



Community Cook-out on Marygrove Campus

Community Engagement

P-20 Cradle-to-Career Campus

Detroit
2018 - Present

Over the past two years DCDC has worked with partners to develop and implement a community engagement strategy for the P-20 Cradle-to-Career Campus at Marygrove. The campus of the former Marygrove College is being re-imagined as a cradle-to-campus, which will house an early childhood education center; a kindergarten through 12th grade public school and other support programs and services. DCDC led the development and implementation a community engagement framework involving a range activities such as large-scale community events and meetings, focus groups, surveys and one-on-one “roaming” conversations. This engagement informed the overall cradle-to-career campus concept and helped initiative partners develop their respective projects.

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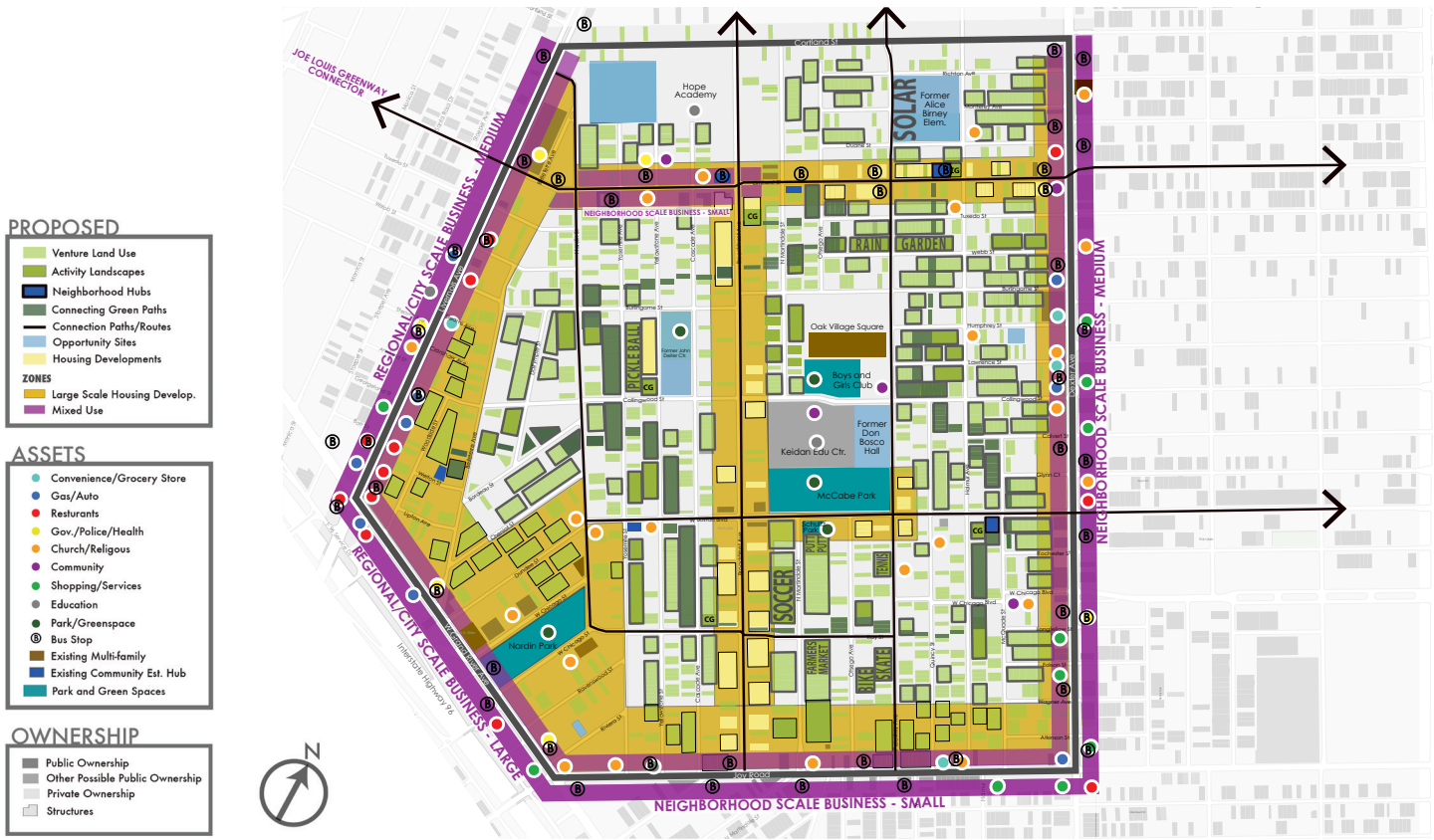
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Roaming Conversation at Neighborhood HomeBase



Focus Group with High School Students

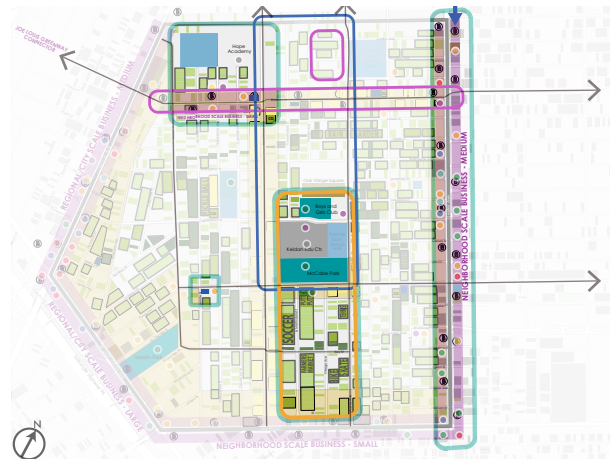


Neighborhood Strategy

Nardin Park Improvement Rock Community Visioning Plan

Detroit, MI
2019

The Nardin Park Investment Rock block club, (NPIR) and the City Planning and Development Department (PDD) requested that the DCDC compile and synthesize community development recommendations for this neighborhood based on resident participation. The DCDC facilitated several meetings with residents to form a Community Visioning Plan focused on streetscapes/mobility, housing, open space/parks/public land, and arts/heritage. This plan is meant to complement the work of the consultants and ensure the resident's desires are considered for the larger plan. NPIR envisions accommodations for its current long-term and senior citizen residents, while having amenities that attract young families with school-aged children. The vision is to have all land utilized and all building structures developed into quality housing or locally-owned businesses that complement existing assets.



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Nardin Park Investment Rock
City of Detroit
Lorcan O'Herlihy Architects



Before



Neighborhood Spaces

Avis + Elsmere

Detroit, MI
2015-2018

Avis & Elsmere is home to neighborhood nonprofit Inside Southwest Detroit and bookends The Alley Project, a youth-led street art gallery. This project entails the redesign of a small commercial building and former square dance dress factory into community program space and includes rental space for neighborhood businesses. The design extends to a vacant lot across the street, which will feature a skatable plaza, performance space and seating areas. The community design process was led by DCDC and included a series of workshops with neighborhood stakeholders, which directly informed the program and design of the building and plaza. The project is a unique collaboration between DCDC, Inside Southwest, and Et al. Collaborative, a small for-profit architecture firm.

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Inside Southwest Detroit
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