

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

COUNTY/CITY BUILDING

555 SOUTH 10TH STREET

Room 303

Monday, February 10, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Notes

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Fred Freytag (Wetherbee), Isaac Remboldt (Irvingdale), Tracy Corr (40th and A/College View), Pat Steer (Hartley), Mary Schwab (Wetherbee), Gloria Eddins (Clinton), Nick Hernandez (Havelock), Rosina Paolini (Indian Village), Julie Floodman (Wetherbee), Paul Johnson (East Campus), Kay Wenzel (Meadowlane), Kathy Linsenmeyer (Everett), Midge Pace (Everett) Andrew Thieroff and David Cary with the Planning Department, Sarah Mason and Mary Carol Bond with Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Councilmember Tom Beckius, Jon Carlson (Mayors Office)

- **Mayor Gaylor Baird Comments**

- City Council voted to put the Lincoln on the Move ¼ cent sales tax on the ballot for the primary (see [January 2025 notes](#) for more information on this sales tax initiative)
- Application for [\\$66.7 million was granted](#) for the 33rd and Cornhusker overpass project; Lincoln on the Move helped get this grant as \$1.5 million match funding
- LTU is preparing streets for the projected snowfall which can be monitored at Lincoln.ne.gov/snow

- **Health Item (Sarah Mason and Mary Carol Bond, Health) –**

- See attached slides for more details including details on the Community Improvement Grant (organized cleanup of parks, trails, schools that measures miles of roadway cleaned or acres of land cleaned) and the Neighborhood Association Grant (city funded program for large events to collect items from peoples homes) that can assist neighborhood organizations with clean up events
 - All events can borrow equipment from Health
 - Brush coupons provided to neighborhood organizations to allow residents to waive the fee for bringing brush to the landfill
 - Neighborhood organizations can request them from Health who is working on updating the program now
- Tires at these events are often a problem, Clinton Neighborhood requires the person dropping tires to prove they live in the neighborhood (avoids someone dropping a whole trailer of tires at the events); commercial businesses should not be dropping tires at these events

- Health has 6 divisions with 50 team members working on a variety of areas.
- Health Educators Sara and Mary work on the Keep Lincoln Lancaster County Beautiful program focusing on organizing to take action
- More details: <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Health-Department/Environmental/Waste-Management>
- **UNI Place Subarea Plan (David Cary and Andrew Thierolf, Planning) –**
 - See attached slides for more details and flyer for the upcoming open house on February 27th from 5 to 7 pm at The Gathering Grove (2649 N. 48th Street)
 - For follow up questions email Andrew at athieroff@lincoln.ne.gov
- **Announcements**
 - To update your main contact for your neighborhood association ([online here](#)) email slrouse@lincoln.ne.gov
 - Lincoln Alliance is meeting at Bennet Martin Library (4th Floor auditorium) Saturday at 10:30 am
- **Future Agenda Ideas**
 - How to complete a walk audit (Rosina volunteered)
- **Adjourned at 6:42 pm**

Next Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting
March 10, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
City County Building Room 303



**KEEP
LINCOLN & LANCASTER COUNTY
BEAUTIFUL**



Lincoln-Lancaster County
Health Department

KLLCB

- Organizing residents to take action.
- Reducing litter through cleanup projects.
- Preventing litter through education.



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Why We Care

- Litter can become a harborage for pests that carry disease.
- It costs municipalities in the U.S. almost \$11.5 billion annually to clean up litter.
- New businesses and residents are less likely to locate in littered areas.
- Property values decrease.
- Litter pollutes the environment and can be hazardous to wildlife.
- Recreation areas become less attractive and tourism can decrease.



How We Help: Grants

Community Improvement	Neighborhood Association
Cleans parks, roadways, alleys, curbs, and public land	Reduces barriers for residents to clean waste items from personal property
Prevents litter by removing it	Prevents illegal dumping and nuisance conditions
Groups (including Neighborhood Associations) and individuals eligible	Neighborhood Associations and Villages eligible
Funding is incentive-based and paid \$75 per mile/ \$15 acre	Funding reimburses event costs (roll offs, equipment, etc.)



Community Improvement Grant

- Second year with increased funding per mile/acre from NDEE



- The KAB Greatest American Cleanup is in preparation for America's 250th Birthday 2026



- Conjunction with a Neighborhood Association grant or separately





Neighborhood Association Grant



Expanded technical assistance

- Outreach
- Geographic Synergy
- New Materials:
 - Magnetic labels for roll-offs
 - Yard signs for promotion
 - Traffic cones



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Brush Coupons

- [Waste Management Section](#)
- [Business Waste](#)
- [Emergency Response/HAZMAT](#)
- [HazToGo - Lincoln's Hazardous Waste Center](#)
- [Household Toxics Reduction Program](#)
- [Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful](#)
- [Managing Solid Waste](#)
- [Permits for Salvage, Recycling, Compost and Liquid Waste Hauling Operations](#)

Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful

Office Hours: 8:00 - 4:30 M-F
Telephone: 402-441-8035
Fax: 402-441-3890
TTY/NE Relay 7-1-1



Overview

Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) is a program of the [Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department](#) and an affiliate of [Keep America Beautiful](#). The goals of KLLCB are:

- A clean, healthy and safe community.
- Organizing residents to take action.
- Reducing litter through cleanup projects.
- Preventing litter through education.

To report someone who has littered, please visit the [Keep Nebraska Beautiful Hotline](#) web page or call 877-665-4887.



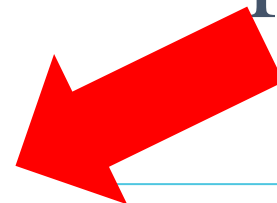
[Learn About Litter](#)



Cleanup Grants



Apply



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Environmental Health Educator II

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University Place Subarea Plan

Draft Plan Overview
February 10, 2025

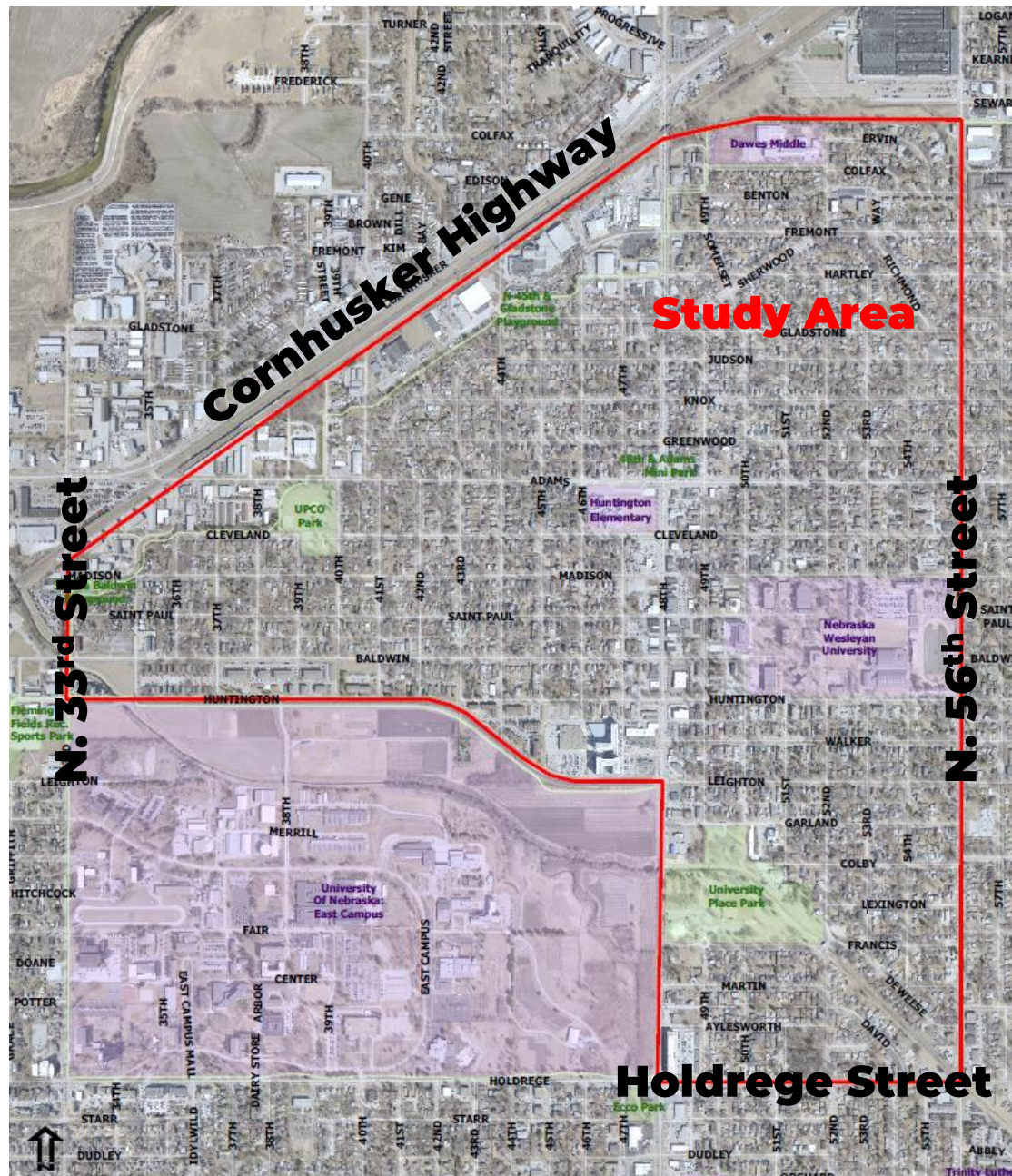


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Agenda

- Study Area
- What is a Subarea Plan?
- University Place Today
- Outreach
- Plan Recommendations
- What's Next

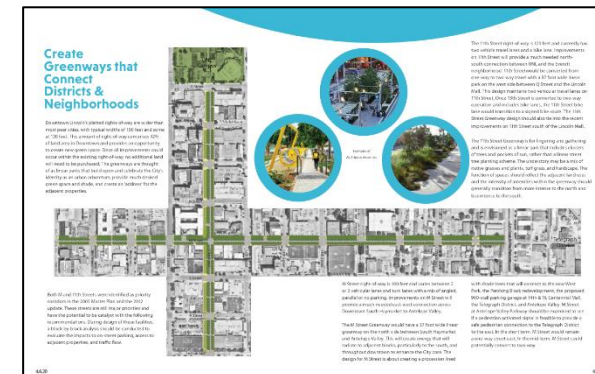
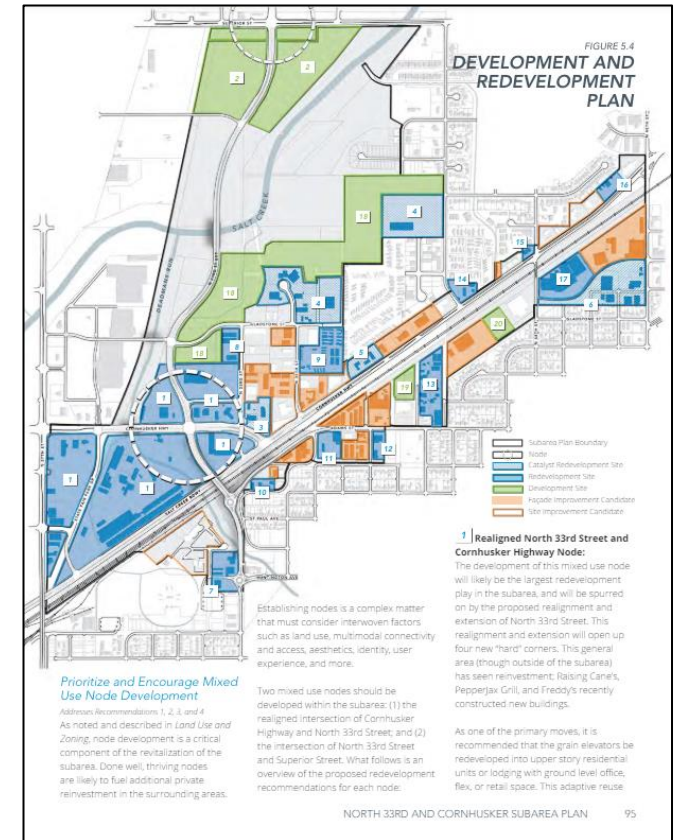




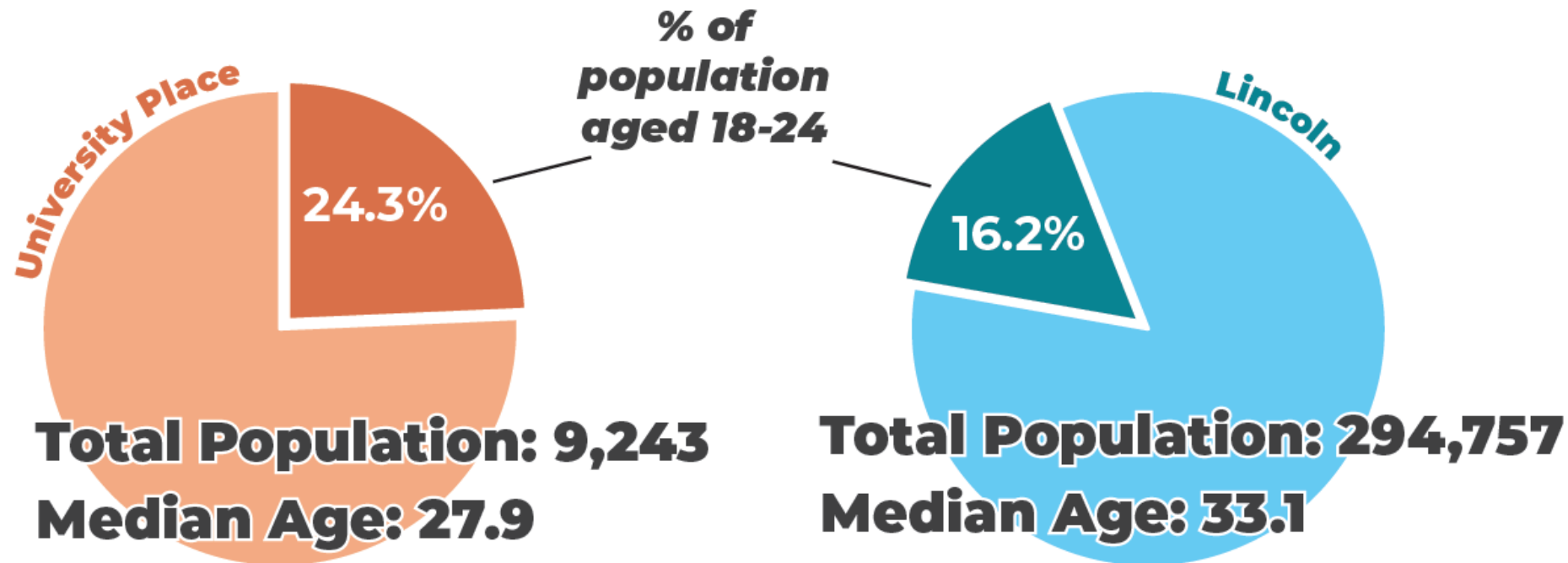
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What is a Subarea Plan?

- Subarea Plans allow focus on specific areas
- They create a strategic vision for a neighborhood and identify strategies to achieve that vision
 - Quality of life, economic development, housing, land use, etc
- Adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan
- Recent examples:
 - Downtown Master Plan
 - 33rd & Cornhusker Subarea Plan
 - South Haymarket Neighborhood Plan

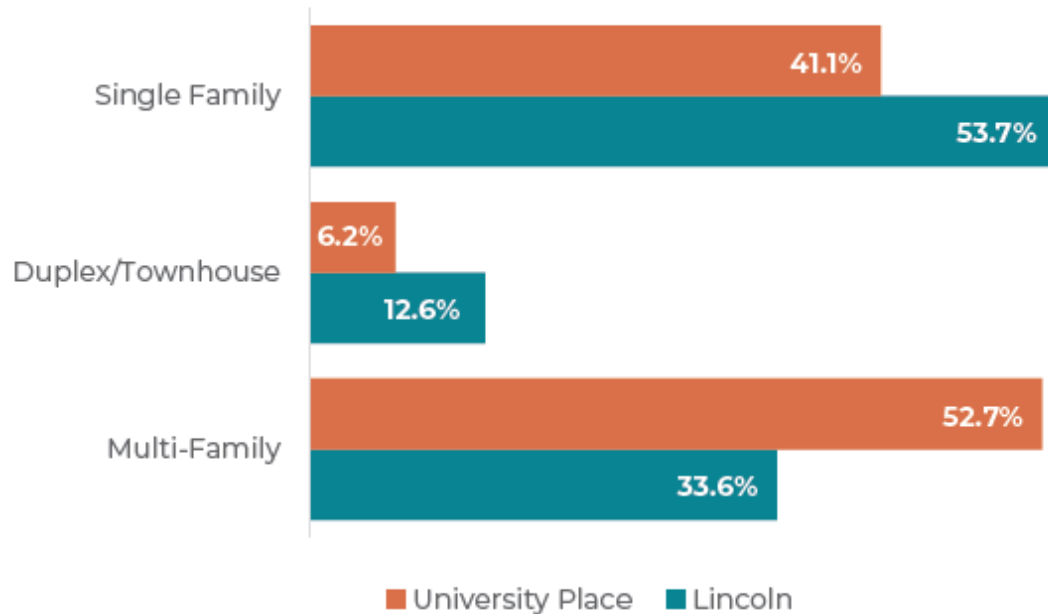


University Place Today



University Place Today

Housing Mix



Median Housing Value
University Place: \$169,500
Lincoln: \$246,700

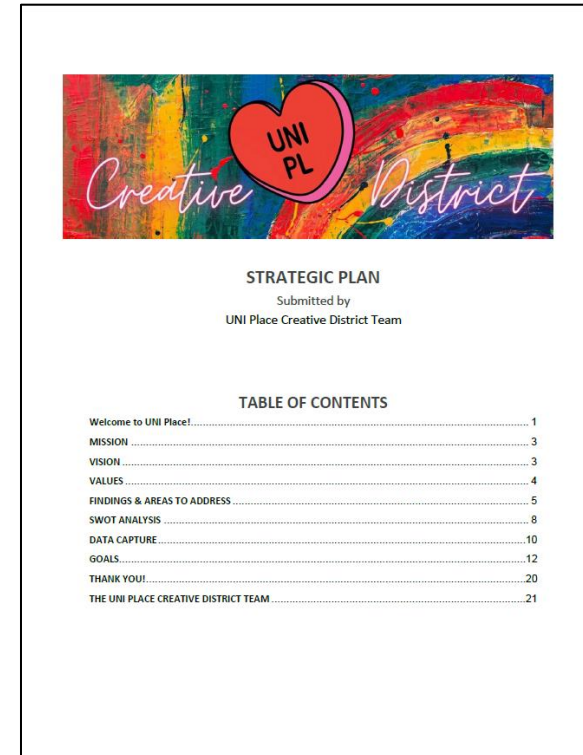
**Median Housing Age
(year built)**
University Place: 1952
Lincoln: 1978



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University Place Today - Strengths

- Arts hub for Lincoln
- Creative District Strategic Plan
 - Designated as a Creative District in 2023 by the Nebraska Arts Council
 - Strategic Plan developed to: *“unleash the power and potential of UNI Place as a local, regional, national, and global arts hub for all.”*



University Place Today - Strengths

- Historic character
- Originally developed as independent suburb, annexed into Lincoln in 1926
- Still maintains “small town feel”



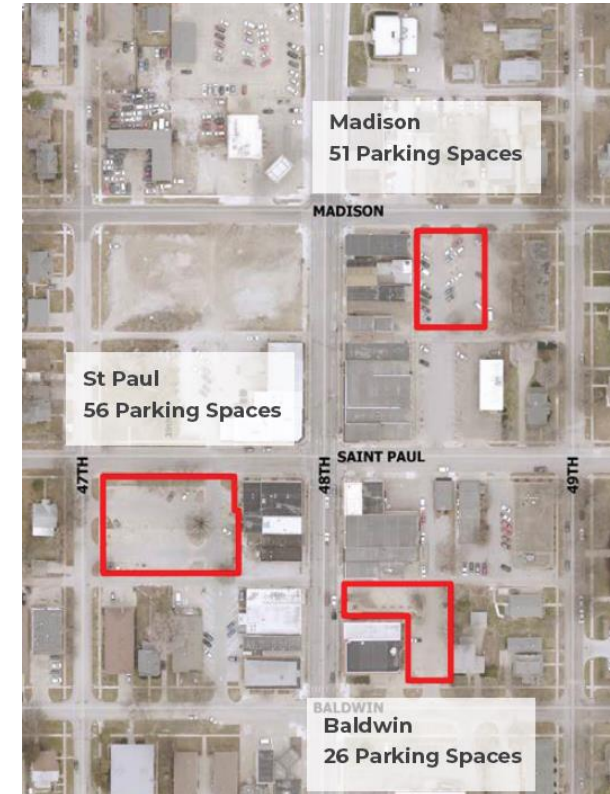
University Place Today - Strengths

- Demonstrated success with redevelopment projects



University Place Today - Strengths

- Recent infrastructure investments
 - N. 48th Street improvements including upgrades to streets, sidewalks, and signals
 - Water main replacement in N. 48th Street
 - Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project (est. completion 2028)
 - 33rd & Cornhusker Intersection Improvement Project (est. completion 2031)
- City parking lots
 - Free parking
 - 133 stalls across three parking lots



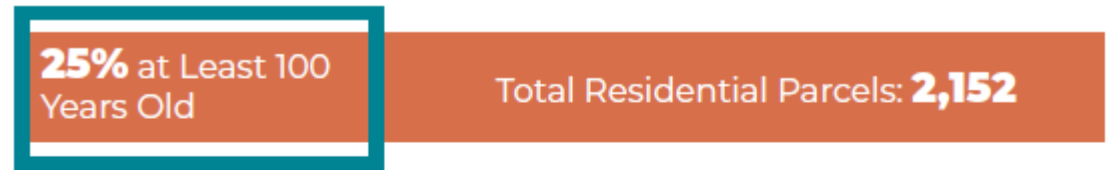
University Place Today - Challenges

- **N. 48th Street Traffic**
 - Average daily traffic (ADT) of 19,420 vehicles in 2022
 - Nearly double the ADT of N. 33rd & N. 56th Streets
 - Cars regularly exceed the posted speed limit of 25 mph
- **N. 48th Street Pedestrian Experience**
 - 66 feet of ROW with four vehicular lanes provides limited space for pedestrians
 - Perceived as unsafe and an unpleasant experience

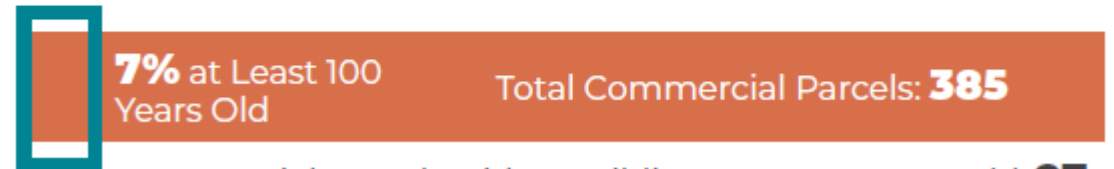


University Place Today - Challenges

- Age of structures and local infrastructure
- Building code violations
 - Lincoln: 11.8 properties with violations per sq mile
 - University Place: 74.1 properties with violations per sq mile



Residential Parcels with a Building Over 100 Years Old: **538**



Commercial Parcels with a Building Over 100 Years Old: **27**



Public Input Process

- Mix of in-person and online engagement activities
- Two in-person open houses, virtual open house, intercept surveys at neighborhood events
- Targeted outreach for Nebraska Wesleyan students and renters in the neighborhood
- Stakeholder committee



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Public Input Process

- In total received 467 written comments
- Tile decorating activity: 101 tiles



Public Input Process

- Most frequently-mentioned needs
 - Traffic calming along N. 48th Street
 - More diverse uses along N. 48th Street
 - More quality affordable housing



Plan Recommendations

- N. 48th Street Commercial Corridor
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Historic Preservation



N. 48th Street Commercial Corridor

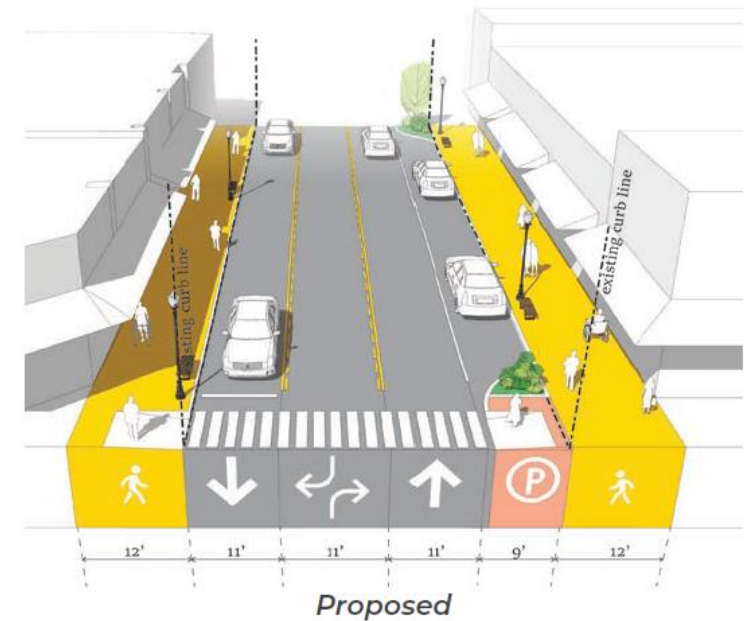
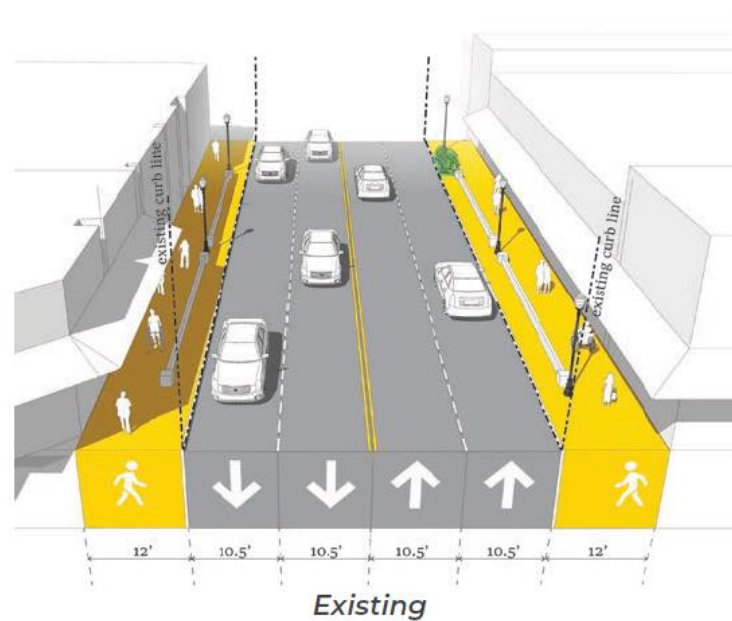
VISION

Create a vibrant, walkable, mixed-use commercial district that encourages residents, students, and visitors to spend time in the heart of the University Place neighborhood.



N. 48th Street Commercial Corridor

- Streetscape enhancements and lane reconfiguration
- Improved pedestrian experience
- On-street parking
- Bring back “main street” feel to corridor



N. 48th Street Commercial Corridor

- New opportunity made possible by the 33rd & Cornhusker overpass project
- More north-south through traffic expected to use N. 33rd Street



N. 48th Street Commercial Corridor

- Roundabouts at Adams and Leighton
- Part of long-term vision



N. 48th Street Commercial Corridor

- Redevelopment opportunities along corridor
- Mixed-use and residential opportunities



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N. 48th Street Commercial Corridor

- St Paul Avenue as key pathway
 - Gateway to Nebraska Wesleyan
 - Use as pop-up neighborhood event space combined with city parking lot at 47th & St Paul
- Street art
 - Bloomberg Grant opportunity
- Signature lighting
- City parking lot enhancements
 - Landscaping
 - Canopy



N. 48th Street Commercial Corridor



N. 48th Street Commercial Corridor

- Other enhancements
 - New gateway features
 - Build on role as arts hub
 - Murals, street art, sculptures
 - Improved bus stops
 - Wayfinding signage
 - Placemaking – update banners, landscaping, etc
 - Façade enhancements



Neighborhood Revitalization

VISION

Utilize City resources, including financial tools, to support the continued revitalization of University Place, one of Lincoln's great neighborhoods.



Neighborhood Revitalization

- Financial opportunities to support revitalization
- First steps:
 - Blight study / extreme blight
 - Redevelopment Plan
 - Complete by Summer 2025
 - Guide for the use of City incentives like Tax Increment Financing (TIF)



Neighborhood Revitalization

- Potential uses of TIF in the neighborhood:
 - Placemaking activities – entryway structures, signage, wayfinding
 - Façade enhancements
 - Historic property restoration
 - Housing rehabilitation
 - Support for individual redevelopment projects



Neighborhood Revitalization

- Redevelopment opportunities
 - The Subarea Plan identifies over 30 potential redevelopment sites in the neighborhood
 - Currently vacant / underutilized sites



Historic Preservation

VISION

Celebrate the historic character of University Place while integrating new and exciting improvements that reflect the neighborhood's role as an arts hub and Creative District.



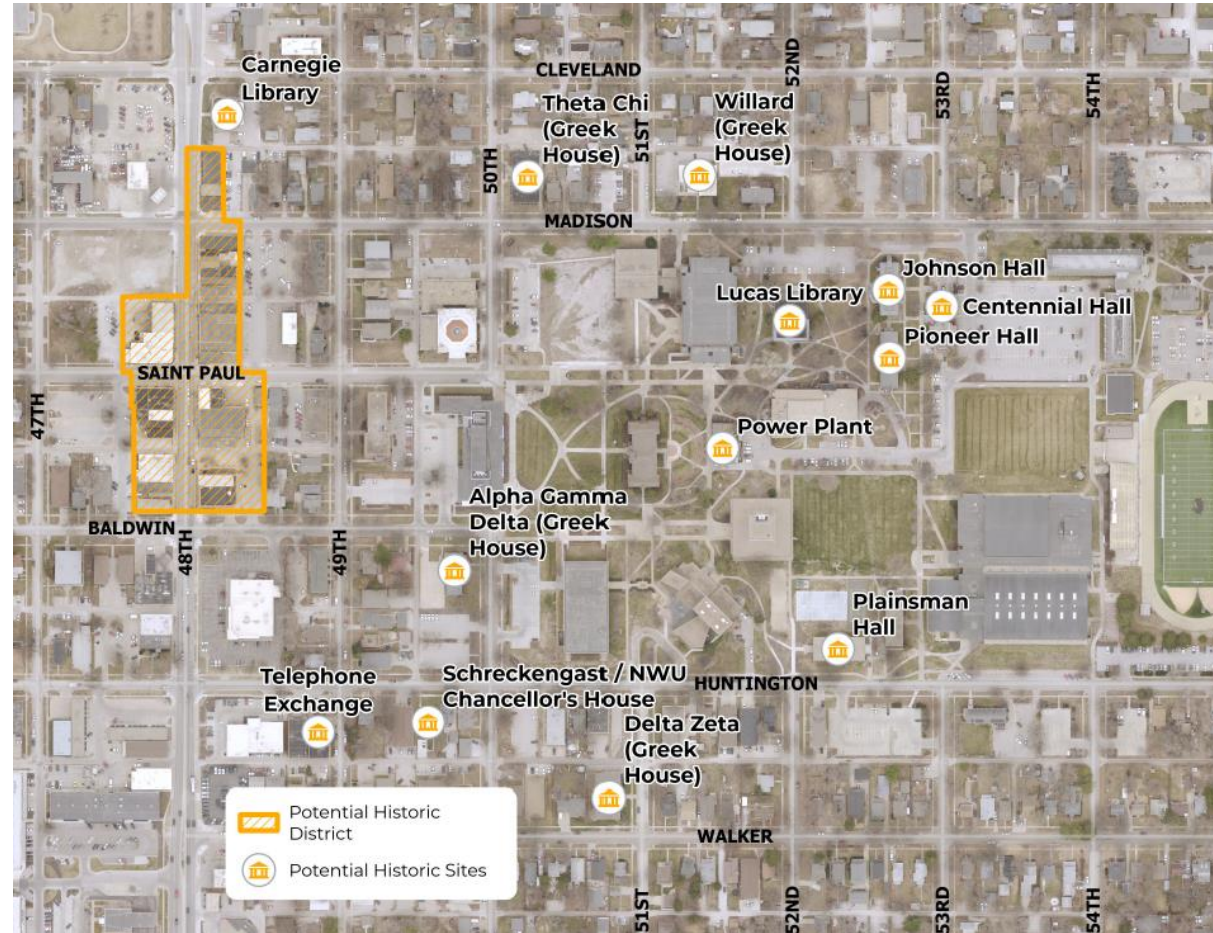
Historic Preservation

- Building on the historic character of the neighborhood
- Could be National Register and/or Local Landmark
- Tax credits for property owners and other potential financial benefits



Historic Preservation

- City would lead nomination process
- Initial research has identified a potential district and potential sites



Next Steps

- February 24: Draft plan posted to project website
- February 27: Public open house
- March – April: Planning Commission and City Council Hearings

lincoln.ne.gov/UniPlaceSubareaPlan

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF UNIVERSITY PLACE!

PUBLIC UNVEILING OF THE DRAFT UNIVERSITY PLACE SUBAREA PLAN

The University Place Subarea Plan is an opportunity to take a comprehensive look at the University Place Neighborhood. The Subarea Plan presents a strategic vision for the neighborhood and provides a framework for achieving that vision. It addresses a variety of topics including **land use, housing, transportation, economic development, appearance and placemaking**, and other neighborhood enhancements.



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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 27th

5-7 pm

The Gathering Grove

2649 N 48th Street (48th & St Paul)

Refreshments provided Children are welcome
Spanish interpreter available Intérprete de español disponible

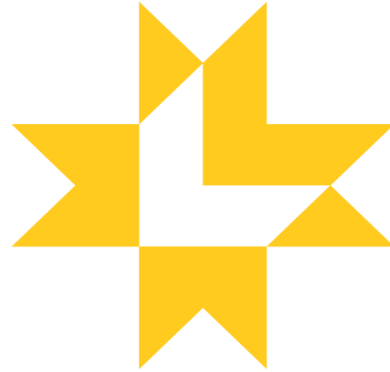


Can't make the in-person event?
Visit the **PROJECT WEBSITE** to review
the plan and share your feedback.

lincoln.ne.gov/UniPlaceSubareaPlan

The draft plan will be
available February 24th





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Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Sign In Sheet

Date: February 10, 2025

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Lincoln's 2025 International Day of Happiness Celebration

Lincoln Celebrates the International Day of Happiness!

Saturday, March 22, 2025

10:30am-5:30pm

Charles H. Gere Branch Library

2400 S 56th St, Lincoln, NE 68506

[Facebook](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [EventBrite](#)

Agenda:

10:30-10:55am Doors Open and Introductions

Welcome by Lincoln City Libraries

Music by [Orion Walsh](#)

Break

11:00-11:55am Community Building — an interactive experience facilitated by [Milan Wall](#)

Break

12:00-12:55pm Mental Health and Entrepreneurship (moderated by [Shonna Dorsey](#), Nebraska Tech Collaborative)

- [Kellee Mikuls, Ignite Nebraska](#)
- TBA
- TBA

Break

1:00-1:25pm Panel – Strengths and Wellness in Organizations

- [Tori Pedersen, TeamMates Mentoring](#)
- [Scott Miller, Lincoln Industries](#)
- [Kelly Ross, ECHO Collective](#)

Break

1:30-1:55pm Panel – Philanthropy and Community Wellbeing

- [Emily Kluver, Community Health Endowment](#)
- [Paige Piper, Brave fACEs](#) – CHE/BraveBe Partnership
- [Fred Ohles](#), history of philanthropy in Lincoln

Break

2:00-2:25pm Panel – Youth Wellbeing

- TBA
- TBA

Break

2:30-2:55pm Panel – Pawsitivity Matters

- [Cindy Terwilliger, Domesti-PUPS](#)
- [Melisa Ripley, Second Chance Pups](#)
- [Lizz Whitacre, Pawlytics](#)

Break

3:00-3:25pm Panel – Play, Creativity, Flow, and Aesthetic Experience

- [Karen Shoemaker, Larksong Writers Place](#)
- [Karen Kunc, Constellation Studios](#)
- [Judy Hart, OLLI Arts Committee](#)

Break

3:30-3:55pm Panel – Generativity: from Micro to Macro Positive Impact

- Kyle Bishop, Big Brothers Big Sisters Lincoln
- Brent Lucke, NeighborWorks Lincoln
- Julie Murray-Jensen, The Foundry

Break

4:00-4:25 Panel – **NHRI Leadership Mentoring** (Moderated by [Nick Knopik](#)) **Creating a ripple effect of positive change!**

Break

4:30-5:30pm **Life's Board of Directors** – an interactive exploration of values facilitated by [Larry Sternberg](#)

[Good Health and Well-Being](#) is one of the [U.N. Sustainable Development Goals](#), and in 2012, the United Nations passed a resolution that every March 20th, the first day of spring, would be an [International Day of Happiness](#). The [World Happiness Report](#) is released every year as part of the celebration.

Click [here](#) to return to the homepage.

Translating wellbeing science into positive community experiences.





Seeds of Kindness — Seeds of Happiness launched at the premier performance of [Secret Kindness Agents](#) and the [Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service 2025](#) at UNO.

Suggestions:

- Kids choose a [secret kindness agent](#) name and do their acts of kindness anonymously.
- Teens and adults take the free strengthsfinder at www.viacharacter.org.
- How can you translate each of your top five strengths into an act of kindness?
- Have a conversation with a friend about your strengths and plan your acts of kindness together.
- Do five acts of kindness — with a friend or not — anonymously or not.
- Make an anonymous kindness card ([free template](#)) for each act: write down the act and what it meant to you/how it made you feel.
- If you are already volunteering on a regular basis, please make a kindness card for each of your volunteer commitments, and write about what they mean to you/how they make you feel.
- Bring your cards to your community's International Day of Happiness celebration ([Omaha 3/20/2025](#) | [Lincoln 3/22/2025](#)) for a kindness idea exchange!

- Check back for distribution sites where you can pick up some cards [created on handmade paper](#) and embedded with wildflower seeds.
- Check back for display sites where you bring your cards to put kindness on display to inspire more kindness leading up to the happiness celebrations.
- We will be planting the wildflower cards later this spring to make a few kindness gardens.

How will our seeds of kindness bloom?

Hope:

"Everything that is done in the world is done by hope." ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Hope is a perceived capability to derive pathways to desired goals, and motivate oneself via agency thinking to use those pathways." ~Prof. C.R. (Rick) Snyder

Hope is a foundational element of positive mental wellbeing.

Kindness:

"Life's persistent and most urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?'" ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Setting and achieving kindness goals is a great way to strengthen hope, to develop skills that are essential for great friendships, and to make a meaningful difference in one's community.

Forms of Kindness:

- Playful: example – organize a dance party!
- Compassionate: example – volunteer at a soup kitchen.
- Generative: example – become a mentor.

Friendship:

"We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but the positive affirmation of peace."
~Martin Luther King, Jr. Anti-War Conference, Los Angeles, California, February 25, 1967.

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

"In a real sense all life is inter-related. All [people] are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be..." ~Martin Luther King, Jr. "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" April 16, 1963