

Welcome!

Draft Plan Overview

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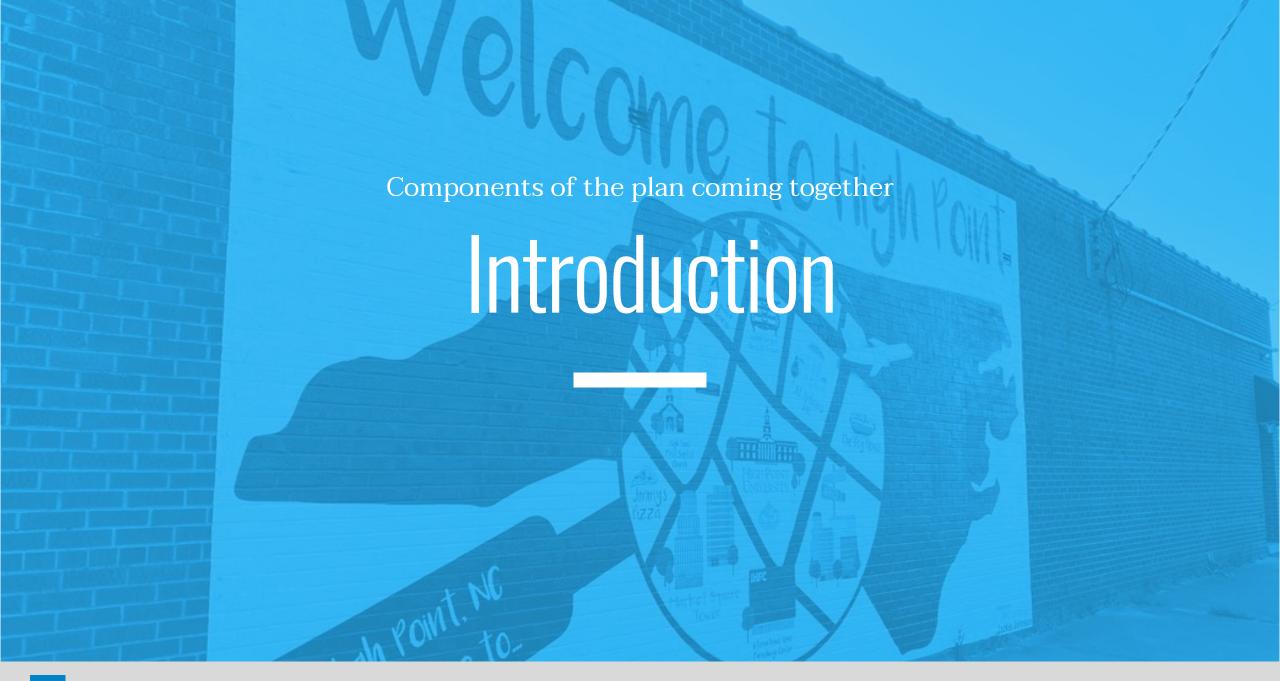
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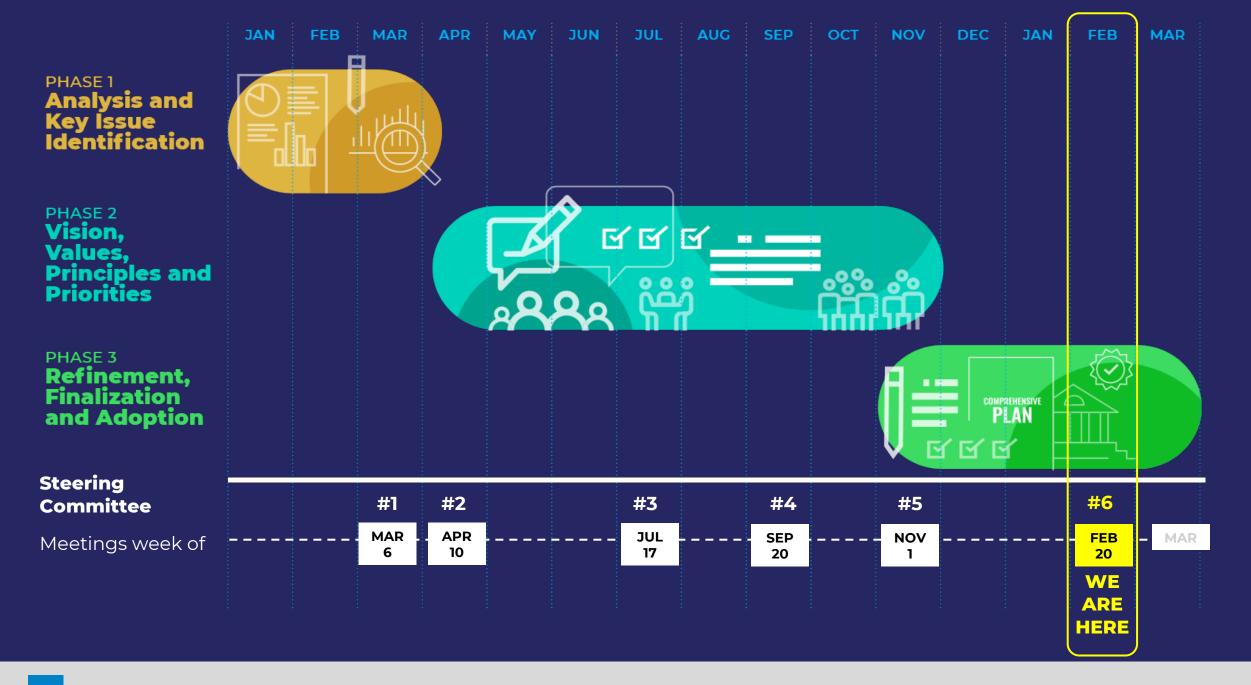
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A 23-member steering committee of **residents, businesses owners, and civic leaders** worked closely with the planning team throughout the process.





How was the broader public engaged?



Kitchen Table Conversations

By Steering Committee members, with direction from czb, at select points during the process



Online Survey

Month-long online survey at a critical juncture in the project

SEPTEMBER



Open House "Road Show"

Series of open houses throughout High Point over the course of selected week in:

APRIL JULY NOVEMBER FEBRUARY 2024*

* Single Public presentation



Online Feedback

Online public feedback available through the project website 24/7

MARCH 2023- MARCH 2024



Community Voices

for the reads to be a GREENING of the city. The great destination cities all have green spaces for people to eniov the outdoors."

LL Include everyone (lower income. diverse population, north High Point, etc.) in the growth." 66 I worry about not being "one" community. We are divided in many ways — racially, economically, north from south, etc."

•• I'm concerned about the lack of reasons to visit downtown High Point

66 We need less suburban sprawl."

People are struggling to meet very basic needs related to employment, housing, access to food, health and healthcare, and a sense of stability and belonging in a city that continues to grow."

66Beautification of the gateways' into the City (e.g., street trees, sidewalks, overall aesthetics, etc.) is needed.

Lack of housing and things to attract younger (20s/30s)community members."

Access to things like grocery stores and medical facilities is a real challenge for residents without access to cars."

On New residential development opportunities, at higher densities, should be pursued in and around downtown."

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OUTREACH BY THE NUMBERS



The High Point 2045 Comprehensive Plan outreach efforts

Facebook post link clicks

clicked on a link within



Emails sent to

partner organizations and top emp top employers in the city to help promote open house events/online survey



Utility bill inserts sent out and ads placed in













in-person."



Organizational Framework of the Plan

OUR VISION

Core Values & Planning Principles













Cultivate a Sense Sense of Place of Community and Economic

Integrate Housing with Other Land Uses and Transportation





OUR GROWTH FRAMEWORK



OUR WAY FORWARD 15 Strategic Initiatives

Cultivate a Sense of Community and Unity

Strengthen the Sense of Place and Economic Vitality of Downtown

Diversify and Integrate Housing with Other Land Uses and **Transportation** Options

- Focused Investment in the Activity Centers
- **Fund Community** Development and
- Create a Community Reinvestment Fund
- Revitalize Washington Street as a Catalyst **Neighborhood Center**
- Collaborate with Partners to Revitalize the Southwest Area

- Geographically Focused Investment
- Economic Development Incentives for Downtown Housing
- Connect to Core Neighborhoods with Streetscape Improvements
- Collaboration with Local and Regional **Partners**
- **Downtown Branding**

- Update the Development Ordinance
- Initiate a Multifaceted Approach to Diversifying Housing
- Complete Streets and **Transit Options**
- Connect the City by Completing Sidewalks
- Develop a Greenbelt Program







CORE VALUES AND PLANNING PRINCIPLES

CORE VALUES

Our core values are deeply-held, widely-shared beliefs that serve as building blocks for our vision. They reflect what we are willing to defend and fight for as well as what we aspire to be.



Core Values

We are committed to being...



an inclusive community

We will consider voices and perspectives from as many people as possible to ensure that ownership of what we achieve is

Our actions will reflect a commitment that progress is evident throughout our city.



an entrepreneurial community

We will be innovative, flexible, and adaptable to become a resilient and future-driven city.

Our decisions should continue to reflect our enterprising spirit and that we are willing to seize opportunities.



a creative community

We might look to other communities to learn what worked for them and what may be helpful to us, but we will not shy away from viewing things from a new perspective and being innovative in our own right.

Our decisions will reflect our commitment to explore and try new approaches and solutions to familiar issues.



Planning Principles

and include all voices

Include more voices and look to distribute opportunities equitably.

Decisions should reflect a commitment to including voices from throughout the city before final decisions are made. This will help build connections and trust within the community.

thinking and strategic risktaking

Support critical Being an entrepreneurial community requires a willingness to take calculated risks. There is not reward without some risk.



Decisions we make should acknowledge the realities of risk, include necessary mitigation measures to manage risks, and reflect a commitment to learning from our

Strategic risk is knowingly assuming a risk because it is believed that the potential reward outweighs the potential downside.

Set standards that will move decades from

Quality of place is an important factor in people choosing where to live or spend time. We must establish standards us forward and that improve quality of place to ensure that we build a make us proud city that attracts the next generation of residents and businesses



Holding ourselves to high standards builds pride within the community, expresses pride to visitors, and ensures the durability of the investments we make.

Build and celebrate our own identity

The home furnishings industry has a long tradition of being a significant contributor to our economy and our identity. We must nurture it while diversifying beyond it.

Leverage our assets and build unique characteristics that celebrates our identity within the Piedmont Triad.

PLANNING PRINCIPLES

Our planning principles guide our decisions and help us translate our values into actions.

PRIORITIES



Cultivate a Sense of Community and Unity

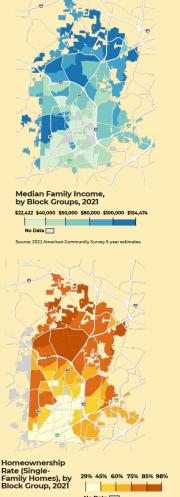
Why is this a priority?

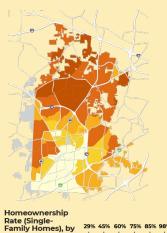
There is a widespread sense that the city is disconnected and there is a north/south divide that creates what feels like two different cities economically, racially, quality of infrastructure, provision of amenities, and other physical and social characteristics.

What do we know?

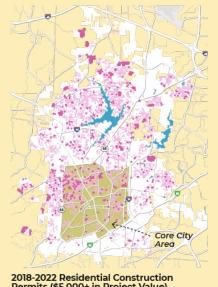
At least in part, the sense of a north / south divide is exemplified by several demographic characteristics.







Investment in residential development has been taking place throughout much of High Point but major investments are concentrated in a few key areas.



Permits (\$5,000+ in Project Value)

\$5,000 to \$49,999 👂 \$50,000 or more

Source: City of High Point permit data

What outcomes do we want to achieve?

High Point's status as an economic and cultural hub of the Piedmont Triad has strengthened, with businesses and households routinely choosing High Point over Greensboro and Winston-Salem.

> New housing and businesses are springing up on previously vacant lots in neighborhoods that haven't experienced development in a long time.

The sense of a north/ south divide in the city has diminished and socioeconomic gaps have narrowed.

PRIORITIES



Strengthen the Sense of Place and Economic Vitality of Downtown

Why is this a priority?

Downtown is in the process of being reenvisioned and rebranded. These things are a step in the right direction, but more must be done to improve the look and feel of the streets and build the critical mass necessary to create a vibrant downtown that coexists with the Market.

What do we know?

The High Point Market makes the largest economic impact of any event in North Carolina.



\$6 BILLION ANNUALLY generates more than

\$200 MILLION in state and local tax revenue

Source: High Point Market Authority



10% of High Point's full-time jobs







are located in or near downtown.

Storefronts outside of the Market district are active and feel alive with a mix of retail and commercial businesses.

What outcomes do

Downtown streets

they not only have

trash receptacles,

amenities.

and other pedestrian

feel walkable because

sidewalks but street trees,

People can be

around downtown because it's a

cool place to be.

There are things

out there.

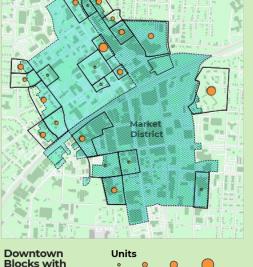
to do and see, and people like to hang

seen walking

pedestrian level lighting. crosswalks, benches,

we want to achieve?

Currently. opportunities to live in downtown are limited.



Housing Units, 1-4 5-9 10-49 50-168

2 PRIORITIES



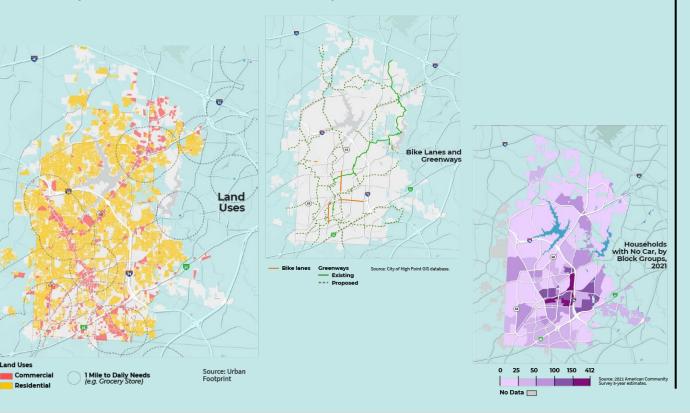
Diversify and Integrate Housing with Other Land Uses and Transportation Options

Why is this a priority?

There is a widespread sense that walkability and bikeability is insufficient in many parts of the city and that the integration of transportation and land use is falling short for many people – especially for those who cannot or choose not to drive or own a car.

What do we know?

Highly separated land uses often require people to drive to multiple locations to meet their daily needs. An assessment of High Point's transportation infrastructure shows significant gaps or deficiencies in the overall multimodal transportation network.



What outcomes do we want to achieve?

A variety of housing options are available for people in all life stages and incomes.

Parks, trails, and other recreational opportunities are accessible from home and work. Walking, biking and driving are all viable options.

There are areas outside of downtown where you can live, work, and shop all in a compact walkable area.

3 PREFERRED GROWTH SCENARIO

Stay the course



Scenario #1 will see the City continue its march to the north where it will merge with Kernersville and Greensboro and, subsequently, to the west into Davidson County until the Planning Area is filled in.

Pivot slightly

Scenario #2 represents the same growth pattern as Scenario #1 – growth to the north toward Kernersville and Greensboro and growth to the west into Davidson County – but with additional residential densities allowed, the time it takes to reach these boundaries will be extended.

80% Supported

59% Supported

3 Course correction



Scenario #3 changes the existing growth pattern from low density suburban development by creating new activity centers or mixed-use districts that will concentrate new development into a much smaller geographic footprint – pockets of development - in the areas to the north and west of the City. Activity centers within the existing City boundary, areas designated for revitalization, will have greater density allowances to absorb much of the development pressure internally and slow the growth outward.

Major course correction

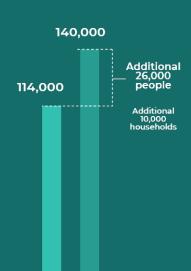


Scenario #4 follows the same growth pattern as Scenario #3 but also requires a financial commitment from City Hall to fund open space preservation and/or acquisition as growth continues. These funds could be used to purchase open space in the areas between designated activity centers in the outlying areas to the north and west of the city as well as strategically target the acquisition of vacant land within the city for new parks.

When four possible growth scenarios were presented at public open houses and discussed with the HP2045 steering committee, there was a general preference for Scenario 4, and overwhelming support for Scenarios 3 and 4.







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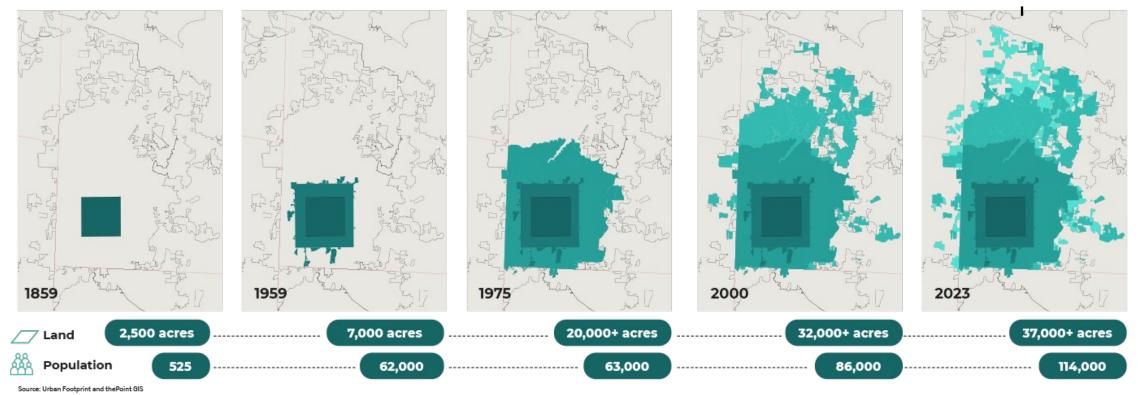
OUR How will we grow? GROWTH FRAMEWORK

As we continue to grow over the next 20 years, how we develop as a city will influence the kind of quality of life we will enjoy into the future.



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HOW DID WE GET HERE?



What it means for the city

After a half century of this pattern of growth, the **negative impacts on quality of life are undeniable**. With new development, and economic energy, disproportionately located in the northern areas of the city, block after block in the **city's southern areas have slowly waned as demand and supply have** followed easy greenfield development to the north.

OUR GROWTH FRAMEWORK



ACTIVITY CENTERS

COMPONENT 1

OF THE GROWTH FRAMEWORK

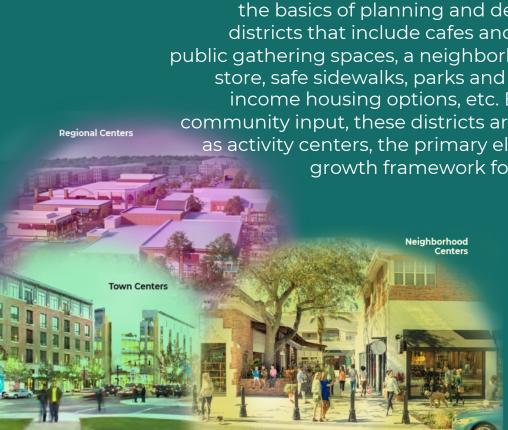


ACTIVITY CENTERS

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OF THE GROWTH FRAMEWORK

The community voiced support for a return to the basics of planning and development districts that include cafes and restaurants, public gathering spaces, a neighborhood grocery store, safe sidewalks, parks and trails, mixedincome housing options, etc. Based on this community input, these districts are designated as activity centers, the primary element of the growth framework for High Point.



ACTIVITY CENTERS 0 **Regional Centers** Citywide Palladium S. Main Street & Fairfield Rd Town Centers 15 Minute Walkshed Eastchester & Centennial Southwest Area W. Skeet Club Road Hartley/University Pkwy N. Main Street Five Points - Jamestown MLK - Scientific **Neighborhood Centers** 5-10 Minute Walkshed Wendover - Piedmont Pkwy Clinard Farms - Barrow Road 11 Sandy Ridge - Clinard Farms Lexington Avenue Westchester - Burton Old Plank - N. Main Street Lexington - N. Main Street Main Street - Market Center Skeet Club - Johnson Downtown Streetscape *Improvements* Boulevard

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MLK Jr. Drive

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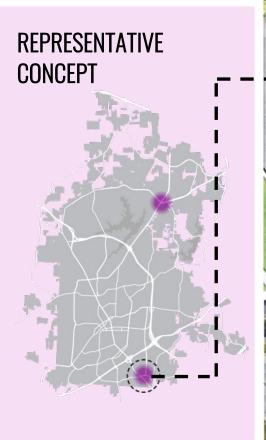
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TYPES

Streetscape improvement

S. MAIN STREET & FAIRFIELD RD REGIONAL CENTER

Regional centers are generally defined as a major mixed-use or commercial district that serves the entire City and beyond. The scale of these centers **generally exceeds 100 acres** with direct access to a major arterial road in the City.





Shared Parking

Public Gathering

Mixed-use Buildings

Street Trees

Existing

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S. MAIN STREET & FAIRFIELD RD REGIONAL CENTER

Typically, buildings range from **2 to 6 stories** in height and include a range of uses such as big box retail, cinemas, entertainment venues, office space, restaurants, etc.

CHARACTER / CONCEPT IMAGES

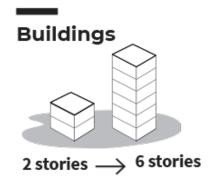
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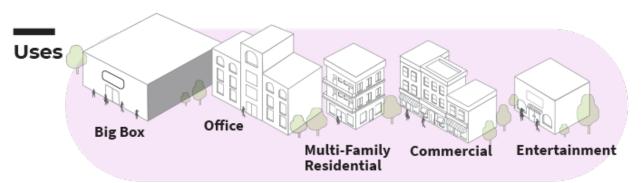


Market Geography

5 mile radius (via auto)

Land Area

†100 acres

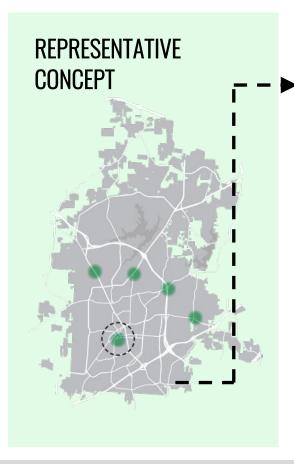


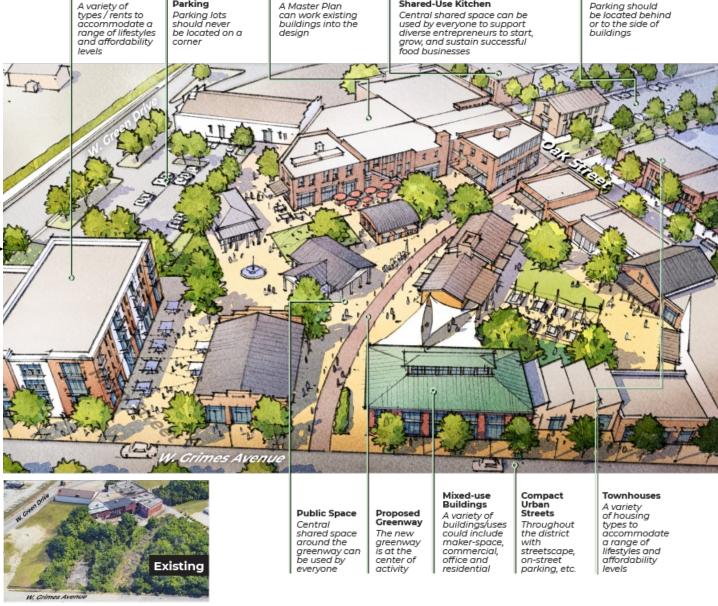
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SOUTHWEST AREA TOWN CENTER

A town center is a mixed-use district serving households within a half-mile to a mile radius or up to a 20-minute walk.

Town centers typically range in size from **50** acres to +/-100 acres. In some cases, the size of a town center may exceed the size of a regional center, but the character and urban design components are different.





Existing Buildings

A Master Plan

Proposed Commercial

Shared-Use Kitchen

Parking Location

Parking should

Mid-block

Parking

Apartments

SOUTHWEST AREA TOWN CENTER

The Town Center typically includes a mix of commercial, residential, and employment uses within 4 to 5 story buildings along multimodal streets that favor pedestrians and bikes. A town center should have enough housing and services to support public transit. Parks, public squares, and trail connections are also essential components to a successful town center.

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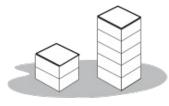






Components for all Town Centers could include:

Buildings



2 stories \longrightarrow 5 stories

Market Geography

1/2 mile radius (15 minute walk) Land Area

50 - +100 acres

Uses



Townhouses and Multi-Family Residential

Public Gathering Spaces

Office and Small-Scale Flex Industrial

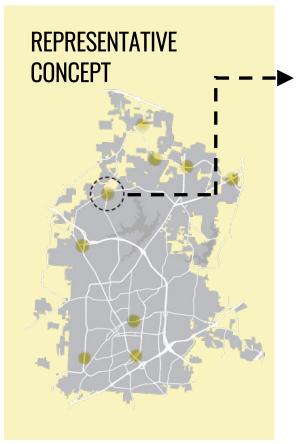
Commercial and Mixed-Use **Districts**

Urban Fabric

SKEET CLUB AND JOHNSON NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

A neighborhood center is a compact mixeduse district that primarily serves the immediately surrounding neighborhoods within a 5- to 10-minute walk.

Collaboration with the nearby neighbors is essential to ensure they understand what a neighborhood center is and to safeguard them from any anticipated impacts.





Mixed-use Buildings



Townhouses

Parking

Shared parking

As needed high visibility crosswalks, effective intersection liahtina. pedestrian refuge islands, Complete Streets

An inviting streetscape with facilities that accommodate walking, biking, transit, and driving

Multi-use Trail

Meadering trail

Creek

Mixed-use Buildings

Residential/ office above commercial / retail w/outside seating, etc.

SKEET CLUB AND JOHNSON **NEIGHBORHOOD**

The district typically includes 1 to 3 story **buildings** with a mix of restaurant/retail, small office, and residential uses. Transit stops and small plazas or pocket parks are also common.

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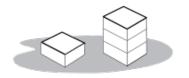






Components for all Neighborhood Centers could include:

Buildings



1 story \longrightarrow 3 stories

Market Geography

1/4 mile radius (10 minute walk)

5-25 acres

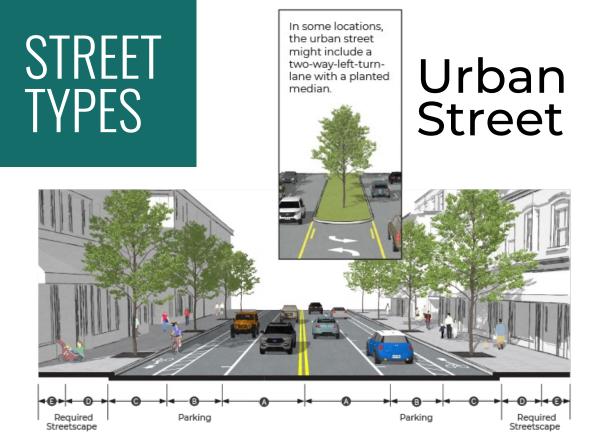
Land

Area

Uses

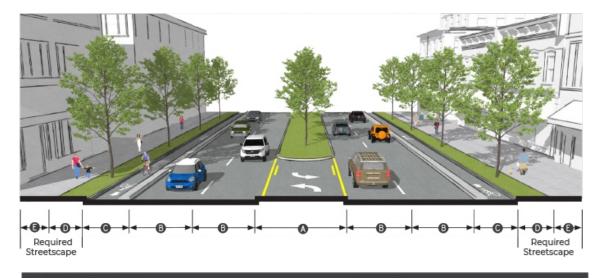


Townhouses and Single-Family Residential Plazas, Pocket Parks, and Gathering Spaces Commercial and Mixed-Use Development



	COMPONENT	NOTES
A	Travel lane	2 travel lanes that are 10 feet wide.
B	On-street parking	Parallel or diagonal, where appropriate.
0	Bike space	Buffered bike lanes, where appropriate.
Required Streetscape		In some cases required streetscape will be accommodated outside of the public right-of-way.
0	Planting zone	Tree pits or tree lawn with a minimum width of 6 ft and street trees 40 ft on- center.
(3	Pedestrian zone	Pedestrians will be accommodated on an accessible sidewalk [5 ft min.] on both sides of the street.

Boulevard



	COMPONENT	NOTES
A	Median space	Avenues will typically include center space in the form of a landscape median with a two-way-left-turn-lane as needed.
B	Travel lane	Typically 4 travel lanes that are 10 or 11 ft. wide. If 6 lanes are needed it should be designed to balance all modes.
0	Bike space	On-street bike space as either protected bike lanes or cycle track, where appropriate. An adjacent multi-use trail is an alternative.
Re	equired Streetscape	In some cases required streetscape will be accommodated outside of the public right-of-way.
0	Planting zone	Tree lawn with a minimum width of 6 ft and street trees 40 ft on-center. Tree pits could be used in some areas.
(3	Pedestrian zone	Pedestrians will be accommodated on both sides of the street with an accessible sidewalk at a width between 5 and 12 ft.

OUR GROWTH FRAMEWORK **ACTIVITY CENTERS** & CORRIDORS COMPONENT 4 PLACE TYPES URBAN Design OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

PLACE TYPES

COMPONENT 2

OF THE GROWTH FRAMEWORK

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PLACE TYPES

COMPONENT 2



OF THE GROWTH FRAMEWORK

In addition to the Activity Centers described in the previous section, there are other Place Types that help to articulate the vision for High Point's future.

Place Types help shape the future of our communities by focusing on the look and feel of places - their form and character - instead of focusing only on land use.

Suburban Edge / Rural







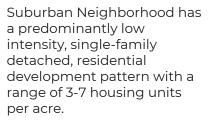
Suburban Edge / Rural generally consists of single-family homes and farms on large lots.

Suburban Neighborhood Urban Neighborhood















Urban Neighborhoods have a traditional development pattern that includes a mix of single-story and two-story single-family detached to small to moderate-scale multi-family residential development along a well-connected street network.

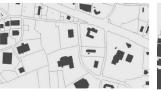
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PLACE TYPES

Mixed Employment Center







Mixed
Employment
Centers often
consist of sites with
large footprint
buildings and
surface parking lots
that accommodate
warehousing and
distribution,
manufacturing,
light industry, and
flex office space.

Transitional Industrial







Transitional GIndustrial are significant former active industrial districts pathat are transitioning to mixed-use. Older industrial structures in have been or will be adaptively reused for new purposes.

General Industrial







General Industrial supports a variety of processing, production, and manufacturing uses. It includes warehousing, industrial parks, and heavy industrial production.

Campus -Institutional







Campus – Institutional is typically characterized by one major activity such as educational. or medical. Campuses are often very large sites developed based on a master plan that organizes streets. buildings, pedestrian networks, open spaces, etc.

Parks - Green Space







Parks – Green Space includes areas that are intended to remain as parks or public green space in perpetuity. These places make significant contributions to the quality of life of residents and visitors.

Downtown







Downtown is High Point's central business district. It is a dense urban area that contains a mix of uses both vertically and horizontally. Compact multimodal streets are the primary public space with trees and amenities to create a quality urban experience for all users.

Mixed-Use Corridor/Center









Suburban Corridor/Center







Suburban Corridors/Centers are located along major commercial streets. They differ from Mixed-use Corridors/Centers in that the development along them tends to be more spread out and are not transitioning to a denser and pedestrian-friendly urban pattern.

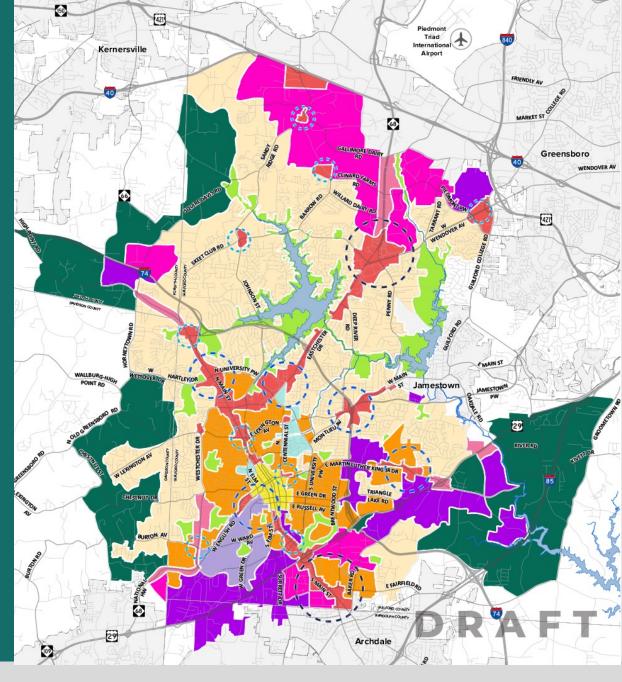
PLACE TYPES

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OUR GROWTH FRAMEWORK **ACTIVITY CENTERS** & CORRIDORS COMPONENT 4 PLACE URBAN DESIGN **TYPES** OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

COMPONENT 3

OF THE GROWTH FRAMEWORK



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OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

COMPONENT 3

OF THE GROWTH FRAMEWORK

Would you prefer to see the City fund open space preservation and acquisition as part of a line item in the General Fund or consider a bond for open space?

- **66** I would prefer the City issue a bond for open space preservation and acquisition. If we wait too long, it will all be gone."
- **66** Both, we need immediate funds and ongoing funds."

I would prefer a line item in the General Fund, similar to how we fund streets, sidewalks and other important projects. I understand this would be an annual contribution.

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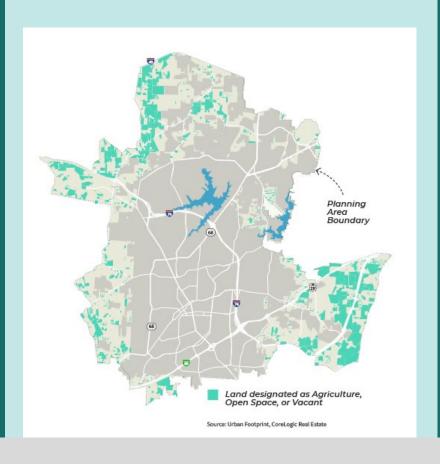


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59%

Other local funding option.

PRESERVATION OF LAND USE IN THE PLANNING AREA



CATEGORIES OF TOOLS TO PRESERVE LAND

PLANNING



Identify important natural resources, preserved lands, and linkages

REGULATION



Use of local ordinances and state laws to protect important natural resources and lands that surround preserved

ACOUISITION



Obtain land through purchase or donation; includes purchase of full title, development rights and/or conservation easements

OUR GROWTH FRAMEWORK



URBAN DESIGN

COMPONENT 4 OF THE GROWTH FRAMEWORK



URBAN DESIGN

COMPONENT 4

OF THE GROWTH FRAMEWORK





Entrances and porches that front the street

Garage entrance located behind building entrance (or side loaded)

3) Common open space and/or trails

Private Realm Components

Public Realm Components

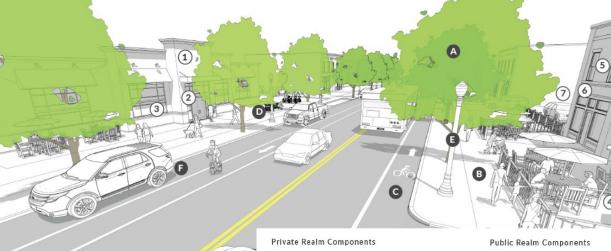
Street trees

Sidewalks (5'-6') on both sides of street

Shared use lanes for bikes

Pedestrian level lighting

On-street parking



Urban form is fundamental to the growth framework in High Point

- (1) Buildings that engage the street
- (2) Entrances that front the street
- (3) First floor transparency
- (4) Pedestrian oriented first floor uses (e.g. restaurant)
- (5) Upper floor residential and office uses
- 6 Articulated building facades
- (7) Parking at the side or rear of buildings

- A Street trees
- B Sidewalks (5'-12')
- Bike lanes or sharrows
- Street furniture (e.g. benches)
- Pedestrian level lighting
- On-street parking



High Point is not alone











Core Values Planning Principles



Priorities



Community Driven Outcomes



Strategic Initiatives



IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

For High Point to succeed at implementing High Point 2045 it must remain at the forefront of mind. The HP2045 Implementation Task Force is a broad-based coalition of public, non-profit, and private entities all pulling in the same direction and supporting one another.



STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Strategic initiatives refer to carefully planned actions or projects that the City will need to undertake to achieve this plan's desired outcomes for each of the Big Things.

The public, private, and nonprofit sectors will need to collaborate in ways that may feel uncomfortable at first but should become normalized over time.



Cultivate a Sense of Community and Unity



Strengthen the Sense of Place and Economic Vitality of Downtown Diversify and Integrate Housing with Other Land Uses and Transportation Options

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Next Steps



Tonight

- Planning Team will be available for questions and small group discussion
 - 3 Groups each with:
 - 1 City of High Point rep
 - 1 czbLLC rep

After Tonight

- Draft Comprehensive Plan released for public review by end of this week
 - www.highpoint2045.org



Thank you

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