Northeast Area Plan















Plan Commission – August 26, 2024

Planning Process



Data Gathering & Review

- Interagency staff mtgs
- Public mtgs (in-person/virtual)
- Online interactive commenting map
- Regular email notifications and website updates (applies to all phases)

Phase One

Issues & Opportunities

- Community surveys (in-person/virtual)
- 4 public mtgs (in-person/virtual)
- Multiagency Open House
- Review by Board, Commissions & Committees
- Interagency Staff Mtgs
- Sandburg Elementary PTA mtg

Phase Two

Draft Plan Concepts

- Pop-up engagement at community events such as Make Music Madison, Westchester Gardens Block Party & others
- Public outreach by 3 **Community Navigators** (in-person)
- Connect Events at Sycamore & Reindahl Park
- Burke Heights & Sandburg Walk & Talk
- Community Dinner & Alder Forum

Phase Three

Draft Plan Recommendations

- Business Postcard Survey
- Art Workshop
- Joint Open House with WisDOT
- Plan Commission
- Board of Parks Commissioners
- Transportation Commission

Phase Four

Final Draft Plan Review

- Public Meetings (in-person/virtual)
- Landmarks Commission
- Urban Design Commission
- CDBG Board
- Public feedback on Draft Plan
- Joint Open House with WisDOT

Phase Five

Adoption & **Implementation**

- Boards. Commissions & Committees
- Implementation of Plan recommendations

Phase Six

JAN - MAR

APR-JUN

JUL - OCT

NOV - FEB

MAR-JUN

JUL+

2023 2024

Draft Plan Review Meetings











Comments about the Draft Plan



- Supportive of missing middle housing types and Plan recommendations for the East Towne mall
- Supportive of multi-use development for areas along Hayes Road
- The area needs more investment. Imagination Center has been postponed for years
- Supportive of removing the East Washington Ave frontage road
- Concern about the concentration of facilities/services for people experiencing homelessness in this area
- Concern about at-grade Highway 51/East Washington Ave intersection it might not be safe for pedestrians/bikes
- Nearby residents don't support Nakoosa Trail and Parkside Drive extensions
- Plan seems nebulous, long-term but want to see changes happening sooner

Draft Plan Format

Land Use and Transportation

Neighborhoods and Housing

Economy and Opportunity

Culture and Character

Green and Resilient

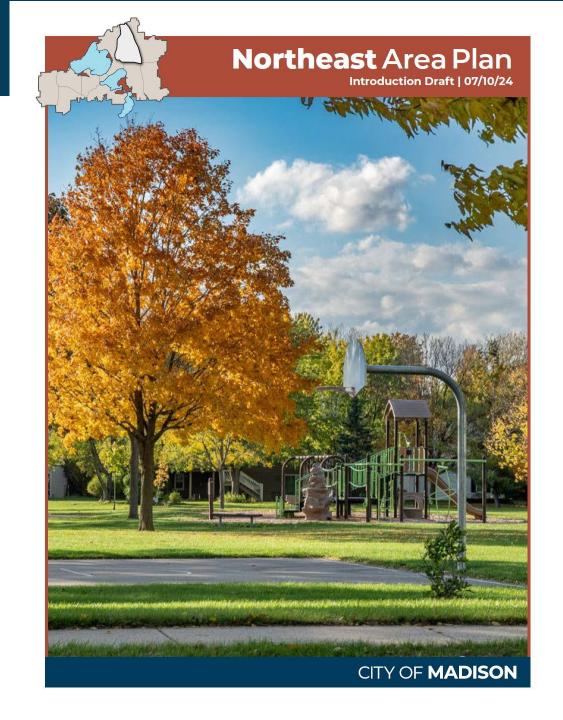
Effective Government

Health and Safety

Community Action
Strategy

Chapter Contents

- What we heard
- Actions led by the City
- Partnerships



Land Use











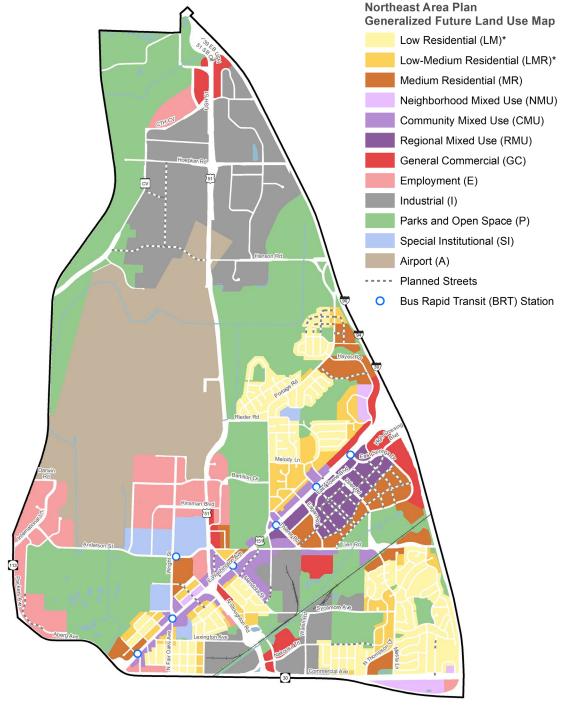






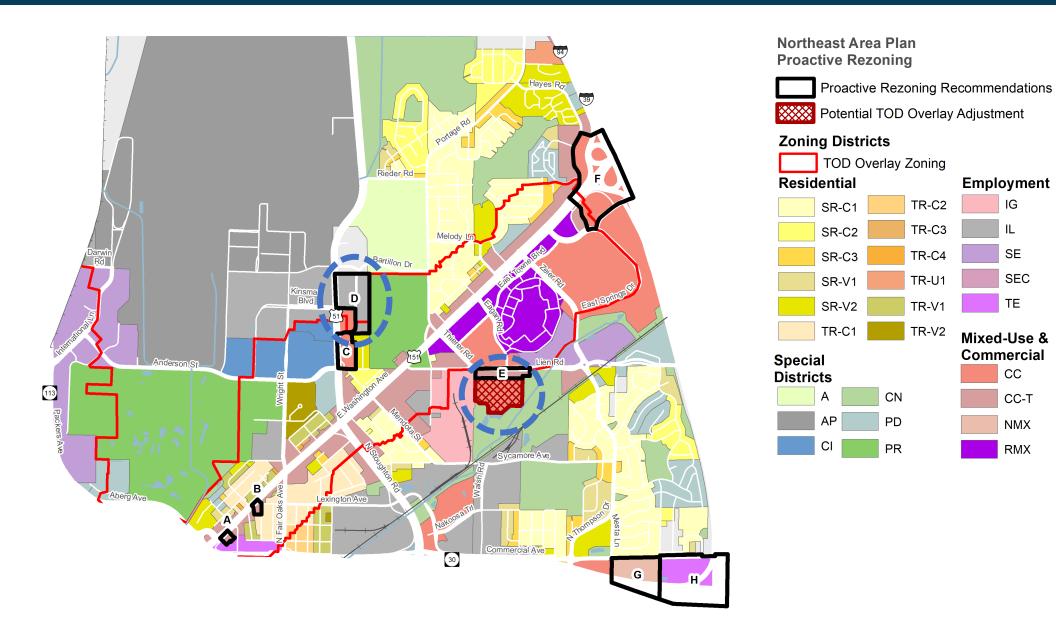


- * (LR) Permitted in select conditions at up to 30 DU/ac and three stories, generally along arterial streets or where these types of buildings are already present or planned within an adopted sub-area plan as part of a pattern of mixed residential development.
- * (LMR) Appropriate in select conditions at up to 70 DU/ac and four stories. Factors to be considered include relationships between proposed buildings and their surroundings, natural features, lot and block characteristics, and access to urban services, transit, arterial streets, parks, and amenities



Proactive Rezoning

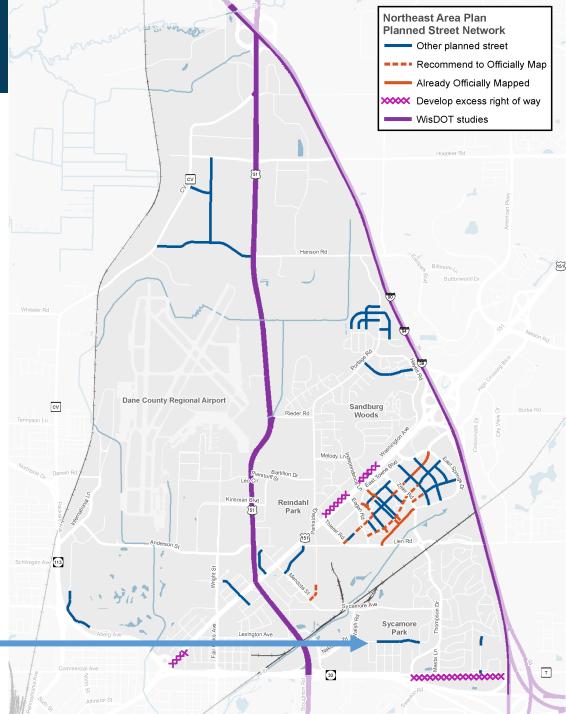




Transportation - Streets

- New Street Connections:
 - Nakoosa Trail



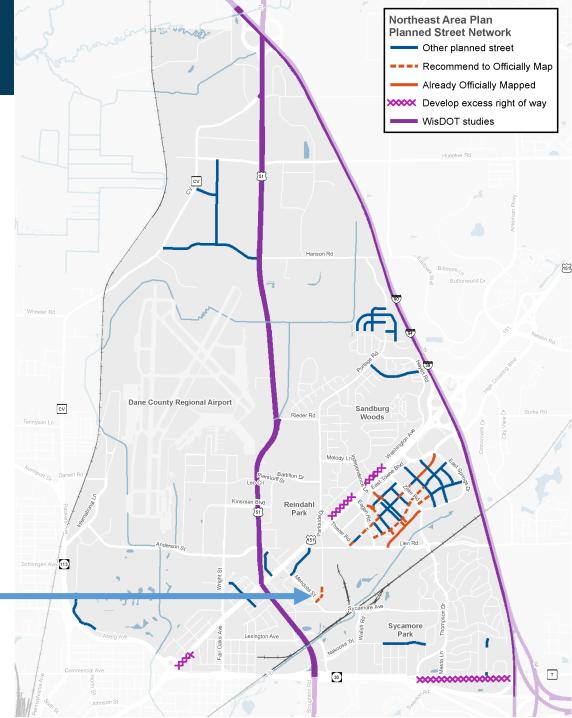




Transportation - Streets

- New Street Connections:
 - Parkside Drive



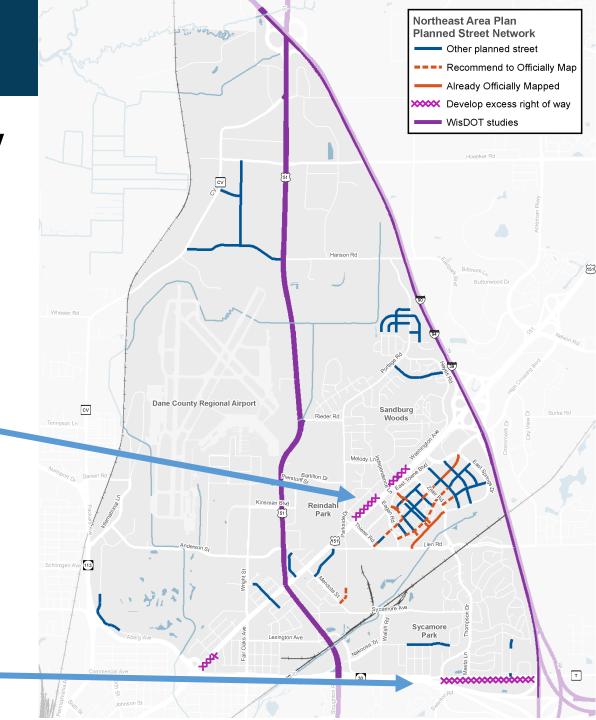


Transportation - Streets

Redevelopment of right-of-way

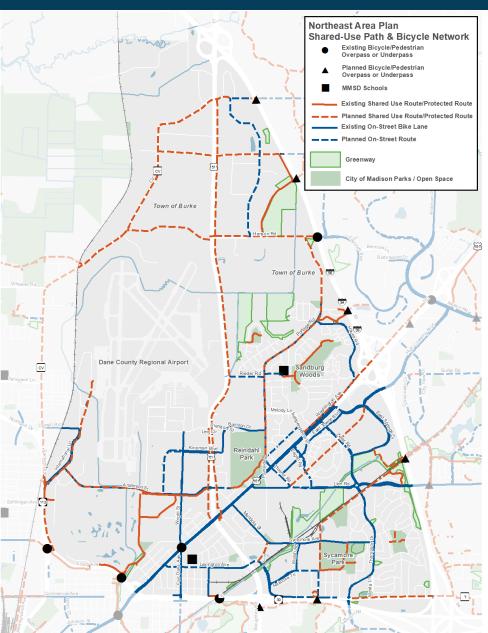




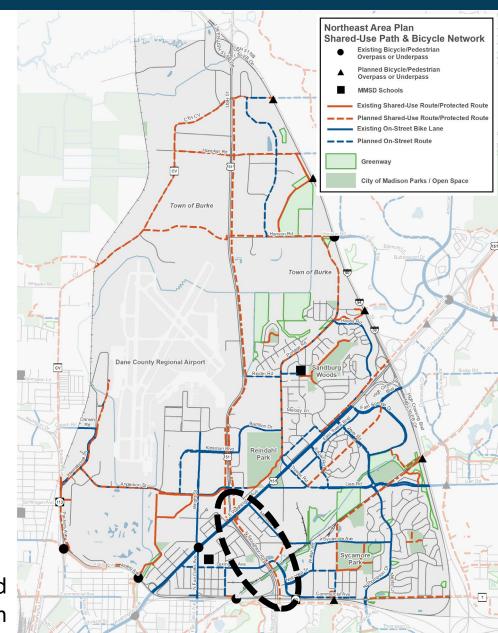


Transportation - Bikes



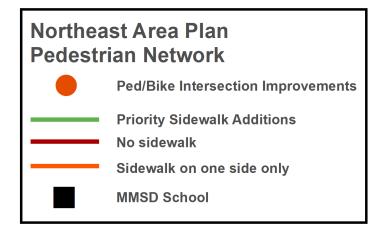


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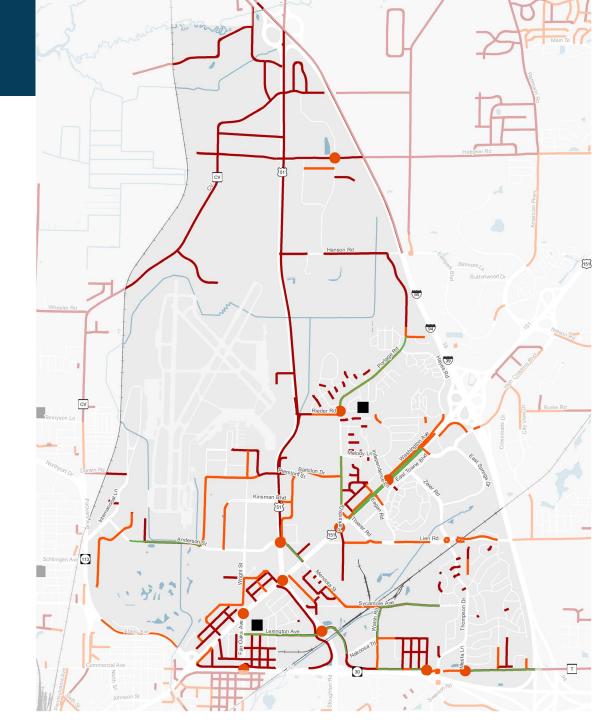
Revised recommendation

Transportation – Peds





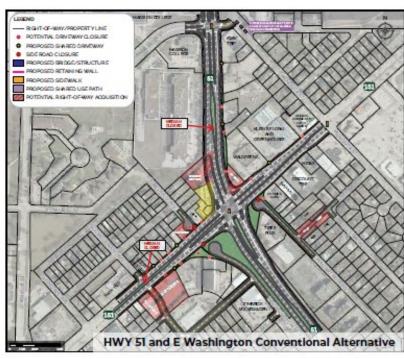
Missing sidewalk near Hawthorne Elementary



WisDOT Studies

Hwy 51

- East Wash –oppose closures of Rowland and McArthur
- Lexington recommend three-legged intersection
- Hwy 30 conventional interchange







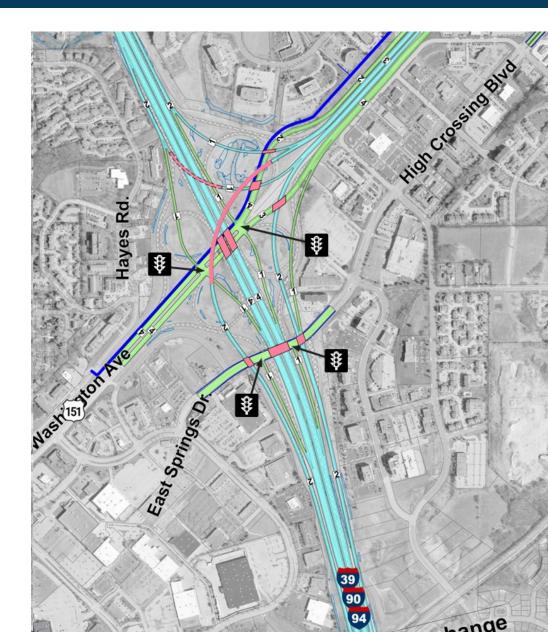


WisDOT Studies



Interstate Study

- Concerns about expansion
- Interchange discussions
 - East Washington reconfiguration
 - Potential Hoepker Rd interchange
- Prioritized Interstate crossings
 - Rail line by Lien Rd
 - East Washington Ave
 - Hayes Rd to Eastpark

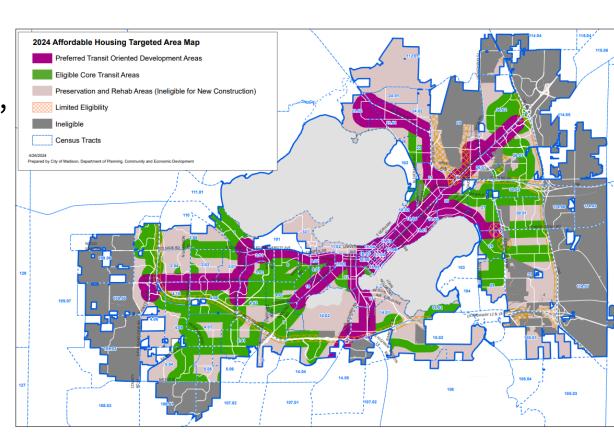


Neighborhoods and Housing



Actions

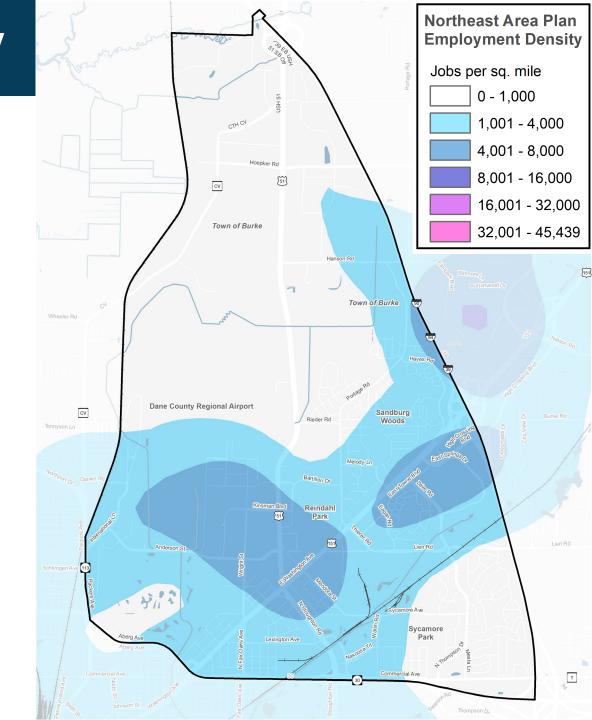
- Incentivize affordable housing, particularly on the East Washington Avenue and BRT corridors (Affordable Housing Fund, Land Banking, TIF).
- For developments receiving City funding, incentivize a **wider mix of rental unit sizes**, including family-oriented units (3-4+ bedrooms).
- Consider designating areas as a targeted area for the Rental Rehab Loan Program to encourage improvements to aging rental housing in lower-income communities.
- Invest in food retail through the Healthy Retail Access Program and SEED Grants.



Economy and Opportunity

ACTIONS

- Establish a Greater East Towne Mall Implementation Team to assist with redevelopment.
- Promote small business development programs funded through Tax
 Increment Districts (TID).
- Utilize **Land Banking program** funds for future employment.
- Enhance the airport business area.
- Promote the Foreign Trade Zone to attract businesses and employment opportunities.

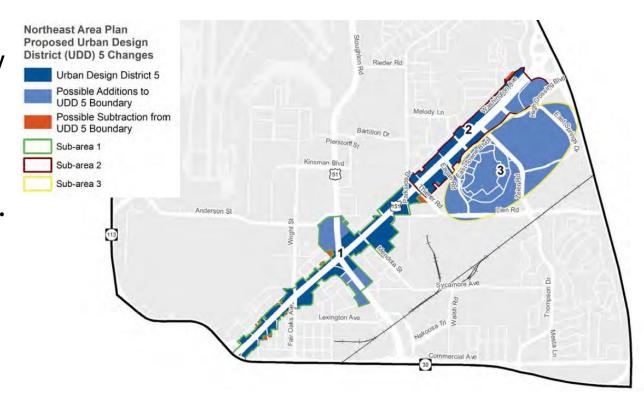


Culture and Character



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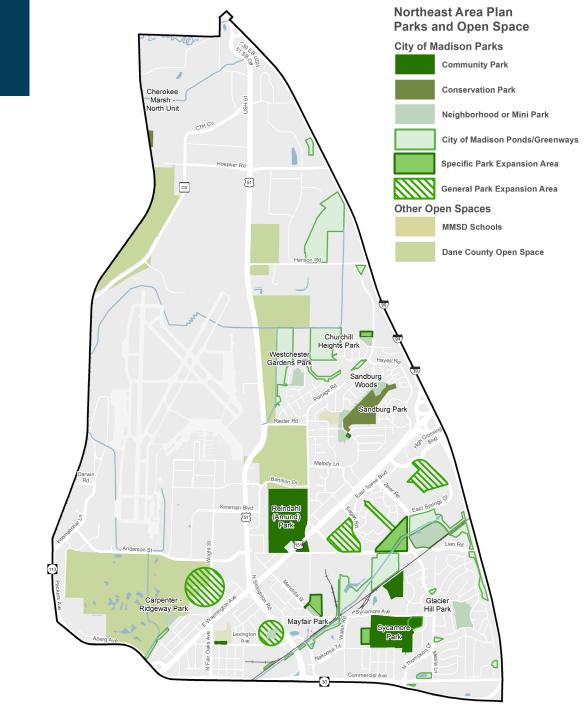
- Revise and update Urban Design District (UDD) 5
- Art and placemaking elements utility box, festivals and events, furniture, public art, etc.
- Historic resources inform property owners about National Register process.



Green and Resilient

ACTIONS

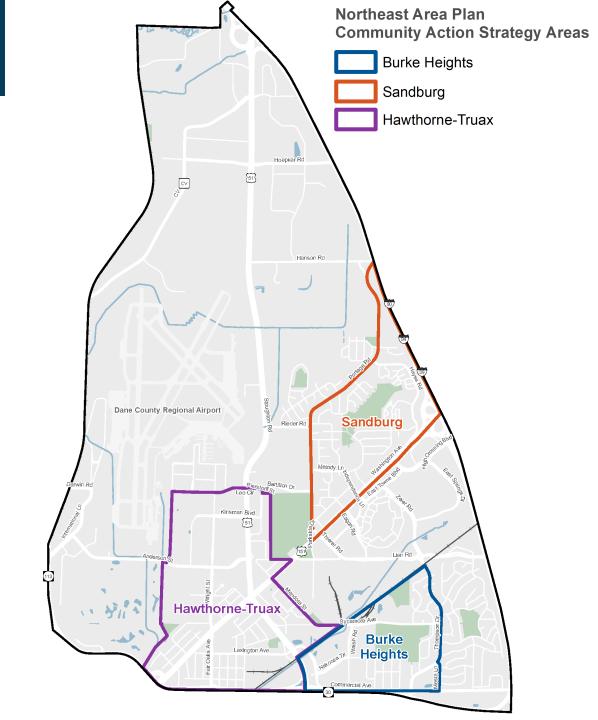
- New parkland per map
- Park Specific Improvements
 - Better define northern edge of Sandburg Park and new connection from Forrest Run Road
 - Changes to Nakoosa Trail path intersection to discourage driving
 - Improve access to other open spaces



Community Action Strategy

Sandburg, Burke Heights, and Hawthorne-Truax Neighborhoods

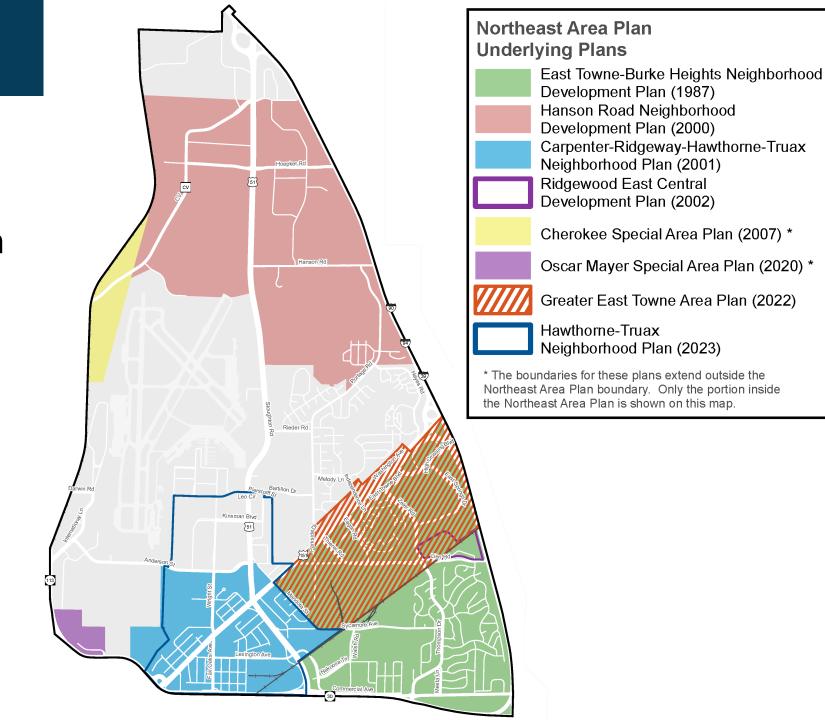
- Capacity building
- Community and stakeholder relationships
- Small-scale physical improvements
- \$200,000-250,000 per area



Past Plans

 Existing plans to be archived with adoption of Northeast Area Plan

 Incorporated relevant recommendations into Northeast Area Plan



Draft Plan Review – Next Steps



- ✓ July 16 Common Council introduction
- ✓ July 17 Economic Development Committee
- ✓ July 31 Transportation Commission
- ✓ August 1 Community Development Block Grant Committee
- ✓ August 5 Landmarks Commission
- ✓ August 14 Urban Design Commission
- ✓ August 14 Board of Park Commissioners
- ✓ August 26 Plan Commission
- ☐ September 10 Common Council



Project website