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# **Kick-off Meeting**

June 9, 2025



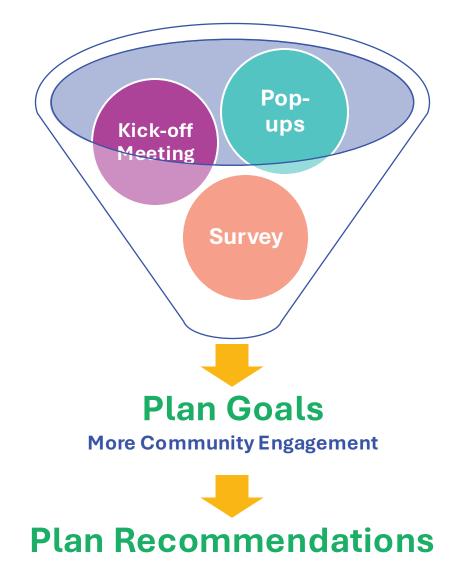
# Agenda

- 1. Welcome + Introductions
- 2. What is the Duke Street Land Use Plan?
- 3. What We Have Heard So Far
- 4. Background of the Corridor
- 5. Importance of Planning
- 6. How to be Involved
- 7. Questions + Discussion
- 8. Open House

# Your Input Tonight + Moving Forward

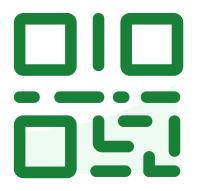
Feedback gathered tonight will create the **foundation** for the Plan **goals** and ultimately help shape the Plan **recommendations**.

In addition to tonight, there are lots of other opportunities for feedback: pop-ups, the survey, future community meetings, conversations with staff, etc.



## **Duke Street Land Use Plan**





# Join at slido.com #2630265







# What makes you want to be involved in the planning process?



# **Process and Roadmap**

Dec. 2024 - May 2025



#### Listen & Learn

Listening sessions with stakeholders

Pop-ups around the corridor

Background and existing conditions

#### Summer-Fall 2025



#### Consult

Gather feedback

Develop Plan **Objectives** 

Updates to Planning Commission, City Council, and Boards and Commissions

#### Winter-Spring 2026



#### **Share & Draft**

Develop Plan **Recommendations** 

Develop land use concepts that provide a vision for community growth in the future

#### Summer-Fall 2026



#### Refine

Refine and incorporate land use concepts and recommendations into a **full Draft Plan** for community review and comment.

Updates to Planning Commission, City Council, and Boards and Commissions

#### **Late 2026-Early 2027**



#### Adopt

Public Hearing and
Consideration for
Plan Adoption:
Planning
Commission and
City Council



### What Have We Heard So Far?

I want a greener neighborhood with more trees, shade, and places to sit.

I want to be able to bike around my neighborhood and to the grocery store.

We feel "landlocked"
by Duke Street
because it's hard to
get in and out of our
neighborhood.

The traffic is really bad and dangerous.

The businesses are important; having greater variety would be an improvement

We need more affordable housing, but I'm wondering where it will go.

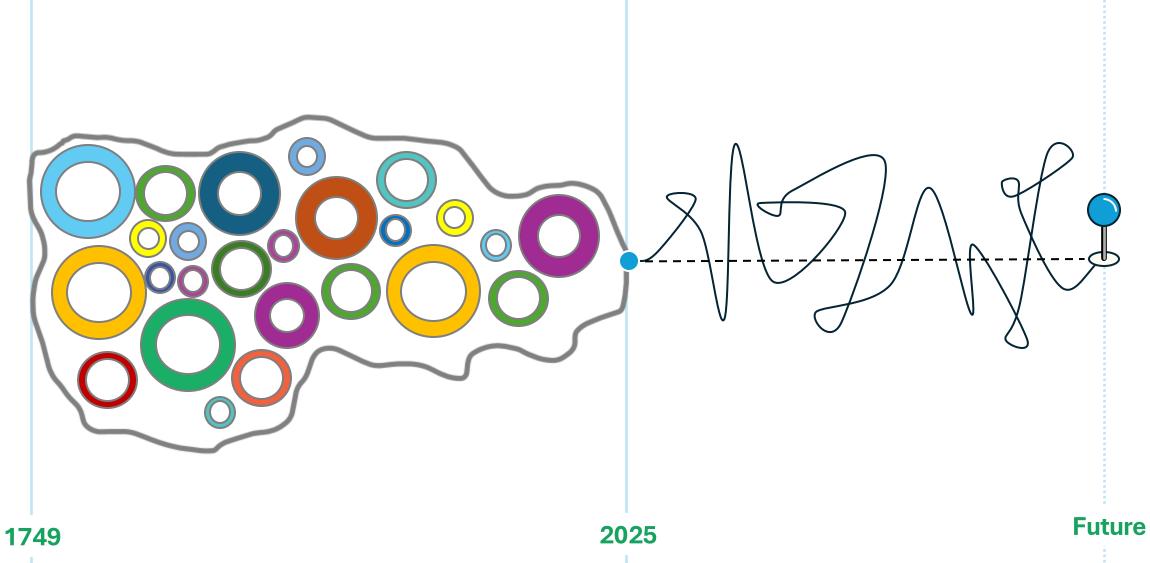
We need a more walkable community, with safer sidewalks and crosswalks.



# Thinking of Our Future

When we think long-term, we can often make a difference on the big, complex issues we are facing.

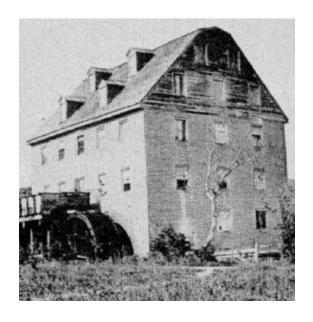
# Our city's future: a series of decisions



# Importance of Planning **West End**

# Duke Street evolution over time









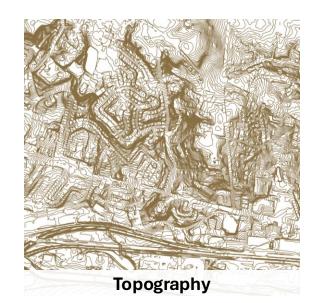






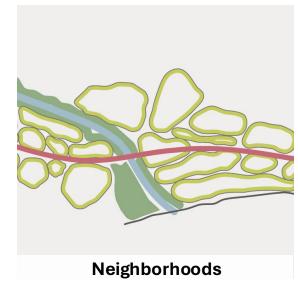


## Characteristics of Duke Street





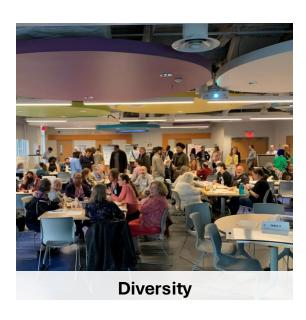












# Land Use Plan Topics





Which of these plan topics is most important to you as we start the Duke Street planning process?



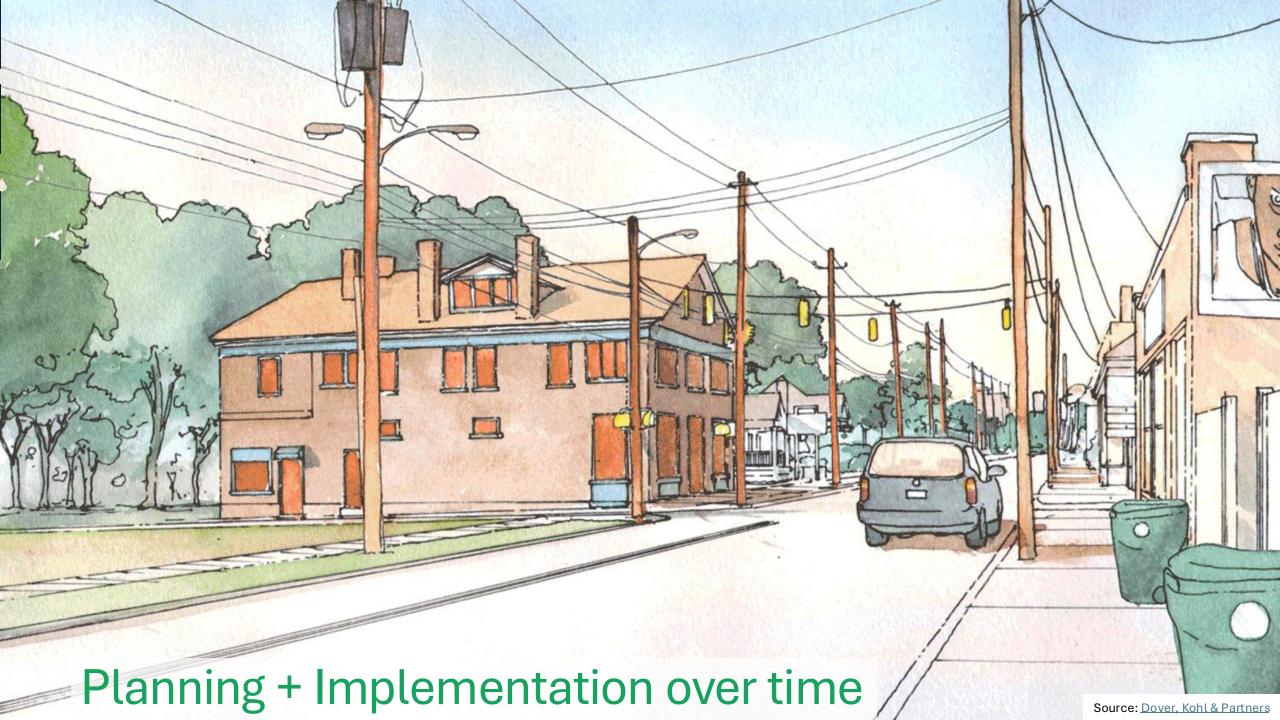


# Design Matters









# Planning Together

There will be lots of ways to participate over the course of the planning process – we are interested in hearing from everybody!

#### Right now you can:

- Take the Launch Survey
- Attend a future Pop-up
- Come to a future community meeting
- Follow E-News
- Bookmark (and visit!) the Website or scan the QR code:
  - alexandriava.gov/DukeStreetPlan







# **Discussion + Questions**





