




COLUMBUS: ENVISION HILLTOP PLAN, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & HUD INVESTMENTS

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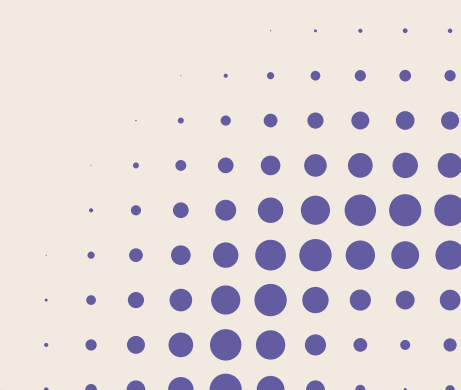
OCCD Summer 2025 Annual Meeting
Wednesday, July 23, 2025





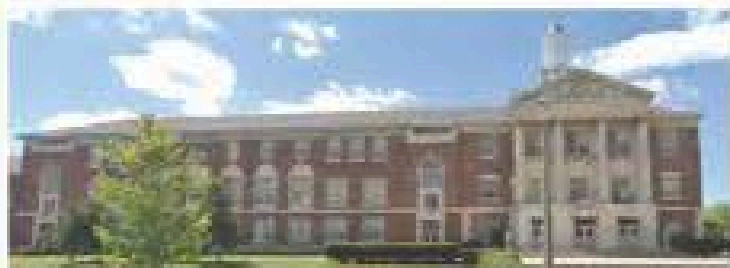
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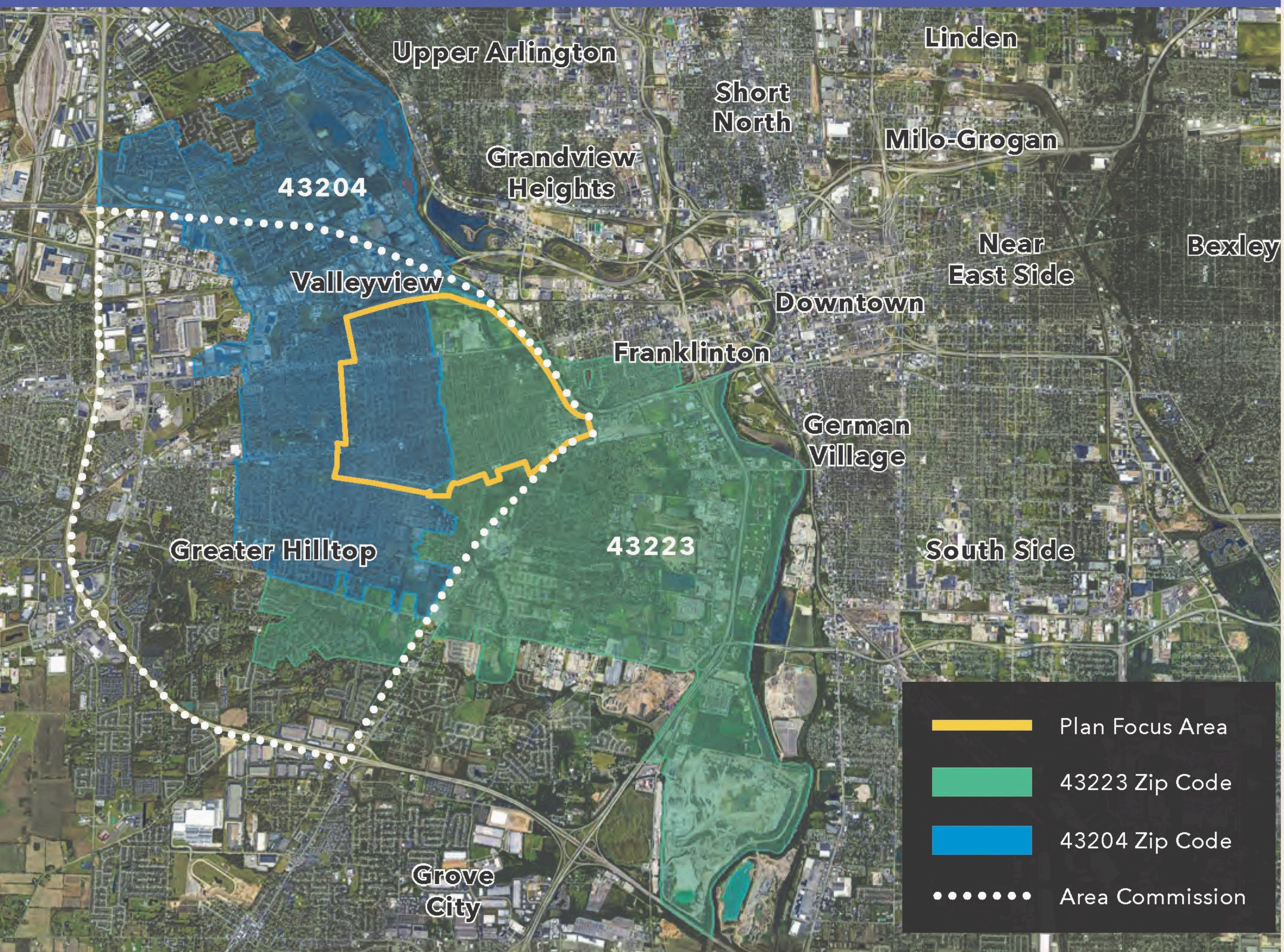
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4. Ongoing Implementation





ABOUT THE HILLTOP





Quick Facts

Population

20,142

Land area

2.9 square miles

households

7,023

Median household income

\$41,000

average annual retail spending per household

\$18,500

Share of renter households

59%

Housing vacancy


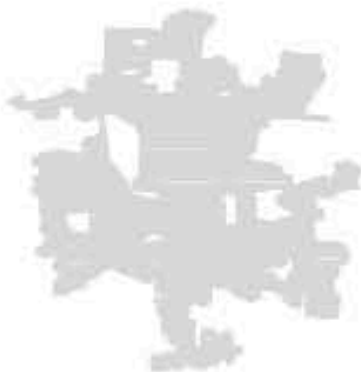



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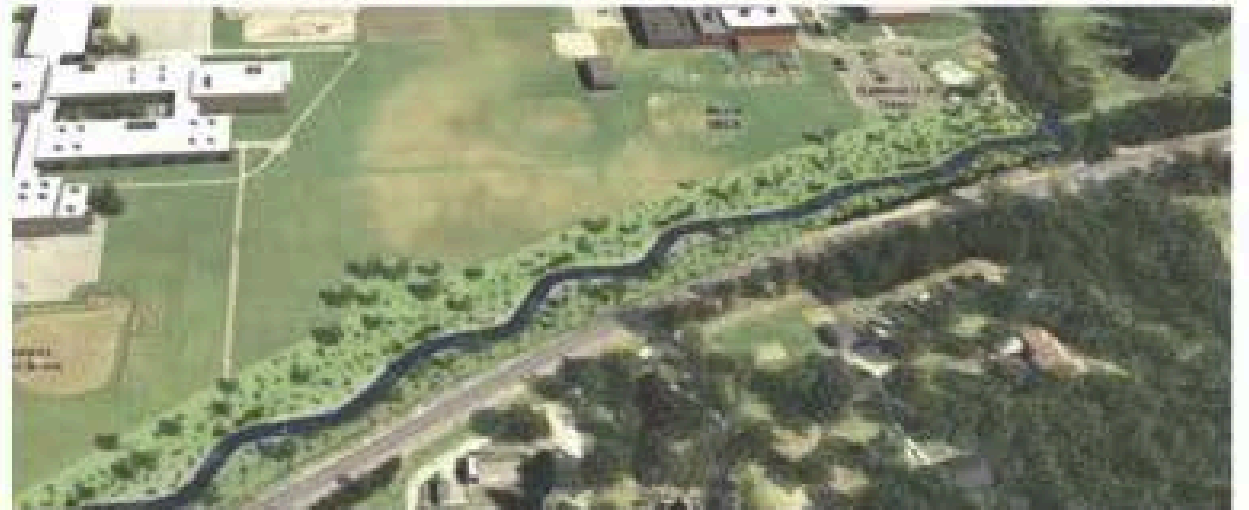
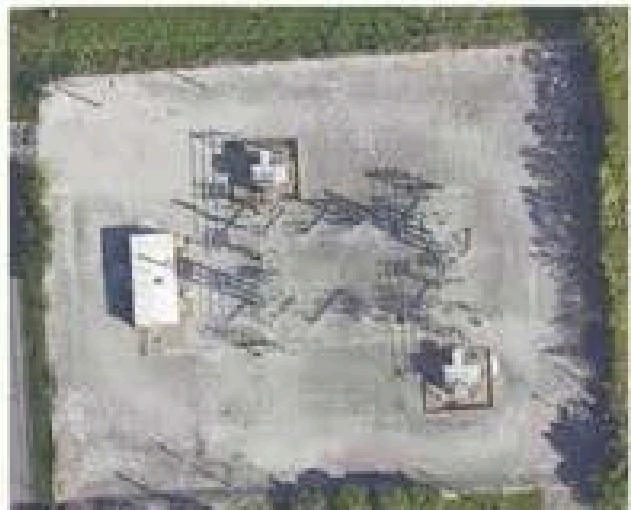
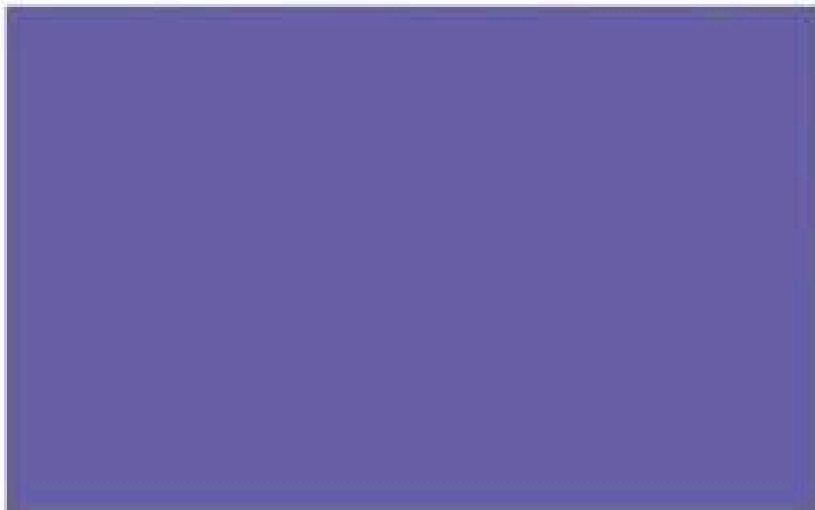
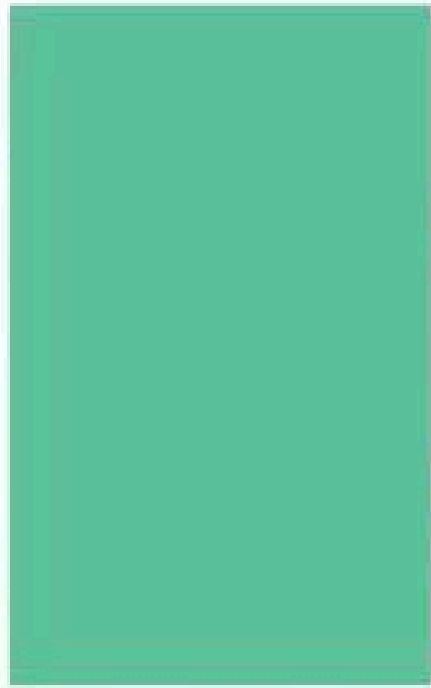
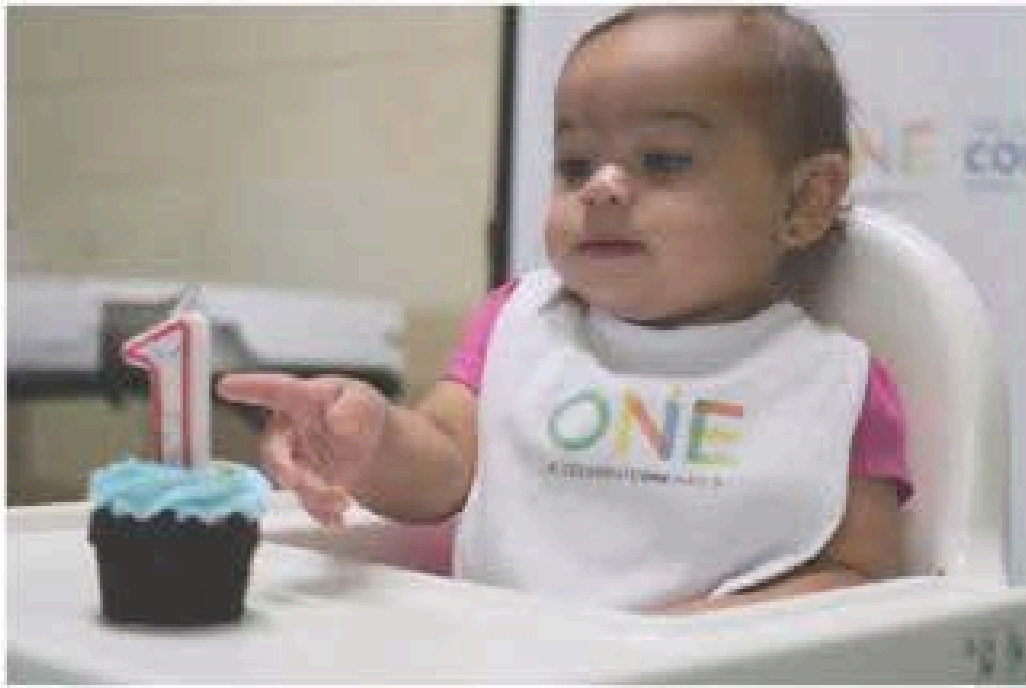
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DEMOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

KEY FACTS

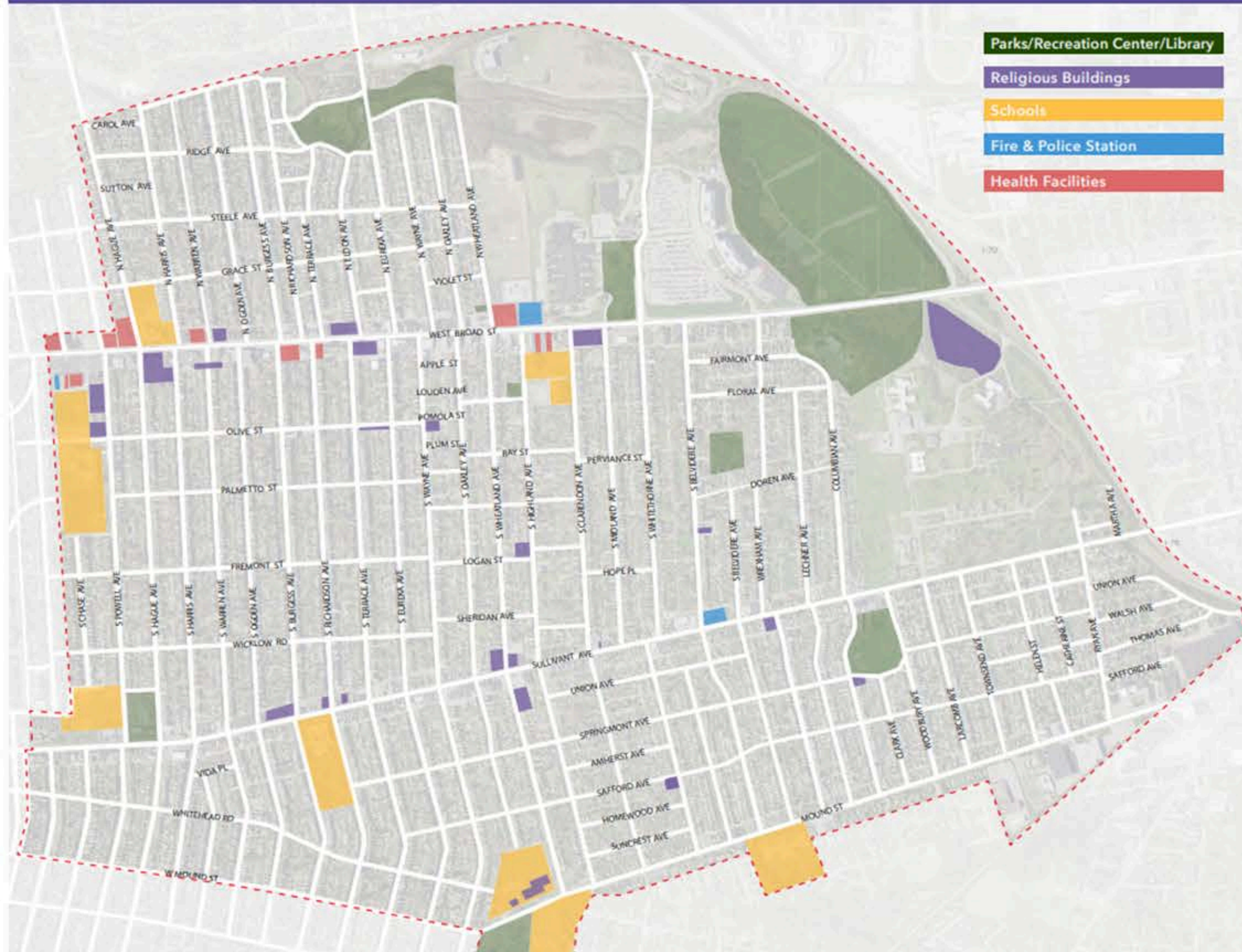
					
	Hilltop Study Area	City of Columbus	Franklin County	Columbus MSA	Ohio
Total Population	20,100	927,300	1,354,900	2,200,300	11,849,300
Change in Population 2010 - 2023	0%	17.2%	16.5%	15.7%	2.7%
Average Household Size	2.84	2.30	2.38	2.47	2.38
Median Income	\$41,000	\$61,000	\$69,000	\$75,000	\$64,000
Share of Households Earning <\$25k/year	33%	18%	15%	14%	18%
Median Age	34.0	33.9	35.8	37.5	40.8
Share of Residents with Bachelor's Degrees	11%	40%	43%	41%	32%



ENVISION HILLTOP

A COMMUNITY PLAN FOR SHARED SUCCESS

HILLTOP FOCUS AREA MAP, SHOWING SELECT LAND USES BY COLOR



**Health & Recreation
Employment & Income
Education**



**Business
Safety
Mobility**



**Mixed-Income & Affordability
Quality
Homeownership**

Hilltop Plan Events

Community Plan Kick-Off	Sept. 24, 2018
Envision Hilltop Event	Oct. 8, 2018
Envision Hilltop Event	Nov. 13, 2018
Landlord Focus Group	Nov. 14, 2018
Recreation Focus Group	Dec. 13, 2018
Envision Hilltop Event	Dec. 13, 2018
Envision Hilltop Event	Jan. 10, 2019
Library Youth Engagement	Feb. 7, 2019
Community Workshop	Feb. 23, 2019
Social Services Focus Group	March 4, 2019
Envision Hilltop Event	March 14, 2019
K12 Professional Discussion	March 25, 2019
Envision Hilltop Event	April 11, 2019
Envision Hilltop Event	May 9, 2019

Events Attended

Hilltop Senior Discussions	May 10-12, 16, 23, and 31, 2018
Westside Stakeholders	June 13 and 25, 2018
Westgate Farmers Market	June 16, 2018
Hilltop Bean Dinner	June 30, 2018
Highland West Civic Association	July 5, 2018
Hilltop 5K Run	July 7, 2018
Westgate Farmers Market	July 7 and 21, 2018
Summer Jam West	July 14, 2018
Westside Stakeholders	July 26, 2018
Block Party (Veritas Church)	August 2, 2018
Westgate Farmers Market	August 4, 2018
National Night Out	August 7, 2018
Greater Hilltop Area Commission	August 14, 2018
Westgate Neighbors Association	August 28, 2018
Westgate Farmers Market	September 1 and 15, 2018
Greater Hilltop Area Commission	September 4, 2018
Highland West Civic Association	September 6, 2018
Hilltop Community Festival	September 22, 2018
Sullivan Avenue Litter Clean-Up	September 29, 2018
Westgate Farmers Market	October 6, 2018
Trick or Treat Corner	October 31, 2018
Greater Hilltop Area Commission	November 13, 2018
Greater Hilltop Area Commission	February 5, 2019
Glenwood Youth Engagement	February 28, 2019
Glenwood Youth Engagement	March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2019
Sullivan Avenue Litter Clean-Up	May 4, 2019
Legal Aid Society Hilltop Clinic	June 13, 2019
Hilltop Bean Dinner	June 29, 2019
National Night Out, South Central Hilltop	August 6, 2019
Neighborhood Leadership Academy	September 14, 2019
Highland West Civic Association	November 7, 2019



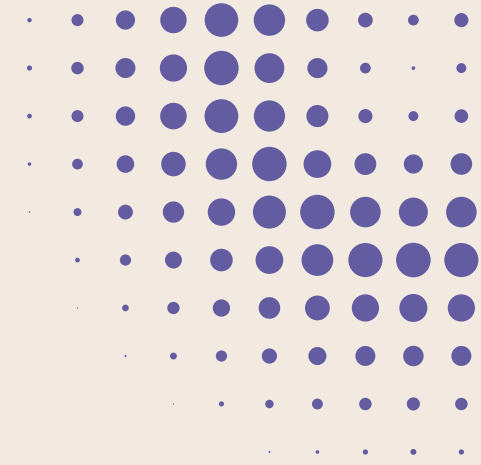
GLENWOOD POOL



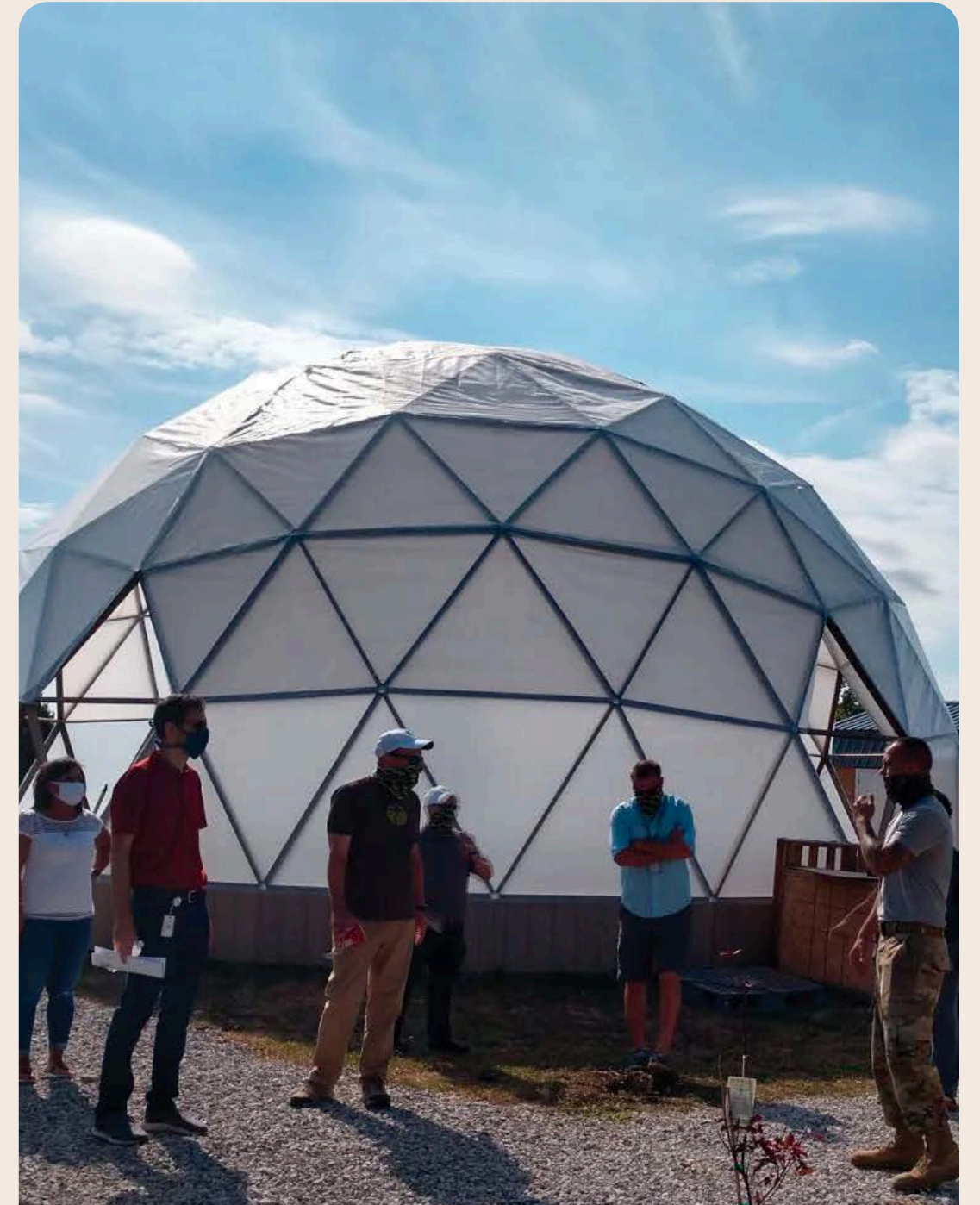
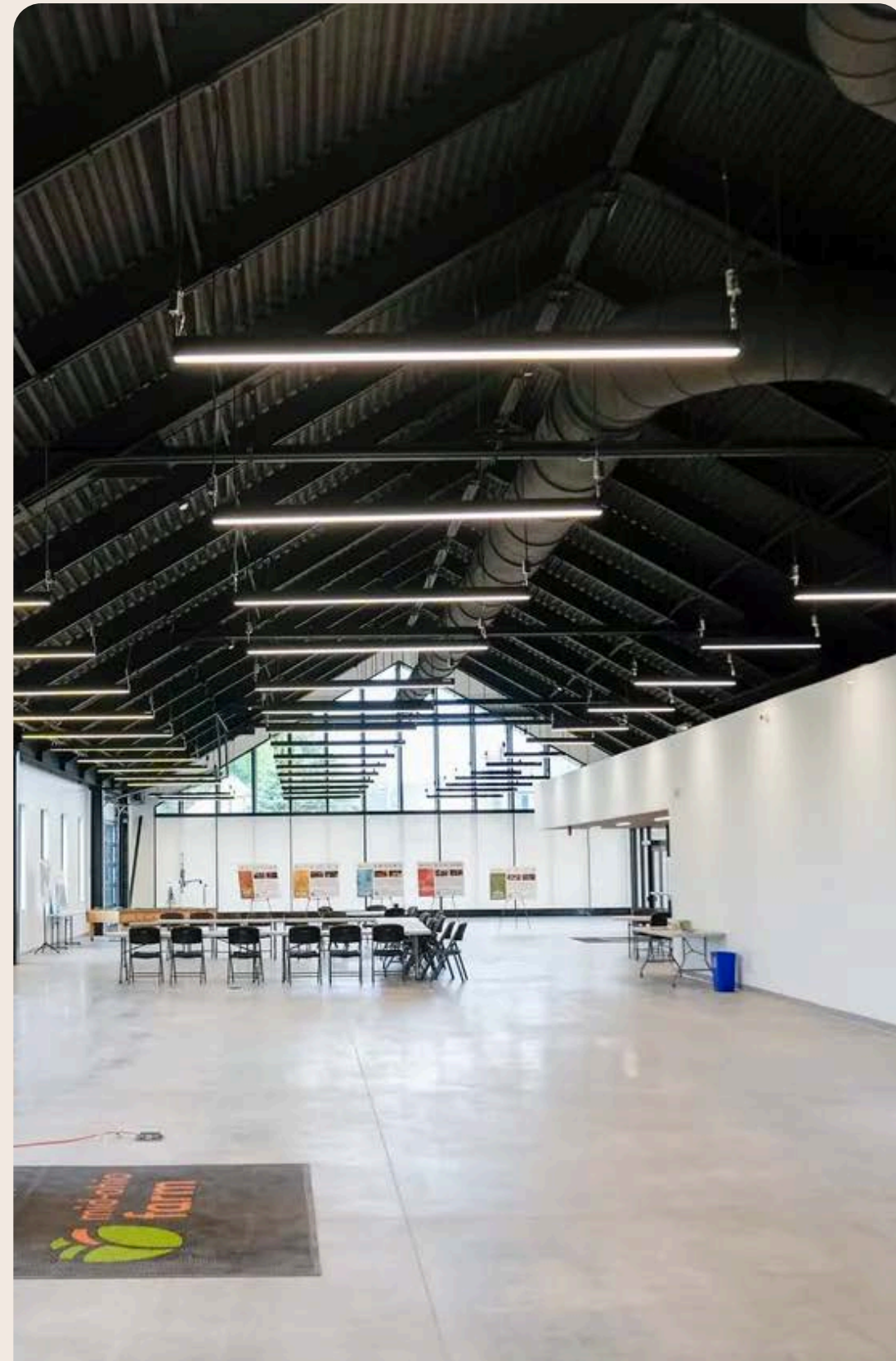
J ASHBURN YOUTH CENTER



HILLTOP EARLY LEARNING CENTER



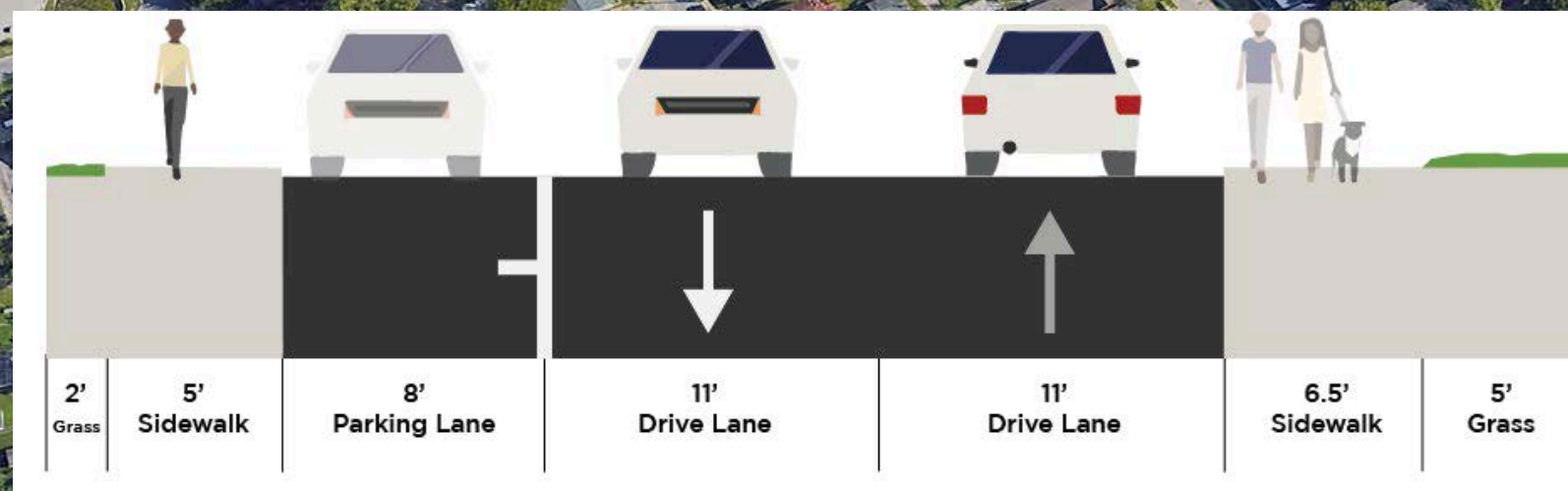
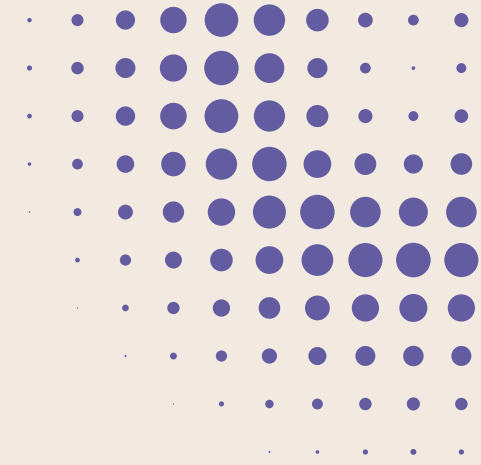
MID-OHIO FARM ON THE HILLTOP



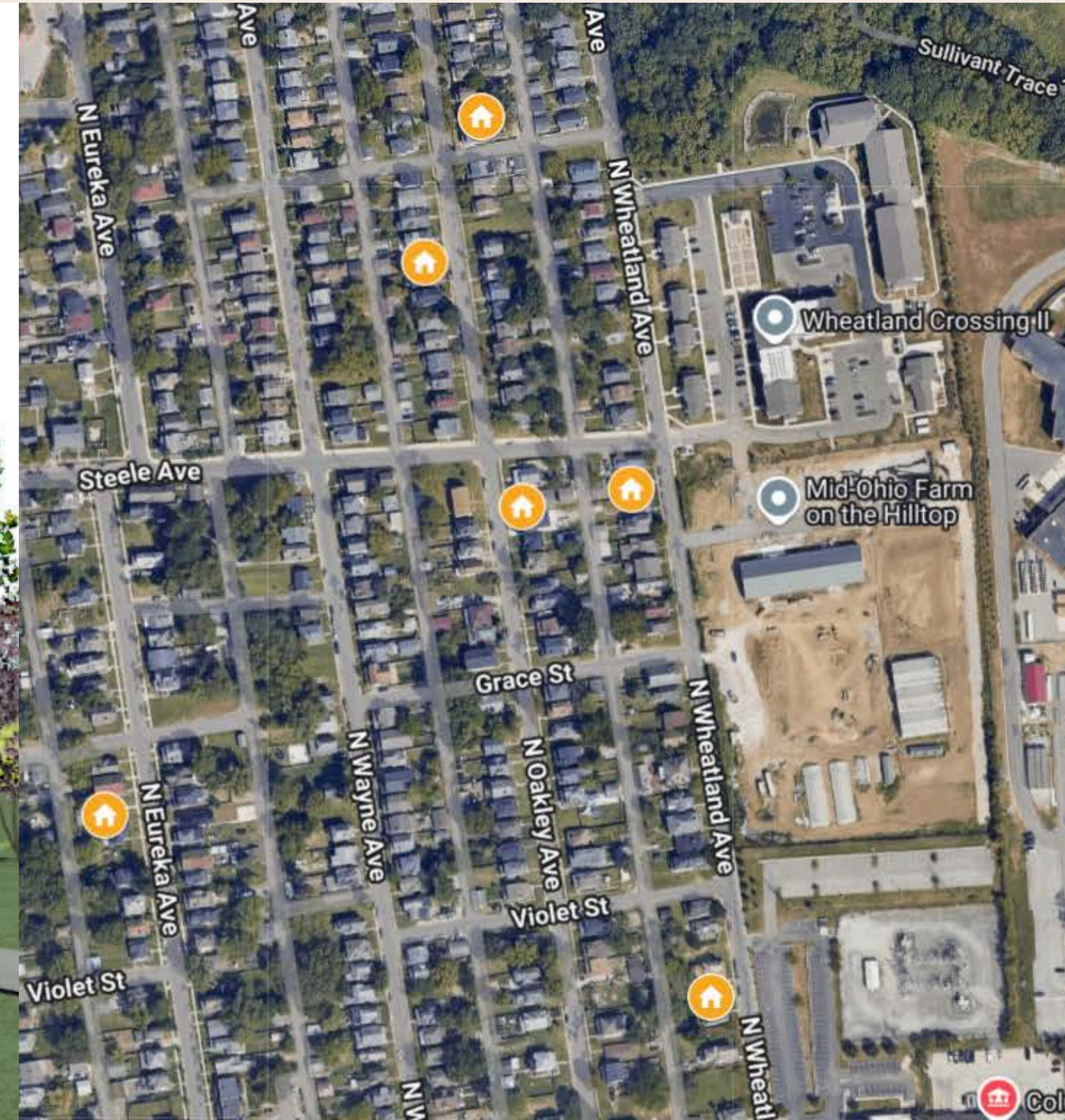
WHEATLAND CROSSING



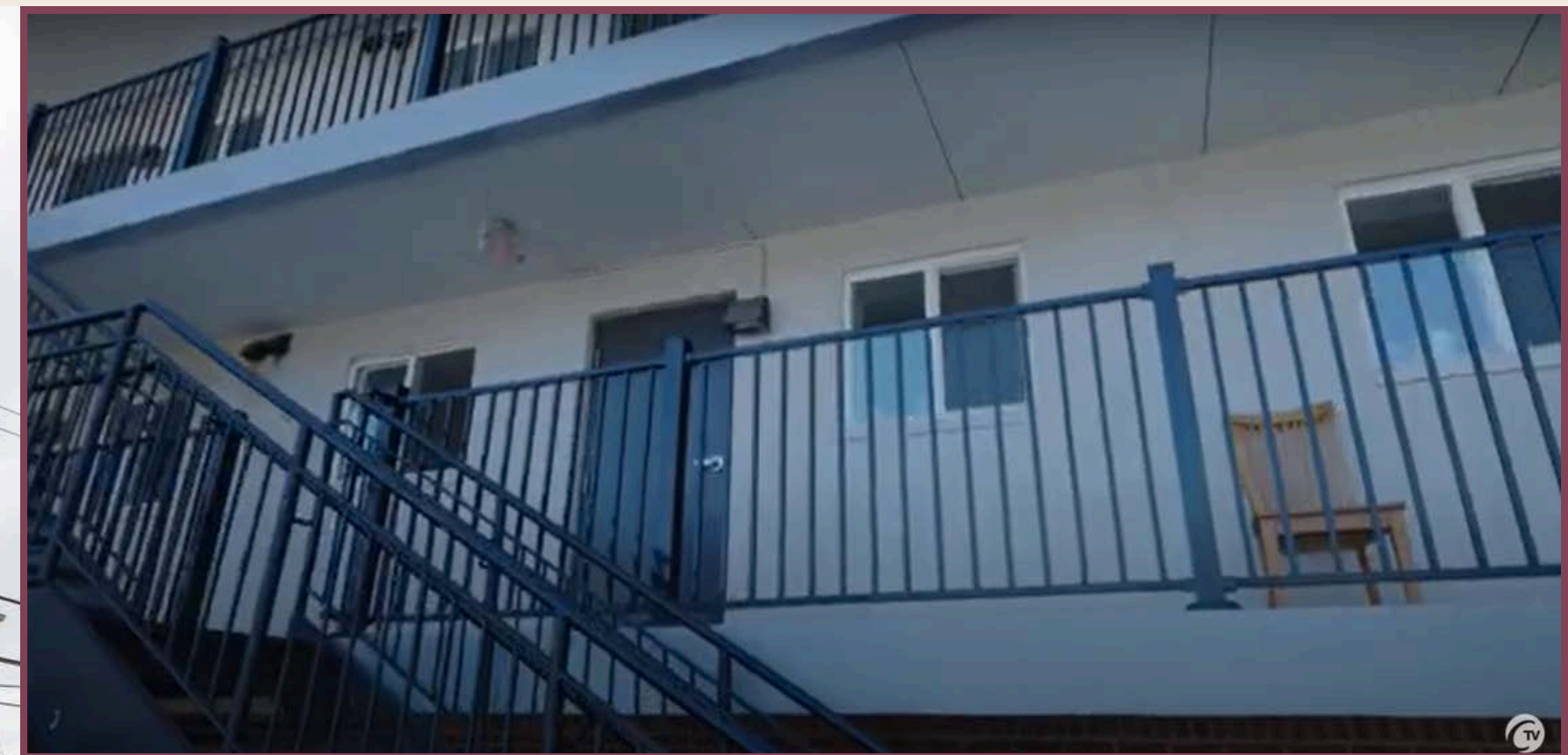
WHEATLAND AVENUE



HILLTOP CITY COTTAGES



THE REFUGE





HUD INVESTMENTS IN HILLTOP

Envision Hilltop Plan	CDBG	\$347,306.51
Wheatland Crossing II	HOME	\$250,000.00
Hilltop City Cottages	HOME	\$401,691.00
Hilltop Early Learning Center	CDBG	\$2,033,357.84
J Ashburn Youth Center	CDBG; CDBG-CV	\$403,734.37
Glenwood Community Pool	CDBG; CDBG-CV	\$5,797,205.00
Mid-Ohio Farm on the Hilltop	CDBG; CDBG-CV	\$4,500,000.00
Wheatland Avenue Street Improvements	CDBG; CDBG-CV	\$3,380,000.00
The Refuge Building Improvements	CDBG	\$1,113,578.00

TOTAL: \$18,226,872.72



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