Sommunity Plan

PUBLIC MEETING #2 March 2, 2024



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Welcome

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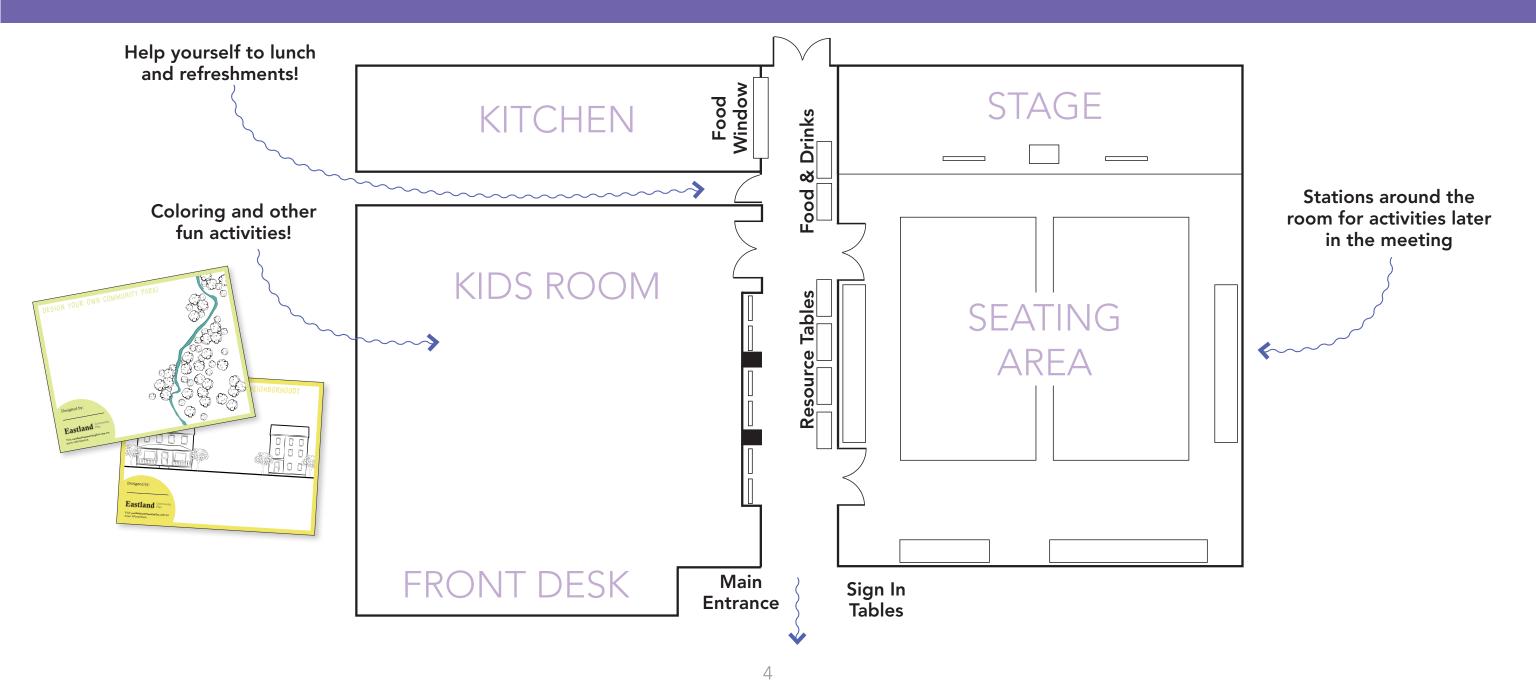
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NEXT STEPS & TODAY'S ACTIVITY

Today's Meeting



Project Schedule





Phase 5

Plan Implementation

4 Ongoing

Engagement Findings

HOW WE ENGAGED Community Engagement

900+ People Engaged in the Eastland Community Plan So Far







105+ Educators engaged

Pop-Up Events Attended





506 Surveys Completed



162 Public Meeting Attendees



95 Focus Group Participants

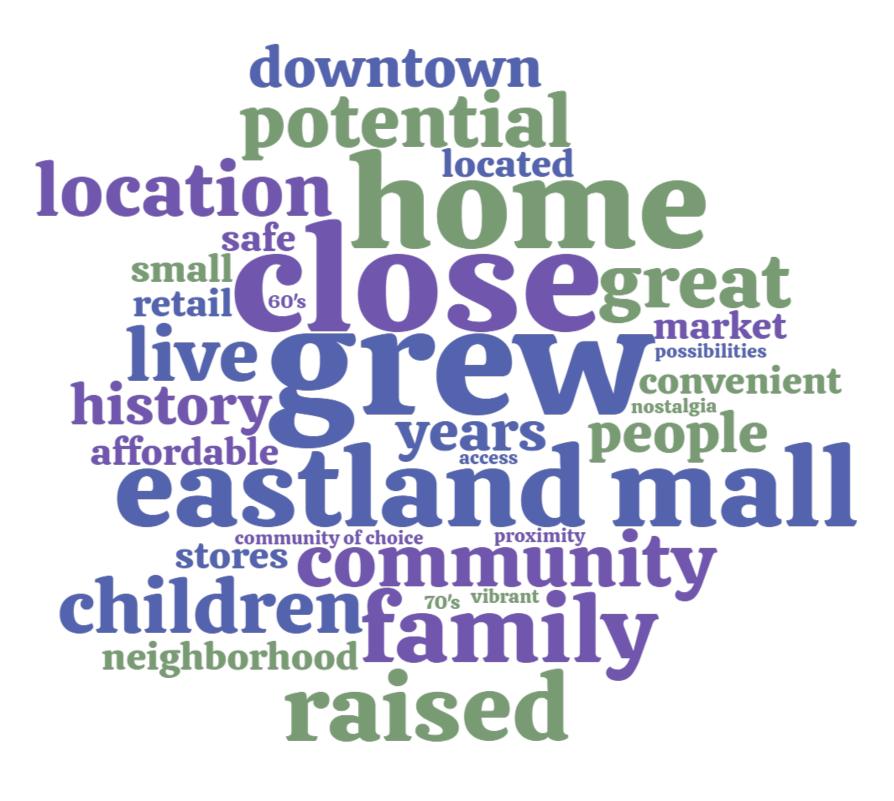


WHAT WE'VE HEARD I like Eastland because...

> "It has potential to be like other great areas in Columbus."

> > "It's a community where I raised my family."

"There's diversity in the neighborhood."





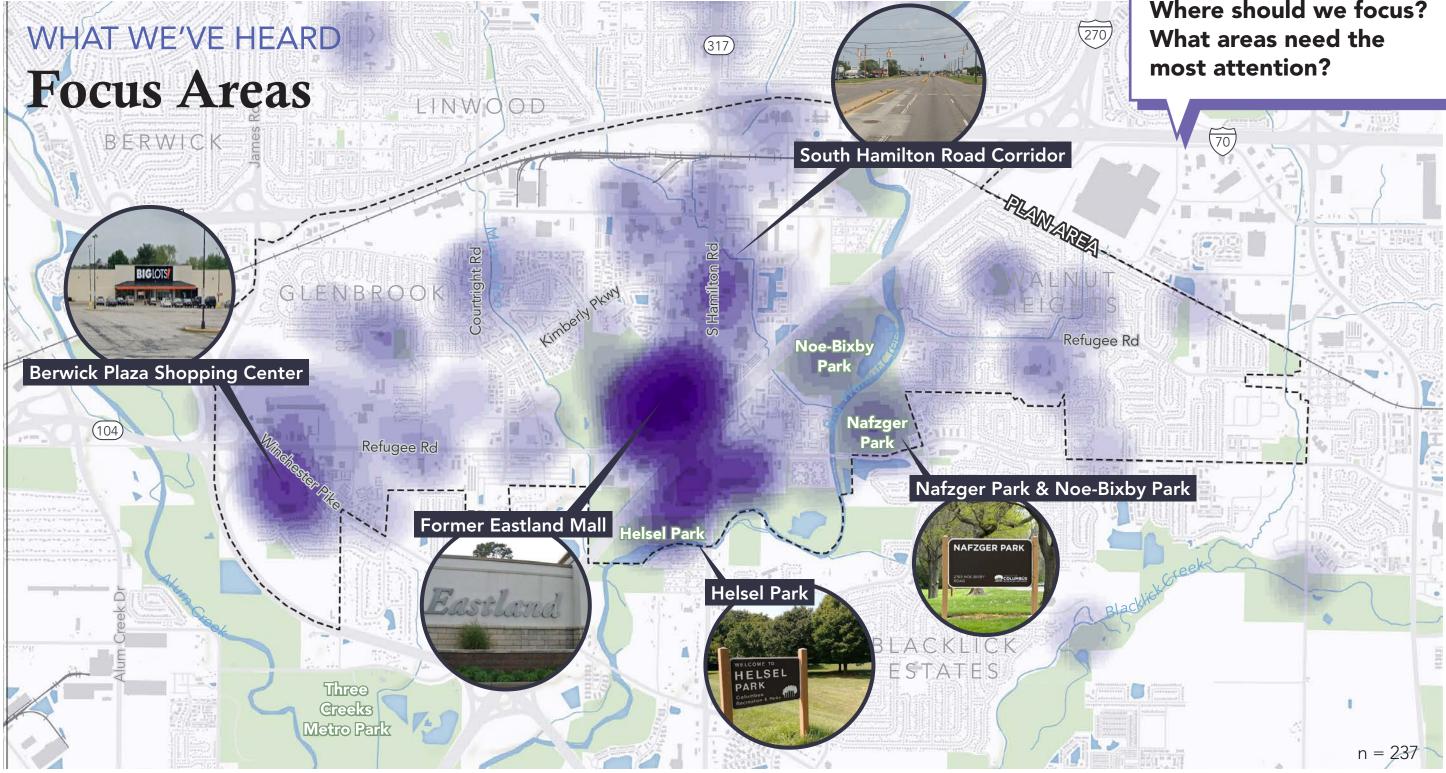
"There were more community events for all ages."

> "We had a recreation center or library."

"We had walkable neighborhoods."

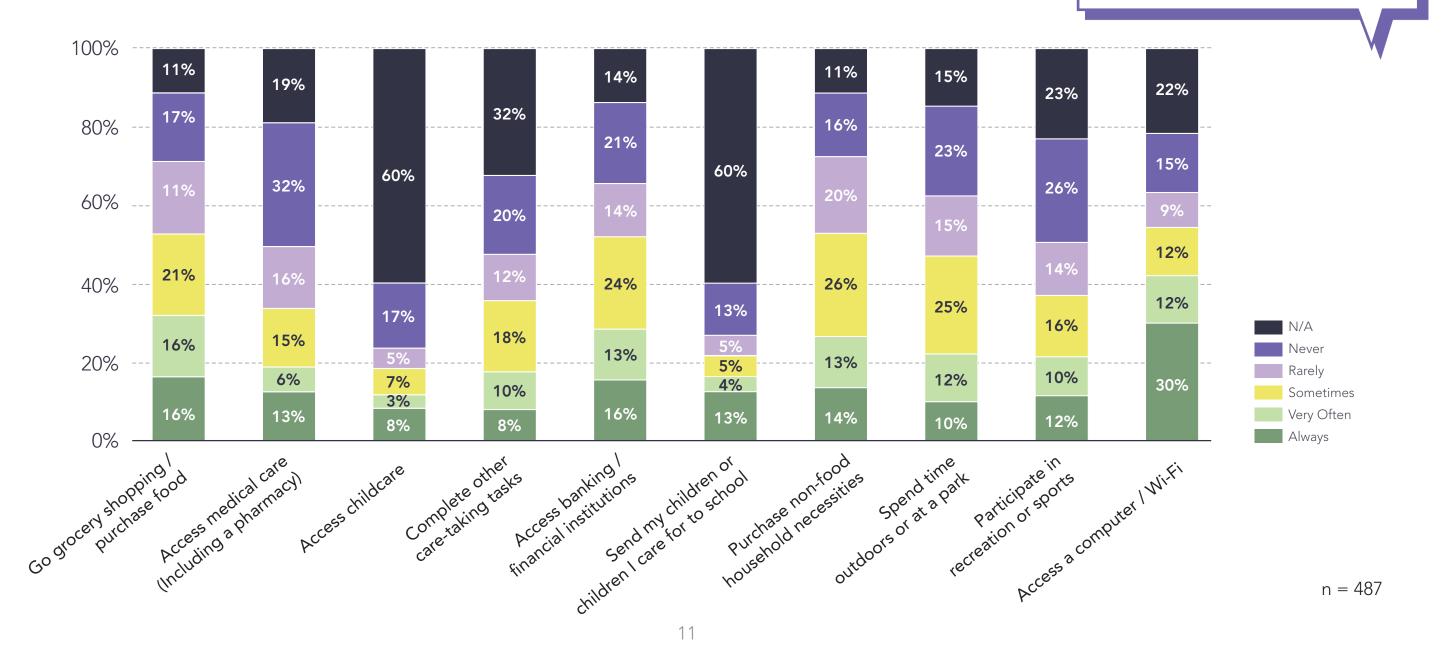


opportunities family events es senior center sidewalks



Where should we focus?

WHAT WE'VE HEARD Community Needs



Please rate the frequency with which you can meet the following daily needs without having to leave the Eastland area.

WHAT WE'VE HEARD **Community Needs**

If you are rarely or never able to meet these needs within the Eastland area, where in Columbus or Central Ohio do you go instead?

Go grocery shopping / access food

Access medical care

Access childcare

Complete other care-taking tasks

Access banking / financial institutions

Send my children or children I care for to school

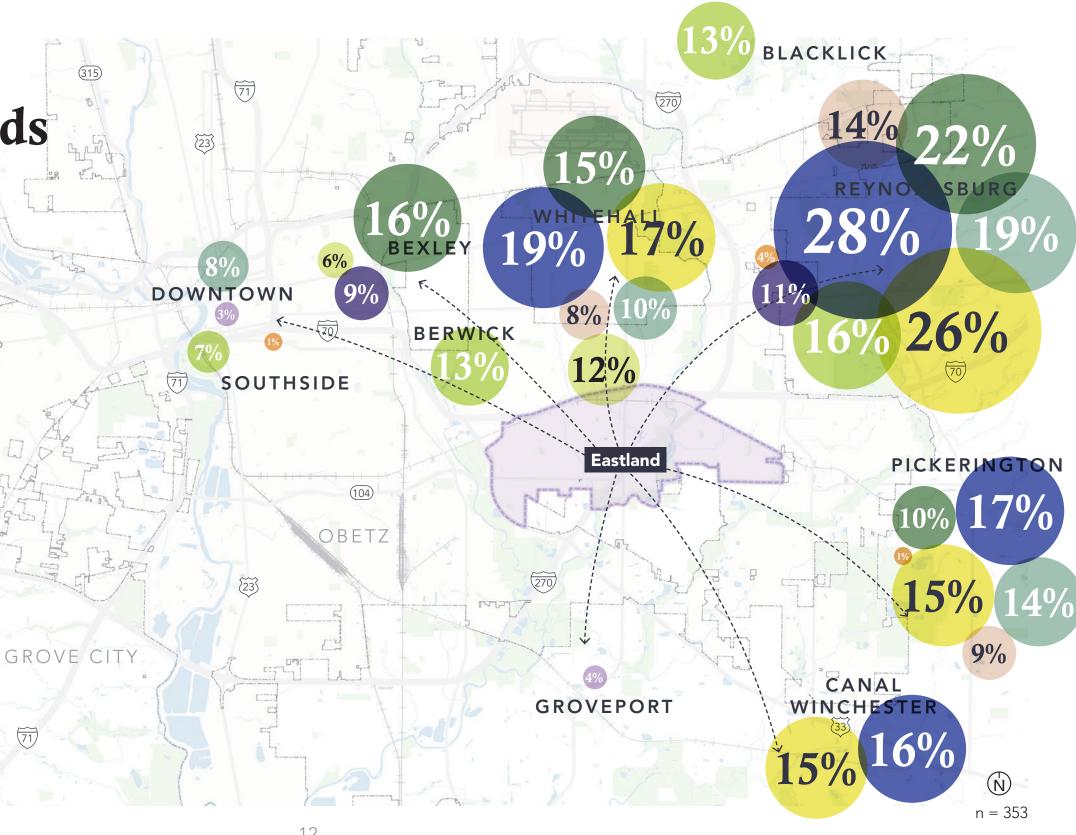
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Purchase non-food household necessities

Spend time outdoors or at a park

Participate in recreation or sports

Access a computer / Wi-Fi



WHAT WE'VE HEARD **Community Improvement**

31%



#1 **Grocery stores**

12%

High quality

essential services

13%

New restaurants

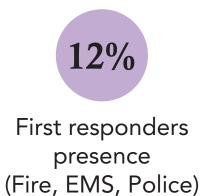
and food options





#2 Better retail options 12% Area beautification

#3 **Recreation center**





If you could improve the Eastland area, what would you like to see in the community?



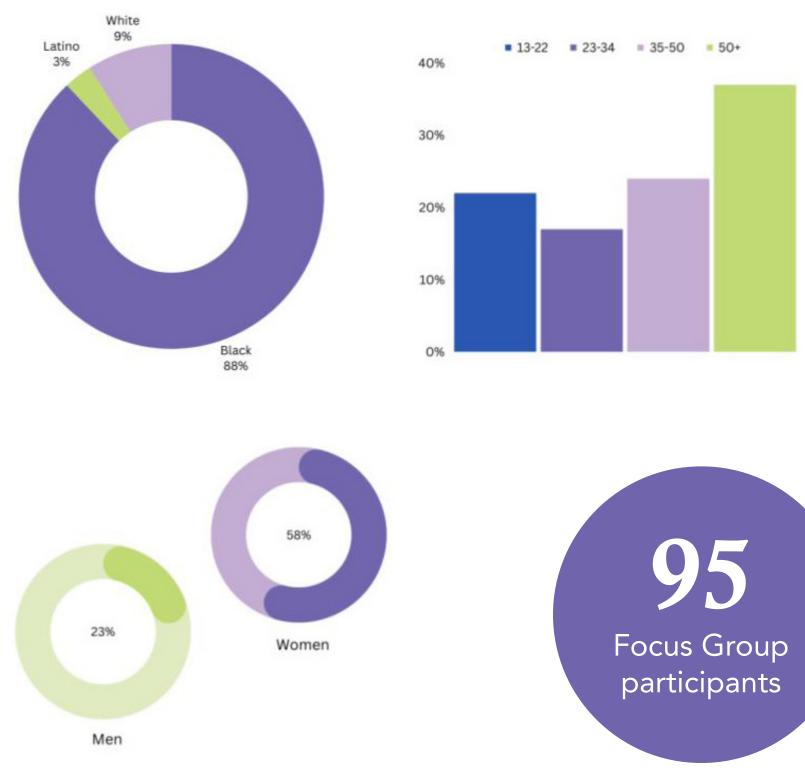
Affordable housing for purchase

HOW WE ENGAGED **Focus Groups**

Throughout the engagement process, Cohear organized 10 focus groups, totaling 95 focus group participants with a diverse range of lived experience including but not limited to:

- » Those with limited internet access;
- » Those with limited English proficiency;
- » Seniors;
- » Young Mothers and Pregnant Women;
- » Eastland Families;
- » BIPOC Residents;
- » Those experiencing housing or food insecurity;
- » High School Students;
- » New Americans/Immigrants;
- » Young Adults; and
- » Individuals living on the boundary of the plan area.

We have also had many one on one conversations with stakeholders and engaged with larger groups such as Independence High Classrooms.



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WHAT WE'VE HEARD **Perceived Strengths**

The Eastland community, known for its loyalty and passion, is committed to shaping a vibrant future. Residents desire active collaboration with the City to address challenges and improve the community's well-being.

Diversity and Spirit:

- » Appreciation for the cultural diversity, rich history.
- » Valued strong relationships with long-time neighbors, friends, and family within the Eastland area.

Unique Neighborhood Attributes:

- » Eastland's landscape
- » Proximity to other areas
- » Vibrant church community
- » Multicultural businesses

"My family can afford to leave, but we choose to stay because our roots are here. Our community is here, and I don't want to leave that behind."

WHAT WE'VE HEARD **Perceived Opportunity**

Residents in Eastland are deeply attached to their community, but the City of Columbus lacks sustained investment. Rebuilding trust and fostering partnership is essential for redevelopment aligned with residents' needs.

Regular Engagement:

- » City representatives should visit regularly
- » Strengthen connection with residents through community events

Improved Communication:

- » Revise communication strategies
- » Use personal calls instead of impersonal invites in the mail

Accountability and Maintenance:

- » Hold private businesses accountable for upkeep
- » Address unfulfilled maintenance requests

Clear Timelines:

- » Provide clear timelines for planned changes
- » Manage expectations effectively

"Do you know when you grow up without a dad and they don't ever show up? But they want to do stuff for you. That's how I feel about the city. Yes, Dad didn't care. 'It's okay, we want to help you to do this. We want to show you something,' but it's empty promises and no reward."

WHAT WE'VE HEARD **Perceived Challenges**

Community feedback highlights several key challenges and aspirations for an improved Eastland community:

Need for Essential Services:

- » Emphasis on the need for accessible health conscious grocery stores, social services, quality medical care and pharmacies
- » Need for more 24 hour stores
- » Desire for more job opportunities, particularly for teenagers and young adults

Transportation Challenges:

- » Concerns about long travel times to essential stores and ease of entering stores
- » Desire for improved multimodal transportation options within and around Eastland

"We need a 24-hour store...There's only two pharmacies around this surrounding Columbus area and you have to travel... We need that back because we have kids that get sick. People work and don't get off until late. You can't even go to the grocery store anymore past 9:30/10 o'clock because everything is closing."

WHAT WE'VE HEARD **Perceived Challenges**

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Challenges with Parks and Leisure Activities:

- » Concerns about unwelcoming park atmospheres, limited family spaces
- » Mall closure negatively impacts community activities, resources and loss of central gathering place
- » Little to no options for youth to gather and connect

Community-Centered Initiatives:

- » Proposals for festivals, cook-offs, block parties, resource fairs and incentives for local businesses
- » Focus on creating a strong sense of community and improving overall quality of life

"There were restaurants and movies. And it was a nice place to go. And as they have said, all that has been dispersed. And now it looks desolate. I mean, it looks dry, and looks like we have no hope."

WHAT WE'VE HEARD **Themes from Focus Groups**

Safety & Perception Issues:

- » Concerns about vacant appearance
- » Associated with feelings of unsafety

Coaching for Imagination:

- » Coaching needed for teens to be imaginative
- » Signifies need for supportive environments

Invest in Eastland Youth:

- » Perceived lack of educational and recreational opportunities
- » Key driver in youth involvement in illegal activities

Financial Support for Local Businesses based in Eastland:

- » Strong desire to support local businesses
- » Need for initiatives encouraging neighborhood spending

Frustration about Spending Outside Community:

- » Frustration over necessity of spending outside community » Lack of certain amenities and services in Eastland

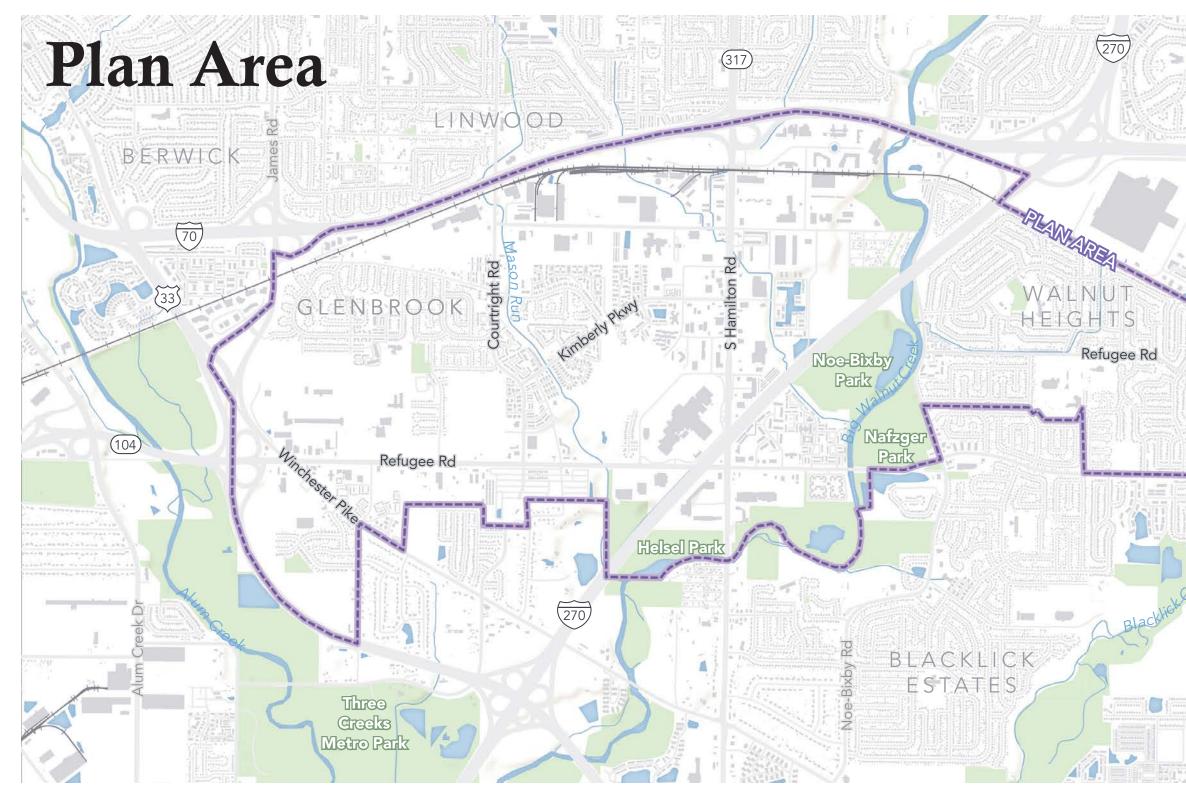
Diverse Affordable Housing Options:

- » Emphasis on need for affordable housing » Importance of diverse housing options for all generations
- and income levels

Draft Vision Statement

The Eastland area is a dynamic, diverse, and resilient collection of Columbus neighborhoods rich in history and dedicated citizens. It is a complete community where everyone has equitable access to services and amenities that support a high quality of life, as well as opportunities and resources to fulfill their dreams. The neighborhood is safe and *welcoming*—a place where anyone can belong or call "home." Eastland's people and businesses are *prosperous*, thanks to a supportive environment where everyone can thrive. Eastland is a place with a strong sense of community, where neighbors are *connected* to one another and their environment.

Community Profile





Home to **20k** residents

Walnut Hill Park

(70)

Annexation by Decade (1834-2022)

» Annexation into the Eastland study area occurred between 1956 to 2004 -

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- » Most expansion took
- place between the 1950s to 1970s
- » Eastland annexation occurred alongside major highway construction

Source: Census ACS

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BEXLEY

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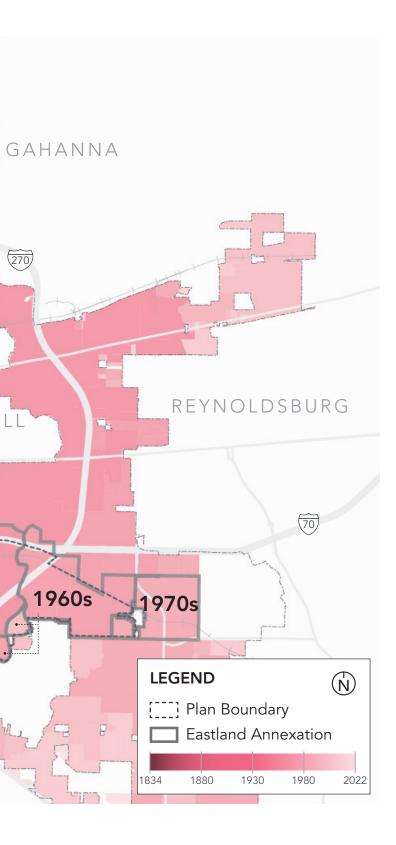
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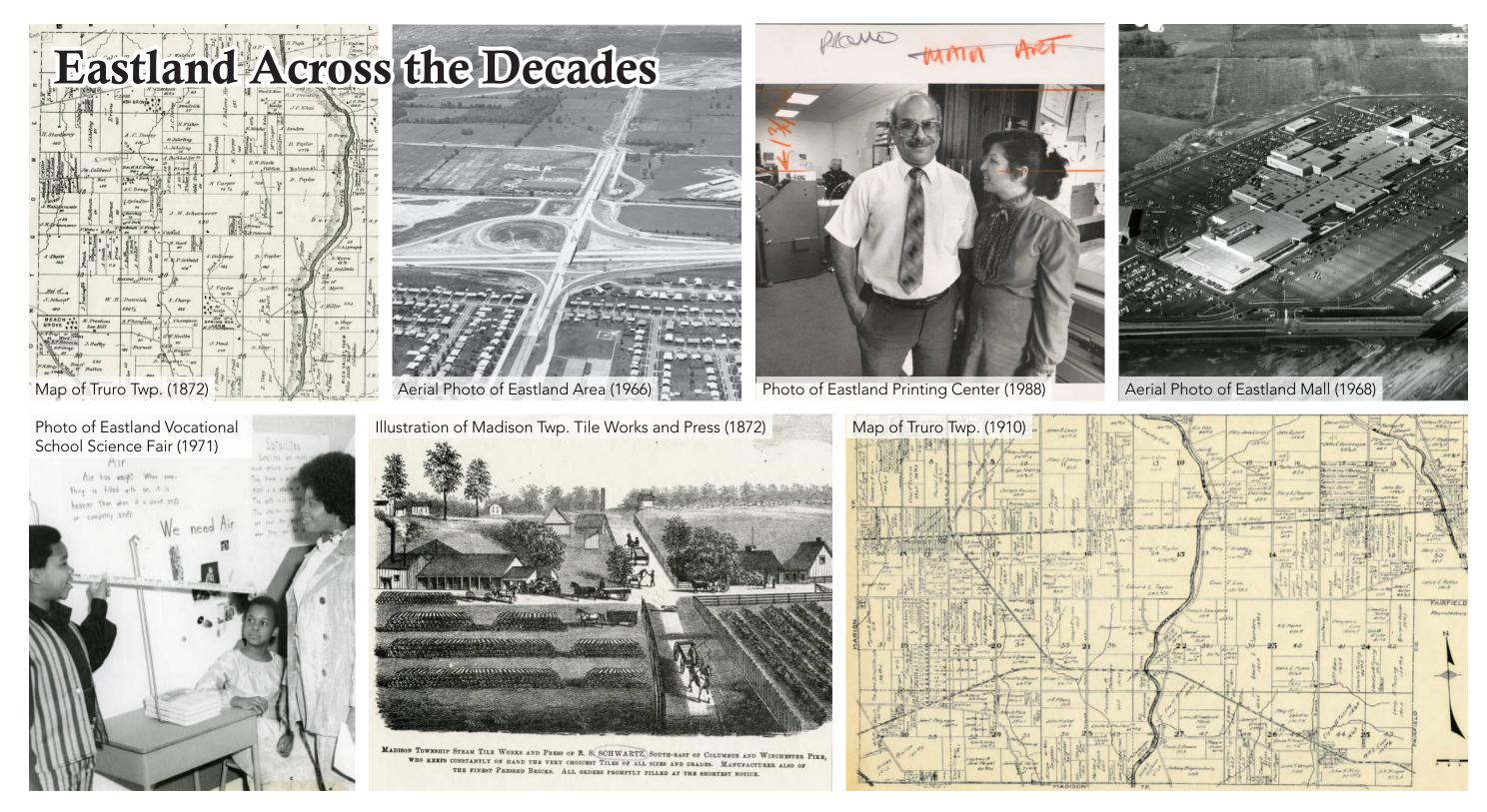
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WHITEHALL

1950s

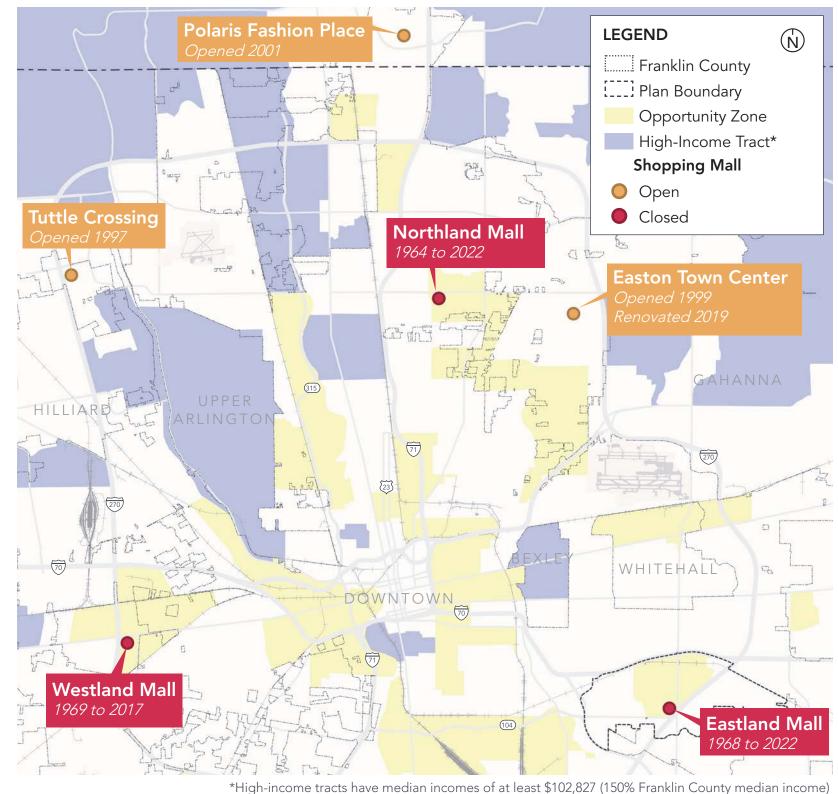
1960s

270



History Retail Investment by Census Tracts (2023)

- » All 3 closed malls are located in Opportunity Zone tracts.
- » Many high-income tracts are located outside of Columbus boundaries.
- The median income for Franklin County is \$68,551, compared to \$42,333 for
 Opportunity Zone tracts and \$122,638 for high income tracts.



omes of at least \$102,827 (150% Franklin County median income) Source: Esri Business Analyst 2023, Franklin County Auditor 2023

Population Eastland Demographics by

Plan Area (2018-2023)

- » Black or African American individuals make up nearly 7 out of 10 Eastland residents, but only 3 out of 10 Columbus residents.
- » 49% of Eastland residents are under 200% of the poverty level, compared to 36% of Columbus residents.

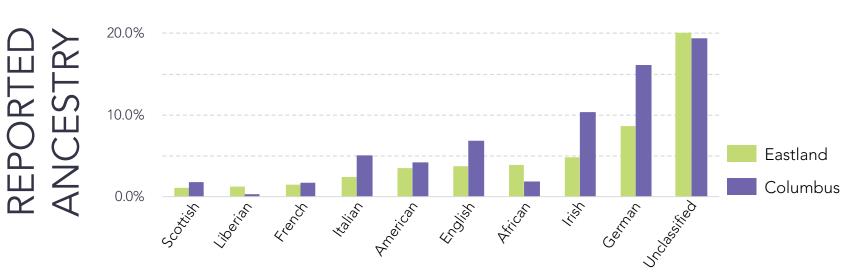
RACE WHITE OTHER

Source: Esri Business Analyst Demographics and Income Profile 2023

BLACK

Black	68%
 White 	18%
Other	14%





POVERTY



Source: Esri Business Analyst ACS Population Summary 2021

0% of Poverty and Above	50%
0% to 199% of Poverty	27%
low Poverty Level	22%

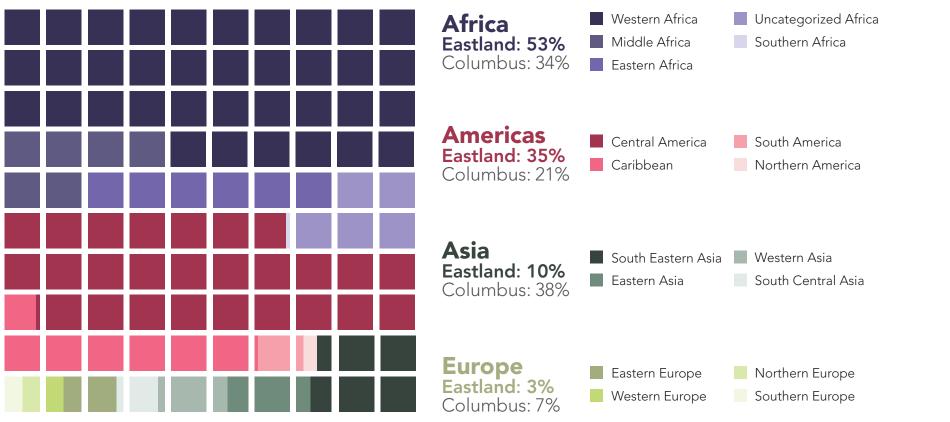
Source: Census ACS 2018-2022

Population New American Population

by Census Tract (2018-2022)

- » Eastland has a **significantly higher proportion** of New Americans from Western Africa and Central America than the City of Columbus.
- » New Americans make up 11% of the Eastland population, compared to 13% for the city.

PERCENT OF NEW AMERICAN POPULATION

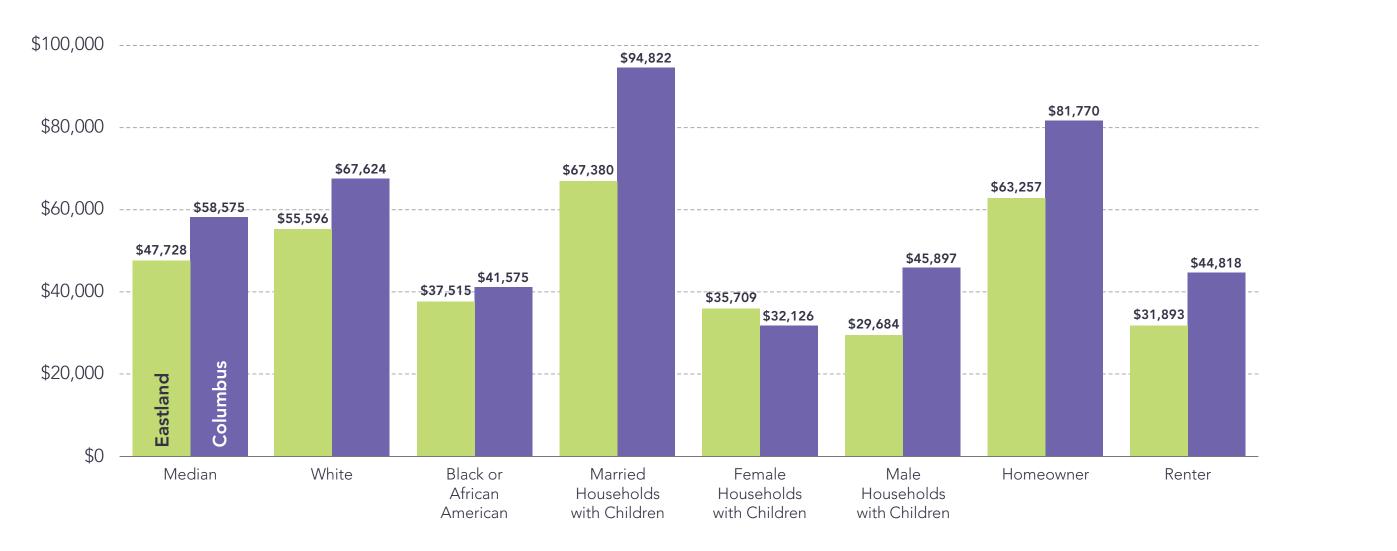


Other Western And
Mexico
El Salvador
Ghana
Senegal
Liberia
Ethiopia
Honduras
Democratic Republi
Dominican Republic
Guatemala
Philippines
Laos
Barbados
Cameroon
Nigeria
Jamaica
Korea
Kenya
Haiti

PERCENT OF NEW TOP 20 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AMERICAN POPULATION FOR EASTLAND NEW AMERICANS EASTLAND COLUMBUS 16.4% 2.6% 11.3% 8.6% 2.6% 9.3% 6.5% 5.0% 6.3% 0.7% 4.7% 1.1% 4.3% 2.8% 2.9% c of Congo 0.3% 2.8% 2.6% 1.7% 2.5% 0.9% 2.3% 1.6% 2.1% 0.8% 1.9% 0.1% 1.8% 0.8% 1.4% 1.2% 0.5% 1.4% 1.2% 1.8% 1.0% 2.1% 0.8% 0.7%

Population Household Income by Census Tract (2021)

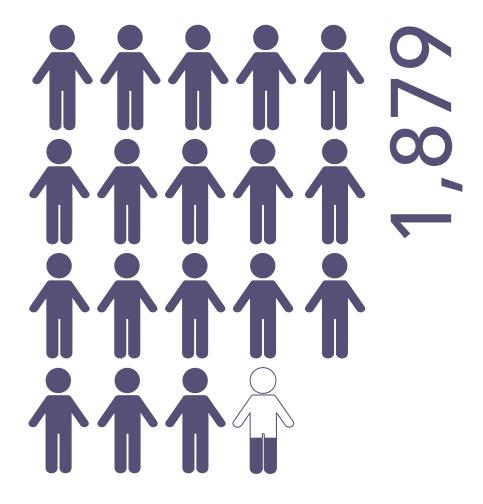
- » The largest income disparity between Eastland and Columbus is for married households with children, at 34% difference.
- » Median income for Eastland is **19% lower** than the median income of Columbus.



Population Family Households by

Plan Area (2021)

- » Over half of households have a female head of household with no husband, compared to the city's **37%**.
- » Eastland households are also less likely to be married than the city average of 51%.



- Female Head, No Husband 61%
- Married Couple 33%
- Male Head, No Wife 6%

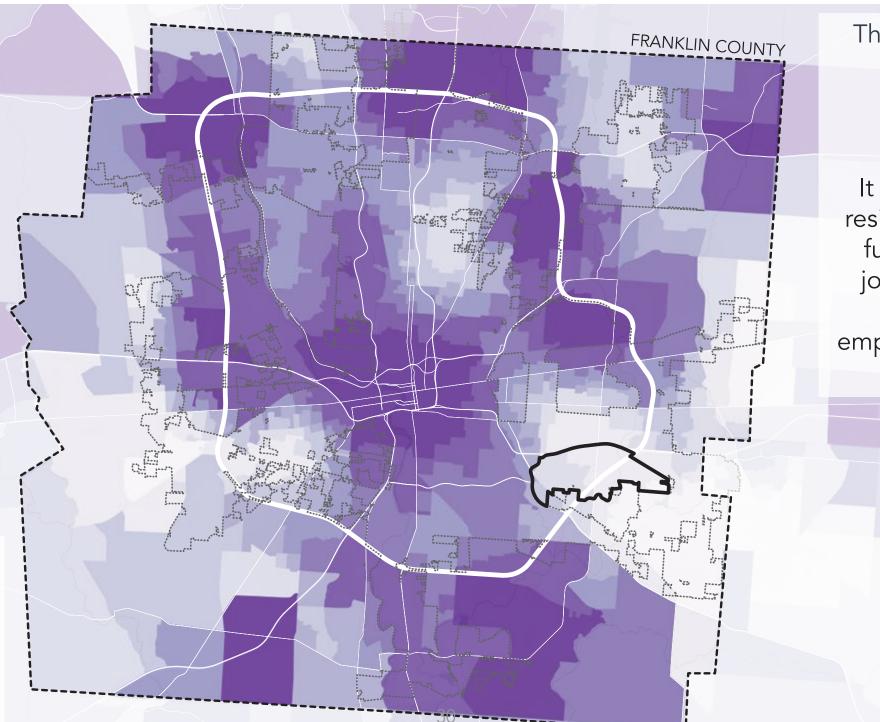
One Figure Approximates 100 Households



3,066 family households with children

Access to Jobs

The higher the index value, the better the access to employment opportunities for residents in a neighborhood.



The Jobs Proximity Index is a Census block group level index of **neighborhood** accessibility to jobs.

It quantifies accessibility of a residential neighborhood as a function of its distance to all job locations within an MSA, with distance to larger employment centers weighted more heavily.

0 - 10
11 - 22
23 - 33
34 - 43
44 - 54
55 - 65
66 - 76
77 - 87
88 - 99

Access to Jobs

Living in Eastland, Employed Elsewhere

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> Living & Employed in Eastland

Eastland Study Area

8,570 people

175

people

10.3

Employed in Eastland, Living Elsewhere





Education

Eastland Public School Feeder Pattern

- » The graphic shows the feeder pattern for the Eastland study area. This is how students in the community transition from elementary school to middle school and high school.
- » In addition to these schools, the study area also contains 10 comunity schools.

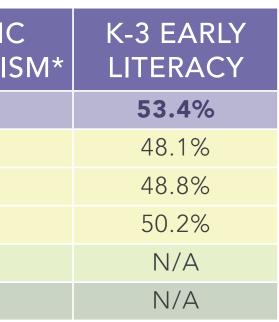


Education

Public School Performance in Plan Area (2022)

» The following graph identifies public schools in the plan area, as well as the relevant statistics to serve as **indicators of success**, or lack thereof. These include enrollment numbers, attendance rate, graduation rate, percentage of chronic absenteeism, and percentage of early literacy.

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE RATE	GRADUATION RATE	CHRONI ABSENTEEI
DISTRICT WIDE	44,981	82.0%	79.6%	57.8%
Easthaven Elementary	414	87.4%	N/A	49.2%
Liberty Elementary	524	87.5%	N/A	45.5%
Oakmont Elementary	288	87.3%	N/A	44.8%
Yorktown Middle School	377	79.5%	N/A	66.8%
Independence High School	639	76.4%	71.4%	69.4%



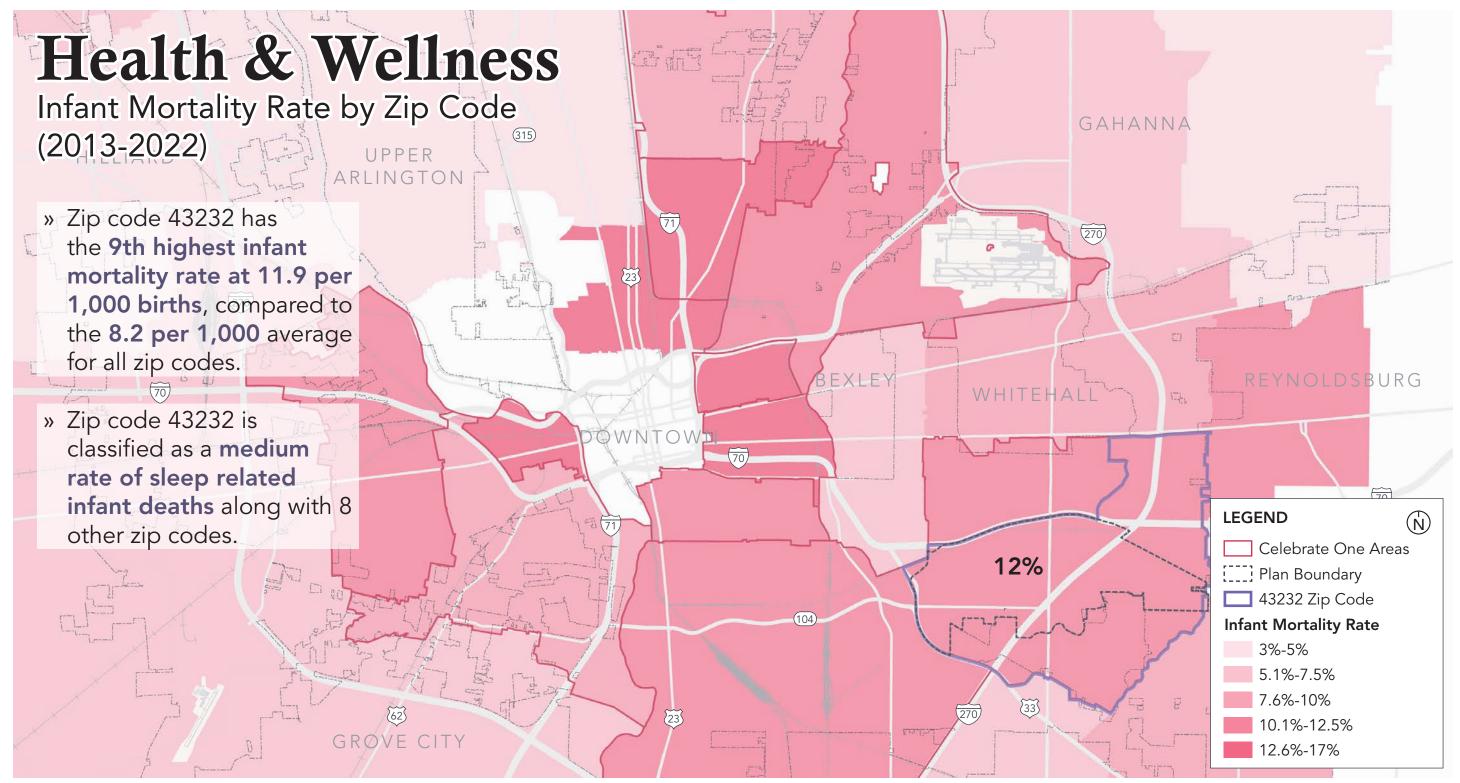
Education Community School Performance

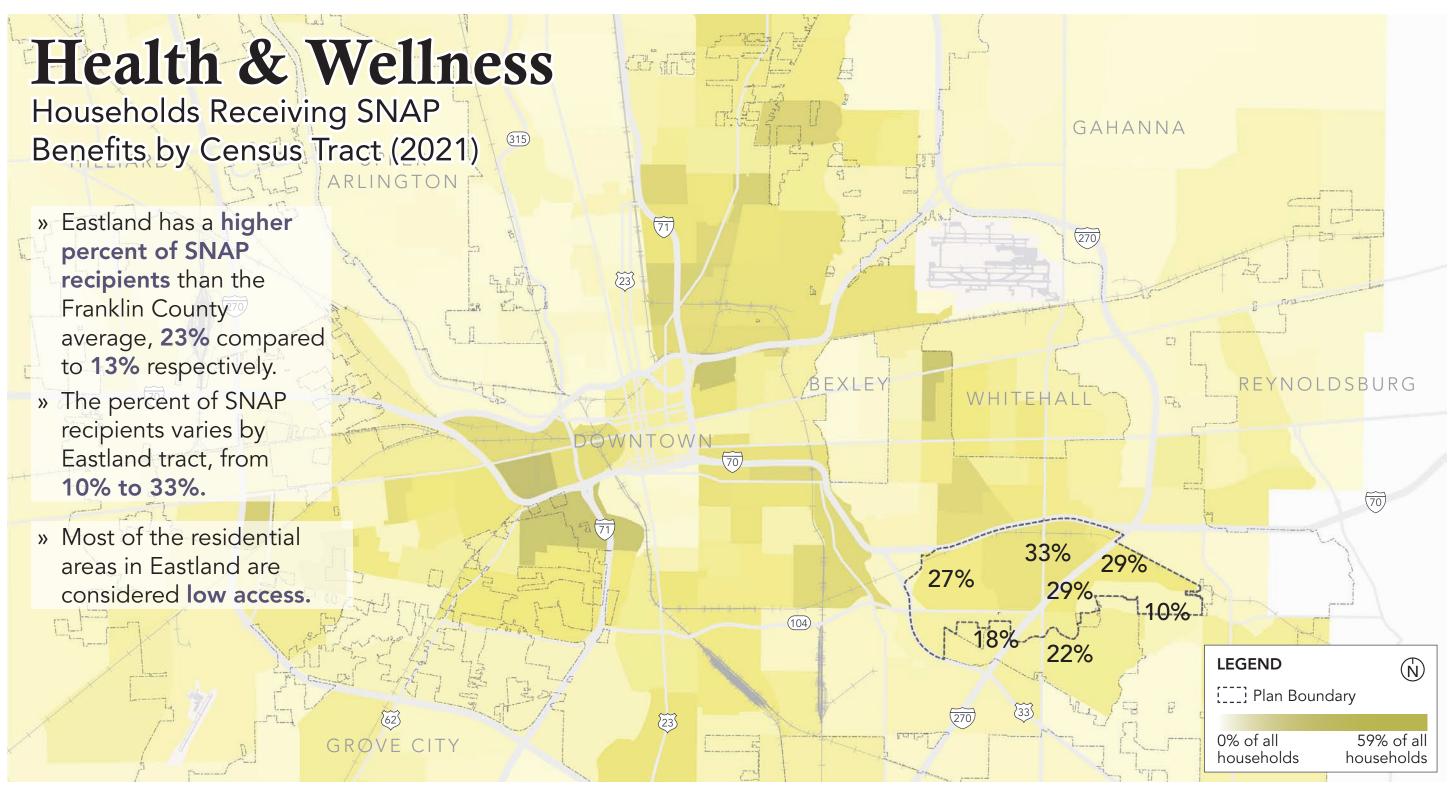
Community School Performance in Plan Area (2022)

» The following graph identifies community schools in and around the plan area, as well as the relevant statistics to serve as **indicators of success**, or lack thereof. These include enrollment numbers, attendance rate, graduation rate, percentage of chronic absenteeism, and percentage of early literacy.

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE RATE	GRADUATION RATE	CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM*	K-3 EARLY LITERACY	GRADES SERVED
A+ Arts Academy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	K-8
Eastland Performance Academy	269	88.6%	N/A	40.3%	60.9%	K-8
Millenium Community School	367	88.6%	N/A	48.2%	43.3%	K-8
Zenith Academy East	303	97.2%	N/A	0.2%	56.7%	K-8
Columbus Arts & Technology Academy	472	84.2%	80.0%	60.8%	58.5%	K-12
Eastland Preparatory Academy	365	81.3%	N/A	69.4%	48.9%	K-12
Arts & College Preparatory Academy	473	85.8%	97.8%W	54.1%	N/A	7-12
Capital City Career Prep High School**	136	42.6%	42.1%	97.0%	N/A	9-12
Focus Learning Academy East**	215	45.7%	35.1%	97.6%	N/A	9-12
Zenith High School	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9-12

* Chronic absenteeism is defined in Ohio as a student missing 10% or more of the school year for any reason **Dropout Prevention and Recovery School Source: Ohio State Report Card (2022)

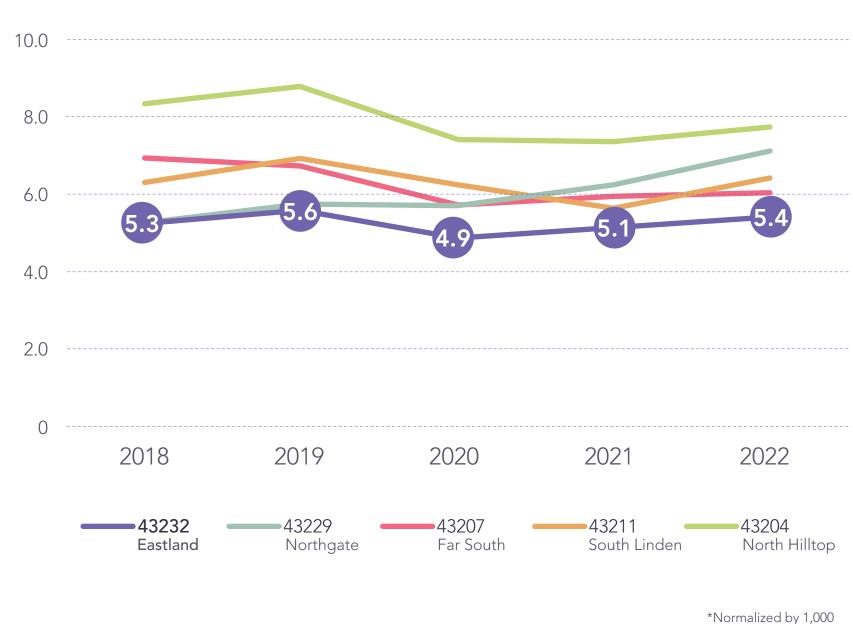




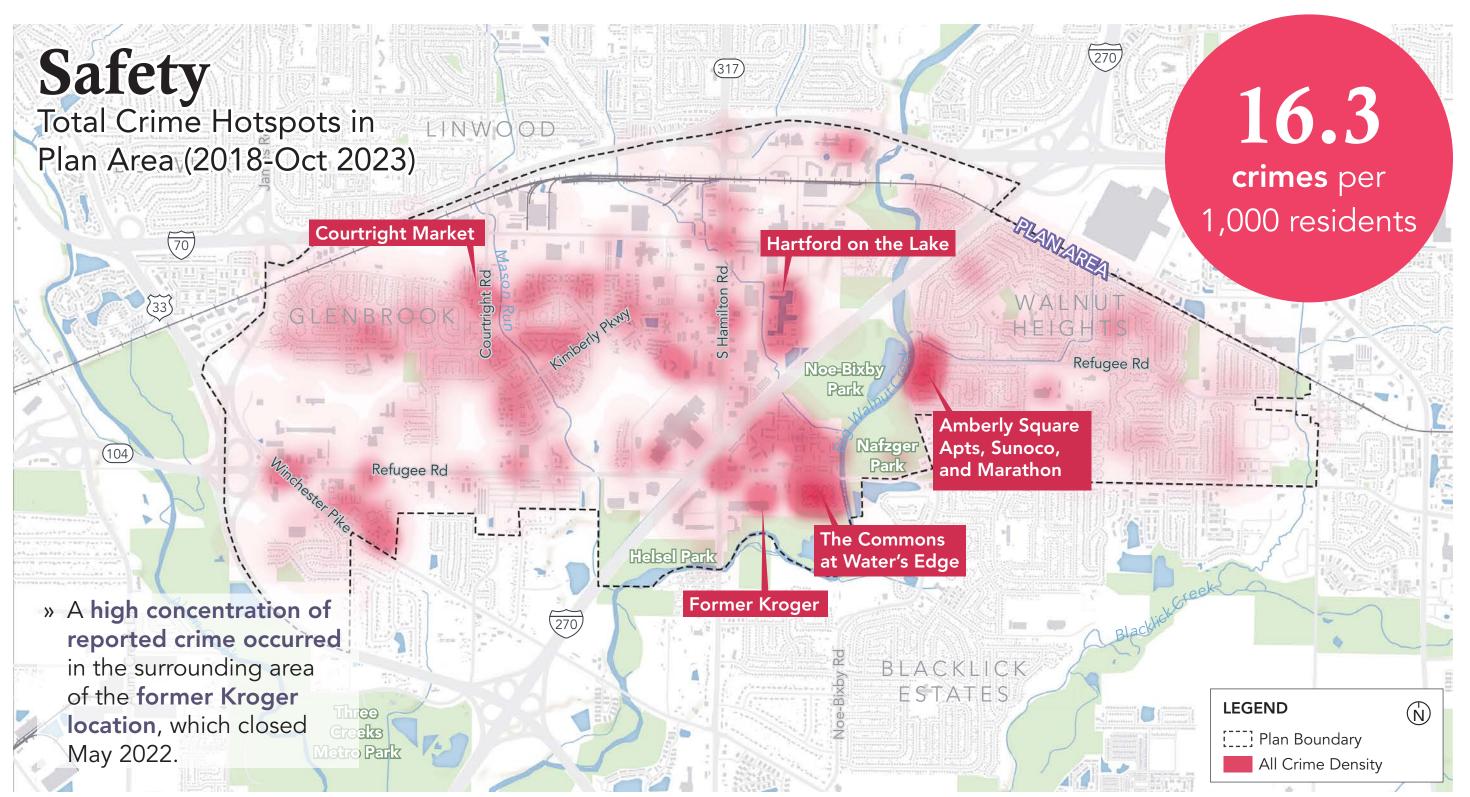
Source: Census ACS 2021

Safety Top 5 Yearly Crime Rates for Columbus Zip Codes (2018-2022)

» The 43232 zip code is amongst the top 5 highest normalized crime rates in Columbus, with an **average** crime rate of 5.2.

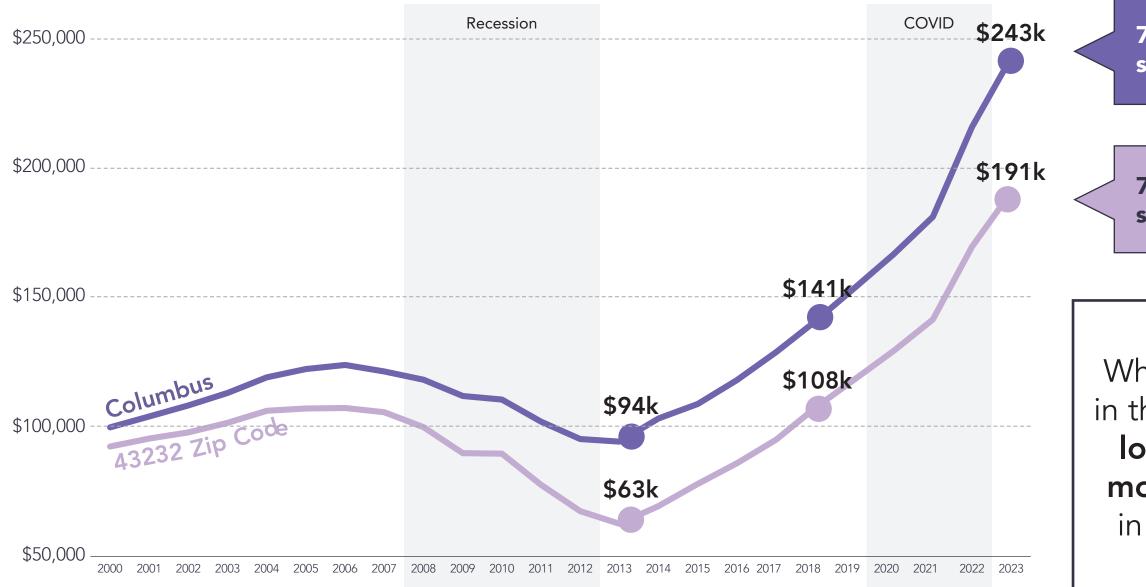


Source: Columbus Department of Public Safety 2018-2022



Source: Columbus Department of Public Health 2018-2023

Growth in Home Values



72% increase since 2018

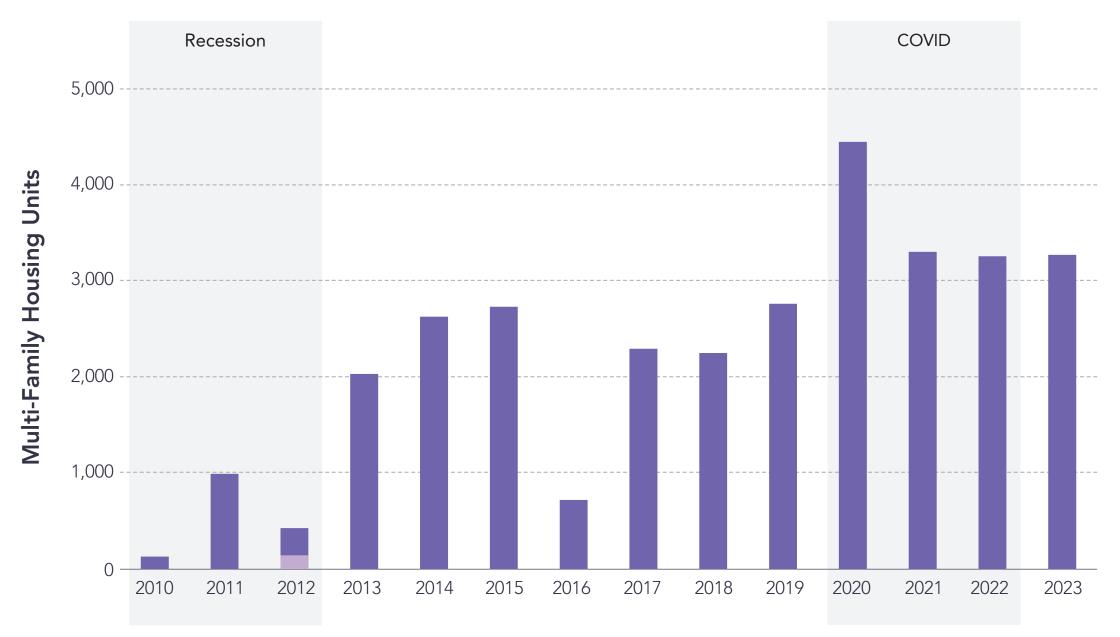
78% increase since 2018

While home values in the study area are **lower, they rose more quickly** than in the city overall

Source: Zillow (2023)

Regional Multi-Family Units Constructed

Of the **31,135 units** constructed in Columbus since 2010...

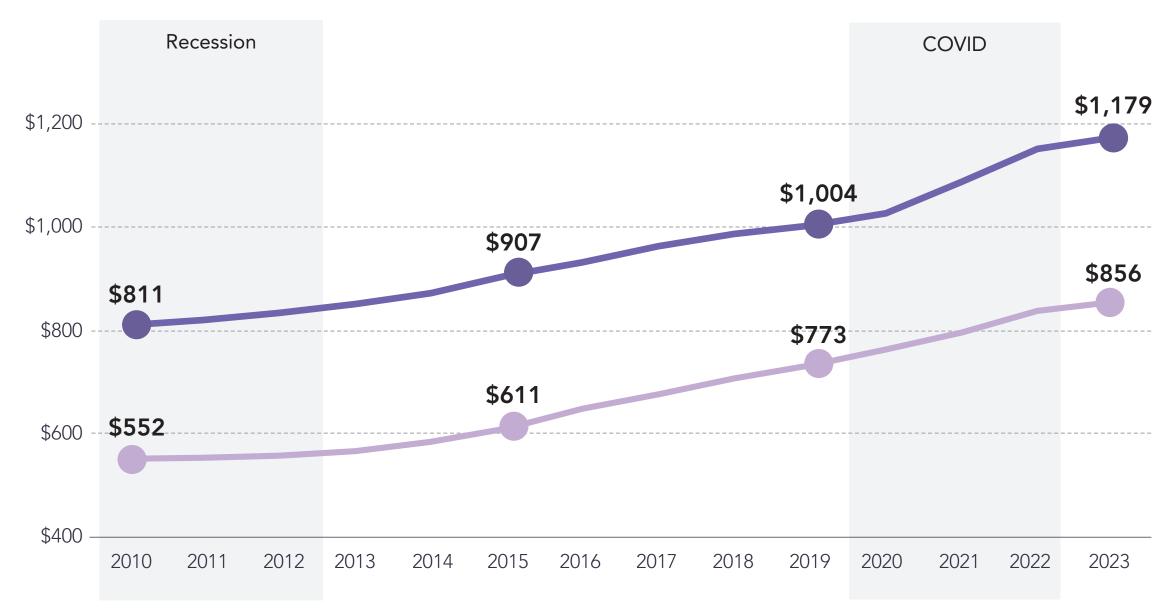


...only **144 units** (0.5%) were constructed in Eastland



Source: CoStar (2023)

Average Rents

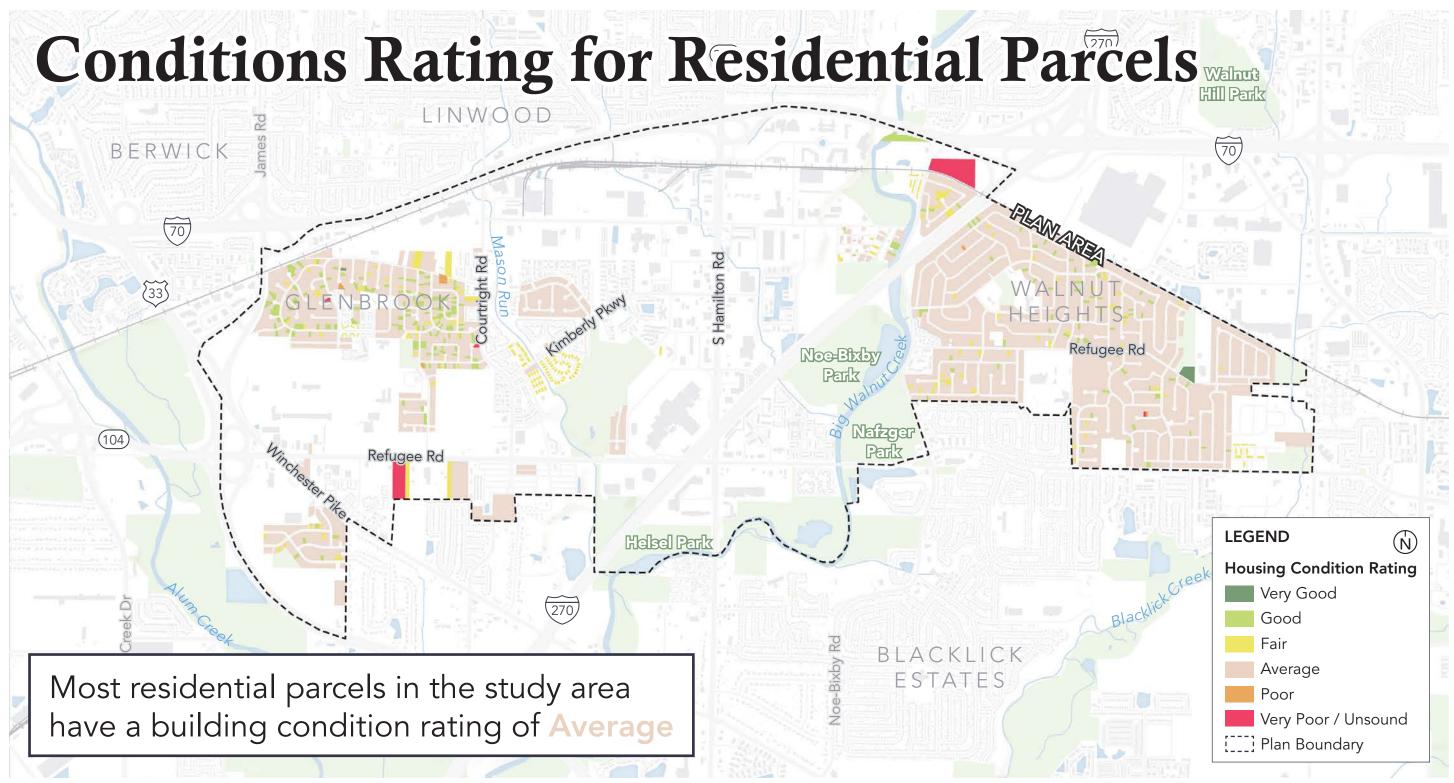


Since 2010, average rents have increased:



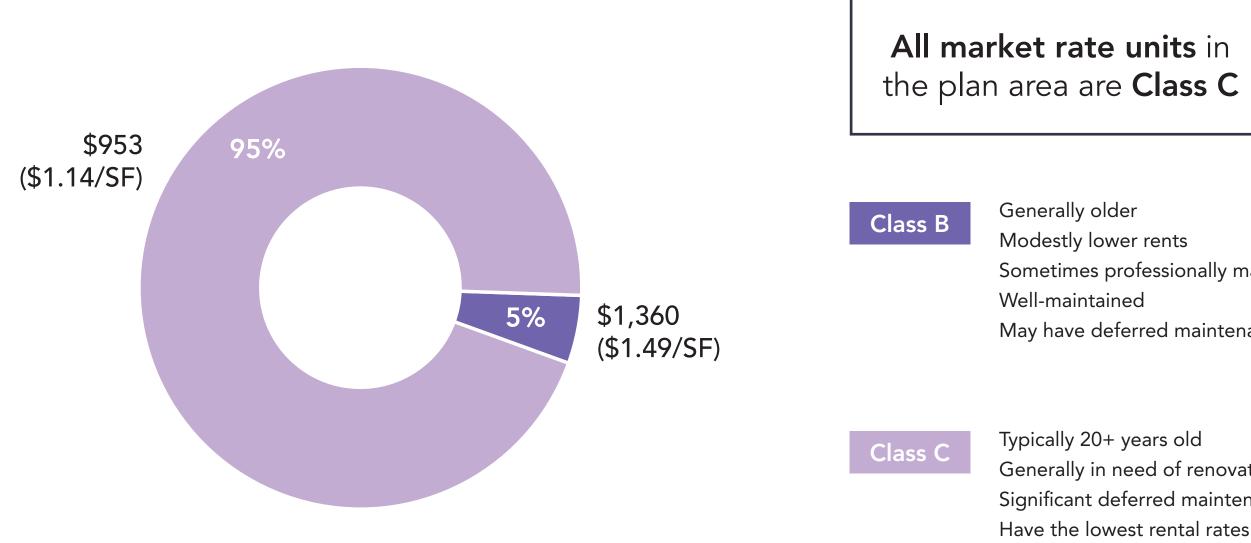


Source: CoStar (2023)



Source: Franklin County Auditor (2023)

Rental Housing Conditions



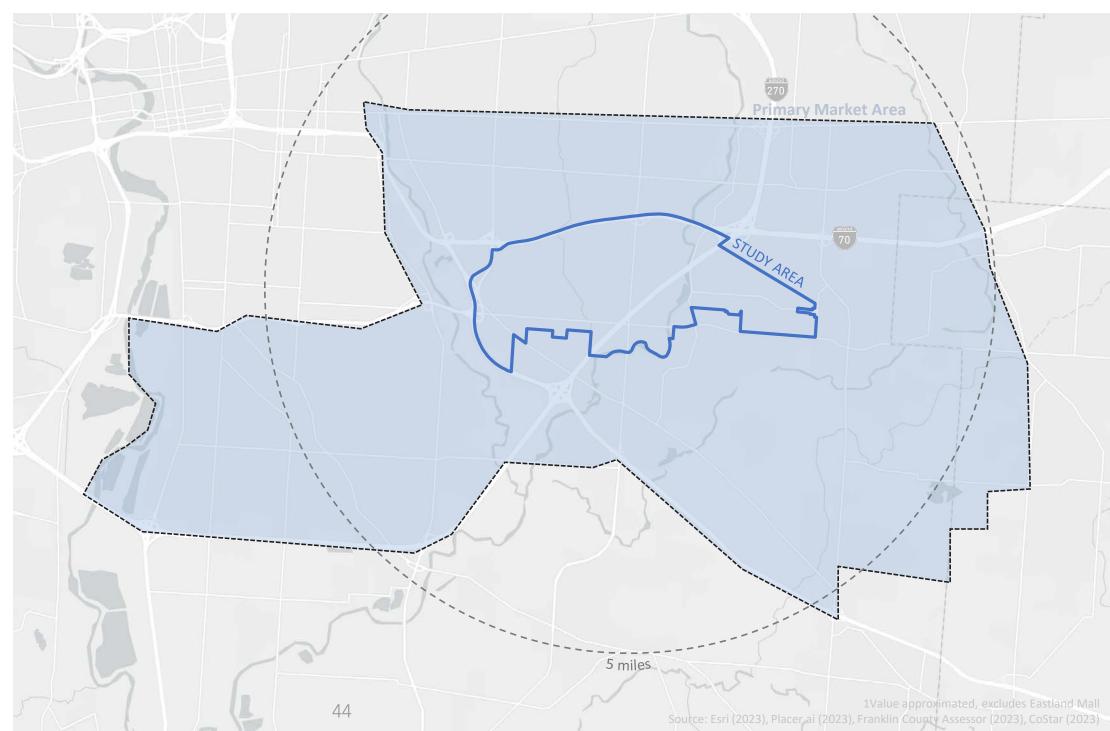
- Sometimes professionally managed
- May have deferred maintenance

Generally in need of renovation Significant deferred maintenance

Eastland Area Snapshot

Population

175,100	20,400
PMA	Plan Area
Households	
70,300	8,350
PMA	Plan Area
Population Cl	nange '10-'23
+19,600	+1,700
PMA	Plan Area
Avg. Househo	old Size
2.46	2.43
PMA	Plan Area
Median Hous	ehold Income
\$54,000	\$44,000
PMA	Plan Area
Avg. Annual I	Plan Area Retail Spending per
Avg. Annual I	
Avg. Annual Household	Retail Spending per
Avg. Annual Household \$16,300	Retail Spending per \$14,500 Plan Area
Avg. Annual F Household \$16,300 PMA	Retail Spending per \$14,500 Plan Area
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Plan Area Supply & Demand



Retail supply significantly exceeds demand in the Eastland Study Area

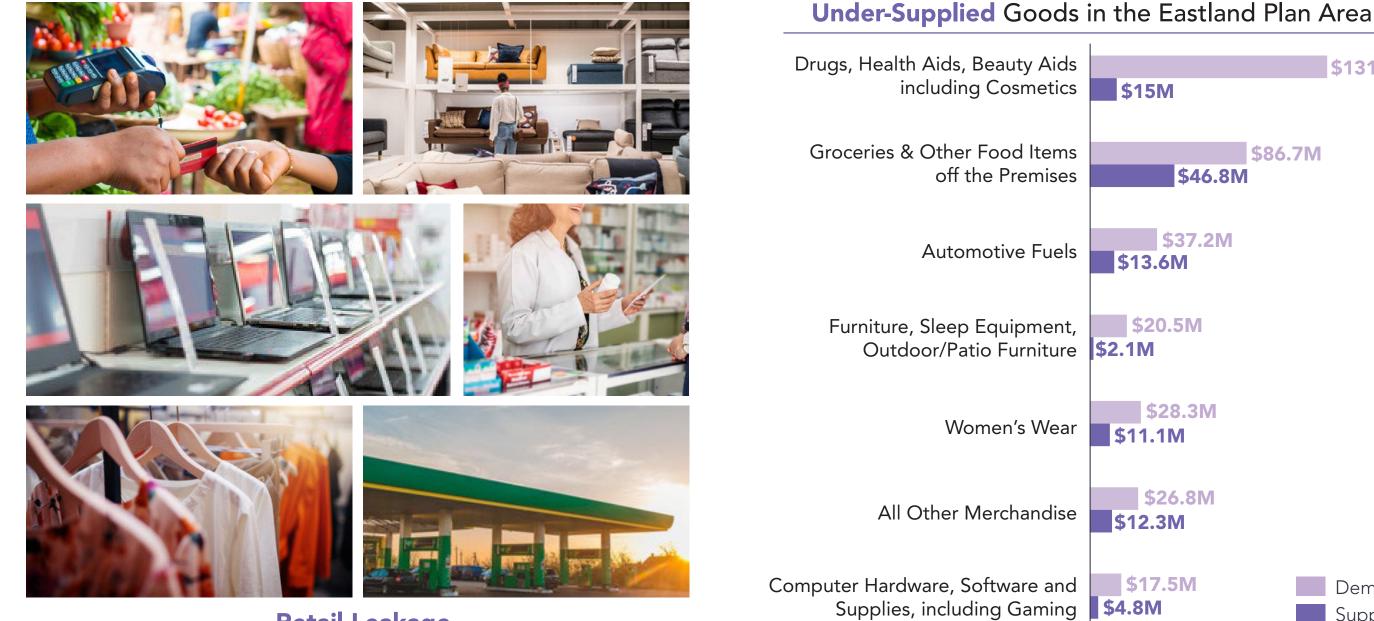
Quality

Quantity

Does that retail actually meet the needs of residents?

What goods does that retail provide?

Retail Supply-Demand Analysis



Retail Leakage

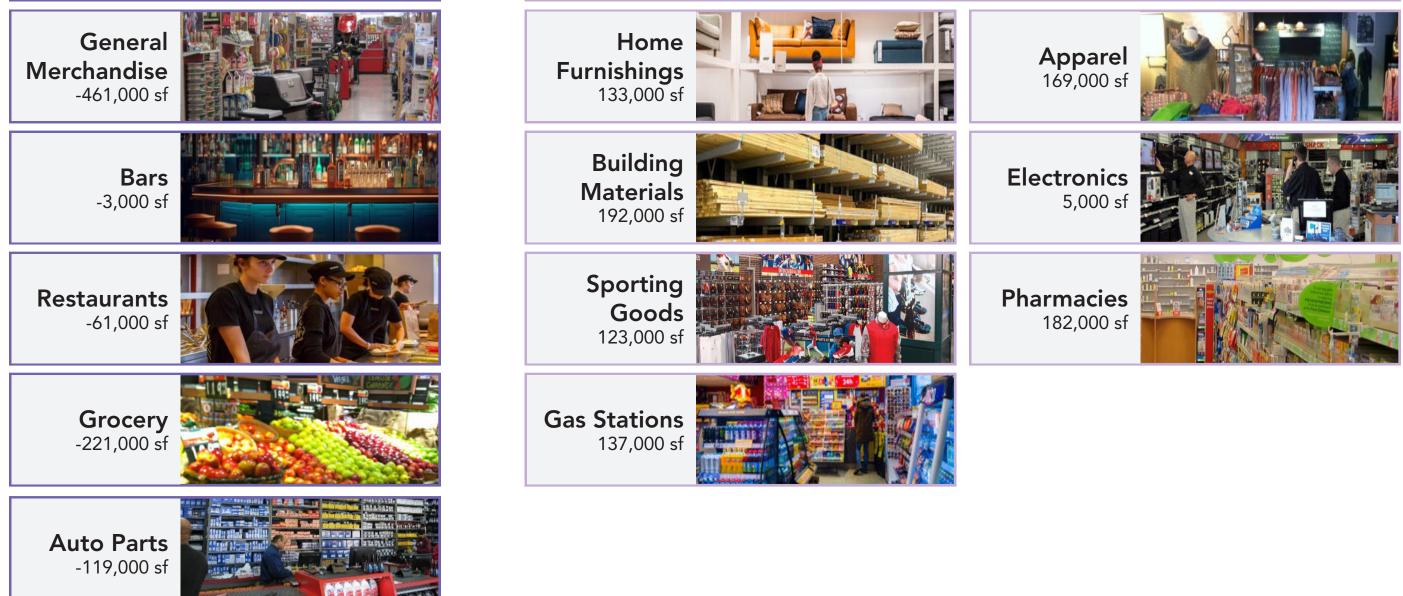
	\$131M
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Source: Placer.ai (2023), STI (2023) Image Source: Adobe

Supply-Demand Conclusions

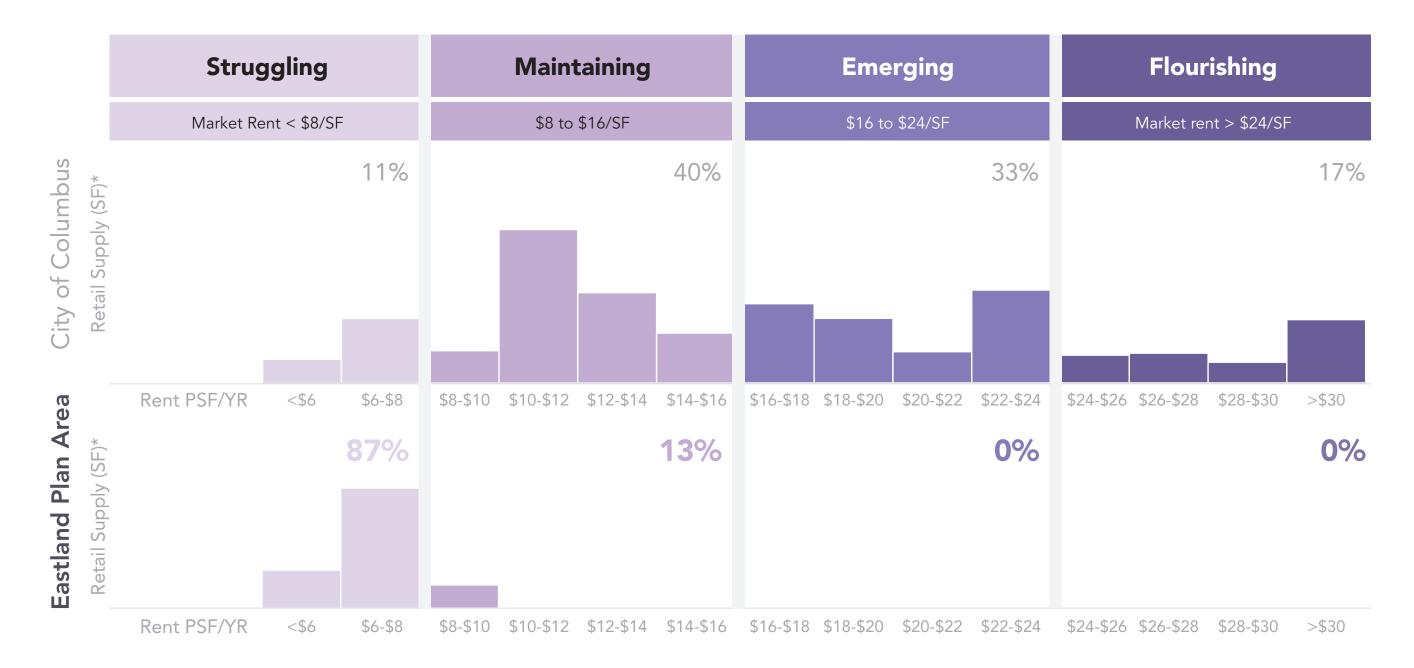
Over-Supplied in PMA

Under-Supplied in PMA



Source: Placer.ai (2023), STI (2023), Development Strategies Image Source: Adobe

Retail Rent Rates



*Data limited to presently-marketed retail space Source: CoStar (2023)

Growth Potential

How much retail demand will new households generate over the next 10 years?



Source: ESRI (2023), Development Strategies

Draft Plan Framework

Community Needs

- » **Community gathering spaces** (recreation center, better parks, library, "third places")
- » Invest in youth, education and job training
- » Improved retail/shopping/restaurant options that **serve daily needs** and support local businesses
- » Improved transportation, transit and access
- » Affordable and diverse housing types to serve all generations and income levels
- » Access to **essential services** (medical/pharmacy/dental/vision)
- » Improved **community beautification and safety**

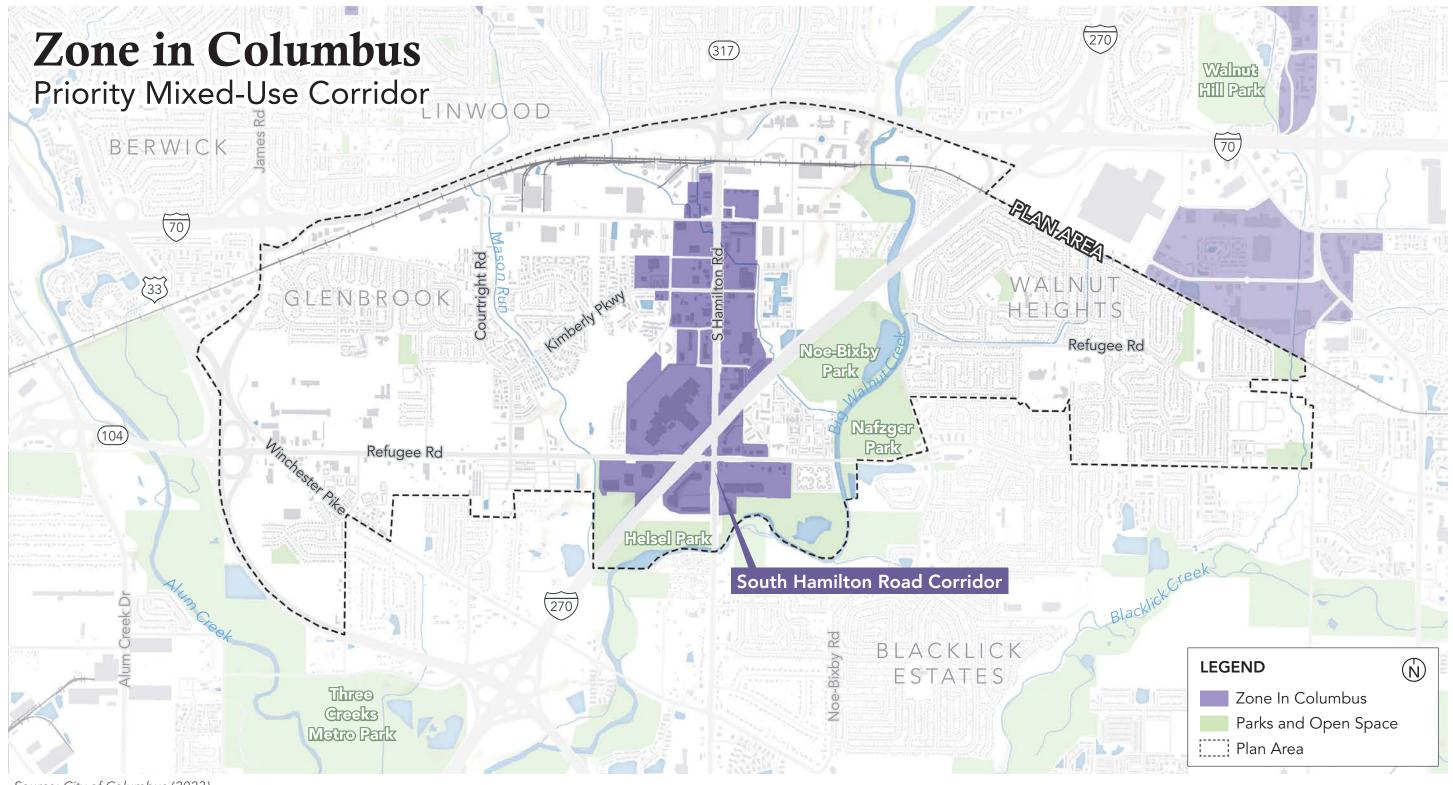
Market Challenges

- » Housing supply has not kept up with demand
- » Housing conditions (rental and single family)
 hamper marketability of the community
- » High **cost burden** due to mismatched wages
- » Retail stock is aging and oversupplied
- » Market rents are insufficient for maintenance or improvements

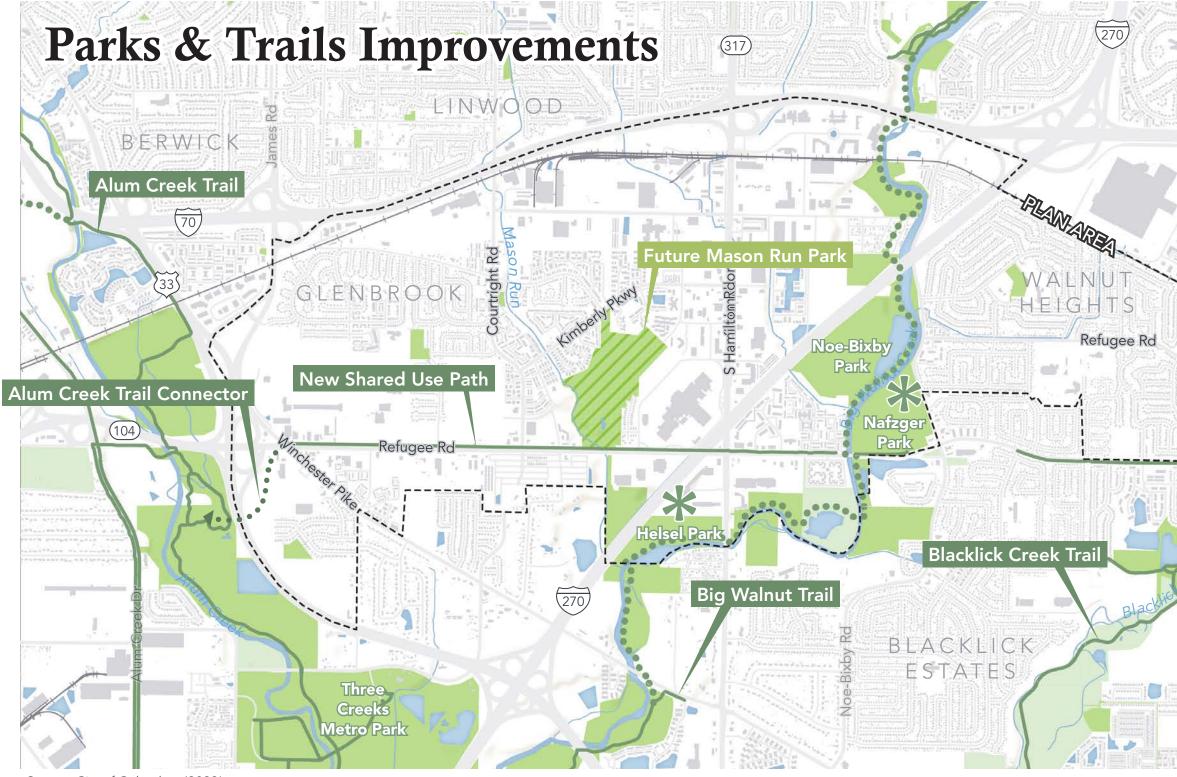
Opportunities

- » Eastland is part of a growing city and region
- » Adding **housing supply will drive demand** for new retail space
- » Near Term Improvements:
 - City is planning park and trail improvements
- » Near Term Policies and Incentives
 - Zone-In Columbus focus on Hamilton Road corridor/ Eastland Mall as reinvestment as mixed-used development
 - Columbus Housing Strategy





Source: City of Columbus (2023)



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396 **Acres of Parkland** & Preserves in the **Plan Area**

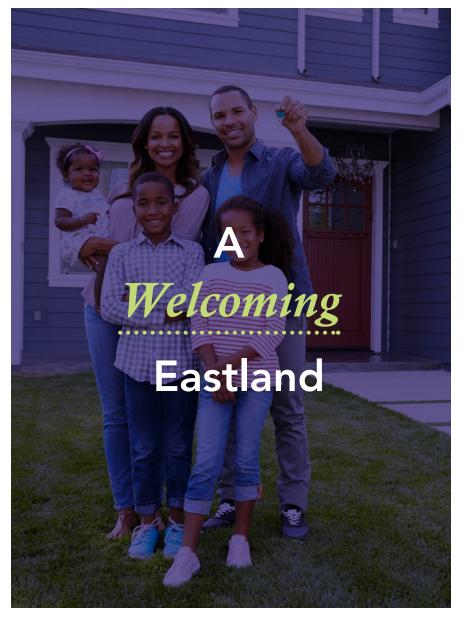
LEGEND



CRPD Parkland Future CRPD Parkland Other Park or Open Space — Multi-use Path

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WHERE WE'RE HEADED Potential Priority Topics







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Housing

Eastland Community Plan

Welcoming



Community Identity & Pride



Well being

WHERE WE'RE HEADED Potential Priority Topics



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WHERE WE'RE HEADED **Potential Priority Topics**

Welcoming

·····• Housing

Community Well-being

Public Health, Public Safety, Equity, Inclusion, Community Services

^{i......} Community Identity & Pride

Gateways, Beautification, Streetscape, **Events**, **Programs**

Prosperous

...... Jobs & Opportunity

----- Education

Schools, Training, Workforce Development, Career Development

----- Entrepreneurship & Small **Businesses**

E..... Retail & Services

Restaurants, Shopping, Community Amenities

Mobility & Access Transit, Transportation, Trails

Recreation

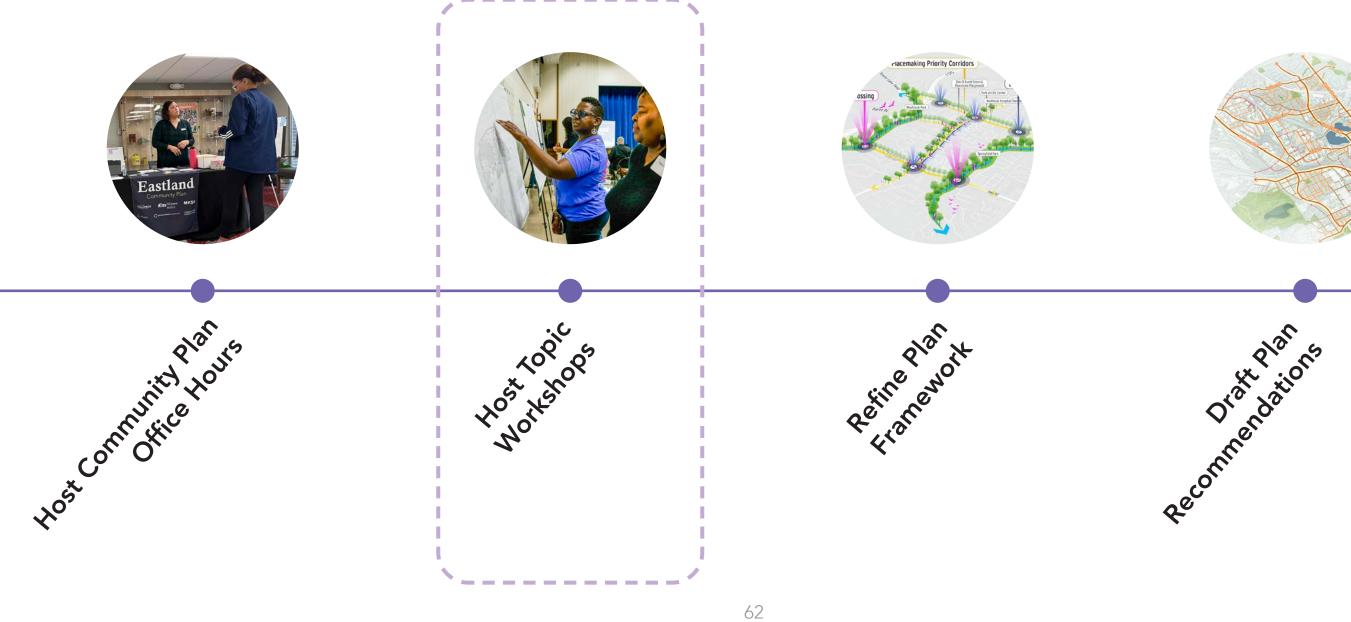
^{i......} Sustainability

Connected

Community Gathering

Third Places, Public Places, Parks and

What's Next?





ATTEND Topic Workshops

Neighbors, stakeholders, City staff, other partners

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Explore plan topics in greater detail and co-create solutions



Spring/summer 2024





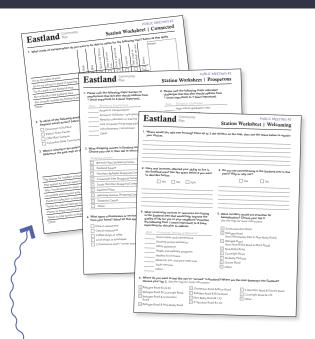
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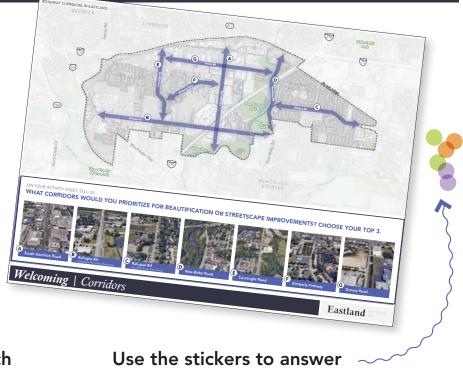
COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE PUBLIC **MEETING #2 GENERAL SURVEY**

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Fill out the survey and turn it in at one of the stations before you leave

VISIT THE THREE TOPIC STATIONS AND ANSWER THE ASSOCIATED ON YOUR STATION WORKSHEETS AND ON THE MAP BOARDS





Answer the associated questions about each topic on your station activity worksheet

the map activity questions

Thank you!

QUESTIONS?

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