

Area Planning

Southwest Area Plan

Public Workshop #1

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Development Department
Columbus Planning Division

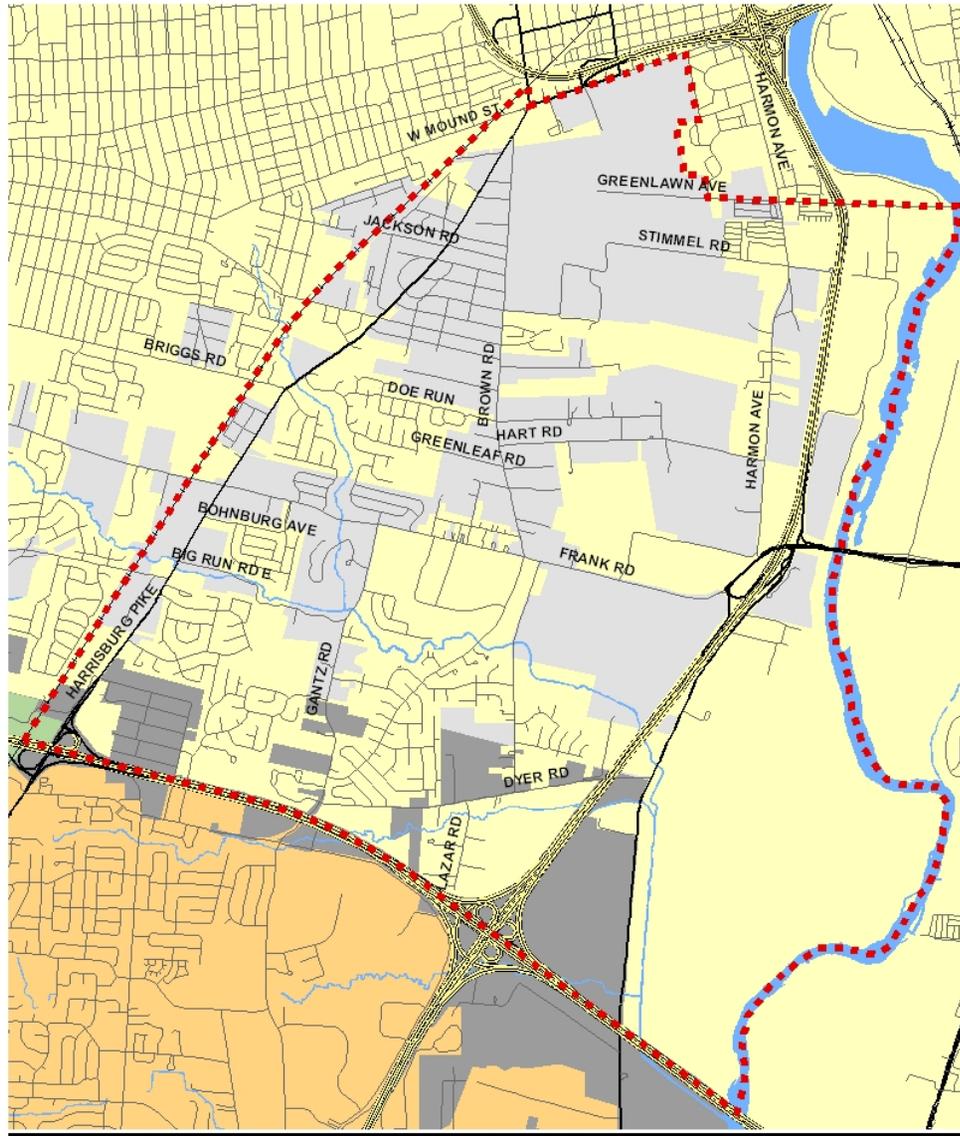


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Outline

- Plan role and function
- Work program
- Plan elements
- Land use, development opportunities, transportation priorities
- Policy benchmarks and best practices
- Summary of stakeholder interviews
- Summary of existing conditions
- Issue Identification Exercise
- Input Stations for development opportunities, transportation priorities, favorite places/least favorite places
- Next steps



Planning Area and Jurisdictional Boundaries



- Planning Area
- Columbus
- Grove City
- Urbancrest
- Franklin Township
- Jackson Township

Plan role and function

- Plan assists an area in reaching consensus on development related policies and standards that are consistent with city and county policies



Plan role and function

- Focus is on land use and urban design policies that will serve as a basis for evaluating development proposals
- Plan also establishes priorities for capital improvements and other public investments





Work program

- Time frame (approximately one year)
- Six Phases (Staff, Working Committee, Public Meetings)
 - 1) Data/Analysis/Preliminary Outreach
 - 2) Issue Identification/Development
Opportunities/Transportation Priorities
 - 3) Visioning
 - 4) Plan Development
 - 5) Plan Finalization
 - 6) Plan Adoption

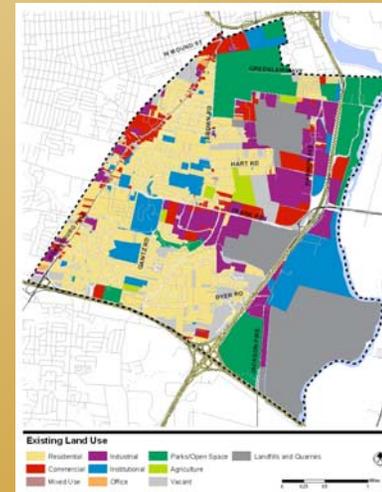
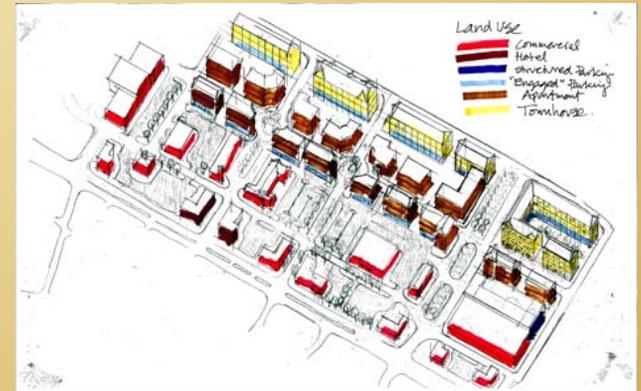


Plan Elements

- Introduction
- Existing Conditions
- Plan
 - Urban Design (including historic preservation)
 - Land Use (development opportunities, natural resources, other)
 - Transportation
- Implementation

Land use, development opportunities, and transportation

- Land use plans will build upon existing uses, highlight development opportunities, determine how development policies may be applied to neighborhood



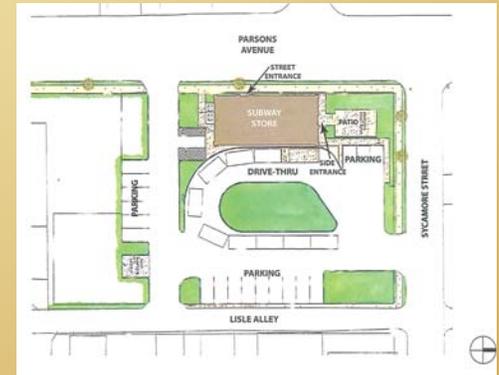
Land use, development opportunities, and transportation

- Conceptual designs may be developed for one or more sites
- Key issues to address are density and design
- Transportation element will build on existing/developing plans and identify priority issues



Policy benchmarks

- Area plans will refer to and build upon Policy Benchmarks and Best Practices
- These policies address common land use, design, transportation, and other development related matters for all neighborhoods
- Area planning process will determine how policies apply to the given neighborhood.





Policy benchmarks

- Policies aim to implement overall development principles, including:
 - Open space and critical environmental areas will be preserved
 - Areas will have a vibrant mix of uses (residential, retail, office)
 - Areas will have an increased range of housing options
 - People will be able to get around by walking, car, transit, and bicycle
 - New development will respect community character and historic features
- These are principles that contribute to a quality neighborhood.



Summary of Stakeholder Interviews

- ✦ Concerns about conflicts between industrial and residential land uses
- ✦ Wishes for improved retail businesses and shopping areas
- ✦ Widely-praised highway access
- ✦ Need for sidewalks and bicycle access
- ✦ Want for streetlights among township residents
- ✦ Strong desire for recreation center



Summary of Existing Conditions

- Demographics
 - The population in 1990 was 13,717.
 - In 2000 it was 15,846, a 13% increase.
 - Projections for the period between 2000 and 2030 show a steady, but slower, growth rate of 6.1%.
- Employment
 - Established employment center with over 8,000 jobs.
 - Retail, services and transportation are the strongest sectors.
 - Businesses are clustered along the major corridors of Harrisburg Pike, Frank Road and Harmon Avenue.



Summary of Existing Conditions

- Opportunities and Constraints
 - Two sites that are owned by Franklin County.
 - There are opportunities to create gateways into the planning area at underutilized sites and along major corridors.
 - Franklinton Floodwall
- Land Use and Zoning
 - Landfills, quarries and other industrial uses make up over 32% of the planning area
 - 28% of the area contains residential uses.



Summary of Existing Conditions

- Urban Form
 - Gateways lack distinguishing features.
 - Corridors convey a utilitarian image instead of being reflective of the community.
- Transportation
 - Good access to the highway system. Harrisburg Pike and Frank Road are heavily trafficked roads.
 - Most of the arterials lack sidewalks.
 - No bicycle facilities.
 - Some access to public transportation.



Summary of Existing Conditions

- **Community Facilities and Infrastructure**
 - Very little neighborhood parkland, especially north of Frank.
 - Five schools.
 - Multi-use trail along Scioto River.
 - No libraries, senior centers, post offices or major health care facilities.
- **Natural Resources**
 - The Scioto River and its tributaries Big Run and Early Run are the defining natural features in the planning area.

Exercises & Stations

✦ Issue Identification Exercise



✦ Input Stations

◆ Development Opportunities



◆ Transportation Priorities



◆ "Favorite Places/Least Favorite Places"



✦ All comments will be recorded and the top priorities identified will be summarized and posted on the website and shared at the next Public Workshop



Public Input

- How else can you be involved?

Submit input via the web

<http://td/ci/columbus.oh.us/Bizdevelopment/PlanList/index.asp>



Next steps

- Desired result from public workshop #1 – complete set of information that will serve as the basis for the development of plan language and concepts

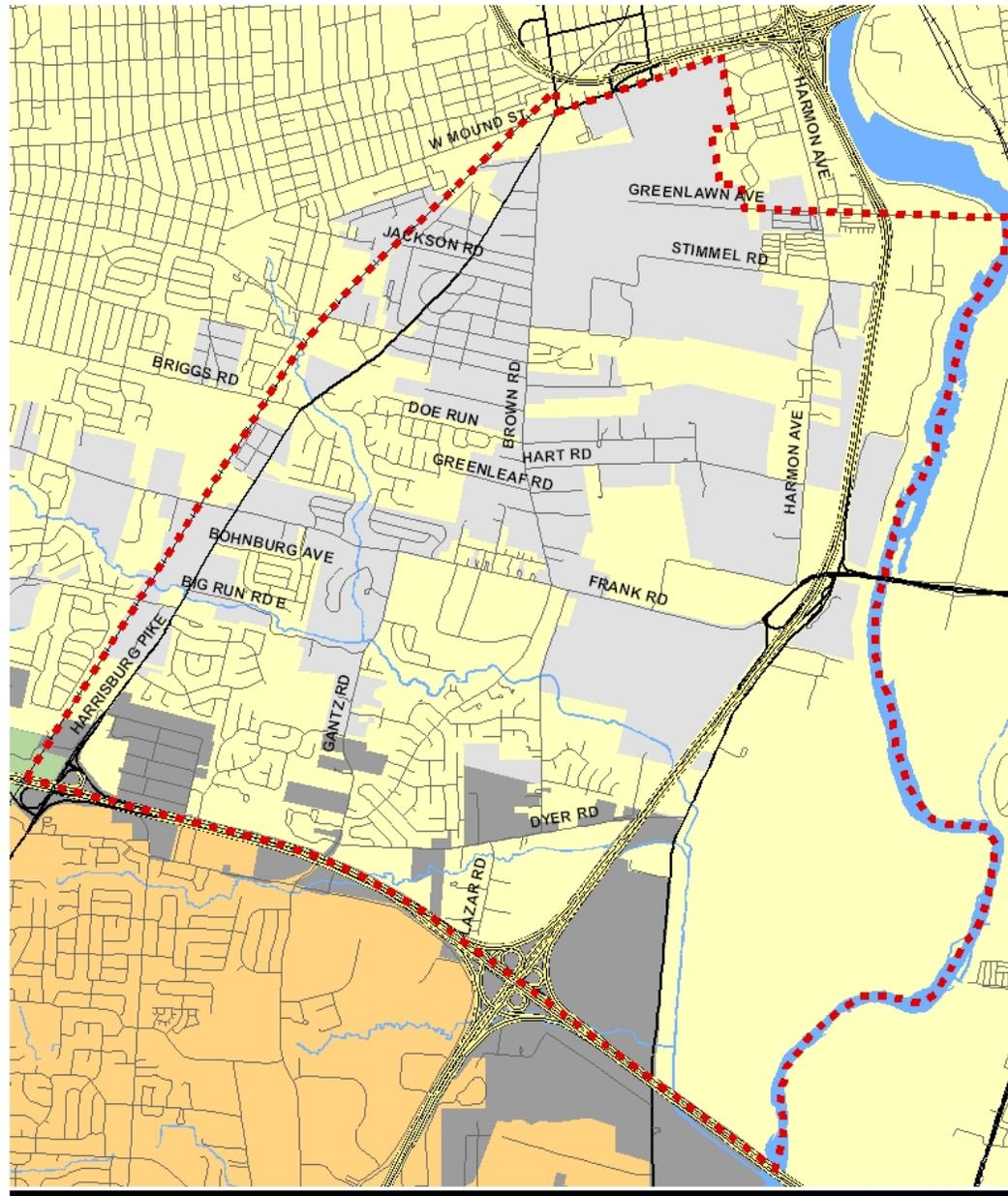
- 2nd Public Workshop: June 24, 2008 (tentative)

- After you are done with the exercises, you are free to leave

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