

# Create and promote equitable access to wealth and economic opportunities

### Shape Our Future with these Potential Planing & Design Actions:

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# Large Scale Commercial

Develop new large-scale commercial space to attract or house emerging industries and provide quality jobs for local residents.

Precedent: Greater Akron Chamber, Akron









### **Business**

Create a small-business incubator and co-working space designed to support local and minority entrepreneurs.

Precedent: Bounce Innovation Hub, Akron







Facilitate affordable neighborhood retail opportunities for local & minority businesses, including pop-up storefronts and indoor markets.

Precedent: Akron bazaar, Akron





#### **Flexible Office** Space

Provide affordable and flexible office space and managed to support emerging businesses.

Precedent: Ohio STEM Learning Network.









#### **Career Center & Education**

Establish a career center & professional development programs linked to local high schools.

Precedent: Akron Urban League Career Services, Akron









# Neighborhood Retail









# Support more affordable housing and prevent displacement

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## **Infill Housing**

New affordable housing built on vacant or underused land in existing urban areas. It can also involve reusing or refurbishing existing buildings. Non-multifamily affordable rental.

Precedent: Rhodes Ave scattered site development, Akron







#### **Supportive** Housing

Supportive Housing rental options (<\$750/month) for seniors, young people, unhoused, and low income households with accessibility to amenities and healthcare.

Precedent: Affordable Senior Housing, Boston









# Invest in Existing Affordable Housing

Provide resources to repair existing small-scale affordable rental housing.

Precedent: Habitat for Humanity **East Central Ohio** 









#### **Affordable** Multifamily

Provide new affordable multifamily rental apartments with mixed-use and amenities (\$500 to \$1500 / mo)

Precedent: Ipromise Appartments,









#### Smaller-scale Multifamily

Develop new "missing-middle" smaller-scale multifamily rental apartments with mixed-use (\$1500 - \$2000 /mo).

Precedent: Maverick Landing











# Create safe, welcoming public spaces and a regenerative natural environment

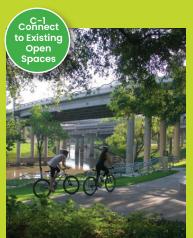
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#### Connect to **Existing Open** Spaces

Create stronger connections and better access to existing open spaces.

Precedent: Buffalo Bayou Promenade, Houston, TX







#### **Great Open** Spaces

Invest in strategic upgrades to existing parks, open space, or underutilized lots. This could include community gardens, pocket parks tied to new development, or other smallscale open spaces.

Precedent: Akron Lock 3 Park,













#### **Green Streets &** Infrastructure

Invest in Green streets and Green Infrastructure like bioswales and rain gardens in streets and open spaces.

Precedent: Cornell Rd, Oregon







### **Access to Former**

Create entrances and pathways to the former Innerbelt Site

Precedent: Innerbelt Events, Akron









### ✓ Tree Canopy

Strengthen the Urban Canopy by planting trees and increasing greenery in open spaces and along streets, trails, and recreational corridors.

Precedent: Arbor Day event, Akron.









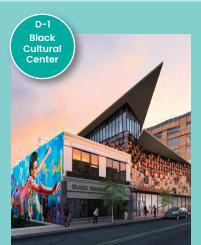
# Preserve history and celebrate Akron's unique identity

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## **Black Cultural**

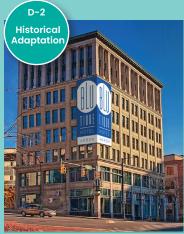
Create a Cultural Center to celebrate Black Akron's heritage and a venue for the local creative community

Precedent: Economic, Arts & Culture Hub. Nubian Ascends Partners proposal, Akron











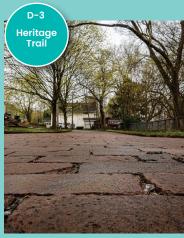
#### Historical **Adaptation**

Creatively restore and re-purpose historic structures for new uses.

Precedent: Bluetique Hotal, Akron









#### **Heritage Trail**

Create a Heritage Trail that marks or restores the alignment of historic streets, trails, or waterways.

Precedent: Brick Streets, Akron





#### Memorial to **Urban Renewal**

Create a Memorial that activates public space and commemorates the vibrant communities that were erased by the Innerbelt and Urban Renewal.

Precedent: Pillars of the Valley, St. Louis, MO









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#### **Public Art**

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Commission Public Art and Placemaking that celebrates Akron's history and culture.

Precedent: Arbor Day event, Akron.









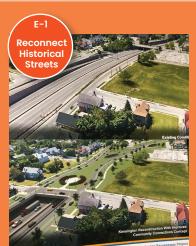
# Reconnect Akron's neighborhoods

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#### Reconnect Historical Streets

Reconnect Historic Streets in order to strengthen connectivity across and around the former Innerbelt.

Precedent: NYS DOT Kensington Parkway, Buffalo NY







#### **Public Transit**

Strengthen and support Public Transit where it is most needed by increasing service, introducing BRT, and improving bus stops

Precedent: HealthLine BRT, Cleveland







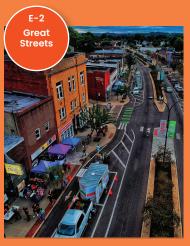
#### Pedestrian Safety & Comfort

Improve Pedestrian Safety and Comfort by widening and repair sidewalks and improving crosswalks.

Precedent: ADA Improvement Program, Maryland.









#### **Great Streets**

Designate "Great Streets" where investment in the public realm can support local businesses prioritize walking and cycling.

Precedent: Akron Kenmore Boulevard, Akron









## Bike Paths & Trails

Extend and close gaps in the City's bike path and trail network. This could also include hubs for scooter and bikesharing.

Precedent: Gap to the Point, Pittsburgh PA

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# Support community resources that enhance the health, safety, and wellbeing of the community

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# Community Center

Establish a multi-purpose community hub that serves as a gathering spaces with recreation and services.

Precedent: Ed Davis Community Center, Akron









### Access to Healthy

Facilitate a full-service grocery store or produce market that can provide consistent access to healthy food.

Precedent: Heymarket, Boston









#### Support Services

SStrengthen access to community healthcare, mental health support, and other community services.

Precedent: Equitas Health, Akron





#### **Youth Spaces**

Establish safe indoor and outdoor spaces where youth can gather for recreation and social activites.

Precedent: House 330, Akron









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#### Pop-up Event Spaces

Establish a venue for outdoor community events, festivals, markets, and performances.

Precedent: Lock 3 events, Akron





