#### Community Workshop #2: Reimagine St. Luke's – Planning for the Future

#### Agenda

- 1. Engagement Round 1 Recap (10 mins)
- 2. Market Scan (10 mins)
- 3. Site Analysis & Planning Principles (15 mins)
- 4. Brainstorming Session (45 mins)







## Last time we met - Community Workshop #1 - February 13, 2024







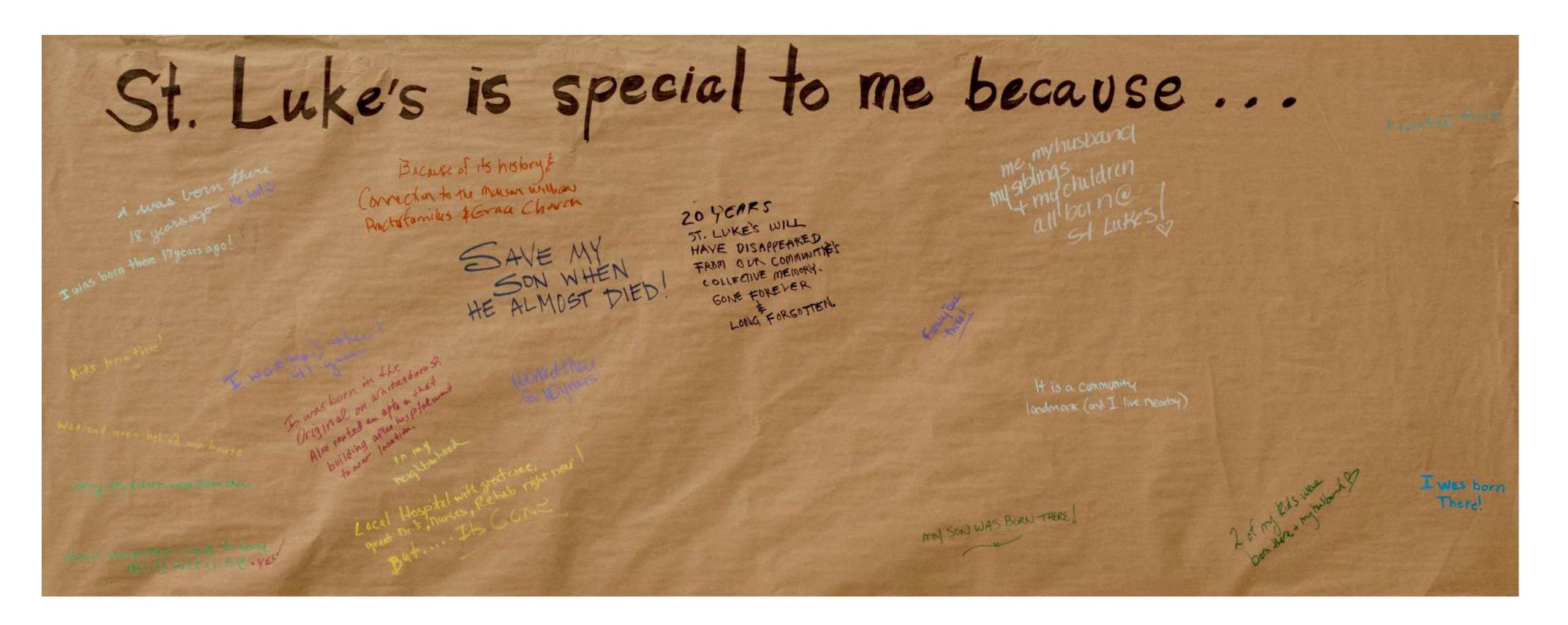
















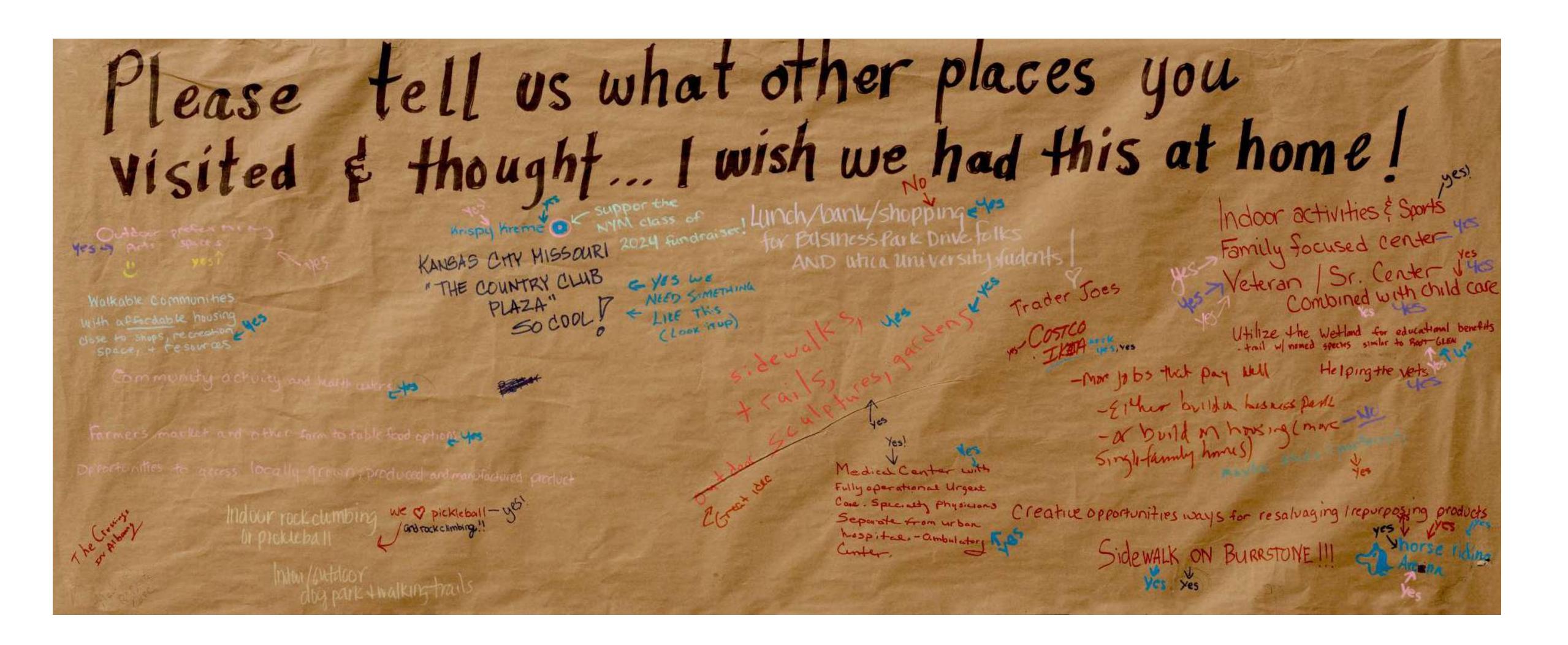




















Based upon what was said during the Public Vision Workshop #1, the following Draft Vision Statement emerged. We would like your input to refine the Vision.

# DRAFT COMMUNITY VISION

TRANSFORM ST. LUKE'S CAMPUS INTO A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD WITH INTERESTING THINGS TO DO, A VARIETY OF PLACES TO LIVE, AND GREAT CONNECTIONS TO NATURE AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES; ONE THAT CELEBRATES THE SITE'S HERITAGE OF PROMOTING WELLNESS, WHILE CREATING EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE.

# DRAFT COMMUNITY GOALS

- Create a neighborhood
- Make it an interesting destination with lots of things to do
- Make it a gathering place for people of all ages
- Include a variety of housing
- Expand education and job-creation opportunities
- Create synergistic relationship with Utica University
- Focus on wellness, sports, fitness, indoor and outdoor sports and entertainment
- Provide kids and youth programs
- Celebrate and commemorate the legacy of St. Luke's Medical Center
- Respect natural landscape, ecology; including gardens, green infrastructure and trails



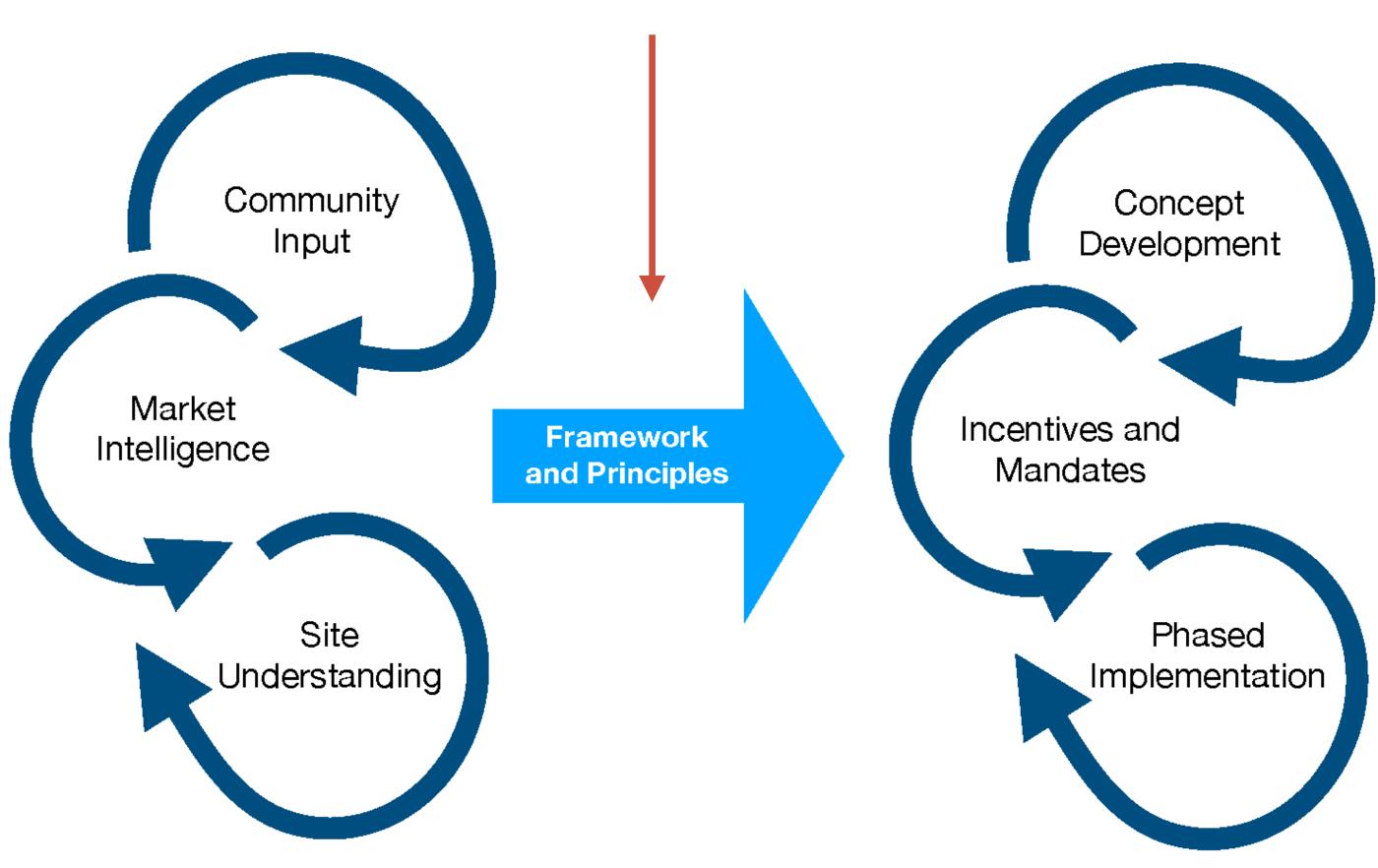


#### **The Process**

#### Today we are seeking advice on Planning Principles

- Collaborative approach
- Conducting creative analysis
- Working in tandem with economics
- Building consensus
- Establishing framework and principles
- Illustrate alternative concepts
- Incorporate input and evaluation

#### We are approaching a milestone









#### **Facilities Study Update**

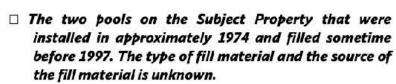
- Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) are complete except for the main hospital parcel.
- Abstract of Title and Boundary Survey are in progress.

#### St. Luke's Campus - Phase I ESAs

RE: Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs)

#### 1710 Burrstone Road

The assessment has revealed no evidence of recognized environmental conditions in connection with the Subject Property. Weston & Sampson did not identify any Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs) for this Subject Property. However, the following significant data gap was identified:

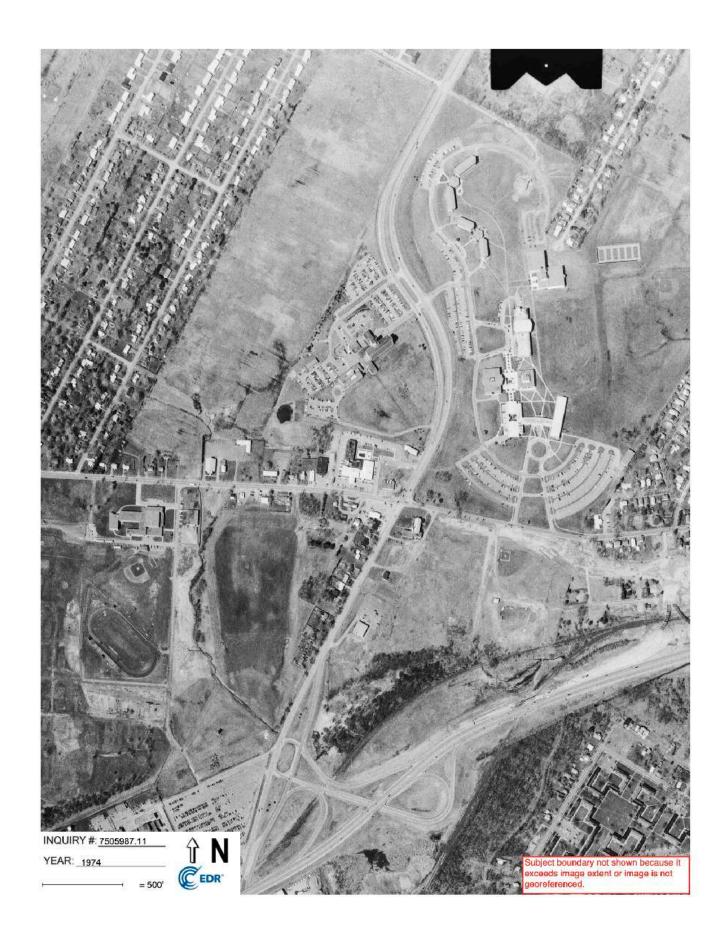




It is Weston & Sampson's opinion that this data gap represents a significant data gap because fill materials, especially from the timeframe of filling at the Subject Property, were often uncontrolled. Therefore, there is a potential for environmental media at the Subject Property to be impacted. Weston & Sampson recommends that better housekeeping practices are implemented in the mechanical room, as open containers of chemicals used for the HVAC system were observed during Site Reconnaissance near sumps that discharge to the public sewer system. Additionally, Weston & Sampson recommends that a GPR (ground-penetrating radar) survey and shallow soil sampling be conducted in the area of the former pools to identify fill contents.

A summary of relevant environmental findings, along with Weston & Sampson's professional opinions, are provided below:

- The earliest identified development of the Subject Property was for as a diner sometime prior to 1964. At least one building was present on the Subject Property in 1958. In approximately 1974, the Subject Property was developed as a hotel (Ramada Inn). The existing building on the Subject Property was either demolished or expanded for the construction of the hotel sometime prior to 1974. Aerial photos of the Subject Property since 1981 depict a large building with a courtyard and parking spaces along the perimeter, as well as two pools in the rear of the building.
- O By 1989, the Subject Property was used as dormitories for Utica College of Syracuse University (currently known as Utica University) and by 1997, the two pools on the Subject Property were filled and covered with vegetation. In 2005, the Subject Property was listed as Mohawk Valley Network Inc. in the city directory. Currently, a portion of the Subject Property is still used as dormitories for Utica University, whereas another portion is used as office spaces for Mohawk Valley Health System employees. The overall building layout remains similar to its use as the Ramada Inn.
- The surrounding area was developed for St. Luke's Hospital and related buildings (human resources office and dental clinic), Utica University, and various retail businesses in 1958. A nearby property with former or current uses that are considered high-risk is the gasoline











### **Market Analysis and Methodology**

The market analysis will inform the preliminary conceptual development plan and ultimate redevelopment strategy for the St. Luke's campus.

#### MARKET ANALYSIS

Interviews with key stakeholders

Demographic, industry, and labor force analysis

Residential and Commercial rents and vacancy, absorption, development trends, and pipeline

Preliminary/Conceptual Development
Plan

Best mix of uses

Preliminary Site
Development Plan

Pre-development action

Source: U.S Census Bureau - American Community Survey, CoStar, Lightcast

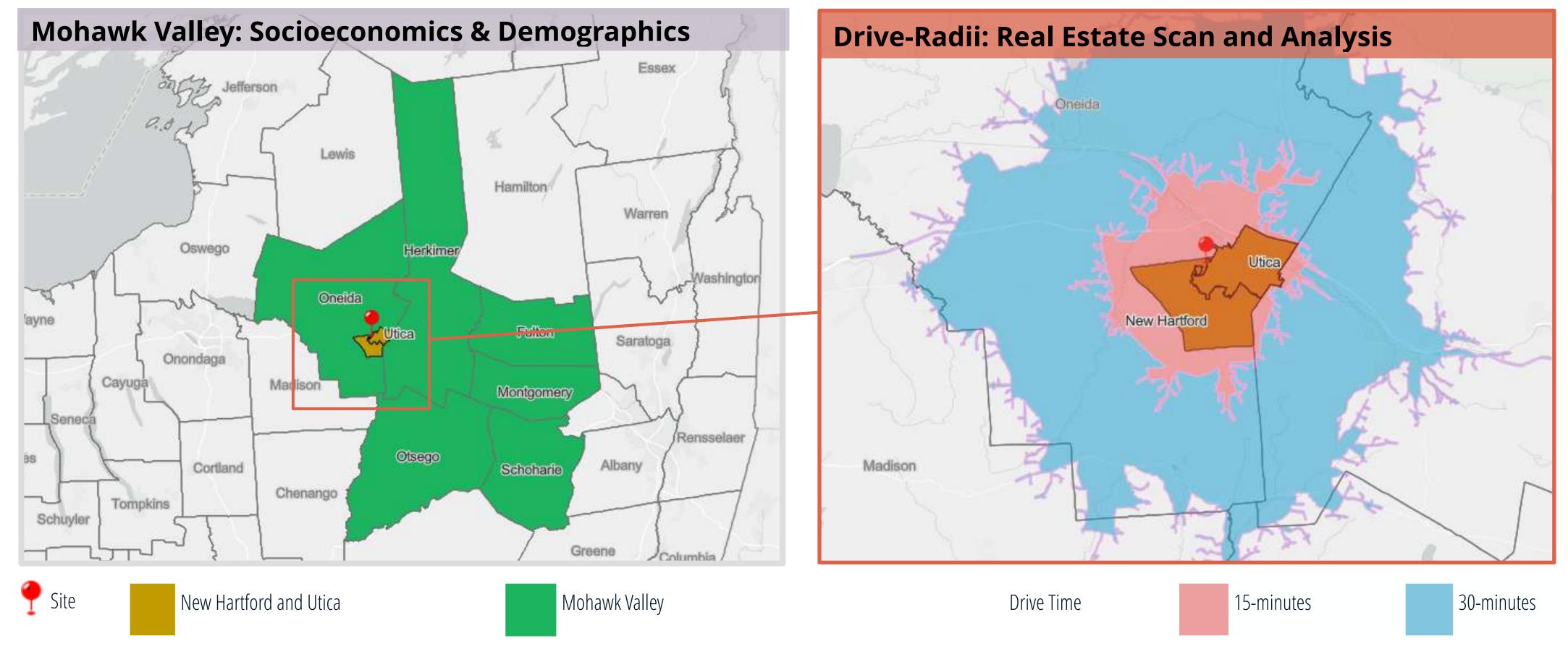






#### **Study Areas**

This study examines relevant demographic trends in these locations and in the Mohawk Valley region including Oneida, Herkimer, Otsego, Fulton, Montgomery, and Schoharie counties – as well as real estate market trends within a **15 and 30-minute drive of the site**.







### Takeaways: Socioeconomics and Demographics

1

Oneida County's population remained constant, and number of households grew by 2,500 (2017-2022) – particularly in New Hartford and Utica, even though Mohawk Valley's population declined over past 10 years.

2

Growth, over the past 10 years, has been concentrated among householders ages 65+ in the County and Region. The County also saw growth among young householders living alone, younger married couples, and male-headed family households.

3

**Population with at least a bachelor's degree grew** in Oneida County and the Mohawk Valley since 2012. Over the same period, **median income increased** regionally, particularly in New Hartford and Utica.

4

Oneida County **added over 1,600 manufacturing jobs** since 2013. Growth is mainly machinery, primary metal, and computer and electrical manufacturing.



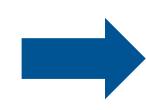
#### Takeaways: Real Estate - Residential

#### Demand for housing exists among growing young and older populations

Mohawk Valley multifamily market added over 2,000 units in past 10 years as rents grew steadily, particularly locally.

Recent development falls into three main typologies, reflecting the different types of residential demand in the market. Most of **new development is rental**, with **some ownership options planned**.

Some higher-density residential in walkable planned developments, like Marcy Tech Barn, is planned, integrating retail amenities accessible to employment anchors and office space.



mplications For St. Luke's

- Pipeline and absorption indicate
   appetite for continued residential
   development in the region to support
   growing industries.
- New housing should support growing population segments, and provide rental apartments and for-sale townhomes.
- First phase development should be substantial enough to create a sense of place.

Source: U.S Census Bureau - American Community Survey, CoStar, Lightcast





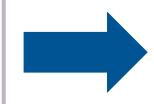




### Takeaways: Real Estate - Commercial

Housing development creates a customer base for **neighborhood-serving retail**. **Community facilities** can supplement residential and retail, and support surrounding communities.

Nearby retail development has been slow over past 10 years, limited to small additions to existing retail centers and recent **ground floor retail in** downtown Utica.

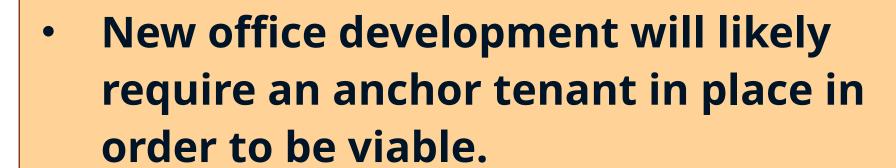


Initial retail should fulfill, on-and-off-site, uncaptured demand for convenience goods and non-destination F&B.

Office development near the St. Luke's campus has been limited, with **no major office projects in the pipeline**.

Community facilities such as daycares, and open spaces can support and attract local and surrounding communities.

Now home to Wolfspeed's \$1.2 billion public-private partnership, the Marcy Nanocenter at SUNY Polytechnic Institute includes three more projects in the pipeline, including **two more industrial parcels and a mixed-use residential project**.



 Industrial/Flex continue to see growth in the region and will keep supporting jobs, but not suited for an onsite location.

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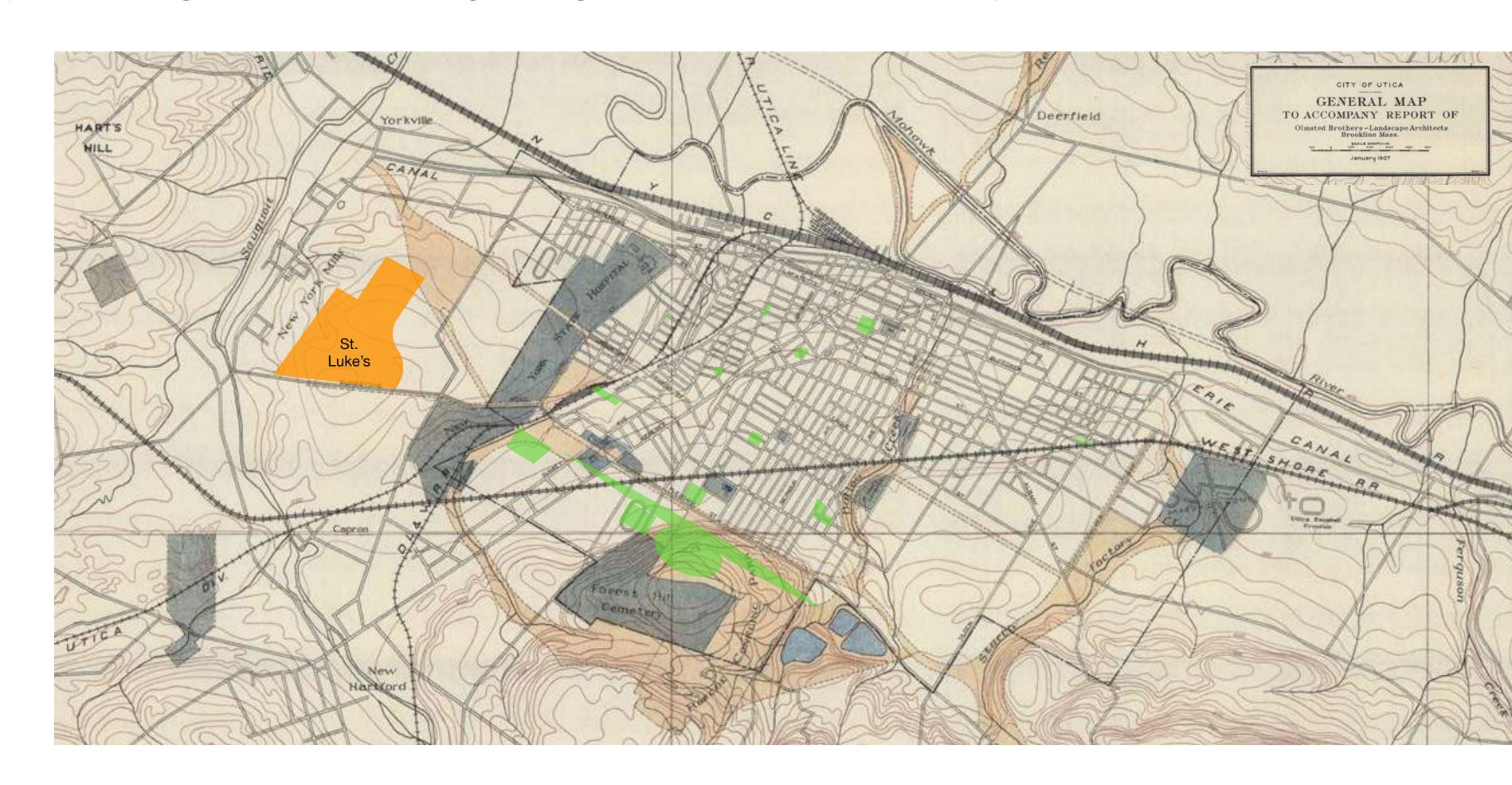




Place Understanding is holistically considering all factors including the regional influences and landscape

Analysis includes both **Quantitative and Qualitative**review of the following topics:

- History and Historical Data
- Past Studies
- Current Studies
- Planned Projects
- Transportation Studies
- Circulation and Access
- Pedestrian Realm
- Land Uses
- Regional Landscape
- Open Space System
- Natural Features
- Topography
- Surrounding Neighborhoods
- Adjacent Properties
- Built Environment



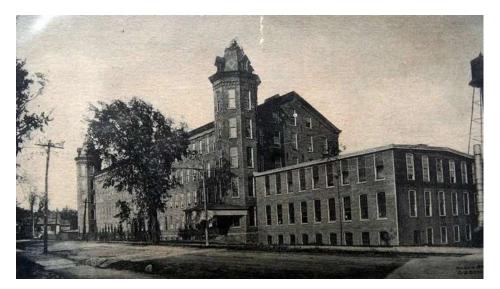






We looked at the magnificent architectural history, and the current development trend

#### **Historic Buildings**













#### **New Development Trend**











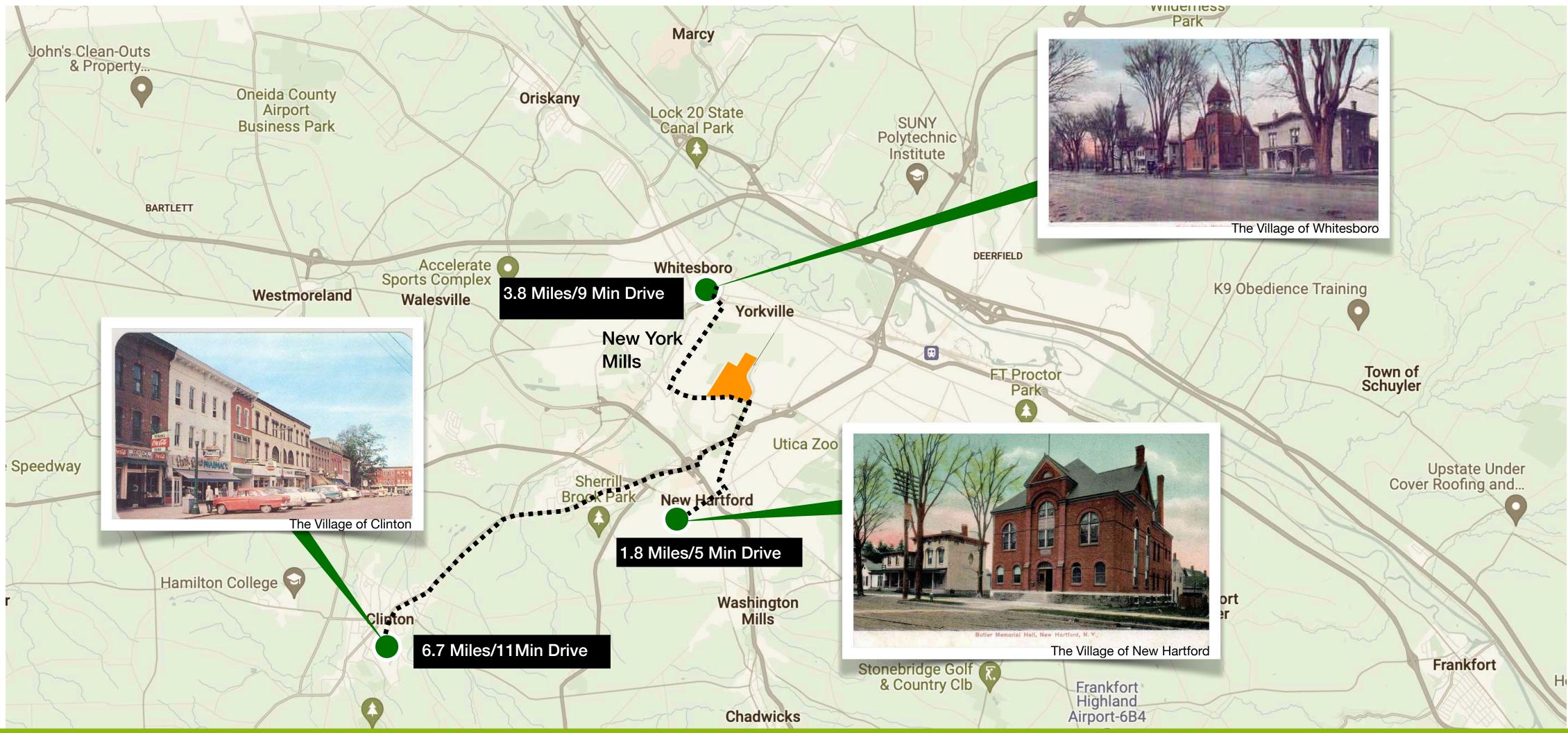








#### **The Villages**

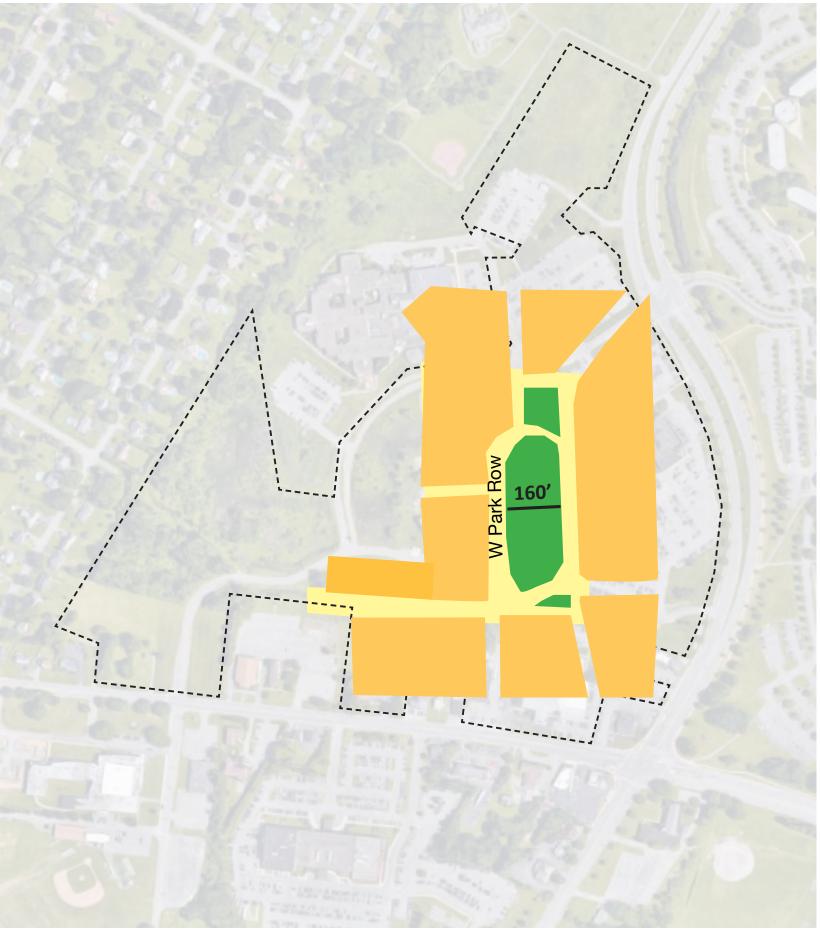


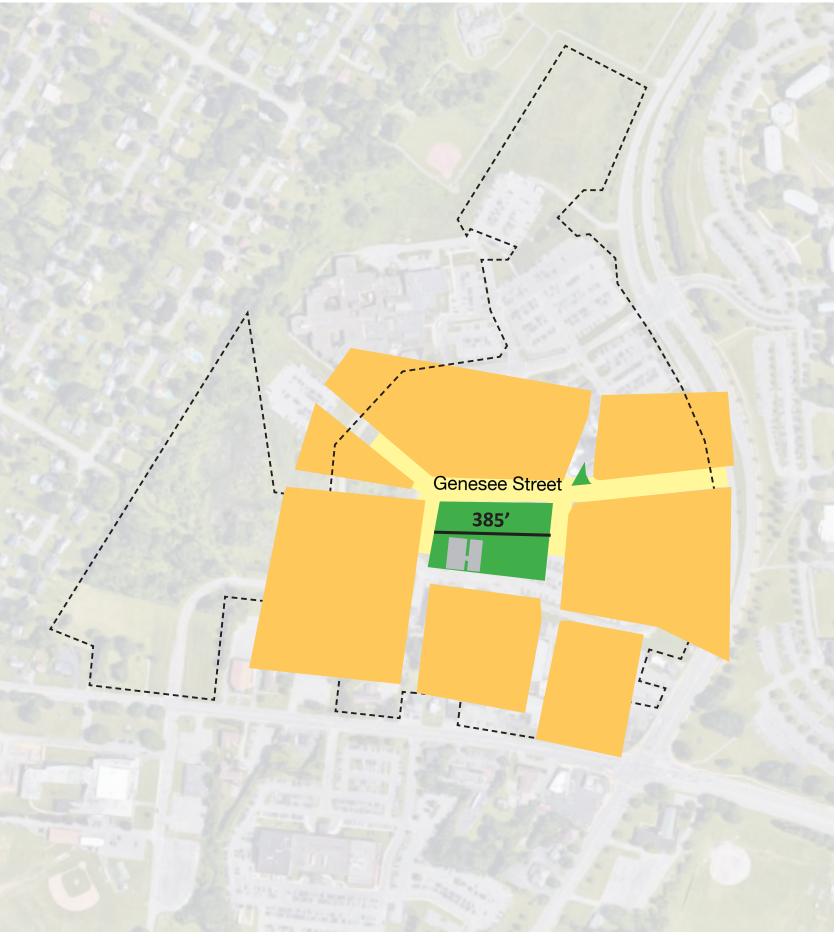






Scale comparison of the Villages of Clinton, New Hartford, and Whitesboro over the site area







Village of Clinton

Village of New Hartford

Village of Whitesboro





#### Residents' lifestyle and daily experiences

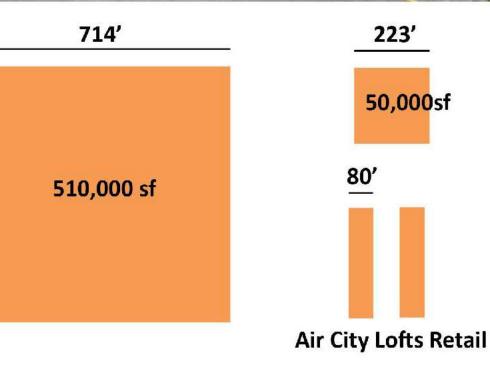








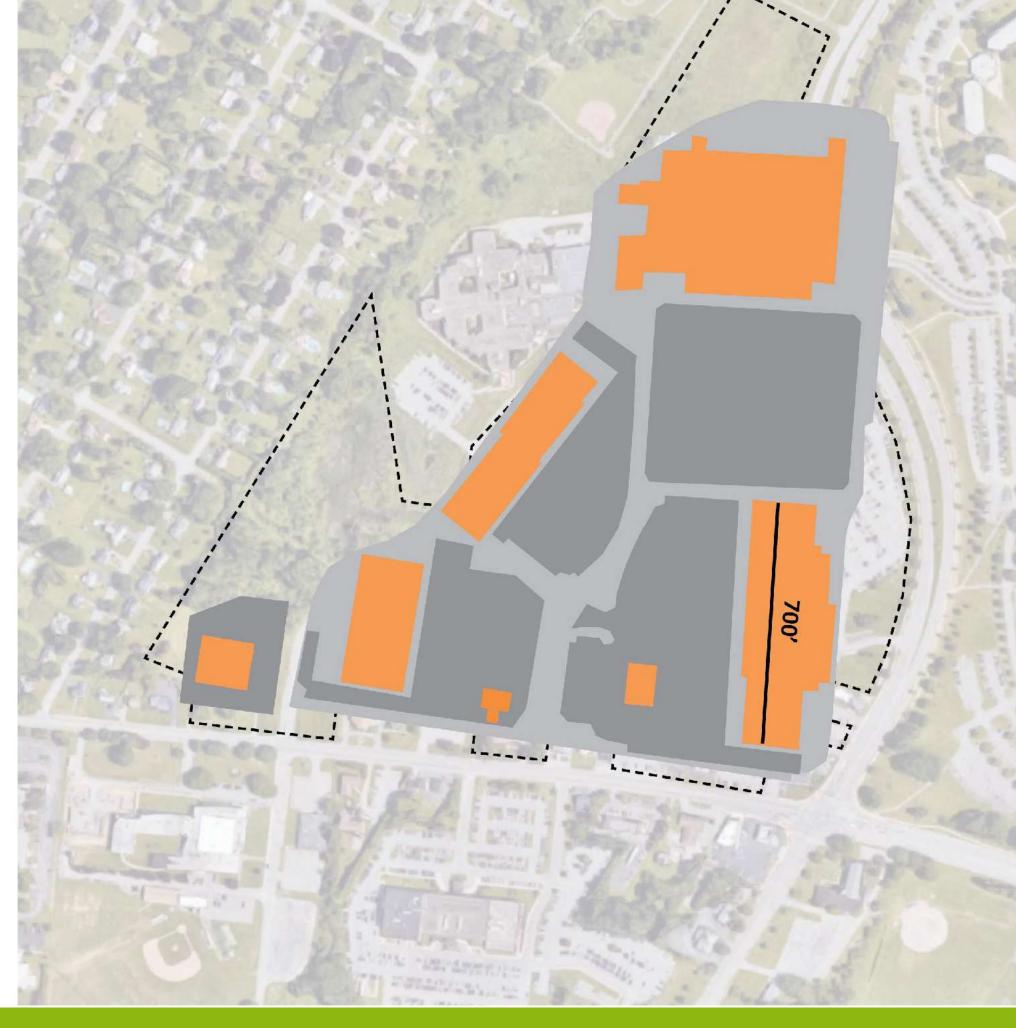


















## Transportation, Land Use, and Open Space

#### **Wide Roads**



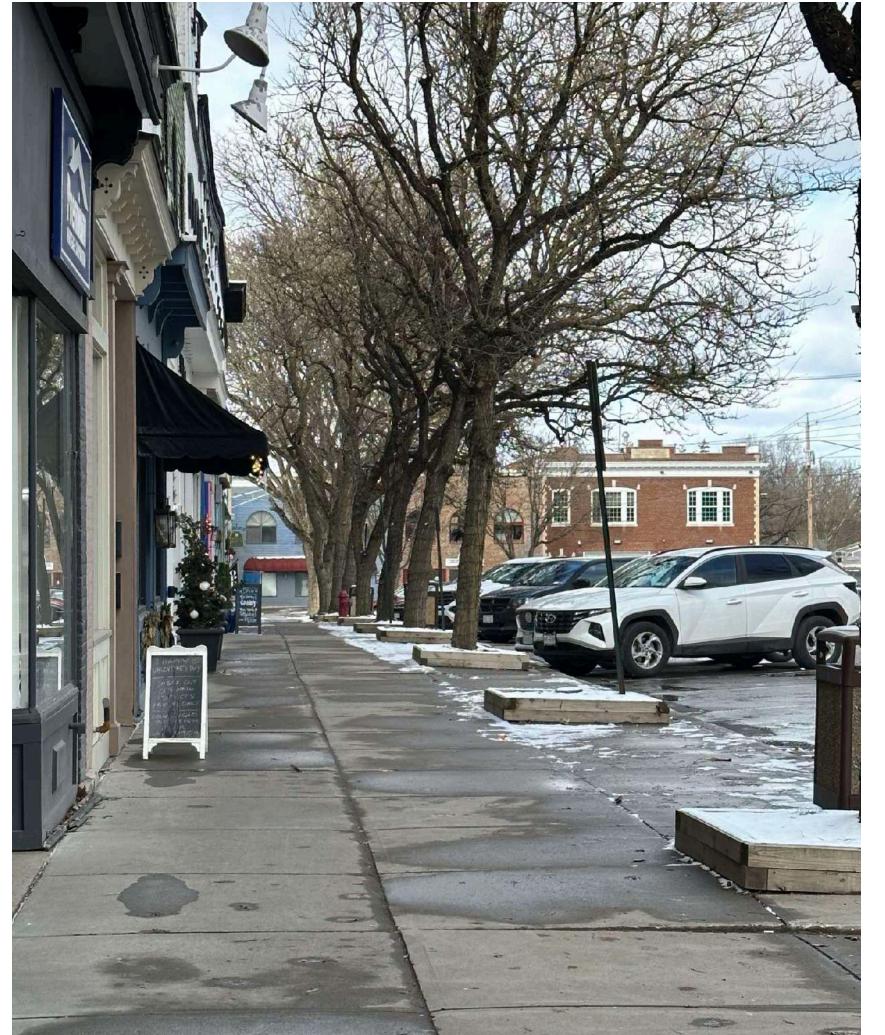






### Transportation, Land Use, and Open Space

The necessity to improve walkability, connectivity, and the quality of public realm



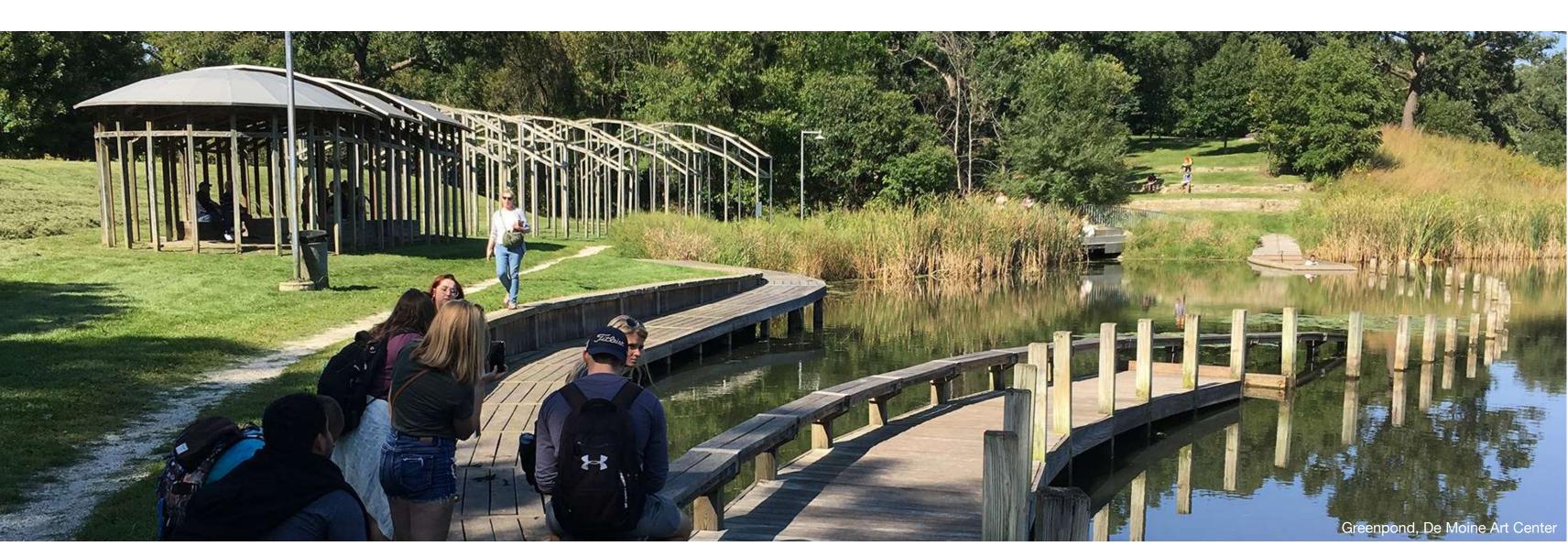


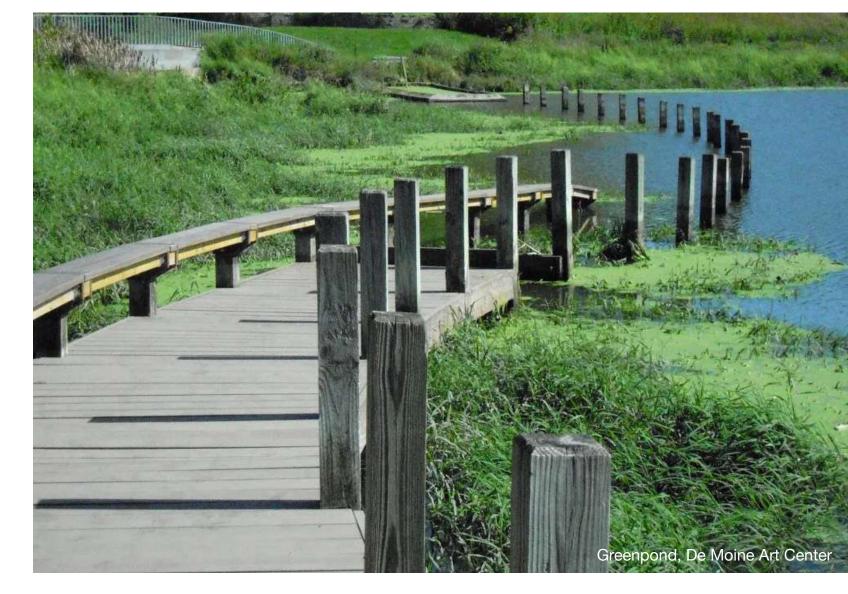




### Transportation, Land Use, and Open Space

Opportunity to feature natural landscape on site

















### **Open Spaces and Public Realm**

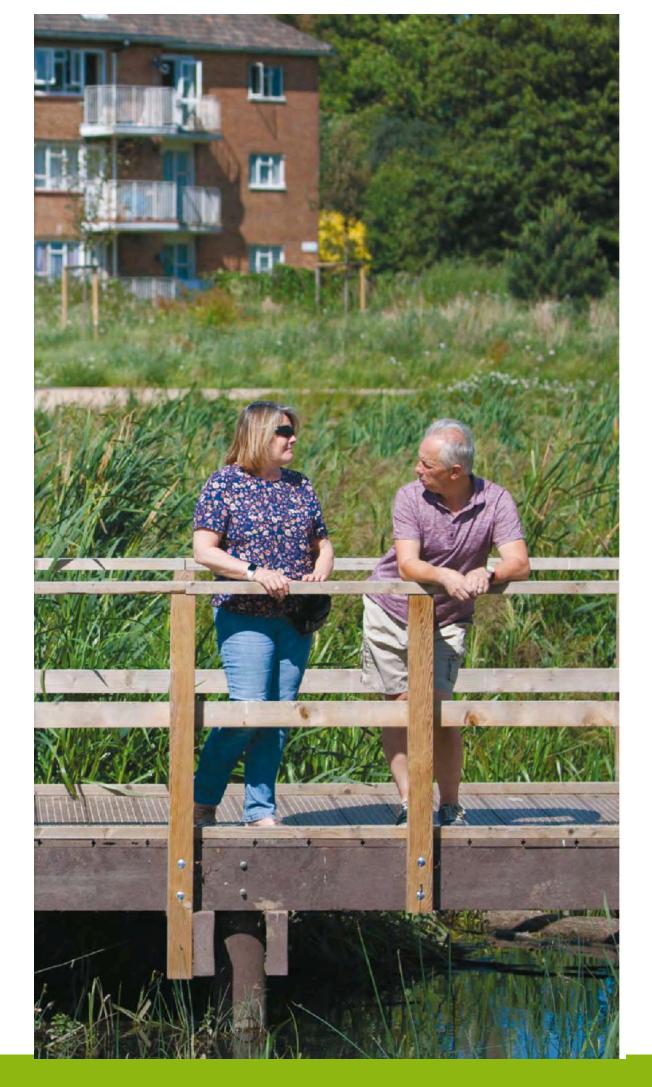
What we heard from you - a Destination/Town Center













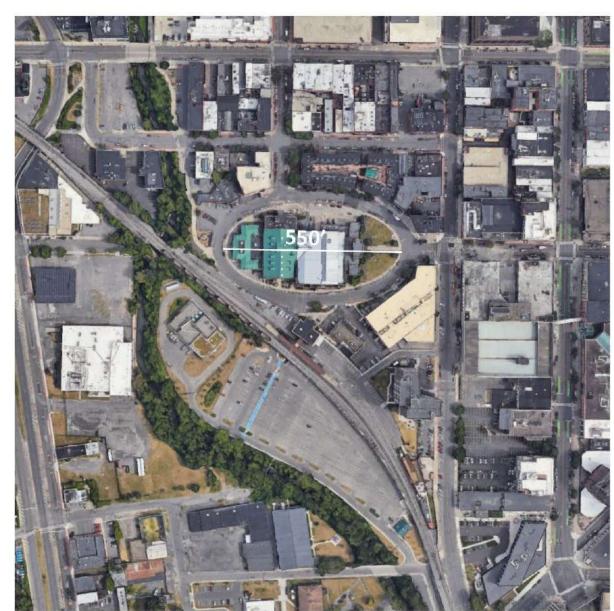




### **Scale Comparison**

**Armory Square, Syracuse, NY** 







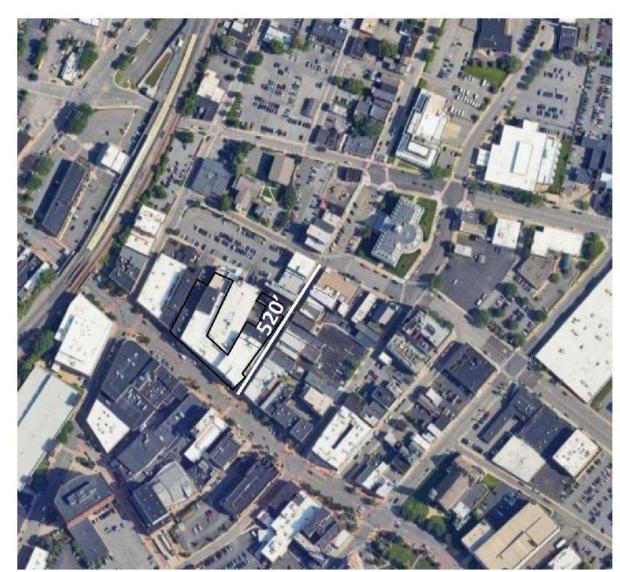


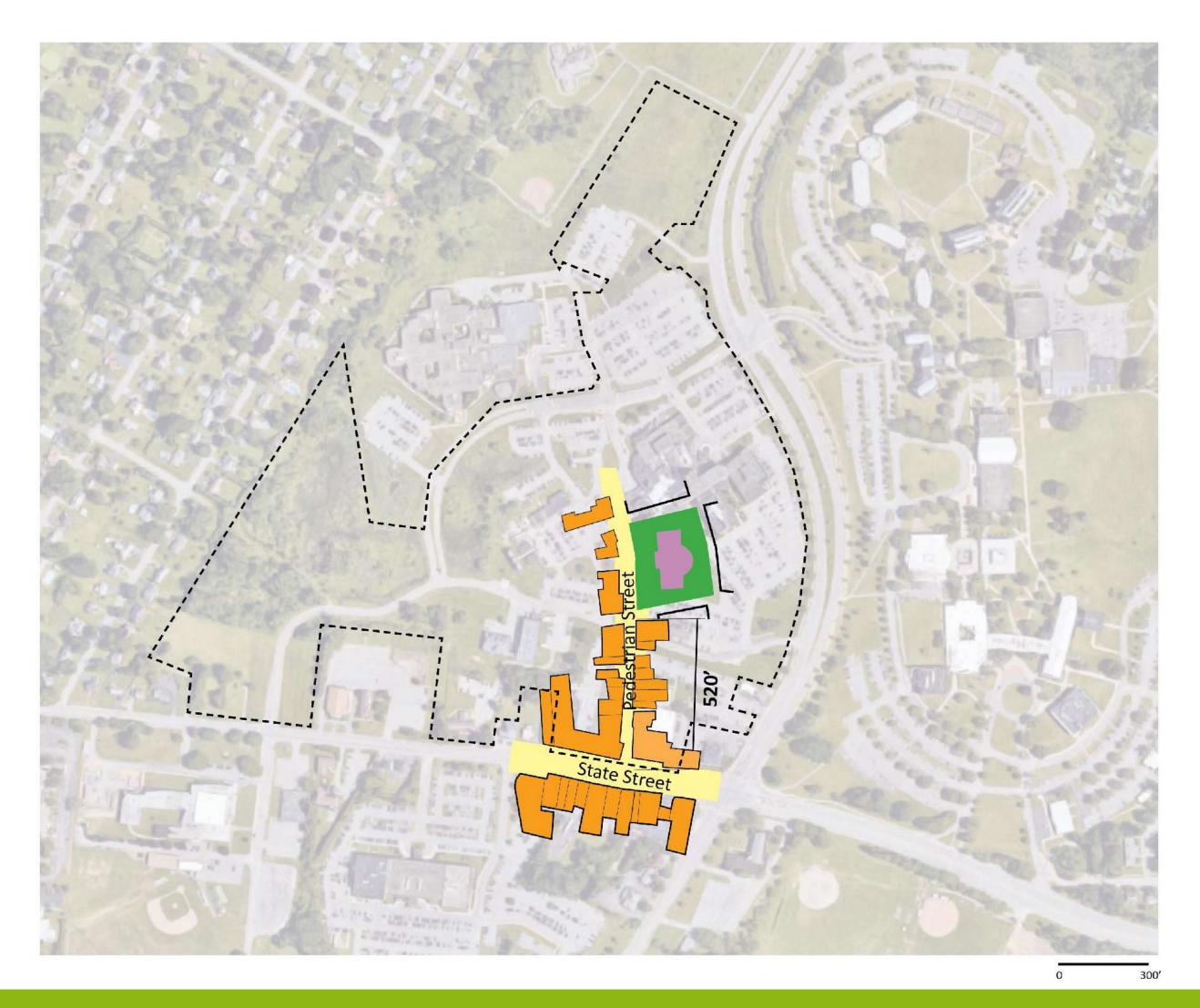


#### **Scale Comparison**

Jay Street Marketplace, Schenectady, NY











#### Multifamily and Townhouse Housing Prototypes

#### Opportunity to introduce a variety of housing models



**Apartment Buildings** 



Loft-style Apartment Buildings



Cottages and Clustered Single Family Homes



Townhouses



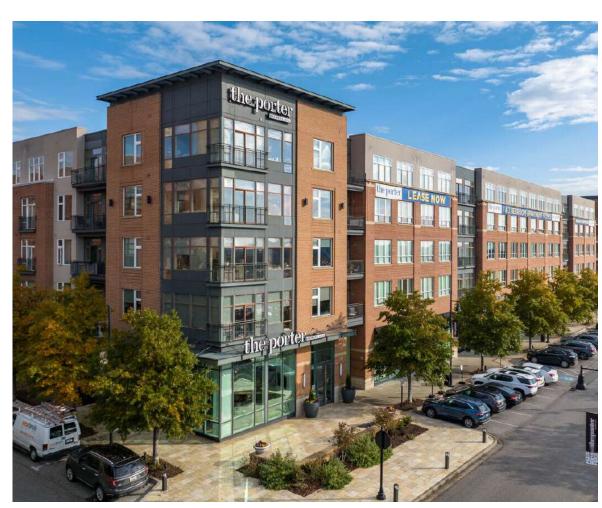
**Duplex Townhouses** 



Flats



Low-rise Apartment Buildings



High-rise Apartment Buildings







#### The Site: Four Different Edge Conditions

What is a place that would cohere these influences naturally and logically? Tilton School 2. Open Greenery Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club **North Side** The House of School and Cemeteries Good Shepherd Large green parcels Mix of large Commercial parcels and 1. Residential small lots **Residential Community** Small lots Small buildings Green buffer 3. Campus Wetlands **Utica University** Buildings are setback Landscape and Parking as buffer to Champlin Ave **Champlin Avenue**  Too wide Cars too fast the Rosary Not too friendly for pedestrians **Champlin and Burrstone** Notre Dame Jr. and Sr. High School Intersection Too wide 4. Commercial/Retail Burrstone Inn Too much traffic Corridor Cars too fast Not for pedestrians Zion Lutheran **Burrstone Road** \*\*\*\*\*\* Church Small commercial parcels and buildings Mostly soft sites Auto dominated and parking lots Not for pedestrians

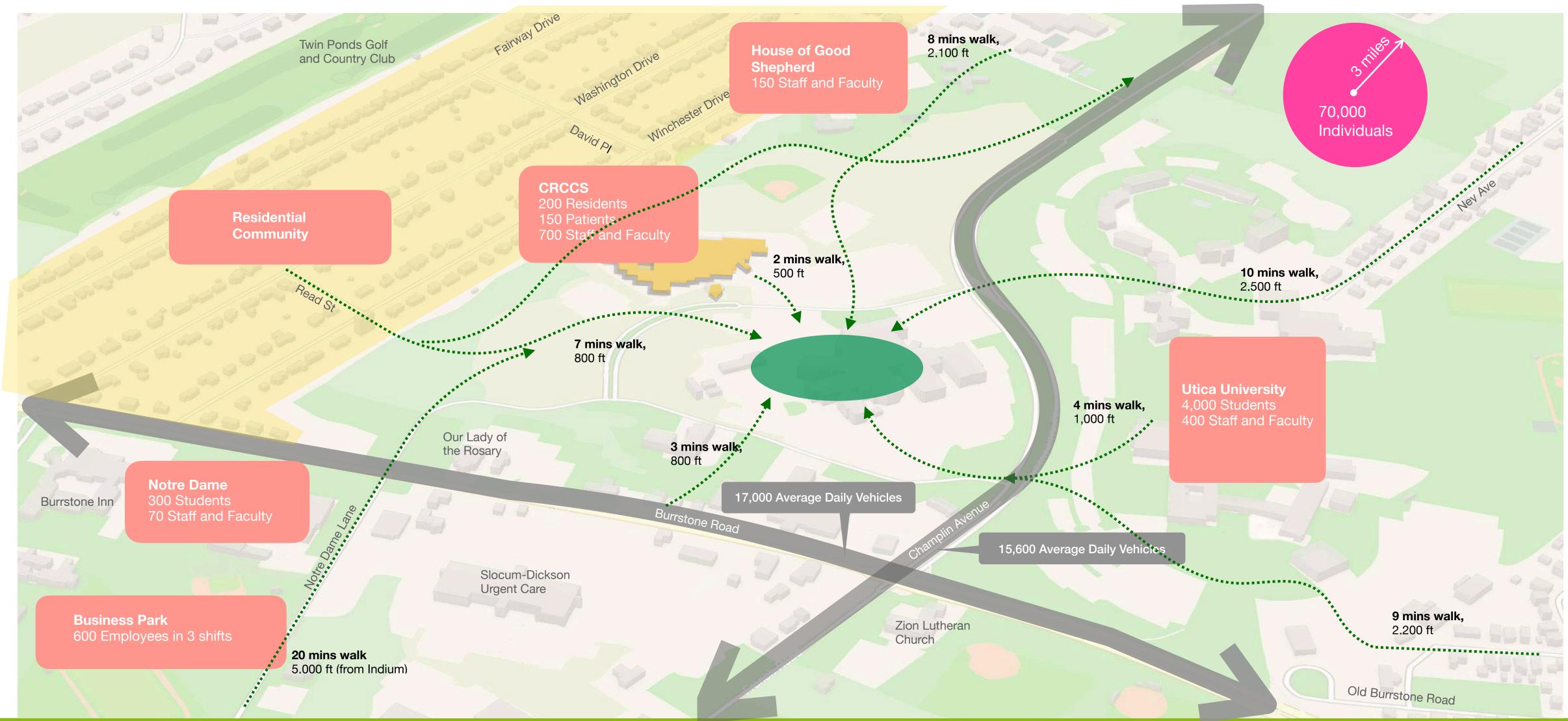






### The Site: Population within Walking Distance

What community activity is at the center?



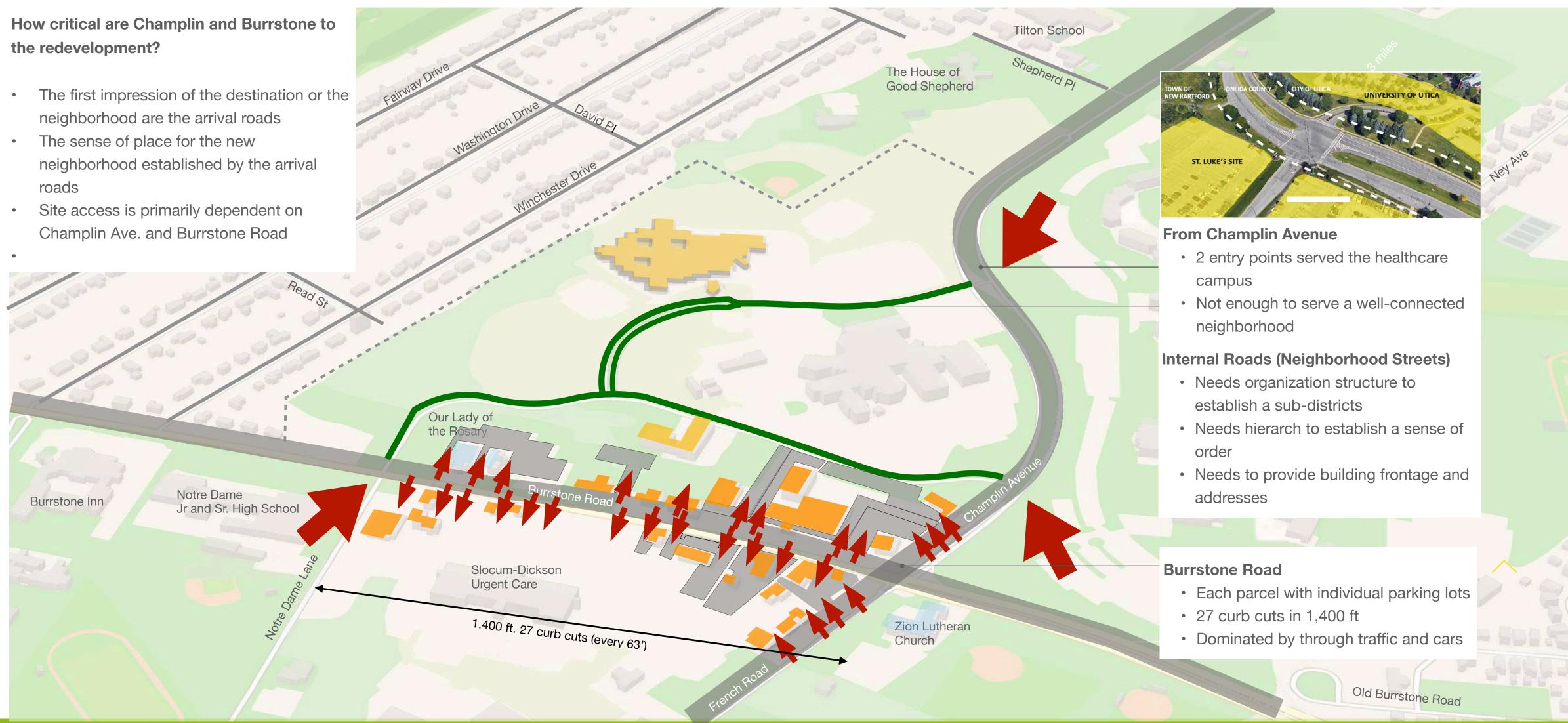






#### The Site: Burrstone Road and Champlin Avenue

#### What makes a welcoming front door?



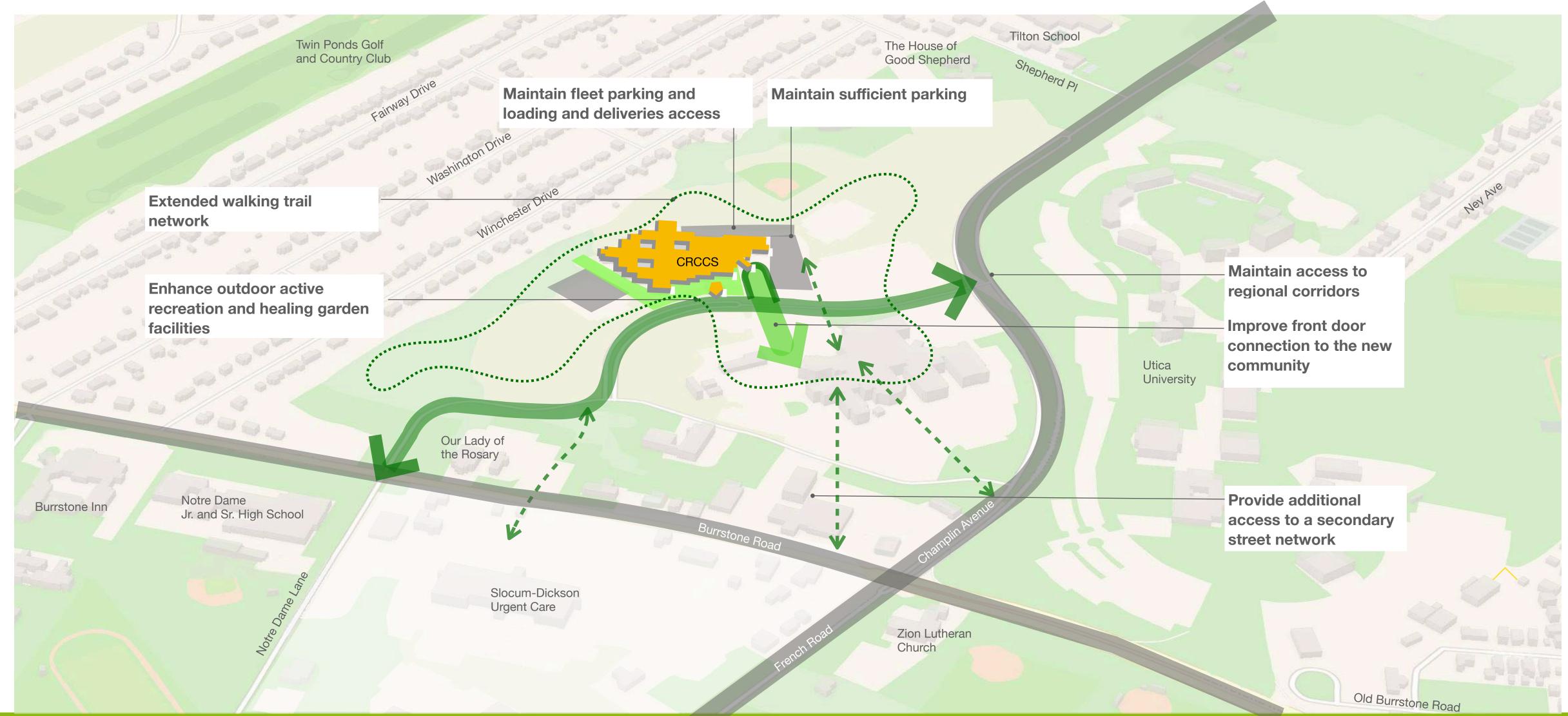






### The Site: CRCCS to Stay

#### What would enable connections between CRCCS and the new community?







#### **The Site: Natural Features**

#### How to turn the natural features into community assets?



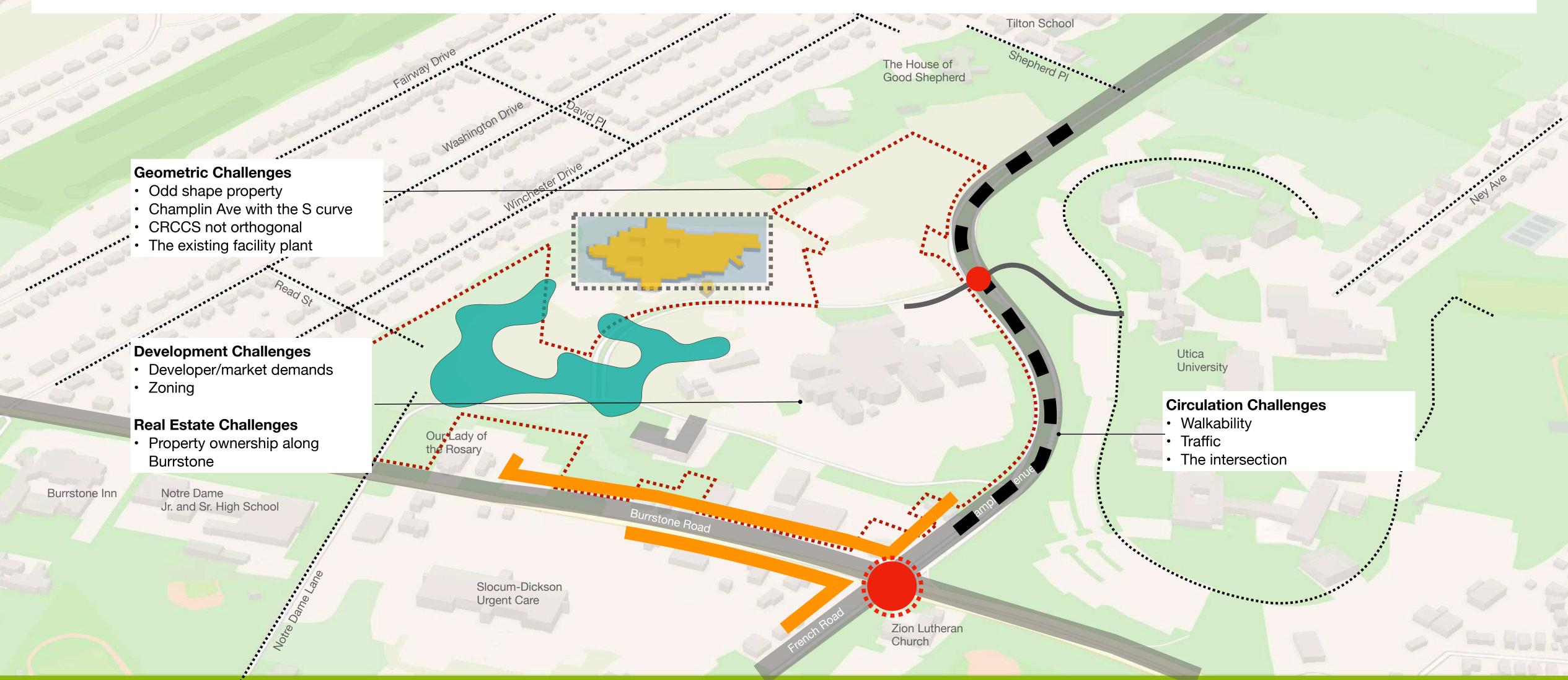






### The Site: Difficult Geometry

What is a street and block pattern that can unify these different geometries?







### The Site: Opportunities

#### How to capitalize on the opportunities to create a place with new identity?

- Plan for a primarily vacant land
- Connect to existing surrounding natural/ecological
- Improve circulation/traffic
- Improve pedestrian circulation
- Plan for a street and block grid
- Create good access and connectivity
- Take advantage of visibility
- Improve perception of frontage along Burrstone
- Organize shared parking for retail
- Make a destination











#### **Project Timeline and Milestones**

- 9 months time
- 3 phases of work

Each phase is built upon the last Each phase is informed by you









### **Next Steps**

- 1. Workshop Summary will be posted on project website
- 2. Consultant team will begin to work on Site Concepts
- 3. Community Workshop #3 at the end of June

