Loockerman Street Design Charrette Agenda

Event Details:

From Monday, May 13, 2024, through Wednesday, May 15, 2024, we will be hosting a series of collaborative meetings, activities, and discussions between residents, business owners, and others in the community to identify needs and brainstorm ideas for improving Loockerman Street.

Activities will be held at the Hive on Loockerman at 28 W Loockerman Street.

Legend:

Key Stakeholder Event	
Key Public Event	
Businesses Meeting	
Community & Neighborhood Orga	anizations Meeting
Agency Meeting	

Note that drop-ins are welcome during Team Worksession times. Anyone can stop by to chat with the project team and interact with project materials.

DAY 1: Understanding the Corridor				
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024				
Time	Activity	Venue		
9:30 AM	Event Orientation	The Hive		
10:00 AM				
10:30 AM	Corridor Walk	Loockerman Street		
11:00 AM				
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12:00 PM				
12:30 PM	Lunch / Break	The Hive		
1:00 PM				
1:30 PM	Team Worksession	The Hive		
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DAY 2: Reimagining the Corridor

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

Time	Activity	Venue
9:00 AM	Topic Discussion - Businesses	The Hive
9:30 AM		
10:00 AM		
10:30 AM	Break / Transition Time	The Hive
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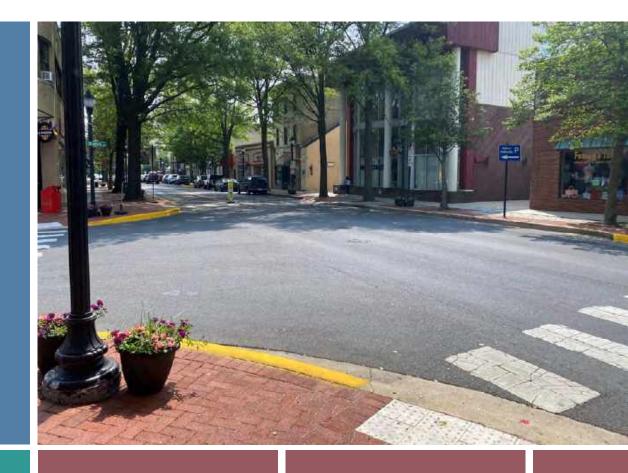
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Tell Us About Loockerman Street





Join at slido.com #1692670

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What types of activities do you use Loockerman Street for today? [check all that apply]

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Why might you or others avoid Loockerman Street today? [check all that apply]

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What is one key change you would make to Loockerman Street?

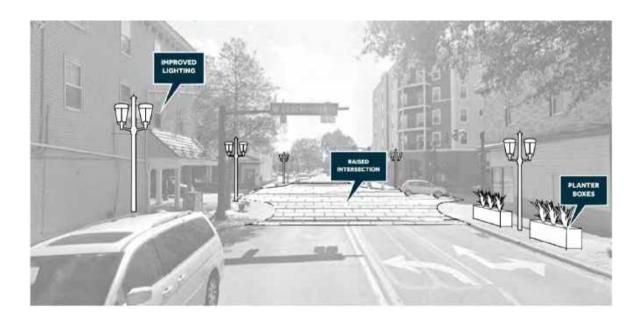
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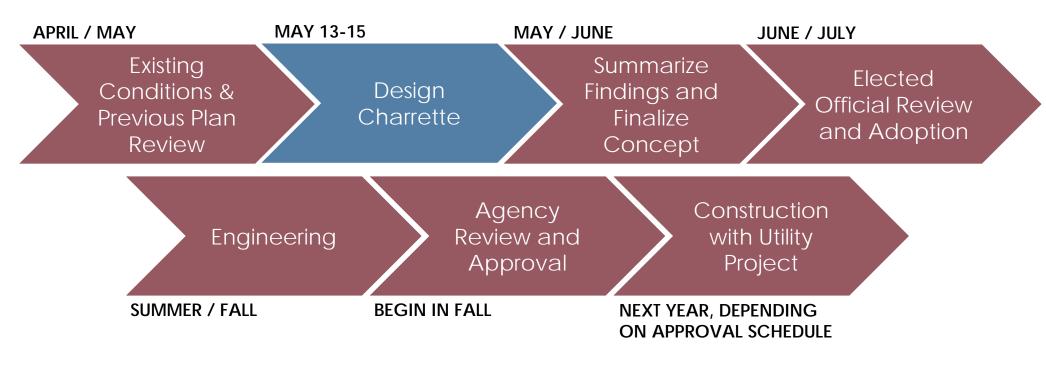


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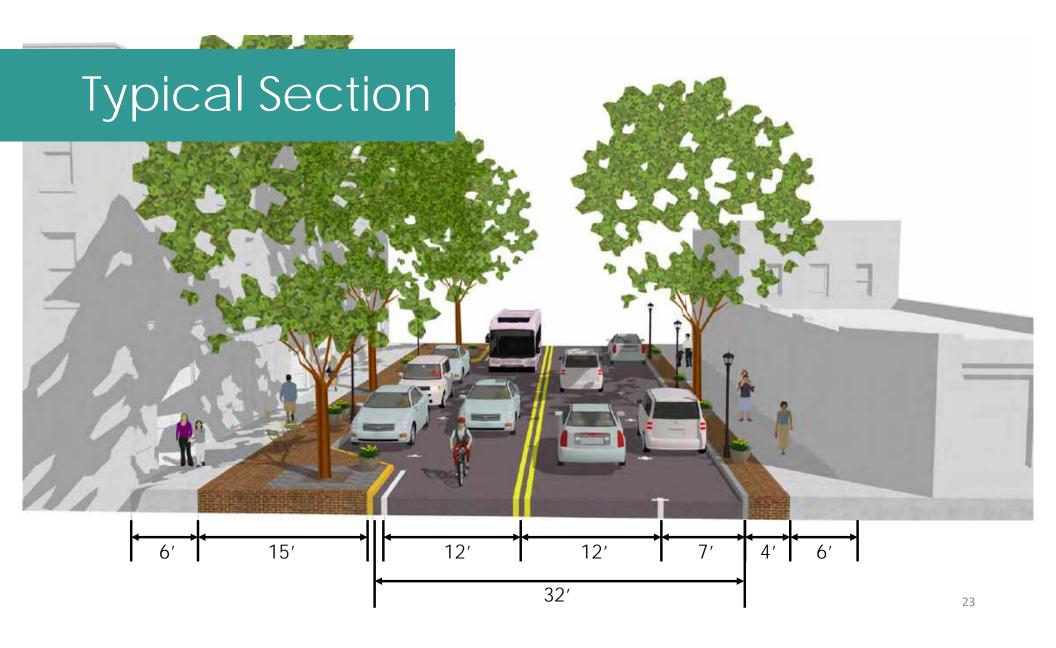


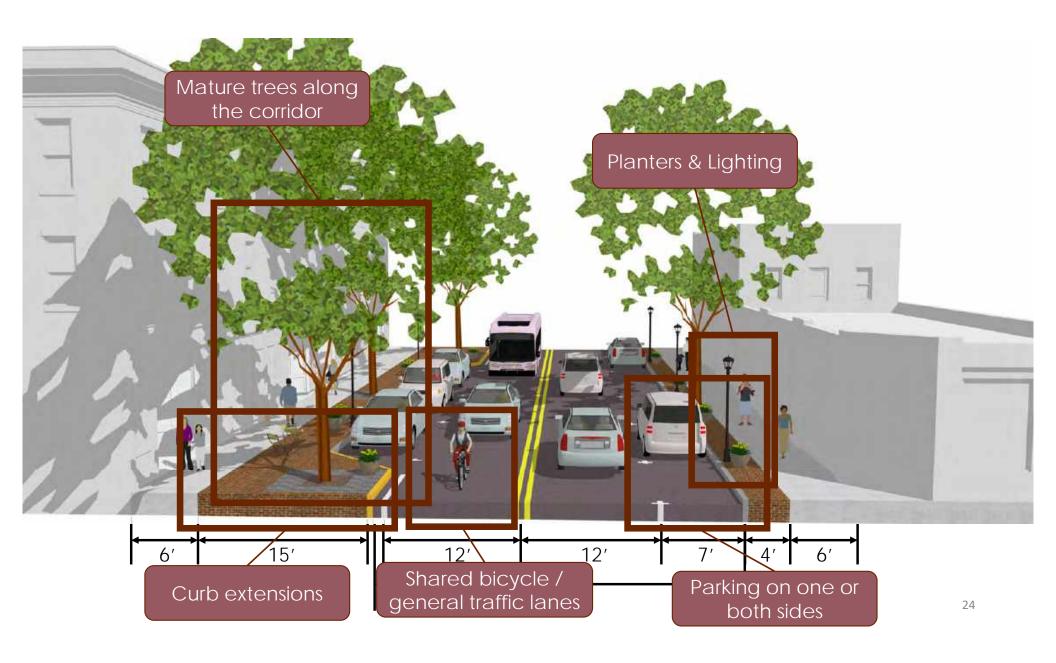
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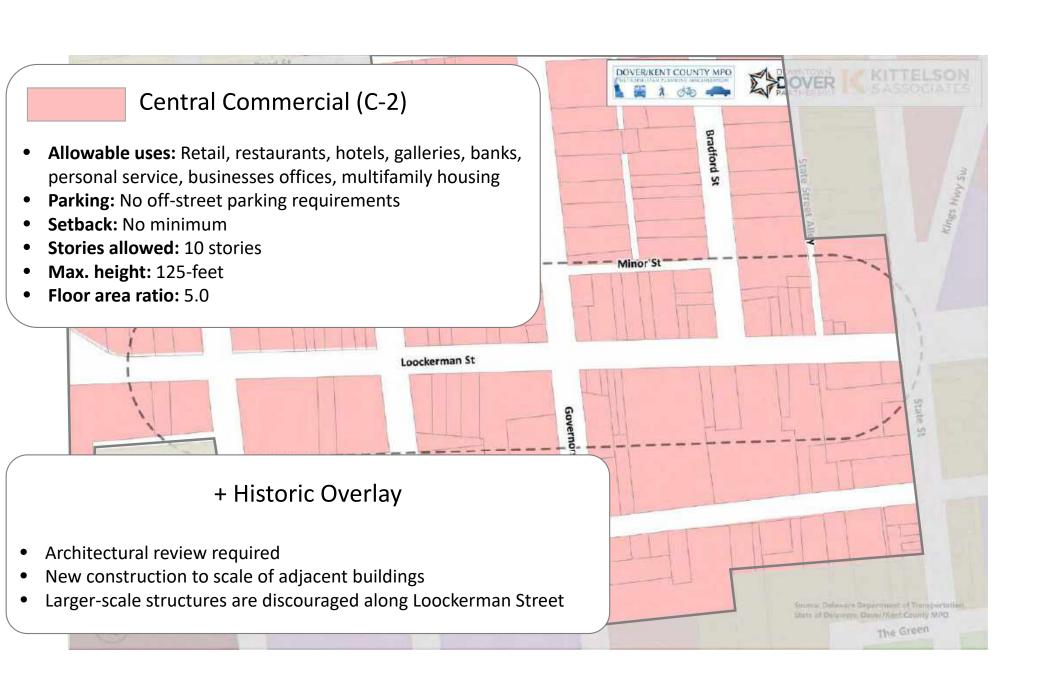


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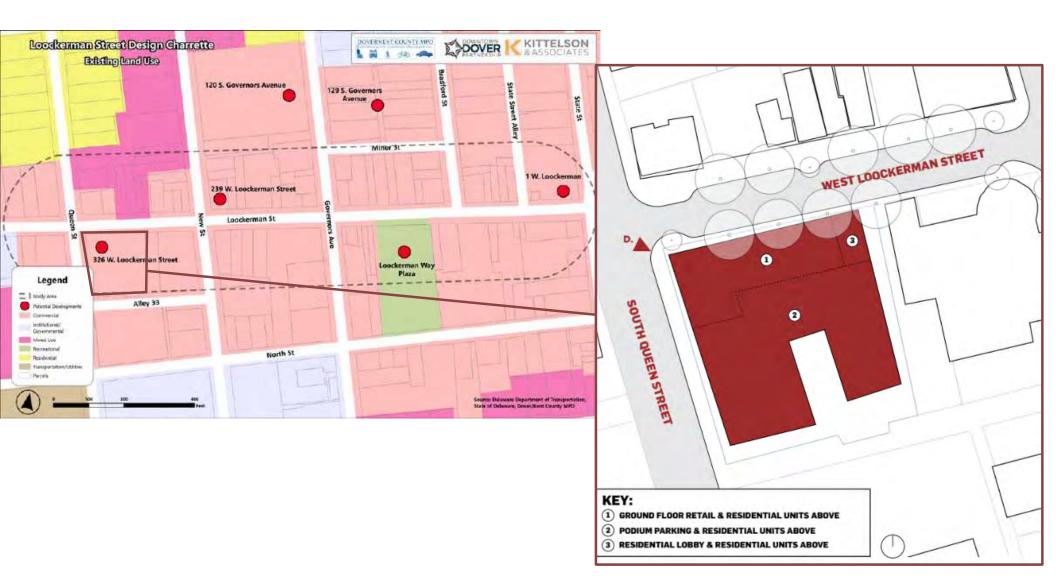




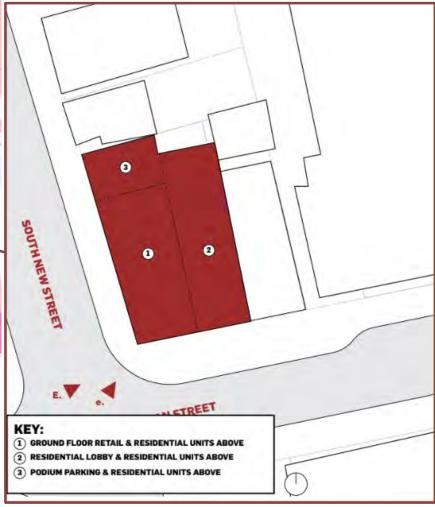


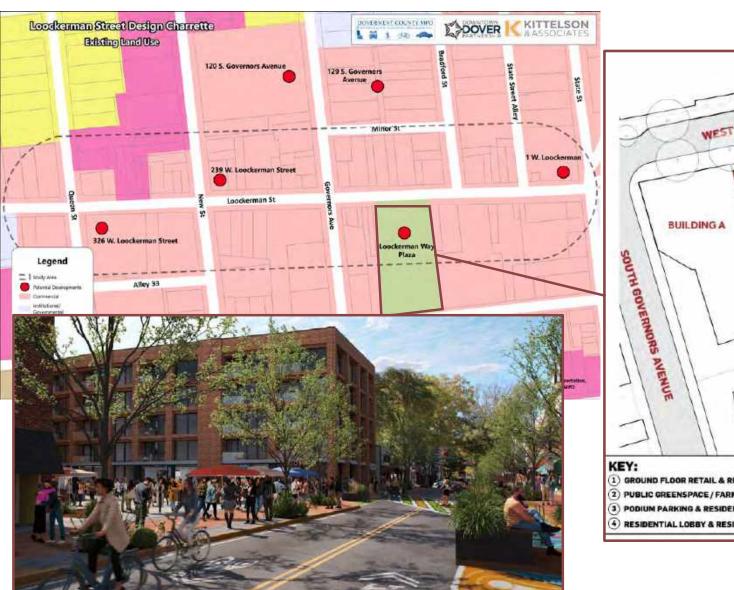




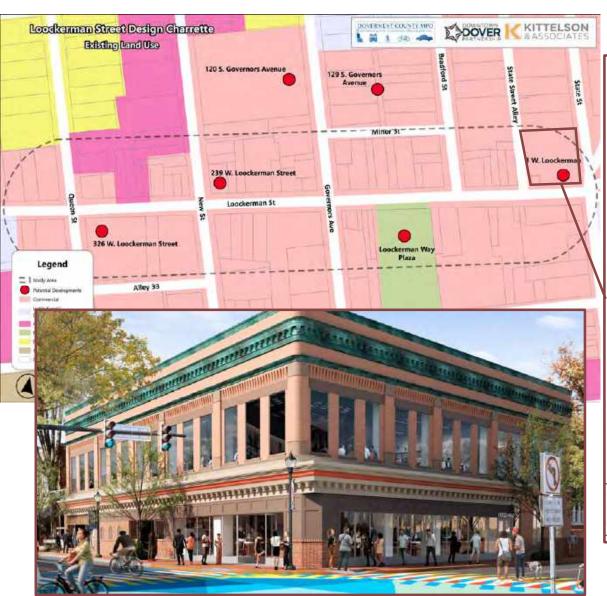


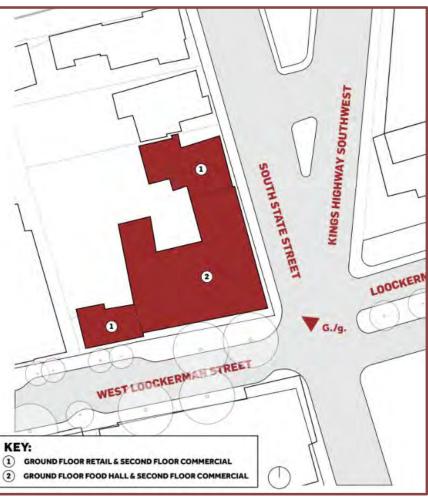


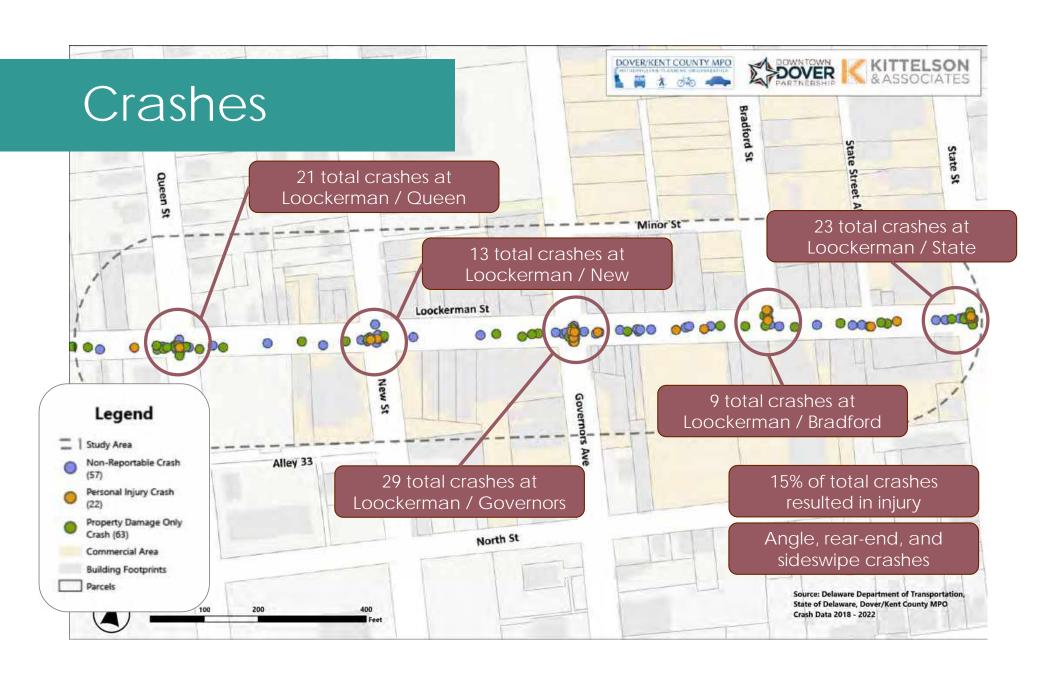


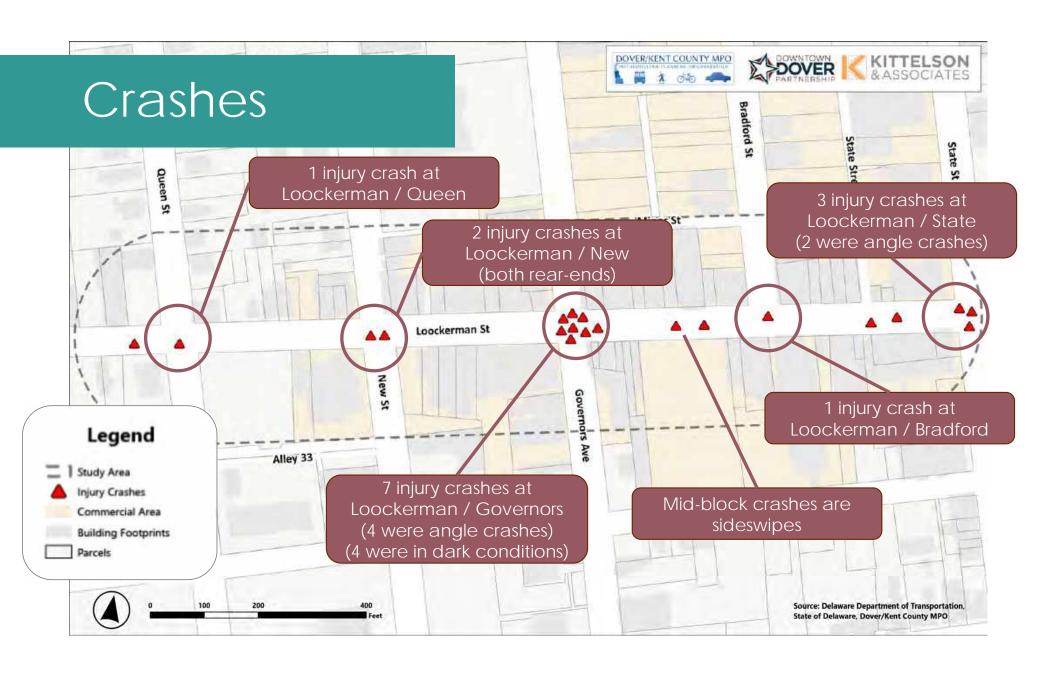


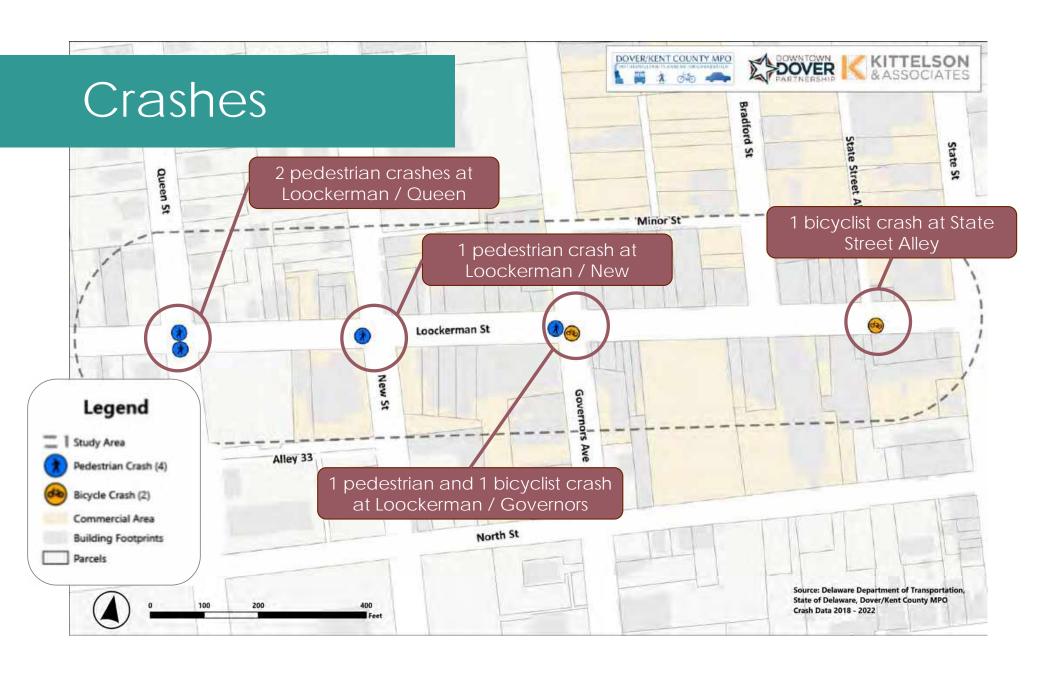


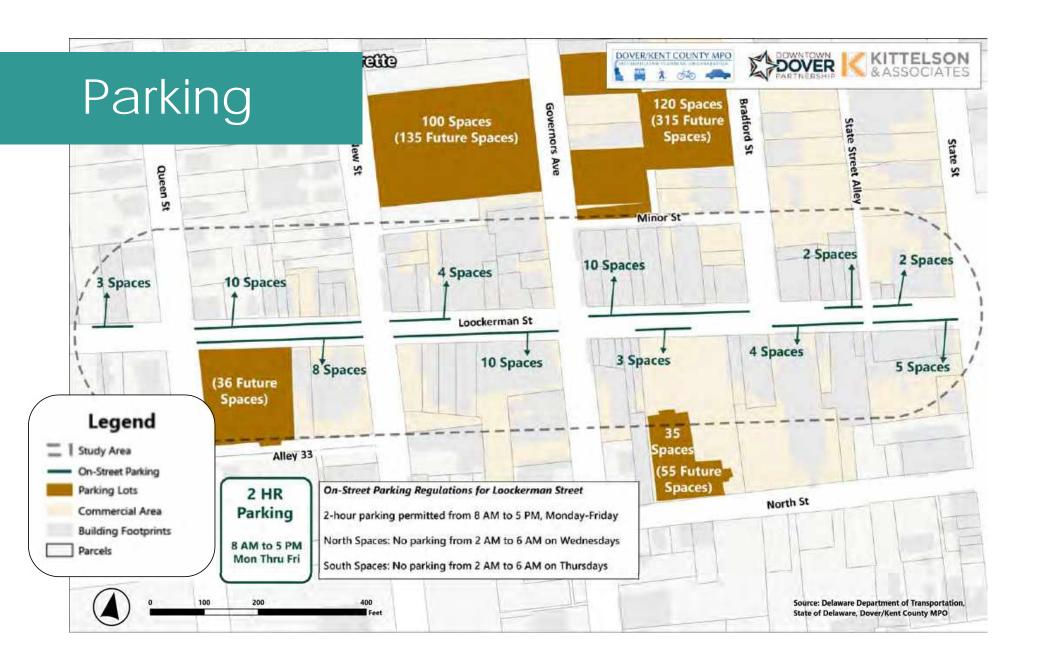


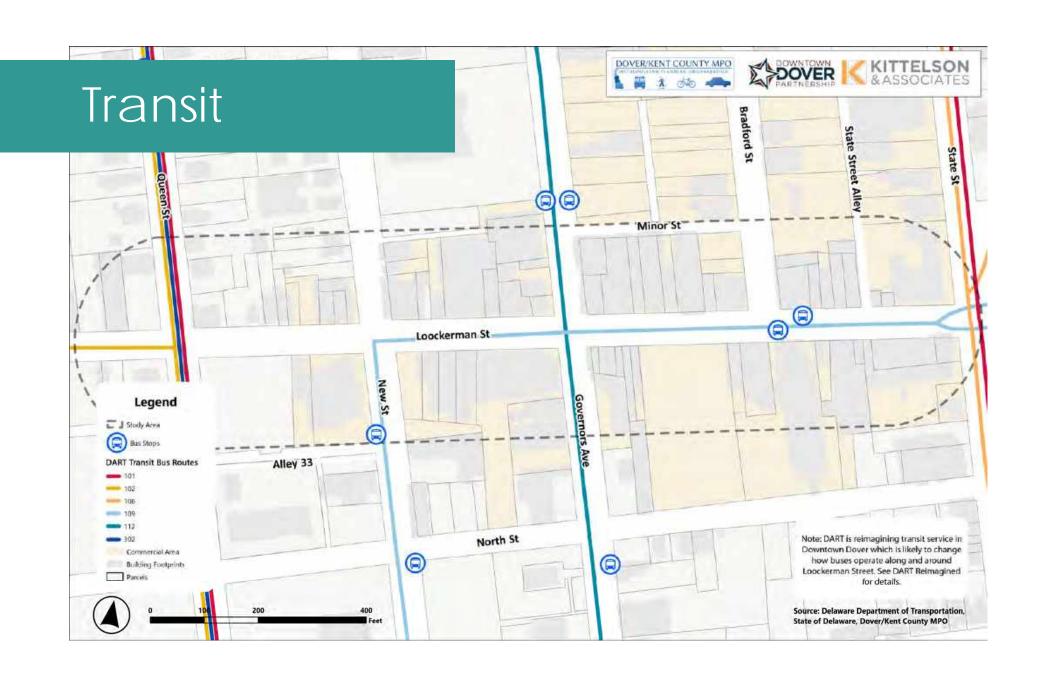
















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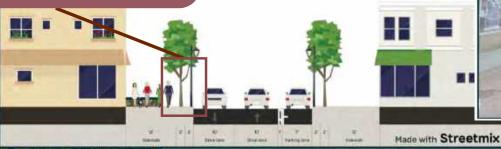
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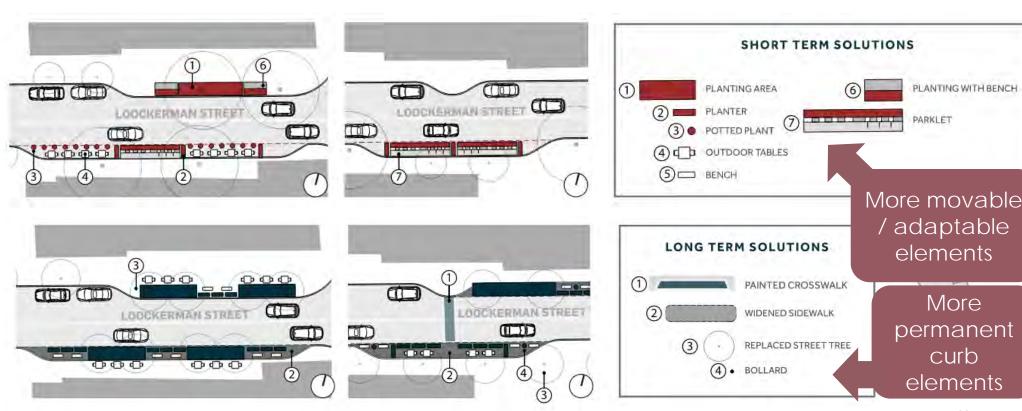


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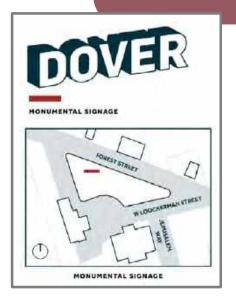
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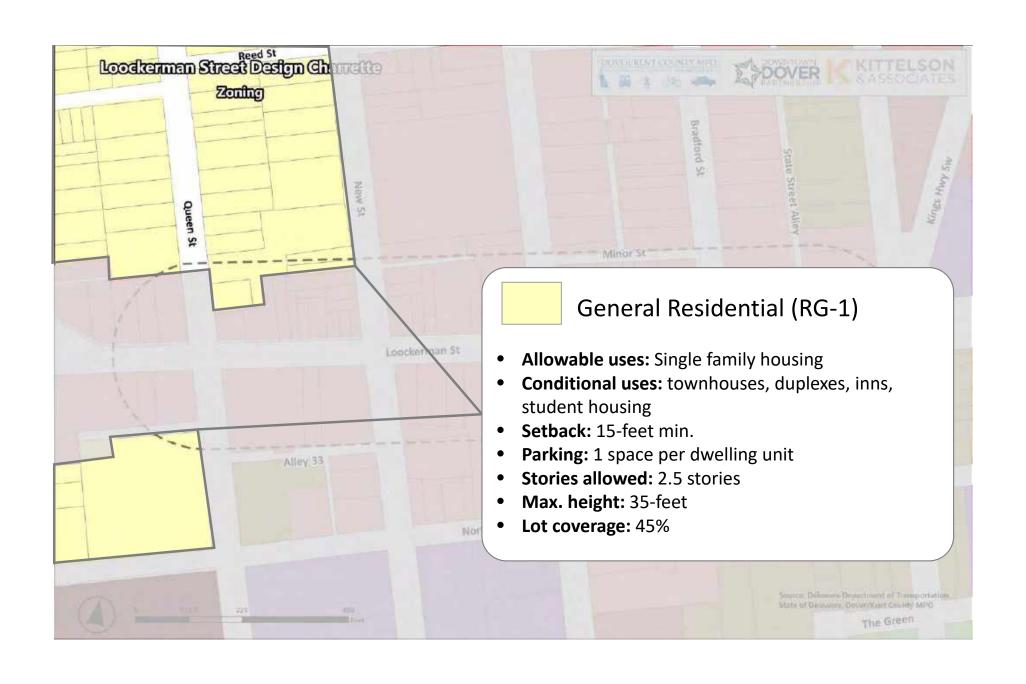
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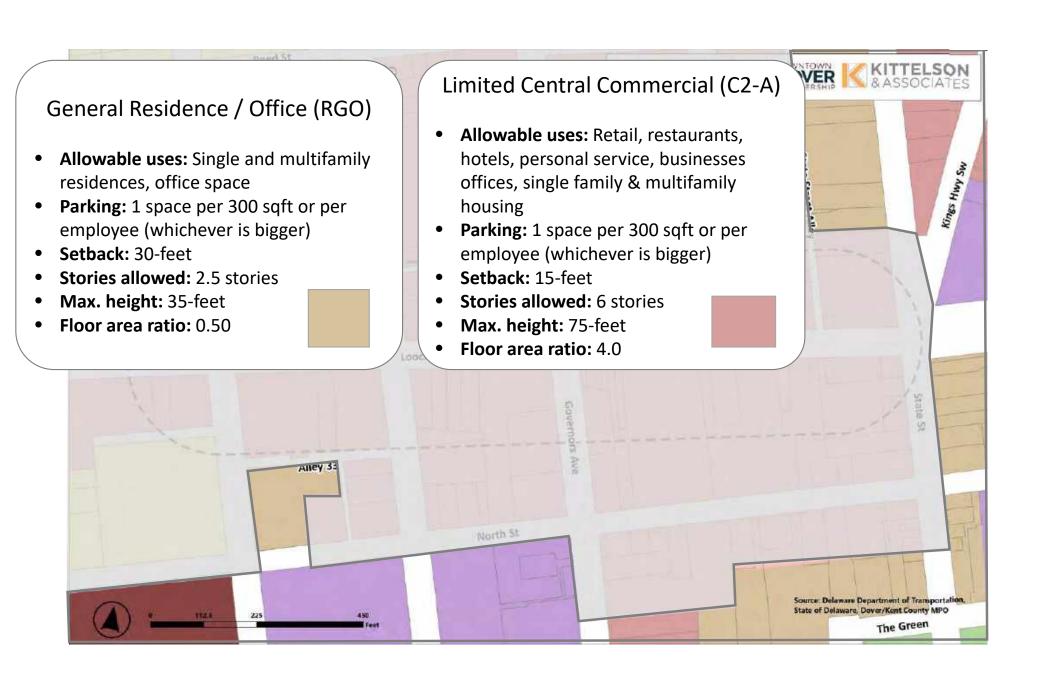


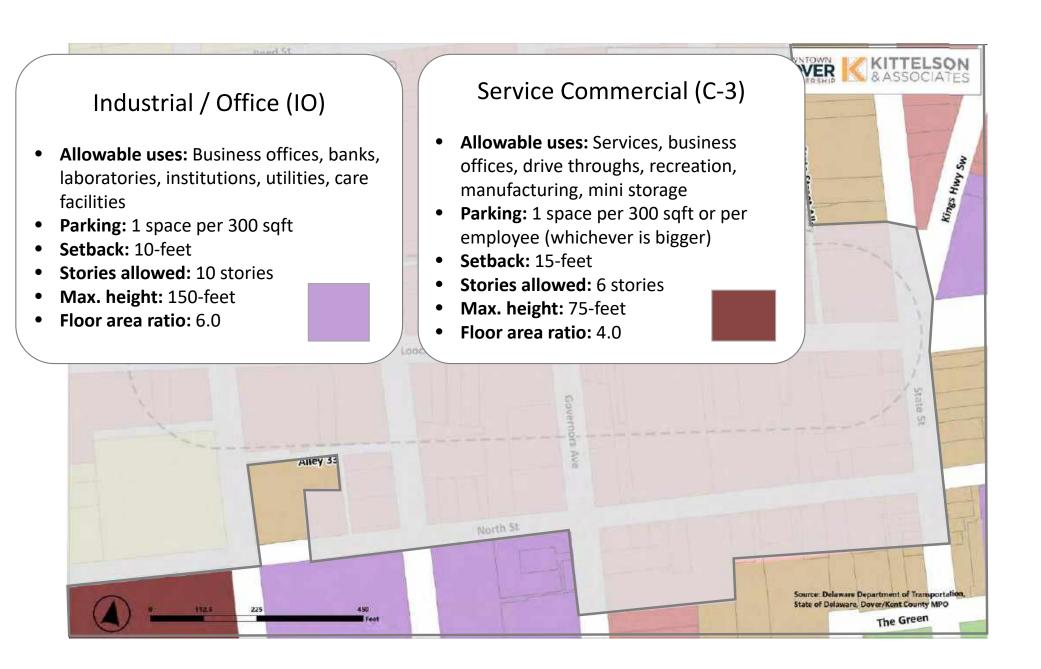
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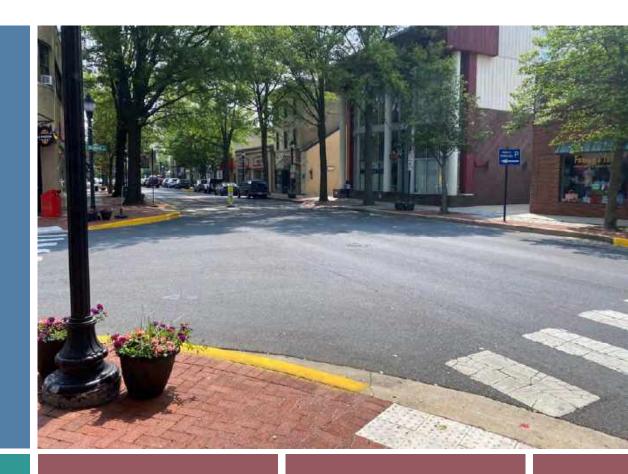
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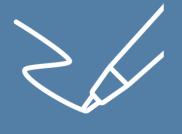
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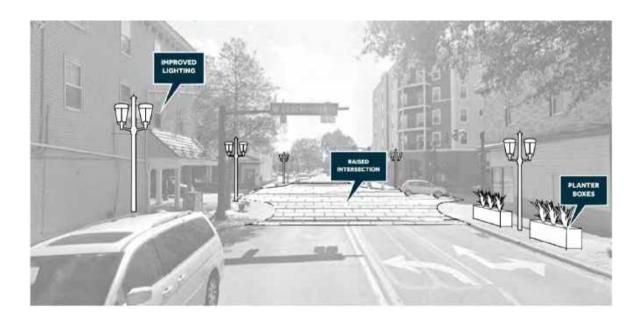


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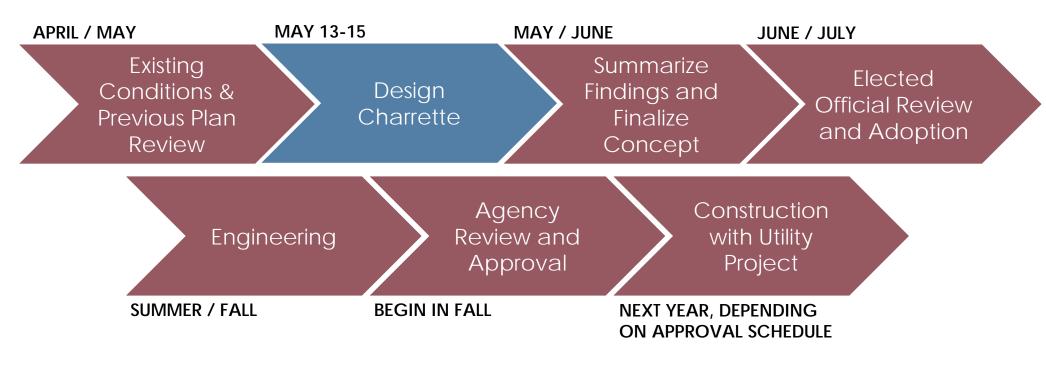


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Please tell us more about...

- How are your patrons and employees currently getting to your business?
- How is the sidewalk and curbside space outside your business currently used?
- Does the street design pose any challenges in conducting business along Loockerman Street?

Please tell us more about...

- How are people living and working in Downtown neighborhoods interacting with Loockerman Street?
- How is Loockerman Street viewed by the surrounding communities?
- How are trees, lighting, and art contributing to the sense of place along Loockerman?

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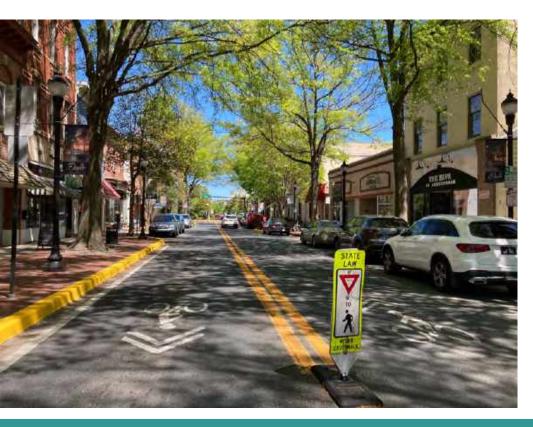
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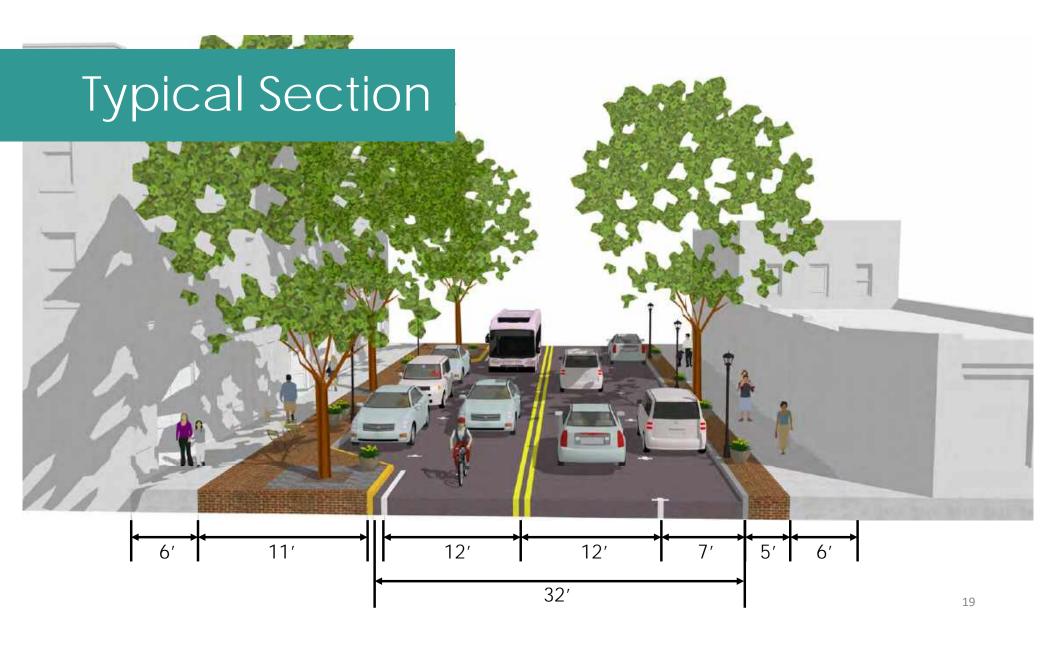


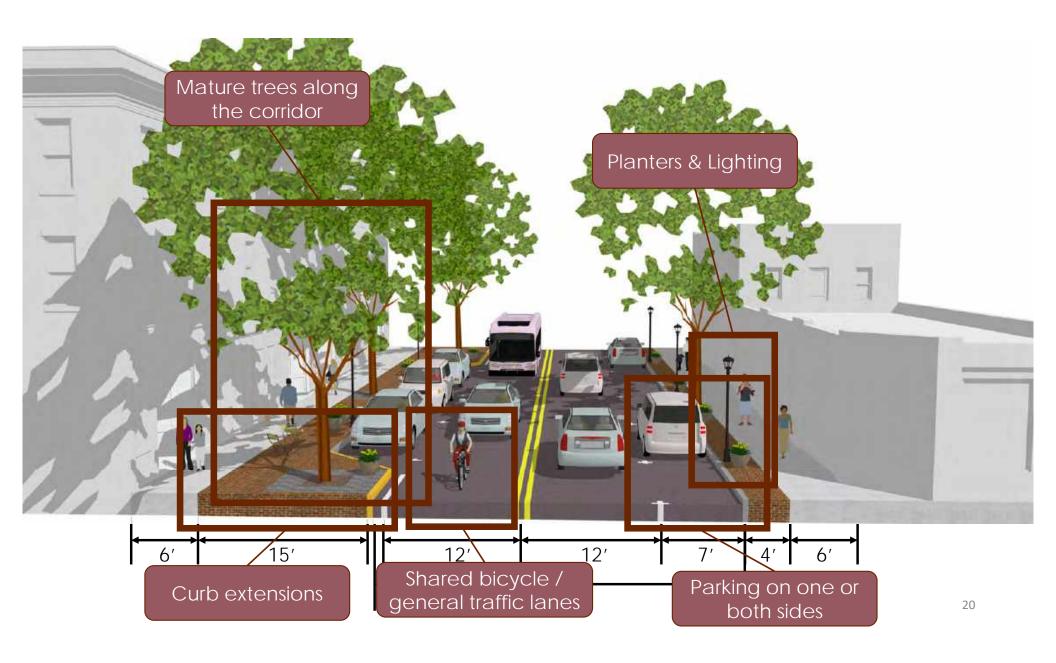
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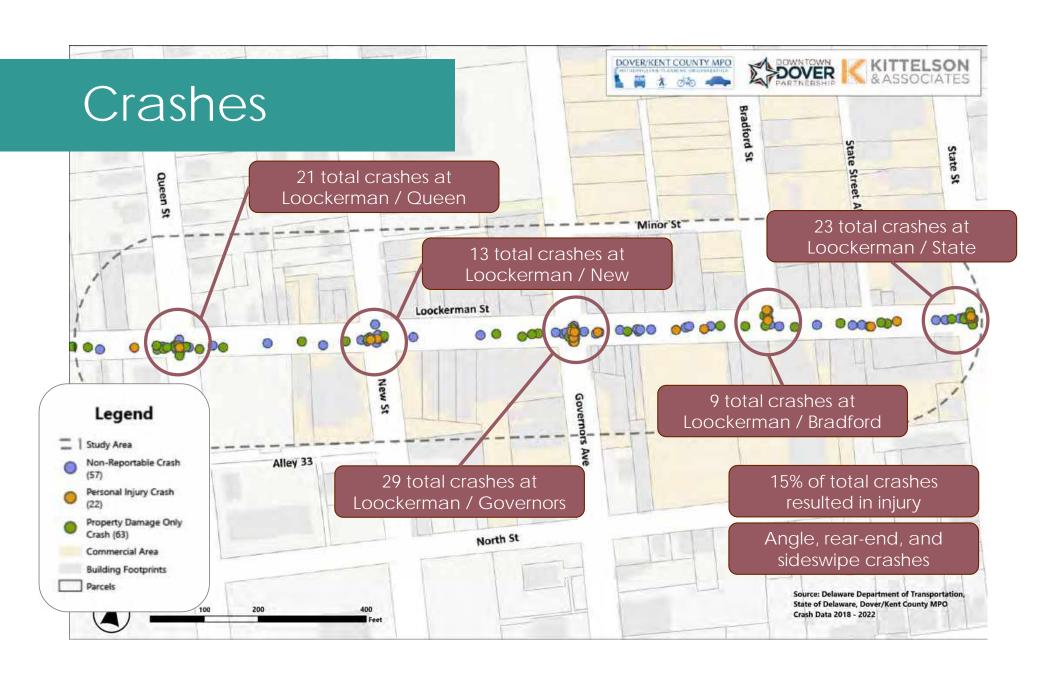
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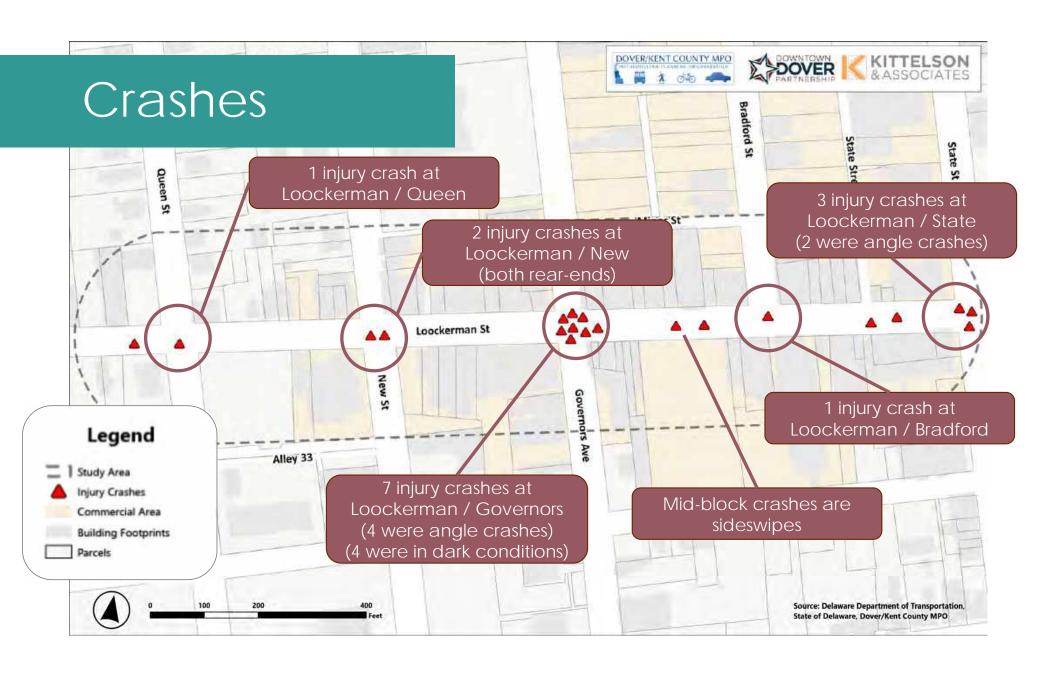


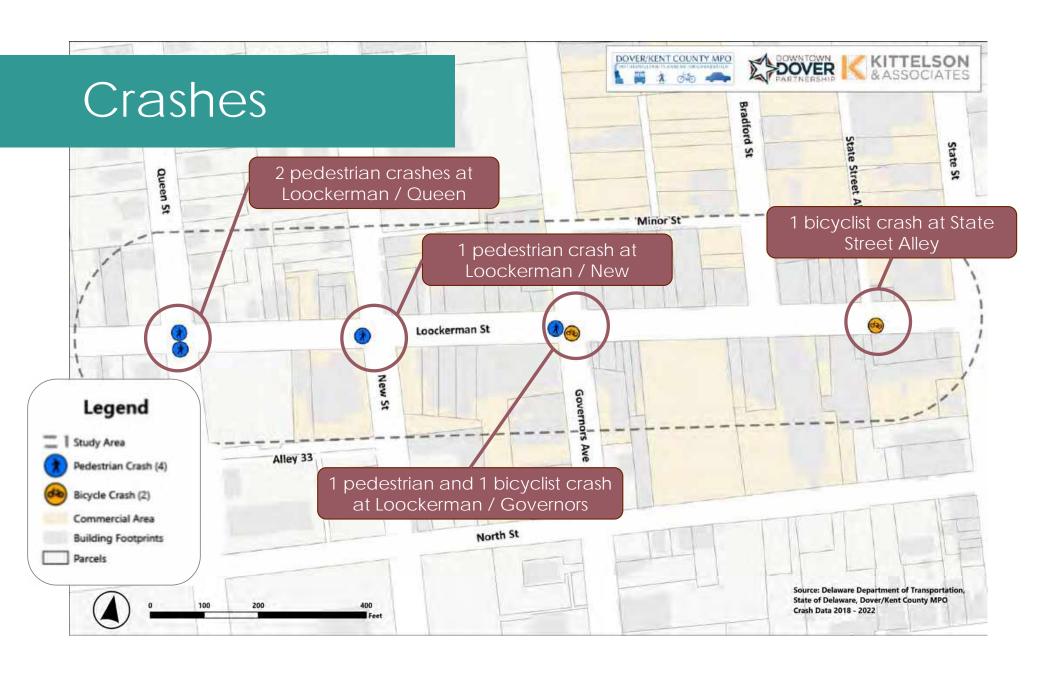


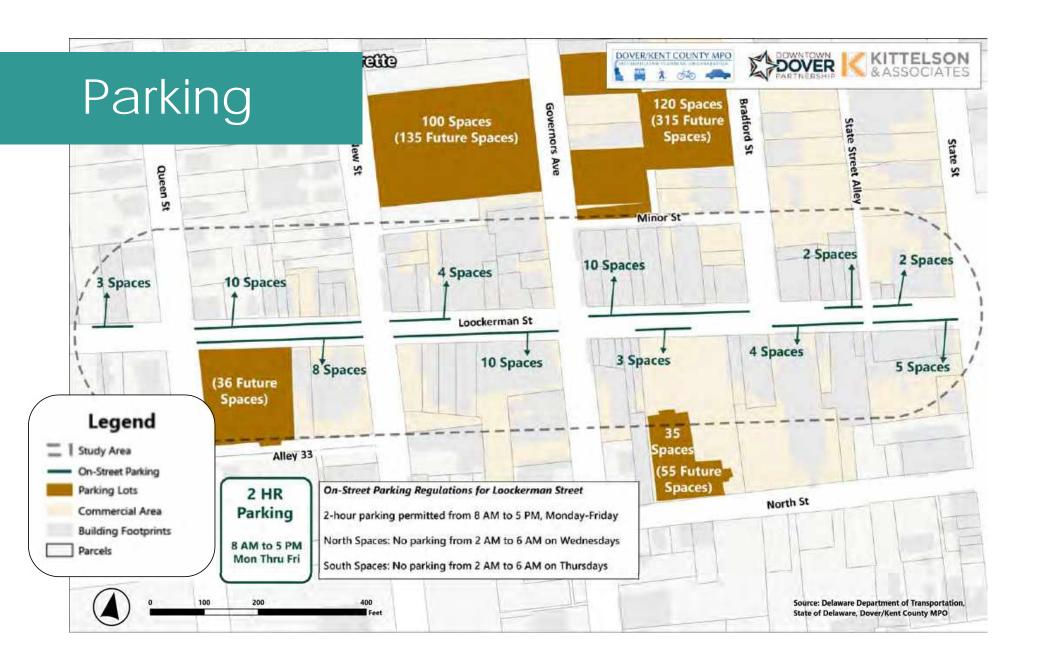


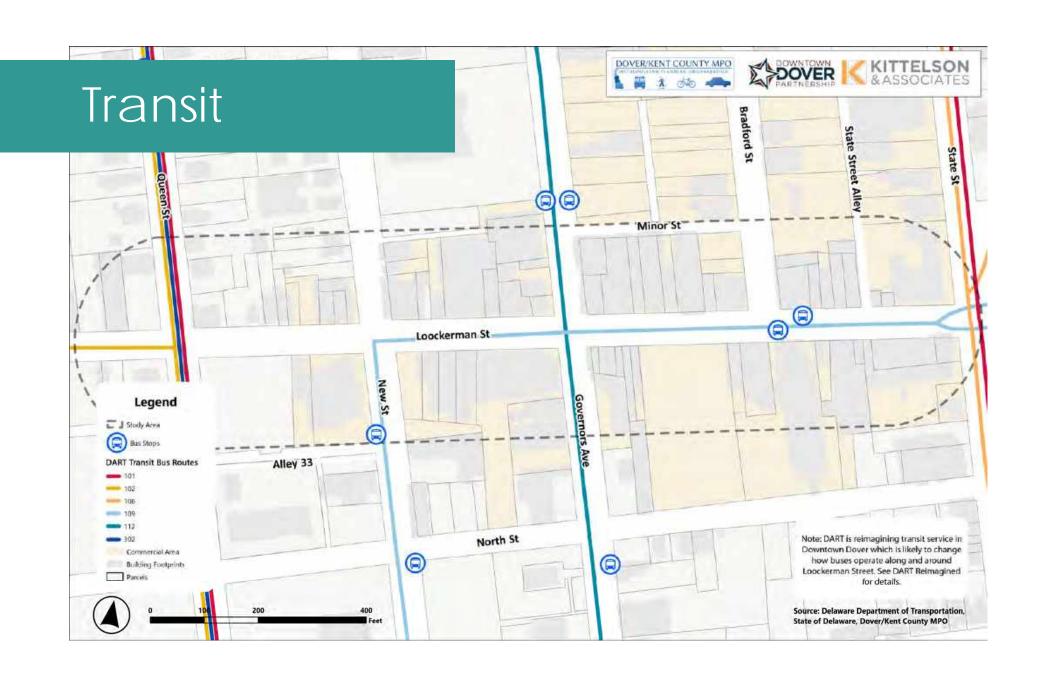
















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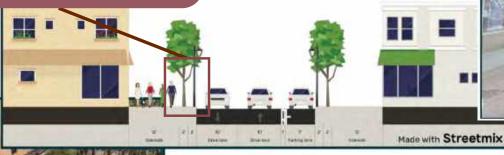
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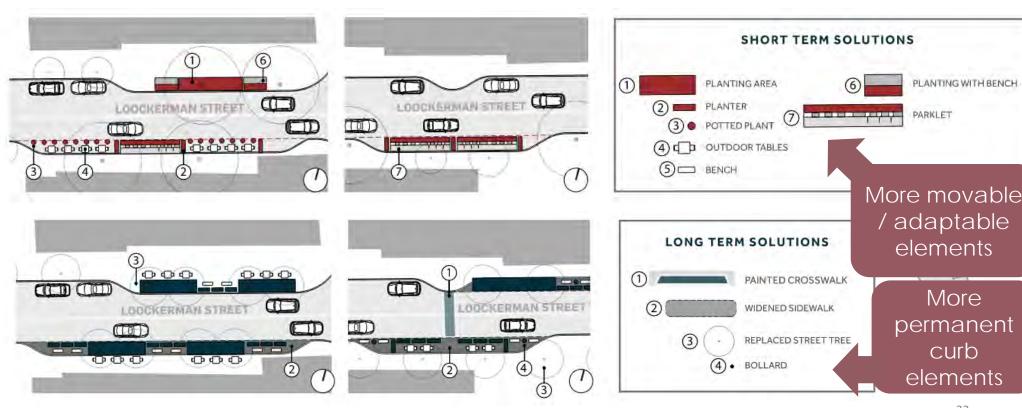


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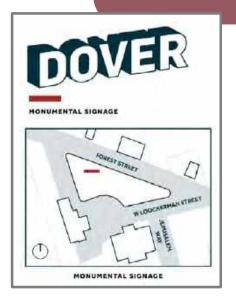
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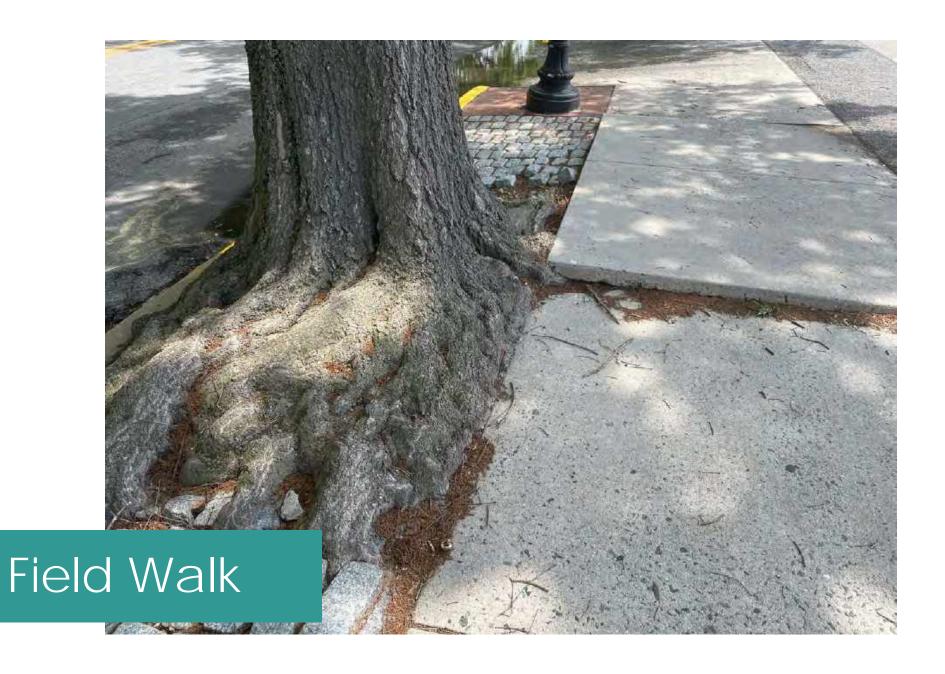








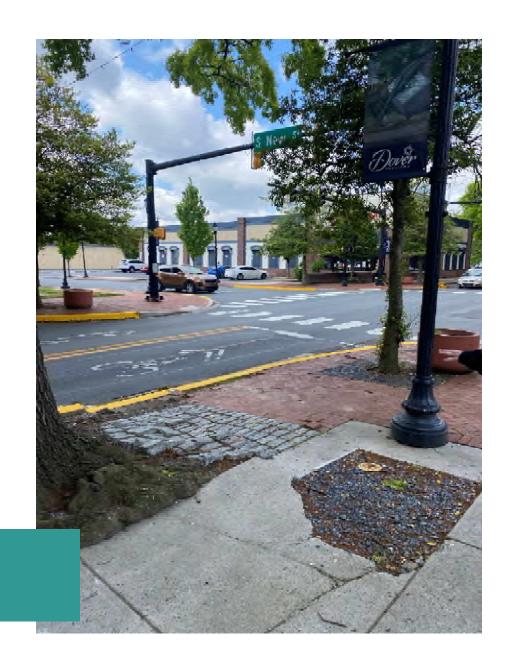
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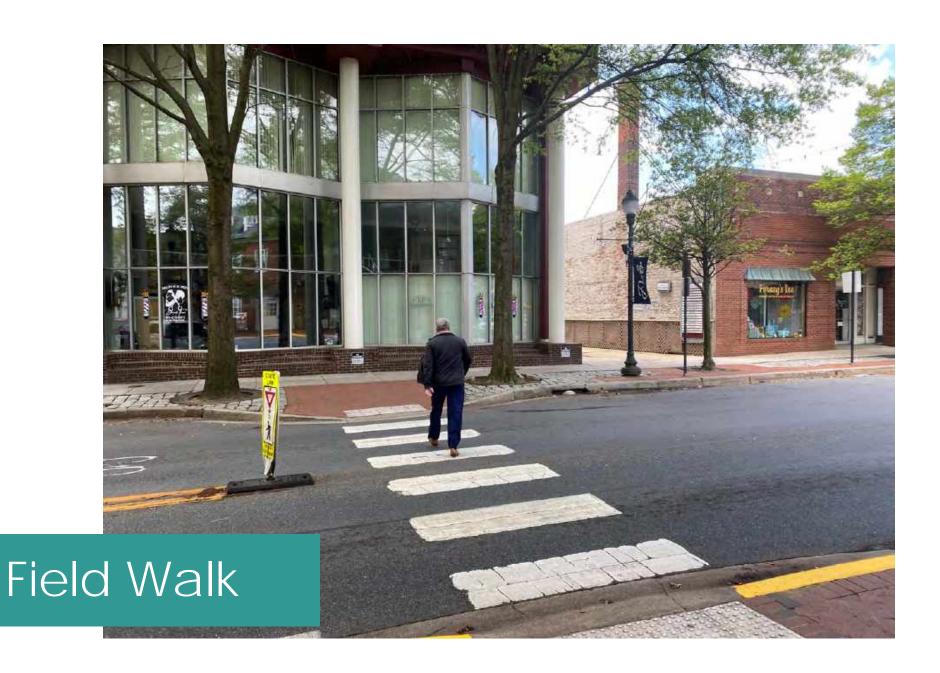


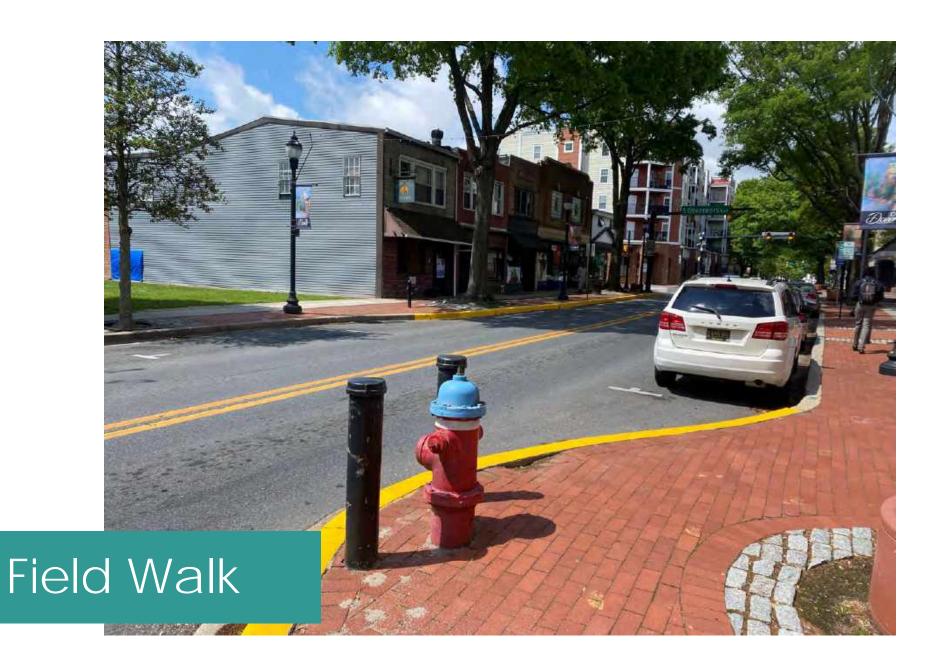
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- Tree health
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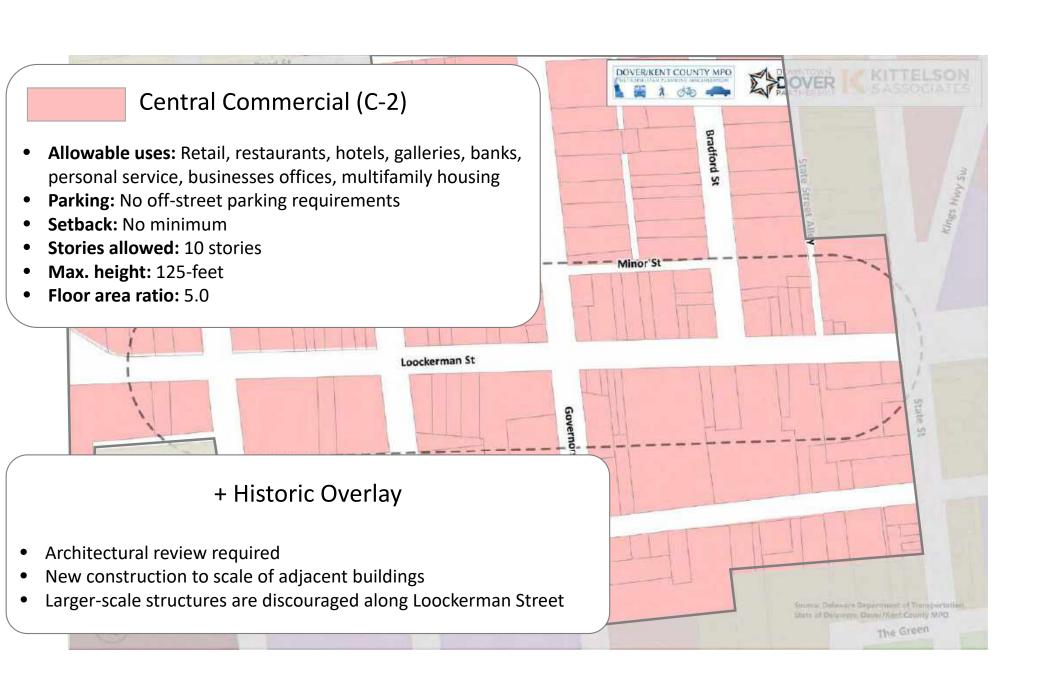
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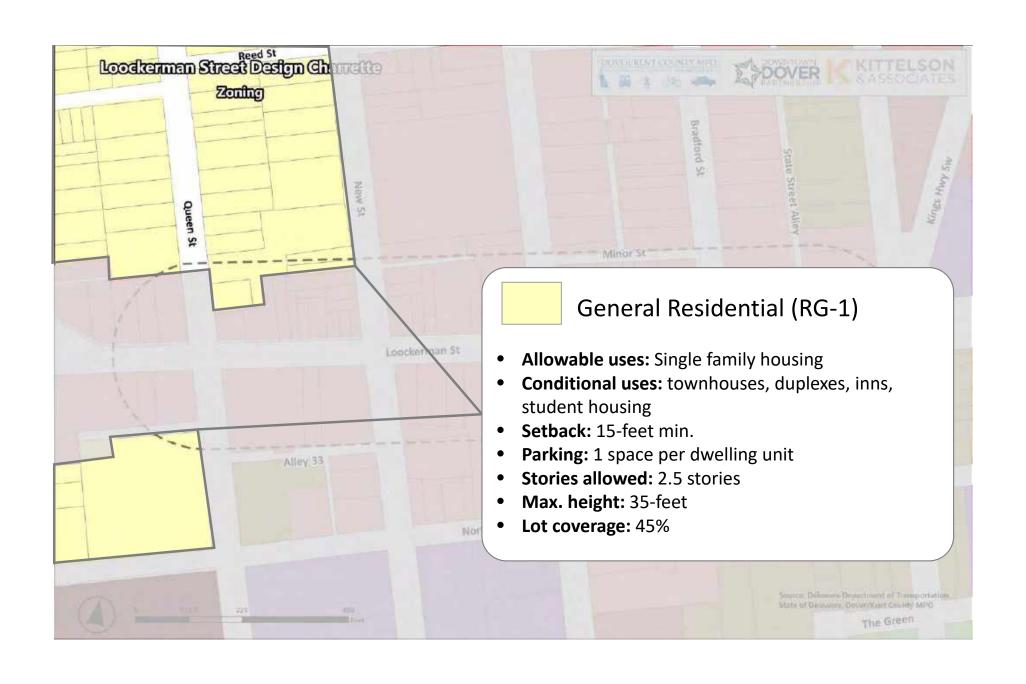
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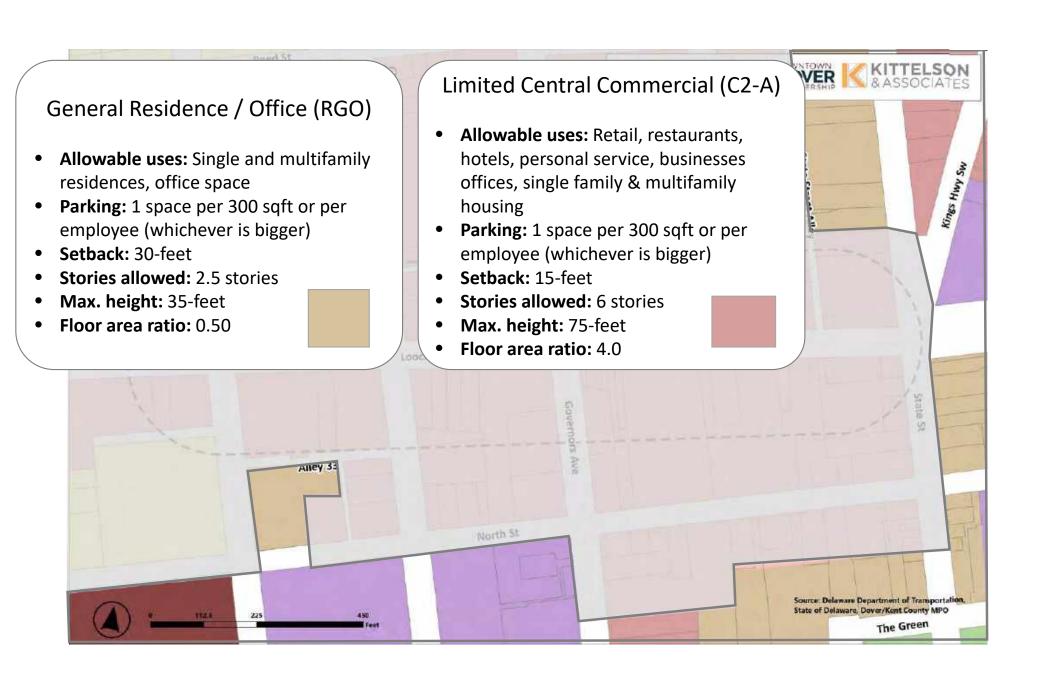
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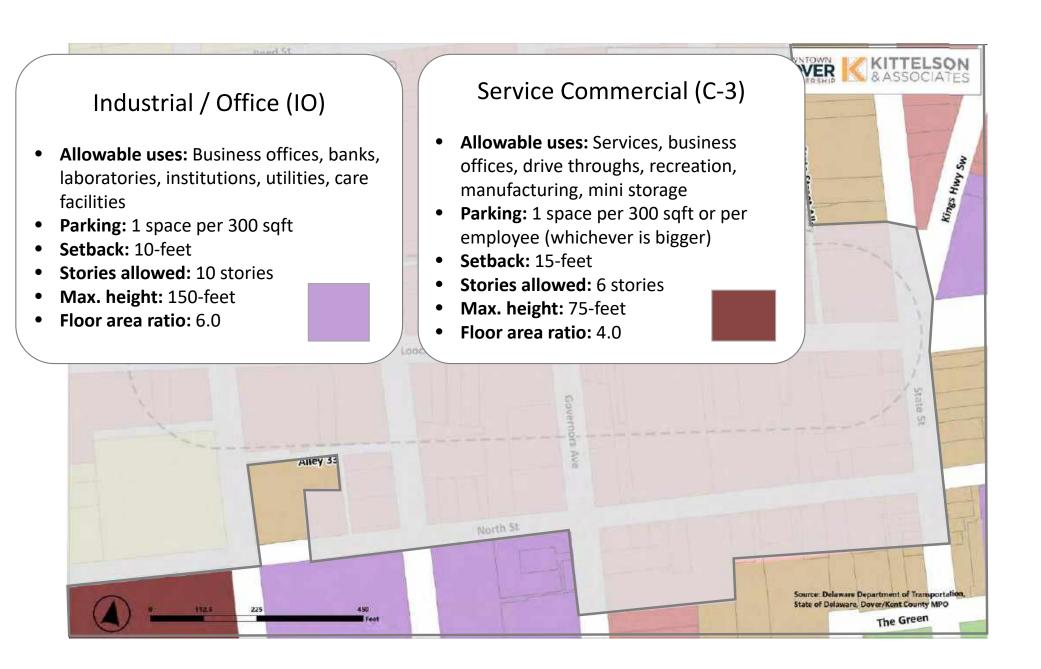
- Are the sidewalks currently wide enough?
 - For walking?
 - For dining and shopping?
- Would sidewalks be wide enough with twice as many people walking downtown?
- Thinking about the limited space and history / charm of the corridor, how do you value widening sidewalks vs. preserving trees?











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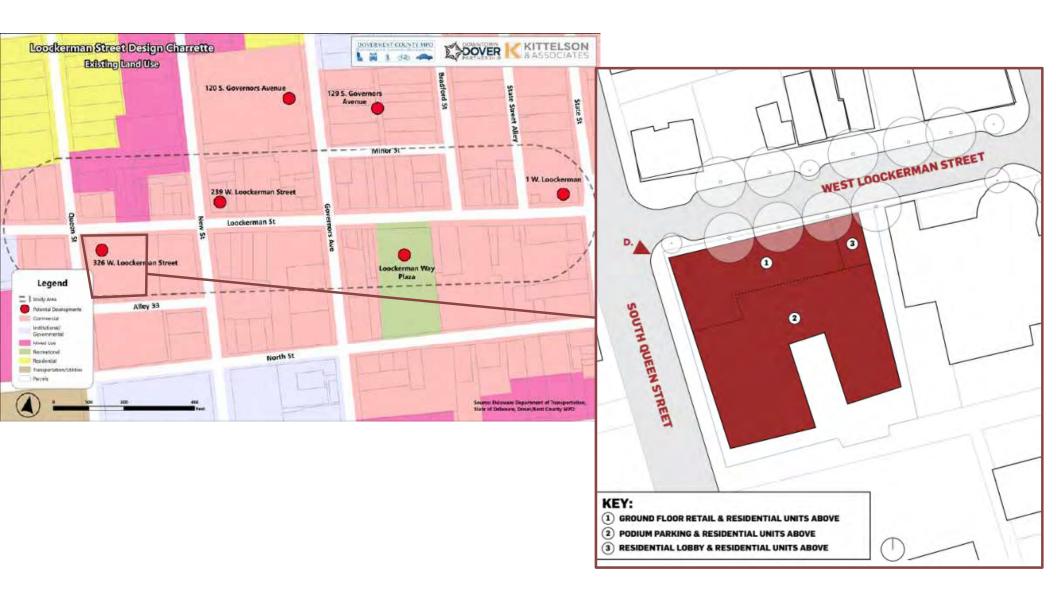


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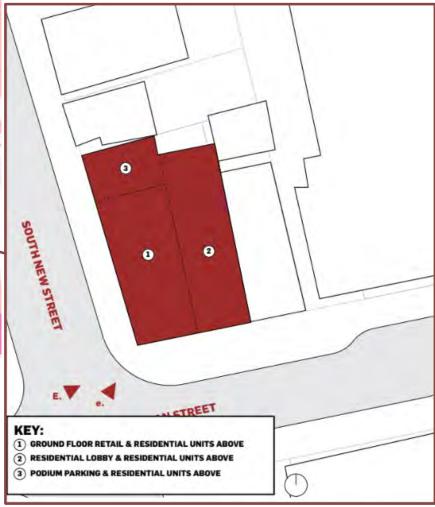












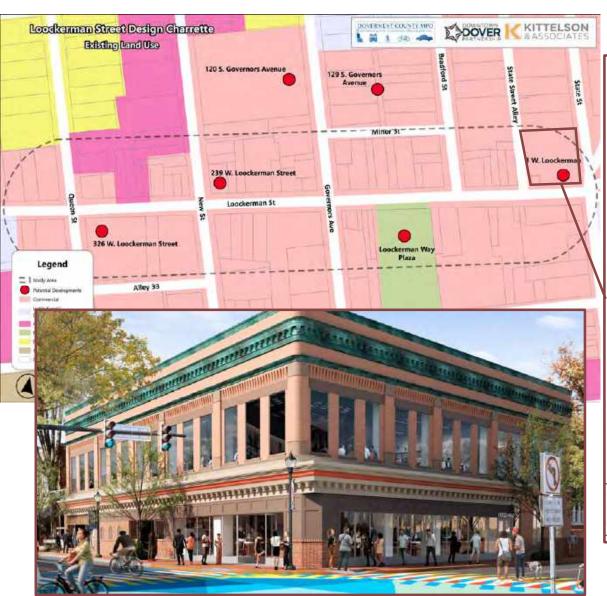


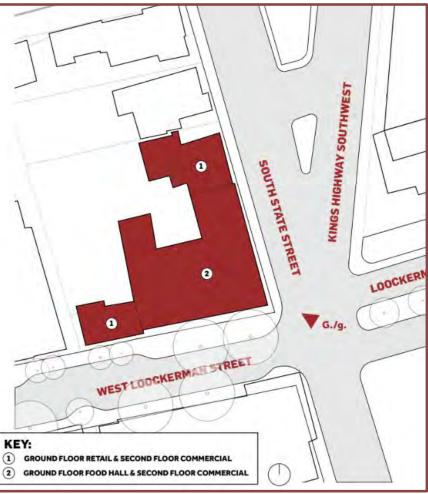
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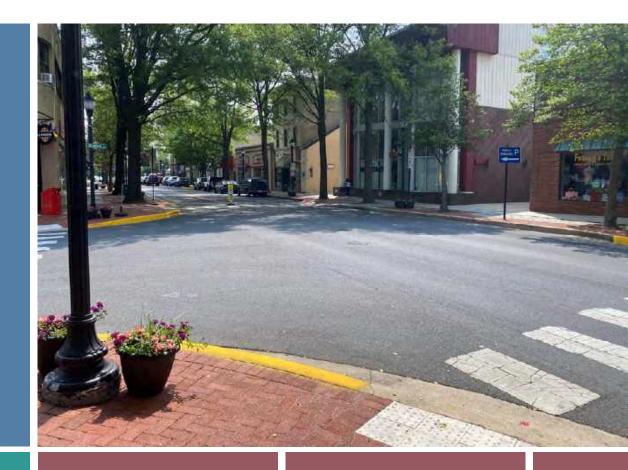
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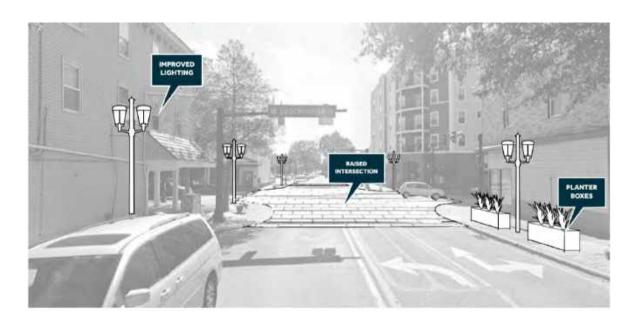






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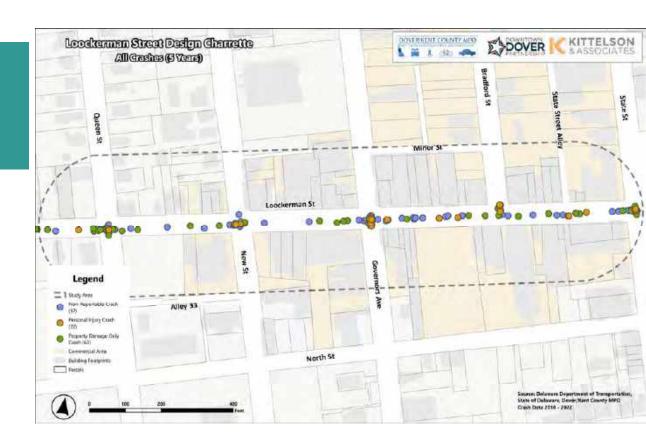
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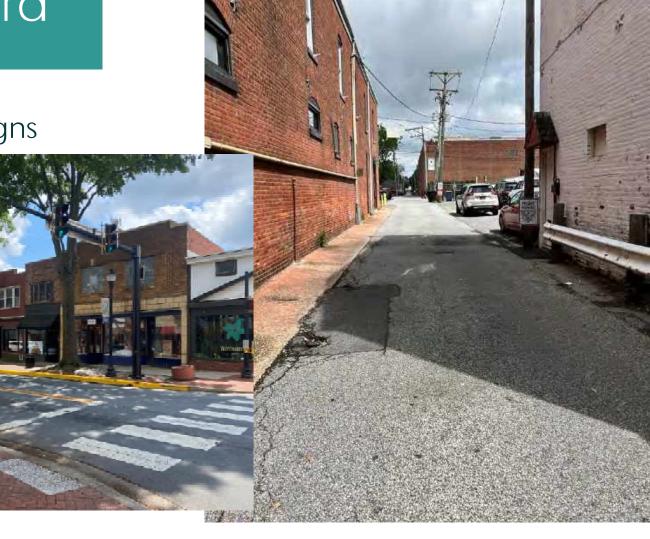
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- Upgrade lighting, street furniture, bicycle parking



Ideas

Balanced approached to meeting the needs along Loockerman Street:

Maximize clear walking areas for all ages and abilities



Provide onstreet parking and loading for businesses

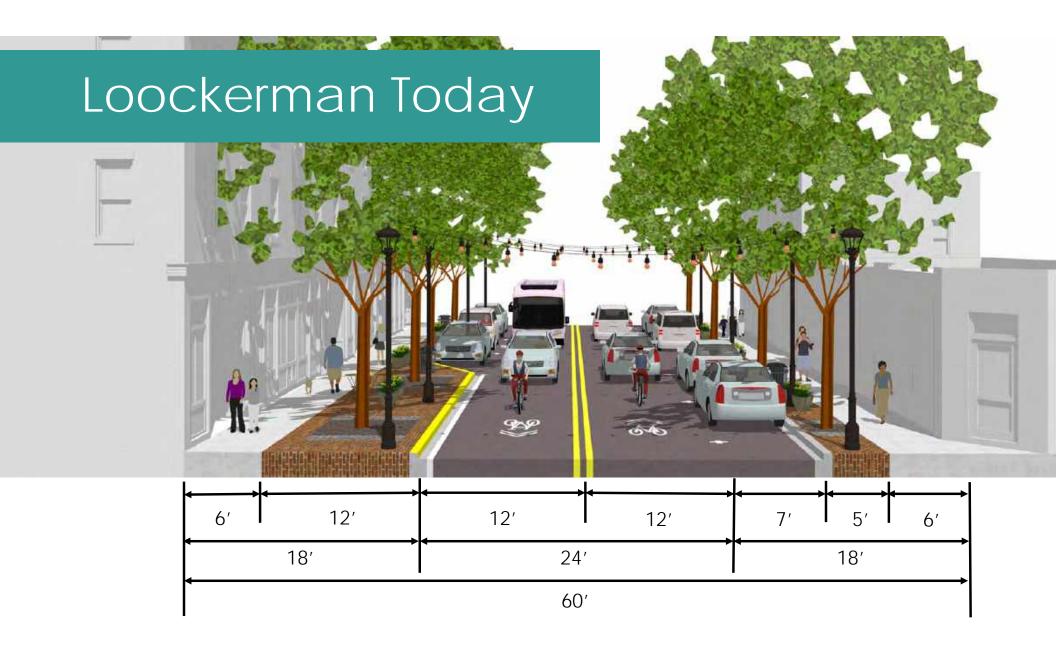


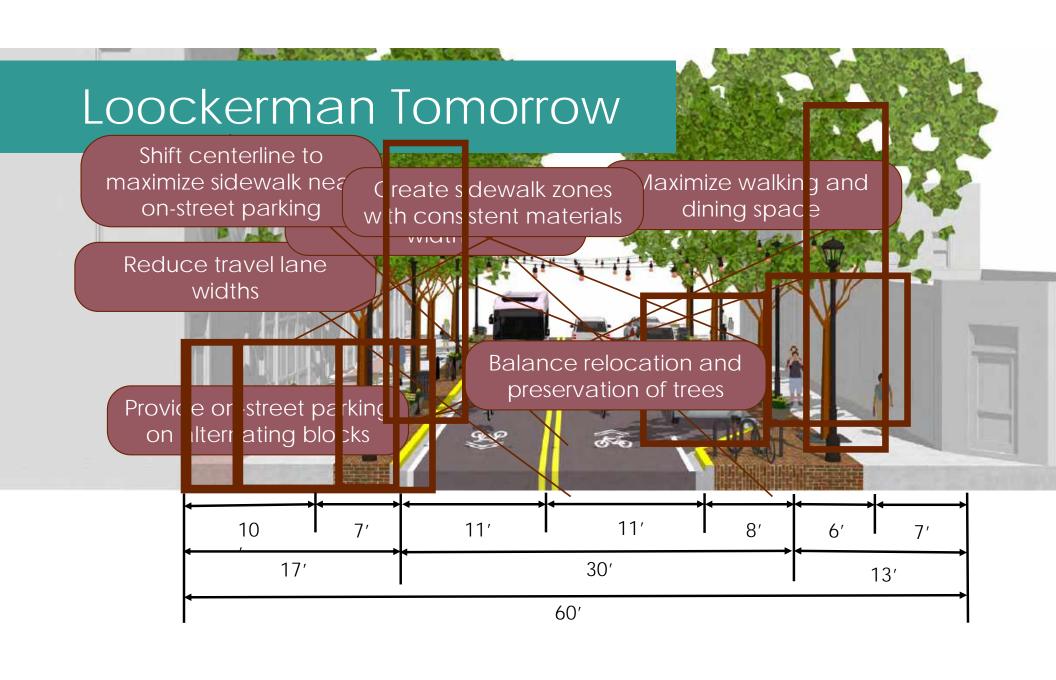
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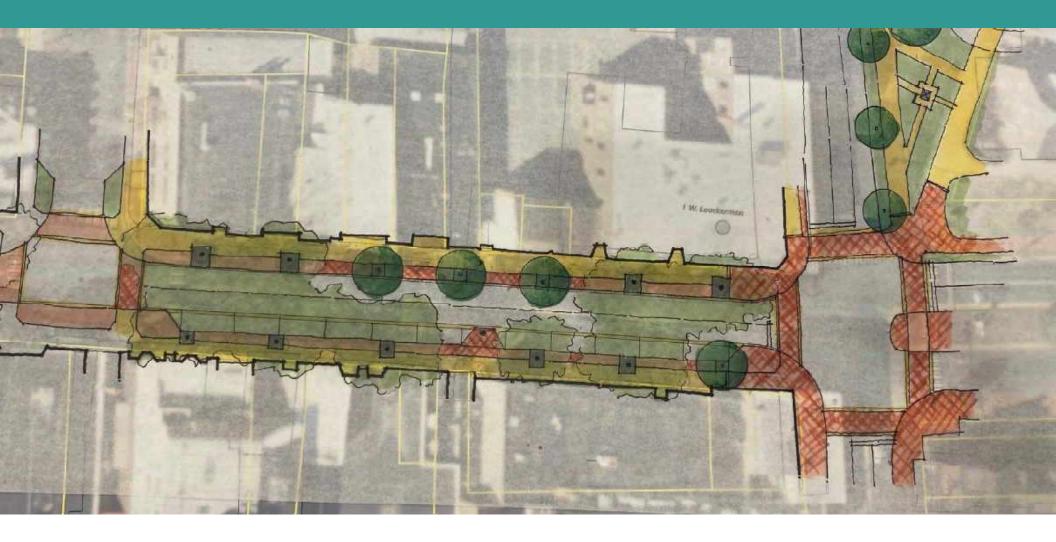
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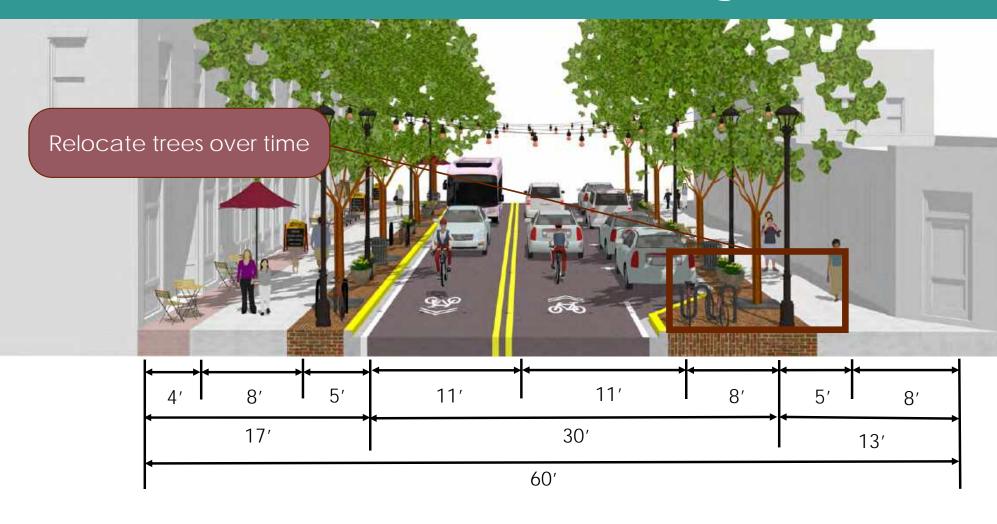


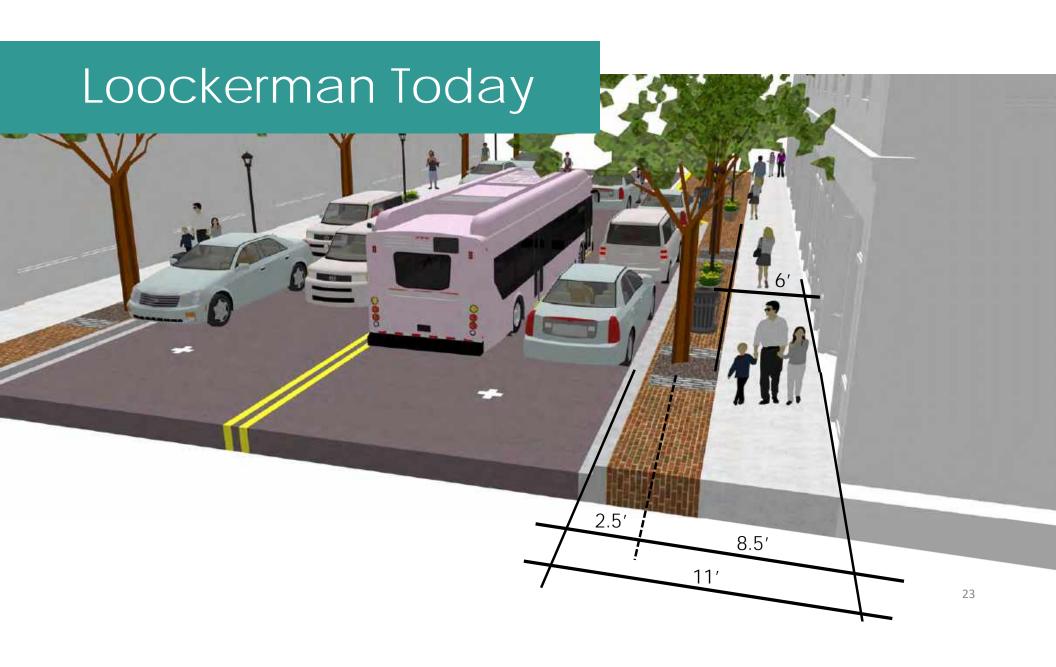


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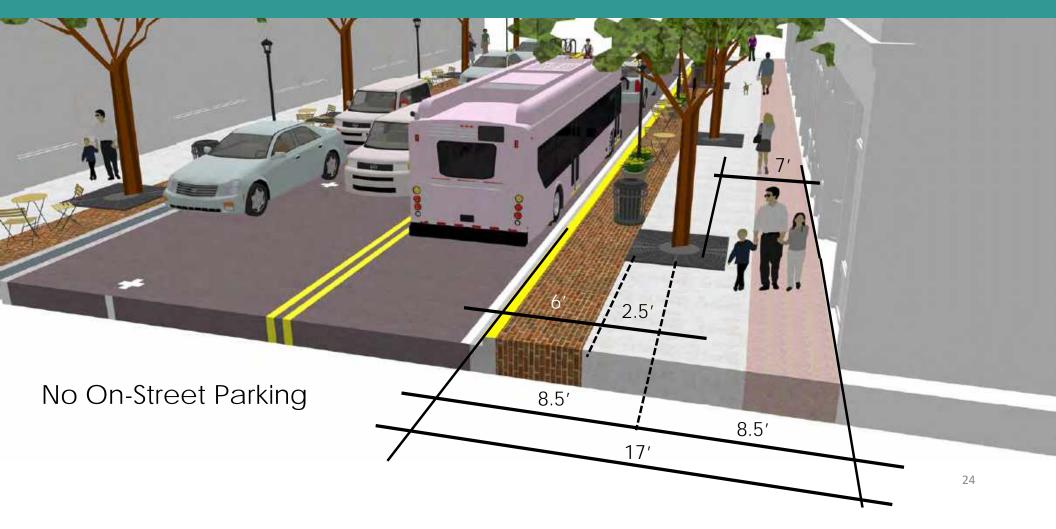


Loockerman Tomorrow - Long Term

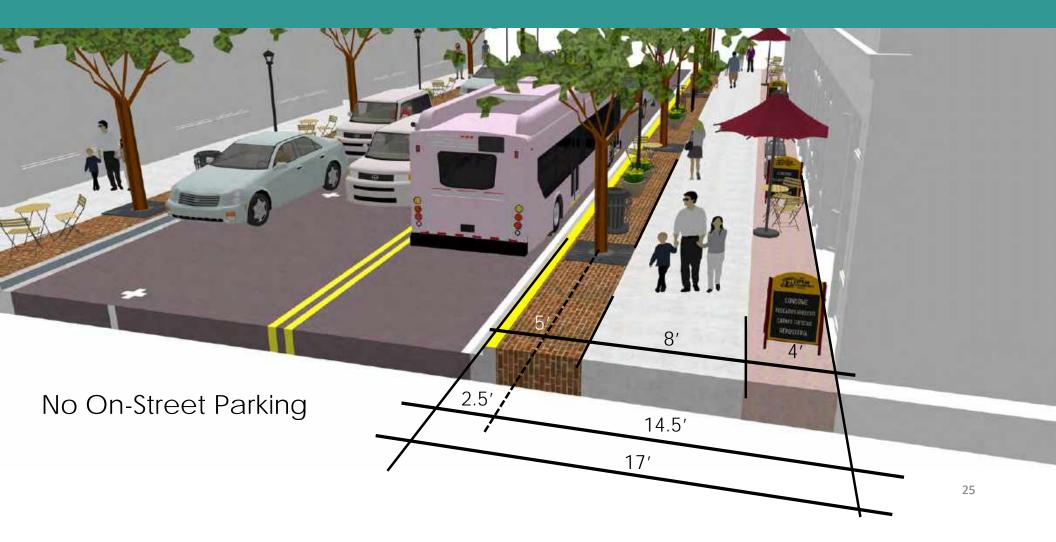




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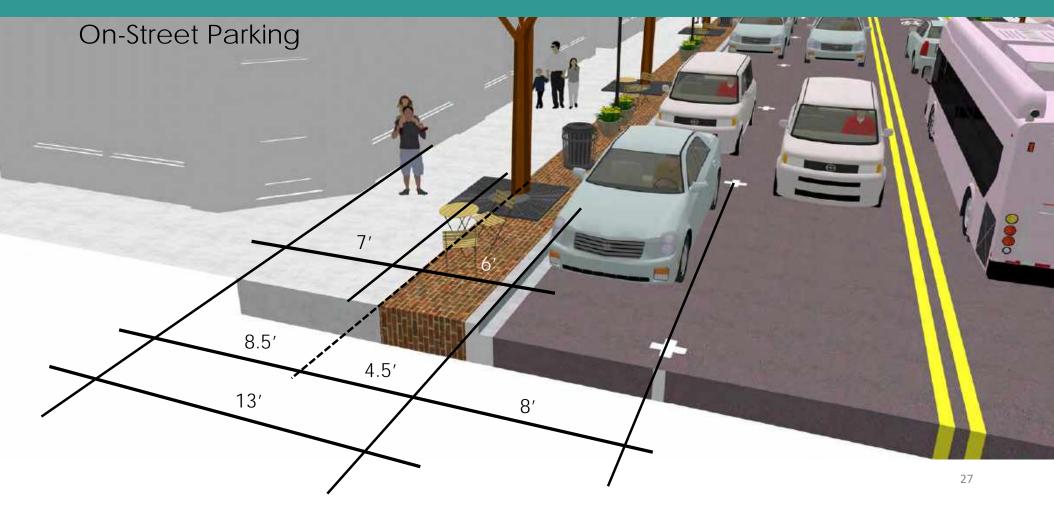


Loockerman Tomorrow - New Trees





Loockerman Tomorrow – Existing Trees



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Loockerman Tomorrow – Long Term



Idea: Festival Street





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Idea: Pedestrian Safety





Idea: Tree Canopy

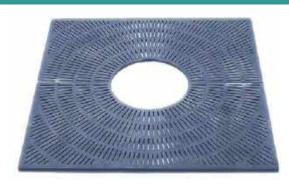


Structural Soil – Full Detail



Idea: Street Furniture















Idea: Gateway Example

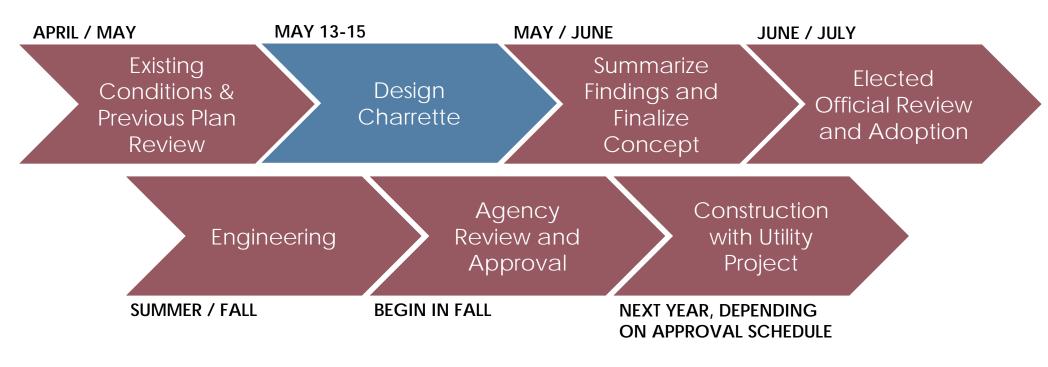




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Loockerman Street

Study Schedule & Project Delivery



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Existing Conditions







Loockerman Today





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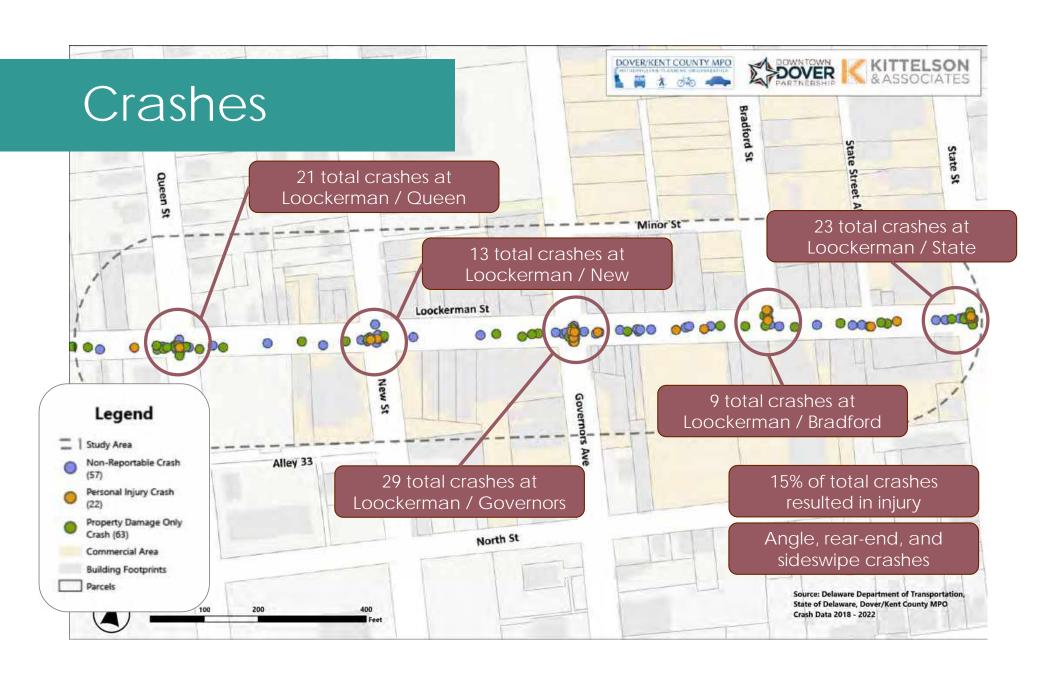


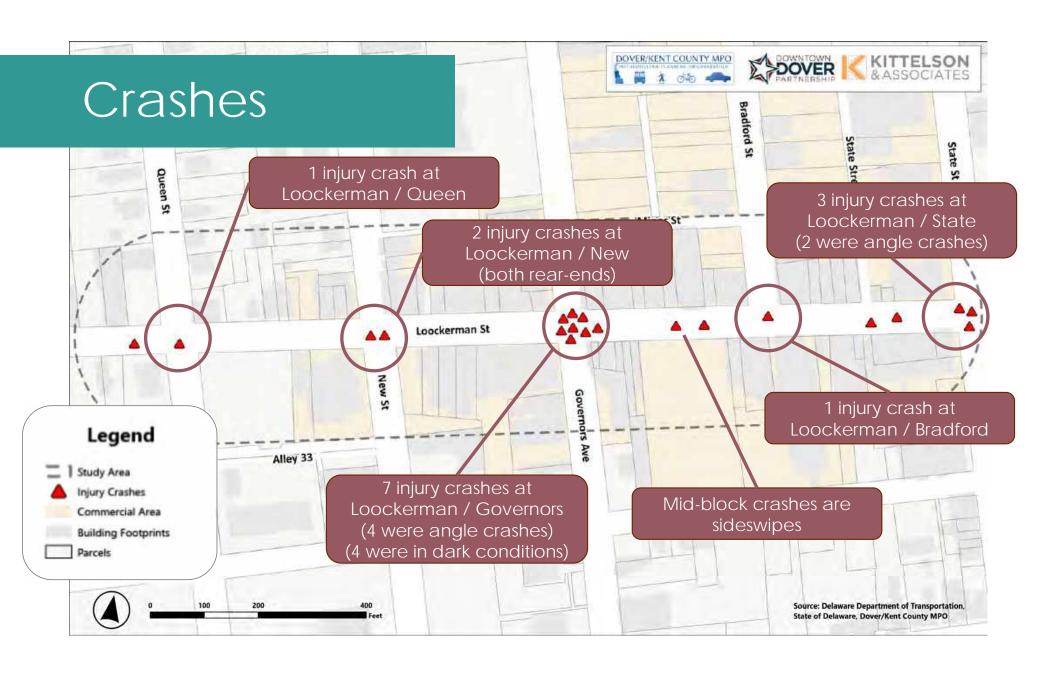


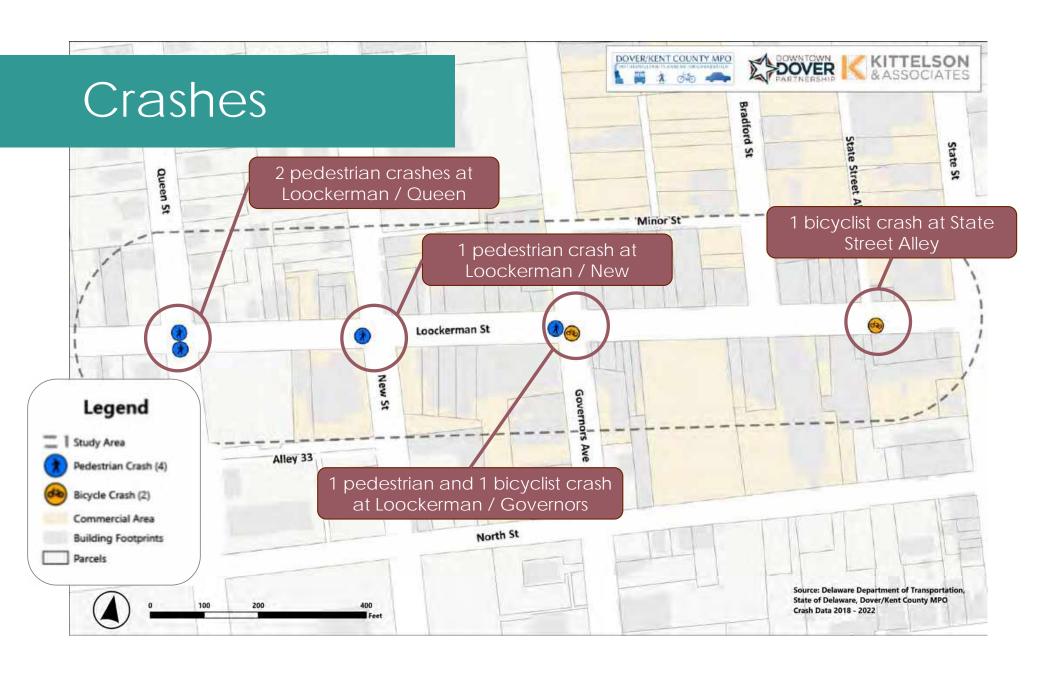
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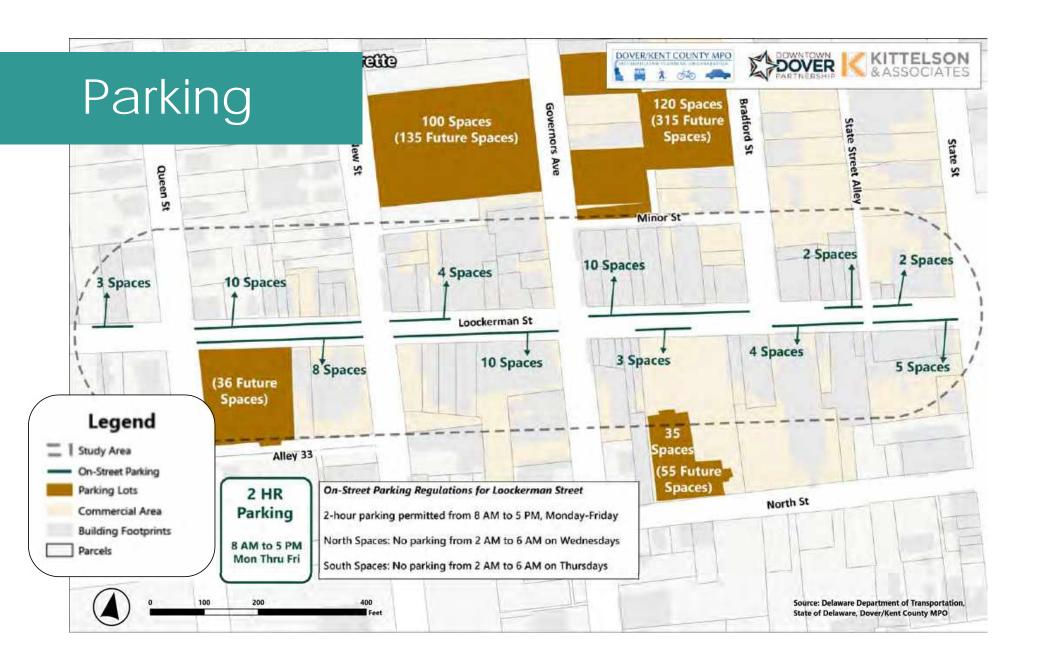


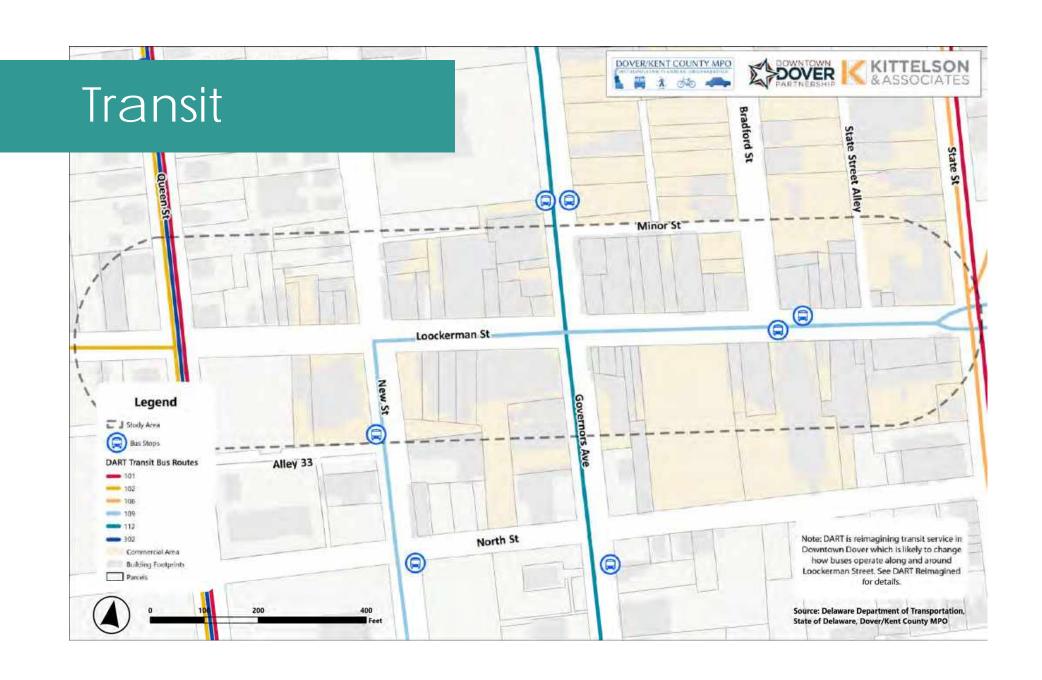
















"Transforming
Downtown Dover"
Recommendations

January 2023



A Pedestrian-Centered Business District

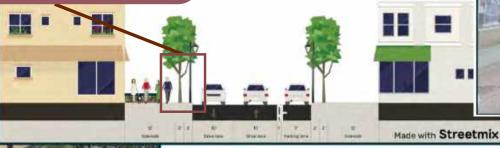
- Calm traffic
- Expand pedestrian realm
- Phase implementation
- Promote art
- Connect open space
- Preserve mature trees
- Increase pedestrian safety





A Pedestrian-Centered Business District

Considered removing a parking lane



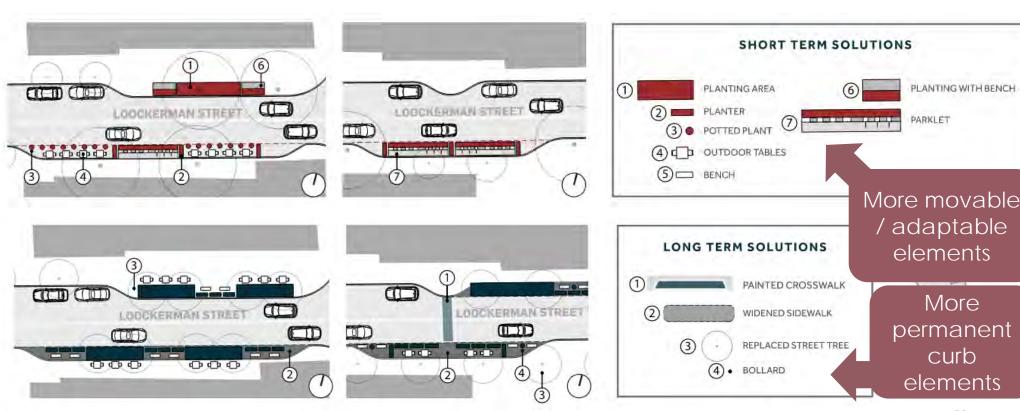


LOOCKERMAN TOMORROW

By removing one lane of parking and sharing travel lanes by 2 feet, Loockerman can have 12-foot sidewalks on both sides of the street and narrower travel lanes that encourage slower and safer vehicle travel through the pedestrian environment. In Capital City 2030, only 45 percent of public space is devoted to cars.

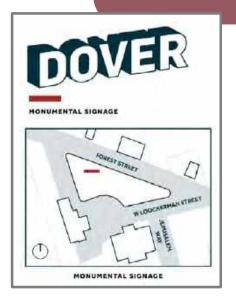
The wider sidewalk can be shared by pedestrians, wheelchair users, scooters, bikes and support recreation, shopping, dining, and tourism.

A Pedestrian-Centered Business District



A Pedestrian-Centered Business District

Downtown
"gateway" at the
beginning of
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Summary

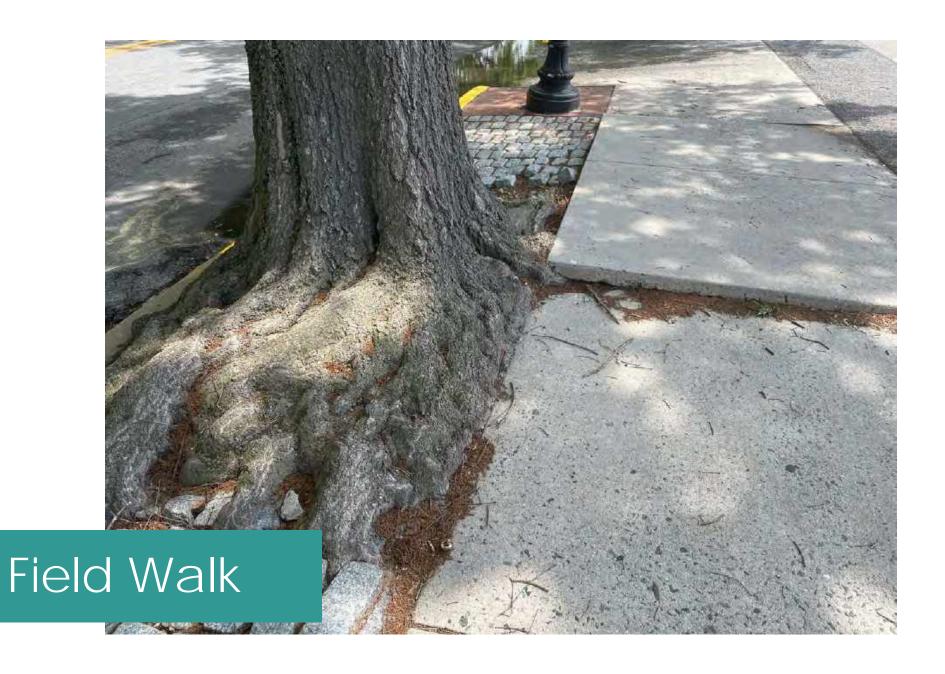






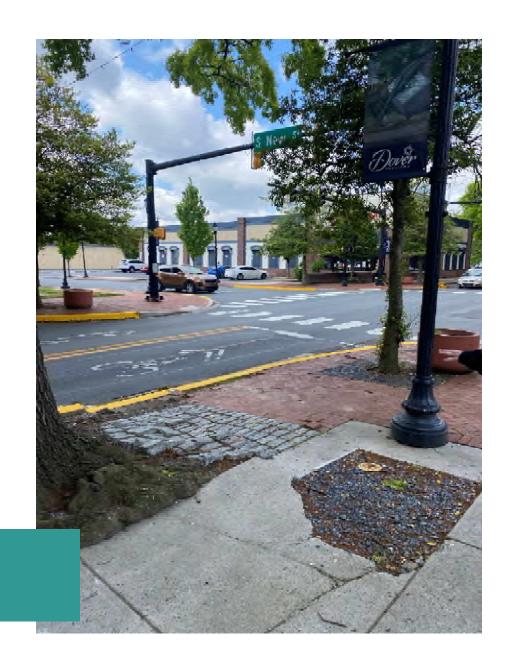




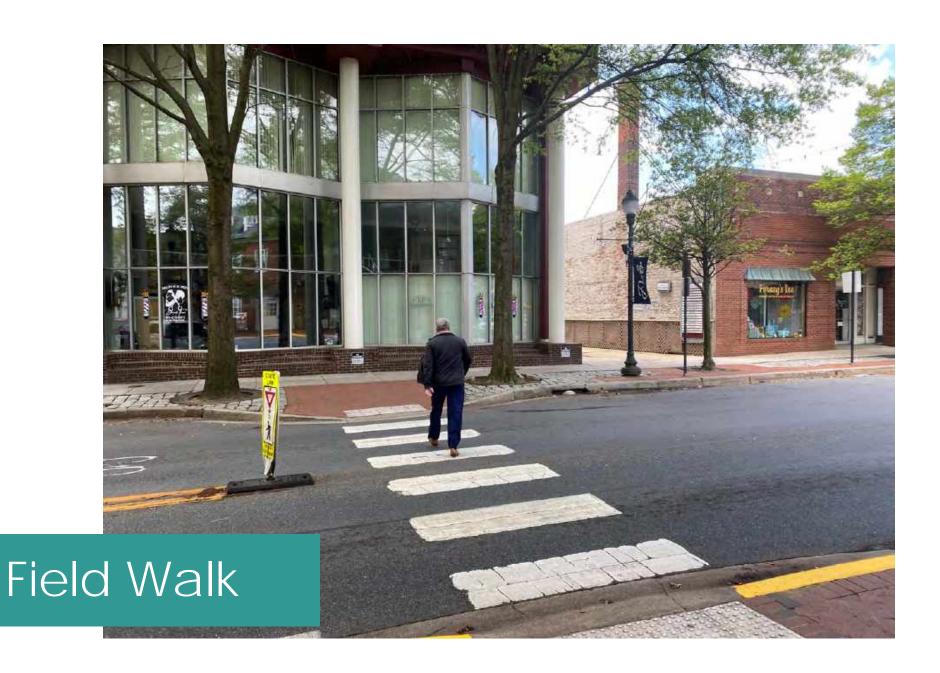


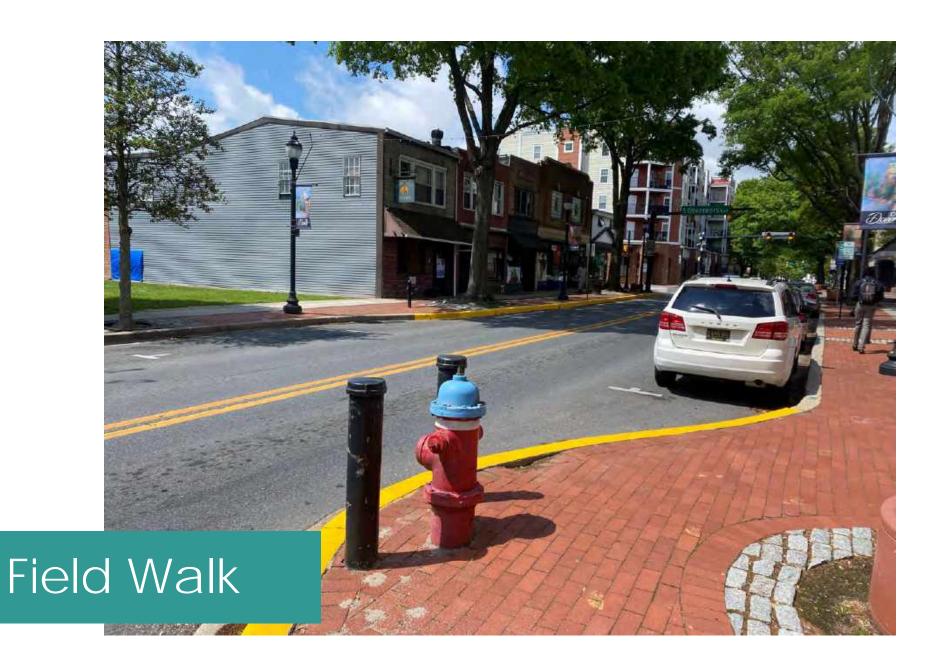












Key Takeaways & Potential Opportunities

- Street design changes can support local businesses and encourage redevelopment on Loockerman Street
- Zoning allows for redevelopment that will increase pedestrian activity
- Intersection improvements can address safety for all modes
- Future off-street parking spaces may allow for curbside parking to be repurposed

Key Takeaways & Potential Opportunities

- Sidewalk width
- Pedestrian crossings
- Tree health
- Parking
- Lighting
- Resilient street furniture

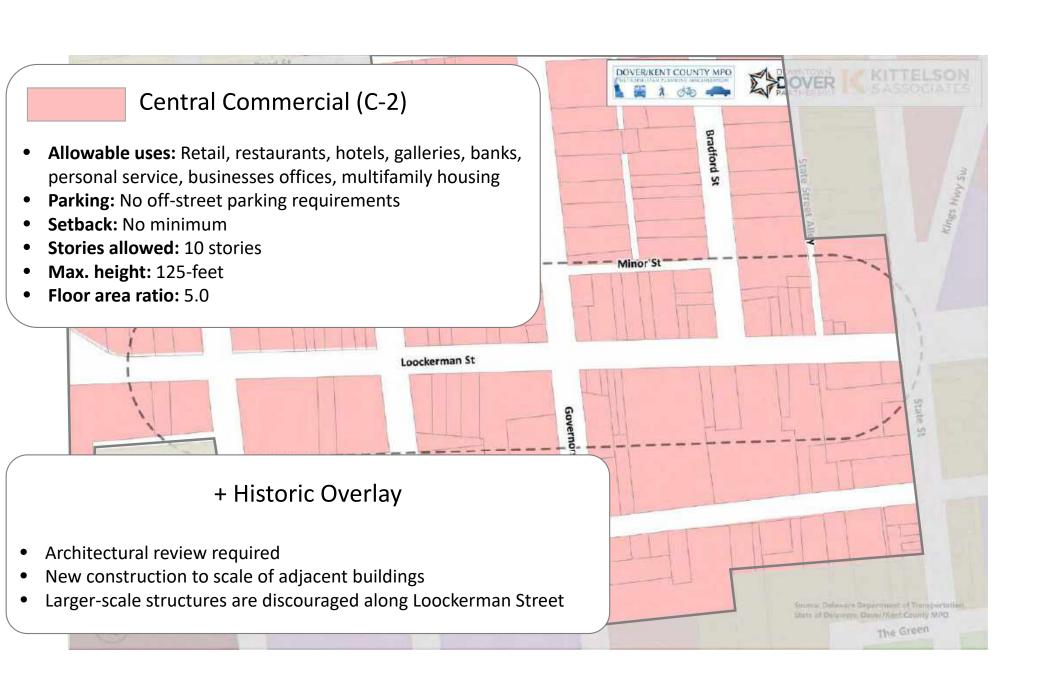
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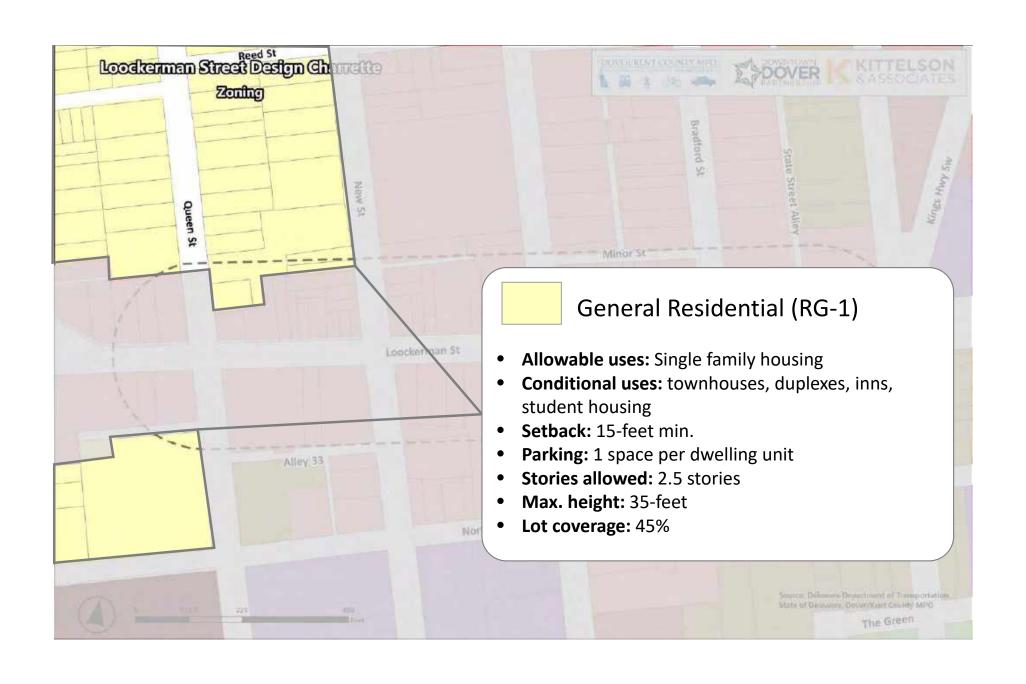
- Where are people coming and going from?
- What street elements make you feel uncomfortable?
- What street elements would draw you to Loockerman Street?
- Where should there be better visibility or better crossings?
- What street elements do you most value?

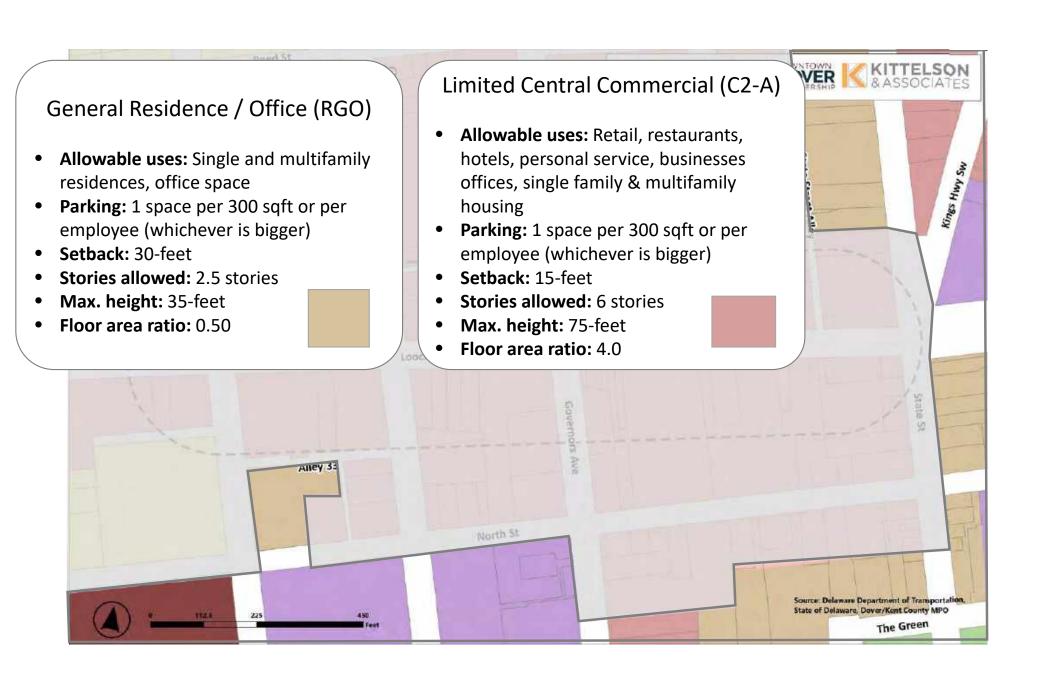
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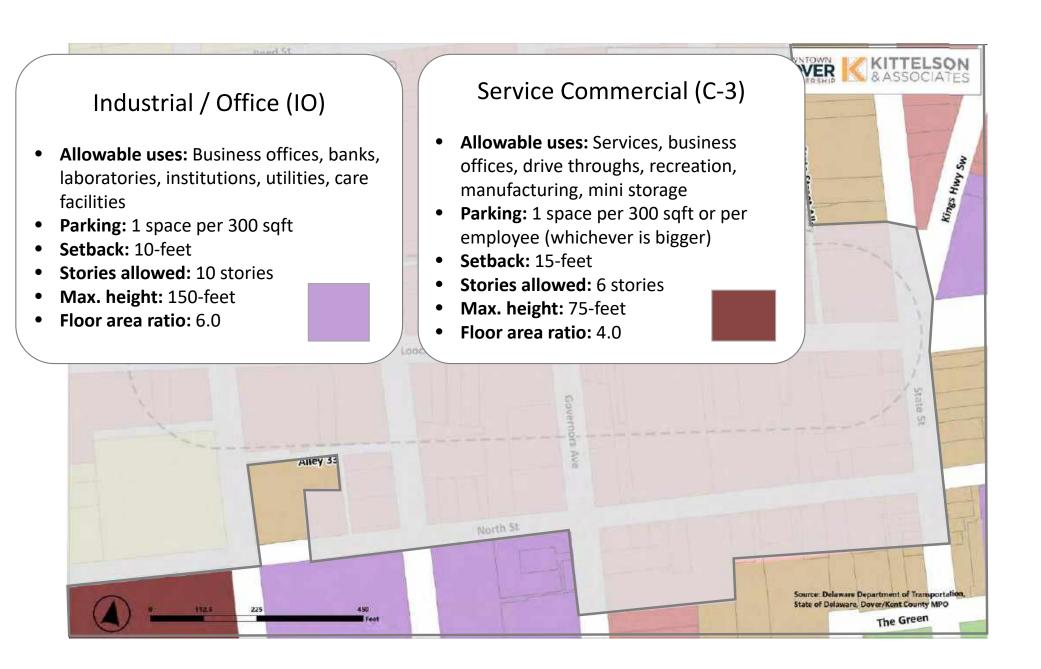
- Are the sidewalks currently wide enough?
 - For walking?
 - For dining and shopping?
- Would sidewalks be wide enough with twice as many people walking downtown?
- Thinking about the limited space and history / charm of the corridor, how do you value widening sidewalks vs. preserving trees?













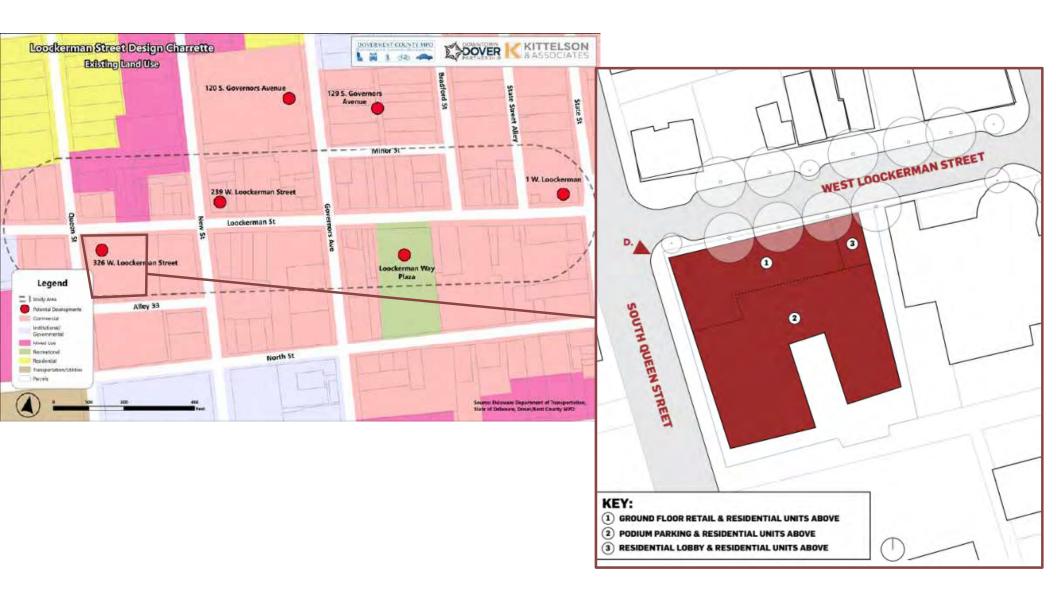


Introductions & Ice Breaker

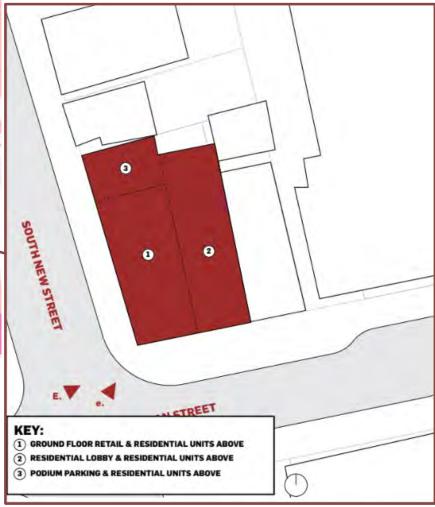


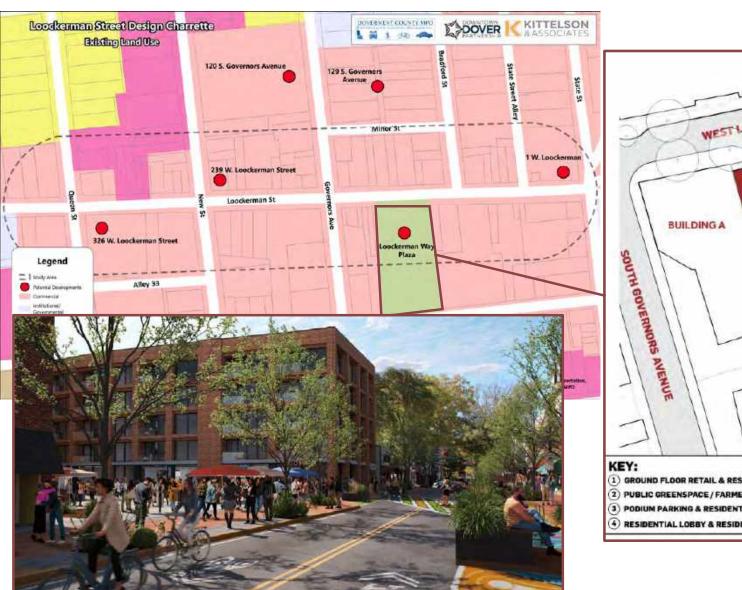


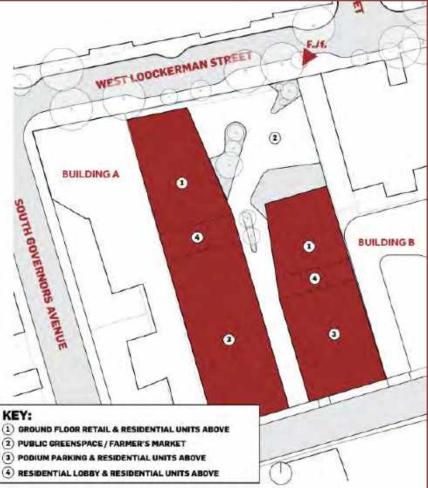


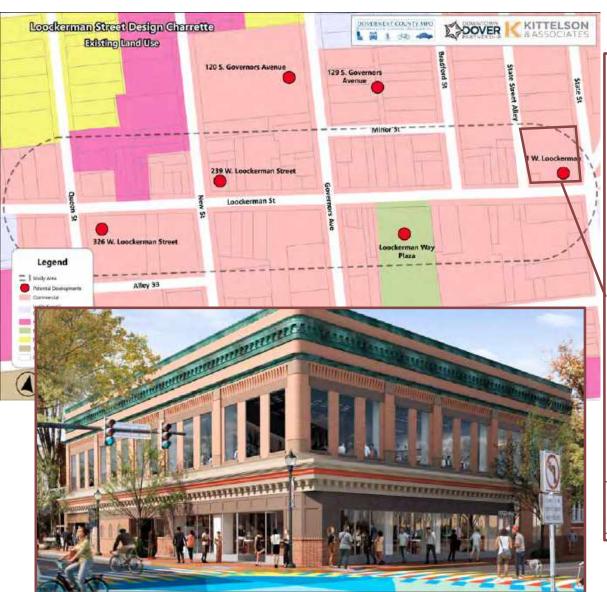


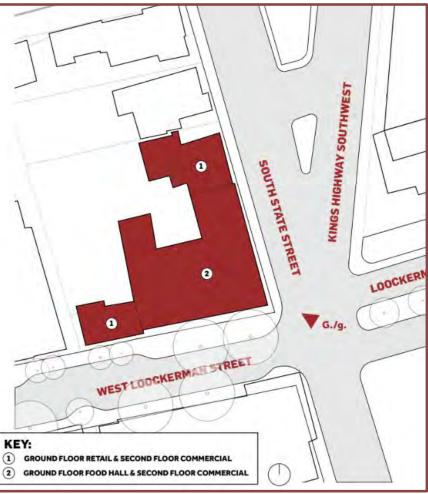












Loockerman Street





Understand existing corridor conditions



Identify key issues and needs



Brainstorm alternatives for improvement



Assess potential impacts and opportunities



Test ideas to develop a preferred concept

Key Charrette
Outcome:
Conceptual
design for
Loockerman
Street

DAY 1: Understanding the Corridor



DAY 2:
Reimagining
the Corridor



DAY 3:

Bringing the

Corridor to Life



DAY 1: Understanding the Corridor



- 9:30 am Orientation
- 10:30 am Corridor Walk
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Team Worksession
- 5:00 pm Open House & Presentation

Public Event!

DAY 2:Reimagining the Corridor



- 9:00 am Businesses
- 11:00 am Neighborhoods
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm DelDOT & DART
- 3:00 pm City of Dover
- 4:00 pm Team Worksession

DAY 3: Bringing the Corridor to Life



- 9:30 am Team Worksession
- 11:30 am Lunch & Open House
- 5:00 pm Open House & Presentation

Public Events!

WELCONE!

What is a Design Charrette?

A series of collaborative meetings, activities, and discussions between residents, business owners, and others in the community to identify needs and brainstorm ideas for improving the street.

Why are we talking about Loockerman Street?

The Transforming Downtown Dover Plan imagined development along Loockerman Street. We will identify street design changes that support local businesses and tie together existing and planned land uses.

Charrette Purpose & Goals



Understand existing corridor conditions



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Test ideas to develop a preferred concept

The outcome of this charrette will be a concept design for Loockerman Street!

Charrette Schedule

DAY 1 MAY 13



9:30 am
Orientation &
Field Walk

5:00 pm Public
Open House &
Presentation

DAY 2 MAY 14



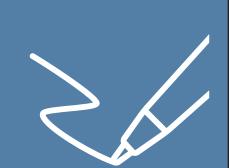
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DAY 3 MAY 15



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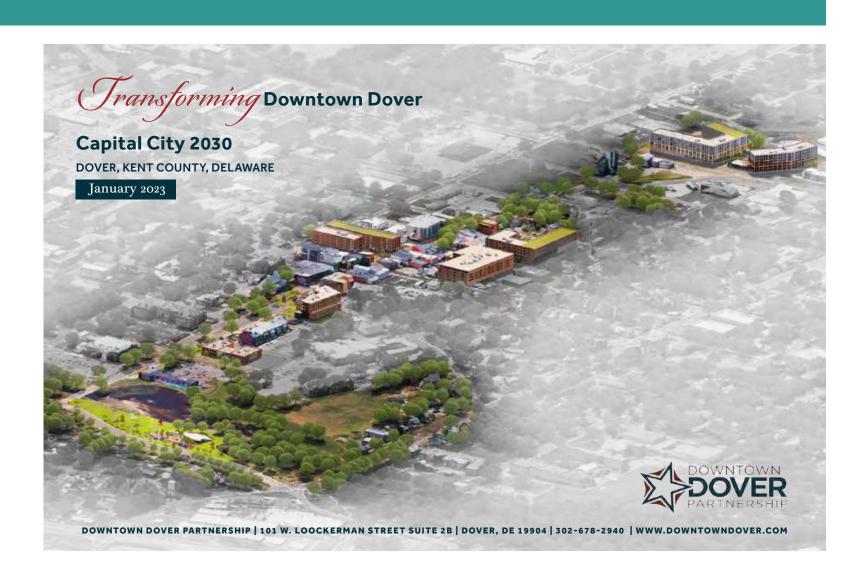
WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR LOOCKERMAN STREET?

Write one goal or idea on each sticky note and attach to this board below!

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The Transforming Downtown Dover Plan envisioned Loockerman Street as:

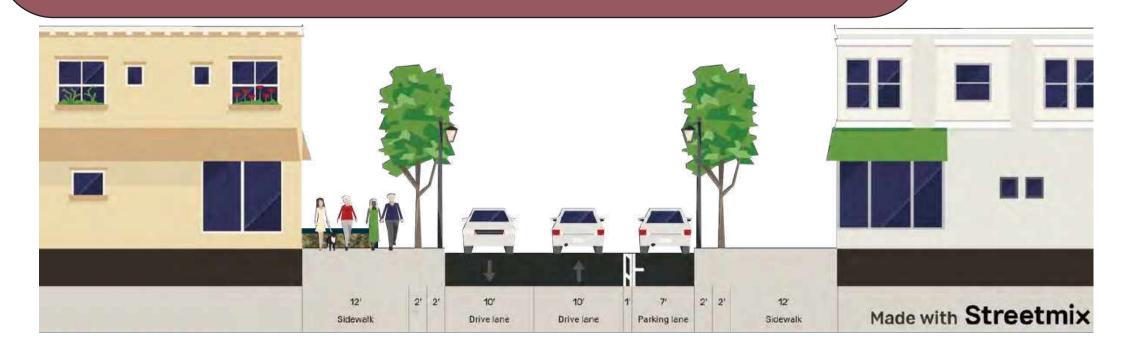
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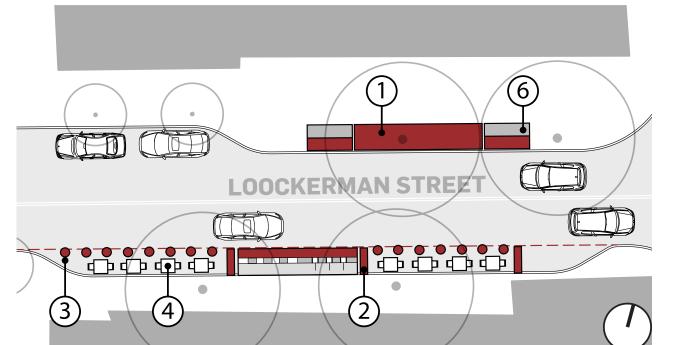


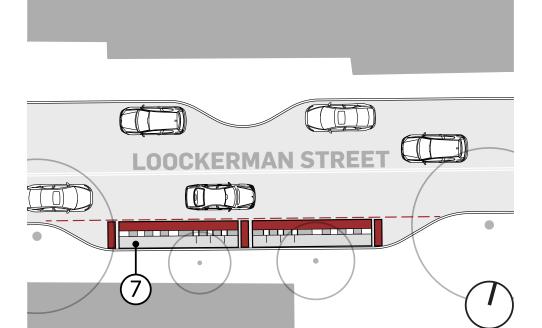
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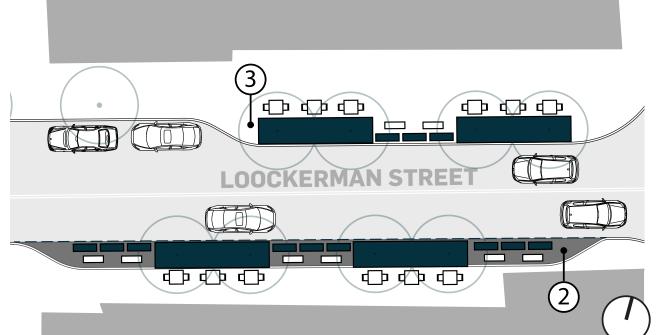


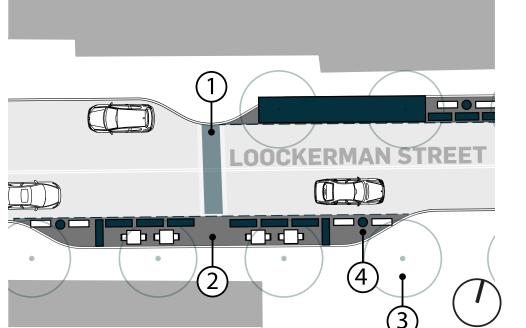
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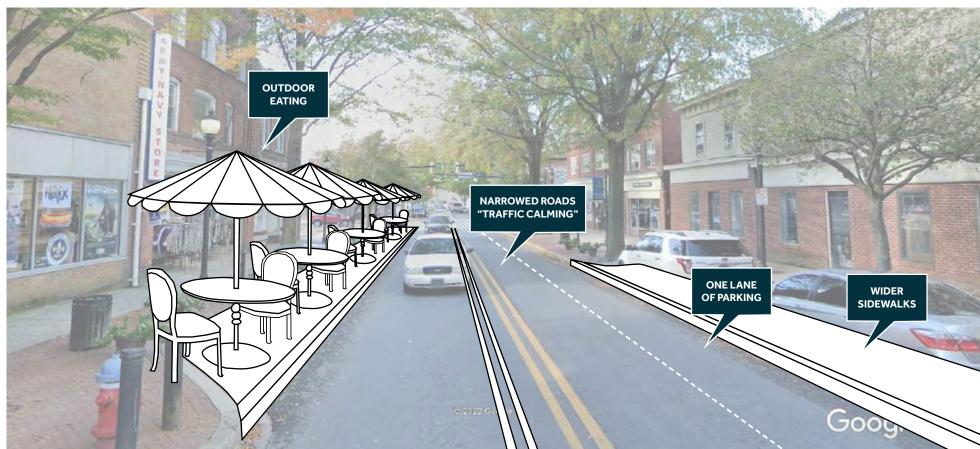




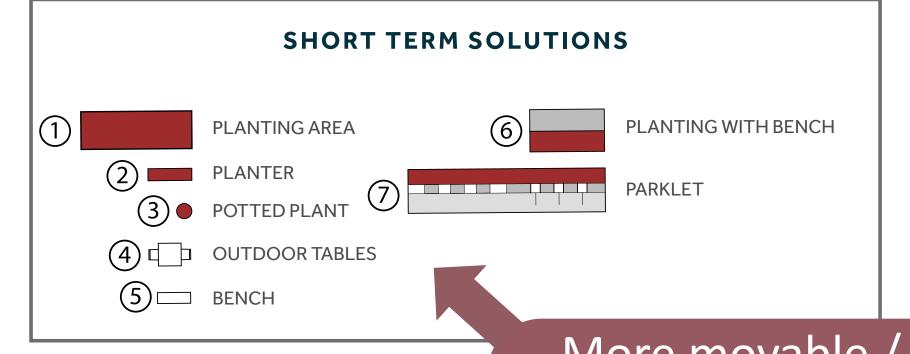






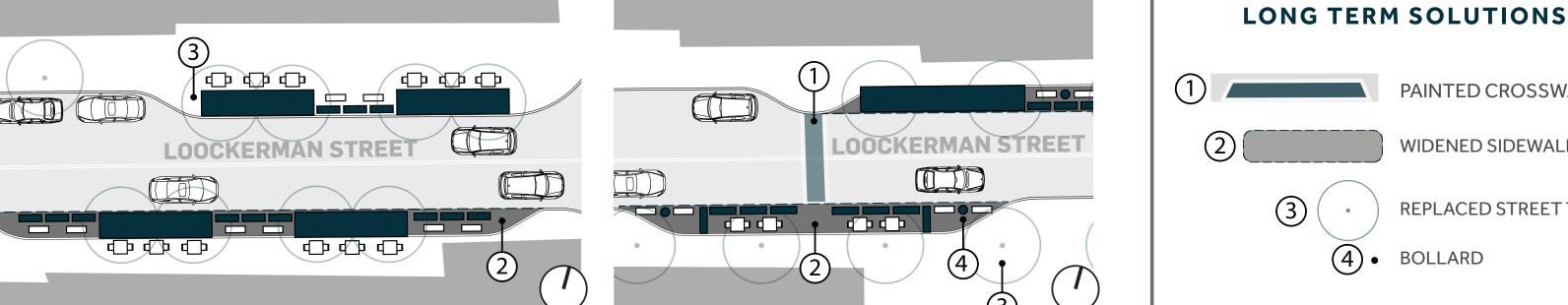






More movable / adaptable elements

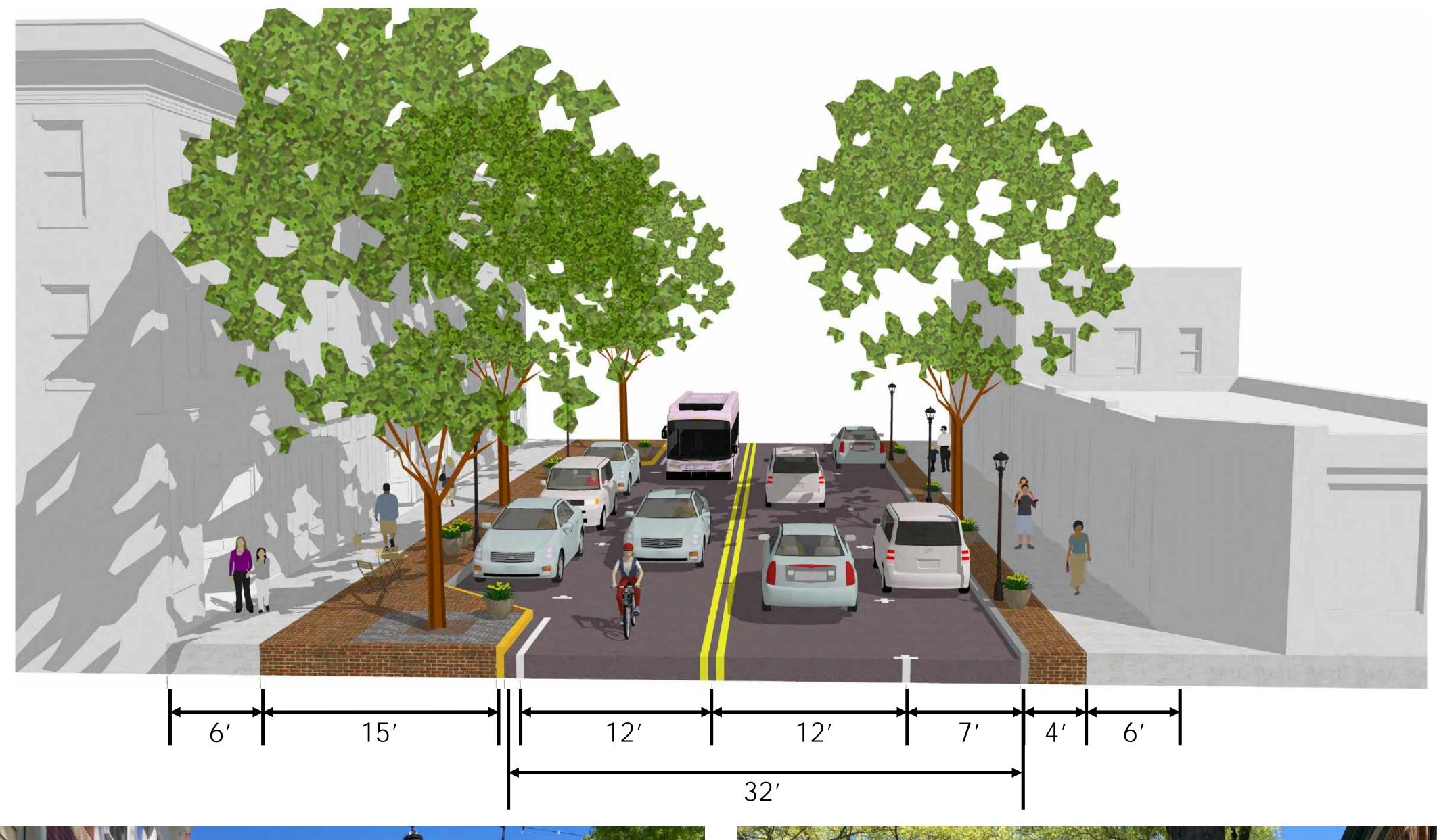
More permanent PAINTED CROSSWALK curb elements WIDENED SIDEWALK REPLACED STREET TREE (4) • BOLLARD





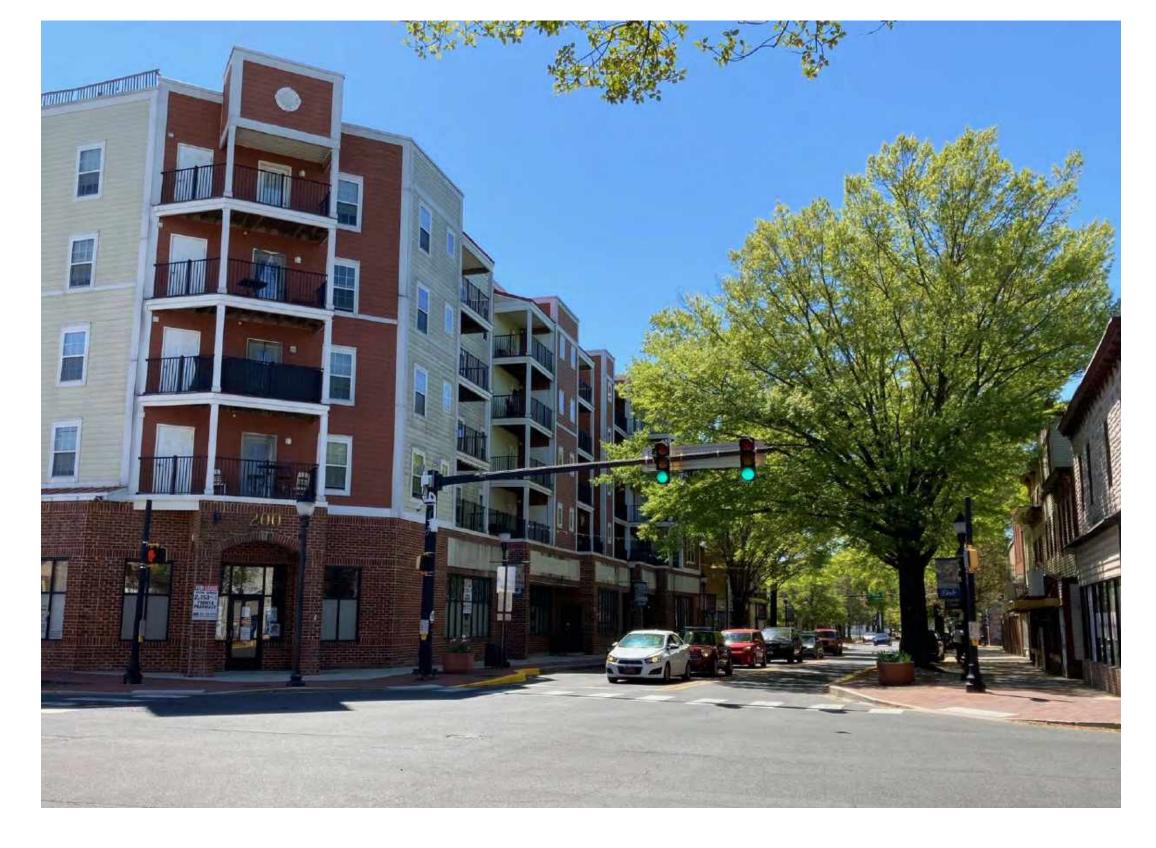


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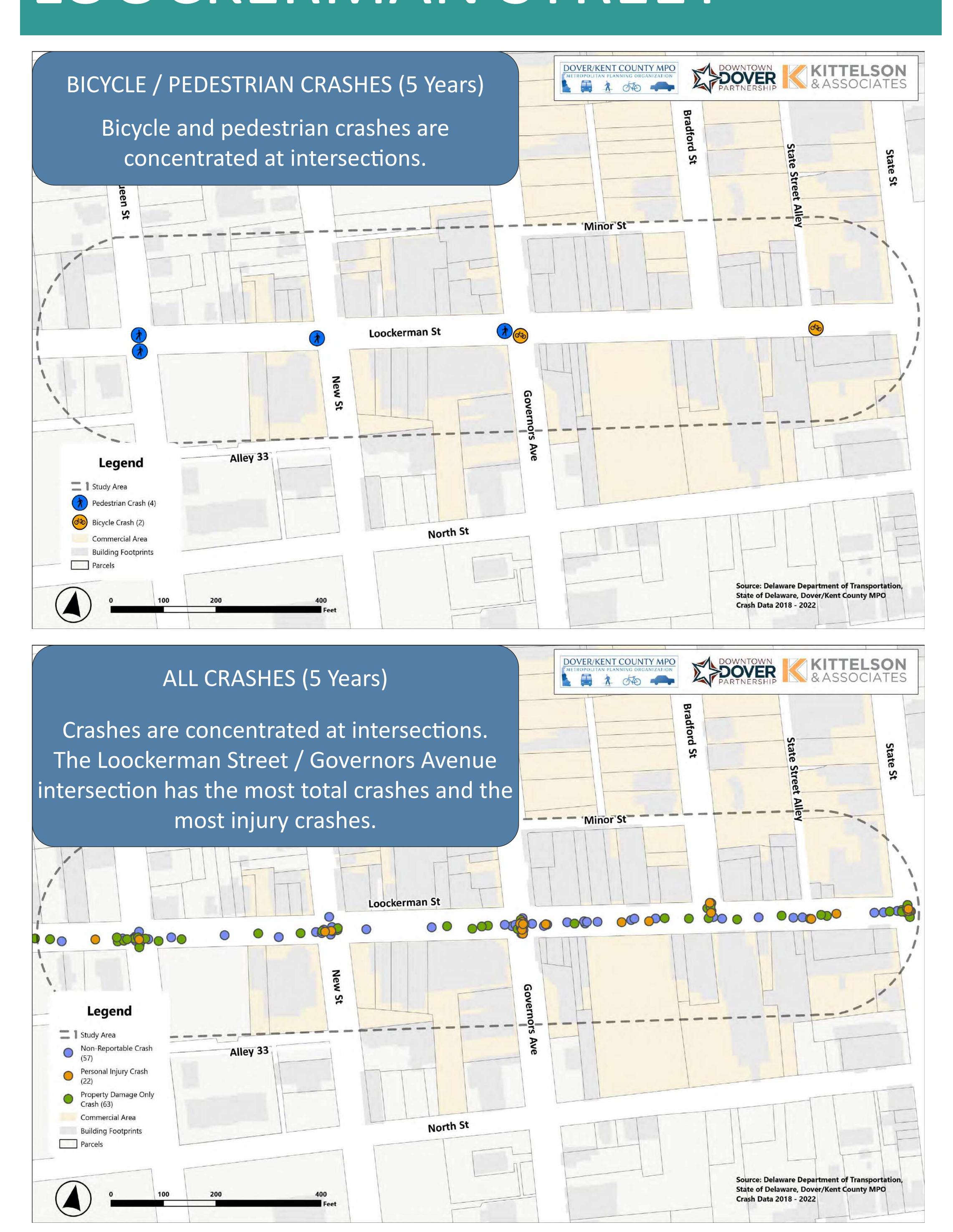




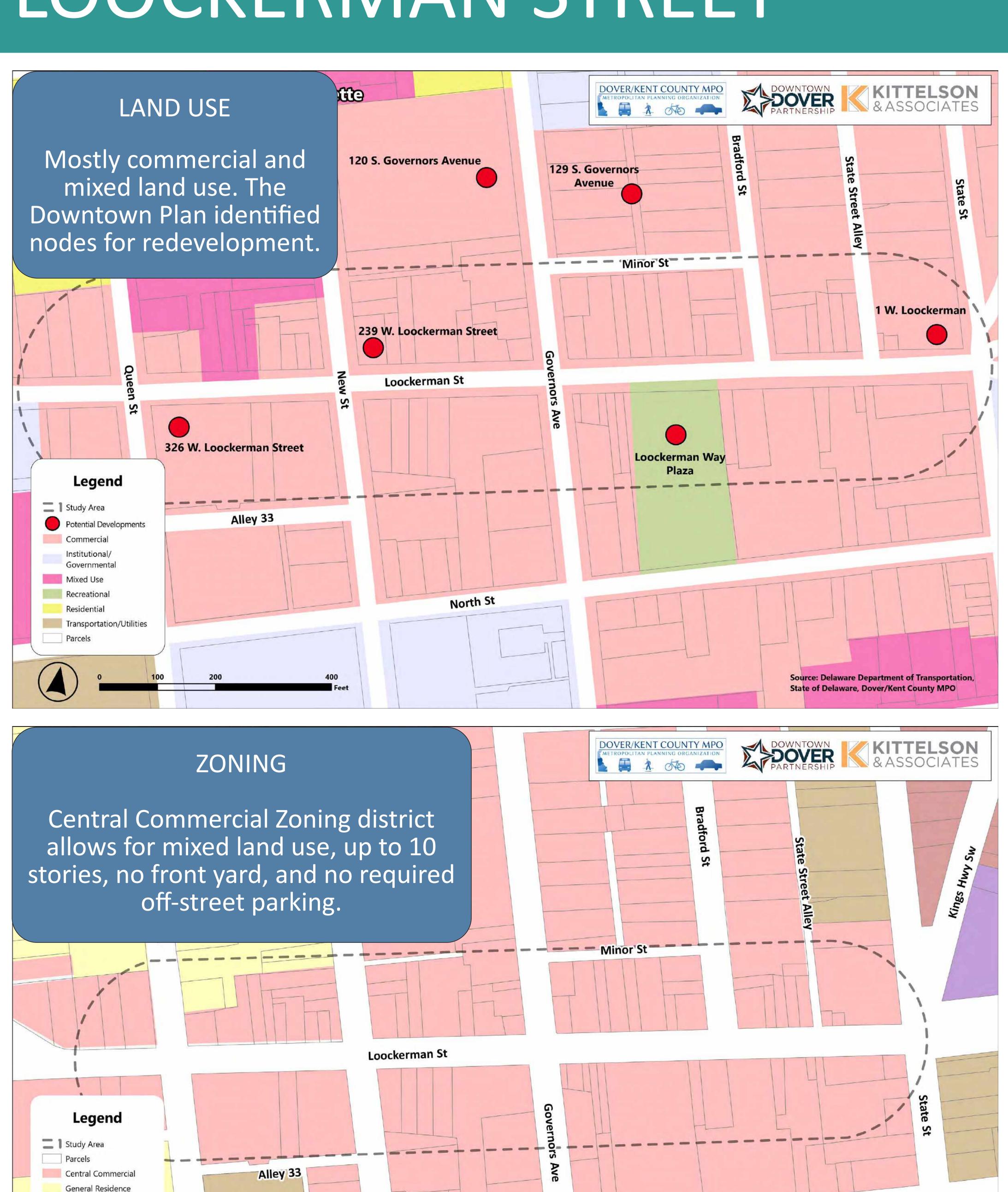




CRASHES ALONG LOOCKERMAN STREET



LAND USE & ZONING ALONG LOOCKERMAN STREET



North St

Source: Delaware Department of Transportation,

The Green

State of Delaware, Dover/Kent County MPO

General Residence/

Institutional/Office

Service Commercial

Recreational and Open

112.5

225

450

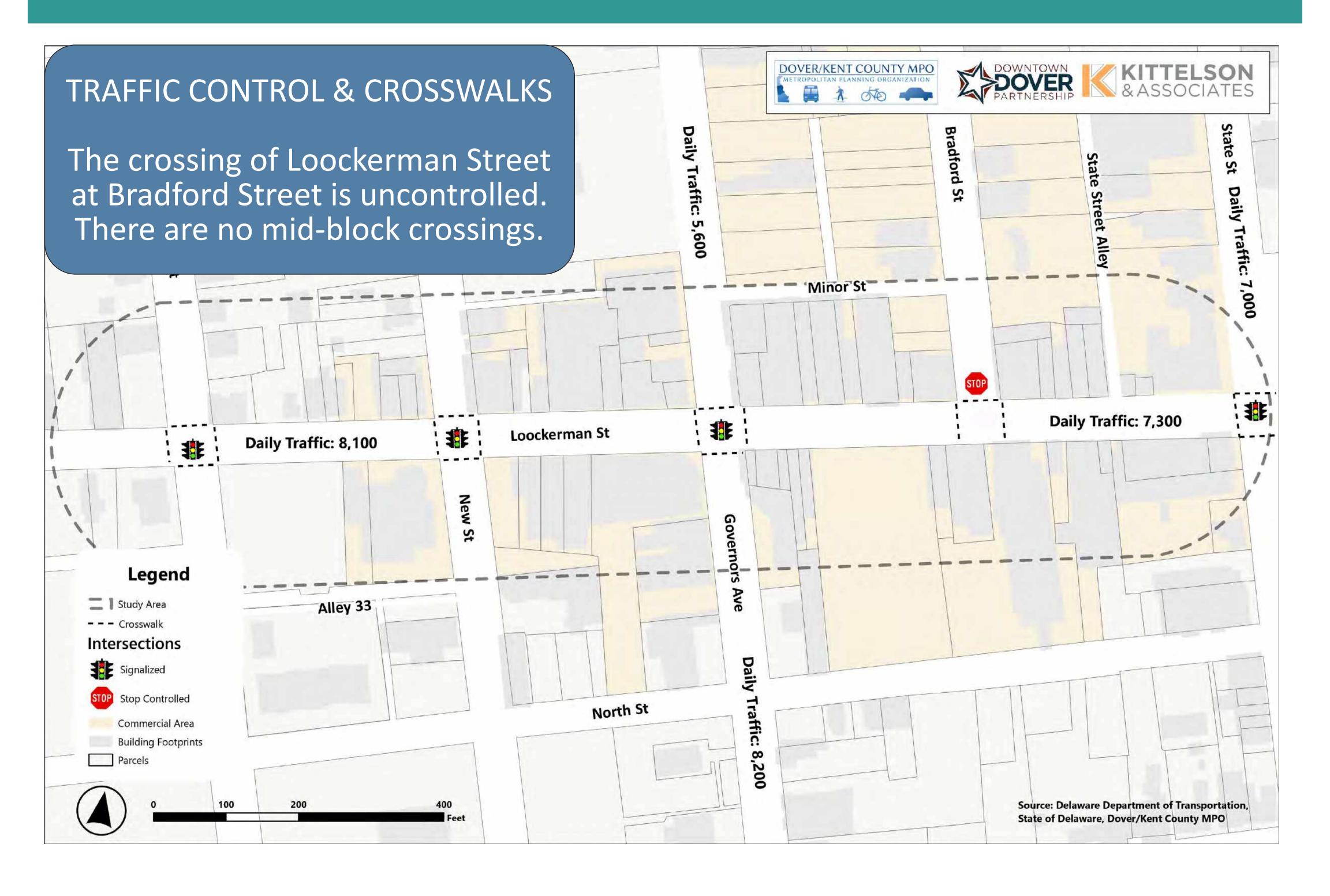
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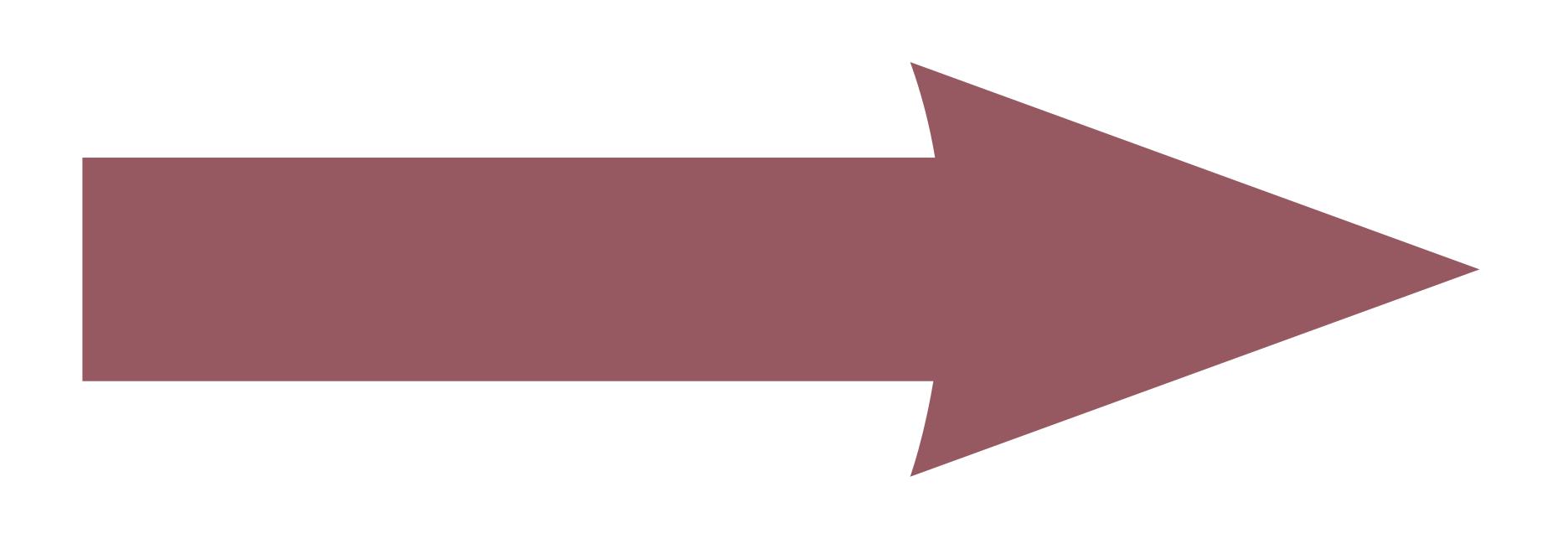
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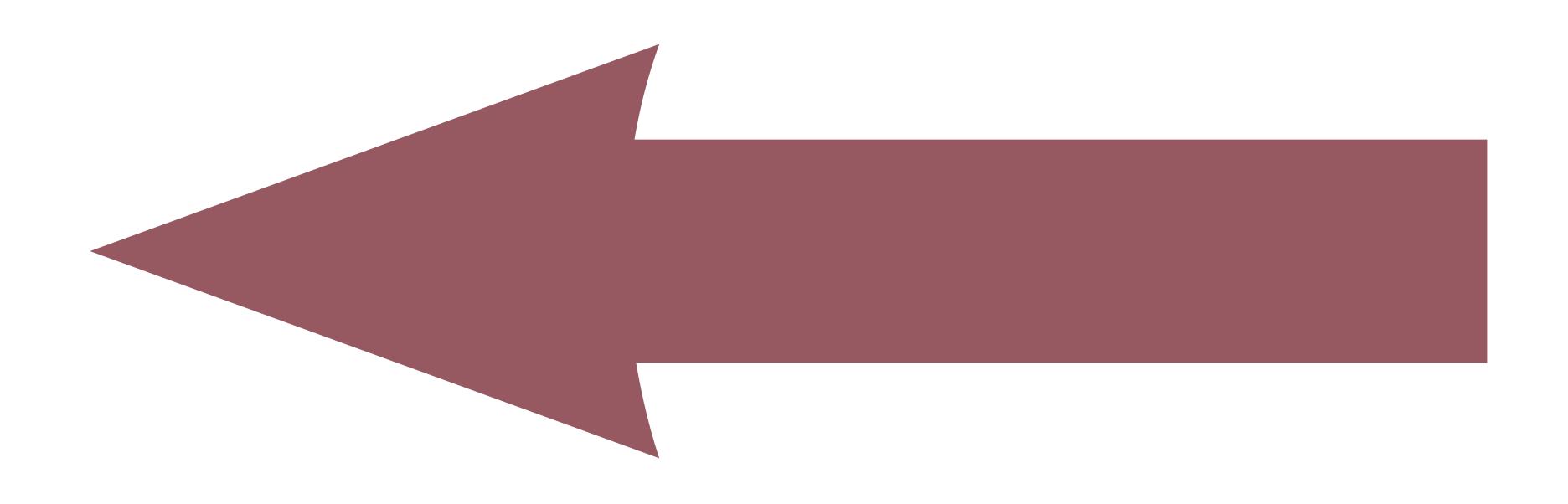


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