



The plan for how we live and grow

# HOW TO PARTICIPATE TODAY

- Learn about the process, Vision, and what has been accomplished to date at the Background Station.
- To begin, pick an Opportunities Station. In order to provide an overview of each topic, we will switch stations every 15 minutes.
  - Station 1: Neighborhoods and Culture (15 minutes)
  - Station 2: Enhanced Connectivity (15 minutes)
  - Station 3: Outdoor Lifestyle, Health, and Sustainability (15 minutes)
  - Station 4: Economy and Vibrant Gathering Areas (15 minutes)

Discuss with your group what ideas you think are most feasible for the future, answer the key questions, and add your additional ideas to the maps.

 Take the Opportunity Area Visual Preference Survey to select what new development/redevelopment might look like at each of the opportunity sites.

### YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE ONLINE.

Find the survey on the Millcreek Together project website.

### MEETING-IN-A-BOX

Would you like to host your own conversation among your friends and neighbors and provide feedback on the general plan? Download your kit today or grab some extra booklets before you leave.

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# PLAN BACKGROUND

## What is a General Plan?

# The Millcreek General Plan is the primary planning document for the community.

- It is a long-term vision that becomes a plan with strategies to accomplish that vision:
- It shapes decisions related to new development, redevelopment, City programs, and services, and focuses on enhancing the City's long-term vitality.



Why does Millcreek need a General Plan?

### The General Plan will integrate planning efforts to create a roadmap for the future of Millcreek through new and transformative ideas and recommendations.

- · The General Plan is an effort to...
  - Accurately address current standards, goals, and future needs.
  - Engage with the public and determine what the community needs and priorities are.
  - Define measurable and realistic implementation strategies to achieve the community's vision.
  - Guide the future of the City for the next 20 years.

How can you stay involved?

Millcreek Together is a 12 - 18 month initiative that engages the public in defining a shared vision for the City. Join us at each stage through in-person meetings or online surveys!







# WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

October



























### Night Out Against Crime

**Project Introduction Booth**Evergreen Park

### Venture Out! Community, Dinner

Survey Handout

Historic Baldwin Radio Factory

# Parley's Trail Ribbon Cutting Flier handout and project introduction

Tanner Park

### Millfreaks in the Park

**Visioning Booth**Canyon Rim Park

### Olympus Hills Trunk or Treat

Visioning Booth

Olympus Hills Shopping Center

### Flier Handout

Distributed fliers announcing visioning open houses and survey

All throughout Millcreek

### Canyon Rim Citizens Association

Visioning Open House

Christ United Methodist Church

### East Mill Creek Community Council

Visioning Open House

Millcreek Community Center

### Millcreek Community Council

Visioning Open House

Millcreek Activity Center

### Mount Olympus Community Council

Visioning Open House

Citris Grill

### What Matters to Youth?

Youth Workshop

City Offices

### Sunnyvale Farmers Market

Visioning Booth

Sunnyvale Park



# OUR COMMUNITY VISION



### What is a Vision?

Vision statements reflect the ultimate picture of what a community desires to become in the future. Community visioning is the process of developing consensus about what future the community wants, and then deciding what is necessary to achieve it.

### Vision Statements:

- are positive
- show Millcreek's uniqueness
- · are inclusive of Millcreek's diverse population
- · focus on people and quality of life
- think big!

### How will the Vision be used?

As described below, the Vision sets the foundation for the rest of the General Plan, so this is a very important step in the planning process.

### Community Vision Statements

describe the desired future of Millcreek based on shared values. They are intended to be aspirational, therefore it does not mean that Millcreek currently embodies every part of these statements.

The Principles under each of the visions further elaborate on the future setting, character, and opportunities for Millcreek in the next 10-15 years.

### **Community Vision** The Vision articulates the values and desires for Millcreek moving forward and sets the foundation for the goals, policies, and projects of the plan. Goals and Policies Goals are long-term outcomes the City hopes to achieve by implementing the General Plan. Policies set preferred direction and describe what must be done to achieve these broad goals. Land Use Map Defines visually where and how Implementation Millcreek will grow over the next Describes the imten to twenty years. plementation actions and projects the City will undertake to achieve the General Plan goals, policies, and the vision.





# OUR COMMUNITY VISION

# Unique Neighborhoods

"Millcreek is a City of proud, stable, and emerging unique neighborhoods grounded in a variety of home types, vibrant gathering areas, and access to quality community amenities."

# Thriving Economy

"Millcreek's economic diversity thrives by being inviting, supporting local businesses, attracting an innovative and adaptive workforce, investing in amenities that promote a better quality of life, and encouraging a range of business sizes and types."

# Vibrant Gathering Places

"Millcreek's centers are the heart of community activity characterized by walkability, unique spaces, commercial areas, and a community character anchored in its neighborhoods."

# Enhanced Connectivity

"Millcreek strives to offer a range of pedestrian, bicycling, transit, and vehicle transportation choices through a cohesive network of safe and reliable streets and trails that connect all residents to their destination."

# Thriving through Health and Sustainability

"Millcreek supports environmental and human health by providing access to local food, active transportation options, improved local water and air quality, and other sustainable practices for future generations."

## Outdoor Lifestyle

"Millcreek is the gateway to recreation with opportunities from the Wasatch Mountains to the Jordan River, including majestic views of the mountains, expansive parks, and accessible trails, creeks, and open spaces."

### Enriched Culture

"Millcreek promotes the arts, culture, and education as essential parts of an engaged community and life-long learning."



# UNIQUE NEIGHBORHOODS

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## What we've Heard...

- That not everyone has access to the type of housing that meets their needs.
- Concerns about the rising cost of housing.
- Concerns about loss of neighborhood character.

### What can we do?

### HOW?

1. Identify the elements of each neighborhood's unique character and develop strategies to protect them.	<ul> <li>Maintain and improve residential building compatibility standards.</li> <li>Make sure the subdivision code (flag lots) matches the regulation's intent.</li> </ul>
2. Balance property owner and community desires to create a sense of place for neighborhoods.	<ul> <li>Create design guidelines that address distinguishing characteristics such as scale, setbacks, and streetscapes.</li> <li>Create neighborhood identity through signage and distinctive street furniture standards, street lighting, sidewalks, and landscaping.</li> </ul>
3. Consider adding new units to existing neighborhoods through accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and/or tiny homes.	<ul> <li>Revise the City code to address the number, locations, configurations, and development standards for ADUs.</li> <li>Conduct a pilot program for ADUs in select locations to determine compatibility.</li> </ul>
4. Create mixed-use residential and neighborhood- commercial districts in appropriate areas of the City that complement well established neighborhoods located nearby.	<ul> <li>Revise the City code to allow for neighborhood-scale mixed use districts.</li> <li>Implement a 'retrofit strategy' to improve and better utilize existing buildings.</li> <li>Pursue Community Development Block Grants or Tax Increment Financing for facade improvements.</li> <li>Revise the City codes and public works standards to make it easier to build compact, mixed-use developments with complete streets (streets that provide for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle transportation).</li> </ul>
5. Identify barriers and incentives to encourage a variety of living options (condos, row homes) for all income levels.	<ul> <li>Encourage mid-scale, mid-priced housing types in transition areas between single-family neighborhoods and higher-density target development areas.</li> <li>Design and development incentives for the inclusion</li> </ul>

of affordable housing.

# Are we heading in the right direction?



# ENHANCED CULTURE

## Mhat we've Heard...

- That Millcreek's diverse culture is an asset that should be celebrated.
- That community events are a contributing factor to Millcreek's quality-oflife.
- That arts and education are essential components of a complete community.

### What can we do?

How?

1. Attract cultural amenities such as museums, performance venues, galleries, interpretive trails, etc.	<ul> <li>Understand the variables and decision-making of galleries and arts venues with regard to locations.</li> <li>Explore potential incentives to locate in Millcreek.</li> <li>Use existing venues to obtain traveling shows from arts and music organizations.</li> </ul>
2. Support culture and heritage festivals, including the Venture Out.	<ul> <li>Identify venues for cultural and heritage festivals and events.</li> <li>Incorporate event planning functions into City administration.</li> </ul>
3. Encourage an entertainment district within the City.	<ul> <li>Identify potential locations for an entertainment district.</li> <li>Develop regulations that allow for a variety of uses in a district, with emphasis on building scale and pedestrian connections to encourage street life.</li> </ul>
4. Enhance community pride through celebration of Millcreek's social events.	<ul> <li>Investigate new ways to provide consistent messaging including apps, kiosks, and interactive art.</li> <li>Equally distribute events throughout the City.</li> </ul>
5. Encourage a more equal distribution of schools, or additional charter schools in Millcreek.	Partner with Granite School District and current and proposed private schools and preschools.
6. Support after school programs, nutrition programs, and other initiatives.	Support the Millcreek Promise Program.

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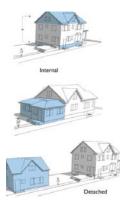
# Key Information to Consider

# Millcreek Housing Unit Type

### Affordability

Although Millcreek has a fairly diverse inventory of housing types, there is a significant lack of units affordable to households below 50 percent of the Area Median Income of \$73,800 (AMI), 1,823 excess units (above the amount needed) affordable at up to 80 percent of AMI, and 1,378 excess units above 80 percent of AMI, indicating that many low- to moderate-income households in Millcreek are living in units that are not affordable.

### Accessory Dwelling Units



An accessory dwelling unit is having a second small dwelling right on the same grounds, or attached to or inside, your regular single-family house, such as:

- an apartment over the garage
- · a tiny house (on a foundation) in the backyard
- · a basement apartment

ADUs can provide affordable housing choices for singles and seniors, and increase residential density without dramatically altering neighborhood fabric. Regulations would need to consider parking impacts, infrastructure requirements, and overall neighborhood compatibility.

### Neighborhood History

The history of Millcreek Township is closely Inke history of Millcreek Township is closely linked with the modern history of the Salt Lake Valley. As the area was explored by the first pioneers, Millcreek Canyon was discovered as a source of water and timber, spurring informal a source of water and timber, spurring informal development along the creek and eventually leading to the establishment of scattered agricultural farmsteads further afield. The area remained rural and undeveloped until the mid-20th century, when the shortage of housing at the end of World War II (WIWI) led to the establishment of residential subdivisions.

The historic character of Millcreek expresses how the township developed into what it is to-day From the fragments of led stone mills and bridges along the Mill Creek, and the remant trees and fences of old farms and orchards, to the clean lines of mid-century subdivisions, past patterns, materials and methods provide a rich precedent for establishing a pedestrian realm that is vibrant, responsive and connected to the area.

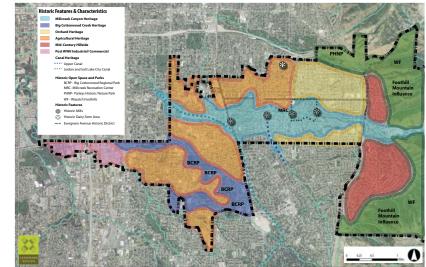
Millcreek Heritage
Stretching from the mouth of Millcreek
Canyon to the Jordan River, this area is marked
by the large native trees and shrubs that line
the river; remnant stretches of stone walls used to reinforce the river banks; and the remains of the old mills that dotted the area.

### Big Cottonwood Heritage

illar to the conditions in the lower ches of Mill Creek, this area is defined by tall trees and mature vegetation that is the lower banks of Big Cottonwood Creek just before it joins the Jordan Rive on its journey north to the Great Salt Lake

Orchard Heritage

Although few examples remain, the upper Although few examples remain, the upper slopes of the east bench were scattered with large fruit orchards and berry patches prior to being developed as residential neighborhoods following WWII.



### Agricultural Heritage

The middle slopes of the township wer scattered with large farmsteads, includ several dairies. Remnant roadways, tree several dairies. Remnant roadways, tree and structures remain in a few location: although most were lost when the area developed into residential neighborhoods before and after WWII.

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Mid-Century Hillside

The steep slopes of Olympus Cove and
the Bonneville Shoreline were largely
undeveloped until the 1960's, at which
time large homes were developed
along a system of winding roadways.
Perhaps the most unique aspect of these
neighborhoods is the lack of sidewalks and
street trees, and attempts to incorporate
Gambel Olak, other native stands of
vegetation and natural hilside features
into the landscapae.

### ost WWII Industrial/

Commercial Stretching primarily from State Street westward to the Jordan River is an industrial/commercial zone with few discernible historic features. However, the areas east of Interstate 15 are generally older than those areas west of the freeway, often including iconic buildings and signs representative of the area they were developed. Composed of four distinct park sites, this large park encompasses historic wetlands, farms, ponds, mature tree rows, old woodlands, pathways and other historic landscape features.

Historic Open Spaces & Parks Millcreek Recreation Center
This park is located on the site of an old

**Key Historic Features and Sites** 

Several mills were constructed along the Mill Creek banks, the earliest being sawmills located near the present-day intersection of Highland Drive and Murphy's Lane (3605 South). Another important structure is the Neff Gristmill, which was located along the creek near 2600 East. These and other mills several to the creek near 2600 fast. These and other mills

produced much of the lumber for early mes and businesses throughout the valley, and often included era-representative stone bridges, culverts, walls and wooden fences.

**Evergreen Avenue Historic District** 

Stretching from 200 fast to 270 Dast and 3300 South to Neff's Lane, nearly 150 homes are identified as being historic or contributing to the historic character of this district. In addition to the electic mix of homes, the area also includes ear-representative lanes, retaining walls, stone-lined irrigation ditches, head gates and out-buildings.

### Parley's Historic Nature Park

Big Cottonwood Regional Park

<u>Pariety 5 Historic Nature Paris</u> Stretching from 2700 East to the mouth of Parley's Canyon, this area encompasses the remnants of the old Park City Highway, in addition to segments of a historic aqueduct, stone walls and a remnant wine cellar.

Wasatch Foothills
The steep slopes provide a glimpse of how
the Wasatch Mountains may have appeared
when settlers first arrived. Mature stands of
Gambel Oak, Sumac, Mountain Mahogany
and Rocky Mountain Maple are indicative of
the vegetation that has evolved here over thousands of years.



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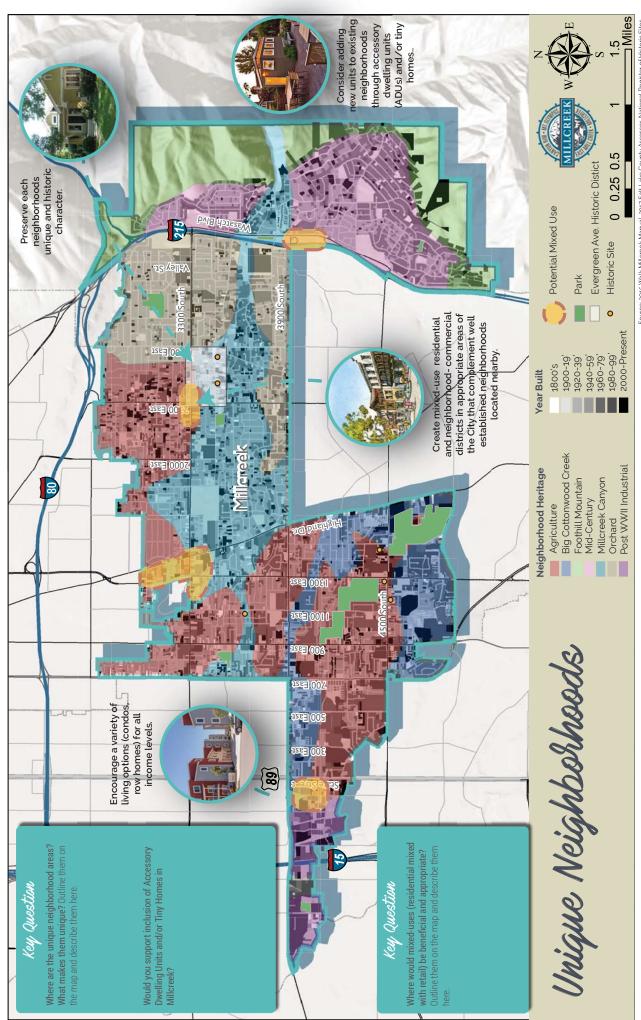
**Dairies and Farms**The remnants of at least two old dairies are located on historic homesteads near Millcreek/2100 East and 3000 South/2100 East. Key infrastructure elements include walls, fences and old roadwa

Canal Heritage
Segments of the Upper Canal and the 28-milelong Jordan and Salt Lake City Canal extend
north-to-south through the township. The
adjacent neighborhoods are generally laid
out in response to these features, and in many

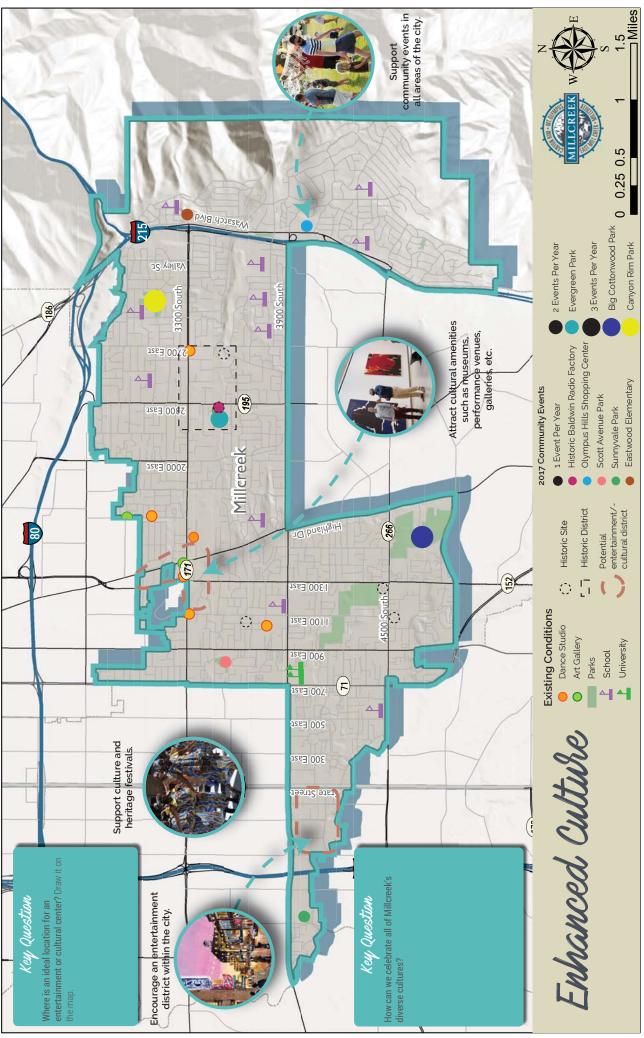
ways are defined by the geometry of the canals and the trees and vegetation that line



# Walk Millcreek



Source: 2015 Walk Millcreek Manual, 2017 Salt Lake County Assessor, National Register of Historic



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# ENHANCED CONNECTIVITY

## Mhat we've Heard...

- That residents want the City to be more walkable, bikeable, and mass transit friendly.
- Residents would like greater walking and biking accessibility throughout the City.
- That key corridors should be visually and functionally enhanced.

### What can we do?

### How?

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1. Actively plan for bus rapid transit, light rail, and/or a street car on key corridors.	<ul> <li>Accommodate future transit expansion through adoption of street standards that can accommodate transit.</li> </ul>
2. Begin to implement complete streets (where appropriate), designed to equally prioritize walking, biking, and driving when updating the street network.	Revise street cross sections to achieve desired results. Consider regulating traffic flow with roundabouts at key intersections, and construct protected bus shelters to shield transit riders from the wind, rain, and snow.
	<ul> <li>Improve pedestrian and bicycle access to parts of the City that are separated by I-15 and I-215.</li> </ul>
3. Increase bicycle and pedestrian access between parks and key destinations (town centers, library,	Build east-west bike routes connecting Wasatch Boulevard to the Jordan River Trail and north-south to the PRATT trail.
schools).	<ul> <li>Create a bike route plan and map. Consider north- south bike routes that tie into the Salt Lake City, Holladay, Murray, and South Salt Lake bike routes.</li> </ul>
4. Improve the visual image of the	Identify important corridors and viewsheds.
community by enhancing the look and feel of major corridors and protecting scenic view sheds.	Explore the use of special taxing districts or CRAs to generate funding for corridor enhancements.
scenic view sneus.	Evaluate current codes for opportunities to improve corridors and viewsheds.
5. Connect currently segmented sidewalks in priority locations (to	Utilize the Walk Millcreek Manual as a source for priority sidewalk connections.
schools and activity centers) to create a seamless system of pedestrian paths.	Investigate Safe Routes to School as a potential funding source.
6. Improve streetscape aesthetics	Create Street Lighting Plan.
on major roadways by incorporating decorative paving, street trees,	Streetscape Improvement Plan.
landscaped medians, under-grounding utilities, pedestrian and vehicular lighting, and street furnishings infrastructure.	• Street Tree Plan.
7. Consider alternative modes of transportation such as electric bikes,	Research the feasibility of a GREENbike system connecting activity centers to other destinations.
Uber, carpool lots, dedicated bike infrastructure, bike shares, or taxis.	Ensure bike infrastructure is included and considered in new building.

# Are we heading in the right direction?

Key Information to Consider What are Complete Streets?



Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops, and bicycle to work. They allow buses to run on time and make it safe for people to walk to and from train stations. There is no singular design prescription for Complete Streets; each one is unique and responds to its community context. A Complete Street may include: sidewalks, bike lanes (or wide paved shoulders), special bus lanes, comfortable and accessible public transportation stops, frequent and safe crossing opportunities, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, curb extensions, narrower travel lanes, roundabouts, and more.

### What is a sidepath?

A sidepath is a two-way shared-use path that is physically separated from motor vehicle traffic and used by bicyclists, pedestrians, and other non-motorized users. Sidepaths are a type of shared-use path constructed parallel to existing streets within the right-of-way.



### What is a protected bikeway?

Separated bike lanes are an exclusive bikeway facility type that combines the user experience of a shared-use path with the on-street infrastructure of a conventional bike lane. They are physically separated from motor vehicle traffic and distinct from the sidewalk.



commute into Millcreek every

commute into Millcreek every weekday for work, adding to the complexity of Millcreek's transportation challenges.

### Walk-a-bil-ity

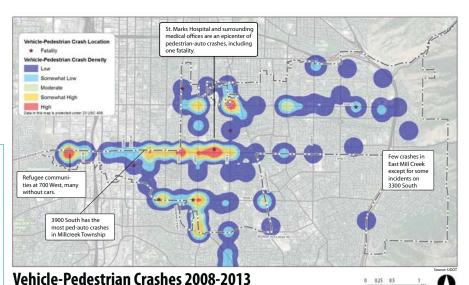
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The extent to which the built environment is friendly to the presence of people living, shopping, visiting, and spending time in the area. Scores are out of



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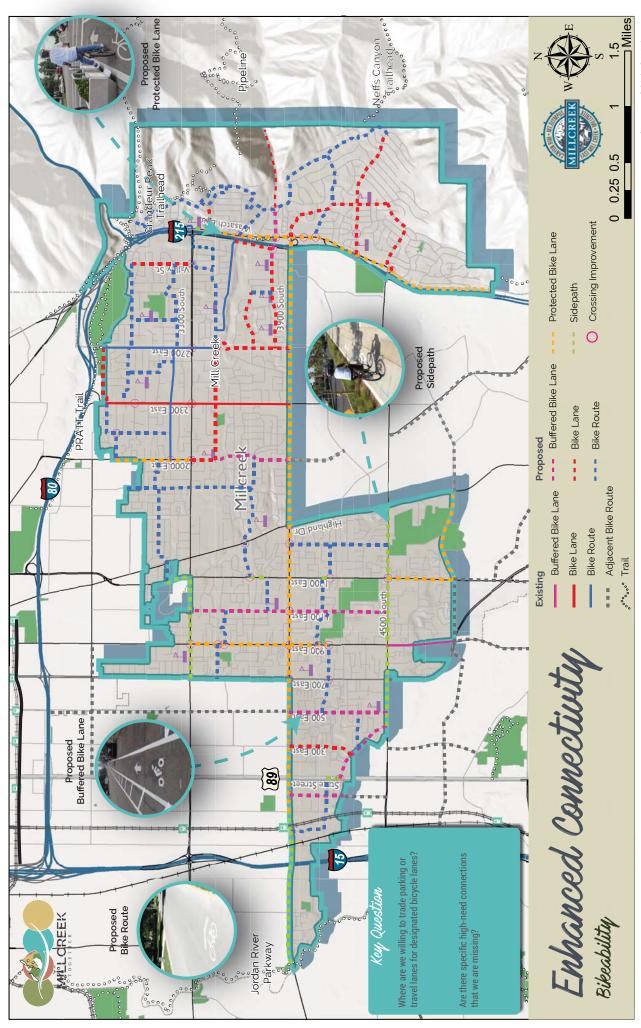
of safe routes to school in Millcreek are on streets without sidewalks.



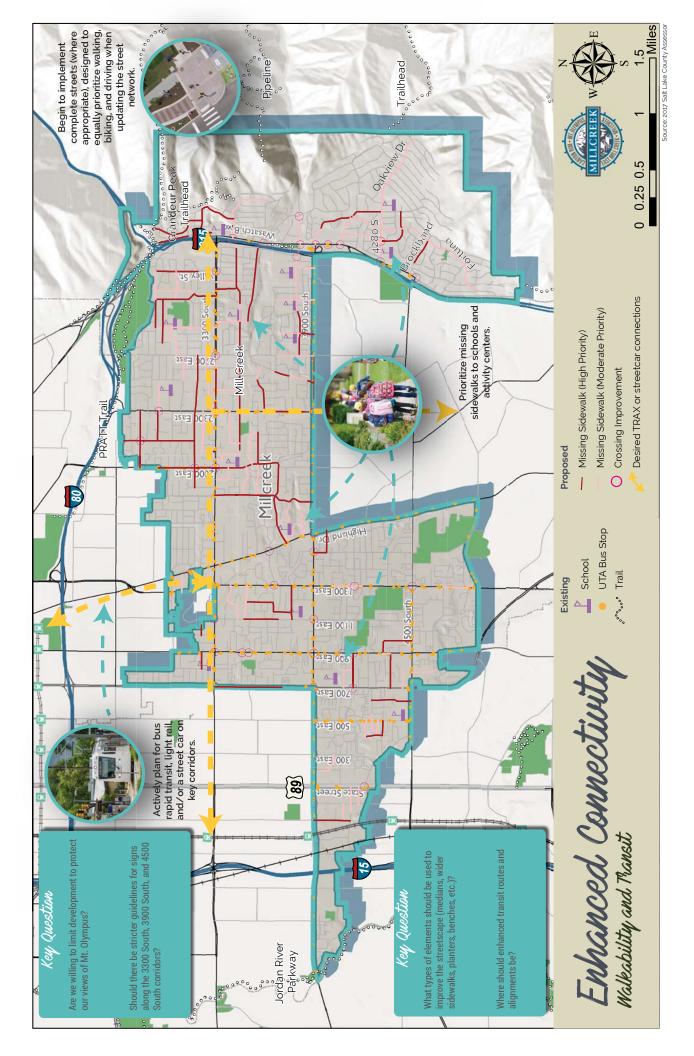
Sidewalk Locations
Present
Missing

**Present and Missing Sidewalks** 

SOURCE: 2015 Walk Millcreek Man



Source: 2017 Salt Lake County Assess



# HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY

## What we've Heard...

- Several parts of the City do not have adequate access to healthy food.
- Conservation and healthy initiatives are important to the identity of Millcreek.

### What can we do?

### How?

Partner with New Roots and other organizations to 1. Promote community gardens promote local food production. and local food production to ensure access to nutritious, Identify potential locations for community gardens. affordable, safe, and culturally-Update zoning regulations. diverse food for an active, Update amenities requirements for multifamily to healthy life. include community gardens. Identify walkability impediments. 2. Connect currently segmented sidewalks within close Evaluate tools for funding such as Community proximities to grocery stores to Reinvestment Areas or special taxing districts to make sidewalk improvements. allow pedestrians easier food access. Identify potential locations for car charging stations. 3. Protect local air quality by Seek funding support from public agencies, promoting EV car charging vehicle vendors, non-profits, etc. or as a potential stations throughout the City. development incentive. Acquire open spaces through bonding, conservation 4. Increase green space easements, tax districts, impact fees, etc. throughout the City to give more residents opportunities to enjoy nature. Ordinance amendment. 5. Create a dark sky lighting policy. Ordinance amendment. 6. Encourage new developments to include "green" building standards, such as green roofs and/or solar panels. Ordinance amendment. 7. Promote and implement community emergency preparedness and safety plans and programs. 8. Study areas for an additional Work with the Unified Fire Department to determine potential sites. fire station.

# Are we heading in the right direction?

# OUTDOOR LIFESTYLE

## Mhat we've Heard...

- Access to parks and recreation features is not equitably distributed throughout the City.
- Active and healthy lifestyles are important to Millcreek residents.

### What can we do?

### HOW?

1. Continue to encourage a culture of both active and passive recreation by increasing open space acreage.	<ul> <li>Identify and map locations of potential access and impediments.</li> <li>Look for available properties in fault study areas and along fault lines.</li> </ul>
2. Create a new park along the Jordan River Parkway.	Work with Jordan River Commission, Seven Canyons Trust, South Salt Lake City, and other partners.
3. Optimize access to the foothill trails, Grandeur Peak, Mill Creek Canyon, and Neff's Canyon.	<ul> <li>Trailhead parking improvements.</li> <li>Active transportation access improvements.</li> <li>Increase trail connections within and to the canyons.</li> <li>Coordinate with Salt Lake County and the Forest Service to explore opportunities for expanding the foothill trail system.</li> </ul>
4. Encourage pocket parks (parks under 3 acres) in underserved areas.	Review standards for proximity and service areas for pocket parks.
5. Develop urban trails throughout the City.	Identify existing and potential future urban trails.
6. Build a public swimming pool and/or splash pad.	• Tie to Town Center, Urban Center, or Villages Centers (as outlined in Vibrant Gathering Places).
7. Expand access to open spaces and recreation facilities.	Partner with Granite School District to facilitate public access to school open space and recreation amenities. Purchase the Millcreek Activity Center property from Granite School District to ensure that the land remains in recreational use.
8. Expand access to Mill Creek and Big Cottonwood Creek.	Explore opportunities to expand access to Mill Creek and Big Cottonwood Creek through discussions with canal companies, landowners, and other stakeholders.

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Key, Information to Consider



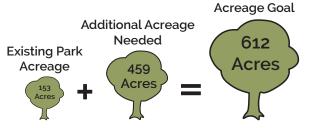
Community gardens within Millcreek



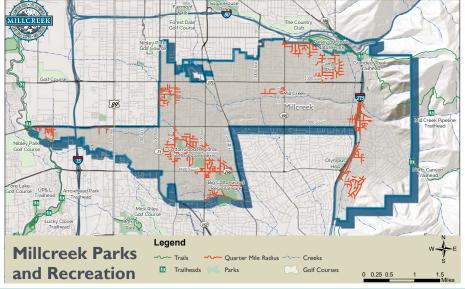
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### Parks Acreage Level of Service



Millcreek currently only has 153 acres of park open space within city limits. This acreage mostly comes from Big Cottonwood Regional Park and Softball Fields (138 acres total) and other smaller parks and grass fields from local schools. This total acreage equates to about **2.5 park acres per 1,000 people** with the national standard being 10 acres per 1,000, translating to a deficit of 612 acres. Somewhat more important than the number of acres of parkland is the access residents have to open space within a 1/4 mile of their home. As shown below in red, very little of the City has walkable access.



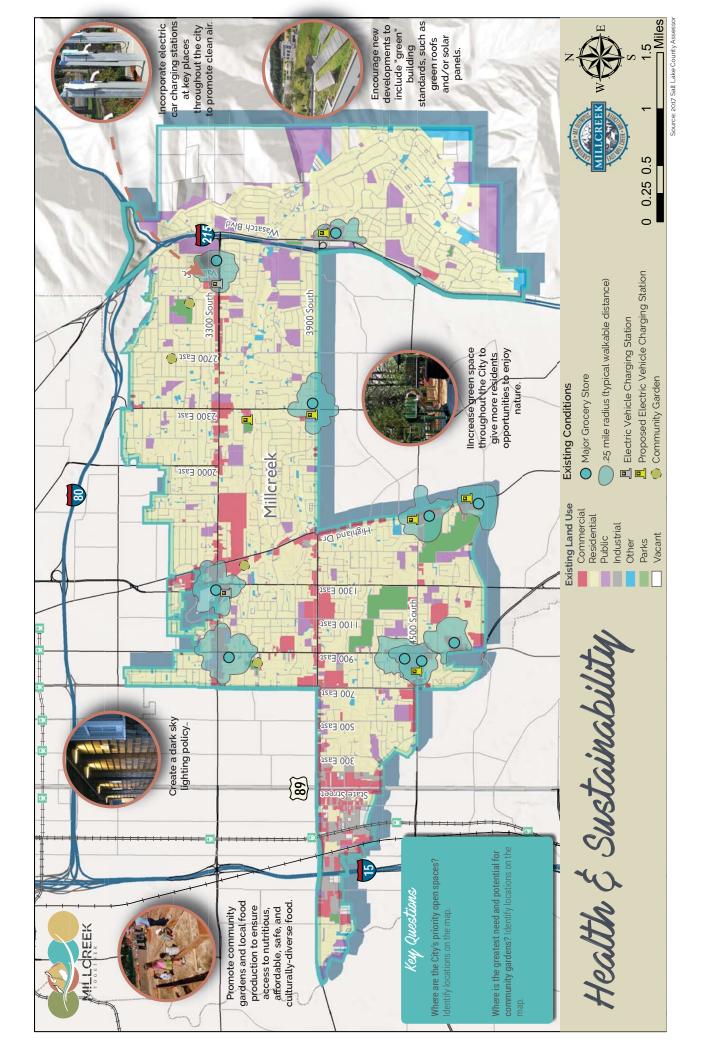
### Is there adequate demand for a swimming pool?

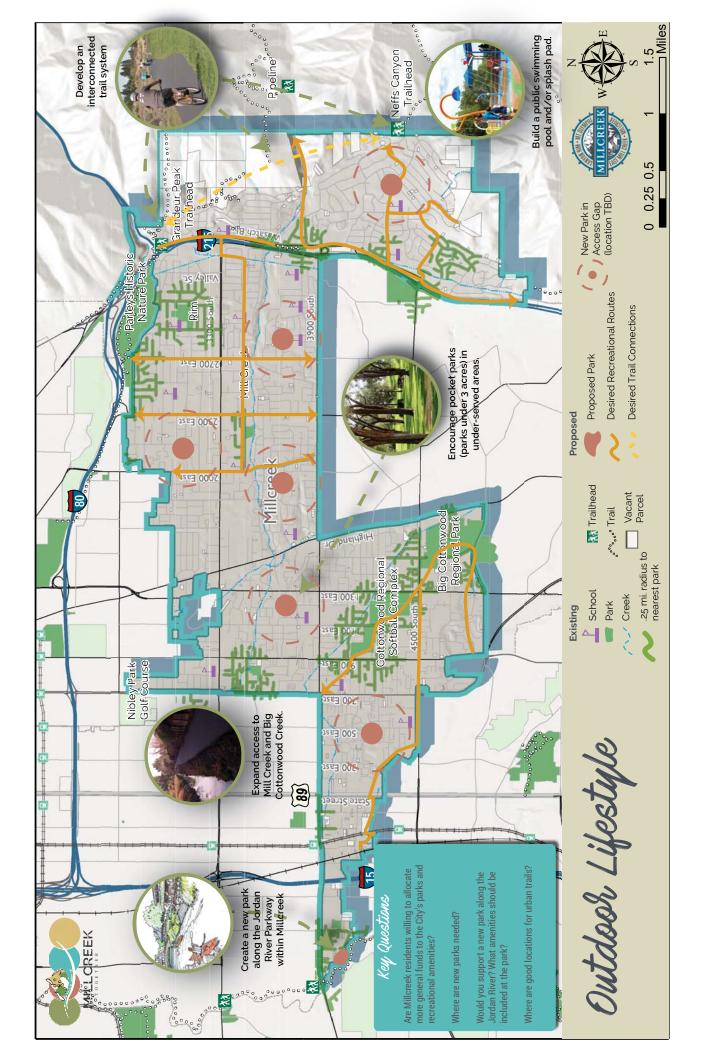
According to the Salt Lake County 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, development standards for outdoor swimming pools or water playgrounds are 1 per 75,000 population with a 3-mile service radius. When considering the nearby swimming pools and projected population growth, there is currently adequate supply based on SLCo standards until 2030. SLCo does identify a need for a water playground/splash pad based on increased public popularity and demand.



### How do we fund additional parks?

If the City is serious about boosting its parks and recreation inventory to ensure it can meet current and future demand, it needs to make significant investments. The City does not have to be the only one providing these services and facilities—they can be county or school-district projects, or joint ventures. A number of sources to fund parks including the general fund, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), land donations, volunteer contributions, grants, and land dedications from developers should be explored. The City should also consider instituting a parks impact fee for new development, and pursuing funding from partners, such as the County's ZAP taxes. Impact fees can only be used in the areas or projects where new development occurs.





# THRIVING ECONOMY

## What we've Heard...

- Support local and new businesses.
- Redevelop strip mall properties.
- Encourage employment types that foster creativity and encourage retention of talent.

### What can we do?

### HOW?

1. Adopt a clear and strategic economic development program that supports small businesses and connects jobs and training opportunities to where they are needed.	Prepare an Economic Development Plan for Millcreek.
2. Promote infill development and the redevelopment of underutilized buildings and strip commercial that incorporates public spaces.	<ul> <li>Utilize public funding tools, such as special districts, to fund and maintain redevelopment areas.</li> <li>Check the zoning code for adequate buffers between land use intensities.</li> </ul>
3. Consider impact fees to increase new public investments in streets, infrastructure, and public spaces in order to keep pace with new development and foster redevelopment.	Evaluate areas within the City where development impact fees could support needed infrastructure.
4. Foster a culture of creativity and entrepreneurship with a variety of incubator space, live-work units, and shared workspaces.	Evaluate City codes for impediments to expansion and ongoing viability of existing businesses.
5. Promote new and retain existing local businesses.	<ul> <li>Evaluate City codes for impediments to expansion and ongoing viability of existing businesses.</li> <li>Support curb appeal grants, creating a function with economic development to cater to small development, etc.</li> </ul>
6. Consider city-provided fiber optic infrastructure to support economic development.	Create a Telecommunications Master Plan to address funding and implementation.

# Are we heading in the right direction?



# VIBRANT GATHERING PLACES

# What can we do?

### HOW?

## What we've Heard...

- Focus on new public gathering areas and entertainment options.
- Create amenities in each areas of the City.
- Focus on city-wide placemaking and branding.

1. Invest in a Town Center at The Wedge (Brickyard/City Hall area).	Create zoning and incentives to assist developers in fulfilling the vision for town and neighborhood centers. Evaluate tools such as Community Reinvestment Areas, Redevelopment Areas, special districts, and others to support development.
2. Invest in the Main Street/ Meadowbrook area as an urban center.	Create zoning and incentives to assist developers in fulfilling the vision for a town center. Evaluate tools such as Community Reinvestment Areas, Redevelopment Areas, special districts, and others to support development.
3. Invest in the 3300 South/2300 East, Olympus Hills, and 4500 South/Murray-Holladay Road areas as village centers that provide amenities for residents and nearby neighborhoods.	Create zoning and incentives to assist developers in fulfilling the vision for each center. Evaluate tools such as Community Reinvestment Areas, Redevelopment Areas, special districts, and others to support development.      Implement a strip mall redevelopment strategy.
4. Realign Wasatch Boulevard west of the former UDOT property and adjacent to I-215 to build upon and enhance the Olympus Hills Shopping Center and future village center.	Create a Olympus Hills Village Center Plan and coordinate with UDOT, UTA, property owners, and stakeholders on feasibility of road realignment.
5. Establish a place for food trucks to provide additional food options and entertainment for residents.	Look at adding food trucks as part of a town/ neighborhood center.
6. Create design guidelines for development in gateways into Millcreek to encourage the preservation of local landmarks and scenic views; create higher quality gateway signage; and beautify key corridors.	<ul> <li>Evaluate existing sign code and design standards/guidelines.</li> <li>Develop appropriate design guidelines for commercial development and each potential center.</li> </ul>
7. Encourage a commitment to the adaptive reuse of vacant buildings from a prior form of use to a new form.	Evaluate current historic preservation standards.

# Are we heading in the right direction?

# Key, Information to Consider

### What are Impact Fees?

An impact fee is a one-time charge imposed on development to build facilities that are designed to offset the burdens created by that development. Growth in the form of new homes and businesses requires expansion or enlargement of public facilities to maintain the same level and quality of public services for all residents of a community. Impact fees help fund expansion of public facilities necessary to accommodate new growth.

### What are Community Reinvestment Areas (CRAs)?

CRAs are the newest public tax increment financing tool that aims to assist with financing redevelopment activities from real and personal property taxable value increases. They are a flexible tool which can be used to achieve a number of redevelopment criteria. Typically, they are used to remove urban property blight, add new jobs, or develop vacant land.

### Sales Leakage

Town Center: Envisioned to be the largest "center" with City Hall and supporting amenities, entertainment and cultural opportunities, residential, and retail.

Urban Center: Higher density residential with supporting commercial and offices uses. Provides amenities for residents and visitors.

Village Center: Provides small scale commercial and amenities for residents and nearby neighborhoods.

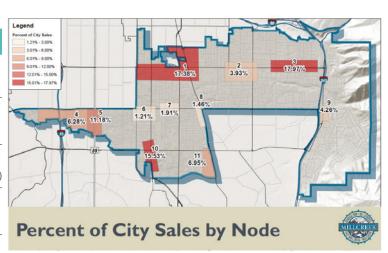
	2016 Leakage	2016 Capture
Motor Vehicles and Parts Dealers	-\$110,100,478	37.6%
Furniture and Home Furnishings	-\$17,200,644	37.4%
Electronics and Appliance Stores	-\$17,200,644	32.2%
Building Material/Gardening Equipment	-\$19,968,729	75.7%
Food and Beverage Stores	\$48,002,928	138.8%
Health and Personal Care	-\$10,134,804	33.9%
Gasoline Stores	-\$22,713,499	27.8%
Clothing and Accessories	-\$45,848,559	9.3%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, Music	\$14,502,521	148.1%
General Merchandise	-\$114,907,081	36.3%
Misc.	-\$19,435,387	57%
Performing Arts, Spectator Sports	-\$16,562,102	0.9%
Museums	-\$10,427,981	0%
Accommodation	-\$47,596,316	0.3%
Food and Drinking Places	-\$66,528,157	48.0%
Repair and Maintenance	-\$15,363,051	54%
Personal and Laundry	-\$4,702,522	52.6%

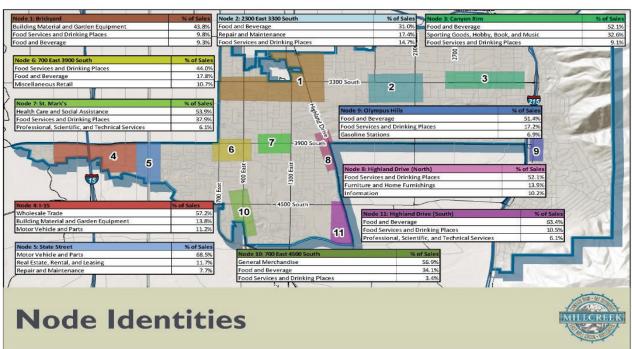


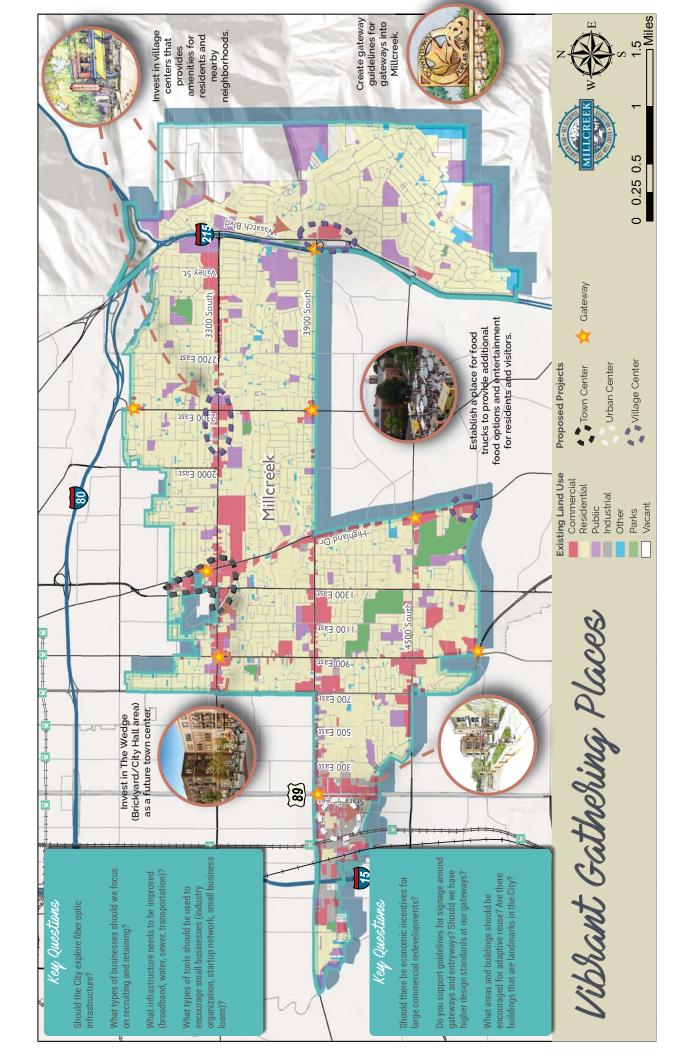
Retail leakage occurs when local people are spending more for goods than local businesses sell, usually due to people traveling to a neighboring town to buy goods.

### Redevelopment Tools 101

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Financing Tool	Brief Description
Tax Abatements	Reduction or deferment of tax obligations
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding	Federal program administered by local governments for community development activities to benefit low-to moderate-income people
Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	Financing tool that leverages projected tax revenue to pay upfront development costs (e.g. infrastructure)
New Market Tax Credits	Federal program that awards federal tax credits to development entities for projects located in under-served communities







# **OPPORTUNITY SITES**

# Potential Future Analysis



## The Wedge/ 3300 S. 1300 E.

### **STRENGTHS**

- High traffic counts and good connections to surrounding neighborhoods
- Neighboring properties include a well-positioned grocery store and shopping center that generate strong sales activity Underutilized parcels provide an opportunity for near-term
- · Demographics in near proximity support commercial uses

### WFAKNESSES

- · Greatest generators of sales tax revenue are not within Millcreek
- Key parcels that capture visibility and exposure are developed with under-performing businesses
- A key tenant draw (Home Depot) is positioned such that exposure is limited, and traffic draw for neighboring uses is minimal

### CONCLUSION

- Key area for property tax and sales tax revenues. Represents an entrance to Millcreek, and should be a focus for attracting banner tenants
- Office use in the area is feasible and desirable, with up to three stories and parking in excess of 4.5 per thousand
- Residential uses should be considered at higher densities, with
  the increase in population to be favorable for future commercial
  uses. Upwards of five-stories could be supported, with podium
  parking financially feasible. Mixed-use of residential and retail
  could be supported at key sites, while office and retail mixed also
  has financial support. Building heights of mixed-use office and
  retail would likely be capped at three stories, and parking would
  be a major consideration for both uses
- Corner properties, where available, should be maximized for overall value purposes and use



### 2300 East 3300 South

### STRENGTHS

- · Relatively near access to freeways
- Flat topography on this section of 3300 South
- Desirable traffic counts and central intersection, with good visibility and exposure characteristics for corner parcels
- Moderately appealing demographics in surrounding area for population and incomes

### **WEAKNESSES**

- · Under-performing uses at key locations
- Key site at southeast corner of 2300 East and 3300 South is poorly configured to capture visibility characteristics
- · Mixture of uses in the area is not complementary
- Area has no clear identity or sense of place

### CONCLUSION

- The southeast corner parcel of 2300 East and 3300 South should be reconfigured to bring improvements up to 3300 South. As the largest site in the study area, it could house complementary uses, including multiple restaurant options with shared parking
- Mixed-use could be done in this area, although its financial feasibility is dependent upon the reuse and repositioning of numerous other properties in the area. Mixed-use would be more appropriate in other areas initially, but could include two to threestory office with ground floor, limited retail.
- A focus should be made on attracting uses that are complementary such as, small restaurants and local retail boutiques (similar to Roots Cafe/The Old Flamingo), and provide for a sub-identity to this neighborhood



### Olympus Hills Area

### STRENGTHS

- Very high traffic counts in the immediate area
- Strong median incomes to the east of the study zone Topography results in strong visibility and exposure characteristics
- Very desirable connectivity characteristics, as well as proximity to
   reserved and areas.

### WEAKNESSES

- The freeway acts as a barrier to residents on the west side of the center.
- Slope issues create some site limitations
- Population demographics are somewhat limiting, due to the lack of density and the proximity of open space/mountains

### **CONCLUSION**

- Strong retail purchasing characteristics suggest that focus should be placed on enhancing retail opportunities
- Increasing daytime population through office development will support the existing retail, and potentially provide additional retail
- Office development should be pursued, based on strong access characteristics, proximity to recreation and commercial uses, and due to more affordable rates that could be achieved in comparison to some nearby markets.



### Meadowbrook/Main Street

### STRENGTHS

- Proximity to transit options with the TRAX Meadowbrook Station
   Residential density in select areas boosts population
- Good access to major transportation corridors
- Visibility and exposure characteristics are moderate for most of the focus area

### WEAKNESSES

- Lower median incomes and overall population result in some limitations for select commercial uses
- Older uses in the neighborhood result in low improvement values
- Lack of identity or cohesive planning in the area

### CONCLUSION

- Flex office space is financially feasible in the area and users would likely be drawn to more affordable land options and rental rates than what exists in competitive communities. Building heights would be kept at one and partial two-stories, with parking at 3.0 per thousand
- High density residential uses could capitalize on proximity to TRAX. Five-story construction with podium parking is financially feasible. Mixed-use retail and residential is likely not feasible, but may be considered if the retail portion is limited and occupies key corner or frontage sites with independent parking
- Main Street would have increased appeal to commercial users (office and retail) with continuous sidewalks/street improvements



### 4500 South Highland Drive

### **STRENGTHS**

- · Solid traffic counts
- Healthy median incomes in the surrounding area
   Good connections to neighboring communities, resulting in opportunities for sales capture
- Strong property values for most sites in the surrounding area, with a mix of use types and densities

### WEAKNESSES

- Key visibility and exposure parcels are occupied by single-family homes.
- Moderately low population densities in the area limit retail use types and amounts
- Limited office use in the area

### CONCLUSION

- Two-story office use, at sizes less than 10,000 square feet, could be supported in select areas. This would aid, albeit in a limited way, with daytime population demographics. Offices would likely have most appeal to local users, and should be built with architectural quality as a guide
- Additional small-scale retail would be supported in this area.
   Demographics and character of the area would be supportive of local-grown stores and eateries
- Retail pad parcels could be added in select areas, providing an opportunity for restaurant clustering



# OPPORTUNITY SITES Visual Preference The Wedge/ 3300 S. 1300 E.

### RESIDENTIAL











apartments

### RETAIL/ MIXED USE/ OFFICE



upscale big box development



pedestrian-only retail areas



housing above retail



amenity/entertainmentoriented retail/pedestrian only







banner retail format



city campus (city hall, police, library, etc.)

### CIVIC/ COMMUNITY AMENITIES





integrated public art



Food truck access



water features/ fountains signage/branding







# OPPORTUNITY SITES Visual Preference

# 2300 East 3300 South

### RESIDENTIAL



single-family home with ADI







retail, housing above

### RETAIL/ MIXED USE



small scale retail



neighborhood center retail with gathering areas



adaptive reuse retail



destination dining





'main street" retail, office above



"main street" type retail and street design



neighborhood serving retail, including corner towers

### CIVIC/ COMMUNITY AMENITIES



plazas/ water features/ fountains



integrated history/public art



signage/branding



bike lanes





# OPPORTUNITY SITES Visual Preference

# Olympus Hills Area

### RESIDENTIAL





3 story condominiums





4 story apartments/ condominiums

### RETAIL/ OFFICE



destination retail



neighborhood retail



hospitality



amenity/entertainmentoriented retail



urban-format employment



1 - 3 story office



corner tower retail



neighborhood center retail with gathering areas

### **COMMUNITY AMENITIES**



plazas/ water features/ fountains



festival/event space



signage/branding







# PPORTUNITY SITES Visual Preference

# Meadowbrook/Main Street

### RESIDENTIAL



live/work options



4 - 6 story apartments/ condominiums



2 - 3 story townhomes



high - medium density housing

### FLEX/ OFFICE



small-scale industrial/ warehousing



commercial



incubator/office/flex space



warehouse/ flex space

### RETAIL/ OFFICE



neighborhood retail



housing



adaptive reuse retail



3 story and under office

### **COMMUNITY AMENITIES**







enhanced streetscape. crossings



transit facilities







# OPPORTUNITY SITES Visual Preference

# 4500 South Highland Drive

### RESIDENTIAL



2 - 3 story apartments



shared amenities)



2 - 3 story townhomes



alley-loaded apartments/ townhomes

### OFFICE/RETAIL





small-scale office



neighborhood retail



convenience retail

### **COMMUNITY AMENITIES**



crossings





infrastructure



park/trail connections



signage/branding

