

Quality Housing for All

ACTION	TO-DO LIST	TIMEFRAME	IMPLEMENTATION LEAD	IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS	COST GUIDANCE	PRIORITY
Action 1 Shape Development by connecting responsible dvelopers with neighborhood priorities and available sites						
1.1	Conduct a neighborhood-wide property assessment and survey to catalog vacant underutilized, or redevelopment-ready parcels. Partner with local universities, planning departments, or the City's property management division to collect and map parcel-level data including zoning, ownership, and building conditions	0 - 1 YEAR	University of Cincinnati DAAP; City of Cincinnati DCED	MCC; MCURC; City of Cincinnati DCED; University of Cincinnati DAAP; Hamilton County Auditor's Office; MCC; MBC; HomeBase Cincinnati; LISC Greater Cincinnati	LOW-MODERATE (Staff Time; Partnerships; Mapping Software)	
1.2	Maintain an up-to-date, publicly accessible online property database that integrates GIS data and provides zoning, ownership, and suitability information. Assign a lead partner—such as the City's Department of City Planning & Engagement—to manage quarterly updates and ensure the tool is used by developers and residents alike.	1 - 2 YEARS (Ongoing; Updates Quarterly)	City of Cincinnati	MCC; City of Cincinnati DCPE MCURC; CAGIS; HomeBase Cincinnati	LOW - MODERATE (Web Platform Development & Maintenance)	
1.3	Host quarterly community development workshops and developer roundtables to align neighborhood priorities with market opportunities. Use these sessions to review proposed projects, gather community feedback, and create a list of preferred development types and design standards	0 - 6 MONTHS	MCC and City of Cincinnati DCED	MCC; MCURC; City of Cincinnati DCED; LISC Greater Cincinnati; Local Developers; Property Owners	LOW-MODERATE (Venue; Facilitation; Materials)	
1.4	Develop and adopt a transparent developer selection and evaluation process for publicly supported or neighborhood-led projects. Include criteria such as affordability mix, design quality, community benefit commitments, and local hiring, and require pre-submission meetings with neighborhood representatives. Who are the neighborhood representatives? Are these organizations? Individuals? Residents? Etc?	1 - 2 YEARS	MCC and City of Cincinnati DCE, HOME and residents	MCURC; City of Cincinnati DCED; MCC; City of Cincinnati OEI; HomeBase Cincinnati; LISC Greater Cincinnati; Residents	LOW (Policy Drafting; Outreach)	
Action 2 Create attainable housing options that meet the needs of first-time buyers, legacy residents, and diverse income levels						
2.1	Establish partnership(s) with local nonprofit and mission-driven housing developers to deliver projects that prioritize legacy residents and first-time buyers. Identify target sites for pilot infill projects and pursue funding through LIHTC, City HOME funds, or philanthropic grants.	0 - 2 YEARS	Habitat for Humanity, HOME Cincinnati	MCC; MCURC; Habitat for Humanity; Community Action Agency; HOME Cincinnati; Local banks and credit unions	Moderate – High (Predevelopment and construction costs)	
2.2	Create and distribute a Madisonville Housing Resource Guide that consolidates resources for financial assistance programs, rental subsidies, and down payment support. Promote through targeted outreach at schools, churches, and community events.	0 - 1 YEAR (Updates Annually)	Habitat for Humanity, HOME Cincinnati, local banks and credit unions, local realtor that is not engaged in any of the housing projects	MCC; MCURC; Habitat for Humanity; Community Action Agency; HOME Cincinnati; Local banks and credit unions	Low – Moderate (Materials; Design; Outreach)	
2.3	Host quarterly Path to Homeownership workshops in collaboration with local banks, credit unions, and housing counselors. Include sessions on credit repair, budgeting, and the mortgage process, with on-site prequalification opportunities.	0 - 1 YEAR (Updates Quarterly)	HOME, Homeownership Center and local banks	MCURC; Local Banks; Working in Neighborhoods; Homeownership Center of Greater Cincinnati	Low (Venue; Materials; Facilitators)	
2.4	Advocate for zoning and policy adjustments—such as accessory dwelling units (ADUs), small-lot development, and mixed-income overlays—to support diverse and attainable housing options. Coordinate advocacy through the MCC and MCURC to ensure alignment with the City's planning initiatives.	1 - 3 YEARS	Community Leadership, residents, Business Chamber	MCC Housing Committee; MCURC; City of Cincinnati DCP&E; Councilmember Offices; Community Leadership; Residents	Low (Staff Time; Outreach; Advocacy Materials)	

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2.5	Strengthen collaboration among neighborhood organizations by supporting MCURC staff capacity, encouraging participation in MCC and MBC committees, and establishing a shared housing implementation team to track progress and leverage resources toward community housing priorities.	ONGOING	City of Cincinnati DCED	MCC; MCURC; MBC; Philanthropic Partners; City of Cincinnati DCED	Moderate (Staffing; Coordination; Reporting)	
Action 3 Support existing residents and homeowners through resources and programs that promote the stability of existing residents and homeowners						
3.1	Develop and promote a Home Repair Assistance Program that connects seniors and low-income homeowners with vetted contractors, volunteer repair teams, and grant or loan funding. Prioritize critical repairs that address safety, accessibility, and code compliance.	0 -2 Years; Ongoing	Habitat for Humanity, People Working Cooperatively	MCC; MCURC; Habitat for Humanity; People Working Cooperatively (PWC); LISC Greater Cincinnati; City of Cincinnati DCED; HomeBase Cincinnati; Habitat for Humanity Greater Cincinnati	Moderate – High (Grant Funds, Contract Coordination, Administrative Costs)	
3.2	Launch a proactive outreach campaign to increase awareness of property tax relief programs, senior exemptions, and anti-displacement services. Provide one-on-one navigation assistance through community centers, churches, and local events.	Within 1 Year; Annual Renewal; ASAP with as many times and locations as necessary.	Churches, HOME, City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County Auditors Office	MCURC; HOME Cincinnati; Hamilton County Auditor’s Office; MCC; Local faith-based organizations; LISC Greater Cincinnati; City of Cincinnati	Low (Printing; Events; Staff Time)	
3.3	Explore and implement Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) incentives that encourage reinvestment in older housing stock. Work with the City to ensure CRA designations include affordability and anti-displacement requirements for existing residents.	1 – 3 Years	HomeBase Cincinnati, MCC	MCC; City of Cincinnati DCED; HomeBase Cincinnati; MCURC; LISC Greater Cincinnati; City of Cincinnati DCPE	Low (Staff Time; Policy Development)	
Action 4 Maintain historic housing stock to protect and maintain neighborhood character and architectural heritage.						
4.1	Conduct a neighborhood architectural inventory to identify historically significant homes and pursue local or national historic designation for qualifying areas or structures. Partner with the City Historic Conservation Office and local preservation groups.	0 – 2 Years	University of Cincinnati DAAP; Janet Blank	MCC – Historic Committee; City of Cincinnati Historic Conservation office; Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA); University of Cincinnati DAAP (architecture students)	Low-Moderate (Staff Time; Research; Mapping; Survey Tools)	
4.2	Develop a Historic Homeowner Resource Program that connects property owners to preservation grants, state and federal tax incentives, and technical expertise for rehabilitation. Provide guidance on accessing these resources through workshops and one-on-one support.	1 – 2 Years; Ongoing	MCC - Historic Committee	MCC – Historic Committee; City of Cincinnati Historic Conservation Office; Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA); HomeBase Cincinnati	Low-Moderate (Staff Time; Workshop Materials, Outreach)	
4.3	Reintroduce and expand the Madisonville Historic Home Tour as an annual event showcasing restored properties and architectural styles. Use proceeds to fund small-scale preservation grants or façade improvements.	0 – 1 Year; Annual Recurring	MCC, Janet Blank,	MCC; MCURC; CPA; Event Sponsors;	Low (Event Logistics; Marketing; Volunteer Coordination)	
4.4	Create educational materials and demonstration projects to teach residents how to maintain and update historic homes while preserving character-defining features. Offer DIY clinics and contractor referrals specializing in historic restoration.	1 – 3 Years; Ongoing	MCC, Janet Blank,	MCC – Historic Committee; CPA; Local Contractors (Historic Preservation Specialists); University of Cincinnati DAAP	Low-Moderate (Printing; Demonstration Projects; Staff Time; Contractor Stipends)	

Showcasing Our History						
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Action 1 Preserve historic buildings, landmarks, and culturally significant sites for current and future generations						
1.1	Reestablish and operationalize the Madisonville Historical Society as the primary steward of the neighborhood’s cultural and architectural legacy. Launch a membership campaign, recruit a diverse leadership board, and establish a calendar of programs, walking tours, and community presentations focused on neighborhood history.	0 – 1 Year		MCC – Historic Committee; MCURC; Local Schools and Libraries; CPA	Low-Moderate (Staffing; Marketing; Event Coordination; Membership Drives)	*
1.2	Conduct a comprehensive community-led survey of historic and culturally significant places to document buildings, landmarks, and sites of importance. Partner with local schools, universities, and the Cincinnati Preservation Association to collect narratives, photos, and historical data. Create an interactive map that highlights these locations and their stories.	0 – 1 Year		Madisonville Historic Society (Re-established); Cincinnati & Hamilton Co. Public Library; University of Cincinnati DAAP (architecture); CPA; Local schools and student groups	Low (\$0-\$300) (Volunteer Outreach; Materials; Digital Platform)	
1.3	Develop a prioritized preservation plan that identifies and ranks key sites for protection and investment based on historical value, structural condition, and resident input. Pursue funding through historic tax credits, state preservation grants, and philanthropic partners to restore and maintain priority sites, including	1 – 3 Years		Madisonville Historic Society (reestablished); CPA; City of Cincinnati Historic Conservation Office; HomeBase Cincinnati (Funding Coordination); LISC Greater Cincinnati; Philanthropic partners	Moderate – High (\$10 – 50k) (Consultant Fees; Professional Surveys; Grant Application Support; Initial Preservation or Stabilization Work)	
Action 2 Celebrate community stories by capturing, sharing, and archiving resident experiences						
2.1	Host quarterly “Community Conversations” and intergenerational storytelling events where residents share personal experiences and neighborhood memories. Partner with local schools, churches, and senior centers to ensure representation from all generations and backgrounds.	6 – 12 Months; (Spring 2026 – Fall 2026)		Cincinnati & Hamilton Co. Public Library; A Picture’s Worth; Janet Blank; Local Schools; Senior Living Facilities; Local Faith-Based Organizations	Low (\$0-300) (Volunteer Facilitation; Materials)	
2.2	Develop a digital neighborhood history archive in partnership with the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library, local schools, and cultural institutions. Collect and digitize oral histories, photos, documents, and memorabilia, with a focus on significant locations such as Dunbar and Amy Street.	1 – 2 Years		Cincinnati & Hamilton Co. Public Library; Local schools; cultural institutions; Madisonville Historic Society; CPA	Low – Moderate (\$2 – 10k) (Digitization equipment; Platform Development; Staff/Volunteer Time)	*
2.3	Launch a “Neighborhood Storyteller Recognition Program” to honor residents and organizations who actively preserve and share Madisonville’s history. Recognize them publicly through social media campaigns, newsletters, and annual community events.	0 – 1 Year; Recurring		Madisonville Historic Society; Cincinnati & Hamilton Co. Public Library; Local Media	Low (Awards; Certificates; Event Costs)	*
2.4	Ensure storytelling initiatives reflect the full diversity of the community by establishing an advisory committee to guide inclusive documentation efforts and review content for cultural representation and balance.	0 – 1 Year; Ongoing		Madisonville Historic Society; MCC; Local cultural organizations; schools; senior centers; community volunteers	Low (Staff Coordination; Meeting Logistics; Outreach Materials)	
Action 3 Honor long-standing community traditions and recognize residents’ contributions to neighborhood identity.						

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3.1	Sustain and expand long-standing neighborhood traditions such as the Memorial Day Parade, Church in the Park, and seasonal festivals. Provide logistical and promotional support, seek local sponsorships, and encourage youth and newcomer participation to ensure continuity.	1 – 5 Years; Ongoing		MCC; MCURC; Local Artists; Local Businesses; Local Schools; Local Faith-Based Organizations; Cincinnati & Hamilton Co. Public Library	Low to Moderate (\$2k – 10k) (Permits; Logistics; Marketing; Supplies; Vendor Support)	
3.2	Expand seasonal markets and cultural gatherings by incorporating local art, music, food, and history exhibits. Partner with local businesses and artists to celebrate Madisonville’s evolving identity while honoring its heritage.	1 – 5 Years; Ongoing		MCC; MCURC; Local Artists; Local Businesses; Local Schools; Local Faith-Based Organizations; Cincinnati & Hamilton Co. Public Library	Low to Moderate (\$2k – 10k) (Permits; Logistics; Marketing; Supplies; Vendor Support)	
3.3	Create accessible community history platforms—both physical (e.g., exhibits, murals, heritage markers) and online (interactive timeline or digital archive)—to highlight key milestones, community achievements, and resident stories. Use these platforms in schools, public spaces, and neighborhood websites to foster pride and engagement. Tease brouvutr w/ map of walk, link to website, and images/desc.	2 – 3 Years; Ongoing		Madisonville Historical Society; Cincinnati & Hamilton Co. Public Library; Local Schools; MCURC; Local Artists; Local Cultural Institutions	Moderate (\$10k-25k) (Design; Fabrication; Installation; Digital Platform Development; Content Creation)	*

Growing Greener and Healthier

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Action 1 Connect and enhance green spaces to create walkable, accessible, and inviting outdoor corridors						
1.1	Create and promote an interactive “Madisonville Green Map” that showcases parks, trails, gardens, and green corridors. Host community launch events and install signage or QR codes linking residents to online resources and volunteer opportunities.	1 – 2 Years; Ongoing	Cincinnati Parks	MCC; MCURC; City of Cincinnati DCPE; City of Cincinnati Urban Forestry; CAGIS; Cincinnati Parks; Cincinnati & Hamilton Co. Public Library	Low – Moderate (Map Design and Hosting; Signage; Community Launch)	1 (A. green map. B. community laumer)
1.2	Establish partnerships with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) to formalize adoption and maintenance for green spaces. Coordinate volunteer cleanup and planting events, and create a recurring maintenance schedule for adopt a spot.	0 – 1 Year; Ongoing	MCC	MCC / MCURC; Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB);	?	2 (A. coordinate. B. adpot a spot)
1.3	Integrate native landscaping and tree canopy enhancements into sidewalks, intersections, and pedestrian routes. Develop planting palettes emphasizing low-maintenance, drought-tolerant native species that support pollinators and reduce heat island effects.	0 – 1 Year; Ongoing	Urban Forestry	MCC; MCURC; Keep Cincinnati Beautiful; City of Cincinnati Urban Forestry; City of Cincinnati Department of Transportation & Engineering; Local Schools and Community Groups	Low – Moderate (Coordination; Volunteer Supplies; Signage)	3 (A. integrate. B. drought resisting. C. planting palettes)
Action 2 Grow and maintain a healthy urban forest to improve air quality, shade, and neighborhood aesthetics						
2.1	Partner with the City’s Urban Forestry Division and KCB’s ReLeaf program to plant and replace street trees along targeted corridors and public rights-of-way. Focus on low-canopy zones identified through local assessments and resident feedback.	1 – 3 Years; Ongoing	CUF	MCC; MCURC; City of Cincinnati Urban Forestry; KCB; Local Schools; Volunteer Groups	Moderate (Tree Purchase; Planting Labor; Soil Preparation; Coordination)	1
2.2	Develop and maintain a street tree inventory and management plan that identifies species, age, and condition of trees. Use this database to prioritize plantings, schedule pruning and watering, and plan for long-term replacement and care.	1 – 2 Years		MCC; MCURC; Cincinnati Parks; Urban Forestry; Local Universities (GIS / Urban Planning)	Low to Moderate (Database; GIS mapping; Staff Time; Management)	
2.3	Pursue grant and sponsorship funding through programs like Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Safe & Clean and ReLeaf programs, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Urban Forestry Grant to expand planting and maintenance capacity.	0 – 2 Years; Ongoing	Green Umbrella	MCURC; MCC; Urban Forestry; KCB; Green Umbrella; Cincinnati Parks; ODNR; Local Businesses; MBC; Local Foundations	Low to Moderate (Grant Writing; Administrative Time; Application Materials)	2
Action 3 Promote fresh food access and community gardens to encourage healthy eating and resident engagement						
3.3	Expand community garden leadership through Civic Garden Center Development Training (CGDT) by recruiting residents to manage gardens, coordinate volunteers, and teach workshops on composting, seed starting, and food preservation. Offer stipends or recognition for certified garden leaders.	1 – 3 Years	CGDT	MCC; MCURC; Civic Garden Center; Green Umbrella; Local Schools; Volunteer Networks	Low to Moderate (Training Materials; Stipends or Recognition Awards; Volunteer Coordination; Workshop Supplies)	1
3.2	Develop a “Madisonville Pop-Up Market” program featuring roving or seasonal farmers markets that source from local gardens and regional farms. Use public spaces or school parking lots as temporary market sites.	0 – 2 Years; Ongoing	CGOT	MCC; MBC; MCURC; Civic Garden Center; Local Schools; Regional Farmers and Gardens Network	Low to Moderate (Site Rental/Permit Fees; Marketing; Volunteer Coordination; Vendors; Temporary Structures/Infrastructure)	2

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3.1	Attract a neighborhood-serving grocery or fresh food retailer by preparing a market feasibility summary highlighting local demand, available sites, and incentive options. Partner with economic development agencies to market these opportunities.	Long-Term		MCURC; City of Cincinnati DCED; MCC; Green Umbrella; MBC; CDF	Low to Moderate (Market Research; Staff/Consultant Time; Mapping; Creation of Incentive Options)	3
Action 4 Maintain a clean and inviting neighborhood by reducing litter, supporting cleanup efforts, and encouraging property upkeep						
4.1	Organize quarterly “Clean Madisonville” community cleanup events in partnership with KCB’s “Don’t Dump the Nati” campaign. Target litter hotspots and coordinate with city waste services for supply and debris pickup.	0 – 1 Year; Recurring	KCB	MCC; MCURC; MBC; Keep Cincinnati Beautiful; City of Cincinnati; Local Schools; Volunteer Groups;	Low (Supplies; Volunteer Coordination; Signage; Debris Disposal)	1
4.2	Host semi-annual “Neighborhood Dumpster Days” to assist residents with large-item disposal and discourage illegal dumping. Promote through flyers, social media, and block captains.	0 – 1 Year; Recurring	KCB	MCC; MCURC; MBC; KCB; City of Cincinnati; Rumpke	Moderate (Dumpster Rental; Transportation; Staffing; Marketing)	3
4.3	Implement a neighborhood beautification pledge campaign encouraging businesses and property owners to maintain sidewalks, tree lawns, and frontage areas. Reinforce with signage and a recognition program for compliant participants. Celebrate local contributions to beautification through a “Madisonville in Bloom” recognition program. Highlight standout efforts on social media, at community council meetings, and with signage or certificates.	0 – 1 Year; Ongoing	KCB	MCC; MCURC; MBC	Low to Moderate (Signage; Marketing; Awards; Campaign Coordination)	4
4.4	Coordinate with Code Enforcement and community policing units to address chronic dumping, littering, and blight. Provide residents with direct reporting tools (311Cincy, QR codes) and connect vulnerable property owners with support resources.	0 – 2 Years; Ongoing		MCC; MCURC; MBC; KCB; Cincinnati Police Department	Low - Moderate (Staff Coordination; Outreach; Marketing; Signage)	
4.5	Form a “Neighborhood Beautification Team” composed of schools, churches, businesses, and civic groups to plan and install seasonal plantings, banners, and public art. Create annual work plans that align with major community events or corridors.	0 – 1 Year; Ongoing	MCC	MCC; MCURC; MBC; KCB; Civic Garden Center; Neighborhood Schools; Faith-Based Organizations; Volunteer Groups	Low to Moderate (Plants; Seasonal Decorations; Banners; Art Materials; Coordination)	2
Action 5 Strengthen partnerships with organizations to sustain long-term stewardship of green spaces and environmental programs						
5.1	Formalize partnerships with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Civic Garden Center, CUFA, ToolBank, and similar organizations through annual coordination meetings and shared volunteer calendars to streamline cleanup and beautification projects.	0 – 1 Year	KCB	MCC; MCURC; MBC; KCB; Civic Garden Center; CUFA; ToolBank	Low (Staff Time; Meeting Facilitation; Volunteer Coordination)	1
5.2	Actively participate in Communities United for Action (CUFA) to align neighborhood environmental goals with broader advocacy on affordability, waste reduction, and pollution control.	0 – 2 Years; Ongoing	MCC	MCC; MCURC; CUFA; KCB; Civic Garden Center	Low (Staff Time; Meeting Attendance; Reporting)	
5.3	Facilitate cross-neighborhood collaboration by hosting workshops with leaders from nearby communities to exchange best practices on cleanup coordination, safety, and volunteer recruitment.	0 – 1 Year; Recurring	KCB	MCC; MCURC; MBC; KCB; Civic Garden Center; CUFA	Low to Moderate (Venue; Materials; Staff/Volunteer Coordination)	

Creating Connections						
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Action 1 Make travel safe and accessible for residents of all ages and abilities through improved street design and infrastructure						
1.1	Implement targeted traffic-calming measures such as speed humps, raised intersections, curb extensions, and high-visibility crosswalks in high-traffic and residential areas. Use traffic data and resident input to prioritize streets with high crash rates or speeding concerns.	1 – 3 Years		City of Cincinnati DOTE; MCC; MCURC; MBC; Local Schools; Cincinnati Police Department	MODERATE-HIGH (Engineering Design; Materials; Construction; Signage; Monitoring)	
1.2	Upgrade transit infrastructure along key school and commuter routes by installing shelters, benches, lighting, and ADA-compliant boarding areas at all major bus stops. Coordinate with SORTA and the Department of Transportation to standardize design and maintenance.	1 – 3 Years		SORTA; City of Cincinnati DOTE; MCC; MCURC; MBC; Local Schools	Moderate to High (Shelters; Benches; ADA Compliance Upgrades; Signage; Lighting; Maintenance)	
1.3	Advocate for and adopt a neighborhood-wide Safe Streets Policy establishing reduced speed limits for streets above 25 mph, pedestrian-first design standards, and consistent traffic-calming requirements for all new development and resurfacing projects.	0 – 2 Years		MCC; MCURC; MBC; City of Cincinnati DOTE; Tri-State Trails; Local Advocacy Groups; Cincinnati Police Department; City Council	Low to Moderate (Outreach; Policy Drafting; Public Meetings; Marketing and Communication; Education)	
Action 2 Provide inclusive transportation options that meet the mobility needs of the entire community						
2.1	Conduct a comprehensive sidewalk and accessibility audit to document gaps, missing curb ramps, and uneven pavement. Prioritize improvements near schools, transit stops, and senior housing, and seek funding through City and federal ADA improvement programs.	0 – 1 Year (Audit); 1 – 3 Years (Installation)		MCC; MCURC; MBC; City of Cincinnati DOTE; Local Schools; Senior Centers; Advocacy Groups	Low to Moderate (Consultant/Staff Time; Mapping; Reporting; Engagement; Documentation)	
2.2	Enhance visibility and wayfinding across the neighborhood by installing clear directional signage, pedestrian-scale lighting, and branded wayfinding markers to guide residents and visitors to schools, parks, and business districts.	1 – 3 Years		City of Cincinnati DOTE; MCURC; MCC; MBC; Green Umbrella; Local Schools	Moderate (Signage; Design; Production; Lighting; Installation; Infrastructure Improvements)	
2.3	Coordinate with public transit agencies to align routes and stops with community needs. Advocate for expanded coverage, improved reliability, and accessible connections between residential areas and key destinations like business districts and community centers.	0 – 2 Years		SORTA; Metro; Access; MCC; MCURC; MBC; Local Schools; City of Cincinnati DOTE	Low (Staff Coordination; Route Analysis; Engagement; Advocacy Materials)	
Action 3 Prioritize pedestrian and cyclist safety over vehicle speed through design, education, and traffic-calming measures						
3.1	Integrate Vision Zero design principles—which aim to eliminate traffic fatalities—into all street, sidewalk, and redevelopment projects. Require safety audits and community review during design phases.	1 – 3 Years		City of Cincinnati DOTE; MCC; MCURC; Cincinnati Police Department; Local Schools	Low to Moderate (Staff Time; Audits; Review; Design; Training)	
3.2	Install protected bike lanes, pedestrian refuge islands, and enhanced crossings in high-use corridors. Prioritize connections to schools, parks, and business areas, and ensure designs accommodate people of all ages and abilities.	1 – 4 Years		City of Cincinnati DOTE; MCC; MCURC; Local Schools; Tri-State Trails; Green Umbrella; Cincinnati Parks	Moderate to High (Engineering; Materials; Construction; Signage; Maintenance)	
3.3	Develop a neighborhood-wide safety education campaign promoting pedestrian, driver, and cyclist awareness. Include school partnerships, safety signage, and social media outreach to reinforce shared responsibility for safe streets.	0 – 2 Years		MCC; MCURC; MBC; City of Cincinnati DOTE; Local Schools; Tri-State Trails; Cincinnati Police Department; Volunteers	Low (Outreach Materials; Signage; Program Coordination; Social Media and Content Creation)	

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Action 4 Enhance public transit to improve reliability, accessibility, and service coverage for neighborhood residents						
4.1	Modernize transit stops and hubs with amenities such as real-time route information, lighting, and comfortable seating. Work with SORTA to standardize branding and ensure consistent maintenance.	1 – 3 Years		SORTA; City of Cincinnati DOTE; MCC; MCURC; MBC; Local Schools	Moderate to High (Shelters; Seating; Lighting; Displays; Branding; Installation)	
4.2	Collaborate with SORTA to improve service frequency and route connectivity, particularly for east-west and north-south neighborhood travel. Advocate for expanded service hours and improved reliability to support workers, students, and seniors.	0 – 2 Years		MCC; MCURC; MBC; SORTA; Local Schools; City of Cincinnati DOTE	Low (Staff Coordination; Engagement; Analysis; Advocacy; Materials)	
4.3	Develop a transit access improvement plan to identify gaps in connections and recommend pedestrian access to, or shuttle linkages to bus stops to improve access to transit for all residents.	1 – 2 Years		MCC; MCURC; City of Cincinnati DOTE; Local Schools; Advocacy Groups	Low to Moderate (Data Collection; Mapping; Engagement; Reports; Design)	
Action 5 Expand trails and bike routes to connect homes, parks, schools, and commercial areas						
5.1	Conduct feasibility studies and secure funding to extend the Bramble Park Trail and Red Bank Shared Use Path, ensuring safe connections between residential areas, schools, and parks. Partner with the City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering and Tri-State Trails.	1 – 3 Years		City of Cincinnati DOTE; MCC; MCURC; MBC; Tri-State Trails; Green Umbrella; Local Schools; Neighboring Communities	Moderate (Feasibility Studies; Survey and Engineering Assessment; Engagement; Grant Application Support)	
5.2	Plan and implement a connected neighborhood trail and bikeway network with clear signage, lighting, and street crossings. Include input from local cyclists and residents to prioritize routes that enhance everyday mobility and recreation.	1 – 5 Years		City of Cincinnati DOTE; MCC; MCURC; MBC; Tri-State Trails; Green Umbrella; OKI; Local Schools; Neighboring Communities	Moderate to High (Engagement; Planning; Construction; Signage; Lighting; Crossings)	
Action 6 Maintain streets, sidewalks, and pedestrian infrastructure to ensure long-term safety and accessibility						
6.1	Conduct AARP Walk Audits and annual mobility assessments to identify priority maintenance areas and safety improvements, with special focus on routes serving seniors and people with disabilities.	0 – 1 Year		MCC; MCURC; MBC; City of Cincinnati DOTE; AARP Ohio; Senior Living Facilities/Centers; Local Schools	Low (Staff Time; Materials; Mapping; Reporting)	
6.2	Collaborate with neighboring communities and the regional trail network to align long-term maintenance, expansion, and funding strategies for multi-jurisdictional pedestrian and bike infrastructure.	1 – 3 Years		MCC; MCURC; City of Cincinnati DOTE; Neighboring Communities; Tri-State Trails; Green Umbrella; OKI	Low to Moderate (Coordination Meetings; Planning Materials; Stakeholder Engagement; Mapping)	
6.3	Incorporate street trees, planters, and native landscaping into pedestrian corridors to improve comfort, provide shade, and reinforce safety by visually narrowing roadways and calming traffic.	1 – 3 Years		MCC; MCURC; MBC; City of Cincinnati Urban Forestry; Cincinnati Parks; Local Schools; Volunteer Groups	Moderate (Trees; Planters; Soil; Irrigation; Installation; Maintenance)	

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Action 1 Create safe, supportive spaces for youth to learn, play, and grow						
1.1	Host quarterly Family Fairs that incorporate concepts from “Community Learning Days” and family resource fairs in partnership with schools, recreation centers, and local nonprofits. Offer workshops on tutoring, mental health, youth safety, and enrichment opportunities, while connecting families to available resources. Host like block parties with performances and youth resource tables. Participate in the Family Fairs at schools and libraries to promote neighborhood pride, showcase student achievements, and engage families in skill-building and lifelong learning.	0 – 3 Year; Recurring	Bramble; John P. Parker; Shroede R. Middle	MCC; City of Cincinnati Recreation Commission; Cincinnati Parks; Local Schools; Local Non-Profits; Local Faith-Based Organizations; Cincinnati Hamilton Co. Public Library; Volunteers (together every achieve more organization)	Moderate (Venue; Marketing; Staff/Volunteer Time; Supplies; Deliverables)	2
1.2	Identify and activate available community spaces—such as school gyms, churches, and vacant storefronts—for after-school programs, arts, and recreational activities. Create a “Youth Space Inventory” to match program needs with available facilities.	0 – 3 Year; Ongoing		MCC; MCURC; MBC; Local Schools; Faith-Based Organizations; Youth Service Providers; Cincinnati Recreation Commission; Cincinnati Parks; Civic Garden Center; ArtsWave; Artville	Low to Moderate (Staff Time; Database Creation; Facility Assessments; Upgrades/Supplies; Outreach; Marketing)	1
Action 2 Promote lifelong learning by building skills, creativity, and financial literacy in youth						
2.1	Establish youth-led booths or pop-ups at community markets where young residents can sell art, crafts, or garden produce. Provide mentorship in marketing, budgeting, and customer engagement to develop entrepreneurial confidence.	0 – 3 Year; Ongoing		Local Schools; MCC; MCURC; MBC; Youth Organizations; Local Businesses	Low to Moderate; Civic Garen Center; ArtsWave; Artville (Event Setup; Materials; Mentorship coordination; Marketing)	3
2.2	Partner with local banks, credit unions, and nonprofits to offer financial literacy, budgeting, and career-readiness programs. Include age-specific workshops for middle and high school students and integrate summer internships for hands-on experience.	1 – 2 Years	Youth council	Local Banks & Credit Unions; MCC; MCURC; MBC; Local Schools; Non-Profits; Youth Development Organizations; Local Trade Schools and Universities	Moderate (Workshop Materials; Venue; Incentives; Program Coordination)	2
2.3	Create a Youth Advisory Council that meets regularly with the community council and neighborhood organizations to provide input on neighborhood plans, event programming, and policy decisions that affect young people.	0 – 5 Year; Ongoing	Youth council	MCC; MCURC; City Council; Local Schools; Urban League	Low (Coordination; Meeting Materials; Outreach)	1
Action 3 Strengthen connections between schools, libraries, and community organizations						
3.1	Form a Neighborhood Education Partnership Network that unites schools, libraries, and nonprofits to share facilities, coordinate programming, and identify shared funding opportunities. Develop an annual calendar of joint educational events.	0 – 3 Year; Ongoing		Local Schools; Cincinnati Hamilton Co. Public Library; MCC; MCURC; Local Nonprofits; ArtsWave; Artville; Civic Garden Center	Low to Moderate (Staff Coordination; Facilitation; Outreach; Marketing; Event Planning)	1
3.2	Expand access to library resources by promoting use of maker spaces, digital labs, and literacy programs. Provide transportation or mobile outreach to ensure equitable access for all residents.	1 – 2 Years; Ongoing		Cincinnati & Hamilton Co. Public Library; MCC; MCURC; Local Schools; SORTA; MBC	Moderate (Staff Time; Transportation; Materials; Mobile Lab/Outreach Equipment; Marketing)	2
Action 4 Expand mentorship and engagement opportunities for youth development						

Creating Connections						
ACTION	TO-DO LIST	TIMEFRAME	IMPLEMENTATION LEAD	IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS	COST GUIDANCE	PRIORITY
4.1	Increase summer employment and youth leadership programs by partnering with the City’s Youth Employment Office, local businesses, and community organizations. Create internships tied to arts, trades, technology, and environmental stewardship.	1 – 3 Years; Ongoing	Local Businesses	MCC; MBC; MCURC; Cincinnati Recreation Commission; City of Cincinnati; ArtsWave; Artsville; Local Trade Schools and Universities; Local Schools;	Moderate (Staff Coordination; Materials; Administrative Support; Stipends)	2
4.2	Launch a “Madisonville Mentorship” initiative connecting youth and families with mentors from professional, creative, and elder community networks. Establish mentorship circles that focus on academic support, life skills, and civic engagement.	1 – 2 Years	Local Businesses	MCC; MCURC; MBC; Cincinnati Public Schools; Local Faith-Based Organizations; Cincinnati & Hamilton Co. Public Library; Professional Associations; Senior Centers	Low to Moderate (Coordination; Training; Materials; Events; Marketing; Outreach)	1
Action 5 Support families as partners in youth success and development						
5.1	Host annual Family and Parenting Workshops focused on child development, mental health, nutrition, and academic support. Partner with local health organizations and schools to offer resources and counseling.	1 – 2 Years; Ongoing		MCC; MCURC; Cincinnati Health Department; Cincinnati Public Schools; Children’s Hospital; Talbert House; Local Counseling Providers	Moderate (Events; Logistics; Facilitators; Materials; Marketing; Outreach)	2
5.2	Offer small-group discussions tailored to different family types—including fathers’ groups, single-parent support circles, and parent networking sessions—to strengthen community support and share parenting strategies.	0 – 1 Year; Ongoing	Local Churches; New Life Temple; Schools	MCC; Local Faith-Based Organizations; Cincinnati Public Schools; Cincinnati Recreation Commission; Talbert House; Local Nonprofits	Low to Moderate (Meeting Space; Facilitation; Materials; Outreach)	1

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Thriving Neighborhood Businesses

ACTION	TO-DO LIST	TIMEFRAME	IMPLEMENTATION LEAD	IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS	COST GUIDANCE	PRIORITY
Action 1 Support a vibrant business district by attracting diverse businesses and maximizing available commercial spaces.						
1.1	Accelerate marketing and exposure of available commercial spaces. Create and maintain an online inventory of vacant or underutilized commercial properties, listing detailed property information (size, zoning, amenities, lease terms) on MCURC and MBC websites. Conduct targeted outreach to local entrepreneurs, small business networks, and developers through social media, newsletters, and in-person meetings.	0 - 1 Year; Ongoing	MCURC; MBC	MCURC; MBC; MCC; City of Cincinnati DCED; Local Property Owners and Brokers	Moderate (Web Development; Data Management; Marketing; Outreach)	1
1.2	Launch a “Marketing Madisonville” campaign. Feature local businesses through social media, newsletters, press releases, and community events. Include success stories, business profiles, and videos to attract new customers and tenants while strengthening local brand recognition.	1 – 2 Years; Ongoing	MBC	MCURC; MBC; City of Cincinnati DCED; REDI; Greater Cincinnati Chamber; Real Estate Brokers	Moderate (Web Development; Data Management; Marketing; Outreach)	2
1.3	Coordinate with the City on strategic public facility placement. Partner with City planning and fire department to identify the optimal site for a new firehouse, balancing operational efficiency with neighborhood goals. Hold community meetings to gather input and ensure the site supports commercial district vitality.	1 – 3 Years	MCC	MBC; MCC; MCURC; Cincinnati Fire Department; City of Cincinnati DCED; City of Cincinnati DCPE;	Moderate (Feasibility Studies; Engagement; Coordination)	3
Action 2 Champion local ownership by providing tools, resources, and mentorship for small business development						
2.1	Develop a neighborhood business incubator. Identify a space within the business district to house new entrepreneurs, offering shared office space, meeting rooms, and business support services. Provide mentorship, networking, and access to capital. Leverage partnerships with local business support organizations. Work with Square One and other entrepreneurial programs to provide structured business coaching, workshops, and technical assistance for startup and existing businesses.	2 – 4 Years	MCURC; MBC; MCC	MCURC; MBC; Square One; City of Cincinnati DCED; Local Businesses; African American Chamber of Commerce; SCORE	Moderate to High (Site Selection; Facility Improvements; Program Coordination; Staffing; Equipment)	1
2.2	Offer targeted training and resource programs. Host monthly workshops on marketing, financial management, operations, and permitting. Develop an online toolkit for business owners entering the neighborhood, including step-by-step guidance for licensing, zoning, and marketing.	1 – 2 Years	MBC - Ongoing	MBC; MCC; City of Cincinnati DCED; City of Cincinnati Buildings & Inspections; City of Cincinnati DCPE; African American Chamber of Commerce; SCORE	Low to Moderate (Workshop Facilitation; Marketing; Web Toolkit Development)	*
2.3	Facilitate knowledge sharing through open houses and networking events. Organize quarterly “business exchange” events where owners can present their expertise, learn from peers, and connect with community stakeholders. Establish a one-stop shop for business support services in coordination with MCURC and MBC.	1 – 3 Years	MBC - Ongoing	MBC; MCURC; MCC; Greater Cincinnati Chamber; Local Businesses	Low to Moderate (Event Logistics; Marketing; Coordination)	*
Action 3 Invest in all types of buildings and spaces to enhance the neighborhood business district						
3.1	Provide financial and technical resources for property improvements. Offer grants, low-interest loans, or matching funds for façade upgrades, interior renovations, and ADA compliance. Develop a clear application and guidance process.	1 – 3 Years	MCURC	MCURC; MBC; MCC; City of Cincinnati DCED; Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF); LISC	Moderate to High (Grants; Loan Capital; Design Support; Administration)	

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ACTION	TO-DO LIST	TIMEFRAME	IMPLEMENTATION LEAD	IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS	COST GUIDANCE	PRIORITY
3.2	Conduct hands-on workshops for property upkeep and maintenance. Educate business owners on exterior maintenance, signage, landscaping, and energy efficiency upgrades.	1 – 2 Years	MCURC	MBC; MCURC; City of Cincinnati Department of Buildings & Inspections; City of Cincinnati DCPE; City of Cincinnati DCED; Duke Energy; Local Architects and Contractors	Low to Moderate (Workshop Materials; Facilitation; Outreach)	
3.3	Identify and secure façade improvement programs. Partner with city or state historic preservation and small business programs to fund storefront enhancements.	1 – 3 Years	MCURC; MBC	MCURC; MBC; MCC; City of Cincinnati DCED; Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF); LISC; City of Cincinnati Historic Conservation Office; City of Cincinnati Buildings & Inspections; Cincinnati Preservation Association; State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO)	Moderate (Grant Application Assistance; Matching Grant Funds; Technical Assistance)	
3.4	Acquire, prepare, and market future development sites. Identify strategic parcels for redevelopment, conduct site assessments, and make them ready for private investment or public-private partnership projects.	3 – 5 Years	MCURC	MCURC; MBC; City of Cincinnati DCED; The Port; LISC; CDF; Local Developers	High (Site Acquisition; Environmental Assessment; Due Diligence; Marketing)	
3.5	Encourage residential development within the NBD. Promote mixed-use projects and upper-floor housing to increase neighborhood density and foot traffic for businesses.	3 – 5 Years	MCURC	MCURC; MBC; City of Cincinnati DCED; Local Developers; CDF; LISC; City of Cincinnati DCPE	Moderate to High (Predevelopment Studies; Gap Financing; Design Support)	
Action 4 Create inviting business areas through placemaking, public spaces, and aesthetic improvements						
4.1	Develop new, or activate existing spaces for a central gathering. Program events such as Farmers Markets, Jazz Fest, and community fairs. Explore options for the Sierra lot or Madison & Whetsel surface lot as permanent or seasonal community hubs.	1 – 3 Years	MCURC; MBC (Plaza, Sierra, Pop-Up)	MCURC; MBC; MCC; City of Cincinnati Parks; Local Businesses; Artville;	Moderate to High (Site Selection/Acquisition; Site Prep and Improvements; Infrastructure; Programming; Permits; Volunteer Coordination)	1
4.2	Enhance streetscapes with art, greenery, and lighting. Install murals, planters, trees, seating, and decorative lighting along Madison Road and side streets to create an inviting, pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. Establish a maintenance schedule to ensure long-term vibrancy.	2 – 4 Years	Parks/Trans		Moderate to High (Public Art; Landscaping; Lighting; Street Furniture; Maintenance; Infrastructure)	