Neighborhood Task Force
May 19, 2022
Welcome!

Today’s Agenda

- Choice Neighborhoods update
- Akron Civic Commons update
- Land Use update
- Next steps
Choice Neighborhoods Update

- Round 3 Workshops
- Summit Lake Community Clean Ups
- Preliminary neighborhood strategies
- Next Steps
Round 3 Choice
Neighborhoods Workshops

- Final Vision for Summit Lake
- Redesign of Summit Lake Apartments - roadway reconfiguration
- Early Start Project - new proposed gathering space (AMHA Choice)
Summit Lake is a safe, welcoming and family-friendly community with quality housing and local businesses, where new and long-term residents, proud of their community, work side-by-side to improve the neighborhood.
Redesign of Summit Lake Apartments

**Option 1:** Extending Miller and Lake, adding a new road next to the Towpath Trail

**Option 2:** Extending Miller and Lake, adding a new road next to the Towpath Trail from Miller to Ira
Site objectives

Based on community input, goals for the redeveloped site are to:

- Better connect the site with the neighborhood
- Better connect the neighborhood to the lake and towpath trail
- Maximize views of the lake when possible
- Create public open spaces that connect to the lake and trail
New lakefront open space and road

PROPOSED SCENARIO
LOOP ROAD CONNECTING
MILLER & LAKE EXTENSIONS
Two-way street with perpendicular parking

Summit Lake
Towpath Trail (varies)
AMHA Site

Proposed Open Space
~90 ft.

Proposed Loop Road
18 ft. Parking Lane
10 ft. Driving Lane
10 ft. Driving Lane
8 ft. Side walk
Available Parcel Width: 924 ft.
New gathering space ideas

Top 5 Choices:

1. Outdoor Lounge
2. Snack Shed
3. Public Grills
4. Porch Swings
5. Playable Seating

Summit Lake Apartments
Nature Center
Gathering space
Summit Lake Community Clean Up
What’s happening now

[On-map]
1. Mannings Pond Pocket Park
2. Summit Lake North Shore and Ohio and Erie Canal Summit Lake Trail
3. Traffic safety interventions at Lake Shore Blvd and Long Street, and Miller Avenue (Completed!)
4. Princeton Street Bridge aesthetic improvements
5. Street repaving
6. Street studies
7. Gathering space

[Off-map]
8. Neighborhood clean up
9. Street light survey and repair (Completed!)
10. Tree planting (Completed - 300 trees!)
11. Pilot greenways
12. Gas line improvements and associated sidewalk repair
Preliminary neighborhood ideas

[On-map]
1. **Better gateways** to bridge Summit Lake across the highway
2. **Lake Shore Boulevard** as the front door to the neighborhood
3. **New sidewalks and bike-friendly routes** to connect to Community Center and Reach Opportunity Center
4. New lakefront **open space and nature trail**
5. **Safer neighborhood streets** for walking and biking

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6. **Temporary uses on vacant lots** such as greenways, pocket parks, gardens, and native pollinator plantings
7. **Existing home improvements** such as exterior renovations, porch lights
8. **New housing** with a range of affordability levels, tenure, and housing types
9. **More events** for community socializing
Lake Shore Boulevard
Proposed road diet and long-term improvements
Temporary uses for vacant lots

- Pollinator Plantings
- Midblock Greenway
- Pocket Park
Help residents improve their properties and retain affordability
Neighborhood Activities + Next Steps

- Round 4 workshops May 31 and June 1 to review:
  - Summit Lake Apartments redesign: site plan options and housing architectural typologies
  - Proposed neighborhood strategies
- Refinement of housing plan
- People Plan framework of services and support
- Draft Transformation Plan - due June 16
- Final Transformation Plan - due December 16
- Pursuit of implementation funding
Akron Civic Commons Update

- Ohio and Erie Canal Summit Lake Trail
- Summit Lake North Shore Design
Land Use Plan Updates

- **Short-term actions**
  - Pedestrian safety improvements
  - Pilot greenway
  - Manning’s Pond pocket park
  - Exterior home renovation program

- **Next steps:**
  - Rezoning
  - Future development - new housing

New ramps, crosswalks and signs being installed at Lake Shore Boulevard and Long Street

New speed tables installed on Miller Avenue
Thank you and please spread the word!

**CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS WORKSHOP**

May 31 from 4:30-6:30pm
at the Front Porch Fellowship on Miller Avenue,
1095 Edison Avenue

June 1 from 4:30-6:30pm
outside the Summit Lake Community Center and Reach Opportunity Center

**FOOD!**

$25 gift card raffle!