



OUR VISION

Our neighborhood business districts serve as geographic hubs in the community. Many were once *small downtowns* with bustling streets and active storefronts.

They are more than just streets; they are the center of public life for the neighborhood.

Over the next few months, the City of Akron will begin to engage residents and businesses to determine what they wish to see for their business district, targeting resources to support commercial and social revitalization of the corridor, and activating the street as a public space.

OUR GOALS

- Greater community engagement through focused outreach
- Increased business development
- Public engagement to determine transportation improvement needs for all forms of mobility
 - *Walking, biking, car, and transit*
- Improved aesthetics, urban design, and public space
- Safer and more secure neighborhoods
- Improved public health

OUR PROGRAM

Great Streets Akron seeks to empower, connect, and develop our neighborhood business district corridors through community engagement and targeted resources.

Examples of City resources for eligible business districts:

- Facade Improvement Grants
- Creation of a revolving loan fund for small businesses
- Community Development Corporation Support Funds
- Street Trees

Examples of City technical assistance for eligible business districts:

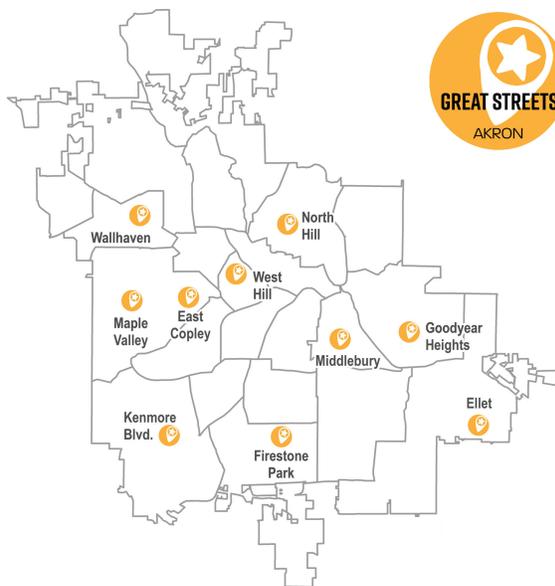
- City of Akron Office of Integrated Development staff expertise, including comprehensive planning, zoning, capital planning, innovation & entrepreneurship support, and engineering.
- Recreation Bureau expertise to activate the corridor as a public space
- Public Service assistance to keep the corridor clean and ready to use
- Public Safety assistance for community safety concerns
- Grant application assistance



Throughout 2018, the City will be reaching out to identify other organizations who want to partner with Great Streets Akron and are willing to provide additional resources and support.

OUR STREETS

Great Streets Akron will launch within 10 targeted neighborhood business districts:



- **West Hill** (*W. Market St from Rhodes Ave to Goodwin Ave*)
- **North Hill** (*Temple Square, N. Main Street and Cuyahoga Falls Ave*)
- **Copley Road East** (*Sunset View Dr to East Ave*)
- **Maple Valley** (*Copley Rd from I-77 to Roslyn Ave*)
- **Middlebury** (*Intersections of E. Market St, E. Exchange St, and Arlington St*)
- **Ellet** (*Canton Road, from Wedgewood Ave to Triplett Blvd*)
- **Firestone Park** (*Aster Ave, from Lindenwood Ave to Palm Ave*)
- **Wallhaven** (*Intersections of W. Market St, W. Exchange St, and Hawkins Ave*)
- **Kenmore** (*Kenmore Blvd from 17th St SW to 11th St SW*)
- **Goodyear Heights** (*Goodyear Blvd from Newton St to Honodle Ave*)

OUR METHODS

The City of Akron will begin engaging targeted business districts through various methods of outreach including:

- Outreach at community events
- Door-to-door canvassing at businesses
- Mailings to businesses and property owners
- Specific stakeholder meetings
- Request for proposals from the community

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