

CLINTON CROSSING | COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The ‘Downtown Focus Area’ within the community’s 2024 Comprehensive Plan is the site currently known as Clinton Crossing. The excerpts below provide a summary of the Action Items and other guidance from the Plan in relation to this site.

THE PLAN IN GENERAL

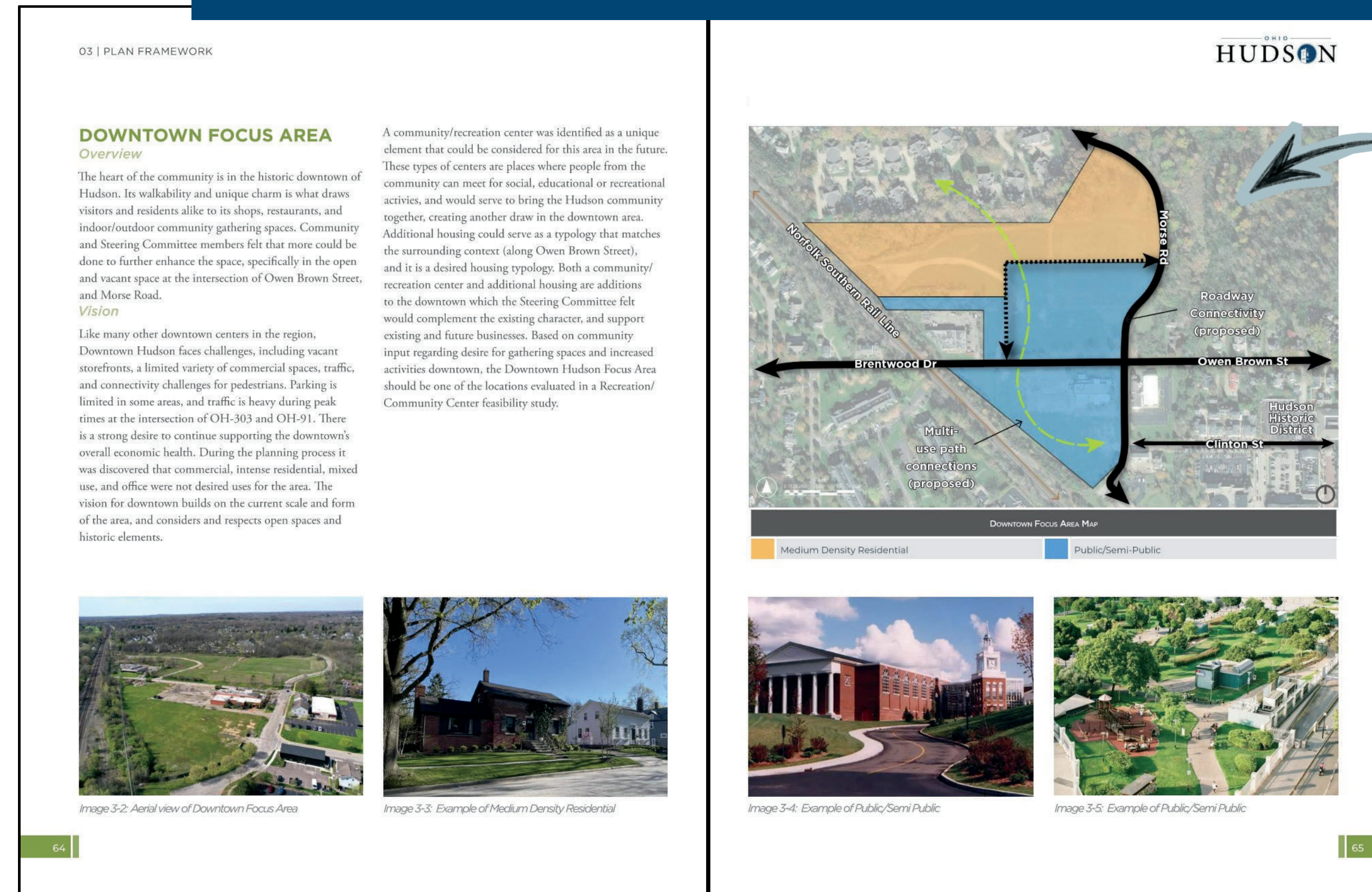
The 2024 Comprehensive Plan is a vital community blueprint. It sets the direction for where and how the city should evolve over the next ten years. Within this broader goal, there are a number of community-wide objectives the plan identifies in the areas of land use, housing, community services, communication and collaboration, economic development and growth, and community arts and culture.

HUDSON’S VISION

- TO MAINTAIN A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL RESIDENTS BY CONSIDERING THE VALUES OF THE COMMUNITY WHEN EVALUATING PROPOSED CHANGES WITH A LOOK TO THE FUTURE.
- TO PRIORITIZE SAFETY AND GREEN SPACE PRESERVATION.
- TO CONTINUOUSLY PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE CHARACTER AND AESTHETICS OF THE DOWNTOWN AND NEIGHBORHOODS.
- TO CREATE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT CONSISTENT WITH COMMUNITY VALUES AND A SUPERIOR QUALITY OF LIFE, WHILE ENSURING THE REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (TRAFFIC, UTILITIES, ENVIRONMENT, ETC.).

THE DOWNTOWN FOCUS AREA (CLINTON CROSSING)

LAND USE MAP



DURING THE CURRENT PLANNING PROCESS, THE RESIDENTIAL AND PUBLIC / SEMI-PUBLIC USE BOUNDARIES WERE SHIFTED FROM THE GRAPHIC AT THE LEFT TO MAINTAIN THE SAME INTENDED ACREAGE OF EACH LAND USE BUT ACCOUNT FOR SITE CONSTRAINTS LIKE WETLANDS THAT ARE UNBUILDABLE.



Medium Density Residential

Single family development located within and adjacent to the Village Core. Development is generally compact, though should be compatible with existing residential neighborhoods and their historic character. Strong connections should be established, ensuring easy accessibility to downtown.



Public/Semi-Public

These areas are intended to accommodate public and semi-public uses. Public space includes buildings and land owned by government agencies, such as City Hall or municipal cemeteries. Places of worship, educational institutions, libraries, and some other non-profit uses can also be included in semi-public space.



Facilities should be well designed and integrated into their surroundings. These areas should be connected to pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the area. Attractive landscaping, streetscape elements, and signage should be used to integrate larger sites into the existing community framework.

OBJECTIVES & ACTION ITEMS

04 | IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

Action Items	Time Frame	Potential Project Partners	Project Cost
Objective 1.3: Support new and repurposed development which aligns with the identified focus areas.			
1.3.1 Downtown Focus Area: Progress development that supports existing downtown businesses by increasing foot traffic while minimizing vehicular traffic impacts. Maintain the existing character and charm of downtown.	Ongoing	Community Development - Planning, Planning Commission, Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce, Hudson Library and Historical Society	\$-\$\$\$
1.3.2 Main Corridor Focus Area: Progress development that is walkable, at a neighborhood scale and density, and creates an enhanced streetscape environment.	Ongoing	Community Development - Planning, Planning Commission, Public Works - Streets	\$-\$\$\$
1.3.3 Darwinville Focus Area: Progress development and streetscape enhancements that work to create a unique gateway into the community and respect the history and culture of the area. Study the feasibility of adding historic structures in this area to the city's local historic district and/or national register.	Ongoing	Community Development - Planning, Engineering Department, Public Works - Streets, Planning Commission, Architecture & Historic Board of Review	\$-\$\$\$
1.3.4 YDC Focus Area: Keep YDC as passive open space until a compelling business park office redevelopment presents itself under current D6 zoning, at which time a business park office redevelopment should be encouraged.	Ongoing	Community Development - Planning & Economic Development, Public Works - Public Properties, City Council	\$-\$\$\$
Objective 1.4: Celebrate and grow downtown Hudson as the cultural, community, and commercial/retail hub of the city. Enhance the vibrancy of downtown by leveraging the historic character, public greens, traditional design, and unique local businesses.			
1.4.1 Expand the DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) boundary to include additional downtown properties within the state allowances.	Short	Community Development - Planning & Economic Development, Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce, Destination Hudson, City Council	\$
1.4.2 Expand downtown events that support local businesses and provide additional community activities year-round. Provide downtown amenities that complement these events and businesses including public restrooms and Wi-Fi.	Short	Community Development - Planning & Community Relations, Public Works - Public Properties, Information Technology Department	\$
1.4.3 Develop and implement a downtown enhancement plan to encourage the engagement with public spaces, support public art, develop directional wayfinding, enhance and add year-round landscaping and other beautification measures, and honor the history of Hudson.	Short	Community Development - Planning, Hudson Heritage Association, Hudson Garden Club, Public Works - Public Properties, Fairmount Properties	\$
1.4.4 Increase safe paths to downtown through the planned Veterans Trail multipurpose path and ongoing pedestrian safety studies. Provide stronger connections to adjacent development including Evaporator Works.	Medium	Community Development - Planning, Engineering Department, Norfolk Southern Railway, Akron Metro RTA, Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS)	\$\$\$
1.4.5 Improve awareness and advertising of community events, including those hosted by outside organizations.	Ongoing	Communications Department, HCTV, Community Development - Community Relations, Destination Hudson	\$
Objective 1.5: Continue to strengthen the local economy along major commercial corridors while protecting open space.			
1.5.1 Identify and progress a mix of uses, including residential, along the S.R. 91 and S.R. 303 corridors, where existing commercial centers exist.	Ongoing	Community Development - Planning & Economic Development, Planning Commission	\$
1.5.2 Prioritize development of existing industrial and commercial sites over new development.	Ongoing	Community Development - Planning & Economic Development, Team NEO, Jobs Ohio	\$
1.5.3 Work with adjacent communities along the Route 8 corridor to increase communication regarding development, infrastructure, and trails.	Ongoing	Community Development - Planning & Economic Development, Engineering Department	\$

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05 | PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Action Items	Time Frame	Potential Project Partners	Project Cost
Goal 4: Parks and Open Space Safe and accessible parks and recreation services for a variety of people with broad programming options and optimized facilities and spaces, supported by public and private partnerships.			
Objective 4.1: Continue the implementation of the City of Hudson Parks Master Plan.			
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4.1.2 Develop an inclusive playground for all ages and abilities.	Medium	Community Development - Planning, Public Works - Parks, Parks Board, Nonprofits / Foundations, City Council	\$
4.1.3 Maintain and enhance existing park networks and programs.	Medium	Public Works - Parks, Parks Board	\$
Objective 4.2: Capitalize on regional assets in attraction, retention, and tourism efforts.			
4.2.1 Develop stronger connections and promotions with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) to capitalize on CVNP as an asset in attraction efforts.	Ongoing	Community Development - Planning, Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP), Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce	\$
Objective 4.3: Prioritize native species and habitat restoration in the design and maintenance of parks and open space.			
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Objective 4.4: Provide recreational spaces downtown.			
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