## Critical Improvements Program Info Session

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#### **Special Presenters:**

Mike Glick, Lighthouse Construction DE Donny Legans, Rail Haus Beer Garden







# Underutilized Properties & Vacancy Low Foot Traffic Marginal Businesses





#### EQUITY DRIVEN DEVELOPERS.



**NAVY YARD PLAN OVERVIEW** 



SHARSWOOD RIDGE REDEVELOPMENT

Mosaic is a Philadelphia-based Minority Business Enterprise development firm who focuses on building with community and cultural sensitivity in mind.

Mosaic has established in 2008 with the intention to help revitalize neighborhoods and marginalized communities. Mosaic finds innovative solutions-subtle or radical-that help bring a project to fruition. Mosaic seeks sustainable developments, job creation, diversity, and community acceptance. The company hires professionals and others who have been historically excluded from the real estate industry, while seeking to bring solid returns to its investors and lenders.

#### **MOSAIC QUICK FACTS**

#### 1M SF

COMPLETED OF REDEVELOPMENT SINCE 2008

#### \$90M

INVESTED IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

#### \$200M

INVESTED IN PHILADELPHIA NEIGHBORHOODS

#### **HUNDREDS**

OF JOBS CREATED
IN PHILADELPHIA



GREGORY REAVES
CEO & Co-Founder



LESLIE SMALLWOOD-LEWIS
COO & Co-Founder



HRS Management and Josh Harris, Managing Partner of the 76ers, invested \$10 million into mosaic to create the largest minority-owned development platform" in the eastern United States, as measured by assets under management.





# Equitable Development



Leads to a vibrant and welcoming downtown community



Provides a housing framework that supports all income levels



Creates financial paths for local residents to participate in wealth building through development



Creates opportunities to stabilize the community through workforce development programs



Supports existing local businesses and property owners and their ongoing investments in the community



Ensures ongoing input from community representatives in the planning and development process

## The Process



## Listen

## Discover

## Ideate

24 Zoommeetings with206 Participants





3 Total Charrettes with total attendance of over 75 People



1-on-1 Meetings



12 In-Person meetings

with over **30** Participants



550 Surveyed and over800 individual connections



# A Need for Greater Density

- Add over 2,000 new residents
- Draw from our Key Anchors
  - Bayhealth Hospital Kent Campus
  - Delaware State Government
  - Delaware State University
  - Dover Air Force Base
- Attract desirable & sustainable amenities & businesses









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## Loockerman Revived



- OUTDOOR DINING
- NARROWED ROADS
- WIDER SIDEWALKS
- INTEGRATING ARTS & PLACEMAKING

- PARKING AMENITIES
- TRANSPORTATION & LINKAGES



#### 15\* ACRES

Developable Land Across 10 Parcels

\*14.94



#### 927

Residential Units Across 6 Sites

# Outcomes



2,575
Linear Feet
of River Walk



21.6 ACRES of Green Space





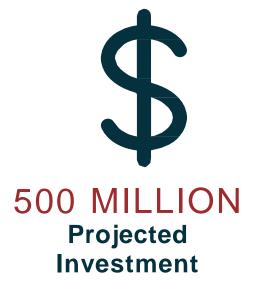


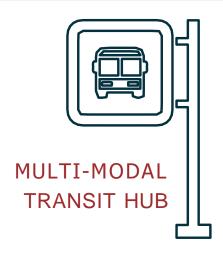
Projected



792

Parking Spaces







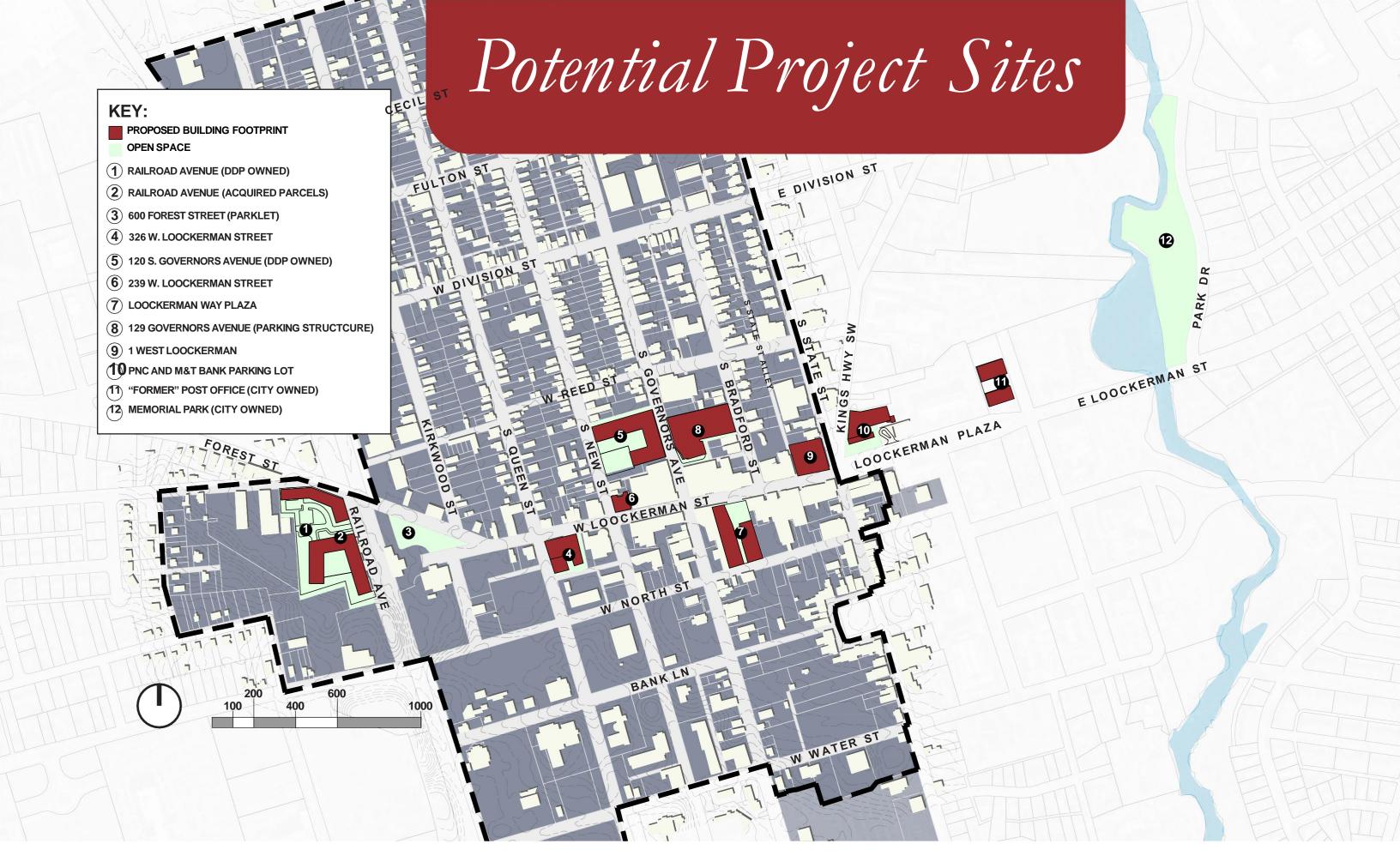
97,700 SF of Commercial Space





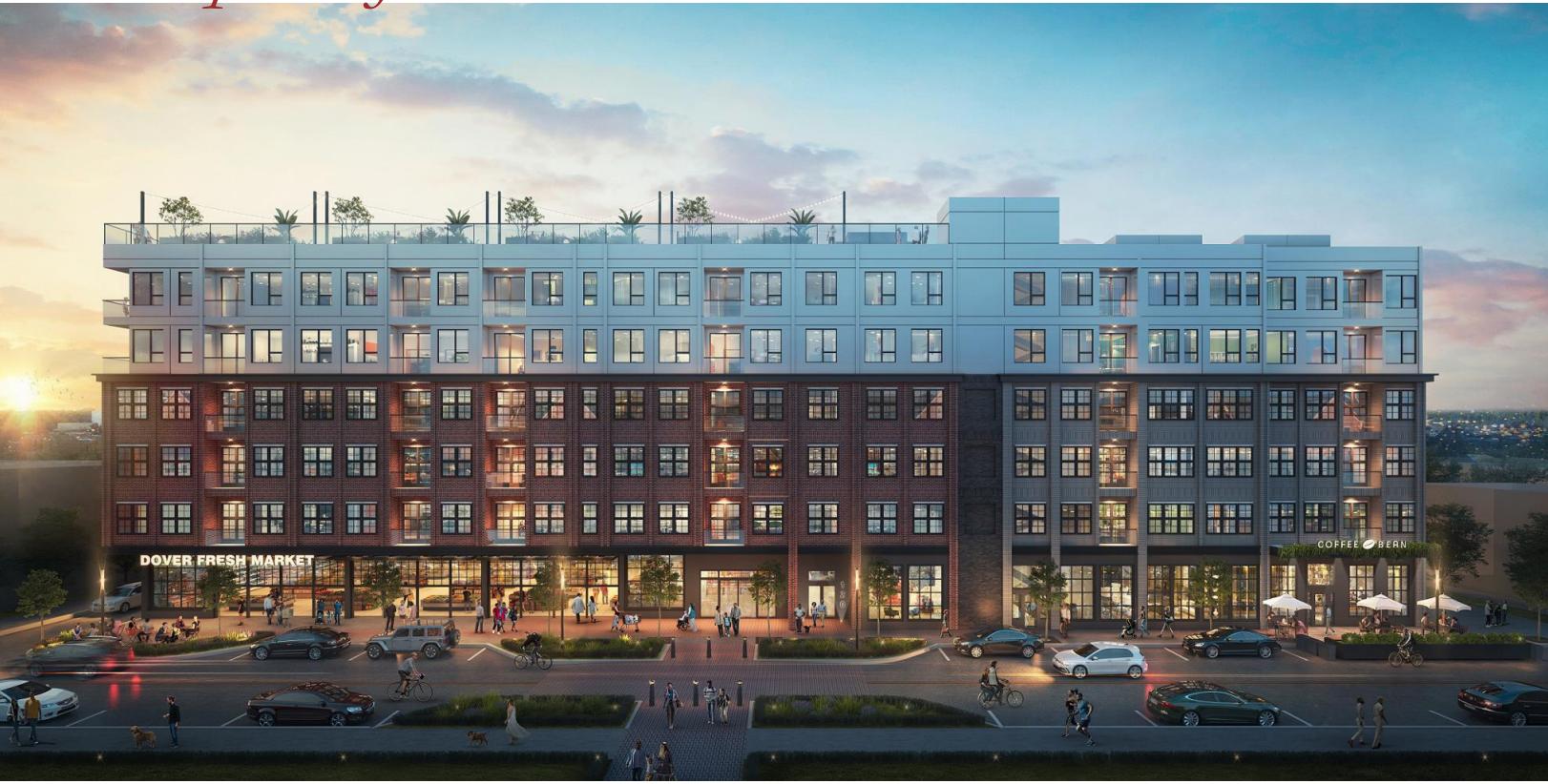
**3,674** LINEAR FT

of Loockerman Commercial Road





# Conceptual for 120 S. Governor's Ave.



(MOU) Memorandum of Understanding now underway: Mosaic Development Partners & Colonial Parking, Inc. Letter of Agreement anticipated imminently

# **(1)** AVENUE **KEY:** 1 GROUND FLOOR MULTI-MODAL TRANSIT HUB (2) OUTDOOR AMENITY ABOVE TRANSIT HUB (FOURTH FLOOR) (3) SURFACE PARKING (4) RESIDENTIAL UNITS WRAPPED AROUND PARKING DECK **RESIDENTIAL LOBBY ON GROUND FLOOR 6** PUBLIC PARKING DECK **7 TOWNHOUSE-STYLE APARTMENTS**

\*Plan/Design is conceptual

#### LARGE SCALE PRIORITY #2



C. VIEW FROM SOUTH GOVERNORS AVENUE LOOKING NORTH TOWARDS WEST REED STREET

### Multi-Modal Transportation Hub

### PROVIDING NEEDED PARKING AND A MULTI-MODAL TRANSIT HUB

#### SITE METRICS

Acreage: 1.23 Acre (across 8 parcels- 145 Governors, 139 Governors, 133 Governors, 127 Governors, 136 Bradford, 132 Bradford, 130 Bradford, 124 Bradford)

Building: 5 story Building (4-story Wood Construction over 1-story Steel Podium wrap around steel parking deck)

• Residential: 134,600 SF 146 units

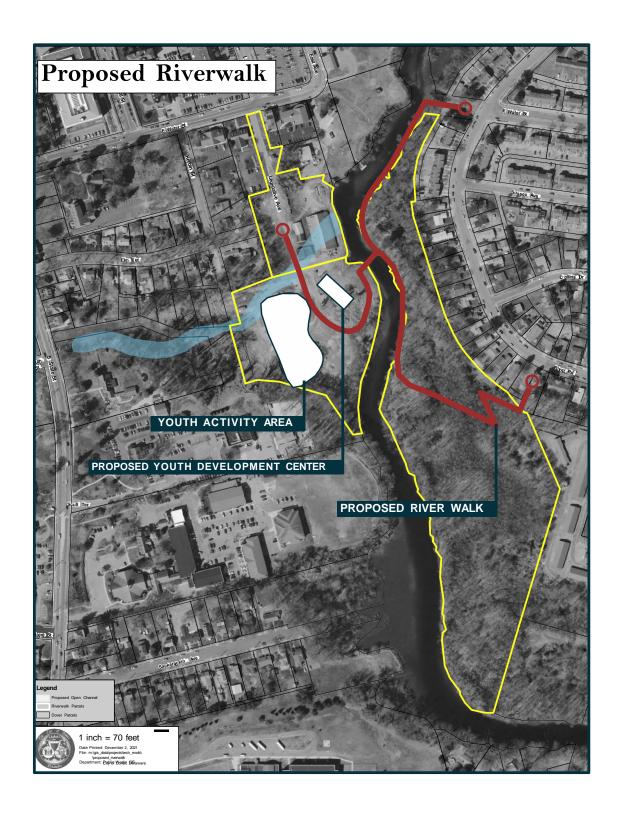
Commercial: 5,500 SFTransit Hub: 8,300 SF

Parking: (5-story Garage) 102,500 SF (20,500 SF/ Floor) 315 Spaces

• Outdoor Amenity: 3,100 Sf (above Podium)

• Residential Support (Lobby, Amenity, etc.): 3,100 SF

# Reactivating Public Spaces



# RIVERWALK ARTWALK & AMPHITHEATER







55 E. Loockerman St | Dover, De







#### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT





(2) 2,500 SF

30 APARTMENT UNITS

2,000 SF

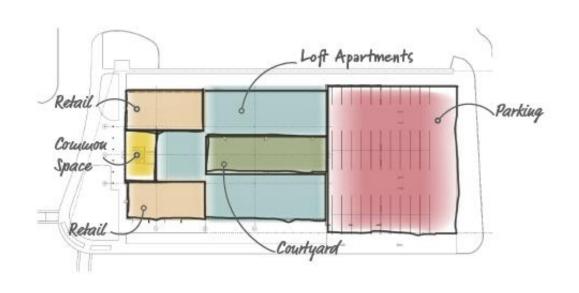
Intersection Loockerman St & Legislative Ave

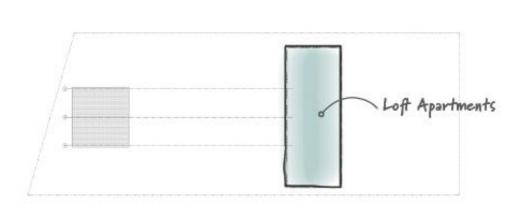






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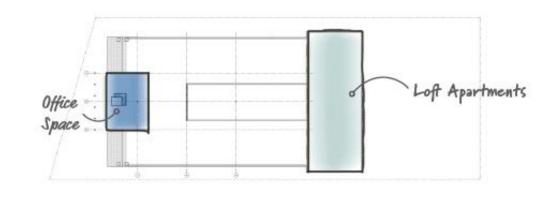


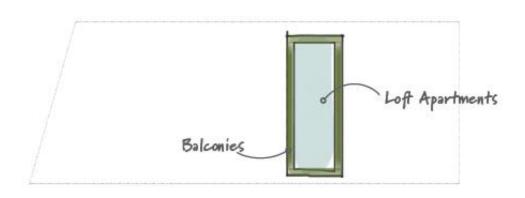




LEVEL 1

LEVEL 3





LEVEL 2

LEVEL 4







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# Site Readiness & Redevelopment

## Ken Anderson DDP Project Development Director

- Site-readiness initiatives
- Update 120 S. Governor's Ave redevelopment
- MOU to Letter of Agreement
- Multi-modal transportation hub



# Creative Arts & Placemaking



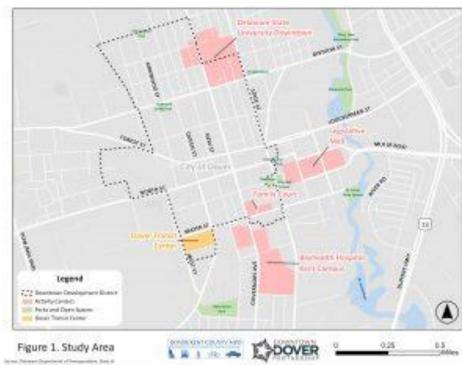




Breakfast Club by Delaware Artist Edward Loper

# Downtown Dover Pathways







## But first...

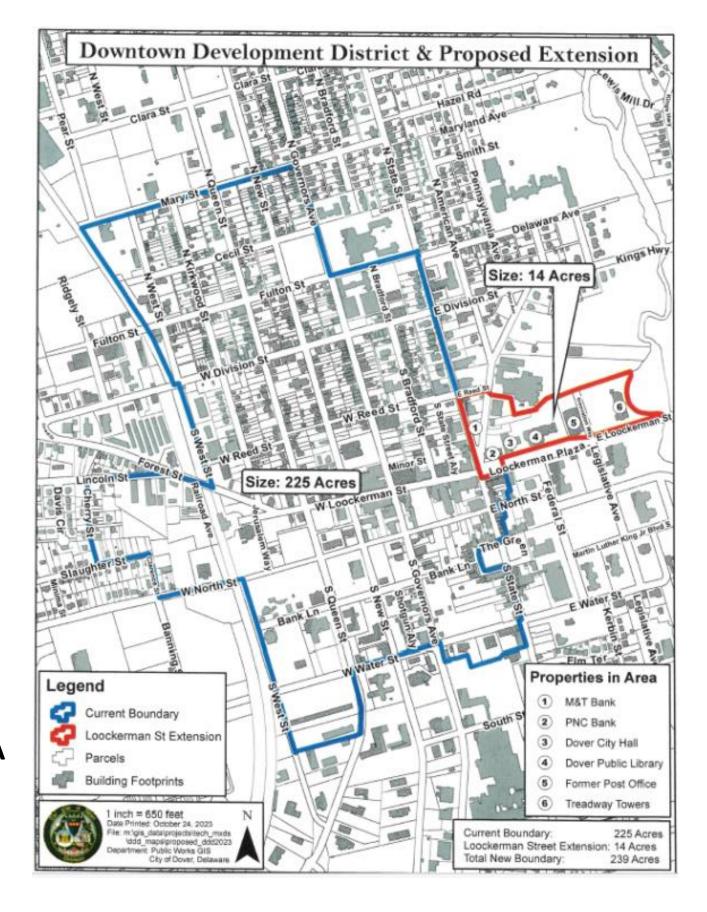
Dave Hugg, III City Manager

#### Application for rezoning to C2 submitted

- Three workshops held
- December first reading
- Target completion: February 2024

# Request to extend DDD Boundary by 14 acres submitted to OSPC.

- Meeting to review held with OSPC/DSHA
- Scheduled for consideration by Cabinet Committee: January



Utility easement for drainage and agreement for parking being drafted.

# Transforming Downtown Dover

#### **Capital City 2030**

DOVER, KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE

#### **Critical Improvements Program**

- FY '23 funds allocated \$1.185 M
- Ten projects
- +/- 6 commercial kitchens
- +/- 8 ADA rest rooms
- Sprinklers added (restaurants)
- FY '24 +/-\$675,000

#### DOVER BEER GARDEN COMING ALONG



Pre-Application for new round now open! Deadline January 15.

## Critical Improvements

Doug Ferris, Coney Island Hot Dog Vacant +/- 16 yrs





Donny Legans, Rail Haus Vacant +/- 30 yrs

## Rail Haus





## Delaware's first year 'round beer garden



# RAILHAUS

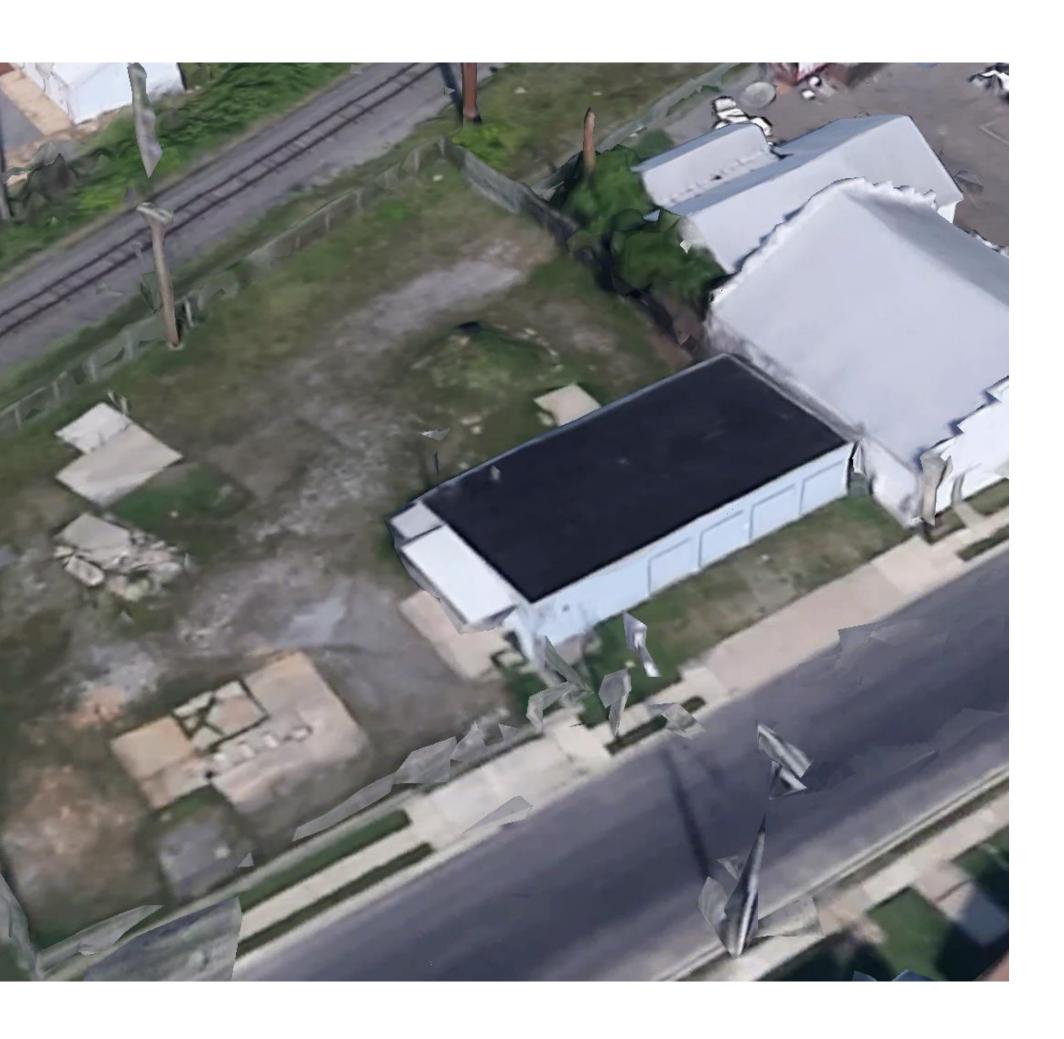


## Mission Statement

Mission: Simply Great Beer Garden, all the time, for everyone. Vision: Our Beer Garden aims to provide a magical experience in every interaction at every chance. We envision being a singular force in changing the long-held view of Downtown Dover through positive development, strong community ties, and improving quality of life for our team, our neighbors, our customers.

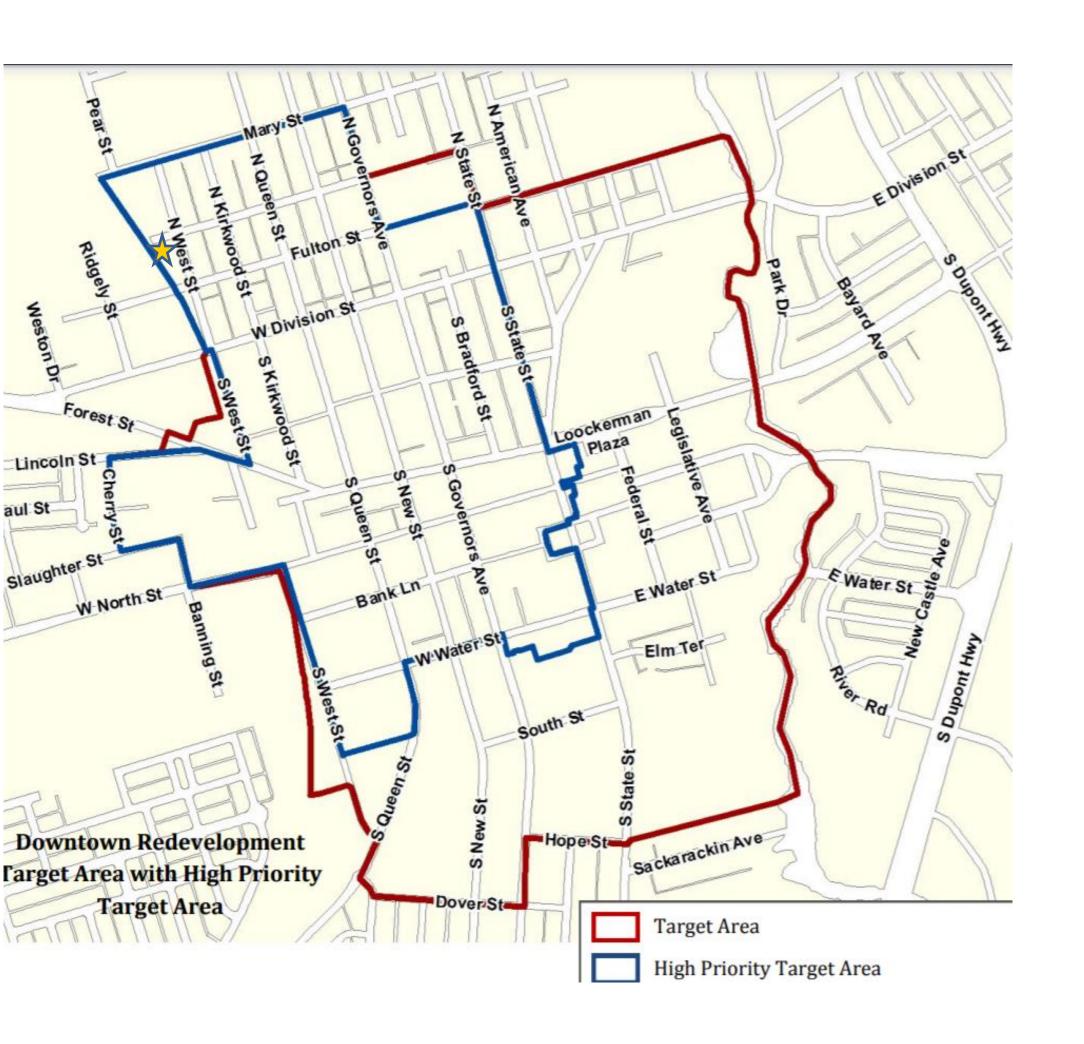
We Value Integrity, Teamwork, Excellence, and Inclusion.





#### Current conditions

Vacant for 25 years
Two parcels uniquely shaped
Directly off Senator Bikeway
4 blocks from DSU Downtown



High Priority Target Area

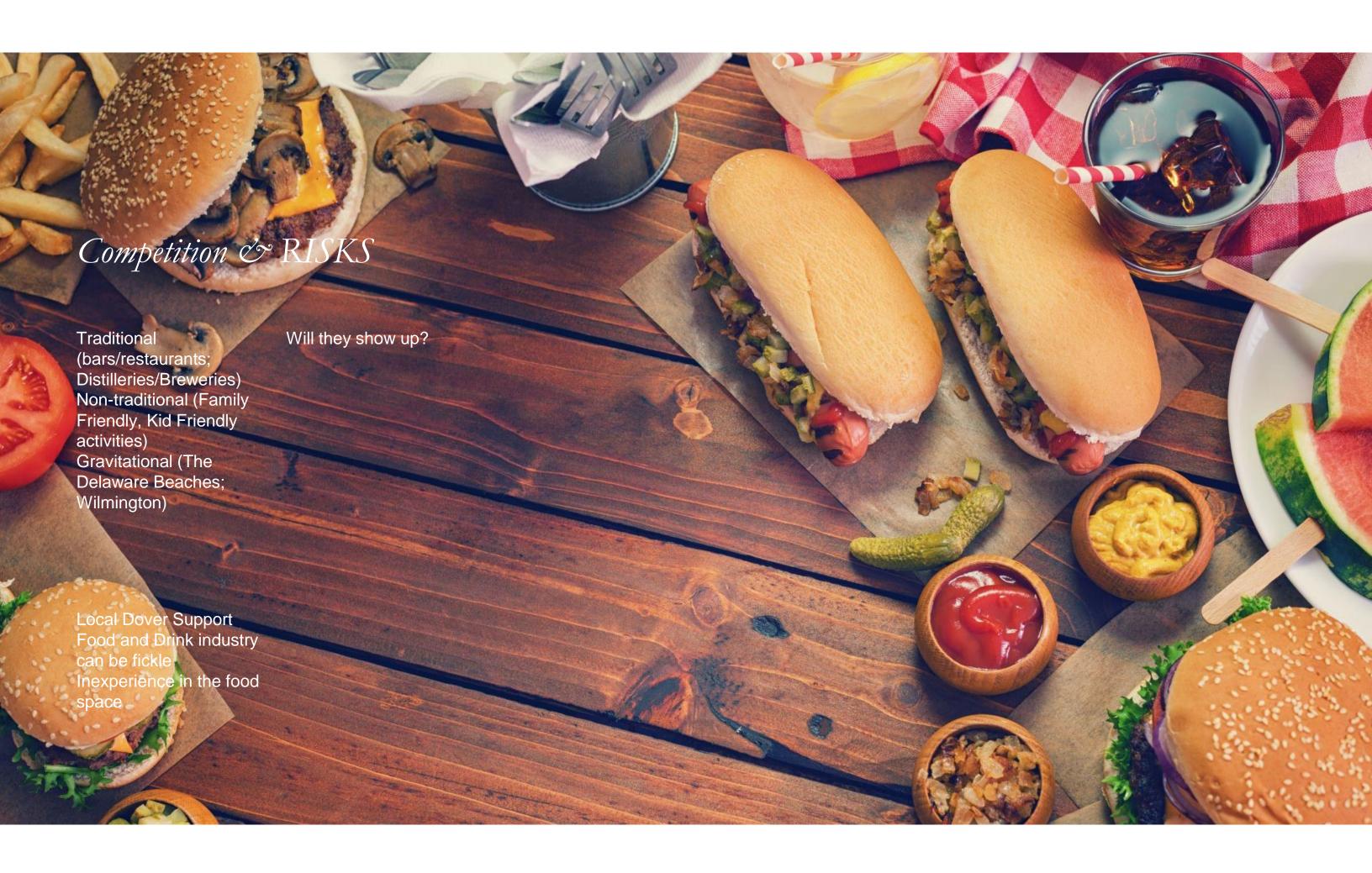
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#### SPACE & PLACE















#### A BIT OF EVERYTHING





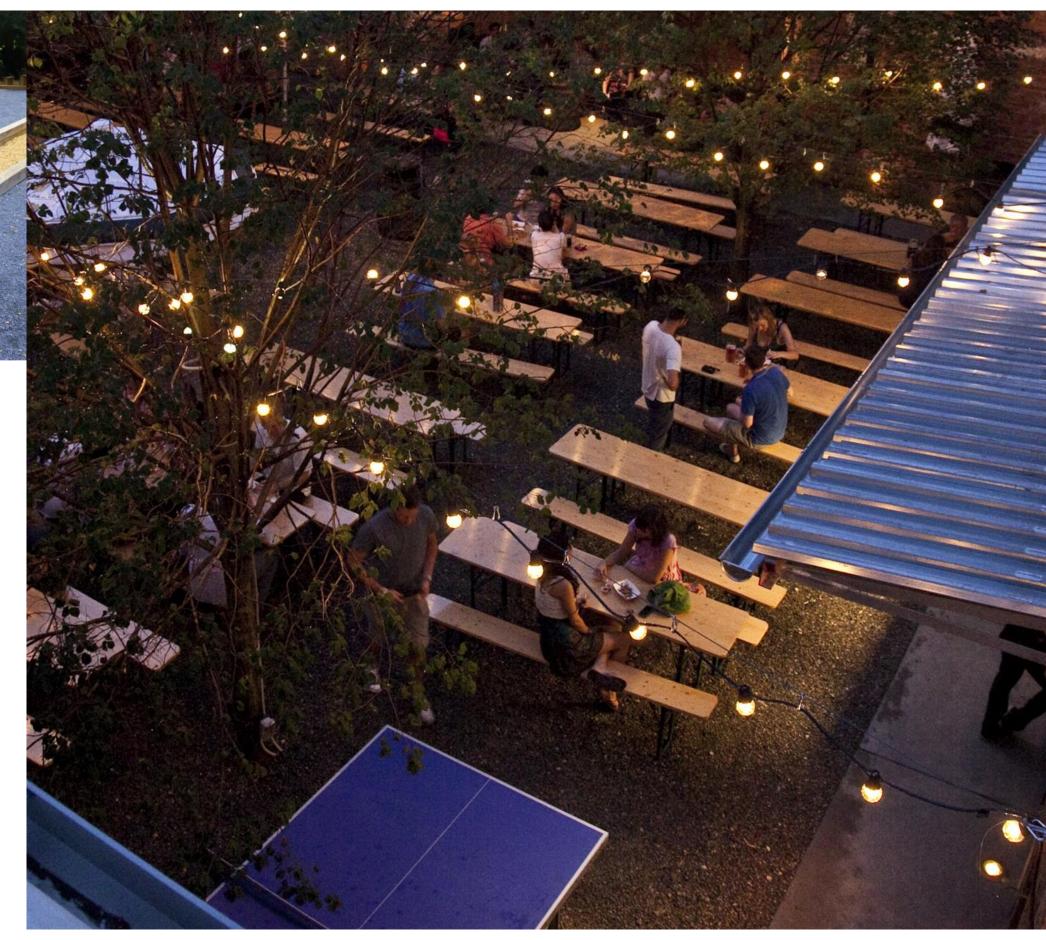




Overall Project – \$3.1M Investment to date - \$600K (property/rezoning/design)

EDGE Grant - \$50K DDD - \$311K CIP - \$300K DNREC/Urban Forestry - \$12K Kent County MPO - \$3k bike racks, etc

\*\* Outdoor Space ROI \$1 = \$3.85 return in sales



# Critical Improvements: Value of "tiered incentives"

## Downtown Development Districts Program

A partnership between the State of Delaware and local governments to **promote** revitalization of designated downtown areas.

Created to leverage state resources in designated downtowns to:

- Spur private investment
- Improve commercial vitality
- Build a stable community of long-term residents

Funding is allocated annually through the General Assembly to DSHA to administer the **DDD Rebate Program** 

## Qualified District Investors:

## Downtown Development Districts Program

Property Owners (occupant and non-occupant)

Tenants making leasehold improvements may apply with property owner's permission. For Critical Improvements, owner must apply (at present).

**Investors** can be for-profit developers, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and homeowners.

Federal, state or local agencies and quasi-governmental organizations are ineligible to participate as an investor or a property owner.

## Funding Set-Asides:

## Downtown Development Districts Program

DSHA established two funding set-asides to ensure a variety of projects have access to rebate funding.

#### LARGE PROJECTS

- QRPI greater than \$350,000
- Rebate calculated at 20% for QRPIs up to \$2.5M
- QRPIs over \$2.5M calculated at a lower-rate (\$60K per million)
- Maximum rebate **\$2M** (\$27.5M QRPI)

#### **SMALL PROJECTS**

- QRPI between \$25,000 and \$350,000
- Rebate calculated at 20% of final QRPI
- Maximum rebate \$70,000

## Large Project Rebates:

## Downtown Development Districts Program

Large Project investors must apply for and receive a Reservation.

Investors may apply for a Reservation with a signed Purchase Agreement.

Reservation applications are accepted <u>up to twice a year</u>, subject to funding availability.

Application process can be competitive.

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## Other incentives beyond Downtown Development District

- **Kent County** up to \$10,000
- City of Dover
- DDP (Downtown Dover Partnership)

Architectural

Façade Improvement

- State & Federal Historic Tax Credits
- **DE Division of Small Business** EDGE Grant
- Other
- Projects have required a minimum 25% owner match, some more than 25%...

# Critical Improvements: Value of "tiered incentives"

## Criteria Used in first round allocations:

1. Meets all/Most Critical Improvements

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) rest rooms, ramps, etc.

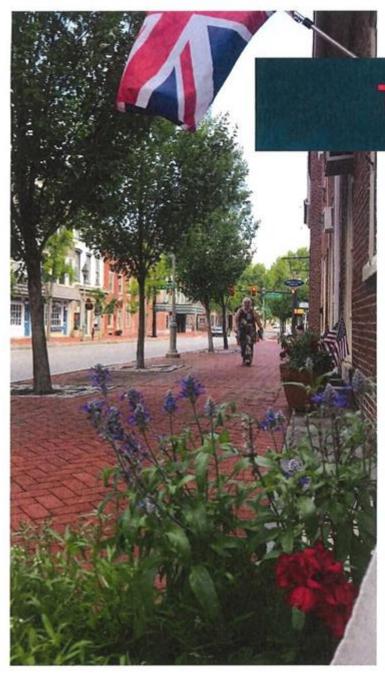
Life Safety (sprinklers, exits, security, etc.)

Commercial Kitchen

Residential (after/commensurate with first floor commercial improvement)

- 2. Meets General Improvement
- 3. High impact Project
- 4. Vacancy
- 5. Top Priority Business

## Critical Improvements: Priority businesses



#### TOP TEN OPPORTUNITIES!

- 1. Microbrewery/Brewpub
- 2. Restaurants/Hybrid Bars/Pubs/Snacks
- 3. Millennial Tavern
- 4. Healthy Living: gym, yoga, health and specialty
- 5. Healthy Eating: vegan, organic, smoothies
- 6. Farm Fresh/Ethnic/Green Grocers
- 7. Apparel/Shoes/Accessories
- 8. Jewelry, Gift and Novelty Destination Boutiques
- 9. Personal Service
- 10. Specialty: wine, cheese, nuts, confections, oils, flowers

Loft and live-work residences available

Others will be still be considered.

# Critical Improvements: Value of "tiered incentives"

#### "Allocation"

an amount or portion of a resource assigned to a selected applicant

- 1. Proof of ownership of property.
- 2. Proof that property owner/business is in "good standing."
- 3. Detailed price quotes for improvements from licensed and insured contractors. (Self contracted, if approved by DDD process.)
- 4. Proof of intent to lease space.
- 5. Façade/Architectural grant applications (filed separately).
- 6. **DDD**, including City and County must be used, if eligible.
- 7. Completed in accordance with approval, permit and per city regs.
- 8. Space must be leased and occupied by tenant...
  - ...then allocation becomes a grant.

# Critical Improvements: Value of "tiered incentives"

## Pre-application:

Pre-applications will allow us to understand the needs – type and projected dollar amounts.

Panel will review pre-applications and consider how best to allocate limited funding.

\$675,000 - FY '24

Large projects in previous round: Max \$300,000 allocation

#### NOTE:

While FY 23 allocation procedures provides a point of reference, the CIP Panel Members may change the parameters for this new round.

## Transforming Downtown Dover

# DOWNTOWN DOVER PARTNERSHIP

#### **Capital City 2030**

