Belmont Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan City of Lincoln

Community Open House 13 March 2025









Introduction

- Overall process / schedule
- Feedback from:
 - Community Open House #1
 - Online survey
 - Stakeholder Meeting
 - Data analysis
- Request for additional input:
 - Prioritizing goals for the neighborhood





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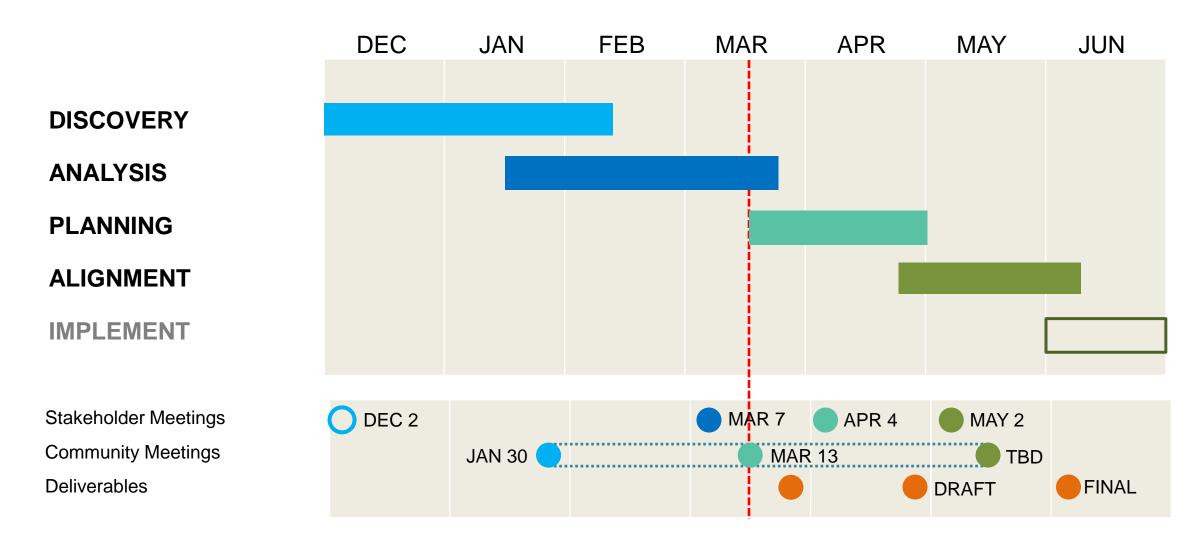
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SNAC MembersCore Team Members

Stakeholder Group





Current Schedule





Charts/Diagrams

Demographics

- Age
- Race / Ethnicity
- Household Incomes
- Median Household Incomes

Housing

- Housing Trend
- Housing Costs
- Housing Occupancy

Transportation

- Vehicles Available Per Household
- Means of Transportation to Work

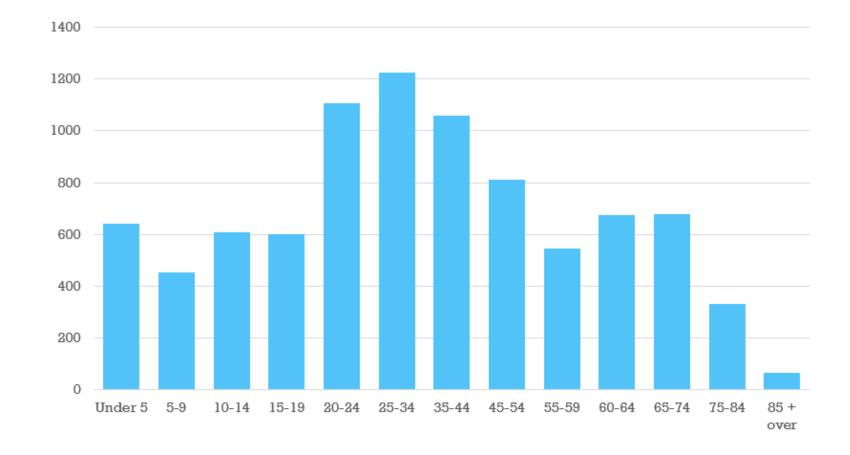
Maps

Regional Context Land Use Zoning Public Transit Bike + Trails Network **Complete Street Projects** Sidewalks Crosswalks + Signaling Traffic Accidents Medical Facilities FEMA Floodplain Buildings in Floodplain Impervious Surfaces

Profile Diagrams / Mapping



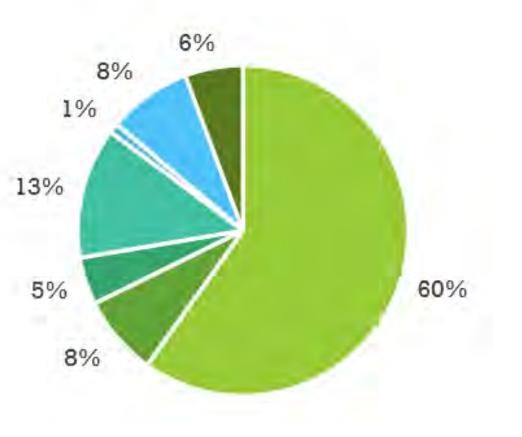
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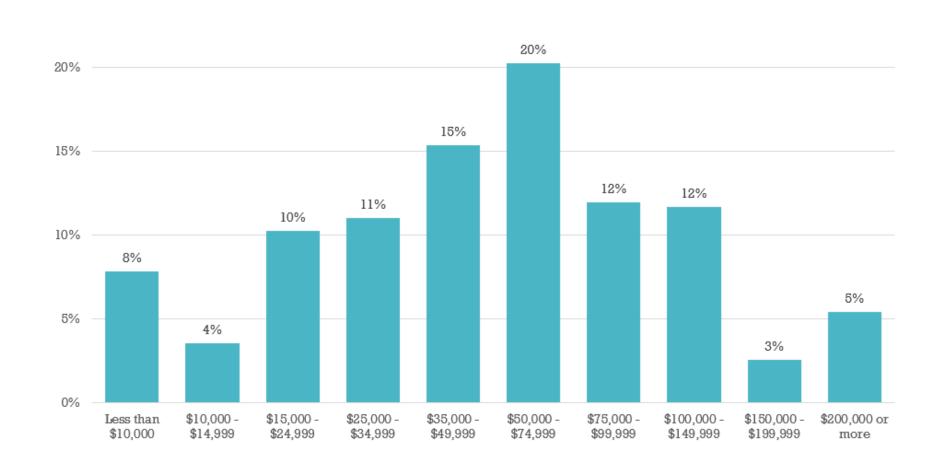










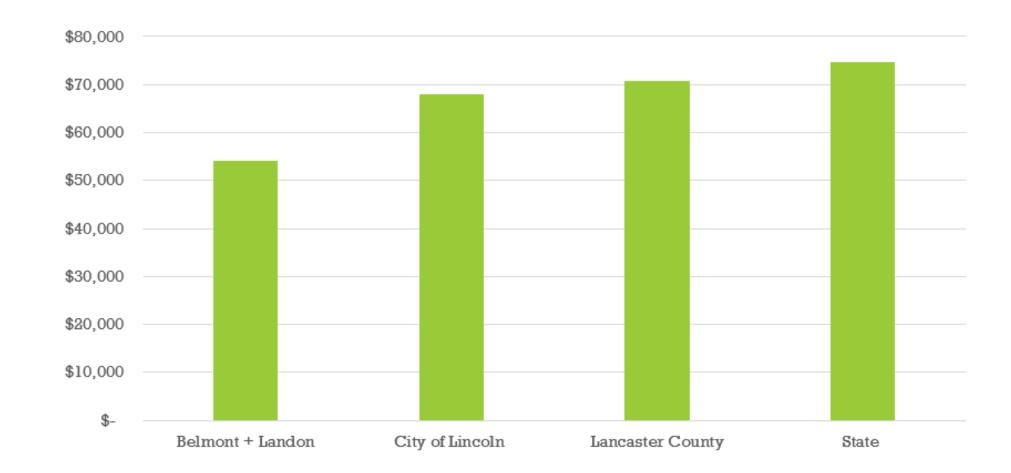


Household Incomes Belmont + Landon's Census Data

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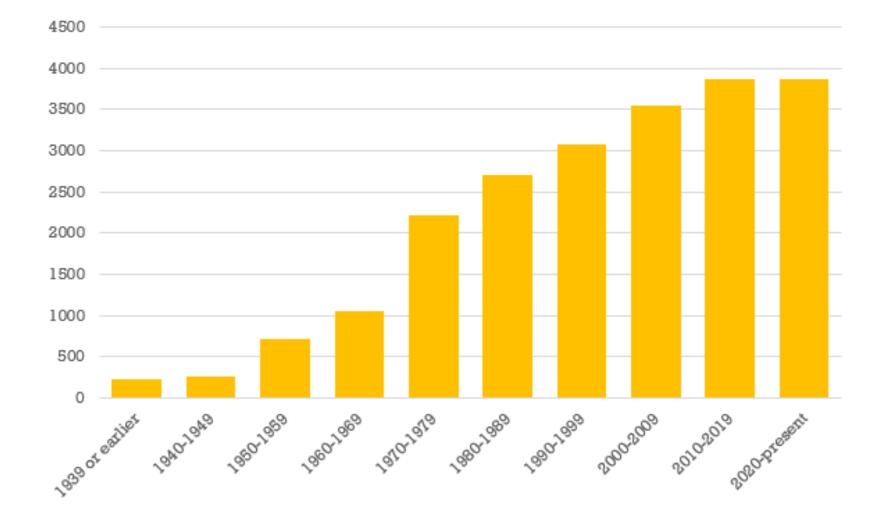
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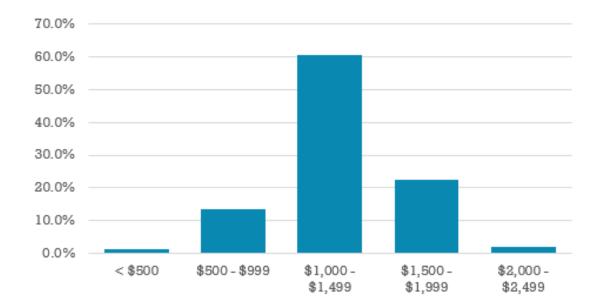
Median Household Incomes Neighborhood / City / County / State

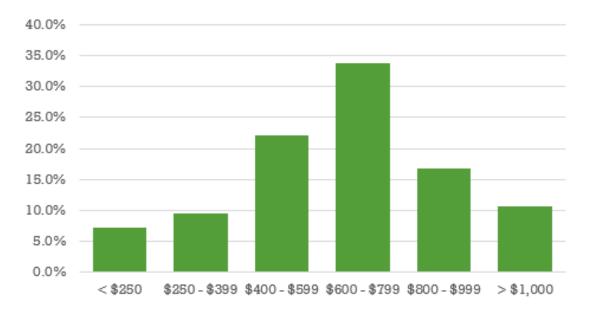




Housing Trend (Units Built / Decade) Belmont + Landon's Census Data





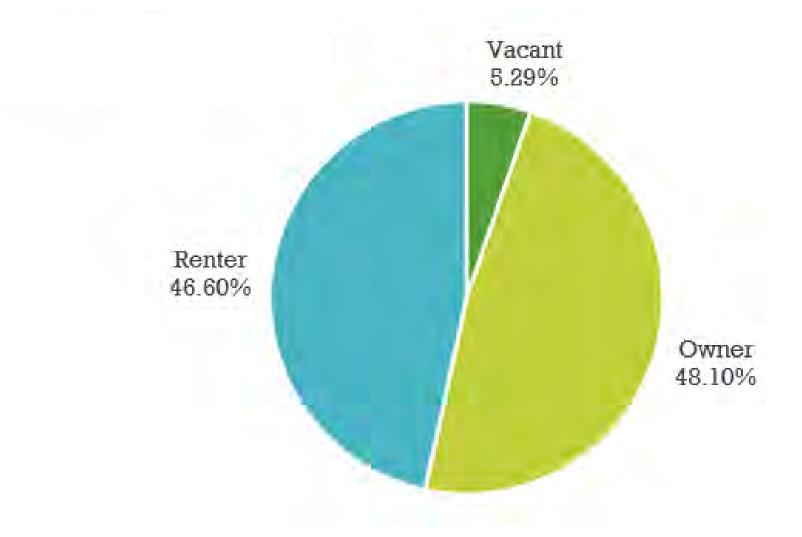


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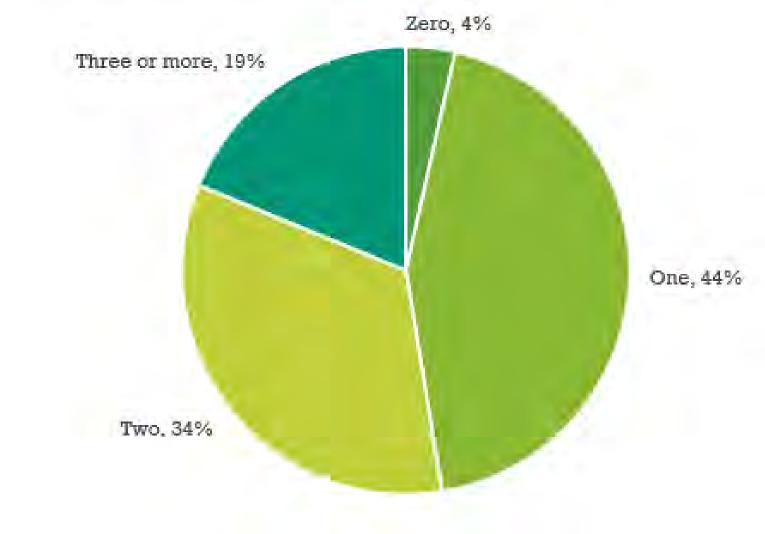
Monthly Housing Costs Belmont + Landon's Census Data







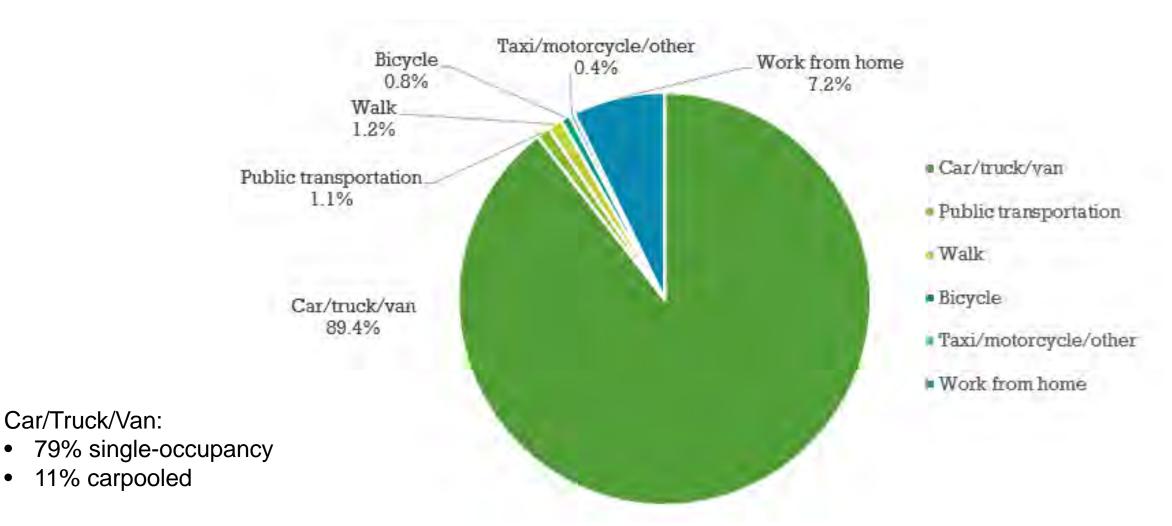




Vehicles Available Per Household

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Means of Transportation to Work Belmont + Landon's Census Data

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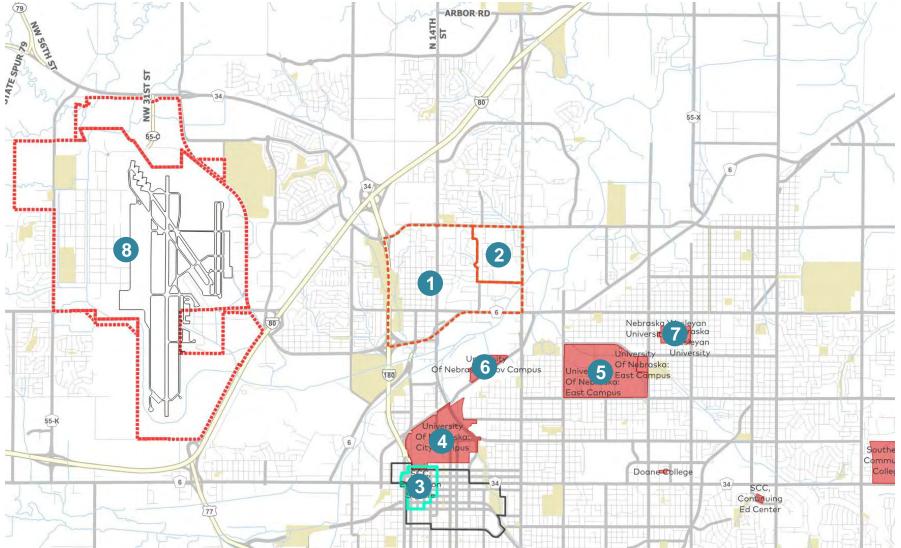
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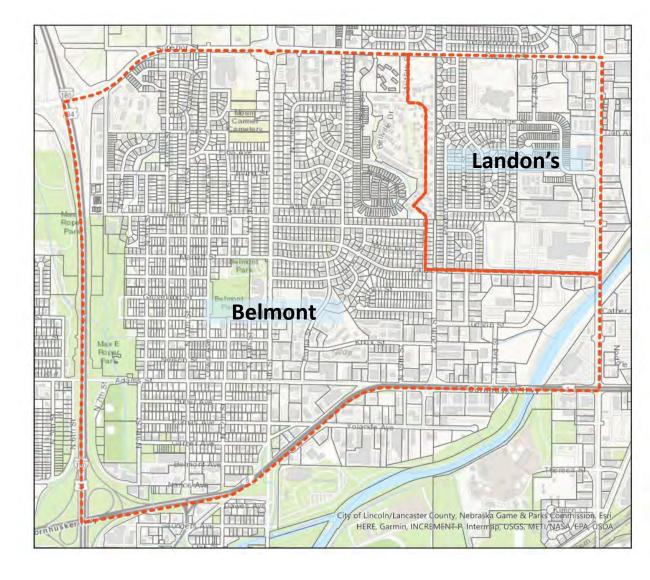
Context Map

- Belmont
 Landon's
 Downtown Lincoln
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- UNL City Campus
- 5 UNL East Campus
- 6 UNL Innovation Campus
- **7** Wesleyan University
- 8 Lincoln Airport





Base Map

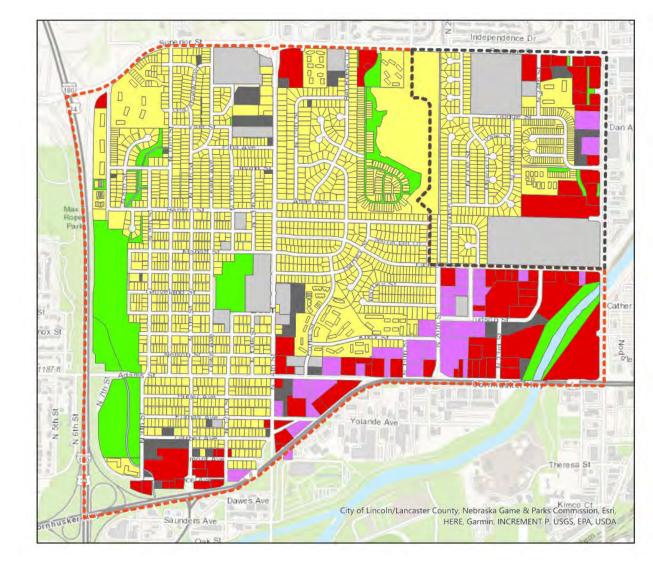




Belmont Landon Parcels



Land Use



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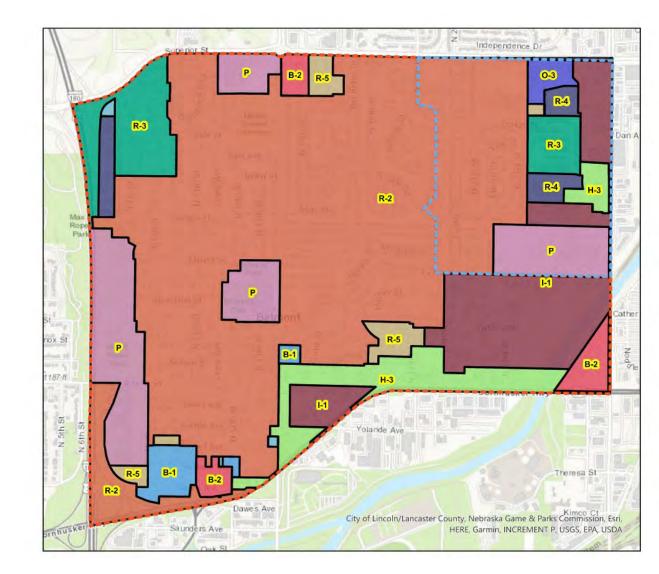




Zoning

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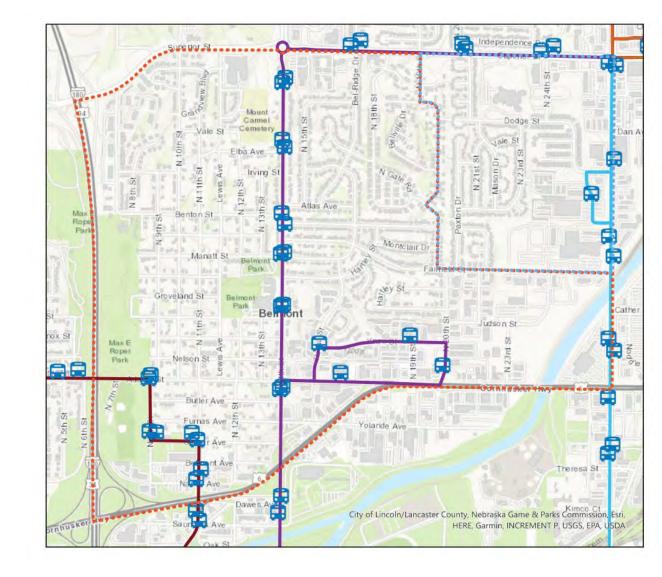




Public Transit

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Bike + Trails Network

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Commuter Trail Units

Dietrich; Murdock

Salt Creek Levee

- Other

Proposed/Future Trails

--- Future

Proposed On Street Bike Network

-- Bike Lane

Buffered Bike Lane

--- Shared Lane

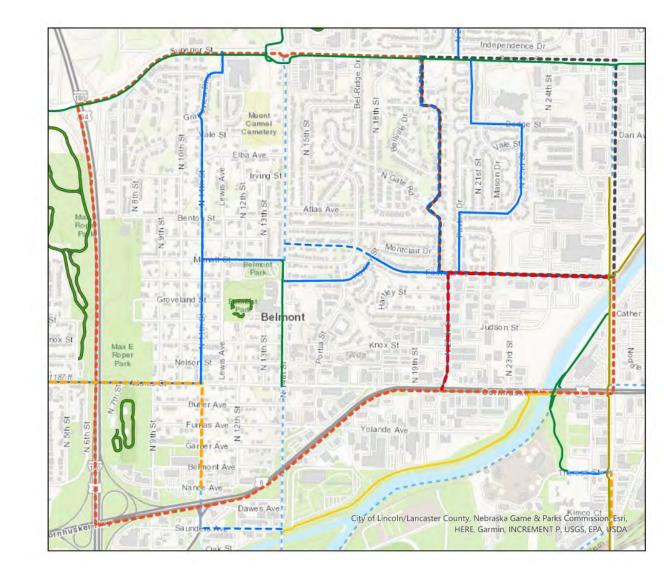
Existing On Street Bike Network

---- Shared Lane

Existing Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities

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Complete Street Projects

An approach to urban planning and design that ensure safe and convenient access for all users, including:

- pedestrians
- cyclists
- motorists
- transit riders

of all ages and abilities.

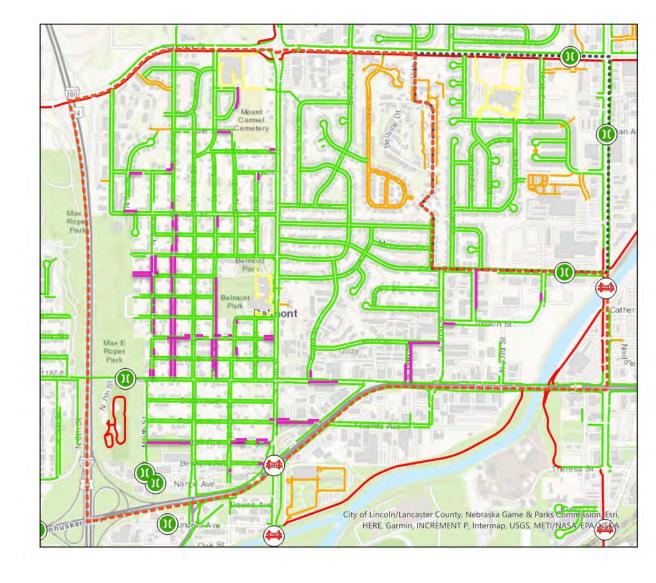
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Sidewalks



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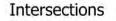






Crosswalks + Signaling

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Signalized Intersection

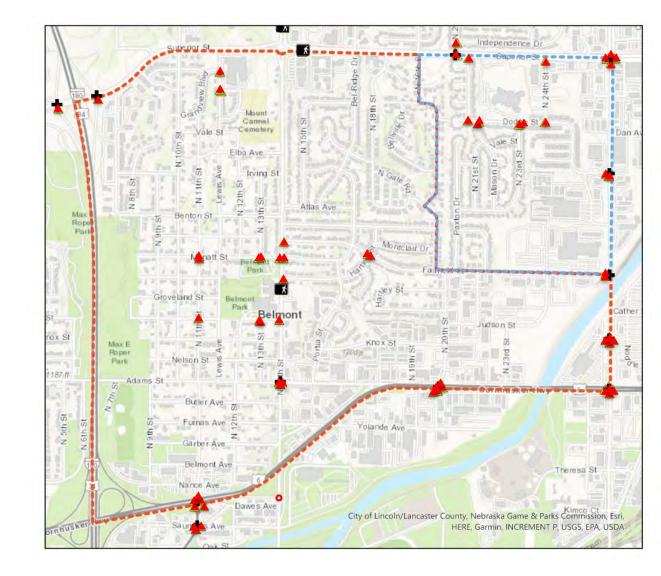
Pedestrian Intersection





Crosswalks

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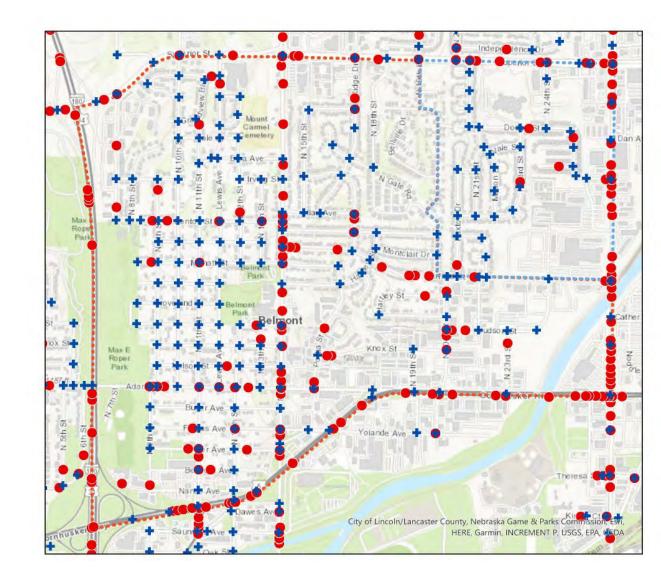


Traffic Accidents

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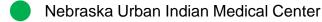




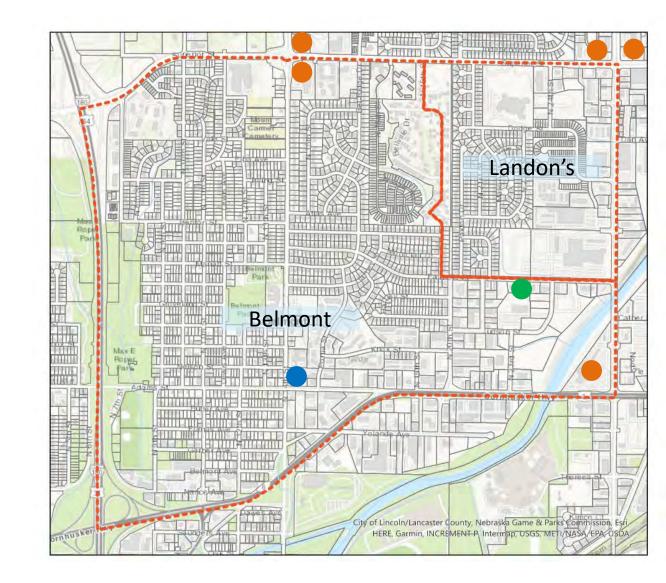


Medical Facilities

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- Kreshel Clinic (Bluestem Health)
- Pediatrics at Kreshel Clinic
- Pharmacies

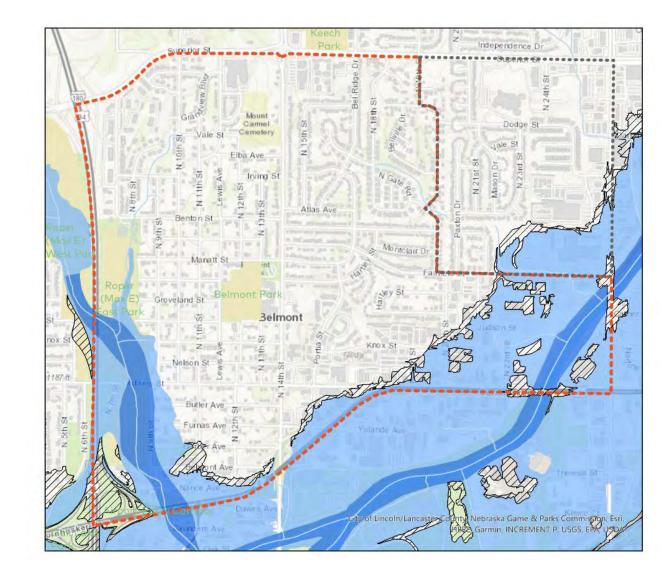




FEMA Floodplain

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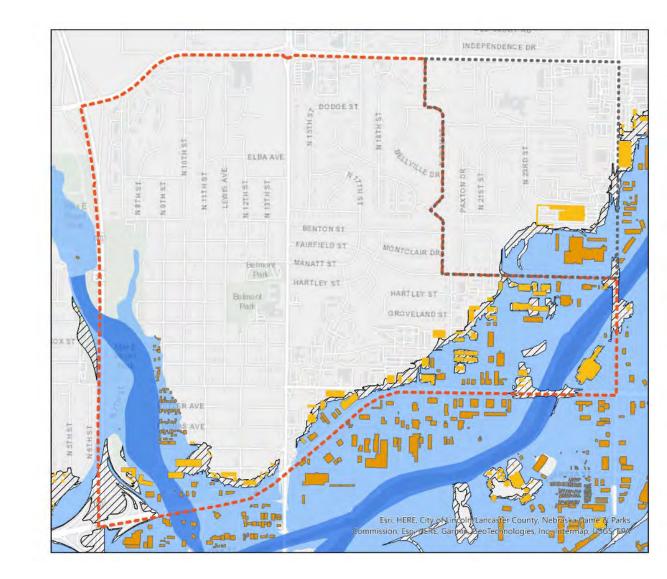




Buildings in Floodplain

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Buildings in 500-year Floodplain Buildings in 100-year Floodpain Landon's Belmont FEMA Floodplain FEMA Floodplain-100 year Floodway





Impervious Surfaces Belmont





Existing Plans

Existing Plans

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Lincoln's Vision for a Climate-Smart Future

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Lincoln's Vision for a Climate-Smart Future 2021 City of Lincoln

- Transition to Low-Carbon Energy
- Build a Decarbonized + Efficient Transportation Infrastructure
- Align Economic Development Goals with Climate Realities to Ensure a Thriving Economy
- Improve Protections for + with Lincoln Residents
- Building a Resilient Local Food System
- Maximize Natural Climate Solutions
- Reduce Waste
- Engage Residents in Co-Creating a Climate-Smart Future





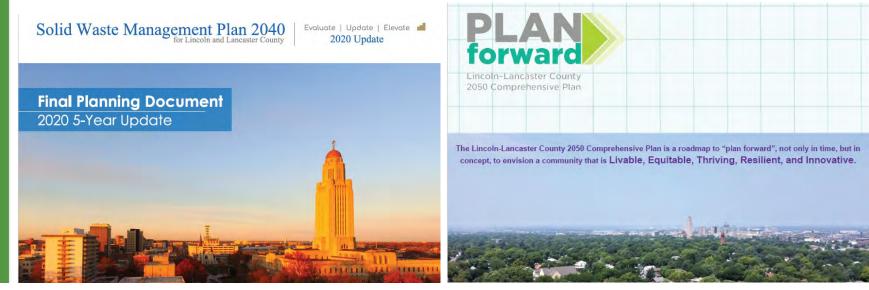




Local Food System Plan 2023-2027 City of Lincoln

- Increase and ensure access to healthy food for all
- Invest in thriving local food and farm community to increase local food production and food security
- Promote food production practices that protect soil, water, and air
- Reduce food waste

Existing Plans City of Lincoln / Lancaster County



Solid Waste Management Plan 2020 5-Year Update Lincoln and Lancaster County

- Source reduction
- Toxics reduction
- Yard waste
- Organic waste diversion
- Residential recycling diversion
 - Curbside recycling
 - Recyclables collection sites
- Commercial recycling and diversion
- C&D materials landfill diversion
- Transfer station + processing facilities

PLAN forward: Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan Lincoln and Lancaster County

- Roadmap to plan forward in time + concept
- To envision a community that is
 - Livable
 - Equitable
 - Thriving
 - Resilient
 - Innovative
- Includes information on:
 - Growth Framework
 - Community Background
 - Public Engagement Process











Belmont Park Natural Play Space Master Plan

Lincoln Parks & Recreation

The original plan focused on enhancing the park with natural spaces and features, aiming to provide nature-based opportunities. Recent improvements include a picnic shelter (2018) and plans for a north walking loop, though funding has not yet been allocated.

Existing Plans Belmont / City of Lincoln

			WINNING ASPIRATIONS			
			ement by fostering a vibrant, in articipation and robust support			
2024			2025		2026	
Creating & Keeping Connections		Increasing Engagement			Establishing a Full-Service Hub	
Build a strong foundation of active participation by expanding the Belmont network to foster deeper connections among Belmont stakeholders by launching initiatives that bolster community involvement and pride.		Expand involvement and solidify trust within the community by focusing on a shared sense of belonging, accelerating the development of community programs, and building traditions and commitments that resonate with stakeholders.		Transform Belmont into a full-service hub with improved infrastructure, catering to all ages and abilities, ensuring access to essential services: health and wellness, food, healthcare, childcare, and extended education with accessible hours.		
			2024 PRIORITIES			
Community Identity and Unity	Community Engagement and Events		Stakeholder Engagement and Network Expansion	Belmont Park Activation		Operational Belmont Pool
Establish and promote a distinct community identity through a shared mission and marketing.	Increase community cohesion by enhancing participation in diverse, year-round events and activities.		Build relationships with stakeholders across a variety of sectors and clearly communicate community needs.	Maximize the potential of Belmont Parks & Trails for community activities and events.		Ensure the Belmont Pool Is fully operational, focusing or resolving staffing challenges
 Craft a mission statement and core values for unified messaging. Implement a strategic marketing plan targeting diverse groups. Enhance communication about community needs and events. Promote local identity through signage and public art. 	and organize a 'Summer of Fun'. Actively involve families and partners in engagement efforts. Expand youth sports and coordinate with local			 Maintain the balifield and maximize its use. Offer monthly movie nights as part of the Summer of Fun¹. Develop a comprehensive plan for the Belmont Park that includes utilization and beautification. Increase resident and stakeholder input and voice in neighborhood improvements 		 Ensure the pool is fully staffed. Tackie the challenges of recruiting lifeguards. Increase awareness and access to the pool for swimmers of all ages and abilities

Belmont SNAC Strategic Plan 2024-2026

Lincoln Community Learning Centers

- Fostering a vibrant, interconnected community that prides itself on active participation and robust support systems for all residents
 - Creating + keeping connections (2024)
 - Increasing engagement (2025)
 - Establishing a full-service hub (2026)

LincolnBikePlan On-Street Bicycle Facilities Plan



Lincoln Bike Plan 2019

Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

- Steps to Gold
 - Quick wins; Demonstration projects; Before + after studies; Safety campaign; Bicycle experts; Complete streets manual; Ordinance modification; Bike plan report; Track/report spending; Revamp reporting of bikeways
- High Priority Bike Projects
 - W Dawes Ave: Cornhusker Hwy to N 1st St; Shared lane (West Lincoln)
 - Fairfield St: N 20th to N 27th St; N 14th to N 20th (Belmont)
 - 27th St: Fairfield Intersection (Belmont)







Community Feedback















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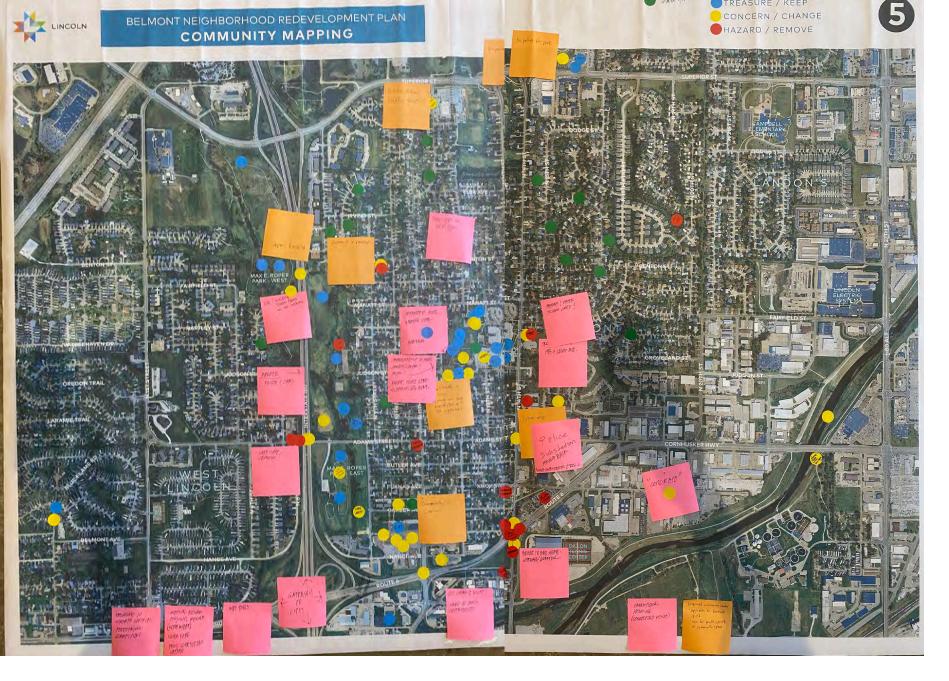
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Community Mapping







Treasure / Keep

- 1. Parks (Frisbee and Dog) were seen as positive amenities.
- 2. Dog Park needs better lighting and amenities for dogs.
- 3. The Park and Pool by the school are seen as positive amenities but need updates.
- 4. Parks/Pool need more bike racks.
- 5. BCC is considered a treasure for the community.
- 6. A police presence at BCC or School along with a police substation is desired.
- 7. Can there be more connection to the new Youth Sports park/fields SW of 180/Cornhusker Hwy?

Concern / Change

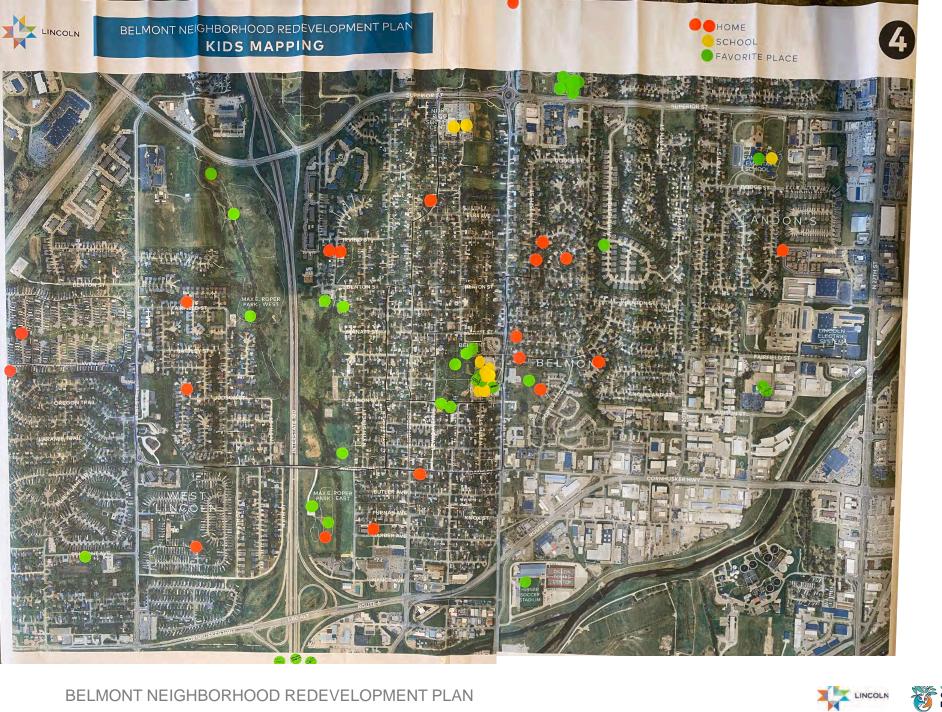
- 1. People are hopeful that the retail center at 11th & Cornhusker can be revitalized. Many comments on this area.
- 2. See also red dots.

Community Mapping Notes

Hazard / Remove

- 1. The Bridge at 14th & Cornhusker Hwy received many dots/comments:
 - Bridge is in disrepair.
 - o Not seen as safe.
 - o Not pedestrian or bike friendly.
 - The sidewalk connection on 14th north of the bridge needs to be repaired and made safer.
- 2. There needs to be a better pedestrian and vehicular connections from the west side of 180 to Belmont area.
- 3. Many of the red dots were placed due to traffic issues, speeding, school traffic congestion or streets that need repair.
- 4. Many aesthetic concerns were noted related to the parking/businesses on Cornhusker Hwy.
- 5. 180 and Cornhusker Hwy interchange should be viewed as a "Gateway" into Lincoln....it is not currently inviting or very impressive.
- 6. Cornhusker Hwy is viewed as a "sea of concrete" and not pedestrian friendly.







Kids Mapping

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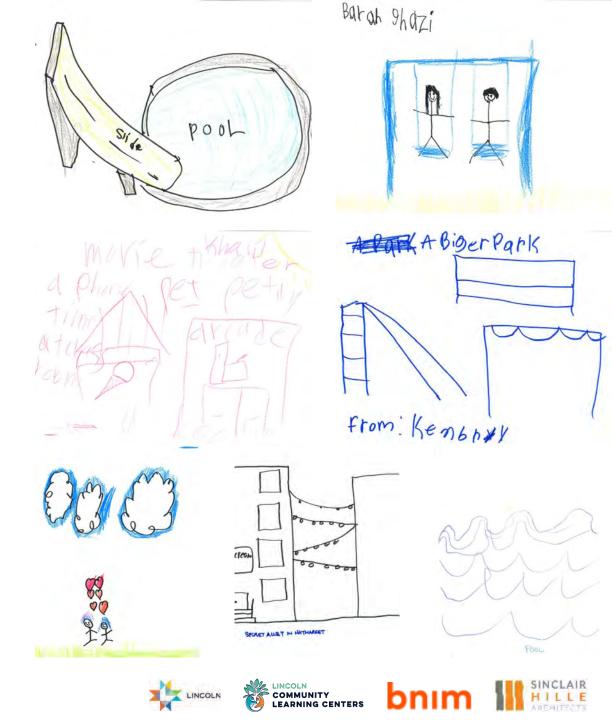






- Crossing 14th Street for school is dangerous (even with school zone, lights to cross, crossing guards; people still speed and run the light putting children and adults in danger.
- 2. Lack of **healthcare** close by.
- 3. Local restaurants were a burden.
- 4. Lack of **accessibility for the pool**; noted many times. People go elsewhere for a zero-entry pool.
- Kids want more convenient public places to play: basketball, baseball, skate (roller, ice, skateboard); reference to Omaha's Gene Leahy Mall.
- 6. Most favorite places for kids and adults:
 - a. Public library
 - b. Belmont Elementary
 - c. Rec Center

Kids Mapping Notes



- Parks (8)
- Playing/activities outside (8)
- Connections with neighbors (6)
- Walkable (4)
- Home upkeep; clean up (4)
- Bridges over highways (3)
- Safety (3)
- Bikeable (2)
- More businesses (2)
- Grocery / food access (2)
- Medical / mental health support (2)
- Pool (2)
- Sidewalks / crosswalks (2)
- Skate park/rink/ribbon (2)

Imagine

- Accessibility
- Better roads / side streets
- Cleaner
- Community garden(s)
- Connections beyond Belmont
- Green
- Indoor water park
- Kindness
- Less media bias / stigma
- Less noise pollution from cars
- No correction house
- School drop-off
- Senior center / programs
- Shops
- Youth programs







Community Building

Health + Recreation

Mobility + Transportation

Environment

Housing + Development



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Consider your top 10 priorities for neighborhood goals

Prioritizing Goals

Neighborhood Goals

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Improve communication in the neighborhood

- Single hub for sharing of community information and events
- Multiple outlets for sharing information (library, park bulletin board, social media, newsletter, ...)
- Ensure all residents and businesses are aware of these resources











Create a central community outdoor event space

- Farmer's market
- Amphitheater for performances
- Public art / murals
- Connected to sports
 activities



Increase police presence in the neighborhood

- Encourage regular attendance by police officers at community events
- Advertise new substation at Belmont Rec Center
- Consider a second location in the neighborhood











Support / enhance existing community institutions

- Youth
- Seniors
- Arts + culture
- Health-related
- Sports

Community Building

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Improve access to healthy food

- Grocery store(s)
- Community gardens
- Farmer's market
- Existing food programs

Health + Recreation



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Increase access to local health care

- Medical clinic
- Pharmacy
- Urgent care clinic
- Mental health support
- Mobile / in-home support













Increase opportunities for outdoor activity

- Pool accessibility
- More (smaller) playgrounds
- Improved playground equipment
- Inclusive design standards
- Outdoor cooking
- Special sensory garden











Provide outdoor lighting in public areas

- Dog park
- Bus stops
- Along streets/sidewalks
- Around Belmont Community Center







Environment

Encourage connection to nature

- Improve park equipment / facilities in existing parks
- Increase number of playground areas, esp. near apartments
- Child- and family-friendly outdoor recreation facilities
- Educational signage in parks
- Public restrooms + drinking fountains
- Outdoor cooking facilities

Environment









Reduce environmental risks (heat, cold, flood)

- Support energy-efficient buildings to reduce utility bills
- Increase tree canopy to reduce urban heat island effect
- Grants for raingardens, stormwater drainage, sump pumps
- Review / enforce stormwater policies
- Manage fertilizer / chemical use
- Resiliency center

Environment









Maximize recycling + composting

- Create a recycling drop-off center in the neighborhood
- Advocate for a city-wide curbside recycling program
- Encourage backyard composting or a composting center

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Create safer paths to schools / parks / library

- Redesign school dropoff zone / protocol along 14th Street
- Repair broken / missing sidewalks around school and activity zones
- Redesign pathways from Belmont to the library













Improve pedestrian and cyclist experience within neighborhood

- Catalyze complete street projects within the neighborhood
- Accelerate bike plan projects in the neighborhood
- Build sidewalks where gaps currently exist
- Increase marked crosswalks
- Implement accessible design guidelines along walking paths







Improve pedestrian and cyclist experience to destinations <u>outside</u> the neighborhood

- Provide safer pathways to UNL campus and downtown Lincoln
- Complete and connect to an integrated bike/trail network
- Improve bridge over 180 between Belmont and West Lincoln









Slow car traffic on neighborhood streets

- Redesign school drop-off zone on 14th Street
- Incorporate traffic calming measures on faster streets
- Add or improve crosswalks at key intersections
- Eliminate four-way non-stop intersections





Improve bus transit experience

- Increase bus frequency
- Install better bus stops (shelter with lighting)

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Maintain access to affordable housing

- Create pathways to home ownership
- Connect households with education / resources
- Increase diversity of housing options
- Ensure options to age in place
- Consider property tax relief plan









Reinforce pride of neighborhood

- Support minor home repair grants
- Home repair education and tool library
- Education on city regulations
- Coordinate dumpster days / bulk pickup days with the city
- Neighborhood events (such as SNAC Summer of Fun)













Improve safety in the neighborhood

- Crime watch program
- Signage and education
- Access to activities year-round



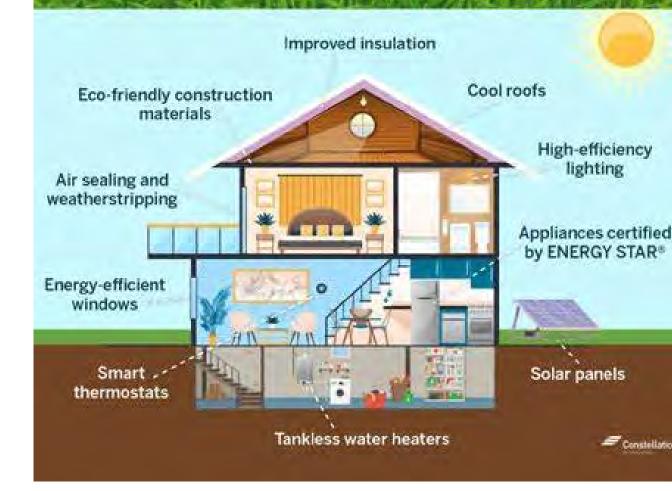


Ensure access to homeowner education and resources

- Tax incentives / rebates
- Utility discount programs (thru energy-efficiency)
- Lead abatement program
- Home ownership education

Housing + Development

Features of an Energy-Efficient House



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Attract development that supports day-to-day needs

- Groceries
- Ethnic market
- Coffee shop
- Restaurants
- Recreation

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Expand year-round indoor and outdoor sports facilities

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Soccer / football
- Swimming
- Baseball











Share Your Priorities

Consider your top 10 priorities

Drop your marbles in the bags:

- Blue marbles (top 1 + 2)
- Clear marbles (top 3 thru 10)

Priorities / Marbles

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