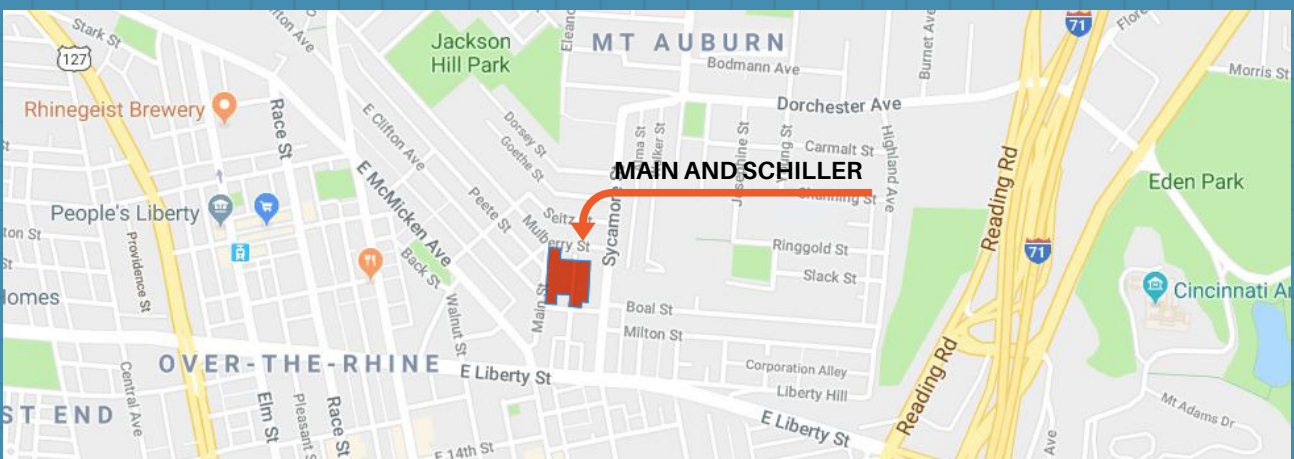


COMMUNITY INPUT

MAIN AND SCHILLER SURVEY



Our coalition of community folks has been working for 3 years to influence development plans for the valuable public land at the intersection of Main and Schiller streets. We're trying to put together a community vision for this land, and we need lots of participation to make it great! By answering these questions, you will help us imagine an equitable future for our community!

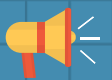
We believe this PUBLIC land offers a special opportunity to help make our community more fair and inclusive.

Our coalition-- Keep Our Courts: Do Development Differently-- is made up of local residents and nonprofit community organizations. In recent years, different developers have proposed plans to build on this publicly owned land, but nothing has been built. We've learned a lot about this space by talking to residents, and we know our city will continue to explore new plans. We believe that development should be guided by local, resident voices, and should benefit our whole community, especially our neighbors at the bottom of the economic ladder.

In 3 years, we've gathered quite a bit of community input on this land. So far, the 3 biggest takeaways are:



RESIDENTS VALUE



Community Garden & Greenspace



On-Site Recreational assets



Affordable and Inclusive Housing

What is Main and Schiller?

It's city-owned land almost the size of 40 typical nearby properties. It's big! It's next to the local school, and kids play here.

Orchard/Trees/Greenspace

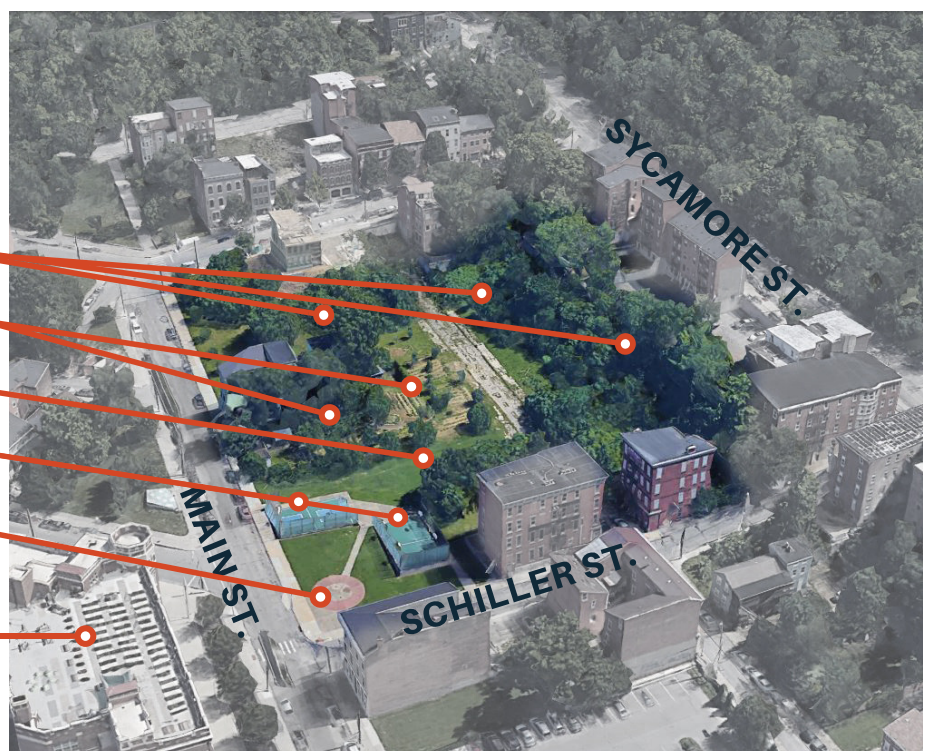
Permaganic EcoGarden

Grass Playing Field

Basketball Courts

Corner Plaza

Rothenberg Preparatory Academy (across Main St.)



How are you connected? (Check all that apply.)

☐ I'm an Over-the-Rhine and/or Mount Auburn Resident.

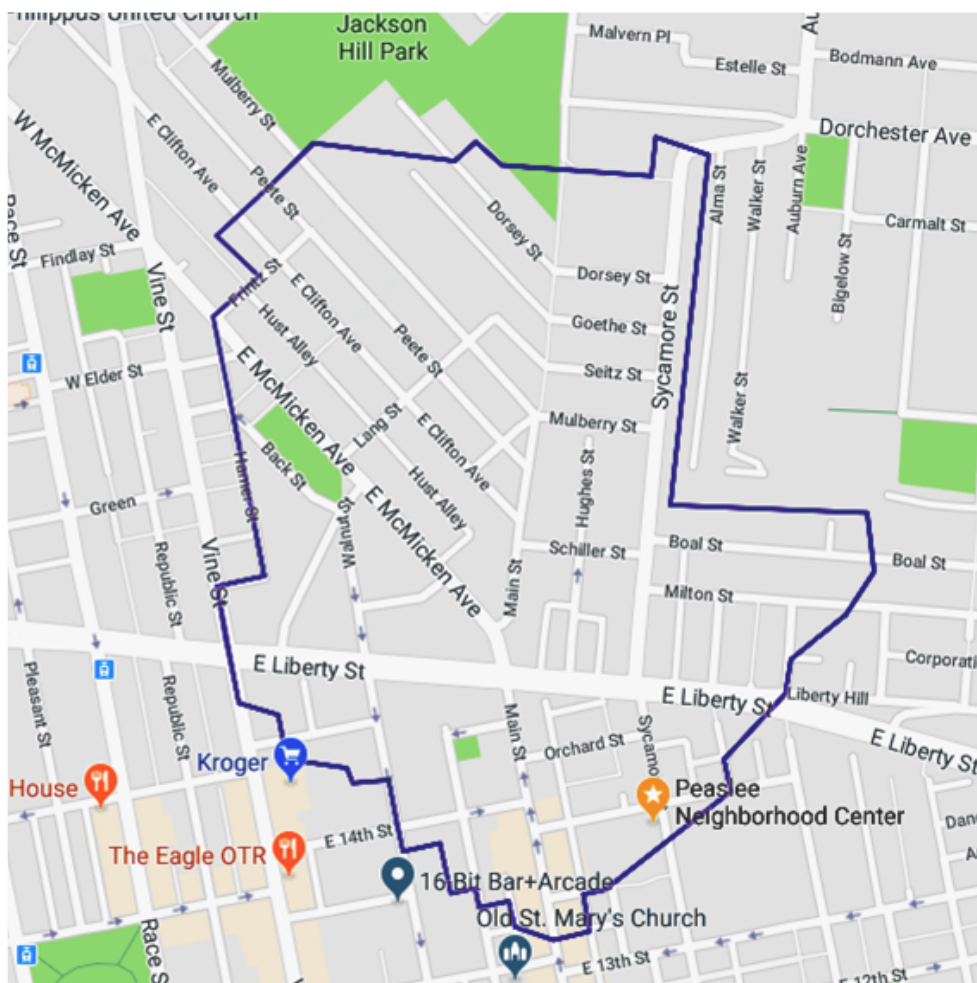
Address: _____

☐ I'm an employee or volunteer of a local community organization or business.

Name of Org/Business: _____

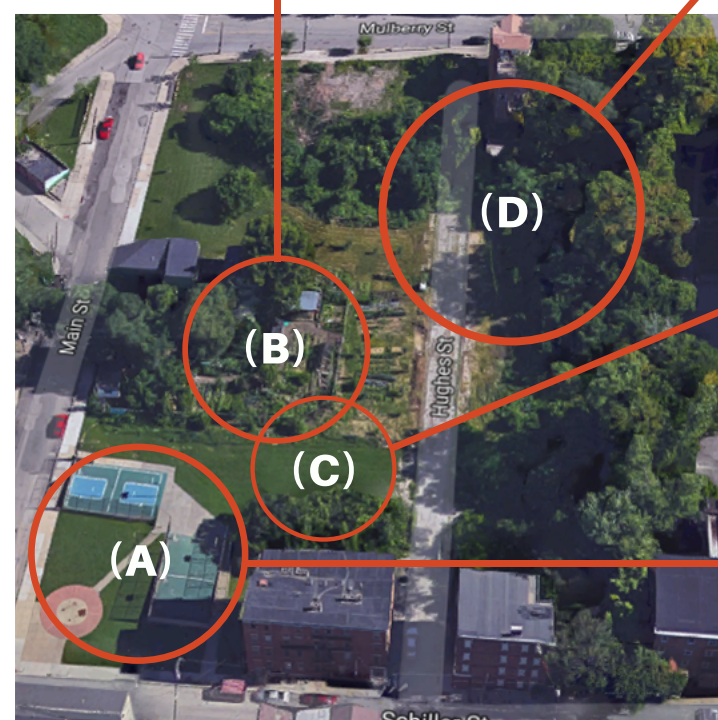
☐ I'm a member of the Rothenberg Preparatory Academy community

☐ I'm a concerned Cincinnati citizen



Do you live inside the bold line? **YES** **NO**
(circle one)

It's important to preserve and improve existing assets that our community values. Before we talk about new development, let's talk about what's already here.



What should stay and be strengthened?

(check all that apply; letters correspond with map labels and photos above)

☐

(A) Basketball courts

☐

(C) Playing field (behind courts)

☐

(B) Permaganic EcoGarden

☐

(D) Trees/natural growth
(If checked, circle one option below.)

☐

Other: _____

Preserve entire
nature area

Preserve some
nature area

When it comes to housing, we want to know what you think the community *needs*. If important community members are being left out of what private developers are providing, we should use public land to fill those gaps.

Rank the housing unit sizes based on community need:

(Write numbers in gray boxes: 1 = Community's Highest Need... 3 = Community's Lowest Need)



1 Bedroom



2 Bedroom



3 Bedroom

Our government says that housing (including utilities) is affordable when it costs no more than 30% of a household's income before taxes.

HOUSING COSTS

30%



To determine what's affordable for low-income families, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) uses this 30% rule and a measure called Area Median Income (AMI), which is the middle income of all households in an geographic area. (Half of area households make more than the AMI, and half make less.)



The AMI for a 4-person household in the greater Cincinnati metro area is \$78,300; this gets adjusted for household size. Households earning significantly less than the AMI for their size are considered low-income.

The next page shows Cincinnati area rent figures from HUD, specific to housing unit size, at 3 low-income AMI levels. For context, we've paired the rents with the salaries/hourly wages that go with them. We also show examples of jobs from two large, local employers-- Rothenberg Preparatory Academy and Christ Hospital-- that roughly align with these incomes.

KEY	Monthly Rent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monthly rents shown are HUD figures based on unit size and AMIAnnual Income (before taxes) is based on public information we could find about CPS and Christ Hospital. This assumes there is only ONE income earner per household. Hourly wage is based on 2,000 hours worked each year.		
	Annual & Hourly Income			
	Rothenberg Job			
	Christ Hospital Job			
1 Bedroom	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	
	\$317 / month	\$597 / month	\$737 / month	
	\$17,625 \$8.80/hr	\$29,400 \$14.70/hr	\$35,280 \$17.64/hr	
	Cafeteria Cook	Substitute Teacher	Secretary	
2 Bedroom				
	\$374 / month	\$711 / month	\$879 / month	
	\$21,150 \$10.58/hr	\$35,250 \$17.63/hr	\$42,300 \$21.15/hr	
	Security Assistant	Phys. Ed Teacher	1st yr Teacher w/ BA	
3 Bedroom				
	\$414 / month	\$803 / month	\$997 / month	
	\$27,260 \$13.60/hr	\$40,725 \$20.36/hr	\$48,870 \$24.44/hr	
	Teaching Assistant	Janitor	Special Ed Teacher	

Do these rents feel affordable to you and the people you know? (Check one)

☐

Yes

☐

Somewhat

☐

No

Tell us why.

Do you think there is a need in this area for more units at these prices? (Check one)

☐

Yes

☐

Somewhat

☐

No

Tell us why.

Do you think there is a need in this area for more units at prices higher than these? (Check one)

☐

Yes

☐

Somewhat

☐

No

Tell us why.

How important is it for new home ownership opportunities to be made available in this area? (Check one)

☐

Extremely important

☐

Important

☐

Somewhat important

☐

Not important at all

Tell us why.

What are some of your other thoughts about housing needs in this community?

This next section shows a map of the Main and Schiller block, followed by 3 different land use options. All 3 plans are based on the input we've gathered so far-- each includes the basketball courts, plaza, eco garden, and playing field without relocation or removal.

As we imagine development possibilities, there are some things to keep in mind.

1) It's difficult to finance housing that's affordable to low-income families

Adding more units and including some market rate units are two things that can make it easier. To make a residential project with affordable housing possible, plans might require creativity to increase unit numbers, or include some market rate units to offset project costs.

2) Good urban green spaces need investment and maintenance.

In order to protect larger green areas outside of Permaganic's EcoGarden, new resources/partnerships would have to be secured.

EXISTING SITE

City-owned property outlined in bold.



Please rank your preferences on these land use plans.

(Write numbers in gray boxes: 1 = First choice; 2 = second choice; 3 = third choice)

Max Green Plan

This plan preserves the most green space, and assumes that significant investment in this green space can be secured.

It totals an estimated 51 housing units.



Combo Plan

This plan preserves some green space, requiring less investment and maintenance.

It totals an estimated 75 housing units.



Max Housing Plan

This plan maximizes housing outside of the recreation assets and garden.

It totals an estimated 84 housing units.



Please share any other thoughts you have on these plans, this land, or possible development here!

We'd like to make sure that our input process is as inclusive as possible, and that the diversity of our community is well represented. Please help us with this effort by answering these questions. Your answers will have no impact on how your survey responses are considered.

What best describes your Race/Ethnicity? (Check all that apply.)

☐

Asian or East Asian

☐

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

☐

Black, African American, or Afro-Caribbean

☐

South Asian or Indian

☐

Latino or Hispanic

☐

White or Euro-American

☐

Middle Eastern or Arab

☐

Other

☐

Native American or Alaska Native

How many people live in your household?

What is your total household income? (Check one.)

☐

Less than \$20,000

☐

\$50,000 - 59,999

☐

\$20,000 - \$29,999

☐

\$60,000 - 69,999

☐

\$30,000 - \$39,999

☐

\$70,000 - 79,999

☐

\$40,000 - \$49,999

☐

\$80,000 or higher

What is your gender?

☐

Female

☐

Male

☐

Other

How long have you lived in your neighborhood?

☐

Under 1 Year

☐

5 - 10 Years

☐

1 - 4 Years

☐

10 + Years

Stay Connected!

We would love to expand our coalition to include more local residents and community folks. Please consider getting more involved in this work!

Name:

Neighborhood

Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Which of the following tasks could you see yourself helping with? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Spreading word/sharing updates with residents
- ☐ Collecting input and surveys from residents.
- ☐ Planning and organizing community events in this space.
- ☐ Volunteering at community events in this space.
- ☐ Joining a team to lobby with decision-makers at the city.
- ☐ I'm not quite sure how I can help, but I'd like to chat with someone to see where I might fit in.

Would you be willing to share more of your story with us at a later time?

☐

Yes

☐

No

Please share with us when you have the most free time!