

### DOWNIOWN

MASTER PLAN & MARKET ANALYSIS





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### INTRODUCTION

### **ABOUT THE PLAN**

The economic opportunity for great placemaking is not limited to large cities. Communities throughout the nation are experiencing a shift toward distinctive walkable communities, representing an enarmous apportunity for Sylvania. Communities that can reinvent themselves and provide an excellent vision for a diverse range of the population will got a competitive advantage. Younger professionals are highly mobile and are looking for amenty-filled, walkable neighborhoods, and areas with a strong sense of "place." They want to see more restaurants, services, and things to do, and they want to live in vibrant downtowns. But a vibrant downtown is not just for a select demographic or generation. It appeals to multi-generational residents, young families, young professionals, empty-nesters, and seniors

The goal of this study is to maintain and build upon the hardfought momentum Downtown Sylvania is currently experiencing.
This document contains specific concepts, recommendations and economic development tactics to better support Sylvania's endeavors. As important as the private development initiatives are to a successful redevelopment program, it can oftentimes be public improvements that catalyze investment into the downtown care. The development of creative public realm enhancements, streetscapes, and green spaces will help spark renewed interest in downtown. A vibrant downtown will encourage people to live nearby and frequent quality retail businesses and restourants within and adjacent to the core of downlown.















### **PLAN PROGRESSION**



### QUESTIONS & TOPICS ADDRESSED:

- What is the area context?
- Downtown District: Defined
- Community Connections and Destinations
- Downlown District Land-Use
- Where can residents and visitors park?



### DOWNTOWN CHARACTER

### QUESTIONS & TOPICS ADDRESSED:

- What experience does Downtown affer all users? What is the overall character of Downtown?
- What are Downtown Sylvania's strengths?
- What are some challenges facing Downtown Sylvania?



### QUESTIONS & TOPICS ADDRESSED: MARKET

### Market analysis, process & approach

- What are the current market conditions?
  What opportunities or gaps exist in the market can be leveraged for development?
- What is the recommended infill typology?
- How do current trends impact development?



ANALYSIS

### MARKET STRATEGIES

### QUESTIONS & TOPICS ADDRESSED:

- Downlown vision
- Where are the potential locations for infill?
- Strategies and tactics





# **EXISTING CONDITIONS**







### **COMMUNITY DESTINATIONS & CONNECTIONS**







**EXISTING CONDITIONS** 

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### **DOWNTOWN DISTRICT LAND-USE**

Sylvania's Dawntown District features a traditional Main Sreen-sylva centes, surrounded by century homes, small appartment buildings, public and government buildings, and to transformative apartment development under construction at its eastern gateway. These districts of similar land-use have created four district "Quarters within Downtown, with each hoving their own unique feel. These Quarters are the Residential Quarter to the north, the Government Quarter to the west, the Main's Monoce Commercial Quarter at the heart, and the up-and-coming SOMO Gateway to the east.



RESIDENTIAL QUARTER



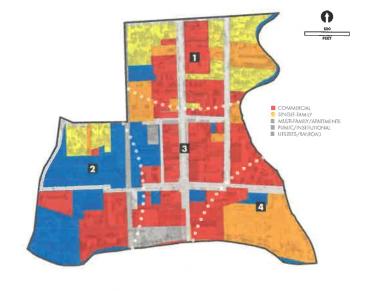
MAIN & MONROE COMMERCIAL QUARTER



GOVERNMENT QUARTER



SOMO GATEWAY & RESIDENTIAL QUARTER





### **DOWNTOWN DISTRICT PARKING OPTIONS**





# DOWNTOWN CHARACTER

### THE DOWNTOWN EXPERIENCE

### **ON FOOT**

The City of Sylvaria enjoys a highly developed sidewalk network with complete coverage throughout the Downlown District The sidewalk width varies depending on the corridor, with most areas tenturing 4-5ft-wide works This meets current Americars With Disabhilites A(DA) width requirements. In the retail corridor along Main Street the sidewalks are wider to accommodate signages, seeting, landscaping, and bike racks. Streethcaping is decidedly hadhound, and reflects the historic and authentic field of the Downlown District. On the South side of Montroe Street behind the healty a wide multi-modal poin slong the river provides recreational apportunities for walkers, runners, cyclists, and more.







### BY CAR

As with most historic downtown's, the building and street layout reflects a time when walkability to downtown shopping and amenifies was prohitized over whiche parking needs. As such, most of the parking for Main Street businesses is located behind the buildings in centralized fats Public Parking signage helps guide visitors to free parking locations, from where they then can walk to shops and restaurants on foot and enjoy Sylvento's pedestrian scale. The primary whichical route for accessing Downtown is along Monroe Street, which crosses Main Street and forms the most prominent intersection in the District. Just to the east of downtown, Monroe Street his the US-23 interchange, which provides quick access to other major interstates, employment centers, and the City of Toldoc.









### **CHARACTER THROUGH INTENTIONAL DESIGN**



DOWNTOWN DISTRICT



DOWNTOWN CHARACTER

### **MARKET ANALYSIS**

### **MARKET SUMMARY**

tike most communities over the past 50 years, Sylvania's the most communities over the past 50 years. Sylvania's development followed demographic growth, which primarily facused on cor-centric suburban development, often overlooking the downtown as the commercial and community center. This view has changed, however, with a renewed understanding that downtowns create a critical mass of activities where commercial, cultural, and civic activities are concentrated. This concentration facilitates business, learning,

This rebound demand is attracting both millennials and body boomers afile and shifting demand away from for-sale single-fundly housing to a more Reable rent focus. These segments are looking more for amenities and experience and they are focusing on downtowns just like Sylvania's This trend is currently visible with the addition of SOMO, a 206 unit apartment complex on the southwest edge of downtown.

The goal of this market analysis is to better understand what makes Sylvania unique and to highlight realistic and ottoinable strategies that will enhance the momentum that Sylvania is currently seeking.

### HOUSING

will bring 200 units on line, leaving the potential for an additional 55 units.

### RESTAURANT

for full-service restaurants currently is lukewarm, an class 'A,' creative or co-working space. there is demand for 147,000 SF of high-end drinking establishments adding to the entertainment and nightlife



The estimated housing unit forecast stands at 261 Estimates show the potential for an additional units over the next five years. When completed SOMO 50,000 SF of retail space within a few select sectors.

### OFFICE

Sylvania's restaurant bar scene is robust and serves — Downtown Sylvania's main strength lies in its as the heart of activity for downtown. While demand amenity-rich walkable environment. Recruitment focus

### KEY MARKET METRICS



\$83,000 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



15,000 CARS PER DAY ALONG MONROE ST



73,000 **DAYTIME POPULATION** 



**OVER 40%** OF RESIDENTS ARE COLLEGE EDUCATED

### **CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS**





- for sale housing generally consists of single-family post-world war two bungatows, have a median price of \$ 108 per SF, are around 1,500 SF or slightly larger and are on smaller lats approximately a quarter acre ar below.
- Rentals consist of a diverse offering of multi-family units including apartment complexes, duplexes and a few walk-up apartments which are located above business along Main Street. Average unit rents are around \$1.25 a SF.
- The addition of SOMO (206 units) will significantly add to the downtown population.





- A thriving retail sector exists in Downtown Sylvania, consisting almost entirely of load businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Currently, no vocancies exist in the Downtown care along Main Street. The mix of business is diverse, consisting of art galleries, salons, local boutiques and a handful of service sectororiented businesses
- Monroe Street rated consists of many local businesses as well, but is more auto-oriented with average daily traffic [AADT] of approximately 15,000 care due to the Route 23 Interchange.





- · The restaurant scene in Sylvania is vibrant with a good mix of quick bite, family friendly and full-service restaurants catering to a wide spectrum of the population
- Relail sector restaurants along Monroe Street are more auto-oriented with larger local and national full-service chains along with delivery focused eateries





 There are a few office buildings found within the boundaries of Downtown Sylvania. However, the majority of office space is found just outside the periphery of Downtown or clustered throughout the city



**MARKET ANALYSIS** 

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### MARKET

### HOUSING MARKET MIX RECOMMENDATIONS

### HOUSING MARKET SUMMARY

Led by past visions and an eye on the development will most likely require an authentic, leverage these advantages, the City should focus housing refers to the lack of affordable attached, on increasing density while enhancing walkability detached, or clustered housing in the modern neighborhoods.

characteristics of the existing building typology, and A diverse community enhances the value and Downtown would help unity the walkable

development undoubtedly fills a major partian of and incomes his need. However, a future focus on residential

tuture, Downlown Sylvania has positioned itself neighborhood-driven placemaking strategy of to take advantage of local and broader shifts integrating infill development with "Missing Middle in demographics, values and priorities. To best Housing". The concept of "Missing Middle" within the downtown limits and surrounding development dimate, which prior generations may have referred to as "storier homes." The integration of this style of development would serve Buyers in today's market like choices, investors as a nuanced approach in inlegrating multi-unit or and lenders want more flexibility in projects, distaired housing types consistent in scale and and planning ufficials expect a more thoughtful character as is currently found in the downlown ensures an enhanced sense of community.

streetscape and provide varied housing choices The addition of the South of Morroe (SOMO) available for households of different ages, sizes,



CONDOS



Condos offer the same benefits as owning a single-family home, but offer the benefits of high-quality amenities and reduced maintenance eeds that individual homes can't affordably provide.

- Square Feet 1,200 2,200 SF
- Fee-Simple
- 3-4 Stories (Flats or Vertical)
- 15-25 Units/Acre Price Point: \$250k-\$450k
- w/HOA
- Target Markets Established Professionals Families

TOWN HOMES







- Square Feet 1,600-2,200 SF
- Rental or Fee-Simple
- 2-3 Stories (Flats or Vertical) 16-22 Units/Acre
- Price Point. \$275-\$350k Target Markets
- Established Professionals Empty Neslers Relirees





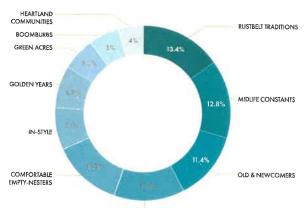




Apartments offer flexibility and aftordability to the renter and an increase the income tax base for the communities in which they are

- Square Feet 750-1,750 SF
- Rental Market
- 4-5 Stories (Flats) 25-35 Units/Acre
- Price Point: \$1,100 \$2,200 a
- Target Markets: Young Professionals Emply Neslers

### CITY-WIDE CONSUMER SEGMENTATION BREAKDOWN



### SAVVY SUBURBANITES

### THE IMPORTANCE OF RETAIL SEGMENTATION

A Consumer Segmentation analysis is beneficial to Consumer segmentation is utilized for the following aspects: understand the nuances of an existing marketplace or trade 

Explain neighborhood variation area. By utilizing a combination of data sources, including the

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Describe resident lifestyles U.S. Census and ESRI Proprietary Demographic Updales, the

- Describe resourn messyres

- Analyze population diversity analysis determines the breakdown of consumer types in a 
• Pinpoint marketing apportunities market by placing them standardized buckets, or "segments," with other consumers of similar lifestyle and spending patterns. Whether an area is highly populated with a student demographic, or perhaps toward relired households. the Consumer Segmentation analysis helps communities and developers better understand the identity of an area.

### TOP 5 SEGMENTS



- Rusbell Traditions represents a large market of stable, hard-working consumers with modest incomes family criented, they value time scent at home. Most have lived worked, and played in the same area for years. Median Age: 39.0
- Median Household Income: \$51,800



- Midlife Constants residents are seniors, at or approaching retirement, with below average labor force participation and above average net worth.
- Median Age: 47.0 Median Household Income: \$53,200



- Old and Newcomers is composed of neighborhoods in transition, populated by renters who are just beginning their careers or retring. Some are still in college; some ore taking adult education classes.
- Median Age: 39.4
- Median Household income \$44,900



- Savvy Suburbanites residents are well educated, well read, and well capitalized. Families include empty nester or families who still have adult
- Median Age: 45.1
- Median Household Income. \$ 108,700



- Residents in this large, growing segment are older. Many are enjoying the transition from child reasing to settrement.
- Median Age: 48.0
- Median Household Income: \$75,000



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### **RETAIL & RESTAURANT GAP ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **MARKET OPPORTUNITIES**

This study finds fluid the Downtown Sylvania has the opportunity to expond the mortest share of retail and resourcet scless by exponding its business mix and implementing a sessies of policy, markining and physical enhancements. Presently Downtown has the potential to support up to a coldisional VIXOO of a resourcent and retail growth, adding nearly \$40 million in table size 2000, representing copiured consumer spending that is presently leading outside the market.

One strology in obtaining these gates includes captaing local and regional spending that is occurring alsowhere. Nationally, one the years, well-intended policymations have discouraged national chains from locating in downtown, which has resulted in an undestrable studies in which residents must drive to the subtrate skep online for most of their primary poots and services. However, it is possible to have a risk of local and national firms. These time are more willing to break the most of the formation of the studies of the subtraction of the interventional production of the subtraction of the amount of the subtraction of the entire studies of the total total first first the subtraction of the entire of the subtraction of the control of the subtraction of the control of the subtraction of the control of the subtraction of the subtraction of the control of the subtraction of

Another effective strategy other communities have utilized is to implement a modern merchandlising and business practices by implementing a Business Improvement District (BID) further reinforcing more cooperation between the public and private sections.

### Key Recommendations:

- Join the International Council of Shopping Centers and attending the yearly conference to gain insight on potential enhancement to the recruitment of national setail firms.
- Implement a Business improvement District (BID) for improved marketing and management as well as improvement streetscape upkeep and amenity inclusion.
- Study parking downtown with consideration of constructing a parking deck to enhance short term parking convenience white accommodating larger special event parking
- Focus on connection. Walkscares/bikescores have a direct impact on development desirability as well as property
- focus on increasing contextually sensitive residential density within walking distance. Retail follows the market if does not load. Downtown Sylvania's retail is not lourist dependent.
   It is supported by its residents and an increase in density represents an increase in disposable income

### GAP ANALYSIS BREAKDOWN

NEIGHBORHOOD / COMMUNITY RETAIL	EST. SUPPORTABLE SF	2019 SALES/SF	2019 EST RETAIL SALES (S)	2024 SALES/SF	2024 EST. RETAIL SALES (S)	STORES (COUNT)
Bldg Modericle, Gurden Equip. & Supply Stores	102,281	\$250	\$25,570,129	\$275	\$28,127,141	1-2
Bour, Wine & Digue Sturou	26,474	\$305	\$8,074,481	\$335	\$8,868,692	1.2
Henith & Personal Care Store;	8,833	\$3.50	\$3,091,594	\$3.60	\$3,424,535	1
God Merchandise	622	\$235	\$146,131	\$260	\$161,677	1
Retail Totals	138,209	\$285	\$36,882,335	\$308	\$41,425,844	5-6
RESTAURANTS			- 20			
Celering / Special Yourd Services	6,613	\$265	\$1,752,476	\$300	\$1,983,935	1
Draking Places - Alcoholic Beverages	9,369	\$350	\$3,279,027	\$395	\$3,700,616	2-3
Restaurant Totals	9,369	\$350	\$3,279,027	\$395	\$3,700,616	3-4
Retail and Restairant Totals	147,578	\$318	\$40,161,362	\$358	\$45,726,461	7.9

### **RETAIL & RESTAURANT STRATEGIES**



Downtown should serve as a distinctive "experience" destination, offering a unique nix of shopping, dining, entertainment, hospitality, arts and culture.



Uses such as outdoor dining, retail sales, displays and art should be encouraged along Main Street, adding a sense of vibrancy and engage pedestrions



A healthy retail district will have between 30%-40% of restaurants/food and drink establishments

### **SOMO DEVELOPMENT IMPACT**

### **ABOUT THE SOMO PROJECT**





The South of Monroe (SOMO) project represents years of dedicated effort to attact high-quality housing in Sylvania, bringing 204 restall units Downstown. Higher-density, walkable, mixed-use places are a market-driven apportunity. They are also faculty responsible because they are more cost effective to service with infrastructure, generates more property to pre-are, and provides much needed spending to local tetal establishments and

### KEY SOMO METRICS

206	250-400	\$36м	\$900-\$2,200
NEW APARTMENTS	NEW RESIDENTS (ESTIMATED)	TOTAL INVESTMENT	RENTAL RANGE

### SOMO UNIT MIX

103	82	21	
1 BEDROOM	2 BEDROOM	3 BEDROOM	

### ■HOW DOES SOMO CHANGE THE RETAIL LANDSCAPE?

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SPENDING ON FOOD, HEALTH, AND HOME GOODS \$3.7M

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SPENDING FROM SOMO UNITS 13K

SQ FT OF NEW SUPPORTABLE FOOD, HEALTH, AND HOME GOODS RETAIL SPACE



**MARKET ANALYSIS** 

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### **RETAIL & RESTAURANT MARKET MIX**













- Families have a 30% to 40% percent higher guest check than those dining without
- Casual dining establishments are welcoming to a variety of segments and user bases and adjust to focus on different user groups depending on the lime of day.

  Being family friendly requires the successful integration of high quality outdoor eating spaces extending activity and vibrancy outdoors.

  67% of consumers say visiting restourants is a form of entertainment for them.











- Delicatessens and other high-end "quick-bite" establishments offer both experience and convenience.
- As the fitness sector seeks to expand its user base, they have deviated from tradition gyms of the past to offer flexible scheduling, programming and services.
- . Online retailing is creating an need for niche service providers providing services in which distance matters.









- Nightlife establishments can serve as a magnet for professionals looking to network after-hours or unwind after the workday.
- A strong nightlife scene not only offers an other-work experience for local residents, but it tends to bring in out-of-town visitors that provide businesses with additional soles otherwise not present in a typical daytime-centered development.



### OFFICE MARKET MIX

### CLASS 'A' OFFICE





Class 'A' office building standard, typically denote highquality construction, prime location, state-of-the-art technology systems, high-end furniture, higher ceilings, and are more energy efficient. Rent is higher in Class 'A' office buildings, but the price is reflected in the quality of space. Class 'A' commercial buildings regularly appeal to high-end tenants, such as financial institutions, law firms, real estate groups, architectural firms, engineering firms energy firms, consultants, and political organizations

### CREATIVE SPACE





Creative office space is a growing trend in office environments. Its key identifiers include open floorplans, with minimal private offices and no cubicles. Creative office space is for businesses of all shapes and sizes. With this office form becoming more mainstream, it is appealing to more than just tech and advertising companies. It is gaining popularity amongst large corporate firms including real estate groups, law firms, and financial service providers. This class of office space may be a potential option as low finishing costs may pravide for viable lease rates.

### CO-WORKING SPACE





Co-working offices are taking the form of the new age officing experience containing open areas that promote collaboration, social synergy, and detailed business interaction. Preferably, this form of afficing would appeal to a person or entity that is unwilling or unable to pay the premium market rates for commercial space, do not have the flexibility to commit to a lease agreement, and or are looking for a space that is renewed on a month to month basis. The demand for this type of space is rising due to more individual's working remotely or virtually, canducting most of their business from a laptop.



## MARKET STRATEGIES

### A VISION FOR DOWNTOWN SYLVANIA



- Explore potential future infill opportunities.
- Study porking enhancements.
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   Relocate the existing police station to open up prime space for development.
   Establish a Downtown Overlay District.



- Connect walkable community assets including schools,
- Connect waterbote community assets including schools, employment centers, porks, and more.
   Pedistrianize Muin & Monroe Streets by enhancing the pedestrian experience, integrating bike infrastructure, and improving neighborhood connections.



- Enhance the public realm by integrating public and social
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  galibering spaces.
   Designate Downtown by exploring a Special Improvement
  District and Historic Designations.
   Implement additional opportunities for public art, festivals,
  and programming.





DOWNTOWN DISTRICT





## MARKET STRATEGIES

### CREATE: STRATEGIES & TACTICS



### PLAN FOR INFILL DEVELOPMENT

Sylvaria should explore the development of a Downtown Vision and Infill Plan. As recently has been derivantatived with the addition of SOMO there is pent up demand for residential growth and, in turn, commercial growth. By being proactive, Sylvania and could marigate future growth, ensuring a unified, dynamic and cohesive downtown.



### PARKING ENHANCEMENTS

To meet current and future demand for parking, the development of a parking garage should be planned to accommodate an already undesized pool of parking. A first step toward solving the parking problem and unlocking development sizes will be to conduct a comprehensive parking study that lakes into account parking needs.



### RELOCATE THE POLICE STATION

The current Sylvenic Police Station is currently lacated in a prime Downtown location. Efforts should be made to relocate the station to oradine stell find commodetes a high level of service. This relocation will provide Downtown with a perfect apportunity for mild development that will any server to add to the economic base.

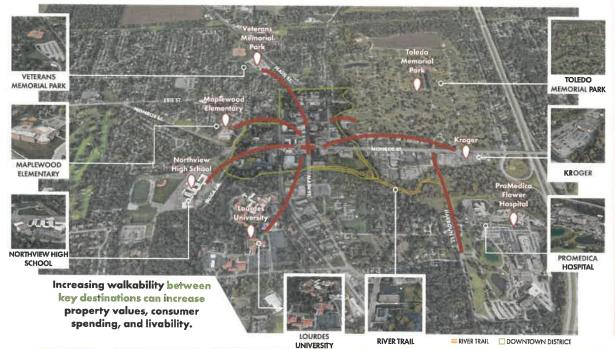


### CREATE AN OVERLAY DISTRICT

An Overlay District is a regulatory tool that creates a unique zoning district placed over a curtent base zone, which identifies special provisions in addition to these in the underlying base zone. The overlay district can share common boundaries with the base zone or cut across base zone boundaries Regulations or incontives are atlached to the overlay district to protect a specific resource or guided aeredipment within a praticular area. Exploration of a more form based system should be investigated to



### **CONNECT: CREATE A WALKABLE COMMUNITY**







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### **CONNECT: STRATEGIES & TACTICS**









### **CONNECT WALKABLE ASSETS**

Sylvania is fothwale to have key institutions and employment centers as assets near Downtown Riorly should be placed on enhancing connections between the Promedica Flower Hospital Campus and Lourdes University, as well as the River Trail where it terminates on Main Street Connecting nearby point, including Veterors Memorial Park, Tolledo Memorial Park, and Burnham Park will increase recreation apportunities for residents and visitors focusing on wider sidewalks separated from the road will enhance the pedestrian experience. By making these assets walkable, Downtown would goin an essential competitive advantage, further opening restorants and retailirs to an enhanced functione and evening cowld.







### PEDESTRIANIZE MAIN & MONROE

Main and Mannes Streets currently as a significant commercial contrious within Sylvania, yet prioritize the automabile over the pedestrian. These carridoss vary in width and accommodate wide lanes of triffic, few center turn lones, and minimal bike infrastructure. These factors tend to increase speed, coale unsafe conditions for pedestrian and biopolistic, and reduces the interest enems of the street, Traffic colining techniques, areating separation between the road and sidewalk, mid-block crossings, the addition of street furniture and broader sidewalks are all lockniques that would improve the pedestrian experience.

### **SUPPORT: STRATEGIES AND TACTICS**





### ENHANCE THE PUBLIC REALM

A growing body of research indicates that people pay more to have access to urban amerities. For example, houses close to parks are generally more valuable. Parks, schools, small retail, and transit are some of the amenities that ratie for a rich downtown experience. When considering development and redevelopment potential it is important to also consider how investments, both public and private, can charge the destribility of an area. A package of amenities can increase destribility and competition for real estate in an area.





### **DESIGNATE DOWNTOWN**

The goal of these designations would serve to promote the rehabilitation of historic buildings, encourage economic development, enhance mixed-use commercial and residential areas, and could fund transportation improvements. These designations could include

<u>Historical Designation</u> - Historical designated areas open up potential funding sources and raise property values.

Special inacovernent District (SID) - A quosi-public organization formed by property owners who have agreed to an assessment on their property in order to generate revenue for services and capital improvements provided within a defined district.





### PROGRAMMING & ART

The arts and culture scene is alive and well in Sylvania. Service as a current economic engine should only be supported and anhanced. Local art is a service linateanned be outsourced, attracts notises metal supported and community identity, and lostes enterpreneurship. The presence of the arts and culture scene include become more visible within the Downtown. Murats, artistic accountaint, movies in the park, festivats and plays are list a few examples of potential activities that could enhance the Downtown economic base and experience



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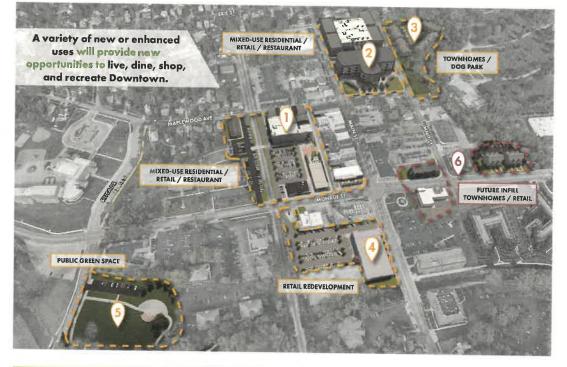
# REDEVELOPMENT VISION

### **REDEVELOPMENT VISION: FOCUS AREAS**











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### **REDEVELOPMENT VISION: FOCUS AREA 1**



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### **REDEVELOPMENT VISION: FOCUS AREAS 2 & 3**





### **MREDEVELOPMENT VISION: FOCUS AREA 4**





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### REDEVELOPMENT VISION: FOCUS AREA 5



### **REDEVELOPMENT VISION: FOCUS AREA 6**

