

# **ENGLEWOOD VILLAGE**

#### A GREAT PLACE

#### BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY ON INDY'S NEAR EASTSIDE

#### ENGLEWOOD VILLAGE IS A GREAT PLACE

Just east of downtown Indianapolis, just north of the railroad tracks, is an area centered at the intersection of East Washington and Oxford Streets. They are the doers, the innovators, the community looking to once again spark the city with their ingenuity, intellect, and uplifting spirit. Closely knit with promise and encouragement, is an area so wondrous, where anything is possible and no idea is too small.

Development in this Great Place will increase the momentum of Englewood's growing sense of community and inspiration as it looks to become an established place of sustainability and innovation.

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#### **GREAT PLACES 2020**

In a great city, you need a number of great places to create a truly lively community—places where people choose to live, work, and play.

Great Places 2020 is a collaborative initiative that responds to this need. The effort seeks to transform strategic places in Marion County into dynamic urban villages bettering both the economy and quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

The identification of three initial focus areas will anchor the Great Places 2020 initiative. Located within the west, north, and east sides of Indianapolis, these areas have deep roots in our city's history. While each Great Place has its own unique character and vision, together they will strengthen Indianapolis and allow the City to grow and prosper.

- » Englewood Village is centered at the intersection of East Washington and Oxford Streets
- » Maple Crossing is centered at the intersection of 38th and Illinois Streets
- » River West is centered at the intersection of West Michigan Street and King Avenue

LOVE THY NEIGHBORHOOD



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Every Great Place needs a variety of attributes to succeed. Great Places 2020 uses the L.O.V.E. acronym to embody these critical components: livability, opportunity, vitality, and education.

Englewood Village developed the following LOVE goals during a community engagement and planning process to build upon current assets and guide work over the next five years.

#### LIVABILITY

- » Make walking, biking, and public transit the preferred option
- » Create public spaces that are unique, lively, and authentic
- Expand existing and develop new recreation, public health, and sustainability opportunities
- » Provide crime prevention education and safety efforts

#### OPPORTUNITY

- » Create mixed-use, walkable developments at key commercial areas
- » Promote food production as economic development
- » Effectively market existing, but hidden, industrial and commercial assets
- » Assist entrepreneurs and small business owners in local investments
- Increase employment density and encourage larger businesses with employment opportunities to locate here in legacy industrial properties

#### VITALITY

- » Provide a variety of housing types and financing mechanisms
- » Increase local control of concentrated vacant property areas
- Retain existing residents with homeowner and rental repair funds and programs

#### EDUCATION

- » Convene an Early Childhood Taskforce to increase high-quality early childhood education
- » Develop a local, neighborhood school and excellent K-8 education resources
- » Provide education opportunities for vulnerable youth
- » Connect adults to education and job training options in the community
- » Pursue opportunities with higher education providers and local partners



### LIVABILITY

Enhance the health and wellbeing of residents by creating natural and cultural amenities and improving green spaces, walkability, and public safety.

- » Develop Washington and Rural Streets as destination streets to encourage pedestrian activity, foster biking, calm traffic, and reduce sound pollution
- » Create a public space at the PR Mallory Campus
- » Establish a neighborhood health center on E. Washington Street
- » Increase crime prevention opportunities for neighbors and businesses
- » Upgrade IndyGo Route 8 to model future Blue Rapid Transit Line





#### **OPPORTUNITY**

Utilize the area's existing entrepreneurial spirit to retain and attract growing, small businesses, as well as larger enterprises, that will create valuable jobs and strengthen the community.

- » Redevelop the PR Mallory campus for new businesses including adaptive reuse of administration building
- » Support the expansion of Farm 365 to become a major produce supplier
- » Support entrepreneurs and remove barriers to entry for small businesses
- » Recruit larger businesses with local employment opportunities





#### VITALITY

Use diversified housing, homesteading programs, and support for current residents to bring energy back to the neighborhoods.

- » Create homeowner and rental repair fund to support existing residents
- » Establish a homesteading program to attract new residents
- » Develop a variety of housing options to meet the income, space, and accessibility needs of the neighborhood
- » Acquire vacant properties for new housing development





#### EDUCATION

Offer a rich array of educational opportunities to ensure that children, youth, and adults have access to high quality public schools, enrichment activities and training programs.

- » Improve access to early childhood education
- » Develop a local, neighborhood school
- » Support vulnerable youth to improve educational outcomes
- » Provide neighborhood access to certification programs for adult learning
- » Work with Purdue University and their extension programs on technical training opportunities



This is just the beginning. To view the full plan, go to **GreatPlaces2020.org**  LEAD NEICHBORHOOD PARTNERS: Englewood Community Development Corporation, John Boner Neighborhood Center, Near East Area Renewal

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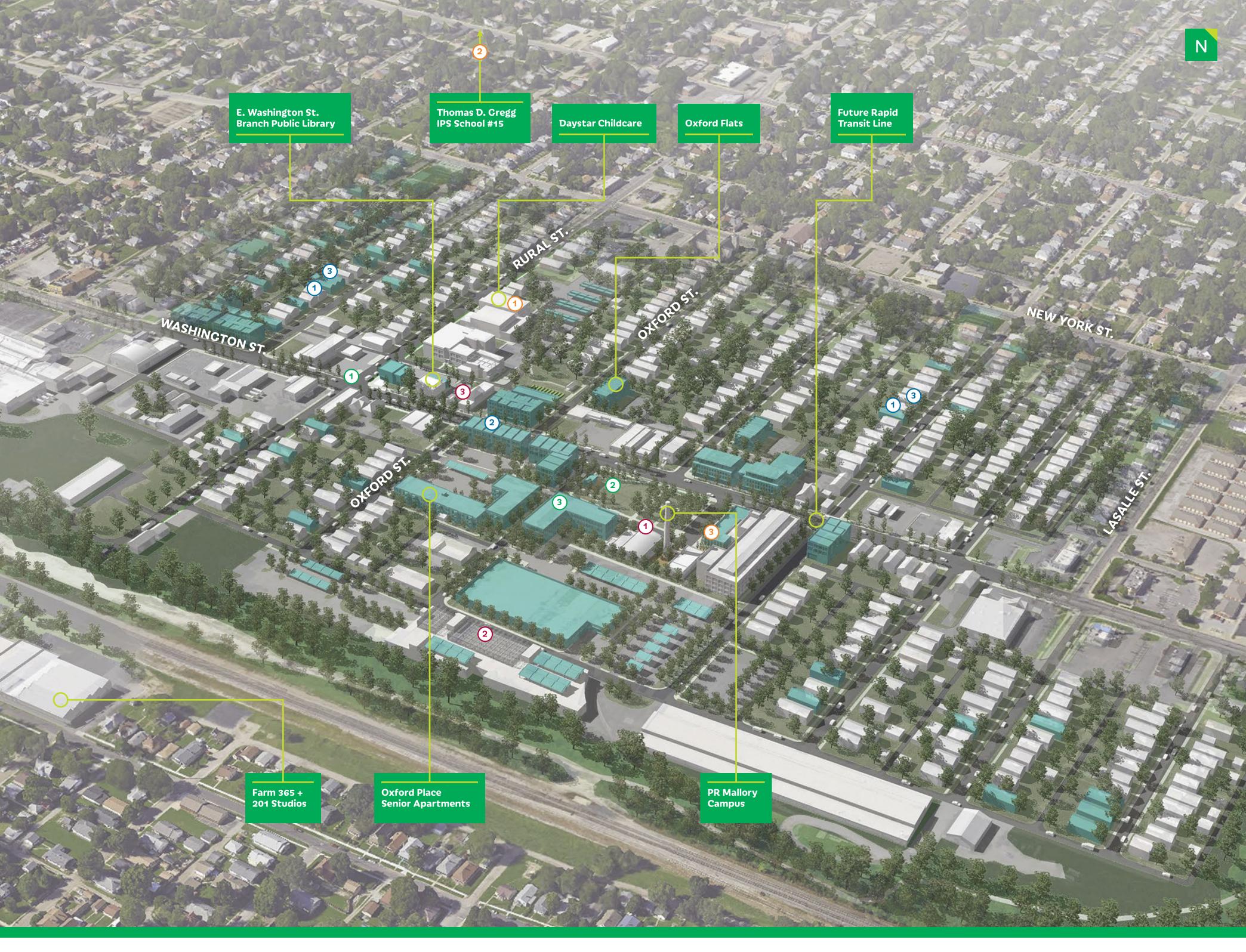
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(#) Key L.O.V.E. Projects

Proposed New Development

MAP KEY

Existing Assets

VILLAGE A GREAT PLACE

This map displays Englewood Village as projected in 2020.