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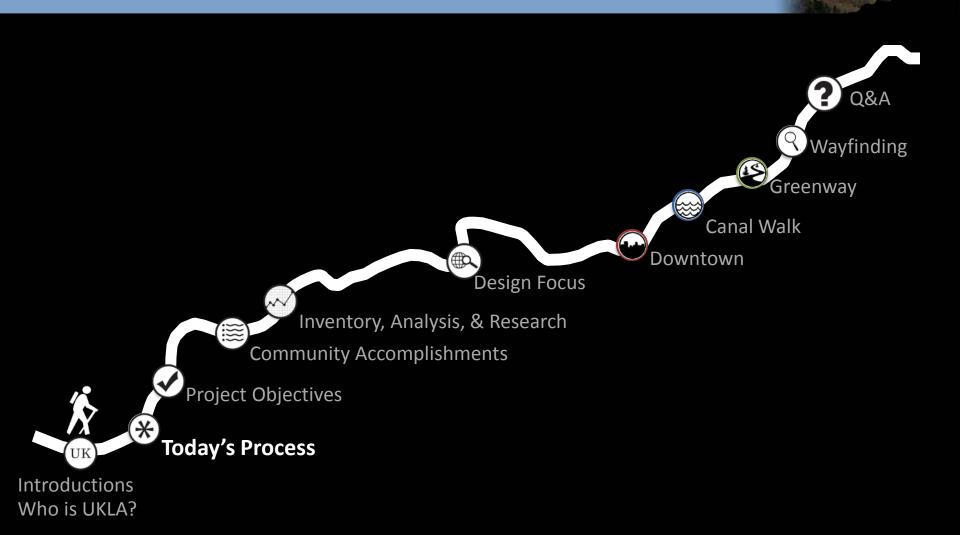
Who is UKLA?

- Students in the University of Kentucky's Department of Landscape Architecture
- We learn to create human environments that are sustainable, socially relevant, artful, and functional.



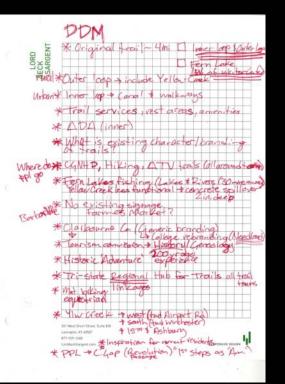


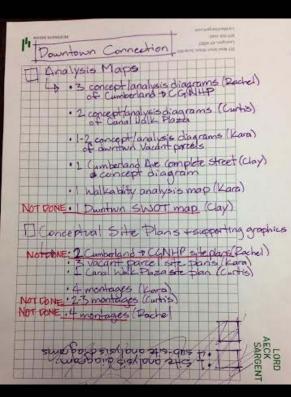




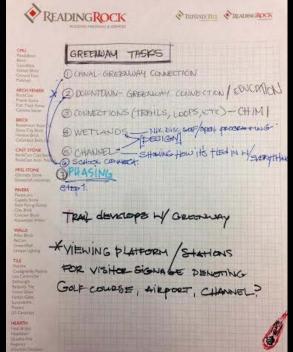


- Brief on project background
- Present inventory, analysis, and research
- Walk through potential ideas
- Receive feedback from the community



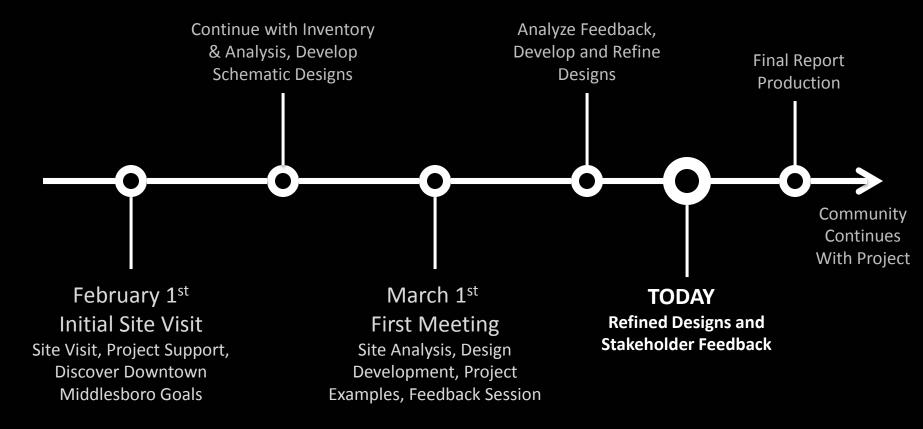


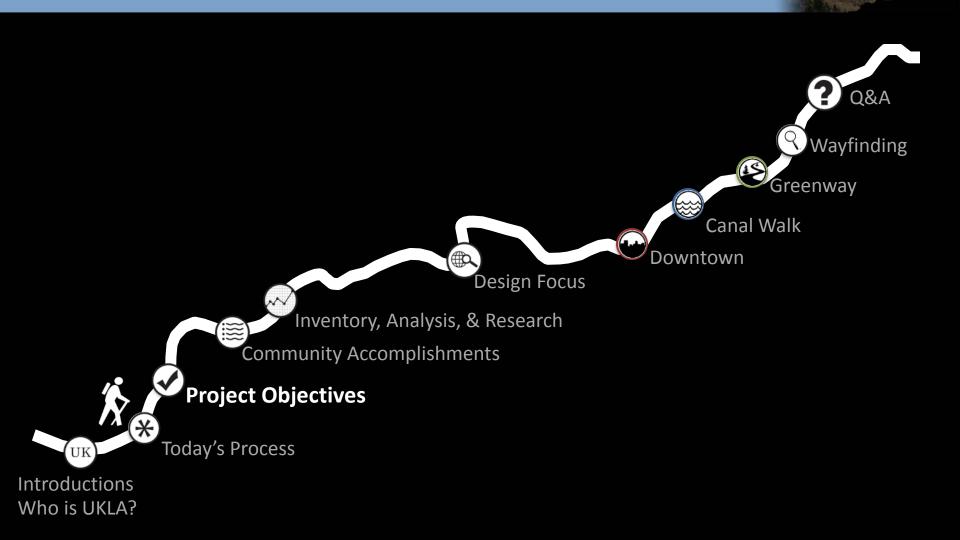










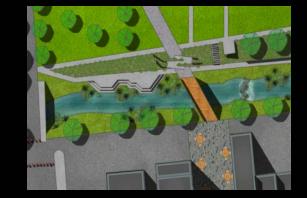




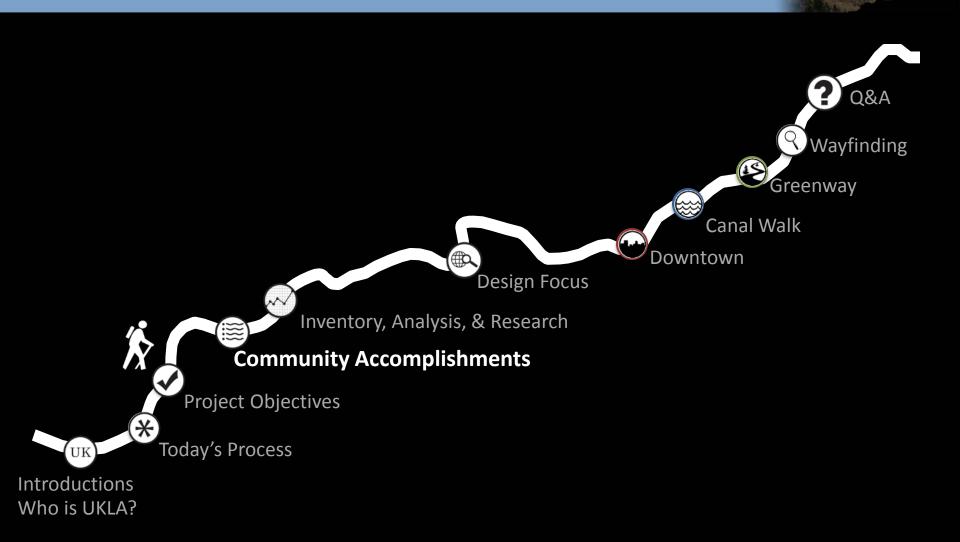


- Work with the community to identify challenge areas
- Propose design solutions that address the community's needs and goals
- Improve connections to regional trails (Cumberland Gap National Park & Boone Trace)
- Make Middlesboro a regional hub for tourism
- Offer design solutions that appeal to a younger generation, closing the generation gap
- Make Middlesboro the "Gateway to the Gap"











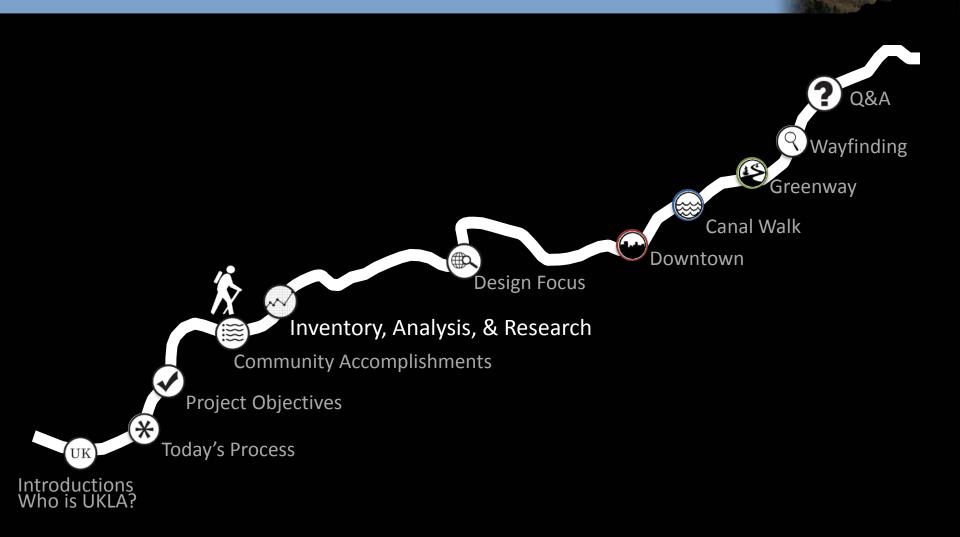
What You've Already Accomplished:

- Grants
 - River, Trails, Conservation Assistance (NPS)
 - Recreational Trail Program (KY Transportation Cabinet)
- Downtown Development Plans
 - Short Term:
 - Trail Town Initiative
 - Long Term:
 - Attract tourism and events
 - Preserve the history of Middlesboro
 - Stream/Canal restoration
 - Trail system improvement: Boone Trace and the Canal Walk

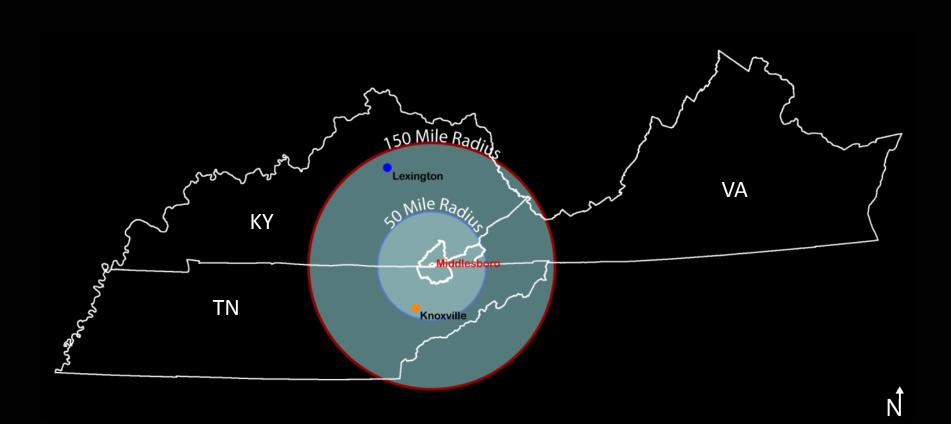
Current Community Growth Strategies

- Develop and attract "location neutral" retail businesses
- Make Downtown Middlesboro the city's priority location for new retail businesses and small industries
- Expand the arsenal of downtown property rehabilitation and development tools
- Focus on developing locally owned businesses rather than trying to attract national retail chains
- Attract and retain young entrepreneurs
- Create a small downtown hotel or inn
- Conduct further research on where downtown customers come from





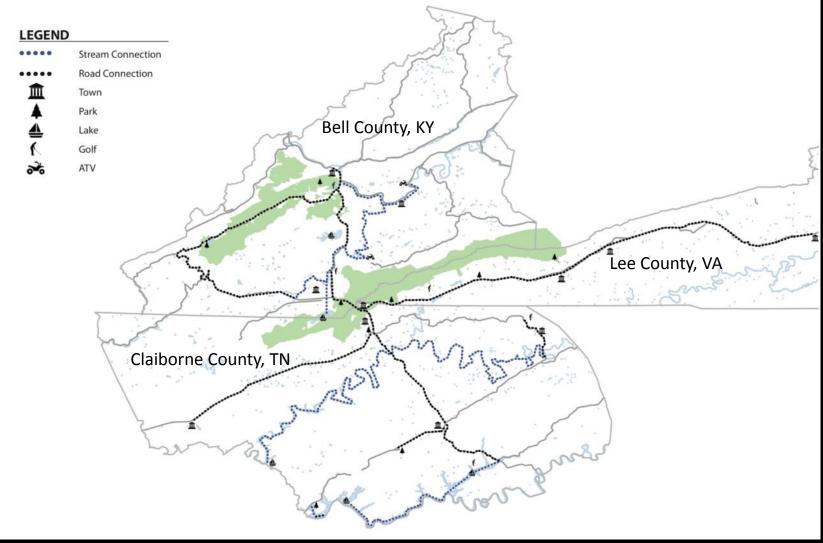








Regional Connection Opportunities

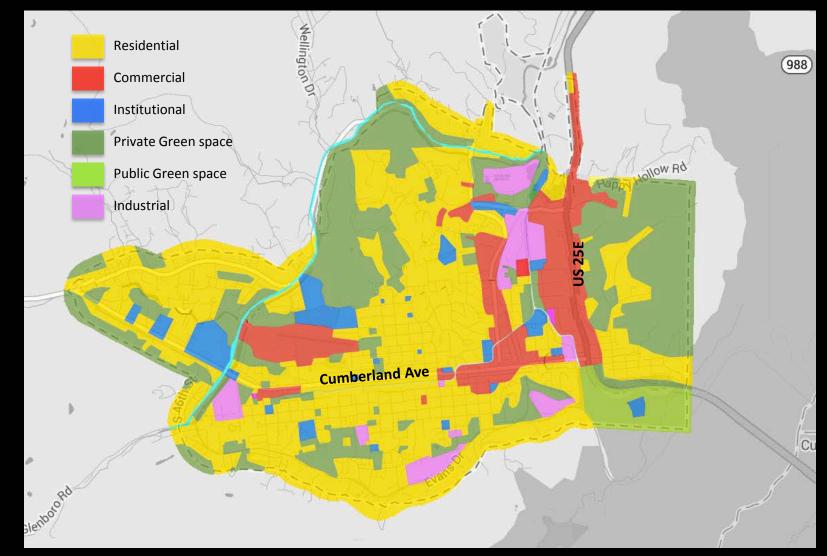


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Land Use

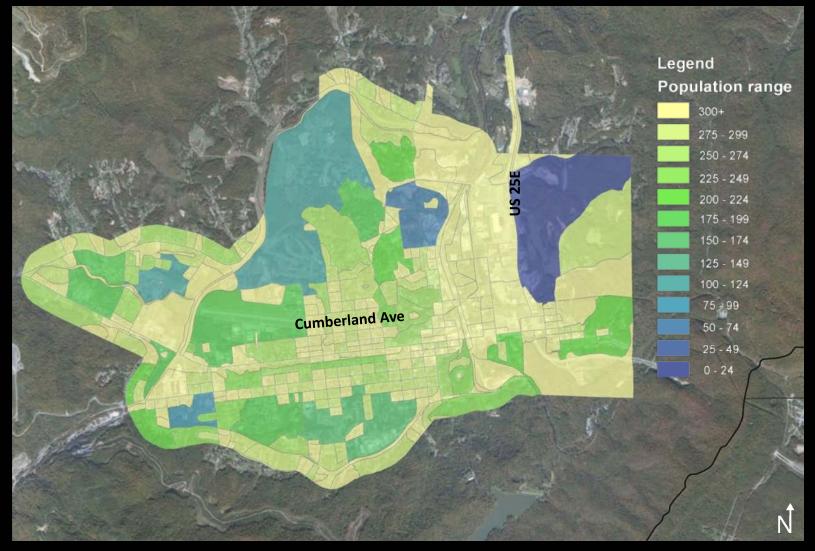


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Population Density



(Data Source: Kentucky Geography Network, 2014)





Existing Tourism Amenities



(Data Source: Kentucky Geography Network, 2014; Google Maps, 2014)



Boone Trace

- March 19, 1775
- Historically significant for Kentucky
- First road west of Appalachian Mountains
- Allowed settlements to be formed in the West
- Trail passes through Middlesboro
- Important Trail Markers
 - Stone atop Flat Lick
 - Colson House (Oldest House in Bell County)
 - Pyramid at the Saddle of the Gap
 - Indian Rock
 - The Narrows Marker

(Source: Boone Trace 1775, 2013; The Boone Society, 2012)



(Source: http://www.everytrail.com/trip_pictures.php?trip_id=1489835&code=)



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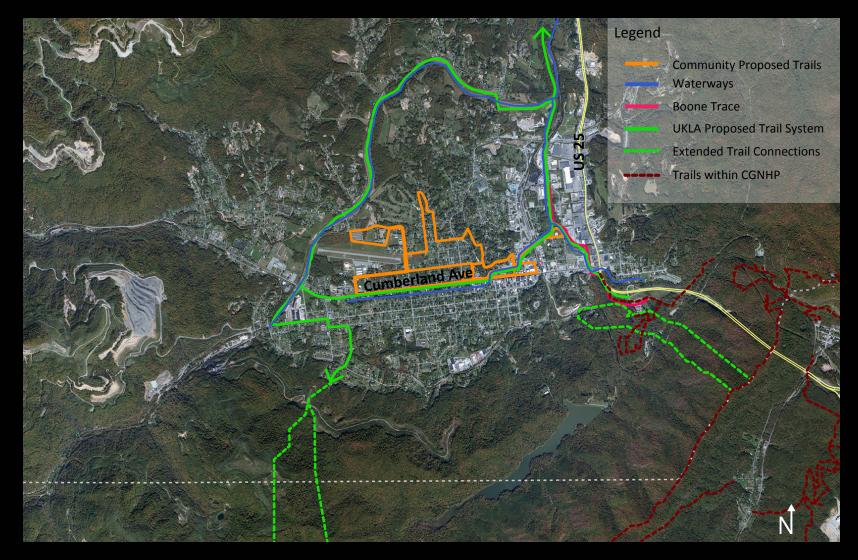


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Potential Trail System

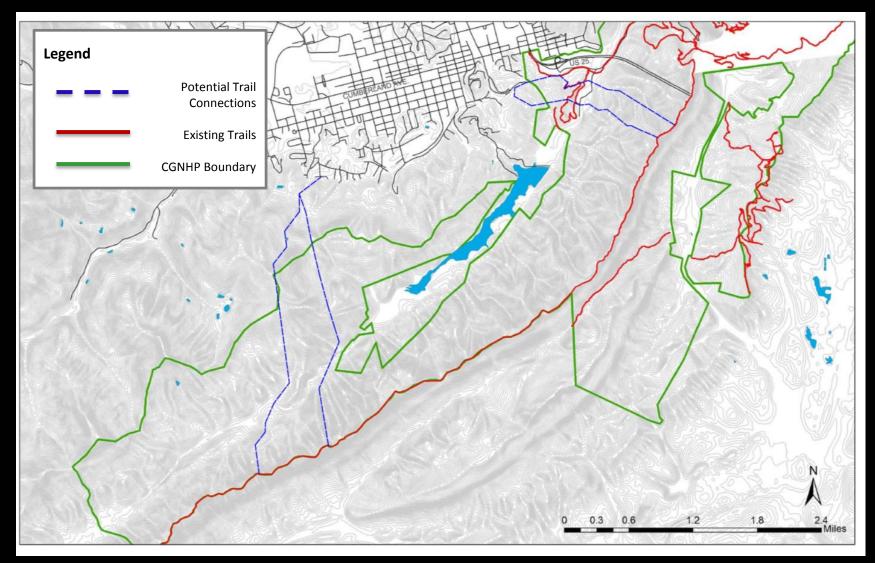


(Data Source: Kentucky Geography Network, 2014; US Department of Interior, National Park Service, 2014)





Cumberland Gap National Historical Park Connectivity Opportunities



(Data Source: Kentucky Geography Network, 2014; US Department of Interior, National Park Service, 2014; US Geological Survey, 2014)

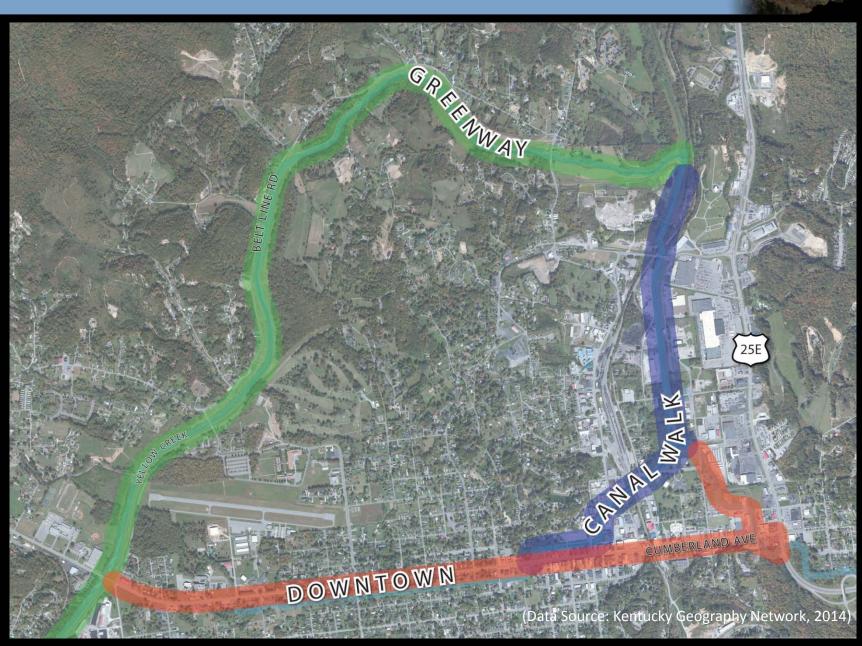


Summary

- Connections
 - Historical
 - Regional
 - Local
 - National Park
- Revitalization
 - Downtown Core
 - Tourism
 - Boone Trace
 - Public Green Space

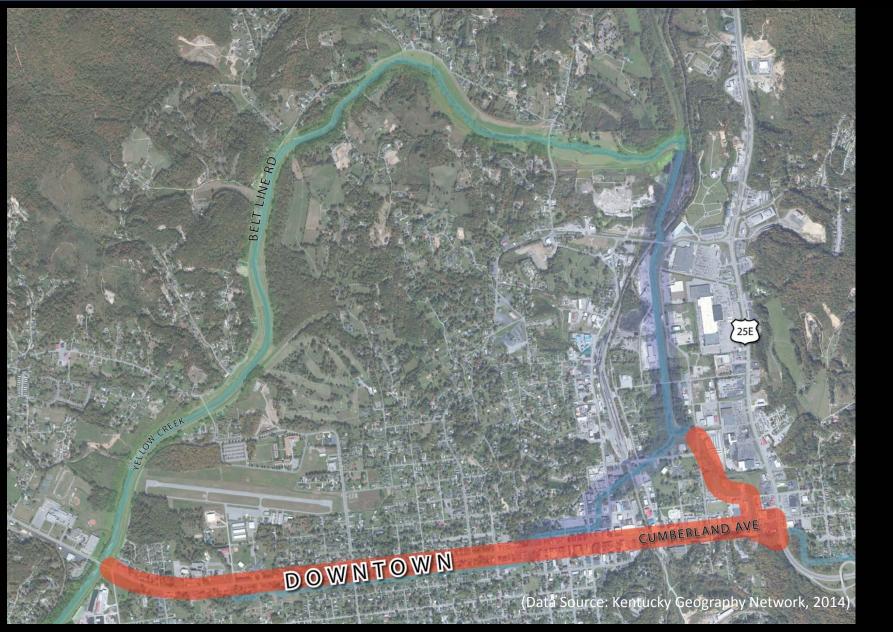












Downtown – Indianapolis Cultural Trail Case Study

Project Name Indianapolis Cultural Trail

Location Indianapolis, Indiana (USA)

Date Designed 2001-2005

Construction Completed May 2013

Construction Cost \$63 Million

Landscape Architect Rundell Ernstburger Associates

Developer | Client City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works

Manager Brian Pierso & Carl Kincaid









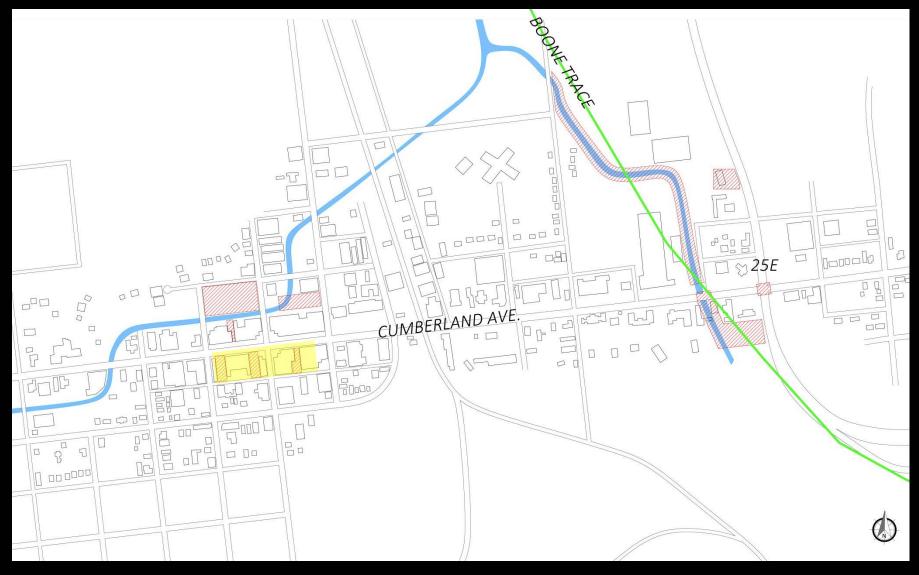
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Areas of Interest





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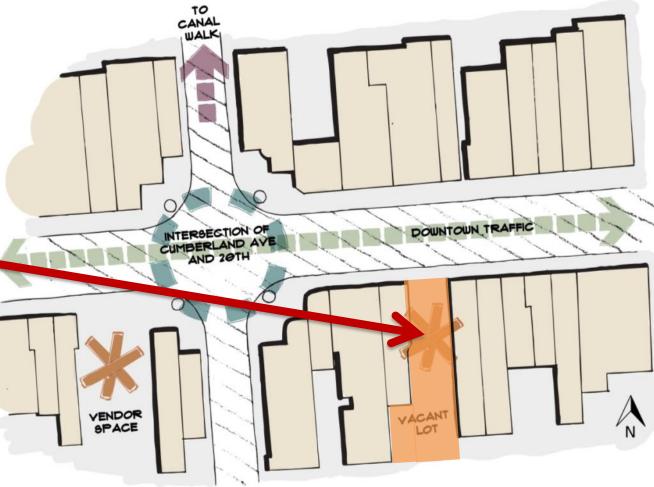
Pocket Park Concept Diagram



Existing Site

Vacant lots with potential for development were identified including an infill lot, which is an ideal place for a small <u>pocket park</u>.

Analysis: Intersection of 20th and Cumberland Ave.







Pocket Park Refined Concept Diagram Proposed Design



Inspiration



Alternative Design









Proposed Pocket Park

Placing a façade veneer at the entrance to this park creates a unique feature and streetscape building continuity





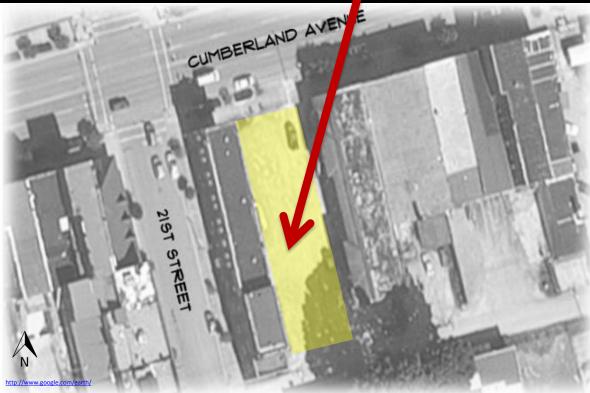
Community Garden Concept Diagram



Existing Site

- Provide sense of community
- Educational opportunity
- Produce food
- Added green space
- Inexpensive development
- Easy maintenance

Identified vacant lot at 21st and Cumberland Ave. between two mixed use buildings. Ideal space for a <u>community garden</u>

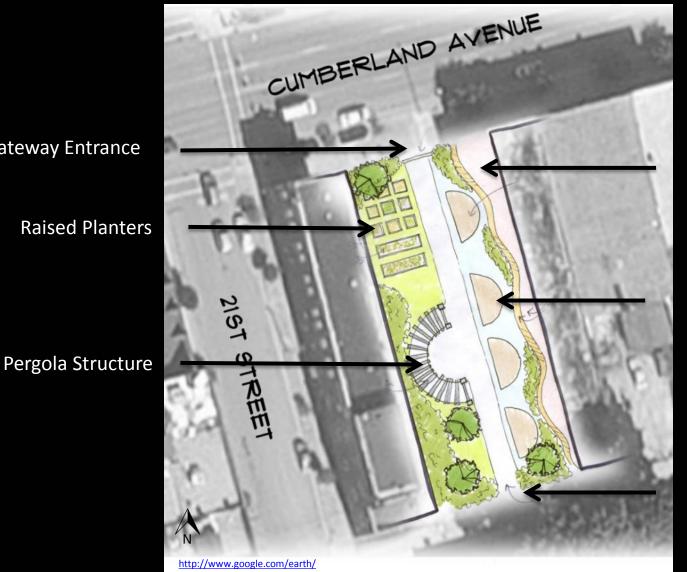








Refined Community Garden Concept Diagram



Concrete Path for Tenants of Building

Educational Work Stations

Low Maintenance Pathway

Gateway Entrance





Proposed Community Garden



Community Garden Sketch

Alternative Design View







Vendor Site Concept Diagram



Currently this site is mostly parking.

Small food vendor located on site.

Underutilized space.

Potential for gathering area for children in downtown Middlesboro.

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Existing appearance of Vendor site



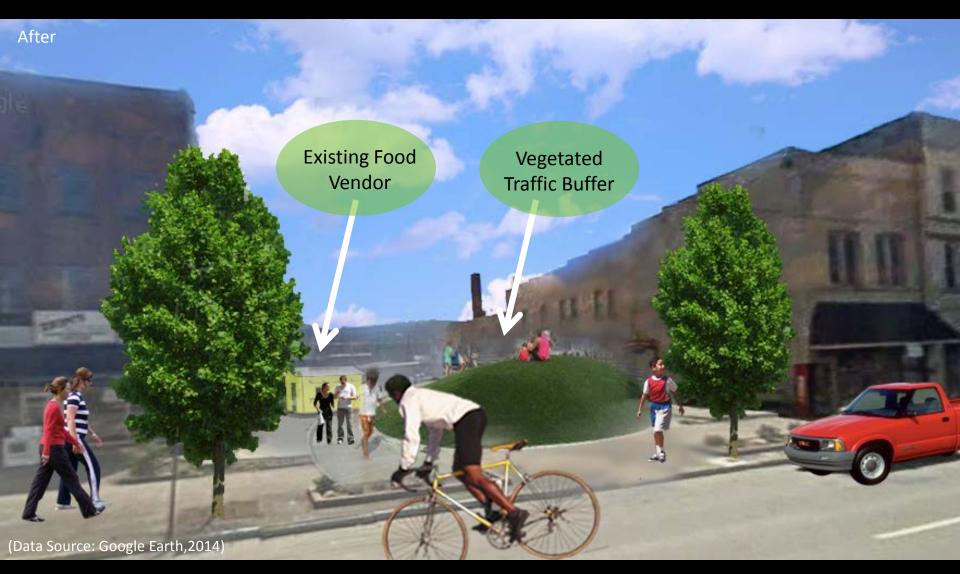
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Street View from other side of Cumberland Ave.





Proposed Vendor site







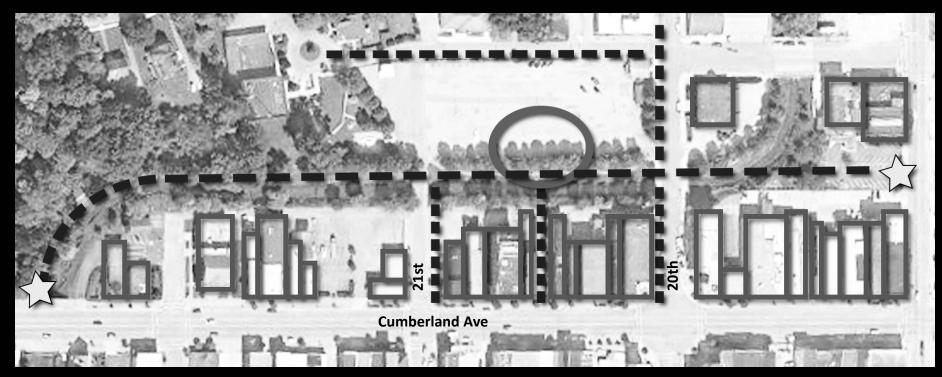
Canal Walk Area







Canal Walk Area Concept Diagram



Concept 1

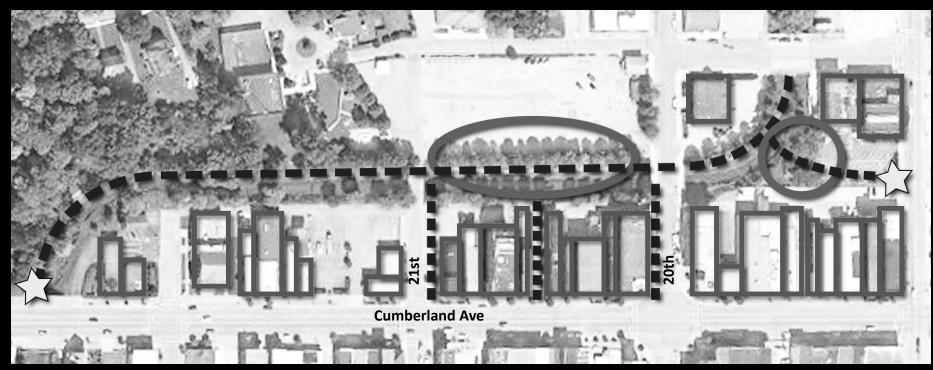
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- Provide access from Cumberland Ave
- Provide one area for programmable event space
- Create two access points to the Canal Walk which act as trail heads
- Create linkage from Court House to the Canal Walk
- Create clear and concise pathway along Canal Walk





Canal Walk Area Concept Diagram



Concept 2

(Data Source: Google Earth, 2014)

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- Provide access from Cumberland Ave
- Provide two areas for programmable event space
- Create two access points to the Canal Walk which act as trail heads
- Create clear and concise pathway along Canal Walk





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Refined Canal Walk Area Concept Diagrams



Concept 2 Refined

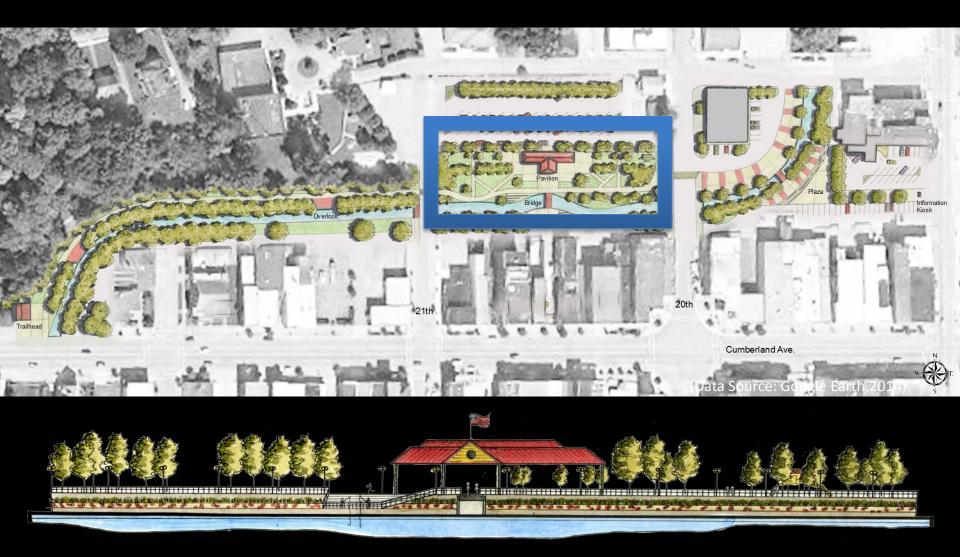
- Linkages from either side of the Canal Walk
- Trail Heads to act as a formal entrance
- Areas for programmable event space
- Access to Canal Walk from Cumberland Ave

(Data Source: Google Earth, 2014)





Refined Canal Walk Area Concept Diagram



Pavilion Section





Proposed Canal Walk Area

Possible Trail Head



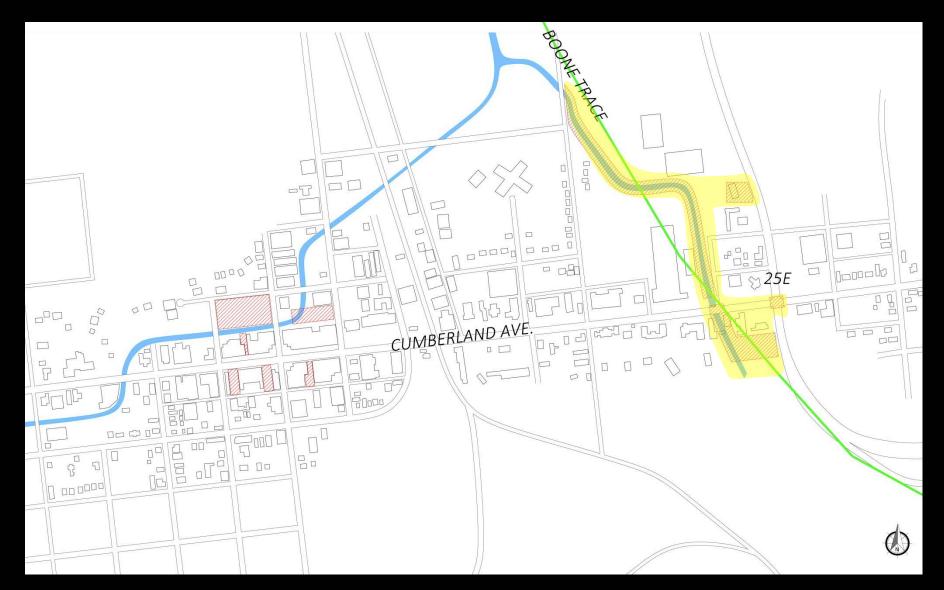
Pedestrian Bridge & Event Area







Boone Trace/CGNHP Connections







Boone Trace/CGNHP Connection Concept Diagrams



Concept 1 (Data Source: Google Earth,2014) Original Boone Trace route

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Canal Walk Connection

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Concept 2



Existing Conditions



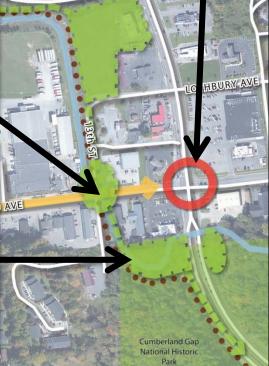


Existing Conditions









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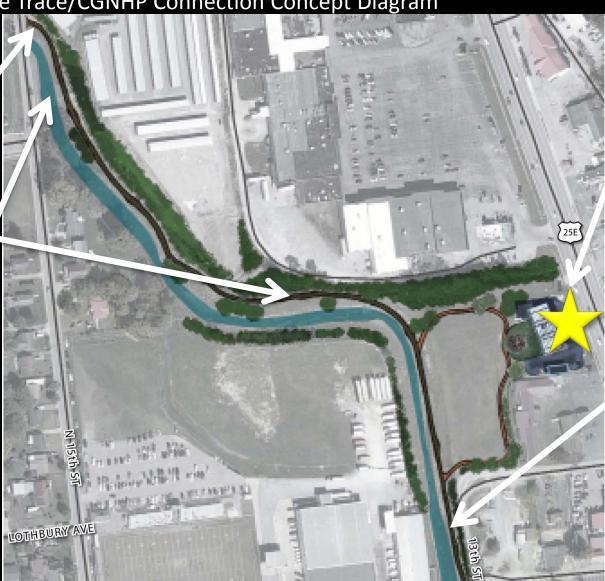




Refined Boone Trace/CGNHP Connection Concept Diagram

Connection to Canal Walk

Boone Trace Connections



Public Green Space/ Visitor Center Opportunity

Connection to Downtown & CGNHP

(Data Source: Google Earth, 2014)



Existing Shell lot



Vacant Shell Station Building/Lot

Empty Car Wash Building

> Unused Field No Marked Canal Walk/ Boone Trace Trail



Proposed Shell lot Covered Public Food Gathering Vendor Culturally Relevant Public Space Green Space LUNC RAR





Refined Boone Trace/CGNHP Connection Concept Diagram

Canal Walk Connection

Public Art Opportunities





Existing 13th Street Conditions

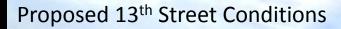
Unsightly Traffic Buffer

> No Boone Trace Reference

Inaccessible Canal Walk Trail

Blank Walls No Visual Interest





Vegetated Traffic Buffer

> Boone Trace Sign Opportunity

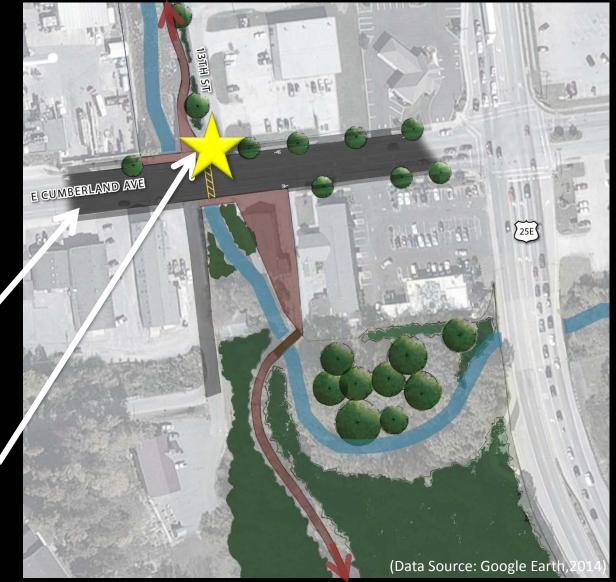
Culturally Relevant Art

Accessible Canal Walk Trail





Refined Boone Trace/CGNHP Connection Concept Diagram



Streetscape Improvement Opportunities

Boone Trace Connections









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Culturally Relevant Community Art

ADA Accessible Sidewalks

Crosswalk

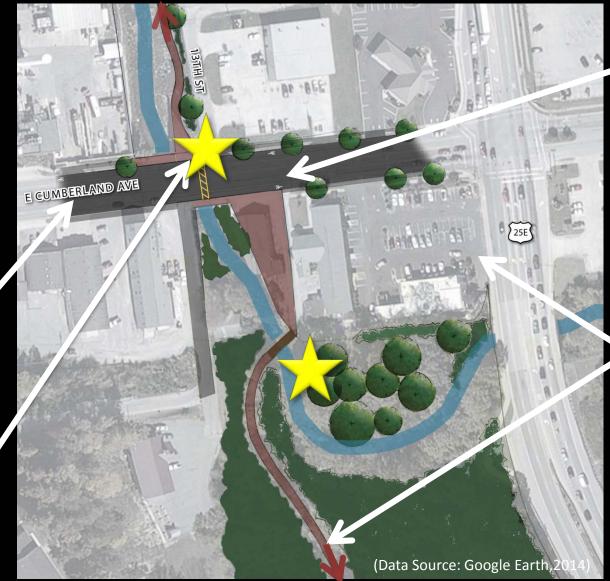
Trail Network Signage

Shared Use Trail Entrance





Refined Boone Trace/CGNHP Connection Concept Diagram



Signage Wayfinding Opportunity

Cumberland Gap Connections

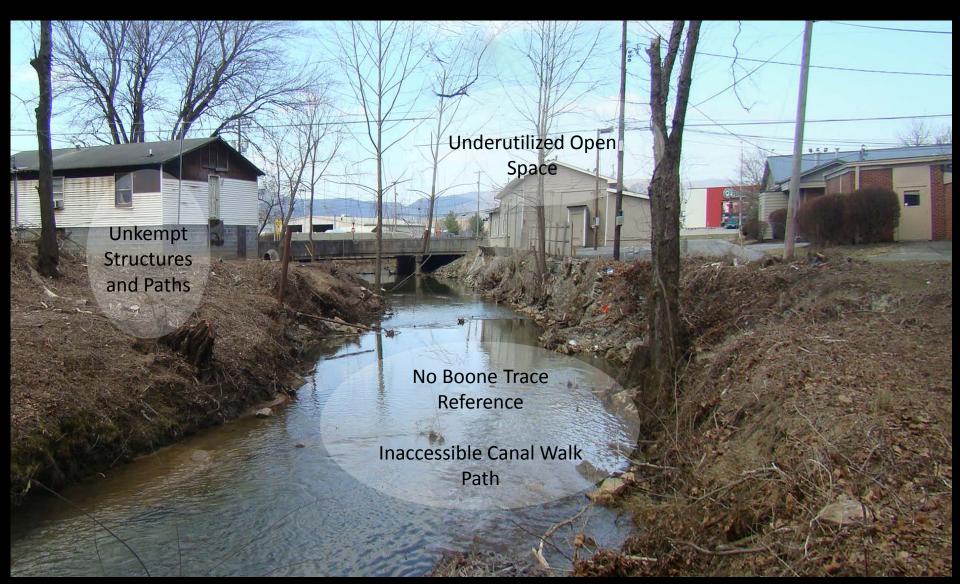
Streetscape Improvement Opportunities

Boone Trace Connections





Existing CGNHP Trail Connection







Proposed CGNHP Trail Connection

Safe Access to CGNHP Opportunity for Signage and Boone Trace Markers

Canal Walk/Boone Trace Connections

> Park Maintenance Access



Potential Icon Statue







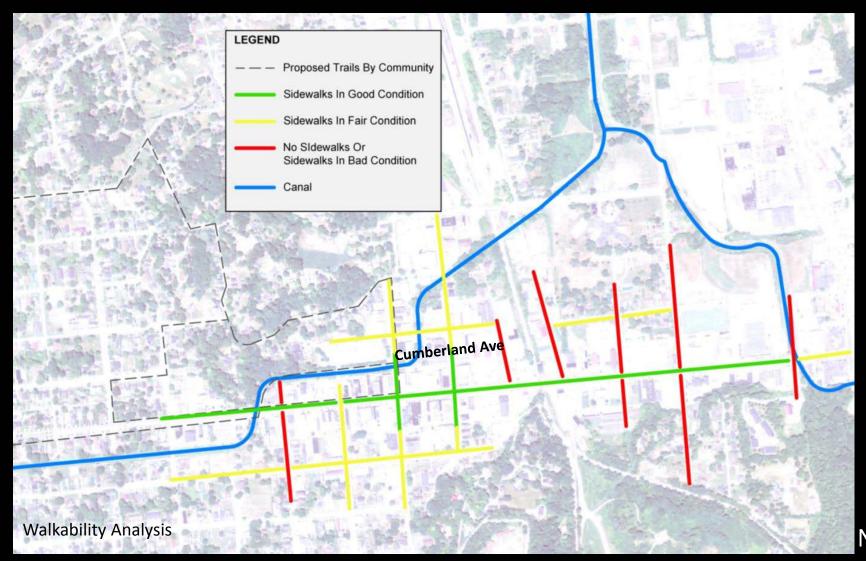
Cumberland Ave Complete Street







Walkability Analysis



(Data Source: Google Earth, 2014)

Downtown – Complete Streets

Green features of Complete Streets

Increased cycling accessibility through bike lanes. Offers users greater comfort along busy roadways.

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ADA standards allow for increased safety and Universal access for Pedestrians.

Allows for less vehicular traffic on roads. Slower vehicular traffic can allow for increased safety and lower risk of accidents.



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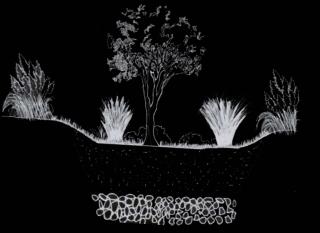


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Downtown – Complete Streets



Green features of Complete Streets



Features such as rain gardens, bio-swales and other green space help to accommodate rain water.



Alternative hardscape materials such as permeable pavers, pervious concrete and grass-crete help with water runoff as well.

http://www.tececo.com/images/photographs/permecocrete/PerviousPavement.JPG



Planting native species to the area can help to reduce cost and maintenance while still being aesthetically pleasing.





Existing site conditions along Cumberland Ave.



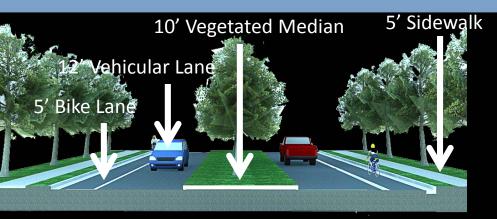


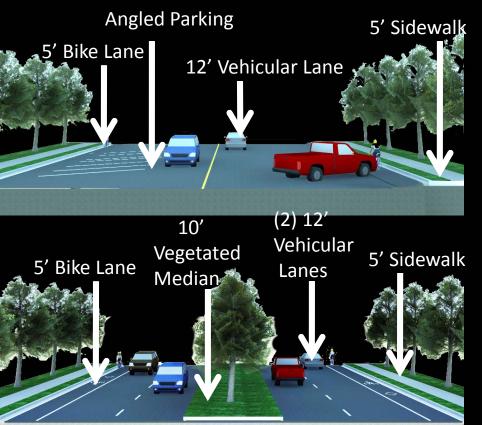


Cumberland Ave Complete Streets Concept Diagram



Downtown- Complete Streets





Residential Portion

Retail Portion

Industrial Portion

Downtown- Complete Streets

25 E Intersection Bulb Outs

Cumberland Ave.





Bulb Out Rendering

Fountain Square







Summary

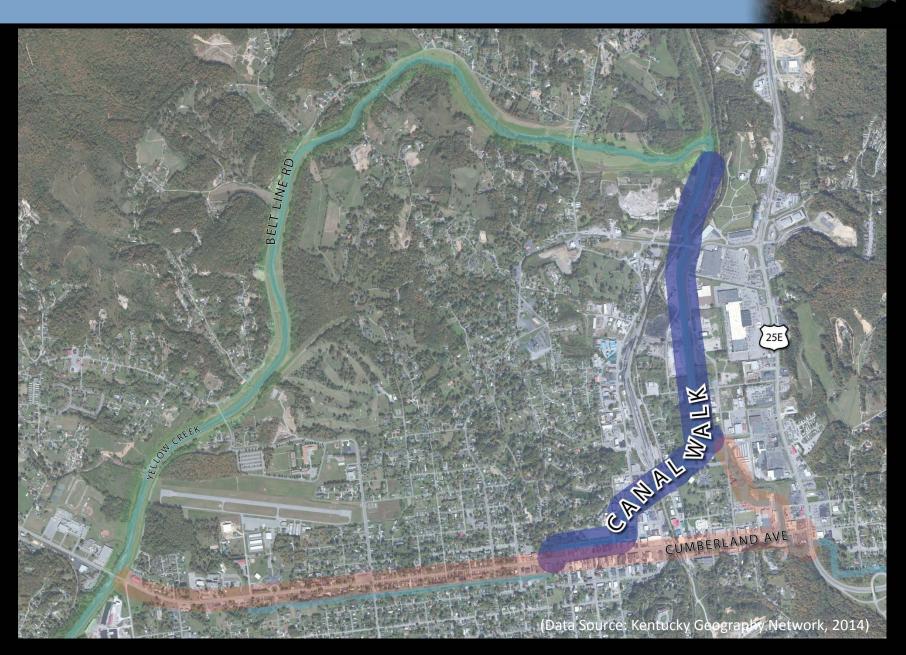
Connect Downtown to the Trail Systems through:

- Complete, walkable streets
- Increasing signage and directional design
- Beginning a connection to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park
- Enhancing public safety through pedestrian-priority paths
- Providing a historically relevant trail recognizing Boone Trace
- Creating a series of interactive and educational spaces

Presentation Outline







😪 Canal Walk – San Antonio Case Study

Project Name The San Antonio River Improvement

Location San Antonio, Texas (USA)

Date Designed

-The Museum Reach (Opened May 30, 2009)
-Downtown Section (Completed in Oct,2002)
-The Mission Reach (Under construction)
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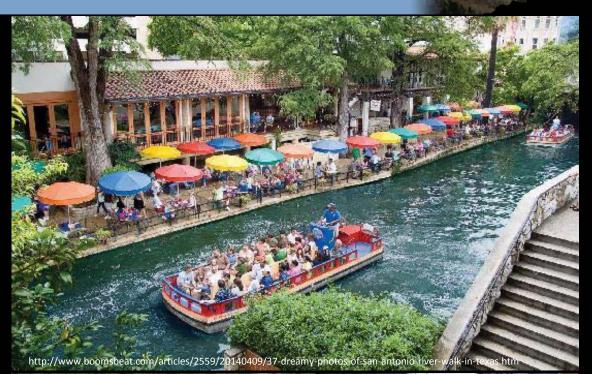
Construction Cost \$358.3 Million [To Date]

Landscape Architect

- City of San Antonio,
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Manager

[Varies]







http://thehomemakingarts.blogspot.com/2011/09/facing -challenges-of-restaurant.html



Bridge Analysis



Cumberland Ave Bridge



21st Bridge



20th Bridge



West Lothbury Bridge



Alyesford / Amesbury Bridge



Single lane Bridge

Canal Walk Bridge Analysis

- Along the Canal Walk you will encounter 8 bridges.
- Each bridge is different in height, character, and condition.
- The Canal Walk crosses under only one bridge.

Possible Bridge Treatments

- Use the bridges as a canvas for art work. •
- For the bridges that allow it; design the path to travel under rather than over the bridge.





Salisbury Ave Bridge

(Data Source: Google Maps, 2014)





Hardscape Analysis Legend Existing Sidewalks Existing Hardscape Trails Proposed Hardscape Trails W Lothbury Ave Cumberland Ave

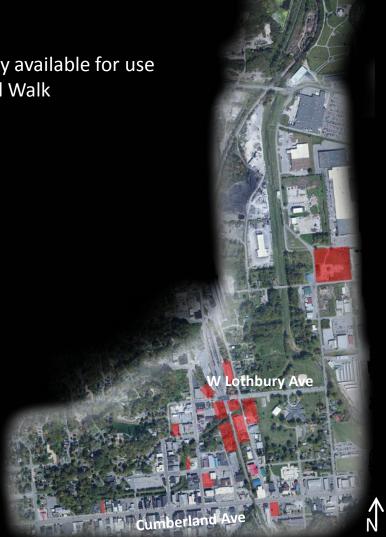
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Vacant Lots

*Vacant lots potentially available for use near the existing Canal Walk



(Data Source: Google Maps, 2014)

<u>Legend</u> Vacant area



Ashbury Ave. & 15th St.

Fitzpatrick Ave.

Aylesbury Ave.

Pedestrian Bridge

Cumberland Ave. Entry

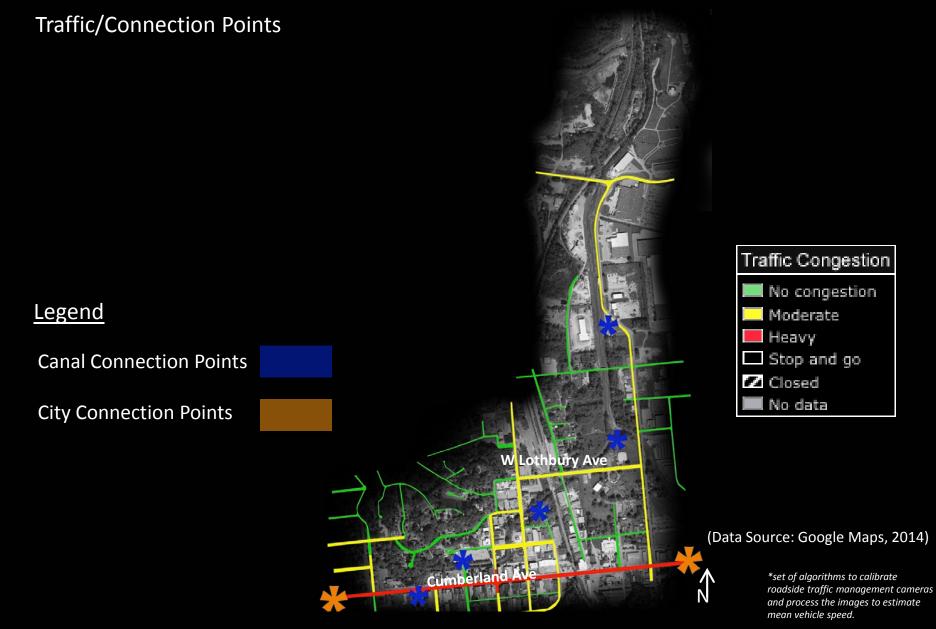
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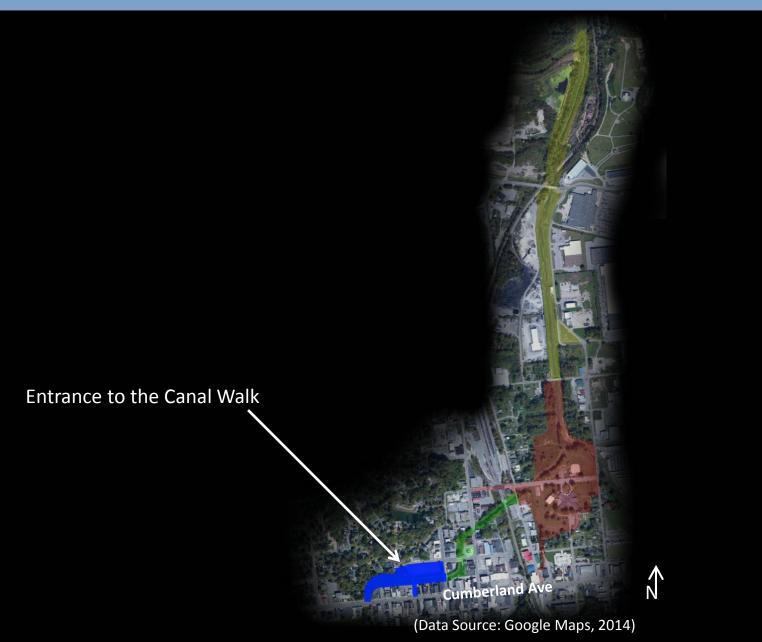
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Conceptual Diagrams



Concept 1

Concept 2

Programmatic Elements

- 1. Trail Head
- 2. Public Green Space
- 3. Pedestrian Street
- 4. Pocket Park
- 5. Bridge
- 6. Complete Street



Refined Diagram



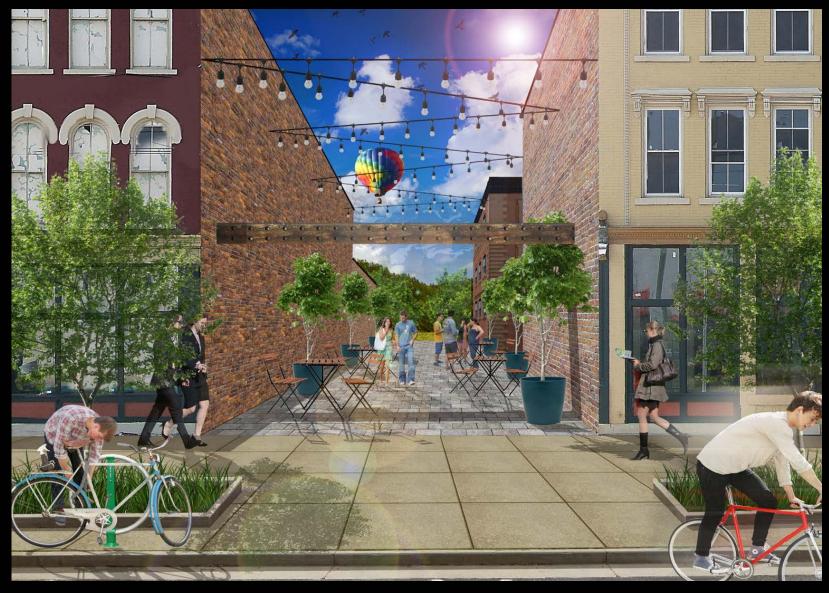


Pedestrian Bridge





Pocket Park



Canal Walk – Entrance to the Canal Walk 2

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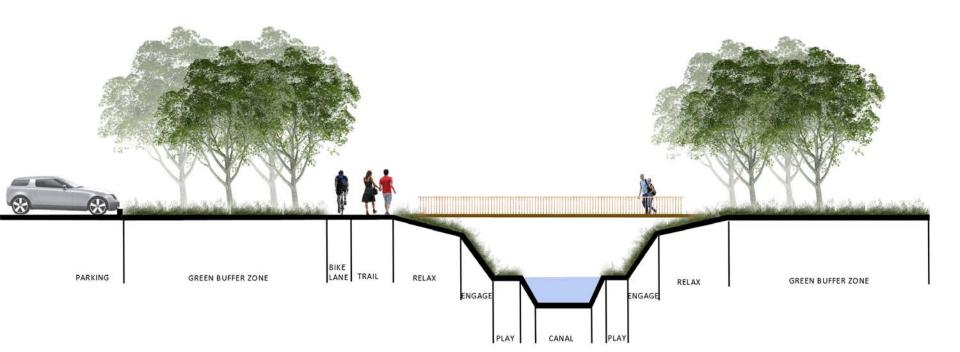


Canal Walk – Entrance to the Canal Walk 2



Section A







Canal Walk Trail - Before





Canal Walk Trail - After



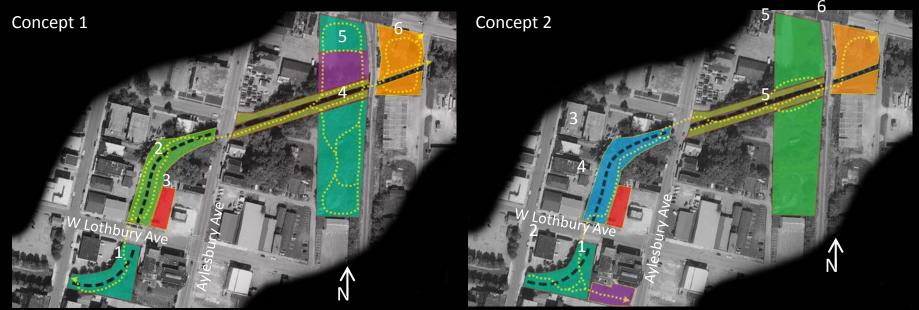








Regional Connection Opportunities



(Data Source: Google Maps, 2014)

Programmatic Elements

Concept 1

- 1) Leisure Lawn
- 2) Green Walkway
- 3) Food truck Plaza
- 4) Wetlands
- 5) Educational Plaza
- 6) Rest Area

Concept 2

- 1) New Entry
- 2) Wetlands
- 3) Detention Basin
- 4) Event Plaza
- 5) Recreational Lawns
- 6) Rest Area





(Data Source: Google Maps, 2014)





Lothbury Ave. Pavilion

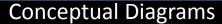


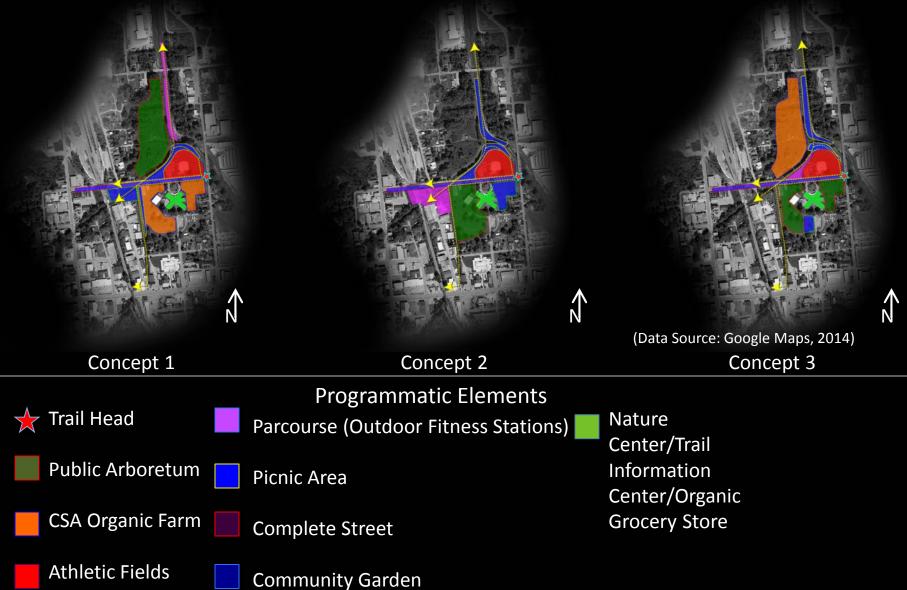




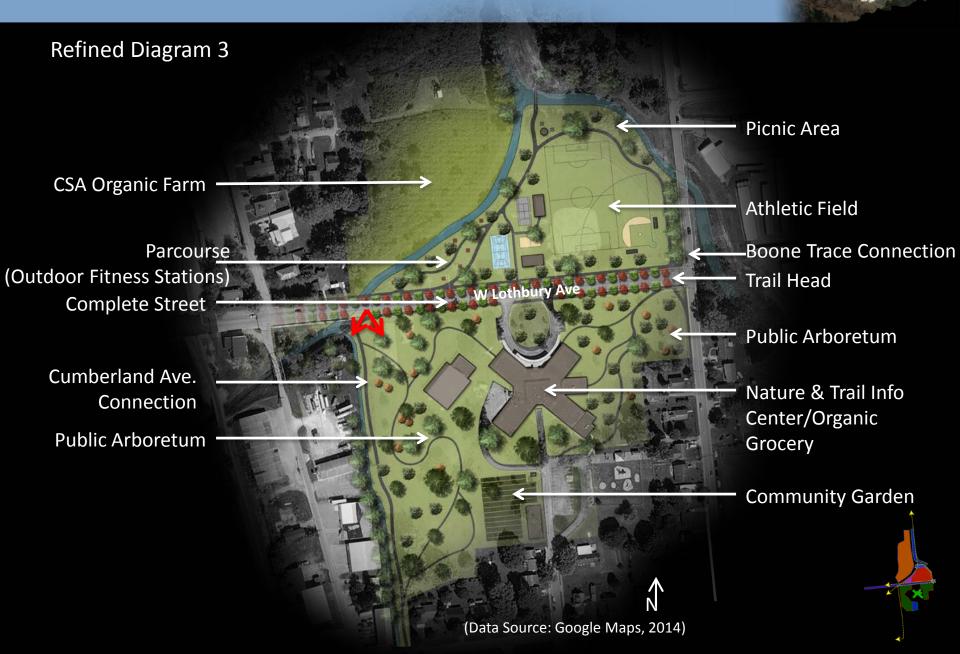








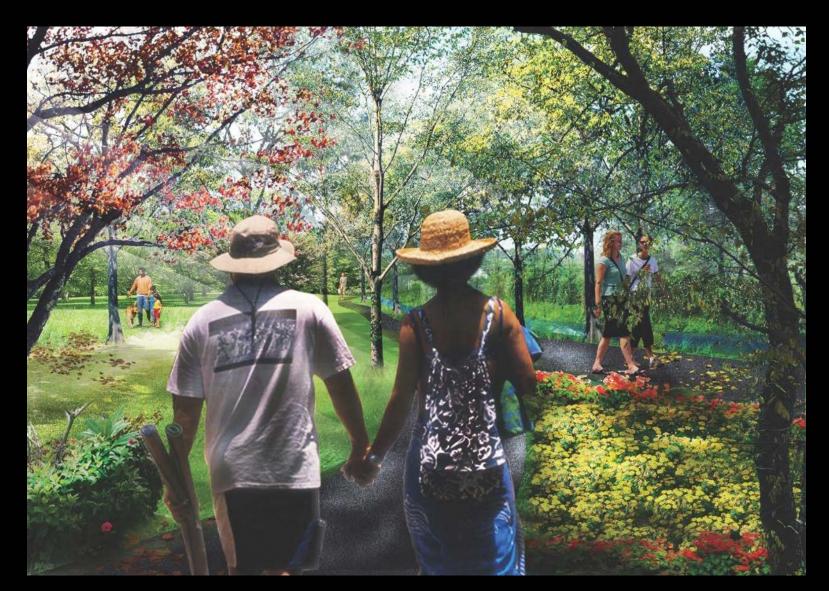








Cumberland Ave Connection Trail







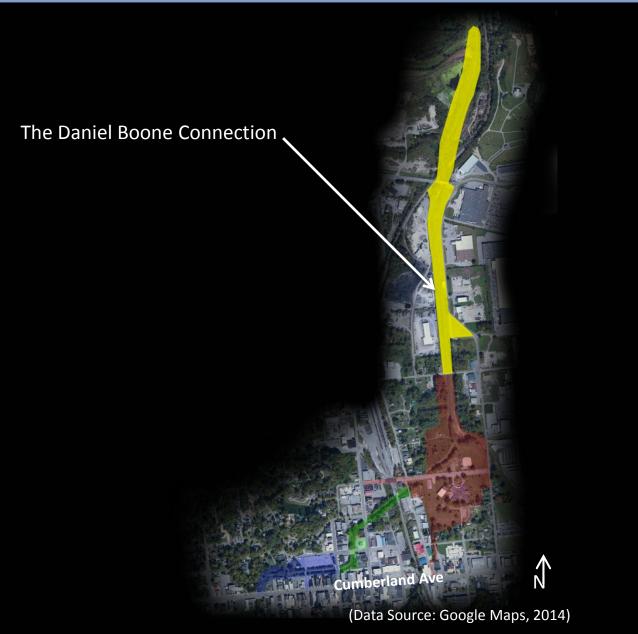




Walking trail around athletic field









Conceptual Diagrams



Concept 1

-Focuses on enlarging event and public spaces

-Integrates fitness stations into the Canal Walk



Concept 2

-Places event space and activity along the road, making the canal a peaceful setting

(Data Source: Google Maps, 2014)



Concept 3

-Places event space and activity along the canal

-Integrates fitness stations throughout the entire site







Regional Connection Opportunities





Amphitheatre Perspective





Canal Walk – Best Practices

Storm Water Management

Stormwater planters

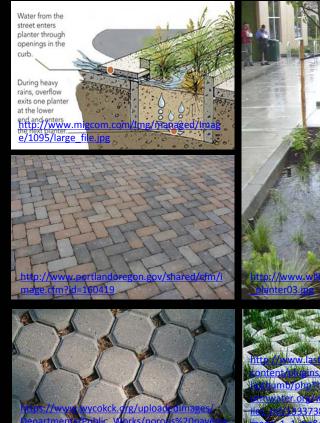
- Stormwater planters use soil infiltration and biogeochemical processes to decrease stormwater quantity and improve water quality.
- Stormwater planters are typically a few square feet of surface area.

Permeable Pavers

- Permeable pavement is an alternative to asphalt or concrete
- Allows stormwater to drain through the porous surface













Canal Walk – Best Practices

Storm Water Management

Green Parking

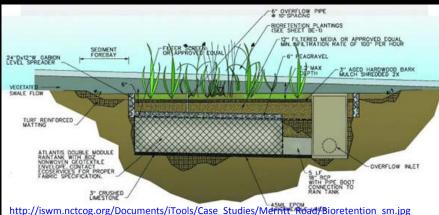
- Reducing the contribution of parking lots to total impervious cover.
- Setting maximums for the number of parking lots created.
- Minimizing the dimensions of parking lot spaces.
- Utilizing alternative pavers in overflow parking area.
- Using bioretention areas to treat stormwater.
- Encouraging shared parking.

Bioretention Cells

• An underdrain to encourage filtration and infiltration.









Summary

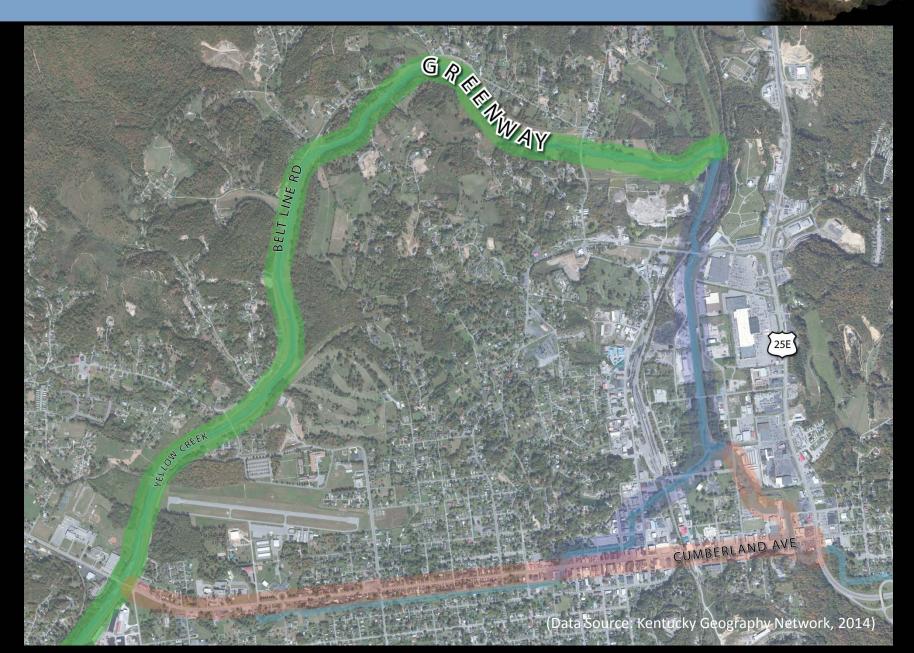
Canal Walk key points:

- Provide the community of Middlesboro and tourists a place to hold public functions.
- Help create an active healthy community.
- Provide a continuous multi-use trail that connects to local and regional trails.
- Beginning a connection to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park.
- Connecting to the historic Boone Trace.
- Educate the public about best practices for water management.
- Creating a series of interactive and educational spaces.

Presentation Outline

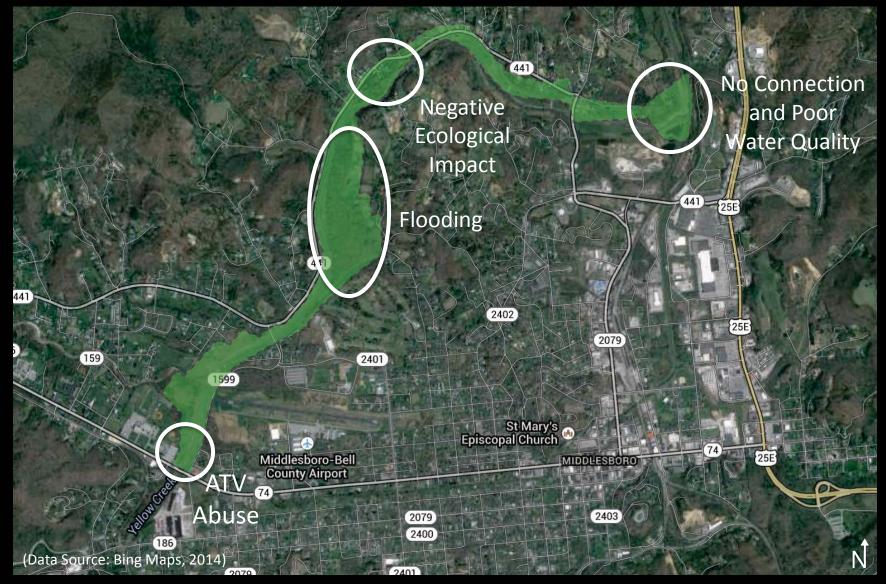








Challenges



Greenway – Mill Creek Case Study

Project Name Mill Creek Restoration Project (MCRP)

Location Cincinnati, Ohio (USA)

Date Designed [Varies]

Construction Completed [Ongoing]

Construction Cost \$806.5 Million [To Date]

Landscape Architect Amec, CDS Associates, Woolpert

Developer | Client Mill Creek Watershed Council, Groundwork Cincinnati

Manager [Varies]









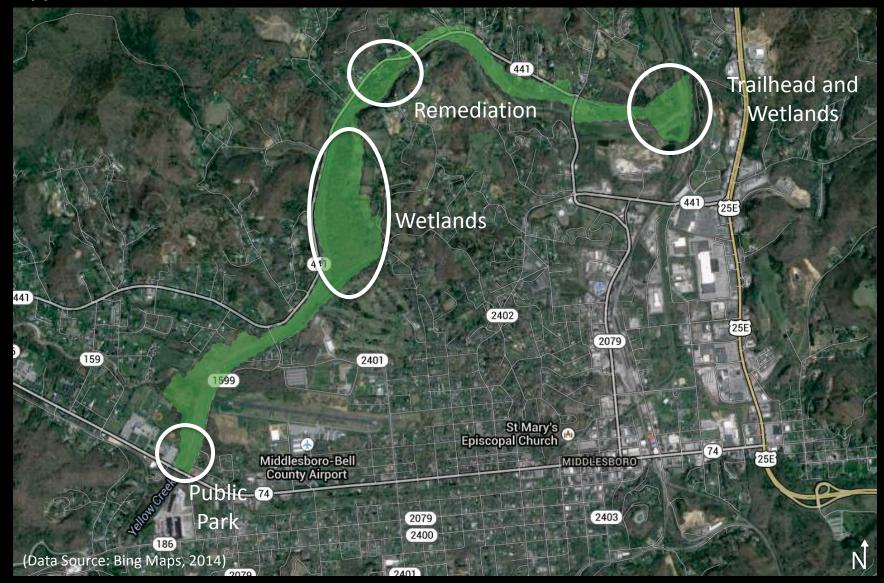








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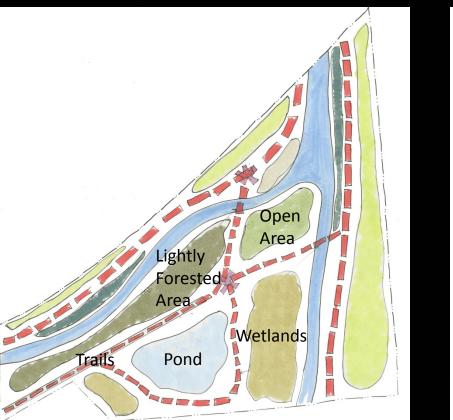




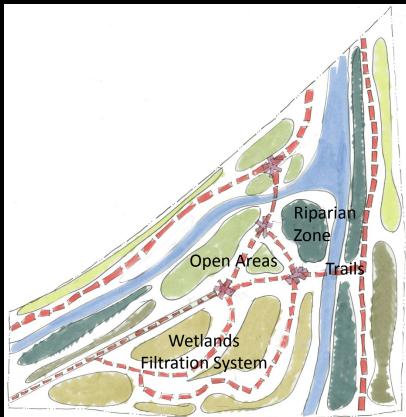
Greenway – North Park

North Park Conceptual Diagrams

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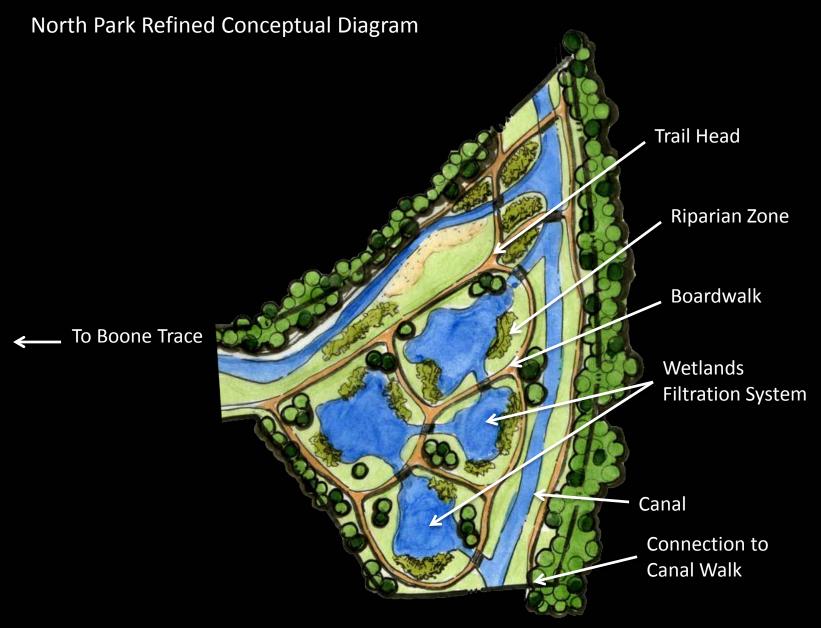
Concept 2







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Potential Trail Head







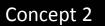
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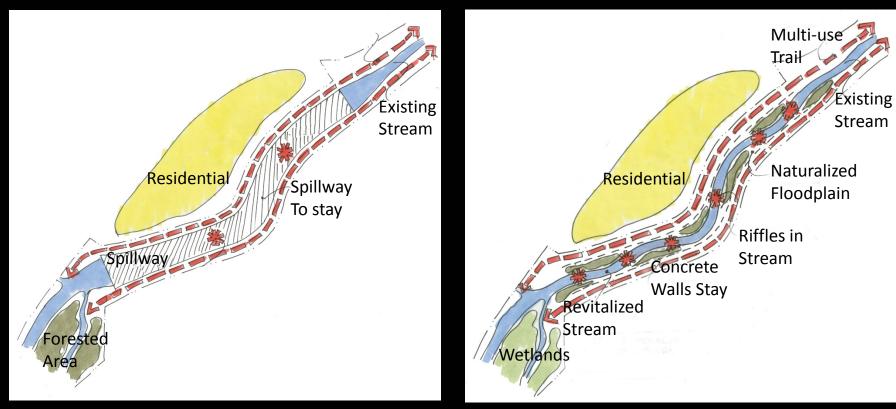




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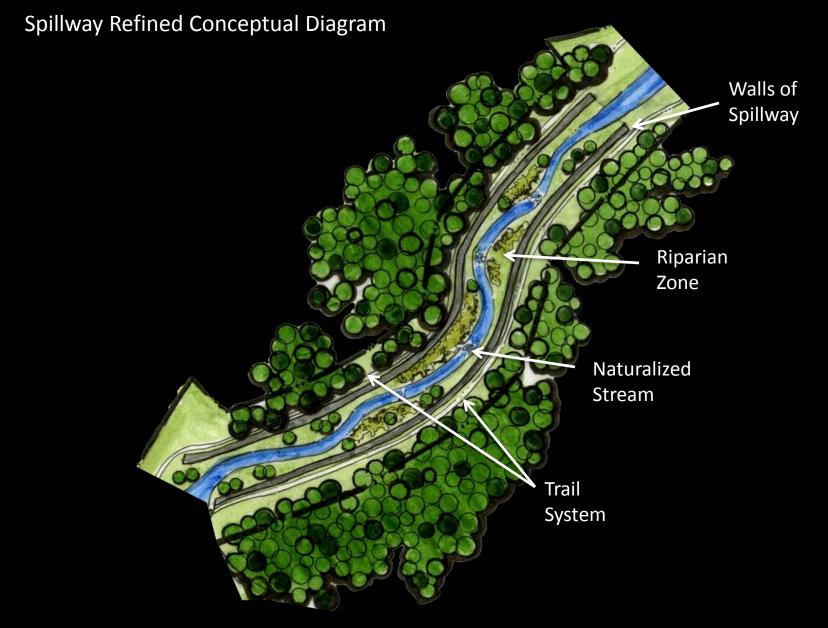








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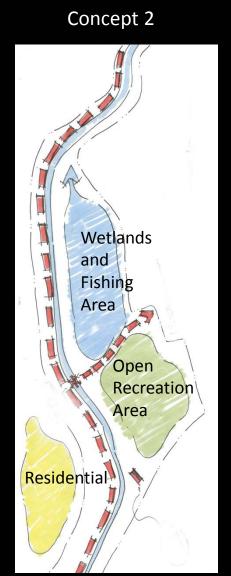


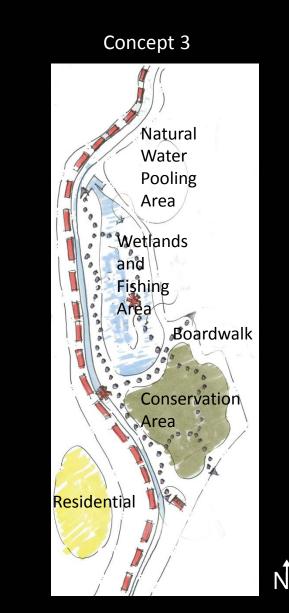


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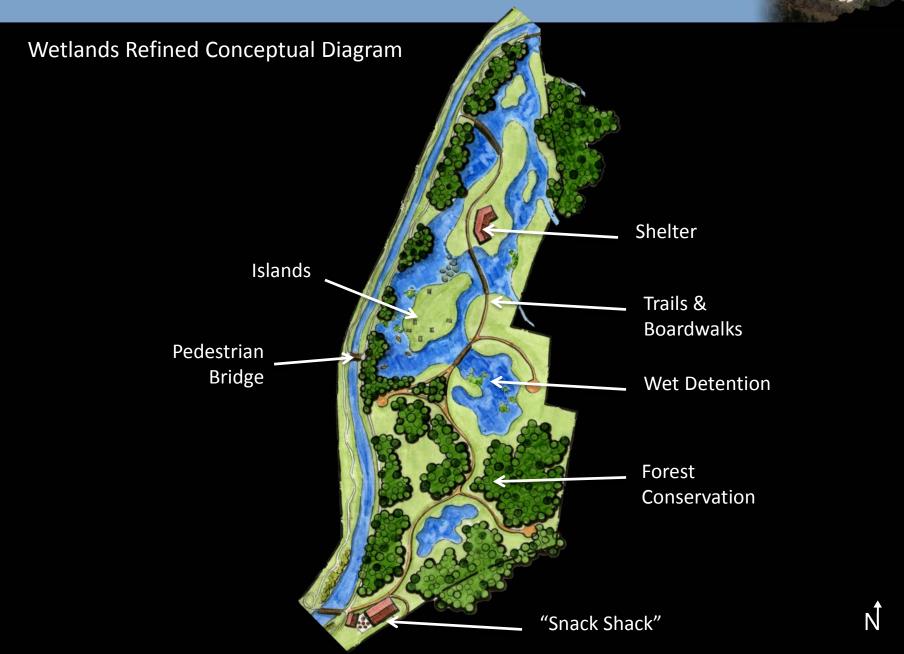
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Potential Wetlands Trail



Greenway – Gateway and Educational Park

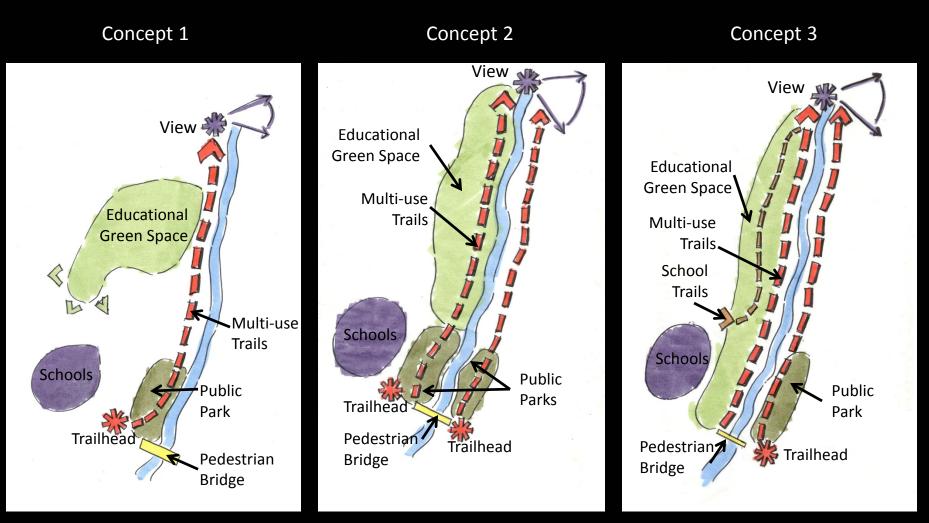


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Screenway – Gateway and Educational Park

Gateway and Educational Conceptual Diagrams



SGreenway – Gateway and Educational Park

Gateway and Educational Park Refined Conceptual Diagram



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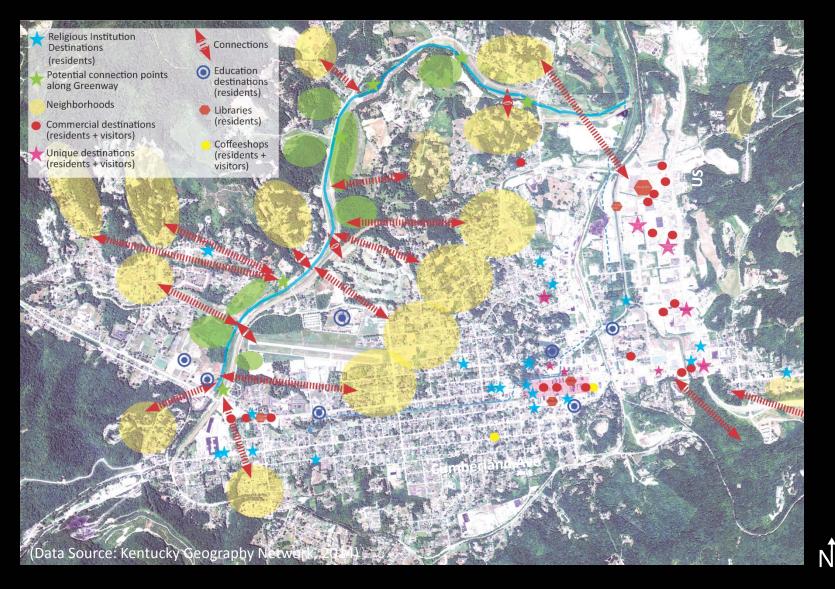
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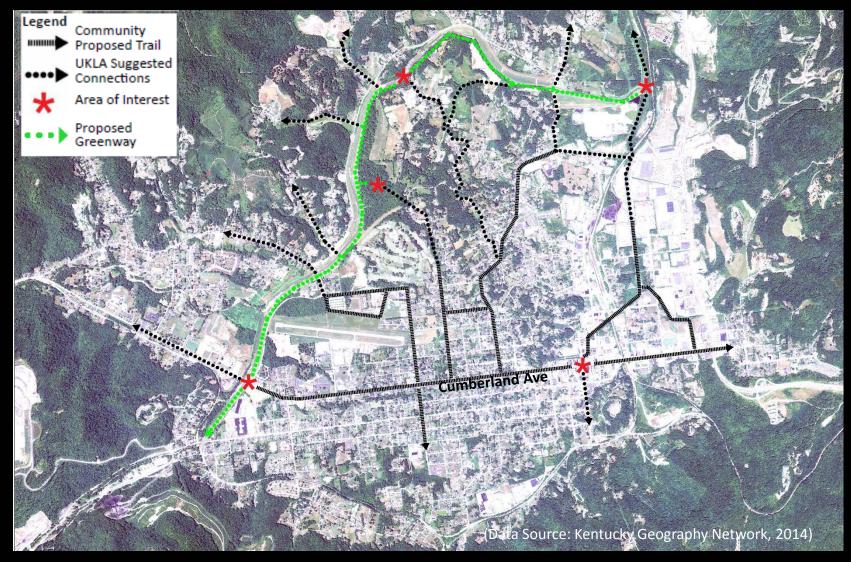
Destination Points







Possible Trail Connections





Summary

Revitalize the Greenway through:

- Educational Opportunities
- Recreational Opportunities
- Connection to Downtown
- Connection to Canal
- Mitigating Flood Risk
- Mend Stream Stability
- Improve Overall Ecosystem

Presentation Outline



Q Wayfinding – Conceptual Ideas

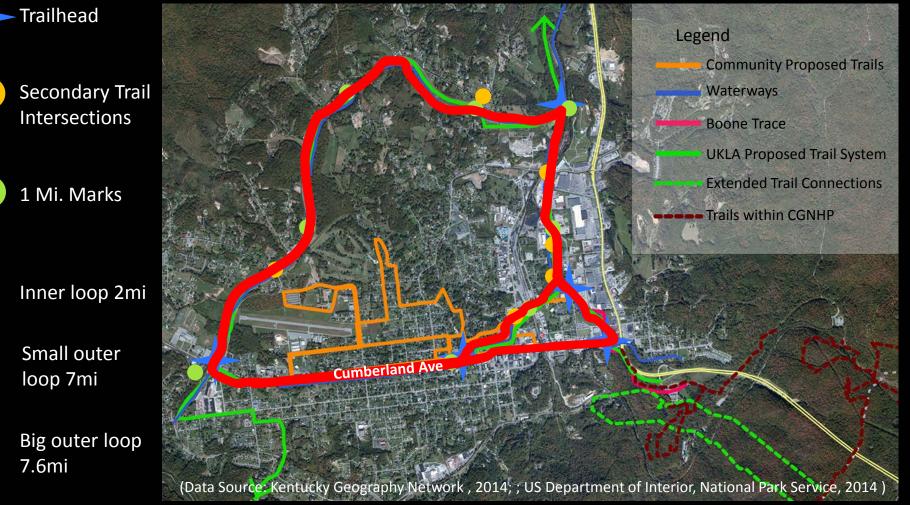
Existing Middlesboro Signage



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Proposed Signage Location Map



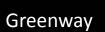




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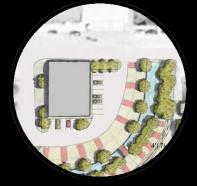
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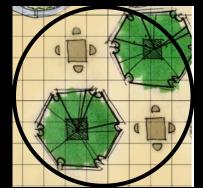
















Summary

Revitalize the City of Middlesboro through:

- Instituting opportunities for tourism
- Increasing connectivity through trail use
- Beginning a connection to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park
- Enhancing public safety
- Providing a healthy environment
- Promoting socialization
- Creating a series of interactive and educational spaces
- Establishing a recreational corridor

Presentation Outline





