



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Climate, Environment & Infrastructure

Chairperson, Meeka Owens
Vice Chairperson, Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember, Jeff Cramerding
Vice Mayor, Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember, Seth Walsh

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PRESENTATIONS

ARTWORKS

Artworks' New Monuments Initiative: Stakeholder Touch Paint
Asha White, Civic Studio Artist in Residence, Claire Wagner, Madison Lentz, Eve Miller,
Caitlyn Hyland, Civic Studio Artists (Ages 18-24)

CITY OF CINCINNATI

Inflation Reduction Act Opportunities for the City to Leverage Direct Pay
Director Oliver Kroner, Office of Environment & Sustainability,
Robert McCracken, Energy Manager

BRIDGE FORWARD CINCINNATI

Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Partner Update
Brian Boland, Bridge Forward Cincinnati, Greg Fischer, Fischer Homes,
Diana Martin, Fischer Management

AGENDA

- [202302767](#) PRESENTATION, dated 12/01/2023, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from ArtWorks, regarding "Civic Studio New Monuments Initiative."
Sponsors: Owens
Attachments: [Presentation](#)
- [202302778](#) PRESENTATION submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 12/5/2023, regarding the Inflation Reduction Act.
Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Presentation](#)
- [202302776](#) PRESENTATION, dated 11-18-2023, submitted by Councilmember

Owens, from Brian Boland, Bridge Forward Cincinnati, Greg Fischer, Fischer Homes, and Diana Martin, Fischer Management, regarding Brent Spence Bridge Corridor, Refinement Comparison.

Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

3. [202302409](#) REPORT, dated 11/15/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Short-Term Upgrades for the Yard Waste Removal Program. (Reference Document #202300951)

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Report](#)

4. [202302256](#) MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, Councilmembers Johnson and Parks, WE MOVE that the City of Cincinnati take the following actions to ensure equity in the disbursement of the proceeds of the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway so that our underserved neighborhoods benefit from the proceeds from the sale in terms of both existing infrastructure and new economic development opportunities: 1. The City shall analyze the demographics of the beneficiaries most directly affected by each proposed project and identify those projects that can deliver the most benefit to historically underserved minority and low-income communities. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Kearney, Johnson and Parks

Attachments: [Motion](#)



ArtWorks

Civic Studio New Monuments Initiative

December 5, 2023



The Civic Studio



The Advisory Committee



Gary Phillip Zola

Executive Director, The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives; The Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the American Jewish Experience and Reform Jewish History



Jackie Congedo

Chief Community Engagement & External Relations Officer, Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center



Caitlin Behle

Director of Community Leadership, Design Impact



Kathy Nardiello

Regional Manager, Oracle Corporation;
Co-Founder of ArtsWave Pride



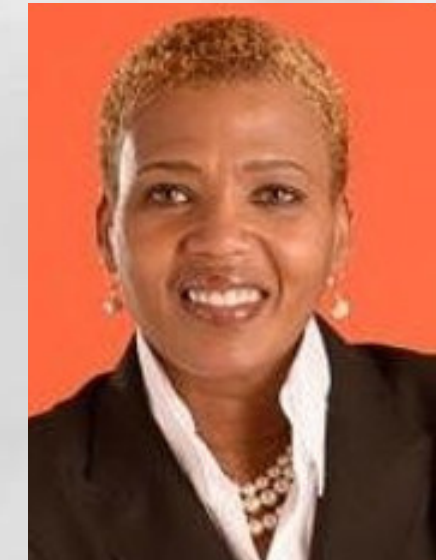
Jennifer Spieser

Executive Director, Cincinnati Parks Foundation



Maria Seda-Reeder

Director of Exhibitions and Artist Support Initiatives, Wave Pool



Alandes Powell

Visionary/Co-Owner, Black Art Speaks



Marin Emanuel

Multimedia Creator, ArtWorks' Youth Apprentice Alum



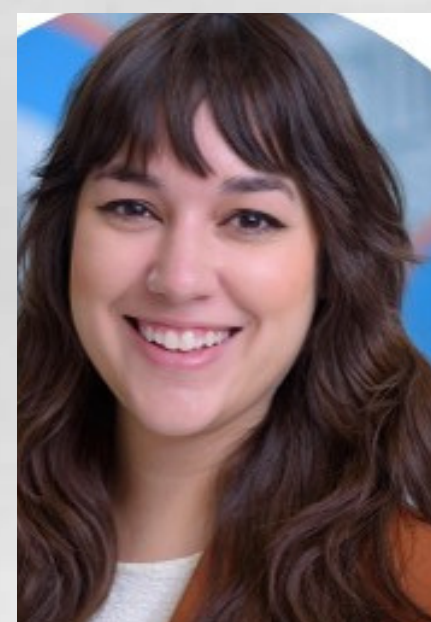
Rod Walton

Director of Operations at Cohear & Interim CEO



Michael Coppage

Conceptual Artist; Lead artist, Black Art Speaks



Rosie Polter

Former Program Officer, Greater Cincinnati Foundation & Cultural Resource Consultant



William P. Umphres, Ph.D.

Director for the Center for Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation, Assistant Professor, Educator School of Public and International Affairs University of Cincinnati



Shauna Murphy

Assistant Superintendent at CPS, Office of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Director



April Gallelli

Program Manager, Hamilton County Community Development



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New Monuments Initiative

ArtWorks

Our Mission

Reimagine and
rebuild iconic
commemorative
spaces within
Cincinnati.



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Inspiration

Monument Lab

Philadelphia public art and history nonprofit
National Monument Audit

Colloqate Design

New Orleans multidisciplinary nonprofit
Paper Monuments



ArtW@rks

Professional Development

ArtWorks' Professional Development Sessions

- Teambuilding
- Public Speaking
- Storytelling
- Career Mapping

Civic Studio Field Trips & Learning Opportunities

- UC Center for Truth & Racial Healing Orientation
- Cohear Presentation: Best Practices for Community Engagement
- Visit to the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust and Humanity Center
- Refugee Connect's Cultural Competency Training
- Data Management Workshop with UC
- Urbanist Media Introduction



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The Civic Studio Engagement Details

ArtW@rks

Engagement Details

Monumental Conversations
Spencer Center Advisory Day
Civic Studio Open House
Luis Camnitzer's Monuments to Unknown Heroes

Asian Food Fest

Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati
ArtWorks Wet Paint
Blossom and Bloom
Red Cross Resilient Community Project
Upstanders Event
ArtAmplified Spring Fundraiser

World Refugee Day Cup
Cincinnati Pride
Girls Rock Cincy
Clifton Back to School BASH!
Our Daily Bread

Fifth Third Community Day
Queen of the Hills Street Festival
Bailey Retirement Community
Hillcrest Elderly Apartments
Little Amal

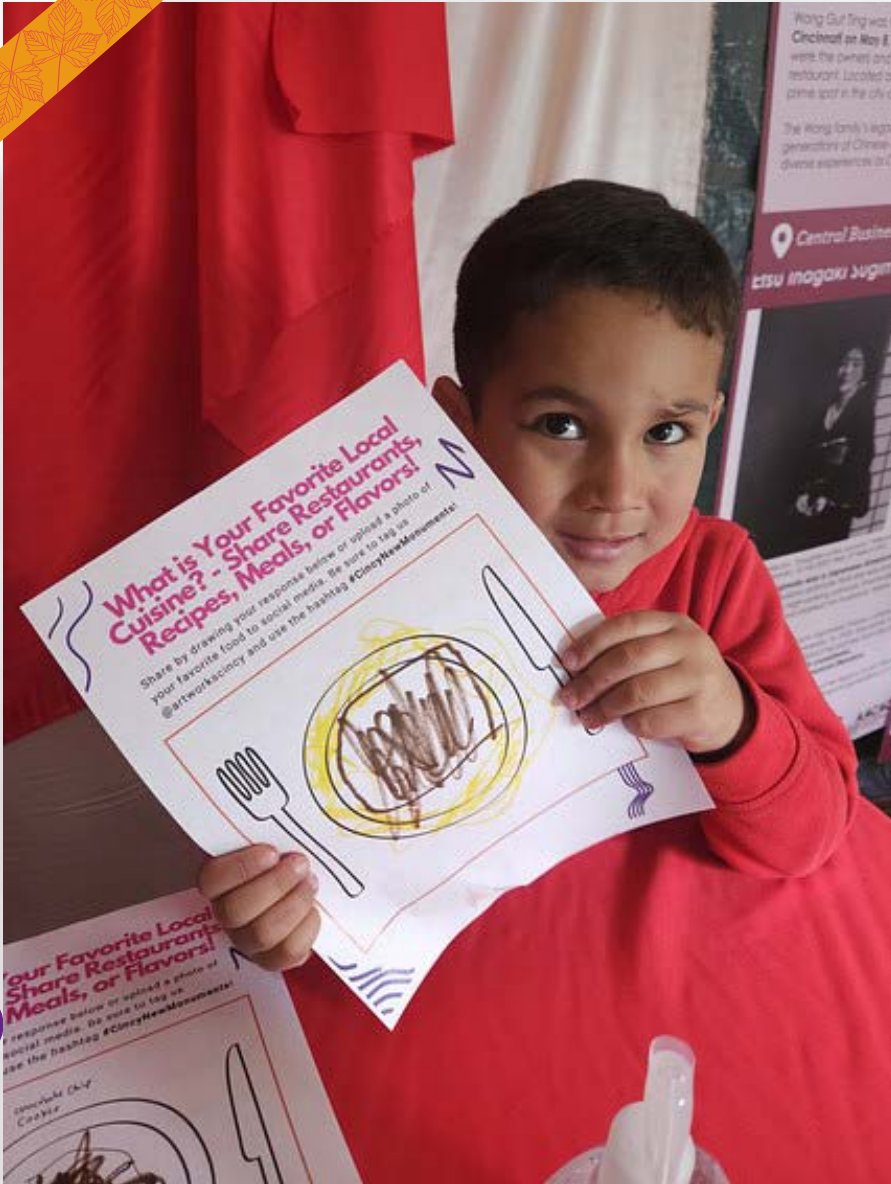
Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Frederick Douglass Elementary



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Engagement Details

Asian Food Fest



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TELL US A STORY

“Tell Us a Story” is an activity in which you are invited to answer the prompts below by writing a poem, or creating a story. There is heat activated paper provided for those who prefer to write in a more visual way.

We do not collect your disability information. We do not collect your personal information. We do not collect your contact information. We do not collect your location information. We do not collect your payment information. We do not collect your identification information. We do not collect your health information. We do not collect your financial information. We do not collect your employment information. We do not collect your education information. We do not collect your marital status information. We do not collect your family information. We do not collect your social media information. We do not collect your other information.

CHAT GPT SONG

“Chat GPT Song” is an activity in which we will utilize AI to create a song for you based on your responses to the prompts you were given in the first activity. We will take the information from the interview and plug certain words or phrases into ChatGPT to create a personalized song for you and your group.

ArtW@rks

Worksheets & Written Feedback

Engagement Details

Main Methods of Data Collection

The Graffiti Wall



Engagement Details

Other Methods of Data Collection

Surveys

- Online: 434
- Paper: 192

ArtWorks
New Monuments Paper Survey

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender Identity: _____
Race: _____ Ethnicity: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

1. How do you define a monument?
2. How familiar are you with monuments in Cincinnati?
3. Do you personally feel represented by Cincinnati monuments? Share why or why not.
4. Do you engage in Cincinnati's public art? If so, what kind?
5. Are there any barriers to visiting monuments in Cincinnati? If so, please explain.
6. Whose values are most influential in your community organizations, groups, institutions? How do these values impact the community's identity?
7. What more...

ArtWorks New Monuments Survey

www.artworks.org Switch account

We Want to Know How You Feel About Cincinnati!

For the purposes of this survey, Cincinnati is defined as the 52 neighborhoods within the city limits.

Do you live in Cincinnati?
 Yes
 No
 Other

Public art is any art in any media that is created for the enjoyment of the public. Do you engage (i.e. through visiting, interaction, or participation) in Cincinnati's public art?
 Yes
 No

What type of public art do you like?
 Murals
 Sculptures



Workbooks



- Dropboxes located at the CAC and the Freedom Center
- 19 completed workbooks

Monument Submission

CINCINNATI MONUMENT AUDIT SUBMISSION FORM

Help ArtWorks' New Monuments Initiative develop an audit of Cincinnati's monuments.

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The name and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form. Only the email you enter is part of your response.

* Indicates required question

Email *
Your email

Name
Your answer

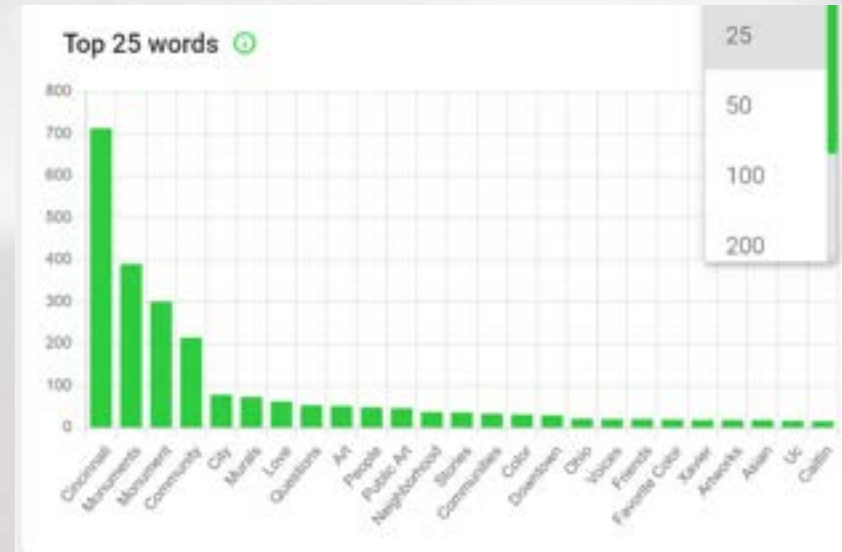
Age
Your answer

Ethnicity
Your answer

Engagement Details

Data Analysis

SpeakAI



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Well, I think in that case, I would say change since I've been in Cincinnati, which is like 6 or 5 years, I would say now, I've just noticed them growing and growing, like maybe being a little bit more geared towards like social justice, like representation of different, you know, demographics and I think also just trying to celebrate not only like the things that have gone right in, you know, America, but also the hardships and, you know, like history that, you know, has built the city and, you know, lots, lots of very interesting history too.

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So, yeah.

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That's a good point.

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Yeah, just thinking about like the artworks like the Sam Adams mural and I was looking at it and it showed like, just a lot of different working types of people, you know, like, you've got the people that are like carrying all the things that are, you know, kind of in like the lower rung of whatever is happening in that system.

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So it's like celebrating all the people that make that what it is. I mean, I'm just thinking about the mural standpoint because I do. I'm also like explaining it to whoever's listening to this. I'm like, by the way, I also do

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End of Initiative Plans

Next steps

ArtWorks

Report Completion

Heading, Subheading, Body Fonts

League Spartan

Alata
Frutiger

Scrapbook style with Doodles



Images with paper texture and "tape"



Color Hex

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2023



NEW MONUMENTS INITIATIVE REPORT

CINCINNATI, OH

ArtWorks Civic Studio



NEW MONUMENTS INITIATIVE: CINCINNATI MONUMENT AUDIT AND REPORT

2024

PREPARED BY
THE ARTWORKS CIVIC STUDIO

ArtWorks

Roll Out Event Details



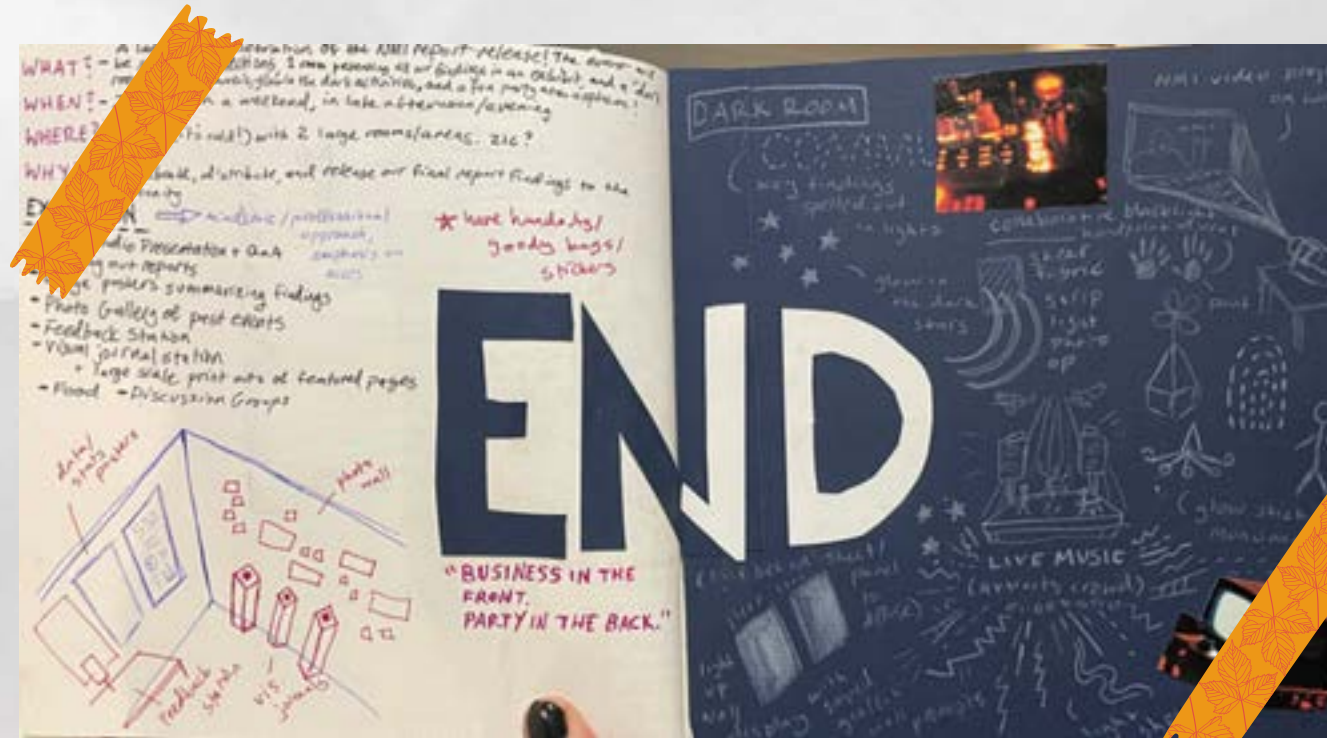
COME JOIN US FOR...

ARTWORKS NEW MONUMENTS BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY 11AM - 9PM

Come celebrate the data collected by ArtWorks Civic Studio for the creation of New Monuments.

**MUSIC !
FOOD !
ART !
FUN !**



WHAT: ...
WHEN: ...
WHERE: ...
WHY: ...

DARK ROOM

END

"BUSINESS IN THE FRONT. PARTY IN THE BACK."



ACTIVITIES

CRAFTS/INTERACTIVES

- MONUMENT IDEATION**
New version of our Monument sheet and variety of crafting supplies
- GRAFFITI WALL**
Prompt: Tell your community officials WHY they should invest in new monuments.

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Thank you!

December 5, 2023

To: Members of the Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Presentation – Inflation Reduction Act**

Attached is a presentation regarding the Inflation Reduction Act.

cc: Oliver Kroner, Director, Office of Environment & Sustainability
Virginia Tallent, Assistant City Manager



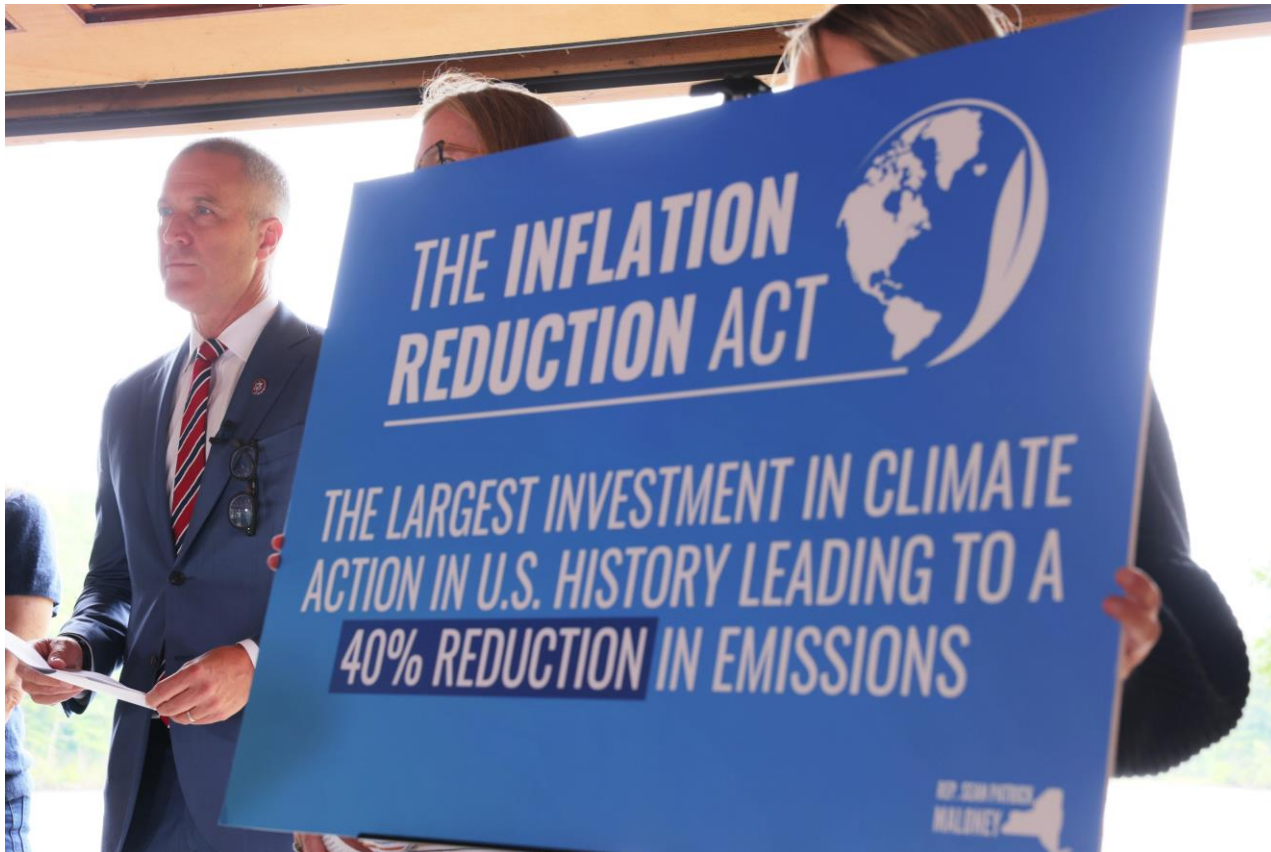
Inflation Reduction Act: Opportunities for the City to Leverage Elective Pay

Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

December 5, 2023



Federal funding opportunity



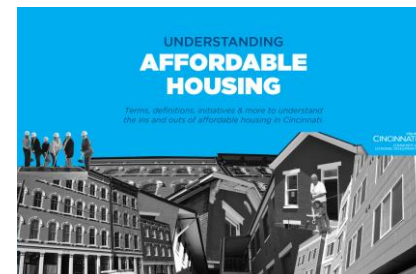
1. Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act - \$1.2T
 2. Inflation Reduction Act- \$369B
- *Justice 40 –**
requirement that 40% of federal funding goes to communities most in need

Overview

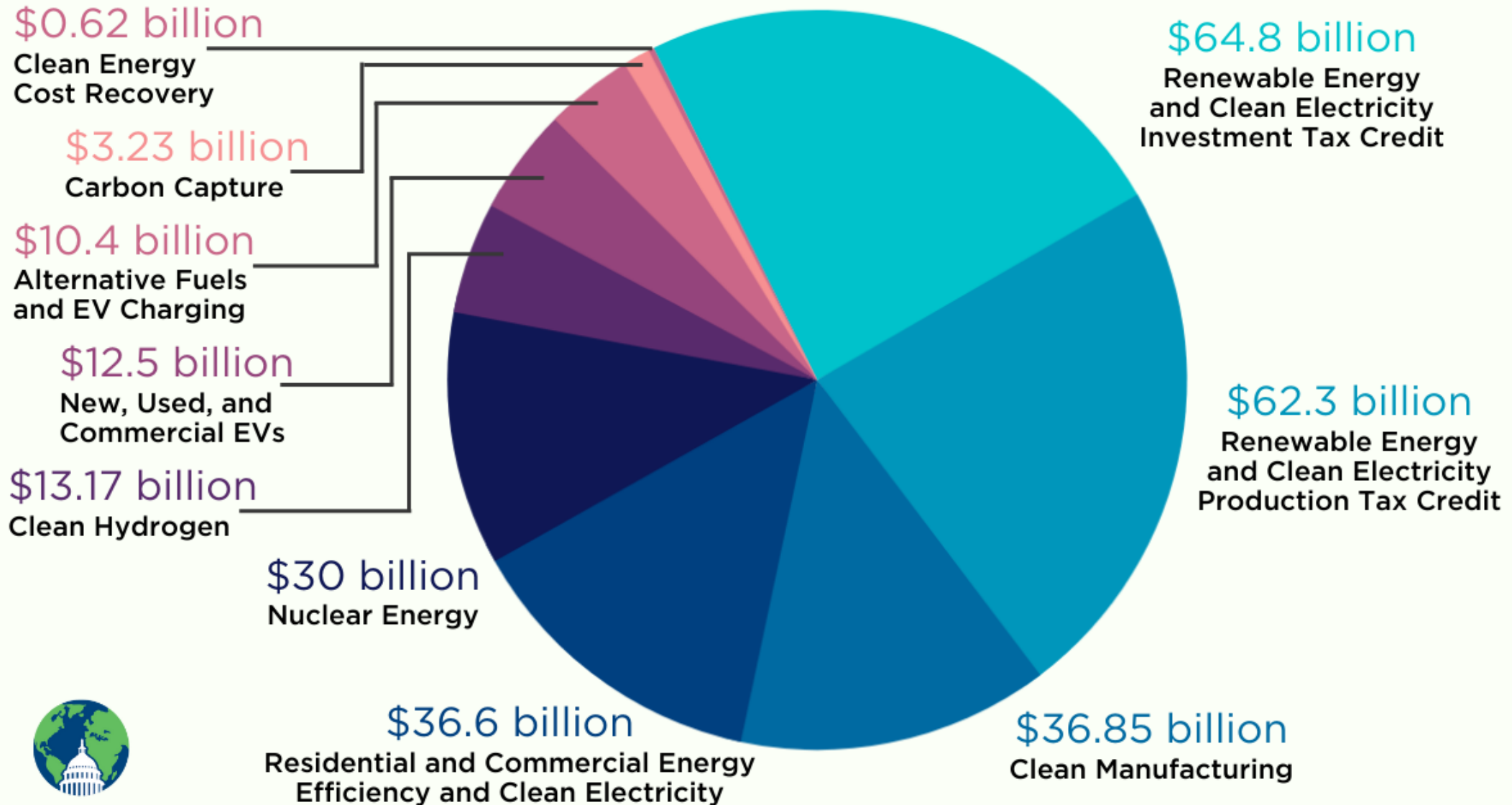
The Inflation Reduction Act is a big opportunity to push forward our economic development, financial empowerment, affordable housing, & Green Cincinnati goals

- **Support small businesses & workforce training**
- **Impact affordable housing & reduce energy costs**
- **Boost clean energy investments**
- **Accelerate vehicle electrification**
- **Save residents & businesses money**

IRA includes **tax credits and direct pay provisions** (available now) and **affordable housing rebates** (coming soon)



Carrots Over Sticks: Green Tax Credits in the Inflation Reduction Act

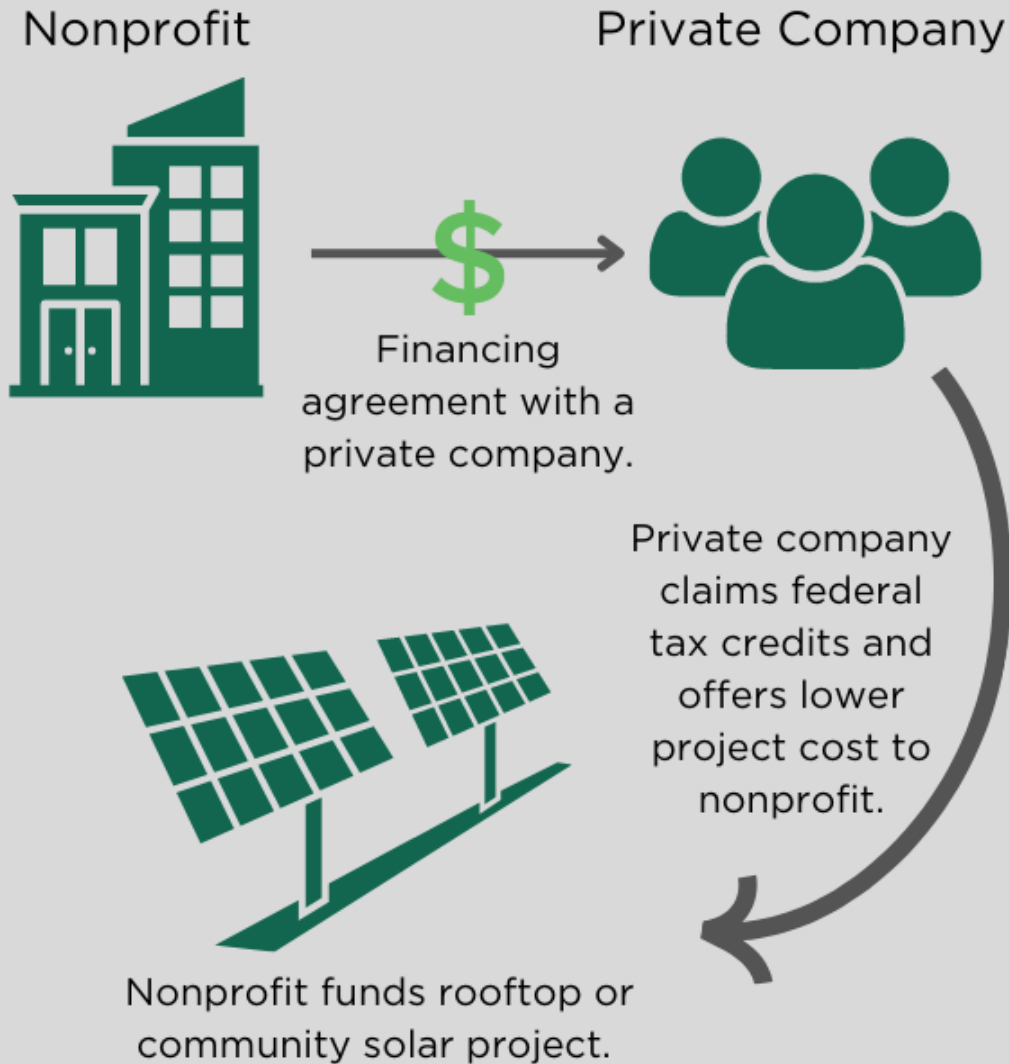


Direct Pay Provision {Elective Pay}

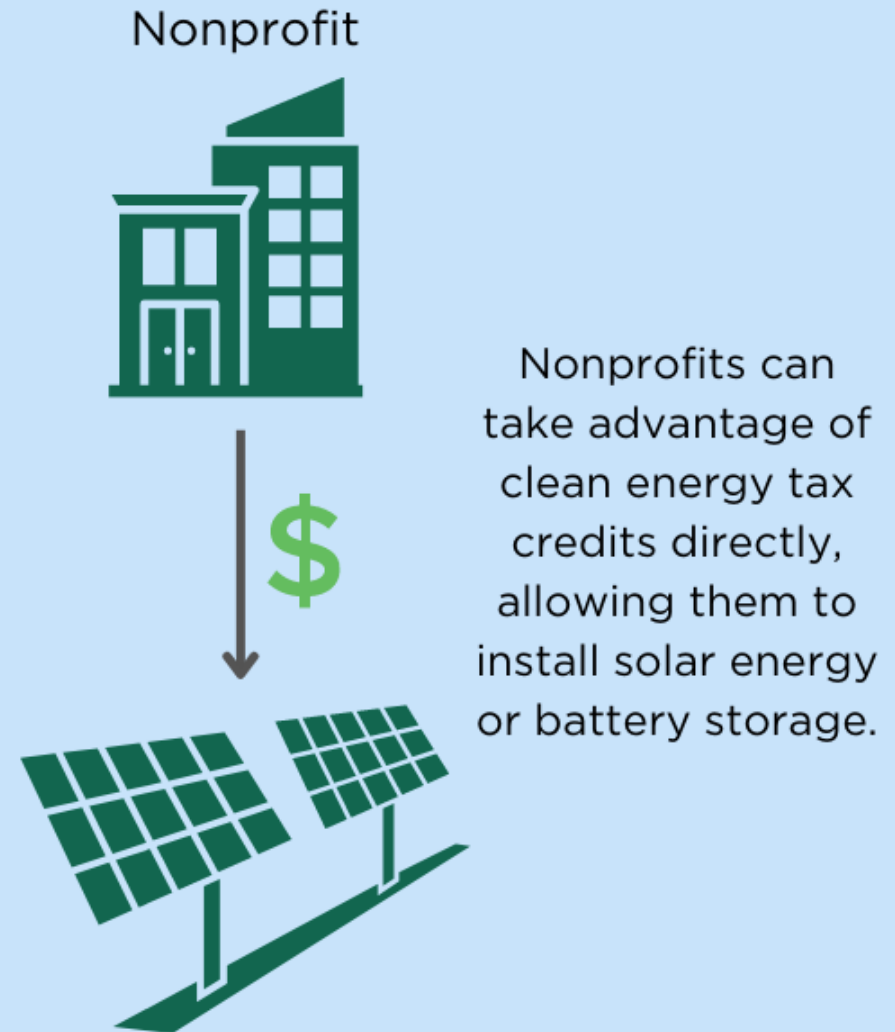
Enables tax-exempt organizations to elect cash payments for energy improvements (such as solar & electric vehicles) instead of the tax credits that previously only benefited for-profit organizations with tax liability

How Direct Pay Works

Before Direct Pay



After Direct Pay



What's Changed With the IRA? Eligible Technologies

Investment Tax Credit: ITC-eligible technologies now include:



Solar PV



Battery Energy Storage



Thermal Energy Storage



Microgrid Controllers



Ground Source Heat Pumps



Electric Vehicles



Small-Scale Wind



Qualified Biogas



Combined Heat & Power



Fuel Cells



EV Charging



Credit “Layer Cake”

Credit Category	Credit Amount
Base Tax Credit (projects must pay prevailing wage)	+30%
Domestic Content Minimums (% attributable to U.S. Manufactured Products)	+10%
Siting in Energy Community ex. Brownfield site, area related to mining operations)	+10%
Siting in Low-Income Community or on Indian Land	+10%
Qualified Low-Income Residential Building Project or Economic Benefit Project	+20%



LEGEND

Legend

Overlapping Color Legend

Category 1 Eligibility

Tract Status

Census tracts that meet the New Market Tax Credit Program's threshold for Low Income



Additional Selection Criteria | Geographic Option 1 | CEJST Energy

Tract Status

Census tracts that meet the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool's threshold for disadvantage in the Energy Burden category



Additional Selection Criteria | Geographic Option 2 | Persistent Poverty County

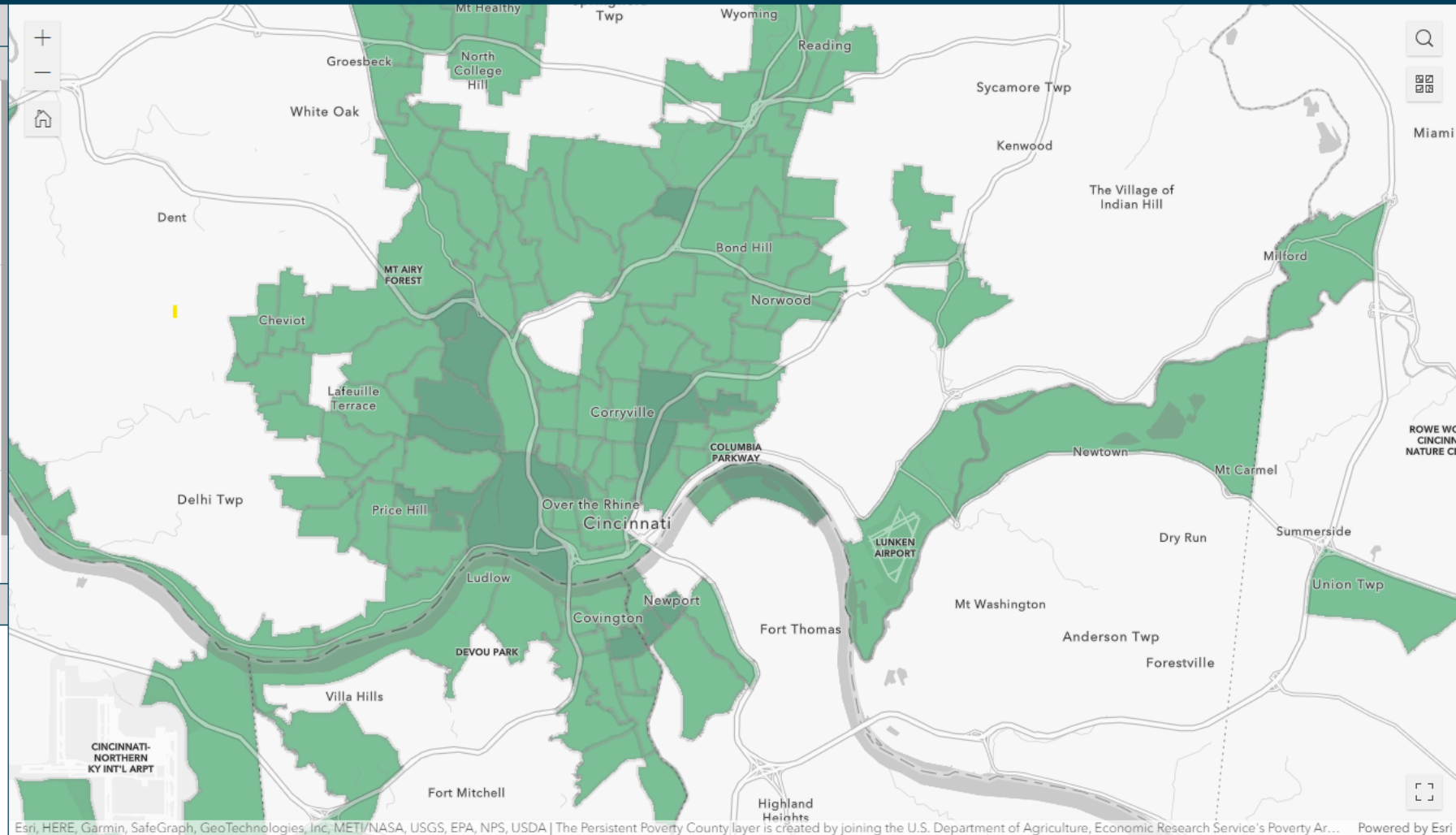
County Status

Counties that meet the USDA's threshold for Persistent Poverty



MAPLAYERS

- Category 1 Eligibility ...
- Additional Selection Criteria | Geographic Option 1 | CEJST Energy ...
- Additional Selection Criteria | Geographic Option 2 | Persistent Poverty County ...



Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, USDA | The Persistent Poverty County layer is created by joining the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service's Poverty Ar... Powered by Esri

Last Updated: August 7th, 2023
Next Update Expected: September 2023

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Brownfields to Brightfields

Goal of study is to determine pathways to transform brownfields and greyfields sites through the installation of solar

The project will:

- Analyze the solar potential of existing brownfield and greyfield sites
- Identify funding mechanisms and implementation challenges
- Recommend three sites that are suitable for piloting a Brightfields program
- Provide cost estimates for pilot sites



IRA Direct Pay Significantly Improves Financials

Business As Usual	<u>30% IRA</u>	<u>40% IRA</u>
\$18.8M Investment	\$18.8M Investment	\$18.8M Investment
\$0.0M Direct Pay	\$5.6M Direct Pay	\$7.5M Direct Pay
\$2.9M NPV	\$8.4M NPV	\$10.2M NPV
4.1% IRR	7.0% IRR	8.3% IRR
17.4 yrs Payback	12.2 yrs Payback	10.6 yrs Payback



Electrified Fleet – Direct Pay Benefits

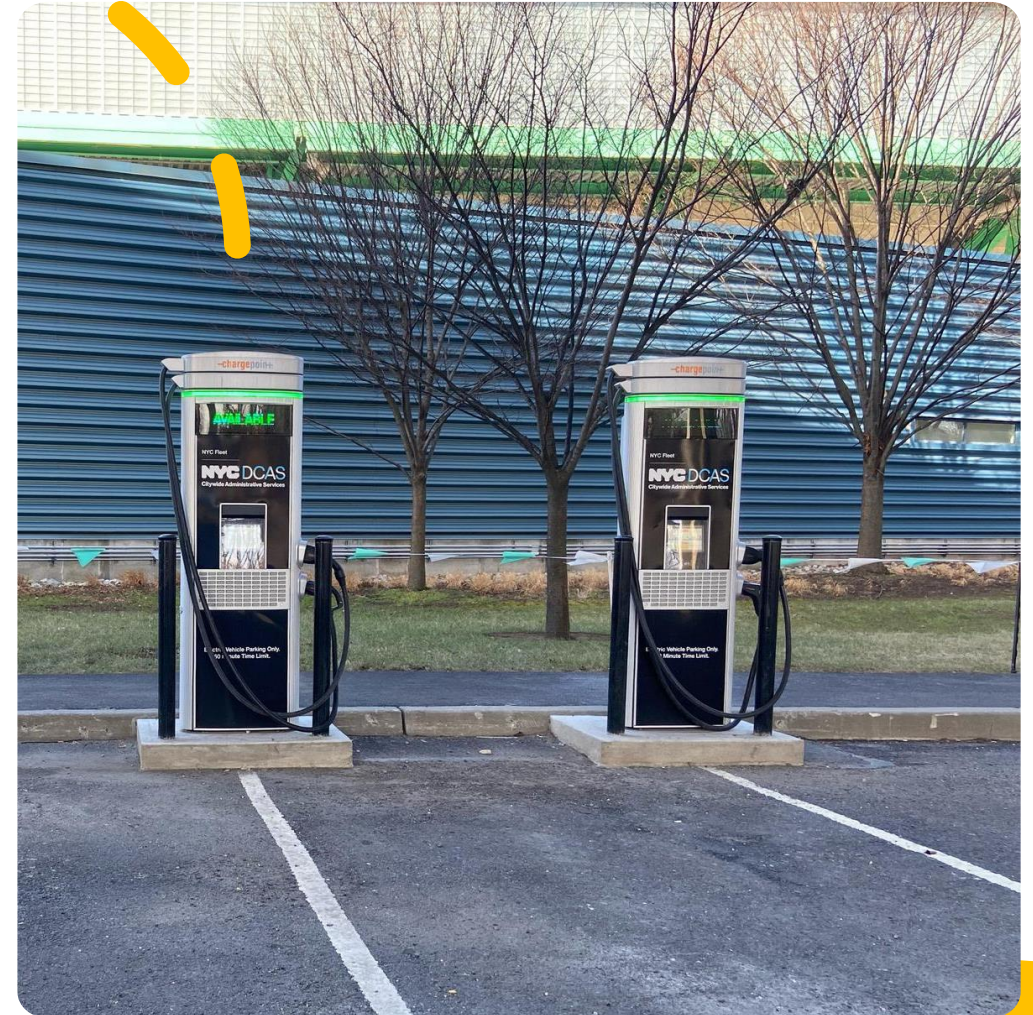
The Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit (IRC 45W) closes the cost gap between ICE vehicles and EVs

- Direct pay benefit equal to the lesser of 30% of the purchase price or the incremental cost of the vehicle
- \$7,500 max benefit for vehicles under 7 tons
- Includes mobile machinery (lawn mowers)
- \$40,000 max benefit for vehicles over 7 tons



EV Chargers – Direct Pay Benefits

- For commercial uses, the tax credit is 6% with a maximum credit of \$100,000 per unit
- Businesses meeting prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements may be eligible for a 30% credit with the same \$100,000 limit.
- The equipment must be placed in a low-income community or non-urban area.



Electrified Fleet – Laying the Groundwork

Fleet Electrification Plan

- Slated to begin in December 2024
- Includes
 - Electrification strategy
 - Identification of charging locations
 - Charging strategy

Charging Infrastructure

- RFP process complete
- Project will leverage the fleet electrification plan



Electrified Fleet – Operational Savings

Assumptions:

- Number of vehicles – 10
- Annual vehicle mileage – 12,000
- Fuel economy – Explorer (24), Bolt EUV (115)

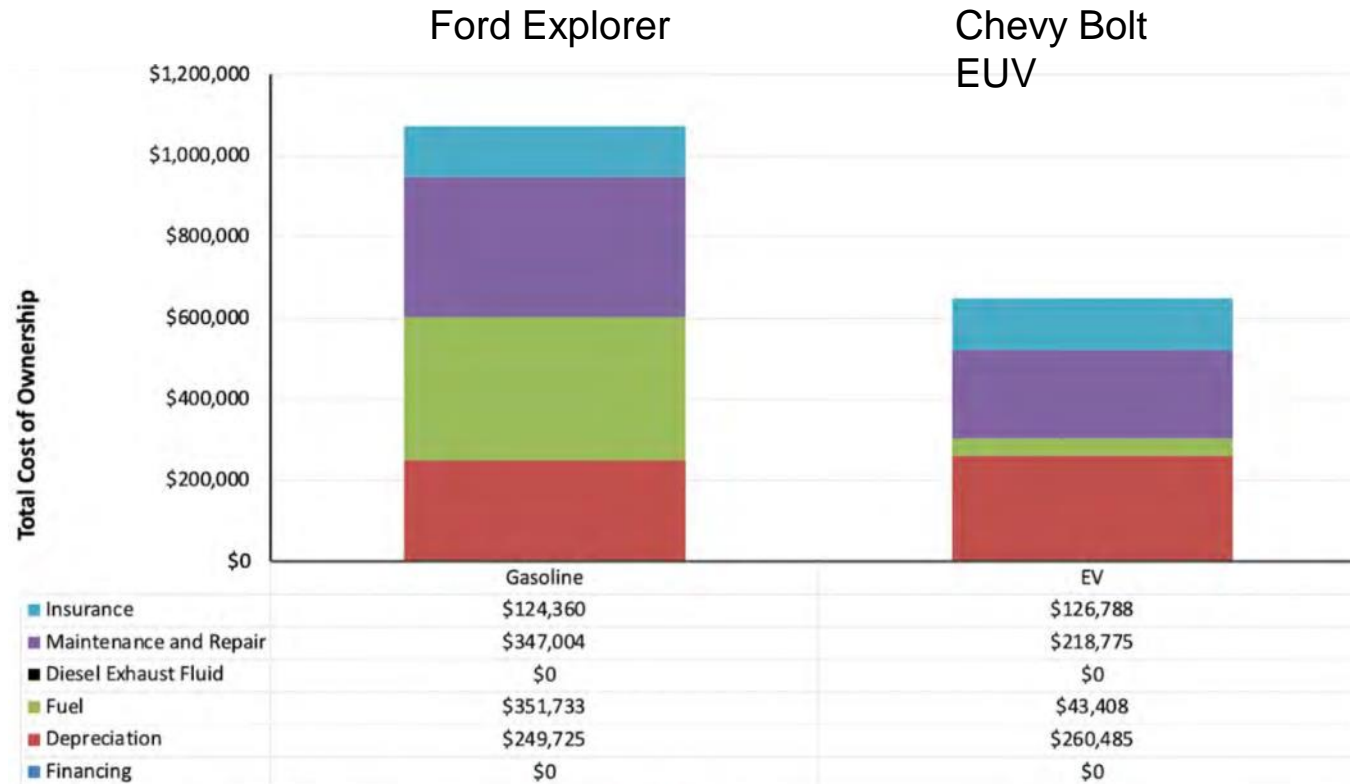


2022 Ford Explorer
Base MSRP - \$28,278



2022 Chevy Bolt EUV
Base MSRP - \$29,946

Electrified Fleet – Operational Savings

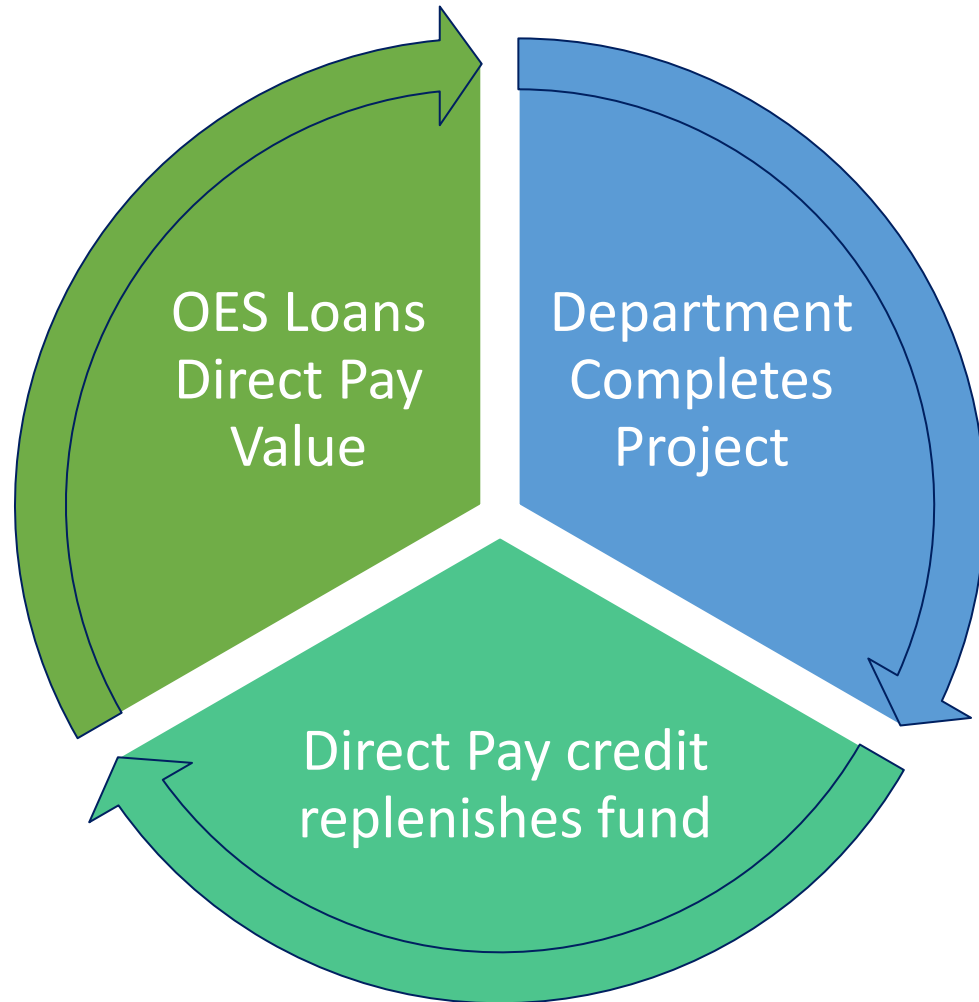


Total Cost of Ownership \$1,077,758 Gasoline

\$588,201 EV

10 Vehicles

OES Revolving Loan Fund

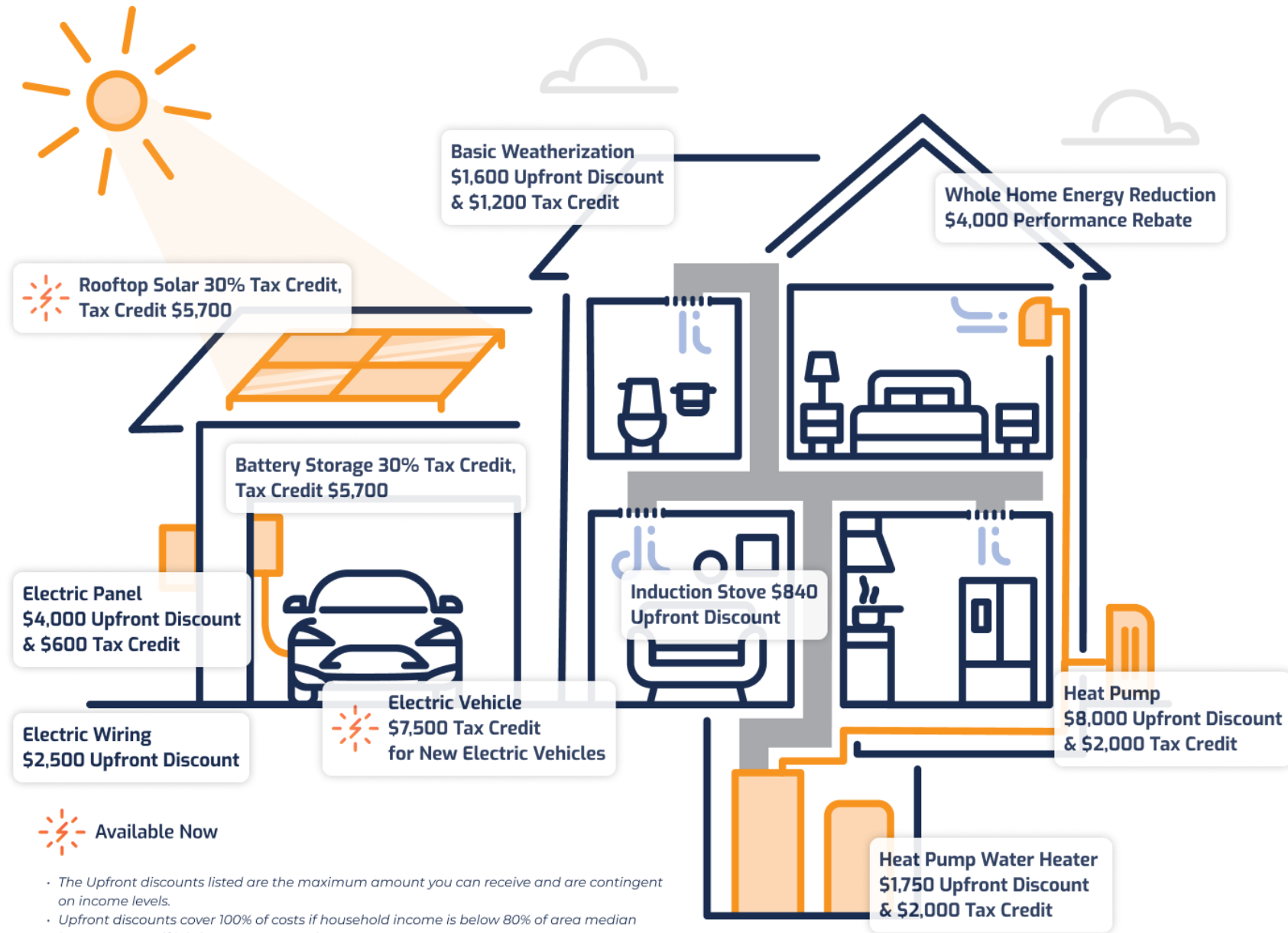


- Provide funding to cover direct pay eligible costs
- Help address performance related deferred maintenance
- Subsidize the cost premium associated with high performance buildings & electric vehicles
 - Help departments avoid operational costs over time
- Recover direct pay benefits to reinvest the dollars
- **\$2M of seed funding, Fleet Garage project already underway**



Affordable Housing & Community Benefits

Coming soon for Homeowners



- The Upfront discounts listed are the maximum amount you can receive and are contingent on income levels.
- Upfront discounts cover 100% of costs if household income is below 80% of area median income, or 50% if it is between 80% and 150%.
- Tax credits are dependent on your tax appetite. Tax credits earned in 2023 will be applied to your 2023 tax return you submit in 2024. Please consult a tax professional if you have the tax appetite to qualify.

State Rebate Incentives for Affordable Unit Improvements

Projected energy savings	Maximum rebate for households above 80% AMI	Maximum rebate for households below 80% AMI
20-35%	50% of project costs up to \$2,000/unit (maximum \$200,000 for multifamily building)	80% of project costs up to \$4,000
>35%	50% of project costs up to \$4,000/unit (maximum \$400,000 for multifamily building)	80% of project costs up to \$8,000

Target Audience: CMHA & Affordable Housing Providers

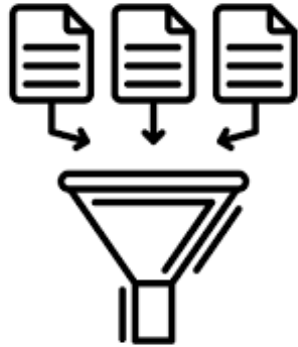
- Use this as an opportunity to encourage more landlords to get (and stay) in CMHA program.
- Provides landlords better credits to do Cap X improvements and keep prices affordable
- Can assist in underwriting new affordable housing developments
- Ability to leverage with OES program funds to maximize impact



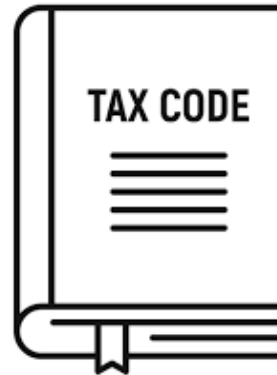
Direct Pay – Process

- 1 Identify and pursue the qualifying project or activity
- 2 Complete pre-filing registration with the IRS
- 3 File tax return (for a local government, typically Form 990-T and 3800)
- 4 Payment typically occurs within 45 days after due date. Payment will not occur before the due date even if filed early (per Statute).

Direct Pay – Next Steps



Develop a system to track data for filing and compliance purposes.



Identify legal support to navigate tax code changes.



Confirm that the City's audit firm can handle tax compliance work related to direct pay.

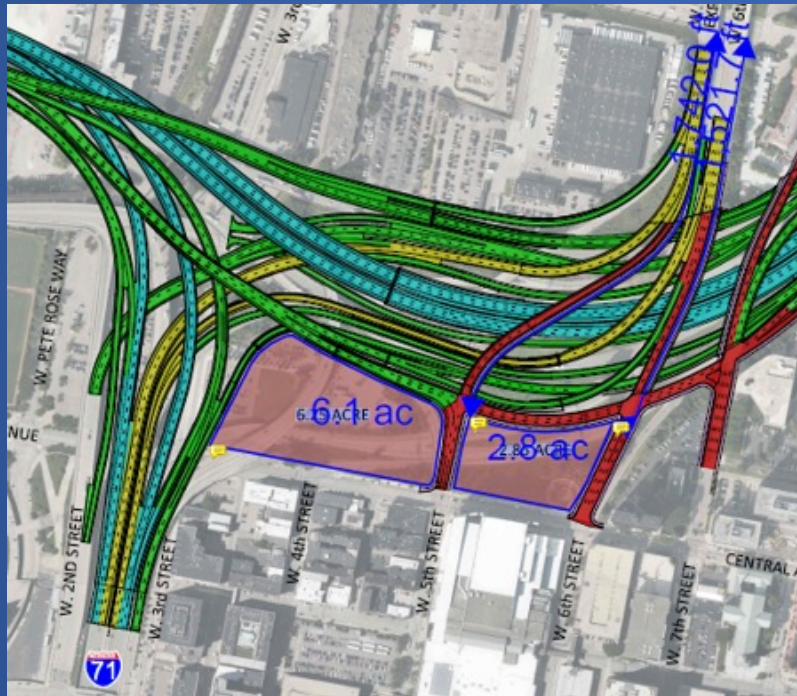
Potential Departmental Roles – next 10 years

- **OES & OGA** – track and communicate IRA opportunities to departments, launch revolving loan fund to reduce cost barriers
- **Budget, Finance & Law** – help understand and execute IRS reporting process, consider financing mechanisms to make the most of these credits
- **Parks, Rec, Public Services** – mapping facilities projects that can take advantage of these new programs
- **Fleet** – build direct pay and operational cost considerations into fleet procurement cost projections
- **DOT** – consider direct pay credits in projects involving EV charging
- **DCED & Human Services** – communicate these benefits to housing developers and community non-profits who can participate
- **MSD and Waterworks** – strategize around clean energy projects to reduce operational costs
- **Procurement** – Facilitate RFP process to bring in a team of vendors ready to maximize these benefits

Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Refinement Comparison

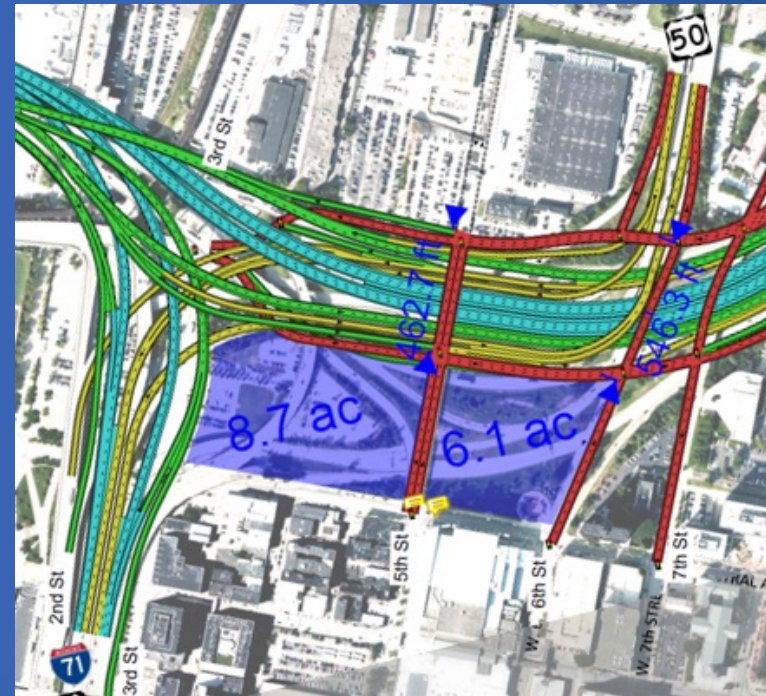
Greg Fischer
11/18/23

1. Narrow the distance of the free flow infrastructure by a minimum of 200 feet as compared to alternative I-W.



ALT I-W

ROW Recapture: 8.9 Acres
Gap @ 5th Street axis: 720'



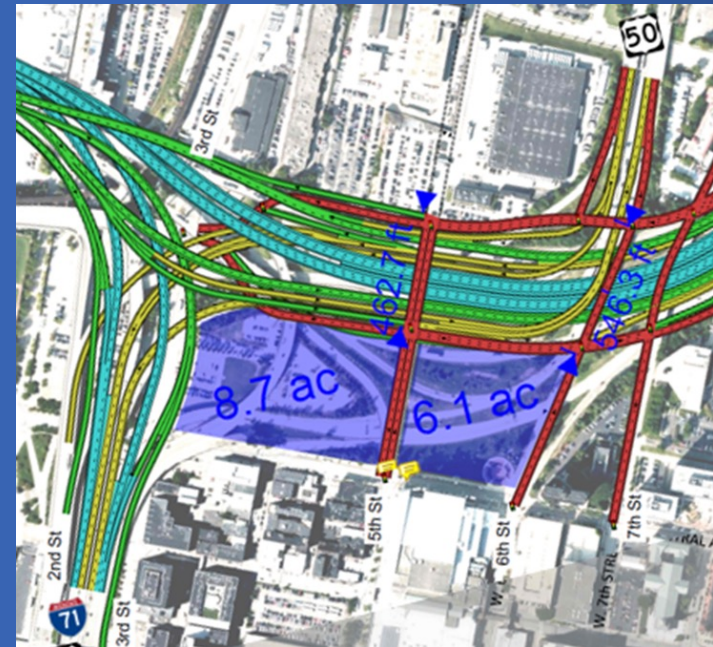
ROW Recapture: 14.8 Acres
Gap @ 5th Street axis: 460'

2. Providing local urban access roads on both sides of I-75, from 3rd Street to 9th Street, for as many individual blocks as possible, employing creative solutions to manage traffic as needed.



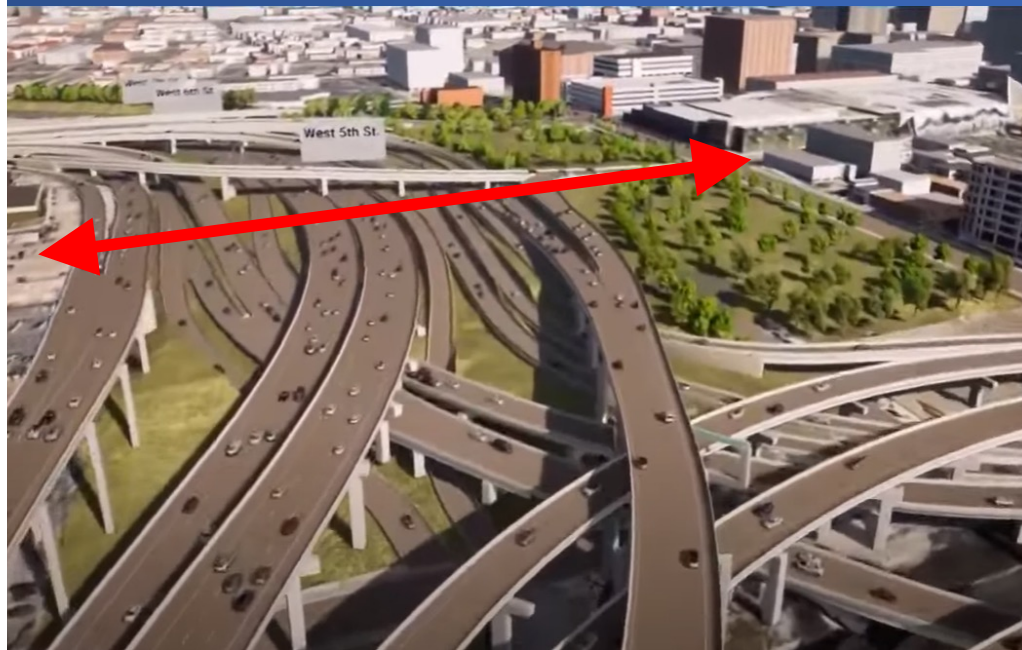
ALT I-W

No street frontage for access or pedestrian connectivity to new recaptured ROW



Elevated street frontage via local urban access roads for walkable sidewalks, parking & commercial development

3. Providing a local street crossing I-75 that directly connects 5th Street Queensgate in under 500'



ALT I-W Lacking a 5th Street connection westward

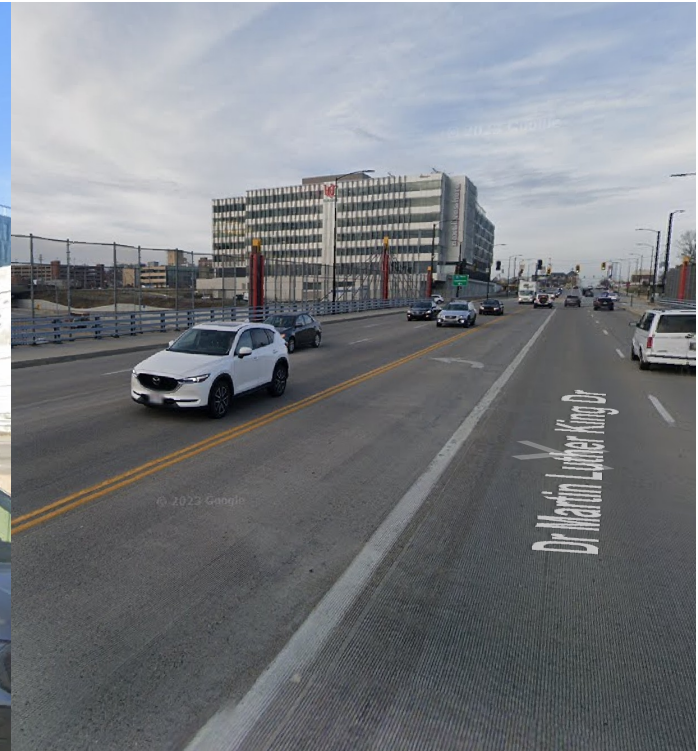


BSB Corridor Alternative IW



Pedestrian Access to Queensgate from New Eastern Urban Access Road from 5th and 6th





MLK Drive, Cincinnati

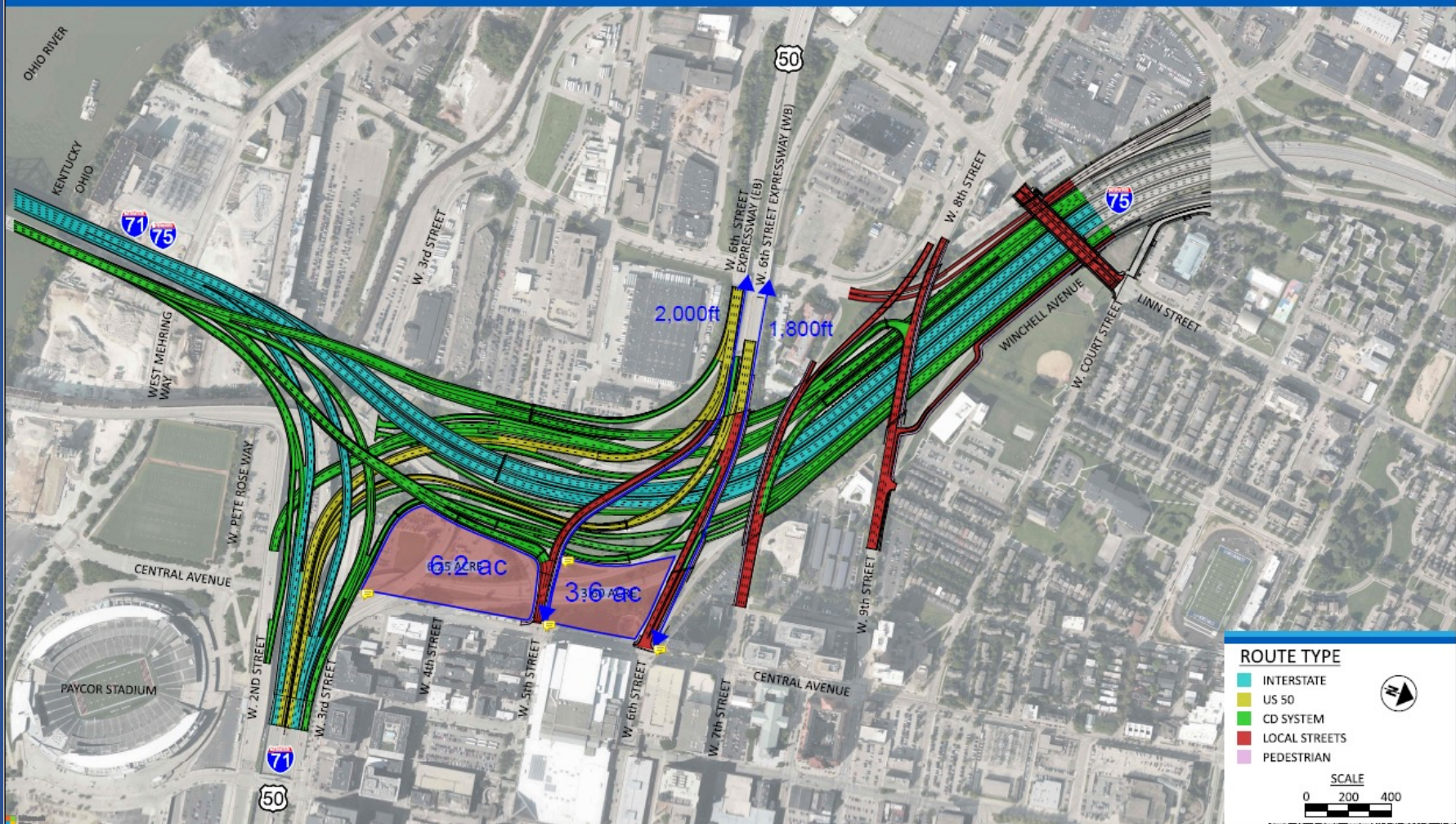


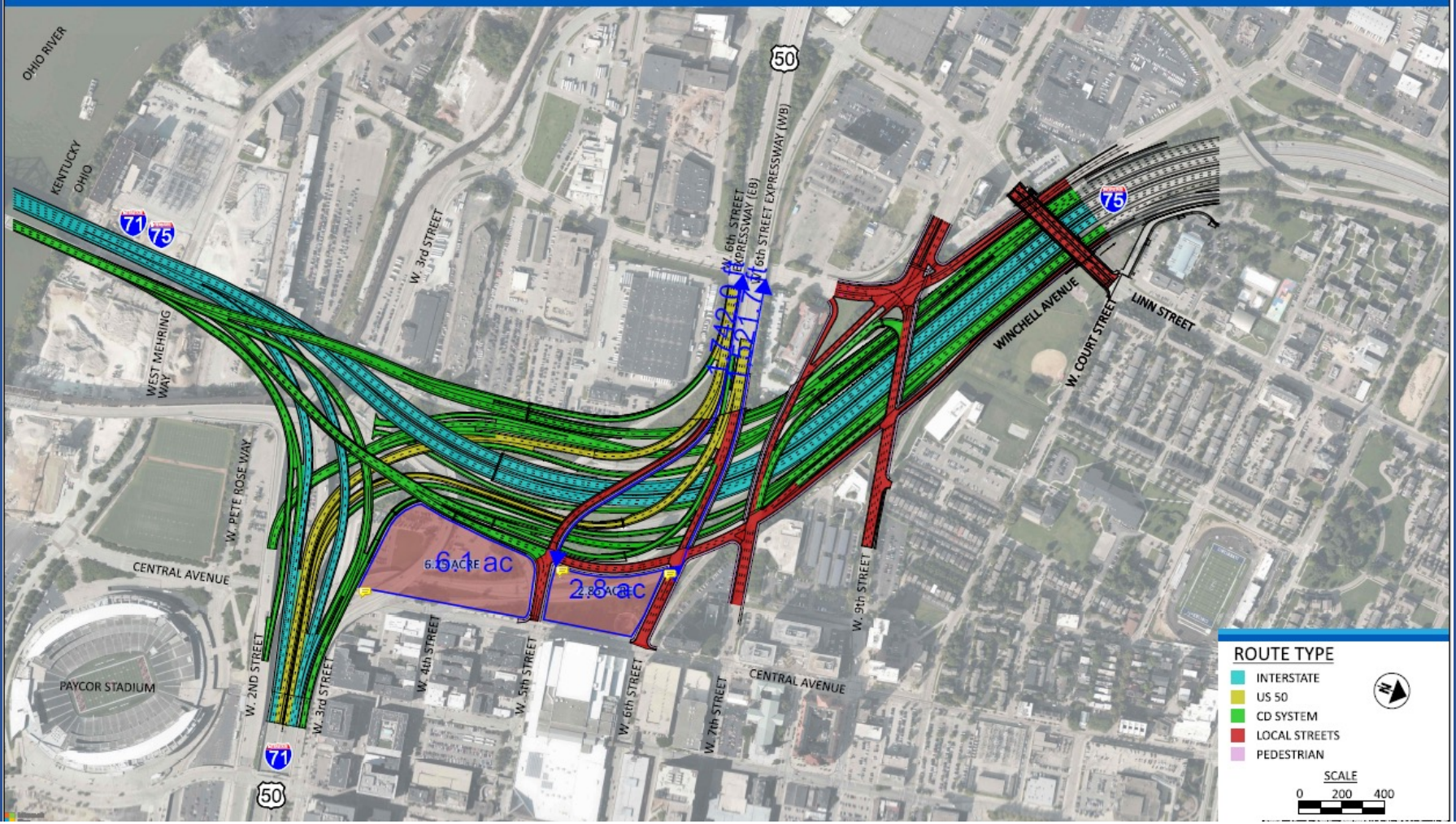


Spring Street, Columbus
 14 Lanes in 300 feet

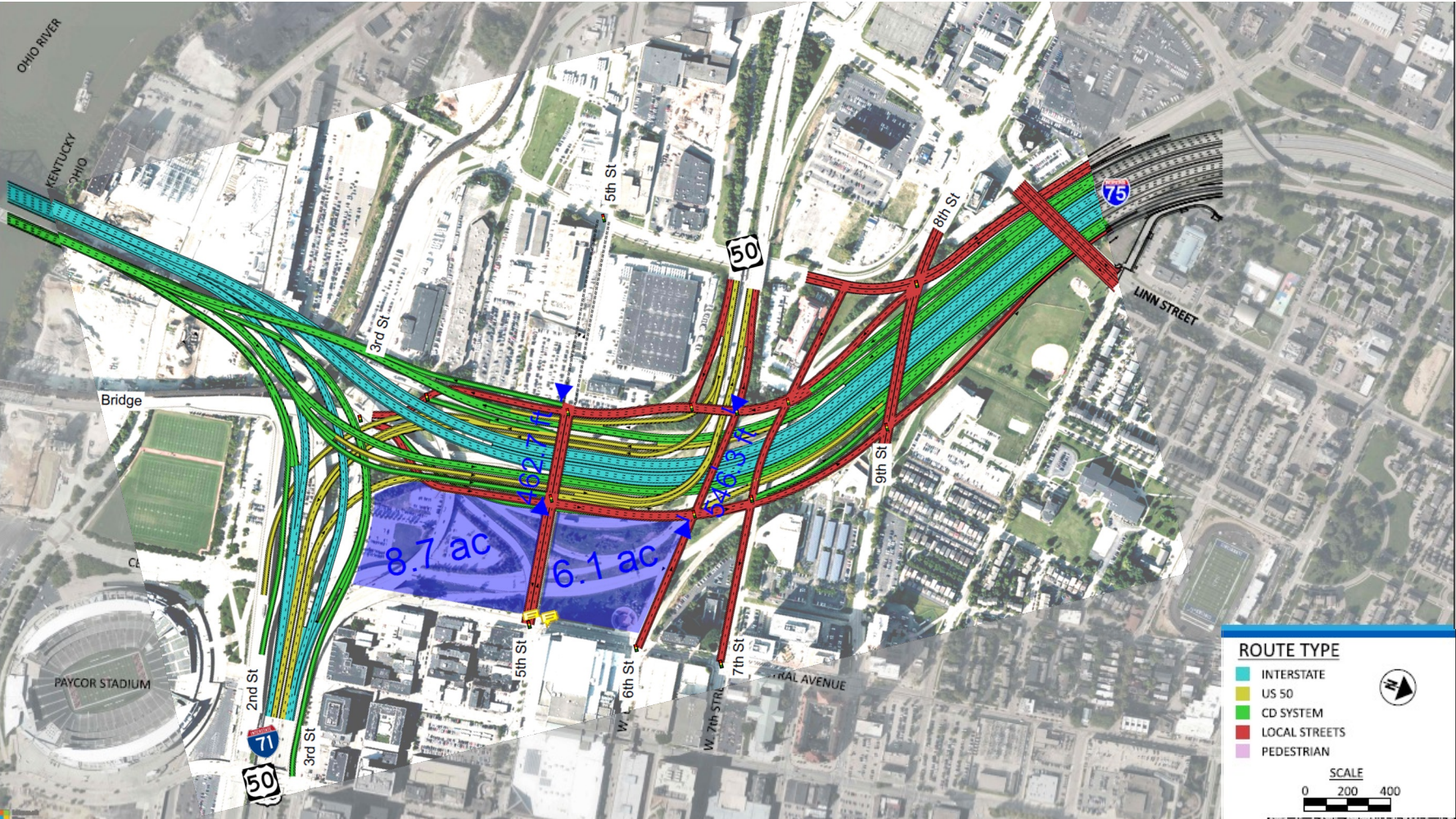
Kaskaskia IW Street Grid Refinement
 provides 17 Lanes in 460 ft







Kaskaskia IW Street Grid Refinement – KA - 9/11/2023



Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Innovation Options

	ODOT Baseline Design <i>Concept I-W</i>	City Suggestions <i>DOTe IW Refinement 10/19/23</i>	Street Grid Refinement <i>Full Street Grid and Connectivity to Queensgate</i>
Select Your Plan	<i>Basic</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Platinum</i>
Cost	<i>Free</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>\$100 M</i>
Economic Return <small><i>Based on Karp Strategies on Return of Developable East of 75</i></small>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$635 M</i>	<i>\$3,357 M</i>
Acreage Returned Developable <small><i>East of I-75 south of 6th Street with Local Street Frontage on All Sides</i></small>	<i>0 Ac.</i>	<i>2.8 Ac.</i>	<i>14.8 Ac.</i>
Acreage Returned Developable/Total <small><i>East of I-75, south of 6th Street</i></small>	<i>9.9 Ac.</i>	<i>9.1 Ac.</i>	<i>14.8 Ac.</i>
Queensgate Redevelopment Opportunity	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>
Walking Distance to Queensgate South of 7th Street <small><i>Shortest distance measured from western edge of acreage returned</i></small>	<i>1,800 ft</i>	<i>1,520 ft</i>	<i>460ft</i>
5th Street and 6th Local Access to Queensgate	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>

November 15, 2023

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager
Subject: Short-Term Upgrades for the Yard Waste Removal Program

Reference Document #202300951

The Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee, at its session on March 28, 2023, referred the following item for review and report:

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding, WE MOVE that the Administration prepare a report in the next forty-five (45) days that outlines the cost, feasibility, and timeline for solutions to improve the City's yard waste disposal program. Solutions to be considered should include, but not be limited to:

- Amending or updating the current contract with Rumpke to provide for more initiatives as it relates to separated yard waste, including restricting yard waste or compost from being placed in a sanitary landfill, including as an alternative daily cover.
- Educating property owners as to their responsibility under C.M.C. 729-88 to separate yard waste and the issues with commingling yard waste with garbage or recycling.
- Incentives or enforcement mechanisms that can be utilized to encourage property owners to be more conscientious with their commingled waste.
- Any other recommendations to improve the program in the cycle of collections.

Background

The City of Cincinnati is contracted to deliver yard trimmings collected from residents to the Rumpke Sanitary Landfill in Colerain Township. The City provides curbside yard waste collection bi-weekly from April to January to respective solid waste customers. The current agreement for yard waste disposal with Rumpke has an initial term that expired at the end of February 2023, with three one-year renewal periods extending as late as February 2026. Rumpke currently meets requirements for collecting, separating, and disposing of yard trimmings. Rumpke uses the City's curbside collected yard waste as daily cover in the sanitary landfill which is helpful in odor control at the facility. Factors such as contamination level and aftermarket value for materials such as compost or mulch limit how Rumpke can utilize the City's curbside collected yard trimmings.

Due to these factors, an amendment or change to the current contract may result in changes to the cost structure of providing yard trimming disposal services to the City.

Local Vendors

The City's options for alternative approaches to curbside collection of yard trimmings are limited by (1) an under-developed pool of local vendors with sufficient capacity to service the entire city, and (2) a local market to buy and sell the composted material with current rates of contamination.

Several other Hamilton County municipalities have curbside collection including the cities of Norwood, Montgomery, and Woodlawn. All curbside yard waste collection from these communities is utilized by Rumpke as alternative daily cover in the sanitary landfill.

Rumpke also provides curbside yard trimmings collection for the City of Columbus. This yard waste is taken to a third-party with an anaerobic digester that can biodegrade materials without oxygen or the release of gases into the air. The administration is unaware of a similar third-party in this region, however, is aware of multiple regional anaerobic digesters currently in various stages of site development. Siting and permitting for anaerobic digesters is complex, and the timing for these digesters to enter operation is unknown.

Drop-off Sites

Hamilton County has several drop-off locations (outside of City limits) for residents to dispose of yard waste. Yard waste contamination is greatly reduced at drop-off sites when compared to curbside collection because of monitoring at the location.

These drop-off sites are available to all city and Hamilton County residents, although many Cincinnati residents are unaware of the locations. Hamilton County drop-off locations include Oakdale Elementary in Green Township, Rumpke Landfill in Colerain Township, and Bzak Landscaping in Anderson Township. These sites have dedicated hours of operation and are staffed and monitored. All material collected that meets program guidelines is composted by local companies.

Campaigns to promote and educate the public on the availability of these drop-off sites may increase diversion of organic matter from the landfill. Additional drop-off locations strategically placed may also increase diversion. The Administration is actively working with community partners to explore the potential utilization of yard trimmings for local compost creation and additional drop-off sites.

Enforcement & Incentives

The City Municipal Code (C.M.C. 729-88) states "Yard waste materials from a dwelling shall not be co-mingled with other waste if the city provides separate yard waste collection." Enforcement of this code could range from citations for commingling yard waste with garbage or recycling to not collecting improperly prepared yard waste. Monitoring how citizens dispose of waste in bags and carts adds inefficiency if done during collection. Resources for dedicated staff to issue citations for improperly prepared yard trimmings would be needed for additional enforcement. The result could have unintended consequences such as increasing dumping and/or commingling into regular trash collection.

The Administration has not seen examples of incentives to encourage participation in yard trimming collection programs. However, some municipalities implement a "volume-based

pricing” or “pay-as-you-throw” model to reflect the true cost of waste generation and incentivize recycling and composting practices at the household level.

Near-term Next Steps – Solicitation for Solutions

As noted above, the City has recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP RFP019_2024) to solicit yard trimming collection solutions. The RFP is hoped to provide details on the current local market options available, including collection, processing, and cost information. The Administration believes that this next step will help to understand the marketplace and cost impact for meeting the desired outcomes and environmental goals of the motion. The RFP is open for responses until December 28, 2023.

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Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
Vice Mayor

October 19, 2023

Motion to Ensure Equity in the Disbursement of Proceeds from the Sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway (CSR)

WE MOVE that the City of Cincinnati take the following actions to ensure equity in the disbursement of the proceeds of the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway so that our underserved neighborhoods benefit from the proceeds from the sale in terms of both existing infrastructure and new economic development opportunities:

1. The City shall analyze the demographics of the beneficiaries most directly affected by each proposed project and identify those projects that can deliver the most benefit to historically underserved minority and low-income communities.
2. The City shall create a dashboard on the City's website to create transparency with the spending of the proceeds from the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway, and that dashboard shall track each project, including but not limited to providing information on neighborhood, demographics served, and amount invested.
3. **The City shall create two funds** to ensure that our 15 most underserved neighborhoods (the "Rising 15") benefit from the proceeds of the sale of the CSR as follows:
 - a. Demographic and socioeconomic data information for Cincinnati's neighborhoods was used to create the "Rising 15": the 15 neighborhoods most in need of economic benefits, as shown by the Attachment attached hereto. The Attachment also includes Tax Increment Financing (TIF) information to show availability or lack thereof of current neighborhood resources for economic development in the Rising 15 neighborhoods.
 - b. **FUND 1 ("Rising 15 Railroad Fund"):**
 - 1) In addition to inclusion in the infrastructure plans across all neighborhoods, the City will allocate at least 10% of the annual return on investment on the proceeds from the sale of the CSR to the Rising 15 Railroad Fund. *The population of the Rising 15 neighborhoods comprises approximately 20% of the City's population. The 10% minimum is based on the fact that some of the infrastructure projects, such as renovation of healthcare centers, directly affect residents of the Rising 15 neighborhoods although the residents do not live in those neighborhoods.*

- 2) Rising 15 Railroad Fund expenditures must be restricted to projects that meet the statutory criteria for the use of proceeds from the sale of the CSR.
- c. **FUND 2 (“Rising 15 Economic Development Fund”)** to create economic development opportunities for new infrastructure projects in our underserved neighborhoods, given that state law restricts the proceeds of the sale of the CSR to existing infrastructure:
 - 1) The Rising 15 Economic Development Fund shall be an allocation of \$25 million including at least \$3 million annually from the funds “loosened” from the City’s general capital budget due to proceeds from the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway supplementing funding on existing infrastructure.
 - 2) The Community Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the City Manager on economic development projects for the Rising 15 neighborhoods after community engagement on the projects.
 - 3) When the \$25 million allocation to the Rising 15 Economic Development Fund is realized, the Community Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the City Manager on further funding, including continuation of an annual contribution of \$3 million.
 - 4) City Council shall vote on the Community Advisory Committee’s recommendations that involve City funding or other City resources.

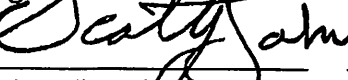
4. The City Manager shall establish a Community Advisory Committee:

- a. The City Manager shall create, recommend and manage a transparent public application process for the Community Advisory Committee.
- b. The City Manager shall appoint seven (7) community members to a Community Advisory Committee.
- c. The appointed Community Advisory Committee’s purpose shall be as follows:
 - 1) review efforts across the country to repair the damage done by slavery and race discrimination and use that research and study to improve efforts to close the wealth gap in Cincinnati.
 - 2) make recommendations to the City Manager on economic development projects for the Rising 15 neighborhoods.
- d. The Community Advisory Committee shall meet with the City Manager at least semi-annually to give updates on economic development projects as well as progress on closing the wealth gap.
- e. City Council shall vote on the Community Advisory Committee’s recommendations that involve City funding or other City resources.

5. **Economic Inclusion:** City Council adopted an equitable development model in February 2023 as a pilot for the Convention Center. This model shall apply to projects funded through the sale of the railroad, including:
 - a. A minimum inclusion of 20% MBE and 10% WBE businesses annually in projects funded with the railway sale dollars.
 - b. Joint ventures with developers that include minority-owned or women-owned developers shall be encouraged to meet the diversity & inclusion goals.
 - c. The City administration shall create a plan for access to capital for minority-owned and women-owned businesses.
 - d. The City shall proactively work to assist minority-owned and women-owned businesses to overcome the barrier of first-time bonding.

6. **Annual Report:** The City will provide an annual report to City Council on the results of the expenditures in the Rising 15 neighborhoods.


 Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney


 Councilmember Scotty Johnson


 President *Pro Tem* Victoria Parks

STATEMENT

Equity is one of the City Manager's main criteria for allocating Cincinnati Southern Railway sale proceeds to neighborhood infrastructure projects across the City. This motion is to further ensure that the most underserved neighborhoods equitably benefit from the railway sale proceeds. The provision of a dashboard showing ongoing allocations of the railway sale proceeds with information such as amounts, demographics, and neighborhoods, provides transparency to the public.

In addition to equitable allocation of the railway sale proceeds, this motion includes applying the equitable development model passed by City Council in February 2023 as a pilot for the Convention Center to projects funded through the sale of the railroad.

The Attachment to this motion shows socioeconomic data on the most underserved neighborhoods in Cincinnati (the "Rising 15") for the purpose of ensuring that these neighborhoods receive substantial benefits from the proceeds of the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway both in terms of repair or replacement of existing infrastructure (Fund 1) and new infrastructure projects (Fund 2).

There is a great need in the Rising 15 neighborhoods for funds (Fund 2) for economic development – that is, new infrastructure projects that under state law cannot be funded by railway sale proceeds. As shown by the Attachment, several of the Rising 15 neighborhoods have zero dollars in Tax Increment Finance funds (TIF). TIF Districts, created through TIF District Ordinances, take increases in property tax revenue from new development and use the funds to finance public improvement projects in the designated districts. The increment collected in these districts can be used to make public improvements that benefit the neighborhood/district in which the increment was collected.

Fund 2 dollars are from the funds "loosed" or saved in the City's general capital budget due to the use of railway sale proceeds. While not a part of this motion, it should be noted that a plan is underway with the City and Homebase for neighborhoods lacking a community development corporation (CDC) to have the assistance of an existing CDC to create and execute new infrastructure projects which the Rising 15 Economic Development Fund (Fund 2) could help to fund.

The City Manager, through a transparent process, would appoint seven community member to a Community Advisory Committee. The Committee would ensure community engagement and manage the process by which Fund 2 dollars are allocated for economic development in underserved neighborhoods. The Community Advisory Committee also would assist with ongoing research and recommendations for closing the City's racial wealth gap.

Rising 15 Neighborhoods	Black or African American alone or in combination with one or more other races	Median household income (dollars)	TIF balance as of 9/29/23
Villages at Roll Hill	90 percent	\$11,327	\$ -
Millvale	92 percent	\$12,272	\$ -
English Woods	89 percent	\$14,309	\$ -
Lower Price Hill	52 percent	\$15,987	\$ 4,094,945.45
Queensgate	52 percent	\$15,987	\$ 11,141,506.37
Winton Hills	86 percent	\$17,949	\$ -
South Fairmount	62 percent	\$19,343	\$ 67,997.66
West End	82 percent	\$19,499	\$ 1,598,868.68
East Westwood	83 percent	\$20,929	\$ -
Avondale	85 percent	\$24,250	\$ 21,800,733.42
Roselawn	86 percent	\$24,575	\$ 354,575.67
Mt. Airy	65 percent	\$27,920	\$ 639,236.51
East Price Hill	39 percent	\$30,112	\$ 5,151,893.29
South Cumminsville	89 percent	\$31,288	\$ 81,992.17
North Fairmount	78 percent	\$33,882	\$ 35,854.28

Source for Columns B & C: Cincinnati Office of Performance and Data Analytics (OPDA)

Source for Column D: Cincinnati Dept. of Finance

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