



Eastport Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant

YOUTH & COMMUNITY DESIGN CHARRETTE SUMMARY

November 21, 2022



On November 21st, residents from Eastport Terrace-Harbour House (ET-HH) and the surrounding Eastport neighborhood convened for a Design Charrette to collaborate on a vision for the redevelopment of ET-HH. The Design Charrette was a workshop for ideas, allowing everyone who participated to give mutual input to the new site plan for ET-HH, and gave immediate feedback to the participants.

Two meetings were held:

- 1) a **Young Planners Design Charrette** afternoon session at the Eastport Community Center, and
- 2) the **Community Design Charrette** evening session at the Eastport United Methodist Church.



PARTICIPATION

9

Young Planners Design Charrette participants

75

Community Design Charrette participants



YOUNG PLANNERS

During the Young Planners Design Charrette, ET-HH youth learned about master planning for a redeveloped site. The young planners then participated in an interactive design charrette to plan for residential and non-residential uses on the ET-HH site, including streets and infrastructure, housing, non-residential space, green space, trails, recreation space, and other site amenities. Below are ideas generated from the young planners session.





EARLY ACTION ACTIVITIES



At the Community Design Charrette evening session, participants were welcomed and given a brief summary of the results from the September resident and community meetings and an update on ideas for Early Action Activities. Participants were asked to select their preferences for Early Action Activities by “spending their money” – participants were given three \$ stickers to place on a large board with images of potential project ideas at the intersection of President and Madison Streets. The frequency of \$ stickers on project images helped prioritize which project ideas will be submitted to HUD for approval.



MISSION

1. Replace all 357 existing dwelling units,
2. Create a mixed-income community by adding new dwelling units for a total of +/-716 dwelling units,
3. Consider mixed-use opportunities (early education, retail, community spaces, resident services, HACA offices),
4. Consider housing diversity,
5. Provide open space and site features to support residents and the neighborhood.

The majority of the evening session was spent on the Design Charrette activity itself. First, participants were given the objectives and the process and ground rules. Participants were then oriented to the ET-HH site plan to be used as the base of the exercise and all 3-D pieces that represented various housing, non-residential, and site amenities to be placed on the map.





Participants were then divided up into 5 different tables and given time to create their own collective site plans following the mission and guidelines. Each table was guided and facilitated by members of the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Team, and handouts with instructions and guidelines were available at each table. Once the design activities were complete at each table, the group reconvened to review the results. Each table appointed a “Development Spokesperson” who presented photographs of their final site plan on a large screen to the entire group and described how they ultimately fulfilled the mission of the exercise. This real-time presentation allowed all participants to compare how each table approached the mission, note similarities and differences in strategies, and recognize common themes that were woven throughout the various site plans.

TABLE 1

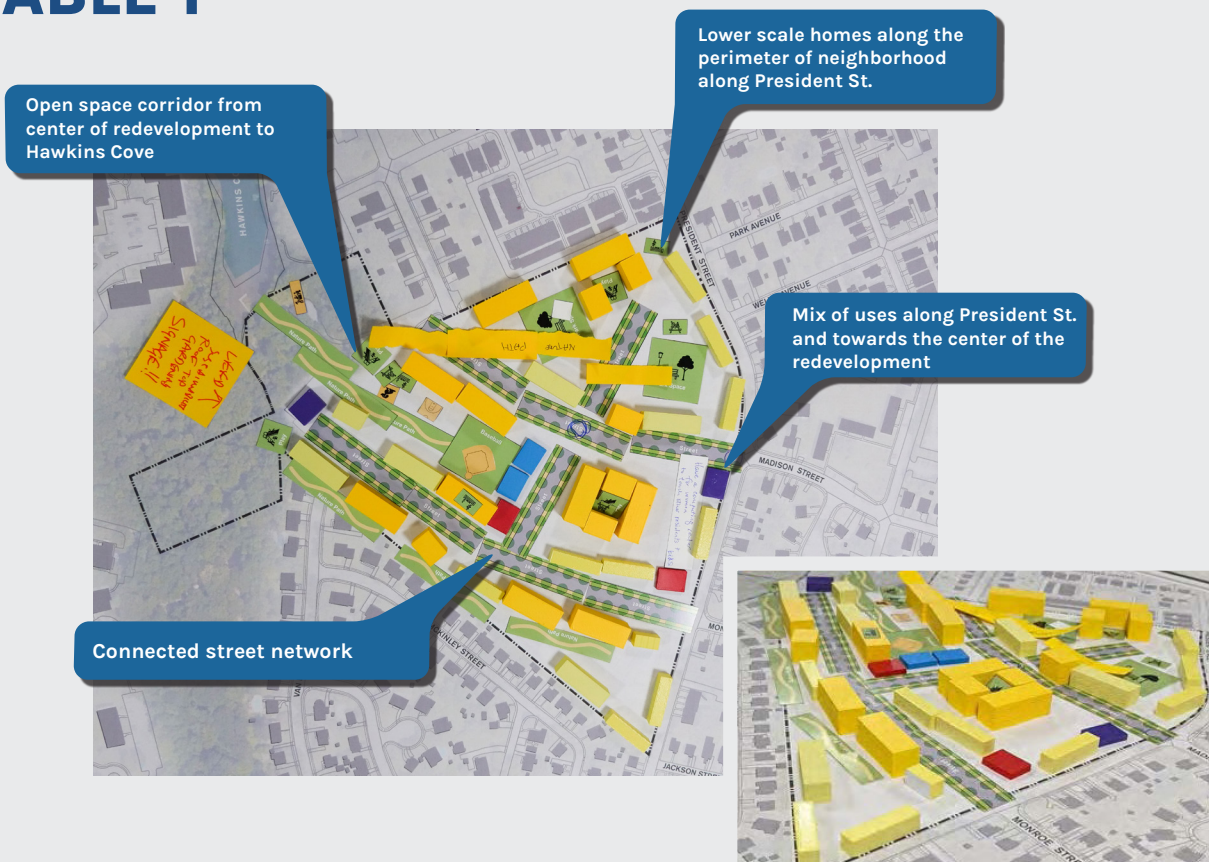


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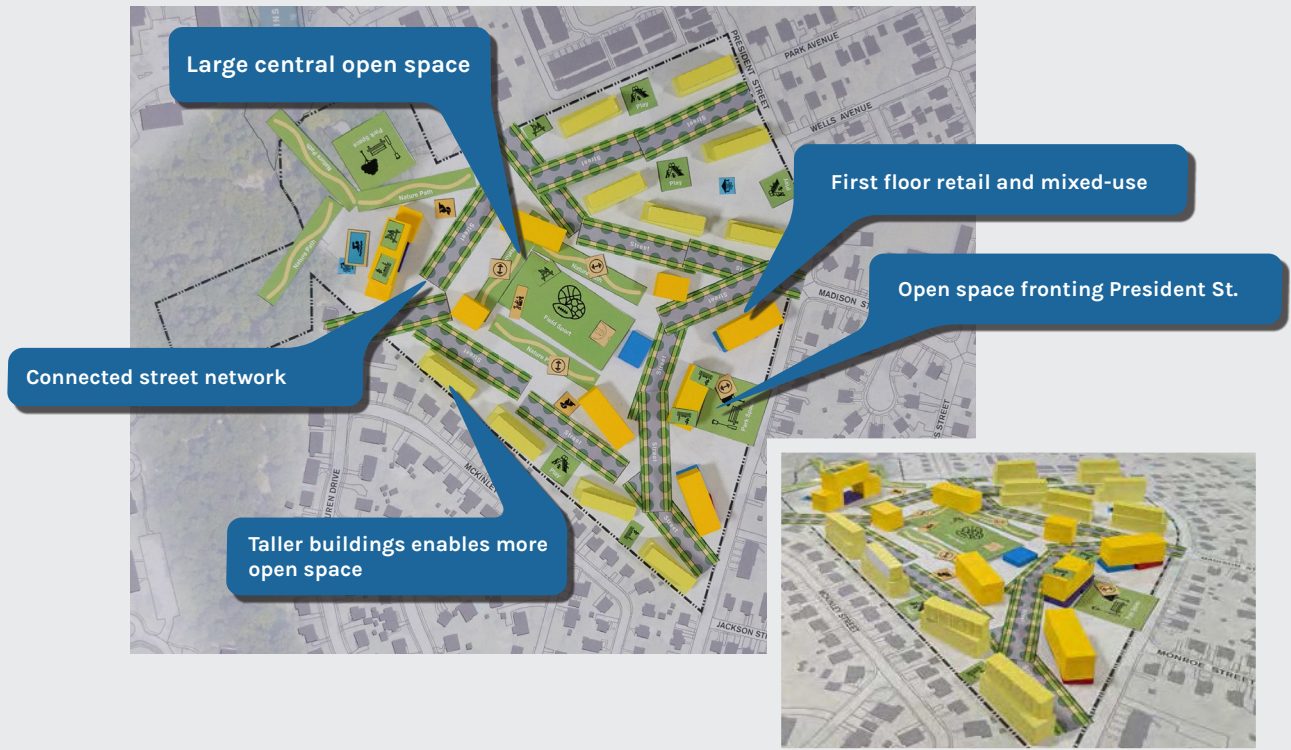


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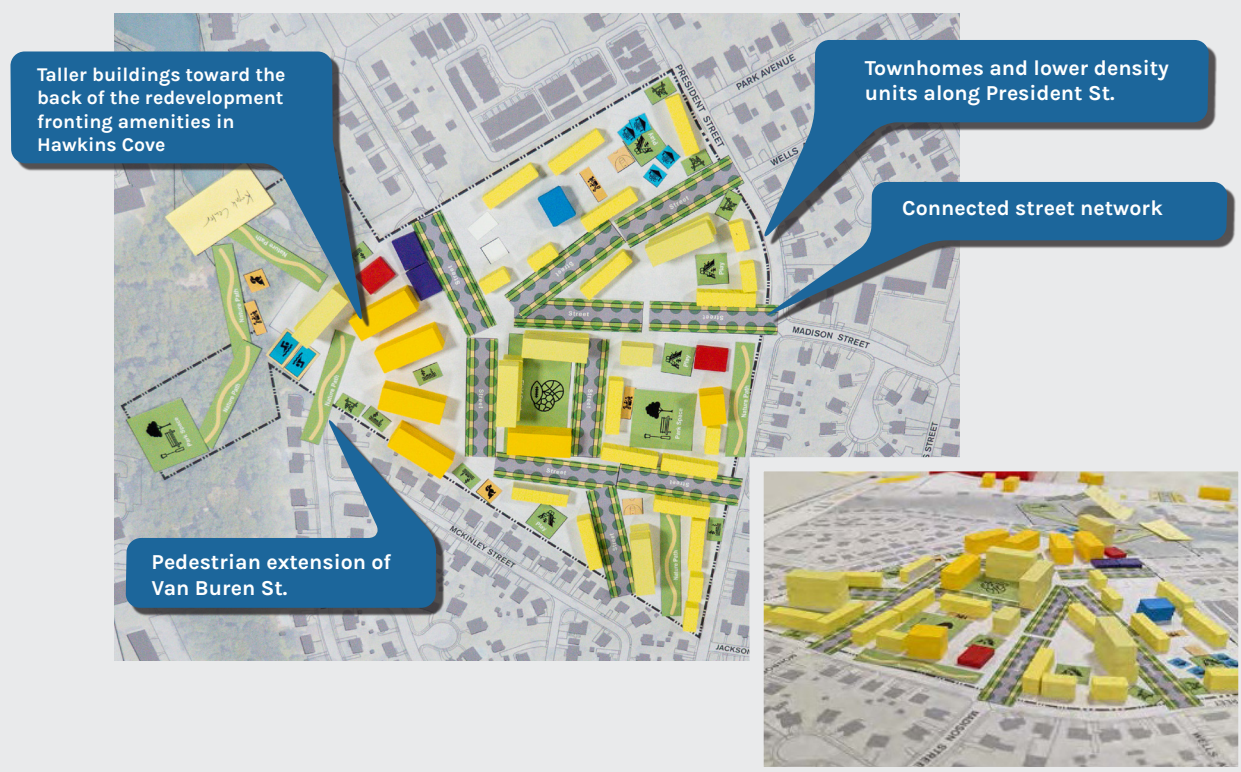


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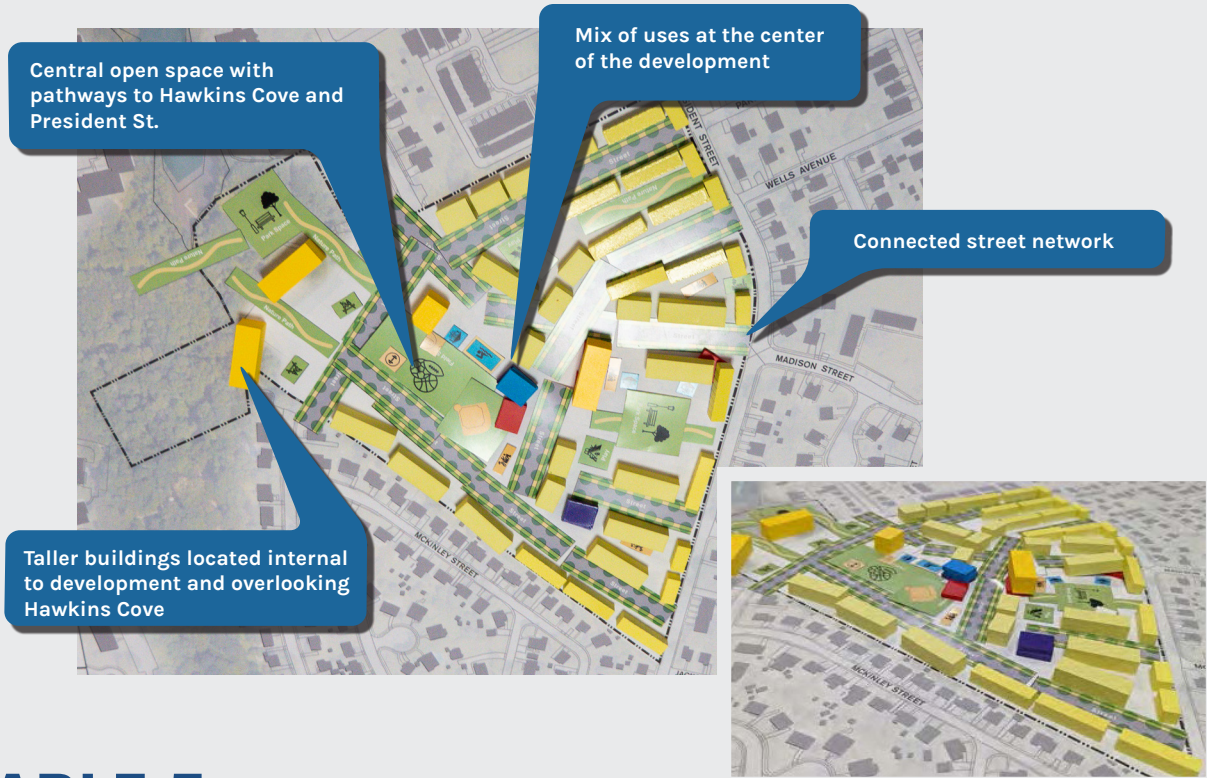


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