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Executive Summary

“The Strip” in Coralville is iconic of mid-century American strip retail development. Highway 6, also known as 2nd Street, is a 5-lane arterial street with the highest volume of traffic in the metro area. Buildings are located far from the street edge, and the vast majority of the area is covered with paved parking lots. While 2nd Street’s sidewalks are adequately wide and established street trees provide shade and enclosure, there are few crosswalks, creating unsafe conditions for pedestrians crossing the street. The Southeast Commercial District, located at the intersection of 2nd Street and 1st Avenue, is comprised of multi-family residential housing, retail, commercial, and industrial uses. Many of the buildings are functionally obsolete and some parcels exhibit evidence of neglect. Creative planning and design proposals envision alternative futures for the district, but existing conditions present several significant challenges. Towering electrical transmission lines bisect the district, some parcels are known to be contaminated and others potentially contaminated, and all new inhabited structures must be elevated above the FEMA 100-year flood plain to be insurable. At the same time, some conditions present opportunities: The Clear Creek and Iowa River waterfronts are underutilized and two rail lines with public transit potential bookend the district, and with any urban design proposal, there are opportunities for creating a sense of identify and place.

Stitching The Strip: 7 Visions for the Future of Southeast Coralville presents urban design ideas for the Southeast Commercial District in Coralville, Iowa. Twenty-three mid-level landscape architecture graduate students enrolled in an intensive 8-week Community Planning and Design studio completed the work during the summer of 2018. The studio was co-led by Associate Professor Blake Belanger and Associate Professor Howard Hahn. The effort was supported with funding from Kansas State University’s Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB), and would not have been possible without support and engagement from Maggie Egbarts, TAB Services Coordinator (EPA Regions 5 and 7). We are also grateful for the support and guidance from Dan Holderness, Coralville City Engineer and Scott Larson, Coralville Assistant City Engineer, as well as our visiting design critic Associate Professor Carl Smith who delivered both exceptional insights and humor.

The idea for the collaboration emerged from discussions at the 2017 National Brownfields Training Conference in Pittsburgh. Goals of the collaborative service-learning studio included providing students with first-hand experience working with a community, generating creative ideas for advancing the dialogue about planning the future of southeast Coralville, engaging residents and stakeholders and responding to their input, and supporting the mission of the project partners. The studio’s process included rigorous mapping of various conditions, a community planning workshop, design development through an iterative process, a final presentation to project partners and the Coralville Community Advisory Panel, and a public open house exhibiting posters of student proposals.

In Chapter 1, we introduce Coralville’s Southeast Commercial District and present eight influential site and contextual factors identified in our research. We detail the studio’s methods and process, and introduce the seven student design proposals. In the following seven chapters, we present specific urban design strategies for establishing a new mixed-use district.

In contrast to a singular master plan, the collection of ideas presented in Stitching The Strip provides a multitude of ideas that can be compared, evaluated, prioritized, and perhaps hybridized. We aspire that Stitching The Strip will contribute to the ongoing dialogue about the future of the Southeast Commercial District, and serve as an enduring legacy project for Coralville.
Studio Intent + Methods

Introduction
Studio Intent

Introduction

This book was produced by Kansas State University students in the Community Planning and Design Studio and Seminar courses administered in the summer of 2018. Twenty-three Kansas State students, led by professors Blake Belanger and Howard Hahn, teamed with Kansas State University Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) and the City of Coralville to generate a set of strategic urban design ideas for the future of Coralville’s Southeast Commercial District. As a gateway between Coralville and Iowa City, the study area presents a tremendous opportunity to create community identity, generate economic vitality, and introduce a new district to live, work, and play. The agreement is mutually beneficial: Coralville stakeholders, leaders, and decision-makers will receive fresh ideas for community planning, and students will gain “real world” experience engaging with project partners and community members on a service learning project.

Figure 1.1
Student Mid Review
Students presented to the City of Coralville via Zoom meeting from Manhattan. (Hahn, 2018)

Goals and Objectives

The Community Planning and Design course provided the City of Coralville with multiple design proposals for the redevelopment of the Southeast Commercial District. Design proposals featured mixed-use developments that will improve the area economically and aesthetically in order to establish a district that provides new opportunities to live, work, and play for community residents, stakeholders, and visitors. Three goals guided the Studio’s design process and final design proposals:

- Develop complementary, viable concept alternatives to contribute to Coralville’s planning dialogue on the Southeast Commercial District
- Integrate meaningful public participation in the design process
- Address influential site and contextual conditions
# Community Planning and Design Studio Timeline

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Methods

The Community Planning and Design studio performed a variety of methods in order to fully understand the conditions of the Southeast Commercial District as well as the wants and needs of the community. The information was synthesized and used to provide sensible and responsive design proposals. Initially, the studio researched the Southeast Commercial District, Coralville, and Iowa City to establish a collection of information pertaining to the site. Research topics included ecology, hydrology, economy, infrastructure, context, history, culture, demographics, health, transportation, and existing developments. Precedent research was also performed to identify successful mixed-use developments, riverfront projects, and brownfield sites. Additional research informed studio members of the existing comprehensive plan currently in place for the City of Coralville. From the beginning of the studio, a series of questions were asked about the site which guided students through critical mapping and design proposals. The research inquiries can be found on the Critical Maps in Appendix A.

Site Visit

Following initial background research, the studio embarked upon a site visit to Coralville, Iowa to become acquainted with the city, specifically the Southeast Commercial District. In an effort to approach the site with purpose and intention, Christophe Girot’s (1999) “Four Trace Concepts in Landscape Architecture” was utilized for guidance. The reading presents four concepts used as tools for navigating the investigation of a new place. The four trace concepts are as follows:

- **Landing**: initial reaction to the site
- **Grounding**: discovering and understanding the site after initial visit
- **Finding**: the act and process of searching the thing discovered
- **Founding**: synthesizing landing, grounding, finding to bring new ideas to the surface
Seminar Readings

Aforementioned, the students are also enrolled in a seminar course which complements the studio. The first three weeks of the course are spent reading a variety of literature pertaining to landscape architecture and urban planning in an effort to introduce students to new concepts and frameworks. Figure 1.4 provides documentation of the seminar readings and a brief summary of the major ideas and concepts.

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Community Meeting

In addition to the Four Trace Concepts exercise, the studio also led a community engagement workshop on the initial site visit. Primary workshop participants were members of the Community Advisory Panel (CAP), a group of people representing a diversity of interests related to the commercial district. Other attendees included some local residents, the City of Coralville Engineering Department, Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) through Kansas State University, and professors and students of Landscape Architecture and Regional & Community Planning (LARCP).

The purpose of the community engagement workshop was to document and summarize needs and desires of the community. The primary goals of the workshop were to address two major questions regarding the Southeast Commercial District and surrounding area:

How are the residents and stakeholders feeling about their the district and surroundings right now?

What are their ideas for creating a bright future for the district?

After an initial introductory presentation, the participants were taken through a three-part process of small discussion. The small group discussions were led by the students dispersed around the meeting room at tables which held clusters of 2-7 workshop participants. The first 10-minute discussion asked participants what were the points of excitement and points of concern related to the district. In the second discussion, the participants were asked to identify the best reasons to be in the Southeast Commercial District and which places were most important to them. Finally, participants were asked to envision what they would like for the district in the next five years as well as possibilities for the next five to twenty years.

Thereafter, participants recorded their five most important ideas and grouped them with responses from the other groups. The final activity was asking participants to vote on five concerns or opportunities they viewed as being most pressing, in order to synthesize the developed ideas. The results of this meeting are shown in Figure 1.5.

Figure 1.5
Community Meeting Summary
(Hake, 2018)
Figure 1.6
Collection of Images from Coralville Community Meeting and Site Visit
(Belanger, Cooke, Hahn, Mader, Quincke, 2018)
Critical Mapping

In response to the Founding exercise and knowledge gathered thus far, the studio then embarked on critical mapping. Critical mapping is a method of investigating the potential opportunities of an area through analyzing, synthesizing, and graphically representing spatial data (Figure 1.7). The initial maps created explore existing conditions through classification, correlation, and comparative analysis. Additional maps are created to explore dilemmas and opportunities uncovered in the first phase then the final phase is the creation of maps that outline strategies to leverage knowledge uncovered in the first two phases of mapping. A complete set of critical maps are presented in Appendix A-1. Figure 1.7 provides an example of a critical mapping sequence.

Classification Map
Overhead Transmission Lines and Poles Vary in Type and Size

The student began the critical mapping process through identifying existing power lines within the site boundary.

Opportunity/Dilemma Map
Multiple Sets of Overhead Power Lines Define Spatial Organization

Then, the student investigated the dilemma posed by fragmentation created by power lines on the site.

Strategy Map
Moving or Burying the Overhead Transmission Lines Allows for More Usable Space

Finally, the student identified the 4 most viable strategies to solve the dilemma created by the power lines.
Design Phase

At the end of Week 3, each student wrote a statement of intent identifying their particular interest within the studio project. The statements of intent allowed for the studio to be divided into seven groups to design the study area through seven unique perspectives. At the end of Week 5 and 6, students were given the opportunity to present their schematic designs to project partners for feedback and direction. Week 7 and 8 were reserved for the production of the final deliverables. The studio produced posters, presentation slides, and a book which includes background analysis, maps, and design proposals.

Figure 1.8
Team Process Work
Students work by hand on trace paper through the design process.
(Hahn, 2018)
Introduction

Contextual Analysis
1 | Introduction

**Brief History**

The City of Coralville was born as a small town after the dam along the Iowa River was constructed in 1843. The town quickly made use of the dam to power new mills in Iowa City which prospered for decades. Coralville quickly became a bustling location with a population over 300 in 1873. The city’s relationship with Iowa City and the influx of Mormon immigrants contributed to its growth. In 1866, the town was given the name “Coralville” after Louis Agassiz, a Harvard zoologist, spoke at the University of Iowa about the fossilized coral that was found in the limestone along the Iowa River. In recent history Coralville is transitioning and developing more urban cultural hubs, such as the Iowa River Landing and the commercial corridor along 2nd Street known as “The Strip”. A growing emphasis has been placed on connecting citizens to frontage along the Iowa River and increasing outdoor recreation opportunities, as Coralville and the Southeast Commercial District continue to establish their identities.

The Iowa River acts as the northeastern boundary for Southeast Commercial District. Clear Creek is a tributary of the Iowa River that runs along the west and north sides of the district. The Coralville dam, completed in 1958, controls the Iowa River four miles north of the city. The southern edge of Clear Creek (the Southeast Commercial District) is projected to be in the 100-year floodplain. Completed in 2014, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assisted the city to develop a floodwall around the district in addition to pump stations to minimize future flooding of the district. The presence of the Clear Creek and Iowa River waterfront was an integral part of the studio project and design concepts.

![Mormon Handcart Expedition](Figure 1.9)

The Mormon Trail brought many Mormon immigrants through the city of Coralville.

*(Marshall, 2015)*
Past flooding has devastated the strip within Coralville. (Brown, 2014)

The Iowa River Dam north of Coralville has failed, causing severe flooding downriver several times in the past. (USACE, n.d.)
Influential Conditions

Brownfields

Assessments indicate soil and groundwater contamination within the study area. Some parcels have not been assessed, but may be contaminated. Redevelopment proposals will require remediation.

FEMA

Although engineered flood-protection systems protect the study area from a 500-year storm event plus 1 foot, occupied building space must be designed above the 100 year flood plain plus 1 foot.
Placemaking

The study area is located at a gateway location to Coralville where identity, placemaking, and multiple connections converge. The district is envisioned as a vibrant hub that is important to Coralville’s future.

Mixed Use

The community has expressed a desire for a diversity of uses and business types, a mix of market-rate and affordable housing, and a variety of public spaces. Redevelopment proposals will identify a range of options.
Powerlines

High voltage transmission lines dissect the site in two directions. Redevelopment proposals must either work around the powerline alignments, relocate them, or bury them.

Rail

Two rail corridors pass through the study area. One carries seasonal commuter trains, and planners are studying regional light rail transit on the other. Redevelopment proposals can consider transit-oriented-development and potential linkage between the two lines. Both lines are elevated well above the FEMA 100-year flood plain.
Streets

2nd Street and 1st Avenue in the study area carry a high volume of traffic, have relatively high design speeds, and are oriented for vehicles. There is a need for more pedestrian crossings (at grade or elevated) and vehicular connections linking parcels across the streets.

Waterfront

The existing strip development largely turns its back on Clear Creek and the Iowa River. There are opportunities to engage the waterfront with vibrant mixed-use buildings and public space.
Regional Hub

Using Transit to Promote Social and Economic Connections Within a Wide Range of Communities

Marcos Aleman | Kate Larkin | Elsa Stoffel | Miles Updike

Concept

The vision for “Regional Hub” is to utilize public transit and the metro-significant 2nd St./1st Ave. intersection location to support transit-oriented development within Coralville’s Southeast District. There are currently two underutilized rail lines that adjoin the district that provide an opportunity to connect the district to the region. Connecting to the rail lines will serve as a key catalyst for bringing more people and businesses to Coralville from Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and other neighboring cities. Creating a dense urban environment at this influential location provides a lively destination for visitors to live, work, and play.

Goals + Objectives

- Increase regional accessibility with various modes of transportation
- Create a central axis to promote organizational hierarchy and placemaking within the site
- Attract a diverse group of people and communities to the space
- Increase resilience to flooding
- Improve commercial and recreational presence as a “live, work, play” space
- Retain cultural presence on the site
- Eliminate hazards of harmful pollutants on-site with brownfield remediation
Land Use Metrics

Residential Summary
Total Residential SF 1,116,624
Total DU 1,396
Avg DU/ Acre 32
Total Residents 2,792
Parking Stalls Needed 977

Commercial Summary
Total Commercial SF 619,536
Employees 826
Parking stalls Needed 868

Office Summary
Total Office SF 495,954
Employees 992
Parking Stalls Needed 695

Parking Summary
Total Stalls Needed 2,539
Parking Stalls Provided 2,539
Surface Parking Stalls 80
Streetside Parking 32
Structure Parking 2,427

FAR (Excluding ROW) 1.16

Figure 1.21
View Down 2nd Street and the Agassiz Axis
(Stoffel, 2018)

Figure 1.22
Existing Rail-Line Connection
(Larkin, 2018)

Figure 1.23
Vehicular and Pedestrian Circulation
(Aleman, 2018)
District 1

Creating a Continuous Urban District Between Iowa River Landing and the Southeast Commercial District

Josh Barragree | Rachel Cross | Allyssa Gray

Concept

The intent of District 1 is to establish a continuous urban district between the developing Iowa River Landing (IRL) and the proposed Southeast Commercial District (SCD). Currently, Coralville lacks a complete district which brings together residential, commercial, and office space in an efficient and beautiful way. District 1 unifies two major urban communities by promoting connectivity, identity, and activity within the SCD and along 1st Avenue. Improved pedestrian and bicycle circulation moves people in and around the SCD and north along 1st Avenue and the Iowa River. Traffic flow along 2nd Street and 1st Avenue is maintained by creating internal street systems bringing vehicles and proposed businesses into the site. A strong sense of identity is established within District 1 by creating a series of plazas and green spaces joined together by a continuous sculpture walk. Consistent materiality and plant types also contribute to the overall sense of place. District 1 activates not only Coralville, but Iowa City and the Iowa River. Commercial, office, and residential uses are mixed throughout District 1 urbanizing and stimulating growth. District 1 ties together multiple segmented areas within Coralville and Iowa City establishing a single unified district that serves community members and visitors alike as a gathering space, a shopping area, an eating destination, and a cultural landing.

Goals + Objectives

Create **CONNECTIVITY**:
- Improve Vehicular Access
- Enhance Pedestrian Access
- Enforce Cyclist Transportation
- Reinforce Public Transportation

Enhance the **IDENTITY**:
- Establish a Sculpture Walk
- Enhance the Cultural Representation
- Approve Artistic Seating
- Cohesive Materiality

Bring **ACTIVITY**:
- Link community to the Iowa River
- Enhance the streetscapes
- Increase the quality of the Southeast
- Commercial District
## Land Use Metrics

### Residential Summary
- Total Residential SF: 713,617
- Total Dwelling Units (DU): 892
- Avg DU/Acre: 51.8
- Total Residents: 1,784
- Parking Stalls Needed: 951

### Commercial Summary
- Total Commercial SF: 557,061
- Employees: 742
- Parking Stalls Needed: 1479

### Office Summary
- Total Office SF: 107,201
- Employees: 214
- Parking Stalls Needed: 284

### Parking Summary
- Total Stall Needed: 2,715
- Parking Stalls Provided:
  - Surface Parking Stalls: 0
  - Streetside Parking: 84
  - Structured Parking: 2,602

### Housing
- 31%

### Commercial
- 26%

### Parking
- 26%

### Green
- 8%

### Office
- 5%

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Figure 1.25
Axial View of Pedestrian Corridor
(Barragre, Cross and Gray, 2018)

Figure 1.26
Concept Diagram
(Gray, 2018)
Industrial Greenway

Preserving Local Identity and Creating Opportunities Through Greenspace and Transit

Logan Baker | Danielle Hodgson | Spencer Sanders | Mackenzie Yeager

Concept

The existing Southeast Commercial District is undoubtedly filled with unique character and has easily visible hints of the area’s industrial past. While Coralville continues to transform to a more connected and accessible extension of Iowa City, the current site infrastructure supports a high volume of vehicular traffic with wide intersections that leave the area divided and disconnected.

The intent of this design is to not only unify the site, but also utilize the existing rail corridors as economic and social drivers that will connect this district to the surrounding area. Public green space serves as a link to the transit lines and an amenity for residents as they follow along the existing and visually dominant powerlines. These powerlines offer opportunities for recreation, socialization, and relaxation.

Goals + Objectives

- Connect Area With Transit
- Increase Access to Green Space
- Maximize Pedestrian Experience and Emphasis On Site
- Emphasize and Maintain Elements of Existing Character and Identity
Land Use Metrics

**Residential Summary**
Total Residential SF 919,012  
Total DU 1,148  
Avg. DU per Acre 52.5  
Total Residents 2,298  
Parking Stalls Needed 1,608

**Commercial Summary**
Total Commercial SF 553,092  
Employees 737  
Parking Stalls Needed 1,549

**Office Summary**
Total Office SF 187,733  
Employees 408  
Parking Stalls Needed 526

**Parking Summary**
Total Stalls Needed 3,756  
Parking Stalls Provided 3,805  
Surface Parking 73  
Structure 3,732  
Parking 1.17
Horizontal Flows
2nd Street and Clear Creek
Julie Benyshek | Shelby Cooke | Scott Randall

Concept
Horizontal Flows addresses the opportunities on site to activate Clear Creek and unify the north and south sides of the Southeast Commercial District across 2nd Street. Clear Creek becomes oriented to the proposed residential and commercial development with a new trail, a pedestrian bridge, Clear Creek Plaza, and several opportunities for recreation and gathering. The street is unified by bringing businesses closer to the street and utilizing terraces to attract customers to the storefronts. The goal of the design is to create a more activated, unified, safe, and walkable place for the Coralville community which is highlighted with a view corridor that orients the site to its historical past.

Goals + Objectives
Our goal is to activate and connect the Southeast Commercial District utilizing 2nd Street, Clear Creek, and key views to create a unified space for the Coralville community. This encompasses:

- Providing a variety of programming to activate the outdoor environment
- Creating a more walkable district to improve access and connectivity
- Activating the waterfront to attract more businesses and users
- Utilizing building mass for spatial and cultural definition
- Establishing key views across the site to create a sense of identity and unify the Southeast Commercial District
### Land Use Metrics

#### Residential Summary
- Total Residential SF: 609,062
- Total DU: 762
- Avg DU Area: 187
- Total Residents: 1,523
- Parking Stalls Needed: 1,067

#### Commercial Summary
- Total Commercial SF: 380,449
- Employees: 508
- Parking Stalls Needed: 1,066

#### Office Summary
- Total Office SF: 481,432
- Employees: 960
- Parking Stalls Needed: 1,248

#### Parking Summary
- Total Stalls Needed: 3,379
- Parking Stalls Provided: 3,353
  - Surface Parking Stalls: 0
  - Streetside Parking: 313
  - Structure Parking: 3,040

#### FAR (excluding ROW)
- 1.89

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**Figure 1.32**
Aerial of New SCD
(Cooke, 2018)

**Figure 1.33**
Site Design Diagrams
(Benyshek, 2018)
Negotiating Boundaries
The “SOFT” and “HARD” Treatment for Coralville, IA

Si Chen | Yingyi Zhong

Concept

The existing boundaries are often barriers that separate the site into an internal and external parts; they reduce physical connectivity between parts and they disconnect functions. Working with ‘found objects’, the proposal grounds the design in its place, strengthening identity and connectivity. Re-imaging the areas next to these boundaries with very specific programmatic typologies that resolve the ecological and social concerns. With time, it will attract programs that are not disadvantaged by the disturbed conditions created by existing highway, industrial areas and warehouses (noise, pollution, disconnection, and etc). The design will give back the land that is trapped in parking lots, unreachable spaces and car interchanges to the pedestrians.

Goals + Objectives

The goal of this project is to rejuvenate the connectivity, functionality, and identity of the site as something more than a “gateway” through the revitalization of the hard and soft boundaries of the site. Facing pressing environmental concerns as a central dilemma, we envision a feedback loop of green spaces that serve as ecological and social infrastructure and corridors, boosting the stewardship and care for the site’s landscape and reconnecting the city’s population to the nature, strengthening the ecology of place, and thereby its identity.

The guiding strategy of the proposal is to integrate a new fluidity into the urban loop by stretching and negotiating both the hard and soft “boundaries” of the city’s public realm and natural landscape; easing the transition between spaces that are previously segregated and even inaccessible.
Land Use Metrics

Residential Summary:
Total Residential SF  863,116
Total Dwelling Units (DU)  1,127
Avg DU/Acre  33.2
Total Residents  2,258
Parking Stalls Needed  1,579

Commercial Summary:
Total Commercial SF  632,697
Employees  1,685
Parking Stalls Needed  2,360

Parking Summary:
Total Stall Needed  6,199
Parking Stalls Provided  5,843
Surface Parking Stalls  635
Streetside Parking  55

Office Summary:
Total Office SF  843,210
Employees  1,685
Parking Stalls Needed  2,260

Total FAR (Excluding ROW):  1.85

- Housing 26%
- Commercial 19%
- Office 25%
- Parking 30%
- Building Footprint 56%
- Open Space 44%

Figure 1.35
Habitat Morphology
(Zhong, 2018)

Figure 1.36
Place Making
(Chen, 2018)

Figure 1.37
Mixed Urban Ecology
(Chen, 2018)
Strip Zipper
Integrating Resilience

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Concept

As Coralville’s Strip, it is necessary to create a strong connection along the north and south sides of 2nd Street accommodate shared pedestrian and vehicular circulation. The Zipway, a large green space designed for play and relaxation, is the main space that connects the two sides of 2nd Street. The street is also fronted by commercial and retail activating the street. The site evokes a strong sense of community through mixed use development and provides a variety of activities such as entertainment space, a transit hub, a boardwalk, green roofs, and a waterfront that provides access to Clear Creek. All of these elements create a cohesive site that connects both sides of 2nd Street.

Goals + Objectives

- Provide more pedestrian access to clear creek
- Create more mixed use areas to bring people into the site to live, work and play
- Activate the streetscape of 2nd street in order to draw people into the site who could be just driving through
- Increase resilience to flooding
- Improve commercial and recreational presence as a “live, work, play” space
- Restore Clear Creek
- Implement green infrastructure
Land Use Metrics

Residential Summary
- Total Residential SF: 609,940
- Total Dwelling Units: 762
- Average Dwelling Unit Per Acre: 23.5
- Total Residents: 1,525
- Parking Stalls Needed: 1,067

Commercial Summary
- Total Commercial SF: 954,385
- Employees: 1,273
- Parking Stalls Needed: 2,672

Office Summary
- Total Office SF: 95,548
- Employees: 192
- Parking Stalls Needed: 268

Parking Summary
- Total Stalls Needed: 4,007
- Total Dwelling Units:
  - Surface Parking Stalls: 224
  - Streetside Parking: 125
  - Structure Parking: 3,674

FAR (Excludes ROW): 1.7

Figure 1.39
Site Aerial
(Dirks, 2018)

Figure 1.40
100 Year Flood Event
(Dirks, 2018)

Figure 1.41
500 Year Flood Event
(Dirks, 2018)

Figure 1.42
Transit Center
(Dirks, 2018)
Building Up
Community | Economy | Terrain

Morgan Dunay | Bridget Hake | Grace Mader | Madison Quincke

Concept

Building Up is proposing to create a framework for public space within the SE Commercial District in Coralville. Located along the strip, the redevelopment provides pedestrian and vehicular access to, and around, the site while simultaneously creating a unique and identifiable place within the community. The district will continue to provide affordable housing and commercial opportunities, allowing existing and future residents and business owners to prosper. The design uses a variety of open spaces alongside mixed-use building developments to create a highly organized neighborhood.

Goals + Objectives

- Enhance the cultural identity of the community with local art, businesses, and neighborhood events
- Implement phasing strategies to encourage existing tenants and business owners to remain in the neighborhood after the project
- Reorganize the site to provide spaces within the public and private realms focused various activities
- Provide vibrant gateways into the district at proposed intersections and pedestrian entrances
- Create a clear circulation system throughout the district and to surrounding areas
### Land Use Metrics

#### Residential Summary
- Total Residential SF: 910,527
- Total DU: 1,029
- Avg DU Acre: 25
- Total Residents: 2,057
- Parking Stalls Needed: 1,029

#### Commercial Summary
- Total Commercial SF: 440,247
- Employees: 587
- Parking Stalls Needed: 616

#### Office Summary
- Total Office SF: 415,485
- Employees: 831
- Parking Stalls Needed: 582

#### Parking Summary
- Total Stalls Needed: 2,227
- Parking Stalls Provided: 2,237
  - Surface Parking Stalls: 250
  - Streetside Parking: 295
  - Structure Parking: 1,941

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Core Activity Space
(Hake, 2018)

#### Figure 1.45
Open Space
(Mader 2018)

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Building Performance
(Mader, 2018)
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**Figure 1.46**
Regional Hub

Using transit to promote social and economic connections within a wide range of communities

A high density and transit oriented district that promotes connections at the regional scale while catalyzing local economy.

Abstract

Coralville is a vital transition point between Iowa City and the various cities surrounding it. Our vision is to enhance this identity by creating a transitional hub within the southeast end of Coralville’s commercial corridor. This key intersection serves as a gateway between Coralville and Iowa City. There is remarkable potential to generate a greater sense of place and provide a safe and experiential destination for residents and visitors; what we call a “Regional Hub”, as it will strengthen the ties between Coralville and its neighboring communities.

A key catalyst for this development is the close proximity of two rail lines that border the district. By refitting these underused rail lines for transit purposes, the Regional Hub becomes the gathering point for visitors, commuters, and residents. The rail line’s area of service stretches as far as Cedar Rapids to the north and to the central core of Iowa City. Creating a dense urban environment at this influential district provides a destination for visitors to work, play, shop, and live.

Goals and Objectives

- Increase regional accessibility with various modes of transportation
- Create a central axis to promote organizational hierarchy and placemaking within the site
- Attract a diverse group of people and communities to the space
- Increase resilience to flooding
- Improve commercial and recreational presence as a “live, work, play” space
- Retain cultural presence on the site
- Eliminate hazards of harmful pollutants on-site with brownfield remediation
Background Information

Historical and Community Context

Coralville, Iowa was established as a city in 1857. The name Coralville is derived from the coral fossils found within the limestone along the Iowa River. The city has seen significant growth since its foundation, partially due to its location along the railroad in the late 19th century, and then to the University of Iowa in the 20th Century (coralville.org).

In 1958, the city built a dam along the Iowa River, creating Coralville Lake and preventing many flood scenarios. Since the dam’s construction, Coralville has experienced two major flood events, one in 1993, and another in 2008. Both floods took a heavy toll on Coralville’s economy, but the city has since recovered and still thrives to this day (coralville.org).

Coralville hosts many community events such as farmer’s markets, landmark tours, and various annual festivals. Since the community has many ties to Iowa City and the University of Iowa, local sporting events bring many visitors and fans to the city each year.
Background Information

Existing Land Use

The land is currently used for small commercial use and some residential use. The businesses vary from locally owned restaurants to chain fast-food establishments. Current conditions of the existing infrastructure are deteriorating.

The site is an important transition area, as it lies on the boundary of Coralville and Iowa City. It is the beginning of Coralville’s main commercial corridor along 2nd Street and provides access into the city for many people who commute by vehicle every day. While the rail lines are currently underused, there are proposals for a new transit system (See Fig. 2.4 and 2.5).

Proposed Stops Along the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Rail Lines

1. Cedar Rapids
2. Swisher
3. Cou Falls
4. North Liberty
5. Oakdale
6. Coralville
7. Iowa City

Figure 2.4
Regional Connections
Possible railway stops along the CRANDIC railroad serving the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City region. (Updike, 2018)

Figure 2.5
Coralville Stop Proposals
Suggested railway stops within Coralville were determined by proximity to major cultural, ecological, residential, and commercial centers. (Updike, 2018)
Main Issues Being Addressed
Transmission Lines

The transmission lines must be moved to provide service to each building and to meet city standards for setbacks and utility access. The current locations of transmission lines greatly reduces the ability to increase density and fill the vacant spaces of the district (See Figure 2.6).

Elevation Change and Floodplain

A significant factor limiting use of this district is its location within the Iowa River floodplain. In the last 30 years, the area has experienced two large floods, which caused many businesses to leave the district. In 2015, engineering controls were implemented, such as a flood wall, berms, and pump stations at key locations to mitigate flood issues. All new buildings in the floodplain must be built at an elevation one foot above the 500-year floodplain (See Figure 2.7).
Main Issues Being Addressed

Brownfields

Figure 2.9 Station Axis Strategy
Building footprints are arranged along an axis between the two proposed train stations, providing visual connection between stops. (Larkin, 2018)

Figure 2.8 Brownfield Remediation Strategy
Contaminated areas within the site will be capped and overlaid with fresh soil. (Larkin, 2018)

Transit Connections

The site is disconnected from most modes of transportation except for personal vehicle traffic and a single bus route. Two railroads connect to the district, one along the southwest edge and one on the northeast corner. Both of these rails are used for freight shipment to local businesses.

The goal for this design is to provide safe and easy access for all modes of transportation, including pedestrians, bicycles, bus systems, and proposed rail systems to bring prosperity to the district. (See Fig 2.9 and 2.10)

Figure 2.10 Vehicular Circulation
Both the northern and southern portions of the site will provide access to parking structures and street-level parking. (Aleman, 2018)

Figure 2.11 Pedestrian Circulation
Pedestrians will have access to circulation opportunities at the ground level and an elevated walkway between the stations that spans the intersection of 1st Street and 2nd Avenue. (Aleman, 2018)
Design Framework

Major Design Ideas

Strategy #1 - Design Through Transit
Focusing on transit oriented development promotes accessibility. Vehicles, public transit, and pedestrians are all considered while forming a safe and efficient environment.

Strategy #2 - Increased Density
Density generates a wide range of activities within a compact area. Generating a high density core will attract local business and service a larger population of residents and visitors.

Strategy #3 - “Live-Work-Play”
Balancing space with residential, office and recreational uses promotes healthy living and efficient use of space on site. Time spent traveling to different activities is drastically reduced.

Strategy #4 - Flood Prevention
Flooding is one of the largest concerns for businesses in the district. Elevating buildings out of the floodplain by ground terracing ensures that business can endure future flooding events and generate a more stable economic presence.

Figure 2.12
Opportunities and Dilemmas
The Southeast Commercial District presents a variety of constraints and opportunities in the form of busy surrounding roads, a high concentration of impermeable surfaces, nearby rail lines, and contaminated land parcels. (Larkin, 2018)
Illustrative Site Plan

Figure 2.13
Site Plan
Design for the Southeast Commercial District (Larkin, 2018)
Transit Oriented Design: Proposed Train Stations

Putting the “regional” into ‘Regional Hub’

The existing site has limited access to current transit systems. Private vehicles dominate the site, and reduce the site into a transitional intersection. The proposal of two new transit stations in the district serves as a catalyst for both cultural and economic prosperity. The northernmost station will connect Coralville and its commercial hub to neighboring cities, including Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. The southernmost station will promote the use of the “Hawkeye Express”, which invites sports fans and festivities throughout Coralville. Commuters can utilize both transit systems on a daily basis and visitors can use them to explore local businesses, experience various cultures of Coralville and see its neighboring cities.

Figure 2.14
Section A-A: East Coralville Stop Axis
Section showing elevation changes across the site and how the rail stations integrate with landforms.
(Larkin, 2018)
Figure 2.15
View of the Connection Between the East Coralville Rail Stops
Showing the axis between the transit stations of the existing CRANDIC Corridor and the Iowa Interstate Railroad.
(Stoffel, 2018)
Density

Increasing density within the district will provide spaces for more opportunities

The current businesses and residences are scattered and disorganized across the district and parking lots fill remaining spaces. Increasing activity and site development density will increase space for new businesses, residents, and other recreational activities. High density buildings also help create a strong sense of place and a stronger cultural identity for the city. This new commercial core could act as a catalyst for the rest of Coralville’s commercial “Strip”.

Figure 2.16
View Down 2nd Street and the Agassiz Axis Corridor
This shows the density of the site through two main axes.
(Stoffel, 2018)
Figure 2.17
Section B-B: Agassiz Axis and Land Use
Section showing elevation changes between pedestrian walkways, building masses, and balconies.
(Larkin, 2018)

500 Year Flood Elevation: 659’
100 Year Flood Elevation: 654’
Live, Work, Play Environment
Enhancing recreational, living, and economic activity throughout the site

The idea of a Live, Work, Play environment focuses on new urbanist ideals of efficient spatial use and healthy living. Many cities have used this idea to design compact communities to service large numbers of residences and businesses. The close proximity of all elements of daily life reduces an individual’s time traveling long distances to different activities. The convenience of close amenities reduces the stress and hassle of travel and reduces pollution and traffic of dense urban environments.

The Regional Hub design applies the idea of this efficient environment by creating a balance between residential, commercial, and recreational activity, while still focusing on commercial prosperity. The design applies active green spaces and civic spaces to the dense urban environment. Residents and visitors can shop, eat, play, and work without having to travel long distances by vehicle.

Although the central core of the design is a mix between high density residences and commercial uses, it holds a strong connection to Clear Creek. Manipulation of the creek itself is strictly limited, but the proposed design still utilizes it as a visual and spatial amenity to enhance the urban environment. Shops and apartments have direct views of the creek and a pedestrian trail system follows along the flood wall and even pushes out above the water. This exposure to nature balances out the tall buildings and busy streets of the central core of the design and promotes recreational and active lifestyles.

Figure 2.18
Agassiz Axis Corridor Activity
This images shows the levels of activity that can occur within this common space.
(Stoffel, 2018)
Figure 2.19
Economic Benefits
Comparison of existing and proposed square footage and projected employees in commercial settings and offices.
(Updike, 2018)
Strategy 4 - Future Flooding Mitigation Strategy
Protecting the critical infrastructure from future risk

Flooding is one of the largest concerns for business owners within the site. It has caused many owners over the years to relocate their business entirely or seek other opportunities. Many of those previous businesses have created brownfields, further deterring future businesses to establish on site.

These factors have led to the proposal of increasing the elevation of a large portion of the site. This brings the buildings out of contaminated areas while simultaneously reducing the risk of flood damage.

The Regional Hub proposes that all building footprints should be raised to the designated elevation that is the 500 year floodplain + 1 foot. This would increase the elevation to 660.0 (Scott Larson, 2018). Greenspaces and streetscapes are largely kept at existing elevations to reduce costs, grant easy access to a majority of the site, and provide amenities that relate closely to Clear Creek. This elevation change will show that the Regional Hub can serve as a catalyst for economic growth and attract a more permanent commercial presence.
Figure 2.23 Clear Creek Lookout--No Flood
View of the boardwalk and creek during normal water levels with no evidence of flooding.
(Stoffel, 2018)

Figure 2.24 Clear Creek Lookout--100 Year Flood Level
Water level during a 100 year flood storm.
(Stoffel, 2018)
There is a substantial amount of parking proposed near the southern commuter rail line to provide accessibility to the transit stop.

Commercial use (Red) on the first level of each building provides activation of the street and increases interest for businesses.

Legend

- High Density
- Medium Density
- Hotel
- Retail and Service
- Office
- Transit Station
- Parking Garage
Terracing and an elevated walkway connects the transit stations on a new level.

Greenspace along clear creek activates the waterfront.
Land Use Strategy
Retaining and creating culture one step at a time

The site is home to a number of local businesses and organizations. Due to drastic changes in land use in the Regional Hub proposal, there is concern for the displacement of these existing businesses. To minimize impacts to business owners, the design will be implemented through multiple phases, to provide opportunity for these businesses to remain and benefit from site additions for a smooth transition. This strategy is divided into three distinct phases, each focusing on a different aspect of the previously stated design goals.

The first and most ambitious phase focuses on fabricating the core of the Regional Hub, establishing both of the transit stations, major pedestrian spaces, and a large portion of the dense building masses. This phase sets up service access to the future phases, and becomes the identifiable entrance to the city, implementing a new convention center, hotel, and pedestrian mall. The first phase also leaves many of the existing buildings unaffected to ensure that business can continue functioning during implementation.

The second phase works directly off of the first, expanding the density of the central core to the outer edges of the Hub. It is at this point that all businesses have the opportunity to transition to newer spaces on site. This phase brings additional housing options and a park beginning the idea of the live, work, play environment to the Regional Hub.

The last phase further brings the element of play and recreation into the Regional Hub. This phase aims to activate the creek corridor and bring more opportunity for recreation to the visitors and residents. Open spaces and paths are balanced by designated spaces for temporary stores, small markets, and food trucks. Lastly, an elevated pedestrian walkway creates another strong connection between the transit stations and the dense, urban corridor. The verticality of the walkways promotes safety across the busy intersection and access to more areas of the site.
Precedents

Figure 2.32
Chicago Density
Figure-ground representation of the Wilton Street neighborhood in Chicago.
(Larkin, 2018)

Figure 2.33
Philadelphia Density
Figure-ground representation of the West Market Street neighborhood in Philadelphia.
(Larkin, 2018)

Figure 2.34
Coralville Existing Density
Figure-ground representation of the Southeast Commercial District in Coralville, Iowa.
(Larkin, 2018)

Figure 2.35
Coralville Proposed Density
Figure-ground representation of proposed increase in density at the Southeast Commercial District.
(Updike, 2018)

Figure 2.36
Massing Model Diagram
Shows the building forms with a contrast to the green space and creek.
(Stoffel, 2018)
**Existing Conditions**

The site is dominated by small, individual buildings and large parking lots. Pedestrian and green spaces are non-existent.

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**Phase 1**

The addition of transit stations and a dense urban fabric will attract new businesses, visitors, and residents to the site.

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**Phase 2**

Stretching the urban core to the rest of the site activates underused spaces and creates diverse living spaces.

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**Phase 3**

Activating the waterfront and increasing the walkability of the site will generate more lively experiences for pedestrians.
Regional Hub

Prosperity Through Short and Long Range Relationships
One small area can become a catalyst for an entire region of communities

The Regional Hub is an ambitious addition to the commercial “strip” of Coralville. It serves as an entry point to the city but also as a pedestal to set Coralville’s identity on, showcasing a diverse culture and a precedent to a new way of thinking about our cities. While the transit systems are focal points within the site, they are a simple catalyst for bringing people into the city and creating a single space that people from all walks of life can share experiences. The convenience of a live, work, play environment creates a sense of deliberate activity, balance, and comfort. A short walk from home to a park, from the workplace to a train station, or from a busy shopping space to a quiet courtyard, can make the difference between a hassle of a journey to a vibrant experience.

“Walkable, vibrant neighborhoods with accessible transit is the key.”

-Brian Bowman, Mayor of Winnipeg

Figure 2.41
Night-Life in the Bosque
View of the Welcome Walkway at dusk.
(Stoffel, 2018)
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District 1

Creating a Continuous Urban District Between Iowa River Landing and the Southeast Commercial District.

Utilizing the 1st Avenue corridor to establish one unified district.

Concept

The intent of District 1 is to establish a continuous urban district between the developing Iowa River Landing (IRL) and the proposed Southeast Commercial District (SCD). Currently, Coralville lacks a complete district which brings together residential, commercial, and office space in an efficient and beautiful way. District 1 unifies two major urban communities by promoting connectivity, identity, and activity within the SCD and along 1st Avenue. Improved pedestrian and bicycle circulation moves people in and around the SCD and north along 1st Avenue and the Iowa River. Traffic flow along 2nd Street and 1st Avenue is maintained by creating internal street systems bringing vehicles and proposed businesses into the site. A strong sense of identity is established within District 1 by creating a series of plazas and green spaces joined together by a continuous sculpture walk. Consistent materiality and plant types also contribute to the overall sense of place. District 1 activates not only Coralville, but Iowa City and the Iowa River. Commercial, office, and residential uses are mixed throughout District 1 urbanizing and stimulating growth. District 1 ties together multiple segmented areas within Coralville and Iowa City establishing a single unified district that serves community members and visitors alike as a gathering space, a shopping area, an eating destination, and a cultural landing.

Figure 3.1

Concept Photo Montage
Photomontage of the Southeast Commercial District.
(Cross, 2018)
Goals

Create **CONNECTIVITY** throughout the Coralville Community:
- Improve Vehicular Access
- Enhance Pedestrian Access
- Initiate Cyclist Transportation
- Reestablish Public Transportation

Enhance the **IDENTITY** of the Coralville Community:
- Establish a Sculpture Walk
- Enhance the Cultural Representation
- Approve Artistic Seating
- Cohesive Materiality

Bring **ACTIVITY** to the Coralville community:
- Link community to the Iowa River
- Enhance the streetscapes
- Increase the quality of the Southeast Commercial District
Key Issues and Dilemmas
Site Context

There is currently a disconnect between the Southeast Commercial District and Iowa River Landing due to under-used sidewalks, lack of businesses along 1st Avenue, and lack of indoor/outdoor connections between the existing businesses and the street. To help mitigate these issues, District 1 will create more business fronts adjacent to 1st Avenue and 2nd street, create a green corridor, and enhance the pedestrian experience.

Figure 3.3
Study Area
Enhance 1st Avenue corridor and 2nd Street by creating business fronts and better pedestrian connection between IRL and SCD (Cross, 2018)
Figure Ground

When first addressing the site, our group identified a large amount of unused space surrounding the buildings. Impervious surfaces such as concrete and asphalt dominate the site, as seen in Figure 3.4. Our group will increase the building size and diminish impervious surfaces by adding greenscape and permeable surfaces, as shown in figure 3.4.

(Cross, Gray, 2018)
Illustrative Site Plan

Figure 3.5
District 1 Plan
(Cross, 2018)
Figure 3.6  
IRL Sculpture walk  
The IRL Sculpture Walk is south of the IRL and adjacent to the Iowa River.  
(Gray, 2018)

Figure 3.7  
Pedestrian Bridge  
Pedestrian bridge connects the north and south sides of the SCD over 2nd St.  
(Cross, 2018)

Figure 3.8  
Pedestrian Corridor  
Series of courtyards, greenspaces, and plazas to connect the SCD.  
(Gray, 2018)
Key Factors
Geometries of site design.

The spatial arrangement of the Southeast Commercial District is derived from a variety of factors. First, the district contains high voltage powerlines running diagonally across the site. The corridor created by the lines has been preserved, to facilitate phasing, and serves the site as a primary pedestrian circulation route and activated space. Secondly, a system of streets was imposed within the sections defined by the powerlines. These streets define vehicular circulation and provide access to storefronts and parking structures. Finally, building footprints were defined and subspaces were created to serve as relaxation and move through spaces.

Figure 3.9
Key Factor Diagram
Highlighting the important places of the site that influenced our design.
(Gray, 2018)
District 1 decided to keep the existing transmission lines and orient our design around them.

The streets found throughout the site helped to organize the site geometry.

FEMA’s 100 year plus 1’ policy influenced the frame of the site surrounding the streets.

Figure 3.10
Referent Diagrams
Transmission lines, streets, and FEMA regulations
(Cross, 2018)

Figure 3.11
Plan View of Southeast Commercial District
(Cross, 2018)
Connectivity
Creating a complete network through pedestrian access, cyclist, vehicular, and public transportation.

To connect to the Coralville community, this design focuses on pedestrian access first and vehicular access second. Green street typologies were created to help enhance this experience. The economic street focuses on enhancing the pedestrian connection along 1st Avenue and 2nd Street, while creating indoor/outdoor connections with the building fronts. The pedestrian main street puts the pedestrian first, by creating a more programmed experienced mixed with light, vehicular circulation. Lastly, the communal street is used as circulation to move traffic in and around the site.

Figure 3.12
Street Typologies
Efficient Street, Pedestrian Main Street, and Secondary Street
(Cross, 2018)
Figure 3.13 Street Typology Parti Diagrams (Cross, 2018)

Figure 3.14 Circulation (Cross, 2018)

- Economic Street
- Pedestrian Circulation
- Communal Street
- Pedestrian Main Street
Pedestrian Bridge

This design creates continuous pedestrian access by extending circulation above the 2nd Street corridor. A pedestrian bridge connects two rooftops, a garden and bar for the riverfront businesses. This axis will help make a safe passage for pedestrians from the heavily mixed use district to the culturally vibrant, riverfront district.
Figure 3.16
View of Pedestrian Bridge
(Cross, 2018)
Pedestrian Main Street

The pedestrian main street focuses on the needs of the user by enhancing indoor/outdoor connections, creating programmed amenities, and allowing light vehicular circulation. This pedestrian friendly space helps to provide patio space for surrounding businesses, farmers markets, concerts, and other local events.

Figure 3.17
Pedestrian Main Street
(Cross and Gray, 2018)
Figure 3.18
Section Through 1st Ave and Pedestrian Main Street
This section is showing the vertical change of +/- 3 to 5 feet per FEMA flood regulations.
(Cross, 2018)
Identity
Enhancing the Coralville community through a sculptural walk, cultural relationships, and materiality choices.

Throughout the design, a series of green hubs are connecting various spaces along the 1st Avenue corridor. The “green hubs” consist of spaces for sculpture walks and parks. This helps to unify the Iowa River Landing and the Southeast Commercial District, while creating outdoor spaces to enjoy. Just south of the Iowa River Landing, adjacent to the Iowa River, the sculpture walk begins by following the existing, pedestrian pathway.
Figure 3.21
Iowa River Landing Sculpture Walk
Photomontage envisioning the IRL Sculpture Walk (Gray, 2018)
Pedestrian Mall North of 2nd Street

The design creates a visual connection to the Iowa River Landing by using similar architectural and paving materials. Limestone and brick are used as the building veneers, and common vegetation is found throughout the site. The middle of the newly designed Southeast Commercial District creates an identity for the space by creating a corridor that encompasses art, programmatic activities, and connections to the surrounding businesses and amenities.
Figure 3.25
Concrete Pavers
Pavers for sidewalks
(“Free Images.”)

Figure 3.26
Concrete Accent
Found throughout the pedestrian corridor
(“Concrete Cement Grey · Free Photo on Pixabay.”)

Figure 3.27
View of Pedestrian Mall
Showcasing nightlife found in the north portion of the Southeast Commercial District. (Cross, 2018)
Activity
Creating Destinations within the district

The central pedestrian corridor was developed in order to provide a bustling public space serving both residents and visitors. The open space utilizes the existing powerline corridor by taking advantage of the clearance required around the lines. Buildings adjacent to the powerline form space which is activated by storefronts, restaurant patios, and plazas. The pedestrian corridor links users to the rest of the SCD via both indoor and outdoor connections. Public art within the corridor brings a sense of playfulness and identity to the area. The central pedestrian corridor creates a primary core to the SCD.
Figure 3.30
Green Hubs Diagram
(Gray, 2018)

Figure 3.31
Pedestrian Corridor Center
(Cross and Gray, 2018)

Figure 3.32
Axial View of Pedestrian Corridor
(Cross and Gray, 2018)
Joining the Southeast Commercial District and Clear Creek

District 1 is capped by a hotel on the far southwest corner of the area with a terraced plaza serving hotel guests as well as the public. The terraced plaza is programmed for patio space and provides areas for rest that overlook the creek. The FEMA floodplain elevation is achieved at the highest terrace allowing users to move closer to Clear Creek during normal water levels. The plaza is a place for interaction between users, their environment, and the SCD.
Figure 3.33
Terraced Public Space Green Hub Diagram

(Gray, 2018)

Figure 3.34
Terraced Public Space Adjacent to Hotel and Clear Creek

(Cross and Barragree, 2018)
3 | District 1

Site Metrics

Brownfields

The SCD contains a variety of contaminants that affect the development of the site. To mitigate this condition, remediation techniques will be used throughout the site including encapsulation and air sparging. Additional testing must be performed prior to development to ensure the safety of users on site.

Figure 3.35
Brownfield Diagram
(Cross, 2018)

Figure 3.36
Land Use Diagram
(Barragree, 2018)

Land Use

District 1 is composed of mixed-use development within the SCD, the 1st Avenue corridor, and the IRL. Site metrics were configured only for the SCD as the development along 1st Avenue is preliminary and schematic. Buildings within the SCD contain commercial use on the street level and either residential, office, or a mix on upper floors. District parking is utilized within the area in the form of parking structures fronted with mixed-use buildings.

Metric Summary

Residential Summary
Total Residential SF: 713617
Total Dwelling Units (DU): 892
Avg DU/Acre: 52
Total Residents: 1784
Parking Stalls Needed: 952

Commercial Summary
Total Commercial SF: 557061
Employees: 743
Parking stalls Needed: 1479

Office Summary
Total Office SF: 107,201
Employees: 214
Parking Stalls Needed: 284

Parking Summary
Total Stall Needed: 2715
Parking Stalls Provided:
2686
Surface Parking Stalls: 0
Street side Parking: 84
Structured Parking: 2602
FAR (excluding ROW)
0.53

Parking Structure
Hotel
Retail and Service
Terrace
Water
Medium Density
Office
Open Space
Building Footprint
31% 28% 28% 12%
44% 56%
Phasing
The phasing strategy for District 1 provides places for residents and business owners to move to during the construction process. Providing mixed use buildings early on will allow residents and business owners to relocate without major disruption. Early construction of buildings along major streets will begin to establish vibrancy and activity in early district phases.

**Phase 1 (pink)**
Phase 1 begins to activate streetfronts by constructing internal streets and buildings that front as these streets as well the major arterial streets. Parking garages are included, since most surface parking is being eliminated. Residential and commercial uses are present in this phase to allow those living or working on site to move into those buildings upon completion.

**Phase 2 (yellow)**
Phase 2 focuses on completing specific sub-areas of District 1. Additional streets within the SCD allow for more buildings and an additional parking structure to be built.

**Phase 3 (green)**
Phase 3 completes District 1 by adding six final buildings. This phase also includes all improvements and additions of green space and plazas.
Figure 3.40
District 1 Photo Montage
District 1 brings together the community through connectivity, identity and activity. (Cross and Gray, 2018)
COOL photo montage summing up our project and all that!
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Industrial Greenway

Using Existing Frameworks to Create a Unified District

Existing transportation and power infrastructure is enhanced and utilized to shape the form of this design, creating a unique human experience.

Abstract

The existing Southeast Commercial District is undoubtedly filled with unique character and has easily visible hints of the area’s industrial past. While Coralville continues to transform to a more connected and accessible extension of Iowa City, the current site infrastructure supports a high volume of vehicular traffic with wide intersections that leave the area divided and disconnected.

The intent of this design is to not only unify the site, but also utilize the existing rail corridors as economic and social drivers that will connect this district to the surrounding area. Public green space serves as a link to the transit lines and an amenity for residents as they follow along the existing and visually dominant powerlines. Three connected parks provide opportunities for recreation, socialization and relaxation, along the way, while acting as a unique and enticing design element.
Major Design Goals

Connect Area With Transit
Re-purposing the existing rail lines to function as local and regional rail lines and turning a portion of the site into a transit hub that connects itself to Iowa River Landing, Iowa City, and the University of Iowa will bring commercial traffic to this area and entice new residents.

Increase Access to Green Space
Creating a corridor of public green space will help connect the two transit areas visually and spatially, while providing recreational and active space for residents. More parklets throughout the site will ensure close proximity and equal access for all residents.

Maximize Pedestrian Experience and Emphasis On Site
Buildings, residences, and green spaces will be well-connected by pedestrian modes of transportation throughout the site. Trails, sidewalks, and pedestrian malls will create inviting and enjoyable experiences for site visitors and residents as they make their way through engaging planting designs and diverse streetscapes.

Emphasize and Maintain Elements of Existing Character and Identity
By focusing on the main power line corridor that divides the site and using material that embraces the industrial history of Coralville, these ordinarily dominating and obtrusive features will become artistic assets that guide users through the site and further connect it to the revitalized area.
Primary Opportunities

Existing Transit Corridors

The site is bordered by two under-used rail corridors and a trail system that connects the Southeast Commercial District to surrounding green space, the Iowa River, and Iowa River Landing (IRL). Its central location gives it the potential to unify Coralville for local residents, providing them access to jobs, shops, and entertainment.

Figure 4.3
Location of Existing Rail Lines and Trails
Nearby rail lines and trails intersect near the study area, creating an opportunity for greater connection (Hodgson, 2018)
**Existing Power lines**

One of the most visually demanding features of the site is the power lines that make a line from the southwest to northeast corners of the site and along 1st Street. They effectively divide the site and limit building opportunities underneath them. Despite this, the corridor provides an opportunity to expand upon these underused areas by giving access and recreation to residents and visitors.

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**Brownfield Treatment Plan**

Contaminated soils are present in the study area and need to be remediated before development can take place. Covering and sealing contaminated soils, aka “capping”, is an effective way to prevent the spread of contamination and raise building elevations out of the flood plain.

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Legend

- **Cap and develop**
- **Remediate if needed**
- **Cut, cap under structures, and fill with new soil**
Design Framework

Site Organization

Instead of perceiving the existing power lines as a visual obstruction and dilemma, they are used as the main organizing element on the site. A linear park system is proposed following the power lines with a new road designed at a 90 degree angle to it. From these two key elements, an orthogonal grid was created to organize the following design ideas.
Rail lines will have new stops at the site to promote businesses and connectivity.

Vehicular circulation is clearly defined and promotes pedestrian movement by lessening traffic.

Trails connect to the site through new pedestrian paths.

Pedestrian circulation has been clearly defined and extends throughout the site.

Plazas across the site create gathering spaces for visitors and residents.

Green space connects the site across 2nd St. and to the creek while highlighting power lines.

Building footprints help shape space and organize community areas.

Figure 4.9
Layered Design Elements
Layers of site elements reveal how everything ties together to create a cohesive design (Sanders, 2018)
Illustrative Site Plan
Figure 4.10
Site Plan
(Hodgson, Sanders and Yeager, 2018)
Opportunities Through Transit

Several existing railway lines can be found in the Coralville area, most of which are not used to their full potential. Due to their advantageous placement through the heart of Coralville, University of Iowa and Iowa City, these lines provide the perfect groundwork to build a new light rail system that will service commuters from all three locations. The plan builds on the 2015 Iowa City-Cedar Rapids Passenger Rail Conceptual Feasibility Study, understanding that enhancing the public transportation experience for residents and visitors will introduce numerous economic, environmental and social benefits to Coralville.

Figure 4.11
Proposed Regional and Local Rail Lines
The existing CRANDIC rail line will be converted to a light rail track. The new light rail will service Iowa City, the University of Iowa and Coralville. The existing regional rail line will continue to serve surrounding states.
(Yeager, 2018)
Transit Driven Place Making To Invigorate the SCD

To accommodate passengers using the new rail, a “Transit Hub,” located within the Southeast Commercial District, will accommodate light rail and bus passengers. The Hub will revive the northeast corner of the site by encouraging commercial growth while celebrating Coralville’s long-standing industrial identity. Furthermore, the Hub creates a gateway to the rest of the Southeast Commercial District and accommodates easy access to the regional transit station located in the southwest corner of the site.

Transit Station Catalyzes New Retail

Figure 4.13
Transit Hub
(Yeager, 2018)
Identity

Preserve Existing Power lines to Promote Unity and Interest

Traces of Coralville’s history can be examined in many areas across the Southeast Commercial District. Industry, multiculturalism, and economics have all done their part in shaping the Coralville of today.

Preservation of these historic influences guided the design to be responsive and sensitive to the site, as well as the desires of the greater Coralville community. By preserving much of the existing power line infrastructure within the Southeast Commercial District, strong ties to the historic past of Coralville are established. Additionally, re-purposing existing infrastructure promotes the creation of new and memorable experiences for the Coralville community for many years while saving funds for other beneficial ventures, such as additional art or amenities that will further set the area apart.

The Greenway, a linear green space situated within the center of the Southeast Commercial District, utilizes existing power line infrastructure and re-purposes it into a functional and aesthetic element. Clad in appealing cor-ten steel and nearly 70 feet tall, the power poles serve as an important landmark for the Southeast Commercial District.

By embracing the area’s historic and cultural infrastructure, the identity of the Southeast Commercial District can be preserved and enhanced with new experiences and memories. The corridor along the power lines becomes a unique and enticing space that will draw attention, providing incentive for developers and business owners to move to this area. Furthermore, the corridor reminds residents of the area’s historical significance.
Figure 4.22
Linear Green Space Along Power lines
A conceptual rendering of the power lines becoming a feature of the green space. (Hodgson, 2018)
Connected Green Spaces

An interconnected series of green spaces is beneficial to the overall health and character of any urban environment. Placed on a central axis through the Southeast Commercial District, the linear swath of green space is divided into three sections: Clear Creek Park, Power Park, and Firefly Park. They provide opportunities for recreation and relaxation, while serving as a welcoming gateway to apartments, townhomes, and retail shops. Supporting this strong central axis, a series of smaller connected green spaces branch off from it, providing even more opportunities for recreation and relaxation. Together, the elements composing the green network create a cohesive series of experiences throughout the Southeast Commercial District.
Linear Park Network

A set of weaving paths and curated greenspaces that envelop the power lines and connect both sides of Highway 6 make up the signature design feature of the site. The braided paths accommodate a semi-separate bike trail that runs through the park without hindering pedestrians. As a visual piece, the organic nature of the paths are meant to stand out against the rigid, industrial theme of the surrounding area. This gives the park a lighter, more whimsical feeling. Physically, the area functions as a transit corridor, uniting businesses and residences together, through carefully chosen points of connection. A triangular space called Power Park in the center of the braid creates a wider space for flexible activities, all the while providing a place for residents and visitors to relax and enjoy the dynamic green space.

Figure 4.15
Braid Abstraction
The braided paths are guided by the power lines and connect pedestrians to residential areas, parks, shops and restaurants.
(Yeager, 2018)
Figure 4.16
Detailed Plan
The braided paths weave around the power lines throughout the Greenway (Yeager, 2018)

Figure 4.17
Power Park Looking North
The park is a place for people to relax, perform, exercise, socialize, eat and enjoy shopping opportunities (Yeager, 2018)
Pedestrian Experience
Creating A More Connected Coralville

Figure 4.18
Pedestrian Experience
A multitude of activities and spaces can be found in the new Southeast Commercial District (Sanders, 2018)
New Development With People in Mind

A major design goal is to improve the pedestrian experience on the site. Many new paths are designed to better connect visitors and residents to shopping, dining, entertainment, and transportation. Existing trail systems on site are improved to allow access to the site from the trails and vice versa. In addition to connecting site elements the design creates new green spaces, parks, plazas and gathering spaces for a more enjoyable outdoor experience. Various spaces allow for many different activities to take place and create a sense of destination for the entire district. Before development, the area was designed for vehicular traffic. After development the district is much safer for pedestrians and clearly directs vehicular traffic.

The goal is to create an experience for people. A journey and a destination.
Flood Resilience

Historically, flooding is a major problem in the Southeast Commercial District. New pump stations and flood walls were installed to prevent future disasters like the flood that occurred in 2008. The new design takes prevention a step further by elevating all new buildings above the 500 year flood plain by one foot. In case new flood prevention measures fail, no buildings will be damaged, and, once water recedes, business can resume as normal. These new flood control techniques, coupled with higher building footprints, will allow more businesses to “flood” into the area and jump start the local economy.

Figure 4.23
2008 Coralville Flood
Aerial photography shows the potential dangers from flooding in the Southeast Commercial District. The site boundary is outlined in orange. (Sanders, 2018)

Figure 4.24
Flood Protection Section
(Sanders, 2018)
Finished first floor elevations at 659’ (1’ above the 2008 flood levels)

Legend
- 100 year flood levels
- 500 year flood levels
- Building footprint

Figure 4.25
Flooding Comparisons
(Sanders, 2018)
Site Metrics

Land Use

Figure 4.26
Land Use
(Sanders, 2018)

69% Open Space
31% Building Footprint

FAR (excluding ROW) = 1.17

Figure 4.27
Dwelling Units
(Sanders, 2018)

4.3% Townhomes
95.6% Apartments

1,148 Total Units

Dwelling Units Per Acre

18.7
23.5
62.8

Parking

Figure 4.28
Parking
(Sanders, 2018)

Parking Structure 3326
Attached Parking 73
Total Parking Provided 3399
Phasing

**Phase 1**
- Repurpose CRANDIC rail line into light rail transit
- Begin remediation of scrap yard and southern area of site
- Initiate redevelopment of the northeast corner of 1st Ave. & 2nd St. intersection

**Phase 2**
- Relocate businesses to new transit hub area
- Begin remediation of remaining areas south of 2nd St.
- Begin redevelopment of trails/park and area north of 2nd St.

**Phase 3**
- Extend linear park down through the site
- Finish remediation of site south of 2nd St.
- Cap remaining brownfield soils underneath new structures

**Phase 4**
- Develop regional train station
- Move in businesses to area south of 2nd St.
- Reintroduce existing businesses to new development
- Finish development of mixed use and residential areas

Figure 4.29
Phasing Timeline and Map
(Sanders, 2018)
Figure 4.30
Coral Courtyard at Night
(Baker, 2018)
Industrial Greenway
Using Existing Frameworks to Create a Unified District

Transit, pedestrian access, green space, and Coralville’s unique identity are placed at the forefront of the Industrial Greenway design proposal. The Greenway, spread beneath the power lines, connects the two transit stations, shapes community gathering spaces and serves as a basis for the organization of buildings and road layout. Abundant recreational and social opportunities are created by plazas, pathways and green spaces that converge and meet one another. Bio-remediation and flood prevention techniques are diligently applied to ensure optimal safety and health for all ages. In essence, residence, business, transportation and recreation are symbiotically united throughout the site, immersing users in a rich, diverse experience.
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Horizontal Flows
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Shelby Cooke
Scott Randall
Horizontal Flows

2nd Street and Clear Creek

Horizontally driven, vertically integrated.

Abstract

Southeast Commercial District (SCD) is a unique area for its strong international presence and connections to Coralville’s Clear Creek, Iowa River, historic school house and town hall, walking trails, nearby University of Iowa, and more. Aside from the district’s unique character, it also presents challenges as a contaminated brownfield site and an area prone to past flooding. Since the 2008 Iowa River flood, the people of Coralville, Iowa are striving to make the city safer, more eco-friendly, and more beautiful. These reflect our motivations behind the vision of Horizontal Flows for the redevelopment of the SCD.

Our design process involved multiple steps. We first visited the SCD and developed themes from feedback at a community workshop. Next, we spent two weeks mapping critical existing conditions of the SCD to identify opportunities and eight influential elements for the site. Lastly, our group came together to explore creative solutions on trace paper for three of the eight influential elements and continually refined our ideas with critiques from professionals. As a result, Horizontal Flows is a combination of our three initial design concepts that responds to 2nd Street through circulation, Clear Creek for activation, and view corridors as important spatial organizers. The main goal of Horizontal Flows is to create a more activated, unified, safe, and walkable place for the Coralville community by utilizing those three influential elements.

Horizontal Flows transforms the SCD into a lively and dense mixed use area. Users can live a healthier and more active lifestyle with new connections to the creek front and added pedestrian paths. Key views also bring a sense of unity throughout the site and to the Coralville community.
Goals and Objectives

Our goal is to activate and connect the Southeast Commercial District utilizing 2nd Street, Clear Creek, and key views to create a unified space for the Coralville community. This encompasses:

- Providing a variety of programming to activate the outdoor environment
- Creating a more walkable district to improve access and connectivity
- Activating the waterfront to attract more businesses and users
- Utilizing building mass for spatial and cultural definition
- Establishing key views across the site to create a sense of identity and unify the Southeast Commercial District

Responding to the Community Themes

The following points highlight how we are addressing the themes expressed by Coralville community members at the workshop:

**Unique and Innovative Businesses**
Existing and local businesses will have priority to move into the new development with our phasing strategy.

**Transformation**
The existing SCD changes from a less organized site dominated by parking lots and dangerous traffic to a more unified site with greenspace and safe pedestrian crossings.

**Local Economics**
More housing, offices, and residents in SCD will boost the local economy.

**Affordable Housing**
Having residents in 85% of the proposed buildings has potential to provide ample affordable housing.

**Accessible Transportation**
The skywalk is designed so it can expand and connect with future rail transit development.

**Green Usable Public Space**
New plazas, greenroofs, and view corridors bring the natural beauty of the surrounding environment back into the site.

**Placemaking**
The east edge of SCD becomes a prominent gateway for Coralville by adding iconic artistic elements.
Three Driving Strategies

1. **2nd Street is Vehicular Oriented**
   Vehicular traffic currently dominates the SCD. There is only one crosswalk and the site is covered by a multitude of parking lots. An opportunity exists to create a more walkable environment oriented to the pedestrian.

2. **Clear Creek is Isolated**
   A flood wall currently divides the SCD and separates the Coralville community from Clear Creek’s waterfront. There is an opportunity to revive the SCD by activating Clear Creek and reconnecting local businesses, residents, and other site users to the water.

3. **View Corridor is Disconnected**
   SCD is located near Coralville’s historic schoolhouse and town hall buildings, but there are no clear views between the historic buildings and the site. SCD could strengthen its ties to Coralville’s history through visual connections.
Engage the Creek
In order to connect the site back to the creek, key points are activated along a new proposed trail that runs along the south side of Clear Creek. These points will revitalize the district and reconnect users to the valuable resources of the creek by providing recreational services, gathering space, and increased property value.

Make 2nd Street Walkable
Adding a new pedestrian corridor with a wider buffer along 2nd Street will help activate the site and attract business. Buildings will be brought closer to the edge of the street and new pedestrian terraces and building frontages will allow ground floor businesses more space to attract customers.

Orient the Site to Historic Views
The site will be oriented towards the nearby historic connection and Clear Creek to unify the site and create a relationship to key existing features of Coralville. This will strengthen the connection Coralville has to its history and its dedication to utilizing community assets.
Primary Dilemmas and Responses

**Figure 5.11** Streets
One intersection is added along 2nd Street to help alleviate the stress of crossing. The proposed skywalk also provides a safe way for pedestrians to get across 2nd Street. (Benyshek, 2018)

**Figure 5.12** Waterfront
The Clear Creek waterfront is activated with a new riverwalk, terracing down to the water’s edge, plazas, piers, and a pedestrian bridge. (Benyshek, 2018)

**Figure 5.13** Figure Ground
New mixed use development helps bring order to the site and supports unique outdoor spaces. (Benyshek, 2018)

**Figure 5.14** Powerlines
The main diagonal powerlines on the site will be placed underground in the same spot to cut down on cost and allow more space for the new development. (Benyshek, 2018)
Figure 5.15
FEMA Compliance
Terracing and ramping around the edges of the site and along the waterfront will help to reach the 3-foot change in elevation required to build safely out of the 100 year +1 foot floodplain elevation. (Benyshek, 2018)

Figure 5.16
Brownfield
There are five known points of contamination and one suspected on site which will undergo remediation. (Benyshek, 2018)

Figure 5.17
Placemaking
Adding larger artistic gateway features on the east edge of the site and a new skywalk will give the district a unique identity. (Benyshek, 2018)

Figure 5.18
Rail
The proposed skywalk has the possibility of building on a wing that connects with future developed rail transit systems. There is also room to add a train depot by the railway in the northeast corner of the district. (Benyshek, 2018)
Illustrative Site Plan

Figure 5.19
200’ Illustrative Site Plan
(Cooke, 2018)
Figure 5.20
Site Design Diagrams
(Benyshek, 2018)

Legend
1 Clear Creek Plaza
2 Central Plaza
3 Vendor Plaza
4 The Crossway
5 Courtyard
6 Green Roof Garden
7 Parking Garage Green Roof
8 Volleyball Courts
9 Rowhouses
10 Skywalk
11 Pedestrian Bridge
12 Clear Creek Trail
13 Pump Stations

Spatial Organization
View Corridor

Figure Ground
Building Mass

Outdoor Space
Building Mass
Plaza

Circulation
Vehicular
Pedestrian
Making 2nd Street Walkable
A Revitalized 2nd Street Supports a More Walkable District

2nd Street features several new additions that make it feel much more walkable with added pedestrian amenities and better overall circulation. An implemented skywalk allows pedestrians to cross the street in a more central location above the road, whereas a western proposed intersection allows crossing along the ground. The pedestrian bridge along the skywalk also gives a new identity to the Southeast Commercial District. Proposed terracing will allow the buildings to be elevated above the floodplain and will give store fronts improved visibility for activating space. This new terraced space will activate the street front and will attract more business. This terraced frontage could include space for dining, seating, signage, or vegetation. Along the terraced zone will be a newly constructed wider sidewalk with a larger buffer from the highway, while preserving the existing site trees to provide maximum comfort and safety for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Figure 5.21
Reference Map: 2nd Street
(Benyshek, 2018)

Figure 5.22
2nd Street Cross-Section
The newly redesigned 2nd Street will feature a median, high-density mixed-use, terracing to elevate buildings above flooding and space for outdoor shopping, eating and resting.
(Randall, 2018)
Figure 5.23
View of 2nd Street
The SCD is revitalized with a new intersection and an activated street front.
(Cooke and Randall, 2018)
Engaging Clear Creek
An Activated Clear Creek Creates a New Identity

Clear Creek will feature several new key spaces to facilitate recreational activity, both in the heart of the district and along the creek. The primary outdoor space is a large plaza featuring space for performance, dining, street vendors, and seating. Other features include a new pedestrian bridge to connect Clear Creek Trail along both sides of the waterfront, two new waterfront plazas accessed over the flood wall, and three new elevated platforms that serve as overlooks and gathering spaces. Overall, these spaces will allow for businesses to better connect to the creek to offer more services to the district as well as the community as a whole. The new South-side creek trail will better connect the district to the rest of the trail system thus improving overall pedestrian circulation.

Figure 5.24
Creekside Streetscape
- A variety of programming along the north side of 2nd Street will activate Clear Creek (Randall, 2018)

Figure 5.25
Clear Creek Plaza
The addition of a plaza near Clear Creek would provide a dedicated space for events, food trucks, rest and socializing. (Randall, 2018)
Clear Creek is better connected to the SCD with a new trail system along the existing flood wall and the Clear Creek Plaza. (Cooke and Randall, 2018)
Orienting towards Historic Views
An Established View Corridor Connects to Coralville

The new orientation of the site points back to historic connections of Coralville and Clear Creek. Not only does this help to establish a physical connection to the past, but also symbolizes looking towards the future. The view is at the heart of the design and helps to break up the established grid while still providing unity. The corridor is connected by a series of public spaces as well as being formed by structural components. The spaces that make up the core of the view are the Central Plaza and Clear Creek Plaza. These spaces are connected by the skywalk which accents the view and is shaped by the surrounding buildings that form in a diagonal wherever it crosses the main axis. Overall the view helps connect the street and the creek, while also tying back into the community. The following spreads will address how the view is reinforced, accented, and established.

Figure 5.28
Reference Map: View Corridor
(Benyshek, 2018)

Figure 5.29
Block Section
Mixed-use and a commercial/office building will frame a large public plaza. Parking structures wrapped by the mixed-use buildings will provide parking while maintaining curb appeal.
(Randall, 2018)
**Figure 5.30**

Programming

The view corridor defined by building facades connects with multiple types of actively programmed spaces.

(Benyshek, 2018)

**Figure 5.31**

View of Primary View Corridor

The view is accentuated by public spaces and built elements that frame and enclose.

(Cooke and Randall, 2018)
The View Corridor is an important feature that runs through the Central Plaza. A paved pathway in Central Plaza orients pedestrians to look and walk in the same diagonal as the view corridor. Also, the pavement outlines the shape of the View Corridor at the ground plane to help extend it across the site.
Figure 5.34
Sketch of Central Plaza
Sketch to show a person’s perspective of the plaza
(Randall, 2018)

Figure 5.35
Aerial of Central Plaza
(Cooke, 2018)
A proposed skywalk enhances the view experience at the SCD by allowing pedestrians to see more of the site with less obstruction. It also provides another way for pedestrians to cross 2nd Street without interrupting traffic. The skywalk is accessible from inside the surrounding buildings, including access to an elevator at key corners.
Figure 5.38
Skywalk Sketch
A sketch of the elevated Skywalk that crosses 2nd Street to provide increased pedestrian connectivity. (Randall, 2018)

Figure 5.39
Aerial of Skywalk
(Cooke, 2018)
Clear Creek Plaza establishes the largest portion of the view corridor by connecting down to the water’s edge and framing the shape with vegetation. The open ends of the Clear Creek Plaza also allow the view to extend on to Coralville’s historic schoolhouse and townhall and the Central Plaza for connectivity across the site.
A plaza near Clear Creek will provide a place for events, socializing, rest and recreation. (Randall, 2018)

Figure 5.42
Clear Creek Plaza Sketch
A plaza near Clear Creek will provide a place for events, socializing, rest and recreation. (Randall, 2018)

Figure 5.43
Aerial of Clear Creek Plaza
(Cooke, 2018)
Land Use Plan

The Horizontal Flows concept includes high-density housing, office space, and retail space with dedicated green spaces for recreation, rest, and socializing. This high-density, mixed use planning will help to activate the street and storefronts and attract visitors to Coralville and the SE Commercial district.

Figure 5.44
Land Use Diagram
(Cooke and Randall, 2018)

Figure 5.45
The Texas Donut
This diagram shows how parking structures can be wrapped in mixed-use buildings to provide parking.
(Cooke and Randall, 2018)
Figure 5.46

Metrics Summary
This table is a summary of the residential, commercial, office, and parking found on site.
(Benyshek, 2018)

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Legend

- High-density Housing
- Medium-density Housing
- Retail & Service
- Office
- Open Space
- Terrace Space
- Parking
- Road

Building Footprint: 47%
Open Space: 53%

Site percentages by square foot
The Horizontal Flows design concept plans for 85% mixed use development. The following data provides an overview of block sizes, land use distribution, usage capacity, and the parking needs. The Horizontal flows concept creates seven main parcels within the site with varying usage proportions. Overall, the majority of Horizontal Flows’ square footage will be used for residential, followed by office, parking, and commercial respectively.

Figure 5.47
Metrics Breakdown
These tables and graph look at the land uses, square footage, number of employees, and parking for all seven of the design’s blocks. (Benyshen, 2018)
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**Figure 5.48**
Block Breakdown
The map illustrates how we divided up all seven parcels to calculate their metrics. (Benyshek, 2018)

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**Site Percentages By Square Foot**
- Residential: 32%
- Commercial: 20%
- Office: 25%
- Parking: 23%

**Parking Summary**
- Needed: 3,379
- Provided: 3,353

The table and diagram provide detailed breakdowns of the residential, commercial, and office spaces, along with parking statistics for each block.
Phasing

Carefully planned phasing will give existing businesses first priority at new locations

The Horizontal Flows concept for phasing focuses on gradual implementation to provide long-term growth while working with established businesses to help them remain on-site. This phasing plan will provide displaced businesses and residents an opportunity to relocate within the district before their current buildings are redeveloped.

Long-term plans will provide more locations for retail and offices. As phases progress, businesses will gradually develop larger customer bases as new residential units are built.

Figure 5.49
Proposed Building Overview
(Cooke and Randall, 2018)

Existing Development
The current site is used inefficiently and lacks clear organization.

Proposed Development
The proposed development would be high-density, utilize space more efficiently and create a more orderly layout.
Phase One
The first phase will leave most of the site untouched and provide new retail and service locations. Existing businesses will be given first priority in the new spaces.

Phase Two
The 2nd phase will provide the bulk of mixed-use construction and the addition of a large public green space and a large building dedicated to offices and retail.

Phase Three
The final phase will add additional mixed use buildings which include additional parking, retail, and residential space.
Horizontal Flows Connects the Site to Clear Creek and 2nd Street through an Established View Corridor

In summary, our design activates and connects the Southeast Commercial District to create a unified space for the community of Coralville. A variety of programming, walkable spaces, an activated waterfront, and key views throughout the design help to bring the design together and provide a unique environment for local businesses to thrive alongside a growing community and connect back to the heart of Coralville: the waters of Clear Creek and the Iowa River.

Figure 5.51
Aerial of New SCD
(Cooke, 2018)
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Figure 5.51
Negotiating Boundaries
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Yingyi Zhong
Negotiating Boundaries

The “SOFT” and “HARD” Treatment for the city

Rejuvenating the connectivity, functionality and identity of the study area as something more than a “gateway” through the revitalization of the “hard” and “soft” boundaries of the site.

Introduction to the “Boundaries”

If we interpret the study area as a single geographic entity warped and wefted by natural elements and the artificial (history, culture, mobility), we understand that the opportunity presented here goes beyond the area defined for the project. The combination of elements that comprise a cityscape often signal a sense of boundary—of the edges between where we belong, and sometimes, where we don’t. These boundaries may be hard (strong and tangible), soft (subtle and intangible) or anywhere in between.

- **Hard Boundaries**: a noticeable spatial component—such as a major driveway, wall or a fence, that delineates a district from another, or the public zone from the private zone.

- **Soft Boundaries**: are perceived in variety such as a landmark or a shift of materiality, that distinguish the specific genius loci that found in or between a city’s neighborhoods and districts.
The study area is located in old town area, along the southeast “boundary” of Coralville, IA, connecting to Iowa City on the east. With the ambitious redevelopment on the north of the site to the Iowa River Landing, the city plans to develop a modernized commercial center with a mall on the northeast corner (around the intersection between 1st Ave. and 2nd St.) to revitalize the site.

As a result, the city of Coralville envisions the site to be the “gateway” of the city while still maintaining its basic function as a major transportation node. “Gateway”, by definition, implies direction and movement. How can a gateway function without definition (as a boundary) and connectivity (as a linkage)? In the case of Coralville, the study area has lost both, which leads to a characteristic of fragmentation and a blurry edge between Coralville and Iowa City.

All those concerns come from the environmental destruction while developing and redeveloping the site (for examples, leaving the brownfields unhealed by simply replacing industrial business, paving excessive parking lots where it could serve as livable public green space, and ignoring the opportunity of accessing the “green boundary” on the north, south and west of the site). When the environmental concerns are pushed to the forefront, social benefits quickly follow, and almost inevitably partnered with economic profits.
Analyzing the Existing “HARD” Boundaries

The study area presents its hard boundary by 1st Avenue. On the east and Iowa Interstate Railroad on the south, both adjacent to Iowa University’s facility. On the east and west, it is presented by the Clear Creek Trail and connects to the Mormon Trail. The 2nd St. also serves as an inner boundary that divides the site into two distinct parts: an upper part with a riverfront view that connects to Iowa River Landing; and a lower part with more industrial business and brownfields, connecting to Iowa University.

With underdeveloped, the rail and trails are disconnected and inaccessible. With the heavy traffic, flooding and pollution from the road and street, the quality of the hard boundaries are diminished.

Analyzing the Existing “SOFT” Boundaries

The soft boundary is absent from the site due to the fragmentation of the program’s layout, which results in inefficient land use and wasting opportunity and accessibility for the trails and rails.
Goals and Strategy

Negotiating the Boundaries

Existing boundaries are often barriers that separate the site into internal and external parts; they reduce physical connectivity between parts and they disconnect functions. Working with ‘found objects’, the proposal grounds the design in its place, strengthening identity and connectivity. Re-imaging the areas next to these boundaries with very specific programmatic typologies resolve ecological and social concerns. With time, it will attract programs that are not disadvantaged by the disturbed conditions created by existing highway, industrial areas and warehouses (noise, pollution, disconnection, etc.). The design gives back the land that is trapped by parking lots, unreachable spaces and car interchanges to the pedestrians.

The goal of this project is to rejuvenate the connectivity, functionality, and identity of the site as something more than a “gateway” through the revitalization of the hard and soft boundaries of the site. Facing pressing environmental concerns as a central dilemma, we envision a feedback loop of green spaces that serve as ecological and social infrastructure and corridors, boosting the stewardship and care for the site’s landscape and reconnecting the city’s population to the nature, strengthening the ecology of place, and thereby its identity.

The guiding strategy of the proposal is to integrate a new fluidity into the urban loop by stretching and negotiating both the hard and soft “boundaries” of the city’s public realm and natural landscape; easing the transition between spaces that are previously segregated and even inaccessible.

**Strategy #1** Define

**Soft Boundaries:** define the existing natural and artificial urban fabric.
**Hard Boundaries:** redefine the existing road, trails and rails with individual characteristics.

**Strategy #2** Distort

**Soft Boundaries:** distort a mobility loop to increase connectivity with diversity and enrich travel experiences.
**Hard Boundaries:** distort waterline to allow an accessible waterfront and protective berm.

**Strategy #3** Overlap

**Soft Boundaries:** overlap landscape and architectural programs.
**Hard Boundaries:** overlap landscape nodes and urban loops.

**Strategy #4** Reverse

**Soft Boundaries:** reverse the existing adjacent natural and artificial habitats.
**Hard Boundaries:** reverse the existing hierarchy of accessibility to the site.
**Strategy #1 DEFINE**

**Soft Boundaries:** Defining the existing natural and artificial urban fabric. With the understanding of the urban fabric’s individual character, we are able to propose actions accordingly.

According to these maps, some of the strategies are used to manually preserve the materials and objects that will benefit the site and reduce the undesirable materials and objects that will be harmful to the future development.

**ACTION: Reduce**

![Excessive impermeable paving materials](image1.png)

*Figure 6.5* Excessive impermeable paving materials (Google Earth, 2018)

![Excessive parking area](image2.png)

*Figure 6.6* Excessive parking area (Google Earth, 2018)

**ACTION: Renovate**

![Transmission pole made with corten-steel](image3.png)

*Figure 6.7* Transmission pole made with corten-steel (Zhong, 2018)

![Brick as prevalent architectural and paving materials](image4.png)

*Figure 6.8* Brick as prevalent architectural and paving materials (Zhong, 2018)

![Existing southern rail line made with corten-steel](image5.png)

*Figure 6.9* Existing southern rail line made with corten-steel (Zhong, 2018)

**Figure 6.10** Paving Material: Concrete & Asphalt

Concrete and asphalt occupy most of the SE Commercial District. (Zhong, 2018)

**Figure 6.11** Industrial Relic: Corten-Steel & Brick

Corten-steel is found in the rail line and some of the transmission poles, and bricks are commonly found as an architectural material; both of them represent the industrial past of the SE Commercial District. (Zhong, 2018)
**Figure 6.12**
Limestone is a local material that can represent Coralville
(Zhong, 2018)

**Figure 6.13**
Existing landscape along Clear Creek is attractive and valuable
(Zhong, 2018)

**Figure 6.14**
Existing Streetscape is well maintained
(Zhong, 2018)

**Figure 6.15**
Local Material: Limestone
Limestone is a local material not existing used in the SE Commercial District.
(Zhong, 2018)

**Figure 6.16**
Natural Fabric: Vegetation and Soil
Limestone is a local material not existing used in the SE Commercial District. Natural Fabric (vegetation and soils) is ranked after concrete and asphalt; vegetation and soils are valuable but not widely used.
(Zhong, 2018)
Strategy #1 DEFINE

CoralRidge Mall, Old Town, Iowa River Landing and the SE Commercial District are being investigated as morphology types, object conditions and materiality. According to the analysis, concrete and bricks are very prevalent in Coralville. Specifically to SE Commercial District, (architectural, paving, infrastructure) materials include concrete, steel, brick, Croten steel, limestone, and natural fabric (vegetation and soils).

Figure 6.18
Redefine Existing Rail, Trail and Road with Individual Characters (Zhong, 2018)

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**ACTION:** Relocate

- Remain and Renovate the Industrial Past

**ACTION:** Reduce

- Reduce Asphalt and Concrete
- Invest in Existing Infrastructure

**ACTION:** Reserve

- Reserve and Improve Existing Landscape

Social Corridor

Invest in 1st Ave. Infrastructure
Soft Boundaries: reuse, as much as possible, the existing landscape elements and forms and translate them in a more contemporary, people friendly language. Reinterpreting the city's collective memory will provide a richer public space and be more efficient in terms of investment spending.

Hard Boundaries: Redefine the existing road, trail and rail with individual characteristics. The strategy of "Renovate, Reserve and Reduce" will preserve the characteristic of SE Commercial District and improve the current conditions.
Strategy #2 DISTORT

Soft Boundaries:
The distorted mobility loop will increase connectivity with diversity and enrich the travel experience. Easing the transition between spaces that are currently segregated, or inaccessible.

Hard Boundaries:
Distort the existing waterline to generate an accessible waterfront and protective berm. Utilizing the meeting between the river and its tributaries is an opportunity for water management in terms of water quality and flooding.

Strategy #3 OVERLAP

Hard Boundaries:
Overlap landscape nodes and urban loops. Stitching together the underutilized and neglected edges of the hard boundaries to resolve disconnectivity. Transforming the hard boundary into a green loop with accessibility to various public spaces sprawling to the inner site.
Soft Boundaries: Overlap landscape and architectural programs. The distorted mobility loop will increase the connectivity with diversity and enrich the travel experience. Utilizing soft boundary to tighten or define appropriate hybrid landuse and the non-objective, vernacular landscape that allow possibility and flexibility for future phasing.

Figure 6.22 Overlap Landscape and Architecture Programs (Zhong, 2018)
Strategy #3

**REVERSE**

**Soft Boundaries:** Reverse the existing adjacent natural and human habitats.
Transforming the soft boundary on the south into a large green infrastructure that detains and remediates polluted runoff from the brownfields. Moreover, it creates a social corridor with both physical and ecological connection to Iowa University and Mormon Trek Trail.

**Hard Boundaries:** Reverse the Existing Hierarchy of Accessibility.
Strengthen the connection to Mormon Trek Trail and its parallel relationship with the existing rail as a linkage between history, culture and industrial development. Redefine and renovate the existing rail and trail with individual characters.

Figure 6.23
Reverse Existing Adjacent Natural and Artificial Habitats
(Chen, 2018)

Figure 6.24
Reverse the Existing Hierarchy of Accessibility
(Zhong, 2018)
Design Framework
Application of the Strategies

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### Landuse Plan and Phasing Approach

1. Mix-use prioritizing commercials
2. Mix-use prioritizing residential and retail
3. Mix-use prioritizing services and local retail
4. Mix-use prioritizing innovative industries and business

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**Figure 6.25 Landuse Plan** (Zhong, 2018)

**Figure 6.26 Phasing Strategy** (Chen, 2018)
Metrics

Residential Summary:
- Total Residential SF: 863,116
- Total Dwelling Units (DU): 1,127
- Avg DU/Acre: 33.2
- Total Residents: 2,258
- Parking Stalls Needed: 1,579

Commercial Summary:
- Total Commercial SF: 632,697
- Employees: 632,697
- Parking Stalls Needed: 1,685

Parking Summary:
- Total Stall Needed: 6,199
- Parking Stalls Provided: 5,843
- Surface Parking Stalls: 635
- Streetside Parking: 55
- Structured Parking: 5,153

Office Summary:
- Total Office SF: 843,210
- Employees: 1,685
- Parking Stalls Needed: 2,260

Total FAR (Excluding ROW): 1.85

Figure 6.27
Illustrative Plan
(Zhong, 2018)
Soft Treatment:

Mixed-use Building Morphology

- Residential
- Hotel
- Light Industry
- Civic/Cultural Facility
- Service
- Retail
- Restaurant
- Parking
- Work Place
- Food Retail

ACTIVE AND TRANSPARENT GROUND-LEVEL

100% of the mixed-use building facades facing the circulation network

100% of the ground-level retail and service are facing public space have clear glass

GROUND-LEVEL RETAIL

42% of the office building includes ground-level retail along 65% of their street facades
8+ Diverse uses with 350 feet walking distance from dwelling units

(Information Retrieved from LEED, USGBS, 2018)

Food retail:
- Supermarket
- Grocery with produce section

Retail:
- Convenience store
- Farmers market
- Hardware store
- Pharmacy
- Other retail

Services:
- Bank
- Family entertainment venue (e.g., theater, sports)
- Gym, health club, exercise studio
- Hair care
- Laundry, dry cleaner

Civic/Culture Facility:
- Cultural arts facility
- Education facility
- Medical clinic or office that treats patients
- Place of worship
- Police or fire station
- Post office
- Social services center

30 DU/AC
30.0+ Average residential density within 1/4 mile of project site
**Soft Treatment**

**Mobility Loop:**

Overlap green and mobility loop to create pedestrian-oriented public realm.

**GREEN CORRIDOR**

< 25 FEET

If Allowed, Trees at intervals of 25 feet along both sides of street to secure healthy growth and provide shade.

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Plaza/Civic Space
Urban Green Space
Parks
Iconic Landmark
Iconic Landmark
Public Transit
Signaled Crosswalk
Green Streetscape
If allowed, 100% of dwelling units and non-residential uses have access to civic space and green space within a 300-feet walking distance.

Traffic Calming

If allowed, 25 MPH for areas within the district; newly added cross-walk for pedestrian safety and convenience.
Figure 6.30
Habitat Morphology
(Chen, 2018)

**Soft Treatment**
Habitat Morphology
adapted from Coralville Geology

Figure 6.31
Waterfront Perspective
(Chen, 2018)

**Hard Treatment**
Protective Berm and Interactive Edge

Figure 6.32 (Left)
Protective Berm and Interactive Edge
(Chen, 2018)

Figure 6.33 (Right)
Winter Waterfront Perspective
(Chen, 2018)
Hard Treatment Summary

Trail and Street:
Street Wires:
Relocating or incorporate existing poles as feature of the “making” process.
Industrial Themed Park

Addressing the South Outer landscape (rails, industrial, and scrap yard):

Reverse the existing adjacent natural and human habitats.
Transforming the soft boundary on the south into a large green infrastructure (opportunity to catch and remediate the polluted runoff from the brownfields) and a social corridor with both physical and ecological connection to Iowa University and Mormon Trek Trial.

Culture Making
Represent Coralville’s industrial past through metallic plaza, re-using scrap steel to preserve valuable local history.

Place Making
Turn scrap steel into assembly square planters.

Material Making
Recycle and selectively reuse possible material to shape city identity.

Figure 6.41
Industrial Theme Park Rationale
(Zhong, 2018)

Figure 6.42
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(Chen, 2018)

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(Chen, 2018)
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Figure 6.43
**Strip Zipper**

Creating Connections Across The Strip

**Abstract:**
As Coralville’s Strip, it is necessary to create a strong connection along the north and south sides of 2nd street through elements of design as well as accommodate shared pedestrian and vehicular circulation. The Zipway, a large green space designed for play and relaxation, is the main space that connects the two sides of 2nd Street. The street is also fronted by commercial and retail in order to activate the streetscape. Designed to be a major hub of Coralville, the site evokes a strong sense of community through mixed-use development and provides a variety of activities such as entertainment space, a transit hub, a boardwalk, green roofs, and a waterfront that provides access to Clear Creek, as well as hold and filter water through the Zipway during storm events. All of these elements help create a cohesive site design across The Strip.
Design Goals
Five overarching design concepts which governed the design

After visiting the site and talking to the community, we developed 5 design goals which act as a framework for the design. The first goal, Waterfront Activation, is focused on providing more pedestrian access to Clear Creek, particularly on the south side of the creek in order to influence development and front the creek. This leads into our second goal, Mixed-Use Development. Creating more mixed use areas will bring people into the site to live, work and play. Our third goal is focused on activating the streetscape of 2nd Street in order to draw people into the site. The fourth goal, Green Infrastructure, focuses on flood control tactics, water filtration, as well as brownfield remediation. This is closely related to our fifth and final goal, Creek Restoration. Restoring Clear Creek is important to make the waterfront accessible and enjoyable, and to influence on the health of the Iowa River downstream.

Figure 7.2
Design Goals
Diagram showing how the design goals relate to one another.
(Pendland, 2018)
Brownfields & Site Remediation

Techniques for restoring brownfields and native site ecosystems.

Brownfield Remediation

Parts of the Southeast Commercial District are currently registered as brownfield sites. Due to the contaminants and PCB’s present, it is not effective to use methods such as phytoremediation or aeration. Since metals & PCB’s are better treated in the ground, we are proposing to cap the polluted areas at a depth of five feet below new grade. Capping the brownfields will prevent stormwater runoff from infiltrating into the pollutants, and flowing into the river. This solution will not only provide remediation for the site, but will stop potential health hazards for both humans & the biotic life in the Iowa River watershed. A development solution was to put hard-scape over the capped pollutants, and direct all storm water through a designed filtration channel which leads into Clear Creek.
How restoring Clear Creek will change the polluted Iowa River

The Iowa River is not in a healthy state in the Iowa City & Coralville area, but this study presents an opportunity for change. The Lowa River Trail Dam stops the flow of polluted sediment coming from upstream before it can continue into Coralville. While this makes for a very toxic environment upstream of the dam, it allows for a “fresh start” on the lower end. Since Clear Creek is the first and largest tributary upstream from Iowa City, it has a substantial influence over the health of the river downstream.

This places great importance on the restoration efforts taking place along Clear Creek. The two diagrams below illustrate how clear creek can influence the Iowa River’s health in the future. While cleaning Clear Creek along will not completely restore the river, it will have an impact. Cleaning up the pollutants is not only better for the ecosystem, but it also makes the water safe for recreational uses such as swimming, kayaking or fishing.

**Figure 7.4**
**Iowa River Restoration in 1 Year’s Time**
This illustration shows the healing process that will follow the remediation of Clear Creek in 1 year.
(Dirks, 2018)

**Figure 7.5**
**Iowa River Restoration in 3 Year’s Time**
This illustration shows the healing process that will follow the remediation of Clear Creek in 3 years.
(Dirks, 2018)

**Figure 7.6**
**Flow from Creek to River**
Clear Creek runs through the Southeast Commercial District from west to east until it hits the Iowa River.
(Dirks, 2018)
Site Dilemmas
A study of the current spatial conditions and circulation patterns on site

The three diagrams below represent the current figure ground, circulation, and green space conditions within the Southeast Commercial District. These three elements are crucial components used to develop an urban community and define the overall design framework.

Figure 7.7
Existing Figure Ground
Currently, the southeast commercial district has poor building organization, and too much surface parking.
(Pendland, 2018)

Figure 7.8
Existing Circulation
The vehicular circulation routes that go into the site from 1st Avenue & 2nd Street lack organization, and there is very little pedestrian circulation outside of 2nd Street.
(Pendland, 2018)

Figure 7.9
Existing Green Space
The only public green space that exists on the site is the strip along 2nd Street, and the banks of Clear Creek which is only accessible from the north side.
(Pendland, 2018)
Design Solutions
Proposals which address issues with the current site’s spatial layering & circulation patterns

After studying the current building masses, circulation patterns, and green spaces, solutions to the existing issues were remediated in order to create a more dynamic district.

Figure 7.10
Proposed Figure Ground
New building mass shapes spaces and allows for building fronting along more than just one side.
(Pendland, 2018)

Figure 7.11
Proposed Circulation
New circulation routes connect the north and south sides of the district for vehicles. Pedestrians are now able to move throughout the spaces on a system of sidewalks.
(Pendland, 2018)

Figure 7.12
Proposed Green Space
This design calls for functional green space both near Clear Creek, 2nd Street, and along a central courtyard. This green space is all accessible to the public.
(Pendland, 2018)
Mixed use development provides opportunities for social, cultural, and economic benefits within Coralville. (Pendland, 2018)
Spaces that activate the Southeast Commercial District include the Zipway, the Entertainment Plaza, the Hotel, the Waterfront, the Transit Hub, and the Waterfront Plaza. (Pendland, 2018)
Land Use

Totals

Residential
Total Residential Sf: 609,940
Total Dwelling Units: 762
Average Dwelling Unit Per Acre: 23.5
Total Residents: 1,525
Parking Stalls Needed: 1,067

Commercial
Total Commercial SF: 954,385
Employees: 1,273
Parking Stalls Needed: 2,672

Office
Total Office SF: 95,548
Employees: 192
Parking Stalls Needed: 268

Parking
Total Stalls Needed: 4007
Total Dwelling Units: 4024
Surface Parking Stalls: 224
Street side Parking: 125
Structured Parking: 3,674

FAR (excluding ROW)  1.7

Building 5A
Commercial:
Square Feet: 58,759 | Employees: 78
Parking Garage:
Square Feet: 293,759 | Spaces: 690

Building 1A
Commercial:
Square Feet: 32,498 | Employees: 43
Office Space:
Square Feet: 32,498 | Employees: 65

Building 5B
Commercial:
Square Feet: 70,462 | Employees: 94
Residential:
Square Feet: 70,462 | Residents: 176

Building 5D
Commercial:
Square Feet: 124,188 | Employees: 166

Building 4A
Commercial:
Square Feet: 156,932 | Employees: 209
Residential:
Square Feet: 234,504 | Residents: 586

Building 5C
Parking Garage:
Square Feet: 485,210 | Spots: 1,470
Residential:
Square Feet: 133,918 | Residents: 335
Commercial:
Square Feet: 48,521 | Residents: 65

Figure 7.15
Land Use Diagram
Break down of the uses within each building, and the total parking required and provided.
(Parker2018).
Building 2A
Commercial:
Square Feet: 63,050 | Employees: 84
Office Space:
Square Feet: 63,050 | Employees: 126

Building 2B
Commercial:
Square Feet: 46,632 | Employees: 62
Parking Garage:
Square Feet: 218,752 | Spots: 663

Building 4B
Commercial:
Square Feet: 236,091 | Employees: 315
Parking Garage:
Square Feet: 293,795 | Spaces: 890

Building 3A
Commercial:
Square Feet: 156,932 | Employees: 209
Residential:
Square Feet: 171,056 | Residents: 428
Transit Center & Rail Line

Transit Hub

The Transit Center is the rail line hub within the Southeast Commercial District. It is located within the building at the southeastern most point of the Zipway and has strong architectural elements defining the space. A rooftop lounge overlooks the Zipway. This point is one of the most desirable locations on the site. Along the south facade of the Transit Center is the platform where citizens can catch a passenger train. There are small shops and cafes along the Rail Line platform where people can go to chat and grab a bite to eat while they wait for their train. The inside of the Transit Center also provides all shops and restaurants creating more unique mixed use spaces compared to the rest of the site since they overlook the rail line. Creating a Transit Hub that is functional and provides areas of interest is an important design move that encourages citizens of Coralville and Iowa City to take the train as a primary mode of transportation.
Figure 7.18
Transit Activation
The Transit Center is located on the southeast corner of the site, just north of the rail line. (Pendland, 2018)

Figure 7.19
Transit Center
This transit center will be a new transit hub for the rail system connecting Coralville and Iowa City. The building also closes off the Zipway axis. (Dirks, 2018)

Figure 7.20
Transit Platform
The Transit Platform features an overhead plane to keep people comfortable while they wait for the train. It is also designed to allow room for people to enter and exit the train as it stops. (Parker, 2018)
Zipway

The Zipway creates a variety of outdoor experiences for visitors.
This brick-clad plaza contains seating areas for intimate conversations underneath the comfort of shade trees and features views of the Zipway. (Dirks, 2018)

Design Goals Achieved:

- Waterfront Activation
- Mixed Use Development
- Activate Streetscape
- Green Infrastructure
- Creek Restoration

Figure 7.21
Zipway Activation
Plan view reference which shows the location of the perspective view for figure 7.21. (Left) (Pendland, 2018)

Figure 7.22
Seating within Zipway
This brick-clad plaza contains seating areas for intimate conversations underneath the comfort of shade trees and features views of the Zipway. (Dirks, 2018)
The Zipway
Design programming breakdown

The Zipway

The Zipway is a green wedge beginning at the Transit Hub in the southeast corner of the site and running all the way to the northwest corner of Biscuit Creek. The Zipway provides a connection between the north and south sides of 2nd Street and acts as a contrasting, yet complementary, element to the building masses on the site. It features an amphitheater for performances, outdoor dining areas, a play fountain, intimate seating areas, a green open space, a playground, a bioswale for stormwater filtration, and a water feature that flows into Clear Creek. The Zipway is also designed to hold water in the case of severe storm events. At the end of the Zipway, there is a dock that extends out over Clear Creek to allow access to the water. The Zipway provides areas for activity and relaxation as well as functioning as a community amenity for both Coralville and Iowa City.
Figure 7.25
Enlarged Plan of Zipway
This plan shows the detailed design of the Zipway and how it connects the north & south sides of second street. (Pendland, 2018)
The Core
Figure 7.27
Concert inside the Core
Perspective View shows what the entertainment plaza could look like during a concert. (Dirks, 2018)

Design Goals Achieved:

- Waterfront Activation
- Mixed Use Development
- Activate Streetscape
- Green Infrastructure
- Creek Restoration
The Core

Key Features & Connections

Plaza Design

The Core is a flexible outdoor space that lends itself to multiple uses. The space creates a dynamic relationship between the retail shops and restaurants within the buildings that surround the plaza. This layout presents businesses with an opportunity to create an engaging indoor-outdoor experience. A stage on the back wall of the plaza is a great performance space for concerts, ceremonies, and a wide variety of other productions. The plaza also features a large central open space that can be used for festivals or as a community gathering space.

The elevated shopping deck inside the Core connects to the elevated pedestrian bridge, that allows people to safely cross 2nd Ave. This bridge creates a connection between the two sides of the street without impeding traffic on the busy street. The entertainment plaza will be the featured commercial space. Not only will this space be a point of interest for visitors, but it will also be an economic catalyst for the community. The outdoor program will bring more people to the district, and the businesses will reap the benefits.
Figure 7.28
Entertainment Plaza Aerial
The overhead shade structure provides a sense of enclosure and protects visitors from the sun and the rain.
(Parker, 2018)

Figure 7.29
Site Section
This shows the layering of building mass and open space from the south to the north.
(Parker 2018)
Waterfront
Figure 7.30  
**Waterfront Activation**  
Plan view reference which shows the location of the perspective view for figure 7.30. (Left)  
(Dirks, 2018)

Figure 7.31  
**Boardwalk Along Waterfront**  
Perspective shows the boardwalk that sits just behind the flood wall on the south side of Clear Creek.  
(Dirks, 2018)

**Design Goals Achieved:**

- Waterfront Activation
- Mixed Use Development
- Activate Streetscape
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- Creek Restoration

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Clear Creek Waterfront

Key Features & Flood Protection

Re-imagining Clear Creek

Although the shoreline was designed to protect the site from flooding, Clear Creek is very underutilized as a social space. The flood walls prevent any pedestrian access on the south side, and separates the water from the site. This design proposal calls for a boardwalk that runs along the flood wall and occasionally drops down lower to get closer to the water. The flood wall is pulled back in some places to make the waterfront more dynamic and to allow for water features and filtration. In order to create a more attractive and visually pleasing space, a diverse palette of native wetland plantings was added along the water’s edge, which slowly fades away to rip-rap just under the flood wall. Previously, no plants were able to grow near the wall on the creek side because they received no water. Placing rip rap along the wall and letting the plants grow next to the creek keeps the integrity of the shoreline while allowing plants to grow and flourish near the water’s edge.

Figure 7.32
Waterfront Perspective
Perspective view of the waterfront area at the end of the Zipway, featuring a multi-level water feature. (Dirks, 2018)
Flood Protection

The city has invested in multiple engineering strategies to prevent water from reaching the current structures. For this project, we designed developments which would be protected from a flood event greater than a 500-year flood in order to protect against more severe events, as well as to act as a safety net in case some of the pump stations were not functioning properly. Each building structure is raised up to a level at least 2 feet above a 500-year flood event to ensure the protection of the developments.

The Zipway, which cuts through the middle of the site, is designed to draw water away from the buildings and back into the creek. While doing this, it also filters all the water through a system of catch basins and bioswales to ensure that the water entering the creek is clean. The two diagrams below represent what the site will look like during a 100-year flood event, and a 500-year flood event, even if the pump stations were not working.

100 Year Flood Event: Protected by the 100 year flood wall.

500 Year Flood +2': Event: Protected by elevated building & green stormwater management tactics.
Phasing Strategies
Planning the development for the Southeast Commercial District

Figure 7.35
Existing Conditions
1st Avenue and 2nd Street are the main arterial roads within the site boundary. Secondary streets along with any buildings and businesses are also located within the site.
(Parker, 2018)

Figure 7.36
Phase 1
Remove existing scrap yard and remediate the brownfield. Construct new street as well as new parking garage and mixed use development.
(Parker, 2018)

Figure 7.37
Phase 2
Relocate existing businesses north of 2nd Street to new mixed use development to the south. Add new street to the north side of the site, and construct new mixed use buildings along 2nd Street.
(Parker, 2018)
Figure 7.38
Phase 3
Relocated existing residents and businesses west of 2nd Avenue to new developments. Add new parking garage, residential buildings, and Transit Hub.
(Parker, 2018)

Figure 7.39
Phase 4
Relocate existing residents and businesses east of 2nd Avenue to new developments. Construct the main commercial core and amenities. Build hotel and parking lots.
(Parker, 2018)

Figure 7.40
Phase 5
Add in sidewalks along the Zipway and waterfront.
(Parker, 2018)
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Building Up

Community | Economy | Terrain

Framing spaces through the integration of public space with private development within a new and unique neighborhood

Abstract

Our team hopes to create a framework for public space within the SE Commercial District in Coralville. Located along the strip, the redevelopment provides pedestrian and vehicular access to, and around, the site while simultaneously creating a unique and identifiable place within the community. The district will continue to provide affordable housing and commercial opportunities, allowing existing and future residents and business owners to prosper.

The existing district lacks clear organization in open space and building mass. With this in mind, the site becomes difficult to navigate and access for vehicles and pedestrians. Though the site offers amenities that draw in the community, few people spend consistent amounts of time in the district if they don’t work or live there. Our design reshapes how public space and private space work together to create a small neighborhood feeling within a larger urban context while simultaneously providing residential, commercial, and transportation opportunities.

The design uses a variety of open spaces alongside mixed-use building developments to create a highly organized neighborhood. The district limits the number of entries off of 2nd Street and utilizes a new network of streets to connect buildings to pedestrians and vehicles. Four small blocks are set within the core of the district providing visitors with a range of activities and experiences throughout the year. The blocks include a performance lawn, a botanical garden, and a market district for community events. These spaces come together in these four blocks to enhance the vibrancy of the larger neighborhood.

The new development works to build up the community, build up the economy, and build up the terrain. The community is built up through the integration of mix-income housing with public transportation options, neighborhood events, and a connection to the greater Coralville area through a city-wide trail system. Economy is built up as businesses of all ages, shapes, and sizes bring together the mixed-use district. Incubator companies have space along-side successful businesses while restaurants and cafés sit near small town boutiques and chain pharmacies. Businesses and tenants on the existing site will have the option to be grandfathered in to the new development, ensuring they have a great location without worrying about a sudden hike in rental cost. Lastly, in order to ensure maximum protection against future flooding, the terrain across the district will be built up, raising all proposed buildings 1’ above the 100 year flood plain and limiting the fear of flood damage in the future.
Goals and Objectives

- Build up the community through the use of local art, businesses, and neighborhood events
- Build up the economy of the district by creating easier access to buildings and allowing for a wider variety of businesses
- Build up the terrain to ensure all new buildings are at least 1’ above the 100 year flood plain, helping to prevent future disasters
- Reorganize the site to provide structured open space within the public and private realms focused on a variety of activities
- Provide vibrant gateways into the district at proposed intersections and pedestrian entrances
- Implement phasing strategies to encourage existing tenants and business owners to remain in the neighborhood after the completion of the project and create a clear circulation system throughout the district
- Organize outdoor space into eight types of public space - four focused on circulation and four focused on inhabitable space

Figure 8.2
Conceptual Diagram
The district is designed to build up community, economy, and terrain across the site but these ideas are manifested in the four main blocks.
(Mader, 2018)
Site Dilemma

8 Solutions to 8 Problems

Brownfields
Currently there are nine confirmed contaminated sites within the site boundary. To address this dilemma, we are proposing capping the contaminated sites. In addition to addressing the current identified location, we are proposing a second round of testing to identify other possible contaminated sites.

Power Lines
Currently large power lines run through the site. To address this dilemma, we are proposing burying half of the electrical lines that interact with the new design. The other half of the power lines will be moved, but kept above ground.

FEMA
This site is within a historic flood plain with flood mitigation structures being recently constructed. We are proposing to raise the site 1ft above the 100 year flood plain to comply with FEMA and insurance requirements.

Rail
There are two railroad lines that surround the boundary of the site. One of the lines is primarily for industrial use, while the other is being proposed for a light-rail line. To address this dilemma, we are proposing one multi-modal transit station and one bus station that can be used for rail transit in the future.
Circulation
This site has an unclear circulation system with many entrances. We are proposing an organized circulation system with one main entrance point from 2nd Street and three secondary entrances from 1st Avenue. This circulation system has various levels of roadways ranging from a boulevard to pedestrian mall.

Mixed-Use
Currently the site is zoned commercial. Moving forward, we are proposing a mixed-use development. This development would include retail and service, office, and residential uses.

Placemaking
To better establish a clear sense of place within the site we are proposing a central activity space. This space will provide a market space, plaza, green space, and event space.

Waterfront
Clear Creek runs along the north side of the site. Currently there is a flood wall that separates the site from access to the creek. We are proposing that we elongate the trail system along the north side of the site creating a creekside park.
Creating a Framework for Public Space

Organizing the New District to Encourage Community Interaction

As the design developed, it was crucial to allow space for any proposal to be altered by the community as they come together. The new district has to provide opportunities for activities, and events while also providing opportunities for growth and change. Plazas and lawns are filled with tables, chairs, planters, and artwork as well as permanent seating and fountains. Instead of telling the community what to become, the district encourages the community to mold it into what is needed most. The neighborhood is organized to bring residents and community members of all backgrounds together. Buildings are made up of office, retail, dining, housing and parking space - encouraging communication and interaction amongst visitors and residents.

The new development includes buildings with three sets of goals. Some aim to wrap and enclose the inner four blocks, creating a safer, and more neighborhood space. Buildings within those blocks activate the district, and encourage a wide array of experiences on site. The surrounding buildings support the inner district and frame the neighborhood for the rest of the community.

Figure 8.5
Diagrammatic Aerial
Building masses are used together with open space to create usable public spaces throughout the district. (Mader, 2018)
The final design came from an iterative process of researching the area, identifying problems, and working as a team to come up with solutions.

(Dunay, Hake, Mader, Quincke, 2018)
Illustrative Site Plan

A. Creekside Play Area
B. Signalized Intersection
C. Community Trail System
D. Performance Lawn
E. Market Boulevard
F. Pedestrian Bridge
G. Pedestrian Gateway
H. Market Hill
I. Market District Plaza
J. Market District Sculpture Roof
K. Botanical Garden
L. Linear Water Feature

——— Overhead Power
—-— Underground Power

P Structured Parking

Figure 8.8
Circulation and Programming
(Mader, 2018)
Figure 8.7
Illustrative Site Plan
(Mader, 2018)
Frameworks for Open Space: Circulation

Boulevard

The boulevard is the primary road shaping the site and creating an intersection point connecting the two halves of the district. This road has a large median between two lanes which is lined with trees to create a grand entrance into the site.

Woonerf

Woonerfs are used to slow traffic using small, non-delineated lanes that weave between medians and buildings. The roads are designed to allow for easy pedestrian access while also providing parking along the edges.
The complete street system form the secondary roads within the district. These streets are two lane roads with bicycle and pedestrian ways alongside vehicular traffic. The streets provide parking along side the roadway and are framed with trees.

The pedestrian mall is the only roadway dedicated exclusively to pedestrian access. The street connects the central four blocks, allowing for access through the mixed-use district.
Frameworks for Open Space: Inhabitable

Green Space

The district offers a wide variety of green spaces from open lawns, to dense gardens, to its forested edges. These spaces are designed to encourage outdoor activities and boost the overall mood of the neighborhood.

Plaza

Plazas are used throughout the district to provide opportunities to spend time outdoors with friends, family, or being alone. The spaces are typically located near commercial and residential buildings and facilitate social interaction.
Elevated Open Space

Public space is provided at various levels above ground. Rooftops and balconies are activated with plazas, greenroofs, and a pedestrian bridge over 2nd Street. These spaces offer unique views of the district and the surrounding area.

Waterfront

The renovated waterfront provides new and existing residents and businesses with a brand new view of their backyard. The waterfront connects to the community trail system and incorporates a small park, a playground, and an overlook.
Community | Economy | Terrain
Figure 8.17  
Core Activity Space  
Set within the central four blocks, the Market District includes a unique overhead sculpture, an open lawn, and a variety of plaza spaces for the community to enjoy.  
(Hake, 2018)
Building Up Community
Creating a place for locals and visitors to live and play

This design proposal places a focus on the people who interact with and within the site. It is designed to draw people in and keep them within the site through a series of activity spaces. Activities include a market space, plazas, green space, event space, and gardens.

In addition to the draw of the activities, the design caters to on-site residents. By proposing different types of residential units such as apartments and townhomes, we are encouraging a range of affordability. Within these residential spaces there are private and public places for residents to use and interact. These spaces include terraces, parks, patios, and playgrounds.

We are proposing a site that has a live-work-play mentality. To accomplish this we have designed a series of different spaces that target this objective. In order to move people through the site, there is a series of different roadway and pedestrian experiences. The site utilizes woonerfs, pedestrian malls, plaza space, and open space to encourage movement.

Figure 8.18
Performance Lawn: From Daylight to Night
The performance lawn has a variety of uses annually as well as daily. Visitors and residents can come to enjoy the weather or throw a frisbee in the afternoon, the evening provides opportunity to hold medium sized events. (Dunay and Mader, 2018)
Residential Units and Community Spaces

This map breaks down the different types of residential units and community spaces within the site. (Dunay, 2018)

- **High Density Housing**
- **Medium Density Housing**
- **Shared Community Space**
- **Elevated Community Space**
- **Active Community Space**
- **Private Residential Space**

**Figure 8.19**
Arts, Recreation, and Community Spaces

This map breaks down the different types of residential units and community spaces within the site. (Dunay, 2018)

- **Apartments**
  - Units: 904
  - Average Size: 800 sq.ft.
  - Location: Entire Site (mixed-use)

- **Townhomes**
  - Units: 125
  - Average Size: 1,500 sq.ft.
  - Location: Waterfront (stand alone)

**Figure 8.20**
Residential Statistics

(Dunay, 2018)
Building Up Economy
Create fun and friendly environments for businesses and residents

The site has been designed to put the pedestrian first. By activating the ground floors of parking structures, offices, and residential buildings, the design becomes as accommodating to visitors as it is to those who live on site. The core of the district is designed for all types of activity during the day and night, with several options for boutiques, bars, and restaurants. Conversely, the outer portions of the site have been programmed for larger shops, grocery stores, pharmacies, and other necessary functions for daily life.

Densifying the site provides economic substantiation for making large moves such as pedestrian overpasses and moving powerlines. The streets have been designed to create a safe and walkable environment that makes the pedestrian its first priority. Many of the buildings have been shaped to emphasize the first floors, while the second and third floor are set back creating balconies and terraces. This design effort creates a smaller, neighborhood effect at the pedestrian level within the district.

Figure 8.21
Revitalized Business Corridor
The woonerf streets are being structured as business corridors for primarily pedestrian safety and use. (Hake, 2018)
Figure 8.22
Economic Statistics
(Hake, 2018)

Figure 8.23
Ground-Level Activation
Storefronts, restaurants and businesses activate the ground floor of several buildings to ensure pedestrians are well-accommodated for.
(Hake, 2018)
Building Up Terrain
Elevation change assures extra protection from future flooding

To meet FEMA and insurance requirements, additional flood protection measures include elevating habitable structures 1 ft above the 100-year floodplain level. Although this elevation change presents accessibility dilemmas, the design successfully accommodates pedestrian and vehicular circulation through the implementation of terraced plazas, ramps, and a pedestrian bridge. Using the elevation change to frame these types of spaces enhance the view of the site from 2nd Street and 1st Avenue while delineating a district feel.

The existing flood wall is raised and transformed into a boardwalk overlook, playground and trail walk giving the site an aesthetic experience while also decreasing flood risks.

Lastly, low impact development planters and strategically planted slopes provide softscape which help infiltrate and improve water quality of stormwater runoff from the site.

Figure 8.24
Creekside Walk
Views of the creek, a small garden, an overhang boardwalk, and a playground gives an intimate neighborhood feel to the creek side experience.
(Quincke, 2018)
Figure 8.25
Market Hill
Some areas will be planted lawn for aesthetic and water runoff catchment (Quincke, 2018)

Figure 8.26 Pedestrian Entryway
Edges of the site are tailored to pedestrian access from the street to the district as a mix of paved and planted plaza (Quincke, 2018)

Figure 8.27 Flooding
Built infrastructure is out of the FEMA flood plain for development security (Quincke, 2018)

Figure 8.28 Full Site Section
(Quincke, 2018)
Land Use Plan

Site Metrics
Making the Design Viable

Our design is focused on the Community, the Economy, and the Terrain of the site and how each is built up and improved upon. This proposal is a mixed-use plan that includes residential, retail and service, office, parking, open and green space.

The breakdown of these uses can be seen to the right.

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Legend
- High Density Housing
- Medium Density Housing
- Retail and Service
- Office
- Open Space
- Park Space
- Terrace Space
- Transit
- Parking Garage
- Parking Lot
- Clear Creek
- Road

Figure 8.30
Land Use Facts
(Dunay, 2018)
Phasing
Remediating soils and building up for future development security

The proposed phasing plan aims to allow the existing tenants and business owners to remain on site as long as possible and transition back into the new development upon phased completion.

Contaminated soils from previous and current land use will require remediation before new development. Remediation methods consist of encapsulation and new soil in areas with metals, air sparging in areas with oils, and lastly complete removal of soils in areas with PCB’s. The intent of remediating the soil is to prevent contamination plumes.

After remediation, elevation of the site will be built up to meet the FEMA flood zone requirements. Pedestrian and vehicular circulation will be the first to be developed followed by the Market District core, residential complex, outdoor spaces and finally the edges of the site. Meanwhile, tenants and business owners move back as built infrastructure is completed.
A phase 2 contamination survey of the site will be conducted. Then infrastructure within the known and found contaminated areas are relocated within the district during soil remediation.

1. **Contaminated Soils**
   - Infrastructure to be relocated

2. Contaminated areas are built up to meet the FEMA floodplain requirements. Meanwhile, existing businesses will need to be relocated for new development.
   - **Known contamination**
   - **Unknown contamination**
   - **Infrastructure to be relocated**
   - **Beginning of street development**

3. Phase 1 existing businesses will be returned to the district and the remaining soils on site, plus the flood wall, will be raised to meet FEMA floodplain requirements.
   - **Soil fill**
   - **Development begins**
   - **Flood wall**

4. The remaining streets and pedestrian walkways will be developed alongside the Market District core, residential complex, and parking garage. Phase 2 business owners will return to the new district.
   - **Development begins**
   - **Completed Development**

5. Phase 4 business owners will return into the new district while the final development of outdoor spaces are completed.
   - **Development begins**
   - **Completed Development**

**Figure 8.33**
**Phasing Diagram**
(Quincke 2018)
“It is not more bigness that should be our goal. We must attempt, rather, to bring people back to... the warmth of the community, to the worth of individual effort and responsibility... and of individuals working together as a community, to better their lives and their children’s future.”

Robert F. Kennedy

As the design for the new Coralville District developed it was critical that our proposal maintain the same feeling that the community already had. Instead of creating a downtown metropolis, an extensive public park, or a grand shopping district, our team wanted to design a neighborhood that feels like it’s always been there. Together, we designed a district that intends to fight against gentrification and instead pushes for a more subtle shift towards a denser community. Coralville was built by hardworking families from all backgrounds and, despite hardships, it has grown into a diverse and beautiful town.

The district doesn’t attempt to become a grand gesture through the heart of Coralville. Instead, it builds up the community that was already there. It builds up the economy of existing and future businesses along the strip. It builds up the terrain to help prevent future disasters. The design has the potential to change the shape of Coralville, but that change will happen with the community’s input, feedback, and love - not without it. The district is designed, not to change, but to be changed by the people who will live and work within it. That’s what makes it special.
Figure 8.34

Life Happens Here

Walk, shop, laugh, or create - it all happens here in a community strip built for life and sharing experiences with each other. The sections of this strip are separated by function, but woven together through design and the actions of those who work, live, or visit this place.

(Hake, 2018)
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Lack of Intersections on 2nd St and 1st Ave Divide the Study Area
Busy streets and few crossing points pose hazardous and inconvenient conditions for pedestrians.

Inquiry: How pedestrian friendly are the areas within and around the Southeast Commercial District of Coralville, IA?

Key Extractions: Sidewalk and trail locations, key intersections, traffic counts, and pedestrian experience

Methodology: Walkability was determined by assessing the connections of the trail systems and sidewalks to the site. Intersections were found on Google Earth and traffic data was taken from the Iowa DOT annual average daily traffic map. Pedestrian Experience was defined based on the adjacent chart.

Conclusions: The site caters to vehicular traffic over pedestrian. The trail system going around the site is well connected but not well marked from the main road. The trail system does not directly connect the site, only around it. The sidewalks provide some connection to the study area but only along the main roads, again there is no connection into the site. Only one major pedestrian crossing is located in the immediate area, increasing the walk time it takes to get across the street. Pedestrian conditions across 2nd Street could be improved.

Legend
- Average Daily Traffic Count
- Intersections
- Trail System
- Sidewalks
- Flood Wall
- Study Area

Figure 01. Traffic, Intersections, and Trails in Immediate Site Context
Source: (Google Earth, 2016) (Iowa DOT, 2014)

Pedestrian Experience Methodology
- High Quality: Good traffic buffer, well lit, several amenities, safe
- Average Quality: Slight traffic buffer, somewhat lit, some amenities, somewhat safe
- Low Quality: No traffic buffer, not well lit, little to no amenities, unsafe
Inquiry:
How pedestrian friendly are the areas within and around the Southeast Commercial District of Coralville, IA?

Key Extractions:
Sidewalk and trail locations, key intersections, traffic counts, and pedestrian experience

Methodology:
Walkability was determined by assessing the connections of the trail systems and sidewalks to the site. Intersections were found on Google Earth and traffic data was taken from the Iowa DOT annual average daily traffic map. Pedestrian Experience was defined based on the adjacent chart.

Conclusions:
The site caters to vehicular traffic over pedestrian. The trail system going around the site is well connected but not well marked from the main road. The trail system does not directly connect the site, only around it. The sidewalks provide some connection to the study area but only along the main roads, again there is no connection into the site. Only one major pedestrian crossing is located in the immediate area, increasing the walk time it takes to get across the street. Pedestrian conditions across 2nd Street could be improved.
Inquiry: What is the current distance and time between intersections and what are the opportunities for improvement?

Key Extractions: Intersection travel distance and time, potential for better connection

Methodology: The intersection time and travel was determined by plotting courses on Google Maps. Key intersections were determined from Google Earth view. Potential crossings were determined from places where paths or roads end or where roads already meet, as well as walk times.

Conclusions: The area in the immediate site boundary has poor intersection crossings. The travel time required for pedestrians to cross between intersections dramatically increases the time it would take people to cross the road in the site boundary. Placing more intersections along 2nd Street and 1st Avenue better connects the site and creates safer pedestrian conditions, as well as reducing travel time.
If it takes a person more than 3 minutes to walk to a crosswalk, they may cross at an unsafe or unprotected location.

(National Association of City Transportation Officials, 2018)
Implementing a Pedestrian Grid Could Better Connect the Study Area

Key sidewalk implementations and crosswalks will allow access along 1st Ave and 2nd St for a better pedestrian experience.

**Legend**
- Average Daily Traffic Count
- Trail System
- Under Grade
- Existing Pedestrian Crossings
- Sidewalks
- Proposed Pedestrian Path
- Proposed Crossings
- Flood Wall
- Study Area
- Ideal Placement

**Figure 01. Proposed Pedestrian Grid with Potential Key Crossing Points (1 or more)**
Source: (Google Earth, 2016)

**Inquiry:** How can the pedestrian experience be improved in the Southeast Commercial District of Coralville, IA?

**Key Extractions:** Proposed pedestrian grid with improved pedestrian experience

**Methodology:** Overall strategies were conceived using the dilemma and opportunities maps. The crossing strategies were adapted from the National Association of City Transportation Officials. Landscape architecture standards were used to help define the implemented pedestrian grid strategy.

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### Potential Crossing Strategy Options

**Features:** 6-10’ wide curbed median with vegetated buffer on edges

**Benefits:** Limits pedestrian exposure time in the intersection without directly impeding vehicular traffic

*Figure 02. Pedestrian Safety Island*  
Source: (Cooke, 2018)

**Features:** Pedestrian crossing sign with rapid flashing beacon

**Benefits:** Allows safe pedestrian passage where motorist compliance is increased and delay of crossing is reduced

*Figure 03. Rapid Flashing Beacons*  
Source: (Cooke, 2018)

**Features:** Raised crosswalk with material change and pedestrian crossing sign

**Benefits:** Allows safe pedestrian passage where vehicular speed is reduced without the use of a speed bump

*Figure 04. Raised Crossing*  
Source: (Cooke, 2018)

### Implemented Pedestrian Grid Strategy

**Frontage Zone:** 2-8’  
**Pedestrian Zone:** 5-6’  
**Buffer Zone:** 5-6’  

**Amenities/Barriers:** Trees, shrubs, lighting, signage  
**Benefits:** Allows for safer and better traffic flow between vehicles and pedestrians, while adding character and desirable amenities to the streets

*Figure 05. Pedestrian Friendly Street Strategy*  
Source: (Cooke, 2018)

**Pedestrian Zone:** 5-6’  
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*Figure 06. Sidewalk Strategy*  
Source: (Cooke, 2018)
Inquiry: Does the adjacency and distance of building access affect the prosperity of businesses?

Key Extractions: Local Economics

Methodology: Parcel values were taken from city websites. Location of business entrances and building facades were observed from a site visit.

Conclusions: Comparing the study area to Aggieville in Manhattan, Kansas shows that the area has considerable value overall, but a larger percent of the value comes from the location itself and not the business. The site also has far less individual businesses with a larger area but only half the number of businesses. The direct access to each store is more difficult on site than it is in Aggieville. The businesses in Aggieville are directly connected to the pedestrian walkway, while those on site have better access to parking lots, making it more difficult for pedestrians to see and access them.
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**Figure 1.2. SE District Business Access (Coralville, IA)**

**Figure 1.3. SE Business Value (Source: gis.johnson-county.com/piv/)**

**Legend**
- Main Corridor
- Secondary Corridor
- Access from Corridor
- Entry Facade
- Window Facade
- Blank Facade / Building Gap
Inquiry: How does the placement of entrances and landscape affect the use of the site?

Key Extractions: Business/Economy, Circulation, Physical landscape elements

Methodology: Observations were taken during the site visit on the walkability of the site and the pedestrian access to store entrances.

Conclusions: There are two main conclusions from these maps. The first is that pedestrian walkways are poorly connected to the businesses within the district. There are limited designated sidewalks that connect the main corridor of 2nd Street to the buildings and businesses. The second is that most of the storefronts are aligned with adjacent parking lots. While pedestrians can still walk through parking lots, the approach and entrance to the businesses can be improved with the addition of outdoor elements and designated walking space.
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Figure 2.4. SE District Entries and Parking

Figure 2.5. Aggieville Entries and Parking (Source: gis.rileycountyks.gov)
Rethinking Storefronts and Pedestrian Access
Pedestrian friendly storefronts attract more business options and visitors to the site

Inquiry: Will the activation of storefronts improve local business and pedestrian experience?

Key Extractions: Site Planning, Urban Density, Circulation

Methodology: Observations of precedent studies and their success is hypothetically applied to the study area. Elements such as hidden and designated parking areas and direct access from sidewalk to storefront were considered.

Conclusions: Shifting the building fronts closer to the 2nd Street corridor and increasing density will shorten distance for pedestrians to the buildings while maintaining vehicle access. Policies for increasing the density of the site can increase the amount of businesses that can be established in the study area.
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Figure 03. Proposed Revitalization of 2nd Street Business Corridor

Figure 3.5. Proposed Density Plan (Source: Google Earth)

Legend
- Main Corridor
- Secondary Corridor
- Access from Corridor
- Entry Facade
- Window Facade
- Original Building Footprint
- Building
- Parking Lot
- Pedestrian/Green Corridor

Figure 3.6. Proposed Access Diagram
2nd Street Divides SE Commercial District
66’ wide highway creates barrier to pedestrian circulation which prevents site unity

Inquiry: How can 2nd Street be transformed to unify the SE Commercial District?

Key Extractions: Intersection and street elevation comparisons between 2nd Street and multi-way boulevards in Berlin and Rome

Methodology: Mapping trees/shade structures, parking, roads and paved trails, benches/outdoor seating

Conclusions: The high-speed vehicular traffic of 2nd Street, combined with the wide street cross-section and lack of pedestrian crossing creates a distinct barrier in the SE Commercial district. This is in contrast to slow traffic and plentiful pedestrian crossings found in Via Cola, Rome and Kurfürstendamm, Berlin. These European streets are successful components of their respective commercial districts because of their emphasis on providing equal street utility for vehicles and pedestrians. Furthermore, the proximity of the buildings to the street creates a stronger sense of identity and definition in contrast to relatively mundane appearance of 2nd Street as a standard US highway.
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**Via Cola di Rienzo, Rome, Italy**
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- Street Parking
- Approximately 2:1 pedestrian/vehicle space ratio
- Plentiful pedestrian crossings (200’ spacing)
- Buildings define corridor spatially and culturally

**Kurfürstendamm, Berlin, Germany**
- Slow traffic speeds
- Street Parking in the center of the street
- Approximately 1:1 pedestrian/vehicle space ratio
- Centered street parking and slow speeds make entire street crossable
- Buildings define corridor spatially and culturally
- Long distance between crosswalks, but whole street is can be crossed

**2nd Street, Coralville, Iowa, United States**
- Fast traffic speeds
- Long turn lane in center of street
- Approximately 1:4 pedestrian/vehicle space ratio
- Centered street parking and slow speeds make entire street crossable
- Minimal pedestrian crossing (1600’ spacing)
- Minimal volumetric and cultural definition

Figure 02. Sensory Comfort (Noise)
Source: Google Earth Pro (2018)
Inquiry: Is there adequate space for significant streetscape renovations to the SE Commercial District?

**Key Extractions:** Distances between buildings across 2nd Street

**Methodology:** Measuring building spacing across 2nd Street with Google Earth

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Comparative European Streets

Unter den Linden - Berlin, Germany  Corridor Width: 206’
Avinguda de Roma - Barcelona, Spain  Corridor Width: 188’
Via Cola di Rienzo - Rome, Italy  Corridor Width: 163’
Kurfürstendamm - Berlin, Germany  Corridor Width: 155’
Boulevard de Strasbourg - Toulouse, France  Corridor Width: 123’

Diagrams adapted from Great Streets and The Boulevard Book by Allan B. Jacobs
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Spatial layering, additional vegetation, increased pedestrian amenities and buildings close to the street will activate 2nd Street.

- Convert Shared turn lane to median
- Add 1 or 2 intersections,
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Figure 01. Early Phase Concept

Figure 02. Early Concept Phase Section

Legend
- Green: Median
- Orange: Proposed Intersection
- Blue: Parking
- Gray: Existing Building
- Black: Proposed Building
- White: Pedestrian Circulation/Space

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Key Extractions: Proposed changes to spatial layering of the 2nd Street streetscape

Methodology: Layering spaces to create a safer, more comfortable environment that connects the site across 2nd Street

Conclusions: Both short- and long-term solutions can improve the 2nd Street environment while connecting the site. While 2nd Street currently divides the SE Commercial District and adds to pedestrian discomfort when crossing the street, the addition of intersections, medians, trees and additional pedestrian amenities will connect the site and create a more comfortable environment, encouraging pedestrians to be out in the district. Increased activity will help bring business which will in turn attract more visitors. Short-term solutions include expanding existing sidewalks, adding benches and creating a planted median. Long-term solutions involve extensive redistribution of streetscape layers to create a comfortable, dynamic space.
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- Expand walkways
- Add secondary medians to define new street parking space

Figure 03. Final Phase Concept

Figure 04. Final Phase Concept Section
While 2nd Street Boasts Mixed-Use Development, 1st Avenue Falls Short
Offering a multitude of residential land uses, 2nd Street provides more opportunities for housing than 1st Avenue.

Inquiry: How does the land use composition of 2nd Street compare to the land use composition of 1st Avenue? Which corridor offers the most potential for the addition of affordable housing?

Key Extractions: Commercial & Retail Land Use, Residential Land Use

Methodology: ArcGIS Building Footprint analysis; Site Analysis via Google Earth

Conclusions: Nearly all land use within the 1st Avenue connection corridor is classified as commercial use. Three residential developments exist to the west of the connection corridor, however these developments may not meet the affordable housing standards desired by residents of Coralville. In contrast, the 2nd Street connection corridor offers many more housing opportunities. Centrally located between the Iowa River Landing and Coralville Mall districts, the Southeast Commercial District has the potential to become an important node of economic activity.

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The 1st Avenue Connection Corridor can Serve as Transitional Linkage

Situated between two major districts, the 1st Avenue corridor can bridge the gap between mixed-use and commercial use.

**Inquiry:** How can the 1st Avenue corridor better serve as a primary linkage between the Southeast Commercial District and Iowa River Landing?

**Key Extractions:** Commercial & Retail Land Use, Residential Land Use, 1st. Avenue Corridor

**Methodology:** ArcGIS Building Footprint Analysis, ArcGIS Land Use Analysis, and Site Analysis via Google Earth and Google Maps.

**Conclusions:** Land use within the 1st Avenue connection corridor is designated primarily as commercial use. Situated between the Iowa River Landing and the Southeast Commercial District, the 1st Avenue connection corridor is positioned well to serve as a transition between mixed use and commercial/retail land use between the two districts. Possibilities for increased economic activity and enhanced pedestrian experiences exist throughout the corridor. Lastly, the addition of green space along the east side of the 1st Avenue corridor, as well as adjacent to the Iowa River has the potential to increase the overall comfort and character of the corridor, while reducing urban heat island effects.

Figure 1.0. Linkage Potential of the 1st Avenue Connection Corridor

Source: Baker, Johnson County GIS, City of Coralville, Iowa Community Plan, 2018
Opportunities for Transitional Linkages

By providing a transitional link between the Southeast Commercial District and the Iowa River Landing, economic activity and pedestrian experiences can be enhanced.

At .85 miles long, the connection corridor is walkable, further enhancing development.

74% of all land use within the SCD-IRL connection corridor is classified as Commercial Use.

Opportunity

Legend
- Residential Land Use
- Commercial Land Use
- 1st Avenue Connection Corridor
- Iowa River Landing District Boundary
- Southeast Commercial District Boundary

Figure 02. Transitional Linkage Opportunities
Diagram
Source: Baker, 2018

Figure 03. Building Heights along 1st Avenue Connection Corridor
Source: Baker, 2018

Southeast Commercial District
Iowa River Landing
Inquiry: Can public green spaces be successfully integrated into the primarily commercial land use fabric of the 1st Avenue connection corridor?

Key Extractions: Key Locations for Public Green Space, Locations for Streetscape Improvements along the 1st Avenue Corridor


Conclusions: The incorporation of green space along the 1st Avenue connection corridor serves to strengthen the transitional linkages between the Southeast Commercial District and the Iowa River Landing. By creating a comfortable corridor for pedestrian circulation, the streetscape of 1st Avenue has the potential to become a strong gathering hub for social and recreational activities. Due to its proximity to trailheads adjacent to Clear Creek and the Iowa River, the addition of public green space can also serve to increase trail connectivity to many other areas of the Coralville community.
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Legend
- Public Green Space
- Commercial Land Use
- Residential Land Use
- 1st. Avenue Connection Corridor
- District Boundary

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**Figure 02.** Add definite end points along Promenade Streets. Source: Google Earth

**Figure 03.** Incorporate Green Street elements into and around Biscuit Creek to emphasize the street’s sustainability. Source: Google Earth

**Figure 04.** Emphasize the importance of a Main Street within the Southeast Commercial District through distinct architecture and streetscape. Source: Google Earth

**Figure 05.** Add buffer zones along Celebration Streets to accommodate pedestrians and events. Source: Google Earth
Street Revitalization Could Give Coralville New Life
Precedent images reveal new beginnings for the Southeast Commercial District

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Key Extractions: Typologies of streets, What streets could look like after revitalization

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Figure 02. Distinct architectural character defines the Promenade Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The street and its buildings frame the view to the city hall which serves as the destination point for the street. Implementing a grand destination at the end of the Promenade Streets in Coralville would give the streets another dimension as well as define important characteristics of the city. Source: Betanoff, 2012

Figure 03. Hinge Park in Vancouver sets a good example on how to design stormwater retention around a river to collect runoff in a public place. The use of permeable paving and rain gardens allow water to infiltrate in the ground and make its way into the highly engineered river. In Coralville, it would be ideal to emphasize the creek that is located in the site and incorporate more green infrastructure within the streets. Source: Chung, 2010

Figure 04. This photograph of Broad Street in Birmingham shows how it functions as a Main Street through the use of vehicular access and wide sidewalks for pedestrian use. The street also features a strong commercial front along the street. In order for Highway 6 to function as a Main Street of Coralville, it would be beneficial to include many of the features found along Broad Street. Source: Wilson, 2012

Figure 05. This outdoor dining area is located in Mountain View, California. It allows enough space for pedestrian circulation, but also steps down into a more privatized dining space just outside of the restaurant. This idea could be incorporated into the streetscape along Hayden Fry Way to allow for an influx of people and cars using the road during gameday weekends at the University of Iowa. Source: Runner, 2014
Comparative Riverfront Business Utilize Water Connection to Provide Public Amenities

Amenities range from riverwalks with a trail system and gathering spaces to riverfront parks with playgrounds and plazas

Inquiry: How does the Southeast Commercial District in Coralville, Iowa compare to cities that connect their businesses to their waterfronts?

Key Extractions: Business location, industry type, waterfront connection, and identity of area.

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Comparative

The Banks | Cincinatti, OH

Types of Business
Mixed Use

Connection to Water
Smale Riverfront Park: playground, trail, monuments, labyrinth, tree grove, and viewing platforms

Identity
Serves as gathering point for the region and entrance to the business district

The Waterfront | Allentown, PA

Types of Business
Mixed Use

Connection to Water
Riverwalk: floating docks, rain gardens, amphitheaters, and plazas

Identity
Activates the Lehigh River using a riverside campus with opportunities for housing, work space, and retail use

Chicago Riverwalk | Chicago, IL

Types of Business
Dense Mixed Use

Connection to Water
Riverwalk: Jetty, Water Plaza, River Theater, Cove, and Marina

Identity
Transforms Chicago River bank into a park and transportation corridor with different gathering spaces and activities

Figure 02. Implementation of Mixed-use Development Next to a River Side Park
Map Source: (Google Maps, 2016) Image Source: (Estell, 2015)

Figure 03. Live-work Environment Connected to a Riverwalk

Figure 04. Dense Mixed-use Downtown Connected to a Riverwalk
Map Source: (Google Maps, 2016) Image Source: (Schneider, 2017)
Inquiry: Where are there opportunities to better connect nearby businesses to the waterfront?

Key Extractions: Locations where the businesses connect to the creek or river

Methodology: Key opportunities were determined by available space and proximity of businesses to the creek and river. These spaces were observed both physically on the site visit and digitally through Google Earth.

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What are the benefits of building along a waterfront?

- Attract Local Businesses
- Increase Property Value
- Access Trails + Green Space
- Establish a Unique Identity

Opportunity 1 | Clear Creek (N-S) Connection

Clear Creek (N-S) is separated from the nearby housing complex by a flood wall. There is an opportunity here for the nearby business to create outdoor greenspace for the residents and those using the Clear Creek Trail by providing access over the flood wall or by creating a more gradual transition to the water’s edge. This opens up opportunity for a social gathering space and connection to the creek.

Image Source: (Cooke, 2018)

Opportunity 2 | Clear Creek (E-W) Connection

Clear Creek (E-W) has room for more development along its banks to bring people closer to the water. A potential opportunity is moving the trail closer to the creek so there is more room for further development along the corridor. This connection could create a promenade where amenities are appropriately terraced to allow for protection from flooding while allowing room for social space.

Image Source: (Cooke, 2018)

Opportunity 3 | Iowa River Connection

The joining of Clear Creek to the Iowa River provides an opportunity to identify the entrance to the site and celebrate the connection between the two bodies of water. With plans in place to activate the Iowa River, there is opportunity to continue this development along Clear Creek. This area could be used as a gateway or landmark, as well as for recreational and educational purposes.

Image Source: (Cooke, 2018)
Inquiry: What strategies from other waterfronts can Coralville integrate?

Key Extractions: River plazas, mixed use, riverwalk seating, pedestrian bridge, and riverwalk trail

Methodology: Utilizing both the comparative and opportunity maps, a new strategy for connection between the businesses and the water fronts developed. Key strategies were drawn from successful riverfronts around the US.

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Development along the Creek could activate the waterfront and attract more business.

The open space along the waterfront leaves room for different types of design interventions.

Source: (Cooke, 2018)
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Inquiry: Is the city of Coralville using the Clear Creek area to its full potential?
Key Extractions: The city currently has a trail system on one side of Clear Creek, with minimal social space, and no seating or shade structures.
Methodology: Using aerial imagery from ArcGIS and Google Earth, as well as multiple on-site observations, trail systems and gathering spaces were traced using Photoshop to highlight key areas.
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Figure 01: Location of Waterfront Amenities Along Clear Creek
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Strategy

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Fishing docks are one of the most popular waterfront amenities, as they present a great opportunity for outdoor recreation between family, friends, and community members.

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What Is Nonpoint Source Pollution?

As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters and ground waters (EPA Poluted Runoff).

What Are The Major Pollutants?

Lead and Zinc: Tire wear, lubricating oil and grease, bearing wear

Copper and Chromium: Metal plating, wear of engine parts, break lining wear

Manganese: Moving engine parts, auto exhaust

Hydrocarbons: Spills and leaks of motor lubricants

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There Is Nothing To Prevent Pollutants From Flowing Directly Into Clear Creek

The scrap yard, nursery, and gas station, along with the roads, produce contaminants that are washed into Clear Creek.

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Key Extractions: Pollutant sources, Drainage Patterns

Methodology: Tracing drainage patterns from pollutant sources

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Figure 2. Iowa River Path
Figure 3. The water that enters Clear Creek eventually enters the Gulf of Mexico.
Figure 4. Red algae bloom in the Gulf of Mexico as a result of contaminated water

Source: Esri Arconline world Street Map Modified by Caleb Parker
Source: Google Maps Modified by Caleb Parker, 2018
Source: Ocean Portal, 2018
Stormwater Management Systems And Public Open Space Can Help Revitalize The SE Commercial District

The implementation of green space and stormwater management systems can help infiltrate some of the contaminants before they reach the river.

Inquiry: Green space and storm water management practices need to be implemented within the site to help prevent nonpoint source pollution

Key Extractions: Roads, Flat Areas, The Iowa River and its Tributaries.

Methodology: Start by locating storm water management and green space in key locations, then use buildings to define the outdoor spaces.

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Public Green/Open space
Buildings
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Figure 2. This storm water management diagram gives an idea of how a new green street in Coralville may look. There are inlets along the curbs to catch runoff form the crown of the road, as well as along the sidewalk. The retention cells are planted with woody plants that will absorb water and help slow it down as it travels through the system. There will also be rocks placed strategically throughout the system to catch sediment.

Source: Caleb Parker, 2018

Figure 3. The use of a fountain in this design makes for a great center piece that helps to tie the site together. The main path that runs through the fountain is a good way to encourage people to interact with the landscape. This space also provides people an opportunity sit and relax on the lawn. This plaza is a great example of how buildings can be used to define outdoor space.

Source: Hurst&Wills, 2017

Figure 4. This urban plaza located in Cincinnati is a good example of how green space can be incorporated into dense development. The raised planter can also function as seating as well as a place for children to climb and play. The site also features plenty of wide sidewalks that make circulation easy.

Source: John Martinez Pavliga.Flicker. 2017
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Key Extractions: Building footprints, Restaurants, Recreation Areas, Greenspace, Parking

Methodology: Located primary places of interest in relation to surrounding structures.

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Legend
- Green Space
- Restaurant
- Pool (Summer)
- Ice Rink (Winter)
- Parking Lot
- Cultural Landmark
- Buildings and Industrial Structures

Figure 01. Southeast Commercial District, Coralville Iowa. Map showing relative scale and orientation of buildings
Source: Arc Gis Online

Figure 02. Scrap Yard
Source: Belanger 2018

Figure 03. Scrap Yard Machinery
Source: Belanger 2018

Figure 04. Most of the Southeast Commercial District is home to restaurants and businesses
Source: Stoffel 2018

Figure 05. Zeche Zollverein, Essen Germany. Map showing re-use of former coal mining site
Source: Arc Gis Online

Figure 06. A section of the site is flooded during the winter for ice skating.
Source: Mai 2006

Figure 07. Gravel paths through tree groves sit on top of former railway ties
Source: Yeager 2018

Figure 08. This large vertical structure has become a cultural landmark emphasizing the site’s identity transformation
Source: Robbin 2004
Inquiry: What are some diverse ways industrial machinery can be repurposed to enhance a community?

Key Extractions: Around-the-world examples of industrial materials successfully re-purposed into art.

Methodology: Gathered photographs online and from personal stock, researched individual meanings behind specific industrial sculptures.

Conclusions: When the negative stigma is removed from former industrial sites and materials, the sky’s the limit for their potential re-use. Vacant sites can become playgrounds, parks, plazas, performance arenas, residential zones and much more. Preserving existing machinery in an artistic way visually connects a place with its heritage. Furthermore, the chance to view formerly off-limits materials up close imbues each of these case studies with a mysterious quality, inspiring moments of fascination amid the ordinary.
Opportunity

Schouwburgplein, designed by West 8, features monumental cranes that act as light fixtures and can be operated from the ground. The cranes recall machinery used to unload shipping containers, celebrating Rotterdam’s identity as a port city.

Phoenix-See is an upscale residential area home to professional soccer players. The beautiful lake is entirely man-made and sits atop a former coal mining site. Elements of the site’s original function remain as sculptures, connecting viewers to history.

When a former steel production factory fell into disuse, it was repurposed into a multipurpose event space and park. The preserved water tower is illuminated at night and has become a cultural landmark.
Inquiry: How can materials from the scarp yard be repurposed for human use while connecting the site with its original function of servicing automobiles?

Key Extractions: Potential strategies for future site design.

Methodology: Made sketches and found precedents on the internet.

Conclusions: Using recycled materials in new ways gives a site identity—especially when those materials directly connect to the place’s past. These materials can become art or utility depending on the site’s needs.
What Can Be Done With Old Tire Rims?

- **Fencing**
- **Art**
- **Planters**
- **Furniture**

Figure 04. Source: Yeager 2018

Figure 05. Source: Emerson 2013

Figure 06. Source: Yeager 2018

Figure 07. Source: Yeager 2018

Figure 08. Source: Cadillac 2017
Site Suitability For Green Infrastructure

Green infrastructure should not be placed in contaminated areas because it may spread the contamination further.

Inquiry: How do contaminants present in the soil and ground water affect the placement of stormwater infrastructure?

Key Extractions: River and creek, Zone 6 brownfield assessment, historical site uses.

Methodology: Applying the guidelines from the EPA’s “Implementing Stormwater Infiltration Practices at Vacant Parcels and Brownfield Sites,” (2013) publication, and the results of soil and ground water testing done by Terracon to classify the sites suitability for green infrastructure. Land use history suggests probable contamination levels in the areas not surveyed (see Results from Terracon Soil Testing).

Conclusions: Incorporating stormwater management is important, but brownfield sites can limit the way that stormwater infrastructure can be implemented. Places where the soil and ground water are contaminated may not be suitable for stormwater infrastructure because the infiltration of water into the ground may cause the contaminants to spread. Stormwater infrastructure should be used sparingly around creeks and rivers, if there is a chance that contaminants are present, to ensure that no contaminants are discharged into the water source. It is also important to consider the remediation techniques that are being used, because the amount of water infiltrating into the ground often plays a large role in these processes. Adding more water through infiltration could cause system failures, but it may also help accelerate the remediation process. Using these principals to classify the different parts of the site has revealed that the majority of the site will need some treatment before stormwater infrastructure can be used. This process also revealed that the streets are potentially a good place for stormwater management. The only part of the site that is not suitable for stormwater infrastructure is the scrap yard, because the chemicals are highly toxic and close to Clear Creek.
Things to Consider When Placing Green Infrastructure Within a Brownfield Site (EPA 2013)

1. The presence of LNAPLs, DNAPLs, Biodegradable Waste, or Leachable Contaminants.
   - “Because LNAPLs and DNAPLs are independently mobile and can produce multiple hazards, the use of infiltration or stormwater management practices in close proximity to LNAPLs or DNAPL contaminated areas should generally not be considered.”
   - “Biodegradable waste materials (e.g., garbage) often produce gases and leachates that impact soil and groundwater,” and this process is often accelerated by the presence of water. “Therefore, stormwater management practices that promote infiltration are generally not advisable at sites where there are biodegradable materials in the ground” (EPA).
   - Leachable Contaminants usually pose a greater risk because they “can be mobilized relatively easily through the soil from infiltrating stormwater and impact groundwater.”

2. Is the Groundwater Beneath the Property Impacted or Could it become Impacted
   - “Generally speaking, if the groundwater beneath a site is known to be contaminated, it is not a good idea to implement infiltration practices at the site. The movement of contaminants in groundwater can be accelerated by an infiltration practice potentially resulting in environmental impacts to neighboring properties.”
   - 3. Areas of The Site Which Are Not Impacted
      - “Often the entire brownfield property is not impacted or problematic material can be relocated to create an area that is not impacted by contamination.”
   - 4. Refer to State Standards On Infiltration
      - Chapter 5 of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources “Storm Water Manual” specifies that prior the implication of storm water management features the site should go through our steps. . Initial screening, field verification of information collected in Step 1, Evaluation of specific infiltration areas, and soil and site evaluation reporting (Testing Requirements for Infiltration Practices).

5. Planned Remedial Actions For The Site
   - The infiltration of extra water into the ground may cause unexpected stress on remediation systems. Extra water may cause too much pressure on vertical barriers, it may also cause the water to rise causing treatment systems to malfunction.
   - In other cases allowing more water into the ground can be a good thing because it can cause contaminants to dissipate more rapidly.

6. How Will the Site Interact With Other Sites or Land Uses Nearby
   - “Where a site is near an area that is relatively more sensitive in terms of potential health risks or ecological risk, the need to protect these areas should be considered in making determinations about implementation of infiltration practices.” These types of areas may include wellhead protection zones, rivers, lakes, fens, or wetlands.

Figure 2. Clear creek is a sensitive area that should be preserved at all costs. This means that there should be a buffer zone between the river and any green infrastructure interventions, to ensure that no contaminants are washed into the creek.
Source: Morgan Dunay, 2018

Figure 3. The roads that currently pass throughout the study area are very wide and present a good opportunity to incorporate a storm water management system.
Source: Grace Mader, 2018
Contaminated Areas Will Affect Stormwater Management Design
Some parcels are contaminated (Terracon 2016) and other parcels are assumed to be contaminated based on land use.

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Contaminants Present in the Site (Principles of Brownfield Regeneration 2010)

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are synthetic organic chemicals that have a high vapor pressure and easily form vapors at normal temperature and pressure. The term is generally applied to organic solvents, certain paint additives, aerosol spray-can propellants, fuels (such as gasoline and kerosene), Petroleum distillates, dry-cleaning products, and other industrial and consumer products ranging from office supplies to building materials. VOCs are also naturally emitted by a number of plants and trees. Most VOCs evaporate easily but are not appreciably soluble in water. This class of chemicals covers a wide range of compounds, including toluene, styrene, and many chlorinated solvents found on brownfield sites once occupied by businesses such as printers and engravers, metal finishers, furniture refinishers and auto body shops. VOCs can have direct adverse effects on human health, and many have been classified as toxic and carcinogenic.

Semi Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs)
Semi-organic volatile compounds (SVOCs) are synthetic organic compounds that are solvent-extractable. They include:
- Phenols
- Phthalates
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) produced during combustion

Total Extractable Hydrocarbons (TEH)
Also known as Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH). Total petroleum hydrocarbons found on brownfield sites include:
- Heating oil (from spills or ruptured underground tanks)
- Gasoline (from spills and discharges)
- Kerosene
- Asphalt

Metals
Metals or heavy metals are any metallic chemical elements that have a relatively high density, are highly toxic, and poisonous to humans at low concentrations. Common environmental metal hazards that can cause serious health effects, if there is sufficient exposure, include the following:
- Arsenic
- Beryllium
- Cadmium
- Chromium
- Nickel
- Lead
- Zinc
- Mercury
- Copper

Of all these metals, lead, a naturally occurring substance, is most commonly found on urban brownfield sites. It was used in household and industrial paints, brake pads, and gasoline until it was found to cause learning and behavioral problems in humans, but it is still often found in discarded or buried lead batteries. Lead is neurotoxic, so children whose bodies are still developing are most at risk. While some aspects of lead poisoning are reversible in adults, in children it can interfere with normal development, cause irreversible brain damage, or even result in death. It is therefore extremely important to address the presence of lead in soils on brownfield sites.

Inquiry: What part of the site have been tested and how can those results be used to project the contaminants in other locations.
Key Extractions: Terracon Results
Methodology: Using Terracon's test results to project the contaminants present in some of the untested areas that have similar use histories.
Conclusions: Examining the results of the Terracon testing, and the different contaminants that were found in the soil and groundwater, has led to a much better understanding of which areas can be used for stormwater management. This information, paired with the history of the site, also makes it easier to get an idea of what contaminants may be present in other parts of the site.
Figure 1 Survey Areas Map. Refer to the table below to see what contaminants are present in each of the outlined areas.

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Laboratory Reporting Limit Exceedances
X Iowa DNR SWS Exceedances

Table 1. Results from Terracon Soil Testing (2016)

Assumptions Based on Previous and Current Uses

300 This area has been the site of the scrap yard, which means that there is a high probability of contaminants in this site.

301 Is the site of the Kum and Go gas station which means that it is fair to assume that it has similar contaminants to section 210 which used to be a gas station.

302 & 303 are also the former site of a gas station which means that it is fair to assume that it has similar contaminants to section 210 which also used to be a gas station.
**Inquiry:** How can stormwater management be implemented in a way that avoids spreading contaminants into the soil and ground water?

**Key Extractions:** Green Infrastructure Suitability

**Methodology:** Develop a stormwater management plan based on the results of the suitability study; research stormwater implementation in brownfield sites.

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Levels of Remediation (Principles of Brownfield Regeneration 2010)

The degree to which the soil or ground water needs to be remediated depends on the intended future use of the site, how contaminated the area is, and how dangerous the contaminants are.

- Full Cleanup - Full or total cleanup includes complete soil excavation over the entire site and removal by truck to a licensed landfill. In addition, complete dewatering and removal of on-site water bodies (ponds, pools, and lagoons) will be carried out, including cleaning up and removal of any remaining sediment layers. Finally, the extraction and removal or remediation of polluted groundwater plumes will be carried out over the whole site area.
- Partial Cleanup (Off-site) - The removal of contaminated soils to another site where the soils will be remediated.
- Partial Cleanup (in Place) - Requires remediation technologies and supporting equipment to be brought on-site and the ground surface.
- Concealment - Full concealment includes the placement of a cap and engineered cover system to seal the contamination in place in the ground.
- Nonintrusive Cleanup - Uses natural or benign remediation technologies that leave the site in near its original condition and uses where possible but ensures that soil and groundwater contamination is remediated.

Figure 2 Filtration Cell. Filtration Cells can be used in contaminated areas to capture and filter water, without spreading the contaminants.
Source: Produced by Caleb Parker
Inquiry: What kinds of protection strategies have other designers implemented to elevate people away from harmful contaminants and pollutants that have been capped within brownfield sites?

Key Extractions: Brownfield Remediation that has been capped is more safe when elevation is added away from the contamination.

Methodology: Find Case Studies of other Brownfield Remediation Projects that offer solutions of higher elevations of protection.

Conclusions: Elevating certain parts of the Southeast Commercial Corridor will allow a more pedestrian friendly district while allowing safety to be a top priority. Remediation contamination to EPA standards will enable land uses and redevelopment. By elevating paths to become bridges or boardwalks across capped contaminated ‘carpets’ or excavating out polluted soils to be filled with clean fill will ultimately remediate the Southeast Commercial Corridor. These strategies paired with other remediation strategies, such as air spurring, will create a clean environment for people to live, work, and play.
Raised Elevation Protection Strategies--Two Case Studies

**Eco-Park**
Levisky Arquitetos

Figure 02. Delineation of the raised boardwalk and concrete terrace to protect humans from capped contamination
Source: ArchDaily--Modified by Elsa Stoffel

**The Steel Yard**
Klopfer Martin Design Group

Figure 04. Cut and Fill Remediation Strategies of The Steel Yard
Source: Landezine-KMDG--Modified Colors by Stoffel

Figure 05. Delineation of the remediation strategy of elevating people out of harm’s way of the capped contamination--Part 1
Source: Landezine-Christian Phillips--Modified by Elsa Stoffel

Figure 06. Delineation of the remediation strategy of elevating people out of harm’s way of the capped contamination--Part 2
Source: Landezine-Christian Phillips--Modified by Elsa Stoffel
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Source: ArcGIS, Terracon, Stoffel

Figure 02. North-South Section
Source: ArcGIS, Terracon, Stoffel

Figure 03. East-West Section
Source: ArcGIS, Terracon, Stoffel

Legend
- Contamination
- Groundwater
- Ground above Groundwater
- 100 Year Flood Level
- 500 Year Flood Level
Parcels are Strategically Elevated in order to be Protected from Contamination and Flooding

The sections show the existing conditions along with the proposed elevation levels of certain parcels.

Inquiry: What elevation levels ensure the safety of the site from flood levels and contamination and health risks?

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- 100 year Flood Level = 654.7 to 655.5
- 500 year Flood Level = 658.0
- Flood Protection Criteria = June 2008 actual +1 Foot (659.0)
- Flood Protection Elevation = 658.7 - 658.9

(Scott Larson, 2018).

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Source: ArcGIS, Terracon, Stoffel
Transit Primarily Oriented Around Residential Areas
Throughout Coralville over 50% of the transit lines are located within convenient walking distance to residential areas.

**Land Uses Near Transit Lines (percentages %)**

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Source: City of Coralville, Johnson County, Iowa GIS Open Data

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Source: Google Images

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**Five Multi-Modal Transit Stations are Proposed for Coralville**

Based on existing bus transit and the potential for a light-rail system there are five intersection areas that can be utilized for multi-modal transit stations.

Current Transit Stops

- **Bus:** 100 (on visible map)
- **Railroad:** 0

Identified Multi-Modal Transit Stations Key Features

- **Station One (also proposed in the 2016 light-rail concept)**
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  - Existing Stops: 5
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  - Location: Residential Area
  - Existing Stops: 6
  - Land Use(s): Residential

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**Inquiry:** Where could potential multi-modal transit stations be located?


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- Proposed Crandic Light-rail
- Bus Stops
- Coralville Boundary
- Metropolitan Boundary
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- Study Area
- Opportunity Areas

Five Multi-Modal Transit Stations are Proposed for Coralville
Based on existing bus transit and the potential for a light-rail system there are five intersection areas that can be utilized for multi-modal transit stations.
**Inquiry:** Where can new multi-modal transit stations be located within the Southeast Commercial District?

**Key Extractions:** “Land Use” “Bus Route” “Rail lines” “Bus Stops”

**Methodology:** To examine where potential new transit stations could be located, we examined where existing transit and transit stops were located and what kind of land use surrounded those areas within the site and direct surrounding areas. We first looked at where the different transit systems intersected to determine about 5-7 possible stops. From that point we looked at areas that were predominantly commercial or mixed-use. We then narrowed the selection down to three different locations. To create these images we used GIS and InDesign.

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Figure 01. Proposed Multi-Modal Transit Stations Locations

Source: Coralville, Google Maps
Map 4.2b

Critical Maps

**Inquiry:** What is the elevation differences at the proposed multi-modal transit station locations?

**Key Extractions:** “Bus Route” “Railroad Lines” Elevation Sections

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Drastic Elevation Changes Could Impact Design of New Transit Station Locations. Two of the proposed sites have a grade change of over 15ft.

Dilemma
Inquiry: How can the Transit Station accommodate elevation change near the railroad lines?

Key Extractions: Section Elevation, Proposal Idea

Methodology: After looking at the elevation changes from the opportunity maps, we began to envision how we could access the railroad and the bus routes through the same station. We envision a multi-level transit station that would allow access to the railroad on the second floor and the bus routes on the first. This was idealized for the two locations, but for the third we envision all transit access to be on the first floor and have mixed-use on the upper levels.

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Figure 01. Iowa River Landing Transit Station
Source: Coralville, The Noun Project

Figure 02. Intersection of 1st Street and 2nd Avenue
Source: Coralville, The Noun Project

Figure 03. South West Commercial District Rail Line Connection
Source: Coralville, The Noun Project

Legend
- Commercial
- Railroad
- Bus Line

Multi-level Multi-Modal Transit Stations are Possible in Coralville

Elevated Transit Stations will need to be vertically integrated with compatible building use spaces and access requirements.
Inquiry: How is the University of Iowa affiliated development related spatially to one another?

Key Extractions: Area of Focus to Connect University Infrastructure

Methodology: Mapping the location of major economic and social drivers related to the University of Iowa. The background decreases in opacity as the distance from the center of the University of Iowa becomes greater. Facilities were chosen as a focus for their potential to influence the local economy.

Conclusions: Almost all of The University of Iowa’s major facilities lie within a 1.75 mile radius of its center, specifically regarding Healthcare and Athletic facilities. The study area is therefore a focus point and a central connection to the rest of the University of Iowa facilities.
University of Iowa Influence Extends into Coralville Community

Majority of University infrastructure lies within 1.75 miles of the center of campus (Kinnick Stadium)

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Types of Businesses at the UI Research Park

- Biomedical
- Technology
- Construction
- College Related
- Human Resources
- Education

Legend

Classification

UI Oakdale Research Park

- State Hygienic Laboratory
- National Advanced Driving Simulator
- Center for Biocatalysis and Bioprocessing
- The UI Technology Innovation Center
- BioVentures Center

UI River Landing

- University of Iowa Healthcare
- Primary and Specialty Care,
- Pharmacy and Labs
- Iowa Area - Coming Soon
- UI Volleyball and Hockey

UI Healthcare at IRL

- University of Iowa Healthcare
- Primary and Specialty Care,
- Pharmacy and Labs

Annual Number of UI Healthcare Personnel and Visitors

- 36,000 In-Patients
- 60,000 Emergency Department Visits
- 13,000 Employees,
- Students and Volunteers

University of Iowa - Main Campus

- Kennick Stadium
- Duane Banks Field
- Carver-Hawkeye Arena
- Finkbine Golf Complex
- Pearl Softball Fields- Softball
- Dr. Christine H.B. Grant Field
- Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation
- University of Iowa Healthcare

Johnson County Population vs. Average Game Day Visitors

- 150,000 Johnson County Residents (2017 Estimate)
- 52,000 Visitors
Southeast Commercial District is a Strong Connection Point to University Facilities
The study area intercepts crucial transportation modes that are currently being under utilized by the University

**Inquiry:** How does the study area physically connect to the University of Iowa

**Key Extractions:** Major roads, rail lines and trails connections with the University of Iowa

**Methodology:** Athletics and healthcare facilities from the University of Iowa are highlighted with the existing roads, rail lines and trails to show how a person may get from one place to another.

**Conclusions:** After mapping the major modes of that stretch between the main western UI campus, one can see that almost all of these transit modes enter or come close to the study area and the Southwest Commercial district of Coralville. This creates a good opportunity to use the study area as a focal point to connect the north and south edges of the University of Iowa.
Figure 02. Degree of Physical Connection from Study Area to UI
Source: GoogleEarth, 2018

Needed Connections Between Study Area and Facility

Distance From Southeast Commercial District

Number of Transit Modes In Area (Trail, Road, Rail Line)
Creating More Pedestrian Amenities Will Help Connect SCD to the University
More trail attractions, better physical connections, and revitalized rail corridors the site become more unified with UI.

Inquiry: How can the study area use and expand upon existing transportation modes to create a more connected University of Iowa campus with the City of Coralville?

Key Extractions: Proposed amenities, improved connections to existing infrastructure, revitalization

Methodology: By focusing on the transit modes running through the study area, potential improvements were highlighted that would unite the Athletic and Healthcare facilities of the University of Iowa in the north and south directions.

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Key Extractions: Railroad, Trails, Location

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Classification

Figure 02. Active Railroads in City of Coralville
Source: Johnson County, IA GIS

Figure 03. Existing Trails in City of Coralville
Source: Johnson County, IA GIS

Figure 04. Existing Active Railroads and Trails in City of Coralville
Source: Johnson County, IA GIS

Legend
Railroads (passing SE Commercial District)
SE Commercial District
Inquiry: What are some opportunities in the existing railroads and trails network in Southeast Commercial District?

Key Extractions: Railroad, Trails, Opportunities, Intersections

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Dilemma

No Rails and Few Trails Directly Connect to SE Commercial District

Connectivity between railroad and trail happens in their intersections, disconnectivity exists among the existing trail system.

Lack of Pedestrian Sidewalk

Limestone

“Coral Reefs of Iowa City” By 1900, Coralville is recognized as an industrial city that highly relied on Coral Mills for their economy.

As part of the Industrial past of Coralville, both rail lines are still active and used for transporting goods. However, the southern rail lines is considered underuse comparing to the northern one.

City of Coralville

The city of Coralville is considered turn the northern rail line commuter rail, connecting North Liberty and Iowa City. As the southern rail line will remain the same, there will be a great possibility to either turn this into a multi-use rail and develop a rail-trail system to connect past, present and future.

Physical Connectivity: better connects west to east, better connects Iowa City and its surrounding attractions, encouraging multi-mode transportation.

Cultural: better connects the industrial past and present existing trails and future development.

Figure 03. Intersection B
Source: Site visit

Figure 04. Re-using the Rail line to form physical and cultural connectivity
Source: City of Coralville, Holderness.
**Inquiry:** How to improve connectivity of the existing rail-trail network in the Southeast Commercial District?

**Key Extractions:** Rail-trail network, Connectivity

**Methodology:** Applying different design strategies related to connectivity nodes defined in previous maps to improve local and regional connections in the SE Commercial District.

**Conclusions:** Improving Pedestrian access to the existing trail network can increase local connectivity. Investing in rail-trail network/system might boost the regional connectivity.
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Strategy
Rail Stations will Need to Address Elevated Rail Beds
Creating a loop system can improve the regional and local connectivity

Figure 01. Urban Loop Provides Local and Regional Connectivity
Source: Johnson County, IA GIS

Figure 06. Proposed Urban Loop (improving connectivity and mobility)
Source: Google Images, Johnson County, IA GIS

Figure 05. Blue-green Corridor (Water, Landscape)
Source: Google Images

Figure 07. Summary Concept Diagram: A new Loop system providing physical connectivity to the blue-green corridor, cultural connectivity to the exiting rail and trails network, and promoting multi-transportation mode.
Source: Zhong

Legend
- Existing Local Connectivity
- Proposed Local Connectivity
- Proposed Regional Connectivity
- Green Corridor
- Blue Corridor
Inquiry: How do other transit orientated development designs compare to the current structure of the Southeast Commercial District?

Key Extractions: Density of building footprints and land use

Methodology: Researched designs that focus on Transit Oriented Development around elevated rail lines. The information found was analyzed to determine different land use around the stations.

Conclusions: It was concluded that Transit Oriented Development needs to be incorporated into the Southeast Commercial District to improve spatial use and create opportunities for residential, commercial, and mixed use development. Incorporating a stop along the rail line would attract people to the site and promote economic growth.
Why should Transit Oriented Development (TOD) be considered for the Southeast District?

Case Studies, at all scales, have a dense building ratio to maximize opportunity along the rail line. Taller, commercial buildings are located close to the station in many designs, but others created residential space. Designs revitalized unused space to increase opportunities. It is important to incorporate housing within a mile to allow for accessibility to transit. Incorporating Transit Oriented Development into the Southeast Commercial District would create density, residential housing, and economic growth by attracting people to this gateway location.

**Legend Showing Land Use in Transit Oriented Development**
- Rail Lines
- Building Footprints
- Station
- Stops Along the Rail Line
- Commercial District
- Proposed Residential Space
- Study Area
Transit Oriented Design creates **density** along the rail line and provides opportunity for **economic growth and residential housing**. Adding a stop to the Southeast District would attract people to the area, bringing in business and would provide **accessibility** to transit.

**Inquiry:** Where would it be beneficial to implement a rail line stop for Transit Oriented Development within the SE Commercial District?

**Key Extractions:** Rail line, Existing and Proposed Rail line Stops

**Conclusions:** It would be beneficial to incorporate rail stops in Southeast Commercial District. This would provide opportunity to attract people to the site and include commercial, residential, and mixed use development. The transit stops would provide spatial ordering for Transit Oriented Development.
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Opportunity exists to provide transit connections to Coralville, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, and Davenport

It was mentioned at the community meeting that people travel from surrounding cities, such as Cedar Rapids to work in Coralville. Providing connections to surrounding cities brings people to Coralville and increases economic value. There is an opportunity to attract people to the Southeast Commercial District by incorporating a station and commercial and mixed use development towards the eastern part of the site.

Legend Showing Different Types of Community Services
- Rail Lines
- Current Stops Along the Rail Line
- Proposed Stops in Coralville
Inquiry: How could Transit Oriented Design effect the layout of the Southeast Commercial District development? How does it effect the layout of the design?

Key Extractions: Rail line, Proposed Rail line Stop, Development Concept

Conclusions: It was concluded that it would be beneficial to incorporate the commercial district towards 1st Avenue to attract people from the street and exiting the rail line. The parking garage would be located near the commercial and mixed use development to provide close parking. Residential use would be located along the west part of the site to allow houses to be closer to the creek and to green space. The structures will be formed around a common space that will provide opportunities for community activities. Transit Oriented Development would create positive opportunities for the Southeast District.
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Transit Oriented Development will Increase Value of Gateway Location

Transit Oriented Development will provide commercial, residential, and mixed-use development

Increasing density opens up space for other uses, such as green space. This space can provide opportunities for community events, such as farmers markets, camps, and recreational activities.

The commercial development being on the eastern part of the site attracts visitors from the street and from the rail line stop, improving economic opportunity on the site. The commercial district could create jobs for people living in the residential area to create a work, play, live space.

A parking garage in the south east part of the site would decrease the footprint area of parking needed and allow for people to park their vehicles and travel on the rail line or before visit the commercial center.

A station is proposed at the train stop that will incorporate stairs and elevators for allow for pedestrians to access the site at street level.

Figure 02: Strategy for Transit Oriented Development in the Southeast Commercial District

Sources: Google Maps, Google Earth, (Pyzyk, 2015), (DangerGarden, 2011)

Figure 1. Transit Oriented Development Strategy for the Southeast District (Larkin, 2018).

Figure 4. PDX Parking Garage (Danger Garden, 2011).

Figure 3. Libart Retractable Roof Enclosure (Jewell, 2017).

Figure 5. Hua Lamphong Station (Dubost, 2011).

Figure 2. Sustainable Planning and Design (Professionals Working for a Sustainable Queensland, 2018).
Inquiry: Where are the existing power lines and poles located?

Key Extractions: Pole locations, buildings, paving, water, site boundary

Methodology: GIS was used for the base layers and Adobe Illustrator was utilized to add lines and points. Power line locations were determined based on aerial imagery and the site visit. Pole types were determined from aerial imagery and site photographs. Voltages and easements were approximated based on online research from other areas and electric companies.

Conclusions: Three large transmission lines, and several smaller distribution lines run within the site boundary. The lines are supported by different types of poles at varying heights and sizes. One cellular tower is also located within the site boundary. Many of the power lines lead towards an electric substation northwest of the site along the Iowa River.
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**Type A: Distribution Pole**
Legend Symbol: ⬤
Typical Height: approx. 35’
Typical Voltage: 12 kV or 35 kV
Typical Material: wood or steel
Expected Clearance Required: 10’
(Black Hills Corporation, 2018 and ISA, 2018)

**Type B: Transmission Tower**
Legend Symbol: ⬤
Typical Height: approx. 65-80’
Typical Voltage: 70 kV or 138 kV
Typical Material: wood or steel
Expected Clearance Required: 15’
(Black Hills Corporation, 2018 and ISA, 2018)

**Type C: Transmission Tower**
Legend Symbol: ⬤
Typical Height: approx. 70-85’
Typical Voltage: 70 kV or 138 kV
Typical Material: steel
Expected Clearance Required: 15’
(Black Hills Corporation, 2018 and ISA, 2018)

**Type D: Cell Tower**
Legend Symbol: ⬤
Typical Height: approx. 100’
Typical Material: steel
Expected Clearance Required: 20’
(Black Hills Corporation, 2018 and ISA, 2018)
Inquiry: How do the power lines and their easements affect where future developers can build?

Key Extractions: Buildings and power line easements

Methodology: Building footprints were imported into Rhino from GIS and extruded. Power line easements were estimated from research and were used to determine sizes of buildable area within the site boundary.

Conclusions: The powerlines fragment the site into multiple small pieces, separating them from one another and from the street. The lines not only determine the sizes of buildable area on the site but also what functions can occur in different areas. Because few things are allowed under the lines due to safety and accessibility concerns, the extensive strips of easements are limited to paving with parking or mown grass.

Figure 1: Division of Site by Power Lines and Easements
(GIS, 2018)

Multiple Sets of Overhead Power Lines Define Spatial Organization
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*Color denotes distinct areas but does not represent anything other than this separation
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Figure 2
Existing transmission lines run along First Street on the southern side of the site. The transmission lines move East towards University of Iowa softball fields and off the site. The lines break off the southern portion of the site, separating it from the northern pieces. (Belanger, 2018)

Figure 3
Power lines cut through the middle of a large parking lot, limiting spaces within the lot and preventing any new structures from being built. (Quincke, 2018)

Figure 4
Transmission lines run alongside the north side of Clear Creek, taking up a wide portion of the creek corridor and obstructing views towards the Iowa River. (Mader, 2018)
Moving or Burying the Overhead Transmission Lines Allows for More Usable Space

Cost of construction, effect on the landscape, and resulting buildable area should be considered in determining how to handle the lines.

**Inquiry:** How should the powerlines be handled in order to best allow for future development?

**Key Extractions:** Site boundary, existing power lines, existing electric poles, proposed power lines

**Methodology:** Maps were made from GIS and Adobe Illustrator with information gathered from the site and from satellite imagery.

**Conclusions:** Because of how badly divided the site becomes with the power lines in their current positions, and because these lines will have to be taken down and rebuilt during any site grading, it makes sense to change where the lines are located on the site. Due to cost, only some of the powerlines should be buried with other lines being moved to a different location along the edge of the site boundary. This can be seen in Option D where the central line is buried and the line along the south side of the site is moved farther south.

**Option A: Work With Lines in Existing Locations Across Site**

Limits costs of building new infrastructure but does nothing to limit separation of parcels within the overall site. Allows for fragmentation of the site into several small pieces.

**Option B: New Location Above Ground**

Creates more open space within the site and encourages a more cohesive overall design. However, it could be argued that the new alignment would interfere with the landscape around Clear Creek, limiting the aesthetic quality of the space.

**Figure 1:** Comparison of New Power Line Strategies (GIS, 2018)
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Option C: Move Lines Underground
Removing overhead infrastructure helps to create a more desirable landscape within the site boundary while also protecting electrical lines from wind damage. Though more expensive than above ground lines, moving the power below ground allows for a more pedestrian friendly site design.

Option D: Move Some Lines Underground and Some to a New Location Above Ground
Arguably the most feasible design strategy, moving some lines to a new location and burying others helps to open up the site while limiting excess expenses.

Legend
- High Power Transmission Line
- Low/Medium Power Distribution Line
- Removed Transmission Line
- Removed Distribution Line
- New Underground Power Line
- New Above Ground Power Line
- Site Boundary
Inquiry: Where is the river in good health, and in which places are the fish species well balanced?

Key Extractions: Over 80% of the River that lies in the Iowa City/Coralville area scores poorly in both FIBI and BMIB

Methodology: FIBI & BMIB data were gathered from the Iowa DNR service called “BioNet.” Using a base map from GIS, the survey points were overlaid, and the river was colored according to the scores recorded from BioNet.

Conclusions: The lack of regulations regarding the conservation of the Iowa River’s water quality has lead to the degradation of the River’s ecosystem. While steps have been taken to prevent the risk of flooding in urban areas, the tactics used did not take into consideration the effects on the river’s ecosystem. The largest effect was the destruction of native fish habitats, which caused a rapid decline in numbers of native fish species, and an uncontrollable increase in numbers of tolerant, invasive species such as the Grass Carp and the Gizzard Shad. These invasive species have thrown the original structure of the native fish food web off balance. BioNet generates a water body’s FIBI & BMIB score by compiling over 23 individual metrics such as native fish richness, food web proportions, as well as native plant and taxa percentages.

Figure 01. Iowa River Fish Health Map According to Fish Index of Biotic Integrity, “FIBI,” Scores (Dirks, 2018)
Source: Johnson County, Coralville, IA GIS “Base map,” FIBI scores provided by Iowa DNR

Figure 02. Iowa River Ecosystem Health Map according to Benthic Macroinvertebrate Index of BIotic Integrity, “BMIB,” scores (Dirks, 2018)
Source: Johnson County, Coralville, IA GIS “Base map,” BMIB scores provided by Iowa DNR

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Conclusions: The lack of regulations regarding the conservation of the Iowa River’s water quality has lead to the degradation of the River’s ecosystem. While steps have been taken to prevent the risk of flooding in urban areas, the tactics used did not take into consideration the effects on the river’s ecosystem. The largest effect was the destruction of native fish habitats, which caused a rapid decline in numbers of native fish species, and an uncontrollable increase in numbers of tolerant, invasive species such as the Grass Carp and the Gizzard Shad. These invasive species have thrown the original structure of the native fish food web off balance.

BioNet generates a water body’s FIBI & BMIB score by compiling over 23 individual metrics such as native fish richness, food web proportions, as well as native plant and taxa percentages.

Figure 01. Iowa River Fish Health Map According to Fish Index of Biotic Integrity, “FIBI,” Scores (Dirks, 2018)
Source: Johnson County, Coralville, IA GIS “Base map,” FIBI scores provided by Iowa DNR

Figure 02. Iowa River Ecosystem Health Map according to Benthic Macroinvertebrate Index of Biotic Integrity, “BMIB,” scores (Dirks, 2018)
Source: Johnson County, Coralville, IA GIS “Base map,” BMIB scores provided by Iowa DNR

Figure 02. Iowa River Ecosystem Health Map according to Benthic Macroinvertebrate Index of Biotic Integrity, “BMIB,” scores (Dirks, 2018)
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The Lowa River Trail Dam processes all upstream water before allowing it to continue along the river. It also acts as a plug, stopping all polluted sediment being carried downstream. Because of this, the Iowa DNR advises not eating more than 1 meal a week containing anything caught between this dam and upper Coralville Lake.
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**Key Extractions:** Because Clear Creek is the first and largest tributary to the river upstream of Iowa City but downstream of the dam, it has a substantial influence over the river’s health downstream of the dam.

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Figure 02. Iowa River Restoration Map in Year 3 (Dirks, 2018)
Source: Johnson County, Coralville, IA GIS “Base map”

Figure 03. Regenerative Flow of the Iowa River (Dirks, 2018)
Inquiry: What strategies can be used to clean up pollution in Clear Creek?

Key Extractions: Removing harmful chemicals from the site, as well as preventing harmful chemicals from entering Clear Creek will improve the health of the river south of the dam.

Methodology: After researching stream & river restoration strategies, the above four strategies were selected and represented by using Photoshop color and texture overlays in both section & plan view.

Conclusions: Cleaning up and ridding the study of pollutants is the first step to restoring Clear Creek. The primary source of pollutants on site is likely the scrap yard in the southwest corner. Once efficiently remediated, efforts can be made to restore the creek’s ecosystem through the three restoration tactics provided above. Sediment catch basins will prevent most further pollutants from entering the waterway through street runoff. Along the creek, the implementation of riparian buffer zones and floating plant islands will begin to restore the vegetation and stream quality, while also preventing erosion. None of these restoration tactics will interfere with the flood prevention additions recently added to the site.
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Figure 05. Clear Creek Restoration Strategy Map (Dirks, 2018)
Source: Johnson County, Coralville, IA GIS “Base map”

Figure 01: Catch Basins along Streets (Dirks, 2018)
Figure 02: Removal of Harmful Chemicals on Brownfield Sites (Belanger, 2018)
Figure 03: Completing Riparian Buffer Zones Along the Creek’s Edge (Dirks, 2018)
Figure 04: Adding Floating Plant Islands to the Creek (Dirks, 2018)

City streets are often collection points for chemicals and debris. During a storm event, these chemicals flow off the road, and into waterways. One way to stop this, is to place catch basins along streets that drain into natural waterways. These sediment catch basins trap harmful chemicals and debris that runs off of concrete and asphalt roads, preventing it from polluting the water.

The scrap yard near the railroad and Clear Creek is likely filled with harmful chemicals and PCBs. The runoff from this site is directed into Clear Creek. Cleaning up this site will reduce the runoff pollution into Clear Creek.

Riparian buffer zones are the spaces adjacent to a stream, and can extend 50-100 feet away from the water. These areas use native, wetland grasses and low shrubs to filter and slow rainwater before it gets into the stream. The city of Coralville has distributed rip rap down, but have not yet planted the native species necessary to make the buffer zone more effective.

Floating plant islands are a popular new design solution to restoring creek habitats. They consist of native wetland plants atop a floating structure which allows the roots to hang down into the water, creating an excellent habitat for feeding fish. Implementing these structures along the creek will attract native fish back into the area.

Legend:
- Riparian Buffer Zones
- Likely Polluted Scrap Yard
- Floating Plant Islands
- Sediment Catch Basins
The 100 and 500 Year Floodplains are Problematic for Future Site Development
Flood mitigation must include elevating buildings to meet FEMA requirements

**Inquiry:** What are the buildings that are most affected by future flooding in Coralville and the ‘Site Boundary’?

**Key Extractions:** There are only two buildings within the site that are not affected by the 100 year flood, but still affected by the 500 year flood.

**Methodology:** Use Arc GIS Mapping to analyze what buildings are within the flood plain zones.

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**Map 6.2a****

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**Legend**
- River/Creek--No Flood
- 100 Year Flood Plain
- 500 Year Flood Plain
- Critical Infrastructure
- Site Boundary

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**Coralville Lake** is a man-made reservoir built to control flooding. The **Coralville Dam** was built after widespread flooding in the early 1930s. Coralville Dam regulates runoff from 3,084 square miles of land upstream providing flood protection to 1,703 square miles of Iowa River Valley below the dam. (US Army Corps of Engineers)

**Figure 2. View of Coralville Dam at Floodstage**
Source: Wikimedia Commons (2008)

**Figure 3. Iowa River Power Co. Dam**
Source: Iowa Whitewater
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Legend
- River/Creek—No Flood
- 100 YR Flood Plain
- 500 YR Flood Plain
- Buildings affected by 100 & 500 YR
- Buildings affected by 500 YR
- Roads
- Buildings Unaffected
- Site Boundary

Figure 4. Buildings affected by 100 and 500 Year Flood Levels
Source: ArcGIS Mapping

100 year Flood Level Elevation = 654.70 - 655.50
500 year Flood Level Elevation = 658.00
(Scott Larson, 2018)
Inquiry: What are the best places for flood mitigation that can protect the Southeast Commercial Corridor of the site from damage of key Infrastructure (Existing and Proposed)?

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Methodology: The top map documents recent flood control measures implemented by the City of Coralville. The bottom map identifies areas that still require mitigations to meet FEMA and insurance requirements.

Conclusions: The site boundary is entirely within the 100 and 500 year flood plains so extra precautions need to be met to ensure the protection of lives, businesses, and critical infrastructure. In order to meet FEMA standards, critical infrastructure needs to be elevated 1 foot above the 100 year flood level. The City of Coralville has already developed an engineering strategy that should solve many flood problems of the site but there are still other strategies within the site boundary that can be accomplished to also help mitigate the flooding issue.
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**Implemented Flood Mitigation described by the City of Coralville after the 2008 Flood**

- **Comprehensive Flood Protection**
  - Repair existing storm water pump stations
  - Install storm sewer backflow prevention
  - Mixture of berms, flood walls, and removable flood walls specific to each location and future development / redevelopment plans
  - Additional storm water pump stations to handle interior drainage

- **Build on the existing system**
  - Prevent backflow for entire storm sewer system
  - Raise protection level of existing pump stations and flood walls
  - Close gaps in protection

- **Protect critical infrastructure**
  - Transportation corridors
  - Sanitary lift stations
  - Electrical substations and switch gear

(Stadelmann, Teresa; 1st Avenue Corridor Flood Recovery and Protection 2008-2014)

**Specific Site Opportunities for Flood Mitigation after analysis of existing mitigation**

- **Comprehensive Flood Protection**
  - Mixture of berms, flood walls, and removable flood walls specific to each location and future development / redevelopment plans
  - Introduce better green infrastructure and stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) into the site

- **Build on the existing system**
  - Raise protection level of flood walls
  - Close gaps in protection surrounding and within the site boundary

- **Protect critical infrastructure**
  - Raise elevation of built infrastructure within the site boundary as needed
**Inquiry:** How do the flood levels compare to each other and how do they compare to the protection levels and FEMA standards?

**Key Extractions:** The Elevation of 656.50’ for future built infrastructure protects from the 100 YR flood and will allow flood insurance for those structures.

**Methodology:** Using ArcGIS to extrude layers to different base heights, seeing the different levels of flooding or protection levels helped to discover a safe elevation for built infrastructure within the site boundary.

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Legend
- River
- 100 year Flood Level
- 500 year Flood Level
- City Engineered Protection Level
- Proposed Site Building Elevation Level
- Site Boundary

Figure 1. Elevations of 100 YR and 500 YR Flood Levels and Proposed Protection levels
Source: Scott Larson (City of Coralville Assistant City Engineer) & Stoffel

Figure 2. 100 year Flood Level
Source: ArcGIS Mapping--ArcScene

Figure 3. Proposed Building Criteria: 100 YR flood level + 1 foot
Source: ArcGIS Mapping--ArcScene

Figure 4. Protection Criteria: June 2008 actual + 1 foot
Source: ArcGIS Mapping--ArcScene

Figure 5. 500 year Flood Level
Source: ArcGIS Mapping--ArcScene

Determining a more Protected Elevation for Built Infrastructure within the Site Boundary
Elevating proposed critical infrastructure above the 100 year flood level + a foot should meet FEMA standards

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**Key Extractions:** Proximity of Services, Transportation

**Methodology:** Locations of local businesses were collected via online research and a field visit. Stores selling fresh produce were measured with a 1 mile radius to the site, other neighborhoods, and major roadways. Travel times were researched by inserting addresses of locations (provided by location websites and internet searches) to gps system which approximated times for both vehicle and pedestrian travel.

**Conclusions:** The maps above show that there are many locations that provide healthy food and medical services to Coralville. Access is limited mostly to vehicles since most of the businesses are located on major vehicle corridors (2nd Street / Highway 6). A majority of the population in the northern neighborhoods must cross a large vehicle corridor (Interstate 80) to reach most of the businesses. The study area is within the radius of a local grocery store, but a majority of the stores require a walk time upwards of thirty minutes.
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Figure 01. Food and Medical Services in Coralville, Iowa


Food Sources
1. Costco Wholesale
2. Walmart
3. Target
4. Taj International Foods (Asian Market)
5. Hy-Vee
7. Trader Joe’s

Pharmacy Locations
1. Costco Pharmacy
2. Walmart Pharmacy
3. Target Pharmacy
4. Hy-Vee Pharmacy
5. NuCara Pharmacy
6. Walgreens Pharmacy
7. UI - Iowa River Landing

Medical Services
8. University of Iowa Hospital
9. Mercy - Family Practice
10. Stead Family Children’s Hospital
11. Mercy - Urgent Care

Study Area

Costco Wholesale
Walmart
Target
Taj International Foods (Asian Market)
Hy-Vee
New Pioneer Food Co-Op
Trader Joe’s

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Inquiry: What opportunities lie within the central location of the site to improve the overall health of the community?

Key Extractions: Business, Soils, Community Gardens

Methodology: Research of the New Pioneer Food Co-op revealed that the organization has assisted with the construction of multiple community and school gardens. Within the study area, parking lots and vacant space was identified as potential sites for a garden. The community meeting revealed that members wanted the close access to a pharmacy within the study area. Areas for relocation were considered in the event that the study area develops larger commercial presence and building density.

Conclusions: While the site is not within a food desert, introducing a community garden could breathe life into the small district. The local food Co-op has done some garden projects in surrounding cities and could be a potential outreach for improving the site. Due to the historic uses of the site, there are many contaminants within the soils. If a garden is to be implemented, the location should be carefully selected to reduce risk to the community. The community has shown great concern for the study area. One of their main concerns is for the pharmacy next to the main intersection. Its central location is ideal for many residents who and wish to keep this element of the site in proposed designs.
At the community engagement workshop, participants were asked to identify important locations within the study area. Most participants identified **Walgreens Pharmacy** as an important location. This important element of **health services** should be preserved at this central intersection 2nd Street and 1st Avenue.
**Inquiry:** How can healthful additions to the site be implemented to reduce risk and preserve the economy of the site?

**Key Extractions:** Community Gardens, Soil quality, revitalization, mixed zoning

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**Figure 3.5 Proximity to pharmacies in Coralville (Source: ArcGIS)**

- Pharmacy Locations
- Highway 6 / 2nd Street
- Hospital Locations
- Interstate 80
- On-Site Pharmacy
- Site Boundary

**Figure 3.6** Example of a pharmacy located in a mixed-use building. This allows current businesses to continue providing the same services in the same area but with higher functionality and efficient use of space.

**Figure 3.7** Diagram of mixed-use development. One commercial function is surrounded by a different functional development to utilize space efficiently.
The SE Commercial District is Close Proximity to Three Major Community Attractions
The District is within biking and walking distances to Coral Ridge Mall, the Iowa River Landing, and the University of Iowa.

**Inquiry:** How accessible are the major community destinations in relation to the SE Commercial District?

**Key Extractions:** The distances and travel times between the SE Commercial District, the Coral Ridge Mall, the Iowa River Landing, and the University of Iowa.

**Methodology:** Research and a community meeting identified the Coral Ridge Mall, the Iowa River Landing, and the University as three major attractions within Coralville. ArcGIS and Illustrator were used to generate this map. Distances and travel times were generated with Google Maps.

**Conclusions:** The SE Commercial District is located at a major intersection within Coralville, 2nd St. and 1st Ave., which connect the three major community attractions. These three locations in Coralville and Iowa City are significant economic drivers and bring in many community members everyday. Within the SE Commercial District boundaries 2nd St. carries over 26,000 vehicles and 1st Ave. carries over 17,000 daily on average (Iowa DOT). This creates opportunities within the SE Commercial District by allowing for easy access to those community within Coralville as well as Iowa City.
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Coral Ridge Mall
Coral Ridge Mall is the most popular shopping and retail destination in the Coralville area. The mall features more than 100 stores and shops as well as a movie theater and an ice rink. In addition the mall has many dining options (https://www.coralridgemall.com/en.html)

Iowa River Landing
Iowa River Landing is a mixed-use development 180-acres in size that houses many retail, office, residential, and entertainment space. The IRL is an upscale area with options for dining and shopping. A University of Iowa Health Care clinic is now located in the area as well (https://iowariverlanding.com/about/).

University of Iowa
The University of Iowa is a Big Ten school with over 33,000 students attending each year. The university is home to a nationally acclaimed medical center which has been ranked as one of America’s Best Hospitals (U.S. News and World Report) for 28 consecutive years. Kinnick Stadium, where the UI Hawkeyes football team plays, can hold more than 70,000 fans and is often sold out for games bringing many visitors into the city on game day (https://uiowa.edu/about).
Inquiry: How can the SE Commercial District be activated by the surrounding influences of Coralville and Iowa City?

Key Extractions: A variety of city components surround the SE Commercial District and will influence how it will function.

Methodology: Access between the SE Commercial District and the surrounding city components create connections that will influence the site.

Conclusions: Due to the SE Commercial District’s location many factors will influence the flow of people to and from the site. 1st Ave. and 2nd St. will carry thousands of people through the site each day coming from or going to Iowa City and the university, the Coral Ridge Mall, the Iowa River Landing, residential areas, and the commercial corridor along 2nd St. This creates an opportunity within the SE Commercial District to establish a unique sense of place as it will receive strong influences from a variety of sources. A unique character could be developed within the site by establishing gateways along 1st Ave. and 2nd St. as well as maintaining a consistent architectural character. Activating the street fronts will increase the productivity of the area.
Opportunities for Improved Connections
The SE Commercial District has many opportunities to improve connections to the surrounding community. Connections to and from the district and to residential areas to the north, the Coral Ridge Mall, the commercial corridor along 2nd St., the Iowa River Landing, and Iowa City and the university will strengthen the usability and accessibility of the site. Although vehicular access to the district exists currently, the connections within the site require improvements. Additional pedestrian and bicycle routes would strengthen accessibility within the site as well as the connections from beyond site boundaries. Designing pedestrian and bicycle routes with shade trees and areas for rest and relaxation will help to increase human comfort as users move to and from the site. Adding public transit that connects the SE Commercial District to the Iowa River Landing, Iowa City, the Coral Ridge Mall, and to residential areas will also benefit the usability and access to the site.

Opportunities to Create a Unique Destination
The location of the SE Commercial District gives many opportunities to develop a site that is unique in character and serves the community as a needed and useful commercial area. Being the immediate link between Coralville and Iowa City promotes the idea that the site can create an entry experience for vehicle traffic as well as pedestrians and cyclists. The district has an opportunity to welcome individuals not only to the site but to the whole city of Coralville. In addition to the district’s location in relation to Iowa City, the site is located very close to the Iowa River and contains portions of Biscuit Creek and Clear Creek. Having close connections to water creates opportunities to allow water to shape the functions of the site while establishing a beautiful aesthetic. Finally, the SE Commercial District is a historical site that began the city of Coralville. The history of the site allows connections to be made to the past that could influence the character of the site today.
The SE Commercial District can Improve Connectivity Between Coralville and Iowa City

The SE Commercial District is located at the juncture between Coralville and Iowa City and can serve as a link between them.

**Methodology:** Analysis of opportunities map and the possible connections that the site could strengthen were organized graphically.

**Potential transit routes, land uses, transit stops, gateways, and roadway improvements.**

**Key Extractions:**

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**Conclusions:** The SE Commercial District is located on the edge of Coralville directly adjacent to Iowa City and has many opportunities to connect the two cities. Improving transportation infrastructure will increase the usability not only for vehicular traffic but for pedestrian and bicycle flows as well. Having two major roadways, 2nd St. and 1st Ave., creates an opportunity to activate the street by placing mixed-use development with retail on the first floor along the streets. The presence of Biscuit and Clear Creeks creates an opportunity to increase access to the water and improve the quality of the waterway. Finally, establishing gateways at the major entrances on site will begin to create a sense of place and identity within the SE Commercial District.

**Figure 1.** Proposed public transit routes.

Source: Esri, HERE, Garmin, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS user community
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**Inquiry:** How does each place of importance relate to each other?

**Key Extractions:** Important Places, Points of interest, Coralville Iowa, City Hall Workshop, Survey

**Methodology:** Documentation of preferences expressed by May 24 workshop participants; Google Earth, Photoshop, Illustrator

**Conclusions:** The Southeast Commercial District is surrounded by many important places throughout the Coralville, Iowa area. 2nd Street and 1st Avenue are main roads that go through Coralville and can create a connection source between the site and its context. The research concluded that main areas of importance are mixed-use areas, such as Iowa River Landing and Downtown Iowa City. Also, recreational spaces proved to be important, such as Thornberry Dog Park, Clear Creek Trail System, and North Ridge Park.
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Legend:
- 1. North Ridge Park
- 2. Coral Ridge Mall
- 3. S.T. Morrison Park
- 4. Coralville City Hall
- 5. Coralville Performing Arts Center
- 6. New Pioneer Food Co-Op
- 7. Iowa River Landing
- 8. Thornberry Off-leash Dog Park
- 9. Peninsula Disk Golf Course
- 10. Southeast Commercial District
- 11. Graduate Student Housing
- 12. Finkbine Golf Course
- 13. Downtown Iowa City
- 14. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
- 15. University of Iowa
- 16. Clear Creek Trails
- 17. Iowa River Trail
Inquiry: How can identified areas of importance within Coralville be better connected?

Key Extractions: City Hall Workshop, Survey, Coralville, Connections, Iowa River Landing, Downtown Iowa City, Coralridge Mall

Methodology: Extracted from community meeting at City Hall in Coralville, Iowa; Google Earth, Photoshop, Illustrator

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2. Iowa River Landing
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4. Iowa City
5. Showing Connections to Site
6. Highlighting Street Location
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The use of pedestrian friendly strategies will enhance the streetscape

Inquiry: How can 1st Avenue and 2nd Street/Highway 6 be the connecting factor of places found in the Coralville area?

Key Extractions: City Hall Workshop, Survey, Reenvisioning Connections, 1st Avenue, 2nd Street/Highway 6

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Conclusions: While it is important to maintain traffic efficiency of 2nd Street/Highway 6 and 1st Avenue, strategies to improve the pedestrian experience should be pursued.
Strategies to Further Connect 1st Avenue and 2nd Street:

- Well Lit Sidewalks
- Green Infrastructure
- Complete Hiking Trails
- Bicycle Corridor
- Connection to Commercial Infill
- Connection to Residential Areas

Legend

1. Coralridge Mall
2. Iowa River Landing
3. Iowa City
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**Inquiry:** Are there enough community services located within walking distance of the Southeast Community District?

**Key Extractions:** Community services located in Coralville and Iowa City and the bus route towards Iowa City.

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Legend Showing Different Types of Community Services

- **Childcare and Family Support Services**: These services primarily provide childcare and educational opportunities for low-income families and children.
- **Pre-natal/Antenatal Services**: Services that give females access to birth control, abortions, pre-natal care, and information.
- **Food Services**: Provide food to people in need around the city of Coralville and Iowa City.
- **Housing Services**: Housing Services provide emergency services to people in need. This includes homeless, people effected by abuse and domestic crimes, and provides information to people searching for low-income housing or are in the process of transition.
- **Mental Health/Substance Abuse**: Provides support and services to people affected by traumatic events or mental illnesses. There are also services that provide counseling and rehabilitation for people subject to substance abuse.
- **Elder Services**: Provides assistance, care, and health services to elderly people.
- **General Medical Services**: Provides general healthcare and dental services for people with low-income.
- **Employment Services**: Employment services give people who are struggling the opportunity to have a job and build experience so they can transition into better paying jobs.
- **Legal Services, General Assistance, and Immigration Assistance**: Provides legal help, financial benefits and assistance to low-income people in the community. There are also services to help immigrants with their transition into their new living situations.
Inquiry: Where are the community services primarily located and how do they relate to rent prices and the Southeast Commercial District?

Key Extractions: Community Services located in Coralville and Iowa City, bus route to Iowa City, and the average price of rent

Methodology: After analyzing the information retrieved for community services present in the area and realizing there are few services located within walking distance of the site, an average rent price map was overlaid to determine if it would be feasible to bring community services to the site for people who may live in the affordable housing.

Conclusions: Few of the community services are within walking distance of the Southeast Commercial District and a majority of the services are located in Iowa City. Housing found within the study area can be categorized as affordable housing. This was determined by information presented by the Census Data. There is an opportunity to bring some of these non-profit services to the site for the people living there who may need extra assistance.
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- Road Centerlines
- Building Footprint

This line indicates the site boundary and there are only three community services located within walking distance of the site. The census data concludes that affordable housing is present at this location, revealing that people living in this district may need access to these services.

Bus Route that connects the City of Coralville to Iowa City

The community services are primarily located in Iowa City. They are not walkable from the site, but there is a bus route that connects the Southeast Commercial District to Iowa City.

Figure 01. Average Rent Per Census Block
Source: Coralville, GIS: Gross Rent 2016
**Inquiry:** Can we incorporate community services be incorporated into the Southeast Commercial District to assist people who may be living in affordable housing?

**Key Extractions:** Community Services located in Coralville and Iowa City, bus route to Iowa City, and the average price of rent

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A business district could be located on the east side of the site closest to 1st Avenue to attract people traveling down 1st Avenue. The businesses would be affordable to people on the site to decrease traveling and create a live, work, play environment. The businesses would create job opportunities for people who may be living in the affordable housing. A nonprofit organization could be incorporated in this district to provide assistance to people who may need it and provide information for other programs located in Coralville and Iowa City.

New affordable housing could be introduced to the site to replace the deteriorating housing on site. The location would be along the west side of the site to better allow space between the busy, 1st Avenue, and to allow access to the creek and green space.
Inquiry: Where are major cultural events in Coralville held? Are these places within walking distance of the Southeast Commercial District?

Key Extractions: Major cultural spaces, cultural events/ routes, walking distances

Methodology: Spaces for cultural events were determined by research done on the Coralville city website. Observations of walking distances and times were obtained from Google Maps and the site photo was obtained via Google Earth.

Conclusions: The major culture space north of the site, the Iowa River Landing is within a 20-minute walk of the Southeast Commercial District. The collection of cultural spaces and events west of the site, including ST Morrison Park, the public library, and the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, are also within a 20-minute walk. The Coral Ridge Mall, home to several events in Coralville, is not easily accessible for pedestrians traveling to and from the Southeast Commercial District. The walking time is around one hour (Google Maps).
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Site Boundary
Cultural Spaces
Cultural Events
4th Fest Parade Route
Aisle of Lights
Rail Line
Walking Path

Classification

Figure 1. Cultural Accessibility
Source: Miles Updike, 2018

Figure 2. Iowa River Landing
Source: Google Earth

Figure 3. Coral Ridge Mall
Source: Google Earth

Figure 4. Center for Performing Arts
Source: Google Earth

Figure 5. ST Morrison Park
Source: Google Earth

1.2 Coral Ridge Mall
1.1 Iowa River Landing

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**Opportunity for Corridor Streetscape Development**

The streetscapes of the two major cultural corridors, along 2nd Street (Hwy 6) and 1st Avenue, are well maintained. Pedestrian circulation is permitted by sidewalks and natural shade is provided by vegetation. An opportunity for further development in these streetscapes lies in their lack of seating, pedestrian crosswalks, and buffering vegetation between street and sidewalk.

Figure 1. Corridors of Culture
Source: Miles Updike, 2018

Figure 2. 1st Avenue Streetscape. Source: Google Earth, 2018.

Figure 3. 2nd Street Streetscape. Source: Google Earth, 2018.
Inquiry: How can the Southeast District connect strongly to nearby centers of cultural events?

Key Extractions: Clear Creek access locations, Commuter railway access

Methodology: Aerial view obtained with Google Earth.

Conclusions: The Southeast Commercial District is at an important crossroads of culture, but also a railway and a creek. By implementing a railway stop on site, the district will become more accessible. Incorporating this railway stop into a three-story parking garage will help patrons gain access to the railway that is currently twenty feet above grade. Utilizing a parking structure will keep more space open for development on site. Giving patrons more ability to access the creek, as well as the trails across the creek to the north will provide a stronger sense of program along the creek banks.
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Figure 1. Peripheral Connections
Source: Image from Google Earth.

Figure 2. Rail Stop Parking Garage
Source: Google Earth.

Figure 3. Spatial Function
Source: Google Earth.

Legend
- Open Community Space
- Mixed-Use Development
- Parking Structure
- Rail Line Connection
- Waterfront Access

Figure 4. Creek Access and Bridge Connection
Source: Google Earth.
Seasonal Events Transform the Coralville Area
University of Iowa football games attract large crowds to Coralville each year

Month of Each Event

January:
1. Coralville BrrrFest: Marriott Hotel at Iowa River Landing
2. WinterFest: Iowa River Landing

May-August:
3. Summer Lunches at S.T. Morrison Park
4. Senior Courses at Coralville Recreation Center
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6. Adult English Courses at Coralville Public Library
7. Movie Nights at Coralville Public Library

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10. The Great Golden Medallion Hunt at any Coralville Park

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14. Aisle of Lights throughout Coralville, Iowa

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Key Extractions: Reoccurring events, Coralville, Iowa, University of Iowa, Iowa City

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Figure 02. Reoccurring Events in Coralville, Iowa Area
Source: Google Earth, 2016
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15. Areas of Connection

Figure 01. Aisle of Lights, Coralville
Source: City of Coralville, 2017

Figure 02. 4th Fest
Source: City of Coralville, 2017

Figure 03. Summer Classes offered at Coralville Rec
Source: The Gazette, 2018

Figure 04. Creating a Central Connection
Source: Google Earth, 2016

Figure 05. FRY Fest
Source: FRY fest, 2018

Figure 06. WinterFest
Source: City of Coralville, 2018

Figure 07. Hawkeye Football Games
Source: HawkeyeSports, 2018
**Redevelopment of the District Should Focus on Placemaking**

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Source: Google Earth, 2016

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**Critical Maps**

**Map 7.8a**

**Coralville Has The Cuisine, And Iowa City Has The Arts**

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**Inquiry:** Where are the art and cultural hubs in Coralville and Iowa City?

**Key Extractions:** Public art, art museums, cultural centers, international restaurants, outdoor art, cultural events, art galleries

**Methodology:** Researching and finding several centers for arts and culture within Coralville and Iowa City and pinpointing them to find any patterns or gaps in development.

**Conclusions:** This map shows the sparse nature of the arts and international culture in Coralville and Iowa City. Coralville contains very few museums or public art spaces, but is heavy in restaurants for international cuisine. The Southeast Commercial District is the primary proprietor to many of these restaurants, giving the area a distinct association to international character. Iowa City has very few rich international restaurants, but they are gaining a lot of momentum in their application of public outdoor art and indoor public galleries. University of Iowa houses three different cultural centers including the Latino-Native American Center, the Afro-American Cultural Center, and the Italian American Cultural Center. Both cities have several seasonal community programs that support the arts and culture in the community.
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Figure 01. International Culture and Art in Coralville
Source: Data from Coralville MapTechnica

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Legend
- Cultural Center
- International Cuisine
- Performing Arts Center
- Public Art Gallery
- Museums
- Outdoor Art
- Temporary/Seasonal Art Display

1 Mile Radius
2 Mile Radius
5 Mile Radius
10 Mile Radius

Figure 02: Server from Takanami, a Japanese fusion restaurant in Iowa City, delivers an order to his table (Light, 2012).

Figure 03: Local artist participates in Iowa City’s annual “Rock the Chalk” art festival in the downtown district (Light, 2017).

Figure 04: A couple admires a large mural in Iowa City’s downtown district. With help from Iowa City’s first ever art director, Thomas Agran, the city is working towards widespread beautification through public art projects (Arnold, 2017).

Figure 05: Joan Jett and the Blackhearts performs at Coralville’s hit summer festival, FRYfest (Reineke, 2015).
**Inquiry:** How strong is the presence of international culture and art in the SE Commercial District?

**Key Extractions:** Museums, art galleries, art classes, restaurants in Coralville

**Methodology:** All dining options were found for the SE Commercial District, and those with an international theme are shown on the map as well as art venues.

**Conclusions:** Coralville’s SE Commercial District has a lot of options for international cuisine. This characteristic provides the district with a unique identity that should be maintained throughout redevelopment and design. Many people in Coralville attribute the district with the wide variety of food options. However, the district does not have a very apparent cultural aesthetic or art scene. There is an opportunity to use the international dining as a catalyst for creating a hub for art and culture in the district.
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Existing International Restaurants in the Southeast Commercial District

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Opportunity

Figure 02

Mexican

Mexican, Grocery

Figure 03

Chinese

Figure 04

Italian

Figure 05

Figure 06

Mediterranean

Public Rating (1-5)
Price Rating (Low-High)
The Southeast Commercial District has good potential to become a headquarters for international culture, life, and art. Highlighting this identity will make it a must-visit piece of Coralville’s urban fabric. Adding art, music, outdoor spaces, renovated storefronts, restaurants, and housing will help the district reach this goal.
Inquiry: How can the Southeast Commercial District become a place for art and expressive international character?

Key Extractions: Exotic life, culture, streets, housing, art

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Figure 06. Boston’s Chinatown District
Boston, Massachusetts - Chinatown is a cultural immersion that contains Chinese housing, hospitals, schools, shops, offices, and some of the best international food in Boston. A few parks lie near or within the district completing the full “live, work, play” cycle.

(Source: Google Earth)

Figure 07. Mt. Vernon Cultural District
Baltimore, Maryland - Baltimore’s cultural district is a historic part of town that features several of Maryland’s oldest and most significant government buildings. Near the area are theaters, parks, art galleries, dining, shops, and small music venues.

(Source: Google Earth)

Figure 08. International District
Seattle, Washington - Seattle’s International District is home to several dining joints with flavors from around the world. This district features history, culture, art, and theater. Combined with a lot of outdoor recreation opportunities, this district is a well-rounded cultural experience.

(Source: Google Earth)

Maps not to scale
Inquiry: Where are the existing business incubators in the area and how well does Coralville meet the criteria for additional incubators?

Key Extractions: Major places of employment, incubator locations in Iowa City and Coralville, streets

Methodology: Aerial view obtained via Google Earth. Research performed on business incubator locations in the Iowa City-Coralville area and major places of employment, as well as focuses on scholastic research.

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FOUNDATIONS OF SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS INCUBATORS

NEARBY UNIVERSITIES/INSTITUTIONS
Educational institutions can provide an area with a high concentration of new talent and research support. The University of Iowa campus is one mile from the Coralville site.

MARKET SPECIALIZATION
Well established firms and knowledge in an area can help foster a culture of growth and expertise. Coralville’s population is well educated and a high percentage of workers are in the medical industry.

QUALITY OF LIFE
A city’s quality of life is an important factor in the recruitment of new talent and the retention of employees. The Iowa City area is consistently highly ranked in terms of the most livable American cities.

ECONOMIC UPSWING
As one of the fastest growing metro areas in Iowa, with a growth rate nearly double the average growth of American metro areas, the Iowa City metro represents an opportunity for future business development.

GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Governing policies that encourage growth, opposed to hindering it, create a community of innovation. A local population of motivated and supportive people helps create this community as well. Coralville clearly boasts a strong concentration of people who want the best for their city, and there are multiple support systems available for entrepreneurs at the University of Iowa.
Inquiry: Do potential entrepreneurs in Coralville have access to adequate business incubation resources within their city? What is a potential location for additional business incubators?

Key Extractions: Site boundary, city boundary, traffic circulation, existing centers of business incubation

Methodology: The aerial view of the Coralville-Iowa City area was obtained via Google Earth. Locations of major developments and business incubation sites were obtained through a combination of Internet research and discussions with community members.

Conclusions: With the consideration of the city boundary between Coralville and Iowa City, it becomes evident that entrepreneurs in Coralville have multiple options for support in Iowa City, but just one resource in their own city. The location of this resource, the UI Research Park, is on the opposite side of the city from where new mixed-use development is occurring at the Iowa River Landing. By implementing a business incubator at the Southeast Commercial District location, innovators in Coralville can easily access local resources and at the Iowa River Landing, creating a culture of entrepreneurship amongst these two hubs.
Opportunity for Innovation District in eastern Coralville

While nearby Iowa City is home to a concentration of incubators devoted to helping new and innovative businesses get their start, Coralville currently has just one, the University of Iowa Research Park (Figure 2.2) located in the northwestern part of the city. As the newly developed Iowa River Landing (Figures 2.3, 2.4) emerges in eastern Coralville, an opportunity for business incubation resources unique to Coralville arises on this side of the city. In analyzing the spatial configuration and relationships amongst existing business incubators and emerging developments, the Southeast Commercial District asserts itself as a prime location for a district of business innovation in Coralville.
Innovation District Creates Corridor Connection with Iowa River Landing

Development of the Southeast Commercial District creates a new urban core of Coralville.

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*Figure 1. Innovation Connection
Source: Google Earth (base)
Updike, 2018*

**Innovation Connection**

By developing a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation in the Southeast Commercial District, an urban core will form with the site and the Iowa River Landing. With this development, the corridor between these two nodes, running along 1st Avenue and the Iowa River, becomes a vital zone of transition.

**Inquiry:** How can a district focused on innovation in business at the Southeast Commercial District become a part of a larger developmental context with the Iowa River Landing and the Iowa Riverfront?

**Key Extractions:** Vehicular circulation, rail lines, major nodes of development, Iowa River

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Source: Google Earth (base)

Figure 2. 1st Ave. Streetscape
Source: Google Earth

Figure 3. 1st Ave Streetscape
Source: Google Earth

Figure 4. Innovation District
Source: Google Earth
Inquiry: How does income, age and ethnicity relate to Coralville geographically?

Key Extractions: Income, age and ethnicity demographics.

Methodology: Created in ArcGIS, and on city-data.com where data is derived from carto.com and openstreemap.org. Data creation methodology is unknown. Maps manipulated in photoshop

Conclusions: While Coralville generally has an income comparable to the rest of Iowa, the Southeast Commercial District is slightly lower. Most people living in Coralville are between the ages of 25-30 with a range living within the SCD. The predominant race is White and the most common language spoken is English followed by Spanish.
Race and Ethnicity in Coralville
In 2016, there were 6.54 times more White residents (14,837 people) in Coralville than any other race or ethnicity. There were 2,270 Black and 1,846 Asian residents.

Non-English Speakers in Coralville
2,729 citizens of Coralville speak a non-English language (lower than the national average of 21.1%)
Likely Areas of Improvement in Coralville
Reducing the number of people living below the poverty line and without formal education

Residents Living Below Poverty Line

2,570 out of 18,907 people lived below the poverty line in 2016, this was approximately the same as the national average.

**Inquiry:** Which blocks are most vulnerable based on demographics?

**Key Extractions:** Site outline, poverty demographic map, no schooling demographic map

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Study Area

Figure 01. Income Below Poverty Level
Source: Census Bureau, 2018

Figure 02. Residents With no Completed Schooling
Source: Census Bureau, 2018

Likely Areas of Improvement in Coralville
- Reducing the number of people living below the poverty line and without formal education
Map 7.10c

How can the SCD Cater to Surrounding Populations?
The SCD is in a prime location to serve nearby demographics

Inquiry: Where can new amenities be placed to improve the living conditions of nearby residents?
Key Extractions: Areas located for possible new amenities
Methodology: Precedents found on internet and transposed onto site map.
Conclusions: Certain changes in the Southeast Commercial District can greatly improve the surrounding community areas by providing public space for everyone to use, better transportation to get to work and affordable housing to live in.
Precedents Illustrating Potential New Uses for SCD Areas

Improved Transportation

- Pedestrian Friendly Streets
- New Train Station

Housing Type Variety

- Affordable Housing Options

Public Parks

- New Public Spaces for Activities and Recreation

Strategy

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Existent Programs Diversity and Density
Examining the diversity and density of on-site and near-site programs.

*Inquiry:* What types of programs are on the site and adjacent to the site? What is the most and least type of programs on the site?

*Key Extractions:* Programs Diversity, Density.

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Figure 1. Existing Programs Diversity and Density
Source: Google Earth 2018. Open Street Map. Arcmap GIS. Shutterstock.com; Chen2018
**Existing Programs Layout and Adjacency**

Examining the fragmentation and disconnection of the major existing programs due to excessive surface parking.

Figure 2. Existing Programs Layout and Adjacency


**Inquiry:** What is the existing layout of the major site programs, and contribute to the fragmentation and disconnection of the program layout?

**Key Extractions:** Programs Layout. Adjacency. Fragmentation. Disconnection. Boundary.

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**Context Informs Urban Programs**  
Achieving urban programs with individual characters from linking the surrounding context.  

*Figure 3. Context Informs Urban Programs  
Source: Google Earth. Chen 2018.*

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**Strategy**

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Figure 01. Material types used in Coralville, IA
Source: Google Street View
Inquiry: What types of materials can increase the historical and cultural identity of SE Commercial District

Key Extractions: Materials, Brick, Corten Steel, Natural Fabric

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Opportunity: Limestone, Brick, Corten Steel and existing Natural Fabric can be used to increase the historical and cultural identity of SE Commercial District. Concrete and Asphalt dominate the SE Commercial District associated with Limestone, Brick, Corten Steel and Natural Fabric (vegetation and soils).
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Map 7.13a

Successful Pop-Up Spaces Have Similar Attributes When Revitalizing Urban Space
Seating, bright colors, and using salvaged materials are the most common attributes of a temporary space

Inquiry: What are similar elements in precedent temporary installations that could be implemented in Coralville for maximum success?

Key Extractions: Development type, size, key elements, facilitator, amenities, and installation period

Methodology: Precedent images were gathered from a variety of sources with the intent to have a wide range of examples. GIS data was gathered from state and county databases to measure area and parcel footprints. The images on the sheet are in order of smallest to largest size of each site.

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Comparison

ReSurfaced - Louisville, KY
- Empty Downtown Block
- Key Elements: Vegetation, seating, bright colors, ground plane change, entertainment, and night life
- Facilitator: Local sponsors, organizations, and volunteers
- Approx. Size: 15,666.70sqft
- Installation Period: 6 Months (Currently Adopted)

Kenmore Blvd - Akron, OH
- 3 Blocks Street
- Key Elements: Vegetation, seating, bright colors, ground plane change, and entertainment
- Facilitator: Better Block Organization, local volunteers and city council
- Approx. Size: 114,803.50sqft
- Installation Period: 3 Days

Amenity Comparison of Precedents

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Opportunity

**Legend**

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Inquiry: What could the SE Commercial District look like and benefit from temporary installations?

Key Extractions: Opportunistic locations of the district that temporary installations could be implemented.

Methodology: After selection of opportunistic locations on site, one of each type of temporary installation was chosen to develop a vision based on their location, physical and visual access, and quality of space.

Conclusions: The existing site of the Southeast Commercial District has multiple opportunity location for a range of pop-up installations. Because the site is mostly covered in parking lots, there are many opportunities to activate empty lots with people, food, music and color. Visual access into and from the site will increase the amount of attention the pop-up installation will receive. The dilapidated roads can better utilize residential and business fronts increasing the exposure of existing businesses as well as future development. Connection to Iowa city and attraction to the trail amenities recently implemented in Coralville could be expanded upon with an installation along the trail. Lastly, the vacant lot on the SE Commercial District site provides the most unrestricted opportunity for a temporary or series of temporary installations.
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Trail
Coralville’s trails are a wonderful amenity for the local community, but one opportunity missed is the connection to Iowa City and sites southwest of the district. This tunnel running under the railroad tracks connects to University of Iowa’s student housing. A temporary installation could attract unaware users to this prime connection point located next to Clear Creek.

Parking Lot Pop-Up
The location of this lot could provide visual access to and from Highway 6 attracting more community members or visitors to Coralville. This installation could give local artists a chance to shine with the opportunity to make sculptural and paint pieces. Food trucks, games, and bright colors are more activities that could be implemented for all ages.

2nd Avenue
With easy access off of Highway 6, this street can provide an easy attraction for business fronts, community gathering, or an introduction to green streets that are being implemented around Coralville.

Vacant Lot
As a preamble to future developments in the future of the SE Commercial District, the vacant lot space could be activated as an event space to help raise money for development in the district or for a local cause involving local non-profit organizations and city council officials. This space has the most transformative opportunity as there are no existing structural restraints.
Building Mass in the SE Commercial Doesn’t Shape Open Space

Three successful precedents demonstrate importance of spatially-ordered buildings

Southeast Commercial District, Coralville, Iowa

- No Clear Organization
- 80% Open Space
- 1% Canopy
- High Visual Penetration

Pedestrian Mall, Downtown Iowa City, Iowa

- Linear Pedestrian
- 40% Open Space
- 6% Canopy
- Low Visual Penetration

Figure 1: Coralville, Iowa (GIS, 2018)
- Primarily 1-2 story buildings
- Wide open spaces with no formal organization
- Doesn’t provide any pedestrian amenities
- Exposed to vehicular traffic
- Low level of enclosure
- Low pedestrian traffic
(Google Maps, 2018)

Figure 2: Iowa City, Iowa, (GIS, 2018)
- Primarily 2-5 story buildings
- Long, tree covered pedestrian malls connect arterial streets
- Provides many pedestrian amenities
- Limited exposure to vehicular traffic
- High level of enclosure
- High pedestrian traffic
(Google Maps, 2018)

Inquiry: How does the open space in the SE Commercial District shape building mass in comparison to other locations?

Key Extractions: Building masses, green spaces, plaza spaces

Methodology: Precedent sites were determined based on recommendation and research in order to find a variety of space types and locations to compare. Plaza space, green space, building mass, parking, and overhead canopy was measured via satellite imagery retrieved from GIS. Building height, exposure to vehicular traffic, level of enclosure, and pedestrian traffic were determined based on Google Maps (aerial imagery and street view in combination with user posted site images).

Conclusions: The SE Commercial District in Coralville has considerably lower pedestrian traffic than compared sites. Although reasoning is difficult to determine, noticable differences include the level of exposure to surrounding streets, the amount of structured pedestrian-oriented space and amenities, and building height.
Comparison

Belmar, Lakewood, Colorado

- Primarily 3-5 story buildings
- Open, tree covered plaza connects mall district
- Provides many pedestrian amenities
- Some exposure to vehicular traffic
- Medium level of enclosure
- Medium pedestrian traffic
(Google Maps, 2018)

Leipziger Platz, Berlin, Germany

- Primarily 10-20 story buildings
- Formally arranged open lawn with paved edges
- Provides limited pedestrian amenities
- Exposed to vehicular traffic
- Medium/high level of enclosure
- Medium/high pedestrian traffic
(Google Maps, 2018)

Figure 3: Lakewood, Colorado (GIS, 2018)
Figure 4: Berlin, Germany (GIS, 2018)
The SE Commercial District Has Opportunities for Structured Open Space

Open space could be integrated alongside existing trails, streets, or within the interior of the site.

**Inquiry:** Where are opportunities to create open space within the SE Commercial District?

**Key Extractions:** Satellite imagery with key areas circled

**Methodology:** Key locations were determined from site visits based on connection to the surrounding community through water bodies, trail systems, and streets.

**Conclusions:** The Southeast Commercial District offers several locations that could work for structured open space. These open spaces can be formed through the use of building mass as well as using the edges of the site. Connections could be made to Clear Creek, to the existing trail system, or to one of the adjacent streets. The site is large enough to also offer opportunities to have some open space within the central zone of the southern portion of the site.
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Figure 1: Opportunities for Open Space (GIS, 2018)

Figure 2: Proximity to Clear Creek and the surrounding natural area helps emphasize natural beauty of the region. (Mader, 2018)

Figure 3: Proximity to streets could lead to further connection between proposed open space to the rest of the community. (Mader, 2018)

Figure 4: Existing open space is centralized within the site with the potential to be protected from nearby busy streets. (Mader, 2018)

Figure 5: The existing trail system that wraps along the edge of the site offers the opportunity to help connect new public space to the surrounding community. (Belanger, 2018)
Map 7.14c

The SE Commercial District Should Use Future Building Masses to Shape Open Space
The district could use linear, rectangular, or centralized open space with plazas and with green space

Inquiry: How could open space be implemented within the SE Commercial District?

Key Extractions: Optional building masses, plaza spaces, and green spaces

Methodology: Good locations for future open space were determined through case studies of precedents and visits to the site to determine important connections needed for future development.

Conclusions: The placement and shape of future buildings on the site will hold a key role in determining how open space on the site can be developed. The two should be designed at the same time in order to effectively create spaces that move fluidly from interior to exterior. These spaces can be organized as linear pedestrian malls, rectangular plazas or lawns, or centralized plazas or lawns however the best use of space is to combine all three in order to make the most use of the site.

Figure 1: A linear pedestrian mall could be paved or become a linear park. It has the potential to connect to the existing trail system, run alongside (or perpendicular to) roads, and meet Clear Creek. (Mader, 2018)

Figure 2: An open plaza provides ample space for pedestrian movement as well as events and gatherings to occur. The plaza could be positioned adjacent to existing streets or near Clear Creek and should include several types of furnishings, seating options, and trees. (Mader, 2018)
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Green Space
Paved Space
Building Mass/Parking Garage
Streetscape
Site Boundary

Figure 1: A linear pedestrian mall could be paved or become a linear park. It has the potential to connect to the existing trail system, run alongside (or perpendicular to) roads, and meet Clear Creek. (Mader, 2018)

Figure 3: Lawn space could be positioned centrally on the site to provide green space to all surrounding buildings while still being protected from the vehicular traffic along the streets. (Mader, 2018)

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Figure 4: Arguably the most effective strategy, linear space, plazas, and green space can all be combined to use the site as efficiently as possible while also connecting it to the rest of the community. (Mader, 2014)
**Inquiry:** What are the users’ orientation pattern on the existing hardscape and softscape of the site?

**Key Extractions:** Hardscape. Softscape. Users’ Orientation.

**Methodology:** The general location for existing softscape (represented in red) and hardscape (represented in light gray) are traced from the data provided by Google Earth. The users’ orientation is represented by the opacity of the pattern, and the data is collected in both an objective way (documenting the population density and user occupation from the site inventory) and a subjective way (hypothesizing through analyzing the usage and popularity of program and its surroundings). The three circles represent the level of usage in an abstract way for easier interpretation (the inner ring is the lowest level of usage, and the outer ring is the highest level). The lines give a general understanding of the areas studied, and provide information of the studied area’s size.

**Conclusions:** According to the map, the users’ orientation on the softscape is along the 1st St, Clear Creek Trail and Mormon Trek. It makes sense as the above area are valuable accessible green spaces to be preserved and strengthen. Users’ orientation to the hardscape is along the 2nd Ave, which shows a gradual decrease from the north (where more prominent businesses such as Walgreens and Midwest Bank are located) to the south (where softball stadium and smaller local retails are located).
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**Figure 1. Existing Layout of the Outdoor Hardscape and Softscape and Users' Orientation**

Source: Google Earth 2018. Arcmap GIS; Chen 2018

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Existing Layout of Outdoor Infrastructure and Open Spaces
Outdoor infrastructure and open space are mapped by size and proximity.

Inquiry: What are the existing characteristics of the outdoor infrastructures and open spaces?

Key Extractions: Outdoor Infrastructure, Open Spaces, Parking, Green Space, Paving, Size and proximity.

Methodology: Primary types of the outdoor infrastructure (such as rail, industrial sites, parking lots, and recreational facilities) and open spaces (such as green space with limited access, and green space with pedestrian access) were identified and arranged in a radial pattern with a grey line to indicate its location. The size of the colored block indicates the size of the studied areas, while the line weights indicate the level of opportunity or limitation. The location and size information of the outdoor infrastructure and open spaces were retrieved from the Google Earth Pro.

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Urban Nodes and Loops Constitute Framework for Future Redevelopment

Urban nodes and loops emerge from infrastructure and open space analysis.

Methodology:

By analyzing the infrastructure loop, mobility loops, activity nodes, and green loop, a sketch for an urban loop and nodes emerges.


Inquiry: How can the existing characters of landscape infrastructure and open spaces inform the urban loop and nodes?

Conclusions: Result of this map could help inform future decisions for an urban setting, through a new perspectives of generating landscape nodes and loop from the existing infrastructure.

Source: Google Earth Pro; Chen 2018
Inquiry: How can the existing context inform urban programs that are linking to a larger setting and are unique with own individual characters?


Methodology: The adjacent context are documented from Google Earth. The author categorized 5 surrounding characters and trace the result using Adobe Illustrator. The five surrounding context are connected to the site by 5 arrows each indicating the pedestrian or vehicular entry/exit or the site.

According to the characters on the "boundary" of the site, the author initiated 5 distinct colors to indicate the linkage from out to in. Then, according to the existing circulation route and the adjacency of the programs, the author develop a general layout of "urban blocks" to inform the general situation of a particular "parcel" of the site and its potential character.

Conclusions: The west of the site is connected to a higher level of commercial environment. The north is connected to the trail, green space and residential. The south-west side is connected to green space and golf course, The south-east side is connected to recreational facility and trails. The north-east side is connected to the University of Iowa and public services such as healthcare and libraries. The existing context around the site has generate distinct land character which will contribute to the future design of urban programs that are linked into the larger setting with individual characters.

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Key Extractions: Urban Loop, Nodes, Landscape Infrastructure, Green Loop, Mobility, Activity.

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Figure 3. Green Radial Loop

Figure 4. Infrastructure Nodes and Green Loop

Landscape Loop as Accessible Green Space
Landscape Nodes as Infrastructure
Landscape Nodes as Open Green Space
Activity Nodes
**2nd Street Divides SE Commercial district**

66’ wide highway creates barrier to pedestrian circulation which prevents site unity

**Inquiry:** How comfortable is the SE Commercial District?

**Key Extractions:** Heat-absorbing areas (paved), shade trees/structures, roads and paved trails, benches/outdoor seat

**Methodology:** Mapping trees/shade structures, parking, roads and paved trails, benches/outdoor seating

**Conclusions:** While there is decent pedestrian connectivity, there is minimal planning and design for human comfort in the outdoor environment. With the notable exception of the 2nd St./HW6 sidewalks, most pedestrian paths are moderately to very exposed to the elements, particularly the sun. The high percentage of parking lot, road, and paved area absorbs heat in the summer, further decreasing human comfort. In addition to the lack of shelter, the only option for seating is the ground. Finally, noise from the road, particularly the intersection of First Ave, and Second Street, creates noticeable auditory discomfort near the roads. The cumulative effect of these factors creates an environment that is generally uncomfortable for pedestrian use.
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Comparison

Figure 2. Sensory Comfort (Noise)
Source: Google Earth Pro (2018)

Figure 1. Sensory Comfort (Heat)
Source: Google Earth Pro (2018)
Critical Maps

Inquiry: What areas present opportunities to create comfortable spaces in the SE Commercial District?

Key Extractions: Opportunities for comfortable spaces

Methodology: Identifying and marking circulation nodes, moderately-sized unprogrammed areas, and potential gathering spaces based on observation.

Conclusions: While there are currently few site elements that provide comfort, there are many opportunities to create comfortable spaces for rest and gathering, particularly along the Clear Creek. Based on site observations, adequate unprogrammed space is available at several pedestrian circulation nodes. The green corridor along Clear Creek has a significant amount of space that can be programmed with seating and shade structures to create places to rest and relax in a greener setting. Along the north and south sides of 2nd Street there is generally adequate shade from trees but nowhere to sit. The wide sidewalks and park strip could accommodate benches to provide places to rest along a very long stretch of sidewalk.
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Precedents - Comfortable Urban Spaces

Figure 2. Compact street seating - London, UK
Source: wmbstudio.co.uk (2015)

Figure 3. Paley Park - NYC, USA
Source: Project for Public Spaces/pps.org (2018)

Figure 4. Hot Tub Parklet - Vancouver, BC, Canada
Source: Paul Krueger via Flickr (2012)
Inquiry: How can the pedestrian experience be improved in the SE Commercial District?

Key Extractions: Locations and phasing for improving pedestrian comfort

Methodology: Separating potential sites from opportunity map into three phases - short-, mid-, and long-term based on project size.

Conclusions: Maximizing the site potential for pedestrian experience will be a long-term project, however, there are short-term projects that have the potential for big impacts. Adding benches and seating is a simple solution that can take advantage of existing shade and provide much needed rest on long stretches of pedestrian circulation. Mid-term projects include tree planting and structures to increase available shade for seating. This should be done in conjunction with additional seating to create sheltered, restful spaces. Long-term projects should include dynamic urban spaces to accommodate a variety of activities and gatherings. These projects will include amenities for small and large-scale gatherings and free/paid public events with programming for restful activities when there are no scheduled events. Shade and rest should continue to be factors for these larger spaces.
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Figure 02. Benches at the Plaza at Harvard
Source: http://www.stoss.net/projects/16/the-plaza-at-harvard/

Figure 03. Shophes at Dos Lagos, Riverside, California
Source: ranchoreubidoux.com/2010/11/10/linear-movement/

Figure 04. McBurney Lane, Langley, Virginia
Source: worldlandscapearchitect.com
Inquiry: What types of visual connections do pedestrians and drivers experience in Coralville’s Southeast Commercial District?

Key Extractions: Existing Types of Views

Methodology: These main types of views were photographed and mapped after visiting the Southeast Commercial District.

Conclusions: 2nd Street plays an important role in bringing people to the study area and enabling views into the north and south areas adjacent to the street. Currently drivers and pedestrians have three penetrating views north of 2nd Street and one view on the south side. Utility corridors and an elevated rail line also interfere with views.
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**Corridor Views**

- Figure 2. Powerline Corridor Running Along 1st Street
  Source: Mader, 2018
- Figure 3. Powerline Corridor Running Diagonally Across Site (Looking SW)
  Source: Stoffel, 2018
- Figure 4. Powerline Corridor Running Diagonally Across Site (Looking NE)
  Source: Stoffel, 2018
- Figure 5. Powerline Corridor Along Clear Creek
  Source: Dunay, 2018
- Figure 6. Pedestrian Corridor North of 2nd Street
  Source: Cooke, 2018
- Figure 7. Pedestrian Corridor Near Biscuit Creek
  Source: Stoffel, 2018

**Intersection Views**

- Figure 8. Vehicular Corridor on 2nd Street
  Source: Benyshek, 2018
- Figure 9. View from Crosswalk (Looking Diagonally to the SW)
  Source: Hahn, 2018
- Figure 10. View from Crosswalk (Looking Diagonally to the NW)
  Source: Hahn, 2018

**Entrance Views**

- Figure 11. North Entrance
  Source: Benyshek, 2018
- Figure 12. East Entrance
  Source: Benyshek, 2018
- Figure 13. South Entrance
  Source: Hahn, 2018

**Penetrating Views Into District**

- Figure 14. West Entrance
  Source: Benyshek, 2018
- Figure 15. Far West View Into the Site
  Source: Dunay, 2018
- Figure 16. Far East View Into the Site
  Source: Mader, 2018
Inquiry: Where can the Southeast Commercial District improve its views and visual connections with pedestrians and drivers?

Key Extractions: Potential areas to develop stronger views

Methodology: These opportunity areas were chosen after analyzing the view classification map.

Conclusions: The Southeast Commercial District does not have any signs or typical gateway elements to mark its four entrances into the site. Therefore, the district is not clearly distinguished from other areas of Coralville. This presents the opportunity to develop gateways at the four entrances into the site as visual indicators for pedestrians and drivers to transition into and out of the site. In addition, the north pedestrian corridor near Biscuit Creek offers a strong visual connection to the north half of the site. Extending the pedestrian corridor could potentially bridge the visual connections between the north and south halves of the site.
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Primary Gateway Opportunities

Figure 2. Example of an Overhead Structure as Primary Gateway Element in Chicago’s Lincoln Square
Source: Pearce, 2006

Secondary Gateway Opportunities

Chesapeake, Virginia’s vertical towers are a nice example of secondary gateway elements. The simple and elegant structures remind drivers and pedestrians that they are entering the city, even if the entrance is not as heavily used as other entrances. Adding simple, elegant towers like those found in this example to the north and east entrances of the Southeast Commercial District can improve the welcoming feeling for more drivers and pedestrians as they enter the site.

Elements at View Termination Point

The Washington Monument is a clear example of an element placed at the end of a line of view to mark its termination point. The monument’s height is important for viewers to see it at any point along the line of view. Placing a tall element at the end of the proposed extended north pedestrian path will help draw pedestrians and drivers into more of the site both visually and physically. A tall element at the view’s termination point can also become a wayfinding landmark for people as they use the site.

Figure 3. Example of Vertical Columns as Secondary Gateway Elements in Chesapeake, Virginia
Source: (“Gateways”, 2010)

Figure 4. Example of an Element Placed at the Terminating Point of a View at the Washington Monument
Source: (Ruane, 2016)
**Inquiry:** How can the Southeast Commercial District improve their views to better connect with pedestrians and drivers?

**Key Extractions:** Defined Gateways, Extended Pedestrian Corridor, and New Terminating View Element

**Methodology:** This plan was created in response to the opportunities map.

**Conclusions:** Adding primary gateway elements along 2nd Street will help people visually connect with the boundaries of the site and sense the distinct, unique identity of the district. Though three of the four entrances have bridges that provide a sense of transition into the site, adding gateway signs and vertical elements to the four entrances will make the district’s identity more obvious for everyone. Creating one continuous pedestrian corridor also helps the site feel visually connected instead of divided into north and south halves. The new pedestrian corridor has the potential to bring users closer to Clear Creek with a new pedestrian bridge and add a second crosswalk within the site.
**Gateway Locations**

Figure 2. North Entrance  
Source: Benyshek, 2018

Figure 3. East Entrance  
Source: Benyshek, 2018

Figure 4. South Entrance  
Source: Hahn, 2018

Figure 5. West Entrance  
Source: Benyshek, 2018

**Enhanced View**

Figure 6. Opportunities for North Pedestrian Corridor  
Source: Stoffel, 2018

Opportunities

Gateways and landmarks could contribute to place identity.
Inquiry: Are outdoor recreational areas easily accessible from the Southeast Commercial District?

Key Extractions: Sports fields, outdoor activity sites, trail system connections, recreational facilities, public parks

Methodology: On-site observations and Google Maps locations condensed within 0.25 mile, 0.5 mile, and 1 mile radii of the study area.

Conclusions: The Southeast Commercial District currently has only two types of recreation available within the study area boundaries: trails and outdoor activities (fishing, birdwatching, etc). A wider range of recreation lies within a one mile radius. Since little opportunity lies within the study area most visitors only pass through the space to get to other activities. All outdoor recreation within the study area is on the north side near Clear Creek and is almost hidden by buildings and other development. The trail system in Coralville is well developed and widely used, but offers no incentive for visitors to stay within the study area or use local businesses or services.
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Mixed-Use Redevelopment Could Include More Recreational and Social Opportunities
The study area contains the busiest intersection in the metro area and could be a hub of interaction

Figure 1. Opportune Spaces for Recreational Development/Expansion
Source: Google Earth. n.d. Coralville, IA Aerial View.

Figure 2. 2nd St. & 1st Ave. Intersection
Source: Google Earth. n.d. Coralville, IA Aerial View.

Legend
- Roads/Trails & Recreation Sites
- Vital Intersection
- Key Development Areas
- Site Boundary
- Existing Recreation Area

Scale: NTS
Inquiry: What key areas in the Southeast Commercial District could be developed to retain visitors and use the site as a recreation crossroads?

Key Extractions: Roads and trails, key intersection, suitable areas for development, recreation expansion potential

Methodology: Site visit, connected recreation sites to central spot in the site, identified corner lots as most valuable for visual awareness of site

Conclusions: The main intersection of 2nd St. and 1st Ave is vital to the study area as a whole. The three corners of the intersection are seen by large amounts of passing traffic each day. These three locations are ideal for drawing visitors into the site to use it as a starting point to the various recreational activities in the district and surrounding area. The Southeast Commercial District is central to all of the surrounding recreation sites, but currently lacks the fundamental connections to address visitors needs. Proper development could spur activity and recreation in this key gateway area.

Figure 3. Southeast Commercial District as Recreation Hub
Source: Google Earth. n.d. Coralville, IA Aerial View.
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**Strategy**

**Key Development Areas**

**Connection Hub**

**Potential Connection Paths**

- Roads
- Trails
- River/Creek

Legend

**Figure 1. Connecting the Site to Recreation Areas**

Source: Google Earth. n.d. Coralville, IA Aerial View.

**Figure 2. Example of Artistic Crosswalk**

Source: Francesca Perry, 2016

**Figure 3. Example of Improved Trails**

Source: The Active Times, 2013

Connecting the District to Recreation Will Benefit Visitors

Developed corner lots could attract visitors who could benefit from on-site and nearby recreational activities.
Coralville, IA is Lacking Multiple Types of Affordable Housing
A variety of affordable housing serving all types of families is needed in Coralville, IA.

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Indianapolis, Indiana/ Mozingo Place
Area Median Income (family of 4) $62,900
Residents Served 100% of units serve those at 30% of AMI

Oakland, California/ Swan’s Market
Area Median Income (family of 4) $76,600
Residents Served 64% of units serve those at 30% of AMI

Manhattan, Kansas/ Highland Ridge
Area Median Income (family of 4) $50,065
Residents Served 40% of units serve those at 30% of AMI

Coralville, IA/ Coralridge
Area Median Income (family of 4) $60,115
Residents Served 65% of units serve those at 30% of AMI

Coralville, IA/ Highland Ridge
Area Median Income (family of 4) $58,300
Residents Served 38% of units serve those at 80% of AMI

Figure 01. Location of Precedents
Source: Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset and Freepik

Figure 03. Residents Served and Area Median Income (AMI)
Source: Apartments.com and Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset

Figure 04. Unit Type and Cost
Source: Apartments.com and Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset
Affordable Housing Should have High Aesthetics and Serve Multiple Types of Families

Case studies prove that affordable housing can have high aesthetics and provide multiple functions.

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Figure 06. Coralridge Apartments
Source: Google Earth

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Figure 02. Mixed use along Clear Creek

Figure 03. Neighborhood style affordable housing located where existing apartments used to be.
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Methodology: The data was extracted from the Land Use folder provided from the city of Coralville Census. The percentage of income towards housing per census block was extracted by dividing the average yearly rent from the median household income.

Conclusions: The southeast commercial district that is being re-imagined does not have any data on density. The areas that are medium to high density are similar areas that are in the median percentage of income towards housing per census block.

Figure 02. Density in Relation to Percentage of Income Towards Housing
Source: Coralville, GIS: Census Data 2013

Figure 01. Average Rent in Relation to Percentage of Income Towards Housing Per Census Block
Source: Coralville GIS

Affordable Housing is paying 30% or less of the household income on housing
Source: American Planning Association

Coralville Affordable Housing and Low-Income Properties

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57 Apartments With Rental Assistance
Source: Affordable Housing Online
Affordable Housing Needs to be Distributed Throughout Coralville

Affordable housing in a central location begins to segregate the community by income.

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- Schools are located within these zones without affordable or low-income housing available.
- The southeast commercial district has low-income to median housing but no affordable housing available.
- Two schools are identified in this zone, but there are few affordable housing units. The housing is concentrated around the two schools seeming to segregate the community.

Figure 01. Affordable and Low-Income Housing Dilemma's
Source: Coralville GIS

Figure 02. Coralville Senior Residences: Subsidized
Source: Google Earth

Figure 03. Coralridge Apartments: HCV Welcome
Source: NOTE- GETTING APPROVAL OF IMAGES

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Affordability Threshold

Legend:
- Average Rent Per Census Block
- Percentage of Income Towards Housing Per Census Block
Map 8.2c

Proposed Affordable Housing Should Have High Aesthetics
For the aesthetic quality to last over time that material should be durable and maintenance up kept.

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Source: Coralville GIS

Figure 02. 3 Story Post Modern Apartment Complex
Source: Max Pixel

Figure 03. Mixed Use Building
Source: Flickr

Figure 04. Mixed Use Building
Source: Geograph

Figure 05. Modern 5 Story Apartment Complex
Source: Wikimedia Commons
Inquiry: Where does most of Coralville’s population work?

Key Extractions: Popular Jobs in Coralville, Popular Businesses, Coralville Neighborhoods

Methodology: The most popular jobs in Coralville were researched and pinpointed on the map where they relatively lie in the city. The most popular industries with the highest number of workers are indicated by the size of the circle.

Conclusions: This map shows a clear trend of separation of work from the home. Most of Coralville’s neighborhoods are suburbs that could not support life on its own, and the bordering businesses require residents to make a longer (and most likely vehicular) commute to work. The Southeast Commercial District is noticeably separated from residential. This fact combined with dilapidated infrastructure results in a general disinterest of the district. There is also an uneven spread between business types, specifically between retail, food, and office. Moving forward, a better system for mixing businesses should be implemented.
Employment by Occupations

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- **Service**: 5.3% Food, 3.3% Personal Care, 3.6% Other <2% each
- **Sales & Office**: 12.8% Administrative, 9.2% Sales
- **Management, Business, Science, & Art**: 11% Education, Training, & Library, 10.7% Health Practitioners, 9.9% Management, 4.8% Business & Financial, 3.3% Computer & Mathematical, 12.6% Other <3% each

*Table 01: Pie chart showing the most common jobs in Coralville.*

(datausa, 2016)
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Key Extractions: Suburban neighborhoods, Coralville businesses

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Figure 02. SE Commercial District Home and Business Separation
Source: Data from Google Maps and MapTechnica

Figure 01. Work and Home Segregation
Source: Data from Coralville MapTechnica

Average Commute Time

18.4 min

70.9% Drove Alone
10.4% Carpooled
9.2% Public Transit

Legend
- Apartments & Housing
- Businesses
- Study Area

(datausa, 2016)
The Southeast Commercial District Envisioned A Mixed-Use
Businesses and housing within the SE Commercial District blend together, fostering a more integrated, inclusive place.

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Figure 02: The mixed use “layer cake”. Mixed use businesses primarily function as businesses at street level, offices or apartments in the middle floors, and apartments or other residential sit on the top floor (Hake, 2018).

Figure 03: (above) Envisioning an applied mixed use building. It is a place for a work and home life. It is a convenient stop for those not living in the area, and provides privacy for those who live in the upper floors (Hake, 2018).

Figure 04: Example of how streets may work in a more community-oriented, mixed-use district. They often provide equal space for bicycles and pedestrians as they do for cars (Hake, 2018).
Overall, Existing Structures within the Southeast Commercial District are Rated “Low”

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Key Extractions: Ratings of structures in the Southeast Commercial District using the Pumphrey-Brand system (2012).

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Table 1. Description of the Pumphrey-Brand Rating System (2012). Recommended actions to be taken are determined by analyzing each building’s assigned rating.
Source: Pumphrey, 2012

Composition of Building Ratings within the Study Area

67% of structures within the study area are “Low Road” structures.
23% of structures within the study area are “High Road” structures.
<1% of structures within the study area are “Perceived High Road” structures.

Figure 2. Percentages of “Low”, “High”, and “Perceived High” buildings within the Study Area.
Source: Baker, 2018
Inquiry: How do the conditions of existing buildings within the Southeast Commercial District affect the overall quality of building character and civic spaces, and how does this impact community services?

Key Extractions: Impacts upon the Study Area by buildings with varying conditions, as determined by the modified Pumphrey-Brand system.

Methodology: ArcGIS building footprint mapping; Analysis of building conditions assessed through site visits and Google Earth; use of the modified Pumphrey-Brand rating system (2012).

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Evidence of care:
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Evidence of neglect:
The core of the Study Area is composed mainly of “Low” rated buildings. Broken windows, peeling paint, damaged masonry, sagging structural systems and overgrown vegetation are not uncommon. In addition, the lack of a clear spatial organization system makes the addition of civic and green spaces a challenge. It is recommended that these structures be removed to better serve the community.

Evidence of services:
Two well-known buildings, Walgreens and MidWestOne Bank, provide many services to the community. These buildings are rated as “Perceived High” structures due to the services they offer. Though the structures are well-maintained and possess some architectural character, their location is less than ideal. Relative to the Southeast Commercial District redevelopment; it is recommended that these businesses remain in the community, however in a location that better suits the needs of the community.
Map 8.4c 9 | Critical Maps

Phasing Strategies can Prevent Displacement of Southeast Commercial District Businesses

By analyzing patterns of current business locations, phasing strategies can aid construction and minimize disturbances.

**Inquiry:** How will businesses in the Southeast Commercial District be affected by development and construction?

**Key Extractions:** Key areas for the implementation of potential phasing strategies

**Methodology:** ArcGIS building footprint mapping; Analysis of existing site conditions through site visits and Google Earth; Review of the City of Coralville, Iowa Community Plan

**Conclusions:** The development process has the potential to be broken down into three phases. Each of these phases allows for minimal displacement of existing businesses and tenants, while providing new areas for business and affordable housing to those businesses or tenants that may be affected by development. In addition, the phasing sequence allows adequate time for essential remediation efforts within the central and southeastern portions of the Southeast Commercial District to take place, minimizing unnecessary disturbance to the community.
Southeast Commercial District Phasing Strategies:

Phases 1, 2, and 3

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<td>Commercial Development: Phase Two addresses the properties centrally located along 1st Avenue and 2nd Street. The prime location of these properties makes them ideal for commercial and retail development. Easy pedestrian and vehicular access combined with high visibility aids in attracting new businesses into the area while providing new locations for existing long-term businesses. Additionally, existing businesses located within the limits of Phase Two could potentially relocate to the new properties created by the completion of Phase One north of 2nd Street.</td>
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Table 1. Phases 1, 2, and 3 of the Southeast Commercial District Phasing Strategy

Retention of Existing Businesses during Development

By implementing the above proposed Phasing Strategies, higher numbers of existing businesses within the Southeast

Figure 2. Retention of Existing Businesses as a Result of Phasing Strategies
Source: Baker
Online Reviews Reveal Public Opinion of Local Businesses

Comparing numbers of online reviews with the average rating reveals where people frequently visit.

Inquiry: Can online reviews reveal where popular businesses are located in the SE Commercial District?
Key Extractions: Average business ratings, number of business ratings
Methodology: Average business ratings from Google, Yelp, and Facebook cross-referenced with the total amount of reviews per business to estimate importance in the public’s eyes
Conclusions: Comparing both maps side by side shows that there are parts of the site that are visited less than others. This may be due to the types of businesses that are located there, but may also begin to reveal how important these businesses are to the general public. A general trend is seen that the closer to the street and intersection a business is the more reviews and better ratings it has. Food businesses were more likely to be reviewed than any other type so the data about non-food businesses may be somewhat skewed. Many housing locations had no reviews and preference in further mapping is given to housing locations over businesses.

Legend (Fig. 1)
- High Number of Reviews (100-200+)
- Medium Number of Reviews (51-100)
- Low Number of Reviews (1-50)
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Figure 1. Number of Reviews of Local Businesses
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Business Key
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- C Monica’s
- D Kum & Go
- E NXT Bank
- F Sun Tan City
- G Spin City Laundry
- H Hardees
- I Panera Bread
- J Check Into Cash
- K Chez Grace - French Cuisine
- L Global Mart
- M Papa Johns
- N Peking Buffet
- O Lodge Apartments
- P Quality Care Landscapes
- Q Taxes Plus
- R A-1 Uniforms
- S Earthview Environmental Inc.
- T Petersen Iron & Metal
- U Tall Grass Business Resource
- V Tabooleh
- W Happy Joes Pizza
- X El Dorado Mexican Food
- Y Exotic India
- Z Taco Johns
- AA Tienda Mexicana La Lupita
- BB A to Z Thrift
- CC El Cactus Mexican Cuisine
- DD Downward Dog Yoga
- EE China House
- FF Midwest One Bank
- GG Walgreens

Legend (Fig. 2)
- High Rating (4-5/5)
- Medium Rating (2-3.9/5)
- Low Rating (0-1.9/5)
- Site Boundary
**Inquiry:** What is the synthesized public opinion of the site and how will this affect later phases of the project?

**Key Extractions:** High, moderate, and low opinions of businesses,

**Methodology:** Using Table 1 to synthesize findings from the online reviews map

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Figure 1. Intermingled Levels of Public Opinion
Source: Johnson County GIS

Figure 2. High Public Opinion
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Potential Phasing Plan Would Allow for Housing Residents to Remain on Site

First phase improvements would include affordable, mixed use residences for current residents to move into.
**Map 8.6a**

**Bus Stops Near Affordable Housing are Important**

Coralville lacks bus stops near both of their affordable housing facilities.

*Source: Benyshek, 2018*

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**Coralridge Hampton Apartments**

Location: Coralville, Iowa  
Average Median Income: $60,000  
Affordable Housing Units: 72

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**Coralridge Senior Apartments**

Location: Coralville, Iowa  
Average Median Income: $60,000  
Affordable Housing Units: 55

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   - Average Median Income: $68,000
   - Affordable Housing Units: 150
   - Closest: Bus Stop
   - Farthest: Train
   - N/A: Bike Lanes

   [Distance from Archer Courts to Services]

2. **Near North SRO**
   - Location: Chicago, Illinois
   - Average Median Income: $68,000
   - Affordable Housing Units: 67
   - Closest: Grocery Store
   - Farthest: School
   - N/A: Bike Lanes and Train

   [Distance from Near North SRO to Services]

3. **Mozingo Place**
   - Location: Indianapolis, Indiana
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FEATURED PROJECTS

Regional Hub

Design Concept
The central Regional Hub is the core public transport and the new Civic Hub for the city. It provides a public transport interchange and a civic space that is the central focus for the city. The Hub will be an iconic and iconic building that will stand as a symbol of the city.

Design Goals
- Promote a sense of place and a strong sense of identity
- Encourage community engagement and participation
- Provide a sustainable and energy-efficient design

Strip Zippers

Design Concept
The Strip Zippers are a series of pedestrian and cycle routes that connect the city center to the neighboring neighborhoods. They provide a safe and enjoyable way for people to move around the city.

Design Goals
- Promote healthy living and active transportation
- Enhance the connectivity of the city
- Improve the aesthetics of the city

Each Team's Work

Stitching the Strip

Design Concept
The Stitching the Strip project aims to connect the city's major landmarks and create a seamless network of paths and cycle routes. It will enhance the city's connectivity and provide a unique experience for visitors.

Design Goals
- Promote a sense of community and belonging
- Enhance the city's aesthetics
- Provide a sustainable and environmentally friendly design

Design Goals
- Promote a sense of place and a strong sense of identity
- Encourage community engagement and participation
- Provide a sustainable and energy-efficient design