



PLAN CINCINNATI

a comprehensive plan for the future

Plan Cincinnati: The City of Cincinnati's Comprehensive Plan

Equitable Growth and Housing Committee | June 7, 2022

What is a Comprehensive Plan?



- A guide to the City's future development and redevelopment
- Provides guidance to the City in developing and directing future capital budgets
- Serves as the basis for zoning recommendations

What is it NOT?

- It does not make operational recommendations – it makes physical and policy recommendations.
- It does not focus on individual neighborhoods or go into detail. It focuses on the City as a whole.
- It is not simply a list of tasks for the City to complete.

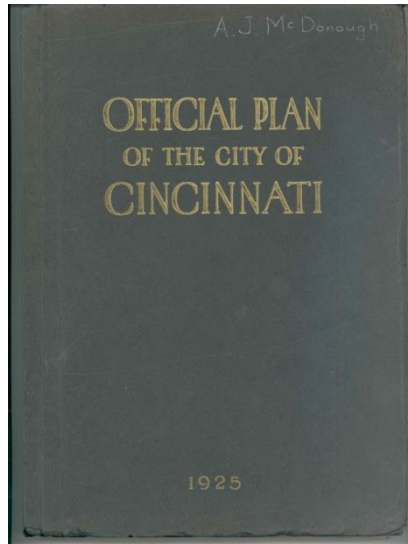
Why did the City need a New Comprehensive Plan?



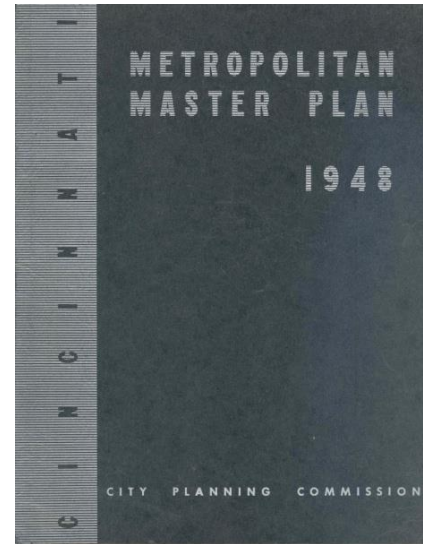
- Cincinnati was growing and changing
- Projects moving forward simultaneously
- Needed a clear vision and strategy of how projects relate to one another
- Slower Economy = Good time for Long-Range Planning

A Once-in-a-Generation Opportunity

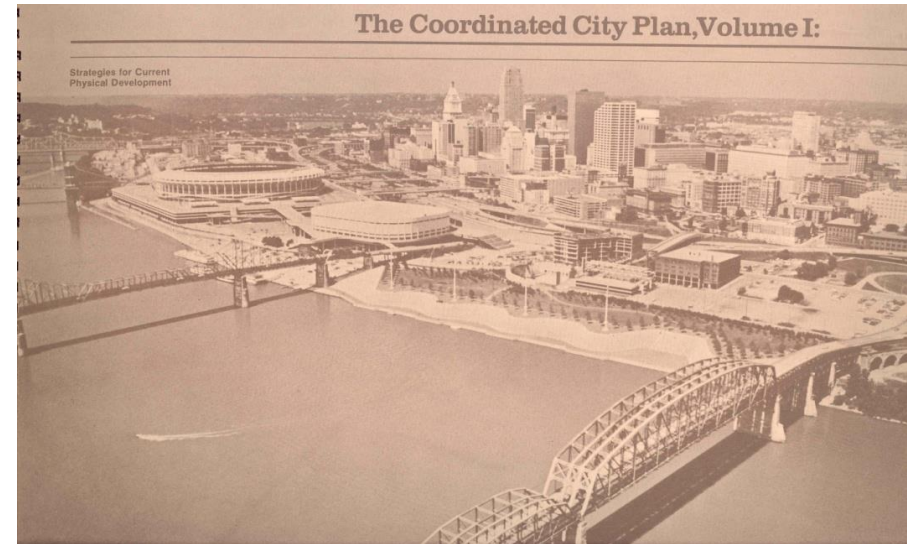
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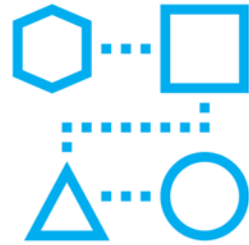
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2012



The Plan Cincinnatiati Process



3 Year Process



**40 Member
Steering Committee**



**25+ Steering
Committee
Meetings**



**24 Working
Group Meetings**



**Visits to all
Community Councils**



**4 Public
Kick-Off Meetings**



**2 Neighborhood
Summits**



**"Planting
Our Future"**

A Plan Based on Community Character

- A focus on re-creating urban form – modernization without suburbanization.
- An approach to policy based on revitalizing our **neighborhood centers** and **corridors** and improving quality of life.
- A significant shift in comprehensive planning.

The Plan Cincinnati Vision

Thriving Re-Urbanization

The vision for the future of Cincinnati is focused on an unapologetic drive to create and sustain a thriving inclusive urban community, where engaged people and memorable places are paramount, where creativity and innovation thrive, and where local pride and confidence are contagious.

Summary of Plan Cincinnati

- Guiding Policy Principles
- Guiding Geographic Principles
- Five Initiative Areas
- Goals

Guiding Policy Principles

The “Big Ideas” of Plan Cincinnati.

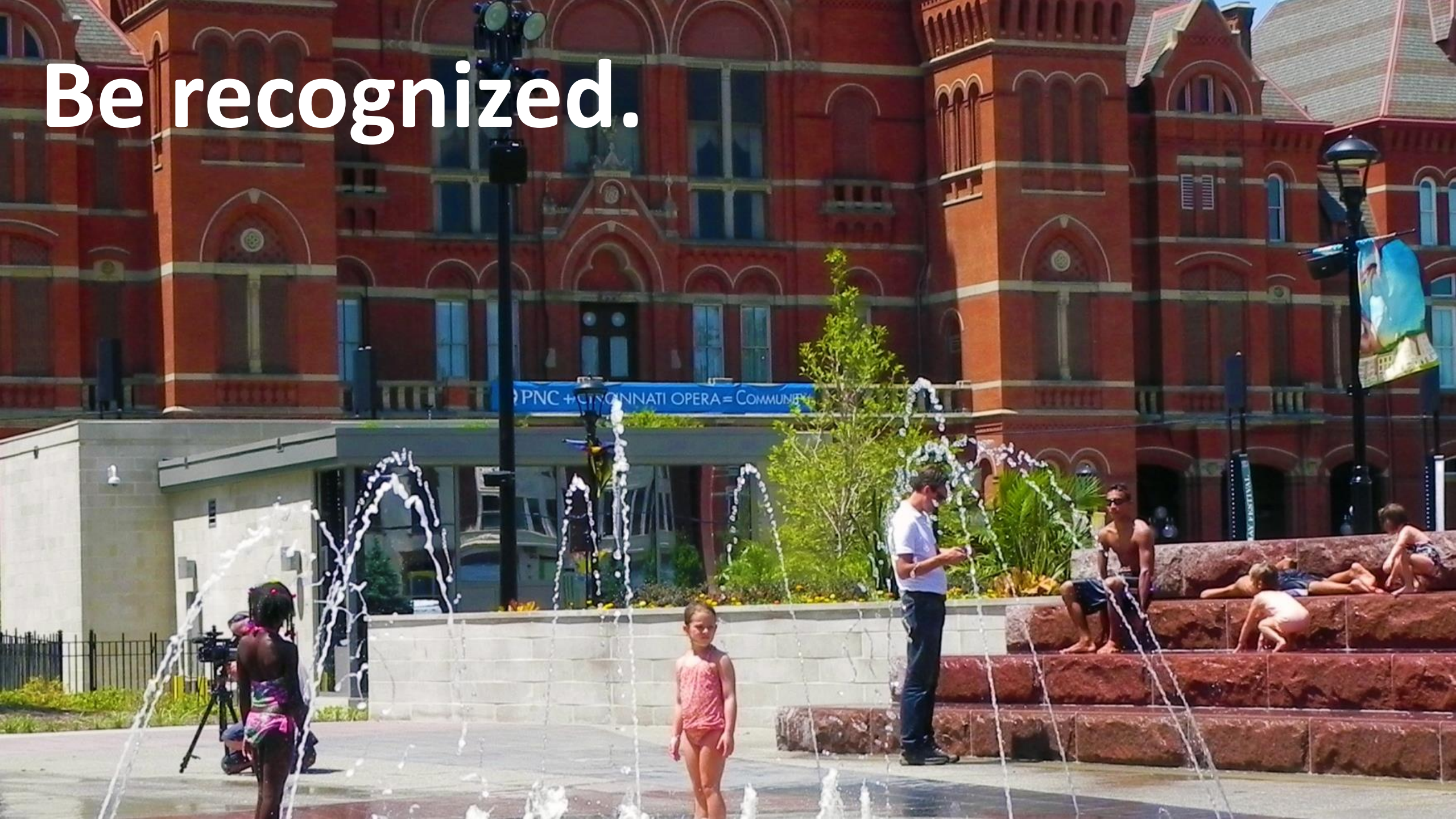
Increase our population.





Build on our assets.

Be recognized.



A construction site at dusk. In the foreground, a large building is under construction, with its steel framework visible. A tall blue crane stands prominently in the center. To the right, a completed multi-story building with many lit windows stands. The sky is a deep blue. The text "Be aggressive and strategic in growth and development." is overlaid in white. A banner on the construction site reads "QUEEN CITY SQUARE".

Be aggressive and strategic
in growth and development.



Preserve (or create) a pedestrian-scaled city.

Spend public funds more strategically.





Develop a culture of health.



Preserve our natural and historic resources.

Westwood Town Hall

Cincinnati **R**ecreation **C**ommission

3017 Harrison Ave.



Strengthen our
community organizations.



**Lead by example to
strengthen our region.**





Implement our plan.



Guiding Geographic Principles

Strategically guide the location of future investment and growth.

The Guiding Geographic Principles

Focus revitalization on existing centers of activity.

Link centers with effective transportation for maximum accessibility.

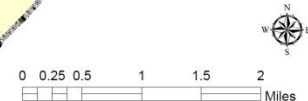
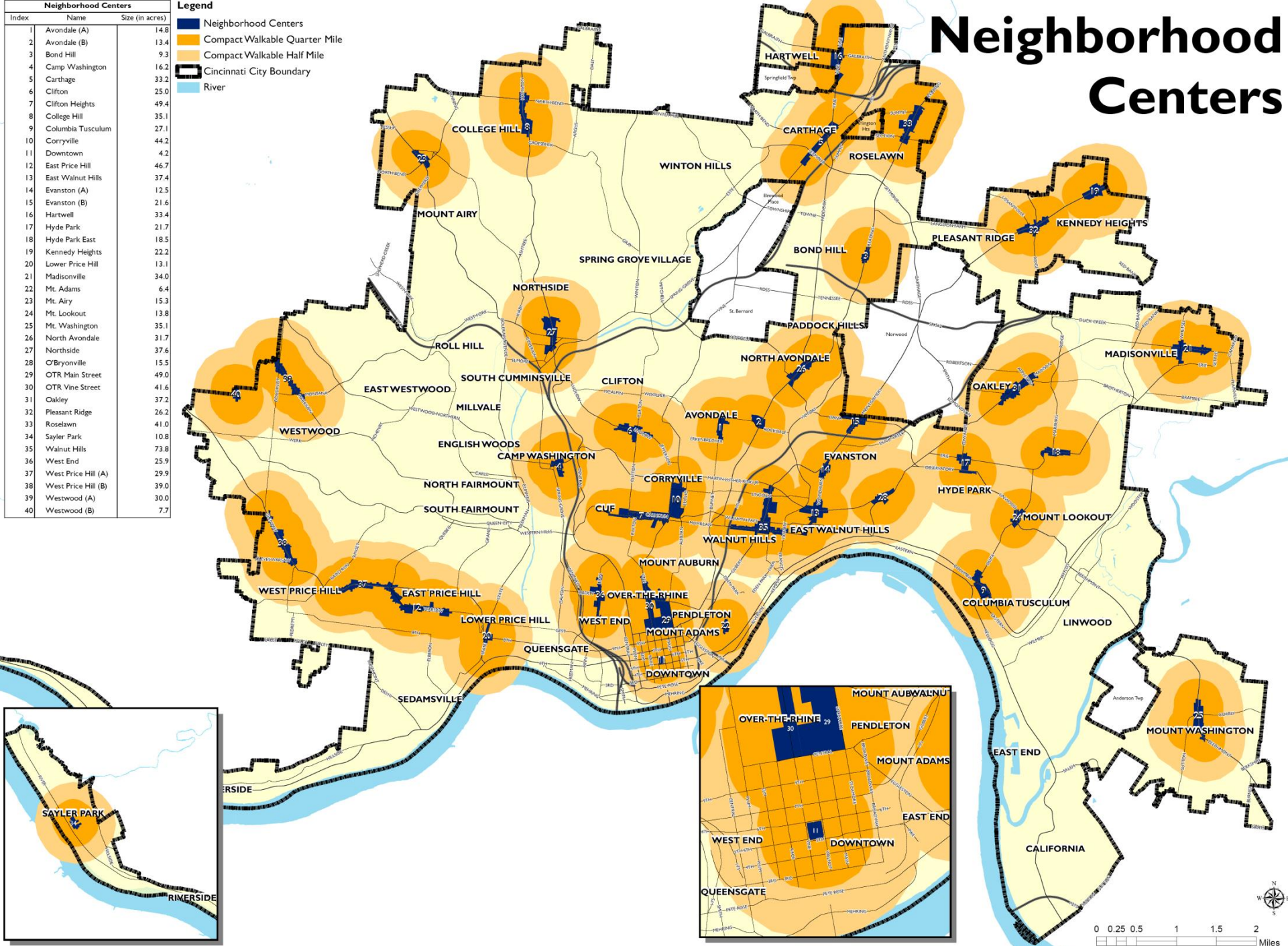
Create new centers of activity where appropriate.

Maximize industrial reinvestment in existing industrial areas.

Neighborhood Centers

Neighborhood Centers		
Index	Name	Size (in acres)
1	Avondale (A)	14.8
2	Avondale (B)	13.4
3	Bond Hill	9.3
4	Camp Washington	16.2
5	Carthage	33.2
6	Clifton	25.0
7	Clifton Heights	49.4
8	College Hill	35.1
9	Columbia Tusculum	27.1
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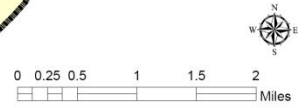
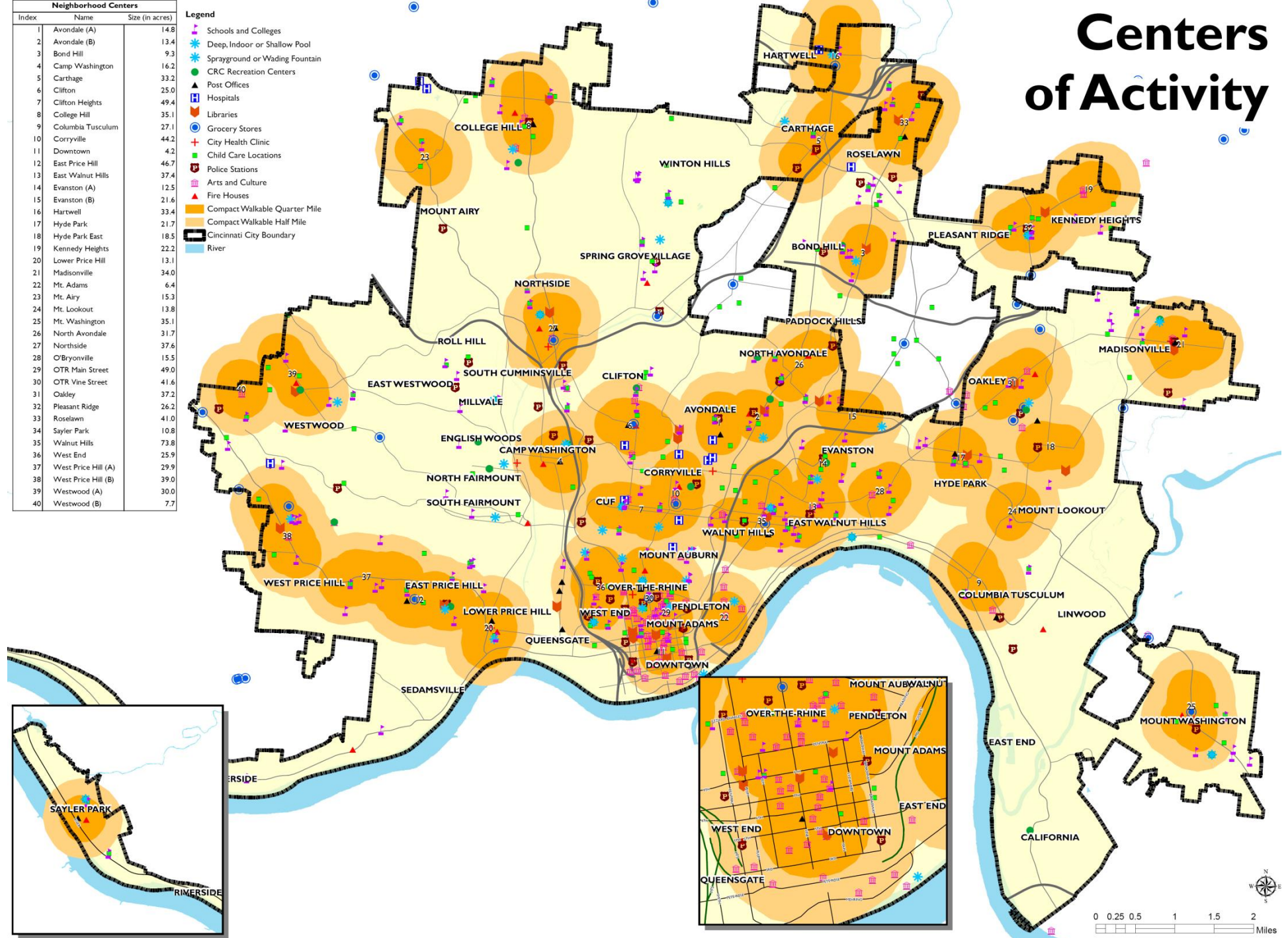
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 - Compact Walkable Quarter Mile
 - Compact Walkable Half Mile
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 - River



Centers of Activity

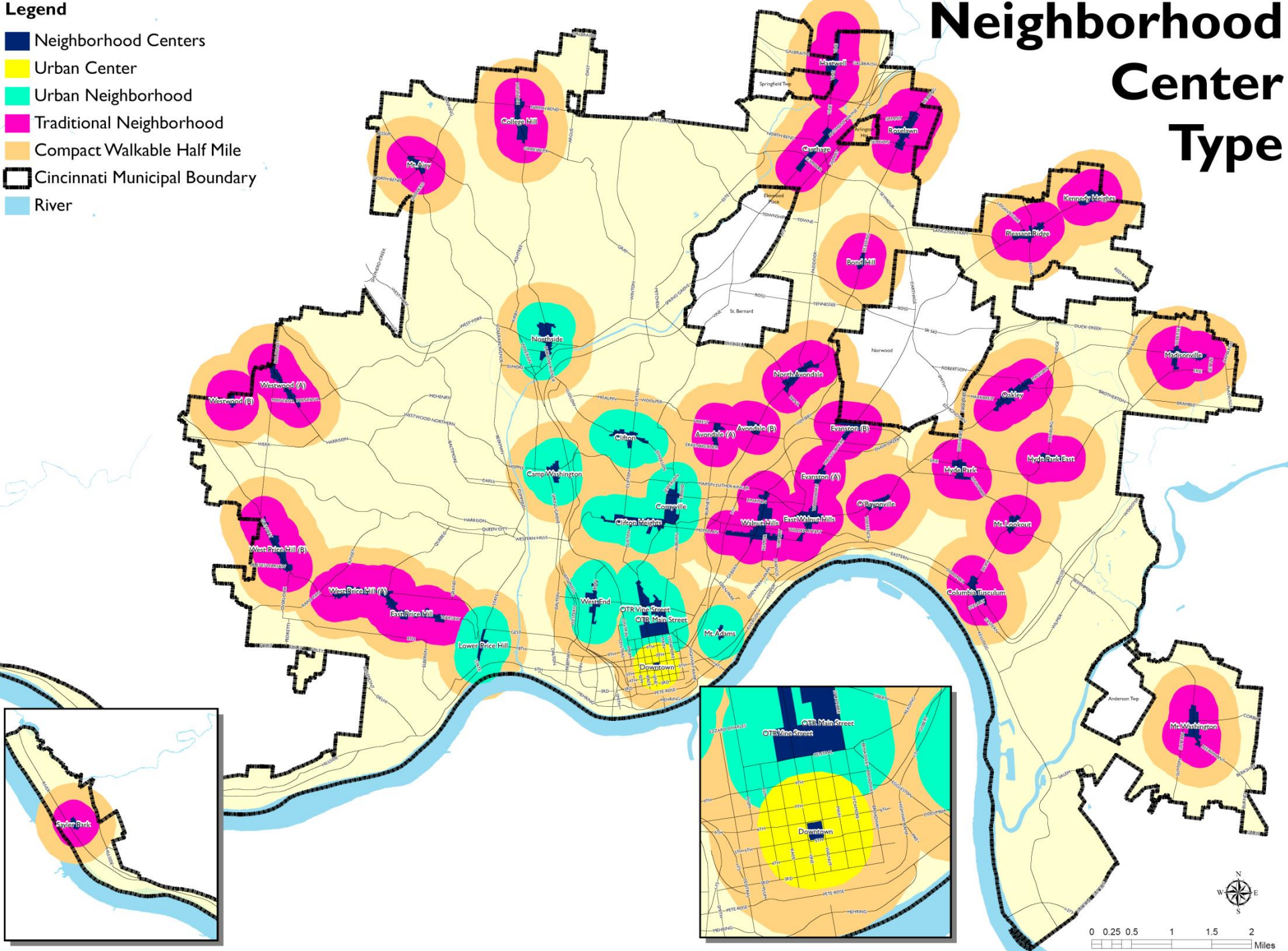
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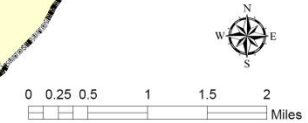
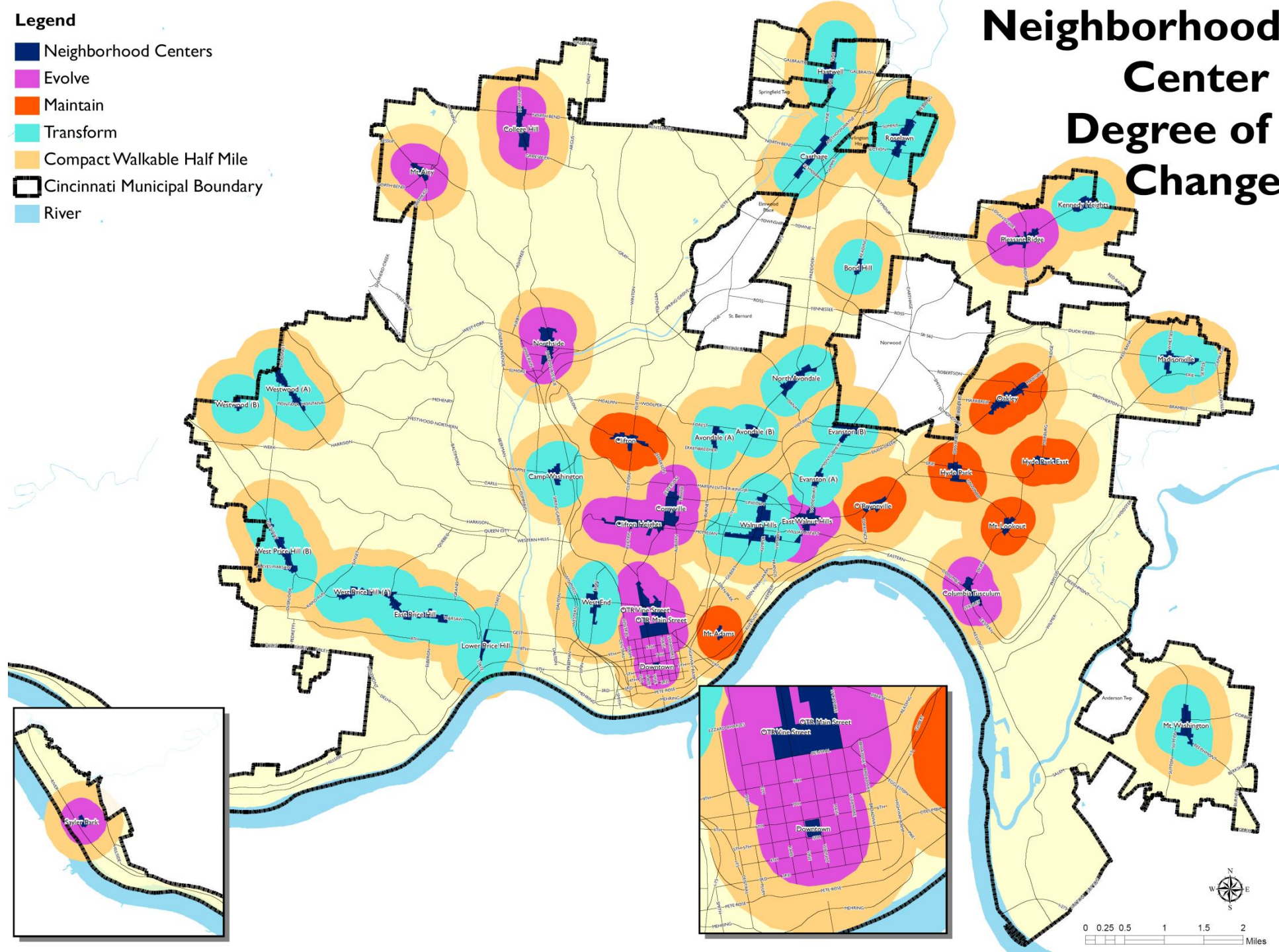
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 - Urban Center
 - Urban Neighborhood
 - Traditional Neighborhood
 - Compact Walkable Half Mile
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Neighborhood Center Degree of Change

- Legend**
- Neighborhood Centers
 - Evolve
 - Maintain
 - Transform
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Legend

Percent of Units, No Vehicle Available

0% - 21.91%

21.92% - 50%

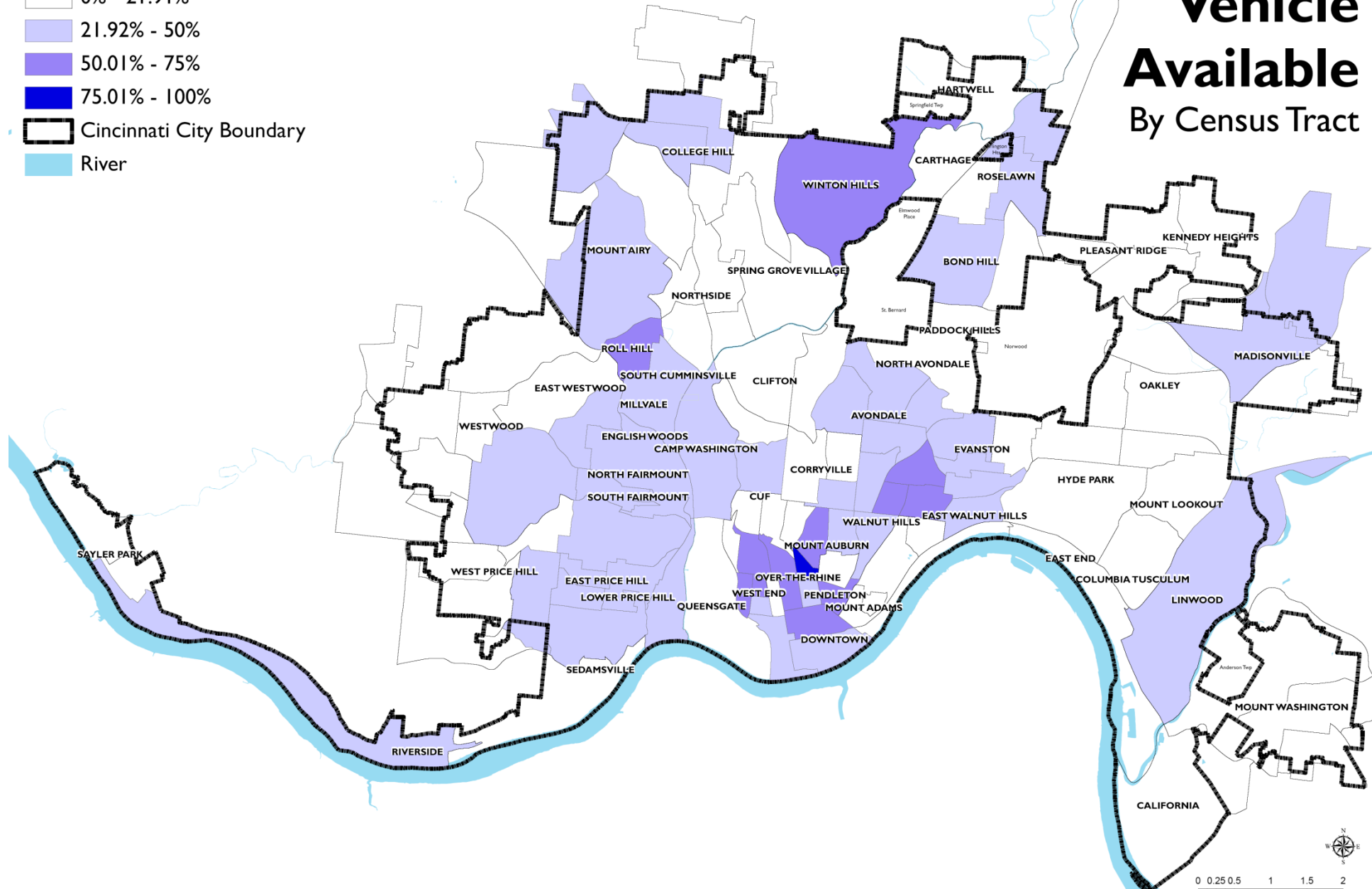
50.01% - 75%

75.01% - 100%

Cincinnati City Boundary

River

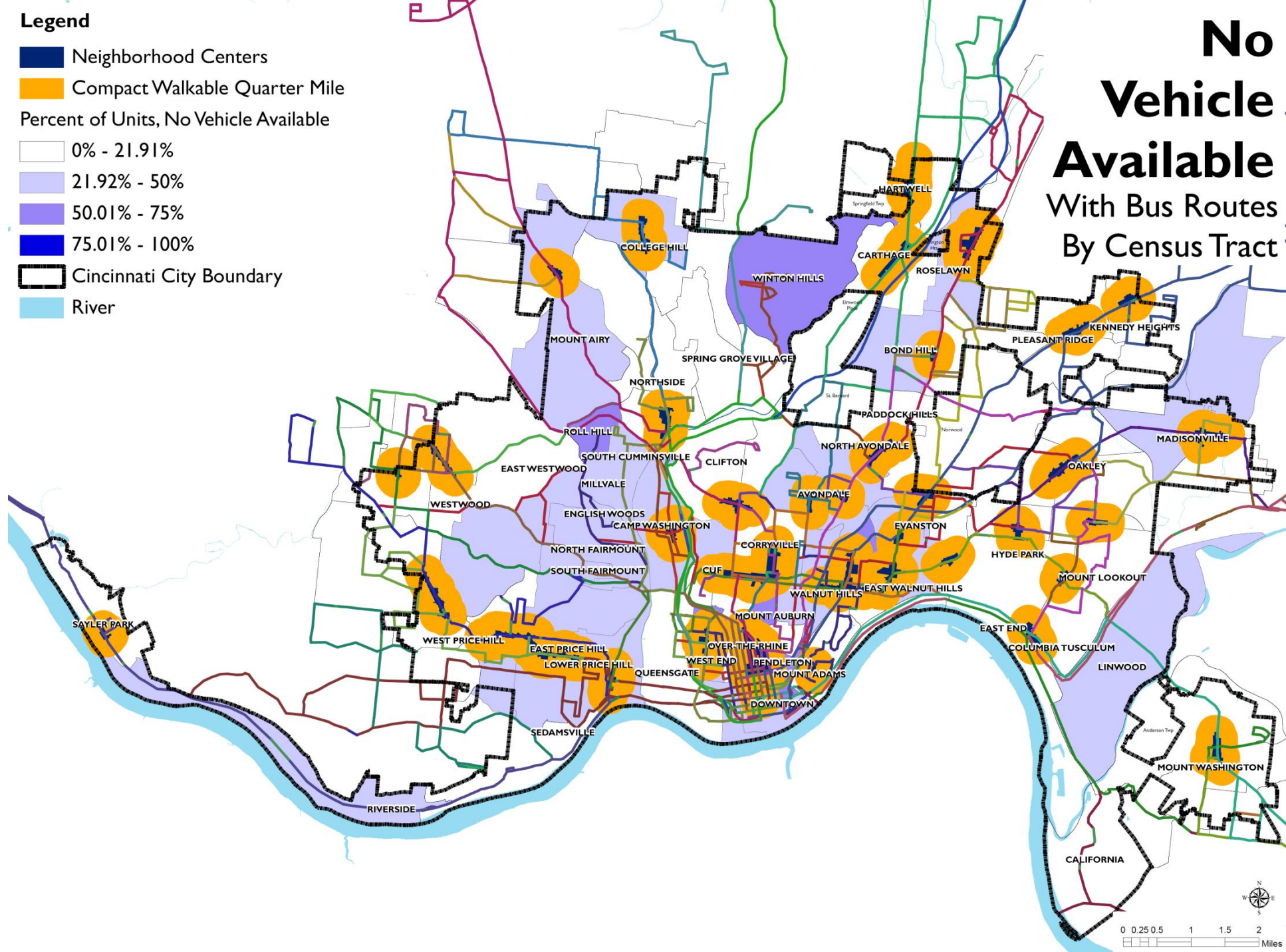
No Vehicle Available By Census Tract



Legend

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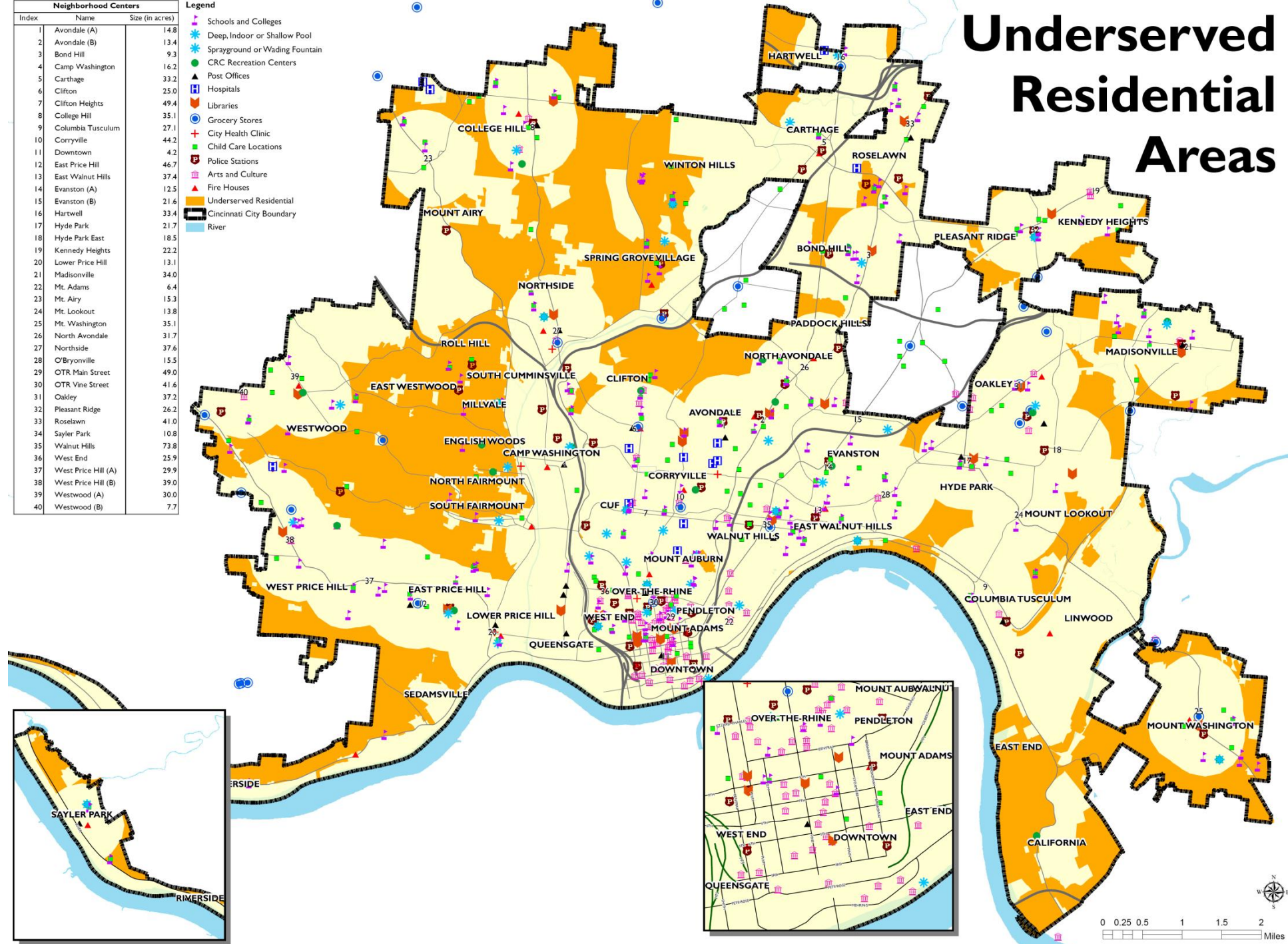
No Vehicle Available With Bus Routes By Census Tract



Underserved Residential Areas





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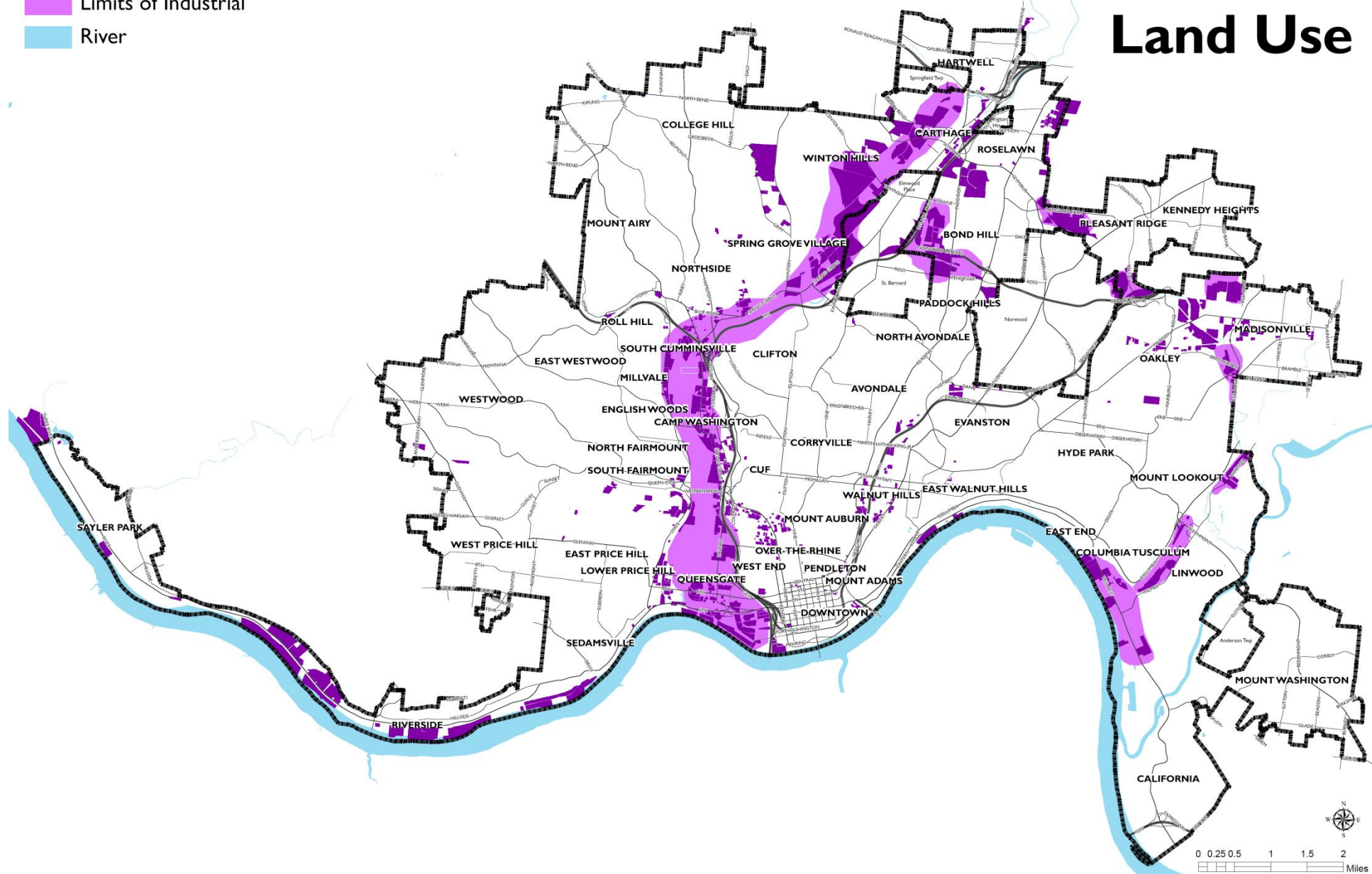
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Future Industrial Land Use

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-  Cincinnati City Boundary
-  Existing Industrial Properties
-  Limits of Industrial
-  River



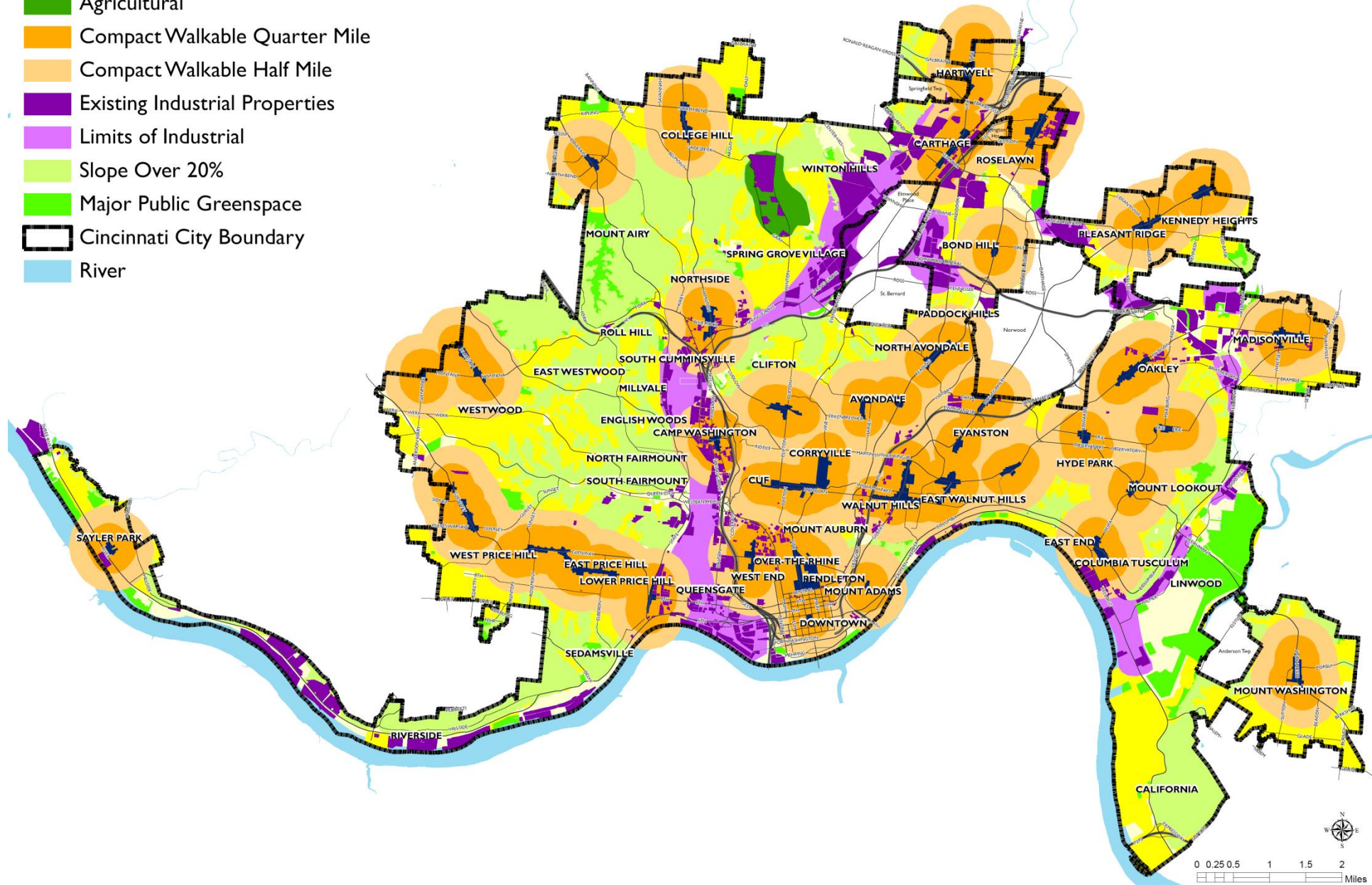
Conceptual Land Use Map

- Strict parcel-by-parcel land use-driven approach is ineffective for compact walkable areas.
- Maps define the areas where compact walkable development should be reinforced or established.
- A new kind of map, showing conceptual framework, guided by community character.

Conceptual Land Use

Legend

- Neighborhood Centers
- Residential
- Agricultural
- Compact Walkable Quarter Mile
- Compact Walkable Half Mile
- Existing Industrial Properties
- Limits of Industrial
- Slope Over 20%
- Major Public Greenspace
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Five Initiative Areas

Compete: *Be the pivotal economic force of the region*

Connect: *Bring people and places together*

Live: *Strengthen our magnetic City with energized people*

Sustain: *Steward resources and ensure long-term viability*

Collaborate: *Partner to reach our common goals*

Compete

Be the pivotal economic force of the region.

Compete Goals

- **Foster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity.**
- **Cultivate our position as the most vibrant and economically healthiest part of our region.**
- **Become nationally and internationally recognized as a vibrant and unique city.**

Connect

Bring people and places together.

Connect Goals

- **Develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability.**
- **Develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality.**

Live

Strengthen our magnetic city with energized people.

Live Goals

- **Build a robust public life.**
- **Create a more livable community.**
- **Provide a full spectrum of housing options, and improve housing quality and affordability.**

Sustain

Steward resources and ensure long-term viability.

Sustain Goals

- **Become a healthier Cincinnati.**
- **Preserve our natural and built environment.**
- **Manage our financial resources.**

Collaborate

Partner to reach our common goals.

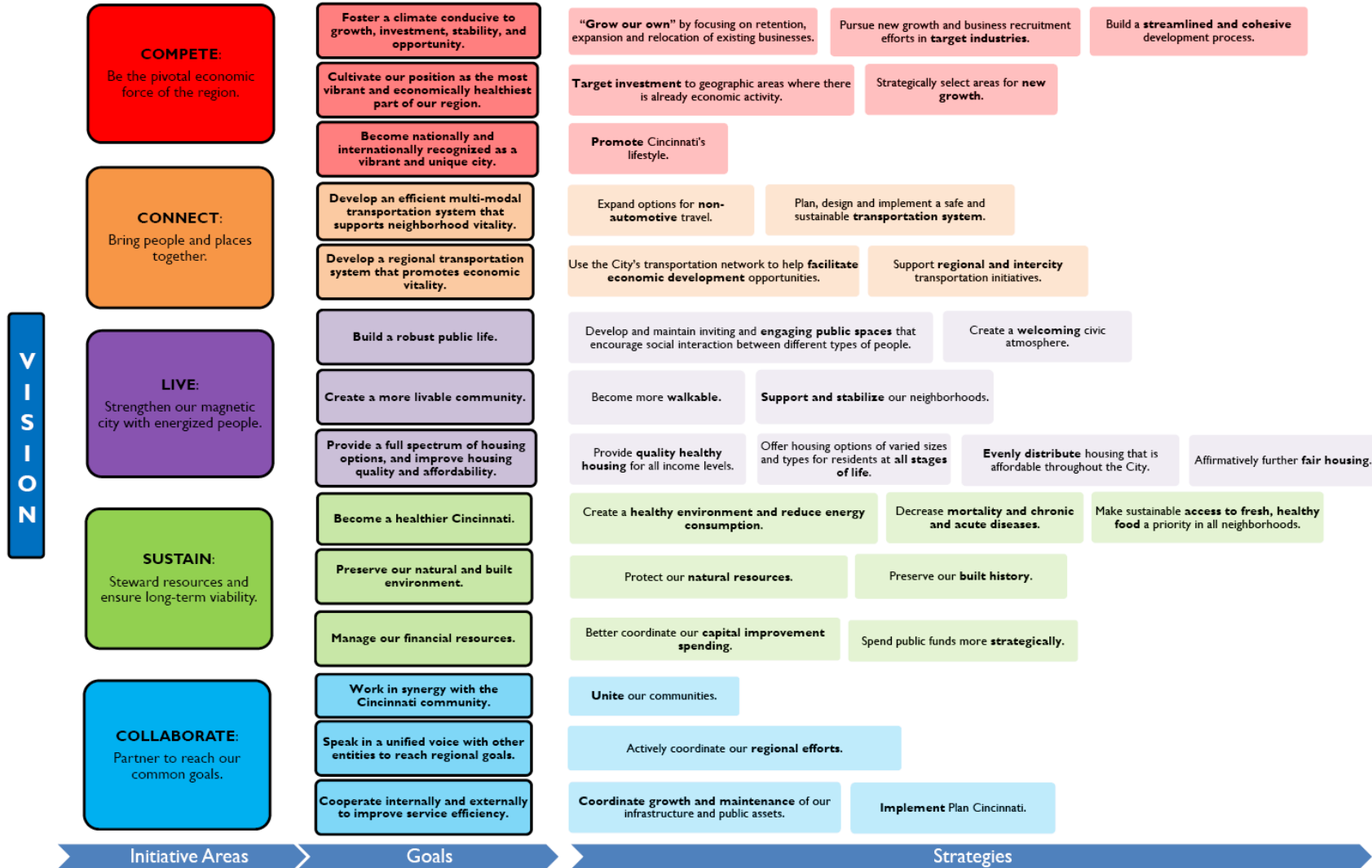
Collaborate Goals

- **Work in synergy with the Cincinnati community.**
- **Speak in a unified voice with other entities to reach regional goals.**
- **Cooperate internally and externally to improve service efficiency.**

Our Goals and Strategies

Our Vision: Thriving Re-Urbanization

The vision for the future of Cincinnati is focused on an unapologetic drive to create and sustain a thriving inclusive urban community, where engaged people and memorable places are paramount, where creativity and innovation thrive, and where local pride and confidence are contagious.



Plan, design and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system.

To create a sustainable transportation network that reinforces the quality of life, minimizes impacts to the environment and is fiscally responsible, we will plan for and implement an efficient, balanced, multi-modal system. We will take into account future land use as well as the function of the transportation facility, including the continued use of existing infrastructure by implementing multiple modes of transportation and, when creating new streets and roads, applying complete streets principles.



Incorporate environmental best practices in the planning and design of transportation systems.

Clean and efficient transportation options that are safe and affordable will be available to develop a sustainable transportation system serving the needs of all users. This effort is not a one-step process and has already begun in many cases, and the efforts will continue to reach efficiency in both the City and the region.

Short-range (1-3 years):

- Implement transportation components included in the Office of Environmental Quality, Green Cincinnati

Plan (Climate Protection Plan 2008), such as energy efficient street lighting and traffic signals.

Mid-range (4-7 years):

- Complete greening the fleet of Cincinnati with hybrid, diesel, propane and electric systems where appropriate.
- Work with METRO to pursue hybrid buses and various other types of vehicles that can serve the routes in varying degrees of capacity.

Long-range (8-10 years):

- Continue to research and apply new methods to increase sustainability in transportation systems.



Image Source: Michael Providenti

Bicyclists sharing the road

Partnerships

- Some things in the Plan are pivotal to the City but we can't do it alone – need partners
- Each Strategy lists partners necessary for implementation
 - *City may not always be the lead agency but will always have a role*

An Award-Winning Plan

- **2013 Frank F. Ferris Award**
 - For Outstanding Planning in Hamilton County
- **2013 Award for Contribution and Excellence, Ohio Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA)**
 - Comprehensive Planning in a Large Jurisdiction
- **2014 Daniel Burnham Award, American Planning Association (APA) National Planning Excellence and Achievement Award**
 - Planning profession's highest honor for a Comprehensive Plan



2014
Daniel Burnham Award
for a Comprehensive Plan

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American Planning Association

Plan Cincinnati Today

- Still guiding policy decisions
- Since adoption, Ordinances reflect Plan consistency
- Capital budget reviewed for Plan consistency
- Plan being implemented, but not being tracked or reported as well as it could
- 10 years in 2022 – should be updated in coming years

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