

Regular Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015 City Council Chambers 23600 Liberty Street Farmington, MI 48335

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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 - 1. Planning Commission Appointment to Recreation Master Plan Committee
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Farmington City Council Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: October 12, 2015

Reference Number (ID # 2024)

Submitted by: Kevin Christiansen, Economic Community Development Director

Description: September 14, 2015 Minutes

Requested Action:

Approve

Background:

Agenda Review

Review:

Kevin Christiansen Pending

City Manager Pending

Planning Commission Pending 10/12/2015 7:00 PM

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FARMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS City Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street Farmington, Michigan September 14, 2015

Vice Chairperson Crutcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Farmington Public Library, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Buyers, Chiara, Crutcher, Gronbach, Majoros

Absent: Bowman

A quorum of the Commission was present.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Murphy, Director Christiansen, Building

Inspector Koncsol

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Gronbach, seconded by Majoros, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried, all ayes.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of Regular Meeting – August 10, 2015

MOTION by Chiara, seconded by Buyers, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried, all ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SITE PLAN REVIEW ON PUD PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PRELIMINARY PLAN AND PUD AGREEMENT - ORCHARDS PHASE II, 33300 SLOCUM

Vice Chairperson Crutcher introduced this agenda item and turned it over to staff.

Christiansen stated this item is a scheduled Public Hearing and Preliminary PUD Planned Unit Development Plan Review with the Planning Commission on a proposed PUD Planning and Development Concept Plan for the development of Orchards Phase II. He stated a pre-application conference was held at the August 10th Planning Commission meeting with a discussion and review with the applicant. He stated the applicant, Fabio Cervi of Cervi Construction, has proposed an 11-unit, three story, townhouse style apartment building, each unit with a one-car garage and a driveway for parking. He detailed the plans that were presented by the applicant. He stated additional items include a PUD site plan review letter from LSL Planning dated September 18, 2015 and inidcareted that Ms. Caitlin Malloy-Marcon was in attendance to present the report.

Malloy-Marcon described the unique nature of the project stating it was a 2004 approved PUD agreement, with a 2010 PUD amendment. She highlighted some of the details of the plan including parking requirements, setbacks, driveway access, waste receptacle, landscape greenbelt plan, and landscape buffer. She stated they are in need of a photometric plan that shows fixture details and foot candles at all borders with adjoining properties and clarification of what the sidewalks and walkways are going to look like in the final product. She stated the landscaping, the parking setback and the parking spaces are all deviations from the PUD agreement and wanted to bring that to the attention of the Planning Commission.

Vice Chairperson Crutcher opened the floor up for questions from the Commissioners. Hearing none, he then invited the applicant to the podium.

Fabio Cervi, Cervi Construction, 12419 Stark Road, Livonia, came to the podium He stated he had a few notes and comments he wished to address in the final site plan, that being pushing the dumpster back a little further to allow easier access for garbage removal trucks from the existing phase and for this phase and possibly tying in the sidewalks to the City parking lot to have more direct access to the downtown and possibly adding more lightpoles in the greenspaces.

Vice Chairperson Crutcher opened the floor for questions for the Applicant.

Buyers asked for clarification of the sidewalk locations and the Applicant responded that the intended sidewalks are delineated on the site plan that was submitted and not the rendering. Buyers then asked if the sidewalks are coming in perpendicular to the driveway and Cervi responded in the affirmative.

Gronbach asked Malloy-Marcon if the sidewalk placement the Applicant detailed would still fall within the guidelines and she indicated that it would but stated concern that in the site plan the sidewalk is not actually connected to the City sidewalk so there's no continuous walkway from the City sidewalk into the site and she asked that that modification be made on the final site plan.

Crutcher inquired about the lighting and the Applicant replied they are proposing two lights on each garage door and one by each front door which will be set up on photocell to come on automatically at night. Crutcher asked Malloy-Marcon if additional lighting would be required and she responded adding light in between units would benefit it by making it a more walkable site.

MOTION by Buyers, seconded by Chiara, to open the Public Hearing.

(Public Hearing opened at 7:15 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING

Roman Belobradich, 33112 Slocum, inquired if there were previous meetings on this proposed PUD and Christiansen responded and explained the process.

Jim Vandenberg, 30740 Ridgeway Drive, Farmington Hills, and Power of Attorney for his special needs son Kevin Vanderberg, who lives in Orchards Phase I, inquired about shared use of the drive as well as the intended use of the cut-out, parking concerns and emptying of the waste dumpsters on both properties. He then questioned the Applicant what the anticipated rent would be for the Phase II and Cervi responded approximately \$1,700.00. Vandenberg then inquired if there was an intention to connect their drive to the City drive and Christiansen responded in the negative.

Vandenberg then asked about liability from damages occurring in the building process. Koncsol responded that damage claims would be investigated by the Building Department and that a bond may be required from the builder during that time.

Kevin Kalp, 33252 Slocum, stated his concerns about repairs and maintenance of the shared drive.

MOTION by Gronbach, supported by Chiara, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried, all ayes.

(Public Hearing closed 7:30 p.m.)

MOTION by Gronbach, supported by Buyers, by the Planning Commission giving conditional approval for the preliminary conceptual PUD plan for Orchard Phase II, 33300 Slocum, and that it be forwarded to City Council for their review Motion carried, all ayes.

SPECIAL LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING AND SITE PLAN REVIEW - SHELL GAS STATION, 37375 GRAND RIVER

Crutcher introduced this agenda item and turned it over to staff.

Christiansen stated the new property owner of the Shell Gas Station, 37375 Grand River, has proposed several changes, improvements and upgrades to the existing building and service station for his new service station. He stated the proposed changes to the existing Shell Gas Station site include interior modifications to the existing service station building and exterior changes to the existing building façade and service station site, including façade improvements, parking lot upgrades and improvements, new landscaping, and new site signage and requires the review and approval of the Planning Commission. The existing commercial property is zoned C-3, General Commercial. Gas stations are a special land use in the C-3 General Commercial District. A Public Hearing and site plan review and approval are required. No changes regarding building dimensions or other site improvements are proposed.

The Applicant has submitted a site plan for the proposed changes and improvements, including proposed interior building modifications, proposed building elevations, and a site plan showing proposed service station site improvements including new landscaping. An aerial photograph was included with the staff report as well as additional information being a site plan review letter from LSL Planning dated 9-10-15. He stated the Applicant was present to answer any questions of the Planning Commission.

Vice Chairman Crutcher invited the Applicant to the podium.

Steve Alexander, 3129 Ivy Hill Drive, Commerce Township, Michigan, came to the podium. He thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present his plans for redevelopment. His architect, Nasser Choucair, N.C. Designers and Contracting, 3241 S. Telegraph, Dearborn, was also present for questions.

Alexander then presented the Planning Commission with samples of the proposed materials

Caitlin Malloy-Marcon, LSL Planning, went over the details of her report. She stated this is a Special Land Use and that the Applicant is proposing interior changes as well as exterior, façade changes, landscaping and parking lot configuration changes. She stated the building design, façade improvements, would be welcome changes to the building, seeing as it is a gateway parcel coming into the city. She indicated the treatments they are proposing for the building will look cohesive with other upgrades going on with commercial facades around the city. She stated parking was a slight concern as per ordinance there are eight spaces required for the filling station, three for the retail space, two for employees, six for carryout spaces for the proposed carryout restaurant addition and three spaces for the car wash, their plans meeting the requirements for the filling station, the retail space and the employee, but fall short four spaces for carryout restaurant and all spaces for the car wash. Landscaping doesn't quite meet the requirements of the zoning ordinance in terms of the types of trees being provided but they are providing a perennial variety of landscape updates to the property with shrubs, evergreens and grasses which meets the spirit of the ordinance, but are missing the canopy tree count. No lighting plan or signage. In summary, the three areas of concern are the parking with addition of other uses do not meet the requirements, and the lack of a detailed sign and lighting plan.

Buyers asked for confirmation on the parking calculations and Malloy-Marcon adjusted her count per the site plan.

Gronbach asked for clarification on the parking for the car wash building and Malloy-Marcon stated that stacking spaces are not included in the count for stationery parking spaces, those are two separate counts per the ordinance. He then confirmed with the Applicant that the car wash usage would be the same as the previous one which was responded in the affirmative.

Majoros asked Christiansen if parking requirements for mixed use would be the same as if this was exclusively a takeout restaurant and Christiansen responded the requirements are for the gas station itself with the accessory uses. Malloy-Marcon stated there are shared parking scenarios which can be considered by the Planning Commission and finding more detailed information on the type of carryout restaurant is planned could alter those considerations.

Buyers inquired of the Applicant what type of carryout he was intending and he stated there would be a small grill for pizza carryout.

Christiansen then stated the commercial kitchen area is 602 square feet and that the majority of the space on the floorplan is for the C-store.

Chiara asked if a commercial oven would be installed and the Applicant responded in the affirmative.

Choucair commented that their need for employee parking spaces is less, with usually one person on duty and that the car wash will not be in operation 24 hours a day, therefore freeing up more parking spaces. He stated that the gas station occupancy will not exceed fifteen as he is experienced in designing gas stations in and around the community and that is what he has encountered in his dealings.

MOTION by Buyers, supported by Majoros, to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried, all ayes.

(Public Hearing opened at 7:48 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING

No public comment heard.

MOTION by Chiara, supported by Majoros, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried, all ayes.

(Public Hearing closed at 7:48 p.m.)

Vice Chairperson Crutcher opened the floor up for comments from the Commissioners.

Chiara expressed a desire due to the location of this gas station, that whatever signage is installed to include a welcome into the City Farmington on it.

Christiansen stated that they have been working with the Applicant on having the property owner provide an easement to the City to locate the western entrance sign. He also stated that any signage proposed by the Applicant must conform with ordinance requirements.

Christiansen also stated that there are two letters of review for consideration by the Planning Commission before any action is taken, the LSL Planning letter addressed by Malloy-Marcon, and also one from engineering consultants OHM dated September 14, 2014.

MOTION BY Chiara, supported by Majoros, to approve the Special Land Use and Site Plan as proposed for the Shell Gas Station, adopting the recommendations made in the letters from OHM and LSL Planning that would be included in the final site plan approval by the City

Motion carried, all ayes.

SITE PLAN REVIEW - CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE HOME ADDITIONS, A WOOD DECK ADDITION AND A DETACHED GARAGE ADDITION, 23801 FARMINGTON ROAD

Vice Chairperson Crutcher introduced the agenda item and turned it over to staff.

Christiansen stated the requirements contained in Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding homes in the Historic District. He stated the City received an application from Ronald Cline, 23801 Farmington Road, for a modification of his existing single family residence, adding a bedroom and bathroom, a mud room, sunroom, expanding the existing kitchen and constructing a new wood deck addition and a new detached garage addition for his existing two-story single family residence located in the City of Farmington Historic District. He indicated the design and location of the home additions and the new detached garage are shown on the attached information submitted by the Applicant. The Historical Commission has reviewed the plans and has provided their recommendations and a copy is attached with the staff report. Also, there are members of the Historical Commission in attendance at tonight's meeting. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the necessary variances required at their September 2, 2015 meeting and a copy of the minutes from that meeting were also included. He indicated the responsibility of the Planning Commission is to review the site plan for the proposed additions. The Building Department has reviewed the dimensional aspects of the plan and has indicated that it meets the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance with the approved variances. He stated the property is located on the northwest corner of Farmington Road and Oakland Street, directly across from the parking lot for the Masonic Lodge and that the applicant has provided detailed pictures and plans for presentation.

Vice Chairperson Crutcher invited the Applicant to the podium.

Ronald Cline, 23801 Farmington Road, came to the podium. He stated he has lived in the home for two years with his family but stated the bedrooms are tiny and the kitchen is small and a mud room area is needed to store coats and shoes. He went over the plans in detail shown on the screen for the Commissioners. He stated the front porch is narrow and he would like to extend it by wrapping it around a little more in back to make enough room to have chairs on it. He indicated the existing garage is hard to pull into

and too small to house two cars with no room for storage. He indicated he is going with a carriage barn style with two doors and storage above for a hobby space.

Vice Chairperson Crutcher opened the floor for questions from the Commissioners.

Gronbach asked the Applicant to review the materials he plans on utilizing and asked if they are compatible with the existing materials and colors on his home.

He displayed the garage doors on the screen and stated he found a company that still made the old style windows that he would be incorporating into the plan. He stated all of the aluminum siding will be taken off and the old style windows will be installed. He stated the composite siding he will be utilizing looks like wood from the street but is more durable and the paint is in the finish so no peeling occurs and it will be used around the whole house and the garage making it uniform. He stated the shingles will be asphalt with fiberglass underneath it. He indicated he found a place in Indiana that still makes the bricks that are under the front porch and he will be utilizing them.

Vice Chairperson Crutcher opened the floor for questions from the Commissioners.

Gronbach inquired about the garage doors and which direction they will be facing and further discussion was held.

Buyers asked the Applicant about the space above the garage that is going to be utilized for storage or hobby space and whether or not there would be a stairway going to the area and the Applicant responded in the affirmative. Gronbach confirmed with the Applicant that the stairs would be on the interior. Buyers then asked if there would be dedicated electrical for the storage area and the Applicant responded yes.

Buyers then asked staff of the requirements for insulation or the like and Christiansen responded there are general Code requirements regarding construction that would apply.

Buyers then asked the Applicant which sides the stone would be on the house and he responded all sides to make it uniform and tie in together.

Majoros inquired about the fence and the Applicant responded that they are going to extend the fence to meet the garage for the safety of his children and pets.

Christiansen stated that a number of members of the Historical Commission were present and Crutcher asked if they would like to come forward.

Laura Myers, 33601 Shiawassee, chairperson of the Historical Commission, commended Mr. Cline and indicated that they had been working with him since February. She detailed the findings in their report and their recommendations. She stated the Commission serves only in an advisory capacity and that with the changes

that Cline is making, it would put his house a noncontributing one in the Historical District, thereby making him not eligible for tax credits should they be available in the future.

Marilyn Weimar, 33620 Hillcrest, also spoke on the issue and further discussion was held.

MOTION by Buyers, supported by Chiara, to move that the Planning Commission approve the site plan for home additions, wood deck addition, and detached garage addition for the home located at 23810 Farmington Road.

Motion carried, all ayes.

SITE PLAN AMENDMENT - DOLPHIN CENTER, 31691-31715 GRAND RIVER

Vice Chairperson Crutcher introduced this agenda item and turned it over to staff.

Christiansen stated at the July 13, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting the Commission approved the site plan proposing several changes, improvements and upgrades to the existing building and commercial site located at 31691-31715 Grand River Avenue, Dolphin Center. Those changes included exterior changes to existing building facade and proposed outdoor seating area for a future tenant. The building is located in the C-3 General Commercial District and requires review and approval by the Planning Commission. No changes regarding building dimensions or other site improvements were proposed. The Applicant is requesting to amend the approved site plan and has submitted a revised building elevation plan modifying the approved north building elevation. The amended plan calls for modification of the façade improvement to the existing building previously approved, the approved site signage, a new site plan face has been installed. The approved landscaping modifications are currently underway. He stated the Applicant is at the meeting to present amended site plan. Christiansen went over the plans depicted on the screen. He stated the Applicant is intending now to take the existing mansurd roof, repurpose it, instead of repurposing the entire facade as was originally presented and approved, but still an upgrade, from a mansurd shed type roof to a metal flash type roof. He stated what is still the same is the changing of the existing site plan and the repurposing of the landscaping is also the same and currently The Applicant is asking for a modification of the façade improvements approved at the July 13, 2015 meeting.

Crutcher invited the Applicant to the podium.

Salvatore Pellerito came to the podium and stated that he intends to fix up the property but does not have the money to do the updates he originally proposed.

He stated that right now there are asphalt shingles and he wants to remove them and put metal so it looks nicer and efface on the top. He is going to remove the original stone and put newer style stone on the building and the signage is done and the landscape is currently being installed.

Gronbach inquired of staff if the Applicant needs to submit a new set of plans that are better than just a rendering for approval.

Christiansen responded that there will be construction plans or permit plans required which would show exact detail on changes.

Gronbach stated he is disappointed and that the original plans were a lot better than the rendering provided tonight and feels strongly that if the Commission is going to approve renovations to the façade that something more than a sketch is needed. He also indicated that he believes the signage is bigger than what would be allowed by Code.

Majoros asked if the signage for the tenants would be separate and distinct or if they were all intended to be similar.

The Applicant responded that every individual will get their own sign.

Crutcher clarified with the Applicant that he is going from proposing a major renovation to just changing the material on the roof.

The Applicant stated some circumstances have come up in his life that prevent him from going forward with his original plan.

Gronbach stated that if the proponent is coming in for approval that he should have samples of materials and colors.

Christiansen stated he can appreciate the Commissioners comments but the changes will give a little bit of fresh air to the center and that it is almost to the point where it doesn't require review and approval because he is not changing the façade but more standard maintenance type of items, but the purpose of bringing it back was to inform the Planning Commission.

Crutcher clarified that the Applicant was going from making renovations to making noe at all and just basically changing from shingle to metal.

Gronbach expressed concern that there had been a few instances before where plans had been approved and then a year later the proponent is out doing something completely different.

Further discussion was held regarding providing more detail to the Commissioners on the plans.

Buyers asked about their former discussion on outdoor seating and if that is currently in his plans and the Applicant responded if a tenant requested it.

Buyers confirmed with the Applicant that there would be no height alterations, or exterior alterations to the building and further discussion was held.

Chiara asked if the landscaping is currently being done and the Applicant responded in the affirmative and that it should be completed in the next week or two.

MOTION by Majoros, supported by Chiara, to move to approve the site plan amendment for Dolphin Center, 31691-31715 Grand River, with the condition that at a minimum staff see and have details from the Petitioner on items like color, stone samples, some degree of detail and confidence that the Commission can hold the Petitioner to an agreement and to work with staff on that and if necessary come back before the Planning Commission.

Motion carried, all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None heard.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chiara inquired about the demolition occurring for the Fresh Thyme site.

STAFF COMMENTS

Christiansen detailed the activity with respect to redevelopment going on in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Chiara, seconded by Buyers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,	
Secretary	

Farmington City Council Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: October 12, 2015 Reference Number (ID # 2026)

Submitted by: Kevin Christiansen, Economic Community Development Director

<u>Description:</u> Review of Orchard Lake/10 Mile Roads PlacePlans Project

Requested Action:

None

Background:

At the June 17, 2015 Orchard Lake and Ten Mile Roads PlacePlans Meeting, the final report and design proposal for the future redevelopment and enhancement of the Orchard Lake/Ten Mile Roads intersection area was presented to the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. The purpose of this item is to review the Plan and to accept it as part of the City of Farmington Master Plan and Comprehensive Planning Program.

Attachment

Agenda Review

Review:

Kevin Christiansen Pending

City Manager Pending

Planning Commission Pending 10/12/2015 7:00 PM

Updated: 10/7/2015 10:48 AM by Lisa McGill

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Orchard Lake Road and Ten Mile Intersection Redesign Analysis
Report and Design Proposal
for PlacePlans

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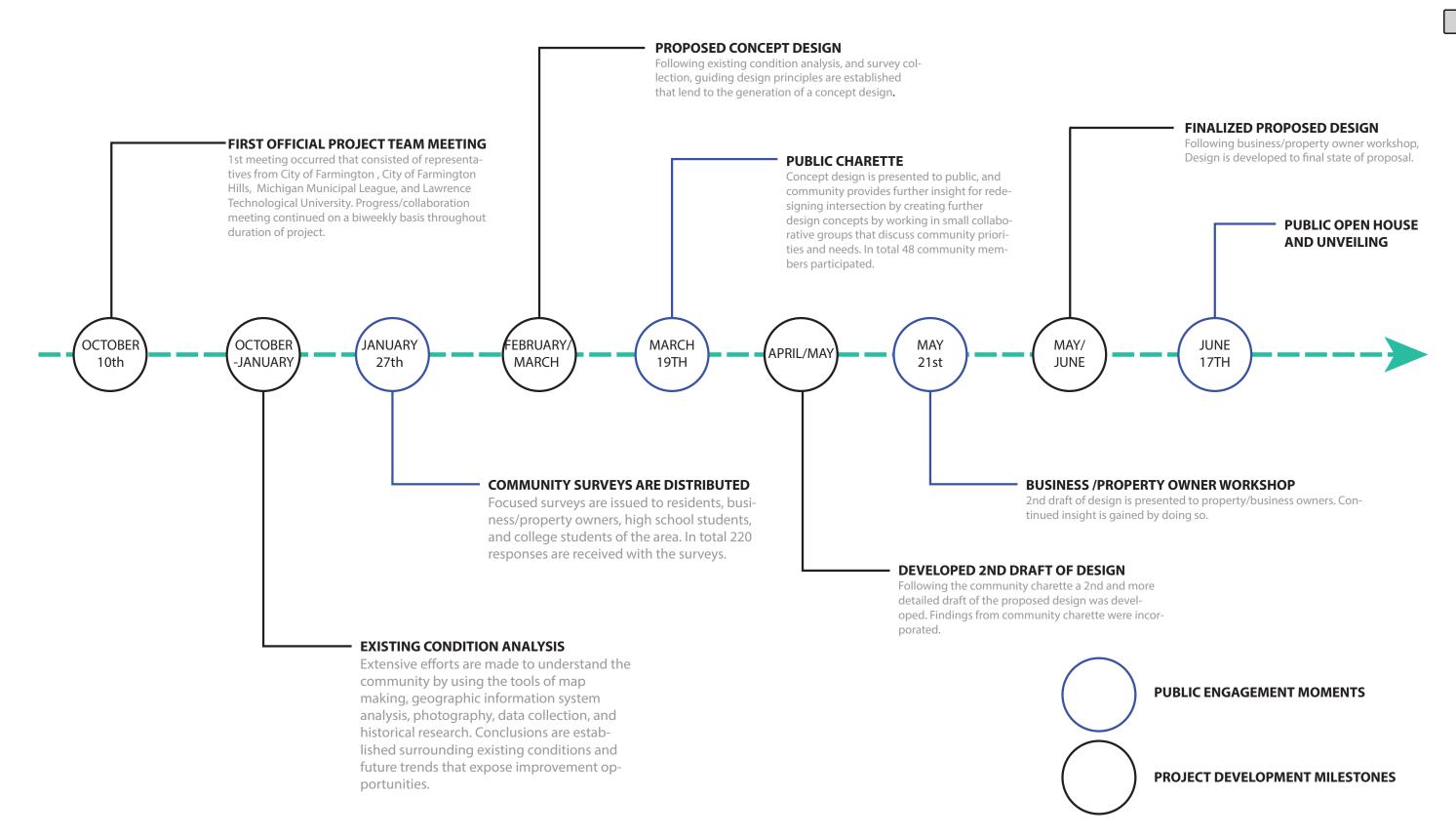
Project Introduction

National data and anecdotal evidence in Michigan is showing that people of all ages are looking for a style of living that includes quality physical design, walkability, transit options, arts and culture, diversity and a healthy natural environment. This style of living is often summed up as "quality of place." People, young and old alike, are choosing place first when deciding where to live and work. Now, more than ever, strategically investing in communities that are committed to creating quality places is a critical element of any economic development policy, and is central to the long-term success of Michigan.

PlacePlans is a statewide program sponsored by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Michigan State University and the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and supports local projects focused on creating a community-driven vision for selected neighborhoods.

The Cities of Farmington Hills and Farmington submitted a PlacePlans application for the Orchard Lake and Ten Mile Road intersection. The Cities' project was selected and have been working in partnership with MML, Lawrence Technology University's Master of Urban Design program faculty and graduate students, and the Detroit Studio Community Outreach Program on this study.

This report is a documented account of both the research and design efforts that have been made in reimaginging a transformation of the Ten Mile and Orchard Lake Road intersection into a 'sense of place'.

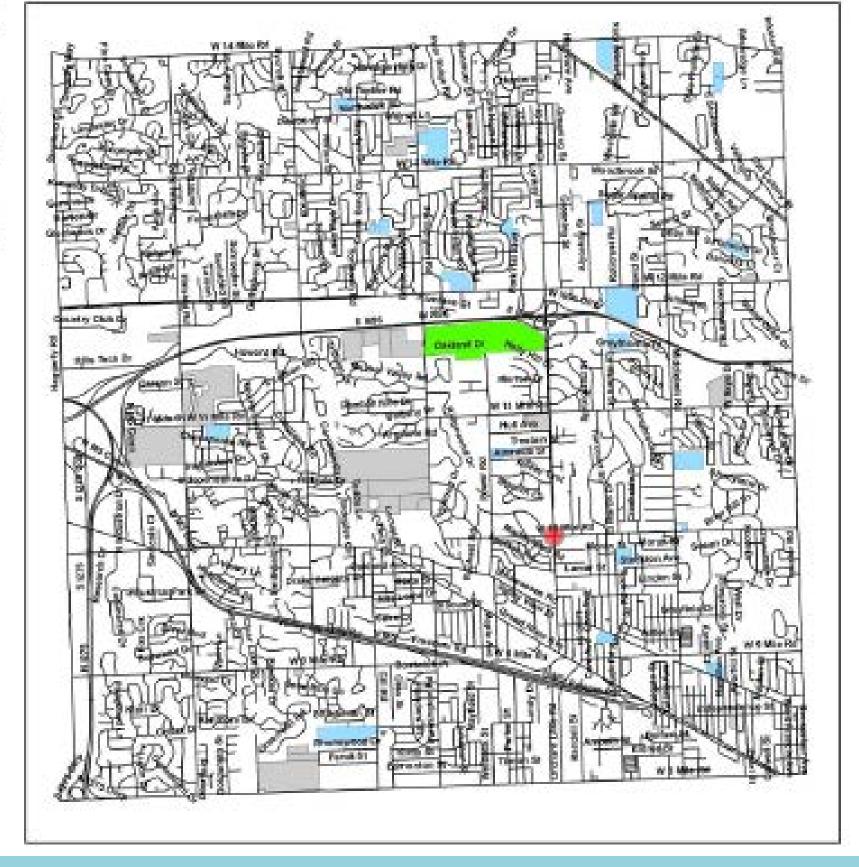


LAND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS

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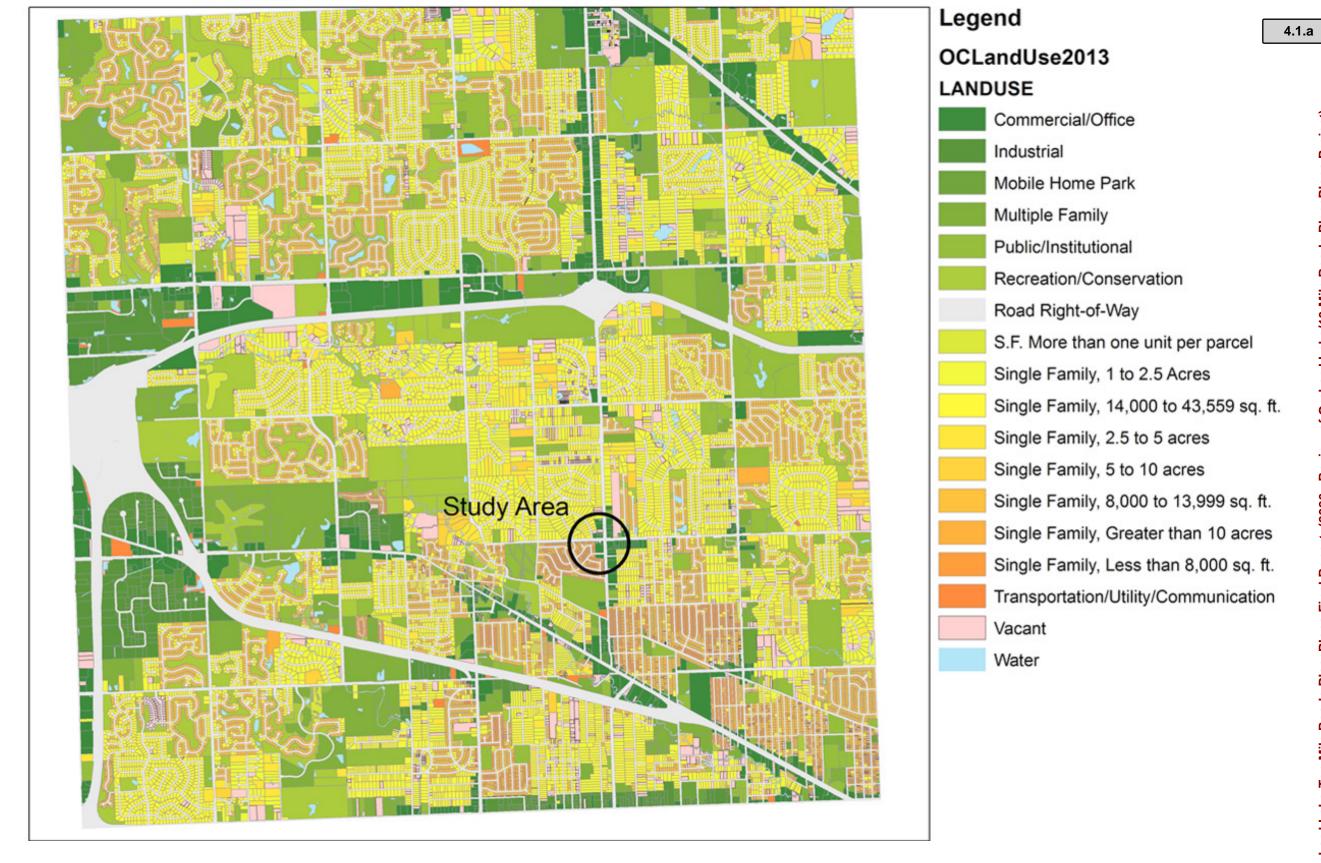
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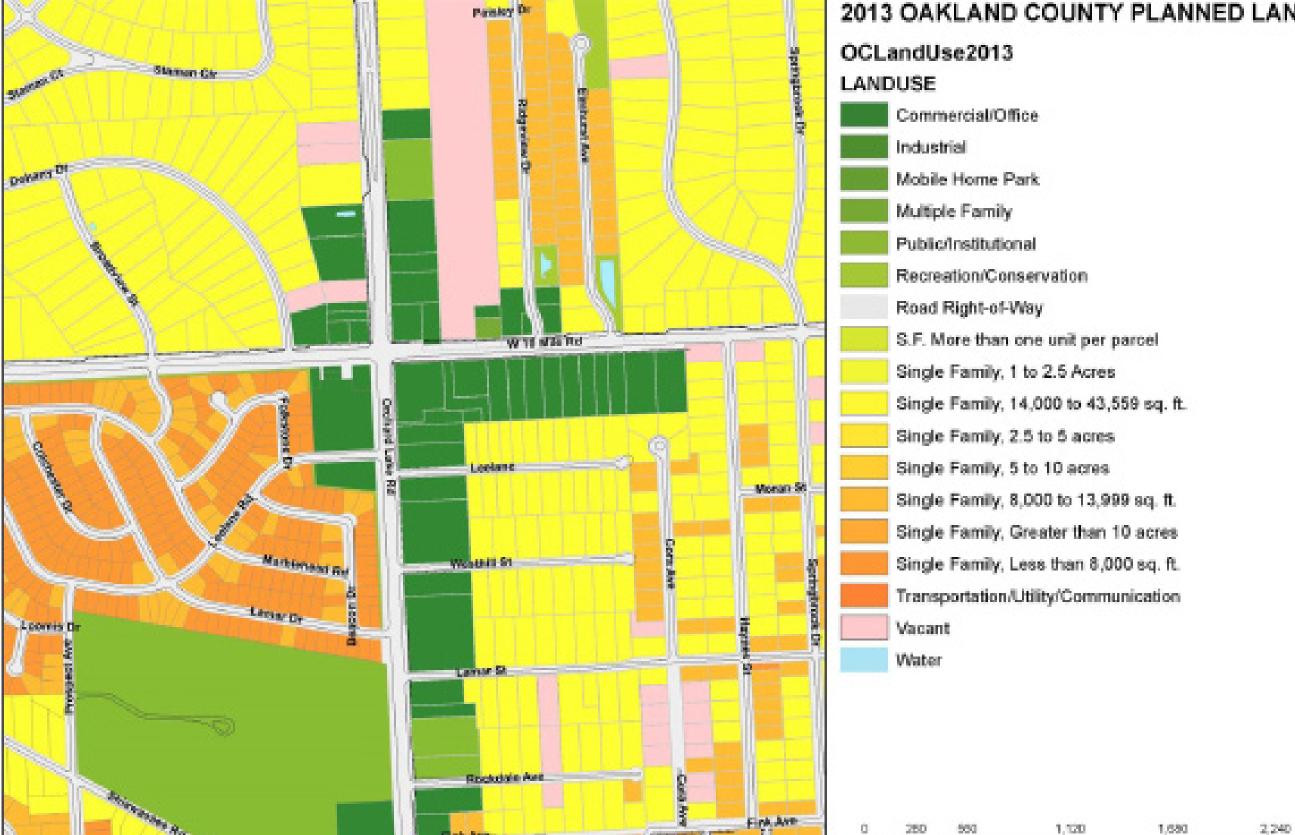
Of particular note is the quantity of land owned and operated by local educational institutes.



REGIONAL LAND USE

Investigating regional land use connections, it becomes apparent the study intersection is not a primary commercial hub of the city. If anything it is a heavy residential area, with some commercial use in the neighborhood.





LOCAL LAND USE

The focus area intersection is surrounded by residential land use. It is essential that proposed urban design plans strengthen interactions with these areas. Infill of vacant lots adjacent to 10 Mile and Orchard Lake Road could support proposal development of intersection.

BUILDING FABRIC ANALYSIS

Urban design efforts should integrate with the preexisting built context. For this reason analysis was conducted that resulted in observing typical building patterns for the area.



FIGURE-GROUND MAP

It appears majority of land property parcels express a relatively low land use density.

0 - 13

14 - 18

19 - 24

25 - 32

33 - 54



BUILDING HEIGHT MAPPING

No buildings within focus area exceed twenty six feet. Building lining streets fluctuate fall between eleven and twenty four feet in height.



BUILDING STORY MAPPING

Nearly all buildings in focus area are only one story.

CIRCULATIONANALYSIS

For this analysis there was interest in investigating what causes people to circulate, and what is the quality of existing motor, public, and pedestrian systems for doing so.



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635 - 995

NUMBER OF RESIDENTS

996 - 1374

1375 - 1832

1833 - 2450

		5-Yr ACS 2010	
ere \	Vorkers Commute From *	Workers	Percent
1	Farmington Hills	8,135	15.2%
2	Detroit	3,315	6.2%
3	Livonia	2,955	5.5%
4	West Bloomfield Township	2,785	5.2%
5	Novi	2,615	4.9%
6	Southfield	1,620	3.0%
7	Commerce Township or Wolverine Lake	1,440	2.7%
8	Canton Township	1,375	2.6%
9	Redford Township	1,360	2.5%
10	Westland	1,145	2.1%
-	Elsewhere	26,739	50.0%
orker	s age 16 and over employed in Farmington Hills	53 484	100.0%

WHO COMMUTE LESS THEN 20 MIN TO WORK

		5-Yr ACS 2010		
Vhere R	esidents Work *	Workers		Workers Percent
1	Farmington Hills	685	13.7%	
2	Farmington	610	12.2%	
3	Livonia	510	10.2%	
4	Southfield	425	8.5%	
5	Dearborn	305	6.1%	
6	Detroit	300	6.0%	
7	Troy	265	5.3%	
8	Novi	220	4.4%	
9	Auburn Hills	140	2.8%	
10	Warren	105	2.1%	
-	Elsewhere	1,439	28.8%	
Worker	s, age 16 and over, residing in Farmington	5,004	100.0%	

Transportation to Work, 2010 *

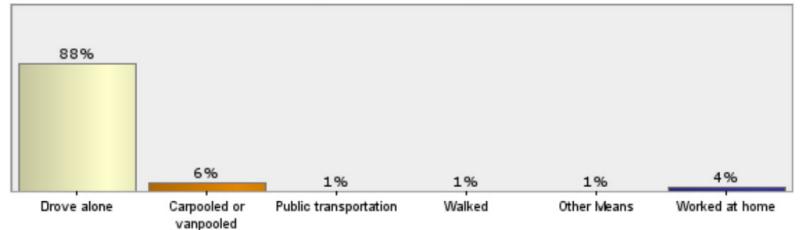
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STUDY INERSECTION

Farmington



CIRCULATION:

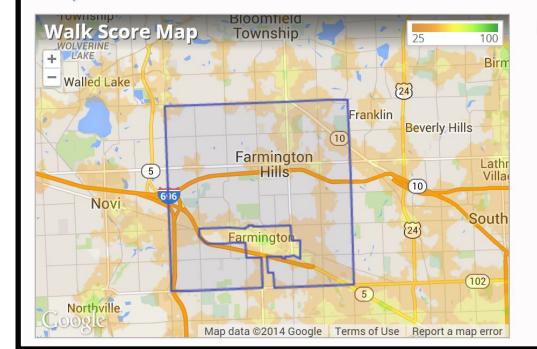
WORK PATTERNS

http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/ pages/index.xhtml

SEMCOG Community Profiles, http://

Farmington Hills is a Car-Dependent city

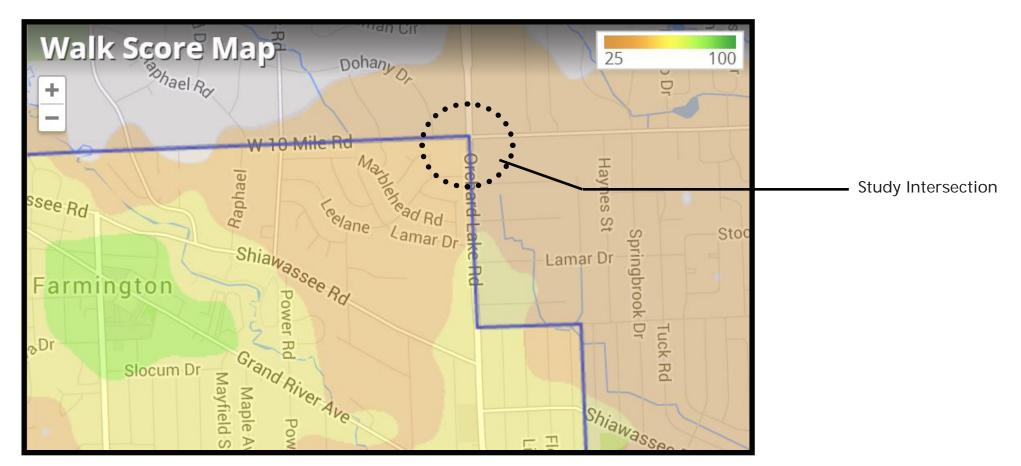
Almost all errands require a car.



Almost all errands require a car in Farmington Hills.

REGIONAL WALKSCORE MAP

Walk Score



INTERSECTION WALKSCORE MAP

CIRCULATION: WA

ABILITY

https://www.walkscore.com/MI/Farmi

FOCUS AREA

2,000

500 1,000

3,000

4,000

Legend

Sidewalks

CIRCULATION:



2012 Traffic Count:
 20,573 (Current Year Estimate)
 2008 Traffic Count:
 23,835 (Average Daily Traffic)
 2004 Traffic Count:
 24,275 (Average Daily Traffic)

Site Information

Nearest cross street to the count:

W 10 Mile Rd

Direction from the count to the cross street:

South

Distance to the nearest cross street:

0.04 miles

2

2012 Traffic Count:
 2008 Traffic Count:
 24,552 (Average Daily Traffic)
 2004 Traffic Count:
 23,640 (Current Year Estimate)
 24,552 (Average Daily Traffic)

Site Information

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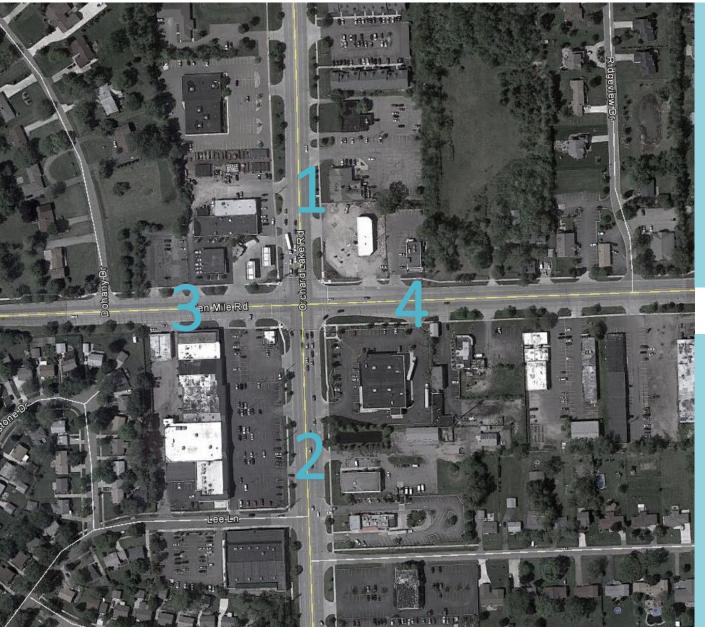
W 10 Mile Rd

Direction from the count to the cross street:

North

Distance to the nearest cross street:

0.04 miles



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 20,573 (Current Year Estimate)
 2008 Traffic Count:
 23,835 (Average Daily Traffic)
 2004 Traffic Count:
 24,275 (Average Daily Traffic)

Site Information

Nearest cross street to the count:

W 10 Mile Rd

Direction from the count to the cross street:

South

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Distance to the nearest cross street:

0.04 miles

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2012 Traffic Count: 13,921 (Current Year Estimate)
 2008 Traffic Count: 11,706 (Average Daily Traffic)
 2004 Traffic Count: 11,997 (Average Daily Traffic)

Site Information

Nearest cross street to the count:

Orchard Lake Rd

Direction from the count to the cross street:

West

Distance to the nearest cross street:

0.04 miles

VEHICULAR TRANSPORTATION DEMANDS

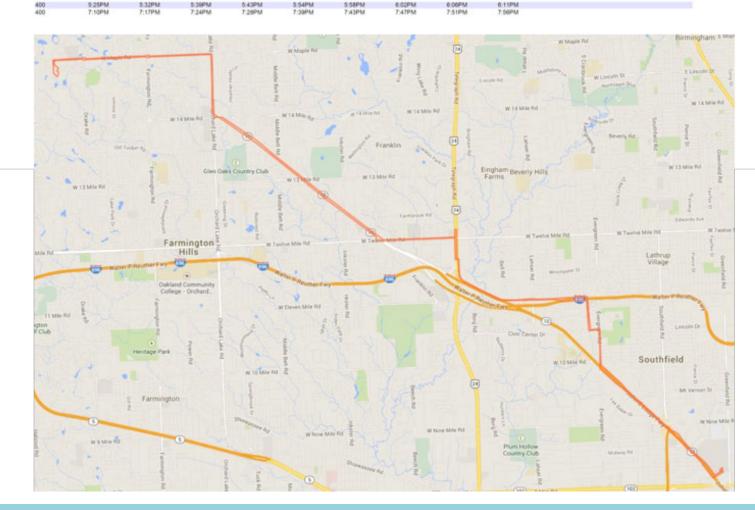
Data evidence indicates that traffice counts North, West, and South of the study intersection are on the decline. To the East they are on the increase. Reduction of space allocated to automobile circulation should be considered.

REGIONAL BUS MAP

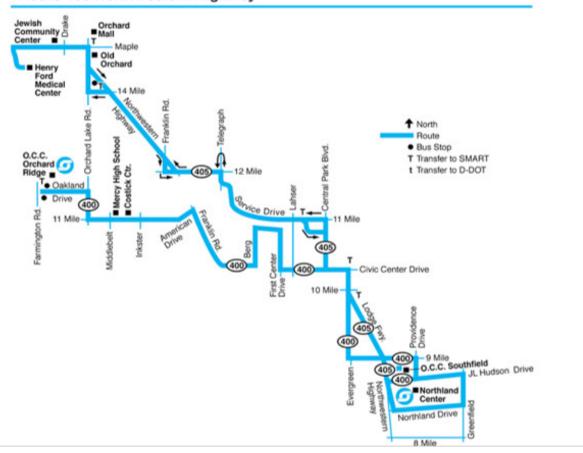
There are substantial public bus routes that offer access to the East and South portions of the Detroit using public transportation. However, there does not appear to be a direct connection between the two. Orchard could serve as a pedestrian connection point for East-West and South-North bus routing.

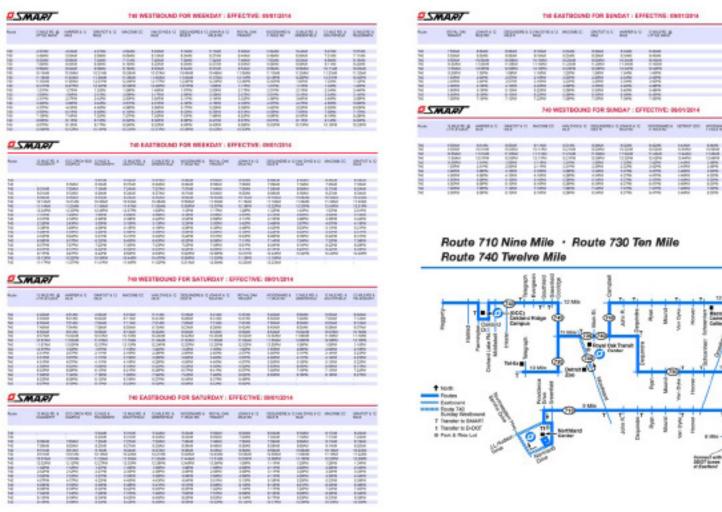
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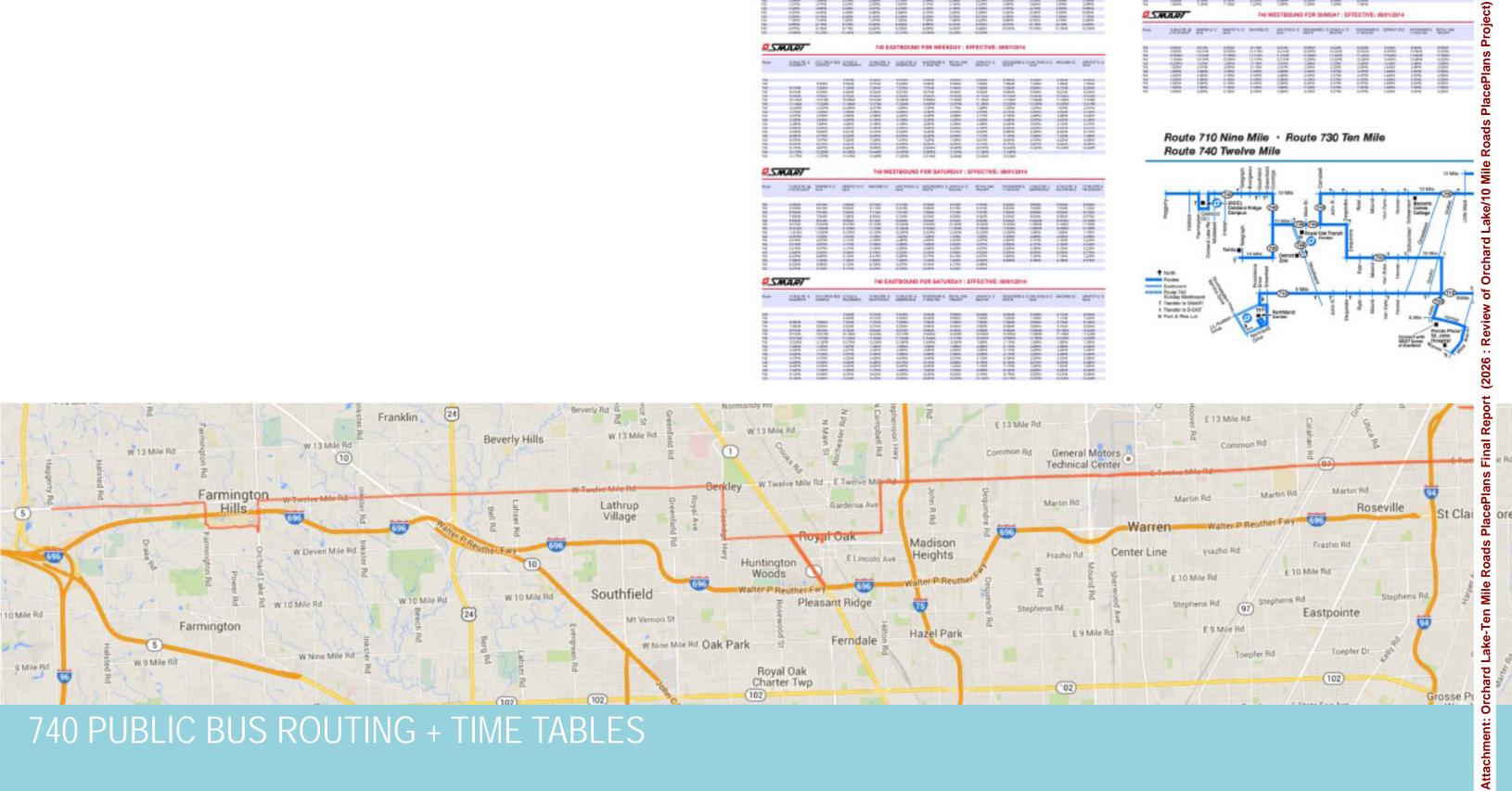


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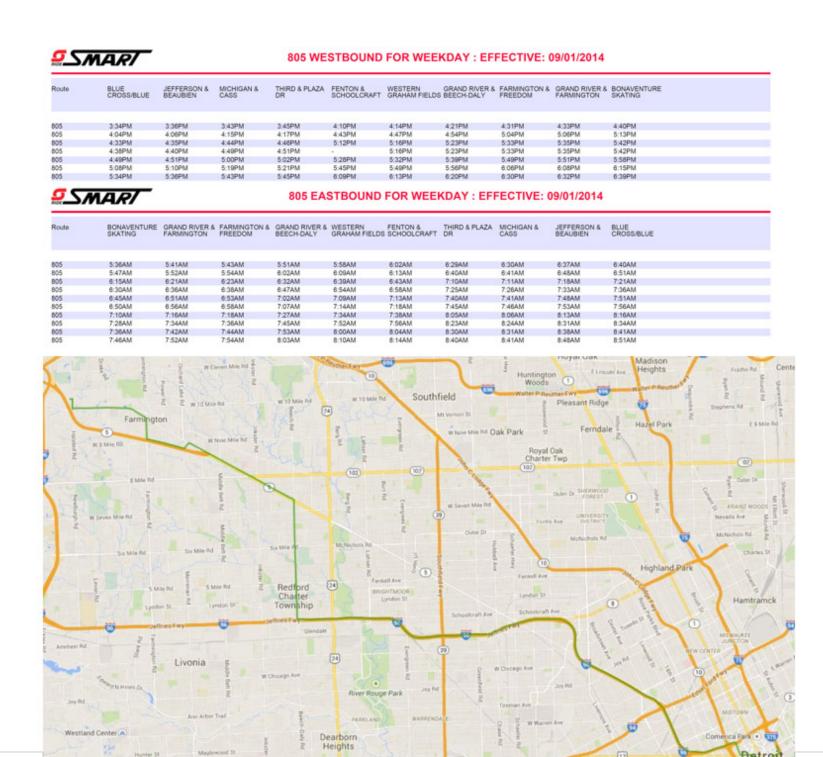






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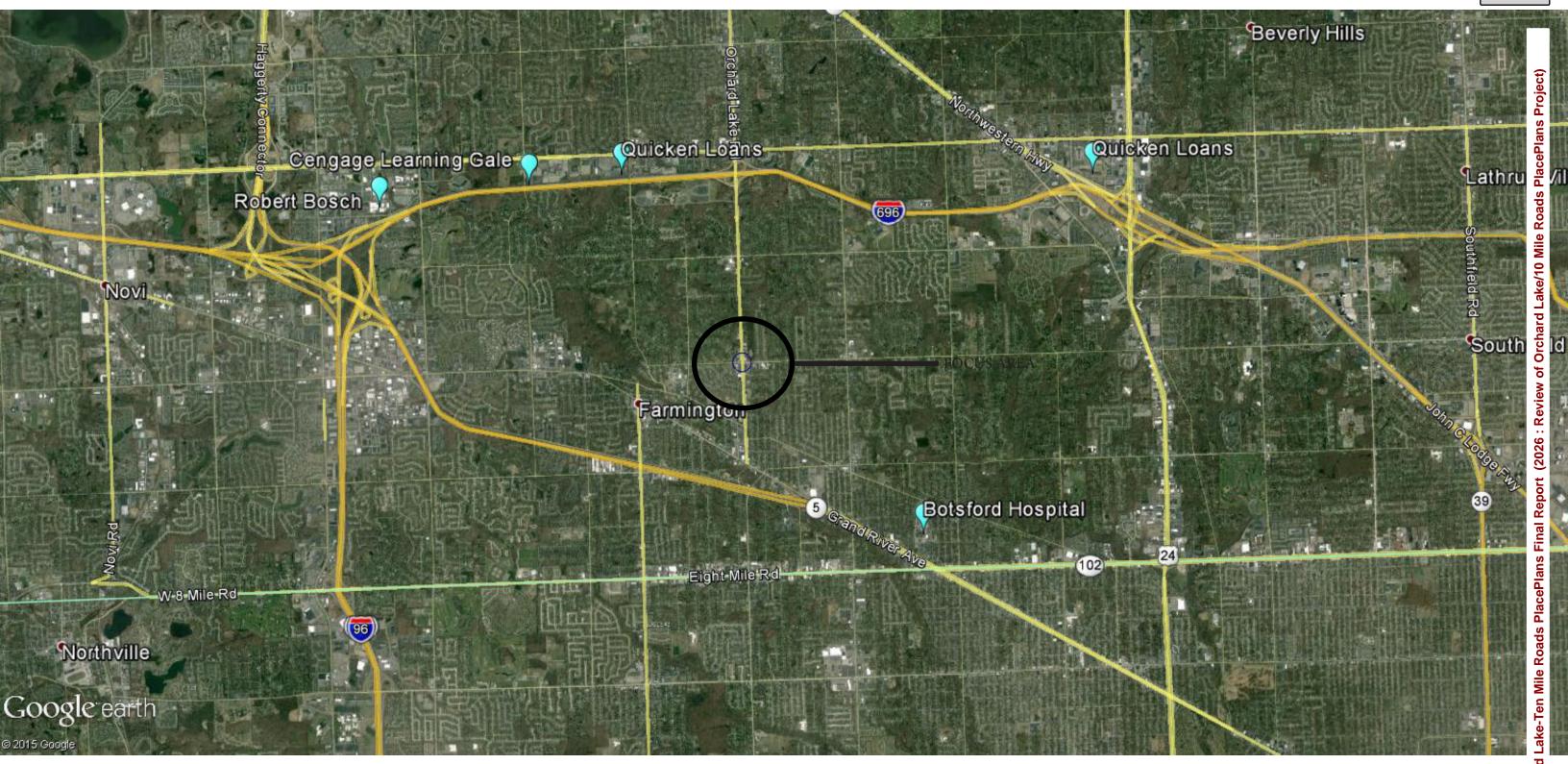
CIRCULATION: EDUCATIONAL ADJACENCIES

he intersection of 10 MIIe and Orchard can Inction as a circulation node for local educaonal institutes.

All major local educational institutes fall within a 3 mile range, which is considered a comfortable biking range for nearly anyone.

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS

It is most paramount to comprehend the community that is being designed for. To do so building uses, local attractions, and community stakeholders have been studied.



LARGEST REGIONAL EMPLOYERS





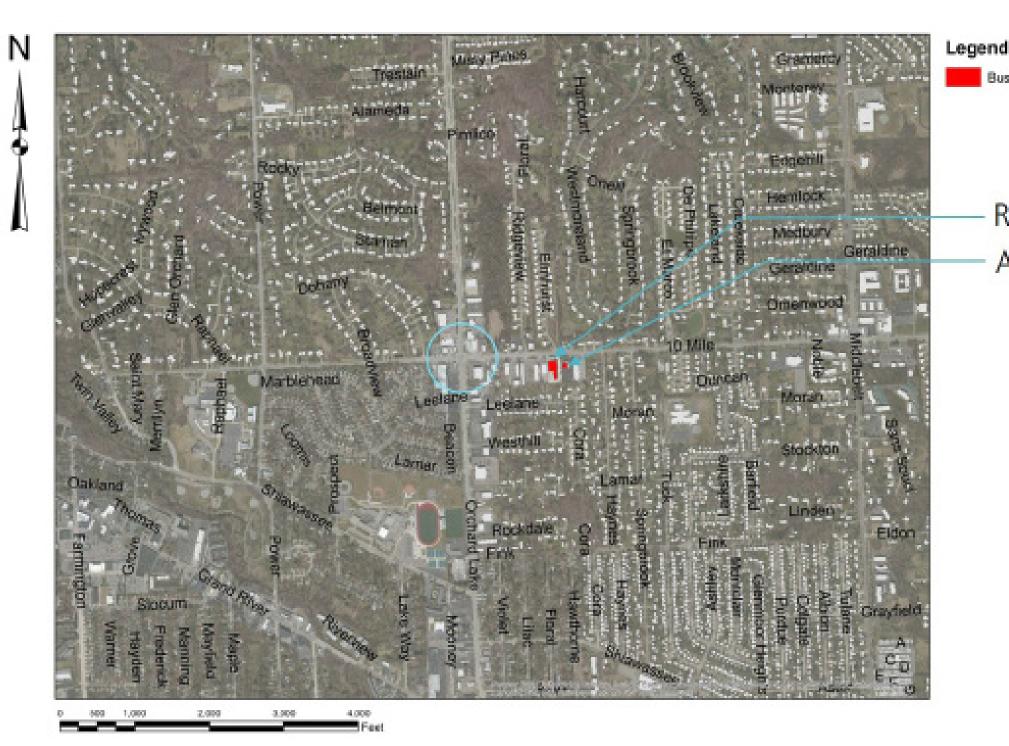








RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION STAKEHOLDERS



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Business Owners

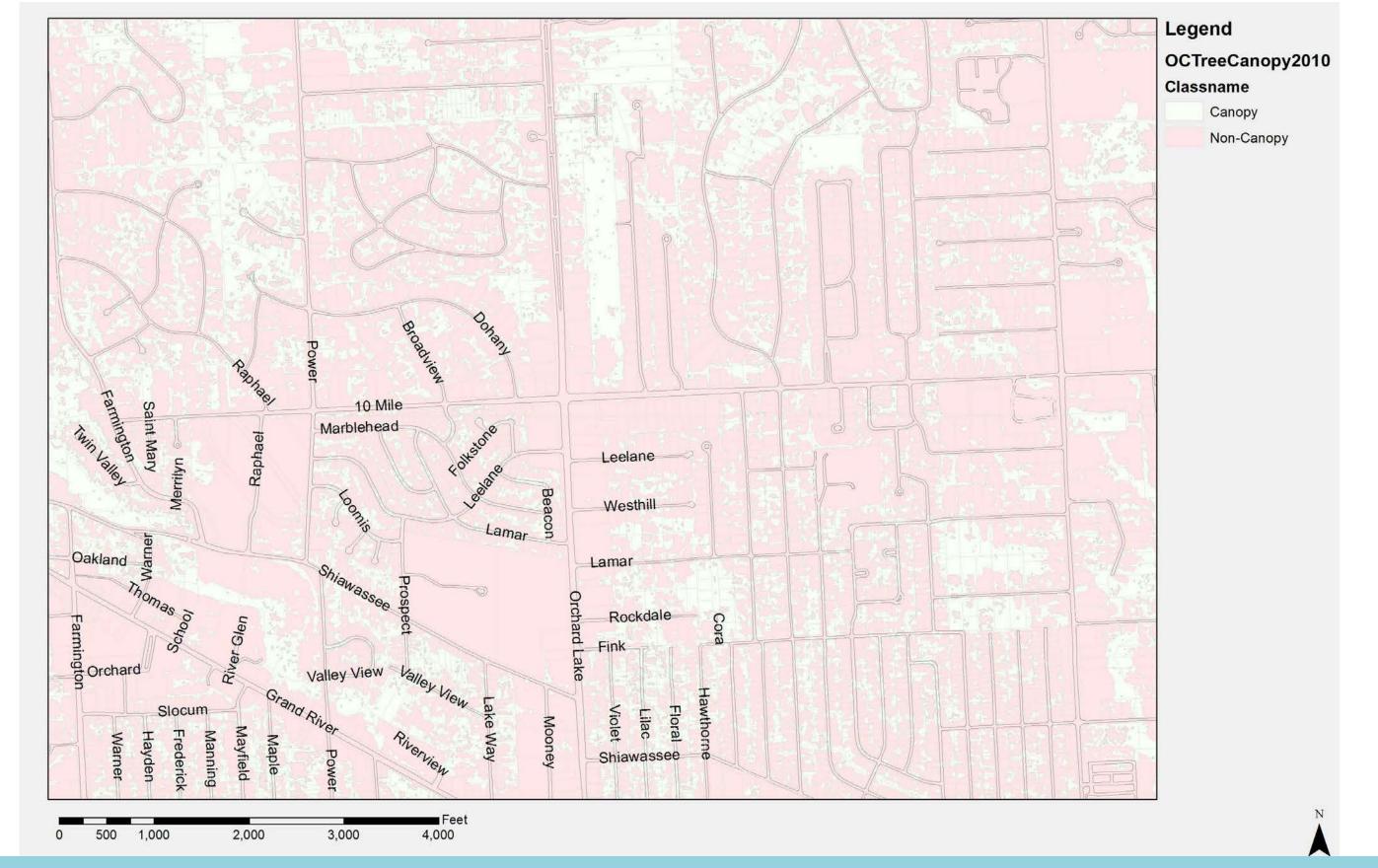
COMMUNITY BUSINESS STAKEHOLDERS/COMMUNITY INFLUENCERS



COMMUNITY AMENITIES AND BUSINESSES

NATURAL SYSTEMANALYSIS

The preexisting urban tree canopy was analyzed using GIS data to understand the preexisting conditions of tree vegetation, and how tree canopy can be improved. A strong tree canopy can improve air quality, reduce solar heat gain, and make pedestrians more comfortable in urban areas.



MAPPED TREE CANOPY OF REGION

There are noticeable "bald" spots throughout the cities. This presents a challenge to create continuous networks of tree canopies that increase pedestrian comfort, and reduce heat island effect.



MAPPED TREE CANOPY OF FOCUS AREA

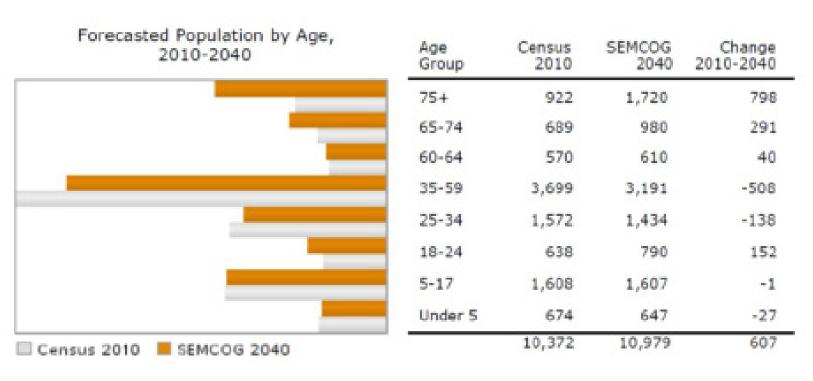
At the intersection of 10 Mile of Orchard there is ample opportunity to improve upon the almost nonexistent tree canopy.

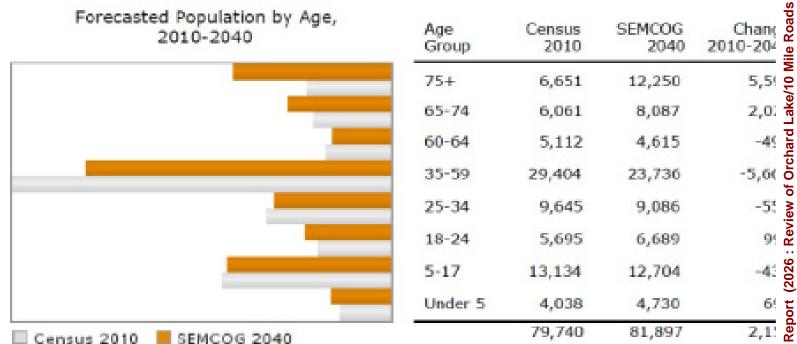
DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

In order to understabd demographic influences of the area, age and income were analyzed. Both of which were studies for current conditions, and long term/short term projections. Understanding these sort of demographics assures that proposed urban design resonate both with current and future use patterns of an area.

FARMINGTON

FARMINGTON HILLS





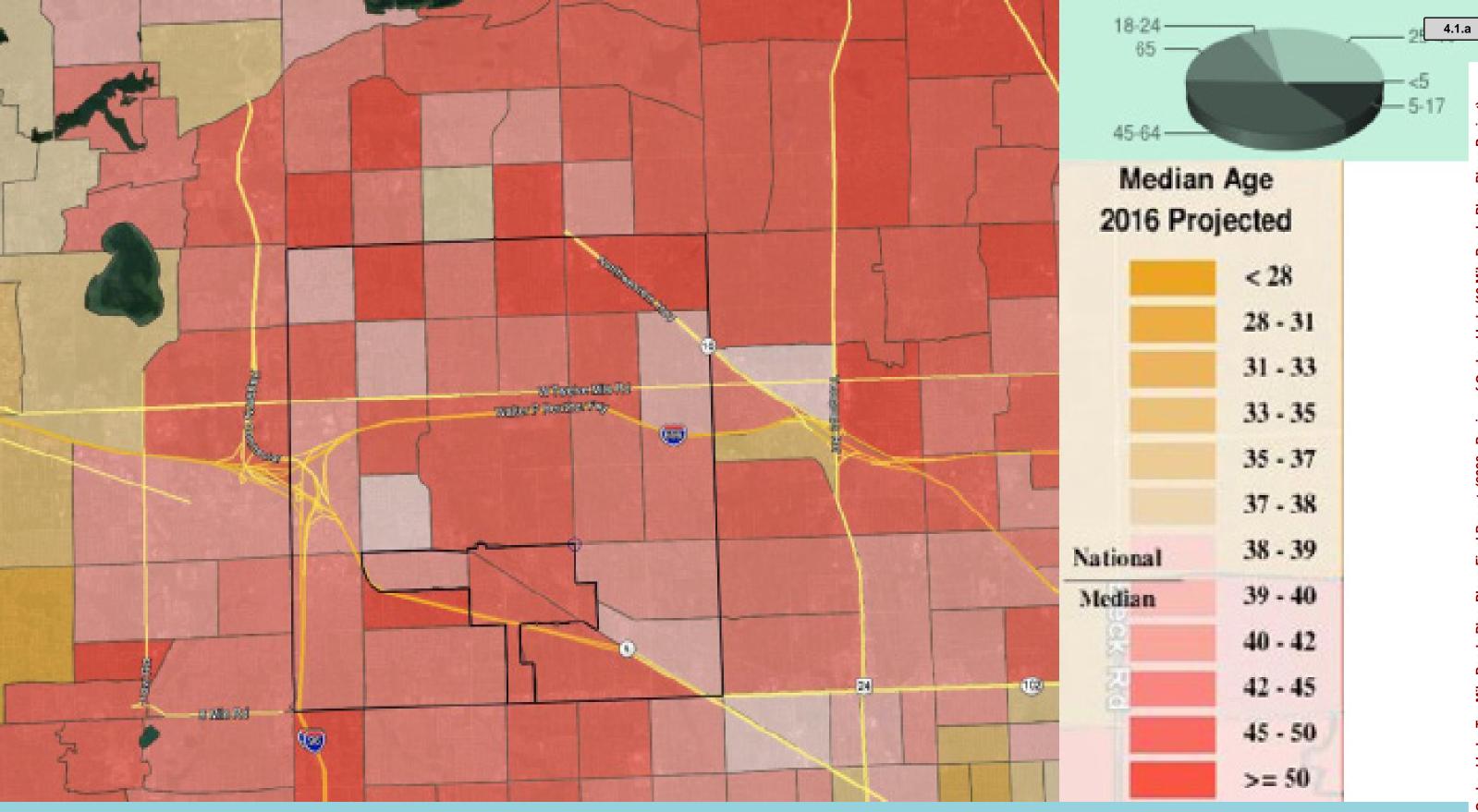
Current 2010 conditions indicate there is a real mix of age groups. 35-59 is prominently the majority. But there is a near second place tie amongst c glassian dren/teenagers and the elderly. Meaning that urban plans really need to appeal to all three age demographics.

Progressed in time, younger age groups decrease while more advanced age groups are predicted to increase in 2040. This fluctuation is casued by the assumption that majority of current residents plan to remain in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area while aging. Pleasing current residents with improve urban designs can also help maintain resident retention.

CURRENT AND FORTY YEAR AGE PREDICTIONS

References:

SEMCOG Community Profiles

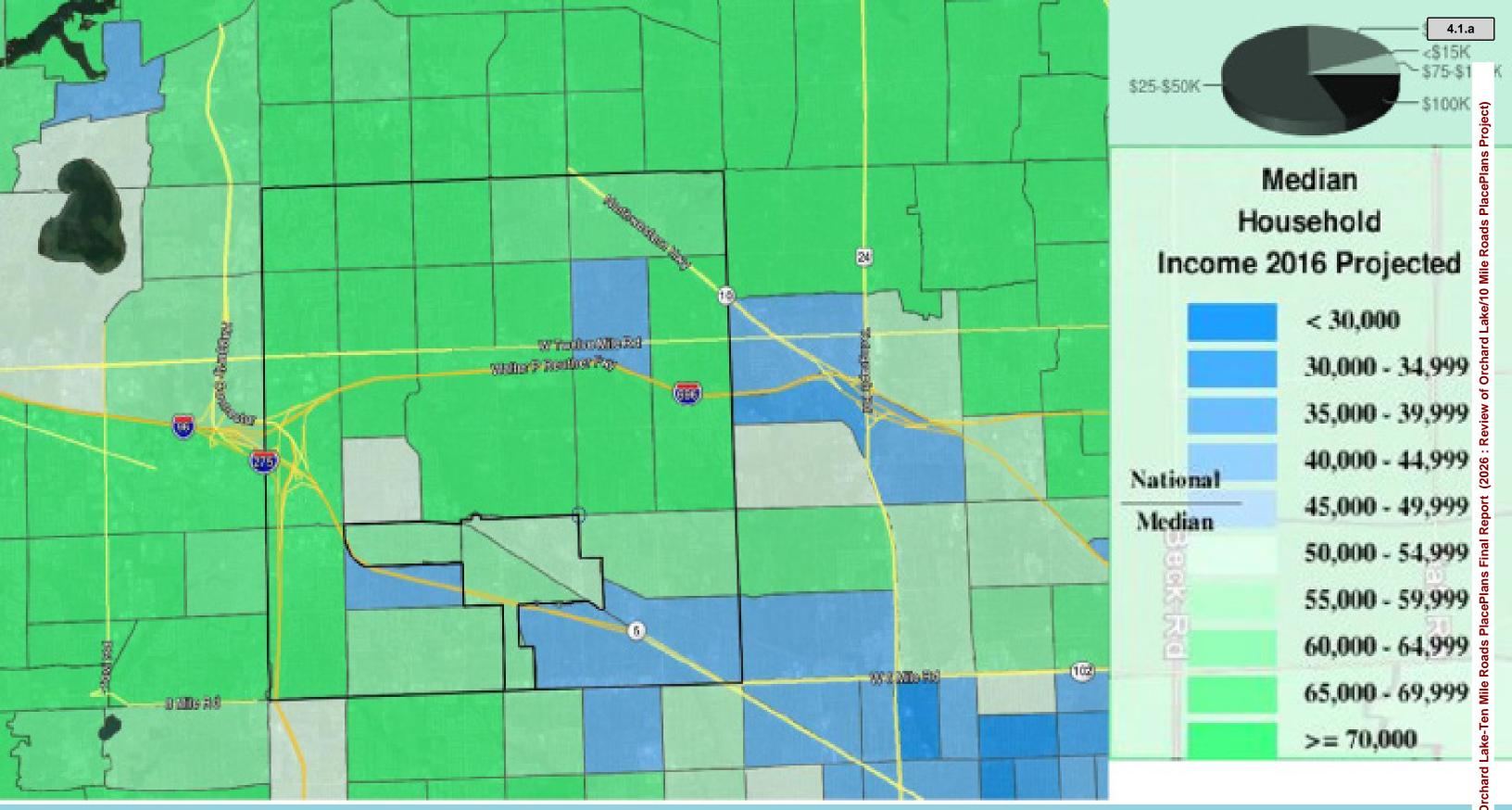


2016 MAPPED AGE PREDICATIONS

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2016 MAPPED HOUSEHOLD INCOMES

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PHOTO ANALYSIS

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Preexisting trees can provide shade to pedestrians utilizing the sidewalks. It also seems there is some natural vegetative systems that are already established. It is also good that tree root structures are not bounded by planters.

10 MILE WEST OF ORCHARD, LOOKING NORTH





There are underutilized opportunistic to improve the pedestrian urban experience in at the intersection. F example the green area in front of the widely popular Greenes Hamburgers.

All of the black asphalt parking asphalts presents environmental issues of increased heat island effect, a storm water runoff.

ILE LOOKING WEST

ORCHARD SOUTH OF 10 MILE LOOKING WEST





10 MILE, WEST OF ORCHARD LOOKING NORTH





Existing buildings are quite human scale (low rise, smallish buildings footprint). This is good for placemaking becasue buildigns f these proportions are intended to relate to the pedestrian better.

D LOOKING NORTH

10 MILE, EAST OF ORCHARD LOOKING NORTH



Continuation of buildings that integrated relationship with pedestrian circulation (the sidewalk).

The more businesses in the area that allow for easy transition from sidewalk to business interior are simply better for promoting walkability in the area.



10 MILE, EAST OF ORCHARD LOOKING SOUTH





Intersection simply is not welcoming to pedestrians because there is no prominently defined pedestrian realm, and streets are not 'complete streets'.

10 MILE, WEST OF ORCHARD LOOKING SOUTH





ORCHARD, SOUTH OF 10 MILE LOOKING WEST



Intersection of two primary road does little to emphasize and give prominence to the pedestrian.

Faded paint used as the only mec anize for delineating pedestrian ur ban realm, communicates pedestri ans are unimportant.

Recommend new material palette 1 pedestrian networks.



INTERSECTION OF 10 MILE AND ORCHARD







TYPICAL SIDEWALK

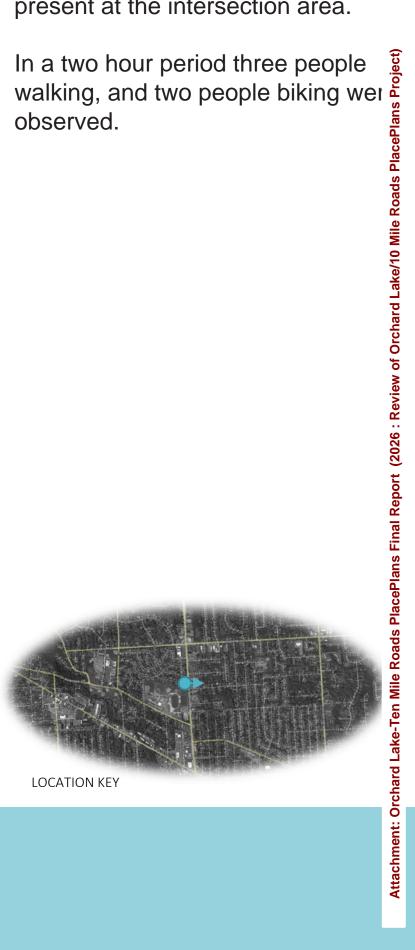
Generally 4'-0" is too small of a width to creat g a prominent walking path that supports a plea ant pedestrian experience. It becomes difficu

already being implemented throughout the cit

ORCHARD, NORTH OF 10 MILE, WEST SIDE OF STREET, WITH WIDER SIDEWALK



Some pedestrian activity is alr 4.1.a present at the intersection area.

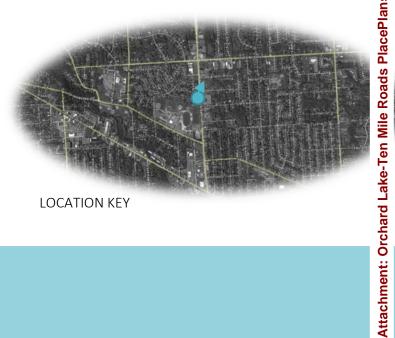


ORCHARD, SOUTH OF 10 MILE LOOKING EAST



In areas such as this, where is 4.1.a is a lot of fast moving traffic and little vegetation, it is uncomfortably nois

Notably Orchard appears to be mu louder then 10 Mile.



ORCHARD, SOUTH OF 10 MILE LOOKING EAST



North of Orchard, vegetative boulevard app replace dedicated turn lane. Vegetated buffer could be continued down, and extend to grand.

Could also serve as sound dampening, space for dedicated bike lane, and green storm water mar agement infrastructure.



ORCHARD, NORTH OF 10 MILE LOOKING WEST



This is a typical residential standard adjacent residential areas. The narrow tree lined streets are a sharp contrast to the experience of walk the intersection.

It is more rewarding to walk throughouther neighborhoods, then the primary roads because it is significantly make pleasant for the pedestrian.



TYPICAL NEIGHBORHOOD

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A number of the residences take on a "rural" character with more naturally landscaped yards, and gravel drives. This architectural language seems out of sync with current intersection design elements and qualitie Efforts should be made to create a better experiential linkage between rural and developed.

RURAL/NATURAL URBAN FABRIC

Attachment: Orchard Lake-Ten



Nearly all residential areas transition 4.1.a a calm slow moving street, to a busy road abruptly.

Not does this quickly deteriorate the qualit of the pedestrian experience. There is safe issues/concerns when dense residential a eas are joined to busy roads in this fashion

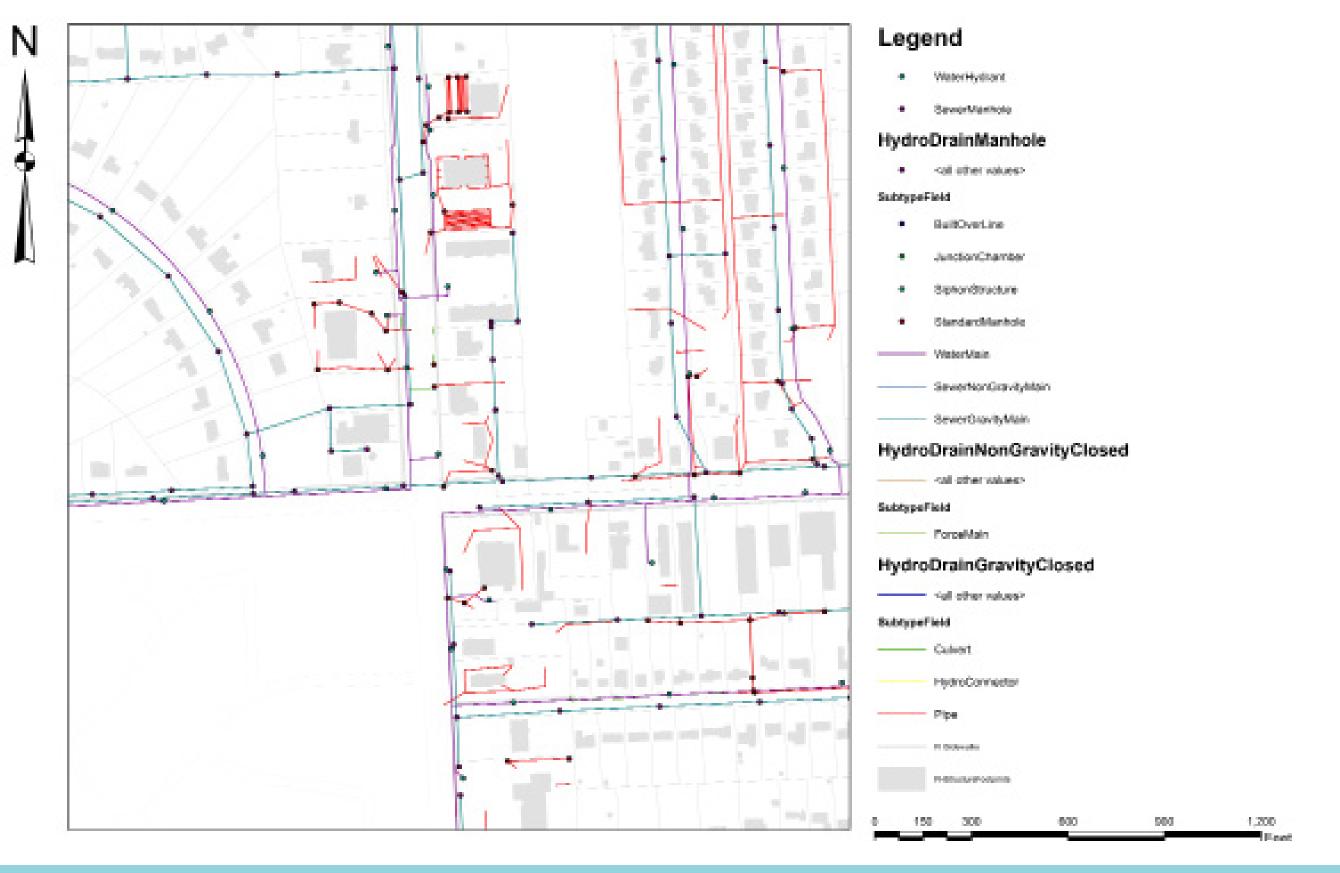
The busy wide roads of Orchard and 10 M are also functioning as community segregators. Which are forcing the neighborhoods be considered discretely, and not in terms a continuous urban fabric of a singular community.



TYPICAL INTERSECTION AT RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND ORCHARD

EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYSIS

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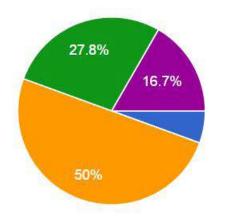


MAP OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AT FOCUS AREA

Infrastructure routing appears to fall to the sides of streets, and below sidewalks.

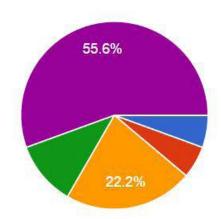
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Approximately, how many of your employees are residents of Farmington or Farmington Hills?



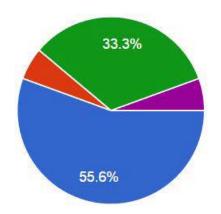
All	1	5.6%
Three quarters	0	0%
Half	9	50%
One quarter	5	27.8%
None	3	16.7%

Which of the following would help you increase business?



On street parking	1	5.6%
Improved sidewalks and bike paths	1	5.6%
Improved public transportation	4	22.2%
Improved public spaces	2	11.1%
Other	10	55.6%

What is the nearest street intersection your business is located by?



Orchard Lake Road and Ten Mile		55.6%
Orchard Lake Road and Shiawassee	1	5.6%
Orchard Lake Road and Grand River Ave	0	0%
Orchard Lake Road and Eleven Mile		33.3%
Ten Mile and Power Road	1	5.6%
Ten Mile and Middlebelt	0	0%

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

solo

about 20

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blank 10

None

This location 6, company wide 3,500

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DESIRABLE IMPROVEMENTS

We could use more nice restaurants, and retail stores and maybe a little better landscaping in some areas. And a few of the roads need fixing badly this would stimulate more of a draw. Parking needs a lot of help downtown!!

Continue to improve appearance, and downtown.

None related to the business

I travel about 16 miles from home to work and was shocked to find that Orchard Lake Rd had not been plowed yet by 9 a.m. Monday, February 2nd following that huge snow storm. Every other road/freeway taken that morning had been cleared and for such a major road like Orchard Lake not to be plowed north or southbound was shocking. Also, some areas of 10 Mile & Orchard Lake only have sidewalks on 1 side of the road, so you have to cross a major road if you want to walk on a sidewalk - like 10 Mile east of Orchard Lake only has sidewalks on the south side to Middlebelt. It would be more convenient if sidewalks were on both sides of the 10 Mile.

green space, walking/jogging/biking paths

More trees and landscape, nice natural appearance of surrounding area.

I would like to see smooth road surfaces

Improved Public Transportation

Improved traffic flow, roadway improvements

Roads

Better traffic control

I would like to see the public sector change to 401k type retirement plans and eliminate all health insurance for retirees. I am tired of having municipalities waste 30% of my tax dollars for "legacy costs".

I think Farmington/Farmington Hills is a lovely community and the improvements made to the downtown area are wonderful.sidewalks integrated with coordinated landscaping and decorative street lighting

Transportation needs to be improved greatly. Hospitals connecting with senior living communities to provide transportation to all necessary medical appointments.

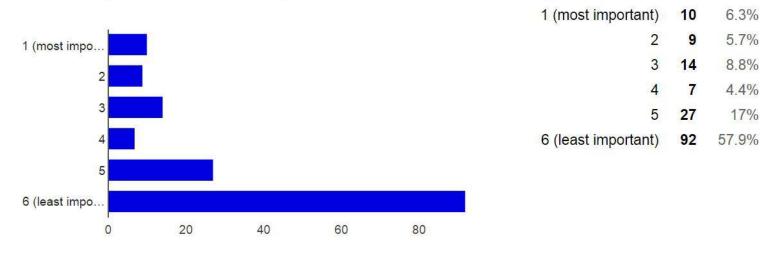
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Doing a good job at this point (in partnership with city).

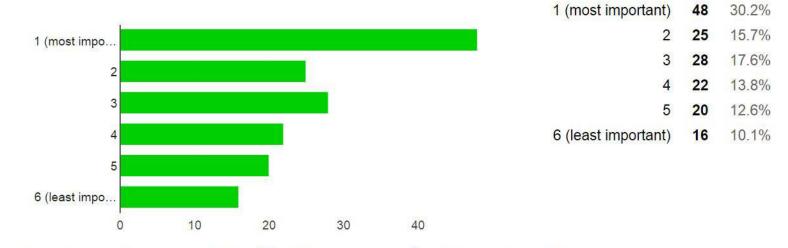
Farming on and F. Hills are great places to live and work. Employees and clients would like to see continued improvements in landscape, sidewalks, and natural aspects of surrounding area.

BUSINESS OWNE 4.1.a SURVEYS

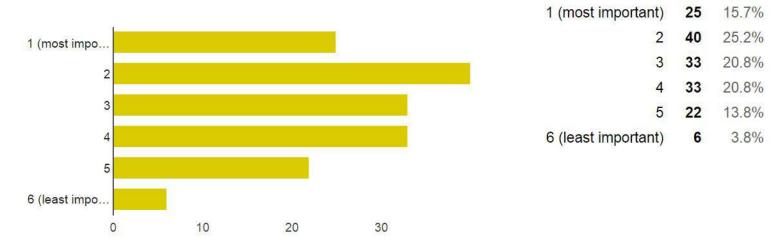
Access to public transportation [Rate the following in order of importance?]



Safe and accessible bike routes [Rate the following in order of importance?]



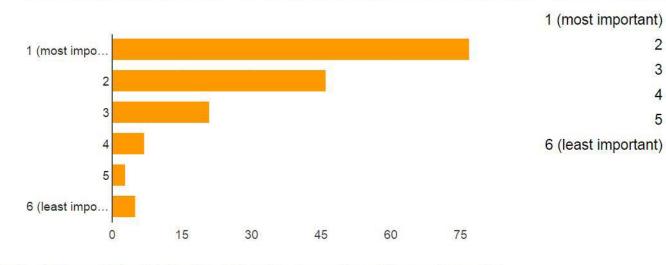
Local recreation areas [Rate the following in order of importance?]



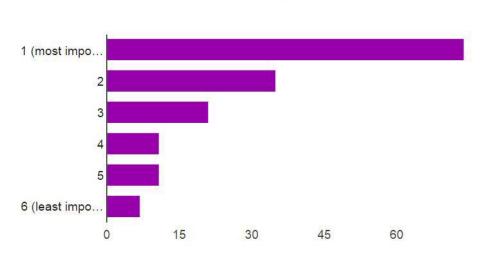
Diversity of local restaurants and shops [Rate the following in order of importance?]



Walkability throughout the neighborhood [Rate the following in order of importance?]



Pedestrian safety [Rate the following in order of importance?]



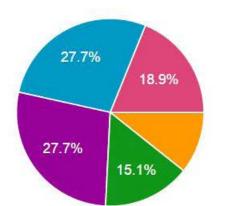
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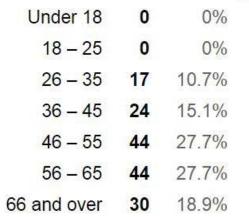
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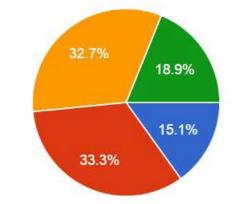
RESIDENT SURVEY

What is your age



How long do you plan to be a resident in the area?



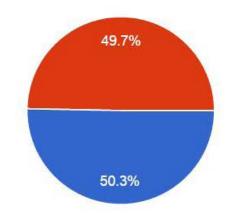


How often do you walk to destinations during the week?

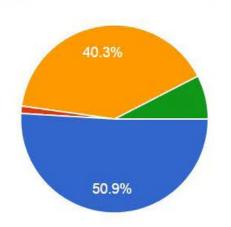
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15-30 years	52	(A)
30 + years	30	18 8

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Would you prefer to bike or walk to work as opposed to driving?



Yes	80	50.3%	
No	79	49.7%	



Never	81	50.5
Always	2	1.3 20
1-3 times a week	64	40.3 %
4-7 times a week	12	4ttachment: Orchard Lake-Ten Mile Roads PlacePlans Final Report (2026 : Revi
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Better side walks on Powers Rd. between 11mile and 10 mile.

Better roads

Curb appeal. Pleasant walking conditions. Produce Market.

All of the empty buildings to be filled. Starting to look like a ghost town in places. Would love to see school bond proposal pass...

bike lanes on all streets

Safe long continuous walking trails for exercise and leisure walks

Social activities

Paved streets

Designated bike paths would be great. I think some nice landscaping would also improve the corner of the 10 & Orchard Lake area. On another topic, other cities ticket residents who don't take in their trash cans in a timely manner. I think Farmington/Farmington Hills should join that tradition.

Safer crossings at major intersections.

Although I do not use public transport, I feel badly for employees who need it to get to jobs in this area. They need buses and sheltered bus stops. I very much want another grocery store at 10 & Orchard Lake. I would never, never, ride a bike along either Orchard Lake Rd or 10 Mile even with a dedicated bike lane.

More shops, restaurants, bars, bike trails. More recreation areas for the community to gather.

Paved streets that are not a patchwork

Walkable shopping

Safe bike paths and pedestrian crossings

More curb appeal at various intersections at the outskirts of downtown proper. 10 mile/Orchard Lk, Grand River/Halstead seem to be the most in need. I'm glad to see improvement going on at the grand river/halstead (former Kmart) location. Wondering about the status of the abandoned gas station at Gr river and Halstead. It will quickly fall into disrepair and become an eye sore if something isn't done soon. Not a fan of the ice rink downtown. Doesn't seem to get much use for what it probably costs the city and therefore the taxpayers. Better and more relevant shopping within walking distance. Better grocery store, a Trader Joe's type store, a good fruit market, a hardware type store such as a Home Depot.

People drive too fast down our street and there are no sidewalks so children, runners, walkers and bikers have to use the street. Biker and runner paths. Less services and lower taxes.

Walkable neighborhoods, shops, restaurants almost like a downtown district. Some sort of better access to public transportation that reliably connects the whole metro area, including downtown Detroit. Revitalizing of some areas that look decaying or rundown, such as the southern part of Grand River in Farmington Hills.

general sidewalk maintenance for all business and residences on mail roads such as ten mil and orchard lake... such as sidewalk clearing of snow with no restrictions such as snow plw hills blocking them, etc...

Improved bike paths More urban feel to the dining/shopping/recreation To see vacant buildings filled with good businesses. The strip malls need continual work. A large indoor sports complex (Baseball/softball/soccer)...for the Farmington community - not Total Sports. Improved stairs to Downtown from Shiawassee Park. Concessions Stand and better bathrooms at Shiawasee

Park.

More restaurants, bars, and entertainment for single people ages 25-35. good zoning keeping area residential (no ugly old strip malls, require strip malls to be visually updated) good traffic congestion methods continued good maintenance of Orchard Lake median (the seasonal perennials - like and very much appreciate) planting of more median trees, annual flowers, decorative lamp posts with hanging flower baskets at intersection, etc. (I am a supporter of Greening of Detroit) quality control automatic median sprinklers so that they are not wasting water by not being accurately adjusted i.e. watering road vs grounds, watering during/after rain, etc.

I live in Staman Acres- We need a gradual turn off Orchard Lake to avoid an accident- (Rocky Crest turn-in street). Also better lighting in our sub (safety). Diversity of local shopping, business and entertainment. Connecting different areas of community with walking, biking accessibility and public transport. Integrated multiple public plaza space throughout the community. Not necessarily large spaces but more available outdoor places to meet, sit, eat lunch, read, study etc around the community. Public transportation is the future. Less sandwich shops + more

Streets with ditches in front of homes should have side walks for the safety of kids to ride their bikes, for parents safety to walk their child in a stroller and children and adults should have a safe place to walk down the street; ex. Lamar Street

Designated walking areas along Power Road; we're within walking distance to downtown area but would need to walk in the street to get there. For vacant business to be filled (Grand River and Drake) (Grand River and Orchard Lake)

Use some dynamite on that mess on Moody and Grand River. Try to get a good supermarket at Ten and Orchard Lake. Keep Ten and Orchard Lake free of any more building projects. There are enough "see-throughs" in the area. More green areas and bike routes

NA

Definitely need better American restaurants in the area More neighborhood businesses.

More restaurants

Better maintenance of the sidewalks, especially in the winter.

More bike lanes, bike safety training for bikers and motorists.

more bike paths (or wide, paved shoulders) on most roads.

Fix up the 10 Mile and Orchard Lake Rd area, some of it seems rundown. The gas station on the northwest corner needs to be updated or closed. The strip mall on the north side of Grand River across from the old winery needs to be fixed up or torn down. There needs to be more parking in downtown Farmington, especially with all of the weekend events.

I am happy with everything as it is.

Consistently friendly shops downtown. Don't feel welcome shopping there. raised pedestrian walkway over Orchard Lake Rd, increasing accessability A few more destination type businesses, like a coffee shop. Sidewalks and a bike lane along Ten Mile. General improvement to the appearance of the infrastructure in the area. Easier walking access to downtown, and bike access in and out of the neighborhoods on each side of the intersection.

Roads (pot hole repair)

Cleaning up of the neighborhood and of the strip malls in the Area. The strip malls seem to be falling apart along with parking lots.

Better timing of the traffic lights at Orchard Lake & 10 mile - Opposing signals are not synchronized the same, which deceives people trying to determine when it's safe to turn right on a red, or safe to turn left. Also, the left turn signal has a very short yellow, causing people to complete left turns on a red, or get stuck in the intersection. Some people speed up to catch the yellow, which instantly puts them into a left turm on red.

More parking in downtown Farmington. New businesses in the vacant stores Safety for walking and biking

1) Space such as that on Mooney and Grand River occupied - not vacant. 2) An enforced restriction on fireworks over July 4. It has become a week long annoyance that disturbs the sleep of people on shift work, scares children and pets, and leaves debris in the streets and on others' lawns.

Sidewalks are not shoveled by property owners in the winter months. Vegetation that encroaches on sidewalks is not maintained by property owners in summer months. Vehicles are commonly parked in ways that partially or completely block the sidewalks. If you are serious about improvement projects, please focus on the basics first and ensure that the sidewalks/bike paths we already have in the city are periodically reviewed and maintained. Please advise property owners of their obligations regarding sidewalks/bike paths that are on their property.

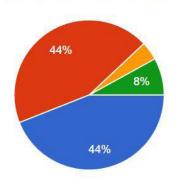
Sidewalks! Bike lanes. A grocery store and more restaurants. MORE TREES! More grass.

More areas for walking or running or biking cleared in the winter. I think Farmington should take a cue from the work that has been done in Northville and Plymouth. People frequent those areas because of there is a combination of family friendly restaurants (not necessarily chain restaurants) and shops that carry unique items. This also could be implemented in the uptown area of Farmington, especially on Mooney Street between Shiawassee and Grand River. The stripe mall that formerly housed a hardware store (that was a great addition to the community) has become an eyesore. Aside from Art on the Grand, Farmington doesn't have an attractive summer festival. The Farmington Founders Festival used to be a great attraction, but in recent years it has deteriorated into an embarrassment of cheap crafts and carnival rides. More local shops and eateries including local Michigan breweries, coffee shops and arts & crafts.

I live in the Bel Air subdivision and actually walk quite often to Walgreens. I don't see many other residents do this; fortunately there are nice sidewalks in the sub. When repairs were made to the intersection at 10 mile and Orchad Lake last year, they did a very nice job with the pedestrian walkway features across Orchard Lake. I don't think safety can be improved on that, it is just a fairly big road to cross. I would like to see the strip mall repaired and some green infrastructure features installed, bioswales to capture parking lot runoff. Just overall softening the look of it would be good. Tree plantings would help make the neighborhood look a little more sophisticated. You may also want to consider seating areas around Greene's hamburgers, that is probably a place that would be used most in regards to a park commons area. The businesses that are currently at the intersection make sense and what the demographic will support. I would make sure to ask them what they want. An event like a

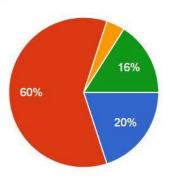
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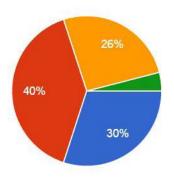
Go home 22 Extracurricular activities at school Patron local businesses 4% Other (please be specific) 8% 4

How do you get to school?



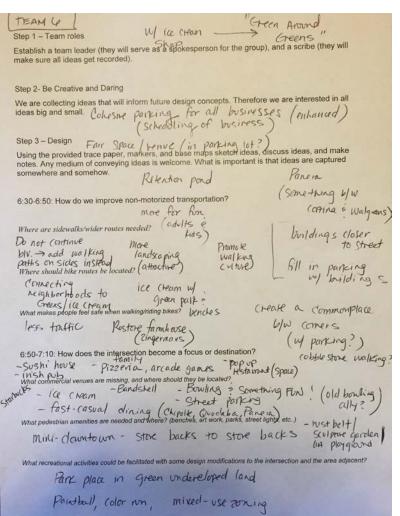
Personal automobile Walk

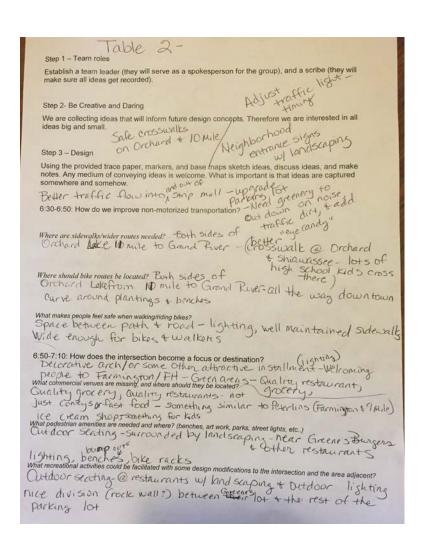
What would cause you to bike or walk to and from school?



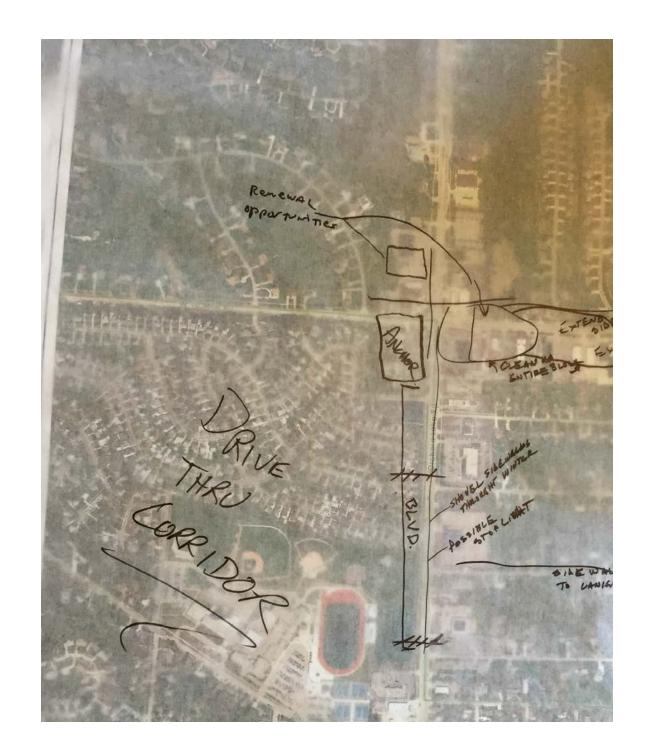
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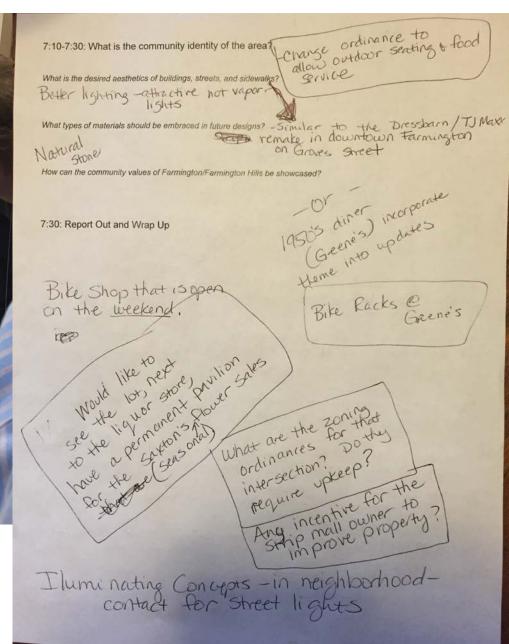


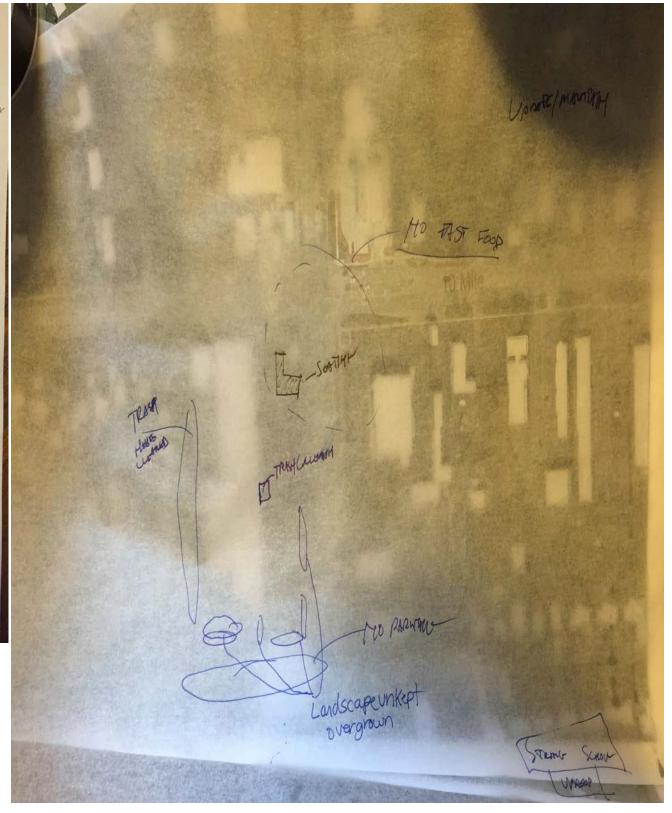




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ANALYSIS HYPOTHESIS

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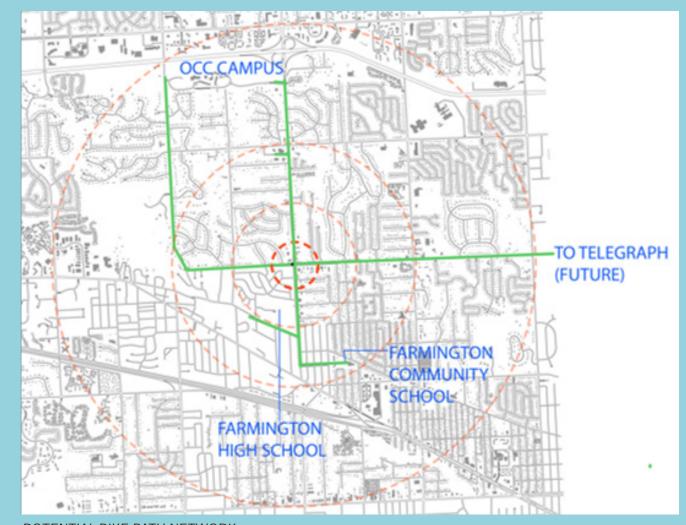
REIMAGINED URBAN FABRIC

- Surrounding commercial and residential areas seem to be in disharmony, we want to explore how they care



REVISED CIRCULATION SYSTEMS

- Provide transit that connects bus lines better.
- Recommend integrating bike paths to begin to develop bike network throughout city.
- Consider narrowing streets and perhaps slowing cars to reduce sound and pedestrian danger.



POTENTIAL BIKE PATH NETWORK

CONNECT COMMUNITY

- Intersection can serve as community connection of amenities, educational institutes, and public transportation.
 The intersection is actually rather symbolic of the societal exchanges between Farmington and Farmington Hills; this should be expressed in future design.
 Create public realm opportunities for people to engage with one another, and build community, building of of the precedent of Greene's.
 Create benefit for all surrounding subdivision.

 DESIGN FOR FUTURE DEMOGRAPHICS

 Future predications indicate that over the next 20 plus years the age demographic of local residents will change dramatically.
 The area should be attractive to people primarily within the age range of 35-59.
 Consider how focus area can also be of value to children and teens. This age range is the nearly the second highest projected age demographic. And is important if the intersection is to be a central node for the schools in the area.
 The design proposal must also accommodate the elderly and retired.
 More people are actively seeking out walkable and sustainable communities to live in.

PROPOSED DESIGN

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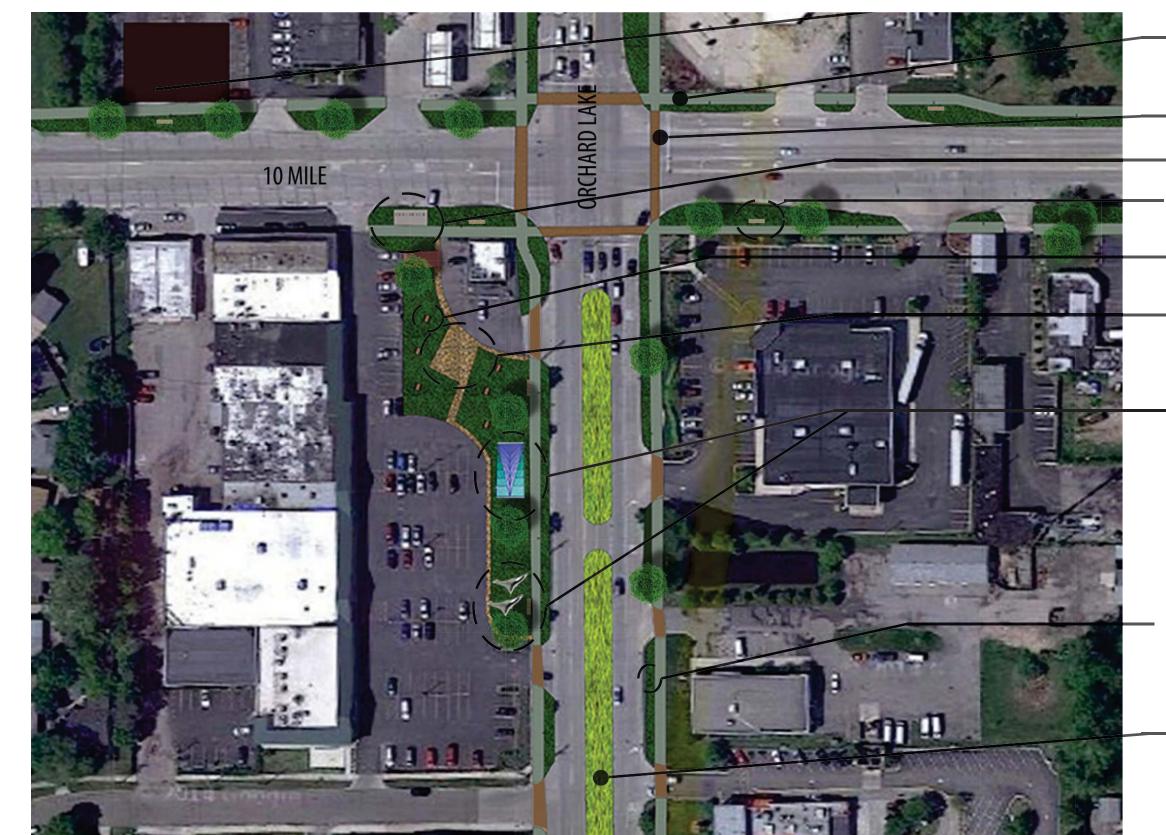
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VEGETATED BOULEVARD



PAVED CROSSWALKS

BIKE PARKING

SITTING BENCHES

PICNIC BENCHES

PUBLIC GATHERING/OUTDOOR EVENT SPACE

PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS THAT CAPTURE AND REFLECT THE CULTURAL/SOCIAL **IMAGE OF THE COMMUNTIY**

STREET LIGHTS AT REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS INTERVALS



BIOSWALE THAT USES LOW RISE VEGETATION TO MAINTAIN BUSSINESS STREET VISIBILITY, WHILE MITIGATING STORM WATER RUNOFF

PROPOSED SUB-AREA PLAN

The proposed subarea plan seeks to increase pedestrian connectivity with enlarged shared biking/walking paths, pedestrian comfort is enhanced with more trees for shading and night time street lighting. and bike storage is accounted for. The intersection becomes a destination with a shared public park space that encourages social interactions and increased patronage of local businessmes. Environmental sustainable is prevalent by reducing negative soalr heat gains by reducing pavement with vegeation, and introducing a bioswale for stormwater management. The intersection also becomes a celebration of the boundaries of the two cities with art that is reflective of the local cultures a celebration of the boundaries of the two cities with art that is reflective of the local cultures are the contraction of the boundaries of the two cities with art that is reflective of the local cultures are the contraction also becomes a celebration of the boundaries of the two cities with art that is reflective of the local cultures are the contraction and the contraction of the boundaries of the two cities with art that is reflective of the local cultures are the contraction of the boundaries of the contraction of the contraction





REVISED INTERSECTION WITH PARK

10'0" SIDEWALKS FOR MUTLI-MODE WALKING AND BIKING

1st Phase 2nd Phase

PROPOSED PHASING

To begin the project it is recommended sidewalks are increased in width, and the intersection adapts suggested design revision to functions as a viisoning for an eventual redesign of the entirety of Orchard Lake Road to serves as a pedestrian corridor



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ISLANDS



BIO-SWALE BOULEVARD

3rd Phase 4th Phase

PROPOSED PHASING

Next it is recommended to install temporary pedestrian islands that would instantly increase pedestrian mobility and safety to cross Orchard Lake Road. The last phase suggests continuing a bioswale dow the entire length of Orchard Lake Road between Ten Mile and Grand River.

APPENDIXES



Dearborn – population 98,153 Transit-oriented Development

The site would serve as a focal point in the community, designed to support local and regional commuter needs, establish connectivity between attractions and locations of interest within Dearborn, and complement the redevelopment of a vibrant downtown space.



Detroit – population 713,777 Brownfield Redevelopment

The Southwest Detroit project engaged neighborhood residents, businesses, and community organizations in developing concepts for the reuse of a vacant, city-owned brownfield at the intersection of Vernor and Livernois.

APPENDIX 4.1.a PLACE PLAN PRECEDENTS 2

economic revitalization based on an india comprehensive understanding of a community's place-based assets, and provides

The PlacePlans process is customized session, several public meetings to provide specific input and feedback, and direct large and small for communities across



Flint – population 102,434 Multi-modal Greenway

The Grand Traverse Greenway is a 3-mile-long former CSX railroad line that the City of Flint has been working to acquire and convert to a bike/walk trail with support from MDNR and MDOT



Alpena – population 10,483 Public Plaza

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We're disappointed in those who have occupied the strip mall's main store, the grocery. It's more of a foreign type store, not what we want. Really don't know why they've moved in there. Observations show this store, such as the previous owners don't get that many steady customers. So we shop elsewhere. We don't work, retired. We may not live here much longer. Been here over 40 years and may seek retirement elsewhere. We're surprised nothing's been done to this intersection earlier. Why? Basically, it looks old, and it is! The problem is there are major grocery stores not far from this area. You need to find something that would lure shoppers not just the occasional person coming in for a few items now and then. The intersection needs more trees and flowers or some kind of a garden arrangements to spruce up what we feel has been a drab spot to look at to say the very least. But may come a bit too late for us, if nothing's done within the next few years.

Farmington just isn't as appealing as it used to be!!! I moved here in 1948, and it just isn't as friendly as it used to be. What you have done to downtown is unforgivable!!!! It is not senior friendly. Everyone who works there takes the best parking places.

1. The police are doing a really great job as are the Parks & Rec. staff. 2. I would like to see police walking/biking throughout the city. 3. Encourage businesses and apartment complexes to install video cameras around their property to discourage car jacking and other crimes. 4. Continue planting trees, bushes and flowers in the downtown area and parks and including milkweed and butterfly bushes to encourage Monarchs. 5. Co-op with Disney Studios to host an annual children film festival at the Civic Theater that would boost our family friendly persona and raise money for school programs.

Keep the burger joint on the corner-people love it-but a grocer that is not ZimZam or whatever it is called would be great. And more trees!

Since I have moved to Farmington because shopping + eating was close, we have lost Sam's Club, Hallmark, Franks Nursery, Big Lots, Steak Ale, grocery store, Kohl's, two hardware stores, Tuesday Morning -which thankfully came back,

Ponderosa (went there at least 3 times a month). So I eat out in Noki + do all my shopping at my boyfriends neighborhood in Utica/Rochester, when at this house.

Build a "district"!!!! I have to assume that would bring F. Hills attention and increase the popularity of the city as a desired destination to live.

I've lived in Haynes 35yrs. I am anxious to move mainly due to our deteriorating roads. How did 10 mile west of Orchard get resurfaced before our roads which are in worse conditions?

At our age, smooth sidewalks and roads are very important. Our street is so bumpy and hazardous we can't safely walk on it. Totally disgraceful.

City of Farmington does a bang-up job with snow removal! Keep it up . . . and thank you!

Please renew the zoning board and the other departments with younger people, more opened minded! Don't make a white racist club out of Farmington Hills!!!

Not only is there a lack of relevant shopping within waking distance, such as the type of stores noted above, but the facade and parking lots of the shopping areas need to be upgraded. Additionally, the quality of some of the store already in the area need to be upgraded. For example, a fruit market recently opened at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake however it is sparsely stocked, the stock is of poor quality, and the stock is little of what an average shopper would be looking for. Half built buildings in the community look pitiful. The mosque at 8 and Merriman has been half built for years. There are unlicensed vehicles that never move in driveways all over the community. Young people have forgotten or never been told "do not litter". Everyday I pick up their candy wrappers after they walk home from school. They are too busy saving the earth to be concerned about their own street. General litter everywhere is really looking bad in Farmington Hills. The Orchard Lake exit on 696 looks straight out of the inner city with gravel, trash, car parts and junk everywhere. It even has 3 foot weeds growing out of the concrete. Restore the beauty of Farmington Hills!

When I drive thru Orchard Lake and Ten Mile I see a lot of parking spaces at the office buildings and storefronts. Further North on Orchard Lake there are small businesses in those parking lot areas near the road. Places to get coffee or Specialty Businesses.

I would only walk to places if they were close <1 mile. If more people walked of biked I would probably follow. Right now it just doesn't fit in and don't know if it ever could. Provide opportunities for seniors to exercise on a daily basis. If there is not a public restroom downtown, I suggest that one be established.

The most important aspect of this area is the ability to drive

easily though the area. Please do not make any changes that would slow down traffic in the area. There are plenty of sidewalks and I have no difficulty walking from my home to Walgreen's, the eye doctor, or any of the other businesses In the area.

I'm not sure if a public transportation stop is planned for Orchard Lake Road, but from my home, particularly in the winter, it would be a snowy, slippery walk to get to it. If there were a place to park/ride e.g. 10 Mile and Orchard Lake parking lot, or even the parking lot on Mooney, I would gladly park and ride.

The first part of survey is misleading. Several items are of equal importance even though they don't look like it.

I think the new sidewalks are great for walking dogs. Would be nice for more-Power Rd. Also trash barrels maintained by the city at bus stops. Corners, along sidewalks. Need good sidewalks going East from Orchard Lake along Eleven Mile

Parking has become very difficult in the downtown area. Find private source of money for any changes- not more taxation.

Even though I myself am not physically able to walk to most destinations, I think it is essential for this community to be safe for pedestrians, and have safe reliable public transportation. It binds the community, promotes better health, and encourages development of local small businesses. Also, continue to maintain a variety of parks!

Thank you for the survey. I would appreciate more walkability in the immediate neighborhood.

Think long and hard before making any changes. Everything is fine now, don't mess it up.

Love that you did a survey. Asking the people who live in the community seems obvious, but is often overlooked. Good luck and I look forward to any improvements that will be made to the community!

We need better grocery store options, closer to the area. Zam Zam is not cutting it.

Downtown Farmington is a comfortable area but lacks diversity. Of course, there is a fine line between allowing big restaurant chains in the area and keeping the small town ambiance vs. attracting elements that are not conducive to the small town charms. Having meaningful but careful change can be attractive to locals as well as increasing the tax base. How about doing something with the old K-Mart property at Halstead = Grand River???? A Trader Joes, Meijer, Various restaurants, Etc.. Would be very nice, + frequented. Or, A Farmington Recreation Center, similar to Linvonia's. I don't walk when it is too cold and icy out, so a couple months of the year. If I could walk to a bus stop I may be more motivated. Thanks for doing this project! I would

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Maintenance of sidewalks. Must ensure snow is cleared in winter and vegetation is cleared in summer. Many areas have vegetation that partially or completely blocks visibility of pedestrians/bikers to vehicles and vice versa in the area of orchard lake between 10 mile and 11 mile. There are areas where sidewalks/bike paths just disappear or are non-existant. Church on 12 mile between orchard lake and middlebelt - there is sidewalk on either side, but you ,must go through a parking lot while on church property. The strip at 10 mile should be further developed to be more community oriented with more local shops.

I don't see what this has to do with the 10 Mile-Orchard Lake intersection. The bus that had a route to my place of work was discontinued prior to 2005. I did catch it at that corner. I think it's safe to assume that most people who live in Farmington don't work on Farmington. Riding a bike outside the subdivisions is treacherous at best. Anyone biking to work would need to use the main thoroughfares and necessarily navigate through heavily congested, extremely dangerous-for-bikers, areas at all points of the compass. To wit: 12 Mile-Orchard Lake (unsafe for cars!), 10 MILE-ORCHARD LAKE (what's with those new traffic lights, anyway? Sometimes I don't know what's going on in my car), Halstead-Grand River (scary), Eight Mile-Grand River (multiple opportunities to die on a bike), Eight Mile-Middlebelt, and many similar intersections in between (IMO, it's just a question of time until someone is taken out on that ill-concieved yet scenic bike path on Power between Shiawassee and Grand River...). Farmington city planning, like most of suburban America, began with and evolved to accommodate vehicle traffic. Whatever you do at 10 and Orchard, while it might be prettier I can't imagine we'll see hoards of Farmington folk flocking to work on their bicycles. Good luck with

We have a great city, and it could be even better. Very much appreciate all your efforts! Please consider redoing the garish Christmas lights at city hall. The blue and purple are particularly offensive. People that visit us comment on how unat-

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Farmington City Council Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: October 12, 2015

Reference Number (ID # 2025)

Submitted by: Kevin Christiansen, Economic Community Development Director

<u>Description:</u> Planning Commission Appointment to Recreation Master Plan Committee

Requested Action:

Appoint

Background:

At the September 21st Special Meeting, the City Council agreed to move forward with the Farmington Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. Administration is now in the process of putting together a committee to spearhead this process. The City Council appointed one member to the committee at its October 5th Special Meeting. Planning Commission must also appoint one member to the committee.

Agenda Review

Review:

Kevin Christiansen Pending

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Planning Commission Pending 10/12/2015 7:00 PM

Updated: 10/6/2015 2:27 PM by Lisa McGill

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