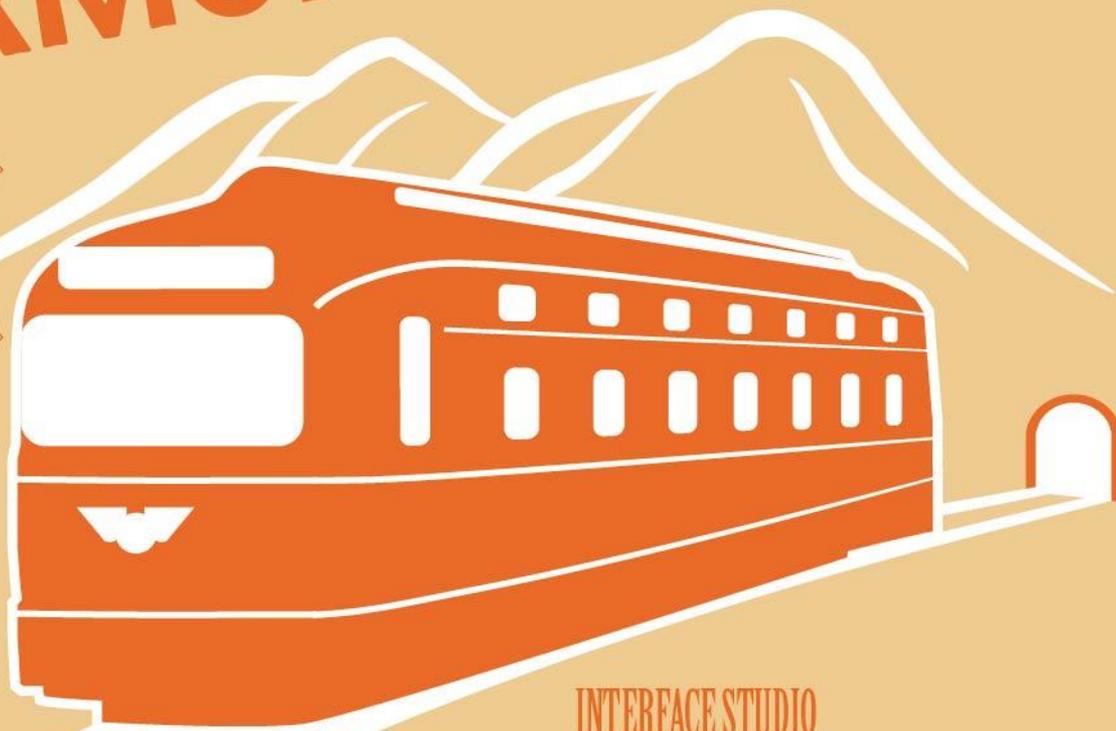


# DREAM DORMONT



*A Direction  
for the Future*



INTERFACE STUDIO  
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DUANE MORRIS GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

**BOROUGH OF DORMONT  
2013 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

# THE **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT WILL:



- ESTABLISH PRIORITIES & DEVELOP A VISION FOR WHAT WE WANT
- ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE & ACTION
- GUIDE DECISION MAKING
- DETERMINE HOW BEST TO ALLOCATE LIMITED RESOURCES
- RAISE MONEY FOR IMPROVEMENTS



COMMUNITY  
INPUT

DATA  
COLLECTION

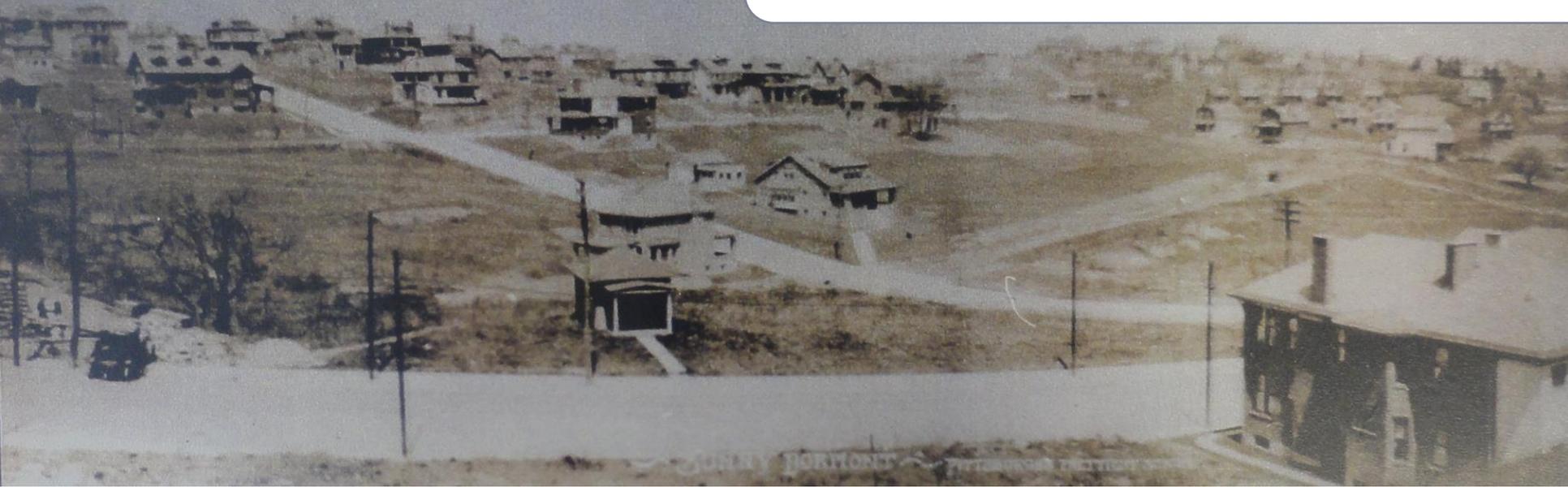


IN PUTTING TOGETHER A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, WE COMBINE ANALYSIS OF DATA WITH **YOUR** IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE, THEN WORK WITH YOU TO TURN THESE IDEAS INTO ACTION.



1914

LAST TIME, WE SHOWED YOU PICTURES OF DORMONT'S PAST

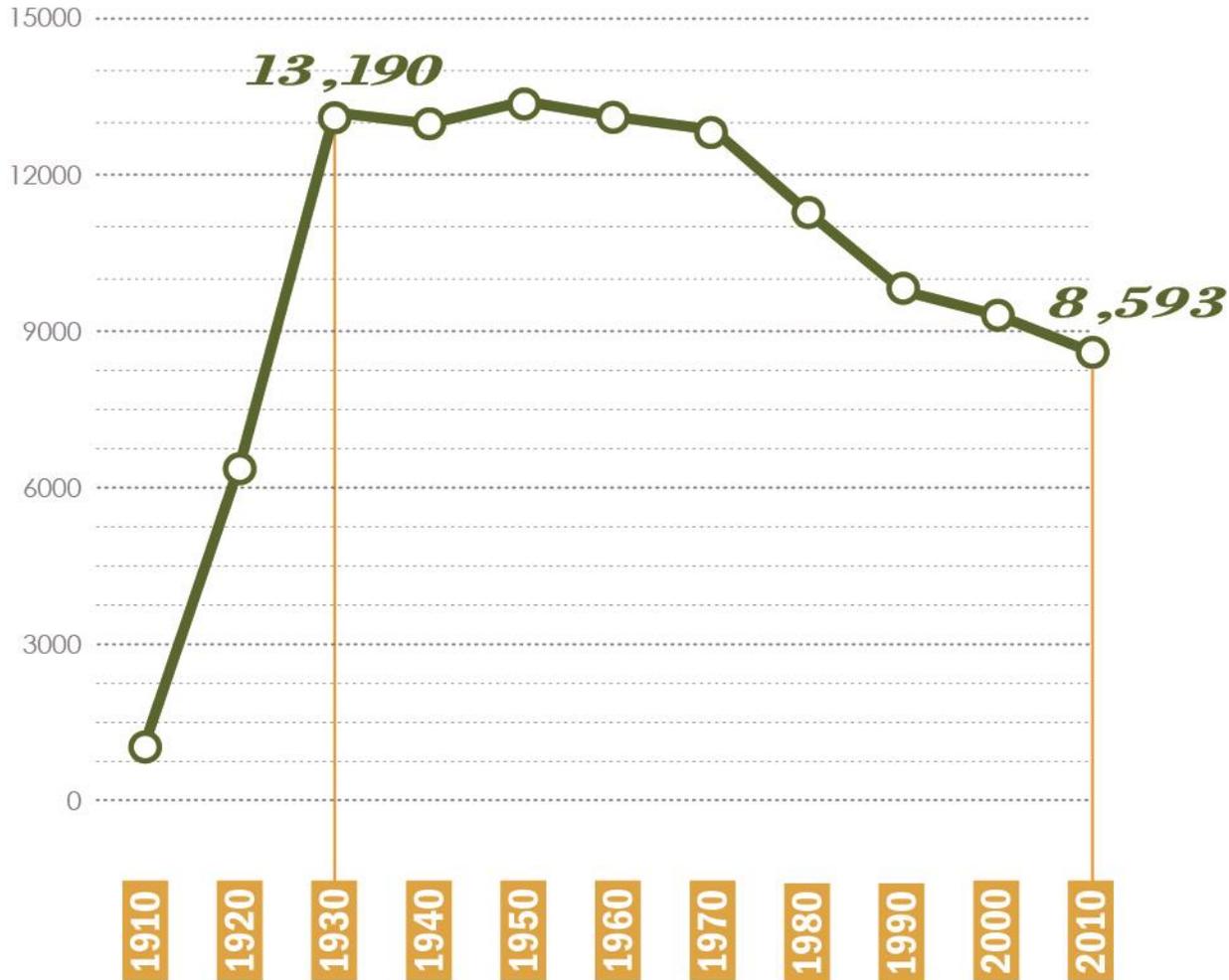


1924

SUNNY DORMONT  
AUG. 26, 1924

## POPULATION CHANGE SINCE 1910

Source: Decennial Censuses of Population, 1910-1990; 2000 & 2010 census summary file 1



AND WE  
TALKED  
ABOUT  
DORMONT  
TODAY.  
QUICK  
SUMMARY:  
THERE'S LESS  
PEOPLE AND  
BUSINESSES  
THAN IN THE  
PAST BUT  
MORE CARS.  
YET,  
DORMONT  
RETAINS A  
UNIQUE  
IDENTITY.

# We want to know

Check out our online COLLABORATIVE MAP to share your ideas and see what your neighbors are saying.

Or visit the **BIG MAP** in Borough Hall.

what you're thinking

## Comprehensive Plan Collaborative Map

You don't have to wait until the next event to participate! If you have place-specific thoughts to share or ideas for how Dormont could be improved, please use the map below to tell us about them. Scroll through the step-by-step map (map) to get started!

- [View All](#) [Add Place](#)
- Build a Garage
  - Building Facade is an Eye Sore
  - Castle Playground
  - Church
  - Coffee Shop**
  - Crosswalk
  - Crosswalks
  - Dangerous Intersection
  - Dangerous Intersection
  - Dangerous intersection
  - Dog Park! :)
  - Dor-Stop
  - Dormont Ave
  - Dormont Historical Society
  - Dormont Park
  - Dormont Pool
  - Dormont brought to you by Rohrich Toyota



**Crosswalks**  
Crossing Dwight Avenue near the Dormont Avenue intersection is dangerous

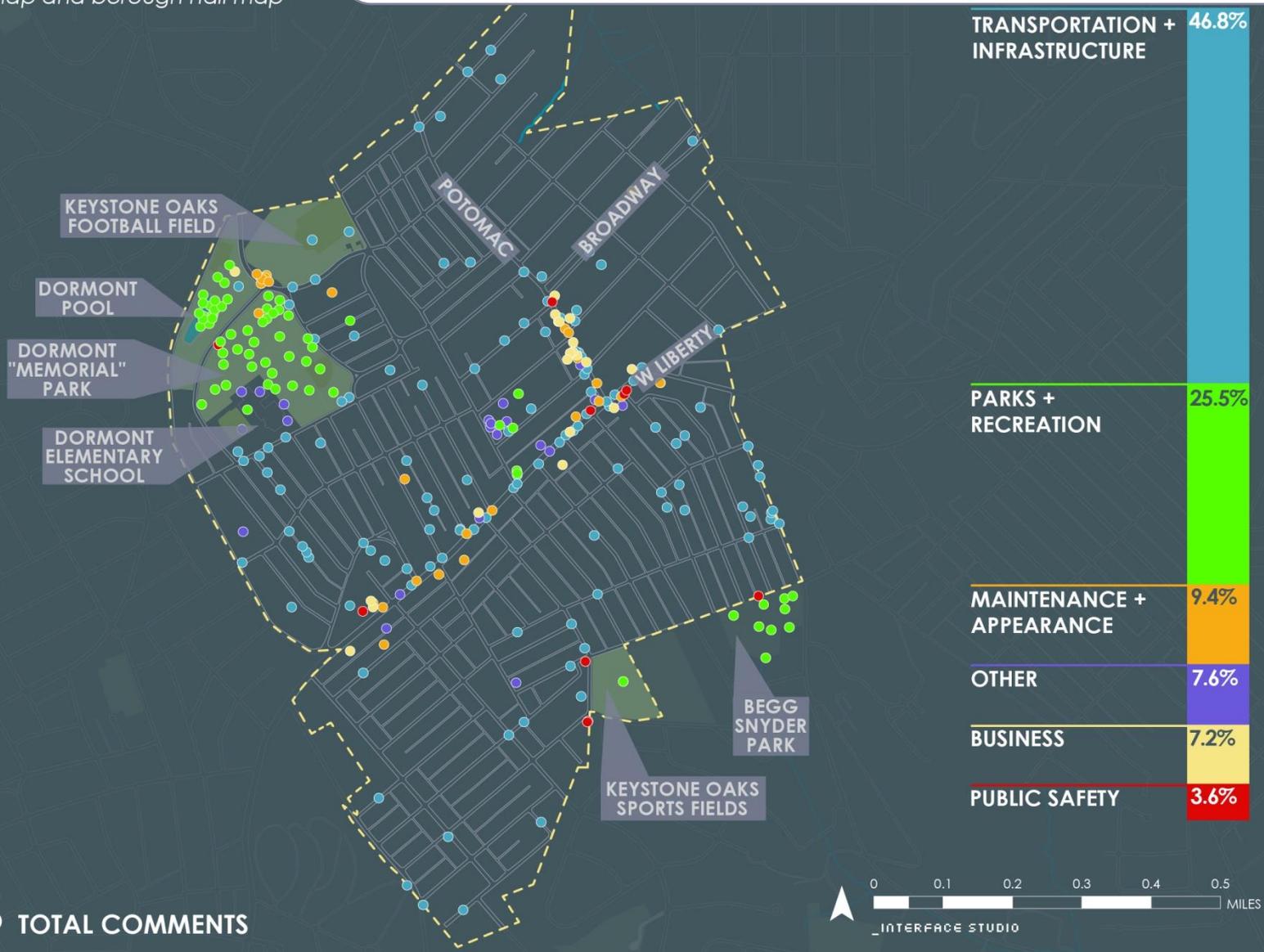
**Dormont Pool**  
An amazing place to make summer memories!!

DURING THE COURSE OF THE PLAN, WE'VE ASKED YOU TO SUBMIT IDEAS ON OUR COLLABORATIVE MAP

# collaborative MAP

Source: online map and borough hall map

## THIS SUMMARIZES WHAT YOU TOLD US: LOTS OF CONCERNS ABOUT TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS.



# 278

TOTAL COMMENTS



# HOLLYWOOD THEATRE

THANK YOU JUNE SPONSORS  
CAINS SALOON  
FREDOS DELI

NOW PLAYING  
THE ATTACK  
SOURCE FAMILY  
JUNE 5 - DREAM STOP MAKING SENSE  
DORMONT!

NOW ITS TIME TO  
TALK ABOUT  
DORMONT  
TOMORROW  
FEATURING YOUR  
IDEAS

WE WERE PHOTO-BOMBED!



YOU CAME OUT IN FORCE THE  
LAST TIME WE HAD AN EVENT  
AT THE THEATER.





LOOK AT ALL THE IDEAS YOU GAVE US!

# BUDGETING

FOR ONE OF THE EXERCISES, WE ASKED YOU TO SPEND SOME MONEY (FAKE OF COURSE) TO DETERMINE YOUR BUDGET PRIORITIES



#1  
ANSWER!

**\$613**



**\$521**



**\$340**



**\$319**



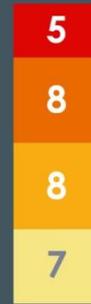
**\$247**



**\$233**



**\$227**



**\$88**



BUSINESS DISTRICT

INFRASTRUCTURE  
(STREETS + STORMWATER)

PUBLIC SAFETY

PARKS & RECREATION

COMMUNITY AESTHETICS

CODE ENFORCEMENT

GREEN INITIATIVES

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION  
(TRANSIT, WALKING, BIKING)

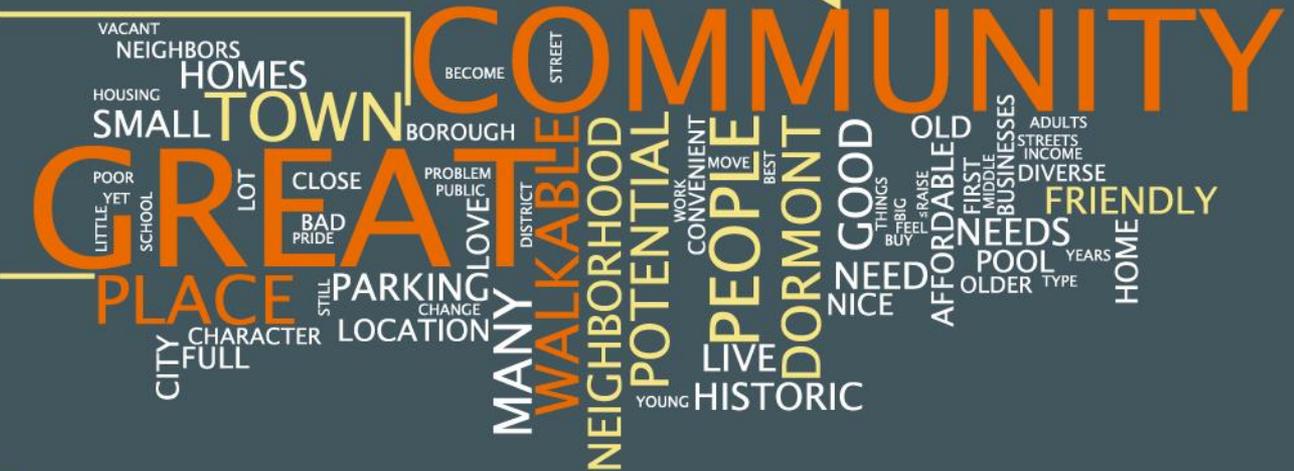


THESE ARE YOUR ANSWERS. THE BIGGER THE WORD, THE MORE IT WAS SAID

TODAY

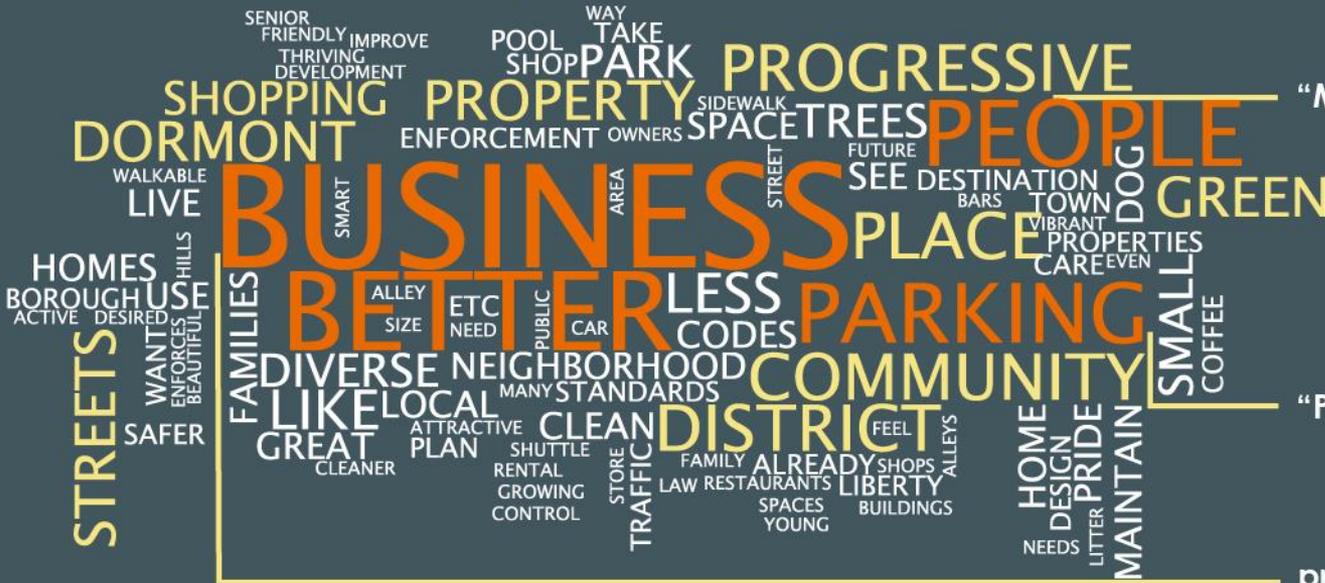
"Walkable, friendly community with historic homes and neighborhood pride"

"A great little town to live in with some challenges to meet"



TOMORROW

"More diverse, more progressive"



"Parking needs to be addressed"

"Encourage small business and promote community engagement"

## OUR **DREAM** FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY CALLS FOR A **DORMONT** THAT IS:

- > **HISTORIC:** WITH EVENTS AND PROGRAMS THAT HELP RESIDENTS CHERISH OUR HERITAGE;
- > **HEALTHY:** A BOROUGH THAT FOSTERS SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS;
- > **WALKABLE:** A COMMUNITY THAT WALKS TO TRANSIT, LOCAL SERVICES AND STORES;
- > **THRIVING:** WITH A VIBRANT BUSINESS DISTRICT THAT OFFERS VARIETY AND A UNIQUE PERSONALITY;
- > **PROGRESSIVE:** WITH LEADERSHIP THAT EFFICIENTLY USES LAND, INFRASTRUCTURE, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER.

WHAT FOLLOWS ARE SOME **INITIAL GOALS AND IDEAS**. TO PREVENT YOU FROM SITTING HERE FOR AN HOUR, WE'RE JUST HITTING THE HIGHLIGHTS. TAKE A LOOK AND THEN COME DOWNSTAIRS AND TELL US WHAT YOU THINK. THESE ARE IDEAS ONLY AND COME FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU.

**“The housing stock is sturdy, it needs some work, but the homes can stand for a long time. We have good bones.”**

AS A PART OF THE PROCESS, YOU HELPED US IDENTIFY SOME GOALS AND SPECIFIC STRATEGIES FOR DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF DORMONT. LET'S TALK ABOUT HOUSING FIRST...

**HOUSING**

# GOALS: HOUSING

①

**MAINTAIN AND MARKET DORMONT'S LIVABLE AND AFFORDABLE NEIGHBORHOODS**

②

**PRESERVE AND IMPROVE HISTORIC HOUSING STOCK**

③

**ENCOURAGE REHABILITATION OF MULTI-FAMILY UNITS, ESPECIALLY ADJACENT TO TRANSIT**

④

**EXPAND THE RANGE OF HOUSING OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

HERE'S WHAT WE'VE HEARD ABOUT HOUSING.

TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, WE NEED SPECIFIC ACTIONS. THE NEXT FEW SLIDES OFFER A FEW IDEAS THAT HAVE COME UP SO FAR...



# IDEAS TO IMPROVE DORMONT...

- > **IDEA:** IMPROVE CODE ENFORCEMENT
- > **IDEA:** STRENGTHEN NEIGHBORHOOD MARKETING CAMPAIGNS
- > **IDEA:** HELP SENIORS STAY IN DORMONT
  - DEVELOP NEW SENIOR HOUSING
  - RETROFIT EXISTING HOMES WHERE POSSIBLE



> **IDEA:** CONVERT UNDERUTILIZED UPPER FLOORS INTO HOUSING

We want **YOU**  
to live & work  
**HERE**



A LOT OF SPACE ABOVE STORES IN DORMONT IS UNDERUTILIZED. THESE COULD BE REPURPOSED FOR HOUSING TARGETED TO YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS.



> **IDEA:** PURSUE NEW MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT AROUND TRANSIT

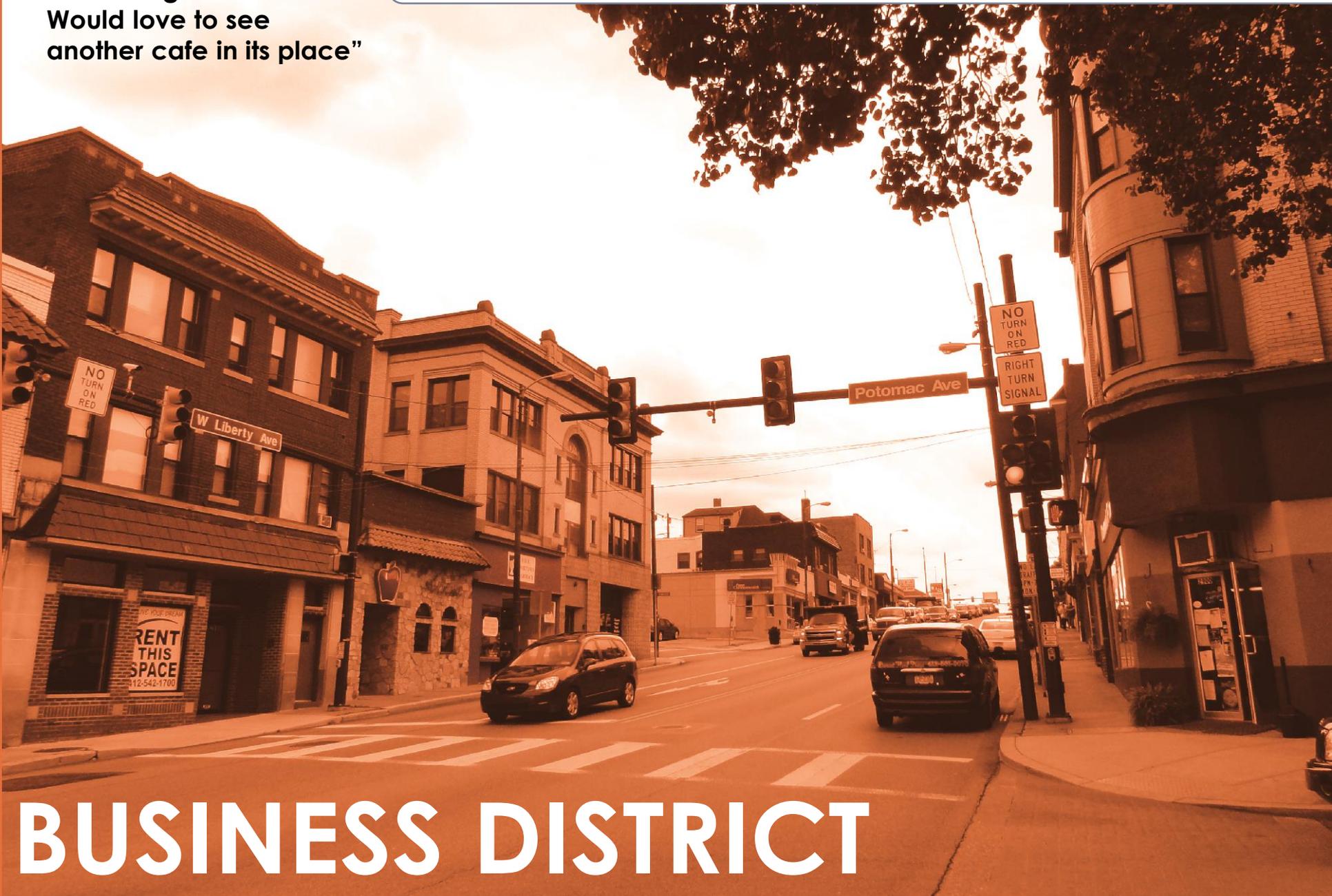


DORMONT JUNCTION IS A PRIORITY BUT NEW DEVELOPMENT AT POTOMAC STATION LATER WOULD HELP TO INCREASE TRANSIT USE AND EXPAND HOUSING CHOICE IN THE BOROUGH

**POTENTIAL TOD AREAS**

NOW LET'S TURN TO THE BUSINESS DISTRICT

"I miss Sugar Cafe!  
Would love to see  
another cafe in its place"



**BUSINESS DISTRICT**

# AT THE LAST EVENT, YOU GAVE US LOTS OF SPECIFIC IDEAS

"A fresh, vegetarian friendly café/coffee shop - somewhere to stop by for a bite and a laptop, Or meet with friends or a good book"

"I remember the Spar Market, Hollywood Theater and have fond memories of shopping and recreating on Potomac Ave when I was a child. It seemed friendlier, quieter and safer back then."

"Café with morning coffee, bagels, donuts, lunch bar at windows!"

"Corner should re-develop ... to capitalize on 'T' access"

"It could be restored and celebrated as a landmark with a powerful community sense of place for generations to come"

"Return to multiple-lot non-car dealership businesses. Too small of a community for such a large presence!"

"Bike racks, benches and parking will allow ... businesses to grow and attract people from all over the South Hills"

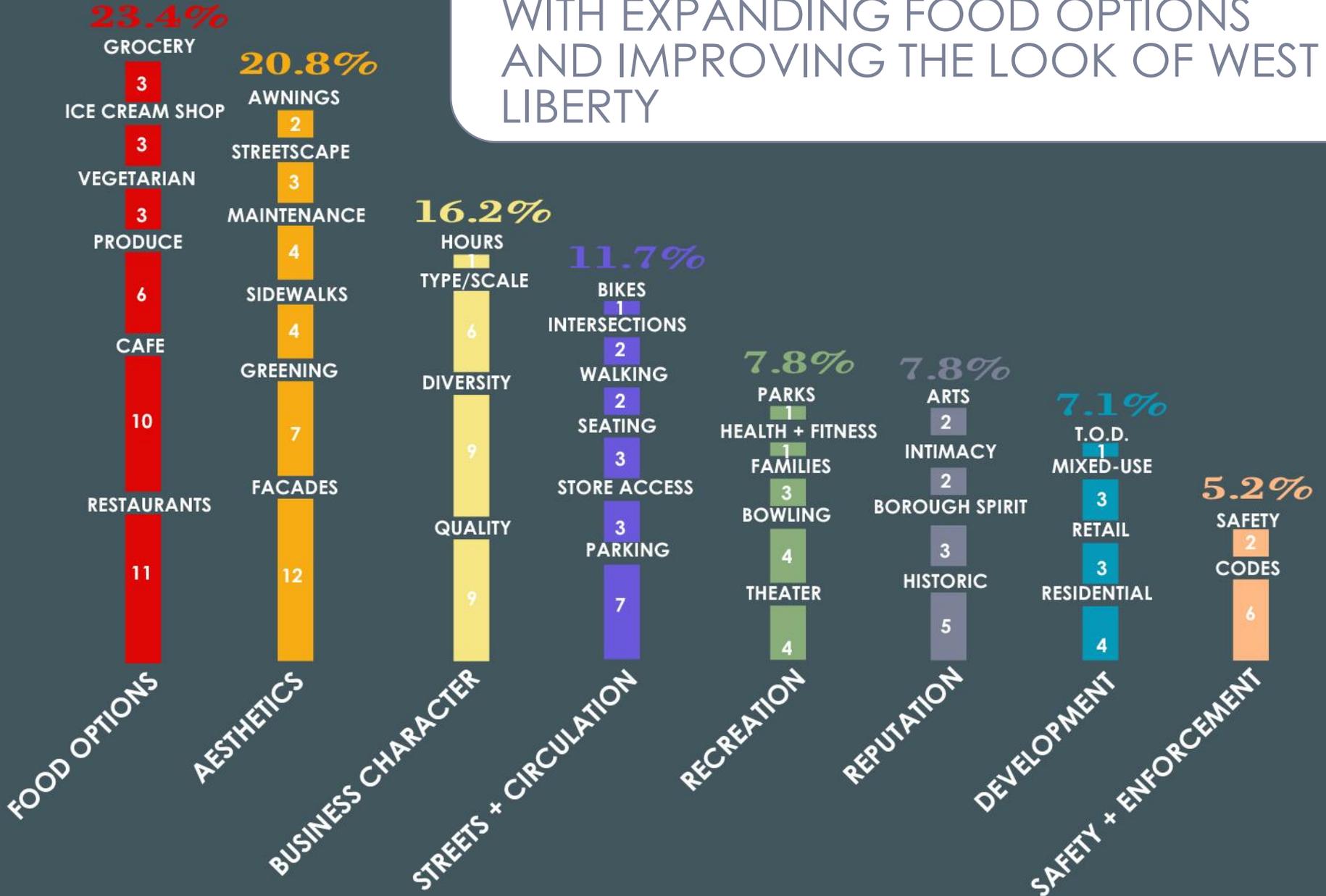
"Let's bring back bowling to Dormont!"

"West Liberty needs character ... It needs storefronts improved, trees and green pedestrian-friendly crosswalks"

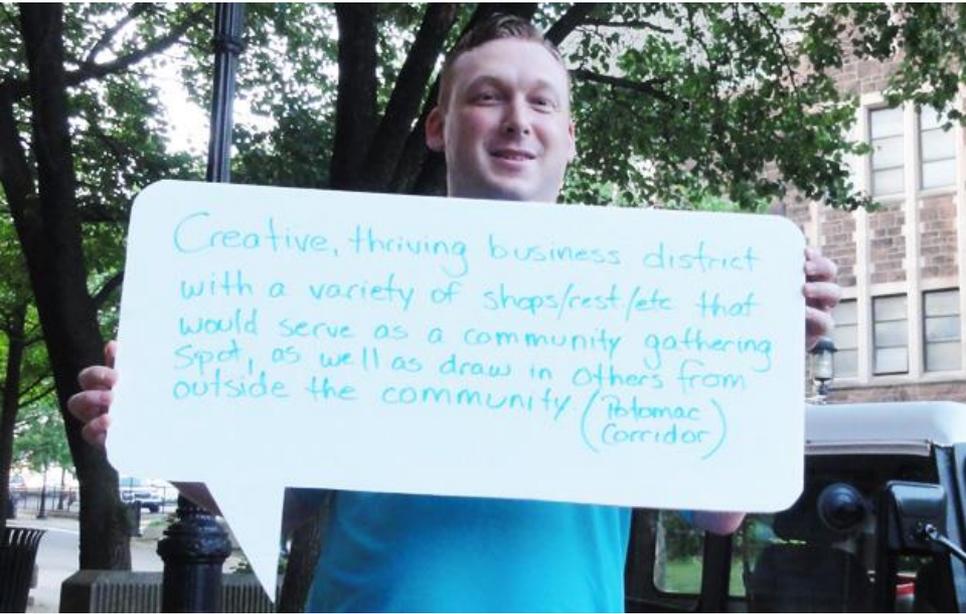


# COMMENTS

THE MAJORITY OF YOUR IDEAS FOR THE BUSINESS DISTRICT HAD TO DO WITH EXPANDING FOOD OPTIONS AND IMPROVING THE LOOK OF WEST LIBERTY



# WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA?



# GOALS: BUSINESS DISTRICT

- 1 IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT
- 2 ESTABLISH DORMONT AS A DESTINATION FOR UNIQUE RETAIL AND SERVICES
- 3 PROMOTE A WALKABLE SHOPPING ENVIRONMENT
- 4 MARKET EXISTING BUSINESSES AND ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO “BUY LOCAL”
- 5 ATTRACT A GREATER RANGE OF RETAIL SERVICES

HERE'S WHAT WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THE BUSINESS DISTRICT.

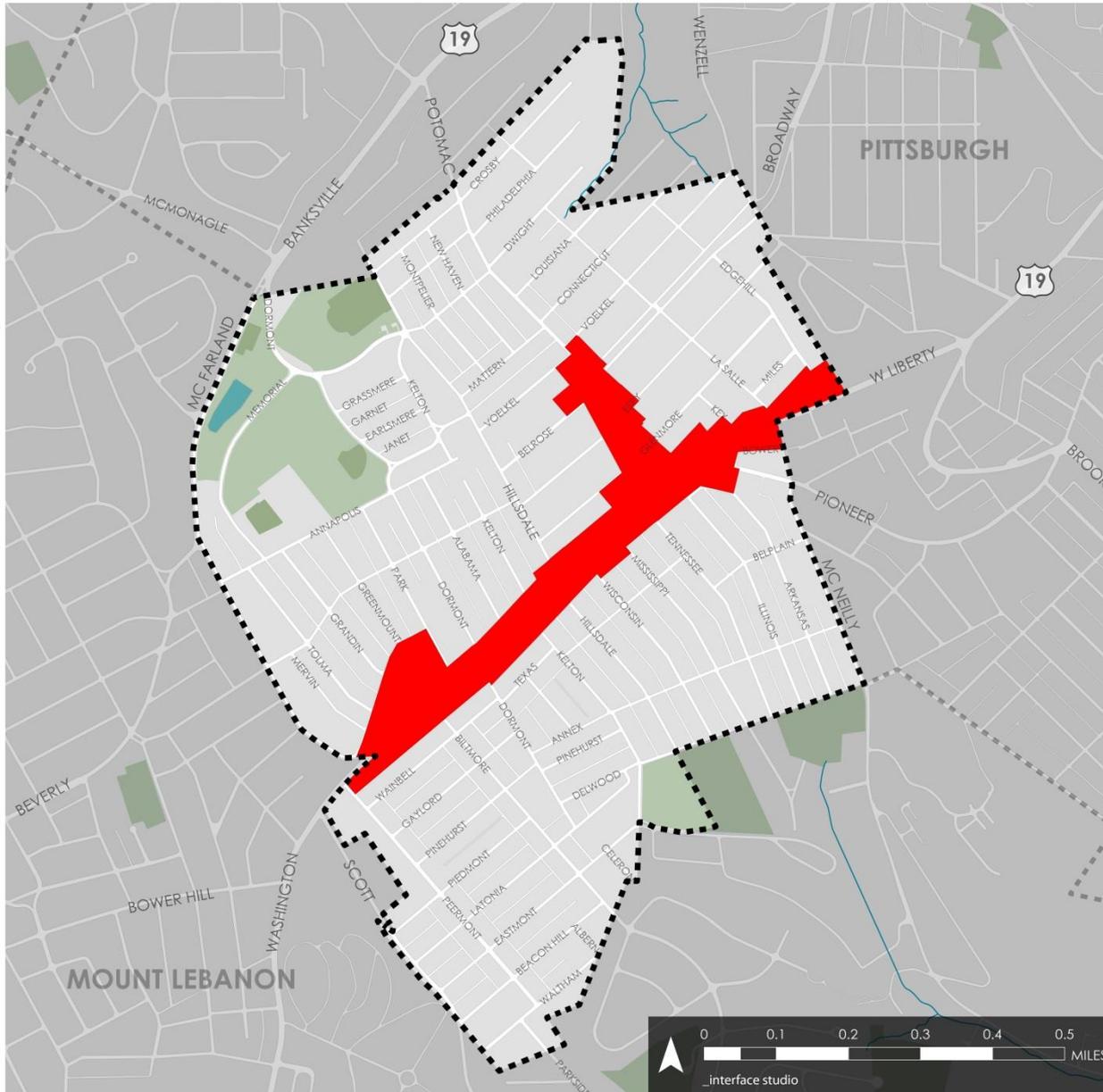
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# COMMERCIAL ZONING

Source: Dormont Borough

■ C: GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT



TODAY, ZONING SAYS THAT ALL OF WEST LIBERTY AND POTOMAC SHOULD BE TREATED THE SAME.

OF COURSE WE KNOW THAT THE CONDITIONS CHANGE A LOT WITHIN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT. THERE'S STORES PULLED TO THE STREET, AUTO-ORIENTED BUSINESSES AND EVEN HOUSING



**IDEA:**

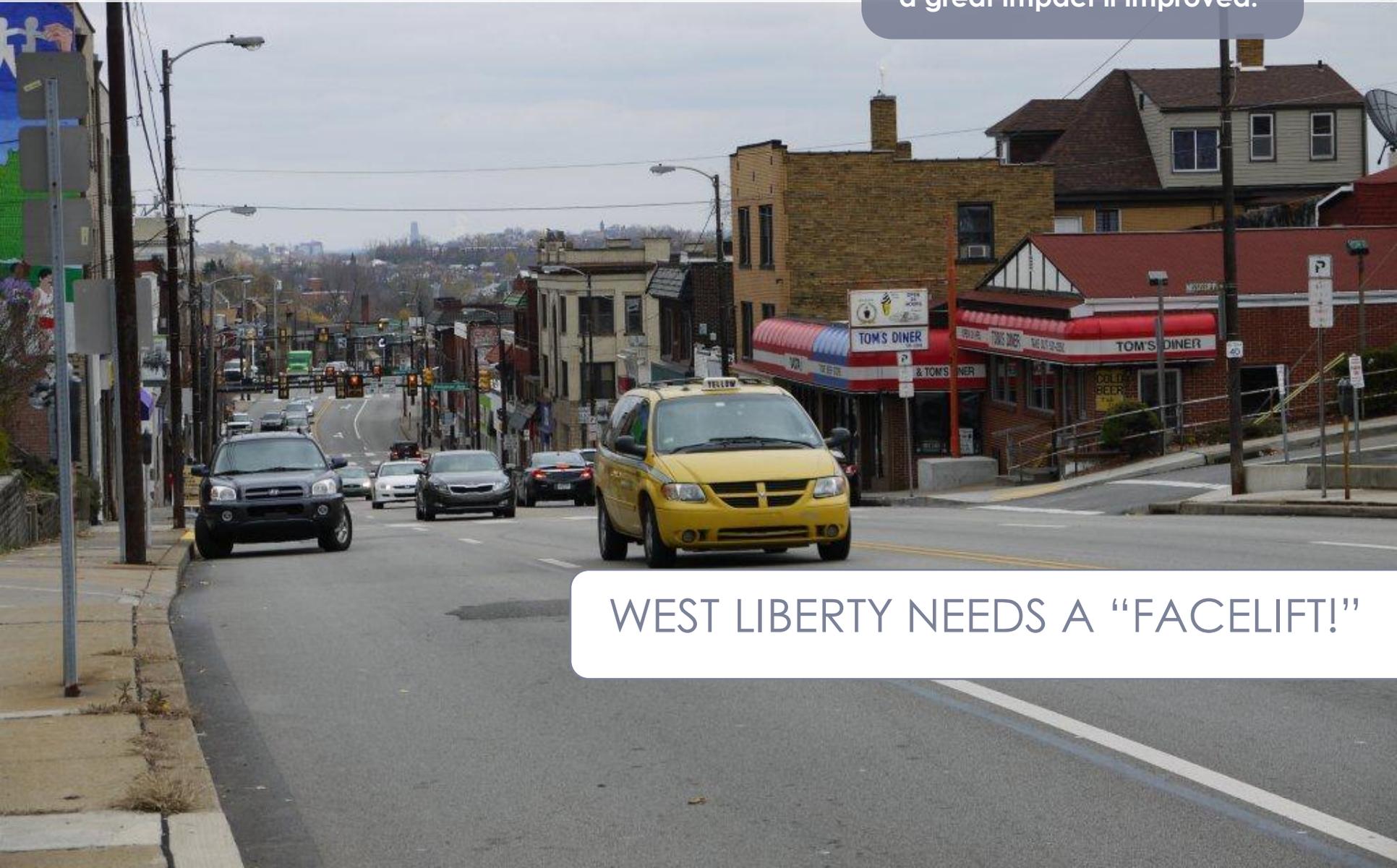
SEEMS TO US THAT ZONING SHOULD REFLECT WHAT WE WANT FOR THE BOROUGH. WE THINK THERE ARE THREE BASIC "CHARACTER AREAS" FOR THE BUSINESS DISTRICT: MAIN STREET, THE LIVING ROOM AND THE DRIVE-THRU



- SPECIFIC IDEAS INCLUDE:
- > **IDEA:** DEFINE DISTINCT COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS ON WEST LIBERTY
  - > **IDEA:** UPDATE EXISTING ZONING & CODES!
  - > **IDEA:** PURSUE STREETScape ENHANCEMENTS FOR WEST LIBERTY AND POTOMAC

# WEST LIBERTY AVENUE

“This is arguably the most visible thoroughfare in the borough and would provide a great impact if improved.”



WEST LIBERTY NEEDS A “FACELIFT!”

BUT IN RE-DESIGNING WEST LIBERTY, WE RECOGNIZE THAT MOST PEOPLE EXPERIENCE IT LIKE THIS. CAN WE CREATE MORE BALANCE IN HOW PEOPLE USE THE STREET?

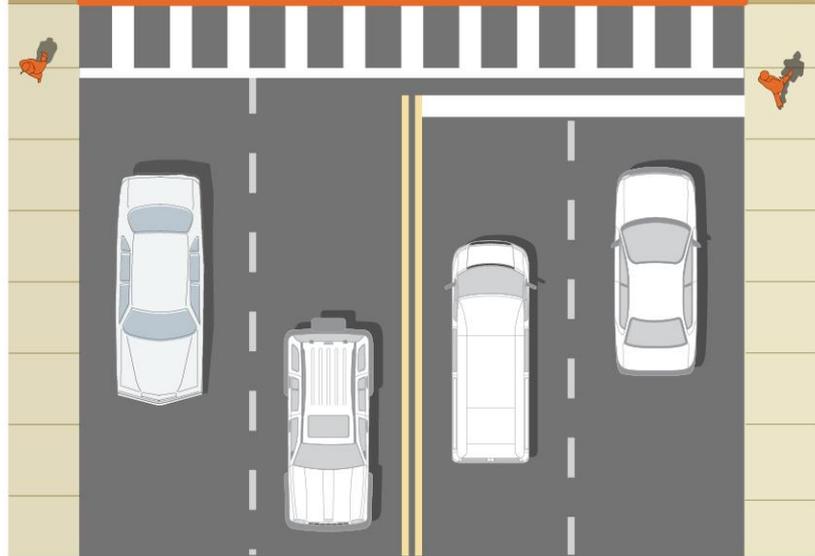


# WEST LIBERTY



THIS PART OF THE DRAWING IS A SECTION. LOOK AT THOSE TINY SIDEWALKS

THIS IS WHAT THE STREET LOOKS LIKE TODAY. THAT'S A LOT OF ASPHALT TO CROSS



THIS PART OF THE DRAWING IS A PLAN. IT SHOWS WHAT THE STREET LOOKS LIKE FROM ABOVE



56'  
PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

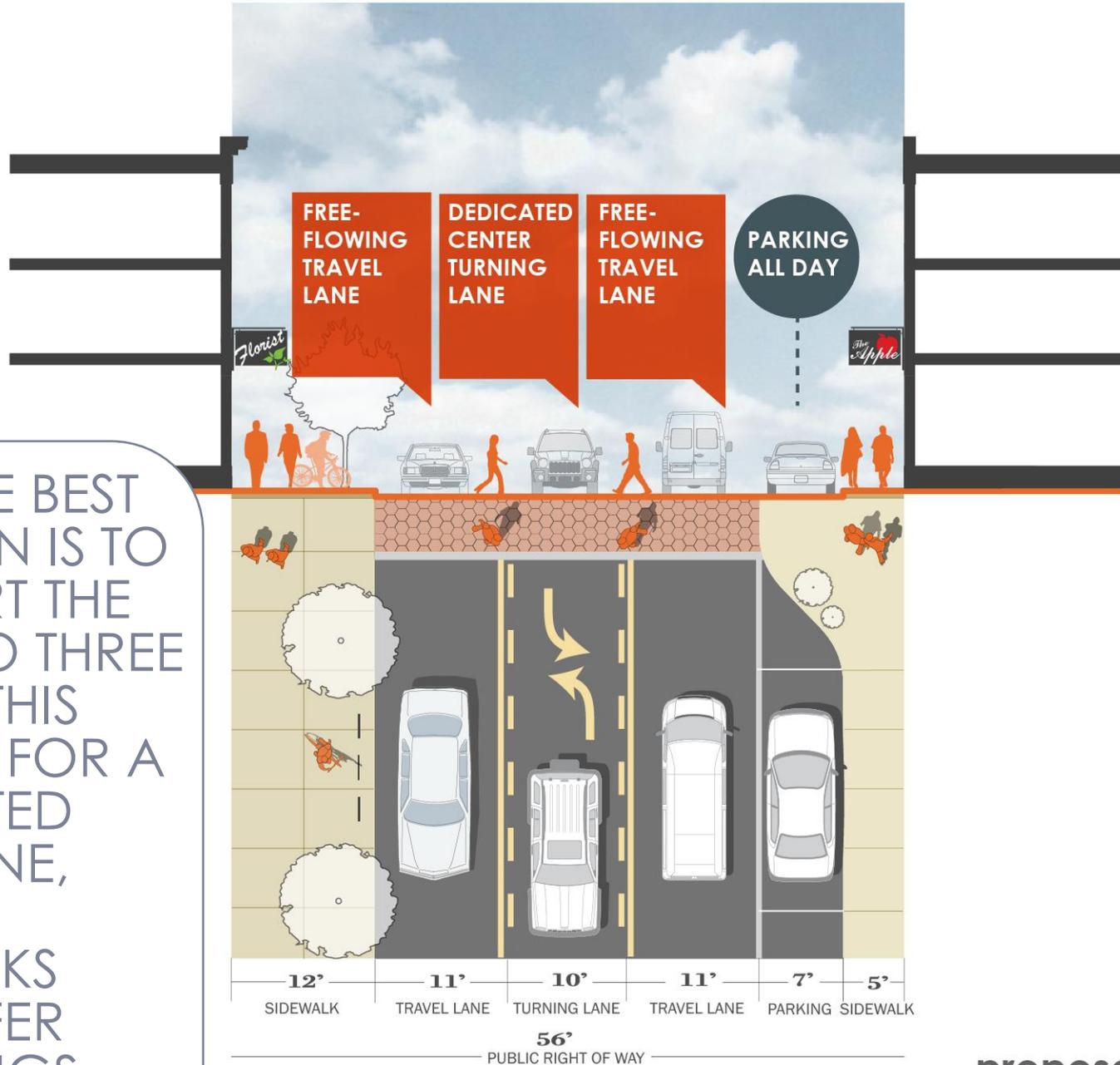
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# WEST LIBERTY



WE COULD MAKE THE SIDEWALKS A LITTLE WIDER. BUT THIS COSTS A LOT OF MONEY TO ONLY GAIN A COUPLE OF FEET

# WEST LIBERTY

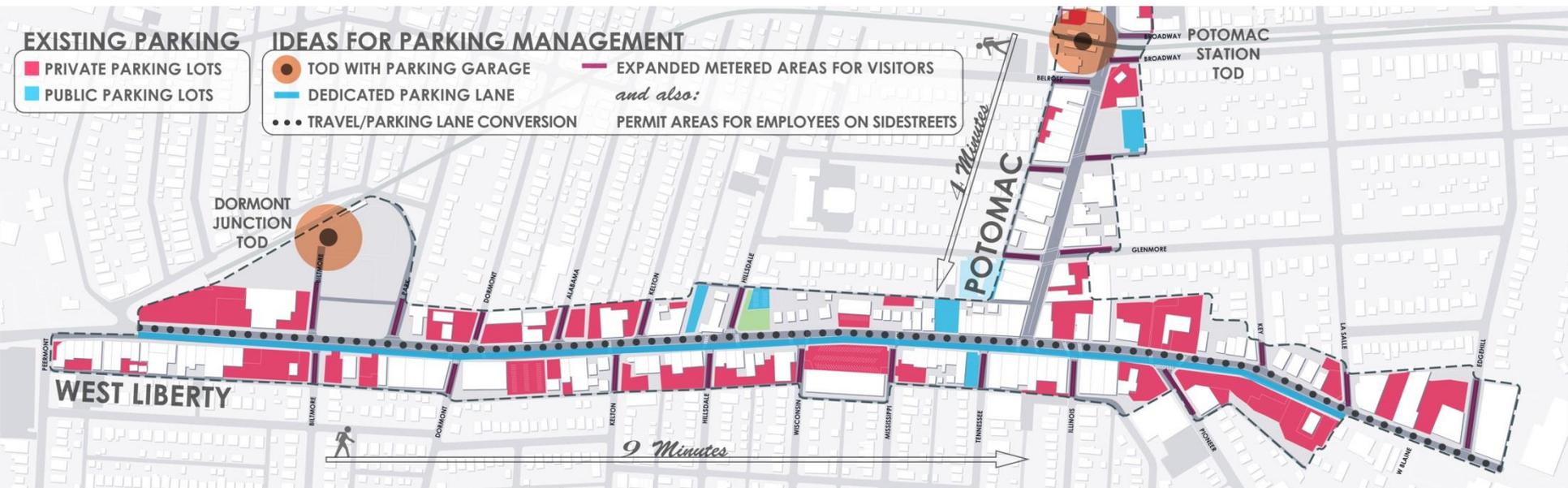


**IDEA:** THE BEST SOLUTION IS TO CONVERT THE ROAD TO THREE LANES. THIS ALLOWS FOR A DEDICATED TURN LANE, WIDER SIDEWALKS AND SAFER CROSSINGS

proposed

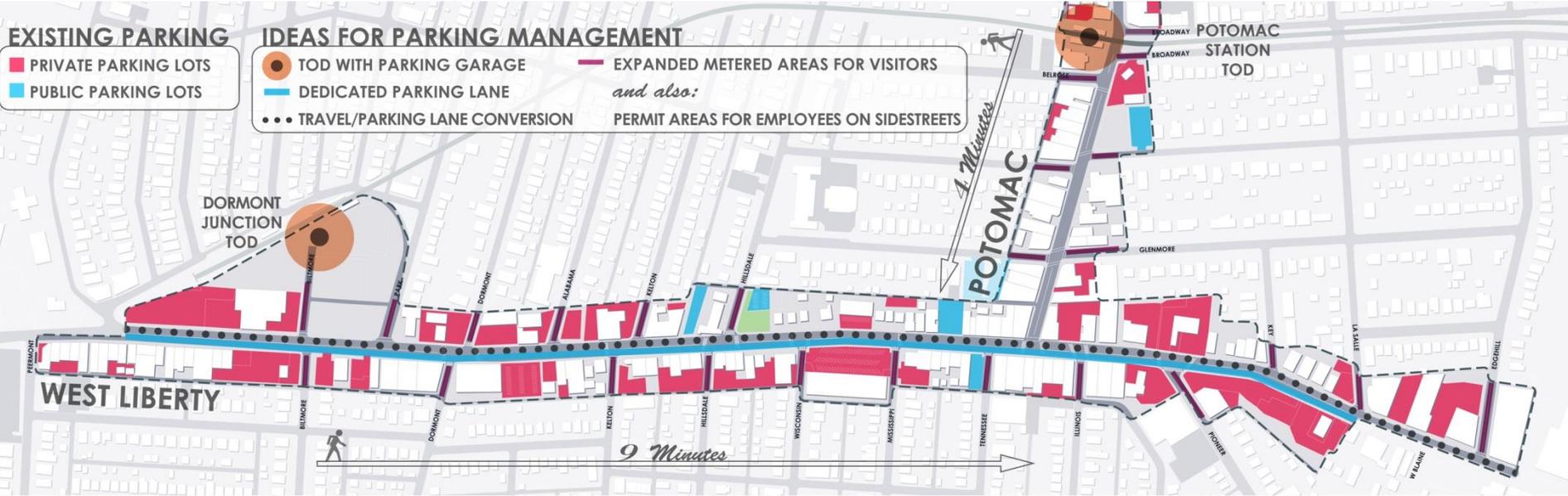
TO MAKE THIS WORK REALLY WELL, ON-STREET PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH A WIDER SIDEWALK.

NOW BEFORE YOU FREAK OUT, SOME OTHER THINGS ARE NEEDED BEFORE THIS COULD HAPPEN...



...LIKE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC PARKING DECK AT DORMONT JUNCTION – THIS WOULD MAKE UP FOR THE PARKING WE LOSE ON-STREET.

ALSO, WE THINK EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE PROVIDED PERMITS TO PARK ON NEARBY RESIDENTIAL STREETS DURING THE DAY. THIS PLUS EXPANDED METERED AREAS AND BETTER MANAGEMENT WOULD MAKE FOR BETTER PARKING



AND IN THE END, WE ONLY LOSE PARKING DURING THE DAY. DURING RUSH HOURS, WE HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF ON-STREET SPACES

IMAGINE... A MORE ATTRACTIVE STREET, WIDER  
SIDEWALKS, DEDICATED ON-STREET PARKING AND  
AN IMPROVED IMAGE FOR THE BOROUGH



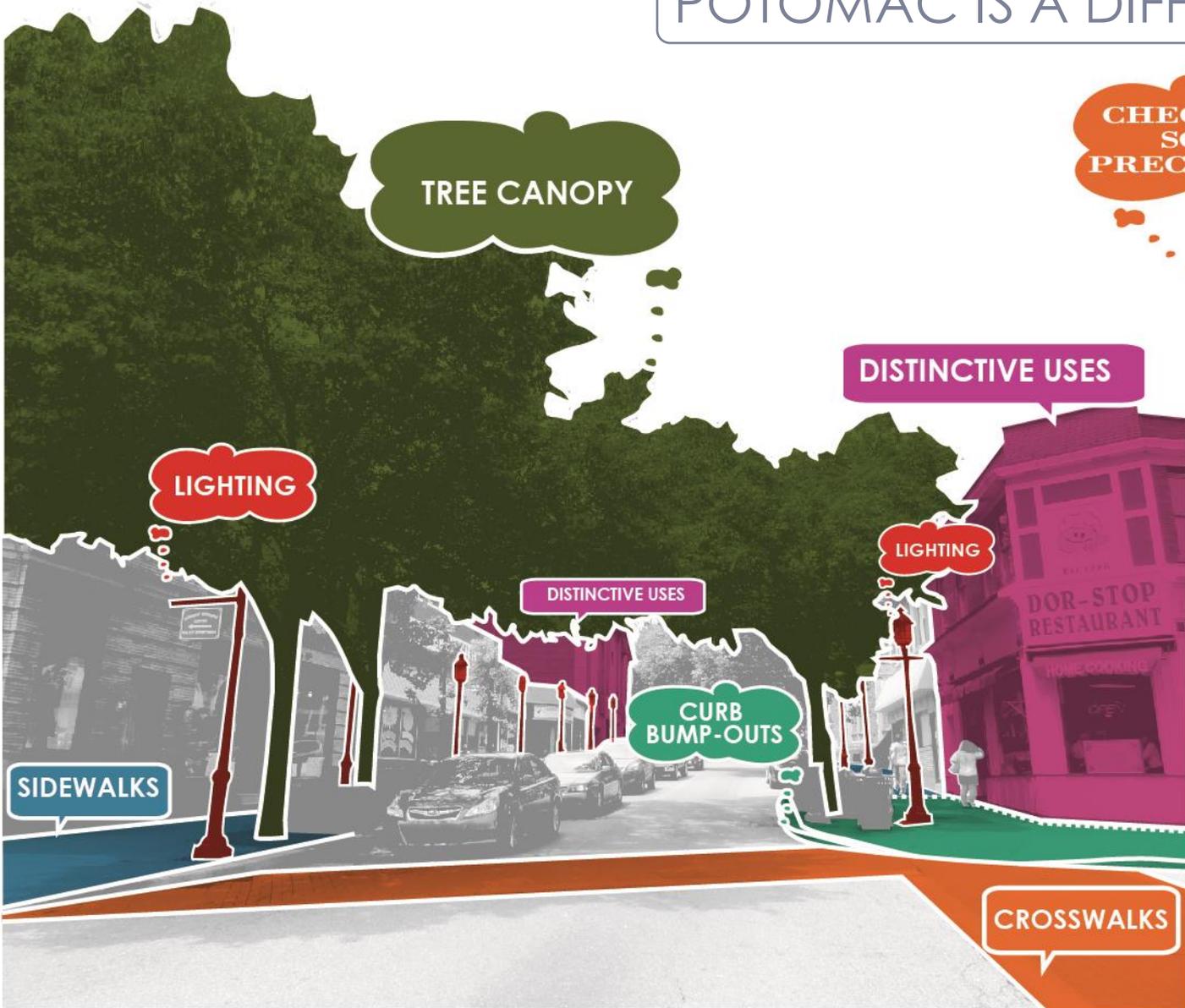
OK, THIS PICTURE ISN'T  
DORMONT...BUT IT COULD BE

# POTOMAC STREET

HAS MANY OF THE QUALITIES THAT MAKE A STREET GREAT.

IMAGINE IT AS DORMONT'S LIVING ROOM

POTOMAC IS A DIFFERENT STORY.



CHECK OUT SOME PRECEDENTS



AS THE BOROUGH'S "LIVING ROOM" POTOMAC IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVENTS, LIGHTING AND PUBLIC ART THAT WOULD BE UNIQUE TO DORMONT.



THERE ARE ALREADY EVENTS ON POTOMAC, HOW ABOUT A REGULAR SCHEDULE OF THEM AND CREATIVELY USING THE TREE CANOPY?

IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD HAVE A NIGHT TIME IMPACT AS WELL.



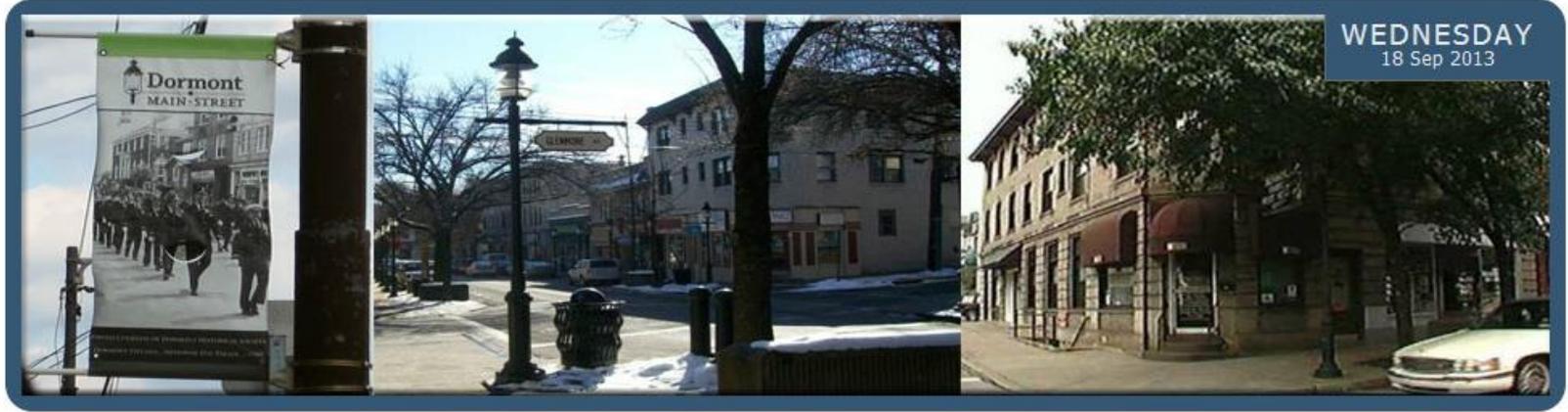


THESE ARE EXAMPLES FROM PHILLY

> **IDEA:** HELP BUSINESSES WITH FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECTING SIGNS AND WINDOW DISPLAYS

A FEW OTHER IDEAS TO IMPROVE BOTH POMOTAC AND WEST LIBERTY





> **IDEA:** UPDATE ON-LINE RESOURCES THAT PROMOTE BUSINESSES

> **IDEA:** PROMOTE “BUYING LOCAL”



**NEW TOTES**

> **IDEA:** NEW EVENTS!  
LIKE....A PIZZA  
FIGHT! WE'VE  
HEARD (AND SEEN)  
HOW MANY PIZZA  
PLACES THERE ARE  
IN DORMONT.  
WHY NOT HAVE  
THEM COMPETE  
TO SEE WHO'S IS  
THE BEST? WOULD  
BE A PLUS FOR  
MARKETING THE  
BOROUGH AND  
FOR THE  
BUSINESSES  
THEMSELVES.



**“One of the benefits of Dormont is that it is walkable community... some of us should be walking more.”**

**“15 minutes from anywhere”**

**TIME TO TALK TRANSPORTATION**

**TRANSPORTATION**



STREET DIRECTIONS IN DORMONT CAN BE CONFUSING.

IS THIS A ONE WAY OR  
TWO WAY STREET?

WHICH WAY?  
ANY WAY!

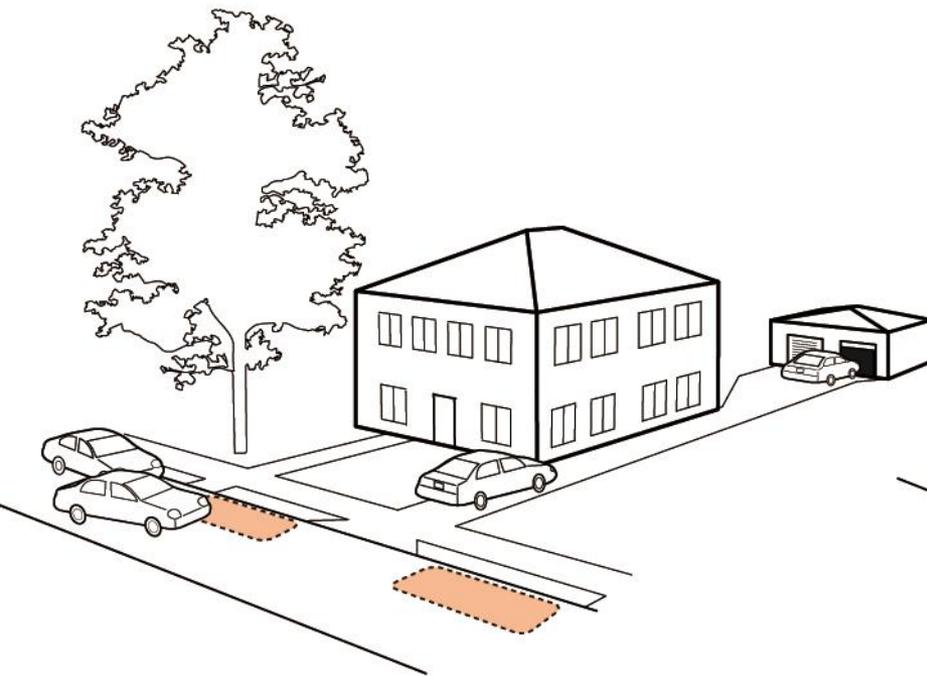


# AND OF COURSE YOU TOLD US THAT ON STREET PARKING IS ESPECIALLY HARD TO FIND

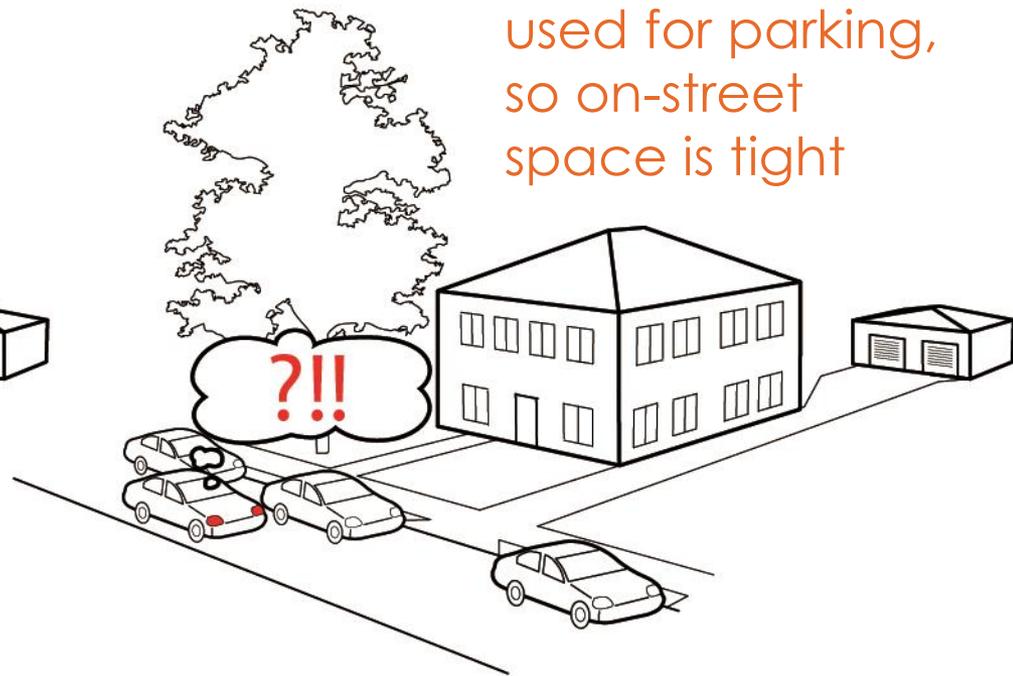
“[the] perception is that you can’t find parking on your block”

“Why are people with driveways and multiple car garages allowed to park on the street with limited on street parking?”

*Ideally:* There is enough room for everyone



*But really:* Many driveways & garages aren't used for parking, so on-street space is tight



# LAST TIME, WE ASKED YOU ABOUT SAFE AND SLOW STREETS



**ENFORCEMENT** concerns accounted for 38% of **DISLIKES**

“You can make all the slow zones you want – with no enforcement of speed limit in Dormont, nobody cares”



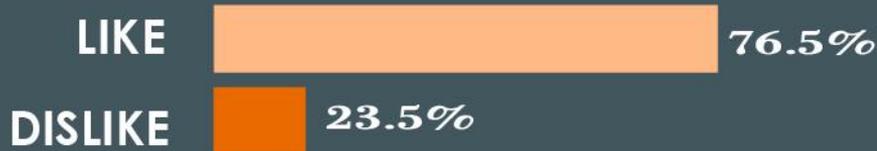
“I really like the idea of day-lighting putting focus on intersections for ped, bike, and vehicular safety”

MOST RESPONDENTS SUPPORTED **SLOWER, SAFER** STREETS



“Part of why we bought a home here is because of its walkability – and it needs to be safe!!”

# AND WE ASKED YOU ABOUT PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES



**AESTHETICS AND DISTRACTIONS**  
accounted for 63% of **DISLIKES**

“Signage and lighting not ideal  
for aesthetics”



“Promotes walking, activity, community interaction, safety, recreation and supports local businesses”

GENERALLY, PEOPLE WERE IN FAVOR OF IMPROVEMENTS THAT INCREASE **WALKABILITY AND SAFETY**



ENHANCED CROSSWALK

“Stop for peds signage – a nice reminder!”

# GOALS: TRANSPORTATION / PARKING

①

**MAKE STREETS SAFER FOR ALL USERS AND ENCOURAGE MORE WALKING AND BIKING**

②

**IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE OF STREETS, ESPECIALLY GATEWAYS AND HIGHLY VISIBLE CORRIDORS**

③

**IMPROVE THE FUNCTIONALITY OF STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS**

④

**ENCOURAGE TRANSIT USE**

⑤

**ENCOURAGE BETTER USE AND MANAGEMENT OF EXISTING PARKING**

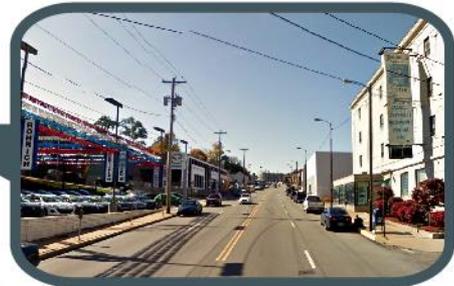
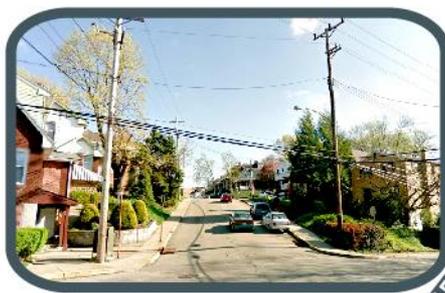
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**ACCOMMODATE DIFFERENT PARKING USERS: RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS & COMMUTERS**



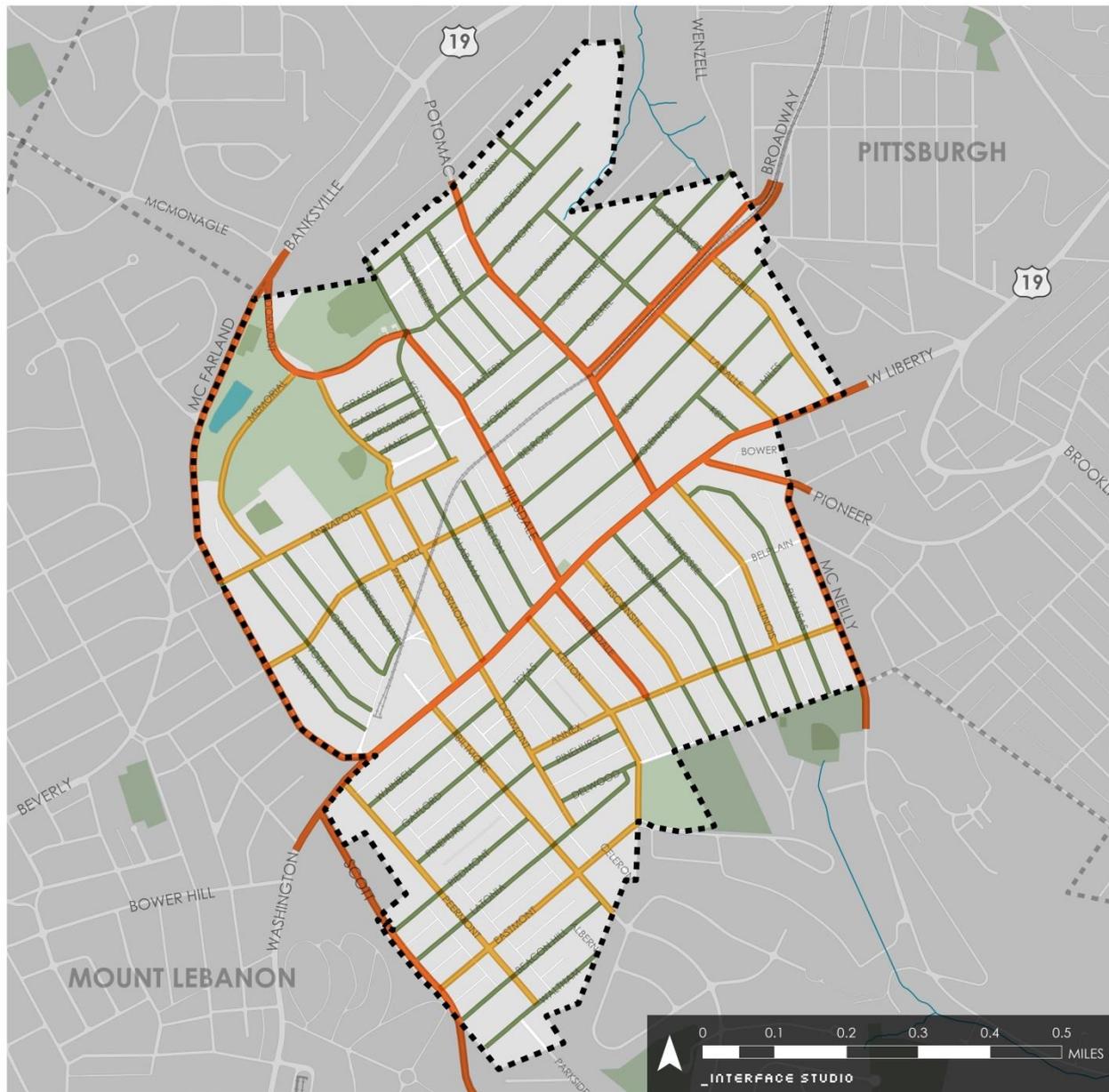
TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, WE NEED SPECIFIC ACTIONS. THE NEXT FEW SLIDES OFFER A FEW IDEAS THAT HAVE COME UP SO FAR...

# > IDEA: IMPROVE GATEWAYS INTO DORMONT



- Gateway at borough access street
  - Gateway at other street
- Signage at gateway
- No signage at gateway

> **IDEA:** ADOPT A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY, BUT WE NEED THIS POLICY TO RECOGNIZE THAT DORMONT HAS DIFFERENT STREET TYPES.



Source: Sam Schwartz Engineering

- BOROUGH ACCESS**
- NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTORS**
- LOCAL STREETS**

**BOROUGH ACCESS**  
lead in & out of Borough  
higher proportion of commercial  
and institutional use than other  
streets

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTORS**  
connect to  
Borough Access streets  
alternative routes to Borough  
Access streets

**LOCAL STREETS**  
narrower and less conducive  
to traffic than Neighborhood  
Connectors

EACH STREET TYPE HAS DIFFERENT GOALS AND SOLUTIONS



## *Borough Access*

### **GOALS**

- traffic calming
- direct travelers to amenities
- showcase Borough

### **TOOLS**

- decorative crosswalks
- curb bump outs
- bike lanes/sharrows
- signage
- public art
- landscaping

## *Neighborhood Connectors*

### **GOALS**

- traffic calming

### **TOOLS**

- visible crosswalks
- rumble strips
- bike lanes/sharrows

## *Local Streets*

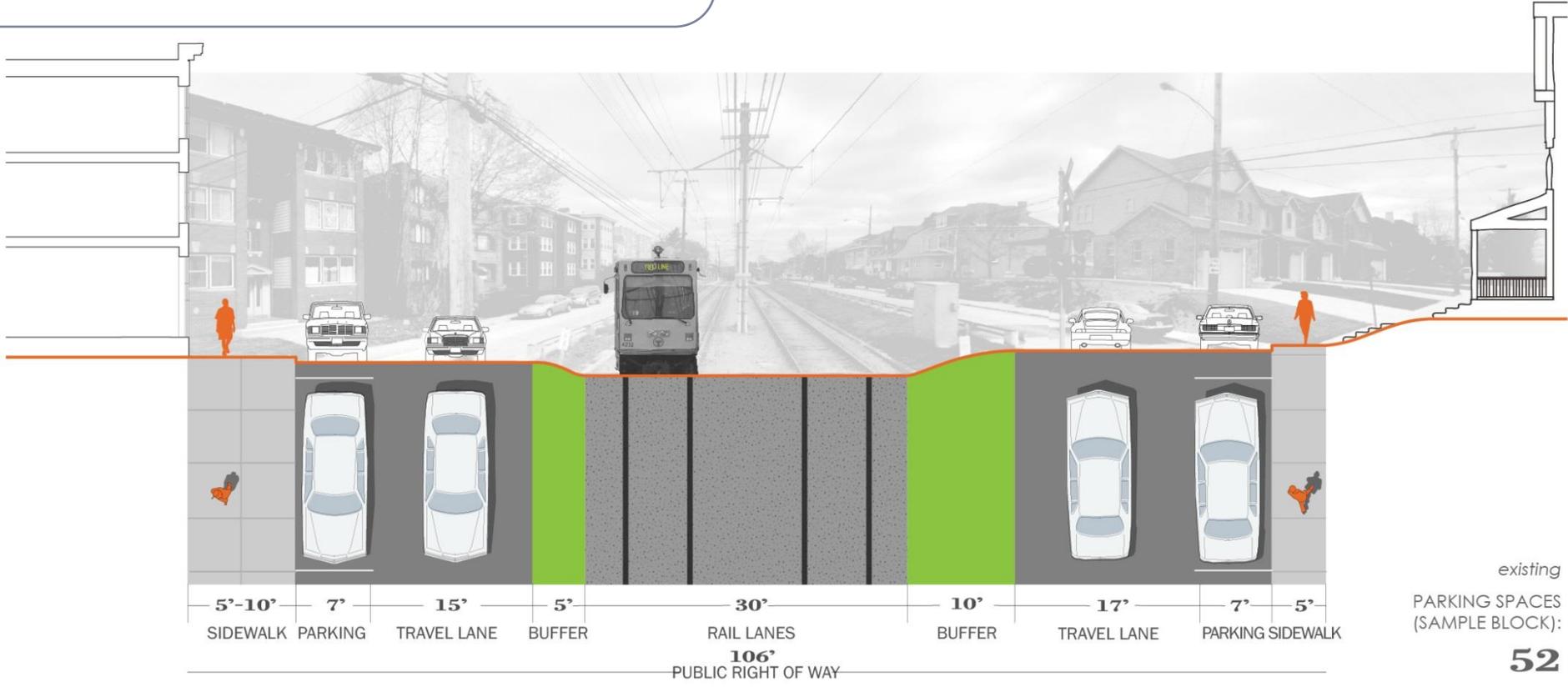
### **GOALS**

- traffic calming
- manage stormwater
- create safe play spaces

### **TOOLS**

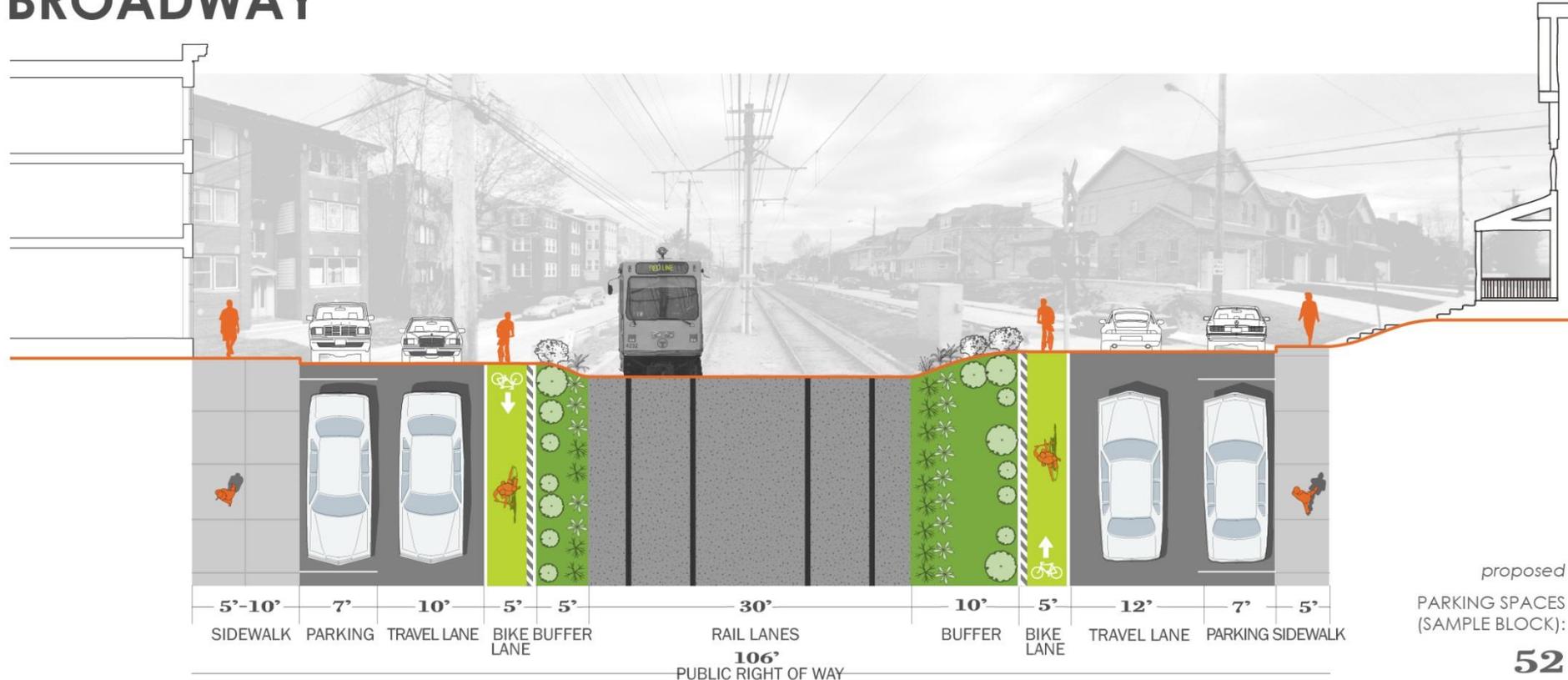
- curb bump outs
- raingardens
- landscaping
- signage

AN EXAMPLE: BROADWAY AS A BOROUGH ACCESS ROAD IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE GATEWAYS TO DORMONT.



THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TODAY. THE LANES ARE WIDE, TRAFFIC MOVES FAST AND MANY HAVE SAID IT NEEDS TO LOOK BETTER

# BROADWAY

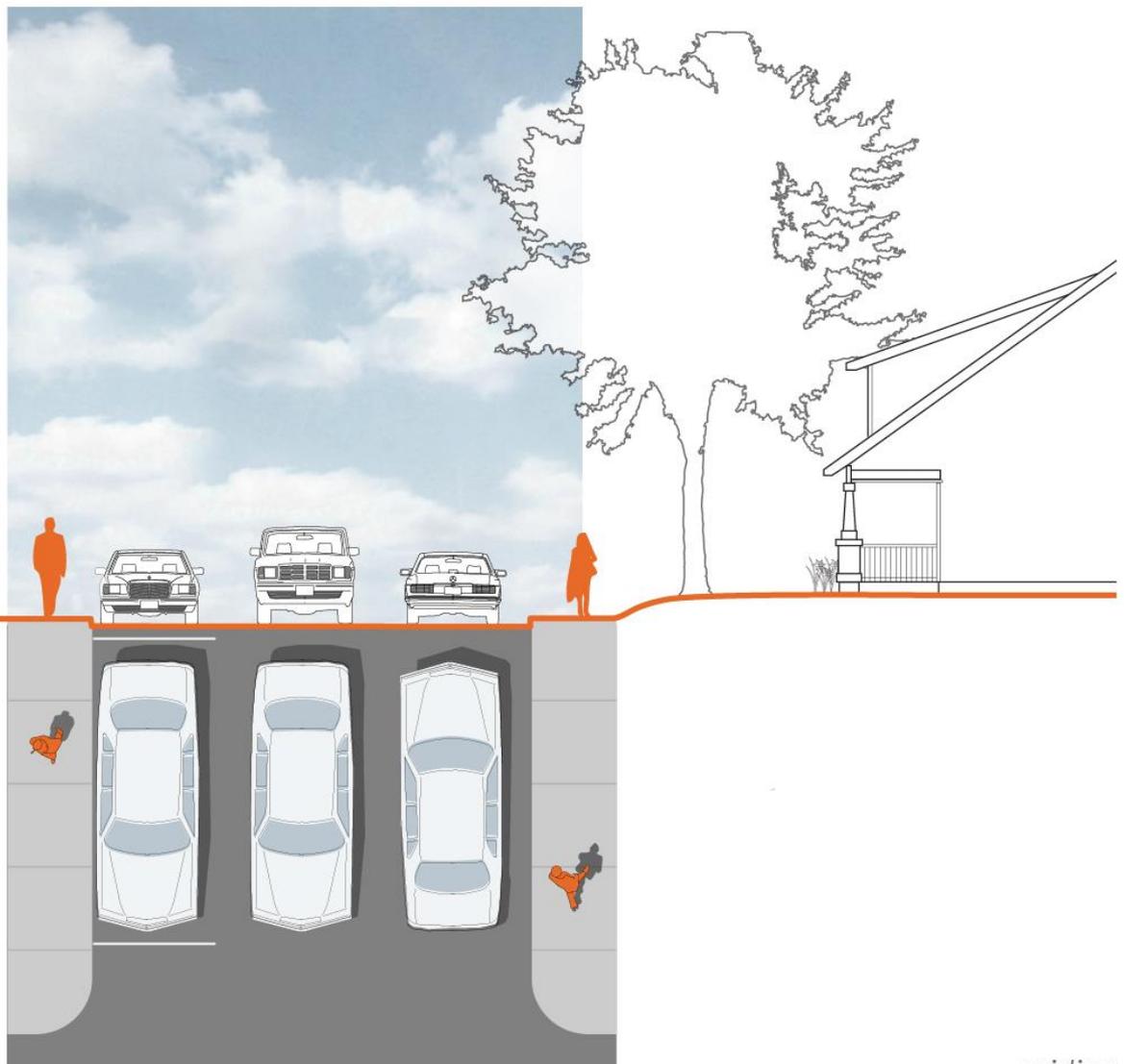
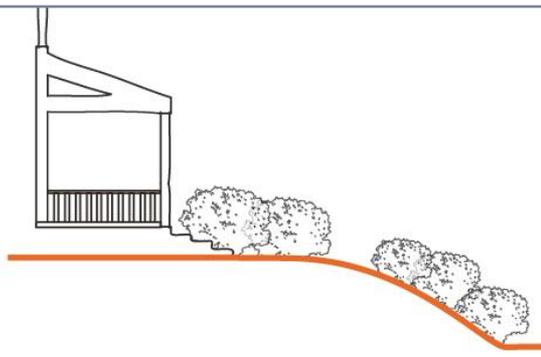


proposed  
PARKING SPACES  
(SAMPLE BLOCK):

52

**IDEA:** RE-DESIGN BROADWAY TO SLOW TRAFFIC, ADD BIKE LANES AND IMPROVE THE LANDSCAPING AROUND THE 'T'

ANOTHER EXAMPLE:  
LOCAL STREETS SHOULD  
BE SAFE ENOUGH FOR  
KIDS TO PLAY IN THE  
STREET. NOW, MANY ARE  
CHAOTIC.



THIS IS A TWO-WAY  
STREET BUT NOT WIDE  
ENOUGH TO REALLY  
BE ONE

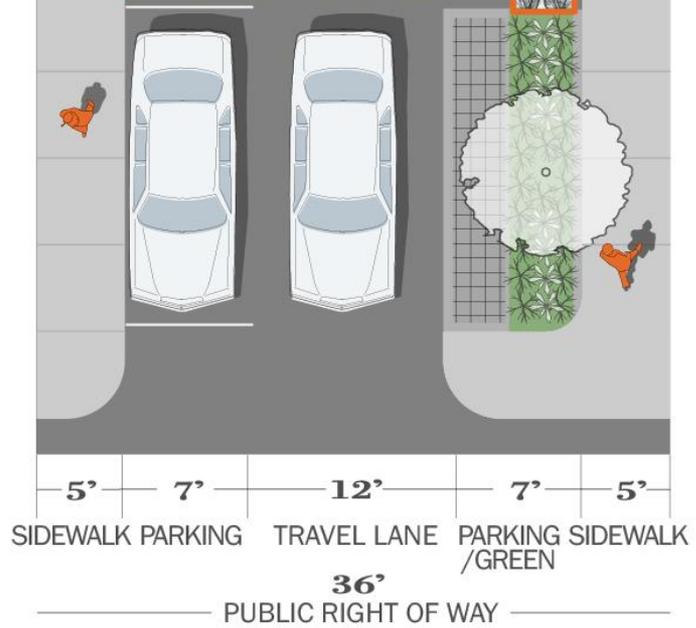


existing  
PARKING SPACES  
(SAMPLE BLOCK):

**IDEA:** WHAT IF WE TURNED TWO-WAY LOCAL STREETS ONE WAY? WE'D GET MORE PARKING & SOME GREEN SPACE TO MANAGE STORMWATER AND SLOW TRAFFIC.



WE ALMOST DOUBLE THE # OF ON-STREET SPACES BY MAKING THIS A ONE-WAY STREET (THE BUMPOUT SHOWN ON THE RIGHT SIDE ONLY HAPPENS AT INTERSECTIONS)



proposed  
PARKING SPACES  
(SAMPLE BLOCK):

**50**

> **IDEA:** LAUNCH A SAFE STREETS CAMPAIGN

> **IDEA:** IMPROVE ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING LAWS



A FEW OTHER IDEAS...



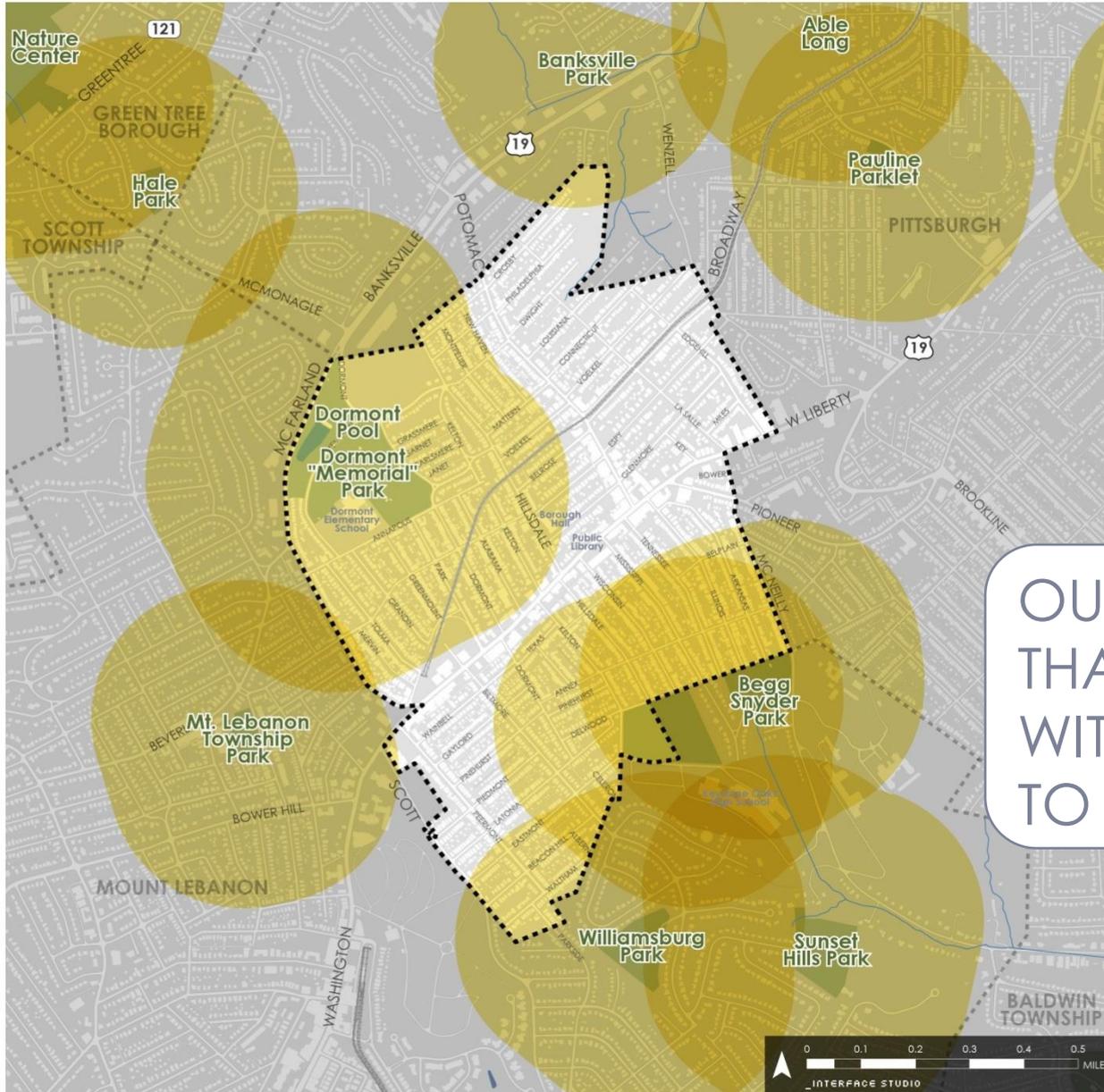
- > **IDEA:** EXPAND RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING – BOROUGH WIDE
- > **IDEA:** PROVIDE BETTER PARKING SIGNAGE AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSINESS DISTRICT
- > **IDEA:** IMPROVE METER MANAGEMENT



ON TO PARKS & THE ENVIRONMENT

**PARKS & THE ENVIRONMENT**

# ACCESS TO OPEN SPACE



Source: Allegheny County (PASDA)

## NEIGHBORHOODS WITHIN A 5 MINUTE WALK RADIUS OF OPEN SPACE

### DORMONT PARK

23.5 acres with a ballfield, creative play area, picnic pavilions, tennis courts, street hockey court, basketball court, horseshoe courts and walking trail.

### BEGGS SNYDER PARK

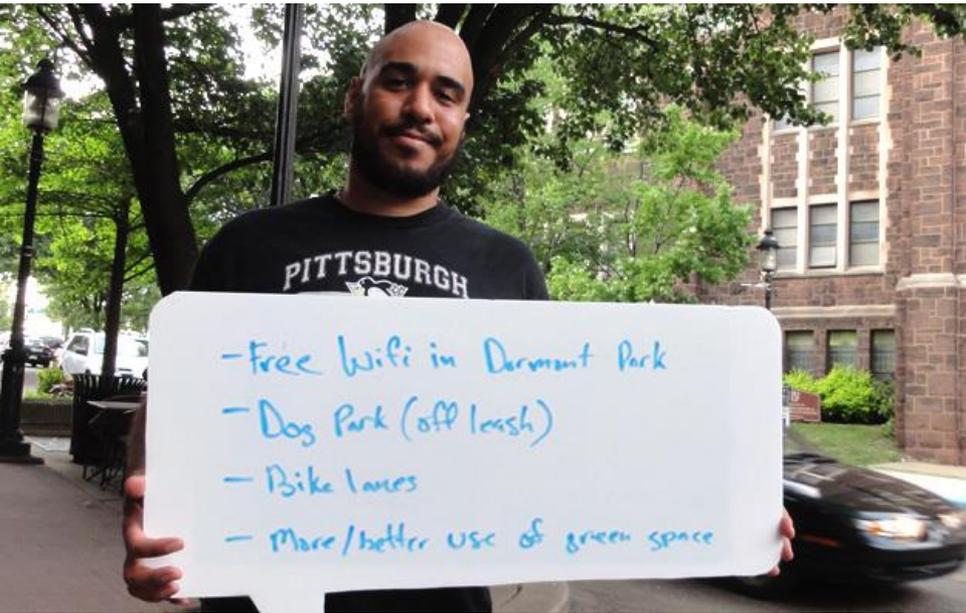
5.2 acres with a ballfield, pavilion, new playground equipment, soccer fields, and passive park areas

OUR ANALYSIS SHOWED THAT NOT EVERYONE IS WITHIN A SHORT WALK TO OPEN SPACE

# AND WE ALSO FACE SOME INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES



# WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA?





YOU HAD LOTS TO SAY ABOUT PARKS – WHAT YOU LIKED AND WHAT YOU THOUGHT NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

# GOALS: PARKS / ENVIRONMENT

1

IMPROVE EXISTING PARKS AND EXPAND PROGRAMMING / RECREATION AMENITIES

2

RETRO-FIT DORMONT INTO A MODEL GREEN COMMUNITY

3

ENCOURAGE CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIP WITH RESIDENTS

4

INSTILL HEALTHY LIFESTYLES FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES

HERE'S WHAT WE'VE HEARD ABOUT PARKS / ENVIRONMENT



TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, WE NEED SPECIFIC ACTIONS. THE NEXT FEW SLIDES OFFER A FEW IDEAS THAT HAVE COME UP SO FAR...

➤ **IDEA:** EXPAND PROGRAMMING AT DORMONT PARK AND THE POOL

- DOG PARK
- STORYTELLING
- OUTDOOR MOVIES
- PROGRAM POOL PARKING LOT
- UPGRADE POOL FACILITIES
- FUNDRAISE TO MODERNIZE
- IMPROVE MAINTENANCE



> **IDEA: ACTIVATE BEGG SNYDER PARK**

“The park is underutilized by the Borough, and has much potential.”

“They need to get this park cleaned up so it’s usable again.”

“It is a nice space, but there are many deterrents for families.”



# TODAY, BEGG SNYDER HAS LOTS OF ISSUES TO OVERCOME

court is cut off from rest of park

steep slope & flooding

park not visible from road



grass not maintained

parking lot used mostly by residents, not park visitors

litter

no road access

bad behavior by teens

ISSUES

beggs snyder park

what if...



IDEAS

beggs snyder park

WHAT IF IT COULD BE DIFFERENT WITH NEW ACTIVITIES & NEW CONNECTIONS? IMPROVEMENTS COULD BE MADE OVER TIME

> **IDEA: CHANGE COURSE ON THE PASSIVE PARK**



# THE PASSIVE PARK IS NOT WHAT WAS ENVISIONED

steep slope  
cuts off relationship  
to street

park faces houses  
instead of activity  
on main street

used rarely

no stairs

no path to lot

unpaved path

ISSUES

passive park



what  
if...

SO WHAT DO WE DO? HERE ARE TWO OPTIONS..



**IDEA** commercial plaza

OPTION 1: REGRADE AND REDESIGN COMPLETELY

**IDEA** main street storefronts

OPTION 2: REDEVELOP (AND FIND A BETTER SPACE FOR A PLAZA ON WEST LIBERTY)

The alleys in Dormont are **NOT** *out of site, out of mind*



**31%**  
OF DORMONT'S  
STREETS ARE ALLEYS

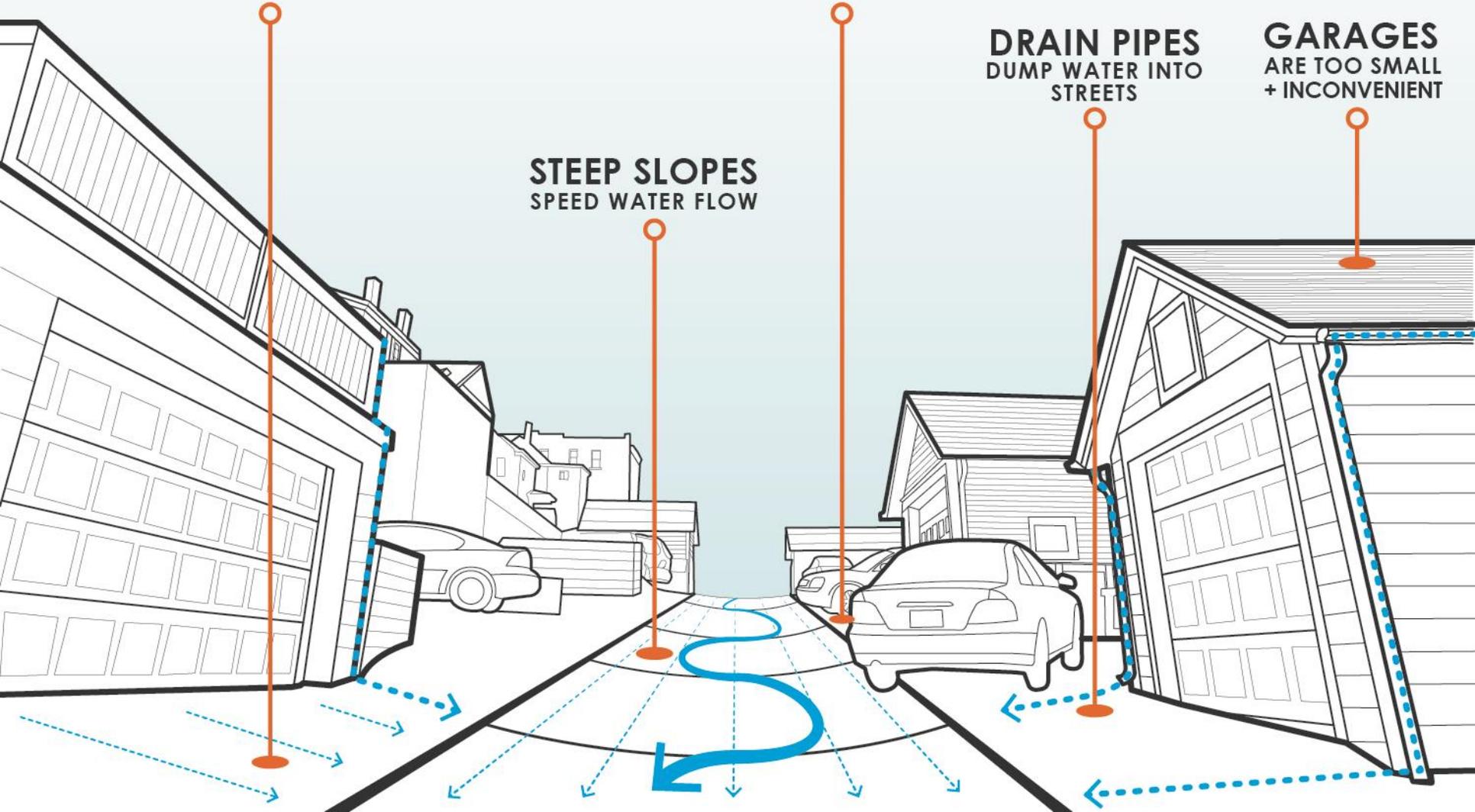
**IMPERMEABLE PAVING**  
LEADS TO FLOODING + RUN-OFF

**PARKING**  
ON SIDEWALKS

**DRAIN PIPES**  
DUMP WATER INTO  
STREETS

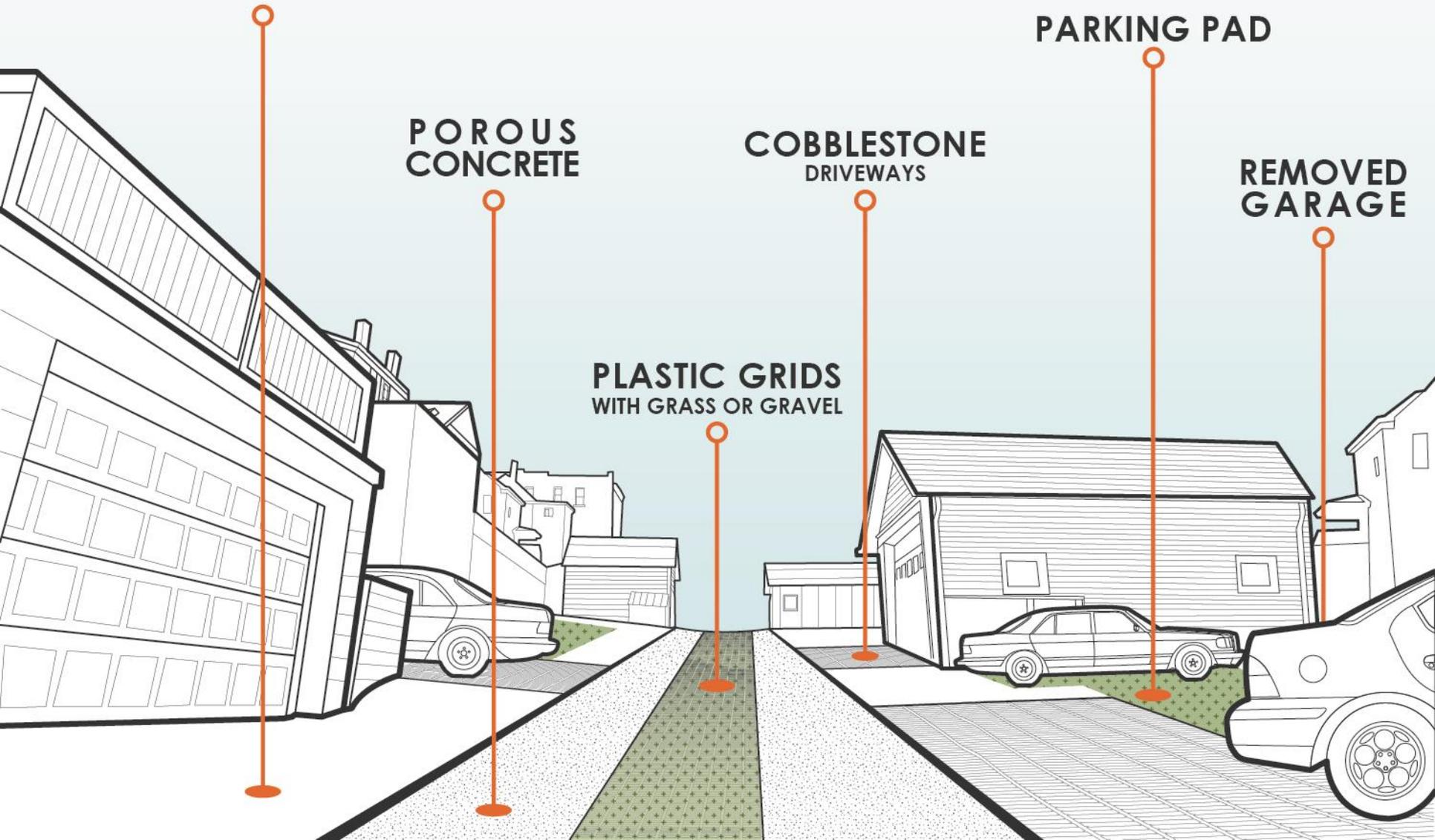
**GARAGES**  
ARE TOO SMALL  
+ INCONVENIENT

**STEEP SLOPES**  
SPEED WATER FLOW



# > **IDEA:** ENCOURAGE ALLEYWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO HELP MANAGE STORMWATER, IMPROVE PARKING AND PROVIDE A SAFE PLAY SPACE

**PERMEABLE PAVING**  
ALLOWS WATER TO DRAIN IN PLACE



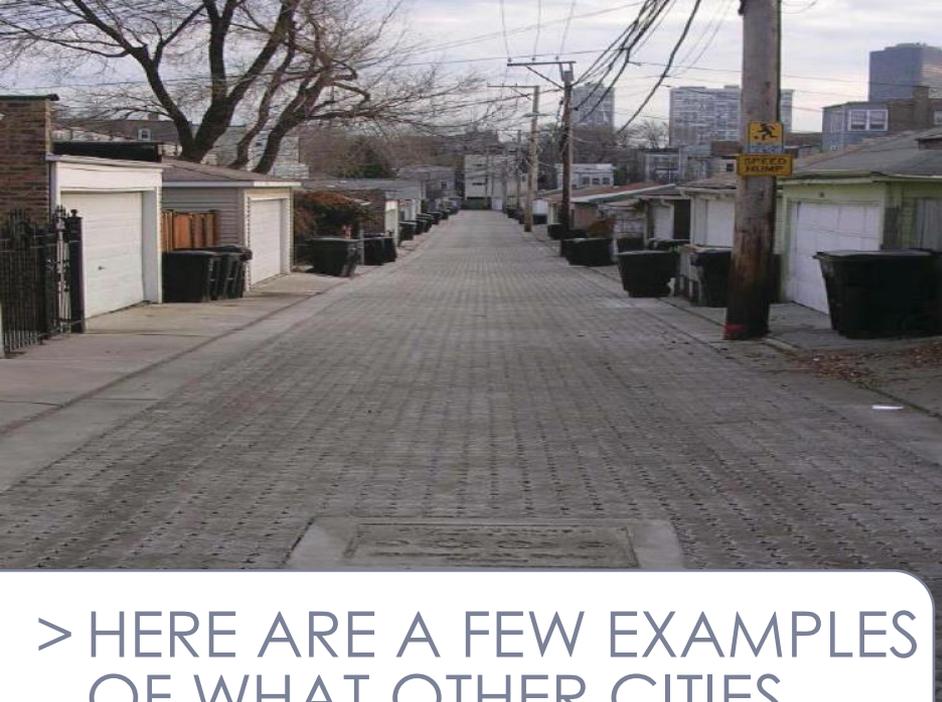
**POROUS  
CONCRETE**

**COBBLESTONE  
DRIVEWAYS**

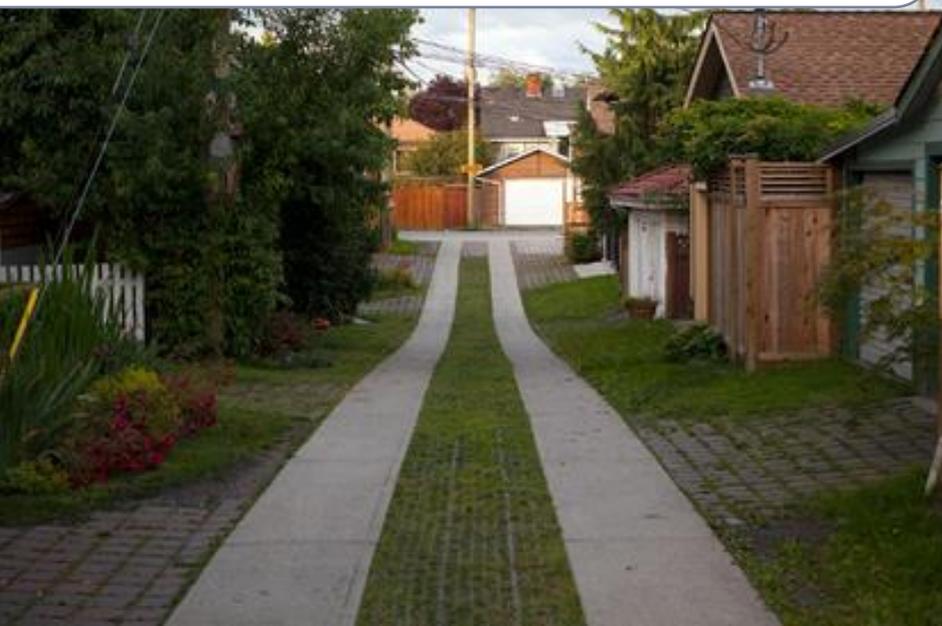
**PARKING PAD**

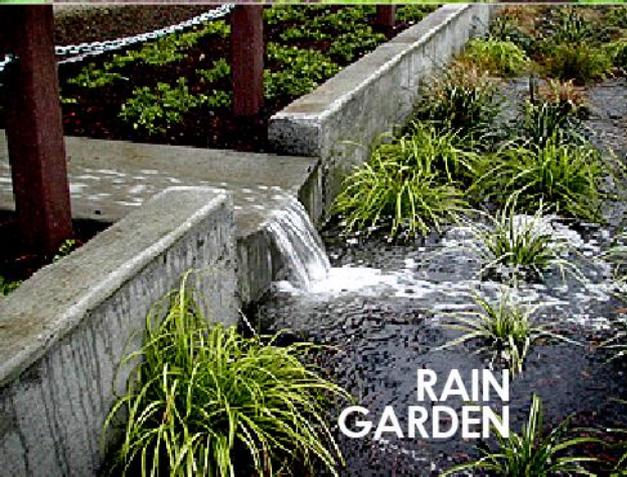
**REMOVED  
GARAGE**

**PLASTIC GRIDS  
WITH GRASS OR GRAVEL**



> HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF WHAT OTHER CITIES HAVE DONE





> **IDEA:** ENCOURAGE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES

> **IDEA:** FORM A YOUTH BRIGADE TO HELP MAINTAIN BOROUGH LANDSCAPING

> **IDEA:** ENCOURAGE GREEN LIVING  
(RAINBARRELS, RECYCLING, COMPOSTING, ETC.)



> **IDEA:** BRING BACK THE DORMONT DASH

> **IDEA: ENCOURAGE BLOCK GREENING**



> **IDEA: DEVELOP A TREE PLANTING PLAN**



LASTLY, WE NEED TO TALK QUICKLY  
ABOUT BOROUGH FACILITIES AND  
MANAGEMENT



**COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

# GOALS: COMMUNITY FACILITIES / SERVICES

1

CONTINUE TO OFFER HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICES

2

PROTECT THE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC PICTURE OF THE BOROUGH

3

BRING RESIDENTS TOGETHER TO SUPPORT BOROUGH INITIATIVES AND FUNDRAISE TO AUGMENT SERVICES



HERE'S WHAT WE'VE HEARD ABOUT BOROUGH FACILITIES

TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, WE NEED SPECIFIC ACTIONS. THE NEXT FEW SLIDES OFFER A FEW IDEAS THAT HAVE COME UP SO FAR...



We want YOU  
to play & work-out  
HERE



- > **IDEA:** RE-PURPOSE THE GYMNASIUM AS A COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER
- > **IDEA:** IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE OF BOROUGH FACILITIES (BOROUGH HALL, ETC.)

- > **IDEA:** MARKET THE DORMONT DELIVERS WEB SERVICE
- > **IDEA:** CONTINUE TO UPGRADE BOROUGH TECHNOLOGY
- > **IDEA:** REGULARLY UPDATE A 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The screenshot displays the Dormont Delivers web application. On the left, a Google Map shows the town of Dormont, PA, with a red outline highlighting a specific area. A pop-up window is open over the map, providing details for a reported issue:

### Overgrown Yard & house in disrepair

- Submission Date: 5/28/2013
- Address: 1218 Dormont Ave
- Location: Dormont, PA
- Description: Resident called in that this address has overgrown yard and house is in disrepair.
- Stats: 1 comments | 0 followers | 0 supporters
- Status: submitted

On the right side of the interface, a list of reported issues is shown, each with a progress bar and icons for comments and views:

- Pothole** (Submitted): 0 comments, 0 views
- Overgrown Yard & house in disrepair** (Submitted): 1 comment, 0 views
- Garbage/Trash Out Early in Dormont** (Submitted): 1 comment, 1 view
- WHITE LINES FOR PARKING** (In Progress): 5 comments, 0 views
- Carport falling busted and falling onto our carport** (In Progress): 1 comment, 1 view
- Other Code Enforcement Issues** (In Progress): 5 comments, 3 views
- Overgrown Yard** (In Progress): 4 comments, 2 views
- Building in Disrepair** (In Progress): 0 comments, 0 views

At the bottom of the page, there are navigation options for iPhone, Android, BlackBerry, Call, SMS, Embed, and a language selection dropdown. An online chat icon is also present in the bottom right corner.



**HAVE QUESTIONS?**  
WE'RE SURE YOU DO...

PLEASE COME DOWNSTAIRS AND TALK WITH US. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** TO IDENTIFY WHAT YOUR PRIORITIES ARE FOR THE FUTURE.

*Thank you  
for coming!*

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