Welcome!

Today’s Agenda

- Choice Neighborhoods update
- Akron Civic Commons update
- Land Use Plan update
Choice Activities to Date

● On-going review of neighborhood conditions

● **86** Summit Lake Apartments surveys completed

● **66** Neighborhood surveys completed

● **35+** interviews with residents, service providers + stakeholders

● Summit Lake Choice Neighborhoods webpage live on Akron Civic Commons website
Since 1940, Summit Lake has lost 70% of its population compared to Akron’s decrease of 19%.
Summit Lake residents are younger than the city as a whole. In 2019, the median age in Akron was 37, compared to 28 in Summit Lake. The percentage of the population under 18 years of age was 21% in Akron and 35% in Summit Lake. Conversely, the percentage of the population 65 years or older was 15% in Akron and 8% in Summit Lake.

There are almost twice as many single female households in Summit Lake as in the city as a whole.

Source: Social Explorer (U.S. Census, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2019 and 2010); Census Tracts 5053 and 5056
Summit Lake residents are twice as likely to live in poverty and their incomes have been trending downward.

Since 2000, the income gap between Akron & Summit Lake has widened significantly.

Source: Social Explorer (U.S. Census, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2019 and 2010); Census Tracts 5053 and 5056.
Overall, Summit Lake residents have been closing the educational and employment gap with the city, but racial disparities exist.

**Educational Attainment in 2019**

- Akron
- Summit Lake

- Less than High School
- High School Graduate
- Some College / Associates Degree
- Bachelors Degree
- Masters Degree or above

Population with at least a High School Diploma has increased from 61% in 2000 to 83% in 2019.

Population with associates degree or higher has increased from 19% in 2000 to 33% in 2019.

**Unemployment in 2000 & 2019**

- Akron
  - Unemployment rate in 2000: 8%
  - Unemployment rate in 2019: 12%

- Summit Lake
  - Unemployment rate in 2000: 5%
  - Unemployment rate in 2019: 10%

Since 2000, the unemployment rate in Summit Lake has been declining, however the rate for Black residents has increased from 18% to 20%.

**Commuting Patterns in 2018**

- 65% Drive alone
- 18% Carpool
- 11% Transit

68% of workers spend less than 30 min commuting.

**Employment by Industry in 2018**

- Healthcare and Social Assistance: 12%
- Manufacturing: 11%
- Retail Trade: 11%
- Accommodation and Food Services: 10%
- Admin, & Support, Waste Mgmt, & Remediation: 10%

Source: Social Explorer (U.S. Census, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2019 and 2010); Census Tracts 5053 and 5056
Summit Lake has lost a significant amount of housing. Renters make up a larger portion of the households and are more at risk of housing instability.

**Summit Lake has lost**: 26% of its housing units since 2000. In Akron this number is 1%.

**Home Ownership and Rentals**

- Summit Lake has 33% owner occupied housing. In Akron this number is 50%.
- Summit Lake has 67% renter occupied housing. In Akron this number is 50%.

49% of renters in Summit Lake spend 30% or higher of their gross household income on rent.

Source: Social Explorer (U.S. Census, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2019 and 2010); Census Tracts 5053 and 5056.
There are 83 acres of vacant land [63 football fields] & 54 vacant buildings in the Choice Study Area [44 are residential]
Over half of the vacant property is public owned.
The neighborhood is impacted by violent crime, at **almost twice the rate** as the city.

Summit Lake: 255/1000 residents  
City of Akron: 126/1000 residents

**Incidents of Violent Crime, 2018 - 2021**

Source: City of Akron GIS
There are a number of different ways we can do this. Heat Maps or Just marking points? Tax abatement data?

140 new construction permits have been issued in Akron since 2016...but **none** were in Summit Lake.

**Recent and Proposed Investments**
**2016 - Present**
*Source: City of Akron GIS, Akron Fiscal Office*
√ Choice Study Area
 Lake/River/Pond
 Parks/Open Space
 Existing Towpath Trail
 Railroad
 Capital Improvement Plan Investments
e New Construction Permits Issued Between 2016 - 2021
 ○ Key Projects
Help us spread the word!

**SUMMIT LAKE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**

*We want to hear from you!*

**Drop in WHEN and WHERE it is most convenient for you.**

Come **any time** between **4 and 7pm** at one of the locations below:

1. **Reach Opportunity Center**
   - **Tuesday July 20th**
   - Any time between 4 and 7 pm
   - 390 W. Crosier Street

2. **Front Porch Fellowship**
   - **Wednesday July 21st**
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   - 1095 Edison Avenue
Overview of workshop activities

Welcome to the Summit Lake Community Workshop!

A CHANCE TO WIN $25!
To be entered into the raffle you must collect three stamps from completing the activities below:

1. WRITE YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY OF SUMMIT LAKE

2. SHOW US ON THE COLLABORATIVE MAP

3. GIVE A SPINWHEEL TESTIMONIAL

4. FILL OUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY (this one is worth two stamps!)

Your Name: .................................................................
Email OR phone number: ..................................................

YOU MUST include your contact information above to be eligible to win!

Once you’ve collected your stamps, return this card to the sign in station and you will be contacted if you win.
Akron Civic Commons Update

- Summit Lake Nature Center - grand opening on July 1
- Ohio & Erie Canal, Summit Lake Trail - design plans 70% complete
# Overview of Our Summit Lake Engagement Actions Timeline

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Overview of Our Summit Lake Community Events

- Resident Advisory Board Mtg 1.0
  - 18 Attendees

- Neighborhood Walks Event
  - 30 Attendees

- Neighborhood Survey
  - 66 Responses
Neighborhood Walks Event
May 27th, 2021
Neighborhood Walks
3 Routes

**North Route**
1.85 miles

Begin at Roush’s Market (554 Thornton)
Directions: West to La Croix; South to Parkdale; Manning Pond to Russell; East to Schumacher; North to Scheck; East to Norka; North to Thornton; West to Towpath Trail; South to Community Center.

**Central Route**
1.66 miles

Begin at Aldi (772 Main)
Directions: Begin Aldi’s; East to Main; South to Roundabout; South on Old Main to Miller; West to Victory; North to Long; West to Lakeshore; North to Reach Center Driveway.

**South Route**
1.65 miles

Begin and end at Community Center.
Directions: Towpath Trail south to Lewis; East to Lakeshore; North to Theodore; East to Akins; North to Lloyd; East to Victory; North to Miller; West to Summit Lake Apartments; North to Community Center.
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<td>Amenities at South end, lighting, grills by the water.</td>
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<td>Retail Amenities</td>
<td>Grocery store, pharmacy, barber shop, local business.</td>
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<td>Corner Stores</td>
<td>Fill a neighborhood need. “It’s close and safe.”</td>
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<td>Better communication, drug dealing, air conditioning.</td>
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<td>Transit</td>
<td>Routes have been cut, more bus shelters, frequency.</td>
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<td>Safety</td>
<td>Crosswalks at Lakeshore Blvd, sex offenders, stigma.</td>
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<td>Vacant Lot Reuse</td>
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<td>Existing Housing</td>
<td>“Can we rehab more houses, instead of demolition?”</td>
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<td>Litter, edges feel like barriers, more public art.</td>
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<td>Flooding, dangerous intersections, speeding.</td>
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<td>“Conditions doesn’t matter if there’s nowhere to walk.”</td>
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Next Steps

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- Completion of Summit Lake Apartments resident and Summit Lake neighborhood surveys
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