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# Louisville LOOP

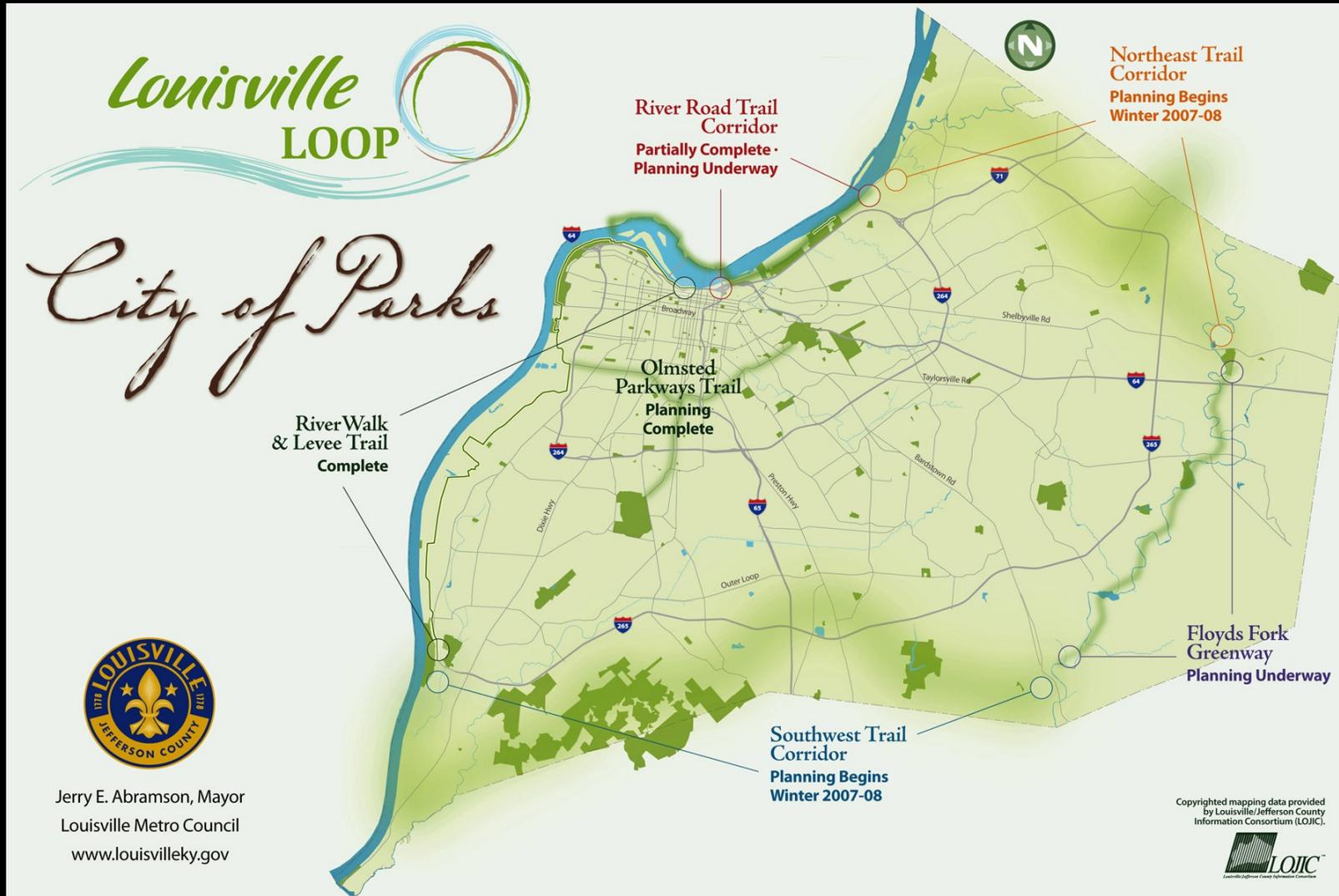
Northeast Loop Trail  
Public Forum #1: December 19, 2007

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# MEETING AGENDA

# WELCOME...



Northeast Loop Trail: Experience the Trail and You'll Experience the City

# MEETING AGENDA

- **Welcome & Introductions**
  - Lisa Hite- Metro Parks
  - Mike Heitz- Director of Metro Parks
  - Chris Head- EP Tom Sawyer Park
  - Ron Taylor- HNTB
- **Putting the NE Loop into the Greater Context**
  - HNTB
- **Benefits of Trails and Bicycle Facilities**
  - Alta Planning & Design
- **Project Overview**
  - HNTB
- **Next Steps**
  - HNTB
- **Community Workshop Breakout Sessions**

# City of Parks Initiative...

Louisville's Larger Vision

# SIGNIFICANCE



- Just as Chicago Millennium Park has defined their public space for the **FUTURE...**

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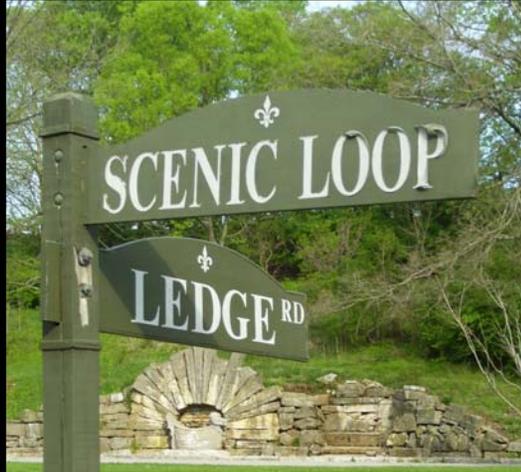
# CITY OF PARKS



- The Loop Trail is defining Louisville's public space for the **FUTURE**.

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- The Loop Trail should demonstrate a passion for the physical & cultural environment

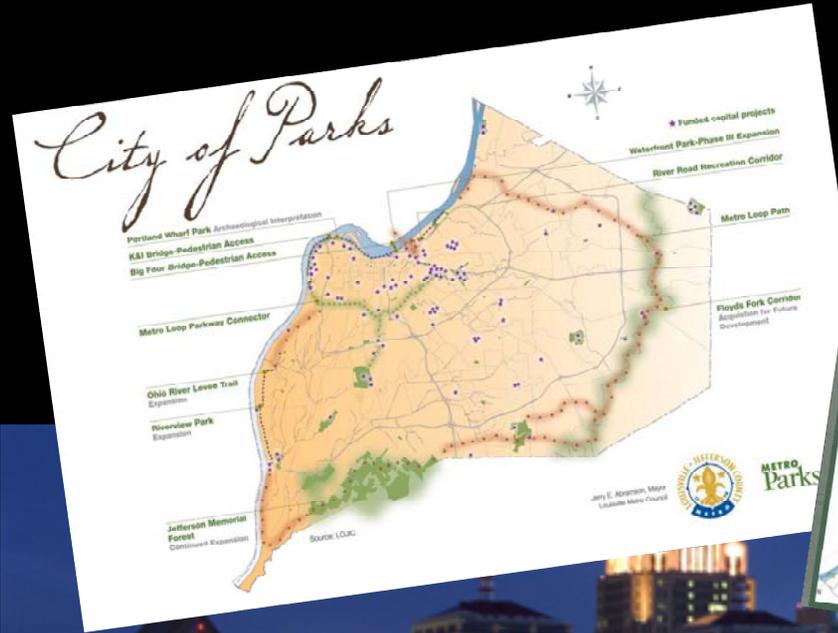
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- The Loop Trail should appreciate the past...



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- The Loop Trail should appreciate the past...and celebrate the future.



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- The Loop Trail should recognize that Louisville is on a “World Stage”.



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...to build on our cultural amenities



...to build on recent accomplishments



...to reinforce the benefits of a modern-day, diverse, multi-modal society

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- ...to do what's never been done before - resulting in a place that is integral to the fabric of the community.



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# Benefits...

Of Trails and Shared-Use Paths

# BENEFITS

## Benefits of Trails



- Economic Return
- Health
- Quality of Life
- Transportation Alternative

# BENEFITS

## Economic Benefits of Trails



- Attracting Businesses and Employees
  - A commitment to parks, open space and trails attracts new businesses and employees
- Increasing Property Values
  - Houses adjacent to open space and trails appreciate more quickly
- As An Economic Force
  - Recreation and bicycle related businesses contribute significantly to the economic base

# BENEFITS

## National Statistics on Walking and Biking



- 30 years ago, two-thirds of all children walked or biked to school
- Today, only 13% of America's children walk or bike to school
- 22% of American children are now considered obese -  
- a 55% increase from 1963

## Healthy Lifestyle



- In 2005 Kentucky ranked 4th in the U.S. in highest rate of obese and overweight adults combined at 63 percent
- 78% of children fall short of recommended minimum weekly physical activity
- Obesity is exacerbated by community design issues - including lack of places to walk and bicycle

# BENEFITS

## Educational Benefits



### Moderate physical activity:

- Increases concentration
- Improves memory and learning
- Enhances creativity
- Enhances problem solving ability
- Improves mood and ability to be alert

## Environment at Risk



- Burning a gallon of gasoline produces about 20 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Long term breathing in cities is like living with a smoker
- Air pollution causes asthma in children

## Why are we stuck in Traffic?



- 21% of morning traffic is parents driving their children to school
- Nearly 1/2 of all trips by car are for distances less than five miles
- These are the perfect trips for bicycling.

# BENEFITS

## Connecting Communities



“When you build a trail into the community, make sure you build community into the trail.”

David Dionne  
East Coast Greenway

# Project Overview...

Northeast Loop Trail

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Develop Master Plan route for Northeast Portion of Louisville Loop trail



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- Connect William F. Miles Park to River Road/Hays Kennedy Park
  - No connection determined yet



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Examine on-street bicycle connections
- Examine off-street shared-use trails



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*Including innovative new techniques...*

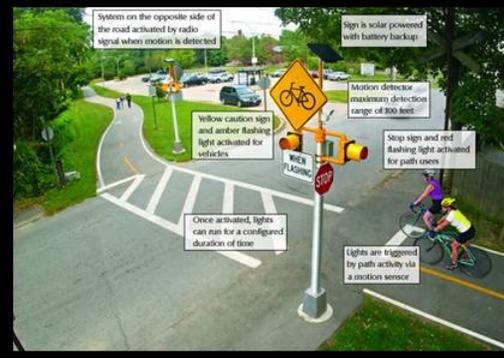
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- Coordinate with other regional projects
  - 100-mile Loop
    - River Road bike lanes/ shared-use path
    - Floyds Fork Greenway
  - Oldham County Greenways Master Plan
  - Ohio River Bridge Project
  - Regional connections and projects



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Develop Design Standards



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## Next Steps...

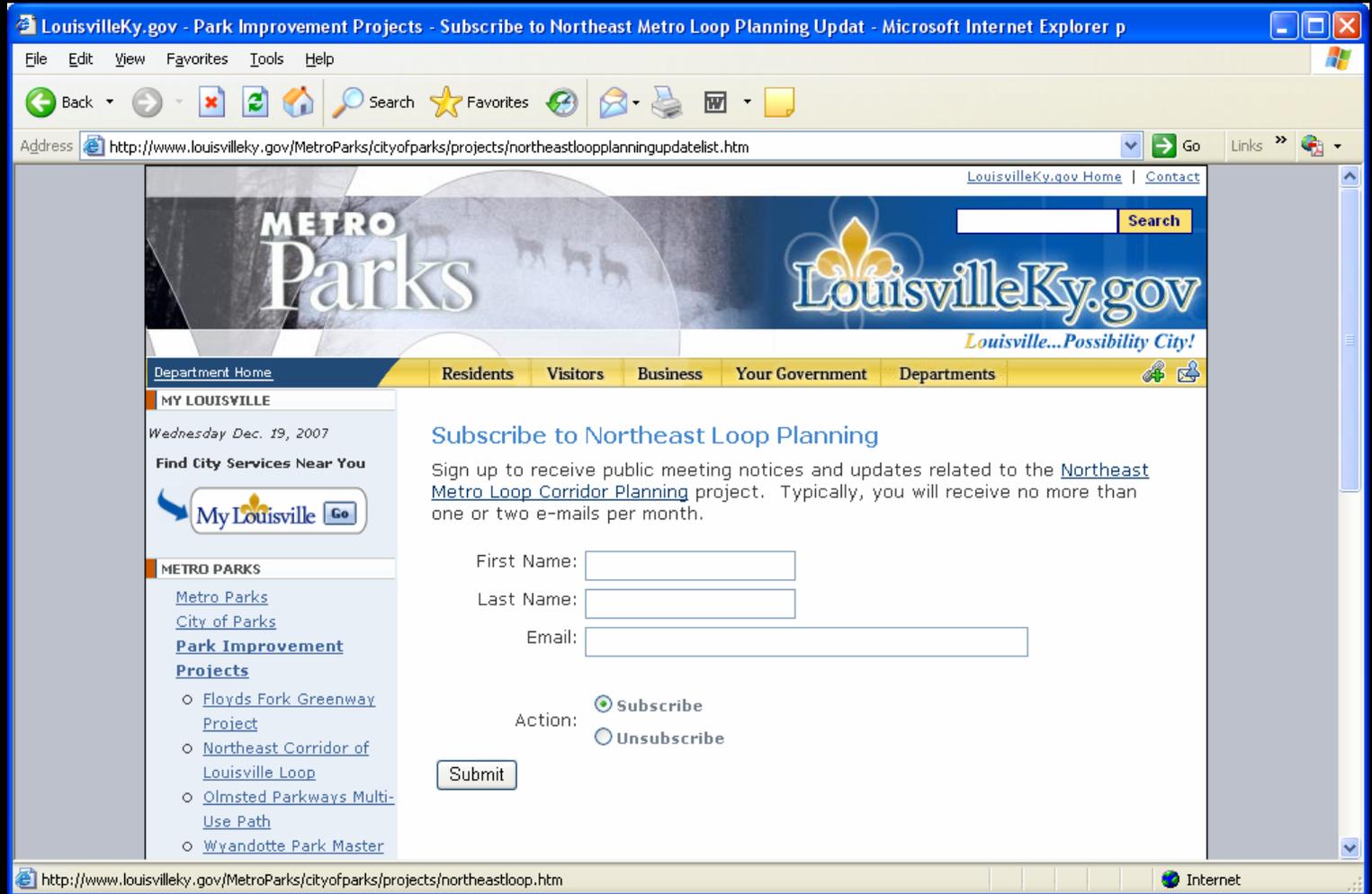
- Community Workshop Sessions- this evening
- Finish Existing Conditions Analysis
- Define Preliminary Route(s)
- Develop Preliminary Design Standards
- Develop Preliminary Cost Expectations
- Next Community Workshops: Mid-March

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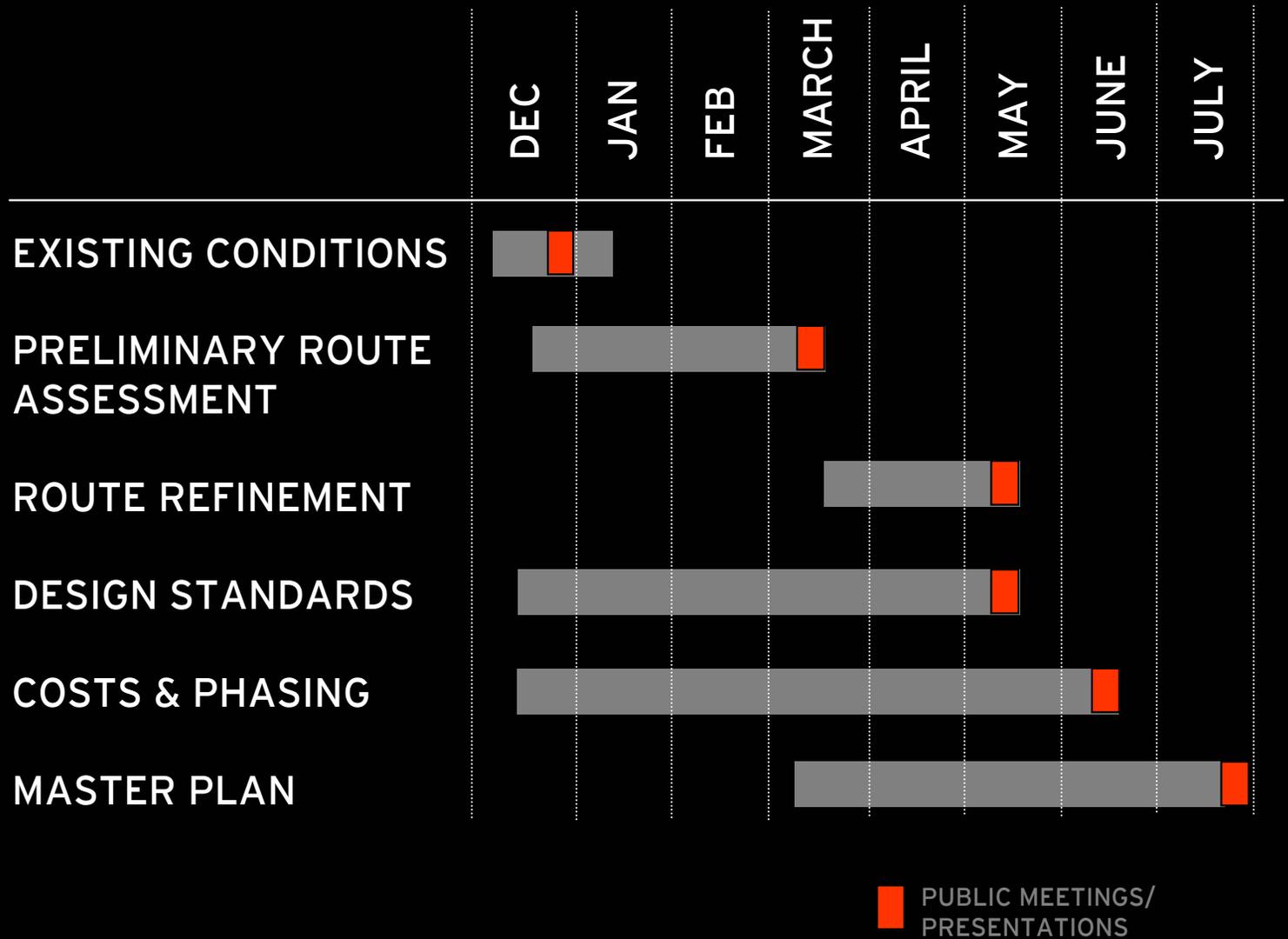
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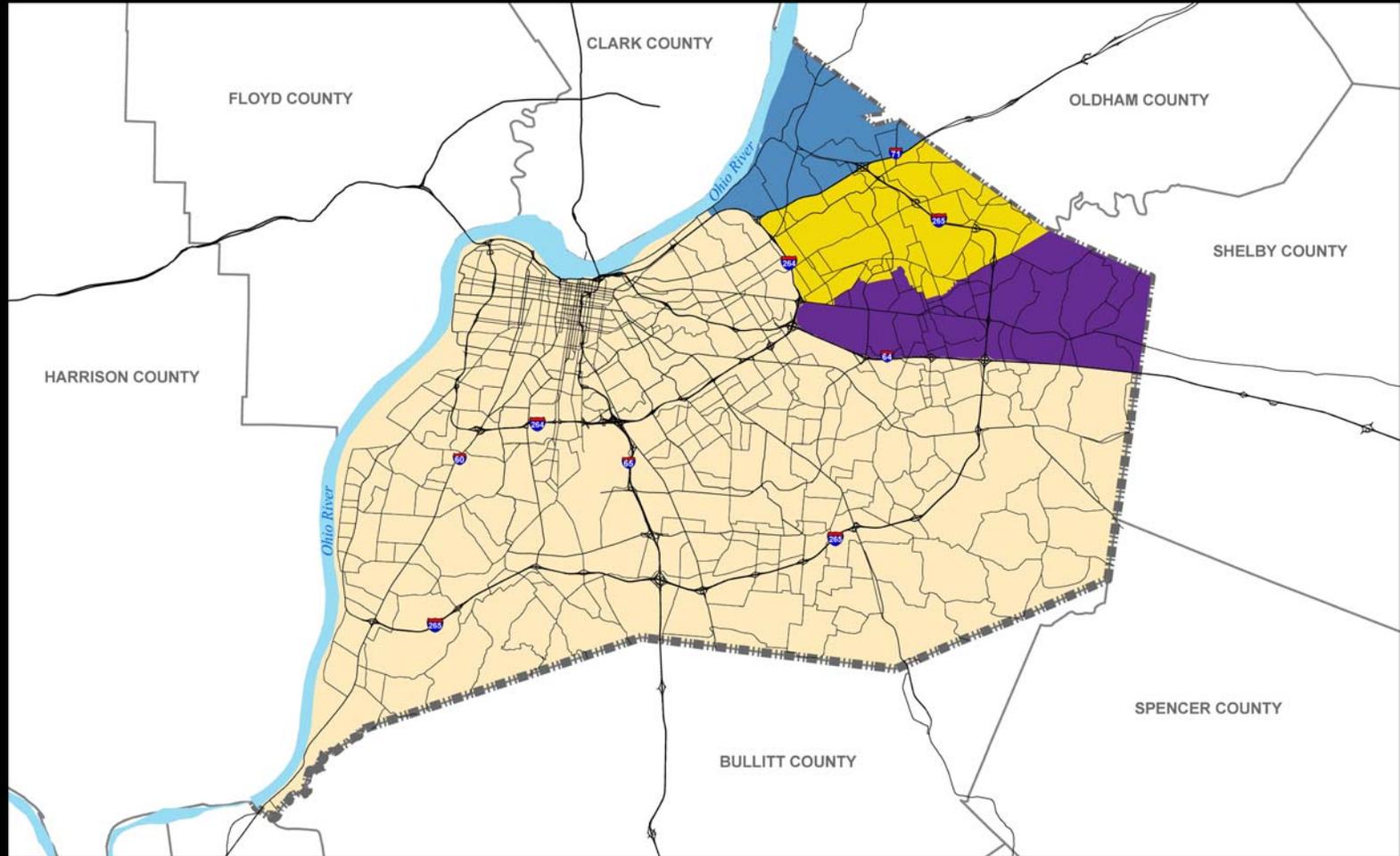
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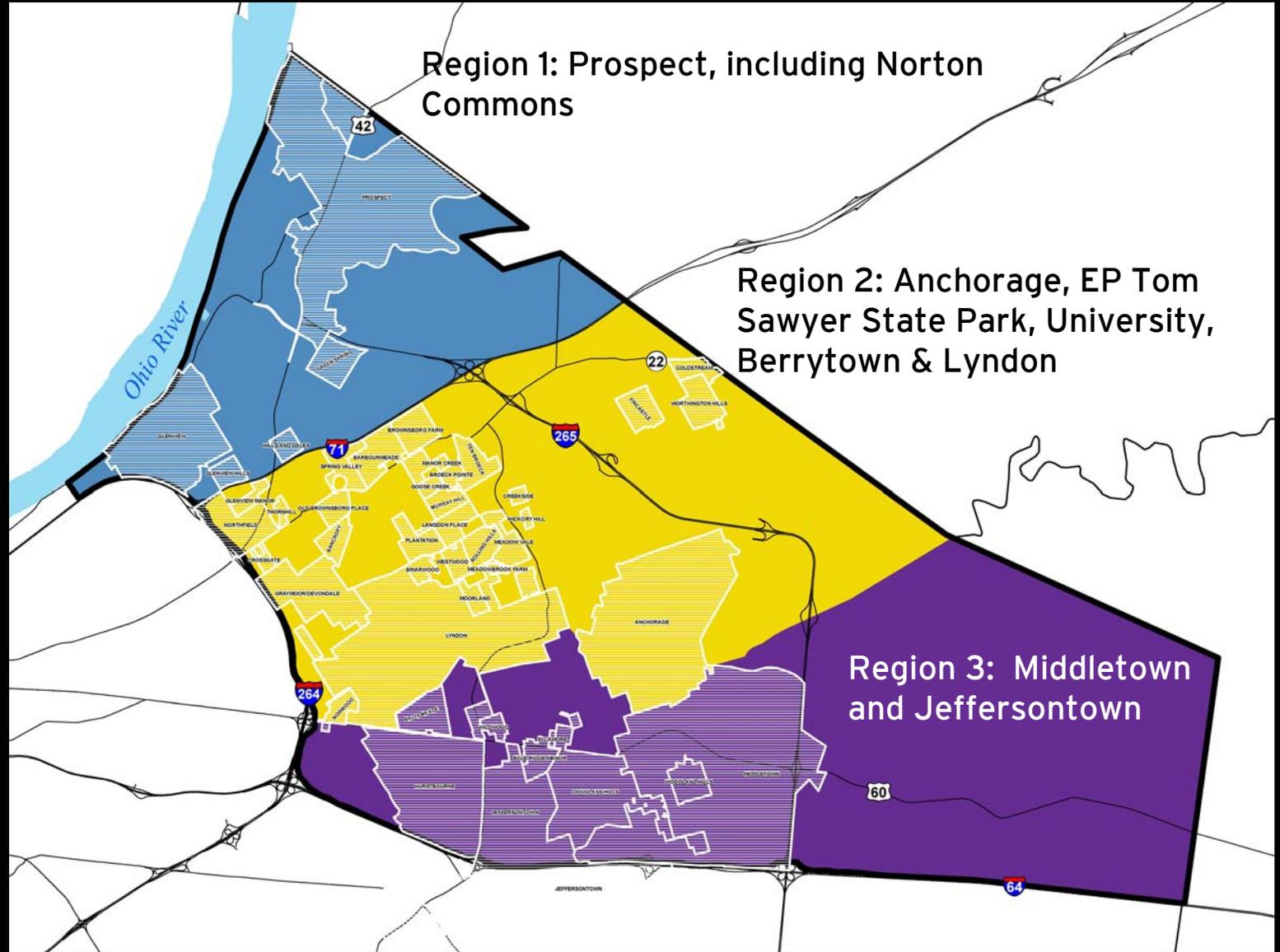
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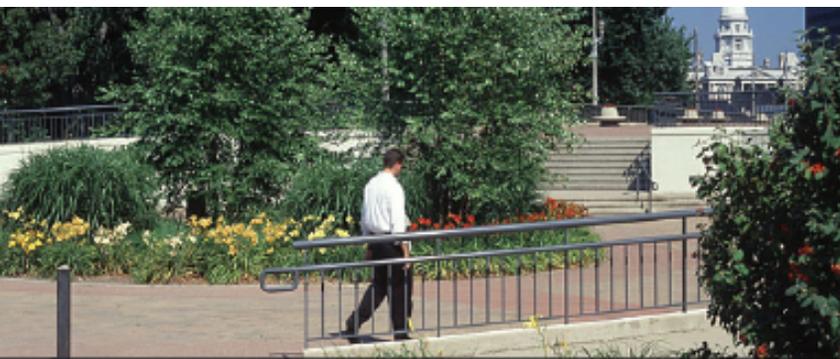
Citizen participation

# NE Loop Corridor



# NE Loop Regions





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