# Lancaster City: Red Rose Rising









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#### The City of Lancaster, PA

• Four square miles Population of 60,000 • 40,000 employees • 8,000 college students • 1 million visitors per year

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**Downtown Lancaster** 

# 300+ Merchants, Services, Restaurants, & Cultural Attractions



# 160+ Places to Shop

ONE WAY



### **100+ Culinary Choices**





# **BUILDING A STRONGER LANCASTER** BLOCK BY BLOCK



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#### Walnut Street Protected Bikeway

2-WAY TRASE



#### **PUBLIC MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, 9/18/2019

Time: 6-7:30 PM

Location: Boys & Girls Club of Lancaster 116 South Water St, Lancaster, PA 17603

Contact: bike@cityoflancasterpa.com

#### We Need Your Feedback!

Join the City of Lancaster at a public meeting to learn about the Water Street bicycle and pedestrian boulevard and multiuse trail project. There will be a brief presentation followed by an open house where attendees can review plans and images of the proposed improvements, including traffic calming at intersections, a multi-use trail on city property, and green infrastructure.

#### WATER STREET Bicycle and Pedestrian Boulevard

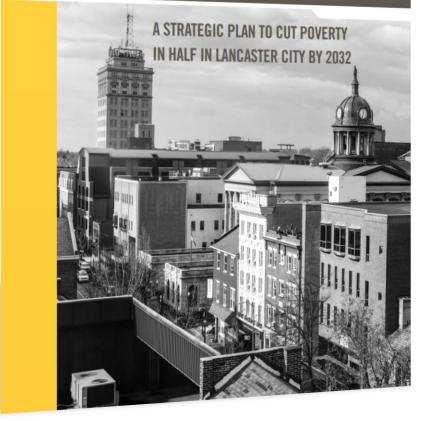
Creating a continuous walkable, bikeable corridor from Harrisburg Avenue to Fairview Avenue





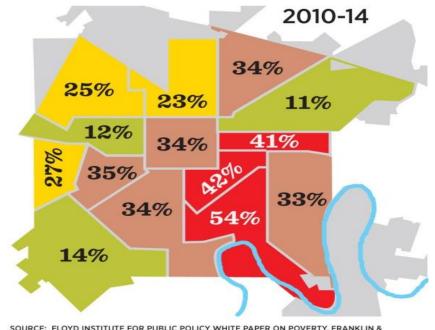






CITY POVERTY BY CENSUS TRACT

🔵 11% - 20% 🥚 21% - 30% 🔵 31% - 40% 🔴 41% - 54%



SOURCE: FLOYD INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY WHITE PAPER ON POVERTY, FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE

"None of us can tackle these massive issues alone. If we create critical mass by all moving in the same direction, then we can make real progress with individuals, institutions, communities and policies."

Dan Jurman, Chairperson
 Mayor's Commission to Combat Poverty

### Lancaster city gets age-friendly status

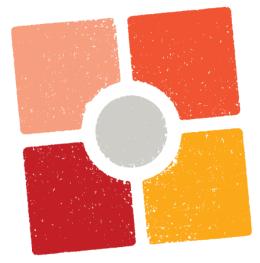
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# 'A step further': Lancaster becomes a "welcoming city"



First phase of new water pipeline that serves 1/4 of Lancaster County's population to cost \$34M, span 7 miles

# How did we get there?



# LANCASTER CITY ALLIANCE

We Are a non-profit that promotes **City growth and stability** so that Lancaster City flourishes and everyone shares in its success.

> We are here to listen, collaborate, and connect your organization to help it succeed.



Serve several City neighborhoods through our red shirt ambassadors who provide an extra set of eyes and ears for neighbors and businesses.



Manage the Downtown Investment **District by providing** clean and safe services to property owners invested in the downtown core.



#### **Bicycle Ambassadors & Downtown Clean Team**





**Oversee** the City's 15-year economic development plan. The plan contains 33 recommendations for the City's success and it is our job to ensure each strategy is moving forward.



#### Lancaster's Economic Development Action Agenda

Strategies for Prince Street, Downtown and South Duke Street in the 21st Century





quare South Duke Street Historic Core



South Water Street Extension



North Prince Street Employment Campus

Prepared for:

The Lancaster Campaign • The Economic Development Action Group

# 'LDR Plan' (1998)





# Over \$1.5 Billion in Investment

2007-2015



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LANCASTER, PA DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

# Nore than 250 new housing units

completed between 2006 and 2014

**300** new housing units planned for completion by 2017



# 175 Net NEW businesses, ~60 Expanded/Relocated 2007 to mid-2015

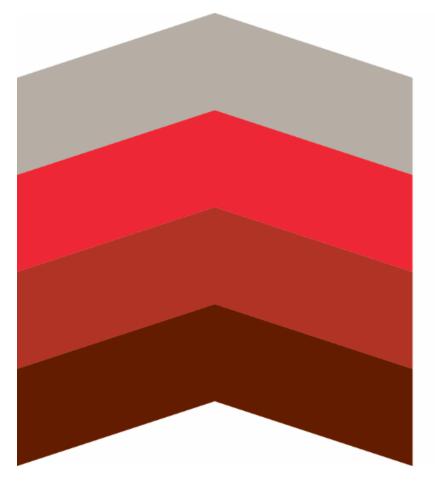


Businesses relocating / expanding in Greater Downtown brought about

# 1,000 new workers

during period 2010-2016





# BUILDING ON Strength

THE COMMUNITY-OWNED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LANCASTER







### PLAN FOCUS AREAS

Includes the Downtown Core, in addition to the commercial corridors and gateways (the **"Commercial Hubs"**), that extend outward from the Downtown Core. These **Commercial Hubs** were grouped into eight geographies:

- 1. Downtown Core
- 2. East King Street
- 3. West King and Manor Streets
- 4. South Duke Street
- 5. South Prince and Queen Streets
- 6. Harrisburg Avenue/Northwest Gateway
- 7. Train Station Area
- 8. New Holland Avenue/East Walnut Street

These eight areas are important as significant hubs of commercial activity serving the City's residents and businesses.



# Listening

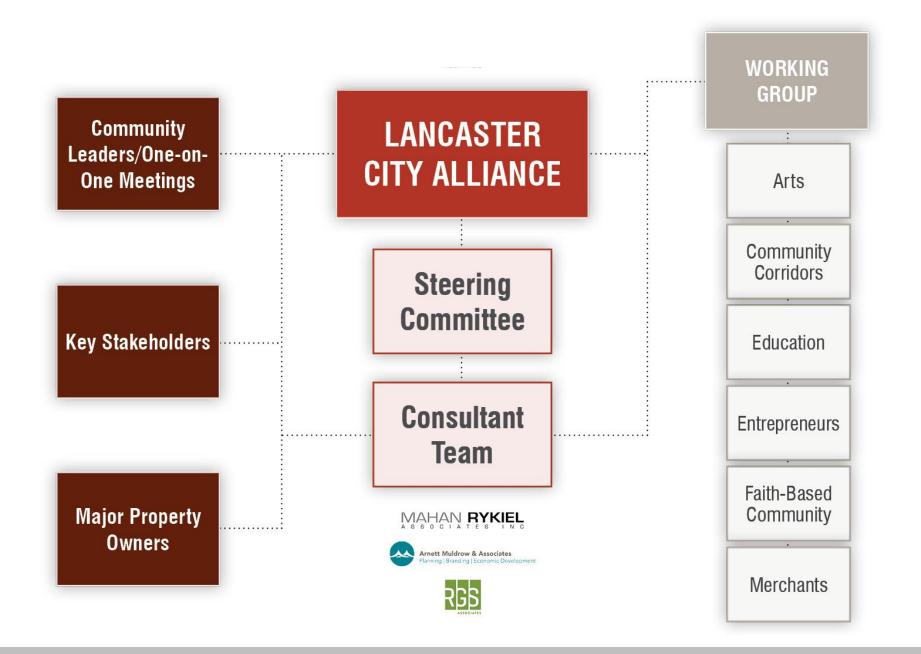
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# Confirming









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### Stakeholder Engagement

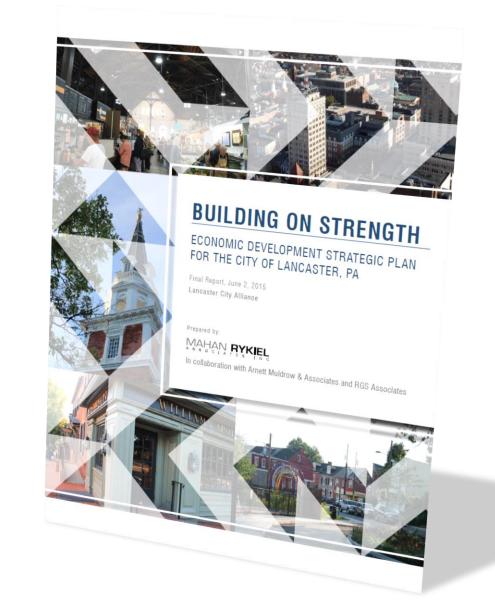
Over 1,000 stakeholders involved

100+ Meetings/Forums — Large & Small
 1-on-1 Interviews
 Focus Groups
 Public Surveys
 Roundtables
 3 Public Meetings



### The Plan

•15 Year Horizon (2030) • 4 Broad Strategies •33 Recommendations > 13 Short-Term > 9 Medium-Term > 10 Long-Term





# PLAN ASPIRATIONS

- Attract and retain talent to the City of Lancaster.
- Create jobs that provide a livable wage.
- Leverage educational institutions as partners in creating a skilled workforce.
- Provide equitable opportunities for all Lancastrians.
- Cultivate existing Lancaster businesses to grow with continued success.
- Encourage targeted economic development opportunities to strengthen neighborhoods and increase property values.
- Provide an environment where small businesses and entrepreneurs can thrive.
- Be a national model for urban economic development.



# PLAN STRATEGIES

- 1. Expanding Success: Traditional Economic Development Investment
- 2. Embracing the Collaborative Economy: *Cultivating Entrepreneurs*
- 3. Leveraging the Brand: Marketing Lancaster City
- 4. Quality of Life: *Reinforcing Commercial Hubs & the Communities They Serve*



## Strategy 1 | Recommendations



IA | Investment Sites

#### 1B | Market District

- 1B1 | Physical Infrastructure Improvements Surrounding Central Market
- 1B2 | Branding the District
- 1B3 | Private Development Aligning with Goals for Compatible Uses
- O1C | Development Clearinghouse
- 1D | Business Registration Program

PROGRESS INDICATORS:



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1 | Expanding Success | Traditional Economic Development

## Strategy 1 | Recommendations



- 1E | Building the Market
   1E1 | Façade Grant Program
- 1E2 | Façade Master Plan
- 1E3 | Building Infrastructure Grants
- ○1E4 | Lancaster High-Speed Internet
- ●1F | Land Bank
- ○1G | Community Land Trust Subsidiary
- ○1H | Plan Funding Program

= Limited Progress To Date

- 1H1 | Affordable & Mixed-Income Housing
- 1H2 | Funding For Strategies 2, 3, and 4

PROGRESS INDICATORS:

= Recommendation Advancing

1 | Expanding Success | Traditional Economic Development



= Barriers Impeding Progress

#### **Development Financing Advancements**

City Revitalization & Improvement Zone (CRIZ)
 \$3.55 Million in 1<sup>st</sup> Year of State Program

City Land Bank
 \$1 Million

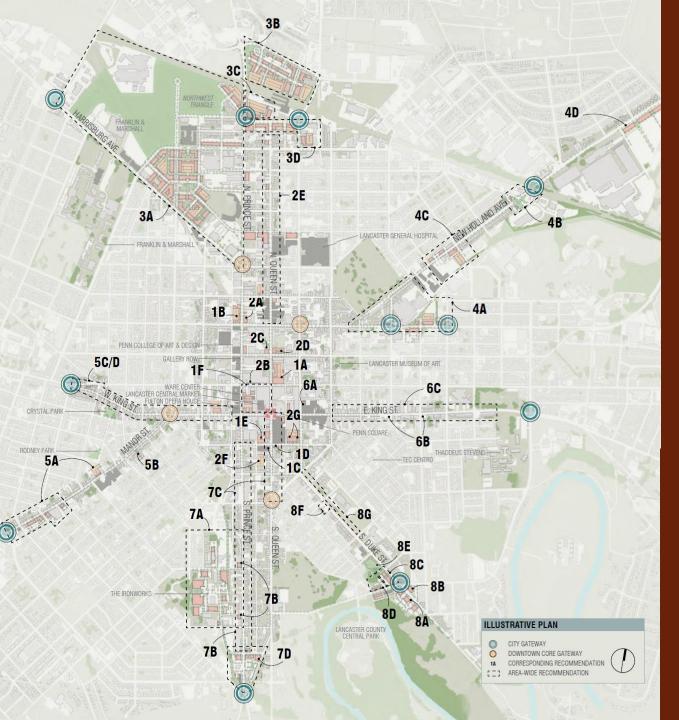
**New Market Tax Credits**>\$19 Million to City development projects since 2016

Biannual Banker Briefings
 Quarterly Finance Squad Meetings



# As of October 2019, **16** (40%) of the plan's original **40** designated "investment opportunity sites" are either under development or newly developed.





#### ORIGINALLY DESIGNATED INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY SITES

AREA 1: DOWNTOWN CORE-PRIMARY OPPORTUNITIES

1A: Bulova Site
1B: City Crossings Lot
1C: Southern Market
1D: Swan Hotel Corner
1E: Queen and Vine Site (LNP)
1F: Market District Sites
1G: Upper Floor Redevelopment (Throughout Downtown)

#### AREA 2: DOWNTOWN CORE – SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

2A: HDC Property Infill
2B: Prince Street Garage Site
2C: Queen and Chestnut Infill (NW Corner)
2D: RRTA Garage Air Rights
2E: North Queen Street Retail Commercial
2F: West Vine/West Farnum Site
2G: Penn Square Mixed-Use Opportunity

AREA 3: HARRISBURG AVENUE/ TRAIN STATION AREA 3A: Northwest Triangle 3B: Train Station North (Keller Avenue Properties) 3C: Train Station West 3D: Train Station South (McGovern Avenue Properties)

**AREA 4: NEW HOLLAND AVENUE** 

4A: Plum and Walnut Anchor
4B: Ross Street Gateway
4C: New Holland Avenue Infill
4D: Burle Office Park Infill Development

#### AREA 5: WEST KING STREET/MANOR STREET

5A: Manor Street Infill/Property Enhancements
5B: Consolidated Parking Resources (Typ.)
5C: West King Infill Development/Property
Enhancements
5D: Upper Floor Redevelopment

AREA 6: EAST KING STREET

6A: Excelsior Building6B: East King Infill Development6C: Façade/Property Enhancements

#### AREA 7: SOUTH PRINCE/SOUTH QUEEN STREETS

7A: The Ironworks 7B: South Prince Infill Development 7C: Façade/Property Enhancements 7D: Rebman's Redevelopment

#### **AREA 8: SOUTH DUKE STREET**

8A: Conestoga Plaza
8B: Conestoga East
8C. Conestoga North
8D: Residential Infill Opportunity
8E: South Duke Square
8F: South Duke Infill Development
8G: Outdoor Market

Denotes Site Recently Developed or Under Development as of October 2019

#### Privately Led Investment Holiday Inn Lancaster, Queen & Chestnut Streets

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#### **Privately Led Investment** Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, East Tower Expansion, 14 E. King St.

STREET COLORISON



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#### **Privately Led Investment**

52 Senior Living Apartments (Reuse + New Construction), Historic Long Home





#### **Privately Led Investment** Woodstream Corporation, 29 E. King Street



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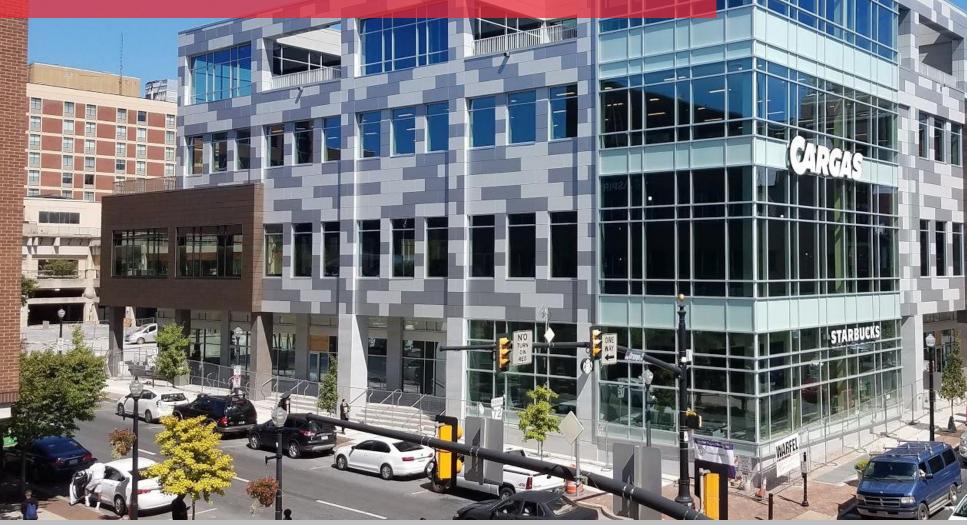
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# 1A | INVESTMENT SITES101 N. Queen Mixed Use

For SALE / LEASE



#### **Privately Led Investment** Mixed-Use, 101 N. Queen Street





#### Public Investment Ewell Plaza and New Christian Street Garage/Lancaster Public Library





#### **Privately Led Investment**

Fulton Theatre Expansion/Retail Rehabilitation/Actor Housing, King & Prince Streets





#### **Privately Led Investment** Fulton Theatre Expansion/Retail Rehabilitation/Actor Housing, King & Prince Streets





#### **Privately Led Investment** 'Best Engine Works' Mixed-Use Redevelopment, Walnut & Plum Streets



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#### **Privately Led Investment** Conestoga River Plaza Retail Development, S. Duke Street

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#### **Privately Led Investment** Affordable Townhouses, Chesapeake Street







#### **Privately Led Investment**

Willow Valley Communities Residential Tower with Ground-Floor Retail, Southern Market Reuse



WILLOW VALLEY COMMUNITIES

## Strategy 2 | Recommendations



The Candy Factory, co-working space for individuals and businesses

 2A | Lancaster Creative Spaces Initiative: Developing Entrepreneurial Ecosystems
 2A1 | Innovation Centers
 2A2 | Food Hubs
 2A3 | Arts Labs
 2A4 | Cultivate Lancaster Entrepreneurs Forums

PROGRESS INDICATORS:

= Recommendation Advancing





2 | Embracing the Collaborative Economy| Cultivating Entrepreneurs

# CULTIVATE LANCASTER

#### **Cultivating Entrepreneurs**

Triannual "Cultivate Lancaster" Small Business/Startup Networking & Resource Access Events

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#### Bienvenido



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ANCASTER ENTREPRENEURS FORUM

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**'Cultivar'** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mayor's Hispanic Business Owners Breakfast





RESOURCES EVENT SPONSORS CONTACT (0)



# Where Lancaster's entrepreneurs connect, collaborate & grow.

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#### 'CultivateLanc'

Explore the ecosystem of business resource providers

**Online One-Stop Shop for Entrepreneur Resources** 

#### Start Here.

Save the Date.

Stay on top of upcoming workshops, application

#### Get Connected.

The biannual Cultivate Lancaster Entrepreneurs Forum

#### Support Innovation.

Cultivate Lancaster is supported by businesses &



## Strategy 3 | Recommendations

## Locate Lancaster

LOCAL. GLOBAL. INNOVATIVE. ACCESSIBLE.



O3A | Locate Lancaster Residential Initiative (Resident-Focused)

#### O3B | Locate Lancaster Economic Development Initiative

● 3B1 | Marketing for Residential Development (All Types & Price Points)

○ 3B2 | Attracting Commercial Investment (All Types)

O3C | Continue Building the City Brand

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3 | Leveraging the Brand | Marketing Lancaster City

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#### **DAILY**<sup>®</sup>NEWS

March 3, 2017

"Lancaster, Pennsylvania is much cooler than you think"

Paste October 6, 2016 "Nine Reasons Why Lancaster, PA is the New Portlandia"



### The New York Times

July 3, 2018

#### "Where American Politics Can Still Work: From the Bottom Up"

"Civic coalitions [like those in Lancaster, PA] are succeeding at revitalizing old towns where governmental efforts have failed."



#3: Lancaster, PA

December 6, 2018

14 Best Places To Travel in the US in 2019 "Lancaster, PA: With close proximity to Baltimore, Washington D.C., Philadelphia and New York, this hip little city is on the radar of everyone from foodies to families and is perfect for a weekend retreat."



## The New York Times



At Upohar, a vegetarian restaurant in Lancaster, Pa., where several kitchen staffers are immigrants and refugees, the menu changes depending on who is behind the pass. Jason Varney for The New York Times

#### A Global Feast in an Unlikely Spot: Lancaster, Pa.

This small city, best-known for its Amish and Mennonite communities, is a welcoming home for immigrants, refugees and their cooking.

#### By Priya Krishna

July 23, 2019



LANCASTER, Pa. — <u>Lancaster Central Market</u>, a patchwork of stalls neatly encased in a Romanesque-style downtown building since 1889, has long been a bustling hub where the area's large Pennsylvania Dutch population sells the fruit, meat, baked goods and other foods produced on farms outside the city.

These days, though, something different is in the air.

The heady scent of spices from the beef samosas at one stall, <u>Rafiki</u> <u>Taste of Africa</u>, mixes with the tang of onions and pineapple being chopped for salsa at <u>Guacamole Specialist</u>. The low growl of sugar cane being crushed into liquid can be heard at <u>Havana Juice</u>. A Puerto Rican flag hangs near the cash register at <u>Christina's</u> <u>Criollo</u>, where empanadas and sweet plantains are on offer.



## Strategy 4 | Recommendations



- 4A | Foster Commercial Hubs within Neighborhoods (Economic Development)
- ●4B | Street Network and Improved Accessibility
  - 4B1 | Two-Way Street Conversions
  - 4B2 | Efficient Transportation: Internal City Circulation
  - 4B3 | Efficient Transportation: Regional Connectivity
  - 4B4 | Bicycle Network
  - 4B5 | Gateways and Streetscapes
  - 4B6 | Comprehensive Parking Strategy
- 4C | Commercial Hub Partner Organizations
- ●4D | Neighborhood Healthy Food Initiative:
  - 4D1 | Healthy Corner Stores
  - 4D2 | Expand Healthy Food Commercial Development



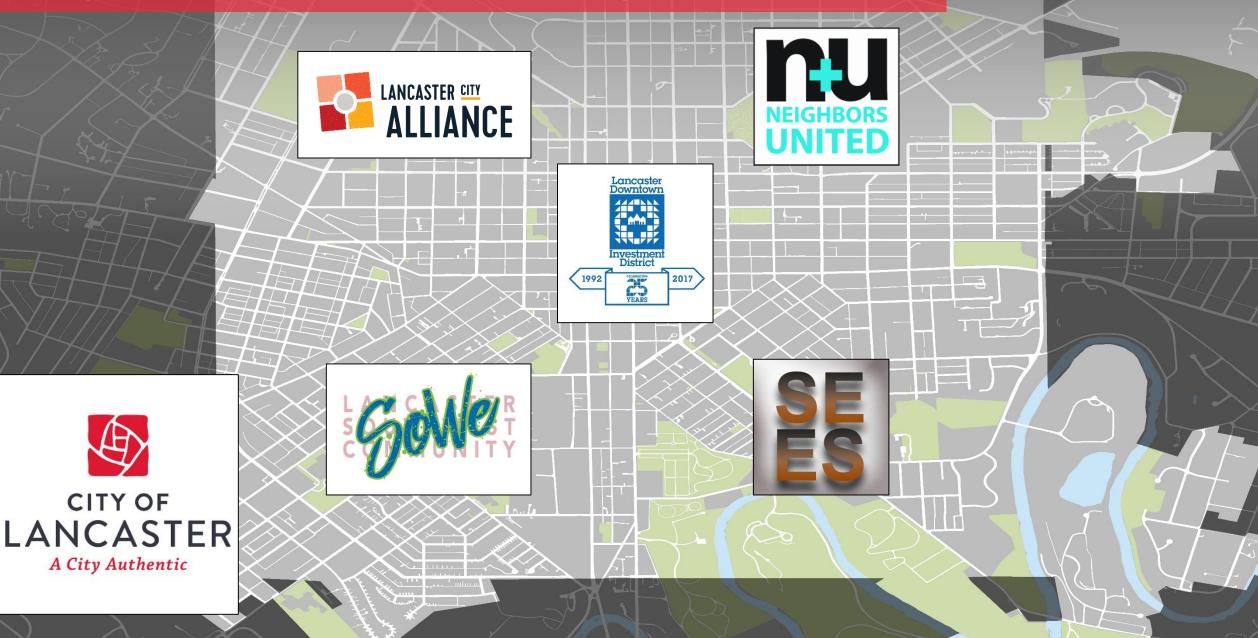
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4 | Quality of Life| Reinforcing Commercial Hubs





#### **Neighborhood Partner Organizations**



#### Northeast Lancaster Neighborhood Stabilization



**NEIGHBORS** 

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## SoWe Mural Project

• 30 murals and growing



#### Lancaster Tree Tenders

- Over 700 new street trees planted since spring 2017
- Nearly 1,000 yard and riparian buffer trees planted
- Over 1,500 new street-tree planting sites identified
- Thousands of hours of volunteer hours spent







## Trash Receptacle Adoption Program > 90 installations to date Adopted by residents and small businesses

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# FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT IN PROGRESS

Program administered by:



Sponsored by:



Construction by:



**CAPital Construction** 

Grants funded through generous contributions by:











For more information or to apply for a grant for your property, please contact:

Lancaster City Alliance • enhance@teamlanc.org • (717) 394-0783







Front S.T.E.P.S. Façade Improvement/Workforce Development Program Lancaster City Alliance and Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County



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s. dale high family foundation \$100,000

Home Repair Program

#### wells fargo regional foundation \$100,000

Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Planning

#### wells fargo regional foundation \$1.25 million

Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Planning & Implementation

#### s. dale high family foundation \$100,000

Façade Improvements, Street Trees, Trash Receptacles

#### CITY OF LANCASTER \$1.25 million

Public Space Enhancements

ANONYMOUS DONOR \$200,000 Neighborhood Improvements

STEINMAN FOUNDATION \$250,000 Housing Rehabilitation

Total Committed to Neighborhood Improvement, South Lancaster City:

> \$5 million

## **BUILDING MOMENTUM**



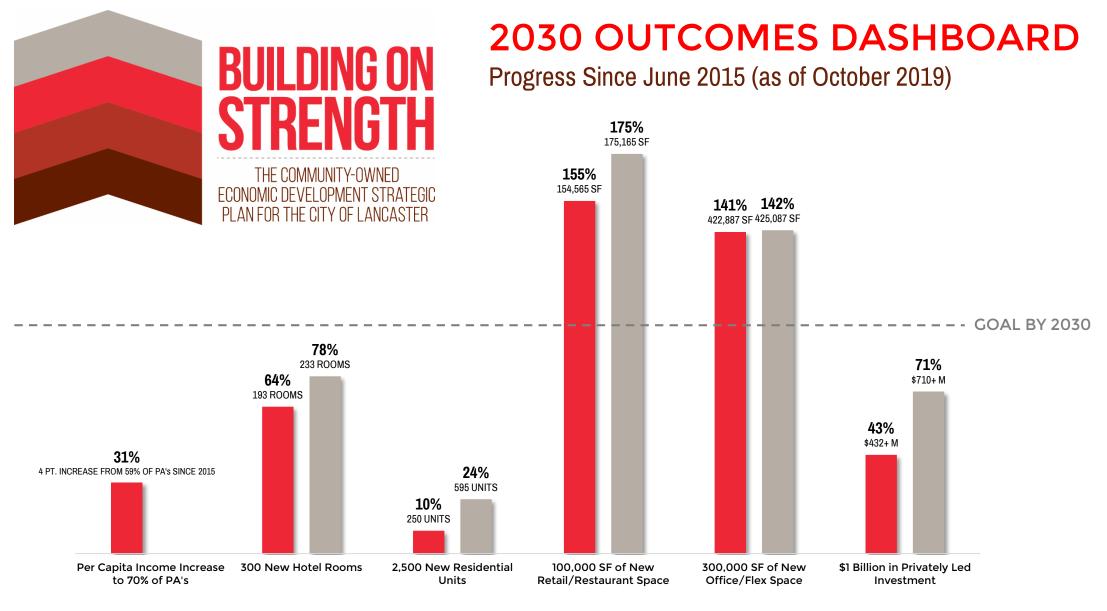
In just over 4 years, **25** (76%) of the plan's **33** recommendations are in progress. This is a 15-year plan.



## PLAN'S 2030 OUTCOMES

- Increase in the per capita income to 70% of that of Pennsylvania
- Create **300 new hotel rooms** in the Downtown and Commercial Hubs
- See **2,500 new residential units** of all types and price points
- Achieve 100,000 square feet of new and renovated retail/restaurant space in
   Downtown and Commercial Hubs
- Fill 300,000 square feet of office and flex space
- Realize **\$1 billion in privately led investment**
- See ongoing private investment that will outweigh public investment in economic development

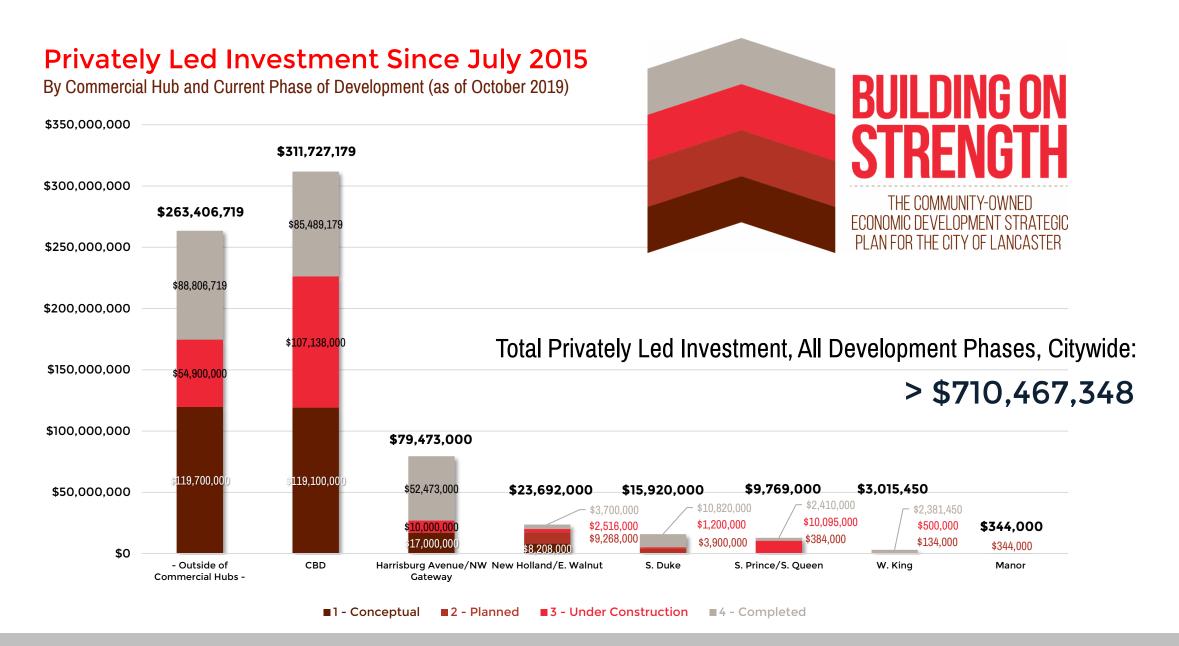




Actual Progress\* Anticipated Progress\*\*

\*For development-related outcomes, "actual" reflects only projects recently completed and currently under construction.

\*\*For development-related outcomes, "anticipated" reflects projects recently completed and currently under construction, and assumes planned and conceptual development projects will come to fruition.



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## **Questions?**

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