

#### BACKGROUND



### Collier County Restudy efforts established the Vision for Golden Gate City in the Growth Management Plan:

Golden Gate City is a safe, diverse, family-oriented community that offers easy access to education, parks, shopping and services within a vibrant, walkable community.

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Google Earth Street View (Fifth Avenue, Naples)



Downtown Palm Beach, Florida – Architectural Sample



Proposed Santa Barbara/Golden Gate Parkway

#### BACKGROUND

- Policy 2.1.3 Within two years, Collier County shall create development standards to guide the transformation of Golden Gate Parkway and the Activity Center into destinations that are convenient, pleasant and safe for pedestrians and cyclists, and maintain strong connections to transit service.
- Policy 2.2.3 Within two years of adoption, Collier County shall initiate involvement of Golden Gate City residents and business owners to consider amendments to the Land Development Code to support and implement residential and commercial redevelopment and renewal initiatives.







Downtown Palm Beach, Florida – Architectural Sample



Proposed Activity Center

### GOAL FOR UPDATES TO THE LDC STANDARDS

Match the overlay district standards to the Golden Gate City Vision outlined in the Growth Management Plan

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#### How?

- Align Overlay standards with corridor conditions

  Building setbacks & form, pedestrian-friendly uses, parking & mobility solutions, streetscape conditions
- Make the standards user-friendly and viable for potential development



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### PROJECT SCHEDULE

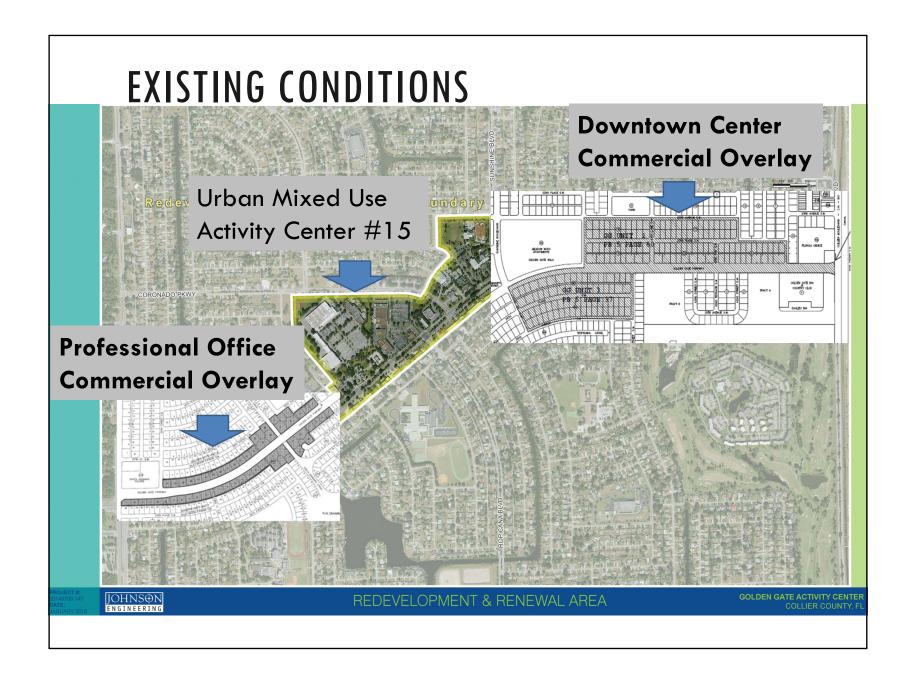
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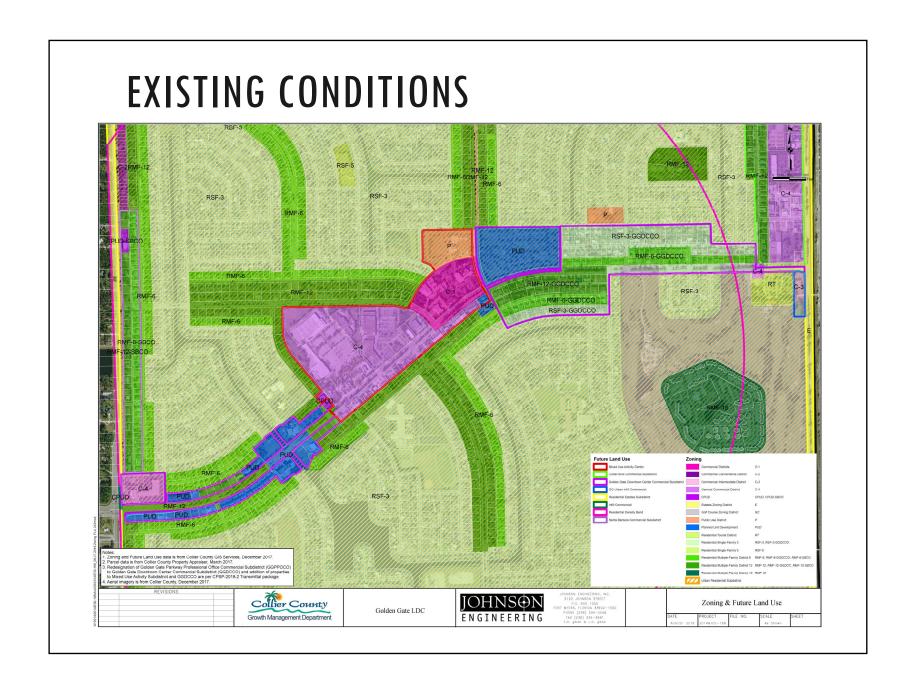
### **MEETING FORMAT**

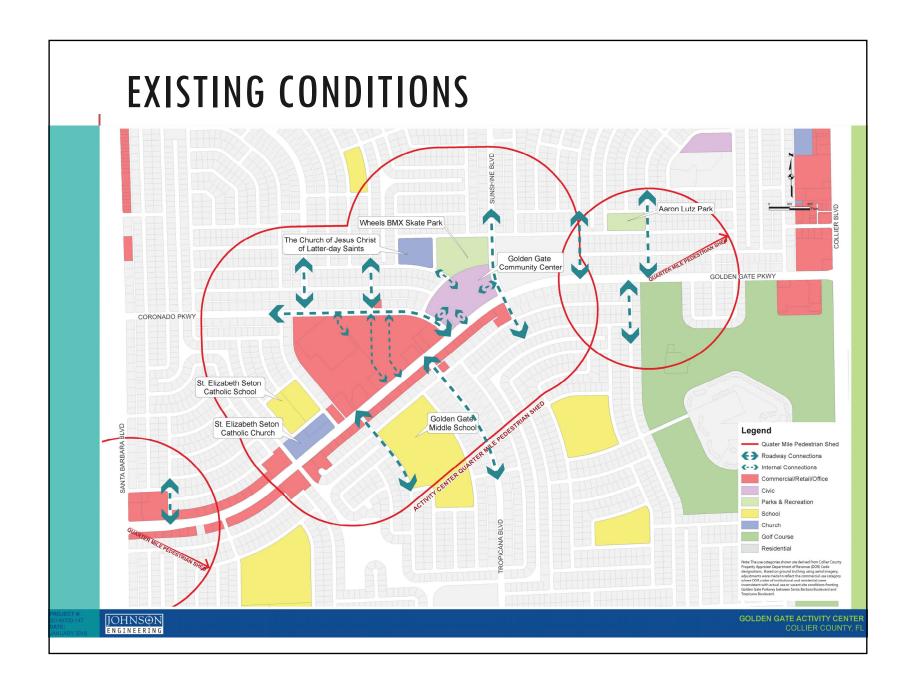
- 1. Summarize Existing Conditions
- 2. Summarize Main Issues / Findings
- 3. Collect input on issues
- 4. Wrap-up













### MAIN ISSUES

- 1. Match overlay standards to the Golden Gate City Vision
- 2. Increase residential variety & address compatibility
- 3. Control auto-oriented uses & promote the pedestrian realm
- 4. Focus development standards on urban form
- 5. Spur economic development & business creation
- 6. Incentivize remodeling & renovation

# ISSUE 1: MATCH OVERLAY STANDARDS TO THE GOLDEN GATE CITY VISION

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- 1. The existing <u>Professional Office Commercial Overlay</u> does not foster desired mix of uses and vibrant urbanism.
  - Uses limited to some office & commercial uses.
  - Narrow lot depths & large setback requirements make development difficult or impossible.
  - Minimum project size: 2 acres
- 2. The existing <u>Downtown Center Commercial</u>
  <u>Overlay</u> has standards for mix of use and pedestrian improvements but it has not generated the desired results.
  - Strict limits on use of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors
  - Min./Max. building footprint: 3,000 s.f. / 12,000 s.f.
- 3. The <u>Activity Center</u> is designated for a mix of uses and higher densities but it has not yielded those outcomes.



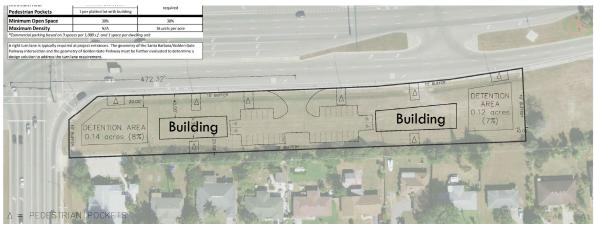


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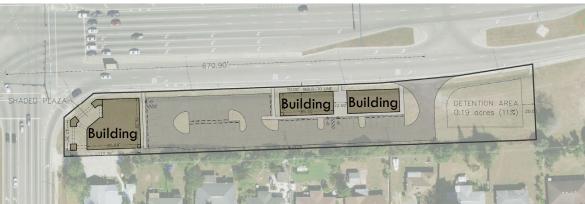
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Current Standards: Autooriented



#### Option 2

Adjusted
Standards:
Gateway
and more
walkable









#### RECOMMENDATIONS TO MATCH THE VISION

- 1. Extend the <u>Downtown Center Commercial Overlay</u> to replace the Professional Office Commercial Overlay
- Update <u>Downtown Center Commercial Overlay</u> to foster desired mix of uses along the corridor that comply with urban form standards
  - Commercial, office and artisanal uses
  - Allow residential uses along with non-residential uses
- 3. Create an <u>Activity Center #15 Overlay</u> district
  - Pedestrian friendly design
  - Employment uses
  - Live/work/play environment



# ISSUE 2: INCREASE RESIDENTIAL VARIETY & ADDRESS COMPATIBILITY

- 1. <u>Downtown Center</u>
  <u>Commercial Overlay</u> &

  <u>Professional Office</u>

  <u>Commercial Overlay</u> **prohibit** new residentialonly development
- 2. Compatibility standards between differing uses are limited
  - 19'-wide landscape buffer is required along perimeters of district

Current requirements in the Downtown Center Commercial Overlay



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL VARIETY & COMPATIBILITY

- 1. Allow townhomes
- 2. Allow mixed use buildings with residential 2<sup>nd</sup> floors
- 3. No change to maximum densities
  - maintain the existing standards that range from 6 du/ac to 12 du/ac along the corridor, and up to 22 du/ac in the Activity Center.
- 4. For commercial or light industrial/employment uses in proximity to residential units, standards may address:
  - hours of operationlightingnoise
    - building height
       location of service areas

### ISSUE 3: CONTROL AUTO-ORIENTED USES & PROMOTE THE PEDESTRIAN REALM

- 1. Drive-throughs and other auto-related services are detrimental to pedestrians along the corridor.
  - <u>Downtown Center Commercial Overlay</u> currently prohibits driveup, drive-in or drive-throughs, gas stations, warehouse/storage, car wash, auto dealerships.
  - The <u>Activity Center</u> (C-4 zoning) allows these uses.
- 2. Countywide separation standards for gas stations is 500'
  - Activity Center corridor extends3,000 feet = 6 locations
- 3. More driveways along the Parkway impede pedestrians/bicyclists



### RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONTROL AUTO-ORIENTED USES & PROMOTE THE PEDESTRIAN REALM

- 1. Per GMP, continue prohibiting in the <u>Downtown Center</u> <u>Commercial Overlay</u>:
  - car washes, storage facilities, auto dealerships, drive up, drive-in, or drive-throughs except for bank and pharmacy drive-throughs
- 2. Apply new separation standards along the Parkway to new gas stations, auto supply, car washes, storage facilities, auto dealerships, drive-ups, drive-ins, or drive-throughs
  - For example, separation standard of 1,320 feet (1/4-mile)

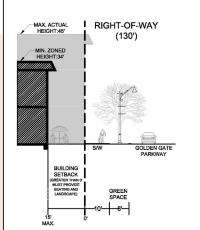
    2 mile corridor = 8 locations for auto supply

    3,000' Activity Center corridor = 2 locations for other use
- 3. Maintain and continue access standards for use of alleys and side streets for the <u>Downtown Center Commercial</u> Overlay

ISSUE 4: FOCUS DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ON URBAN FORM

The following standards currently apply:

- 1. <u>Downtown Center Commercial Overlay</u>
  - Building setback: 0 15' from Parkway
  - Min. / Maximum height: 34 feet / 45 feet
  - Right-of-way improvements required for properties with frontage along Golden Gate Parkway.
- 2. <u>Professional Office Commercial Overlay</u>
  - Building setback: at least 40' from Parkway
  - Maximum height: 25 feet plus 10 feet for under building parking
- 3. C-4 Zoning in Activity Center
  - Building setback: at least 25' from Parkway
  - Maximum height: 75 feet

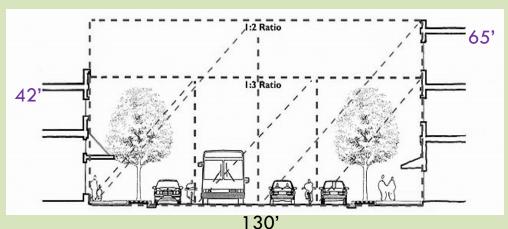




### RECOMMENDATIONS TO FOCUS DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ON URBAN FORM

#### Reconcile different standards and focus on:

- Building orientation toward the Parkway or street
- Streetscapes with comfortable size and features for the pedestrian
- Building massing consistent with comfortable corridor width-tobuilding height ratios
- Include street and pedestrian level lighting



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Image from ITE.ORG – Context Sensitive Solutions:

A Framework for Walkable Urban Thoroughfare Design

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE **DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

User-Friendly Code with diagrams

**Development characteristics** with example images and the intensity/density standards

Typical lot layouts for potential development types

#### **Building placement** standards

- Including corner treatments

#### Building design standards - In addition to architectural standards, i.e., second floor step back, sign bands

**Streetscape** standards

**Open space** standards

**Parking** standards

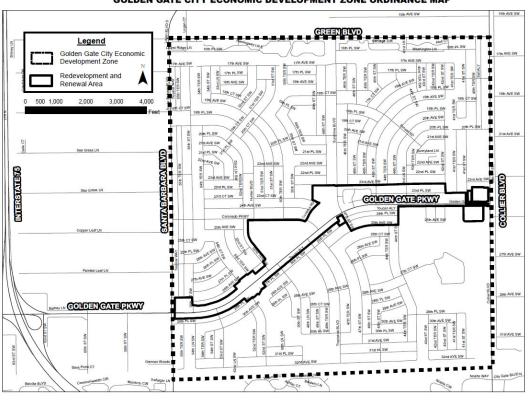
Landscape standards

**Compatibility** standards



# ISSUE 5: SPUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS CREATION

GOLDEN GATE CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE ORDINANCE MAP

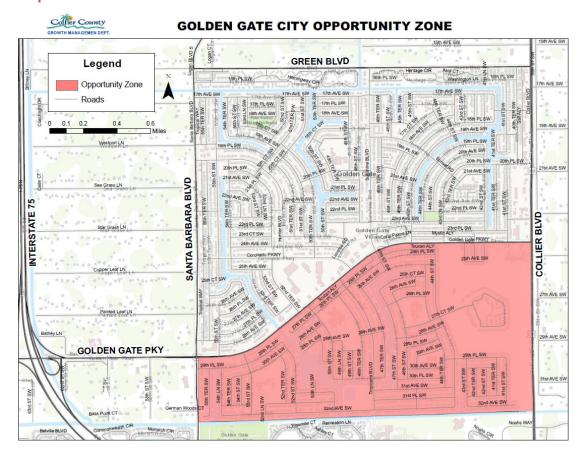


Golden Gate is a County Economic Development Zone

Purpose: to attract & retain business through financial incentives

Trust fund will alleviate infrastructure needs of targeted businesses and discount municipal development fees.

# ISSUE 5: SPUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS CREATION



Part of Golden Gate is a U.S.
Opportunity Zone through 2028

Purpose: encourage long-term investment & job creation by reducing taxes for businesses that create jobs

Investor incentive with capital gains tax benefits and exemptions

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS CREATION

- 1. Update permitted uses in the <u>Activity Center</u> to match the targeted industries of the Innovation Zone program.
- 2. Align development standards to be suitable for target industries.
- 3. Consider allowing artisanal uses for the Residential zoned properties, for home based businesses such as jewelry, art & crafts.

#### **Activity Center Innovation Uses**

Advanced manufacturing, including automated apparel, light assembly and 3D printing

Call centers

Software development and programming

Internet technologies and electronic commerce

Data and information processing

Professional services such as laboratory research or testing activities

Other uses deemed similar by the Board of County Commissioners



The Clay Place at 1555 Shadowlawn Drive

# ISSUE 6: INCENTIVIZE REMODELING & RENOVATION

- 1. Barriers to remodeling and renovation include:
  - Cost for the improvements
  - Permitting costs, time and hurdles
- Remodeling or renovation must meet current Codes and zoning standards.
  - Upgrades to meet current Code standards demand significant investment, making incremental improvements too expensive and infeasible
- Relief from standards is only through public hearing process
  - Site Plan with Deviations
  - Variance

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCENTIVIZING REMODELING & RENOVATION

- 1. Create category of improvements that are exempt from complying with all Overlay zoning standards, such as:
  - Façade improvements, landscaping or open space improvements, parking improvements
- 2. Allow flexibility from Overlay zoning standards that can be approved by staff, such as:
  - 10% of dimensional standards (setbacks, buffers) or # parking spaces required
  - Adjustments where site conditions do not allow strict adherence to landscaping, sidewalk or building setback standards.

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