

# Civic Commons Studio #8: Public Space as a Solution

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**October 24 - 26, 2023**

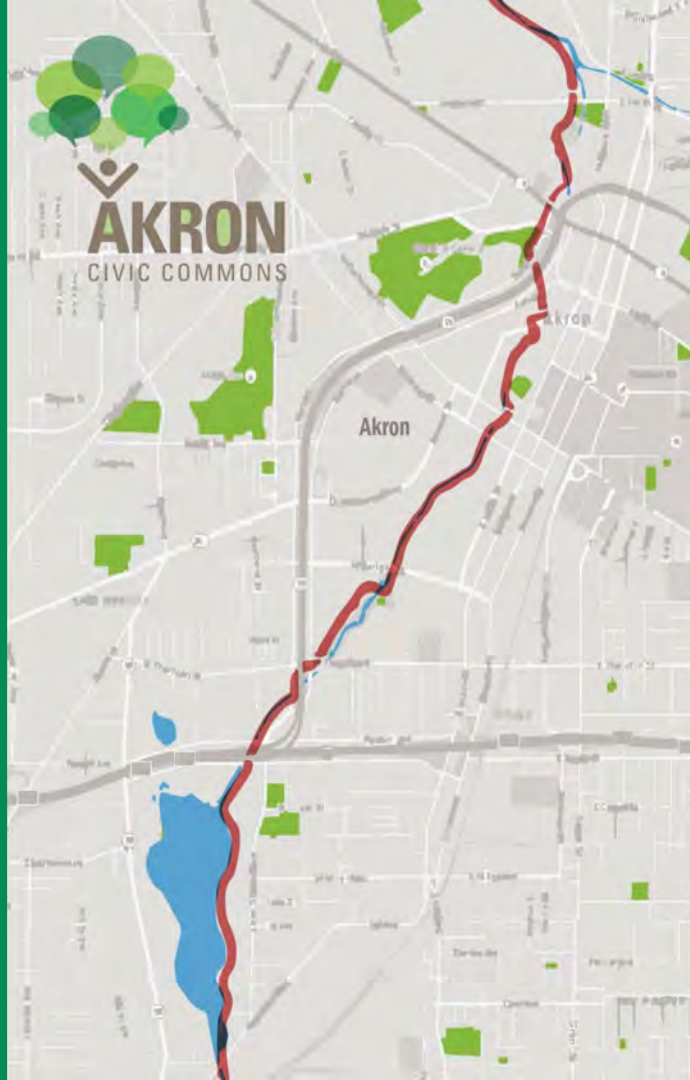
Lexington, KY

**#CivicCommonsUS**



# Akron

Through our resident-led process, we are co-creating, co-designing and co-stewarding accessible, equitable and welcoming parks, trails and public spaces for all.



CIVIC GATEWAY

OHIO & ERIE CANAL PARK

SUMMIT LAKE

# Civic Engagement





**Socioeconomic Mixing**





**Environmental Sustainability**





# Value Creation







**Systems Change**



# Future Ambition



LOOK AT  
Lock 3



Lock 3 at Night



AKRON

Art by Nils Schrader



Bloom Garden



Lock 3 Park

Creating a new park in the heart of downtown Akron



# Miami



**I-395 UNDERDECK**  
**CONFORMED SKETCH | DRAFT 01-21-2022**  
CITY OF MIAMI | WSP | HARGREAVES JONES





Civic Engagement

# ART & CULTURAL HISTORY

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Collage, painting  
1980s-1990s

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**Socioeconomic Mixing**

# Environmental Sustainability



GROUND VIEW | HERITAGE TRAIL & GARDENS



MIAMI I-395 UNDERDECK

# Value Creation







**Systems Change**

# Lil Green House Grill

WiFi

1300



Lil GreenHouse Grill  
Hours of Operation

Monday  
Closed

Tuesday - Saturday  
11am to 9pm

Sunday  
Closed

786.277.3582  
[www.lilgreenhousegrill.com](http://www.lilgreenhousegrill.com)







Future Ambition



**Cincinnati**



—	COMPLETED TRAILS	— 1 —	Wasson Way	6	Little Miami Scenic Trail	11	Canal Bikeway
- - -	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	- - - 2 - - -	Uptown Connector	7	Gilbert Arts Connector	12	Ohio River Trail West
- - - - -	PLANNED TRAILS	- - - 3 - - -	Little Miami Connector	8	Murray Path	13	Little Duck Creek Trail
—	BICYCLE LANES	- - - 4 - - -	Ohio River Trail	9	Lunken / Armleder Trail	14	Lick Run Greenway
—	34-MILE TRAIL LOOP	- - - 5 - - -	Beechmont Connector	10	Mill Creek Greenway	15	Riverfront Commons



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**Future Ambition**



**Macon**





# Civic Engagement







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Grant Ave

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# Value Creation







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**Future Ambition**



# Detroit



#CaringForOurCity



PARTNERSHIP WITH

MARYGARDEN  
CENTER

A photograph showing two women at a table under a white tent. The woman on the left is wearing a black t-shirt and a light green skirt, smiling and gesturing with her hand. The woman on the right is wearing a blue t-shirt and is looking down at a document on the table, holding a pen. On the table, there are several items including a red and white bag of snacks, a sign that says "WATER WASH YOUR HANDS", and other informational materials. In the background, other people are visible, some wearing red and blue shirts, suggesting a community event or fair.

# Civic Engagement



## Socioeconomic Mixing





**Environmental Sustainability**

STREET VIEW EXPERIENCE

# Value Creation

The image displays four vertical posters for 'SHOPS ON SIX COMMUNITY MARKET' mounted on a wall. Each poster has a unique color scheme and content:

- Poster 1 (Teal):** Features a woman with white hair and sunglasses eating a snack. Text includes 'SHOPS ON SIX COMMUNITY MARKET', 'A SHOP THAT'S ALMOST AS FRESH AS YOU.', and 'COMING SOON TO 7434 W. MCNICHOLS'.
- Poster 2 (Pink/Green):** Features a man and a woman sitting together. Text includes 'QUALITY TIMES', 'COMING SOON', '7434 W. MCNICHOLS', and 'SHOPS ON SIX COMMUNITY MARKET'.
- Poster 3 (Orange/Pink):** Features two people holding bags of snacks. Text includes 'THE NEW SPOT IN TOWN', 'COMING SOON TO 7434 W. MCNICHOLS', and 'SHOPS ON SIX COMMUNITY MARKET'.
- Poster 4 (Purple/Blue):** Features a woman holding a blue object. Text includes 'SHOPS ON SIX COMMUNITY MARKET', 'COMING SOON', '7434 W. MCNICHOLS', and 'FINE SUPPLIES'.





**Systems Change**

# Future Ambition



# Camden





# Civic Engagement





**Socioeconomic Mixing**

**Panel: Intersectionality between Environmental and Social Justice in Urban America**

**Moderated by:**

- Shawn LaTourette, NJDEP Commissioner**
- Lisa Garcia, US EPA Region 2 Administrator**
- Olivia Glenn, US EPA Region 2 Senior Advisor for Equity**

**Frank McLaughlin, NJDEP Office of Environmental and Community Involvement, Manager**



**Environmental Sustainability**



# Value Creation







**Systems Change**





**Future Ambition**

**Philadelphia**



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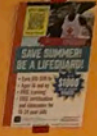
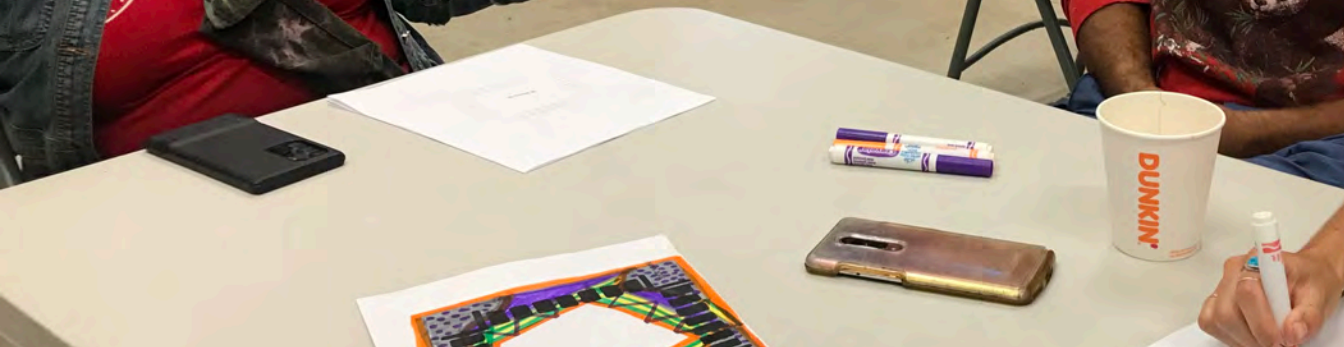
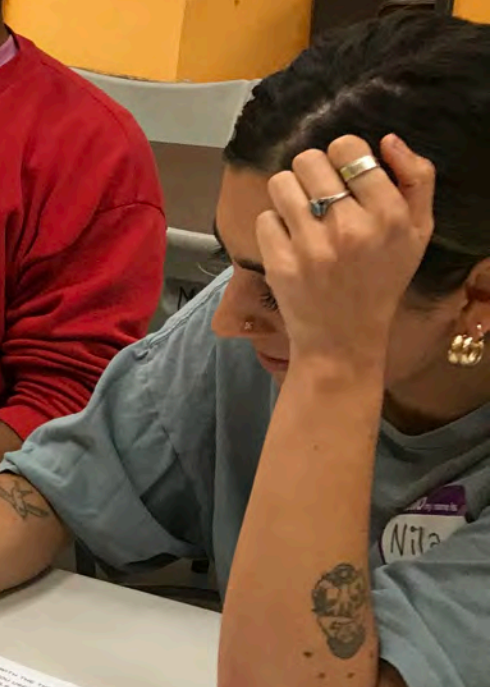
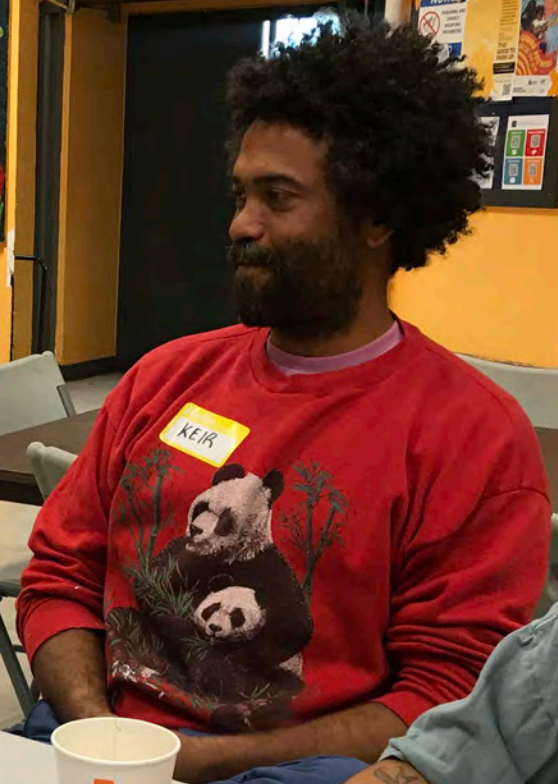
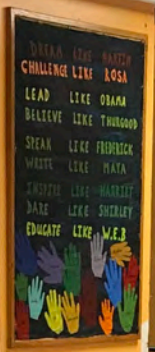
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# Civic Engagement



JOHN WELSH  
FOUNTAIN







Socioeconomic Mixing

# Environmental Sustainability





# Value Creation



# Systems Change



SEPTA



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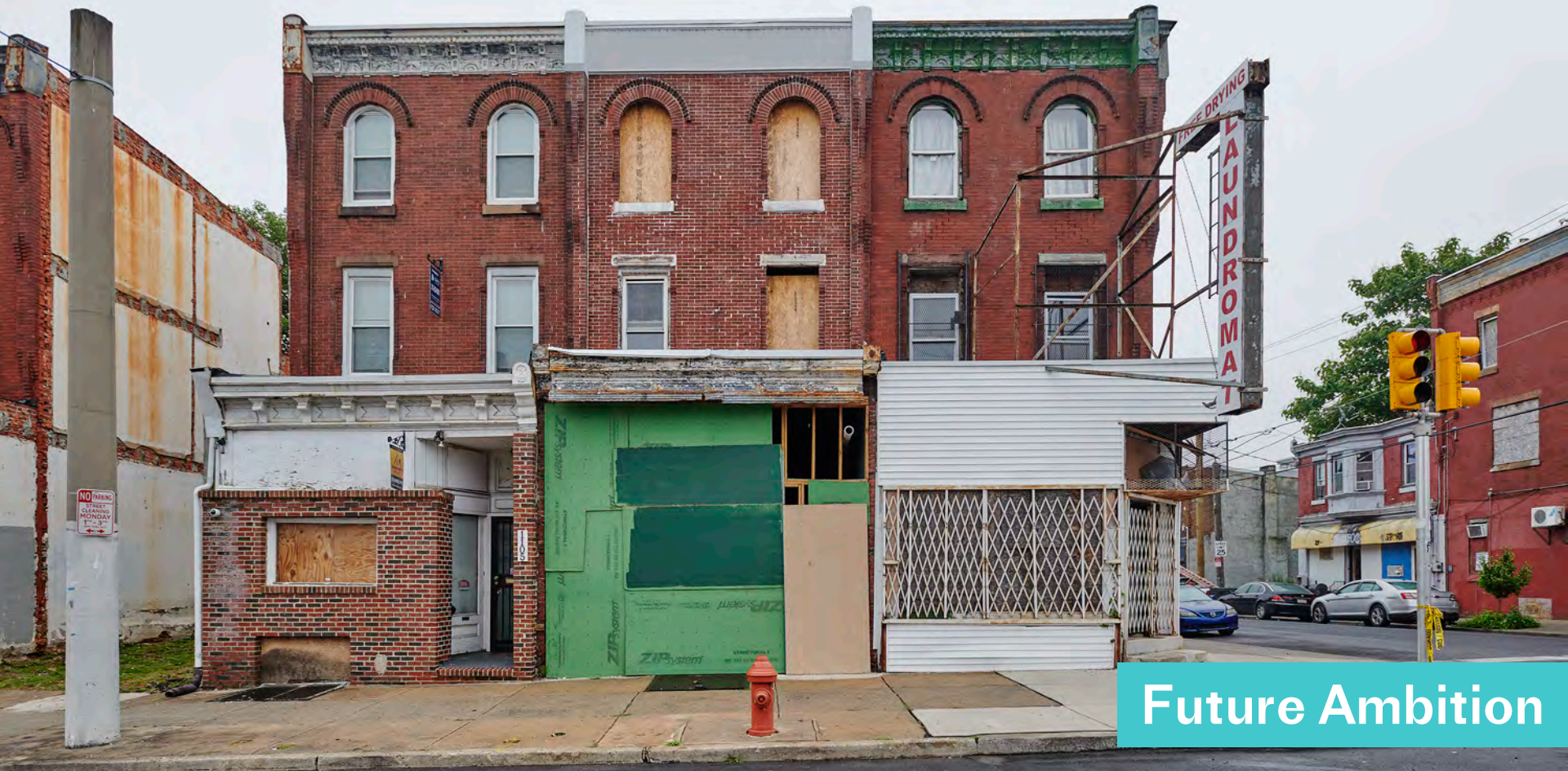
**BETTER  
LITTER**

**ONLY YOU CAN STOP THE  
DUMPING-TRASH-LITTER  
IN YOUR HOOD!**

Helping Create a  
BUSINESS

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES

**BETTER  
LITTER**



Future Ambition







**San José**



# Civic Engagement





**Socioeconomic Mixing**



When women support each other, incredible things happen

# Environmental Sustainability





# Value Creation





**Systems Change**



**Future Ambition**



SOFA POCKET PARK  
**FARMSTAND AT SOFA**  
Wednesdays/Miércoles  
1:00pm - 6:00pm

WELCOME TO  
**SOFA**  
POCKET PARK  
Hours & Information

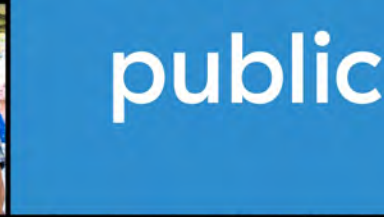
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WELCOME TO  
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POCKET PARK  
San Jose Chamber of Commerce  
San Jose District Association  
with the Property Based Improvement Districts  
and Vigilante

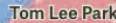
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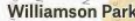
We believe in  
public space



**Tom Lee Park**



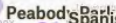
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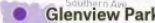
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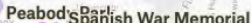
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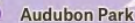
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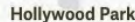
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**Audubon Park**



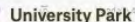
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**Gooch Park**



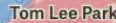
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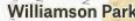
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**Tom Lee Park**



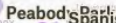
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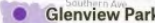
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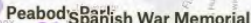
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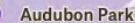
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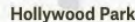
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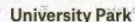
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# COSSITT LIBRARY

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Civic Engagement







**Socioeconomic Mixing**

# Environmental Sustainability



A photograph of a man with dreadlocks, wearing a black t-shirt with the text "BLACK PEOPLE PARTY" and a green cap with "FEELBACK CHANGE" on it. He is smiling and handing a glass of yellow drink to a woman whose back is to the camera. The setting appears to be a bar or event space with a dark blue curtain background. There are several white jugs and glasses on a counter in the foreground.

**Value Creation**

# Systems Change





**Future Ambition**



**Lexington**



Lexington is aspiring to create a people-first,  
family friendly downtown that is welcoming to all.



# Team Members

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## **Convener:**

Blue Grass Community Foundation

## **Collaborators:**

City of Lexington

Mayor's Office

Chief Administrator's Office

Parks & Recreation

Division of Planning

CivicLex

Community Ventures

Lexington Public Library

Julietta Market

Seedleaf

Town Branch Park, Inc.

Town Branch Trail, Inc.

University of Kentucky, College of Design

# Lexington Context

**Population: 322,570**

**68% White**

**15% Black**

**9% Hispanic/Latino**

**4% Asian**

**Median Age: 35.8**

**Household Size: 2.3**

**Total Housing Units: 146,142**

**Households Below Poverty Level: 15%**



# Challenges & Opportunities

Merged City-County Government

University City

Urban & Rural Balance

Infill & Redevelopment vs. Expansion

Housing Choice & Affordability

Enhanced Transportation Options



# Town Branch Commons

## A Green Connector of People & Places



Town Branch Park: Concept



Charles Young Park: Concept



Where We Started



TOWN BRANCH  
COMMONS



Phoenix Park: Feasibility



Town Branch Commons Trail: Concept

**Town Branch Park: Construction Started**



**Charles Young Park: Completed**



**Where We Are Now**



TOWN BRANCH  
COMMONS



**Phoenix Park: Concept**



**Town Branch Commons Trail: Completed**



**Civic**

**Engagement**



# SplashJAM Pilot



# Splash! Engagement



# Splash! Opening Celebration



# Phoenix Forward



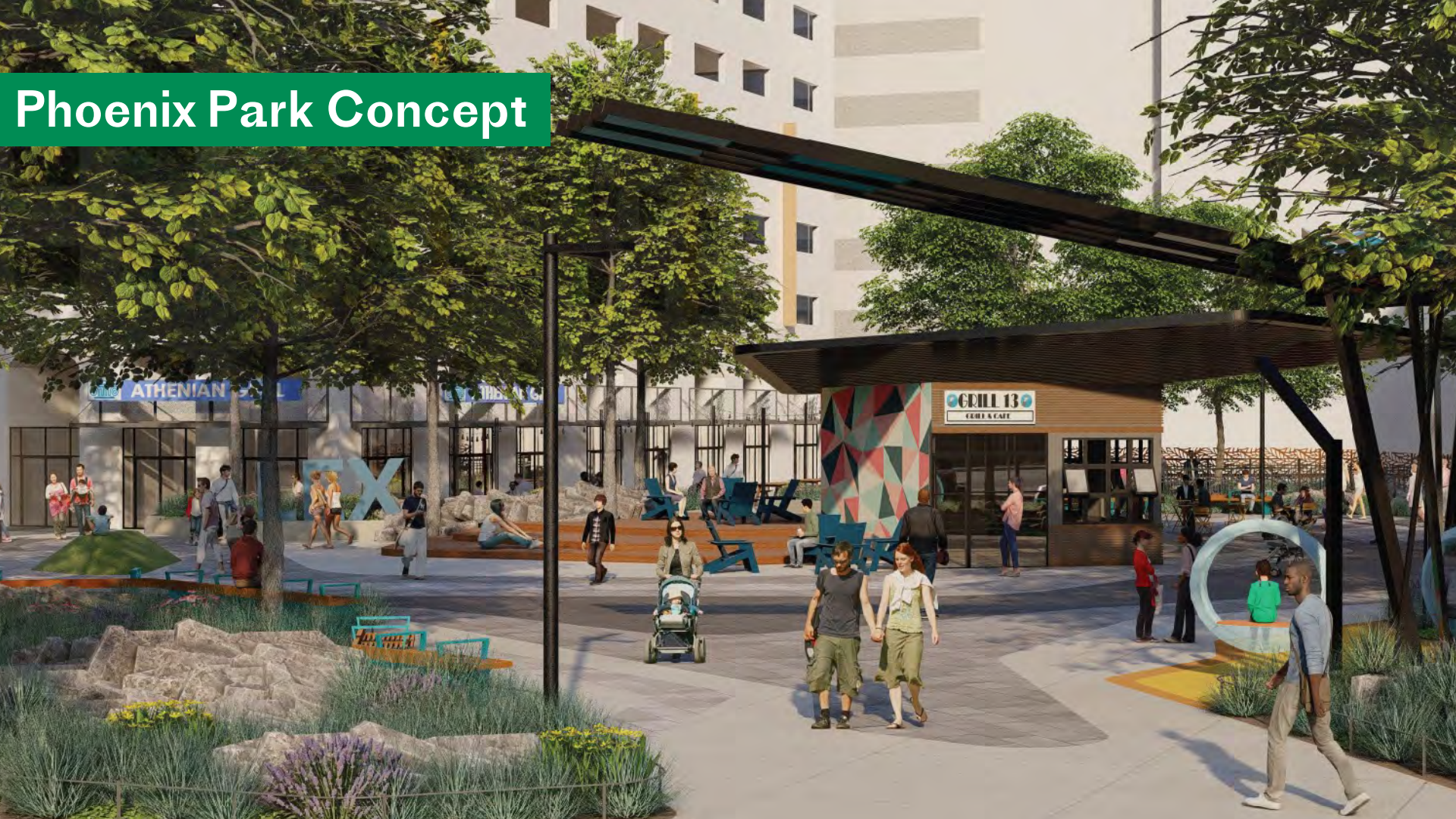
# Phoenix Park Concept





# Socioeconomic Mixing

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# Town Branch Park Concept





# Splash! at Charles Young Park



# Town Branch Commons Corridor





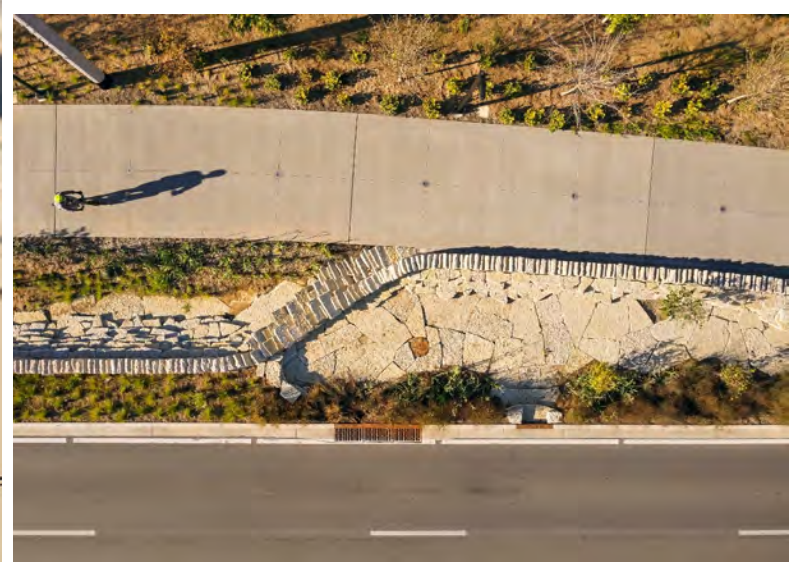
# **Environmental Sustainability**



**Town Branch Commons**  
**BEFORE (2017)**



# Town Branch Commons Corridor



A young boy is captured in mid-air, jumping over a series of large, rectangular stepping stones that form a path across a shallow water feature. The water is clear, and the sun is low in the sky, creating a bright, shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The boy is wearing a grey t-shirt with the words "RAISE YOUR GAME" in yellow and black, dark pants, and red and grey sneakers. The water feature is bordered by a low, light-colored concrete wall on both sides. In the background, a paved walkway and some greenery are visible under the warm, golden light of late afternoon or early morning.

# Town Branch Commons Corridor

# Town Branch Water Walk



TOWN BRANCH  
COMMONS

## EARLY LEXINGTON

The Early History of Water Street and  
Vine Street Commercial District



The 1800s street scene in Lexington shows the street and the street scene with the street scene. The street scene shows the street scene with the street scene. The street scene shows the street scene with the street scene.

Town Branch was not a deep creek and before more advanced water management, was prone to flooding during periods of heavy rains. Rainwater from bridges across the waterway ran down the street. Over the years, the flow of Town Branch was channeled through narrow culverts below street level. Water Street, named because of its proximity to the creek, became the location of smaller shops and businesses. Some of them were owned and operated by free African Americans and European immigrants throughout the area. One who is believed to have owned a grocery store at 12 Water Street was a trustee of the branch Methodist Church, Mr. George Perry (1870-1874).

**Did you know?**  
Water Street got its name from  
proximity to the Town Branch





# Value Creation



**BEFORE (2017)**

**Town Branch Commons**



# The MET Development along TBC



# Art on the Town: Pop-Up Art Stores along the trail



**Future Ambition**

A wide-angle photograph of Phoenix Park in an urban setting. The foreground is dominated by a large, paved plaza with a series of wide, shallow concrete steps leading up to a fenced-in dog park area. The dog park is enclosed by a black metal fence and contains several benches and trees. In the background, there are modern multi-story buildings with large windows and balconies. A prominent building on the right has a sign that reads "PANTERA". The scene is bright and sunny, with shadows cast by the trees and buildings. The overall atmosphere is clean and well-maintained.

# Phoenix Park TODAY



# Future Phoenix Park

RENDERING

An aerial photograph showing the construction site for Town Branch Park. In the foreground, a multi-lane road with white directional arrows runs horizontally. A white SUV is driving on the road. To the left, a concrete wall with a decorative yellow and white patterned pillar stands near a parking area filled with various vehicles, including white vans and trucks. A large green building is partially visible. In the middle ground, a large, flat construction site is filled with equipment, materials, and several yellow excavators. A paved road curves through the site. To the right, a grassy area is bordered by a concrete retaining wall. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a clear blue sky, featuring a prominent blue skyscraper and a church with a tall steeple.

**Town Branch Park**  
**TODAY**



**Future Town Branch Park**  
**RENDERING**







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