

LEVEL GROUND

LARIMER'S COMEBACK: A COMMUNITY FOR YOU

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PRINCIPLES & RECOMMENI

CORE COMPONENTS OF SUSTAINABLE DESIGN



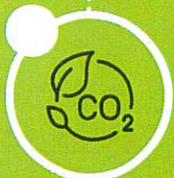
Sustainable neighborhood layout (compact) with mixed-use buildings



Connected and permeable streets & safe, accessible links to pedestrian/bike networks



Low impact, efficient green infrastructure for stormwater and waste management



Efficient use of land for development & high performance buildings (energy and materials)

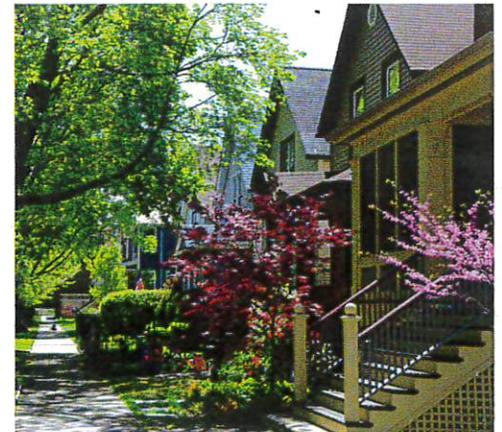
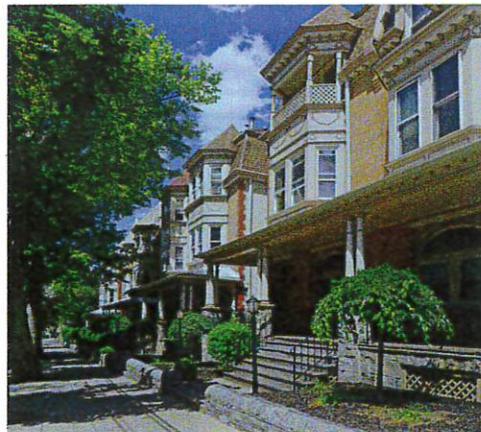
The Larimer Community Plan and Design Guidelines establish a roadmap for implementing the resident's vision for the continued revitalization of Larimer as an exemplary sustainable community. This plan builds on resident-led planning that began in the late 1990's, evolved into the 2010 Larimer Vision Plan, and eventually leveraged a \$30M Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant. This approach carries forth many of the values that have anchored Larimer all these years, in particular the importance of supporting existing residents, and a commitment to sustainability both in neighborhood design and the built environment.

Building on the recent success of the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Plan, Liberty Green Park, recent partnerships such as Steel City Squash and Food21, and the ongoing efforts of residents to re-invest in the neighborhood, the Larimer Consensus Group set out to document an implementable plan with clear priorities. This effort was specifically focused on addressing vacant land and blight, understanding current neighborhood needs, and developing and implementable strategy.

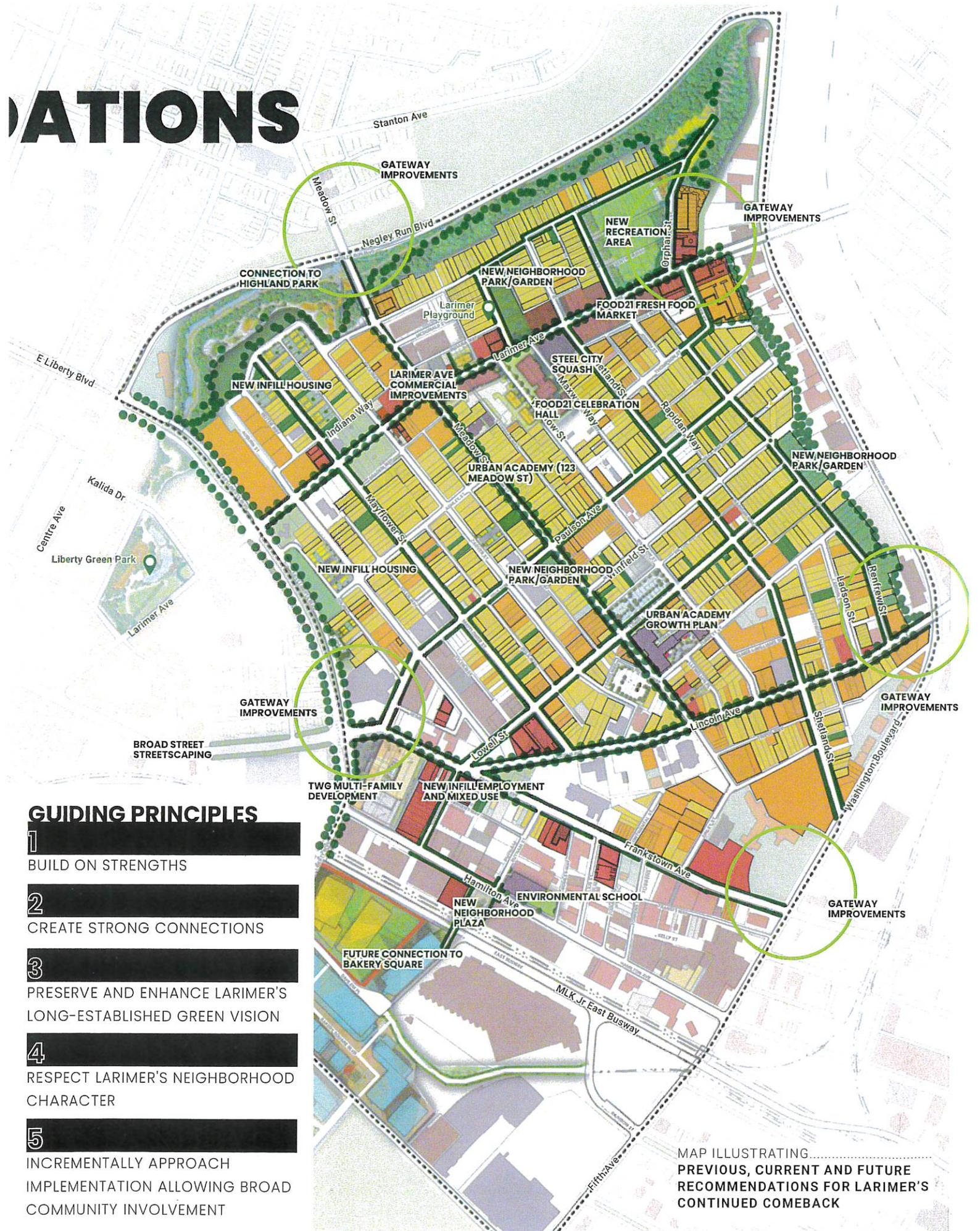
These recommendations are the result of a six-month community process, which included three public workshops with residents, conversations with stakeholders, and a thorough analysis of prior community plans and current development proposals. This process entailed understanding the physical character of Larimer, hearing from residents about their vision, and creating a development strategy to make the vision a reality.

The recommendations in this plan build on the vision and values of long-time residents, while also creating conditions for future investment.

Much of Larimer's recent transformation has been a concerted effort stemming from its active resident community. Because of this, it was important for the Larimer Consensus Group to feel that the next 10 to 20 years of work in their neighborhood continues to be directed primarily **by the community, for the community**. To this end, the following design principles were established to support their vision and help guide



RECOMMENDATIONS



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1** BUILD ON STRENGTHS
- 2** CREATE STRONG CONNECTIONS
- 3** PRESERVE AND ENHANCE LARIMER'S LONG-ESTABLISHED GREEN VISION
- 4** RESPECT LARIMER'S NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER
- 5** INCREMENTALLY APPROACH IMPLEMENTATION ALLOWING BROAD COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

MAP ILLUSTRATING PREVIOUS, CURRENT AND FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LARIMER'S CONTINUED COMEBACK



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WE'D LIKE TO SINCERELY THANK ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS WHO CONTRIBUTED
TO THIS PLAN.

If you would like to learn more about this process,
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or participate in the continued comeback of this
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