EXISTING LAND USE

Existing Land Use	Acres	% of Total Parcel Area	Land Use based on Planned Development	% of Total Parcel Area
Single-Family Detached	134.5	32%	134.5	32%
Single-Family Attached	10.2	2%	10.2	2%
Mixed-Use	0	0%	4.5	1%
Multi-Family Residential	0	0%	29.4	7% -
Mobile Home Park	32.1	8%	32.1	8%
Retail/Commercial	47.4	11%	50.56	12%
Industrial	7.9	2%	7.9	2%
Institutional/Civic Facility	28	7%	28	7%
Parks/Open Space	9.1	2%	9.1	2%
Vacant/Undeveloped	109.8	26%	109.8	26%
Planned Development/Under Construction	37.1	9%		
	416.1		416.1	



E-Center 43,000 SF Retail/Commercial ———

Dogwood Forest, Holbrook, and Broadstone -

Iconic Mixed-Use Development -

EXISTING HOUSING TYPE







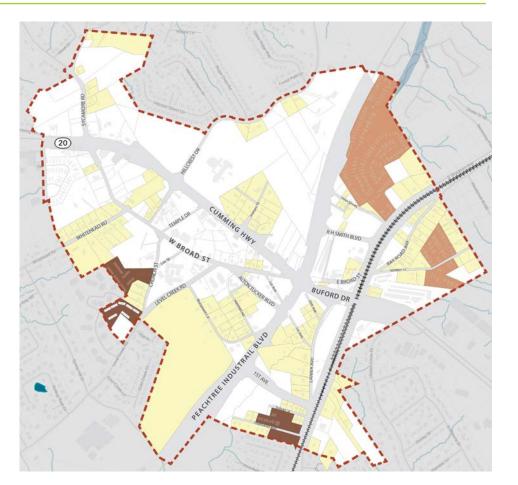
















Castlegate Townhomes and Plantation Ridge Apartments Outside LCI Area



EXISTING COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL







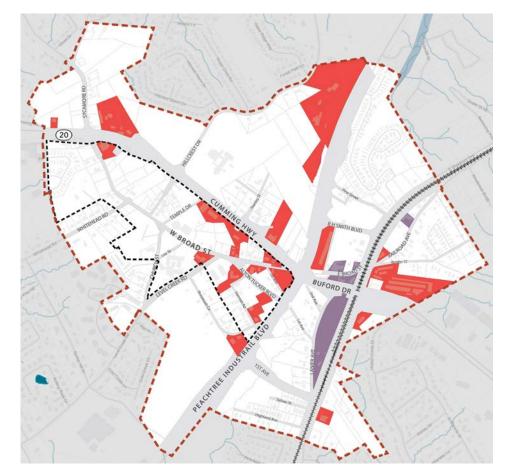










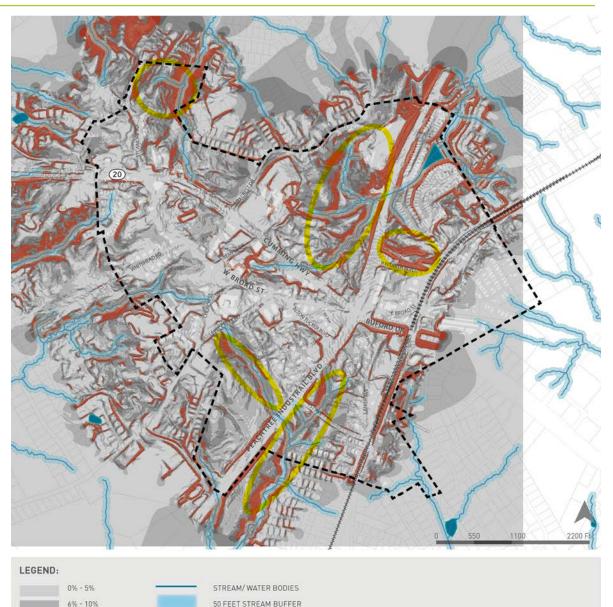




NATURAL FEATURES

- Several vacant and underutilized properties have major topographical issues
- Pedestrian and bike connectivity could be challenging between Downtown and the areas with steep slope



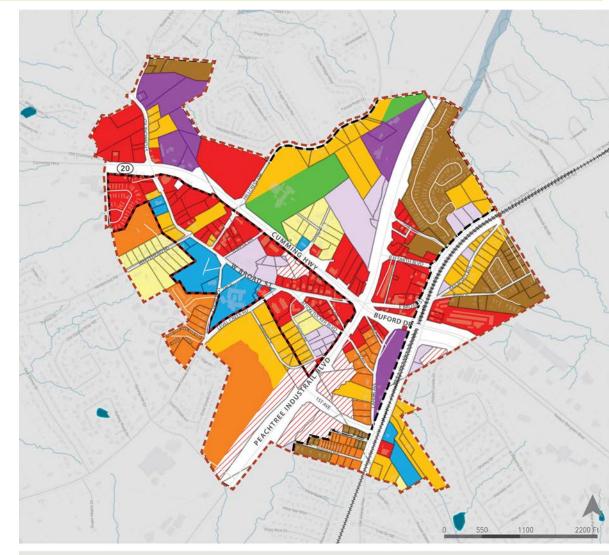


11% - 15% 16% - 20% 20% AND MORE



ZONING

- Majority of the LCI area is part of Town Center Overlay District
- Downtown core is in Central **Business District Overlay**
- Both overlay districts' intent is to achieve LCI goals and create traditional architecture of the original small town
- Focus on integrating architectural and urban design features to raise property values, attract new businesses and residents, and enhance the quality of life
- Promote compact mixed-use growth to create pedestrian-oriented development
- Rehabilitate and revitalize vacant and underutilized properties
- Design review process •



LEGEND:

RM: RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY R150: LOW DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL R100: MEDIUM DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL MH: MOBILE HOME PARK BG: GENERAL BUSINESS



HSB: HIGHWAY SERVICE BUSINESS LM: LIGHT MANUFACTURING HM1: HEAVY MANUFACTURING **01: OFFICE-INSTITUTIONAL**

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

LCI STUDY BOUNDARY

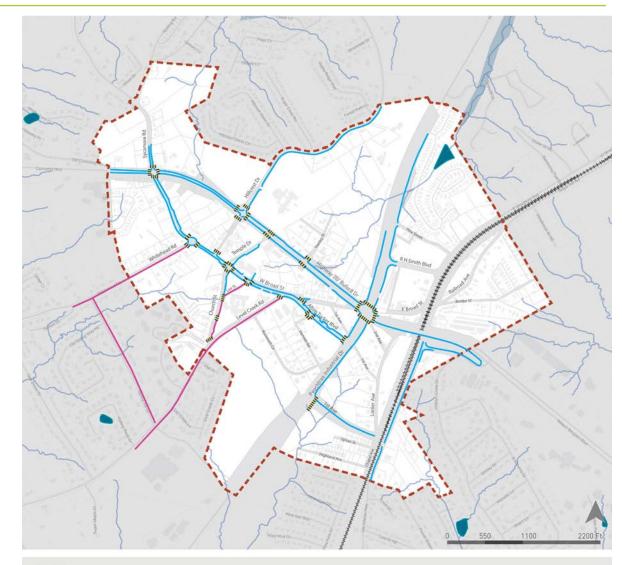
PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION











LEGEND:

EXISTING SIDEWALKS : SUFFICIENT WIDTH/ STREET SCAPE
 EXISTING SIDEWALKS: NARROW AND/OR SUBSTANDARD

CROSS WALKS

AECK SARGENT

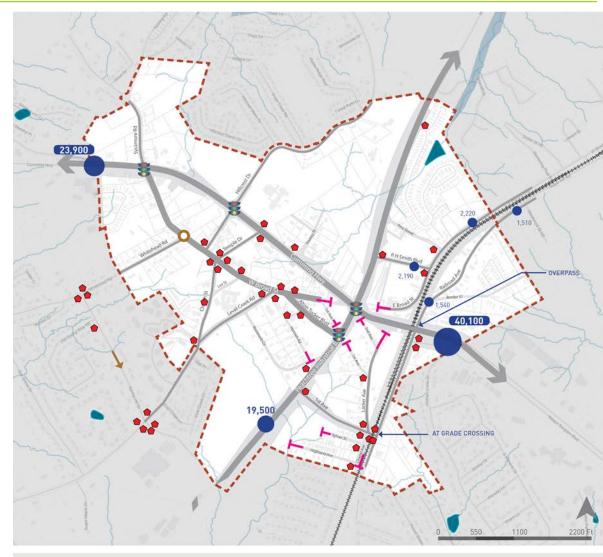
VEHICULAR CONNECTIONS











LEGEND:

GDOT 2016 TRAFFIC COUNTS TRAFFIC SIGNAL STOP SIGNS DEAD END STREETS O TRAFFIC CIRCLE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

> LORD AECK SARGENT

PHYSICAL BARRIERS



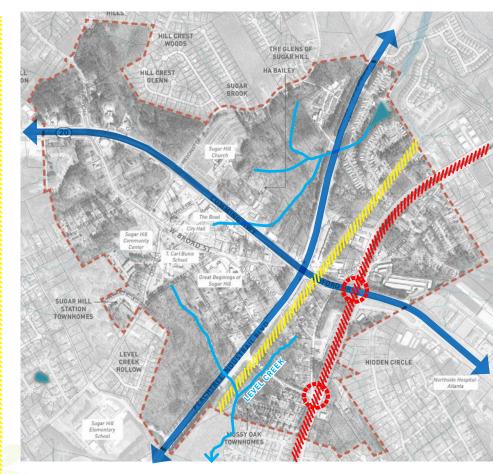
Dead-end street on 1st Avenue



Topographical challenge between power easement and PIB



Power easement along PIB





Railroad as a major connectivity barrier



At grade crossing at 1st Avenue



Highway 20 overpass bridge on Railroad Avenue



WHAT WE ARE HEARING SO FAR

STRENGTHS OF DOWNTOWN:

Some of the comments by stakeholders

- City's commitment and leadership
- Community support for progressive growth and embracing the change
- Downtown core development character and vibrancy
- Downtown events (Ice Rink, concerts)
- Youth program
- Small town feel
- Sense of community
- Southern style/inviting Downtown
- High performing schools





WHAT WE ARE HEARING SO FAR

NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Land Use Development

- More residents in/around Downtown core
- Restaurants, bars, and services in walking distance
- Medical offices/facilities
- Retrofit existing housing and infill housing strategy to stabilize older neighborhoods
- Diversity of housing for multi-generation and income-level
- Focus on architectural character
- Transit-oriented development

NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES: Mobility

- Improve walkability and connectivity
- Pedestrian/bike-friendly environment on Highway 20 and PIB
- Complete sidewalk network to extend pedestrian connectivity to Downtown
- Pedestrian bridge on Highway 20
- Bike infrastructure and amenities
- Explore transit options on PIB



ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Exercise for the Core Team Members:

- List of issues and opportunities compiled based on Stakeholder Interviews and LCI booth comments
- Review, validate and prioritize issues and opportunities
- Use 2 BLUE dots to prioritize issues/ concerns and 3 GREEN dots to prioritize needs/opportunities on each board
- Add any missing issues and opportunities



LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

SUGAR HILL LIVABLE CENTER INITIATIVE II DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN

Use **BLUE DOT** () to prioritize Issues/Concerns & **GREEN DOT** () to prioritize Needs/Opportunities for Land use and development

Issues/ Concerns	
Lack of restaurants and shopping options in Downtown	
If residential population increases in future, the noise pollution from events should be evaluated	
Physical constraints for Downtown growth are cemetery, wide transit corridors, railroad, and sewer capacity	
Concerned about the amount of retail proposed in the planned development if there is a lack of critical mass in Downtown	
Concerned about public safety along Level Creek Road, Church Street and Springhill Drive.	
Lack of regional level economic development/business opportunities to attract large number of jobs in and around Downtown	
Neighborhood stability, housing conditions and redevelopment potential in mobile home parks and older neighborhood areas.	

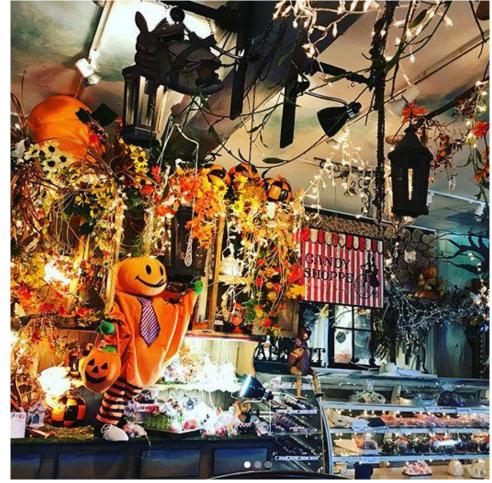
Needs/ Opportunities
More residents in/around Downtown core
Attract more businesses such as bars, restaurants, and services in walking distance
Opportunity to tap into the growing filming industry
Potential for transit-oriented development on the south side of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and Buford Drive
Mixed-use development on north of Highway 20/Cumming Highway
Retrofit existing housing stock and infill housing strategy as a way to supply diversity of housing, and to improve development
Diversity of housing type for multi-generation and income-level such as townhomes, cottages, small lot single family, and urban style
Focus on architectural character of the future mixed-use and housing development
Need for medical offices and facilities near Downtown
Attract small tech companies or professional services
Explore opportunity for satellite campus of a college/university



November 01 2017

NEXT STEPS

- Compile and summarize online survey results
- Market assessment and demand analysis
- Existing Conditions Report
- Development opportunities map
- Public Workshop #2 on 12/6
- Core Team Meeting #2 on 12/21



Source: Instagram Post #myatlantamomsclub @sugarhillbakeryandcafe



CORE TEAM MEETING #2 December 21, 2017

ONNTOWN MASTERPLAN

SUNABLE CENTERS INITIA

CITY OF SUGAR HILL

AECK SARGENT



AGENDA

- Introduction
- Community Input Summary
- Market Assessment & Analysis
- Planning Exercises
- Next Steps





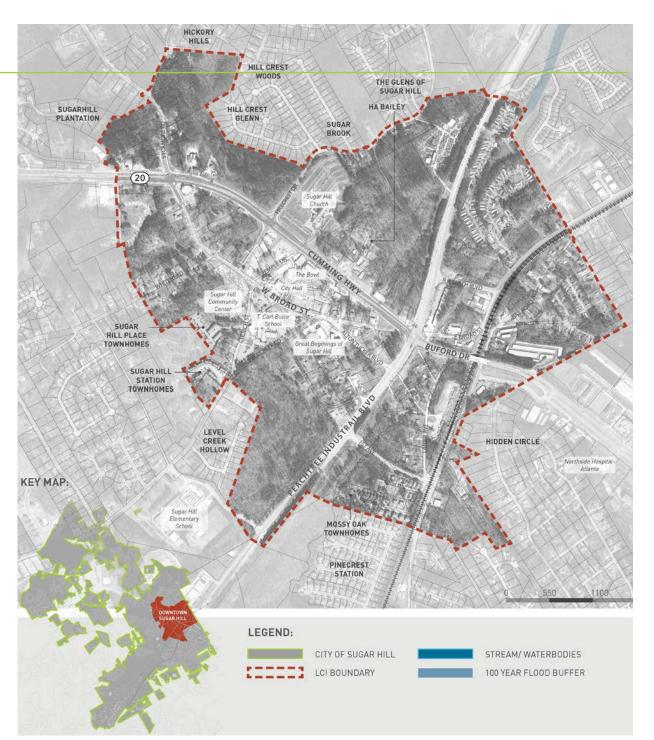
LCI AREA

Downtown Master Plan Area

+/-520 Acres; about a mile or so along Highway 20 and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard (PIB)

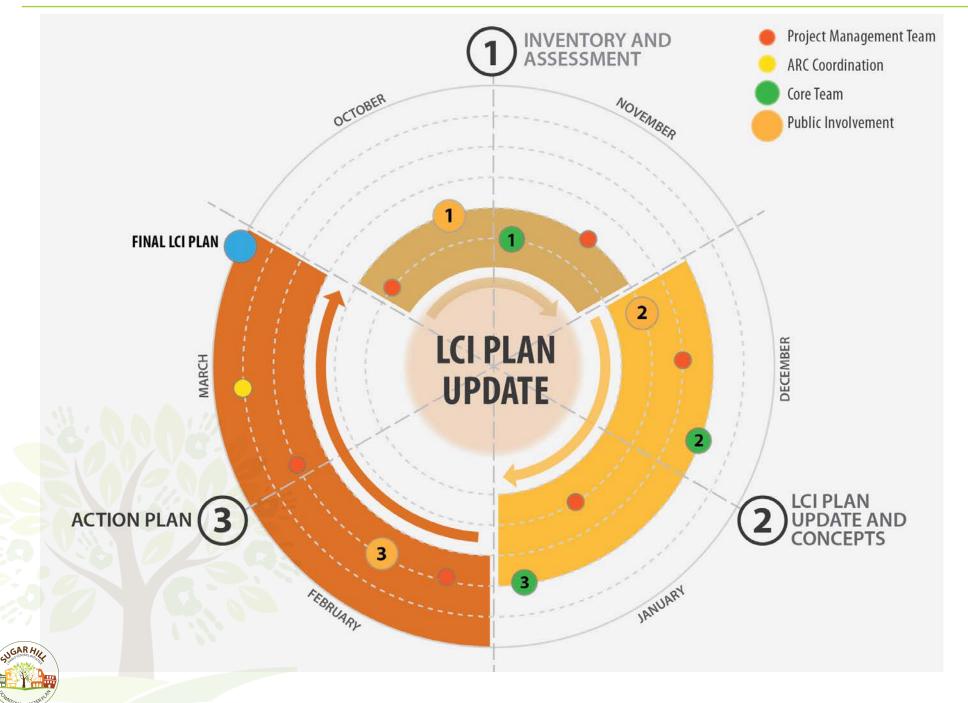
LCI Area Assets:

- Downtown Core City Hall and The Bowl
- West Broad Street
- High visibility and accessibility from Highway 20 and PIB, proximity to railroad
- Sugar Hill Church
- E-Center ongoing commercial mixed-use
- Sugar Hill Cemetery
- Older residential neighborhoods
- Natural features tree canopy and streams





PROCESS



SCHEDULE

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SCHEDULE



Public Kick-Off Meeting October 21, 2017, 11 am - 5 pm Issues, Opportunities and Vision



Public Workshop **December 6**, 2017, 6 pm - 7:30 pm *Development and Mobility Concepts*

3

Public Open House **February 15**, 2018, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm *Framework Plans, Strategies, and Priorities*



Core Team Meeting #1 November 1, 2017, 6 pm - 7:30 pm Preliminary Vision and Stakeholder Input Summary



Core Team Meeting #2 December 21, 2017, 6 pm - 7:30 pm Draft Framework Plans



Core Team Meeting #3 January 24, 2018, 6 pm - 7:30 pm Refined Framework Plans and Design Concepts

Project Information: http://cityofsugarhill.com/2018lciplan/



PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1 - SUGAR RUSH









CORE TEAM MEETING #1

Priority of Issues and Needs

Land Use and Development:

- Lack of restaurants and dining options; attract more businesses such as bars, restaurants, and services in walking distance
- Neighborhood stability, housing conditions and redevelopment potential in mobile home park and older neighborhoods
- Focus on architectural character of the future mixed-use and housing development
- More residents in/around
 Downtown core

Mobility:

- Due to the major traffic corridors and railroad, walkability is the biggest challenge
- Need a pedestrian bridge over Highway 20 to connect the northern neighborhoods to Downtown
- Pedestrian-friendly environment on Highway 20 and Whitehead Road

Identity/Branding/Open Space:

- Alton Tucker Road should be renamed to West Broad Street
- Lack of urban parks and plazas
- Need more activities for youth
- Cohesive branding for the City
- Connect Downtown and surrounding neighborhoods through art walk and living wall



PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2

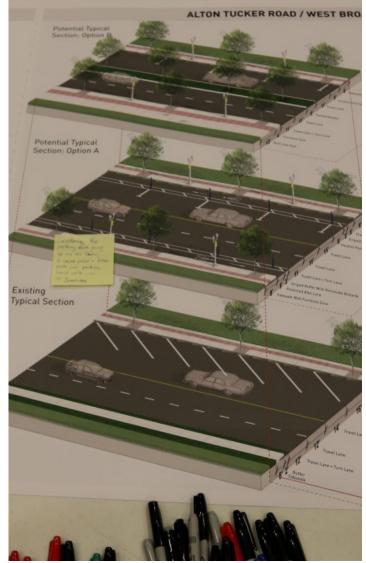




GUGAR HILE

VEMENTS

TREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS



ONLINE SURVEY



The City of Sugar Hill is updating our Downtown Master Plan.

WE WANT TO **HEAR** FROM YOU!

Provide your input through our surveys.

https://cityofsugarhill.com/lcisurvey/

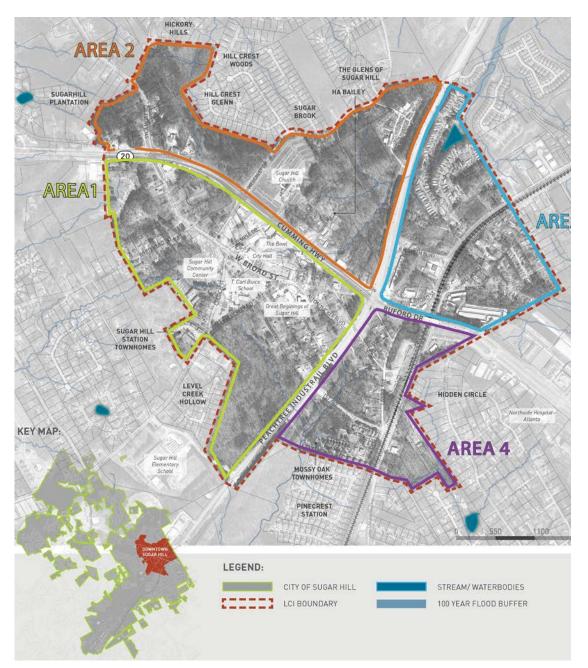


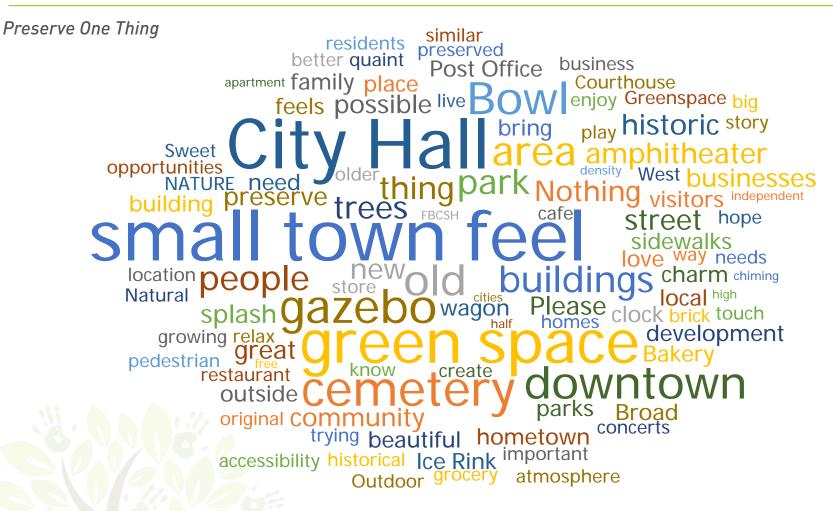
200+ survey responses

Profile of Respondents:

- 96% live within 5-mile of Sugar Hill
- 73% live in the City of Sugar Hill
- 44% living in Sugar Hill for over 10 years
- 92% own a single family house
- 63% never walk/bike/skate to Downtown
- 73% drive to work
- 56% between 18 45 year old
- 32% between 46 65 year old







Take Away One Thing

- Old/Dilapidated Buildings
- Buice School
- Bakery



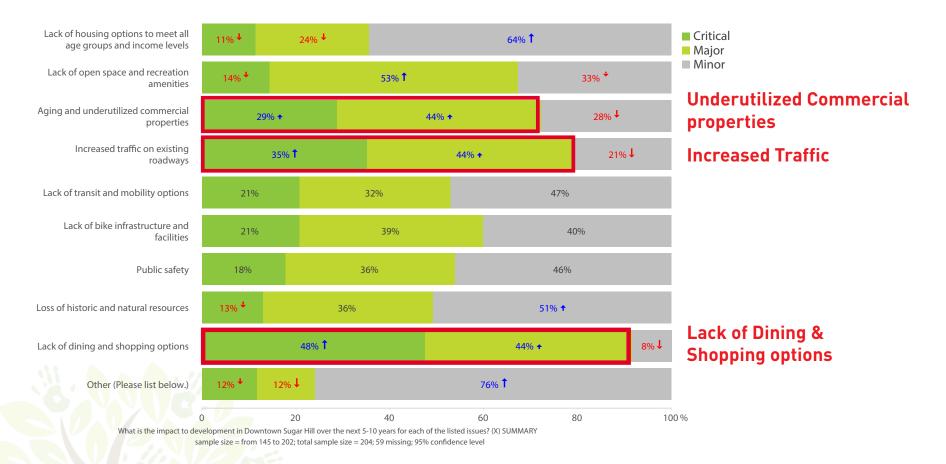
Creating One New Thing

- Restaurants
- Shopping
- Grocery
- Variety of Open Spaces

Precedents for Downtown

- Suwanee
- Duluth
- Avalon
- Greenville

Issues for Future Development over 5-10 Years



Potential Desirable Uses in Downtown

- Retail/Commercial
- Mixed-Use Development
- Single Family Residential

Future Need for Retail Use

- Local Chef-Driven Restaurants
- Boutique Shops
- Entertainment
- Craft Brewery/Brew Pub

Potential Desirable Residential Type

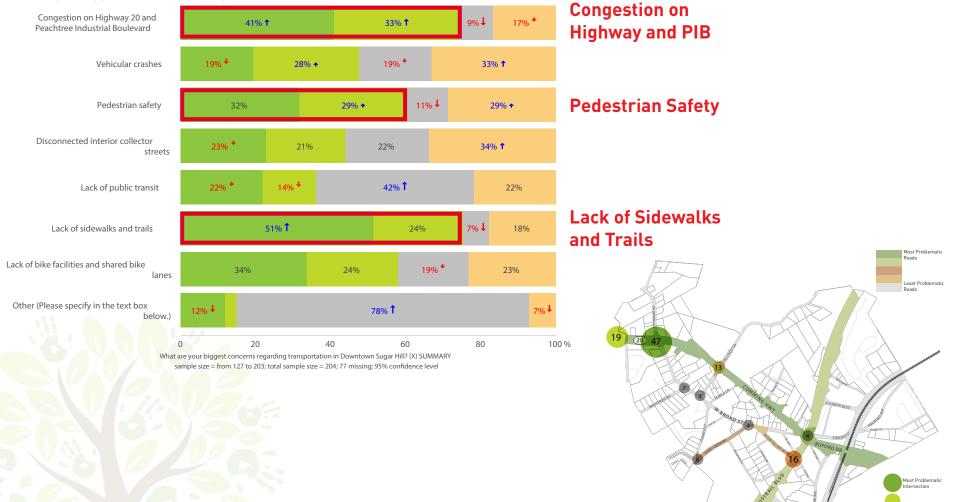
- Housing above Retail
- Townhomes
- Smaller Single Family (Cottages, Ranch)



Biggest Transportation Concerns

Moderate concern.Slight concern.High concern.No concern.

What are your biggest concerns regarding transportation in Downtown Sugar Hill? (X)





Least Problematic

Intersection

Sidewalk Improvement Priorities

Level Creek Road

- Church Street
- Whitehead Road

Pedestrian Improvements to PIB and Highway 20

- Add pedestrian-activated signalized crosswalks
- Add pedestrian refuge islands
- Construct pedestrian bridge over the road

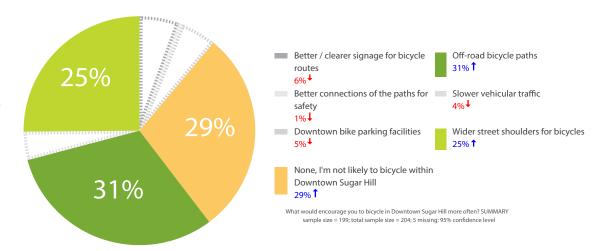
Mobility Improvement Priorities

- More complete sidewalk network
- Wider sidewalks
- Outdoor/sidewalk dining

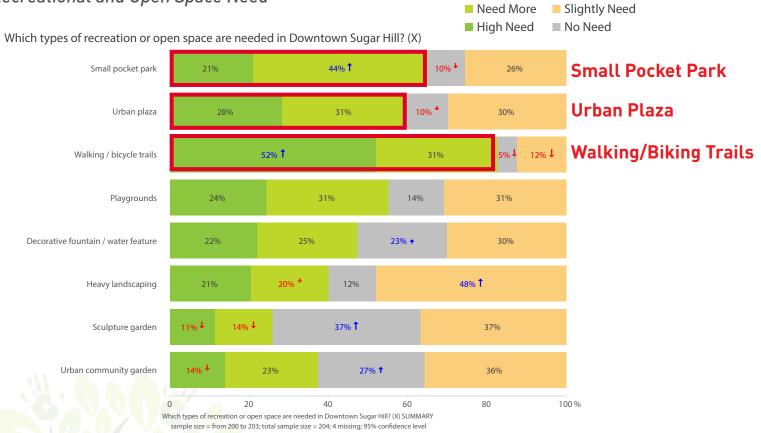


Future Bicycle Facilities Needs

What would encourage you to bicycle in Downtown Sugar Hill more often?









REAL ESTATE MARKET ANALYSIS





CITY OF SUGAR HILL DOWNTOWN LCI REAL ESTATE MARKET ANALYSIS





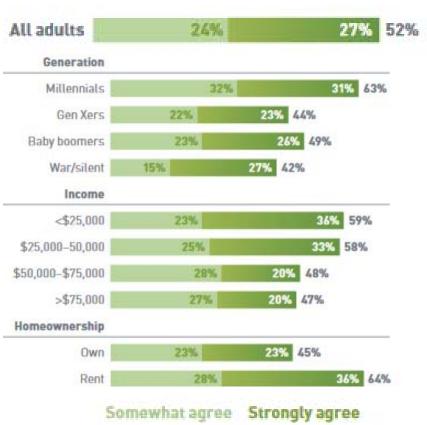




ULI Urban Land Institute

52%

of Americans would like to live in a place where they do not need to use a car very often.



America in 2015 A ULI Survey of Views on Housing, Transportation, and Community





Millennials Favor Walkable Communities, Says New NAR Poll



Seniors want walkability, too, survey says



The WalkUP Wake-Up Call: Atlanta

"Walkable Urban Places" = WalkUPs

By Christopher B. Leinberger The George Washington University School of Business

WalkUP development

in metro Atlanta:

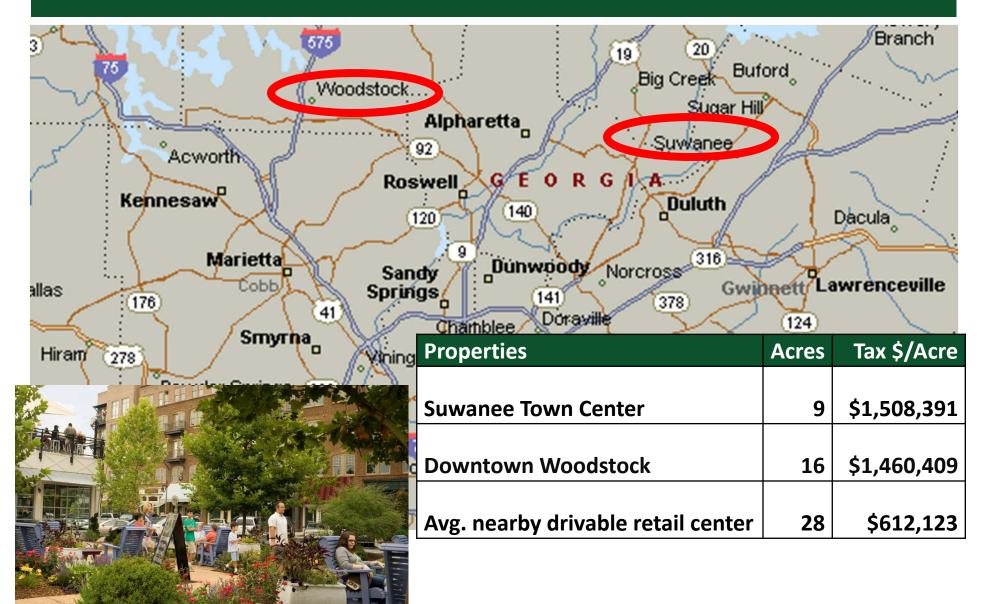
- 1992-2000: 14%
- •2001 to 2008: 26%

•2009 to 2013: 60%

WalkUPs vs. Drivable Sub-Urban

Comparing Average Rents per Sq. Ft.







What's Hot: Trends in the Pipeline for 2018



Missing Middle Housing

Why now: Architect Daniel Parolek, principal at Opticos Design in Berkeley, Calif., sees a solution emerging for the mismatch between demand and the housing that's actually been delivered over the last 20 to 30 years. "Thirty percent of home buyers are single, and their numbers may swell to 75 to 85 percent by 2040,



Cities turn to 'missing middle' housing to keep older millennials from leaving



DETACHED SINGLE-FAMILY

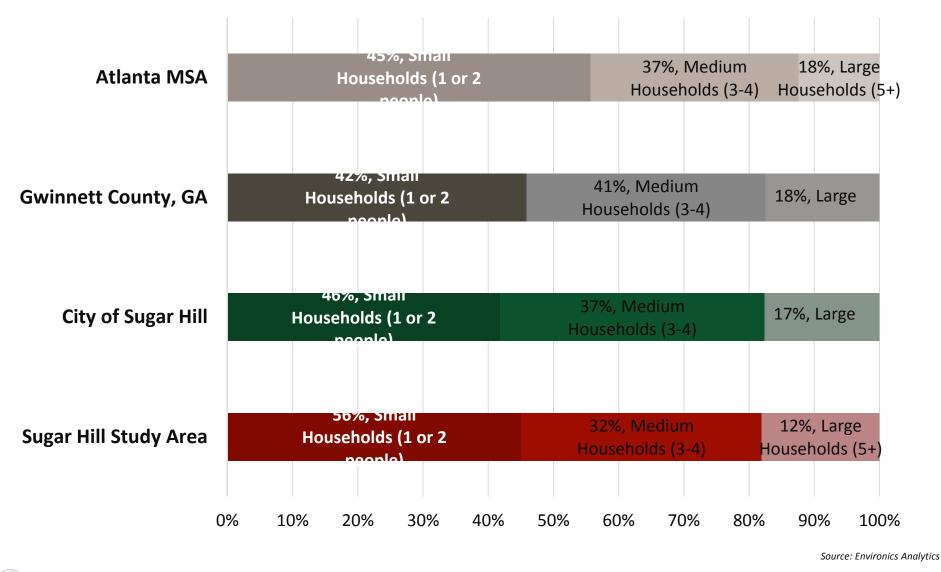
HOMES

TOWNHOUSE MULTIPLEX

MISSING MIDDLE HOUSIN

RISE

HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS



BleaklyAdvisoryGroup

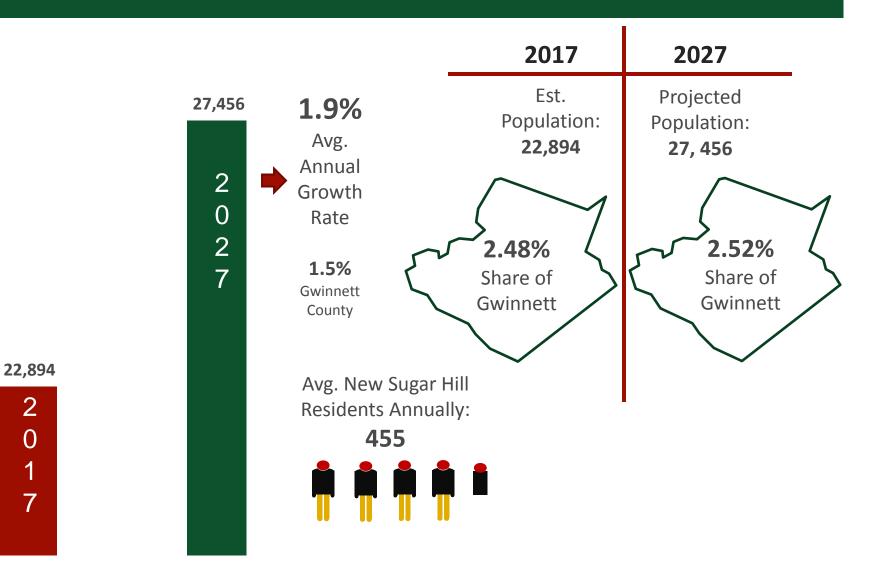
MISSING MIDDLE





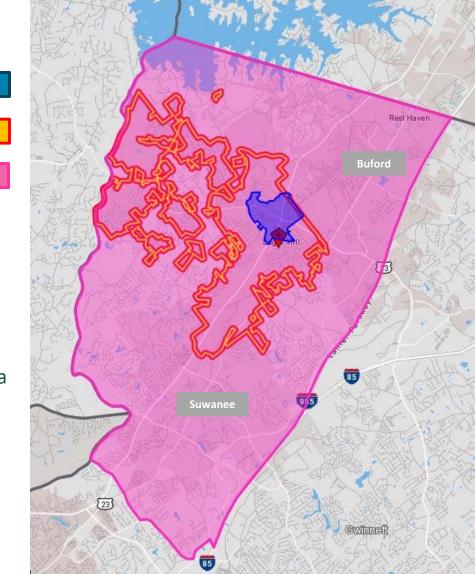
Downtown LCI Market Analysis

SUGAR HILL POPULATION





PRIMARY AREAS FOR ANALYSIS



Sugar Hill Downtown LCI Study Area

Sugar Hill City Limits

Primary Market Area

The Primary Market Area (PMA) is the area from which the majority of household demand is expected to emanate.



AGE AND INCOME

- Currently in the Primary Market Area higher-income "midcareer" households proliferate.
- The prevalence of these households bodes well for the potential future growth of the City of Sugar Hill, as they are a desirable target market.

Households by Age and Income, Primary Market Area, 2017

Age		25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64		
Income	< 25	Young Households	Move-Up Households	Prime Earners/ Empty Nesters			TOTAL
< \$35K	269	751	989	990	933	1,590	5,522
\$35K-\$65K	241	812	1,237	1,605	1,234	1,099	6,228
\$65-\$100K	101	833	1,450	2, 053	1,389	894	6,720
> \$100K	32	1,273	3,367	3,714	2,204	1,157	11,747
TOTAL	644	3,668	7,043	8,362	5,759	4,740	30,216

Young Households



Move-Up Households



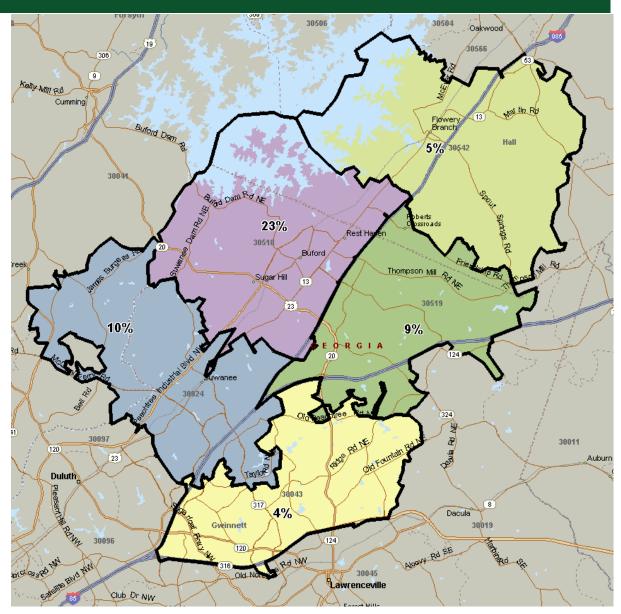


Source: Environics Analytics



RETAIL SPENDING IN SUGAR HILL

 More than half of the retail spending in Sugar Hill comes from households that live in the zip codes highlighted at right.



Based on data from:





Downtown LCI Market Analysis

HOUSEHOLD SPENDING ASSESSMENT

Total Retail Spending in the Primary Market Area: \$1,400,000,000

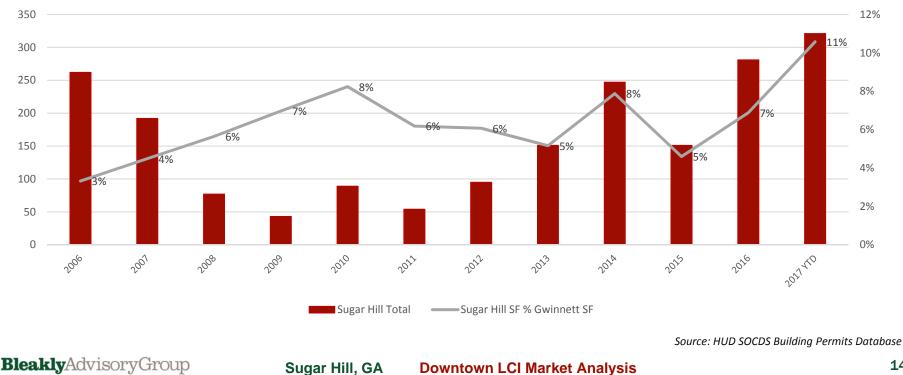


Spending by PMA Households / Spending in the PMA, 2017



HOUSING PERMITS

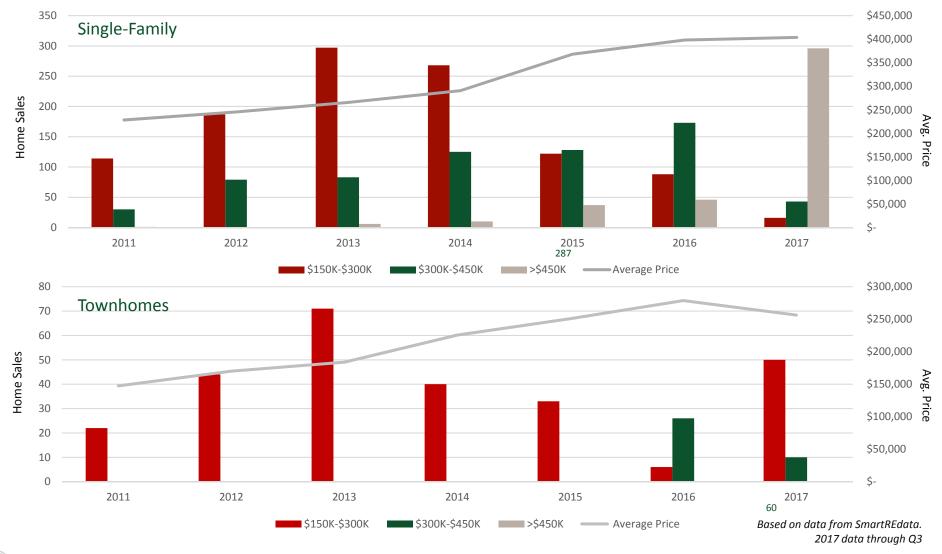
- Since 2010, Sugar Hill has captured (on average) 6% of total housing permits and 6.8% of single family permits annually in Gwinnett County.
- In 2017, housing permits are at their highest since before the Great Recession with 321 permits issued to date.



Total Housing Permits, Sugar Hill

NEW HOME SALES: PRIMARY MARKET AREA

New Construction Home Sales in PMA by Price and Product, 2011-2017



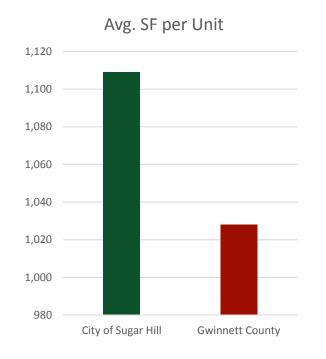
BleaklyAdvisoryGroup

Sugar Hill, GA

Downtown LCI Market Analysis

MULTIFAMILY MARKET ASSESSMENT

- There are 577 multifamily units in 5 apartment communities in Sugar Hill.
- With larger unit sizes in Sugar Hill, the per square foot rent price is lower.



\$1.10 \$1.05 \$1.04 \$1.00 \$0.99 \$0.95 \$0.90 \$0.85 \$0.80 \$0.75 \$0.70 \$0.65 \$0.60 2003 2008 2014 2015 2007 2009 2013 2004 2005 2010 110

City of Sugar Hill Gwinnett County

Asking Rent per Square Foot

Based on data from CoStar



TARGETED OPPORTUNITIES 2017 - 2027

- The Study Area can expand the opportunity to become a sought-after mixeduse walkable node in Gwinnett Co. by capturing demand for the following:
 - For-Rent Residential
 - For-Sale Residential
 - Single-family and Attached
 - Retail
 - Office

		Market Rate Rental: \$875+/month	For-Sale Single- Family: \$150K+	For-Sale Attached: \$150K+		
	New Units 2017-2027	875 - 925	150 - 200	160 - 210		
MARKET	TOTAL POTENTIAL NEW HOMES: 1,185 – 1,335					
DEMAND						
DOTENTIAL						
POTENTIAL			Food and			
SUMMARY		"Dry Goods" Retail	Food and Beverage Stores	Restaurants		
	New Sq. Ft. 2017-2027	"Dry Goods" Retail 25,000 – 29,000		Restaurants 23,000 – 27,000		
	New Sq. Ft. 2017-2027 TOTAL POTENTIAL NEW	25,000 – 29,000	Beverage Stores 11,000 – 15,000			
		25,000 – 29,000 RETAIL SF: 60,000 – 7	Beverage Stores 11,000 – 15,000 70,000			

RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES 2017 - 2027

	Market Rate Rental: \$875+/month	For-Sale Single- Family: \$150K+	For-Sale Attached: \$150K+			
New Units 2017-2027	875 - 925	150 - 200	160 - 210			
TOTAL POTENTIAL NEW HOMES: 1,185 – 1,335						

- For Rent Residential: Mix of attached housing types and accessory dwelling units
- For Sale Residential: Mix of single-family, townhomes and other "missing middle" housing types





RETAIL OPPORTUNITIES 2017 - 2027

	"Dry Goods" Retail	Food and Beverage Stores	Restaurants		
New Sq. Ft. 2017-2027	25,000 – 29,000	11,000 - 15,000	23,000 – 27,000		
TOTAL POTENTIAL NEW RETAIL SF: 60,000 – 70,000					

- Grocery, pharmacy, and other store types to serve growing local populace
- Additional restaurants to serve both locals and visitors



Sidewalk Cafes: "Silver Bullets of Walkable Places"



OFFICE OPPORTUNITIES 2017 - 2027

TOTAL POTENTIAL NEW OFFICE SF: 40,000 – 50,000

- Buildings in mixed use setting targeting professional service companies
 - Doctors
 - Lawyers
 - Insurance Agents
 - Real Estate Agents
 - Architects
 - Engineers
 - Bank
 - Start-ups

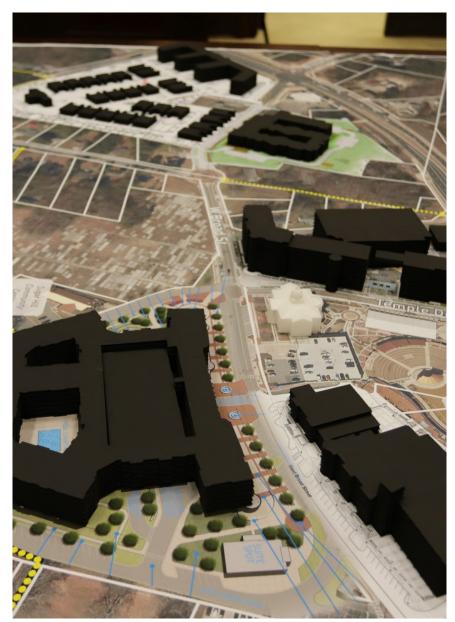






PLANNING EXERCISES

- Land Use Character (10 min.)
 - Select desired development character images for Downtown subareas
- Mobility/Streetscape Improvements (15 min.)
 - Select desired streetscape improvement images and provide input on street sections
- Identity/Branding/Open Space (5 min.)
 - Select desired images for type of open space, identity and branding for Downtown
- Downtown Buildout Concepts (20 min.)
 - Use various development and housing blocks for future buildout scenarios





NEXT STEPS

- Development and Mobility Framework Plan
- Downtown Growth Strategies
- Preliminary Design Concepts
- Core Team Meeting #3 on 01/24/18
- Public Workshop #3 on 02/15/18





SUNABLE CENTERS INITIA CITY OF SUGAR HILL ONNTOWN MASTERPLAN **CORE TEAM MEETING #3** January 24, 2018 AECK SARGENT



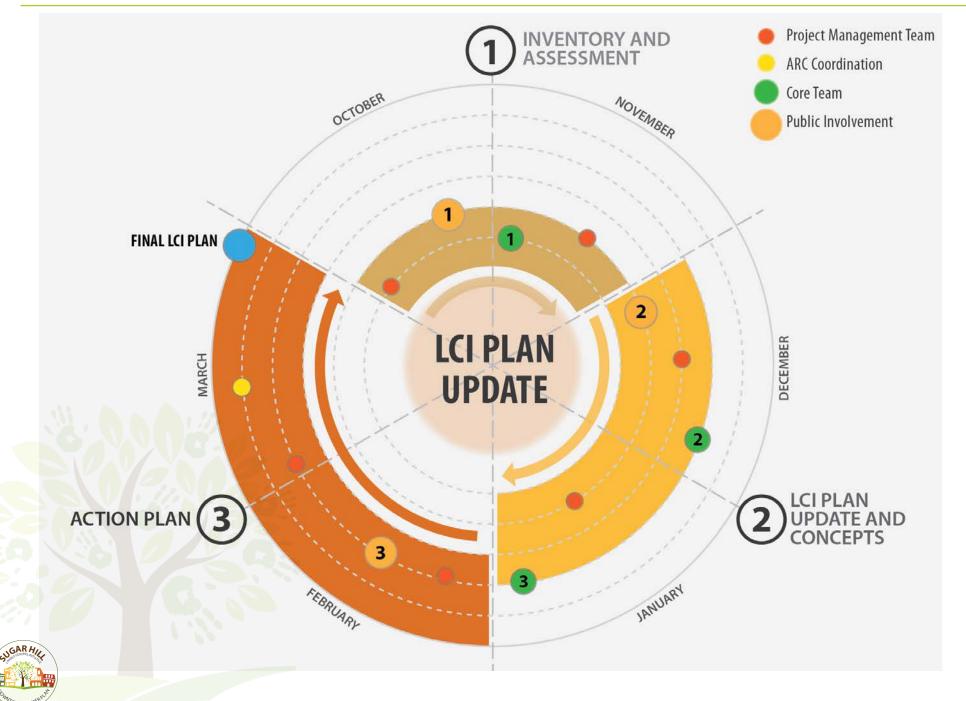
AGENDA

- Process Update
- What are the BIG Themes
- Mobility Framework
- Downtown Growth
- Development Framework
- Discussion
- Next Steps





PROCESS



SCHEDULE

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SCHEDULE



Public Kick-Off Meeting October 21, 2017, 11 am - 5 pm Issues, Opportunities and Vision



Public Workshop **December 6**, 2017, 6 pm - 7:30 pm *Development and Mobility Concepts*



Public Open House February 15, 2018, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Framework Plans, Strategies, and Priorities

✓ 1

Core Team Meeting #1 November 1, 2017, 6 pm - 7:30 pm Preliminary Vision and Stakeholder Input Summary



Core Team Meeting #2 December 21, 2017, 6 pm - 7:30 pm Draft Framework Plans



Core Team Meeting #3 January 24, 2018, 6 pm - 7:30 pm Refined Framework Plans and Design Concepts

Project Information: http://cityofsugarhill.com/2018lciplan/



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS



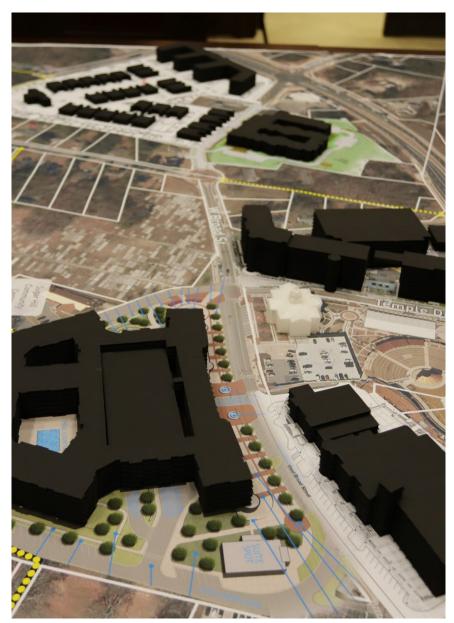






PLANNING EXERCISES

- Land Use Character
 - Select desired development character images for Downtown subareas
- Mobility/Streetscape Improvements
 - Select desired streetscape improvement images and provide input on street sections
- Identity/Branding/Open Space
 - Select desired images for type of open space, identity and branding for Downtown
- Downtown Buildout Concepts
 - Use various development and housing blocks for future buildout scenarios





WHAT ARE THE BIG THEMES

DREAM BIG and THINK LONG TERM

Land Use and Development:

- Create vision for long term development growth beyond the CBD boundary
- Create a vibrant downtown core with a variety dining and shopping options
- Maximize development potential with mix of uses to create critical mass within a 5-min walk
- Develop "transitional" housing density between the "dense" core and suburban residential areas
- Revitalize aging commercial and residential areas through redevelopment and infill strategies
- Focus on architectural character of the future mixed-use and housing development

















WHAT ARE THE BIG THEMES

DREAM BIG and THINK LONG TERM

Mobility:

- Improve connectivity between downtown core and future growth areas
- Extend pedestrian and bike infrastructure throughout downtown and beyond
- Traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements on Highway 20 and PIB



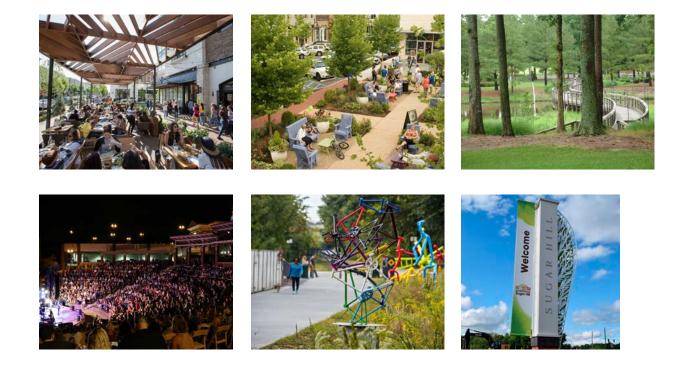


WHAT ARE THE BIG THEMES

DREAM BIG and THINK LONG TERM

Identity/Branding/Open Space:

- Incorporate a variety of open spaces such as urban plazas, neighborhood parks, pocket parks as part of new development
- Plan more activities for youth and families
- Create cohesive branding for the City by incorporating history and public art



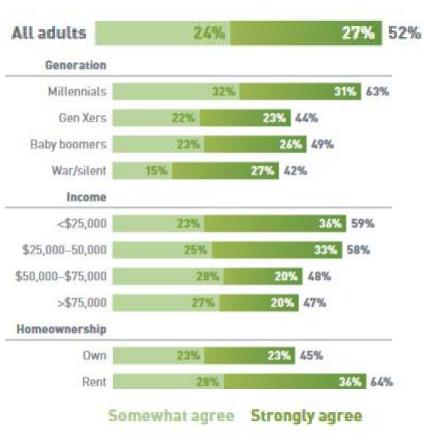


WALKABILITY TRENDS

ULI Urban Land Institute

52%

of Americans would like to live in a place where they do not need to use a car very often.



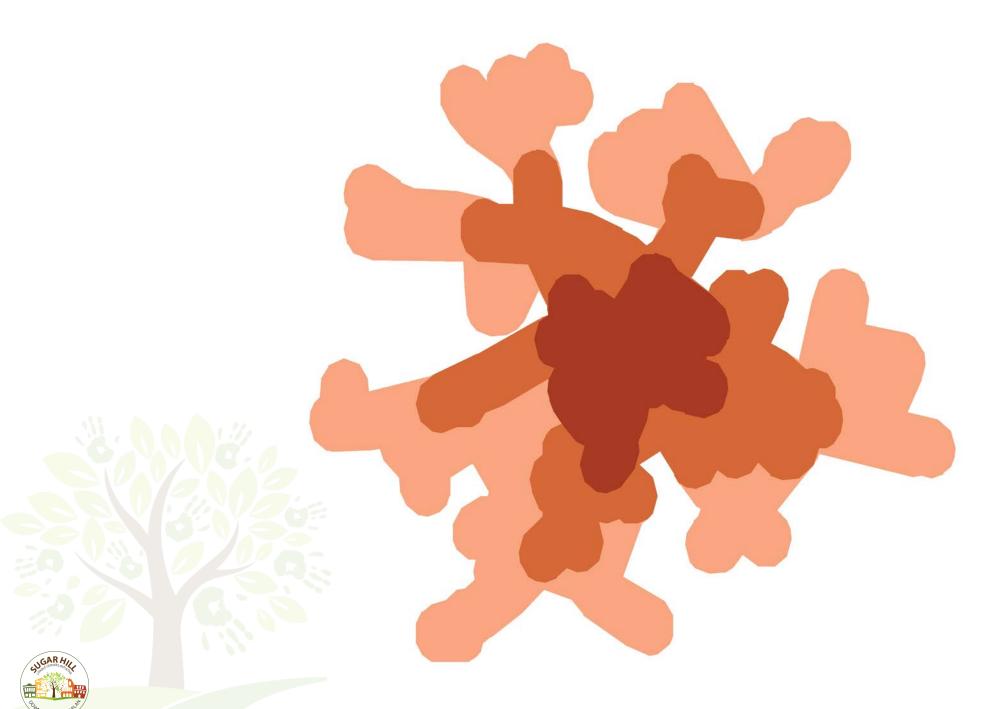
America in 2015 A ULI Survey of Views on Housing, Transportation, and Community

BleaklyAdvisoryGroup

Sugar Hill, GA

Downtown LCI Market Analysis

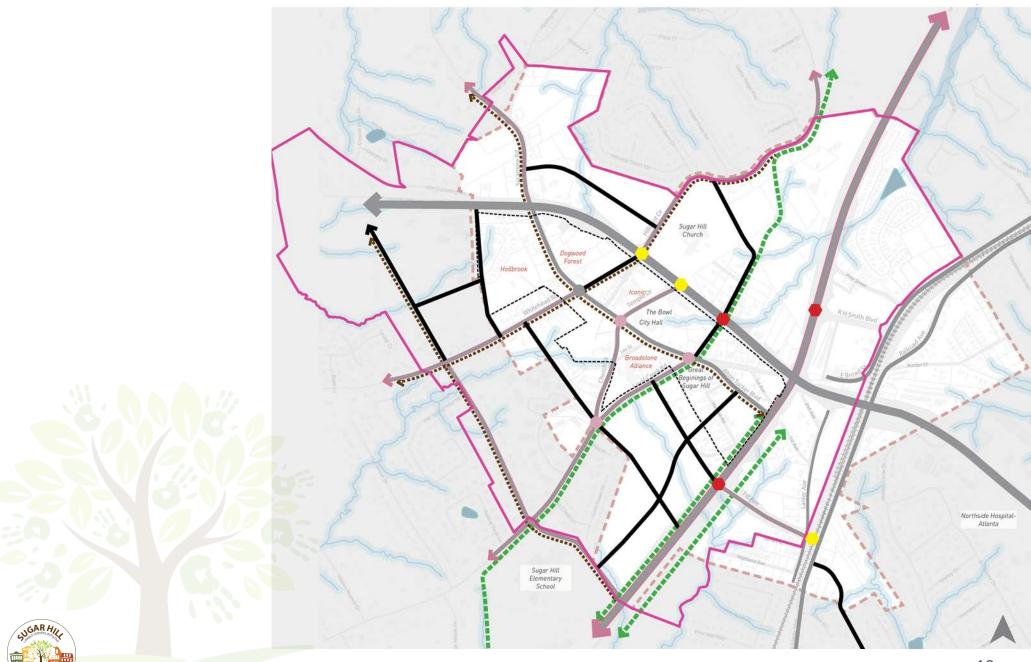
10



MOBILITY FRAMEWORK PLAN



MOBILITY FRAMEWORK PLAN(DRAFT)



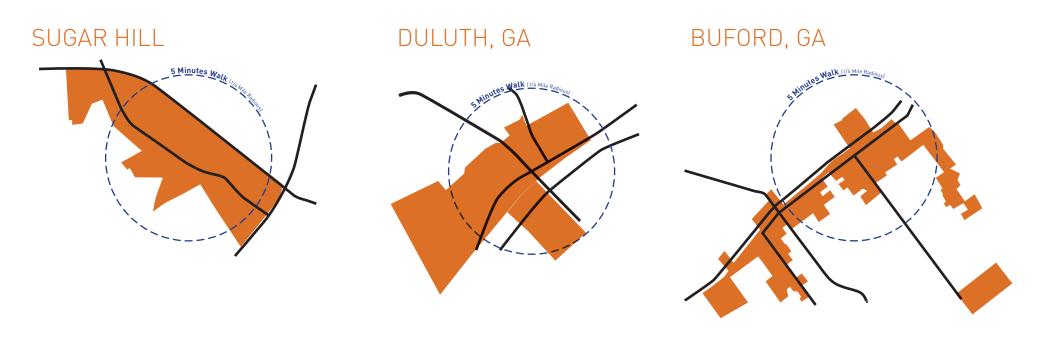
MOBILITY FRAMEWORK PLAN

- Close mobility gaps with new streets, pedestrian and bike connections
- Streetscape improvements on major downtown streets - Whitehead, Level Creek, Church, Sycamore, Hillcrest, Temple, 1st Avenue, Spring Hill
- Bike infrastructure on major streets - West Broad, Whitehead, Level Creek, Spring Hill, Hillcrest, Sycamore
- Sidewalk and streetscape improvements throughout downtown, including Highway 20 and PIB
- Pedestrian friendly environment and safety measures on Highway 20 and PIB - traffic calming, landscaped median, street trees, and pedestrian lights

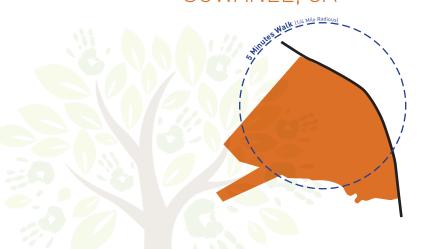


Level Creek and Whitehead Street Section

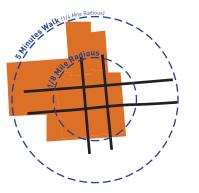




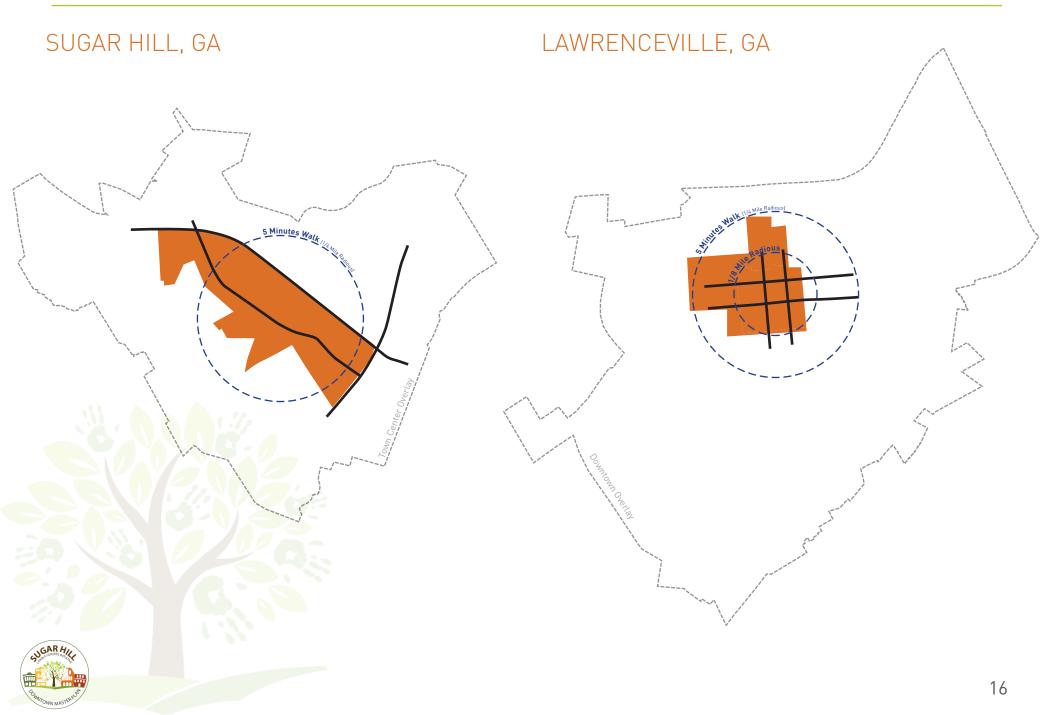
SUWANEE, GA

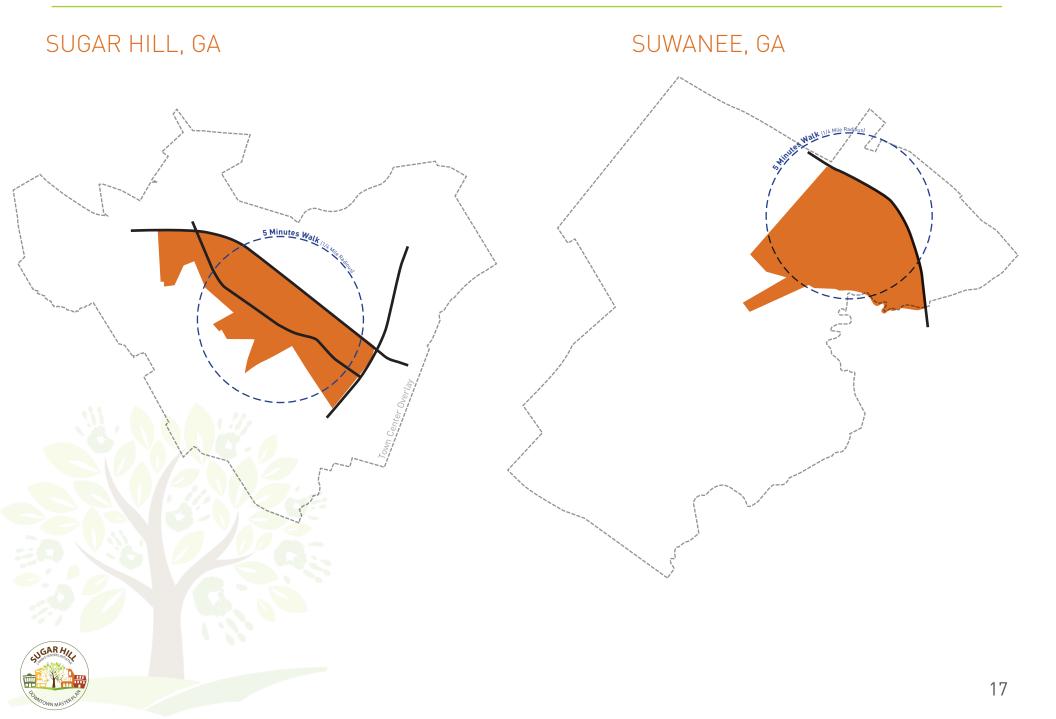


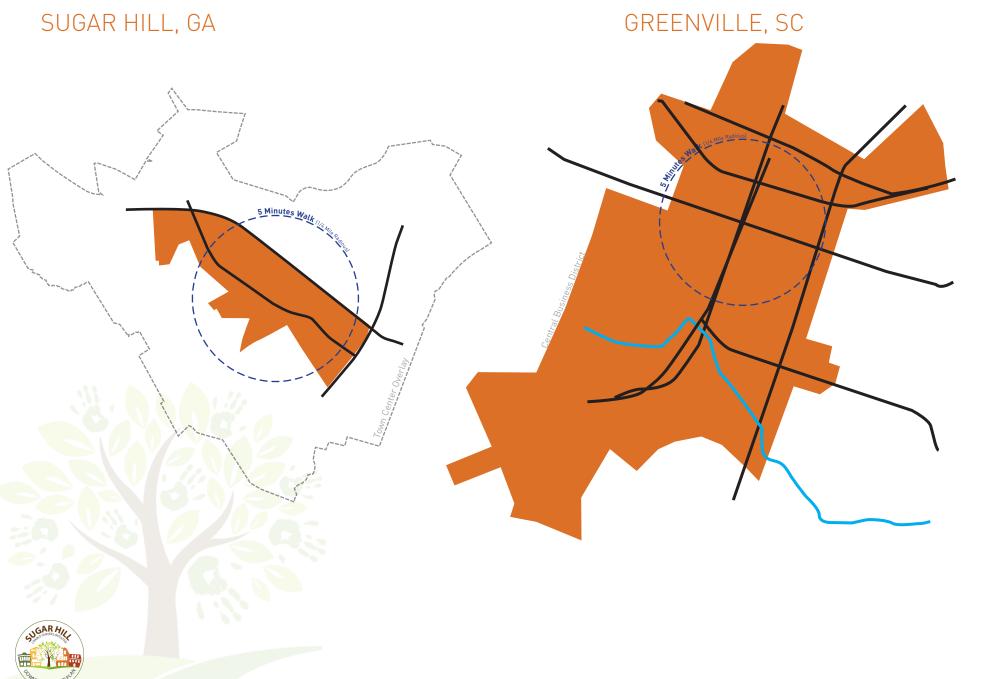


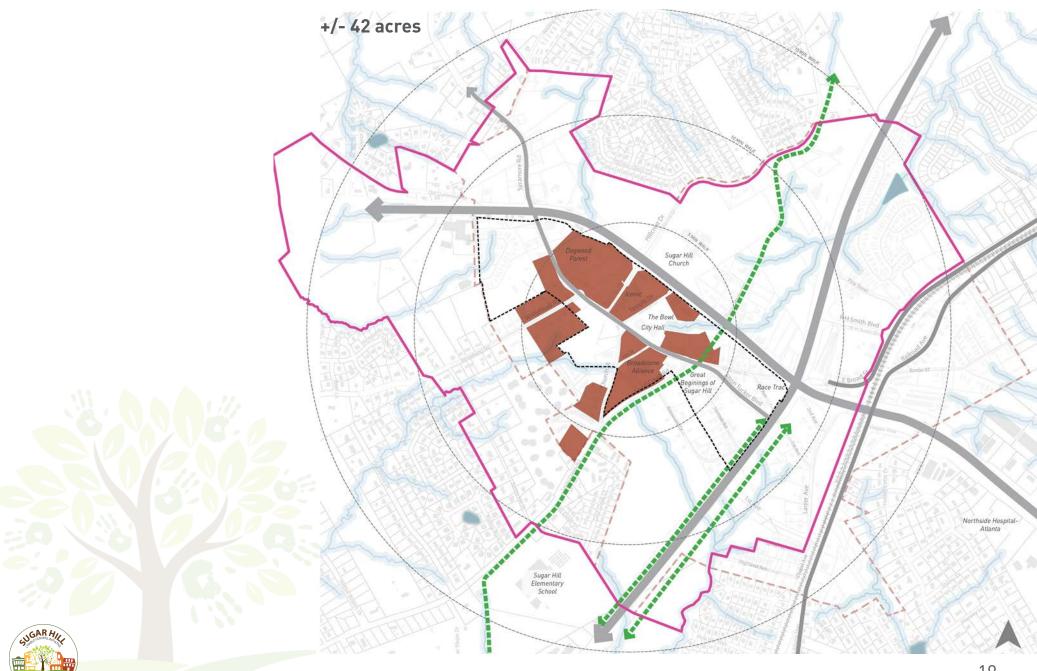


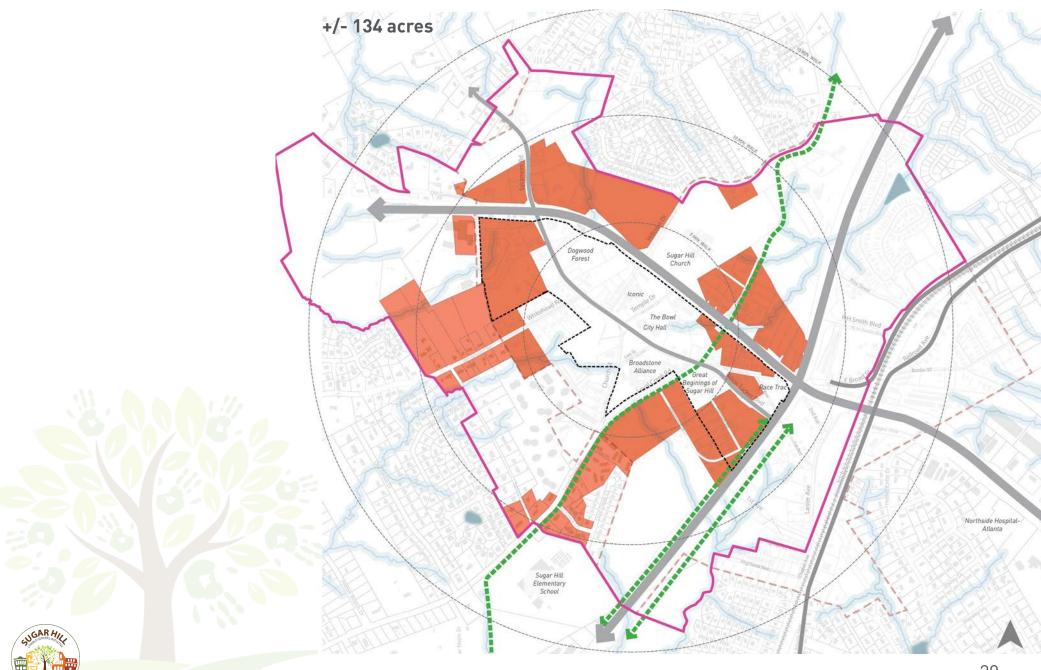


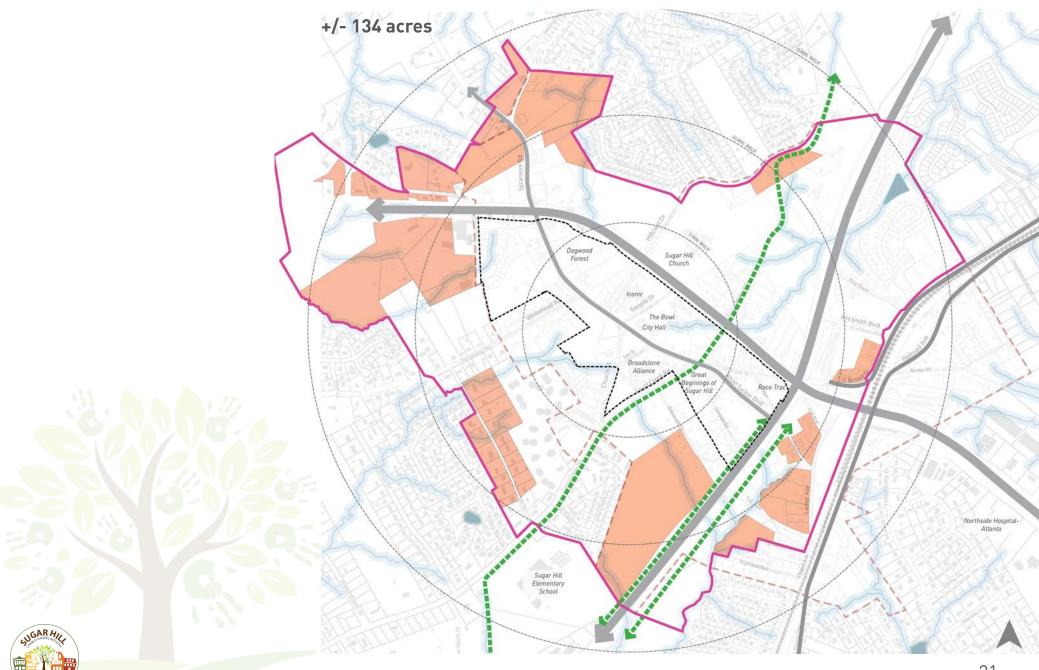


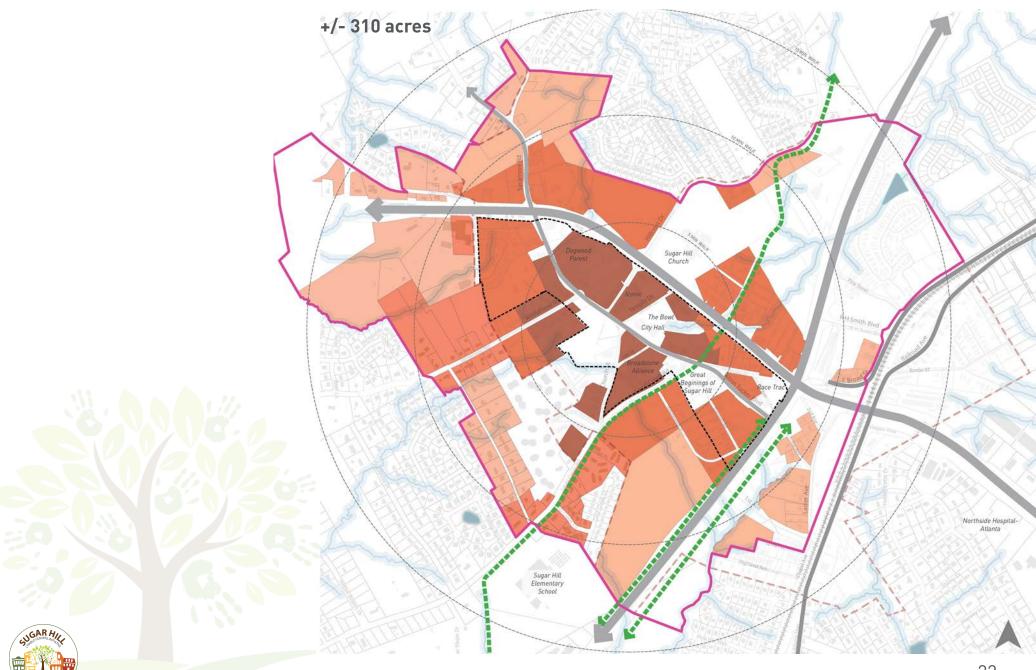












DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN (DRAFT)

