

CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS

EVOLVING SOUTHGATE AREA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

APPENDIX E: COMMUNITY MEETING #2 ACTIVITY BOARDS

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Cuyahoga
COUNTY PLANNING
Commission



Vision and Guiding Principles

The vision contains broad ideas and principles that help guide more specific action steps. Below is a statement that describes the vision for the area in and around Southgate USA based on input received at the first Community Meeting.

EVOLVING SOUTHGATE AREA VISION

The Southgate Area will be revitalized to become a unique and **vibrant** mixed-use district that is **safe & welcoming** for all residents and visitors; that is **livable**, accessible, and **connected** to affordable and diverse housing options; and that offers **green** spaces that foster an engaged community.

These five concepts help to support the Vision for the area. Ultimately, the Southgate Area will become...



EVOLVING SOUTHGATE AREA GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- SAFE & WELCOMING** — for residents and visitors through enhanced safety and comfort elements such as increased security, inclusive and ADA-accessible streetscape amenities and gathering places, and improved development design guidelines.
- LIVABLE** — for families and households of various incomes, sizes, and arrangements.
- CONNECTED** — to the surrounding communities with accessible and safe pedestrian and bicycle paths, more enjoyable transit stations, clearer wayfinding, and safer streets for all users.
- GREEN** — for the environment with greater investment in green infrastructure and open spaces for public gatherings, and well-maintained landscaping.
- VIBRANT** — with more local businesses, programming, and events.

PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS: SAFETY BEST PRACTICES

Review the safety themes and goals below. If you agree with the themes and goals, place a dot in the green box for “Agree”. If you do not agree with the themes or goals, place a dot in the red box for “Disagree.” If you want to change a recommendation, tell us how! Write a comment on a sticky note and place it in the comment box.



NATURAL SURVEILLANCE

- GOAL A: Increase Exterior Lighting
- GOAL B: Support Natural Surveillance Around the Southgate Area *(security systems, removing extra window signage)*
- GOAL C: Foster a Culture of Security Awareness Among Residents and Businesses *(regular safety awareness information sessions and workshops)*

AGREE

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TERRITORIAL REINFORCEMENT

- GOAL A: Reinforce Boundaries of Southgate Site *(using signage, fencing, landscape)*

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ACCESS CONTROL

- GOAL A: Manage and Control Access to Spaces to Reduce the Opportunities for Crime *(limit number of curb cuts, maintain sidewalks, construct landscape islands in parking areas)*

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ACTIVITY SUPPORT

- GOAL A: Foster More Activity in Public Areas Through Events, Programs, and Organizations *(regular ‘Clean Up Day’, pop-up markets or community fairs)*
- GOAL B: Develop Partnerships Between Public and Private Sectors *(regular safety audits)*

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MAINTENANCE

- GOAL A: Establish a Routine Maintenance Schedule to Ensure a Clean Environment

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PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS: SHORT TERM STRATEGIES

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SOUTHGATE PARK BOULEVARD

GOAL A: Improve the Look, Feel and Usability of Southgate Park Boulevard

- a. Continue to add bus shelters along Southgate Park Blvd.
- b. Fill in missing sidewalk gaps along Southgate Park Boulevard.
- c. Install gateways around the Southgate USA site.

APPLICABLE GUIDING PRINCIPLES



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MIXED-USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GOAL A: Attract New Businesses and Development to the Southgate Area

- a. Consider a fund to support small businesses, start-ups, and restaurants at Southgate.
- b. Work with Southgate USA to host pop-up businesses in vacant storefronts.

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SOUTHGATE AREA CONNECTIVITY & ACCESSIBILITY

GOAL A: Enhance the Aesthetic Appeal of the Southgate Area to Make It Comfortable and Welcoming for All Maple Heights Residents and Visitors

- a. Enhance landscaping by adding landscaped islands and increasing tree canopy.
- b. Add sidewalk amenities such as benches, trash cans, planters, and bike parking.
- c. Eliminate unnecessary curb cuts to reduce conflict points.

APPLICABLE GUIDING PRINCIPLES



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GOAL B: Improve Bicycle and Pedestrian Access between Neighborhoods and the Commercial Areas of Southgate USA

- a. Require clear, safe, and direct pedestrian connections through parking lots.
- b. Add bike lanes along Libby and Northfield Roads and Southgate Park Blvd.
- c. Add sidewalks to all missing segments along Warrensville Center and Libby Roads and Southgate Park Blvd.

APPLICABLE GUIDING PRINCIPLES



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GOAL C: Develop and Implement a Safety Plan for Intersections and Crosswalks Along Libby Road, Northfield Road, and Warrensville Center Road

- a. Enhance intersections and crosswalks with pedestrian beacons, brighter lighting, and ADA-compliant curbs.
- b. Evaluate traffic calming measures along Libby, Warrensville Center, and Northfield Roads.
- c. Ensure that the Safe Routes to School plan is updated for the Milkovich Middle school and Southgate area.

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ENVIRONMENTAL

GOAL A: Utilize Sustainability Management Best Practices in New or Rebuilt Infrastructure and Development

- a. Incorporate green infrastructure as part of new and reconstructed streets and parking lots.
- b. Update the City Zoning Code to include Solar and Wind-energy regulations.
- c. Invest in green energy technologies such as small solar panels on roof tops.

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GOAL B: Develop Landscaping Design Guidelines and Increase Street Trees

- a. Require parking lot landscaping and tree protection standards for new developments.
- b. Include tree planting plans on road construction projects in the Southgate area.
- c. Consider adding street trees in the Southgate area.

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GOAL C: Build Green and Open Spaces for Community Gatherings and Engagement

- a. Partner with Southgate property ownership to identify potential green space at Southgate.
- b. Program the proposed green spaces with community events such as farmers markets and health fairs.
- c. Enliven the community gathering spaces with art and murals.

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NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT & NEW HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

GOAL A: Continue to Maintain and Preserve Existing Housing in the Southgate Area

- a. Provide tax incentives to invest in existing and new homes.
- b. Continue to track neighborhood investment and maintenance through building permits data.
- c. Advertise infill housing opportunities to developers.

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GOAL B: Incorporate Housing including Both Market Rate and Affordable Housing Options at Southgate USA

- a. Update zoning to allow a variety of residential uses desired by residents and to support further development at Southgate.
- b. Support the development of high-quality senior living facilities and workforce housing options in the Southgate area.

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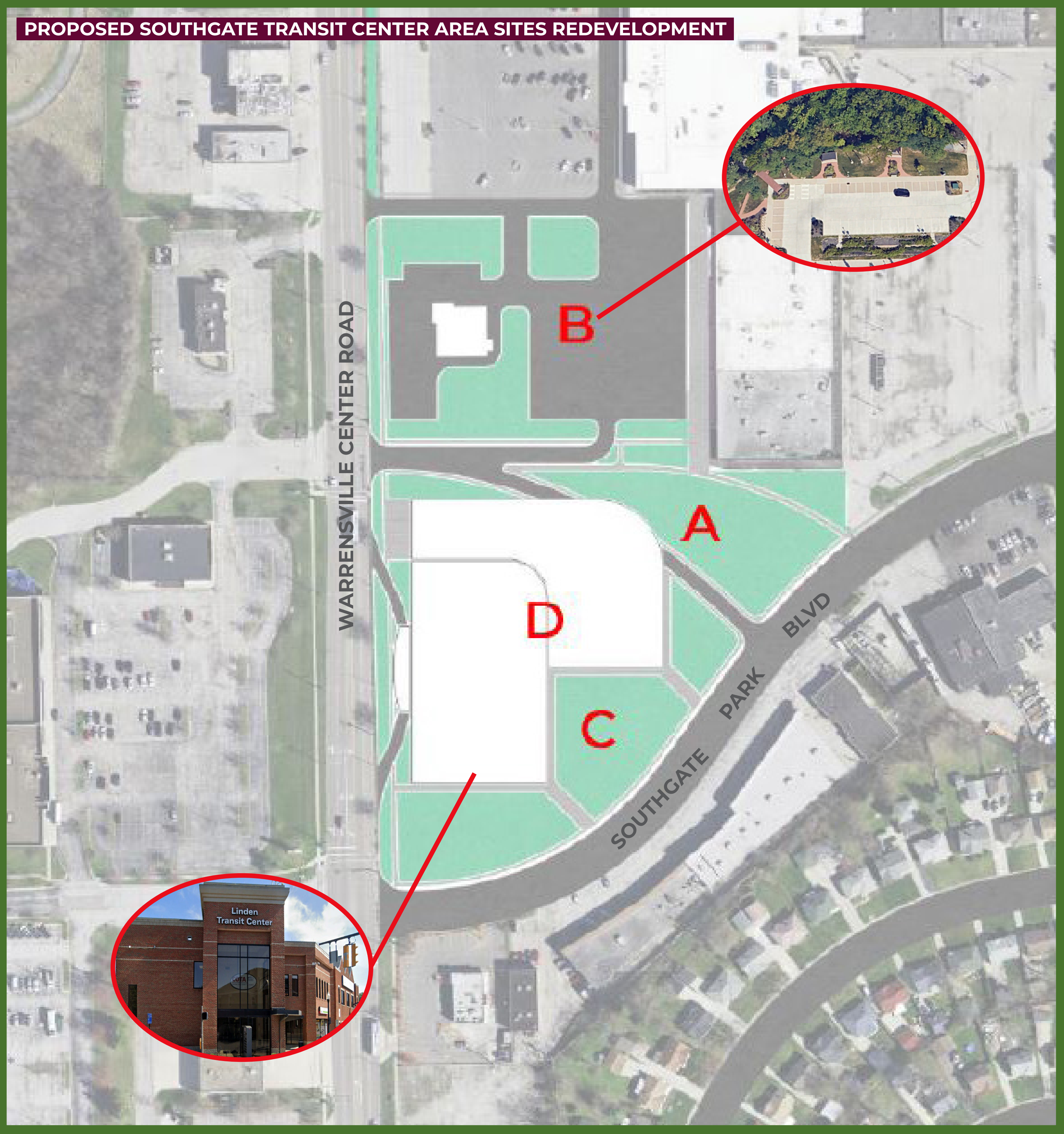
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SOUTHGATE TRANSIT CENTER AREA SITES

- A. Partner with Southgate USA to relocate existing businesses within Southgate.
- B. Consider short-term improvements that consolidate parking.
- C. Replace parking areas and enhance existing spaces with green areas that include seating, walking paths, and lighting.
- D. Consider redevelopment of the Southgate Transit Center and immediately adjacent commercial parcels.



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EASTERN AREA DEVELOPMENT SITES

- A. Work with current or future Southgate USA ownership to attract mixed-use development to targeted development sites.
- B. Incorporate a public plaza, green spaces, and open space with new development through phased development.

Phase 1

- 1. Build mixed-use buildings
- 2. Retain and upgrade greenspace

Phase 2

- 3. Build town homes to northeast at Libby and Northfield Roads
- 4. Develop internal street grid system
- 5. Add greenspace to northwest

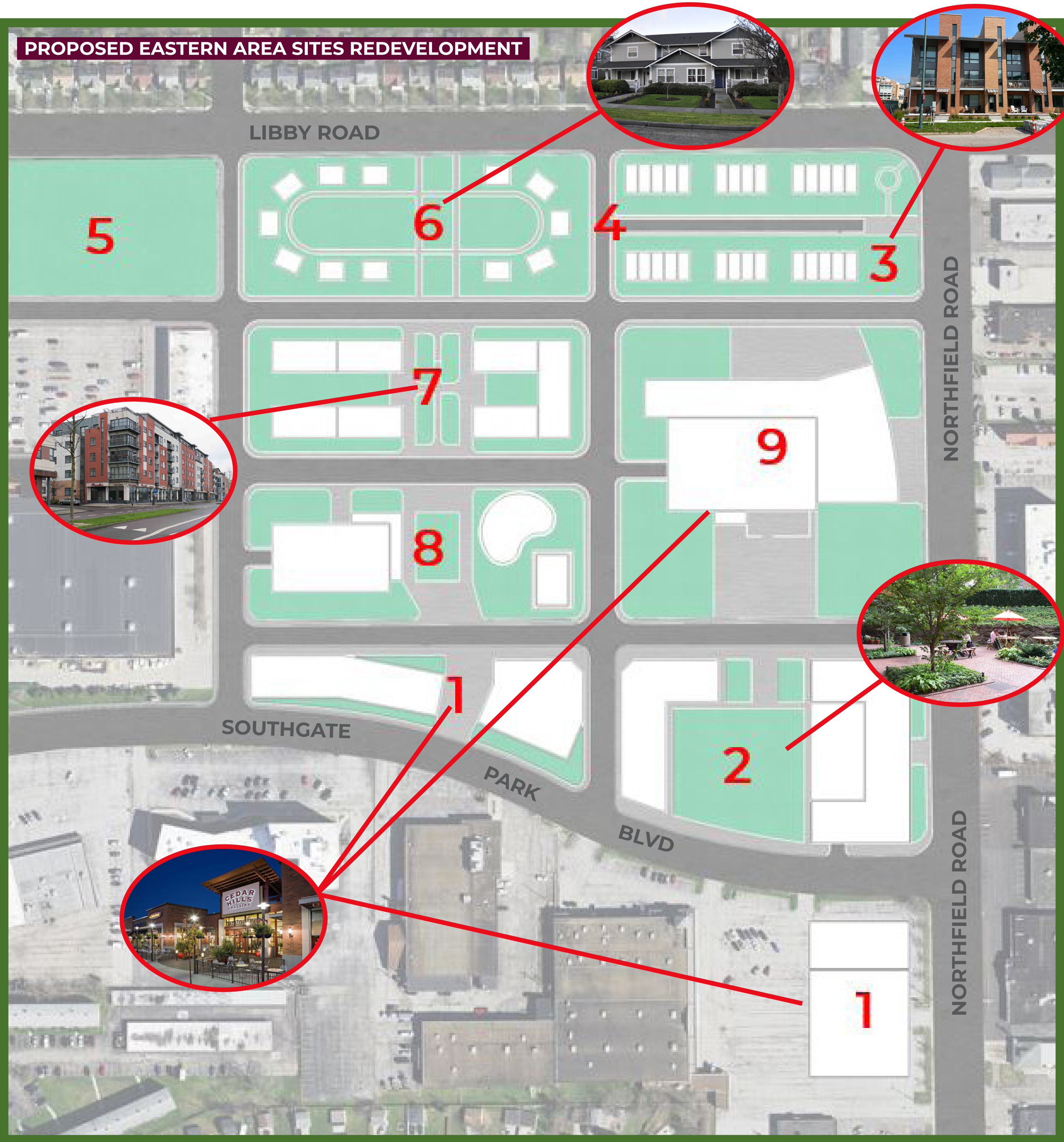
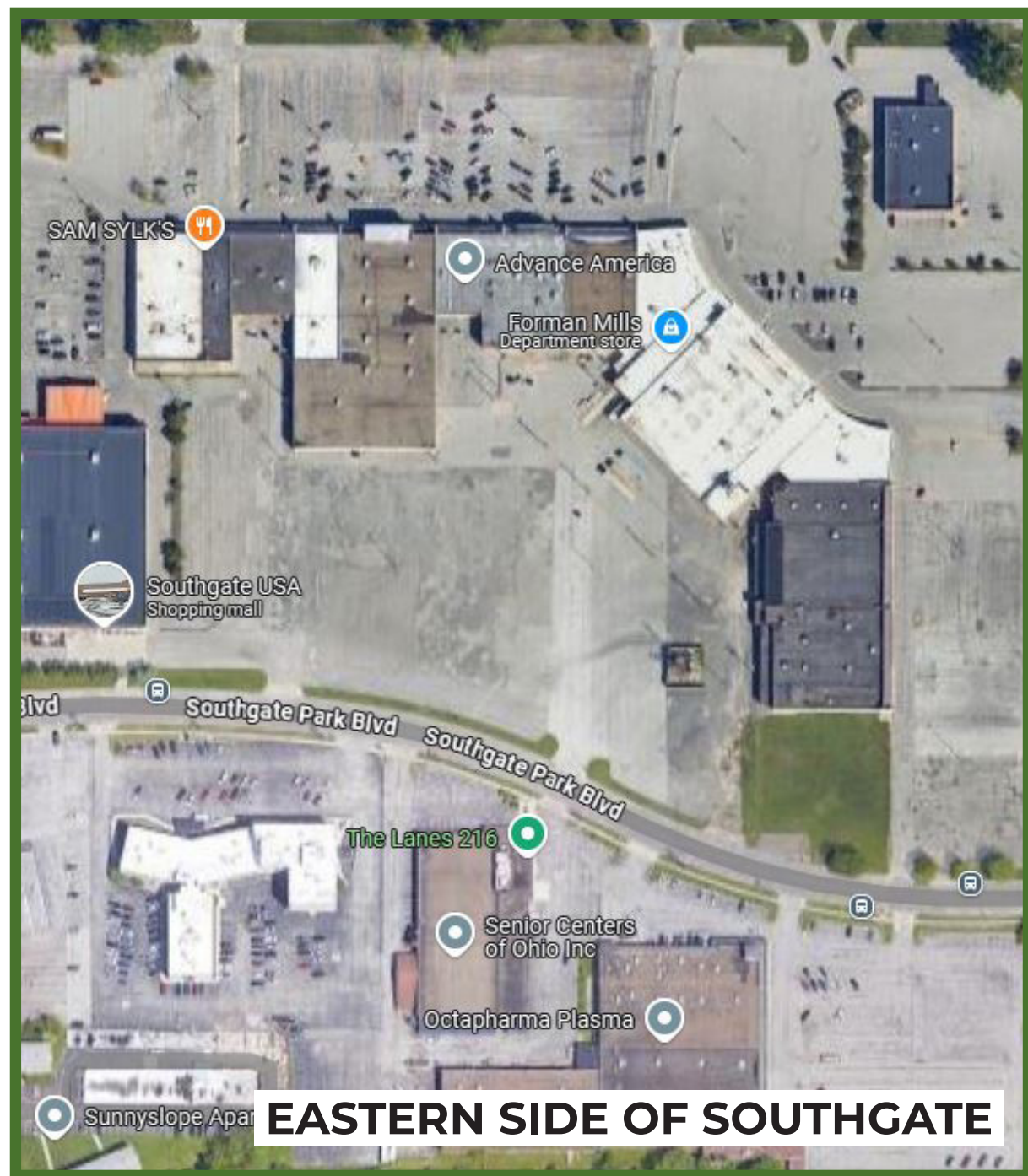
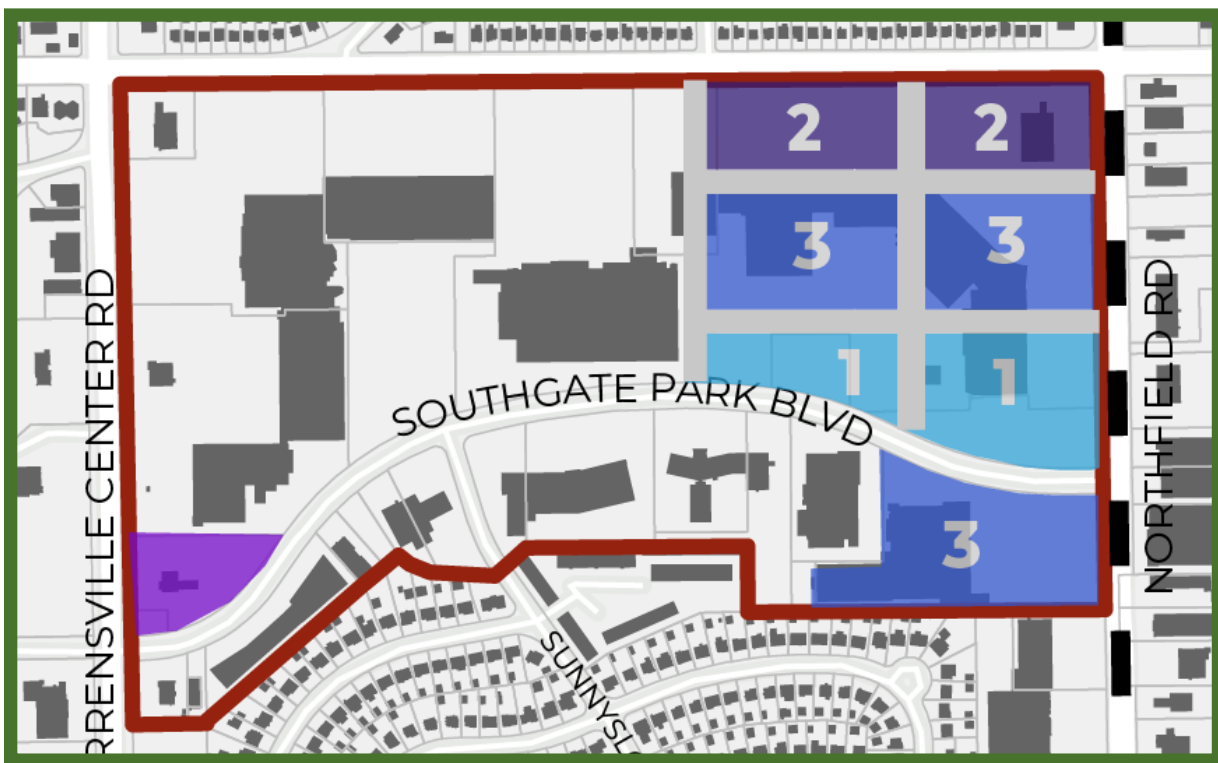
Phase 3

- 6. Build cottage courts in the top north block
- 7. Build small, low-rise apartments in the center north block
- 8. Add community facilities in the bottom north block
- 9. Develop mixed-use district in the center east block

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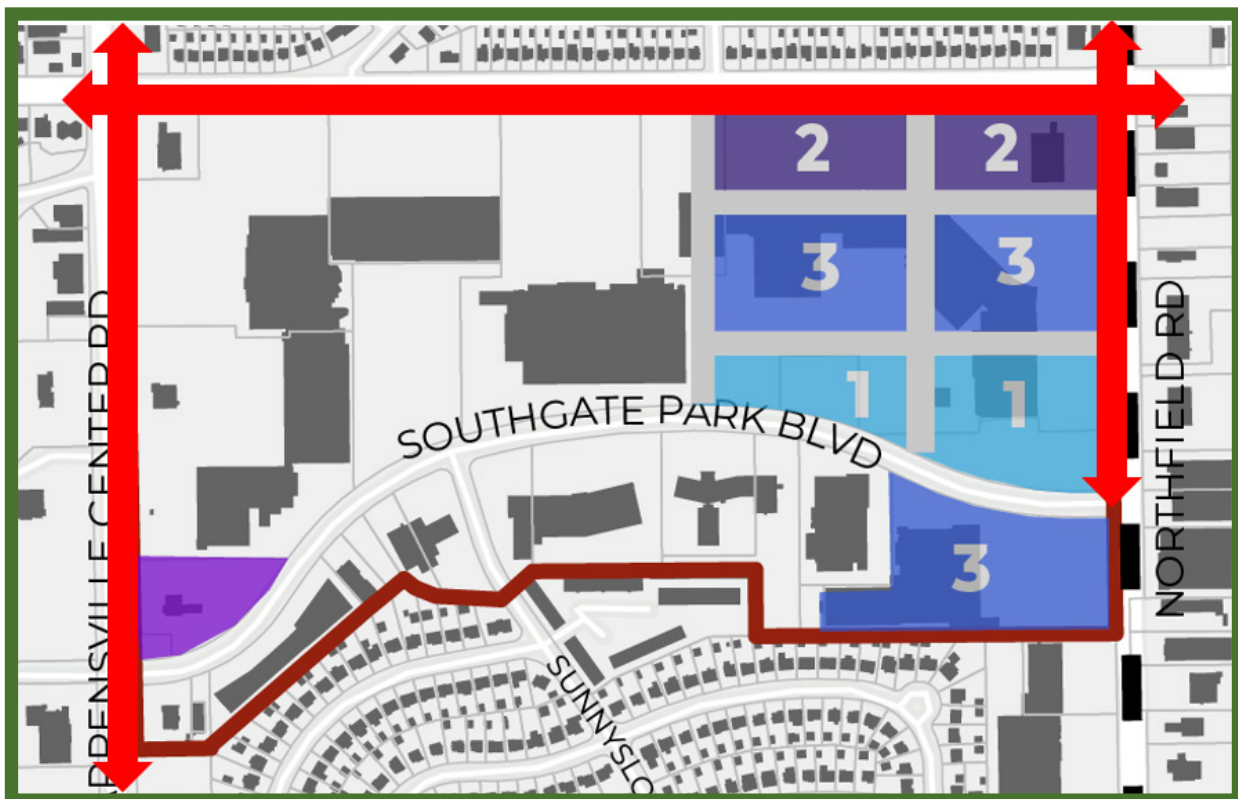
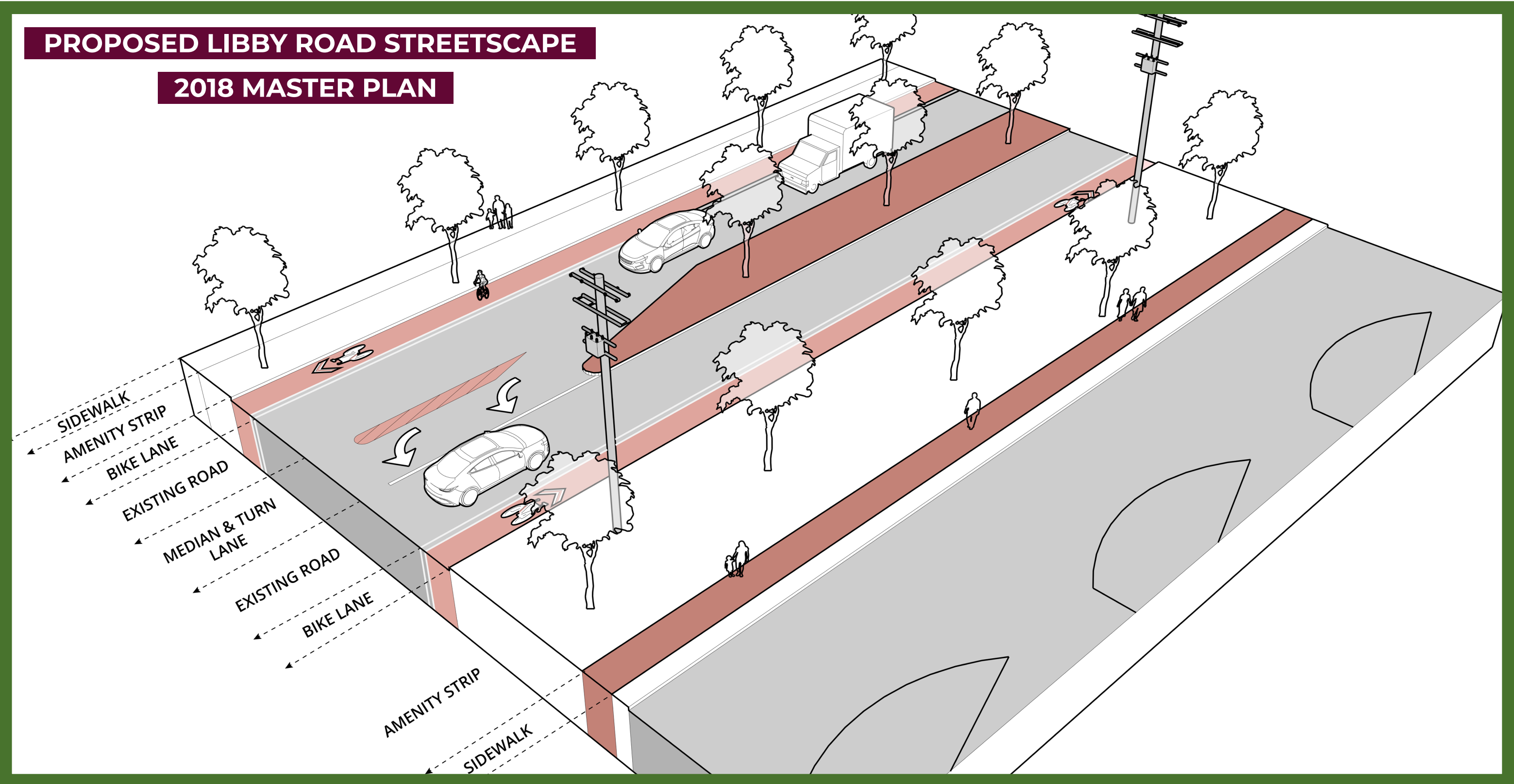
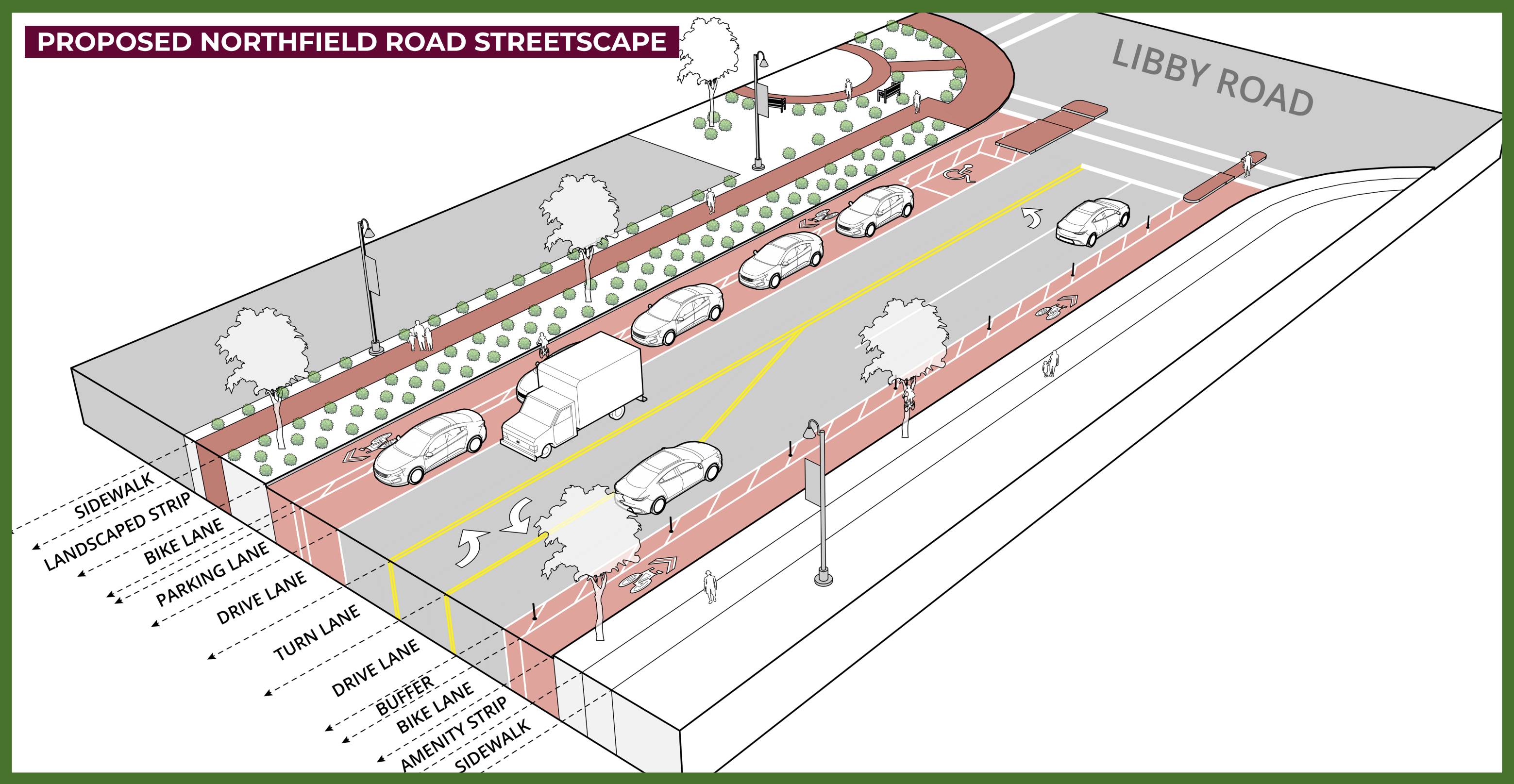


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MAJOR CORRIDORS

- A. Reimagine Libby, Northfield, and Warrensville Roads as slower, pedestrian-friendly streets that incorporate trees, landscaping, signage, wayfinding, and amenities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit-users.
- B. Partner with Bedford Heights on any future reimagining of Northfield Road.
- C. Incorporate a new grid pattern of streets in major redevelopments of Southgate USA.



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