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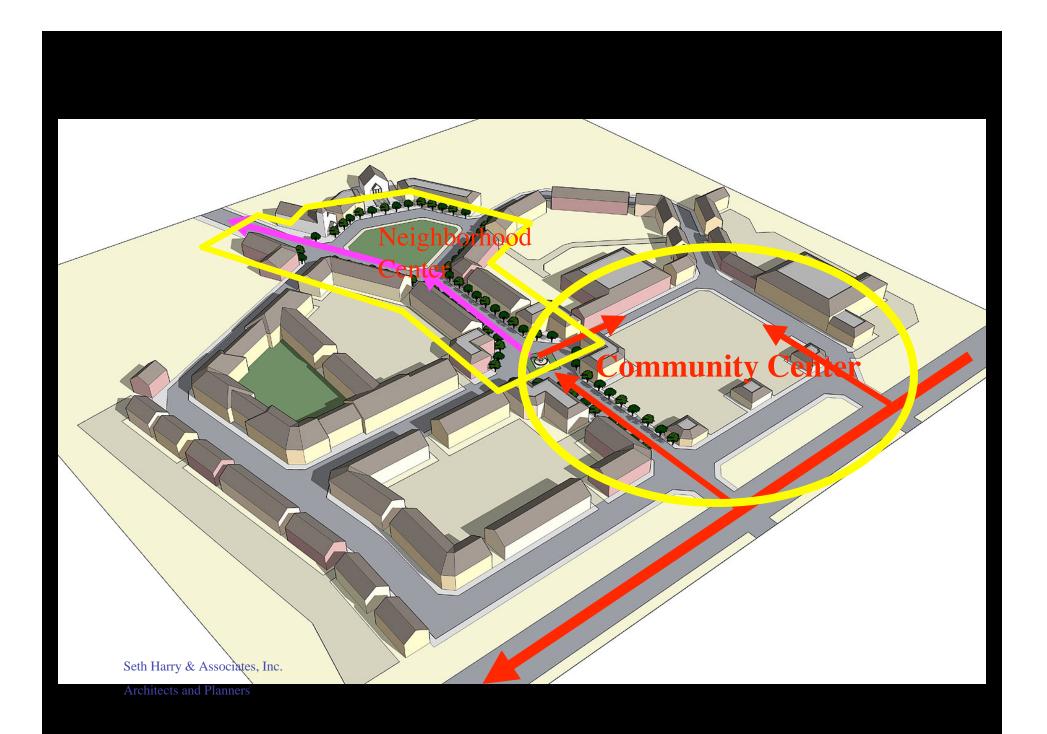


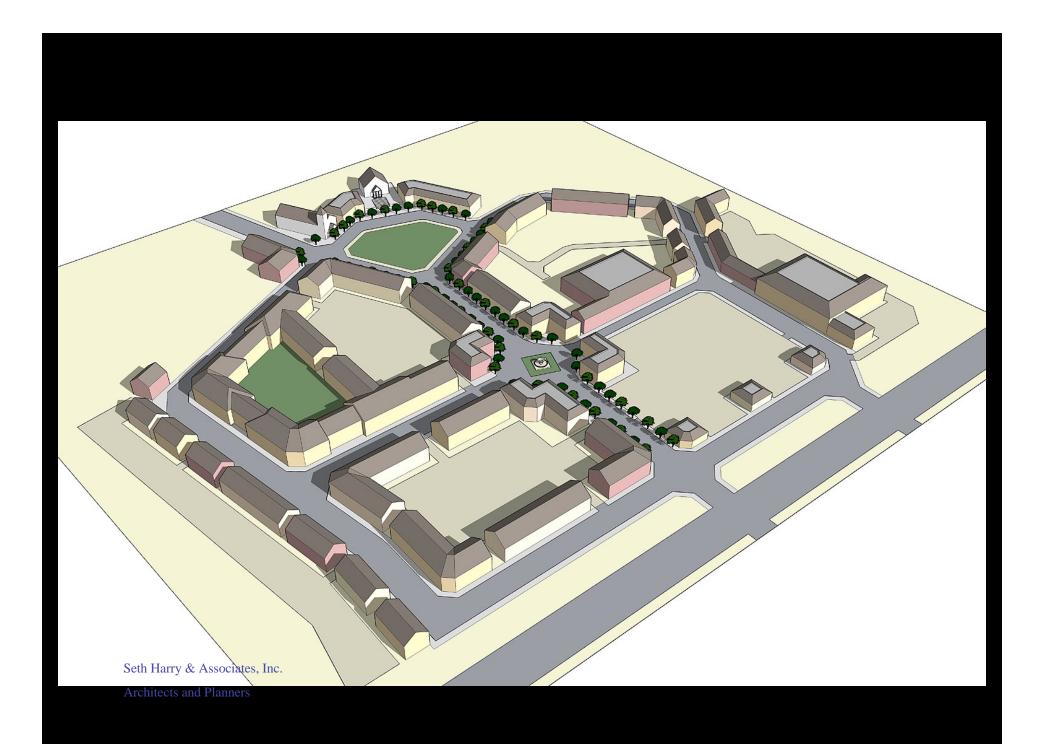
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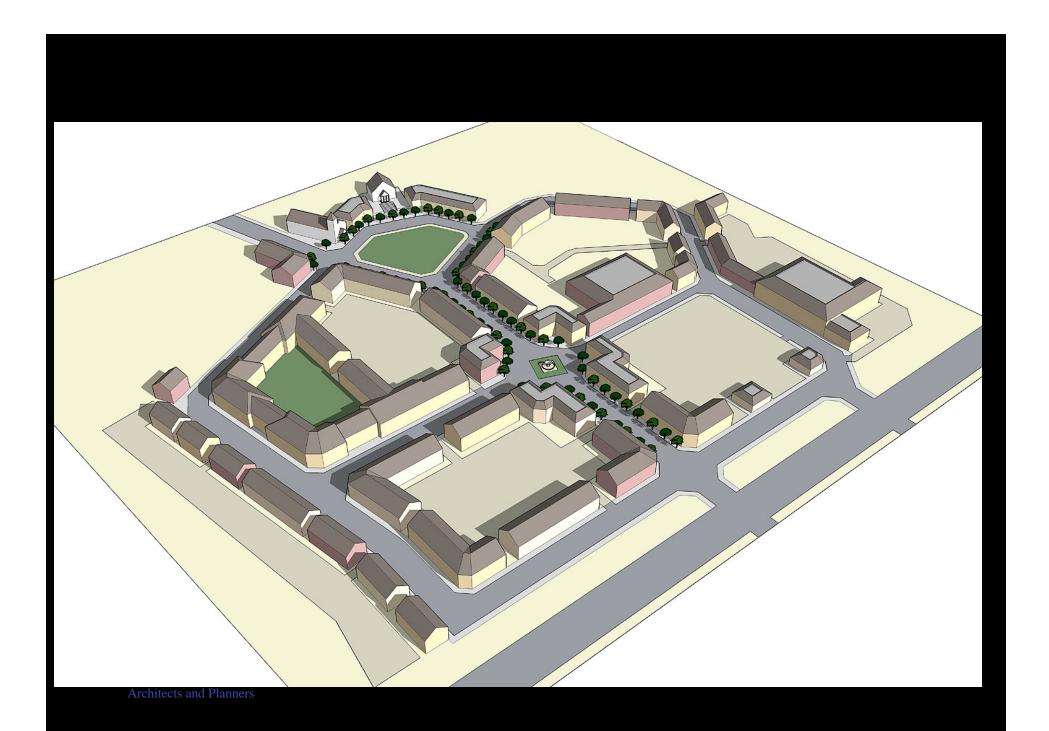
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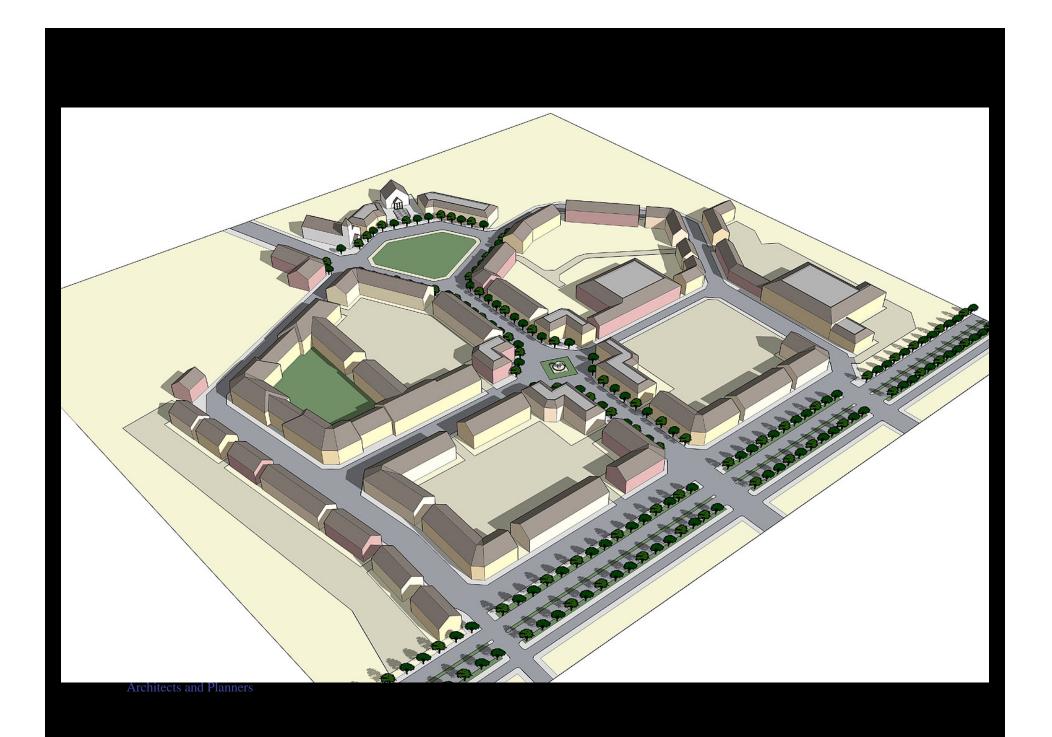
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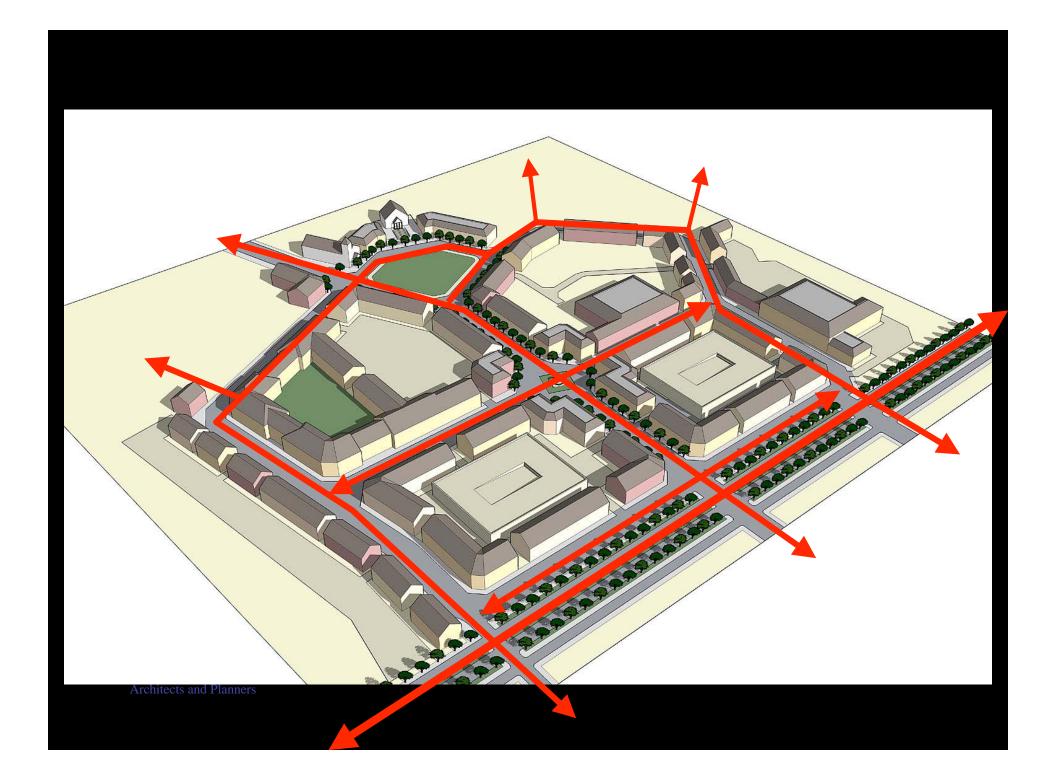
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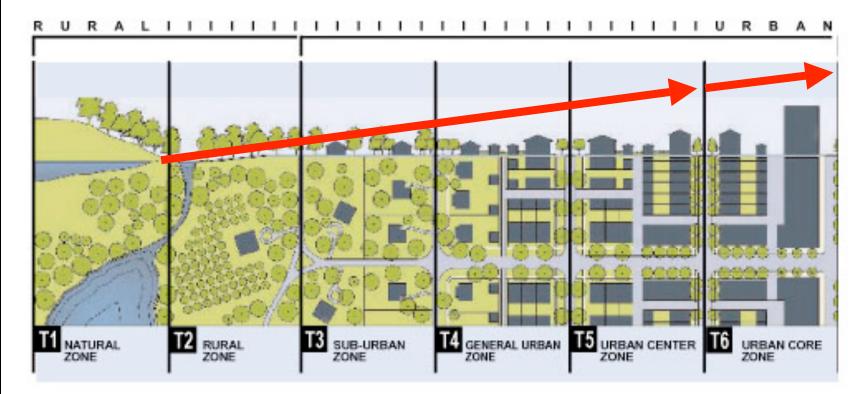












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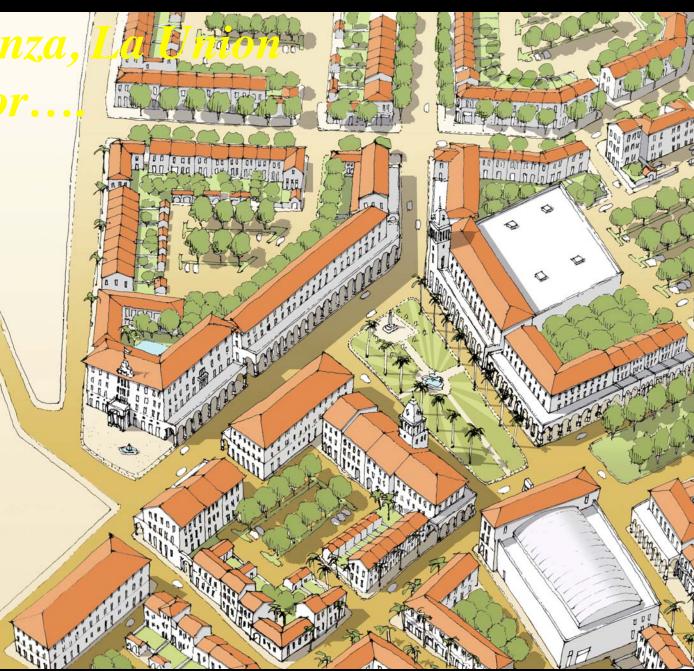
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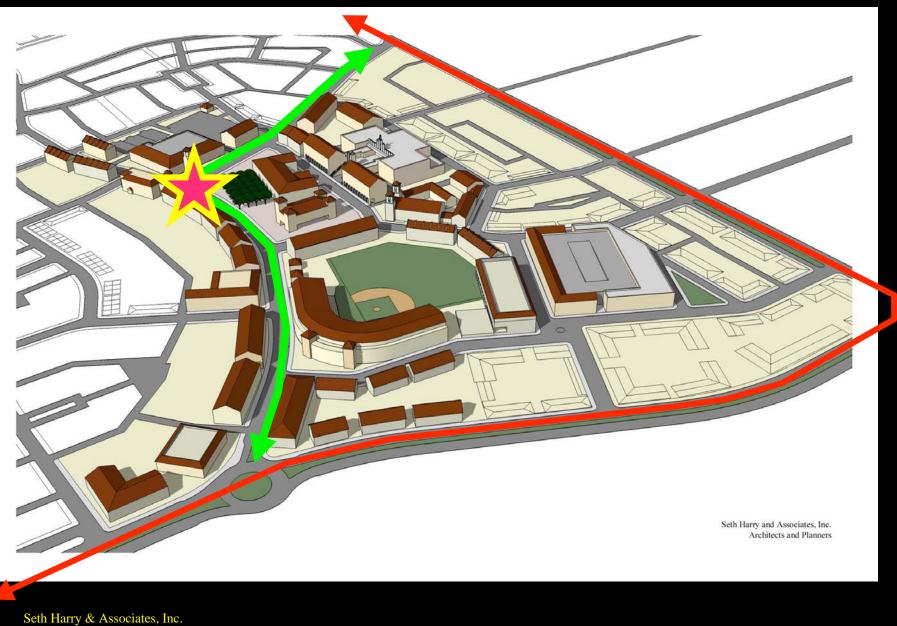
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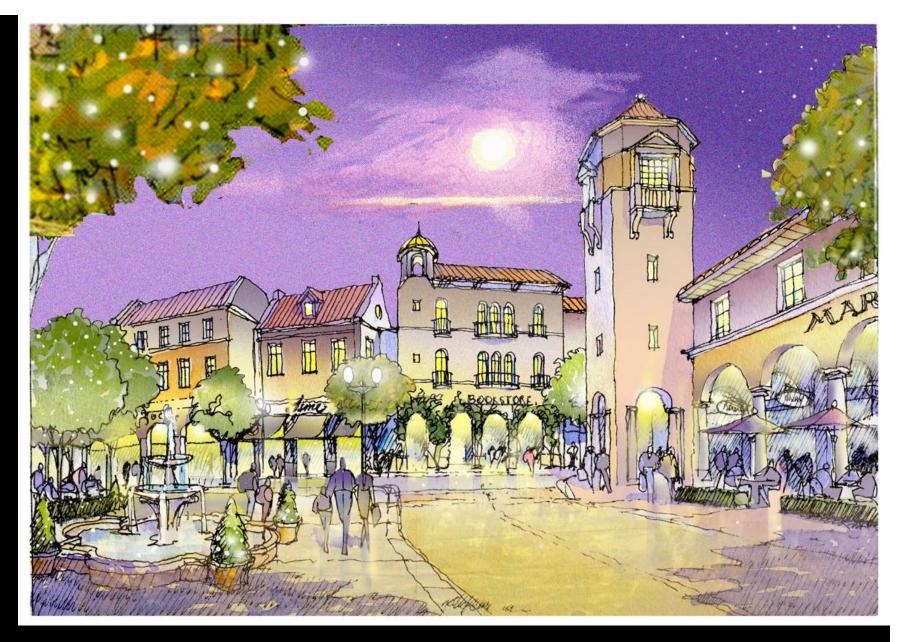
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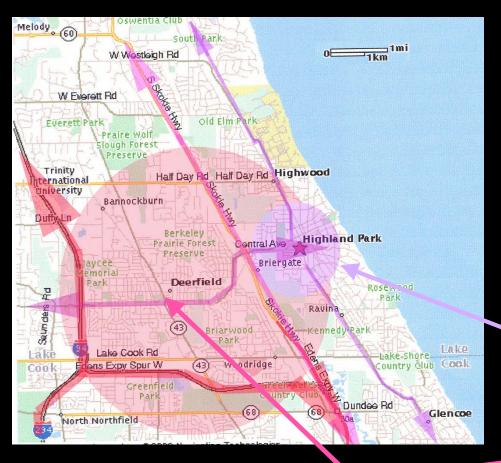


Retail in a Regional Context...



Highland Park is an independent, traditional town within the greater Chicago Metro Area

Retail in a Regional Context...



Original N-S Arterial

Second Generation N-S Arterial

Current Primary N-S limited-access Arterial

 Original Downtown Highland Park

Newer Regional Retail Concentration

Downtown Highland Park...

A mix of well-regarded Local And National tenants...







Downtown Highland Park...

But – It still needed a Major Anchor Tenant to help enhance and protect its Regional Positioning

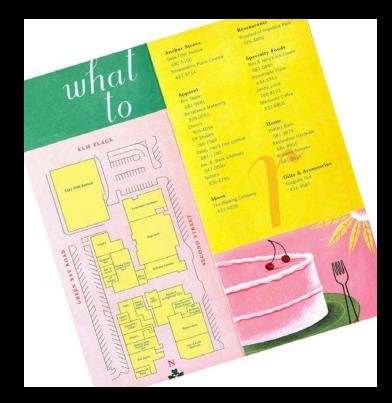




Hence...

Downtown Highland Park... Renaissance Place





Renaissance Place is a mixeduse, full block infill redevelopment project...

Downtown Highland Park...



...that includes a Department Store, Retail Shops, a Cinema, Offices, Restaurants, and Apartments.

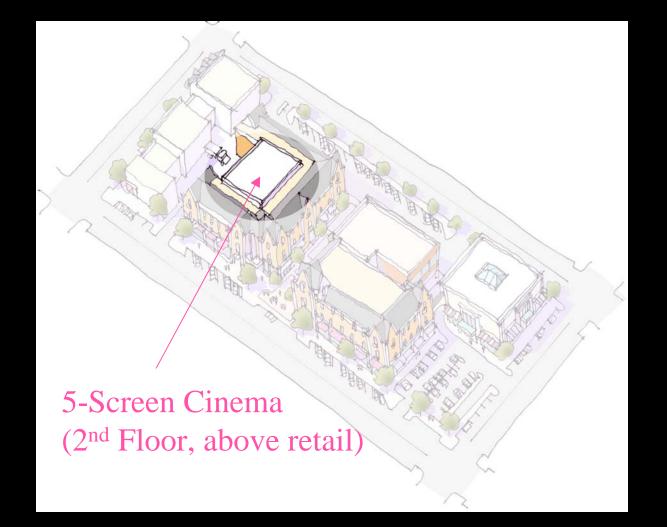


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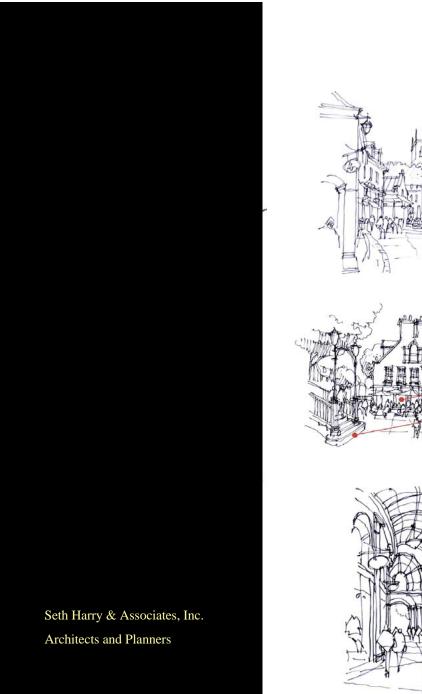


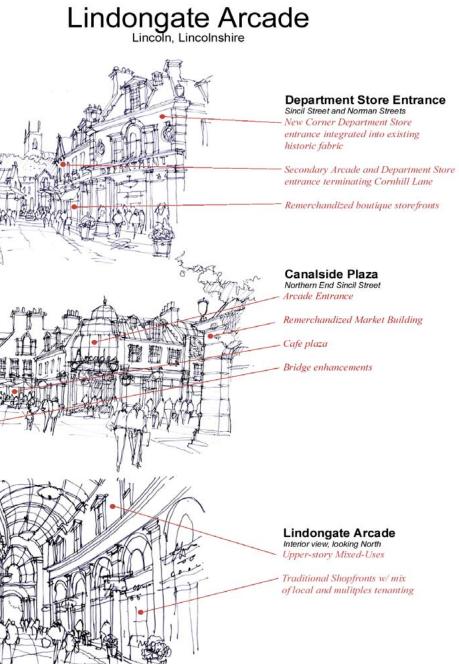


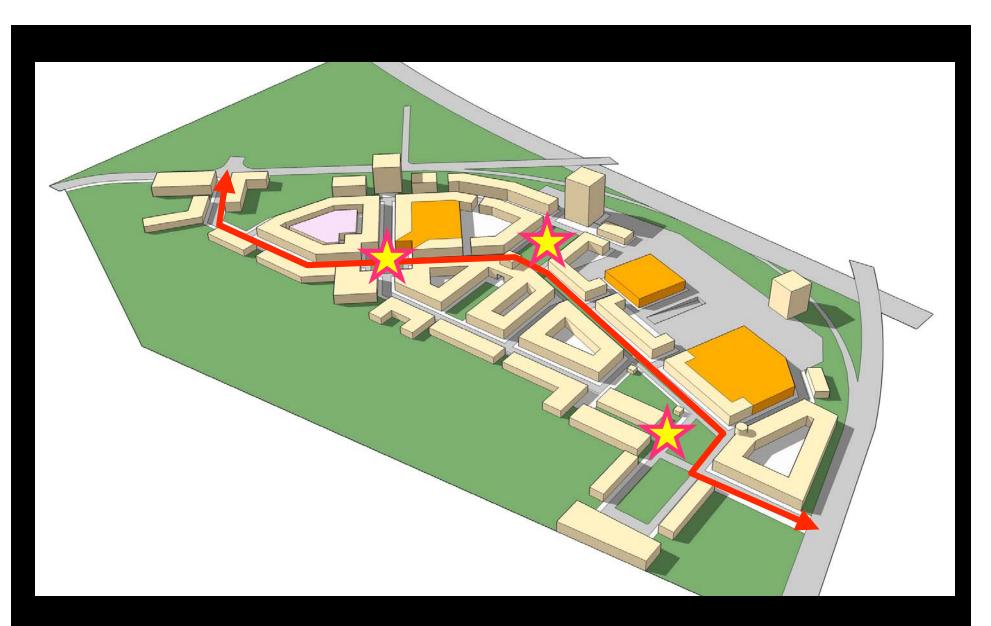




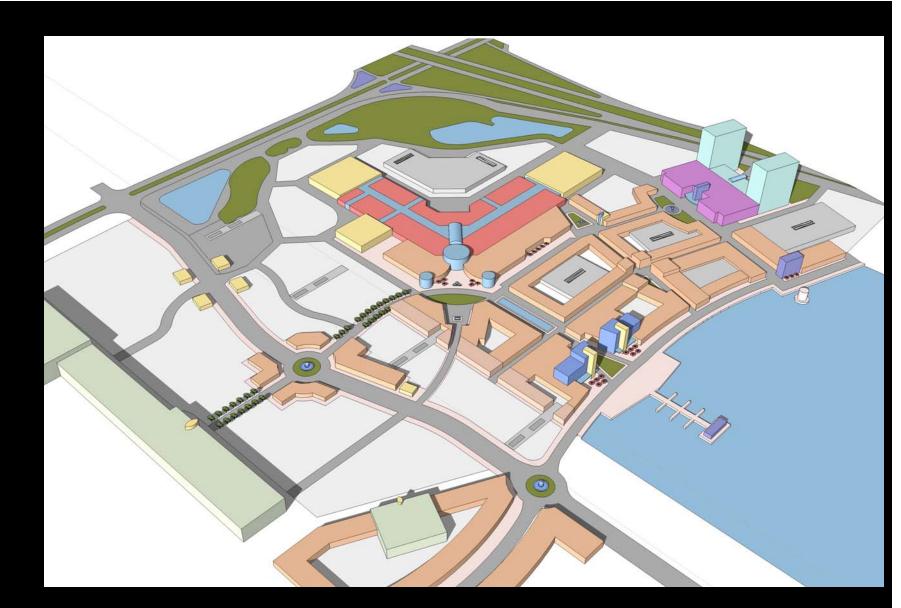


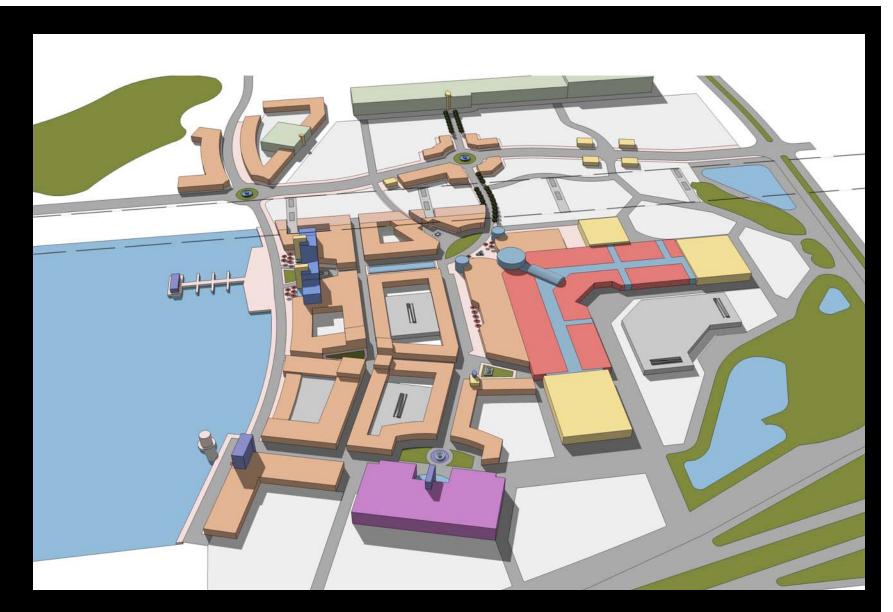












The Generic Highway -- and it's implications for retail.....



Why Create Real Places?....





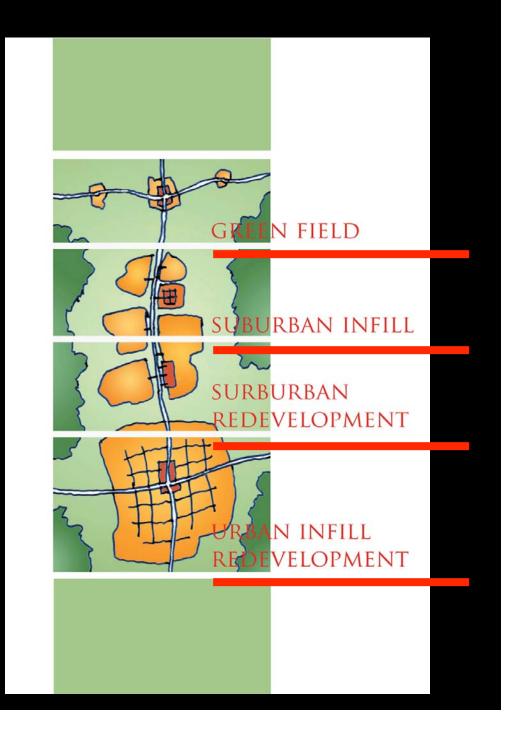
Shrinking demand for Suburban Lifestyles

Increasing demand for "amenity-rich" Urban Lifestyles *More effective Competitive* Positioning in an increasingly generic Retail Marketplace

Long-term revenue producing asset (enhanced tax and employment base) *Early* investment in "Soft-Infrastructure" yields both

immediate and long-term benefits.

Transect-based Mixed-use/ Town Center Opportunities...



Why use the Transect for Regional Retail/mixed-use land-use allocation?....

> Because : Retail developed in a regional <u>URBAN</u> context, is largely self-moderating and self-regulating....



Wal-Mart may be mulling smallstore strategy: report

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NEW YORK (MarketWatch) -- As Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s sprawling supercenters reach the point of saturation in the U.S., there are signs that the company is looking at a strategy to jump-start growth by opening smaller stores, The New York Post reported Monday.

Citing several analysts, the newspaper said Wal-Mart is actively considering stores as tiny as 20,000 square feet about one-tenth the size of its supercenters - called Neighborhood Markets.

Smaller stores would make it easier for Wal-Mart to penetrate urban markets, the newspaper said.

Ratcheting up the pressure is U.K. retailer Tesco Corp. (TEO.T), one of Wal-Mart's chief rivals abroad, which plans

Home Depot to try smaller urban stores

By Mark Clothier Bloomberg News

stores in the U.S., is running out Home Depot. of places to put its vast marts.

To keep growing, the homeimprovement chain is experimenting with stores less than half the usual size.

The company says it is testing and outlying towns-communities that don't have enough space for a big store, don't have enough people to support one or won't give zoning approval.

Five of the neighborhood-format stores are opening in the next few weeks in the San Francisco Bay area.

Home Depot, whose annual profit dropped last year for the first time since its founding in said. 1978, says it can tap \$30 billion in annual revenue by adding stores with far less space than its average 105,000 square feet.

"In a very high-density location, those sorts of stores would make sense," said Peter Jankovskis, research director of Lislebased Oakbrook Investments LLC, which owns Home Depot shares among its \$1.3 billion in Home Depot, in Concord, Alaassets.

"If I'm working on a little project over the weekend and share parking lots with coffee there's a Home Depot nearby and also my little corner hardware store, it's often more convenient to go to the corner store," he said.

Smaller Home Depot stores, 26,000 to 45,000 square feet, may be more profitable because they'll sell fewer commodity products like lumber, the company says. Analysts say the wider profit margins may not ucts, such as General Electric make up for the reduced sales.

similar mix of merchandise as traditional stores but fewer items, said Mike LaFerle, head Home Depot Inc., with 1,900 of real estate for Atlanta-based

> Two are scheduled to open in Manchester and Winchester, Tenn., in June. Mountain and coastal towns may be the next target, he said.

Home Depot experimented smaller stores in urban areas unsuccessfully with smaller stores under a different name in the 1990s and has tweaked store designs to fit a few urban and rural locations. Aside from that, it has rarely strayed from its big-box format.

"I would take this as a very strong sign of Home Depot and the new management /team's willingness to think outside the box, as it were," Jankovskis

Many mom-and-pop hardware stores closed as the Home Depot and Lowe's chains grew. Some companies stuck with the small format: Oak Brook-based Ace Hardware Corp. and Chicago-based True Value Co. have operated neighborhood hardware stores for decades.

The new California stores for mo, Petaluma, San Rafael and San Pablo, are in strip malls and shops, pharmacies and restaurants. They'll offer basics such as tools, garden supplies and products to fix a faucet or patch drywall. Only the San Pablo store will stock lumber.

The stores will have bigger bath and kitchen displays at the front. Their appliance departments will be 40 percent larger and carry more upscale prod-Co.'s Monogram and Whirlpool

New Generation Town Center/Main Street Characteristics based upon Transect Principles...

- Fully Integrates with Neighborhood/urban fabric
- Includes a mix of uses in addition to retail
- Pedestrian friendly (Park once and walk)
- Has a "public realm" in the form of streets, plazas, squares and greens
- Typically has a "civic" component, as well, such as a post office, library, town hall, or other public facilities
- Has an architectural character that is reflective of the region and/or the neighborhood in which it is located
- Meets all contemporary tenant design/leasing criteria
- Meets all parking criteria (but can benefit from shared-parking)
- Is leased, managed, and marketed as a single retail entity
- Is more competitively robust, and typically outperforms comparable conventional retail formats

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