

Fort Thomas Community Plan Implementation  
Progress Update to City Council – 01/07/2020



## **Presentation Outline**

- Introduction
- Working Committees
- Implementation Tools
- Project Updates
- Closing Remarks/Next Steps

## Working Committees

- **Public Works**

Focused on roadway and streetscape projects

- **Parks & Recreation**

Focused on park projects and programming

- **Buildings & Utilities**

Focused on city-owned facilities & utilities

- **Funding**

Will soon be focused on prioritizing and budgeting for all projects

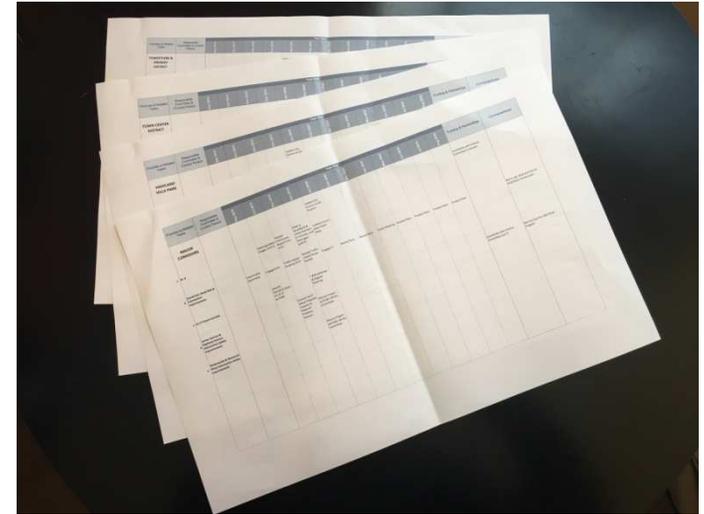
# Implementation Tools

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## Project Implementation Spreadsheets

- Tower Park & Midway District
- Town Center District (CBD)
- Highland Hills Park
- Major Corridors
- Other Projects



Priorities & Related Tasks	Responsible Committee & Contact Person	Year One												Funding & Partnerships	Comments/Notes			
		Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	Jun 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2020					
<b>TOWN CENTER DISTRICT</b>						Update City Council on All Projects									Coordinate with Finance Committee in January			
<b>a Grievance Development</b>	In process, support & Collaboration, Developer		Demo Begins & Ground-Breaking	Revisit Straightening Street & Coordinate with New Retaining Wall(s)													Project Update Tab on City Website. Have Grievance Provide Updates to be Posted	
<b>b Parking Study</b>	Discuss parking study at Nov. 4 Public Works Committee Mtg. Parking study needs to be scoped			Inventory Existing Parking & Land Use (winter)	Study Access & Efficiency & Ownership													
<b>c City Building</b>		RFQ is on the street, Due 9/20	Shortlisted Team Interviews, Select Team, Finalize Scope w/Staff & Committee(s)	Conceptual Design	Conceptual Design	Conceptual Design	Conceptual Design	Conceptual Design	Budget and Schedule						Coordinate with Finance Committee and Council			

## Project Updates Tower Park & Midway District

# Project Update – Tower Park Gateway

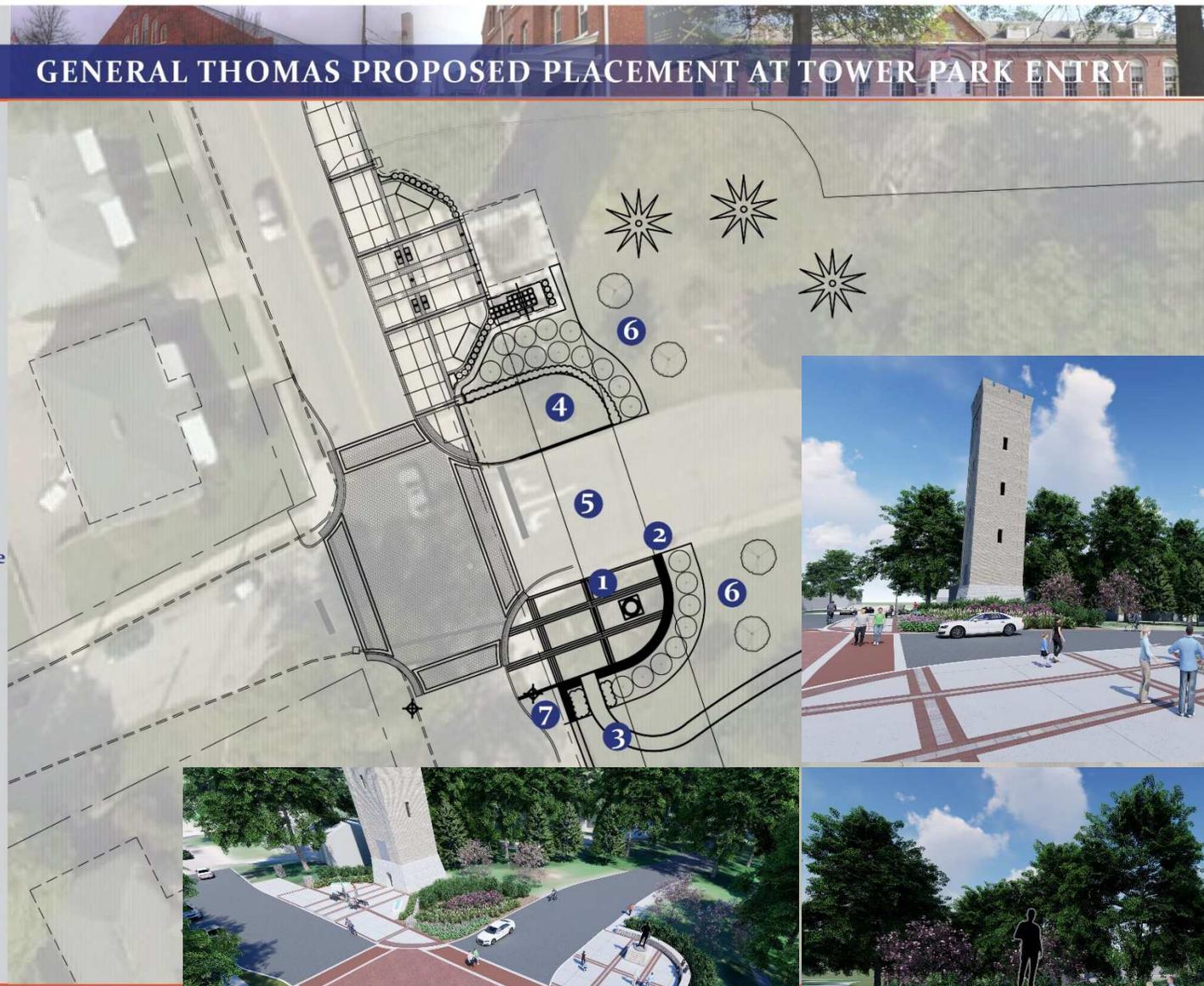
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## GENERAL THOMAS PROPOSED PLACEMENT AT TOWER PARK ENTRY

- 1 General Thomas Statue & Plaza with Paving to Match Tower Plaza
- 2 2' Wide Stone Seatwall with Precast Cap
- 3 Accessible Path to/from Playground & Shelter
- 4 Gateway Garden
- 5 Line up New Plaza with Tower Footprint
- 6 Planting Backdrop
- 7 Shorten End of Existing Stone Wall to Improve Visibility



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# Project Update – Mess Hall Crossroads

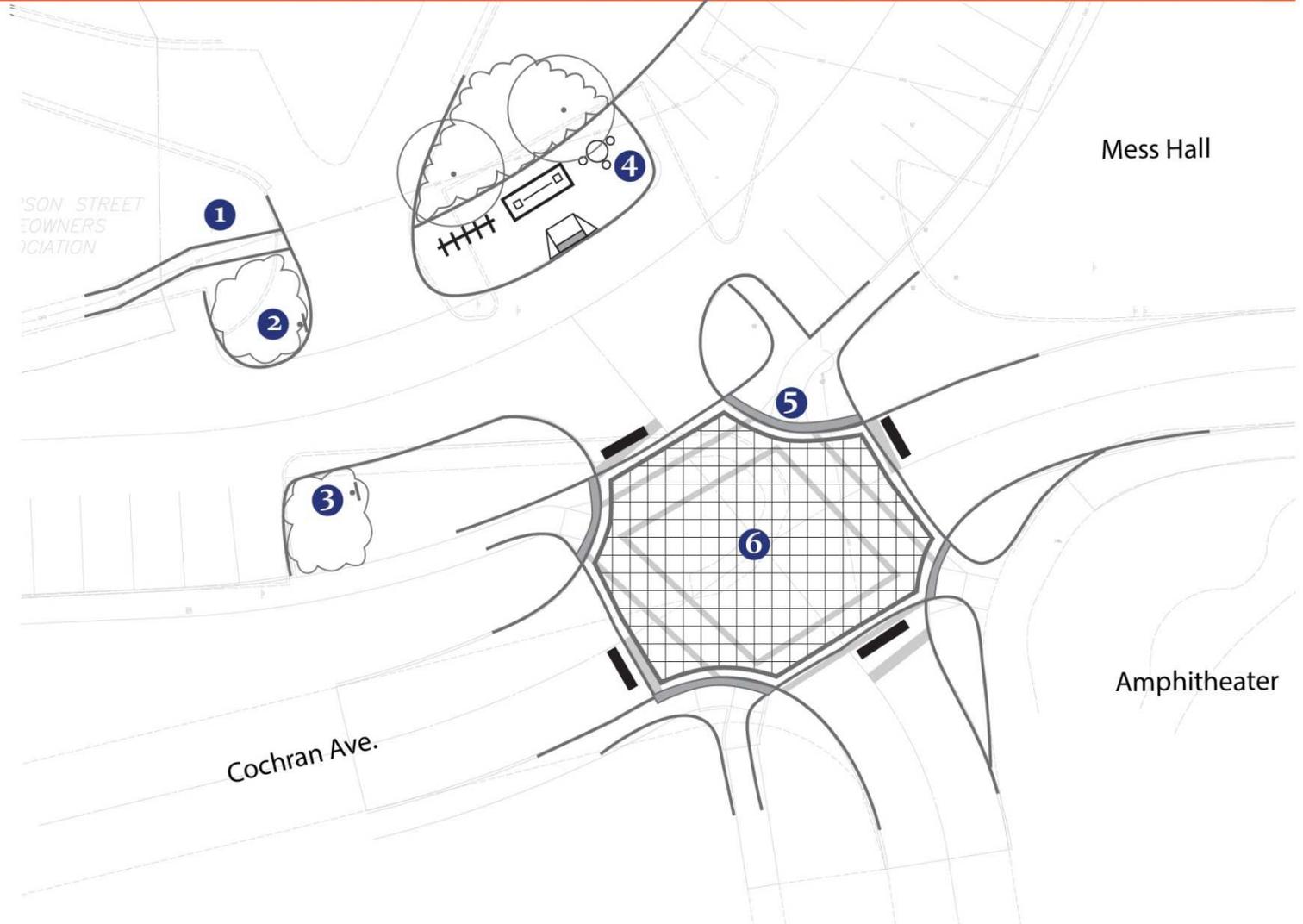
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## COCHRAN AVE INTERSECTION SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

- 1 Existing Sidewalk to Remain
- 2 Signage: Private Parking
- 3 Signage: No Outlet
- 4 Trailhead with Kiosk, Bike Rack & Drinking Fountain
- 5 ADA Pavers
- 6 Paver Intersection to match Midway Streetscape



# Project Update – Mess Hall Area Improvements

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# Project Update – Softball Field

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## TOWER PARK SOFTBALL FIELD ENHANCEMENTS

- 1** New Restroom & Storage with Adjacent Plaza
- 2** New Bleachers
- 3** New Backstop
- 4** New Fencing - Typ.
- 5** Netting on Tall Poles - Typ.
- 6** Small Shelter & Play Area
- 7** Reduce Size of Infield, Regrade & Add Subsurface Drainage
- 8** Existing Field Lights to Remain



# Project Update – Ropes Course/Zipline

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- Proposed concept from Community Plan
- Currently following up on potential operating partners
- Project will not move forward without a private partner to develop and manage course

# Project Update – Alexander Circle

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# Project Update – Shelter 3 Area

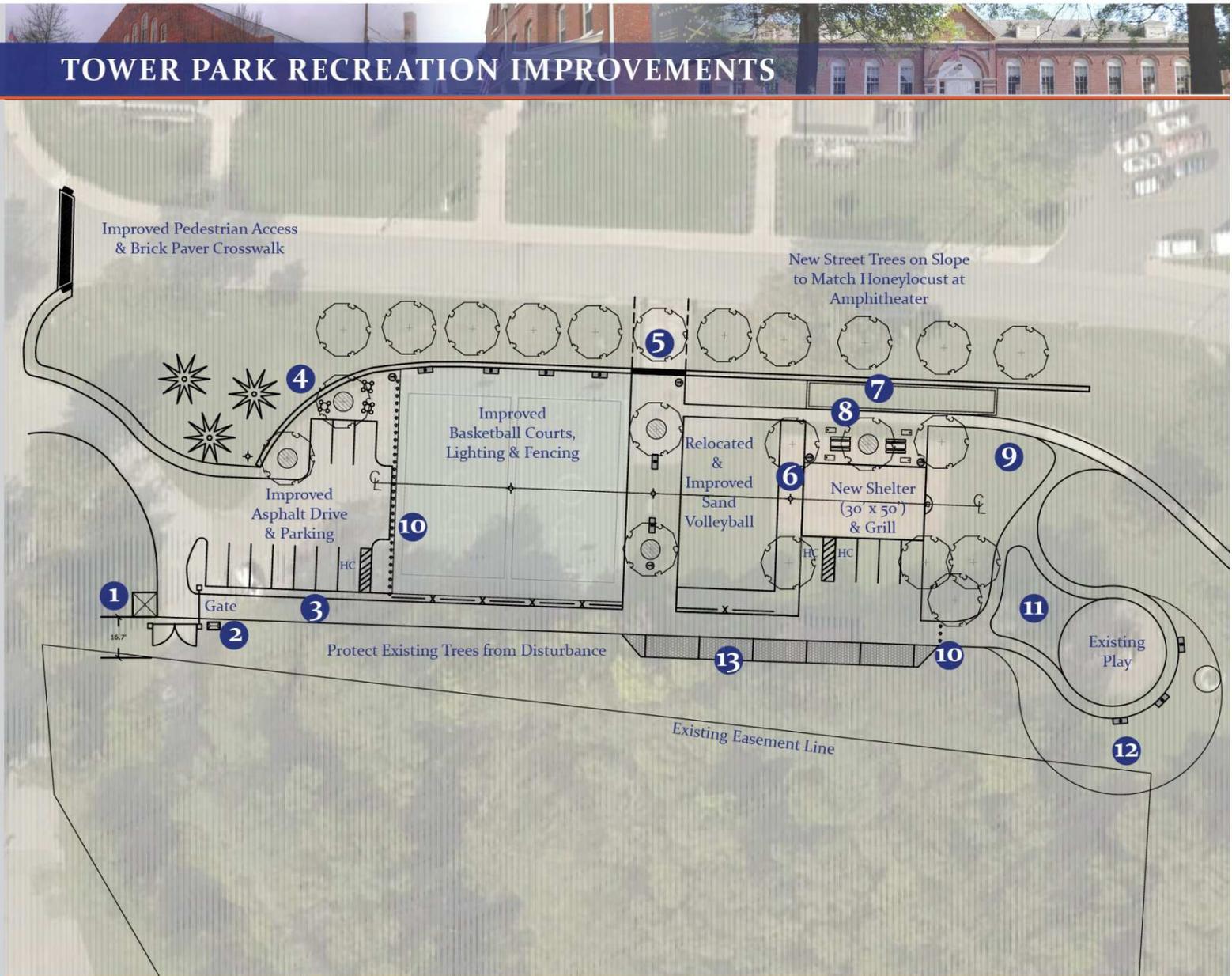
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## TOWER PARK RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 Port-o-let Enclosure
- 2 Trailhead Kiosk
- 3 Limited Access Concrete Drive/Walk (10' Wide)
- 4 Fixed Tables & Chairs
- 5 Remove Existing Stairs & Infill/Repair Wall with Salvaged Stone
- 6 Lawn
- 7 Bocce (9.5' x 76')
- 8 Corn Hole & Picnic Tables
- 9 Open Lawn
- 10 Bollards
- 11 Nature Play
- 12 Potential Additional Nature Play
- 13 Porous Paver Parking



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# Project Update – Stables Building

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 MIDWAY STABLE PARKING LAYOUT

- 1 Veterans Memorial
- 2 Performance Terrace (pavers)
- 3 Relocated VA Sign
- 4 Pavers to Match Existing

Parking Numbers  
Existing - 89 New - 127

Increase = 38



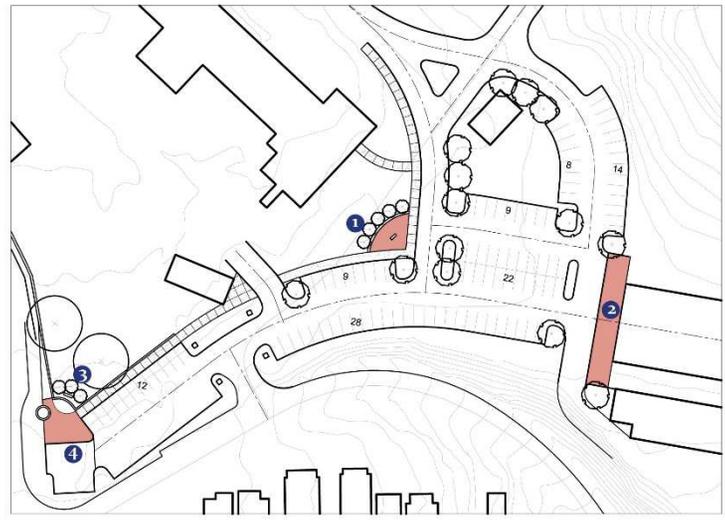
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## Project Updates Town Center District (CBD)

# Project Update – One Highland (Demolition)

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# Project Update – City Building

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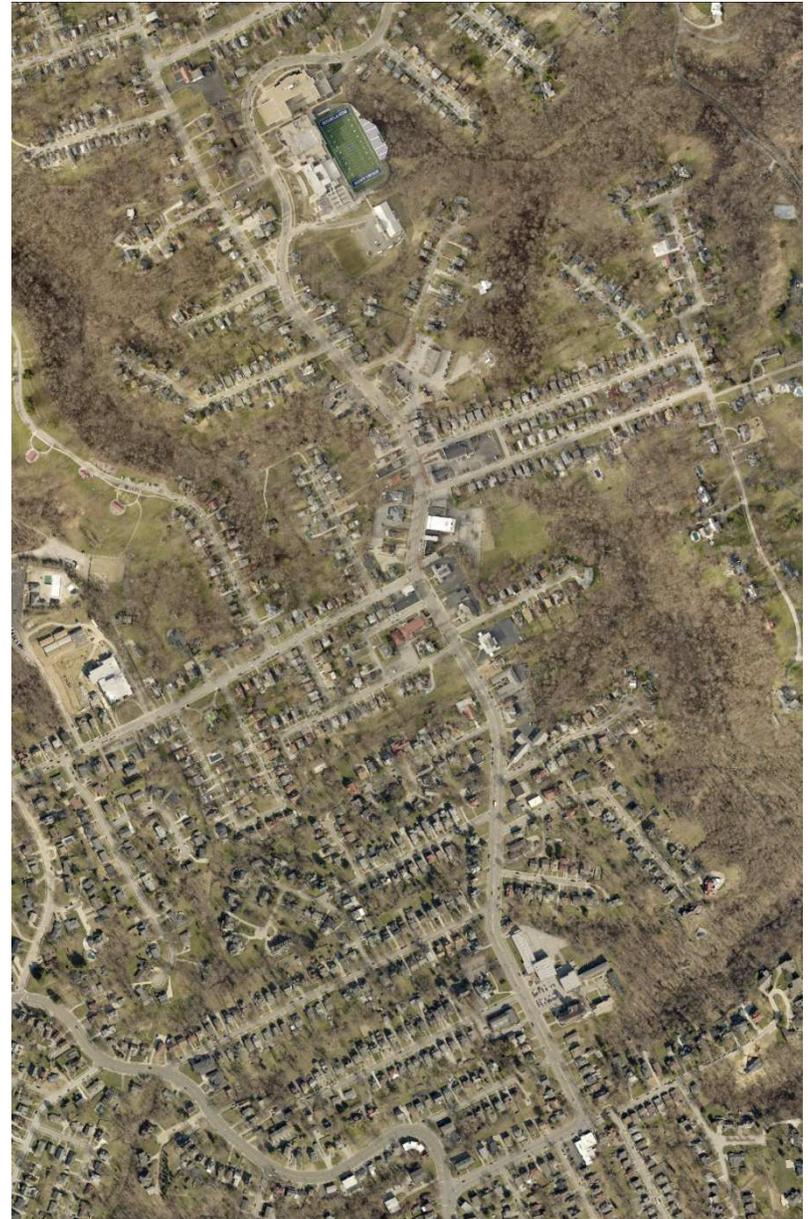
- A consultant team has been selected, led by Joe Hayes
- Initial work is focused on evaluating the potential costs of basic improvements such as roof, windows, HVAC, etc.

# Project Update – Town Center Parking Study

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- Building upon the momentum from One Highland, and in anticipation of continued growth in the Town Center district, a comprehensive and coordinated approach to parking is needed
- Need to document existing spaces and look for areas to expand, improve connectivity, and provide better wayfinding
- A Consultant will likely be needed to support this work

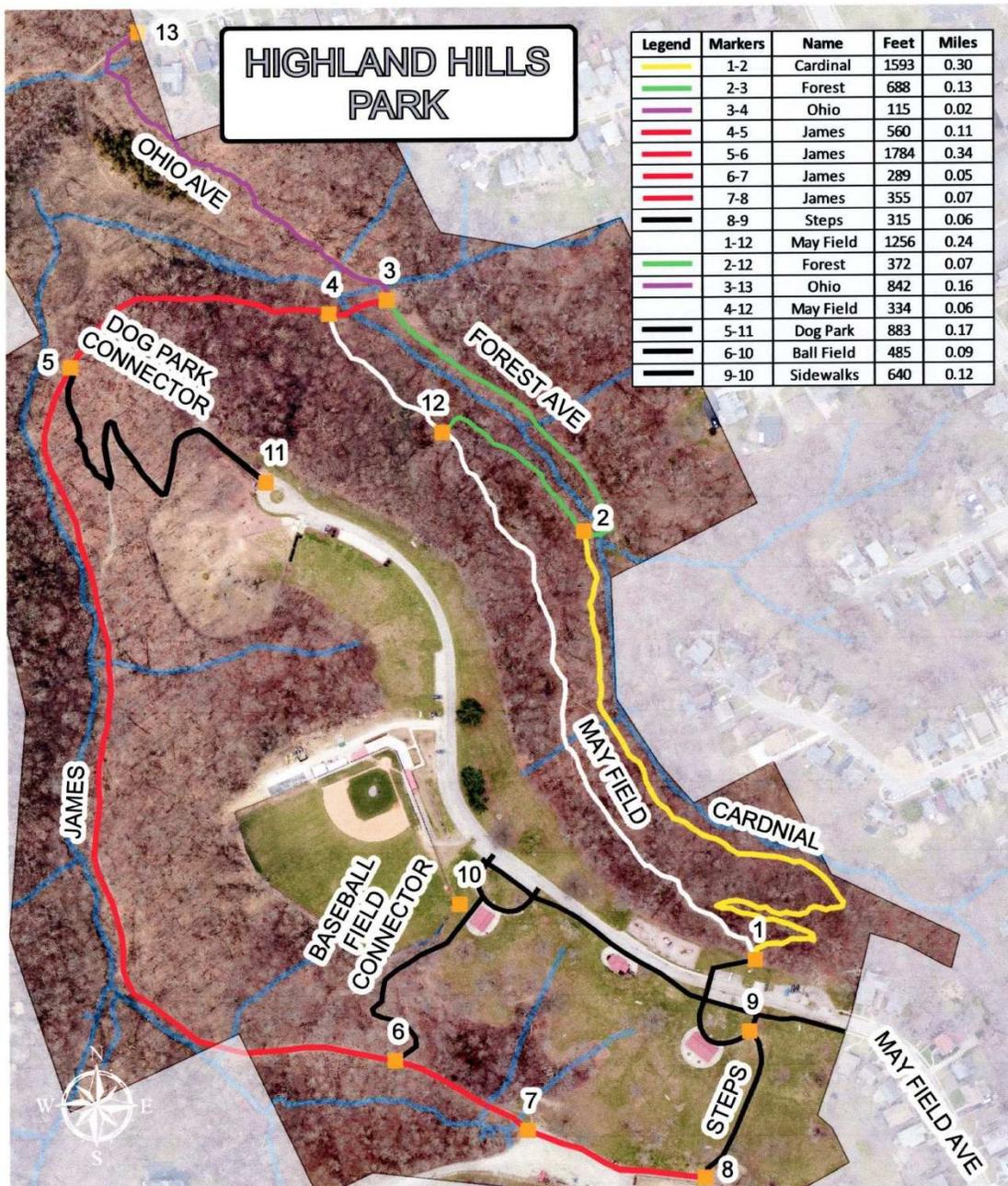


## Project Updates Highland Hills Park

# Project Update – Highland Hills Park Trails

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- Incredible improvements continue on the trails at Highland Hills Park, thanks to volunteers and City crews
- A potential annual 5K event is being discussed to celebrate and call attention to this great asset

# Project Update – Dog Park Area Improvements

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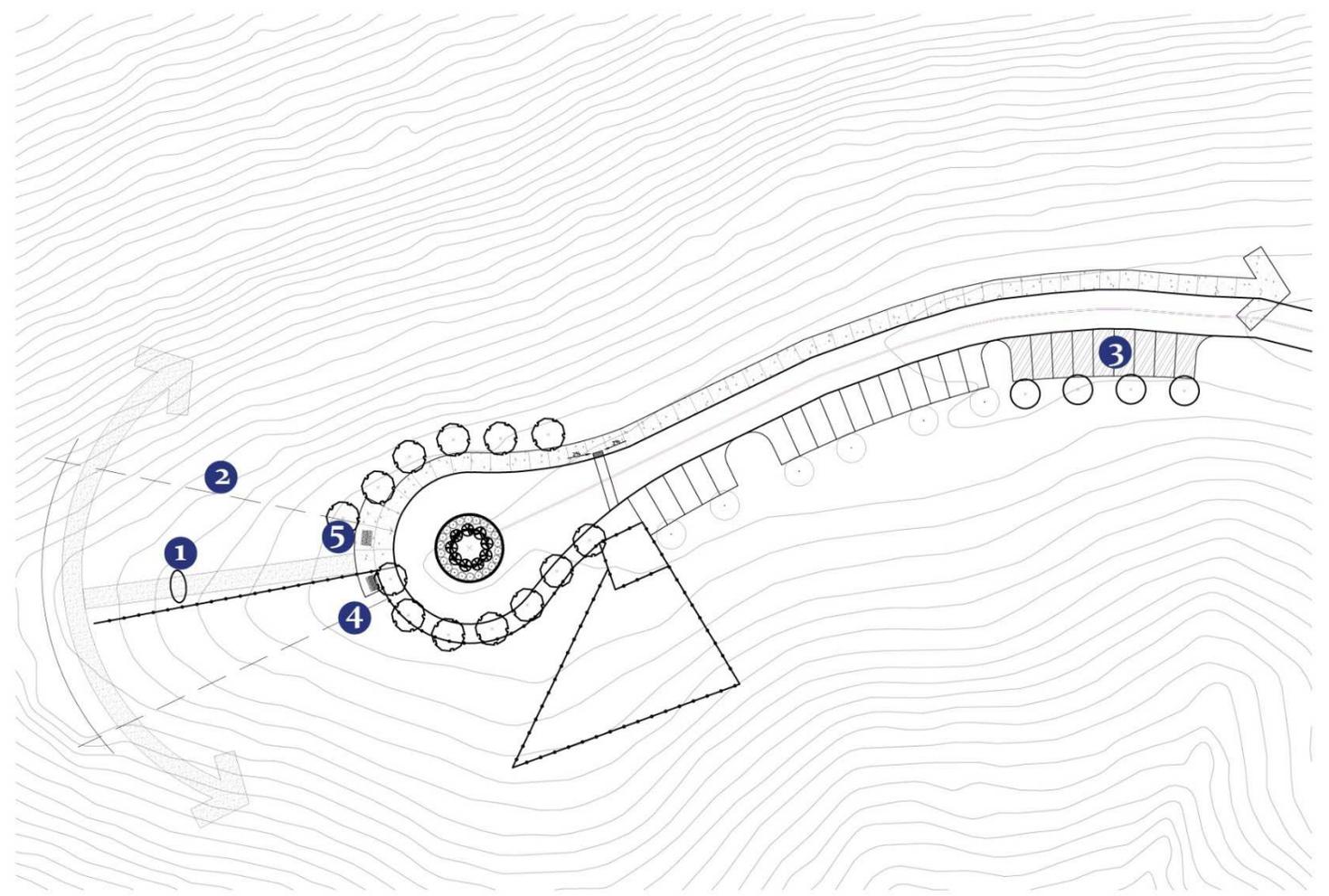


## HIGHLAND HILLS DOG PARK

- 1 New Sculpture
- 2 Selective View Clearing
- 3 New Parking
- 4 Memorial Bench with new Overhead Structure
- 5 Trailhead Map and Kiosk

Parking Numbers  
Existing - 16 New - 9

Total = 25

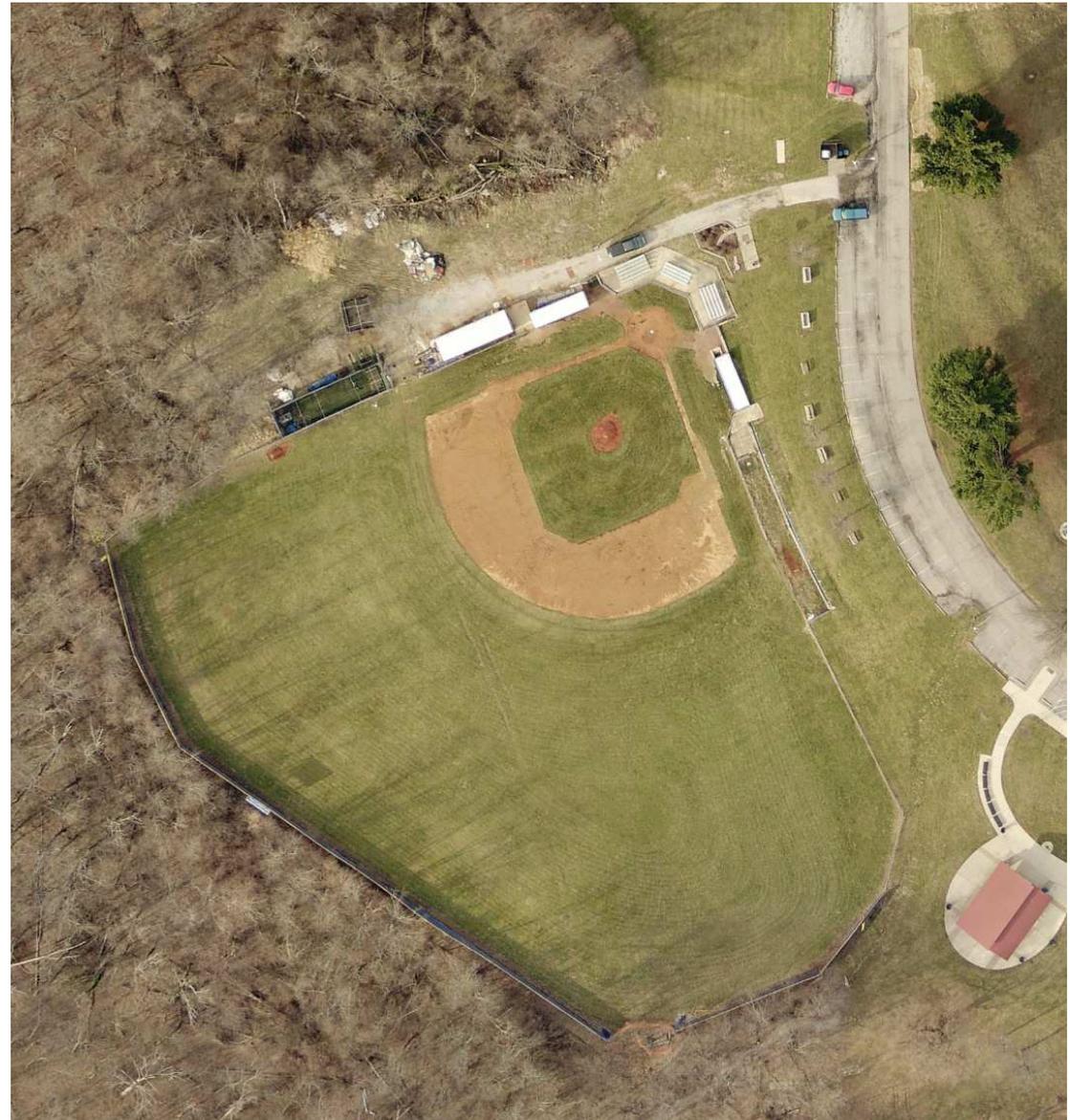


# Project Update – Highlan Hills Park Baseball Field

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- Proposed turf improvements to infield
- Donor bricks as walkway along benches adjacent to road



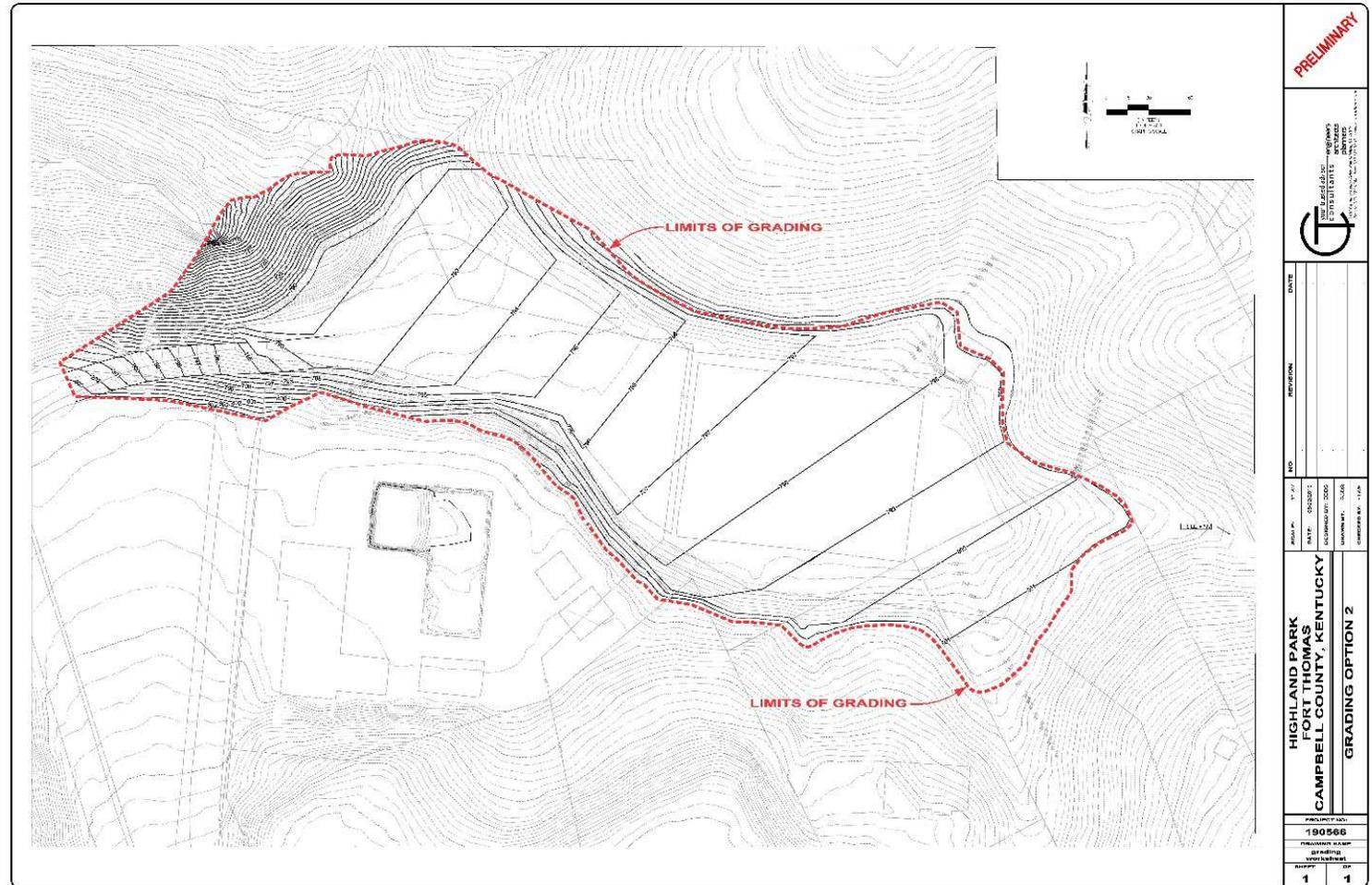
# Project Update – Highland Hills Park Lower Use Area

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Image of current fill operations, with anticipated improvements (per Community Plan) to include:

- Parking
- Improved Pedestrian Linkages
- Trailhead
- Splash Park
- Other???



## Project Updates Major Corridors

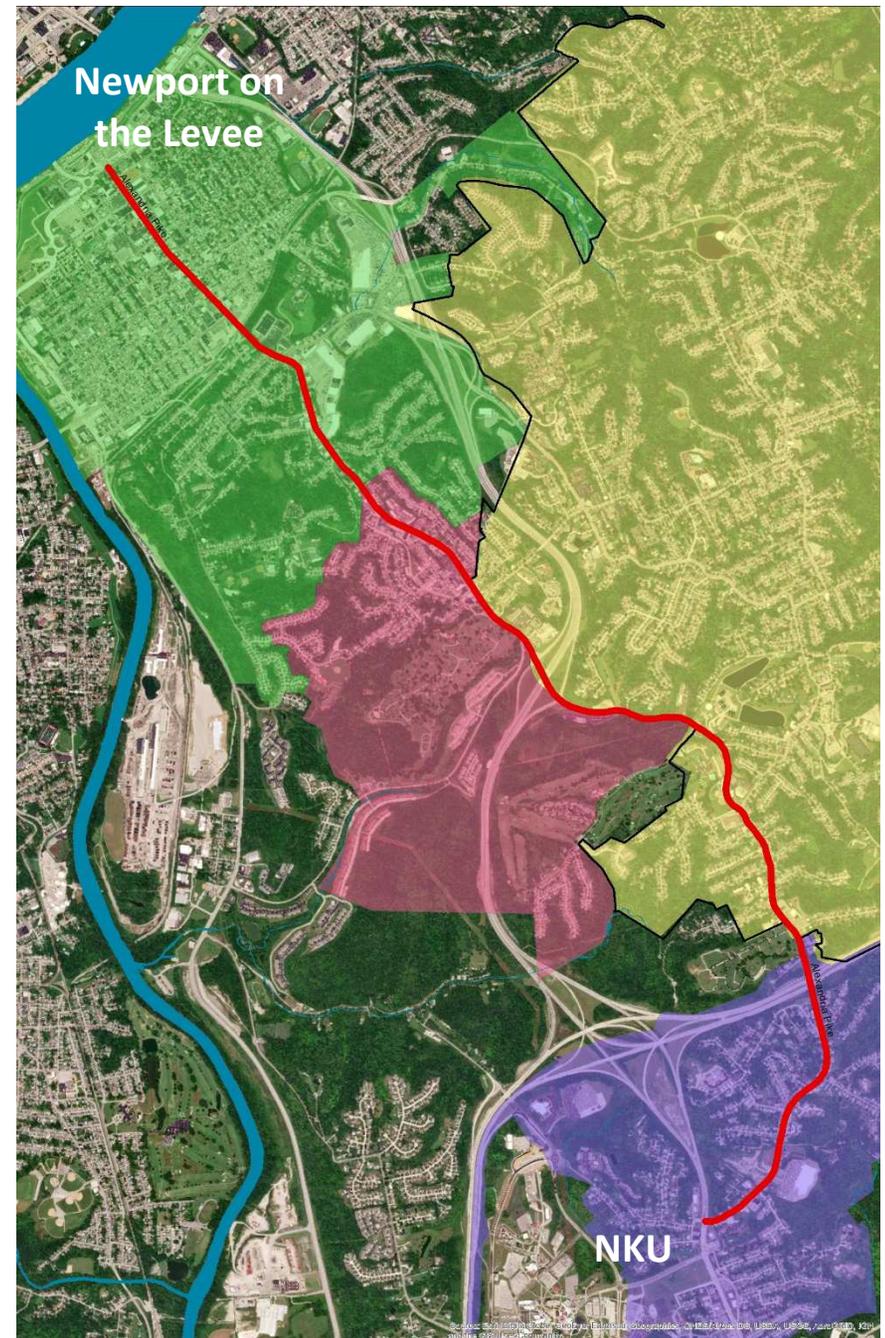
## US 27 Smart Corridor **partners:**

### Inter-Local Agreement

- City of Ft. Thomas
- City of Southgate
- City of Newport
- City of Highland Heights
- Campbell County

### Supporting Partners

- St. Elizabeth
- NKU
- Southbank
- Energy Alliance
- More in the works

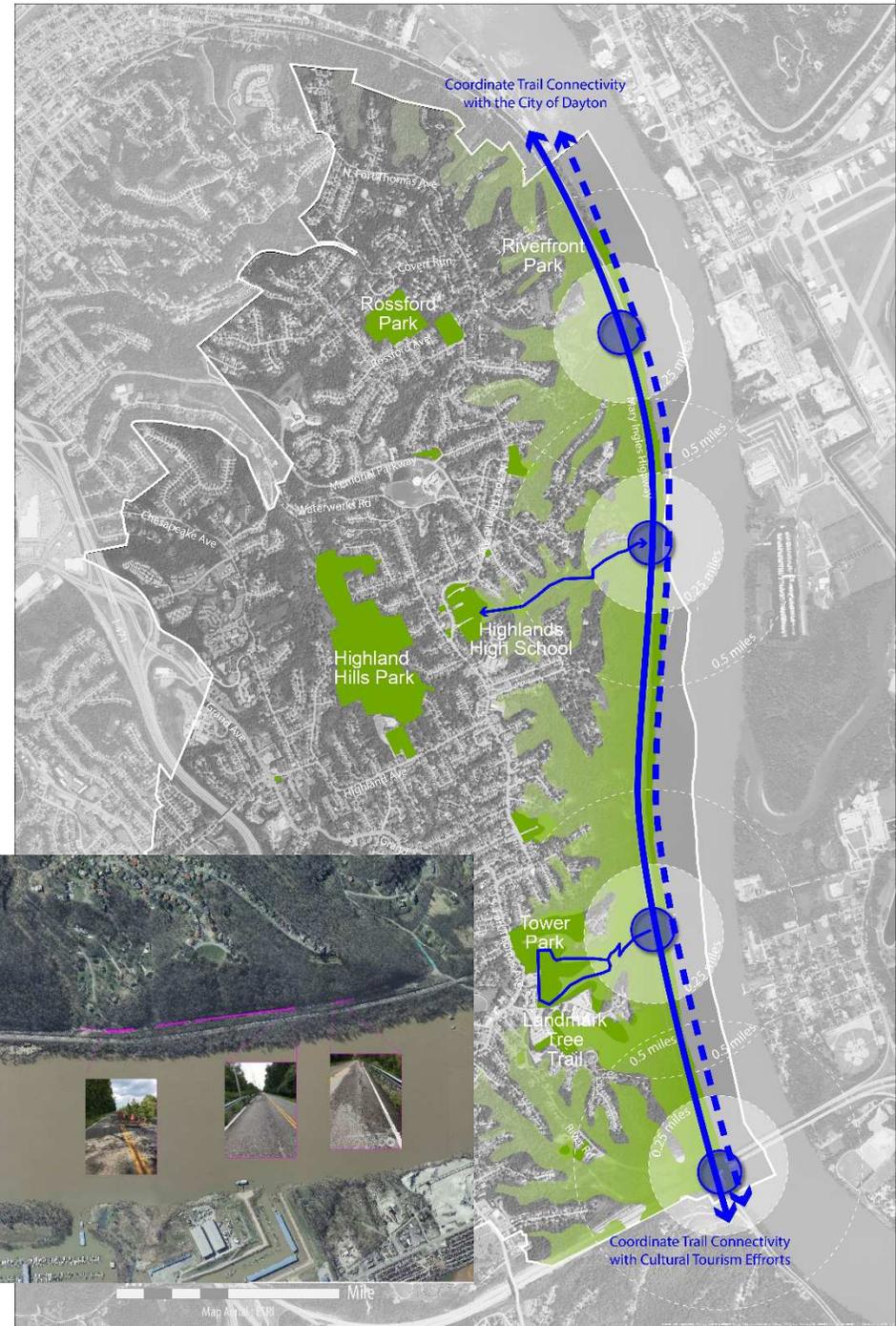


# Project Update – Rt. 8

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- Proposed concept from Community Plan shows slower, park-like road with stops/crossings for parking and trailheads, with linkages up/down from community assets and canoe/kayak launches for river trail
- Multiple meetings with KYTC
- Coordinated approach with County, Utilities, Southbank and neighboring communities
- Updated report from KYTC expected soon



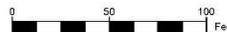
# Project Update – Grand Avenue Road Diet & Roundabout

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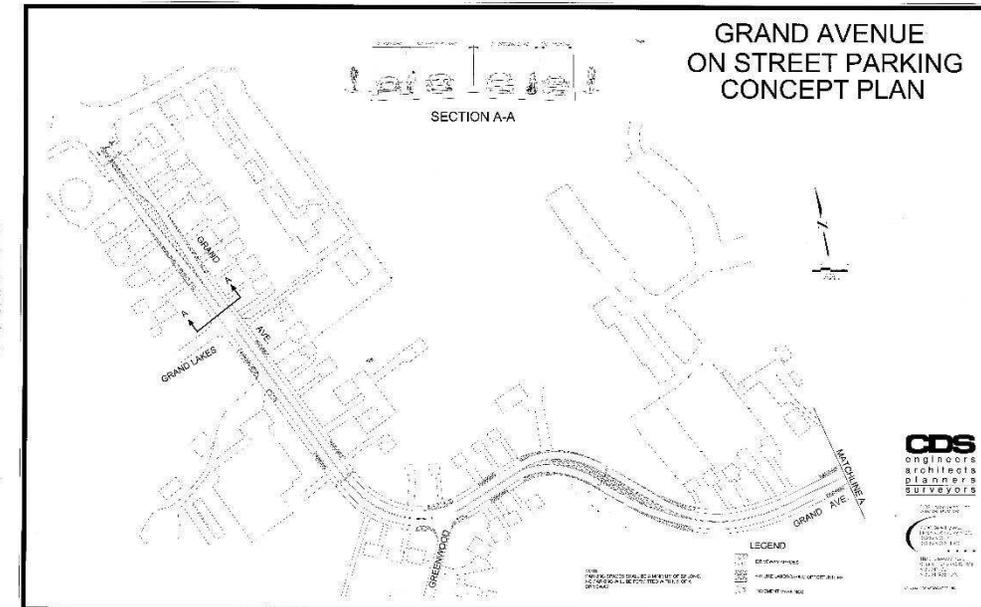
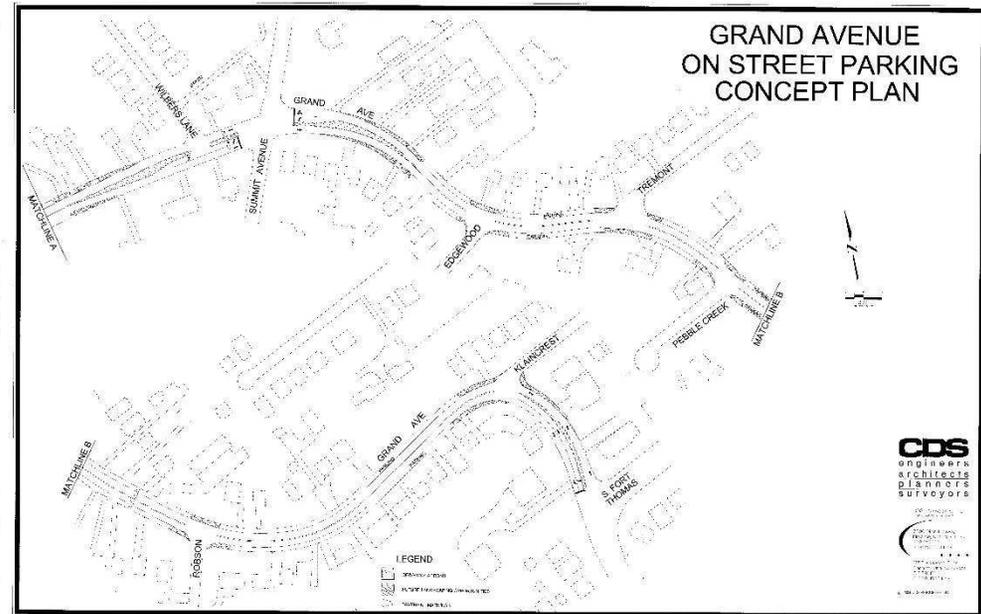
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Preliminary Concept Plan  
Grand Ave. / Highland Ave. Roundabout



- Improvements recommended in Community Plan
- Potential State funding for roundabout
- KYTC proceeding with traffic impact study
- CT is investigating potential costs



# Project Update – James & Highland Intersection

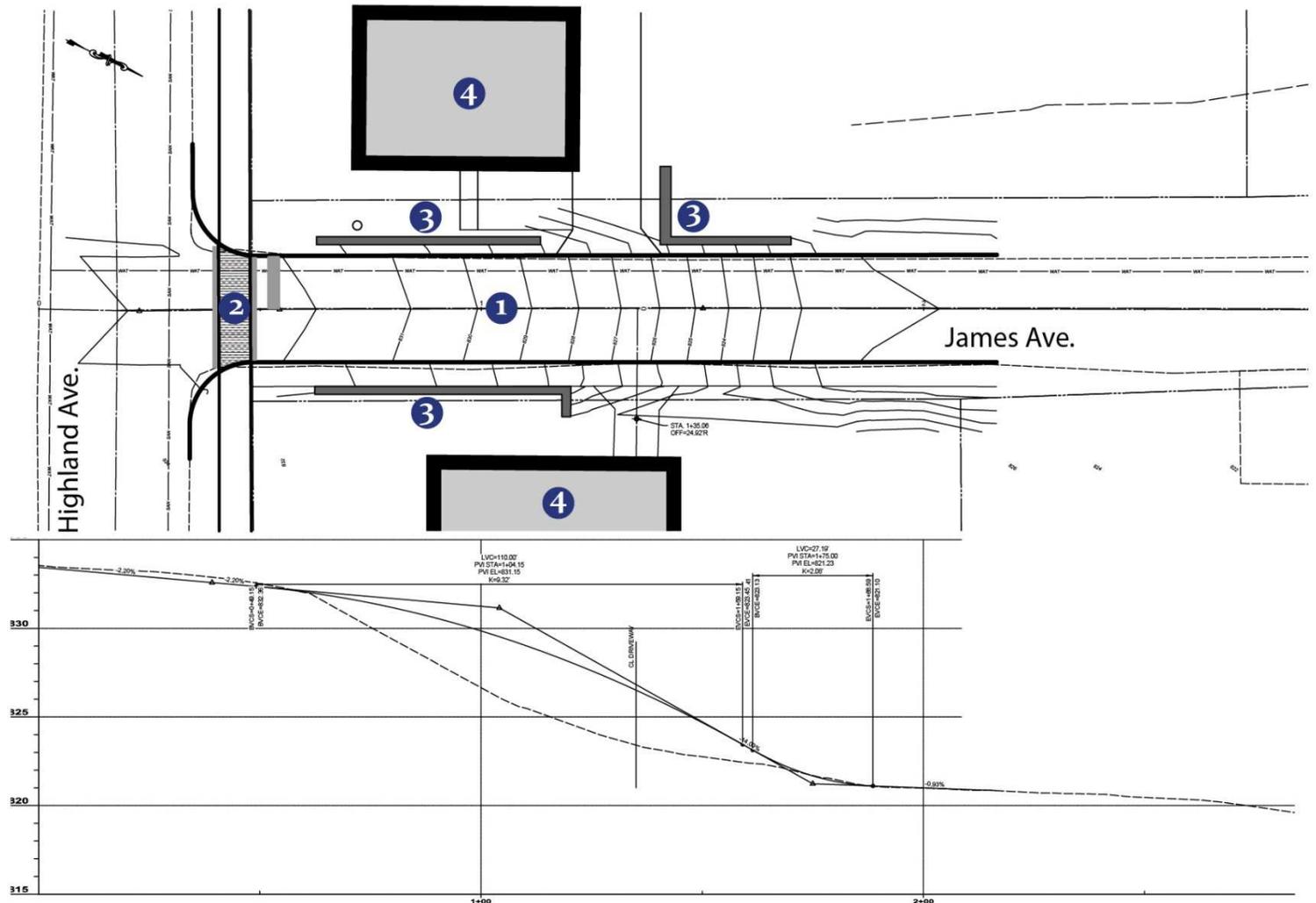
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## JAMES AVE INTERSECTION SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

- 1 Regraded roadway for better visibility
- 2 Improved crosswalk to match school crossing
- 3 Retaining walls to minimize impacts to adjacent properties
- 4 Existing residences



# Project Update – Waterworks & Memorial Intersection

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## Project Updates Other Projects

# Project Update – Rossford Park Exercise Equipment

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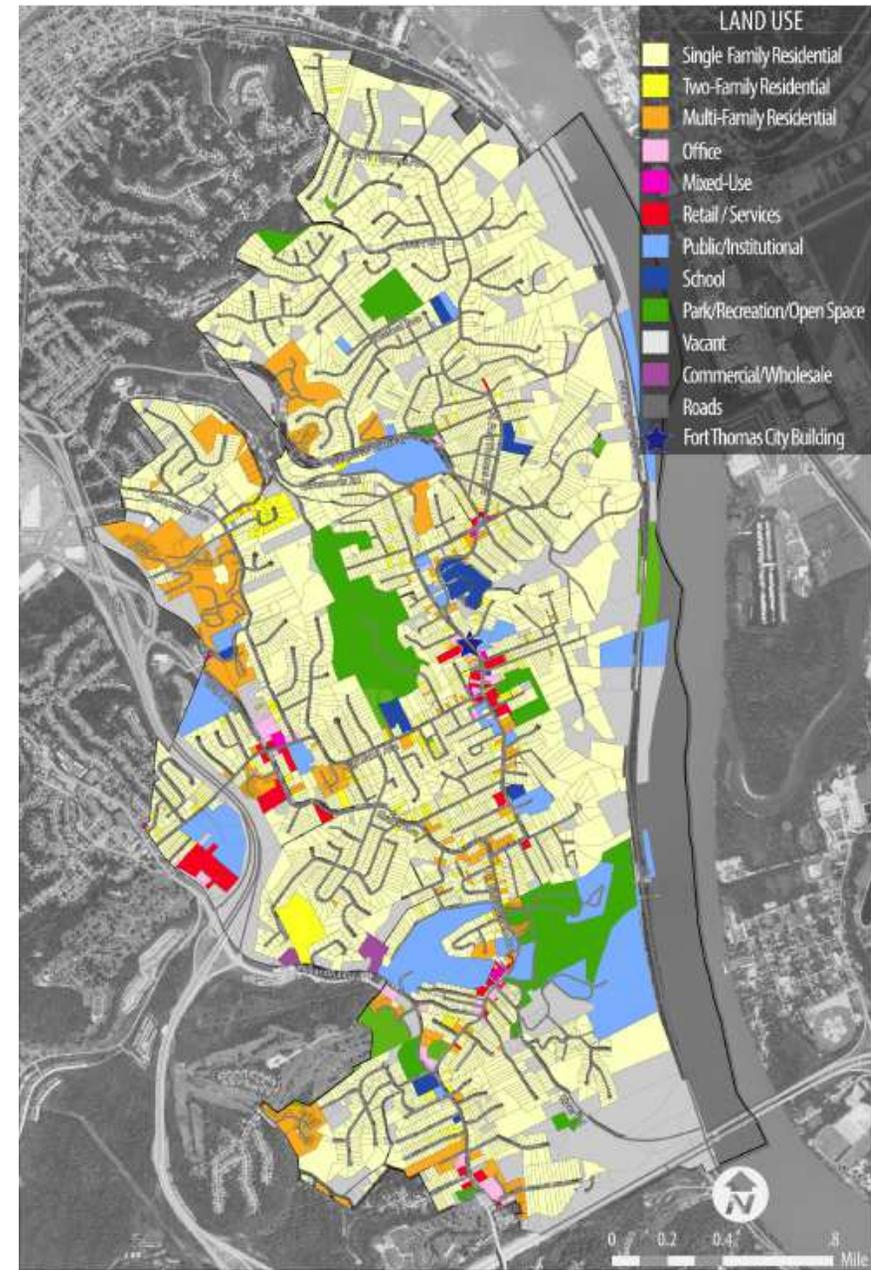


# Project Update – Zoning Code & Subdivision Regulations

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- Community Plan recommended updates to Subdivision Regulations & Zoning Code
- Need to reconvene Land Use & Zoning Committee to begin this work
- Will need to hire consultant to lead the effort, with support/input from Staff, Committee & Planning Commission



## **Questions, Discussion & Next Steps**

- Prioritization & Budgeting of Capital Projects
- Parking Study
- Zoning Code Update
- Parks Advisory Council