Arcadia Corridor Project

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Introduction

Background

MSU Extension (MSUE) and the MSU School of Planning, Design, and Construction (SPDC) jointly developed the Sustainable Built Environment Initiative (SBEI) to provide a student-led, faculty-guided learning experience in partnership with a real-world client and community. SBEI's mission is to address sustainability challenges and improve the quality of life in Michigan's neighborhoods, downtown districts and small communities through a planning, design and public engagement process that meets professional expectations.

SBEI allows for an integrated approach to solving complex community issues through diverse expertise related to design, landscape architecture, planning and engagement. SBEI focuses on projects that integrate planning and design elements within a sustainability framework. The process is student-led and faculty-guided, with strong community collaboration that emphasizes co-designing the recommendations presented in this report.

OBJECTIVES OF SBEI

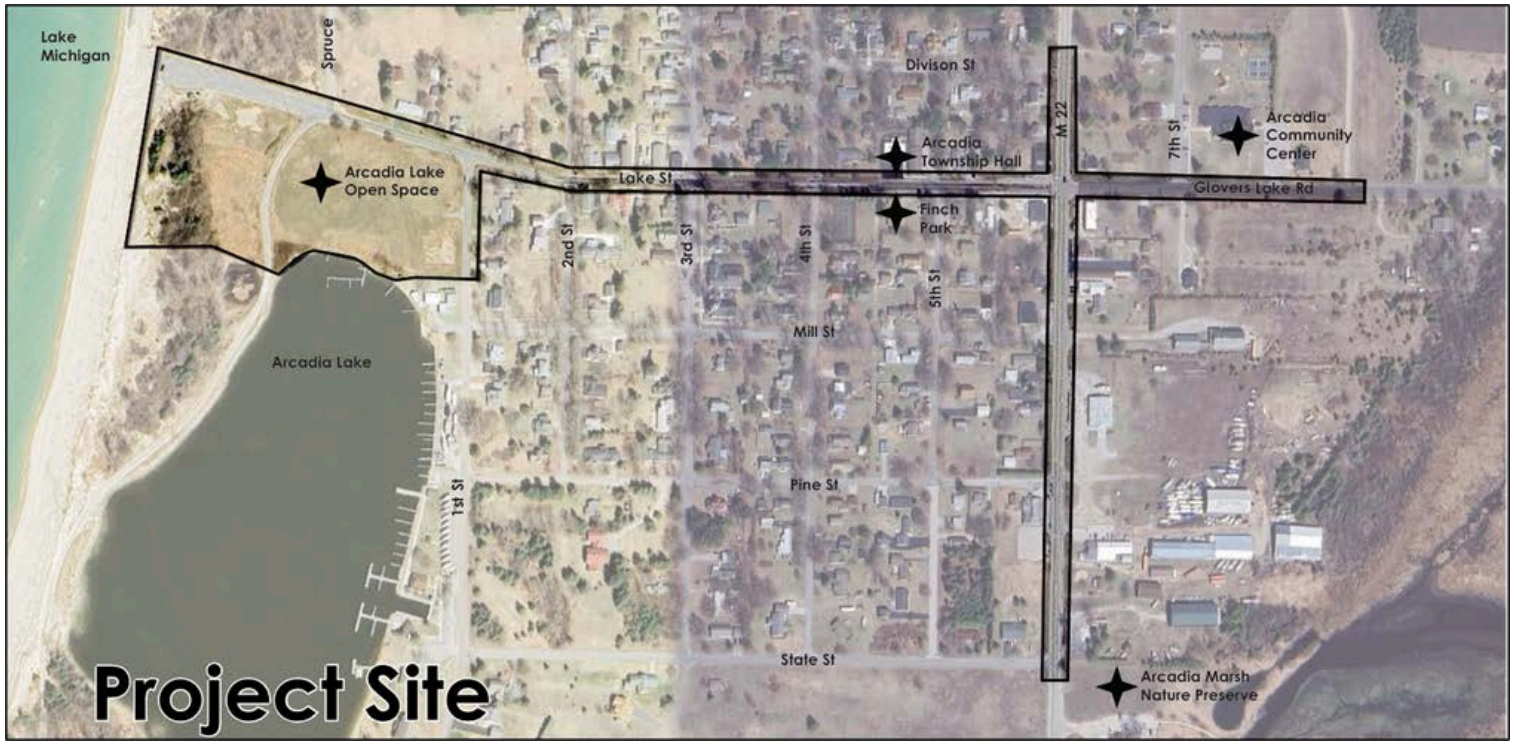
- **Work with communities to develop sustainable planning and design ideas for local issues and opportunities**
  Build consensus and generate ideas to address challenging sustainability concerns
- **Act as a bridge between communities and consulting, planning and design professionals**

*Please note: The policy and design recommendations in this report were co-designed with community members and leaders. They are intended to be conceptual. This report does not include engineering analyses related to environmental, technical or market feasibility measurables.

Project Overview

The planning and design process outlined in this report provides a future vision for corridor and open space areas in Arcadia Township near and at the intersection of M-22 and Lake Street, as depicted in the Project Site Map below.

This report focuses on multiple placemaking efforts that support the northern small-town, rural atmosphere of Arcadia; improve walkability and safety for visitors and residents; respect the culture and history of the community; protect the unique habitat and natural resources in the area; and expand opportunities for responsible enjoyment of the amenities of downtown Arcadia Township. This report is a supporting document for Arcadia Township's Comprehensive Plan.



Proposed Site Map, centered on the Lake Street (east-west) and M-22 corridors (north-south).

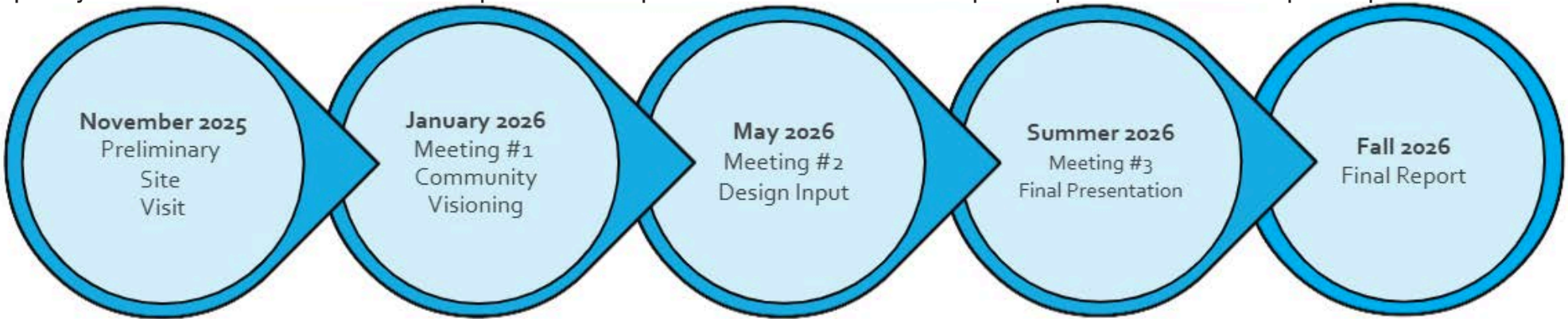
The Process

To achieve a plan for the area that accurately represents the interests of the community, a three-meeting input process was hosted by the SBEI and Networks Northwest team. The process began in November 2025 when Arcadia Township leaders and Networks Northwest hosted the SBEI team on a site visit of Arcadia Township, established the focus areas for design and

On **January 29th, 2026**, the first meeting was held as an opportunity for the residents of the Township of Arcadia to discuss future opportunities for the Township. With the input from local representatives, the Meeting acted as a forum for community members to make suggestions concerning function, safety, and connection for the area.

The second meeting was held on **May 21st, 2026**. The purpose of this Meeting was to present preliminary design recommendations and gain community feedback.

At the third and final meeting, on **September 3rd, 2026**, the Networks Northwest team presented the final design and policy recommendations to Township leaders as part of an overall Township Comprehensive Plan Update process.



Inventory and Analysis

Existing Site Conditions

The SBEI process focused on multiple small-scale areas along M-22 and Lake Street within Arcadia Township.

The following images depict existing conditions of the focus areas during a team site visit in November 2025.

In **Image 1,** below, the viewer is looking east across M-22 along Lake Street. Key amenities include curb cuts and pedestrian crossings.

In **Image 2**, below, the viewer is looking west down Lake Street at the M-22 intersection. Again, key existing amenities include ADA-compliant curb cuts, pedestrian crossings and new sidewalks.



Image 1, Looking east on Lake St. at M-22



Image 2, Looking west on Lake St. at M-22

Inventory and Analysis

Existing Site Conditions

In **Image 3** below, the viewer is looking west down Lake Street near the north end of Arcadia Lake, terminating at Lake Michigan on the horizon. Key amenities include open space, nearby access to residential and downtown areas, a unique viewshed with access to Arcadia Lake and Lake Michigan, and natural wildlife habitat areas.

In **Image 4** below, the viewer is looking southwest across the open space at the north end of Arcadia Lake. Key existing amenities include the viewshed, habitat areas, access to residential areas, the lake, and open space.



Image 3, Looking west down Lake St. at the north end of Arcadia Lake



Image 4, at the north end of Arcadia Lake, looking southwest.

Inventory and Analysis

Existing Site Conditions

In **Image 5** below, the viewer is looking south down M-22 at the Lake Street intersection, with the Arcadia Marsh Nature Area located on the horizon.

Key amenities include a wide sidewalk area, new building investment, wide shoulder areas on M-22, and nearby access to the community center, natural and open space areas to the south and west, and other nearby commercial, institutional, and residential areas.



Image 5, Looking south along M-22 at the Lake Street intersection



Community Engagement

Youth Input

Community Visioning

On January 29, 2026, eight middle and high school students at Onekama Consolidated Schools gathered for a community visioning session and for career exploration related to college programs in Landscape Architecture and Urban & Regional Planning.

During the session, as seen in the images below, the SBEI team asked students to write one word on a sticky note with “What do you like most about where you live?” The SBEI team then led them in a team visioning activity where students were prompted to “Build your ideal weekend hangout spot” with found objects.

In response, the students overwhelmingly valued the **outdoors, summer, and lakes** in their community. Their visions of an ideal hangout spot included **beaches, swimming, the outdoors, quiet private areas, and areas for larger gatherings.**

What Do You Love Most About Where You Live?



Build Your Ideal Weekend Hangout Spot



Students using found objects to build “visions” of their ideal hangouts

Youth Input

Community Visioning

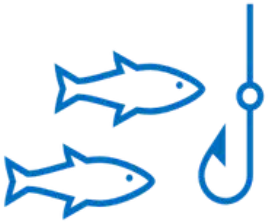
After evaluating the feedback we received from the students at Onekama, we identified three prominent themes to guide future designs and policies for Arcadia Township: **Nature, Recreation Space, and Connectivity.**

Youth Themes



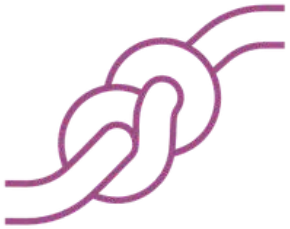
Nature

Passion for Arcadia's natural features and desire for integration of nature and public space



Recreation Space

Desire for intentionally designed public spaces meant for recreation and play



Connectivity

Responses communicated a clear desire for spaces that facilitated community and small group gatherings

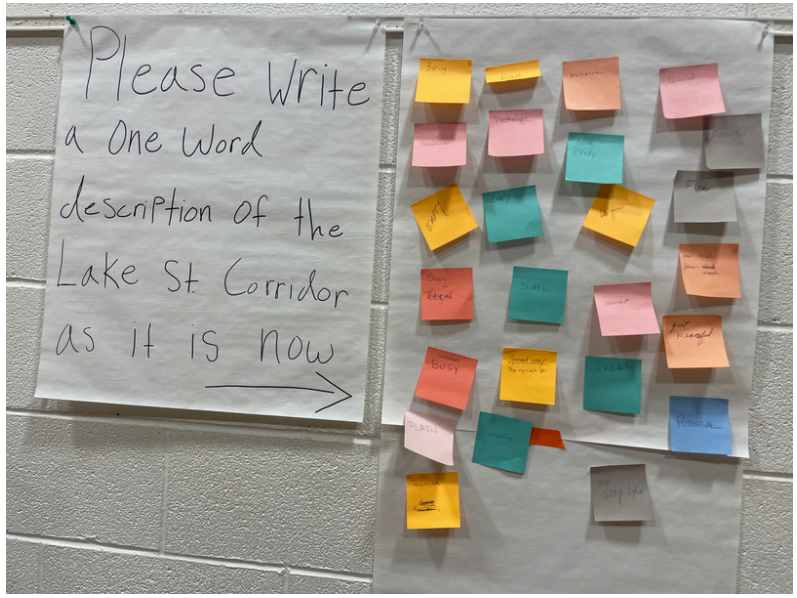
Public Meeting One

Community Visioning

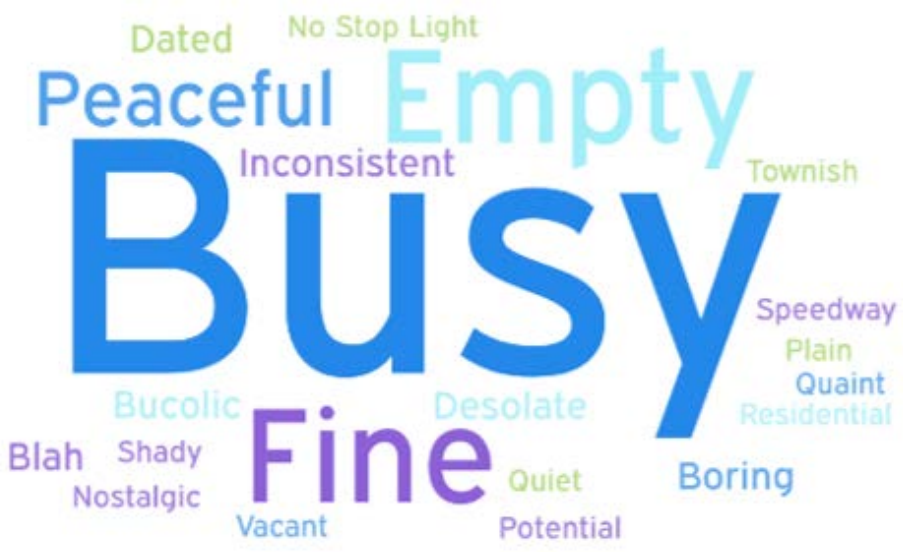
In addition to the youth engagement, over 50 residents and leaders in Arcadia Township gathered for a large community visioning session at the Arcadia Community Center on January 29, 2026. During the session, the SBEI team, along with Networks Northwest, presented an overview of the SBEI process and the proposed project focus areas.

For the first activity of the workshop, participants were asked to, in one word or phrase, how they would describe the Lake Street corridor “now.” Results ranged from “busy,” “peaceful,” “fine,” to “empty,” “dated,” “boring,” and “quaint.”

One Word description of the Lake Street Corridor Now



Prompt: “Please write a one-word description of the Lake St Corridor as it is now”
With sticky note responses



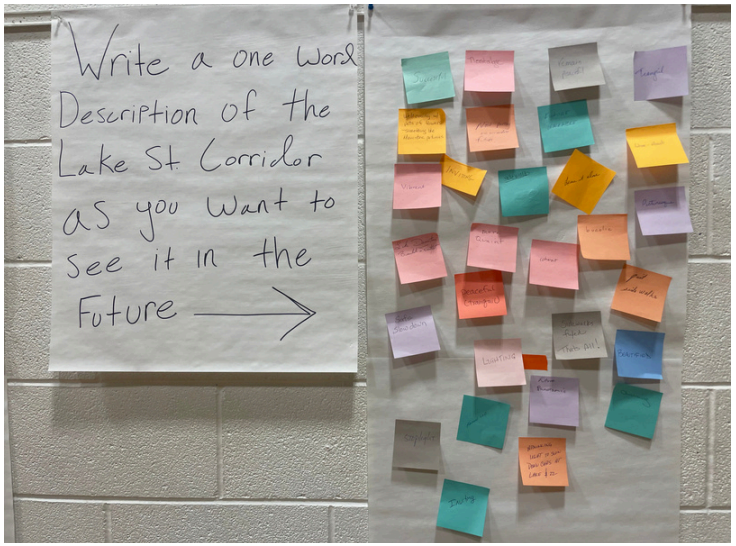
World Cloud Results of the Post-it Note Activity

Public Meeting One

Community Visioning

Participants were also asked to describe, in one word or phrase, how they want to see the Lake Street corridor in the future. Responses, as shown in the word cloud below, ranged from “sidewalks,” “stoplight,” “inviting,” and “tranquil,” to “vibrant,” “bucolic,” “panoramic,” and “nostalgic.”

One Word to Describe how you would like to see the Lake Street Corridor in the Future



Prompt: “Please write a one-word description of the Lake St Corridor as you want to see it in the future.”
With sticky note responses



World Cloud Results of the Post-it Note Activity

Public Meeting One

Community Visioning

When the Word Cloud post-it note activities were complete, participants were then asked to write down their answers to three visioning questions:

1) What are you proud of about the area?
2) What keeps you from visiting the area, if anything?
3) What would you like to see in Arcadia if you left the area for 15 years and then came back in a hot air balloon? What would you hope to see from that view?



Visioning Session, January 29, 2026, Arcadia Community Center

Public Meeting One

Community Visioning

As a result of this table exercise, several themes emerged:
Participants are most proud of the lakes, beach, the local tree canopy, the summer activities and gathering spaces, as well as Arcadia's history and charm. Barriers to visiting Arcadia include weather, dogs, poor parking, crowds, and lighting.

Main improvements that participants want 15 years from now include a boardwalk, a dog park, more year-round employment, and an expanded community center.

What are you proud of?	What would keep you from visiting Arcadia?	What is your Vision for the future of Arcadia, 15 years from now?
Beach, Lake Michigan, marsh, native trees, natural beauty, open space, parks, tree-lined streets	Weather, smell, dogs off leash, lack of beach accessibility	Boardwalk around beach, clean/maintained beach and parks, connecting trails, dog park, more trees
Community gathering spaces, community center, summer activities, new businesses	Crowding, poor parking, lack of awareness of amenities, sidewalk gaps, streetlights, signage	More activity on Lake Michigan and on M-22, expanded community center, places for people to meet, small general store, year-round employment
Camp Arcadia, historic buildings, small-town charm	Museum conflict, factory park/old campground issues, closures during holidays	Family-oriented community, housing, township buildings reorganized, meeting needs of the whole township

Public Meeting One

Community Visioning

Next, participants were asked to share their individual stories of Arcadia Township and create a vision of Arcadia Township using an engagement framework called "Place It," based on the book "*Dream Play Build*" by a team of experienced designers and planners, James Rojas and John Kamp.

The "Place It" process offers individuals a chance to tap into their memories, engage in storytelling, and work with their hands and imagination.
The "Place It" process included two activities for the participants:

First, as individuals: **Build Your Favorite Memory**; and
Secondly, in small groups: **Build Your Future Ideal Lake Street Corridor**

A table of "found" objects, to use for building the memories and the visions



Participants "building" their favorite memory of Arcadia Township



Public Meeting One

Community Visioning

For the first "Place It" activity, participants were prompted to "build your favorite memory." Participants built and shared individual memories centered on **celebrations and gatherings**, **children, parents, playing and interacting with water**, **family, fishing, boating, biking, running**, and **engaging with nature**. Many people emphasized feelings of **peace, tranquility, and connection to the natural environmen**t.

Across these memories, **family and nature** emerged as a common thread, shaping people's lives and enhancing the experiences participants valued most.





Public Meeting One

Community Visioning

For the second “Place It” activity, participants worked in small teams and built their visions for the future of the Lake Street corridor. Many teams emphasized the importance of **gathering spaces,** including areas with fire features that encourage **social interaction and community connection**.

Other common themes included **improved pedestrian infrastructure**, such as **sidewalks and bike lanes**, to support active transportation and accessibility.

Nature and the protection of habitat, water, and open space were also highlighted by most teams, reflecting a shared interest in creating a local environment that **prioritizes the natural landscape alongside spaces for community gathering, recreation, and economic growth.**

Small teams presenting their visions for the Lake Street/M-22 corridor areas









Guiding Themes

The Main Themes

The multiple community visioning activities in January of 2026 created a very high level of collaboration between the SBEI team and the community of Arcadia. The main themes that came from the Onekama youth workshop and the Arcadia community workshop are guiding the design and policy suggestions provided in the rest of this report.

As a result of the workshops, Arcadia Township identified four prominent themes to guide their future planning and design changes: **Nature, Vibrancy, Tradition, and Connectivity.**

Themes



Nature

Pride and appreciation for Arcadia's natural beauty and a desire for nature-based design



Vibrancy

Desire for active and lively community spaces designed for all ages



Tradition

Small-scale, community driven enhancements



Connectivity

Easy to navigate, multimodal, and safe transportation options

Public Meeting Two

Design Feedback Process

On May 21, 2026, the SBEI team facilitated a second community meeting at the Arcadia Community Center. Approximately 25 residents and leaders attended the event to take a look at the design renderings that were created out of the January Visioning workshops.

Participants provided valuable feedback on the renderings and their visual preferences regarding various residential designs, landscapes, and public amenities like recreation facilities, benches, and more. This section provides an overview of the feedback process and results from the feedback meeting.



Participants at the Design Feedback Workshop, May 21, 2026, Arcadia Community Center

Public Meeting Two

Design Feedback Process

The SBEI team shared seven (7) draft design renderings at the feedback meeting. The renderings correspond to the seven locations on the **Site Design Area Map** provided below. Once the designs were presented to the public, participants were asked to respond to the following three (3) questions about each proposed design:

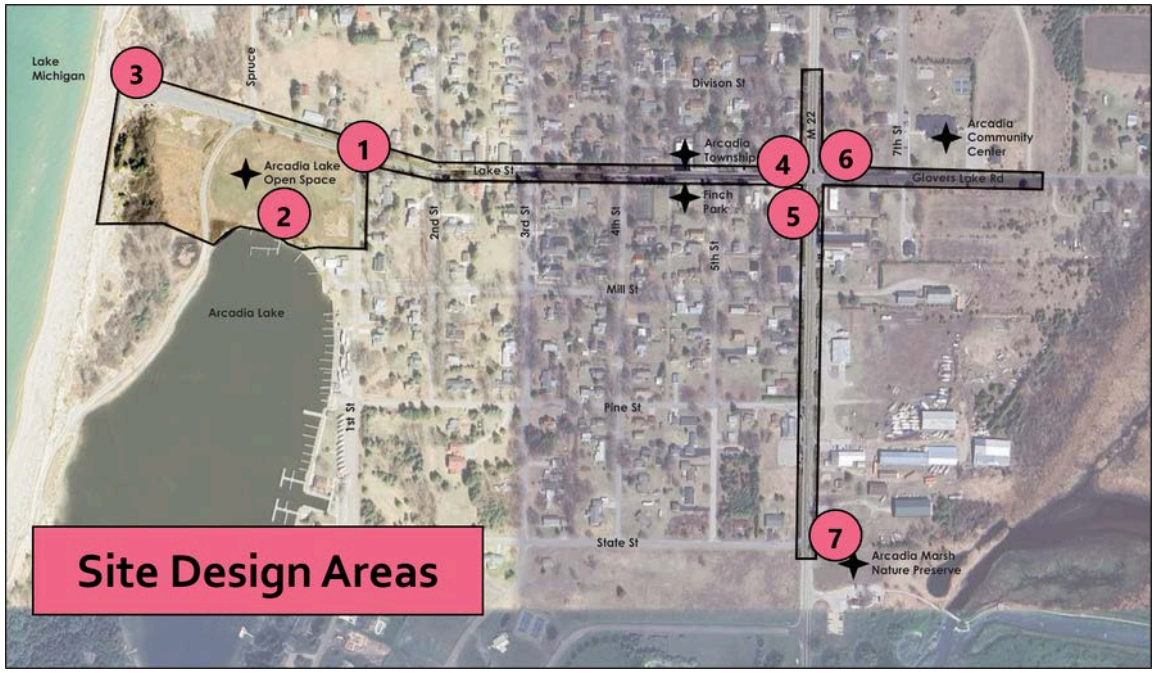
1) What do you like about the designs?
2) What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the designs?
3) Any additional comments or feedback about the designs?

This section provides the draft design renderings along with a summary of the community feedback received in response to the following three questions:

What do you like?

What improvements would you like to see?

Any other comments?



Design Renderings

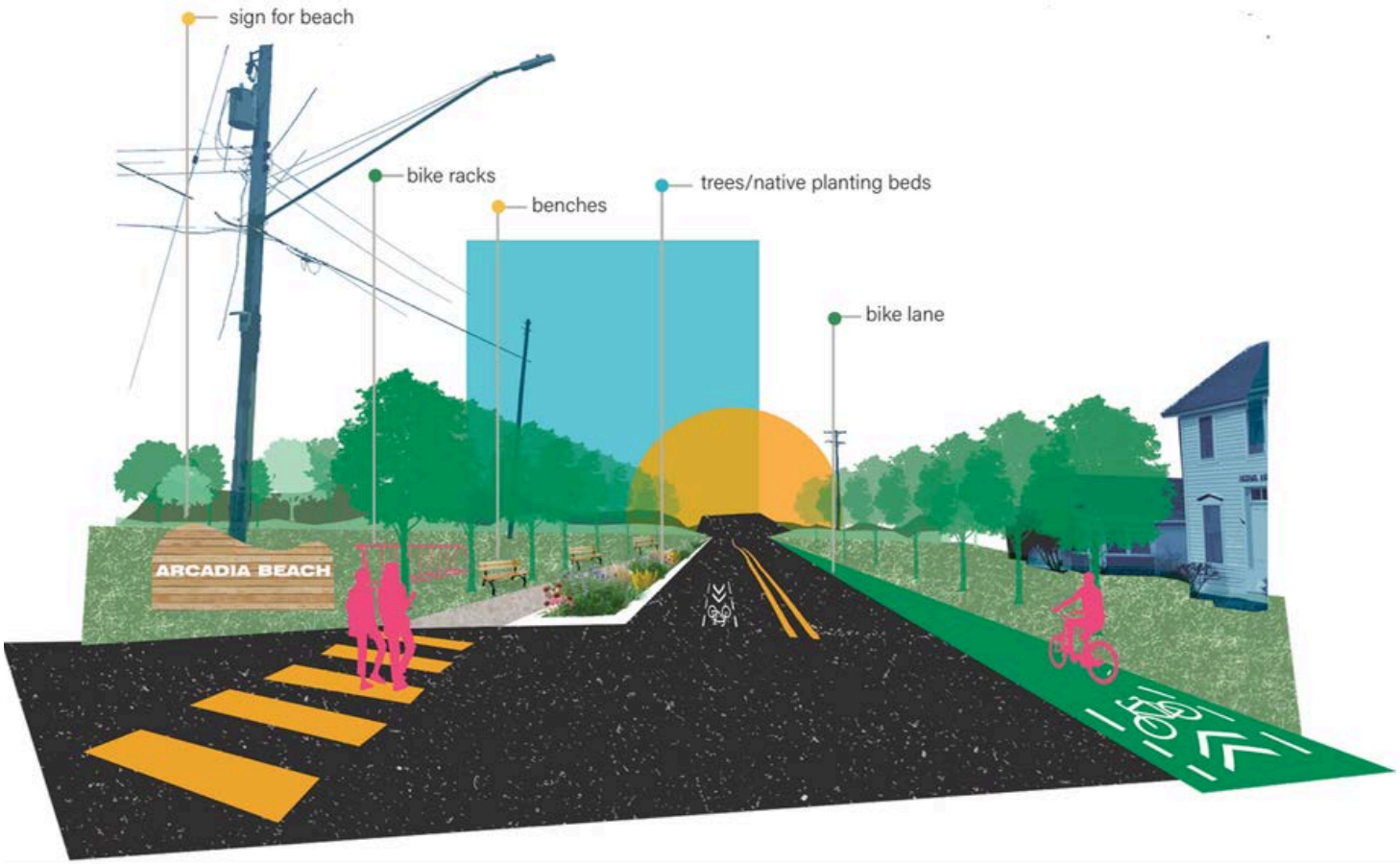
Site 1

Site 1, Lake Street, Looking West

The design rendering for **Site 1** looks west down Lake Street, adjacent to the Arcadia Lake Open Space. This site was selected because of its important connection between the downtown area and Arcadia Beach and its relationship to the surrounding neighborhood and open space.



A bike lane was added to the north side of Lake Street, along with a sidewalk, benches, and bike racks on the south side of the street. Signage and pollinator plantings were added along the public right-of-way.



Design Renderings

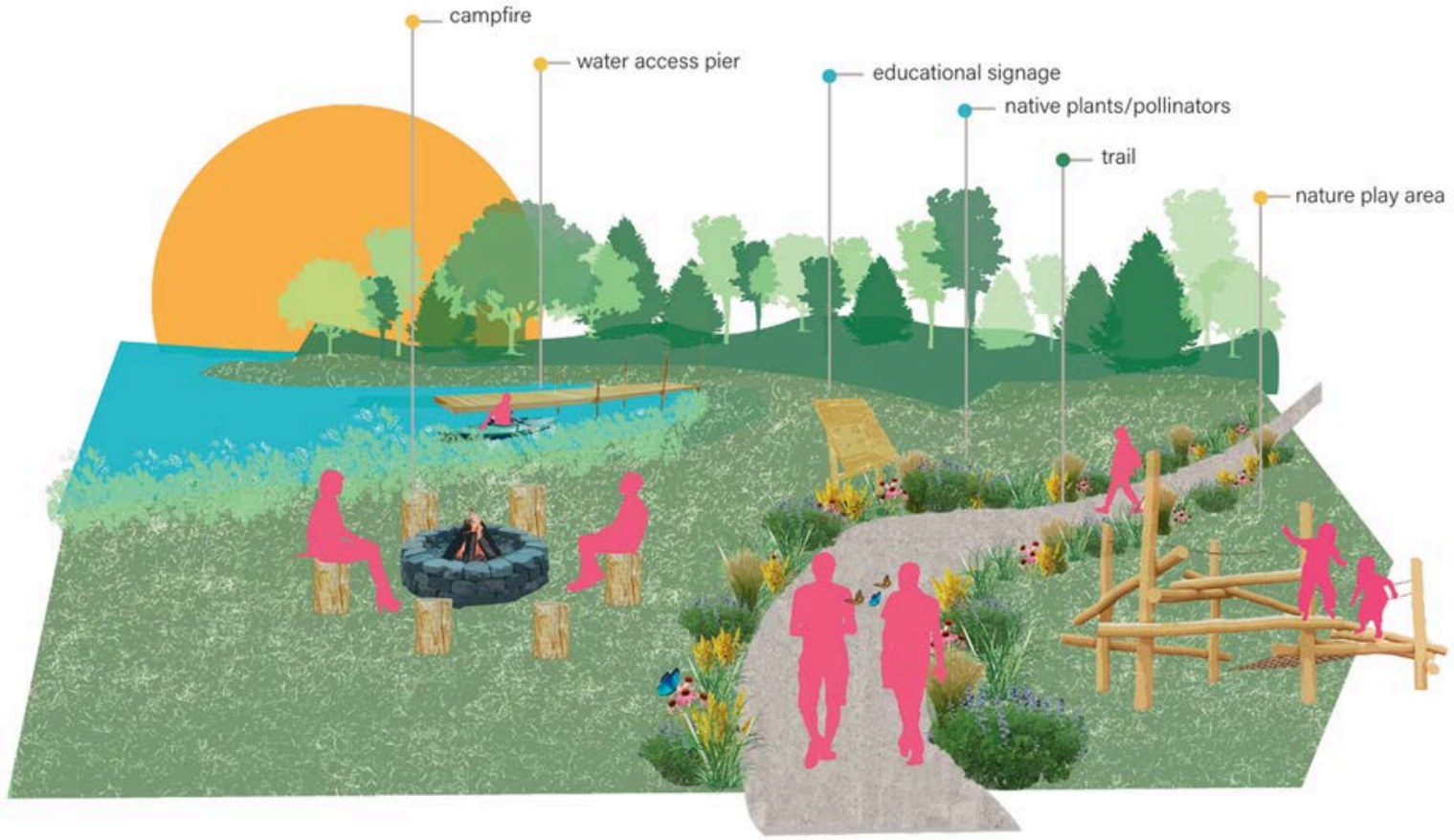
Site 2

Site 2, Arcadia Lake Open Space

The north end of Arcadia Lake, with its open space and water access along Lake Street, is an important amenity in Arcadia. We explored a range of potential design elements to highlight how the community could activate, protect and enjoy the space.


Existing Conditions

A passive nature trail is proposed for this site, along with educational signs, native plantings, natural play areas, and a fire pit. Additionally, a lake access pier is proposed for the northwest shore.



Design Renderings

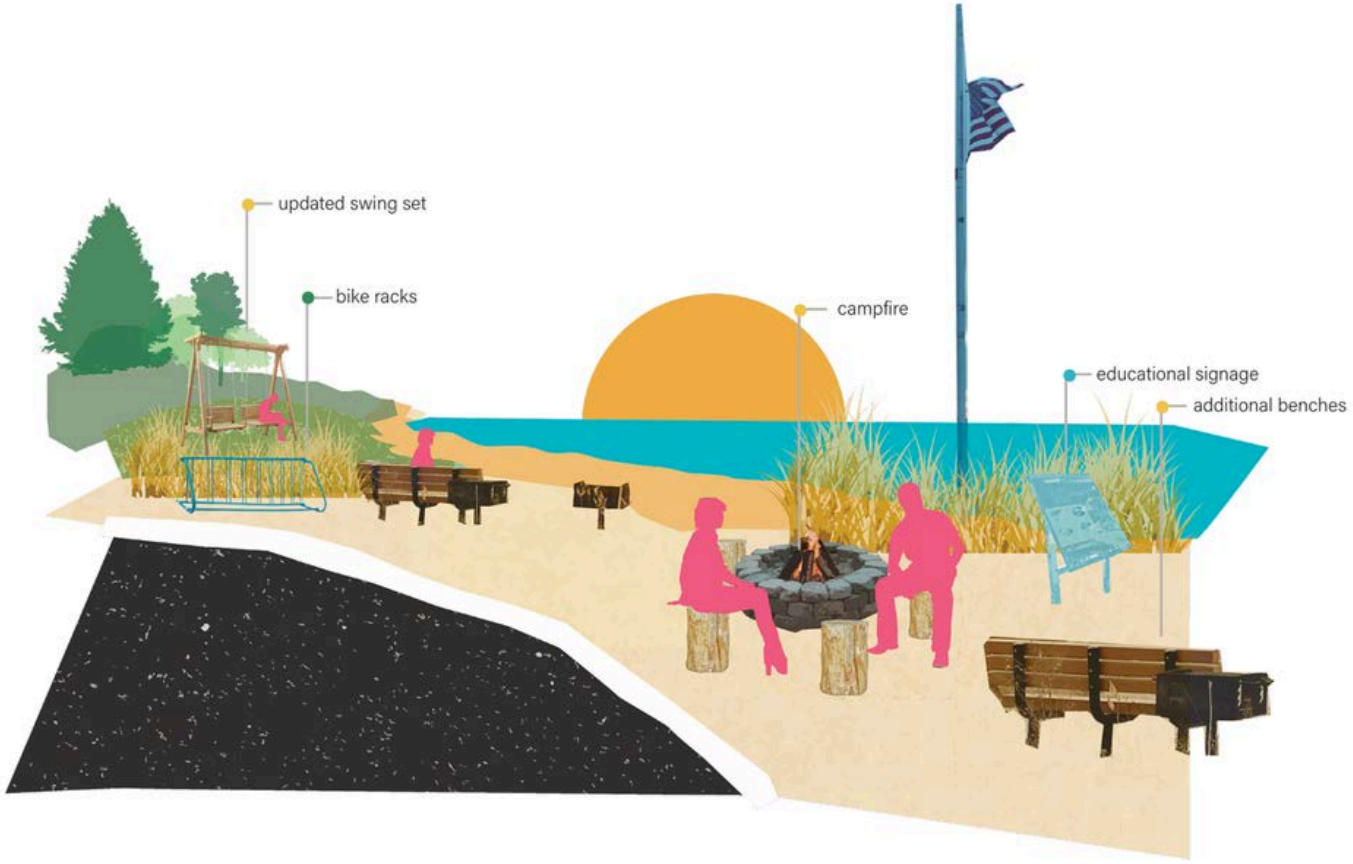
Site 3

Site 3, Arcadia Beach

Arcadia Beach along the Lake Michigan shoreline is an extremely valuable amenity for the community. Located at the western terminus of Lake Street, it brings visitors westward out of the M-22/Lake Street intersection, past Arcadia Lake and neighborhoods, to a scenic overlook. As a result of the workshops, it was clear that the community desires plant and tree preservation and additional amenities at the beach for social gatherings and passive recreation.

Bike racks, benches, fire pits, educational signage, and accessible playground equipment are shown here, added to the beach area.

Please note that many of these proposed amenities have been constructed or implemented since the January 2026 Visioning workshop. These types of amenities continue to be priorities for the residents of Arcadia.



Design Renderings

Site 4

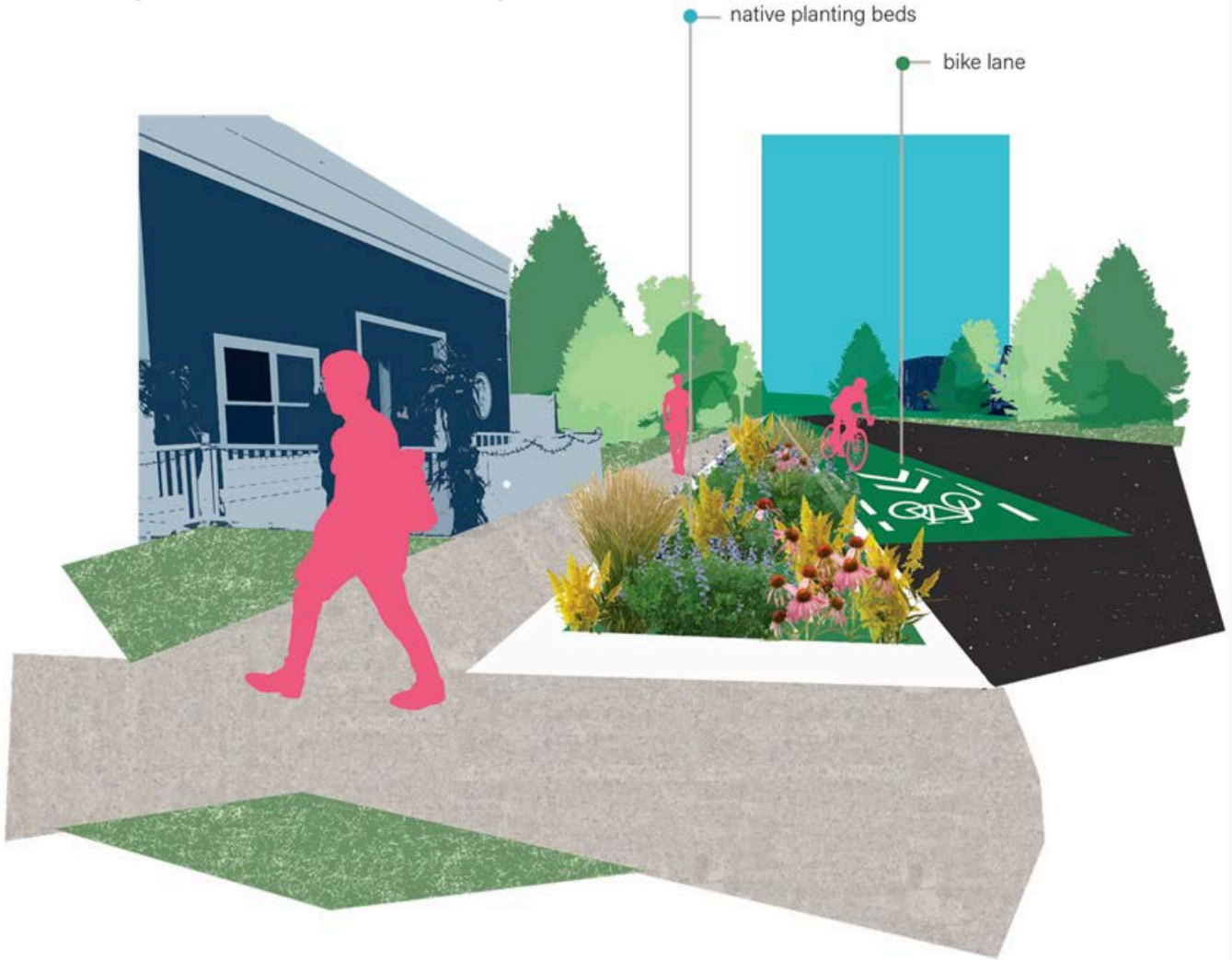
Site 4, Lake Street at M-22, Looking West

In the heart of downtown, the M-22 intersection at Lake Street looking west, presents an opportunity to strengthen the area's identity as a welcoming and connected community hub. As a result of the January visioning workshop, the SBEI team explored ways to bring nature into the downtown area while improving circulation and creating safe connections to the surrounding areas.



Existing Condition

A defined bike path and native rain gardens are added to the area along the south side of Lake Street. Utility boxes and street signage in the public right-of-way should be considered to be replaced, moved or otherwise redesigned to reflect the character of Arcadia.



Design Renderings

Site 5

Site 5, Lake Street at M-22, Looking East

As a key intersection in the heart of downtown, the intersection of M-22 and Lake Street, looking east, is an important opportunity to improve connectivity and pedestrian safety. Given concerns about vehicle volume and speed on M-22, we focused on strategies to create a safer crossing and strengthen connections.



Existing Conditions

To improve safety, colored crosswalks and flashing pedestrian signs are proposed. A bike lane on the west side of M-22 and native plants or rain gardens are added on the east side and along Lake Street. Pedestrian-scale lighting is added on the sidewalk for increased safety.



Design Renderings

Site 6, M-22 South From Lake Street

Site 6

Site 6 follows M-22 south from Lake Street. The focus within this corridor area is on creating a more comfortable and safe pedestrian experience while strengthening connections between businesses, protecting waterways and habitat with low-impact development strategies along both sides of M-22.



Existing Conditions

In this draft design rendering, delineated sidewalks, native plantings, trees, a lamppost, and a speed limit sign with flashing lights have been added. A bike lane has been added to the east side of M-22.



Design Renderings

Site 7

Site 7 is the final focus area including land that is adjacent to the Arcadia Marsh Nature Area parking lot, along M-22, looking north. According to the visioning activities, potential improvements along this corridor relate to social gathering, residential development, small business entrepreneurship, and habitat protection, all of which can enhance economic growth. These improvements should reflect the character of Arcadia and protect the environment and resident species of plants and animals.

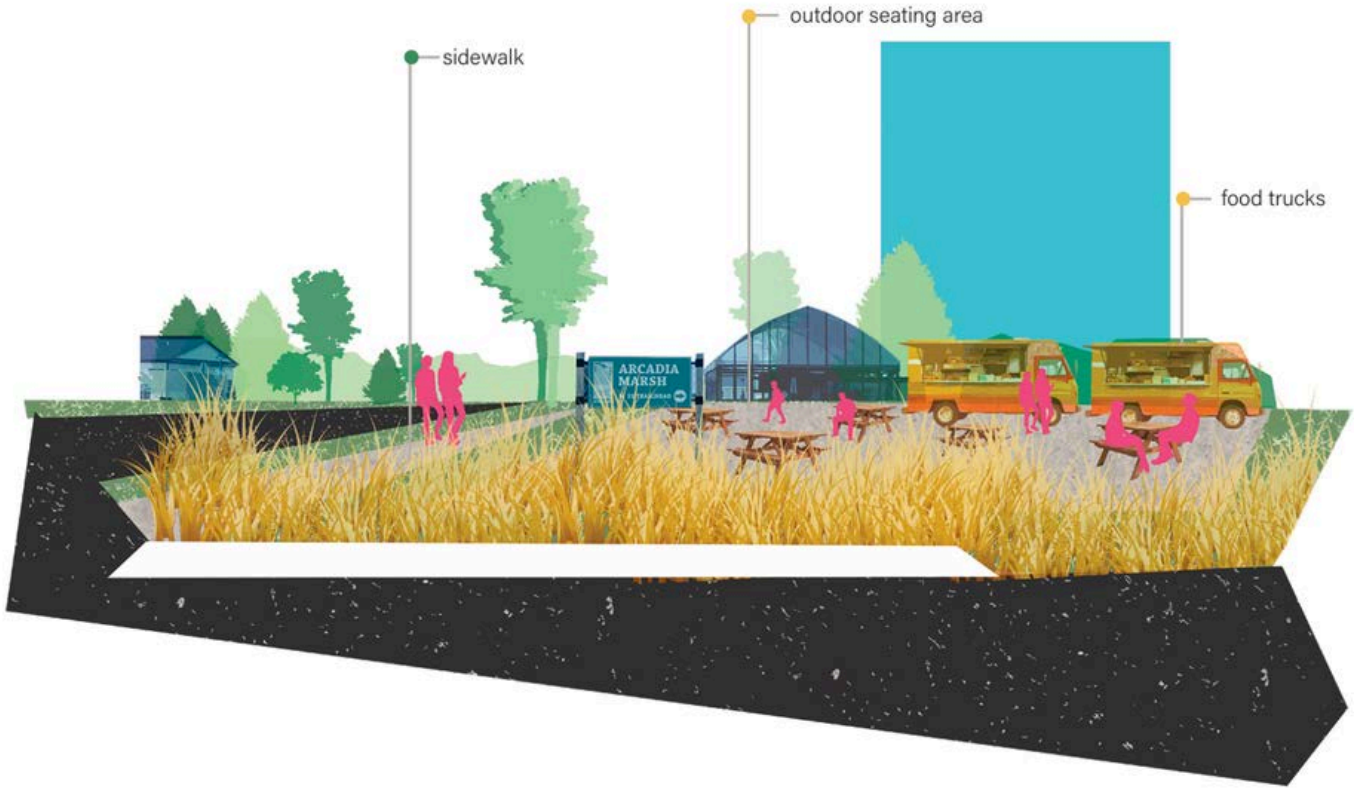
The property depicted in this design rendering is currently privately owned. However, the design elements depicted here are of value to Arcadia residents, youth, and leaders and can be implemented along a cross-section of the community where it makes logistical, economic, and environmental sense.



Existing Conditions

Sidewalks and outdoor seating areas along M-22 are proposed for this site or other similar sites across the Township.

Habitat elements such as low-impact development and the addition of native plantings are included.



Design Feedback

Site 1

SITE 1 Lake Street - West

23 participants · numbers = mentions

LIKED	#
Bike lane	13
Sidewalk	12
Trees	8
Benches	4

NEEDS WORK	#
Benches	5
Trees	5
Bury utilities	4
Streetlights	4

KEY CONCERNS

- Benches should face the lake, not the road
- Protect the dark sky: no overhead streetlights
- Keep lake views and the small-town feel
- Who maintains the plantings? Is the road wide enough for a bike lane?

Like:

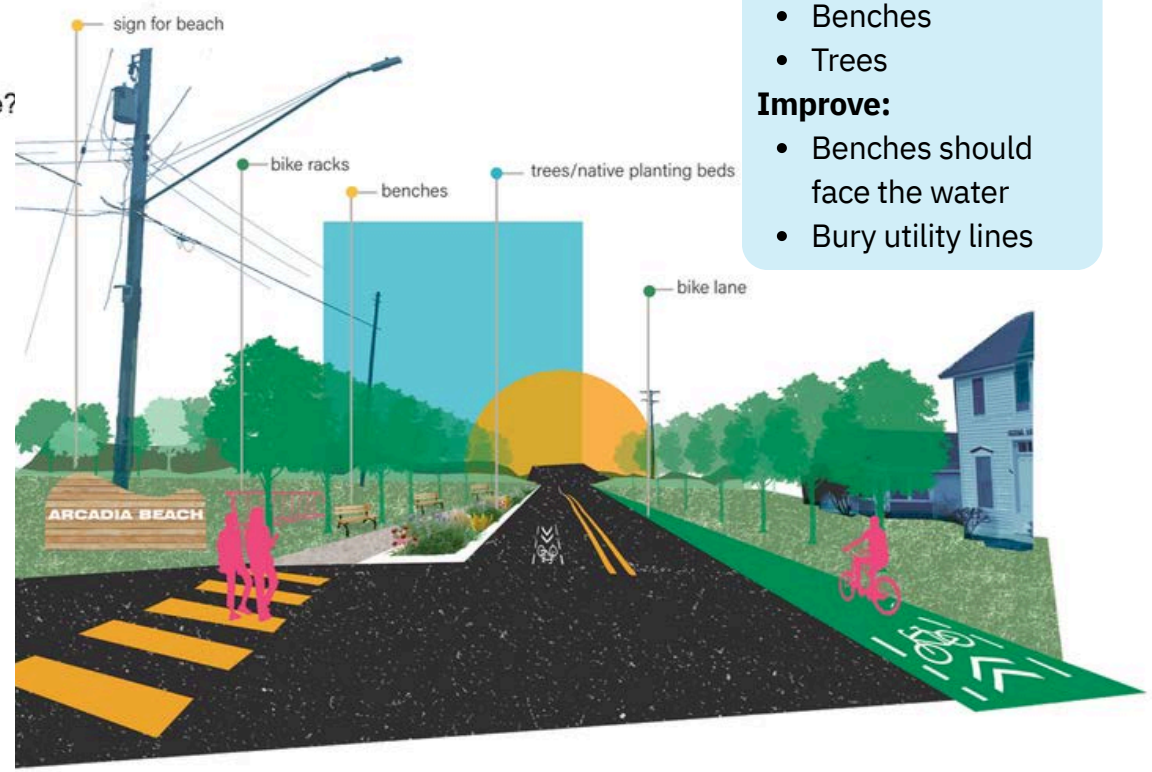
- Sidewalks
- Benches
- Trees

Improve:

- Benches should face the water
- Bury utility lines

When shown the design rendering of Site 1, meeting participants supported the addition of bike lanes and sidewalks along Lake Street.

However, the placement of benches and trees needed improvement. Participants pointed out that the benches should face Arcadia Lake, utilities should be buried, and that all lighting should preserve the area's dark sky.



Design Feedback

Site 2

SITE 2 Arcadia Lake

20 participants · numbers = mentions

LIKED	#
Trail / path	7
Playground	5
Natural area	3
Fire pit	3

NEEDS WORK	#
Fire pit	6
Playground	5
Water access	4
Dock	3

KEY CONCERNS

- Fire pit safety: smoke, sparks, beach-grass fires, DNR permits
- Split on the playground: toddler play vs. "nature is th
- Keep it natural and light-touch, with unpaved paths
- No parking on Starke Rd; respect HOA road rights

Like:

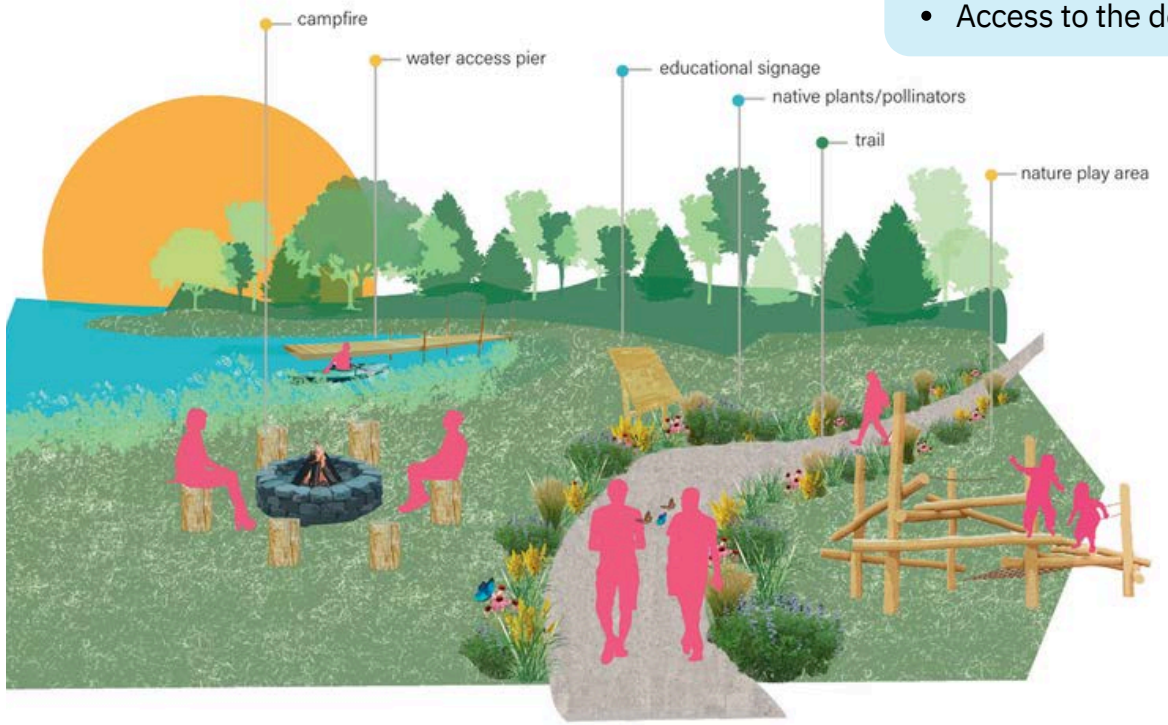
- Trail
- Playground

Improve:

- Less playground/open lawn or nature space
- Access to the dock

When shown the design rendering of Site 2, Arcadia Lake, participants supported the Trail/Path followed by the playground and the preserved open natural area and fire pit.

The design of the fire pit, playground, and dock caused concern about the proper and safe use of these amenities.



Design Feedback

Site 3

SITE 3 Arcadia Beach

19 participants · numbers = mentions

LIKED	#
Overall design / little change	6
Bike racks	3
Grills	3
Benches	2

NEEDS WORK	#
Fire pit	4
Mobility mats	3
Parking	3
Lighting	2

KEY CONCERNS

- Open fires are risky in dry, windy conditions
- Add mobility mats and wheelchair access to the beach
- No leasing the area for private events
- Design reads close to what is there today

Like:

- Bike racks
- Grills
- Play structure
- Benches

Improve:

- Fire pit

When shown the design renderings for Site 3, Arcadia Beach, the participant supported the proposed amenities.

However, safe use of the fire pits was a concern. Multiple proposed amenities have since been constructed, yet these designs that support passive recreation and social gathering are a priority for Arcadia residents.



Design Feedback

Site 4

SITE 4 Lake Street at M-22, Looking West

21 participants · numbers = mentions

LIKED	#
Plantings / native	5
Sidewalk	4
Bike lane	3
Beautification	2

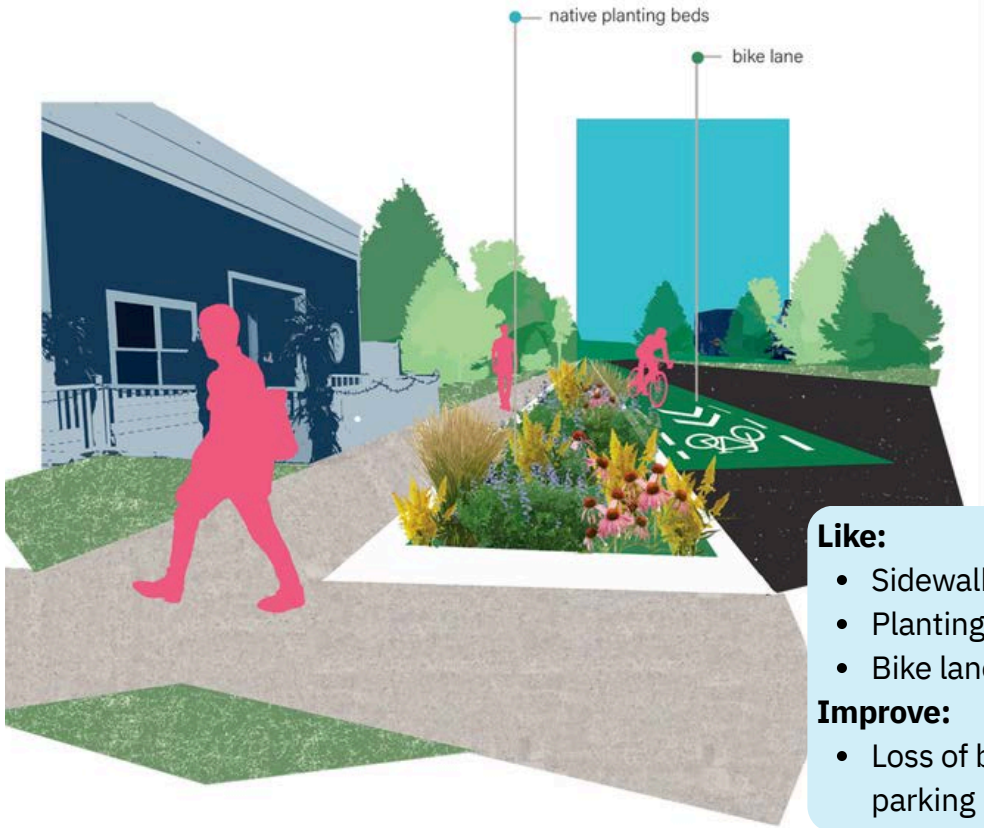
NEEDS WORK	#
Parking	11
Bike lane	7

KEY CONCERNS

- Keep street parking for the Mt Plate diner
- Bike lane switches sides from Site 1: align them
- Bike lane on M-22 needs MDOT approval; road may be too narrow
- Who maintains the planting beds?

When shown the design rendering of Site 4, participants supported the native plantings, sidewalks and bike lanes.

The lack of on-street parking for existing businesses needed additional design consideration.



Like:

- Sidewalk
- Plantings
- Bike lanes

Improve:

- Loss of business parking

Design Feedback

Site 5

SITE 5 Looking east on Lake St. at M-22

23 participants · numbers = mentions

LIKED	#
Crosswalk	7
Bike lane	7
Pedestrian sign	6
Sidewalk	5

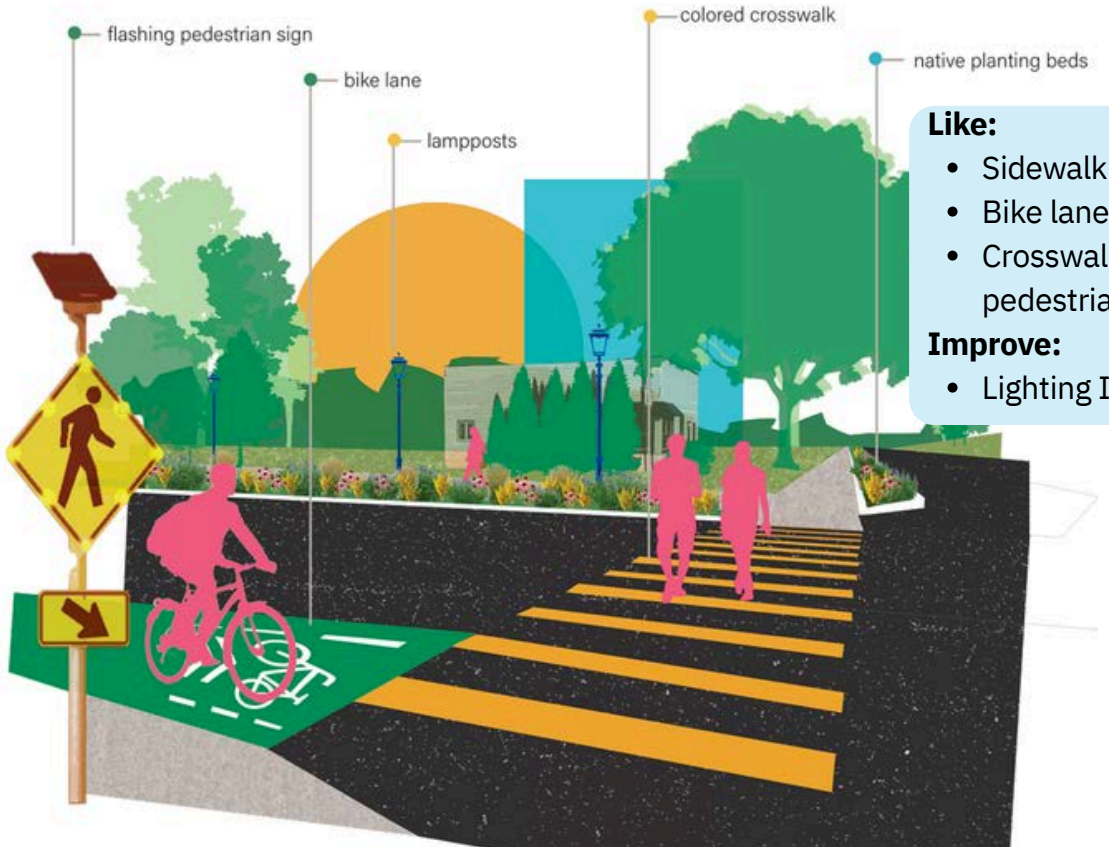
NEEDS WORK	#
Lighting	5
Traffic control	4
Bike lane	2
Crosswalk	2

KEY CONCERNS

- Lighting must be dark-sky compliant; flashing on demand
- Traffic on M-22 is too fast: add calming or a blinking light
- Signs and bike lanes may need MDOT permits
- Who clears the new sidewalk in winter?

When shown the design rendering for Site 5, Lake Street, looking east at M-22, participants supported the native plantings, crosswalk, sidewalk, bike lane, and flashing pedestrian crossing sign.

Participants were concerned about the proposed lighting and signage negatively impacting the preservation of Arcadia's dark sky.



Like:

- Sidewalk
- Bike lane
- Crosswalk and pedestrian sign

Improve:

- Lighting Impacts

Design Feedback

SITE 6 M-22

23 participants · numbers = mentions

LIKED	#
Sidewalk	14
Bike lane	9
Landscaping	4
Lighting	3

NEEDS WORK	#
Lighting	3
Signage	2
Space / width	2
Traffic control	2

KEY CONCERNS

- Corridor may be too narrow; land ownership and driv
- Maintenance of plantings and winter sidewalk clearin
- Dark-sky lighting; no constantly flashing signs
- Slow traffic down by any means possible

When shown the design rendering for Site 6, M-22 looking south at the Lake Street intersection, participants supported the proposed sidewalk, bike lane, lighting, and landscaping.

Participants were again concerned with the negative impact of the lighting and signage on Arcadia's dark sky, and concerned with traffic control along M-22.

Site 6

Like:

- Sidewalk
- Bike lane
- Plantings

Improve:

- Lighting



Design Feedback

Site 7

SITE 7 Community Area

22 participants · numbers = mentions

LIKED	#
Picnic tables / eating area	5
Sidewalk	3
Seating	2

NEEDS WORK	#
Private property	11

KEY CONCERNS

- Site is privately owned: exclude or coordinate with owners
- Mixed views on food trucks
- Keep it tranquil; don't try to do too much
- Marsh visitors need places to eat and rest

Like:

- Eating areas
- Seating

Improve:

- Projects on Public vs. Private property

When shown the design rendering of Site 7, on M-22 at the entrance of the Arcadia Marsh area, participants supported the outdoor eating design, However, private property concerns were raised.

It is important to note that these outdoor amenities and native plantings are high priorities for Arcadia residents and can be designed and promoted as appropriate in public and/or private areas across the Township where it makes the most sense.

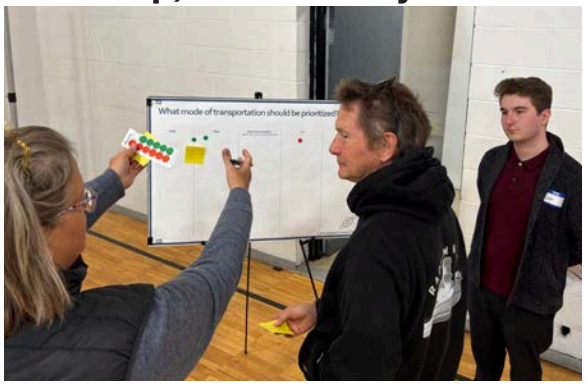


Design Feedback

Visual Design Preferences

After the presentation of draft design renderings for Sites 1-7, participants were invited to comment and vote on generalized visual design preferences. Participants provided feedback on images of various housing types, landscape types, bench, bike rack, and signage designs, utilizing green and red sticky dots to denote their support or concern for each design element, respectively.

The photos below depict the visual preference activity in action at the May Feedback workshop, facilitated by SBEI and Networks Northwest team members.









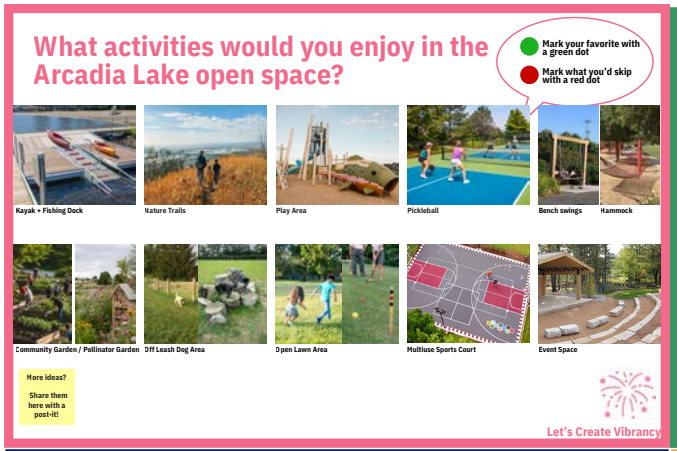


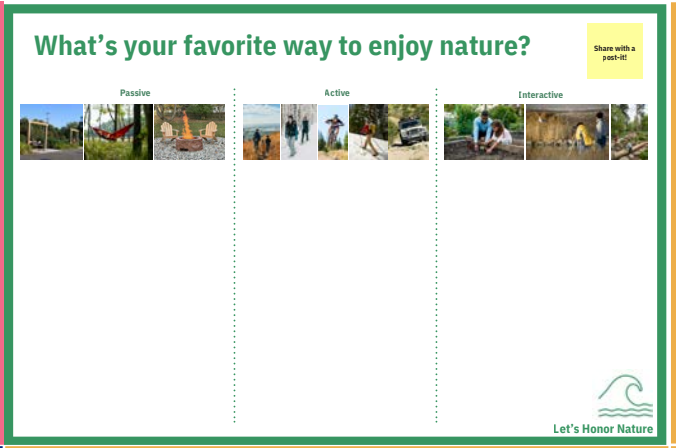


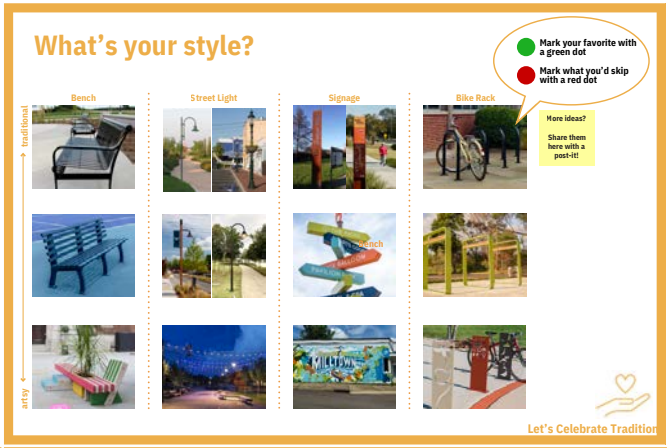
Design Feedback

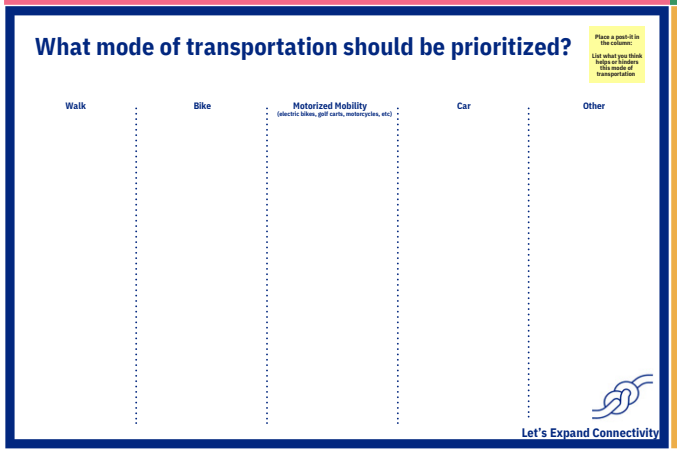
Visual Design Preferences

The presentation boards used to gather community feedback are shown below. Each design theme was represented by at least one board dedicated to collecting community input. This approach helped ensure that the proposed designs reflected the community's priorities, wants, and needs for each theme.













Design Feedback

Preference Voting- Activity Types

What activities would you enjoy in the Arcadia Lake open space?

When asked what types of activities they would enjoy in the Arcadia Lake open space, participants expressed a preference for activities that **foster connections with nature** and **support community events and gatherings,** with a majority of green-dot votes supporting trails, event spaces, open areas, and gardens.

In contrast, participants showed **less interest in organized sport courts**, indicating a desire for a **more nature-oriented, flexible, and community-focused space.**



Kayak + Fishing Dock



Nature Trails



Play Area



Pickleball



Bench swings


Hammock



Community Garden / Pollinator Garden



Off Leash Dog Area



Open Lawn Area



Multiuse Sports Court



Event Space

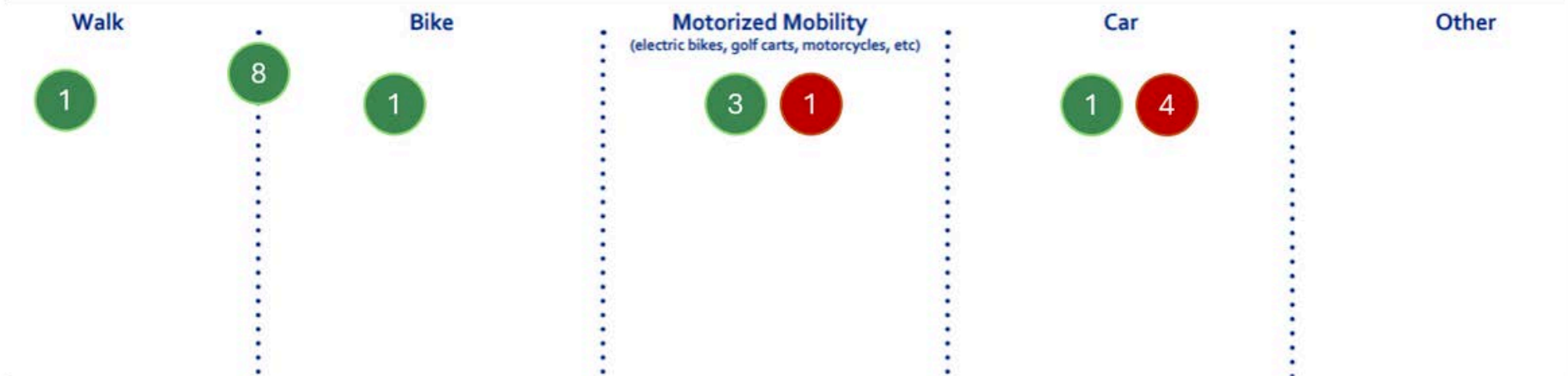
Design Feedback

Preference Voting- Transportation Types

What mode of transportation should be prioritized?

When asked which modes of transportation should be prioritized, community members strongly **favored walking and biking,** with ten votes depicted in the results chart below. Participants also expressed interest in **accommodating motorized mobility options, including electric bikes, golf carts, and motorcycles.**

In contrast, **car or automobile access received relatively little support**, suggesting a preference for a transportation approach that emphasizes active mobility while accommodating a range of other travel modes.



Design Feedback

Preference Voting - Experiencing Nature

What's your favorite way to enjoy nature?

When asked about their favorite ways to enjoy nature, participants emphasized the **importance of providing a diversity of experiences,** including interactive opportunities. Interactive gardening and birdwatching received very positive feedback.

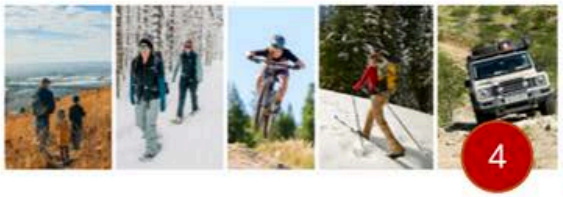
Participants **expressed concerns about incorporating fire features and off-roading**, highlighting the importance of balancing recreational opportunities with environmental considerations and community preferences.

Passive



- (2) Concerns about fire safety
- Really like swings + fire pit
- Diversity needed

Active



- (3) hiking + walking

Interactive



Design Feedback

Preference Voting- Design Styles

What's your style?

When asked about their preferred design style of benches, lighting, signage, and bike racks, community members generally leaned toward a **more traditional aesthetic**. However, feedback also indicated an interest in **incorporating more artistic elements into specific features**, such as bike racks.

This suggests an overall preference for a traditional design approach complemented by creative, distinctive details that add an Arcadia character to the space.



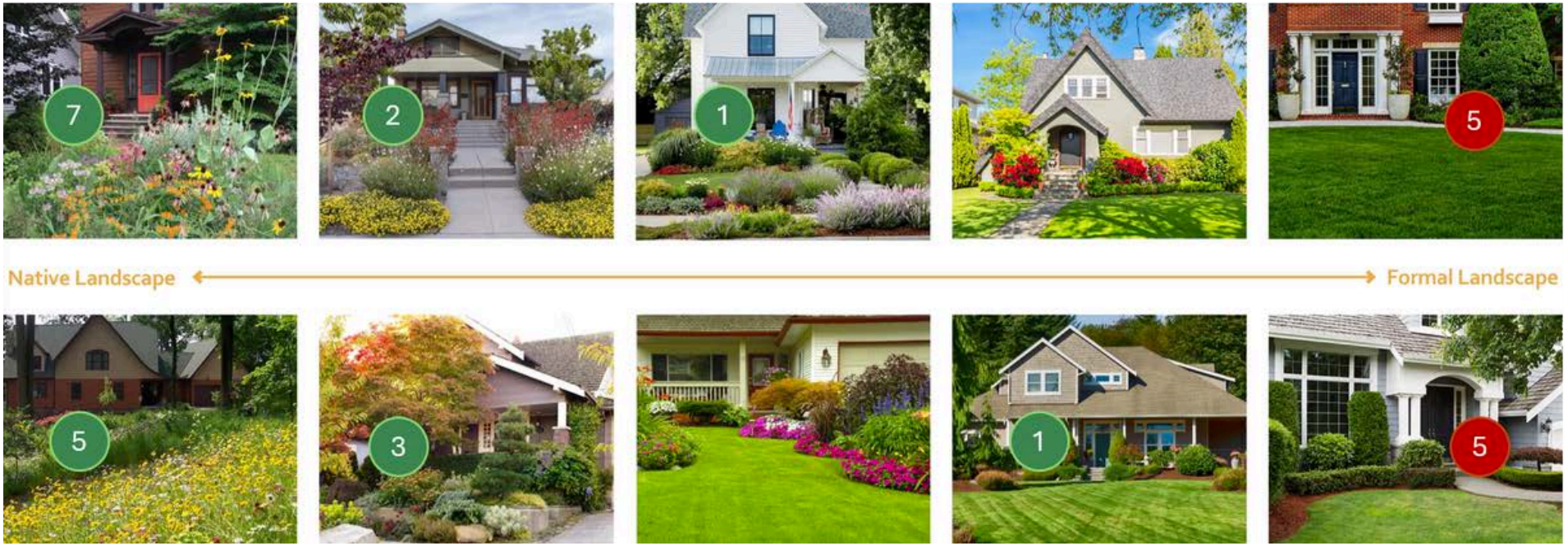
Design Feedback

Preference Voting - Landscape Types

How do you envision the landscaping of Arcadia?

When asked how they envision the landscaping of Arcadia, participants were offered a spectrum of landscape types, shown below as more natural on the left, to more landscaped and suburban on the right. Participants generally **favored a native-based, natural landscaping style** that reflects a northern Michigan character.

Formal, suburban landscape designs were less preferred, suggesting a community interest in naturalistic planting approaches that support local ecosystems and reinforce a connection to the surrounding northern Michigan environment.



Design Feedback

Preference Voting- Housing Types

What would you like the future of housing in Arcadia to look like?

When asked how they envision the future of housing in Arcadia, participants were offered a spectrum of housing types shown below, with single-family homes on the left, multi-family housing on the right, and diverse housing types in between. Participants expressed a **strong preference for single-family homes** and significant **opposition to multifamily housing**.

This feedback indicates a community preference for **single-family residential forms.**



Summary of Feedback

In general, there is community support for the overall themes and direction of the draft designs including non-motorized infrastructure, native landscaping and habitat protection. The community also identified areas for improvement related to traffic calming on M-22, lighting design, fire threats, and private property concerns.

Design elements supported across all draft design renderings:

- Residents expressed support for sidewalks and **bike lanes**.
- Many noted that separate **sidewalks** would make the corridor more welcoming for families.
- Residents responded positively to native planting, **protected habitat, and green space**.
- They encouraged expanding **native landscaping** throughout the corridor.
- The feedback reinforced the **connectivity** theme regarding safety, family-friendly multimodal travel, and a focus on **climate-resilient, pollinator landscaping** that reflects Arcadia's unique habitat environment.

Design elements that needed improvement:

- Residents emphasized **sensitive lighting design**, noting Arcadia is a dark sky community.
- **Fire safety concerns** were raised about the proposed fire pits.
- Many participants identified a need for accessible beach mobility mats and parking, reinforcing the community's commitment to **barrier-free design** for all users.



Planning & Design Recommendations

Planning and Design Goals

Four main overall planning and design goals grew out of the visioning activities completed by Arcadia youth, residents, and leaders in 2026: **Nature, Vibrancy, Tradition, and Connectivity.**

The four goals guide the designs provided in this report, and they support the small-town, northern Michigan rural character of Arcadia; improve walkability and safety; respect the area's lakeside and rural culture and history; protect extremely significant natural habitat and resources within Arcadia Township; and expand opportunities for responsible enjoyment of its amenities.



Nature



Vibrancy



Tradition



Connectivity

Goals and Design Considerations

Design Objectives: **Nature**

Connect People to Nature

- Encourage interaction with the natural environment through design.

Promote Resilience & Adaptability

- Climate resilient and low-maintenance landscaping

Embrace Natural Growth, Create Habitats, & Support Wildlife

- Promote native planting strategies that accent and support the natural beauty of the surrounding environment



Nature is defined by the community's strong desire to respect, appreciate, and support the natural environment. The design objectives reinforce these values by prioritizing ecological stewardship and strengthening the community's connection to nature.

Goals and Design Considerations

Design Objectives: **Vibrancy**

Activate the Street Edge

- Encourage active frontages with outdoor seating and indoor/outdoor connection

Create Flexible Public Spaces & Encourage Social Interaction

- Create plazas and open areas that can host events, performances, local vendors, seasonal markets, and daily informal use
- Integrate seating clusters, communal tables, and interactive elements to foster connection

Enhance Visual Energy

- Use color, planting, lighting, and public art to create a lively and memorable identity

Program Activities

- Support year-round use through lighting, shade, weather protection, and adaptable programming
- Incorporate spaces for play, gathering, and rest that appeal to children, teens, adults, and seniors



V**ibrancy** is defined by the community's desire to bring year-round energy to the town and activate the Four Corners area. The design objectives support this vision by celebrating community identity, introducing visual interest, activating public spaces and streets, and creating opportunities for year-round activities and engagement.

Goals and Design Considerations

Design Objectives: **Tradition**

Celebrate Local Identity

- Reflect the history and character of the community through design elements
- Use materials, details, and architectural language that are rooted in local traditions

Preserve Historic Features

- Protect and highlight existing buildings, landmarks, and spatial patterns that define the corridor

Maintain a Sense of Continuity

- Ensure new development complements the scale, rhythm, and character of Arcadia

Support Long-Standing Community Uses

- Reinforce spaces for gatherings, traditions, and activities that have shaped the community over time



Tradition is defined by the community's desire to support and celebrate its local identity. The design objectives reinforce this value by supporting existing uses, preserving historic features, and incorporating design elements that reflect and strengthen the community's unique character.

Goals and Design Considerations

Design Objectives: **Connectivity**

Expand Wayfinding

- Create signage with consistent and uniform language and design that improves connectivity, guides tourists, and informs about cultural landmarks

Increase Safety & Improve Accessibility

- Improve pedestrian experience and safety along Lake St. and M22 by improving lighting, calming traffic, upgrading crossings and sidewalks, and ensuring barrier-free design for all users.

Encourage Additional Modes of Transportation

- Supporting bikers and foot traffic through dedicated infrastructure



Connectivity is defined by the community's desire to strengthen connections between sites throughout Arcadia. The design objectives support this vision by improving wayfinding, enhancing safety and accessibility, and encouraging a variety of transportation options, including walking, biking, and other modes of travel.

Example Design Locations

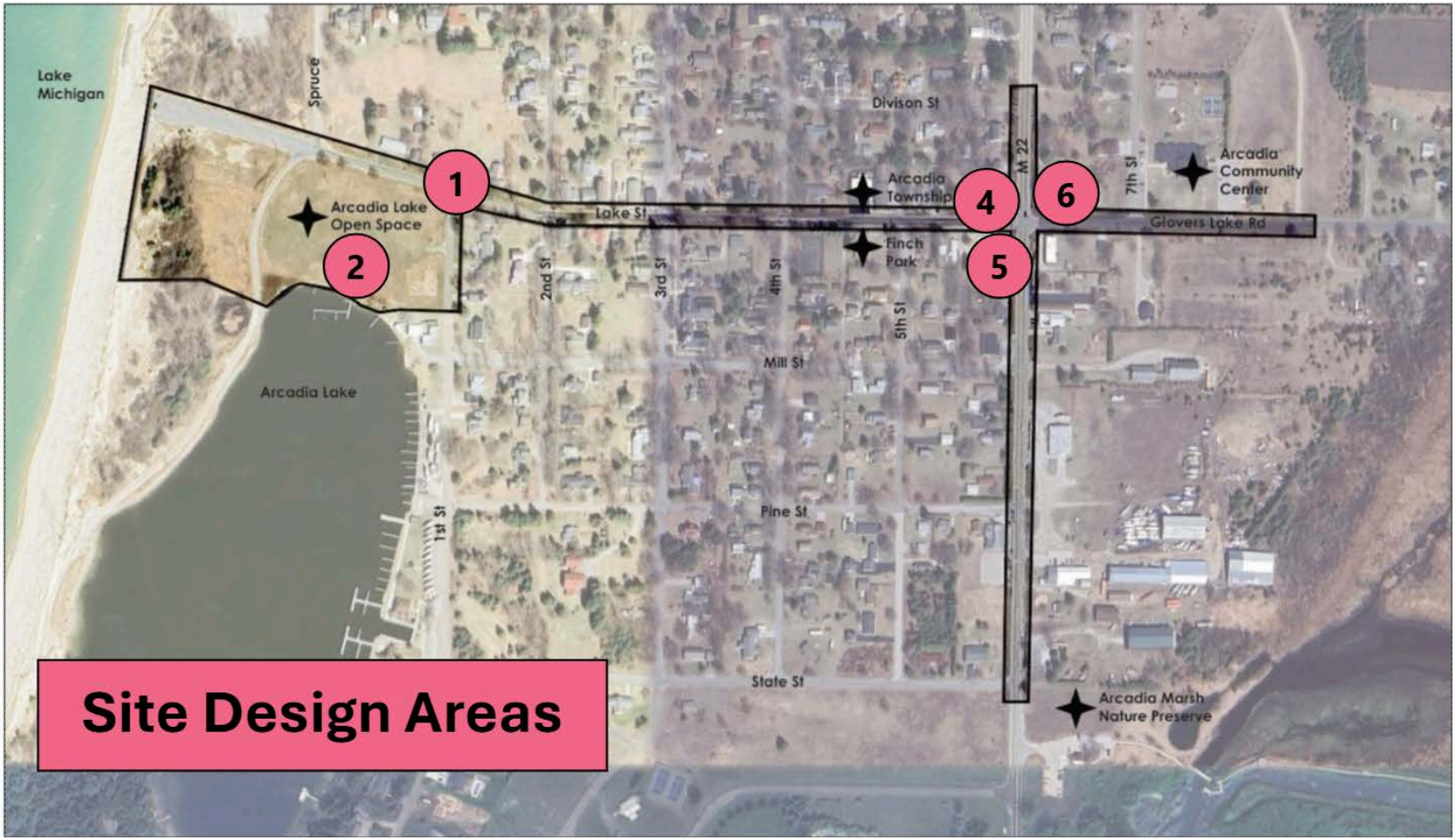
The final example designs described in this section of the report are segmented into a few example locations in Arcadia Township. These sites show what can be done at many similar locations throughout the project area, based on community preference.

Nature

Vibrancy

Tradition

Connectivity

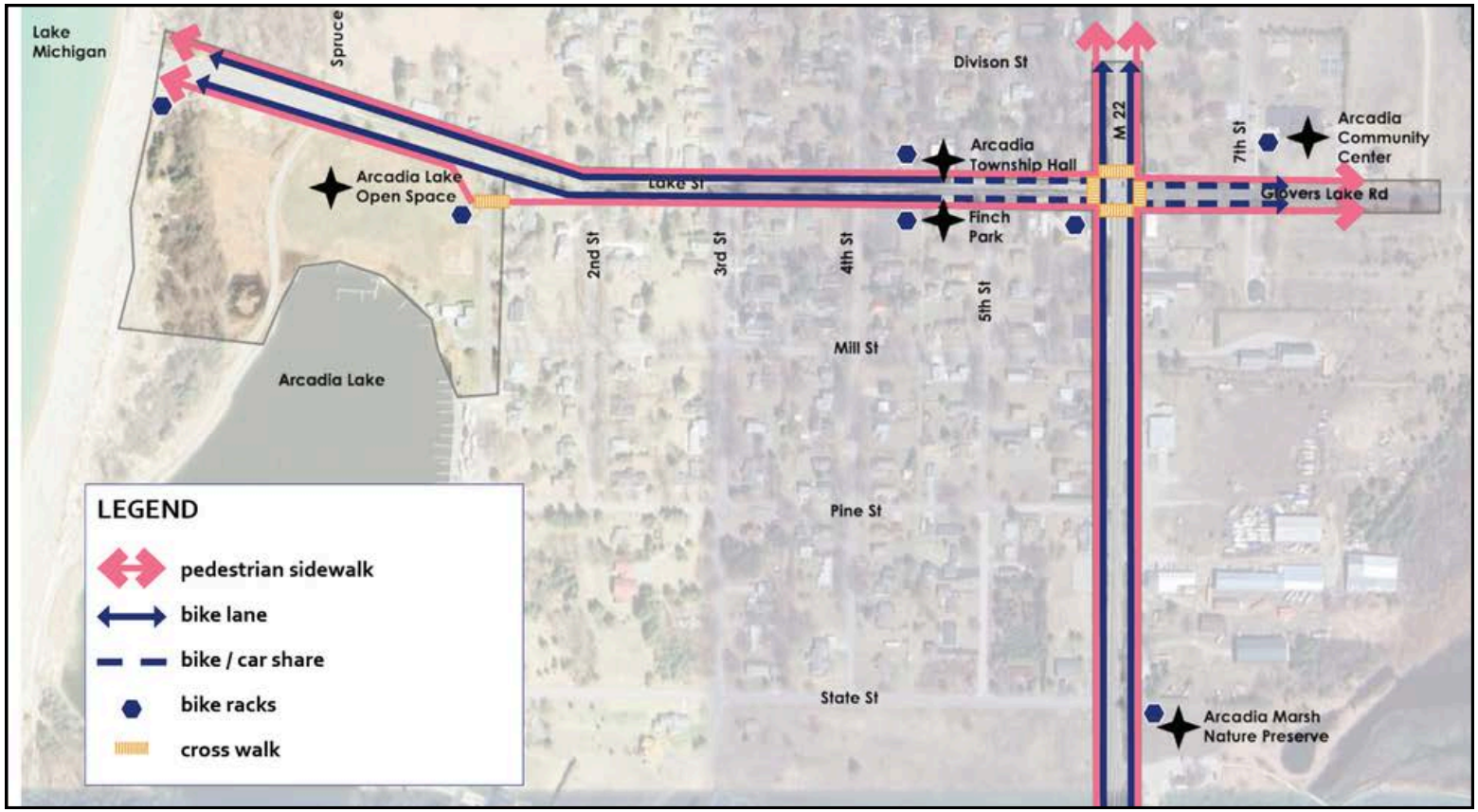


Streetscape

Arcadia Connectivity

Residents emphasized the importance of connectivity throughout Arcadia and expressed interest in a range of multimodal transportation options. To support safe and accessible travel, the proposed connectivity plan incorporates dedicated routes for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The plan also prioritizes connections to key community destinations, including Arcadia Beach, Arcadia Lake Open Space, the Community Center, Arcadia Marsh Nature Preserve, and the town center. Together, these connections aim to improve access throughout the community while supporting active transportation and access to natural and community spaces.



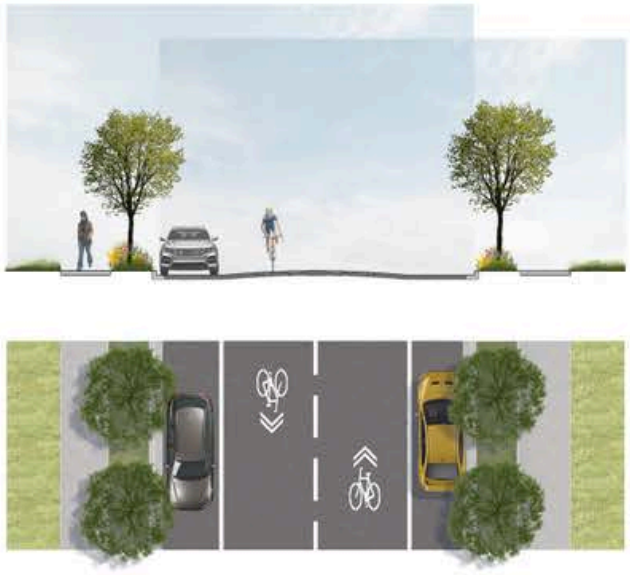
Design Recommendations

Street Cross Sections

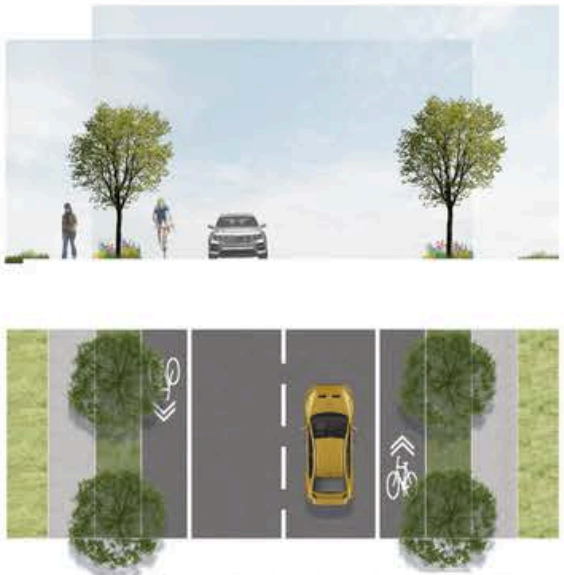
In response to community feedback gathered during Meeting Two, the design team developed proposed street sections that reflect residents' priorities for Arcadia's transportation network.

These sections consider available right-of-way (ROW) widths while incorporating nature and trees, prioritizing safe bicycle and pedestrian transportation, and improving connectivity between key community destinations.

Refer to Appendix C for the full street sections and their dimensions.



Section 1: Lake Street-West



Section 2: Lake Street-East



Section 3: M22

Design Recommendations

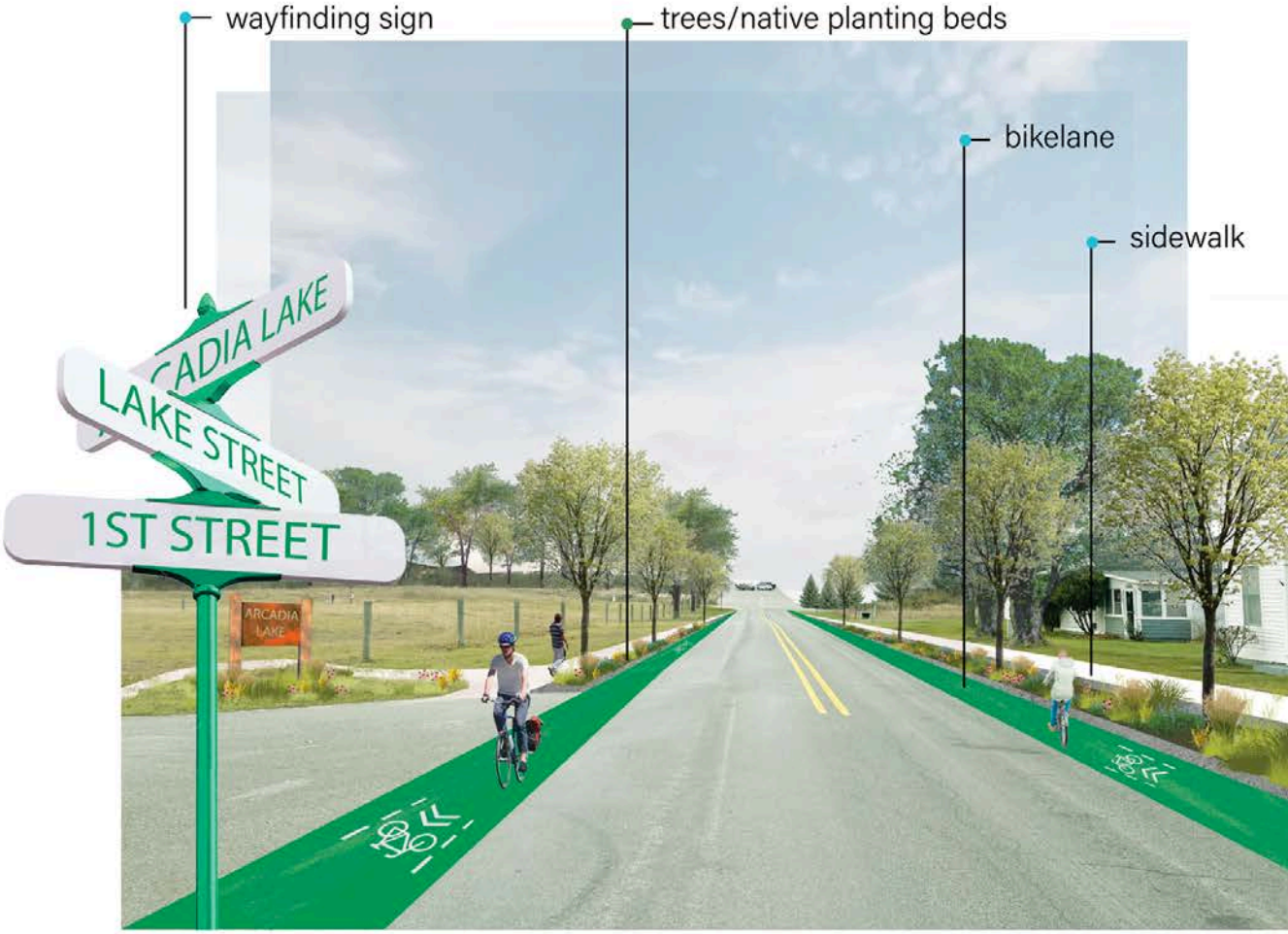
Site 1
Lake Street

Existing Condition



For Site 1, the image to the left shows existing conditions on Lake St., **looking west** towards Arcadia Beach.

Design Recommendation



Design Recommendation

Based on community input, we've added dedicated bike lanes, a separated sidewalk, trees and native planting beds, and wayfinding signage to guide visitors to Arcadia Lake and the beach.

Design Recommendations

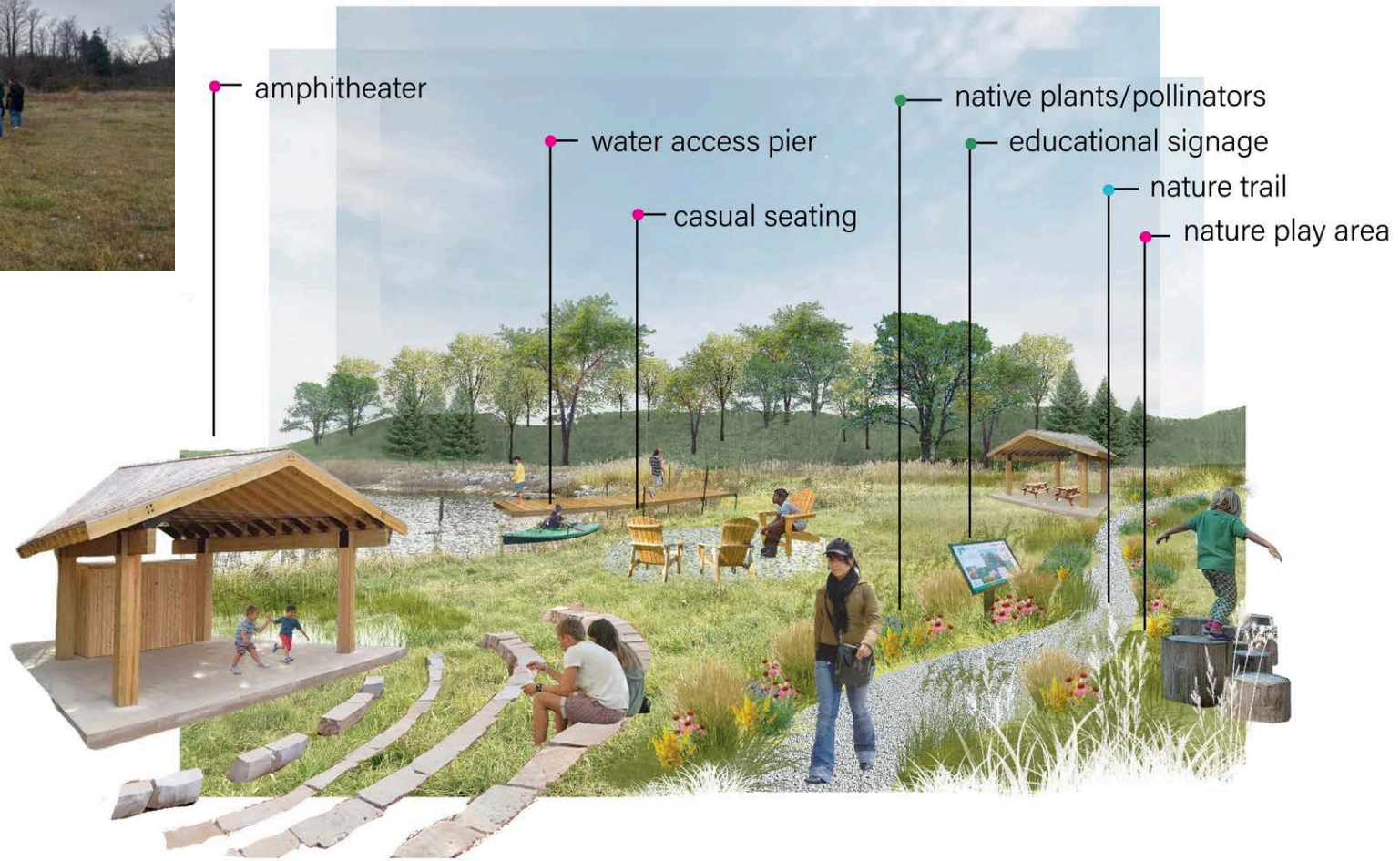
Site 2: Arcadia Lake Open Space

Existing Condition



For Site 2, the image on the left shows existing conditions at the **north side of** Arcadia Lake, looking west across the open space.

Design Recommendation

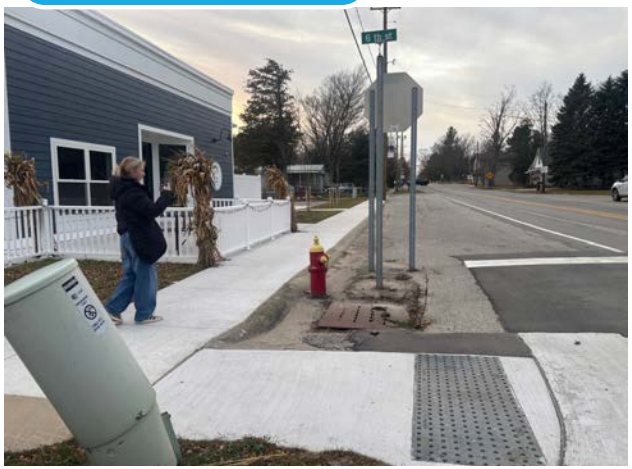


Design Recommendation:
Based on community input, we've added a nature trail, native plants for pollinators, educational signage, casual seating, a water access pier, an amphitheater, and a nature play area. Together, these create a space for gathering, learning, and connecting with the lake.

Design Recommendations

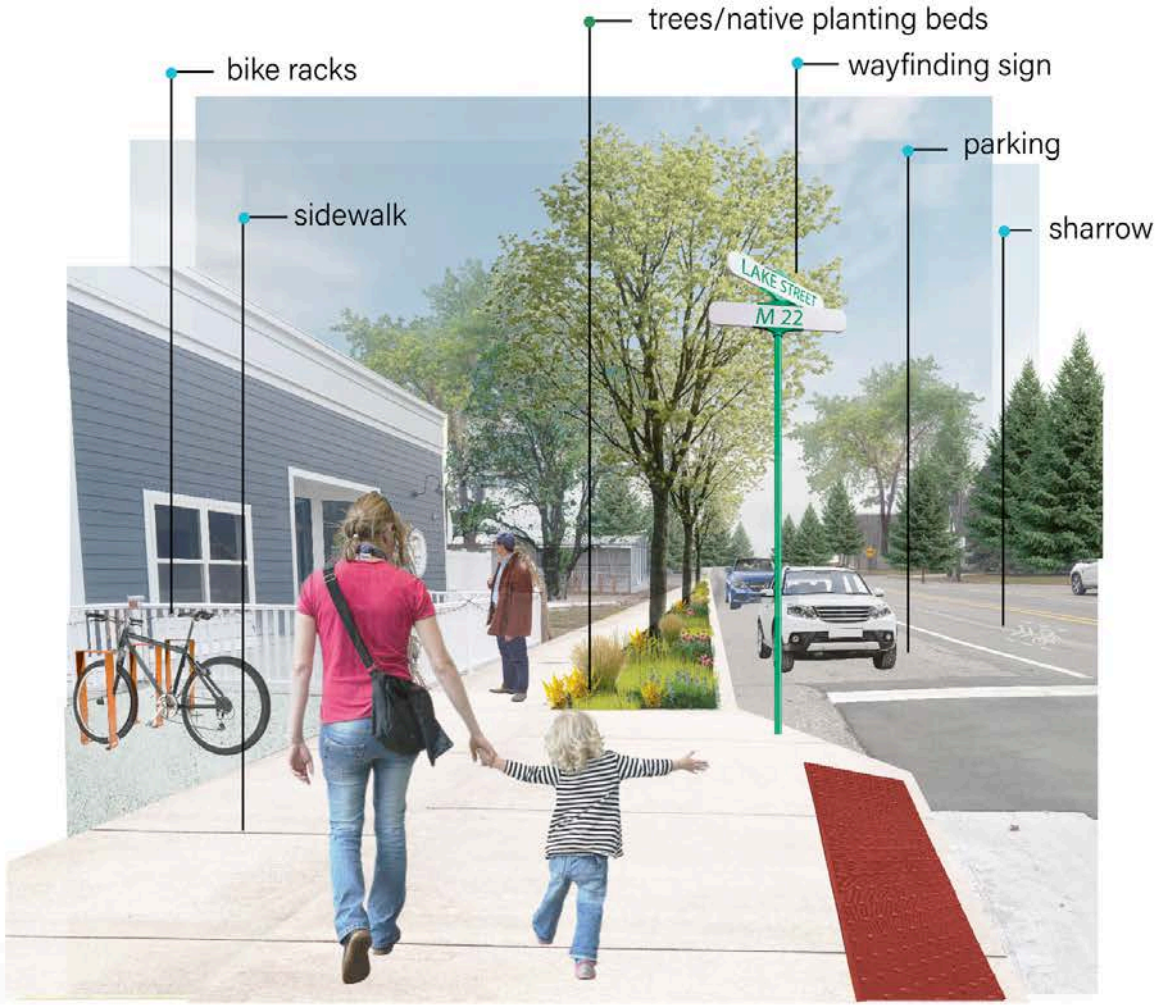
Site 4
Lake Street
at M-22

Existing Condition



For Site 4, the image to the left shows existing conditions at Lake St. and M-22, **looking west.**

Design Recommendation



Design Recommendation:
Based on community input, we've added a wider sidewalk, trees and native planting beds, bike racks, wayfinding signage, on-street parking, and sharrows to mark the lane as shared by bikes and cars.

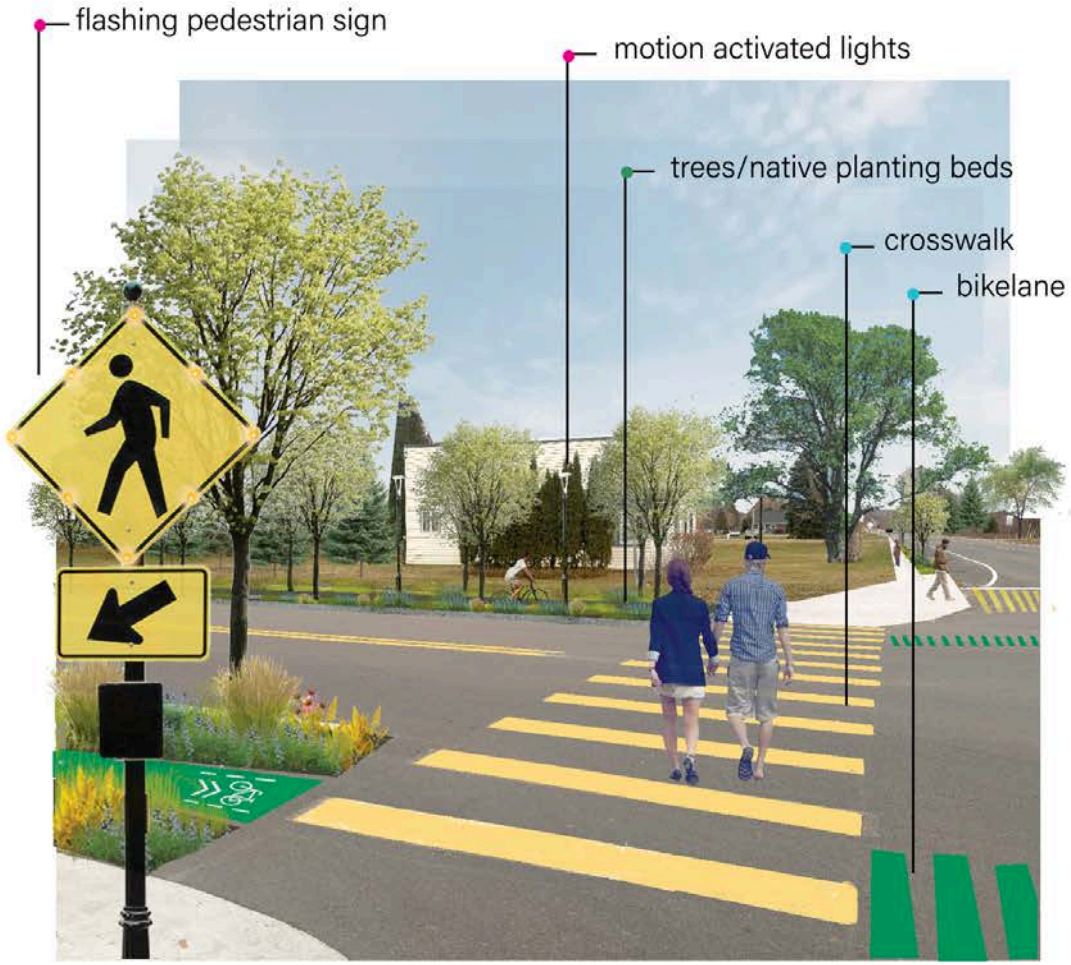
Design Recommendations

Site 5: Lake Street at M-22



For Site 5, the image above shows existing conditions **looking east from the intersection of M-22 and Lake Street**.

Design Recommendation



Design Recommendation:
Based on community input, we've added a high-visibility crosswalk, a flashing pedestrian sign, a bike lane, trees and native planting beds, and motion-activated lighting.

Design Recommendations

Site 6: M-22 at Lake Street

Existing Condition



For Site 6, the image on the left shows existing conditions along M-22 at Lake Street, **looking south** past local storefronts.

Design Recommendation



Design Recommendation:
Based on community input, we've added permeable pavement, a sidewalk, trees and native planting beds, and a bike lane. The planting strip separates people from traffic, and the permeable pavement manages stormwater, creating a greener, more walkable frontage for local businesses.

Planning Recommendations & Action Steps



From Goals to Action

This section provides recommendations and action steps that assist Arcadia leadership in prioritizing future activities related to implementing the designs in this report. The action steps relate directly to the four goals: Nature, Vibrancy, Tradition, and Connectivity. Please utilize the charts on this page to develop notes and thoughts regarding the recommendations and action steps presented in this section.

Notes Regarding Next Steps and Priorities:

Nature: Strategies and Next Steps

Pride and appreciation for Arcadia's Natural Beauty and a Desire for Nature-based design

Design Considerations	Recommendations	Action Steps
Connect People to Nature	Encourage interaction with the natural environment	• Adopt a policy requiring Green Stormwater Infrastructure and **Low Impact Development (LID)** techniques in municipal projects; Incentivize LID with Private Development Project. • Create an ad hoc committee to research replacing conventional paving with **permeable** pavement systems such as pervious concrete, porous asphalt, and permeable interlocking pavers. • Adopt standards that **minimize impervious surface** within each zoning district. • Adopt a policy to **reduce lawn grass and to plant trees, shrubs, and perennials** on public sites to reduce irrigation needs, increase habitat diversity and support animal and insect populations.
Promote Resilience & Adaptability	Climate resilient and low-maintenance landscaping	
Embrace Natural Growth, Create Habitats, & Support Wildlife	Promote native planting strategies that accent and support the natural beauty of the surrounding environment	

Vibrancy: Ideas and Actions

Desire for Active and Lively Community Spaces Designed for all Ages

Design Considerations	Recommendations	Action Steps
Activate the Street Edge	Encourage active frontages with outdoor seating and indoor/outdoor connection	• Create an ad hoc committee to research the ability for private businesses to **use the right of way and public land** for outdoor seating, dining activities and signage. • **Research incentives to offer local businesses** to contribute to and strengthen the corridor's unique identity and character. • **Host expanded partnership meetings** with local & regional organizations to plan year-round outdoor music, theater and art events.
Create Flexible Public Spaces & Encourage Social Interactions	Create plazas and open areas that can host events, performances, local vendors, seasonal markets, and daily informal use Integrate seating clusters, communal tables, and interactive elements to foster connection	
Enhance Visual Energy	Use color, planting, lighting, and public art to create a lively and memorable identity	
Program Activities	Support year-round use through lighting, shade, weather protection, and adaptable programming Incorporate spaces for play, gathering, and rest that appeal to children, teens, adults, and seniors	

Tradition: Approaches and Next Steps

Small-scale, Community Driven Enhancements that Reflect Arcadia's Traditions

Design Considerations	Recommendations	Action Steps
Celebrate Local Identity	Reflect the history and character of the community through design Use materials, details, and architectural language that are rooted in local traditions	• **Create an ad hoc committee** to develop **designs and materials that reflect Arcadia's history and environment** to be used in public improvement projects. • Partner with and support **local and regional history organizations to design signage and art** that tell Arcadia's stories in key locations across the downtown area. • **Participate in expanded partnership** with local, regional and state organizations to maintain historic preservation efforts in the downtown area including the historic design of any new housing or other developments.
Preserve Historic Features	Protect and highlight existing buildings, landmarks, and spatial patterns that define the corridor	
Maintain a Sense of Community	Ensure new development complements the scale, rhythm, and character of Arcadia	
Support Long-Standing Community and Cultural spaces and areas	Reinforce spaces for gatherings, traditions, and activities that have shaped the community over time	

Connectivity: Strategies and Actions

Easy to Navigate, Multimodal, and Safe Transportation Options

Design Considerations	Recommendations	Action Steps
Expand Wayfinding	Create signage with consistent and uniform language and design that improves connectivity, guides tourists, and informs about cultural landmarks	• Research **high-visibility** markings and pedestrian-signal upgrades. • **Prioritize the installation of pervious pathways, widened sidewalks, bike paths, and curb cuts** to encourage more multi-modal nonmotorized connections. • Research **pedestrian-scale environmentally-sensitive lighting** along sidewalks throughout the area. • Work with MDOT and county to **study median design and traffic calming** devices that reduce traffic speed in the downtown area. • Inventory and **prepare a plan** for sidewalk and pathway upkeep.
Increase Safety & Improve Accessibility	Improve pedestrian experience and safety along Lake St. and M-22 by improving lighting, calming traffic, upgrading crossings and sidewalks, and ensuring barrier-free design for all users	
Encourage Additional Modes of Transportation	Support bikers and foot traffic through dedicated infrastructure	

Prioritization

The following steps provide a framework for turning community input into action, keeping efforts organized and accountable, and ensuring that decisions over time stay true to the vision residents helped create.

1. **Form a steering or implementation committee** to lead a project prioritization process.
2. **Define priorities that align with Arcadia's overall master plan** vision, and sort actions into short-, mid-, and long-term phases.
3. **Identify key partners and assign responsibility for each action** through an implementation action plan that outlines tasks, timelines, and potential funding sources.
4. **Set milestones and review progress** annually to keep projects on schedule and adjust priorities as needed.
5. **Use the SBEI Sustainability Checklist** to evaluate future projects against the plan's goals, helping ensure that each investment protects Arcadia's natural environment and enhances resiliency. (See Appendix D: Sustainability Checklist)

Hazard mitigation priorities

At its core, sustainable development is a form of hazard mitigation. Additionally, the MSU SBEI process represents a sustainable initiative that creates designs and policy recommendations. To achieve all the goals outlined for your community, it's essential to use hazard mitigation goals. Please refer to the goals below, taken from the Manistee County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (2023).

Goal 1: Increase local awareness and participation in natural hazard mitigation strategies.

Goal 2: Integrate natural hazard mitigation considerations into the community's comprehensive planning process

Goal 3: Utilize available resources and apply for additional funding for natural hazard mitigation

Goal 4: Develop and complete natural hazard mitigation projects in a timely manner





Thank You



Appendices

Appendix A: Meeting One Visioning Input Full Feedback

At Meeting One, residents provided input to develop a vision for the Arcadia Township Visioning Project area. Participants were asked three questions to which they provided their written responses.

Q1: What are you proud of about the project site and the immediate area?	Count
ACC	2
Access to recreation	1
Accessibility	1
Accessibility to roads & water	1
Arcadia Daze	1
Beach	1
Biking access	1
Boat ramp	1
Cafe	1
Camp Arcadia	1
Children's Park	1
Community Center	1
Community Gathering	1
Conservancy land	1
Diversity	1
Dredging of channel	1

Q1: What are you proud of about the project site and the immediate area?	Count
Fire department	1
First responders	1
Food truck	1
Garden triangle	1
Hard-working community volunteers	1
Historic buildings	1
Historic feel	1
Ice cream	1
Lake Michigan	1
Library	1
M-22 intersection improvements	1
Marina	1
Marsh	1
Marsh Walk	1
Mixed-use	1
Museum	1

Appendix A: Meeting One Visioning Input Full Feedback

At Meeting One, residents provided input to develop a vision for the Arcadia Township Visioning Project area. Participants were asked three questions to which they provided their written responses.

Q1: What are you proud of about the project site and the immediate area?	Count
Native trees	1
Natural beauty	3
Natural harbor and marina	1
New businesses	1
New businesses (restaurant)	1
New garden space	1
New trees	1
Nice walkways	1
Old Main Street	1
Open space	1
Parks	2
Plowed	1
Potential	1
Pristine	1
Private	1
Proactive township board	1

Q1: What are you proud of about the project site and the immediate area?	Count
Progress made	1
Quiet	2
Recycling	2
Respectful	1
Restrooms	1
Secret	1
Shade	1
Shared life preservers	1
Small Town charm	1
Stoops family	1
Summer activities	1
Summer special events	1
Town Hall	1
Tree lined streets	1
Tree replacement	1
Trinity Church	1

Appendix A: Meeting One Visioning Input Full Feedback

At Meeting One, residents provided input to develop a vision for the Arcadia Township Visioning Project area. Participants were asked three questions to which they provided their written responses.

Q2: What keeps you from visiting the project site and immediate area?	Count
ADA accessibility at beach	1
ADA to beach	1
Area fenced	1
Beach access	1
Benches along walkways	1
Broken/missing sidewalk	1
Campground fence is unsightly	1
Closed due to holiday	1
Cost of housing	1
Crowding at specific times	1
Crowds	1
Curb & street lights	1
Dangerous walking in winter	1
Designated walking path to beach	1
Dogs off leash	1

Q2: What keeps you from visiting the project site and immediate area?	Count
Entertainment	2
Factory Park needs work	1
Factory park/old campground	1
Horrible parking at beach	1
Housing availability	1
Illness	1
Inadequate lighting	1
Lack of awareness of amenities	1
Lack of pedestrian safety	1
Lack of sidewalks	1
Limited offerings in business district to bring people in	1
Limited parking areas	1
Museum in conflict	1
No identified routes to walk	1
No stairs at beach	1
Not many businesses to frequent or shop	1

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Q2: What keeps you from visiting the project site and immediate area?	Count
Not much advertising for town events	1
Not Very Welcoming /Accessible for lower income families	1
Parking	2
Porta potties	1
Sidewalks	2
Signage	1
Smell	1
Speeding	1
Speeding cars	2
The bar is gone	1
Traffic	1
Unattended fires	1
Underdeveloped areas	1
Weather	1

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Q3: What would you like to see as you float over the site 15 years from now in a hot air balloon	Count
Accessible sites at beach	1
Activities for all ages	1
Apartments and rental units	1
Beach facilities	1
Beach maintenance kept up	1
Beer garden	1
Better parking design at beach	1
Better signage	1
Bicycle specific trails	1
Boardwalk around beach	1
Brewery	1
Businesses to shop at	1
Busy Main Street	1
Canoe kayak launch & storage	1
Cleaned/maintained beach/parks	1
Community kitchen	1

Q3: What would you like to see as you float over the site 15 years from now in a hot air balloon	Count
Concession stand by beach	1
Connecting trails	1
Cozy community	1
Deer/wildlife	1
Dog Park	1
Expanded community center	1
Family community	1
Finch Park renovation with working bathrooms	1
Fully operational Marina with all facilities	1
Gas Station	2
Gazebo	1
General store	1
General Store operating with renovated exterior	1
Good sidewalks	1
Grocery store	1
Healthy Lake Michigan	1

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Q3: What would you like to see as you float over the site 15 years from now in a hot air balloon	Count
Homes with families	1
Housing	1
Indoor pool	1
Lake Street Tiki Bar	1
Light post	1
Lots of green space/flowers	1
Makerspace	1
Meeting square	1
Meet the needs of the whole Township	1
Micro	1
More activity on lake and M-22	1
More businesses	1
More flowers and plantings	1
More garden and tree islands	1
More housing	1
More marina development	1

Q3: What would you like to see as you float over the site 15 years from now in a hot air balloon	Count
More recycling	1
More small businesses	1
More trees	1
Music venue	1
Natural area with pavilion	1
New dock	1
No franchises	1
No invasive species	1
People waving because they are friendly	1
Picnic tables	1
Place for people to meet	1
Recognizable	1
Refreshment availability - Machines, Stands, Shops	1
Renovated ACC	1
Retained small town character	1
Same public access	1

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Q3: What would you like to see as you float over the site 15 years from now in a hot air balloon	Count
Small General Store	1
Stairs at beach	1
Stores	1
Street lights	1
Tall trees	1
Township buildings moved out of center	1
Trees	1
Turn lanes	1
Vibrant town	1
Walking trails marked	1
Whole Township needs met not just City	1
Year round employment	1

Appendix A: Meeting One Visioning Input Full Feedback

At Meeting One, residents were asked individually to build their favorite memory. This is a list of 1-3 words conceptualizing each of answers we received from residents.

Themes DPB Build Your Favorite Memory Activity (Adults)

Conceptualizing each dream into 1-3 words/themes:

- Live Music, Age Inclusivity
- Non-motorized transport, Treats
- Celebrations, Holidays
- Non-motorized transport, Races
- Nature, Trees
- Water sports
- Kids playing
- Water sports
- Playground activity
- Camping
- Nature, beach
- Nature
- Occasion, celebration
- Animals
- General store, meeting place
- Biking, snow
- Water sports, boating
- Children, family friendly
- Solitude, peace, tranquility
- Fishing
- Movies, entertainment
- Generational inclusion
- Shenanigans, childhood
- Acceptance

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 1

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q1: What do you like about the designs presented today?	Count
Sidewalks	10
Bike Lanes	13
Trees	8
Sign	2
Crosswalk	2
Benches	3
Design	1
All	1

Q2: What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?	
Trees	4
Sign	2
Benches	5
Streetlights	2
Bury Utility	4
Play Area	1
Parking	1

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Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
High trimmed tall trees	1
Signage/information to beach/marina	1
Seasonal tourism considered	1
Sidewalks need to be fixed for walkability	1
Keep small town feel	1
Welcome sign may not have space	1
Covered tables/benches for picnic	1
Walkways come from nowhere	1
Sidewalks are on North Side	1
Switch the walkway & bike route	1
Reference Grebe Park in shelter	1

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Worried about people on North side of Street losing property due to bike path	1
Less trees	2
People walk & ride bikes along with golf carts	1
Not busy enough to warrant lane specific roles	1
Bike lane isn’t necessary, too formal	1
Separate sidewalk is great for families	1
Add streetlamps along sidewalk by benches	1
Missed the causeway	1
Likes the allee of trees	1
Likes sidewalks + bike lanes	1
No streetlights	2

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Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
No additional parking	1
Concerned about watering the plants	1
Avoid additional lighting	1
Grills hardly been used	1
See more swings & children’s playground	1
Tree committee will continue to plant	1
Benches should face the water	2
Concerned with loss of view	1
Dark Sky	2
Benches should not be against/face road	2
Sidewalk is good for safety	1

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Concerns over road widening for bike lane	1
Make sure trees don’t block view of lake	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 2

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q1: What do you like about the designs presented today?	Count
Natural area	3
Kayak	1
Trail	4
Playground	5
Fire Pit	2
Water access	1
HOA rights	1
Pier	1
Path	2
Fishing places	1
All	1

Q2: What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?	Count
Natural area	1
Kayak	1
Seating	2
Trail	1
Boat access	1
Playground	5
Fire pit	5
Picnic shelter	1
Picnic area	1
Water access	2
HOA rights	1

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At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q2: What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?	Count
Lawn	2
Dock	2
Trash receptacles	1

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
No need for a 2nd kayak launching spot	2
More gathering seats	1
Natural materials for walkway	1
Boat access from Arcadia Lake	1
Light touch of plantings + fire pit	1
Like the native plantings	1
Like the kayak pier	1
No need for playground	1
Like the nature walk aspect	2
Picnic shelters	2
Add benches/seating around small body of water	1

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Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Less native area	1
More “lawn” to play games	1
Danger of wildfire in beach grass	1
Potential “beach” area	1
Trail is okay	1
More boardwalk around lake versus a pier	1
Isolate from Starke Rd.	1
HOA right to road, needs, concerns, and interest	1
Play structures for toddlers	1
Play structures for multiple use range	1
No fire pits	1

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Wood will rot for play area	1
Pier should be wide	1
Open field for playing games	1
The space should be able to convert	1
Path is good but not paved	1
Keep natural	2
No playground	1
No fire pits - safety	1
Water access would be a challenge	1
Planting to be minimally landscaped	1
Walking path for differently abled	1

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Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Lone fire pit	1
Love educational signage	1
Fire pit safety	2
Small pier	1
Safety around water areas	1
Will fishing be allowed	1
Questions over space for bike lane	1
Need parking	2
Can’t park on Starke Rd.	2
Dock access	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 3

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q1: What do you like about the designs presented today?	Count
Most	1
Fire Pit	1
Sameness	1
Bike Racks	2
Mobility Mats	1
Grills	3
Benches	2
Playground	1
All	2

Q2: What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?	Count
Fire Pit	2
Sameness	1
Mobility Mats	3
Lighting	1
Grills	1
Benches	1
Playground	1
Pavilion	1
Parking	1
Sand Toys	1
Grass	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 3

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q2: What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?	Count
Birding	1
Signs	1
Parking for golf carts	1
Exercise space	1
EV Charger	1
Telescope for star gazing	1
Swing benches	1
Nature trail	1

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Like improvements	1
Fire pit on beach instead	1
No lease of area for private functions	1
No campfires	1
Include mobility mats to beach	1
Have most elements shown	3
A barrier to prevent cars from going into area	1
Keep lighting out of area	1
More seating	1
Like the grills	2
Like the fire pits	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 3

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Open fires spark concern	1
Additional Grills	1
Inground playground	1
Wheelchair accessibility	3
Windy + Dry weather creates problems	2
Open space	1
Mats to walk on beach	1
Sand toys for kids	1
More parking	2
More signage to say “off beach”	1
Stargazing Class	1

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Space to exercise in a group	1
Like benches	1
More picnic tables	1
Already have swinging benches	1
Current grills not being used	1
New swings on the beach	1
EV charger	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 4

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q1: What do you like about the designs presented today?	Count
Native Plantings	3
Sidewalks	3
Bike Lane	3
Plantings	2
Beautification	2
Crosswalk	1
Bike Racks	1

Q2: What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?	Count
Trees	1
Bike Lane	6
Parking	10
Crosswalk	1
Signage	1
Money	1
Lights	1
Bury Utility	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 4

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Crossing area for bikes	2
Concerns about maintenance of plantings	3
Existing sidewalks at location are good	1
Trees to line the road	1
Bike lane on M-22 will need MDOT approval	1
Rather spend money in town than on M-22	1
No bike path	1
Native plantings	2
Yes to sidewalk	3
The bike route is on the correct side	1
Adding blinking railway light	1

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Concerns over bike lanes	1
Concerns over street parking	11
Put bike lane on other side of street	2
The beautification of corner	1
Add safe crossing, stop light for safety	1
Bike trail outside of the parking area	1
Add crosswalk	1
Add directional signage	1
Concerns for those with disability	1
Agree with native plantings	1
Can plantings be four-season	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 4

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Okay with no parking	2
Focus on walking/biking community	1
Bury electrical lines for large shade trees	1
Make sidewalk wide enough for diner	1
Planting beds	1
Concerns over road width for bike lanes	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 5

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q1: What do you like about the designs presented today?	Count
Sign	2
Crosswalk	5
Bike lane	4
Lighting	1
Sidewalk	5
Ped sign	6
Design	1
Plantings Sameness	1

Q2: What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?	Count
Sign	1
Crosswalk	1
Bike lane	2
Lighting	5
Ped Sign	1
Design	1
Trees	1
Traffic Control	3
Plantings	1
Benches	1
Crossing visibility	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 5

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Agreements over sign	2
Agreements over crosswalk	5
Add crosswalk on all sides of intersection	1
Add sign that points items out	1
Concerns over where buildings went	1
No overhead lighting	1
Keep bike lane on inside of the square	1
Trees on both sides of M-22 corridor	1
Agreement over sidewalk	3
Concerns of sidewalk maintenance in winter	1
Agreement with bike lane on M-22	1

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Agreement with flashing ped	1
Be dark/sensitive with lights	2
No flashing sign	1
Like traffic slow down pedestrian sign	1
Need traffic control for bikes on highway	1
Traffic is too fast for safety	1
Stop lights at 22 + Lake	1
Plantings along the road	1
Concerns over building on NE corner	1
Adding blinking 4 way light	1
Lighting	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 5

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Crosswalk	1
Crosswalk sign	1
Concerns over sign placements	1
Bike lane on M-22 isn’t necessary	1
Concerns over signage & MDOT approval	1
Visibility for car traffic	1
Parking is effective	1
Safety for people on foot or bike on M-22	1
Add flashing sign for people on foot	1
No additional lighting	1
Like design	1

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Continue bike lane around corner from Mt Plate	1
Sidewalk to ACC	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 6

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q1: What do you like about the designs presented today?	Count
Sidewalk	14
Bike lane	9
Landscape	4
Lighting	3
Signage	3
Trees	2

Q2: What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?	Count
bike lane	1
Lighting	3
Signage	2
Trees	1
Space	1
Safety	1
Crosswalk	1
Traffic monitor	1
Landownership	1
Automatic ticketing	1
Plantings	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 6

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Concerns over maintenance of plantings	1
Bike path safety	1
No overhead light	1
Space for sidewalk	1
Not enough space	2
No flashing sign	1
Agreement with sidewalk	3
Agreement with green	2
Agreement with bike lane	1
Road not wide enough	1
Sidewalk/bike lane on M-22	1

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Bike lanes on both sides of the street?	1
Move the sun to the west	1
Agreement with speedlimit signs	1
Concerns over sidewalk cost for installation	1
Concerns over sidewalk maintenance	1
Agreement with walkways	2
Speed limit sign with flashing lights	1
Love separated sidewalk	2
Love separated bike path	2
Speed limit sign	1
Slow down cars by any means possible	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 6

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Concerns over maintenance	1
Concerns over maintenance of landscape	1
Concerns about distance from E to W side of M-22	1
Bikelanes using up a lot of space	1
Sidewalks using up a lot of space	1
Landscaping using up a lot of space	1
Agreement with sidewalk to marsh	1
Concerns over sidewalk interfering with properties	1
Confusion over location of bike path	1
Trees - moderate	1
Flowering i.e. dogwood, crabapple, etc.	1

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Traffic speed monitoring	1
Automatic traffic tickets	1
Walkway & biking need more than flashing lights	1
Concerns about dark sky compliance	1
Concerns about space for sidewalks & tree	1
Concerns about space for parking	1
Width concerns	1
Moderate size flowering recommended	1
Pole lights - powerlines removed	1
Less plantings	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 7

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q1: What do you like about the designs presented today?	Count
Sidewalk	3
Seating	2
Picnic tables	3
Eating area	1
Farmers market	1

Q2: What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?	Count
Private Property	11
Will not work	1
Irrelevant	1
Outhouse/restroom	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback for Site 7

At Meeting Two, during a design input activity, participants used feedback sheets to answer three questions: “What do you like about the designs?”, “What improvements/additions would you like to see regarding the design presented today?”, and “Are there any other comments you would like to share?”

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Concerns over private property	12
Not enough people for many food trucks	1
Don’t try to do too much	1
Appreciation of sitting areas	1
Beautiful grass on perimeter	1
Whatever complements stoops family	1
Agreement of picnic tables at boardwalk	2
Lighting for use after sunset	1
Likes idea of farmers market	1
Area should remain tranquil	1
Area would be more of a destination	1

Q3: Are there any other comments you would like to share?	Count
Not in agreement with foodtrucks	2
Likes sidewalk	1
Like the walkway	1

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback

What activities would you enjoy in the Arcadia Lake open space?



Kayak + Fishing Dock



Nature Trails



Play Area



Pickleball



Bench swings


Hammock



Community Garden / Pollinator Garden



Off Leash Dog Area



Open Lawn Area



Multiuse Sports Court



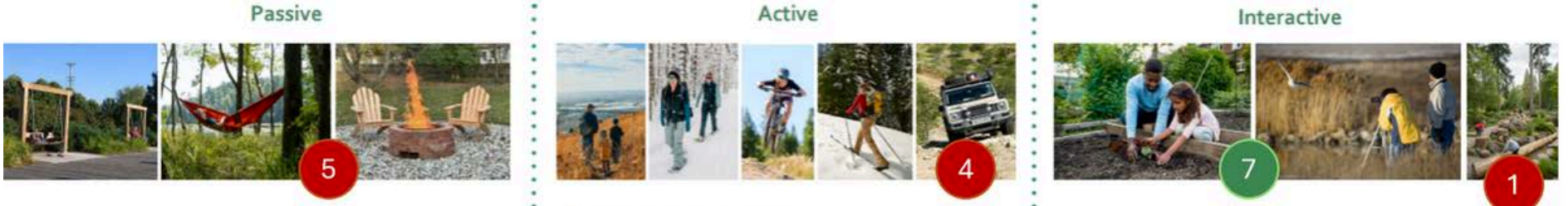
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Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback

What mode of transportation should be prioritized?



Favorite way to enjoy nature?



- (2) Concerns about fire safety
- Really like swings + fire pit
- Diversity needed

- (3) hiking + walking

Appendix B: Meeting Two Design Input Full Feedback

What is your style?



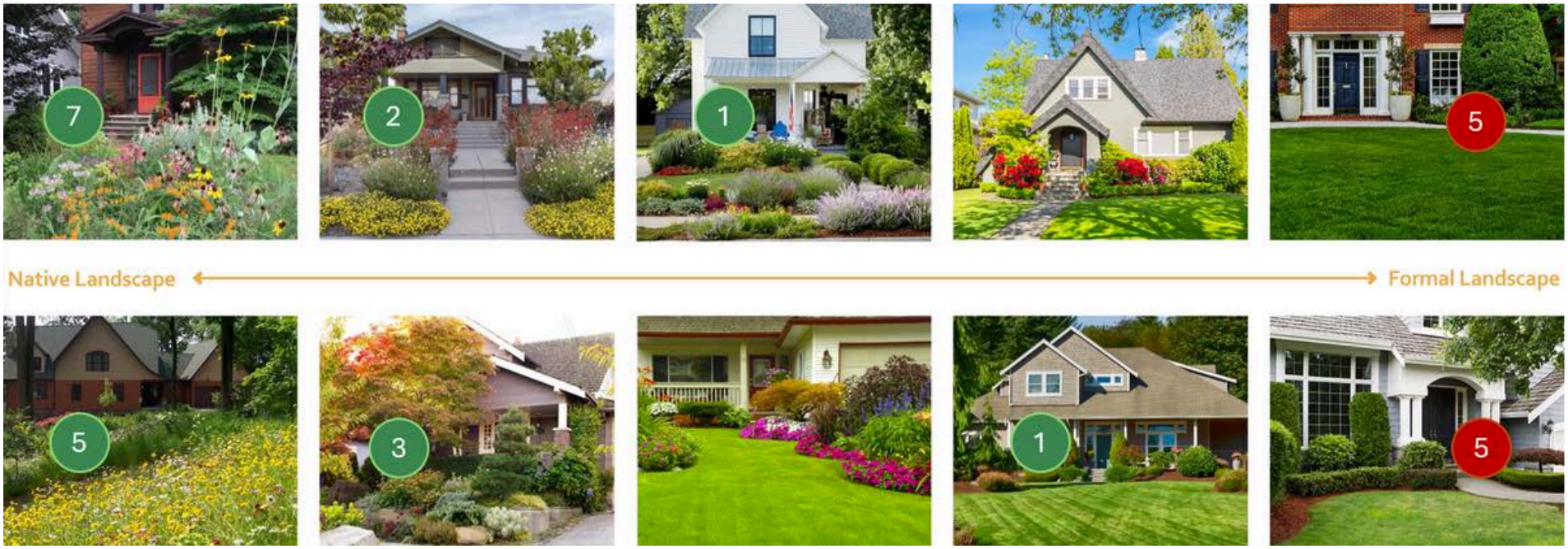
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What would you like the future of housing in Arcadia to look like?



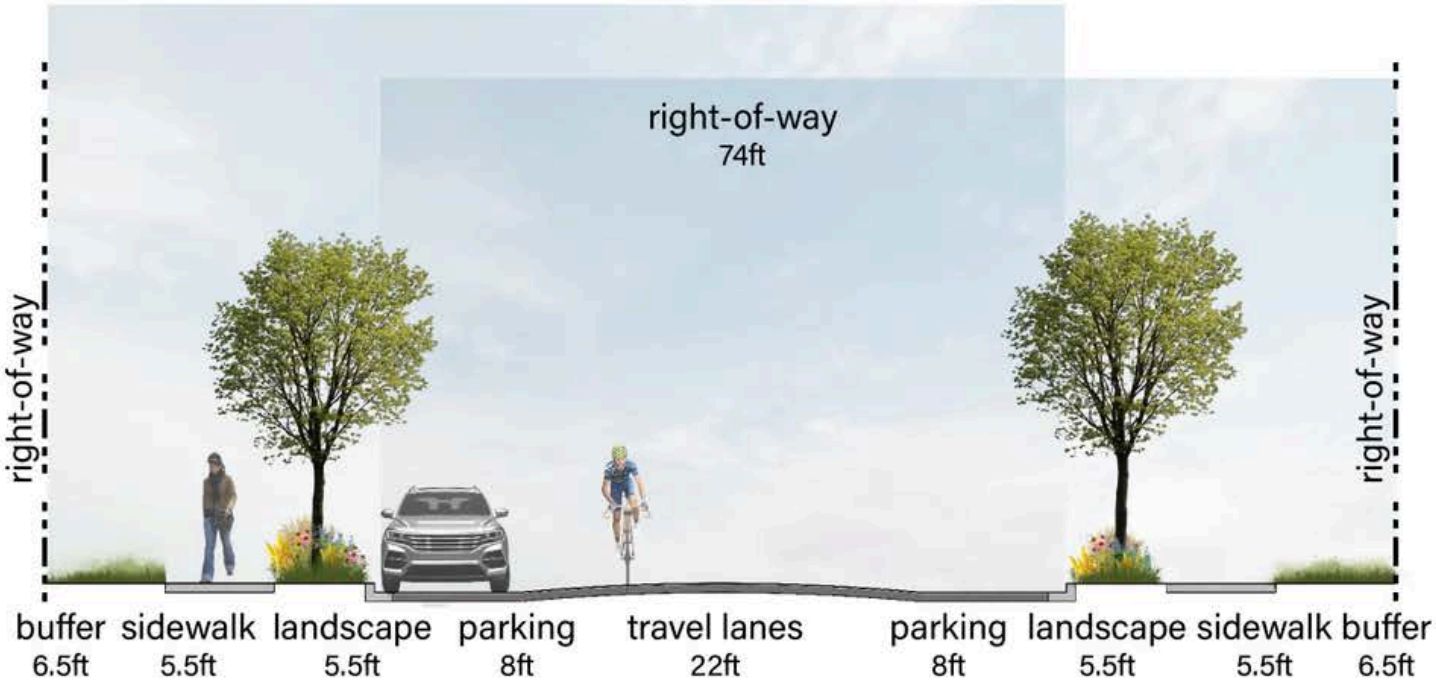
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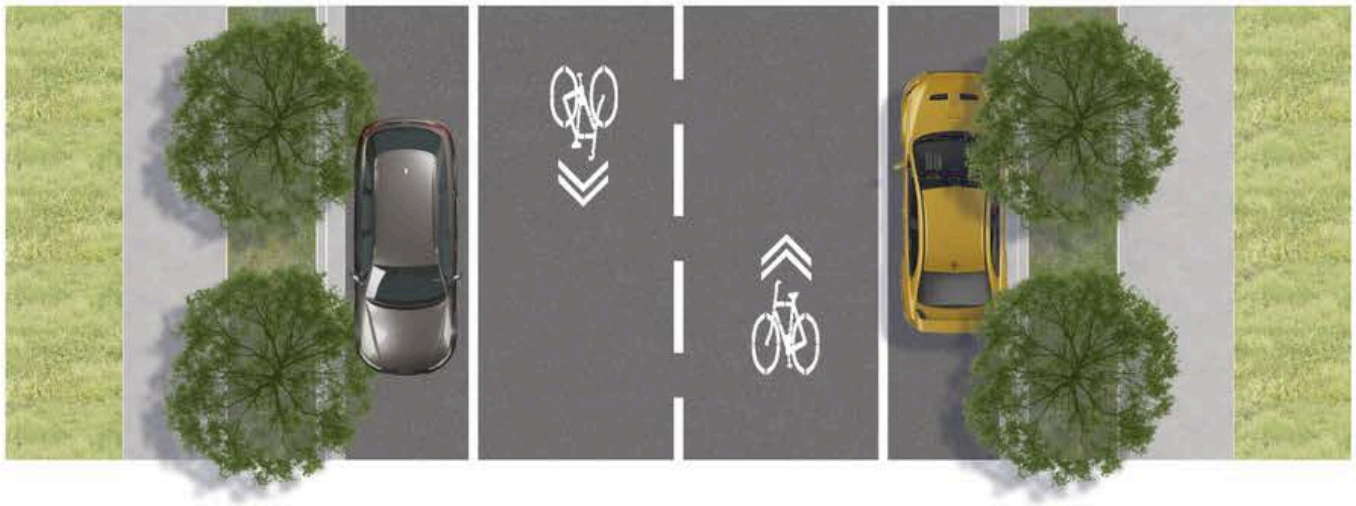
How do you envision the landscaping of Arcadia?



Appendix C: Street Sections

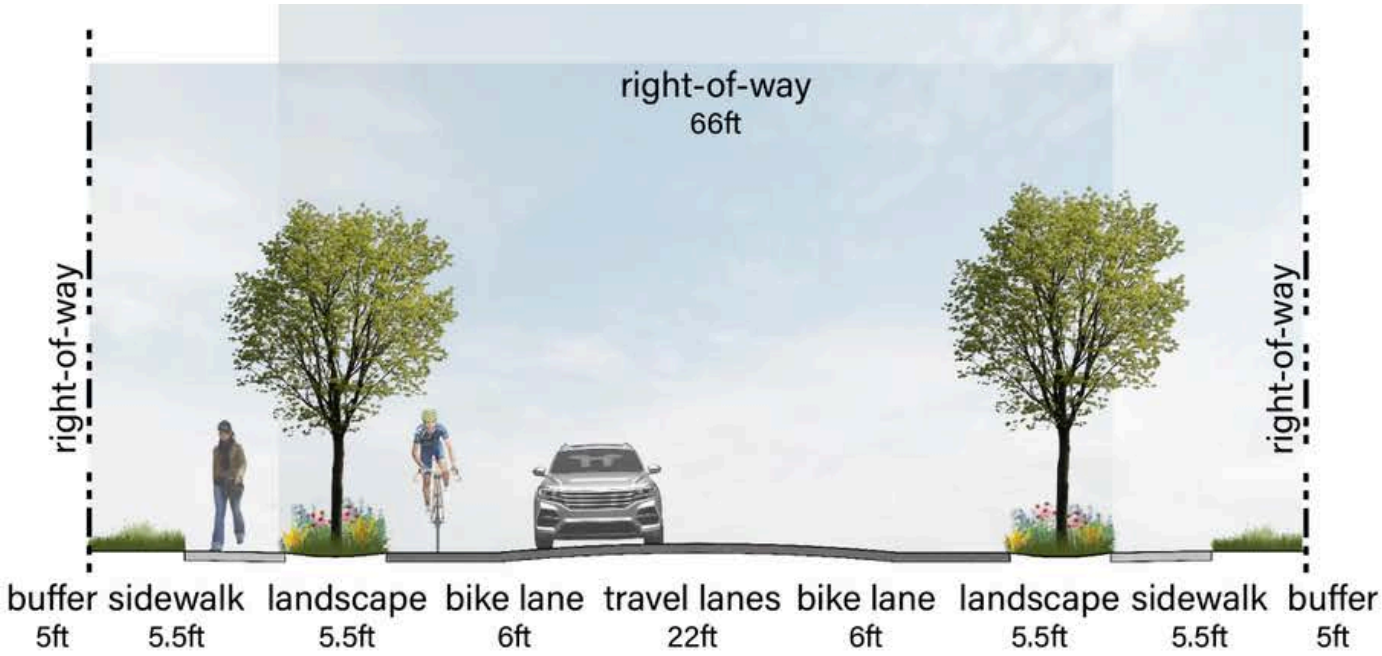
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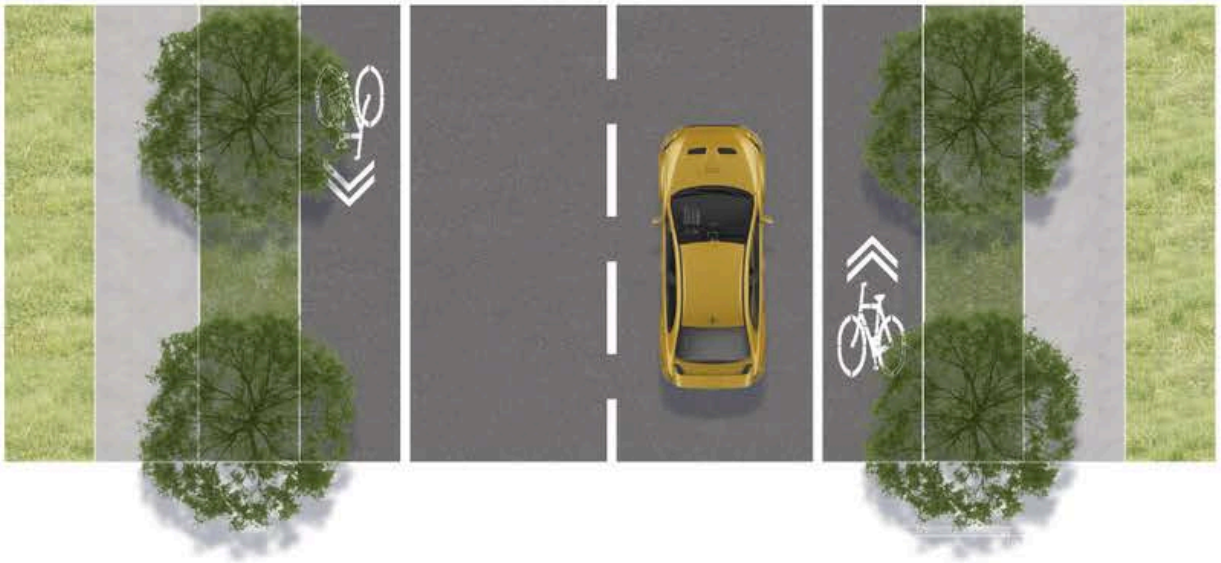




Appendix C: Street Sections

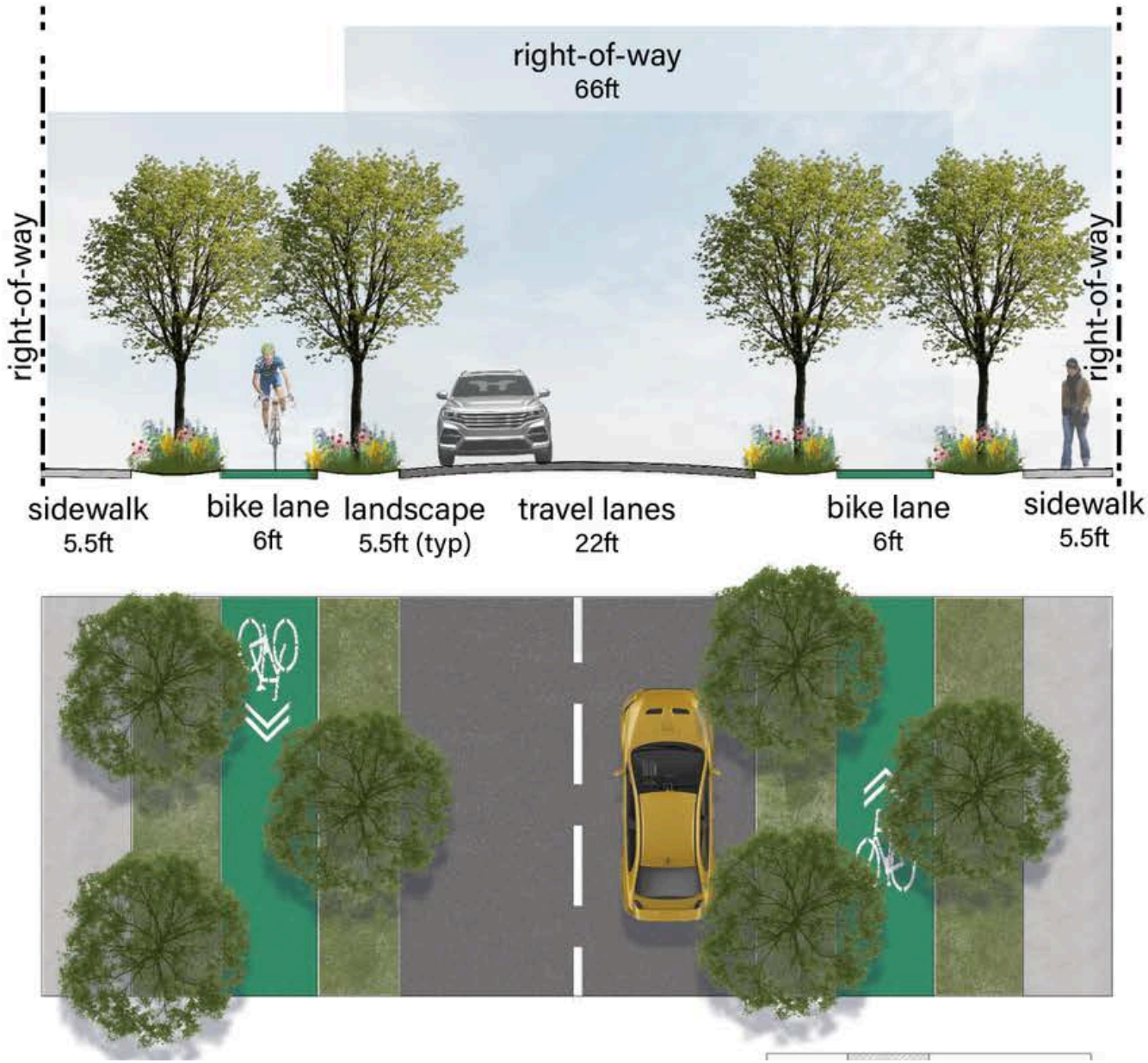
Section 2:
Lake Street-East





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Section 3:
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Appendix D: Sustainability Checklist

The Sustainability checklist is a self-assessment tool with 32 indicators of sustainability, divided into the categories of Livability, Governance, Environment, Community, and Economy. Each indicator has associated metrics. In total, 71 metrics are included in this tool to provide a holistic, systems-based analysis of a community's sustainability. The online version of this tool, including additional resources and best practices, is also available.

Livability		Livable communities are coordinated, collaborative environments that address their citizens' vision and needs by providing mixed-use neighborhoods and diverse housing options. These communities provide multimodal transportation options.
Governance		Sustainable governance encourages citizen participation with the goal of effectively and efficiently engaging community members and cooperating to solve common problems.
Environment		Preserving and enhancing the natural environment is essential for maintaining community sustainability. Healthy ecosystems balance current economic needs while also assuring there will be adequate resources to meet future needs.
Community		Sustainable communities develop clear visions for future strategies by partnering with different sectors, identifying their resources, and engaging citizens to address common issues and creating mutually beneficial solutions.
Economy		Economically sustainable communities establish local economies that are economically viable, environmentally sound, and socially responsible.

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For each metric, the user must indicate how well their community addresses the question. Responses are on a scale of 1-5, with 1 meaning the community does not currently address the question in any way, nor does it have plans or policies in place to address the issue, and 5 meaning the community has fully addressed the question and will continue to do so based on existing plans or policies.

Sustainability Category	**Points**	Total
Livability		85
Governance		45
Environment		120
Community		60
Economy		45
TOTAL		**355**

For an overall assessment of community sustainability, tally your overall score and see where the community falls on the sustainability pyramid.



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Section 1: Livability

Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Education & Lifelong Learning	Is there a presence of and access to lifelong educational services for the community (e.g., libraries, higher education, and job training programs)?						
	Is there a transparent and active relationship between local government, community organizations, and school systems?						
	Is there a presence of functioning cultural facilities (i.e. libraries, cultural events, museums, etc.)?						
Responsible Buying & Consumption	Is there evidence of recycling and reuse programs?						

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Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Encourage Healthy Lifestyles: Health, Nutrition, and Recreation	Is there an active local food system in the community, including farmer's markets and/or organic markets?						
Promotion of Diversity	Are there community activities/events that celebrate cultural diversity?						
Value Existing Communities	Have redevelopment sites been identified and prioritized within the community?						
	Is there evidence in the community of buildings that have been adaptively reused?						
	Have steps been taken to create a unique identity or brand for local neighborhoods and/or the wider community?						
	Is volunteerism and grassroots organization evident in the community?						

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Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
EncourageHealthy Lifestyles: Health, Nutrition, and Recreation	Does the master plan (if applicable) encourage mixed-use development in downtown and commercial core areas?						
	Are density bonuses or other incentives offered to improve residential access to services and amenities?						
	Are key places of the community such as urban corridors, downtowns, and neighborhood centers walkable including sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian features (e.g., benches)?						
	Do transportation nodes provide access to multiple modes (e.g., bus stations with access to rail transit and/or bike racks)?						
Value Existing Communities	Does the community provide a variety of transportation options (e.g., dial-a-ride, buses, rail, non-motorized paths)?						
	Are important places such as recreation centers, schools, and downtown centers accessible by multiple transportation modes?						

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Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Encourage Healthy Lifestyles: Health, Nutrition, and Recreation	Does the master plan (if applicable) encourage mixed-use development in downtown and commercial core areas?						
TOTAL							



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Section 2: Governance

Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Policy / Ordinances / Taxes	Is there evidence within the community of cooperation between jurisdictions (e.g., regional transit, natural asset management, public safety)?						
	Does your community actively work to remove ordinance barriers that can hinder smart growth or add ordinance language that encourages smart growth?						
Regional Collaboration and Feedback	Have public-private partnerships been utilized as a strategy to implement potential projects?						
Enhance Economic Competitiveness	Has the community formed plans and partnerships for the regional coordination of economic growth?						

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Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Transparency and Accountable Implementation	Are timeframes for review, revision, or completion associated with action items in community plans?						
	Do community plans track progress and adjust strategies on an ongoing basis?						
Urban Boundary System	Do goals and strategies in community plans strive for the appropriate development of rural resources?						
	Is there evidence of the community directing?						
Waste and Toxics Management	Is solid waste management addressed within community plans/ordinances?						
TOTAL							

Assessment: Sustainable Governance Metrics

LOW: 9-22 → MEDIUM: 23-31 → HIGH: 32-45

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Section 3: Environment

Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Energy	Is there evidence of clean and renewable energy within the community?						
	Do development regulations allow for clean or renewable energy (e.g., solar panels)?						
	Do decisions about residential/commercial development incentivize the use of clean or renewable energy?						
	Is there evidence of public assets being used as examples for clean and renewable energy (e.g., energy efficiency, solar panels, wind turbines, etc.)						
	Do decisions about transportation systems consider the reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)?						

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		1	2	3	4	5	
Water	Is the main source of community drinking water able to support community growth?						
	Has the community implemented “green” stormwater management techniques (e.g., permeable pavement, waterfront buffers, retention ponds, and rain gardens)?						
	Is the community actively planning for stormwater management (e.g., adopting a stormwater management plan)?						
	Is the community actively planning for wastewater management (e.g., adopting a wastewater management plan)?						
	Are local water bodies safe for recreation?						

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Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Air Quality	Does the region take measurements of air quality to compare to baseline levels? Are local water bodies safe for recreation?						
Climate Change	Is the community actively planning for short-term extreme climate events (e.g., adopting a Hazard Mitigation Plan or Emergency Preparedness Plan)?						
	Is the community actively planning for long-term climate change (e.g., adopting a Climate Change Readiness or Adaptation Plan)?						
	Are critical community facilities and assets located appropriately relative to the 100-year flood plain (e.g., police stations, fire stations, hospitals, communication centers, significant roadways, sewage treatment plants, etc.)?						
	Are local businesses in the community encouraged and/or incentivized to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?						

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		1	2	3	4	5	
Preserve Natural Resources	Does the community have a natural resource management plan that addresses the preservation of natural resources?						
	Does your community utilize best practices when addressing natural resource management? These may include, visioning and goal setting, plan making, standards, policies, incentives, development work, public investment, conservation easements, and soil-based zoning.						
Open Space Preservation	Are brownfield sites in the community identified, inventoried, and prioritized for rehabilitation?						
	Have local groups, committees, or programs been established to preserve open space, farmland, and/or critical environmental areas?						
	Are controlled density standards addressed in the zoning ordinance (e.g., density bonuses, lot size, flexible parking or setback requirements, etc.)?						
	Has a build-out analysis been performed to ensure the zoning ordinance directs density to areas with necessary infrastructure?						
	Are site plans reviewed prior to development for the ramifications such development will have on the natural environment?						

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Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Maintain Biodiversity	Are policies in place to control introduction of invasive species into the community?						
	Does the community take an active approach toward the preservation of wildlife species and habitats?						
TOTAL							



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Section 4: Community

Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Civic Engagement	Are a variety of engagement strategies utilized (e.g., online discussion, public meetings, targeted group sessions, charrettes, etc.)?						
	Are the voices of all populations sought, considered, and incorporated into community plans?						
Conflict Resolution & Mediation	Are multiple methods for public comment provided when addressing community issues/disputes (e.g., public meetings, informal discussion, mediation, rules of conduct, online comment)?						
Fostering Relationships & Shared Interests	Does the comprehensive plan address the values of social equity?						

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Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Community Visioning	Are under-represented / marginalized members of the community (e.g., minority groups, disabled persons, low-moderate income, etc.) given opportunities to be engaged in the community?						
	Is the comprehensive plan, if applicable, regularly reviewed and updated at least every five years?						
Culture, Art, Ethnicity, Heritage, and Celebration	Are public spaces proactively being retrofitted so that they are accessible for all persons (e.g., physically disabled persons)?						
	Does the community incorporate art into public spaces/events?						
	Are historic assets within the community identified and preserved?						
	Does public education actively engage students in the arts (e.g., music, painting, theatre)?						

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		1	2	3	4	5	
Justice & Equity	Are adequate housing options provided for all income levels (e.g., single-family, two-family, multiple-family, subsidized housing, senior housing)?						
Wide Range of Housing Opportunity	Does zoning incentivize affordable housing within market rate developments?						



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Section 5: Economy

Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Coordinate and Leverage Federal Policies and Investment	Does the community actively stay aware of and pursue federal and state funding that supports city/community/regional goals?						
Protect Local Staple Industries	Are there local economic assets specific/ special to the community and region that have been capitalized on (e.g., tourism, unique agriculture)?						
	Are there policies/programs in place to protect and enhance the community's unique local economic assets?						
	Is the local economy diversified between many industries and companies (compared to being dependent on a single industry)?						

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Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Maintain Healthy, Local Business	Is there evidence of a strong and welcoming local business community?						
	Are incentives available that support small local businesses?						
	Has a committee or workgroup been formed to promote partnerships between government and local and regional businesses?						
Technology	Is data collected and analyzed over time within the community to understand challenges and opportunities within the local economy?						
	Has action been taken to incorporate communication infrastructure into the community's economic development strategies?						

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Sustainable Livability Indicator	Metric	Rating					Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	
Total							

