedestrian 6.75ft 6.75ft 10ft 7.5ft 8ft 23ft Max lighting and site amenities Terrace & Amenity Zone Sidewalk Terrace & Intermittent Travel Lanes Sidewalk Amenity Zone Parking Lane 6.5ft wide curb extensions at intersections and mid-block crossings, with opportunities for green stormwater infrastructure and public art

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## Appleton Library Renovation/Expansion









The renovation and expansion of the public library represents the city's commitment to the neighborhood and becomes a catalyst for building investment in the area and downtown.

Construction begins in Spring 2022.



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# Union Springs Development





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## Infill Possibilities



### @ Franklin Street & Durkee Street



Looking Southeast



Underused land could support new housing options that are unavailable in the area, such as townhomes.

## @ Pacific Street & Appleton Street



Looking Northeast



The area north of Appleton Retirement Community could support multi-family housing that could be associated with the retirement community and inde-

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## Washington Street Corridor



### @ Division Street



Looking Northeast

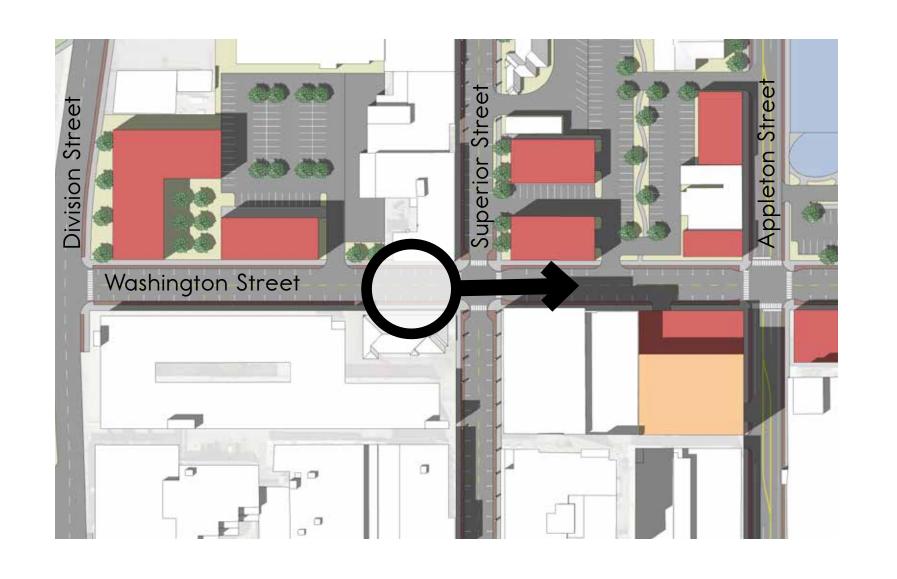


Activating Washington Street with new development that frames the corridor strengthens the urban character of downtown.

## @ Superior Street



Looking East



Washington Street is imagined as a parallel mixed use corridor to College Avenue, having calmer activity and opportunities for growth in services and living spaces.

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# Washington Street Corridor







Looking Southeast

The drive-thru bank could be redeveloped and incorporate a lower level bank with drive, if desired.

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