

## **Project Objectives**

Review Demographic & Market Data Related to the City and City Center Property

Evaluate Current Uses of the City Center Property & Its Role in the City of Port St. Lucie

Gain Feedback from the Public about Development Opportunities ~
Types of Uses, Scale, Activities, Needs and Desires ...
Entertainment? Office? Residential? Hotel? Public Uses?

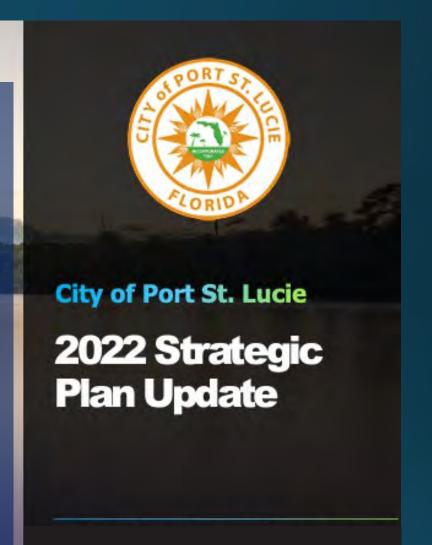
Test Various Scenarios to Evaluate Development, Phasing, Revenues, Strategies & Benefits/Challenges

How Can the City Center Property Best Serve Port St. Lucie?

#### **OUR VISION**

Port St. Lucie has
Great Neighborhoods;
Excellent Educational Opportunities for lifelong learning;
a Diverse Local Economy and Employment options;
Convenient Transportation;
Unique Natural Resources including the St. Lucie River;
and Leisure Opportunities for an Active Lifestyle.

Port St. Lucie is a Safe, Beautiful, and Prosperous City for All People – Your Hometown.



## Project Team

City of Port St. Lucie

CRA & all City Departments

- Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Master Plan
- PFM Financial / Market Analysis
- HVS Event Center & Hotel Analysis









## he Planning History of the City of

## t St. Lucie,



Pre-1960s

1960s **Subdivision Decade** 

1970s Zoning Decade

1980s Comprehensive Planning Decade

1990s Water, Sewer, Fire, Design Decade

2000s Boom to Bust and Weather Events Decade 2010s



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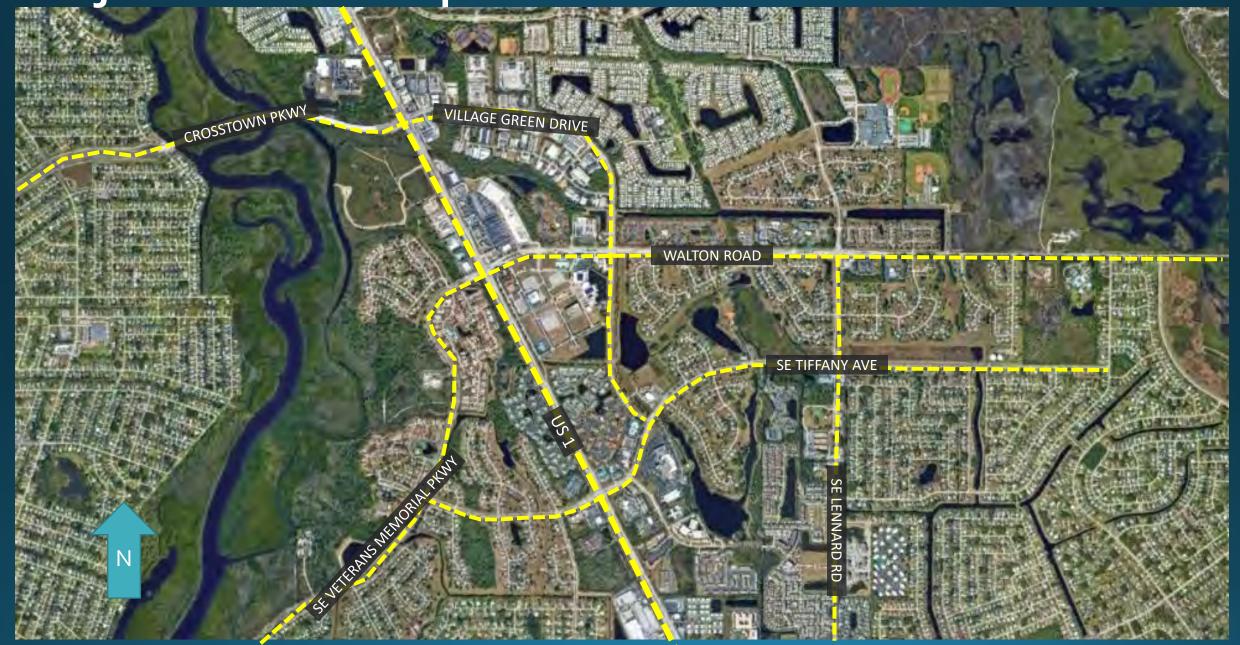
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**Project Location Map** 



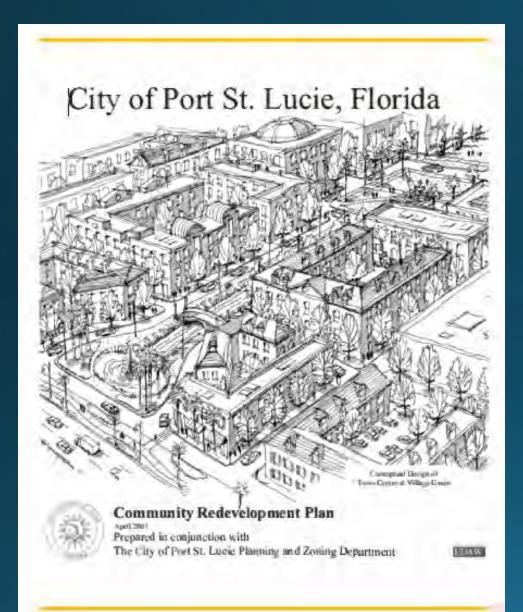
**Project Location Map** 





#### A bit of history ...





This is an important time for the City of Port St. Lucie. The City is facing tremendous growth pressure; the current population of 90,000 is projected to exceed 150,000 in the next 20 years and ultimately exceed 200,000. When the City was incorporated in 1961, the original city designers gave little consideration to the diversity of land uses needed to service a city of this size. As a result, most residents of the city work, shop and find entertainment outside of the City and the City has no established central core. This increases traffic, negatively impacts the City's tax base as well as the ability of the City to meet service demands from growth.

The City of Port St. Lucie's

Community Redevelopment Area

will be a central gathering place

that creates an identity for the city

as well as provides

entertainment and economic opportunities.

The area will include a variety of development districts

and connective open space to better serve

Port St. Lucie's current and future population.

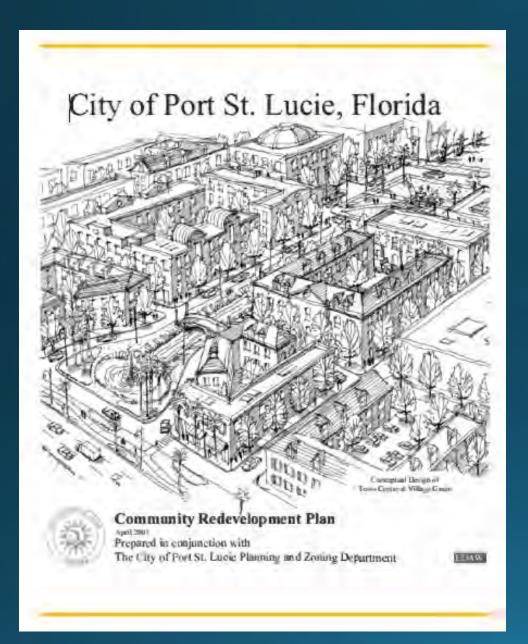
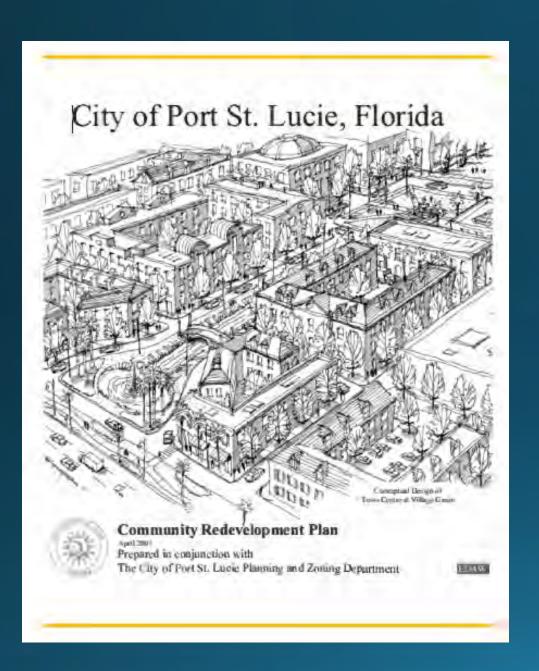
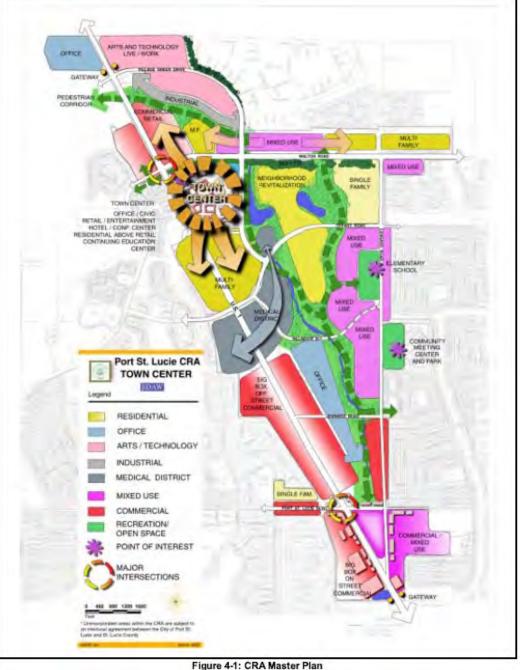
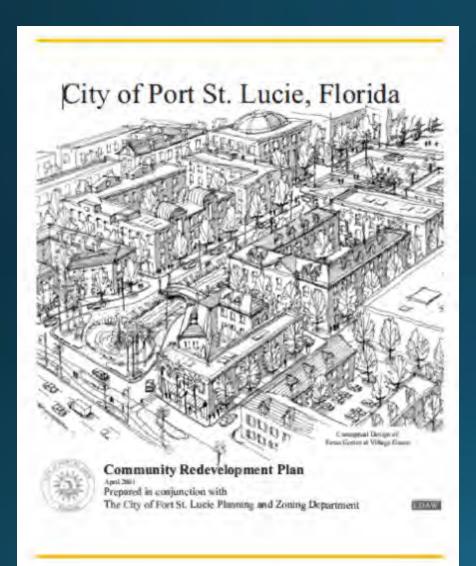




Figure 2-1: CRA Location Map and Boundary

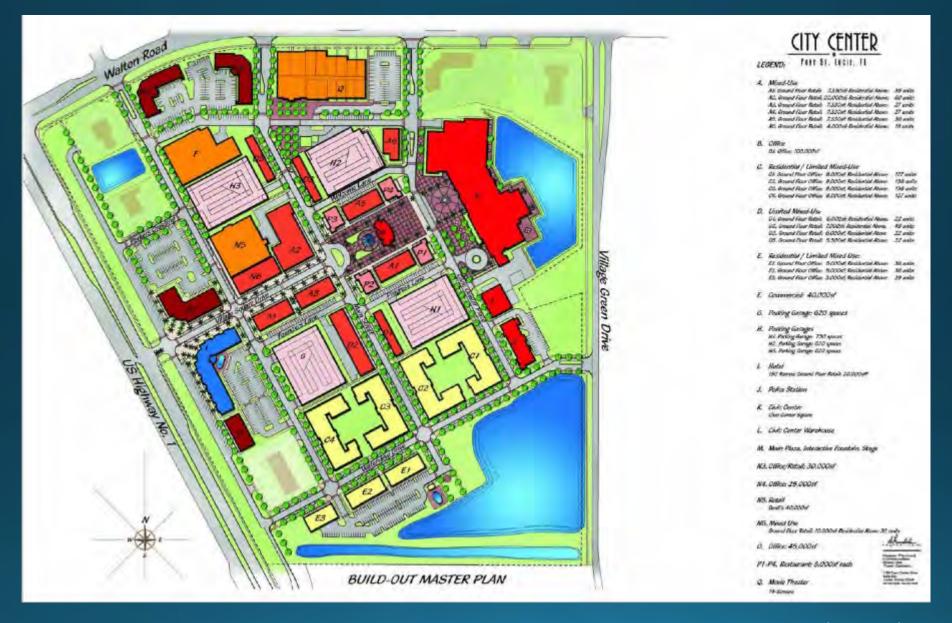








Town Center Concept Sketch (from 2001 CRA Plan)



DeGuardiola Properties -- Original City Center Concept Plan (2005)





Submitted: December 21, 2005

Resubmitted for Planning Board January 23, 2006

Resubmitted for City Council May 31, 2006

#### Proposed Mixed Use Development Thresholds

Residential Multi-Family Units = 932
Retail Commercial = 193,500 square feet
General Office Uses = 393,000 square feet
Condominium Hotel Units = 150 rooms
Civic Center = 750 seats
Restaurants = 15,000 square feet
Police Station = 25,000 square feet
Parks, Open Space & Civic Public Squares
Structured parking = 3,350

DeGuardiola Properties -- Original City Center Concept Plan (2005)



City Center – Phase 1 Improvements (completed 2008)









#### Current Market & Feasibility Studies

CITY CENTER MASTER PLAN – PRELIMINARY PROJECT ANALYSIS (Prepared by PFM, Inc., Nov 2022)				
pfm	MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	392 units (total through 2026) 910 units (total through 2031) 1,919 units (total through 2040)		
	RETAIL/RESTAURANT	<b>85,000 to 175,000 SF</b> (total through 2042)		
	OFFICE	<b>105,600 SF</b> (through 2040)		
	HOTEL	Up to 100-room hotel (timeframe TBD)		
MID-FLORIDA EVENT CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY (Prepared by HVS, Inc., Nov 2022)				
HVS	EVENT CENTER	<b>75,000 SF Facility</b> (timeframe TBD) (expanding from current 19,291)		
MID-FLORIDA EVENT CENTER HOTEL – FEASIBILITY STUDY (Prepared by HVS, Inc., April 2023)				
HVS	MFEC HOTEL #1	100-room hotel (through 2026, could be up to 150 rooms)		
	MFEC HOTEL #2	100-room hotel (beyond 2026, could be up to 150 rooms) (max of 250 total rooms for Hotels 1 & 2)		

#### What is a City Center?

#### city centre noun

#### British

: the main or central part of a city : the part of a city where there are tall buildings, stores, offices, etc.

https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/city%2ocentre

#### City centre



A **city centre** is the commercial, cultural and often the historical, political, and geographic heart of a <u>city</u>. The term "city centre" is primarily used in <u>British English</u>, and closely equivalent terms exist in other languages, such as "*centre-ville*" in French. In the <u>United States</u>, the term "<u>downtown</u>" is generally used ...

The city centre is the (often historical) area of a city where commerce, entertainment, shopping, and political power are concentrated.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/City\_centre



Rosemary Square (formerly City Place) – West Palm Beach. FL



Abacoa Town Center – Jupiter, FL



CityCentre – Houston, TX



City Center – Port St. Lucie, FL

# 10 Components of Successful City Centers

Mix of Uses \* Walkable \* Connected

Public Art \* Vibrant Placemaking \* Sustainability

Controlled Parking \* Gathering Places

Distinctive Architecture \* Market Responsive



MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Event Center

#### A Sampling of Events ...







Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Senday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Home Show

















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MIDFLORIDA Event Center Box Office, Online: Otix .com. Charge by Phone: 1-800-514-3849



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Festivals of all Sizes

OUTDOOR EVENTS	# EVENT DAYS	SPACE	SQUARE FOOTAGE
DCI Curinit Forestive I	(in/event/out)		REQUIRED
PSL Spirit Festival	3		26,146
Christmas in July	5	Plaza, (Lobby, Emerald, Ruby)	26,146
9-11 Memorial Ceremony	1	Plaza	26,146
Public Works Equipment Rodeo	1	Flat Lot	69,263
MFEC Concerts (4x )	12	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
San Juan Festival	2	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Caribbean Music Festival	2	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
PSL in Lights	2	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Hot Wheelz Car Show	2	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
PSL Wine, Beer, Spirts Festival	2	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Treasure Coast Garlic Festival	5	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Caribbean Food & Music Festival	2	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Keep PSL Beautiful Clean-Up	1	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Treasure Coast Pride Festival	2	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
PSL Spring Festival	5	Village Square & Plaza (Lobby, Emerald)	88,549
Haitian Flag Day Festival	2	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Babe Ruth Ceremonies (2x )	2	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Treasure Coast Harvest Festival	5	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Care Net Walk for Life	2	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Caribbean Gospel Concert	2	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Rush Soccer Opening Ceremonies	1	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Boys Girls Clubs Activities	10	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
Summer Rhythm & Blues Festival	2	Village Square & Plaza	88,549
PSL Arts & Craft Expo	5	Flat Lot, Grass Areas	157,770
Treasure Coast Seafood Festival	5	Streets, Waterview Lot, Village Square, Grass Lots, Plaza	267,244
Treasure Coast Strawberry Festival	5	Streets, Waterview Lot, Village Square, Grass Lots, Plaza	267,244
TOTAL EVENT DAYS	88		

#### Recreation Center













## A Year of Public Input ...





54 Stakeholder Interviews
4 Focus Groups
14 Individual Interviews

**4 Staff Planning Sessions** 

Public Workshop #1 80+ Participants

#### Some of What We Heard ...

I don't know where "Downtown Port St. Lucie" is – we need to create it

People want more <u>fun things to do on the weekends</u>

The <u>east side</u> of the City should get more attention

We get one chance to do this right - do something special here

<u>I love PSL</u>, but we <u>need a destination</u> for all walks of life

The recreation center is important and appreciated on the east side of the City

Lots of millennials moving to PSL who need things to do

The site <u>needs housing</u> to support other uses

City Center should generate revenue for the City

#### Some of What We Heard ...

Lots of large special events today, but development means some may need to move

The city needs places for <u>public art</u> – both to create and experience

The site <u>needs development!</u>

Don't forget about <u>recreation – it's important</u> to the City

Fix the parking! Too far to walk from parking in the rain and sun

Rear of Event Center is a missed opportunity – <u>improve the view of City Center</u>

Amphitheater doesn't work well -- needs "back of house" and has "sunset conflicts"

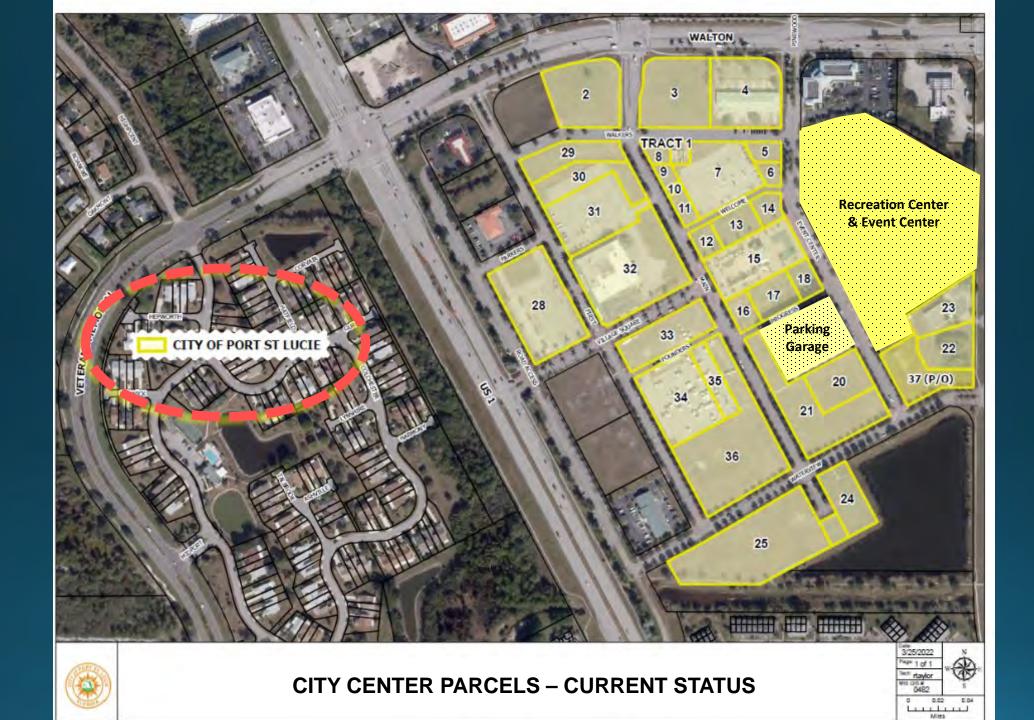
<u>Lobby has conflicts – basketball shorts vs. ballgowns</u>; relocate the entrance or facility











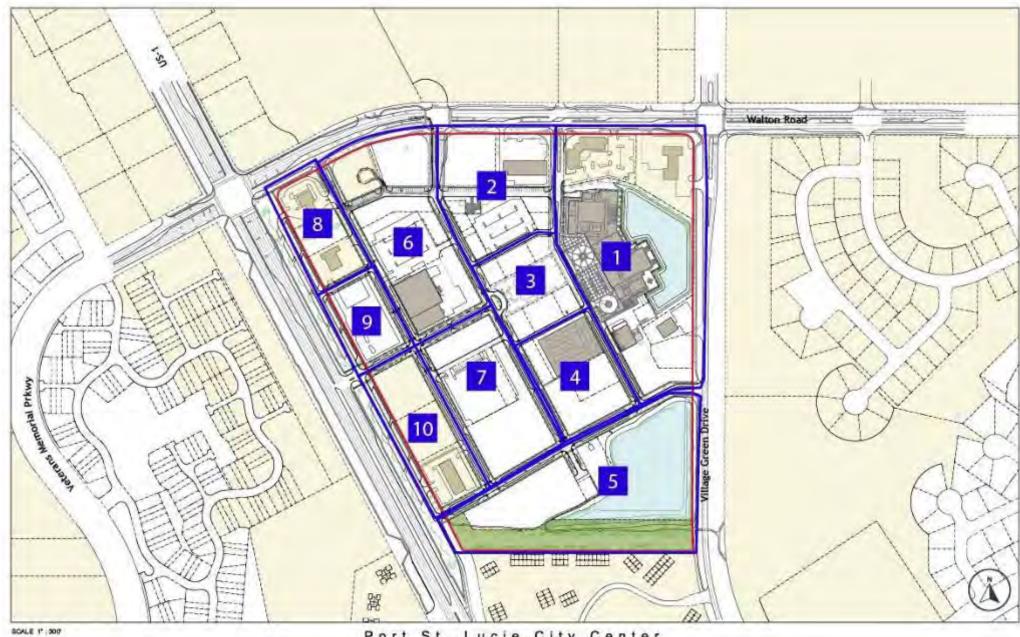


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Port St. Lucie City Center Existing Conditions



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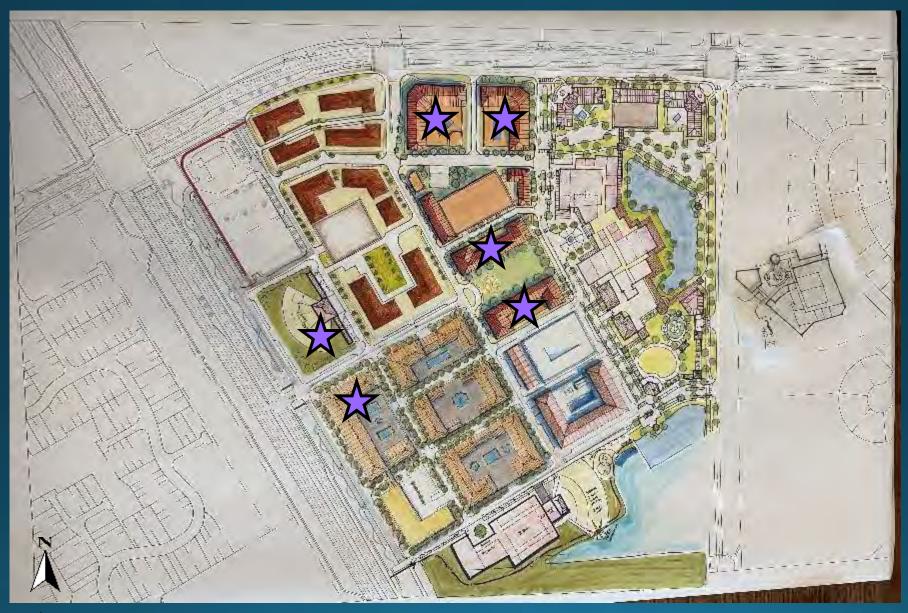








Event Center Expansion Evaluation





Hotel Location Evaluation

#### RP Funding Center Lakeland, FL







Amphitheater Location Evaluation

# **Amphitheater Evaluation**



Wellington (seats 1,500)



Caloosa Sound – Fort Myers (seats 3,000)



The Amp – Pompano Beach (seats 2,600 + 7,400 lawn)



St. Augustine (seats 4,700)

#### Wellington Amphitheater (Wellington, FL)





SEATING: 1,500 capacity, open air CONTEXT: In municipal campus, commercial to south, SF residential across Forest Hill Blvd.



The Amp (Pompano Beach, FL)





SEATING: 2,600 fixed seats, up to 10K with lawn seating CONTEXT: In a regional park, south of the airport, SF residential & apartments to the south



Caloosa Sound Amphitheater (Fort Myers, FL)





SEATING: No fixed seats; 2600-3000 open air seats CONTEXT: In a waterfront public park, adjacent to Caloosa Sound Convention Center, public parking garage within one block, urban redevelopment district

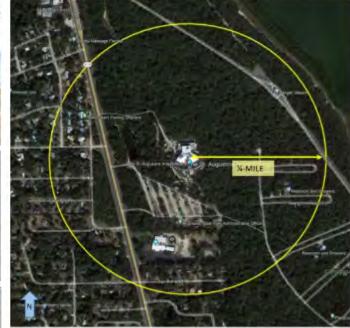


The St. Augustine Amphitheater (St. Augustine, FL)





SEATING: 4,500 fixed seats, additional with lawn seating CONTEXT: In Anastasia State Park, no adjacent uses, Elks Lodge to south, SF residential west across A1A



**Abacoa Amphitheater** 

(Jupiter, FL)



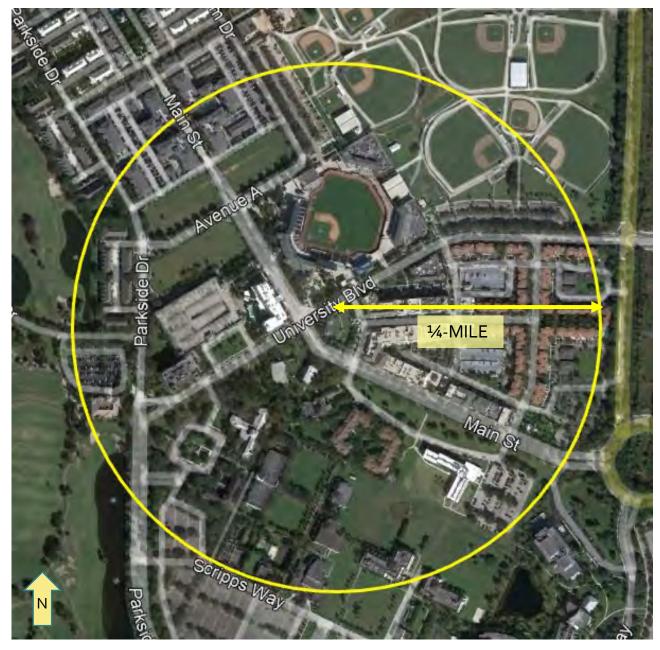


SEATING: open-air, seats 2,400 for ticketed events;

includes lawn seating

CONTEXT: In Abacoa Town Center (mixed-use, 4-5

stories); adjacent ballfields & FAU campus







Abacoa Town Center – Jupiter, FL

## Flexible Programming



Celebration Pointe – Gainesville, FL



Midtown Tampa – Tampa, FL

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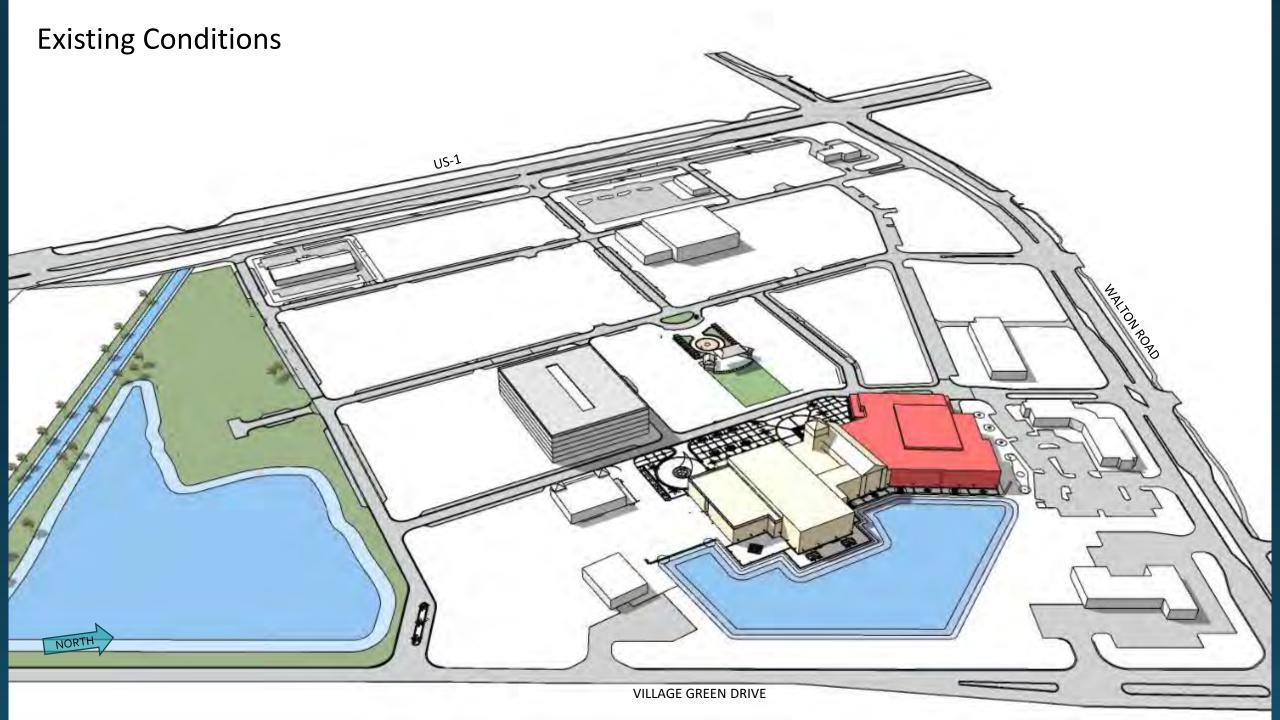


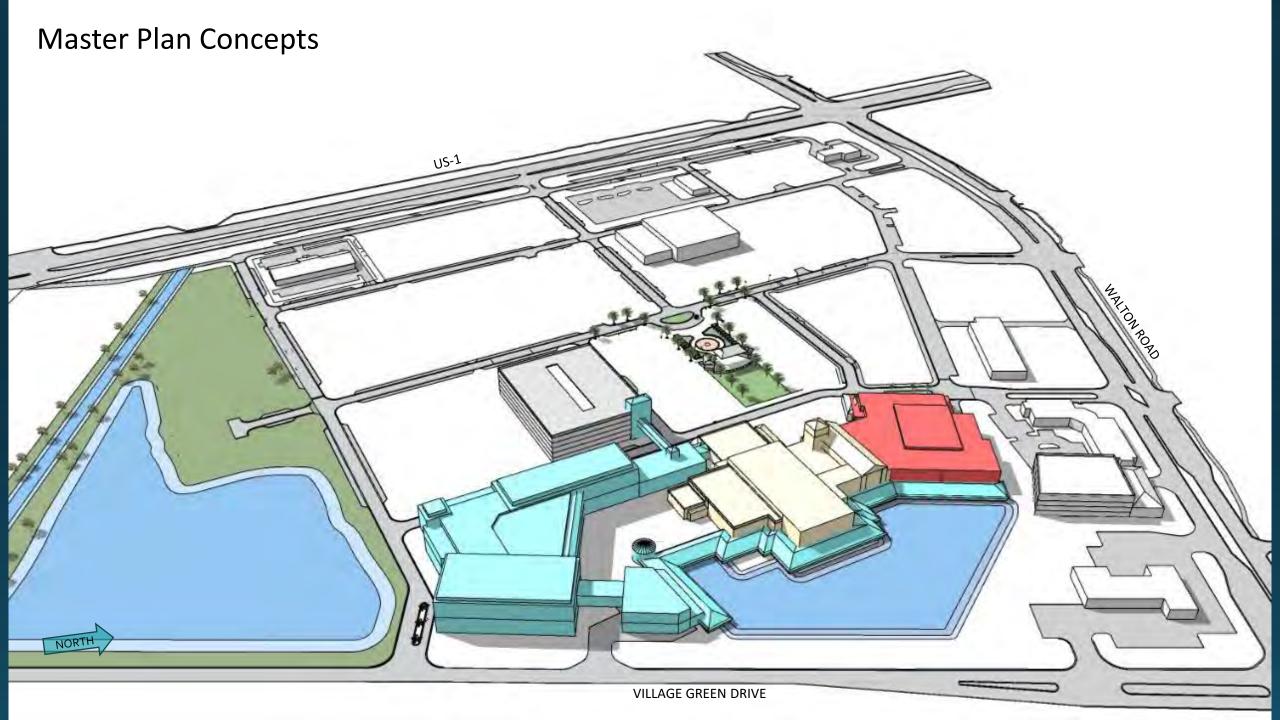
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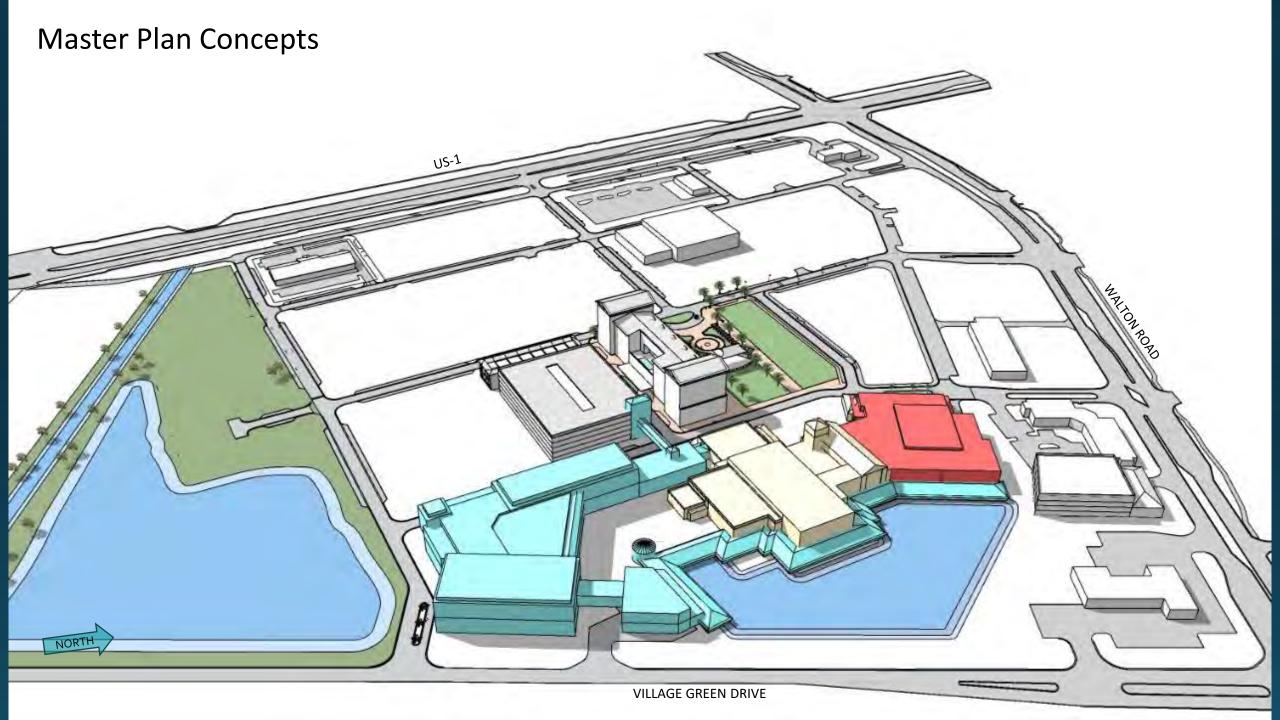
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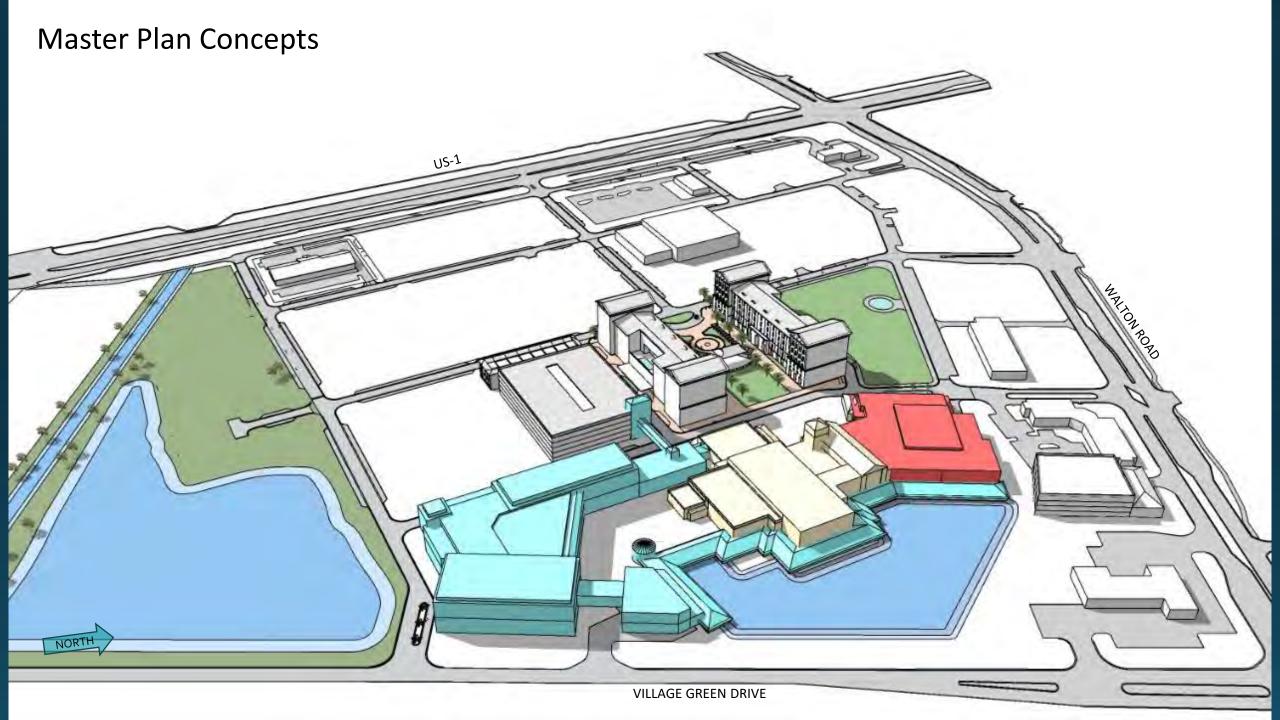


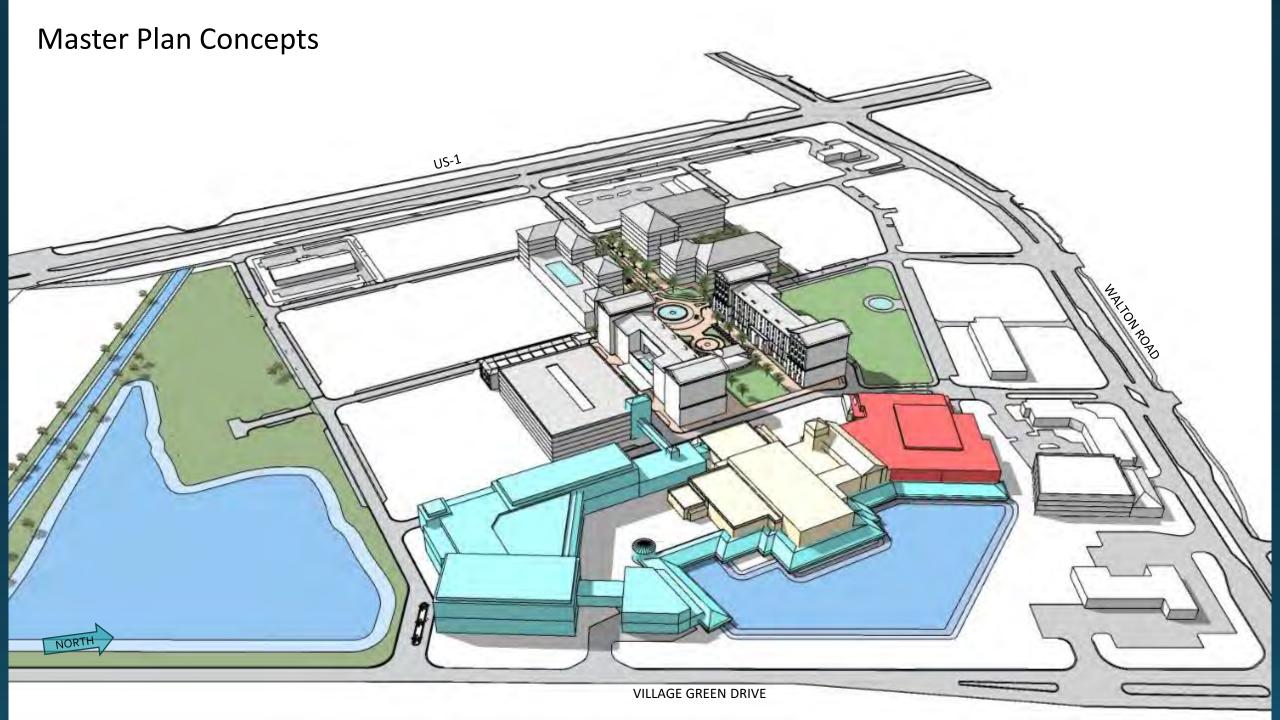


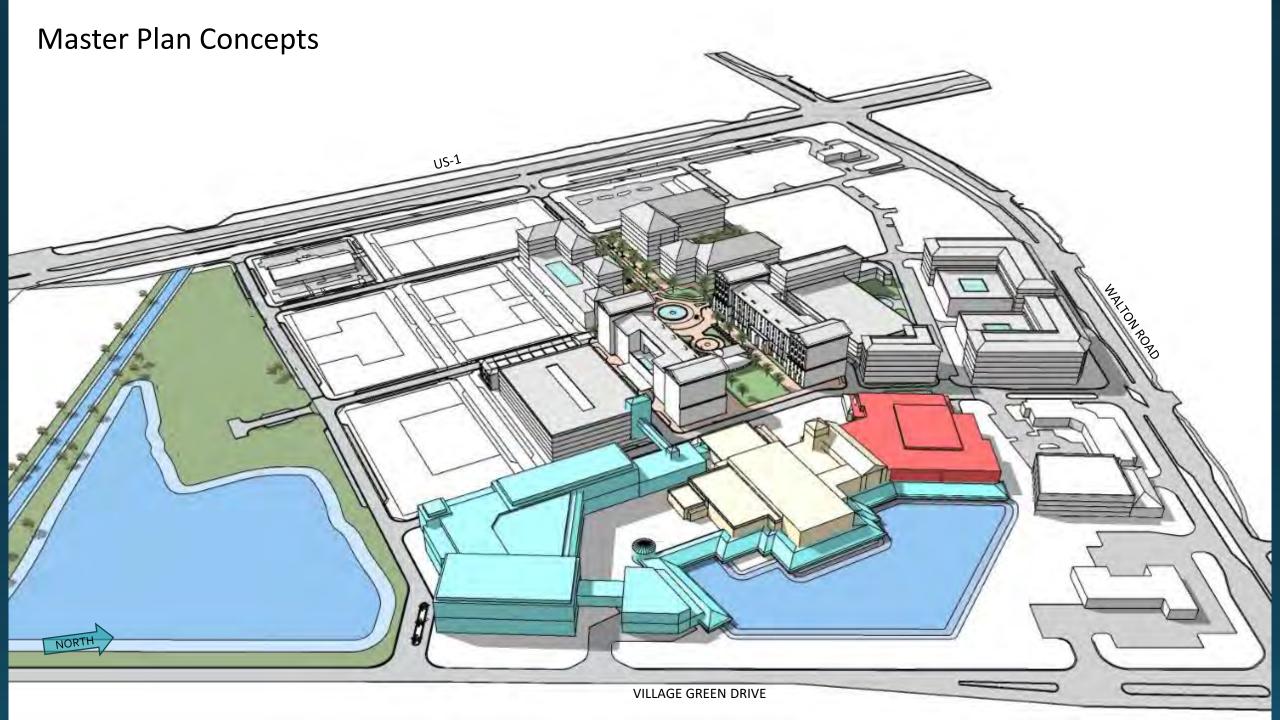


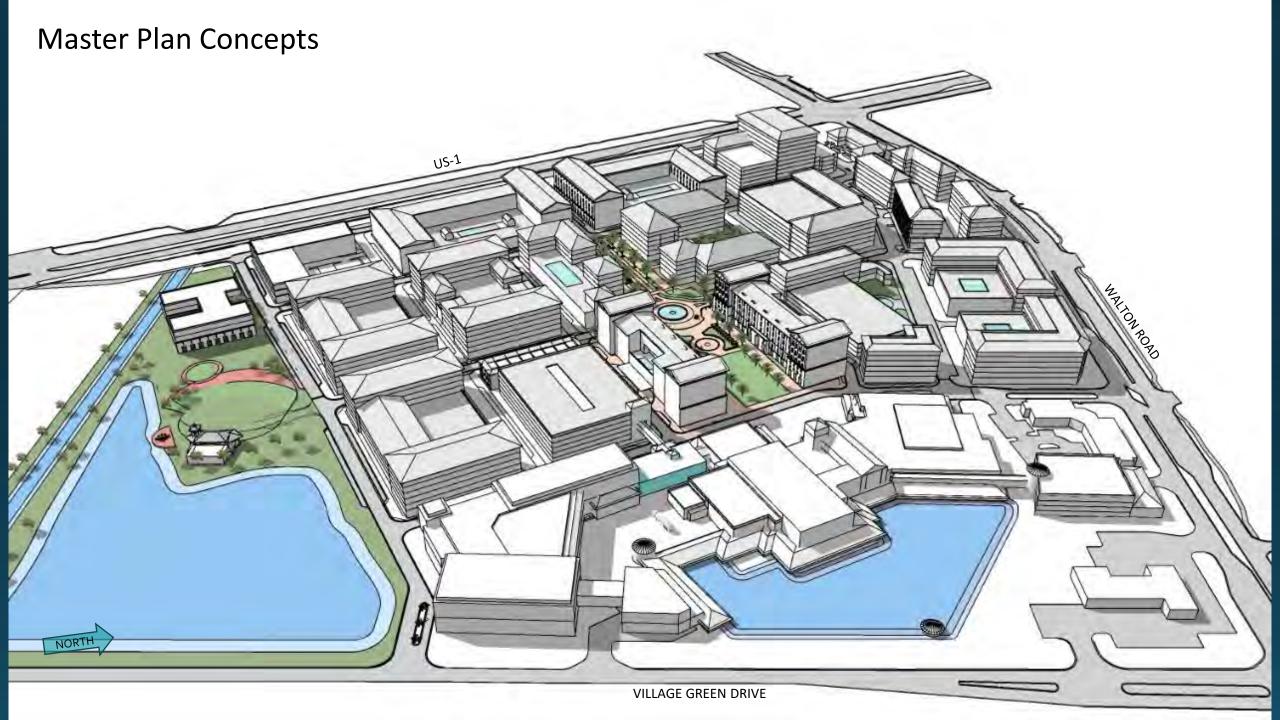


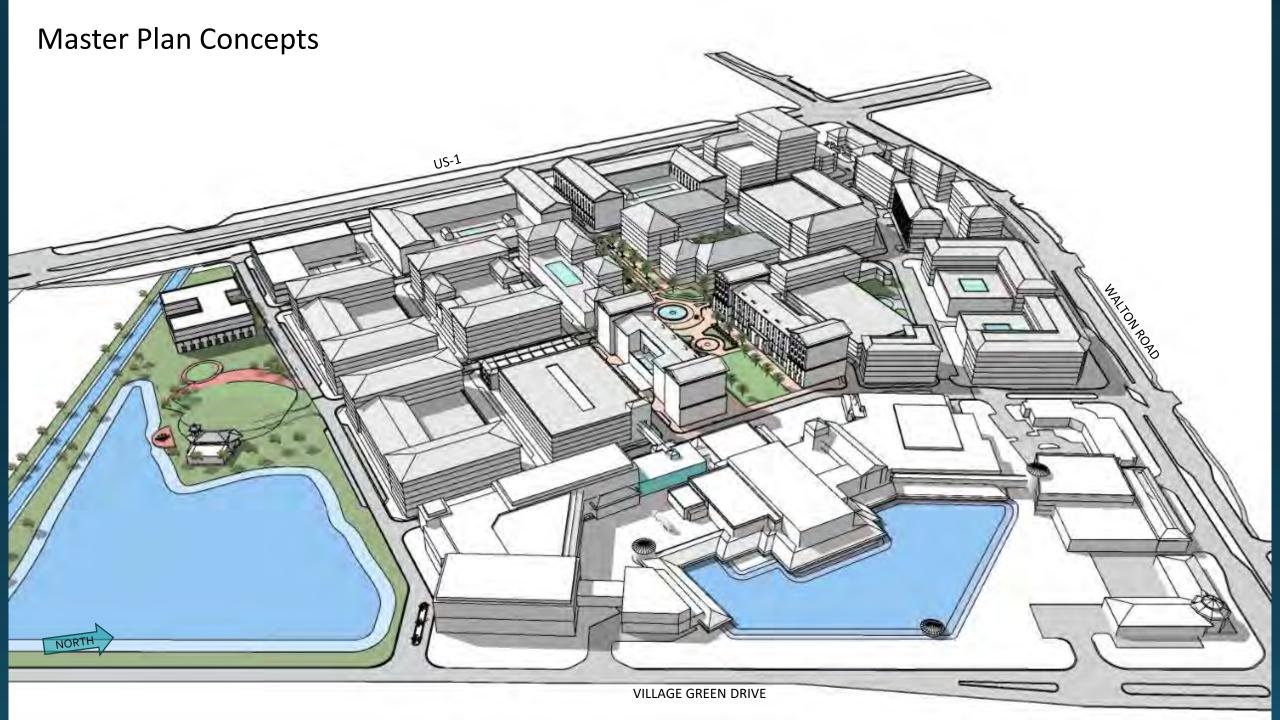


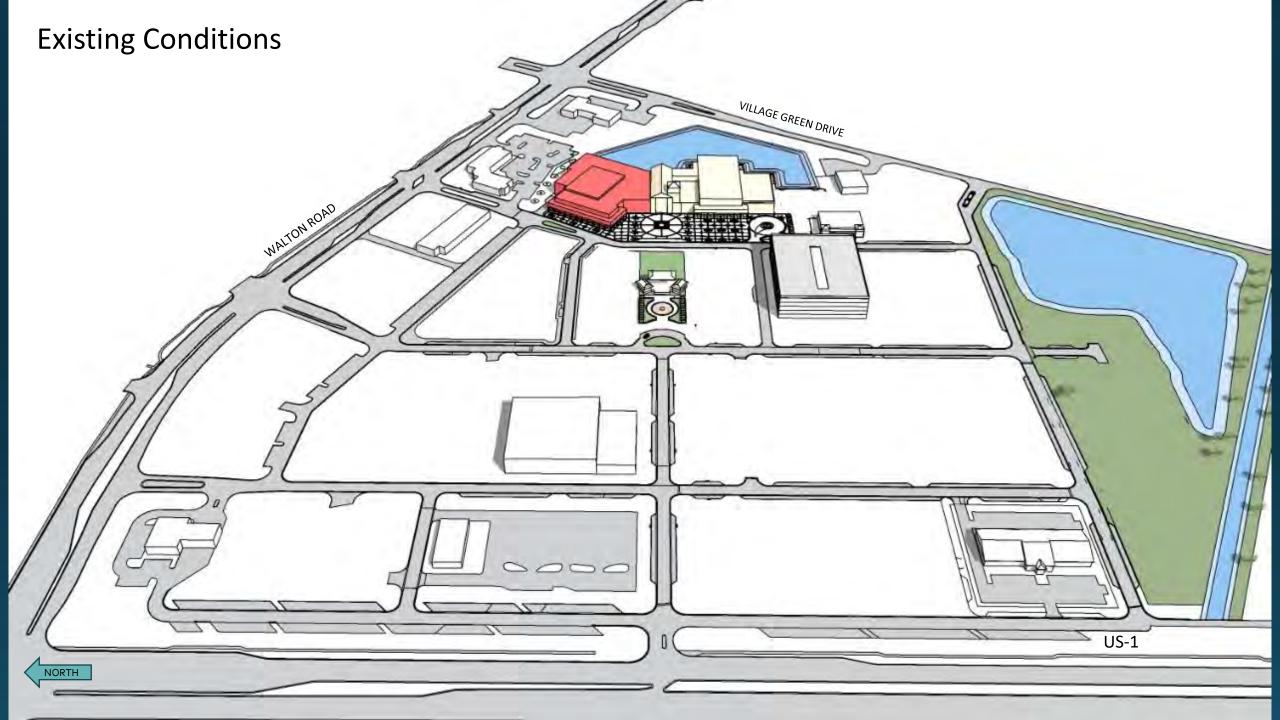


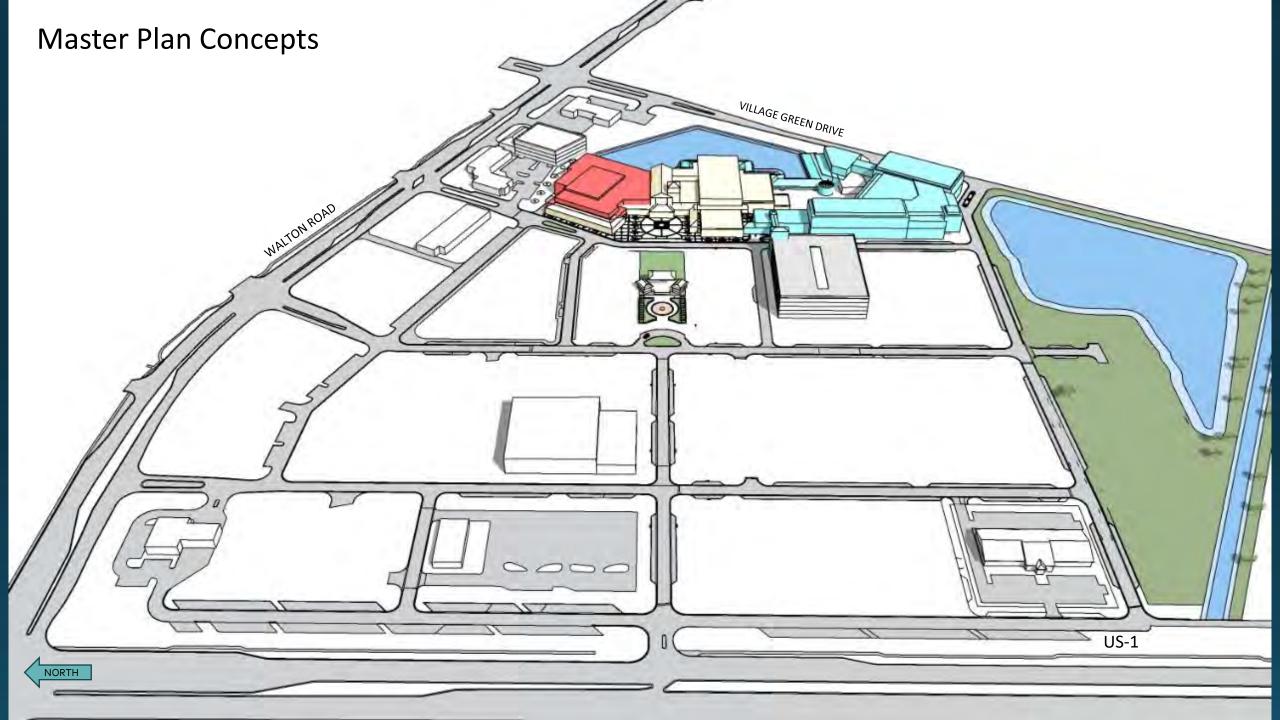


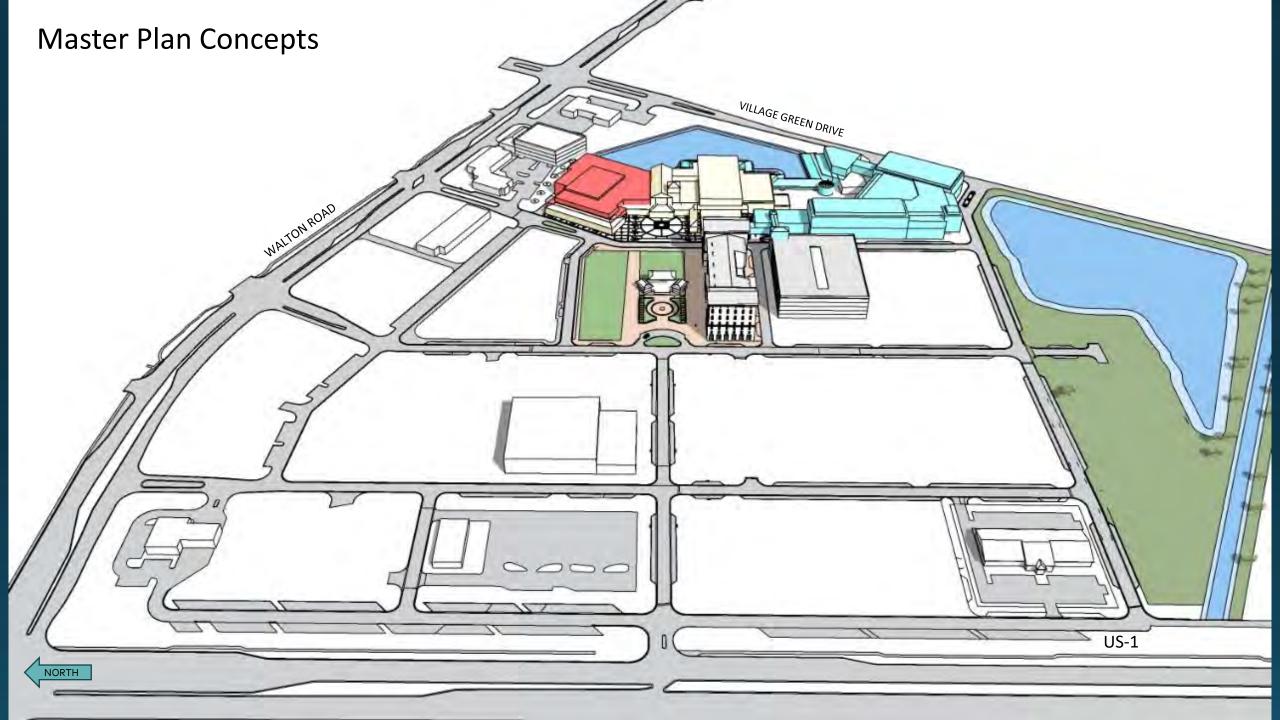


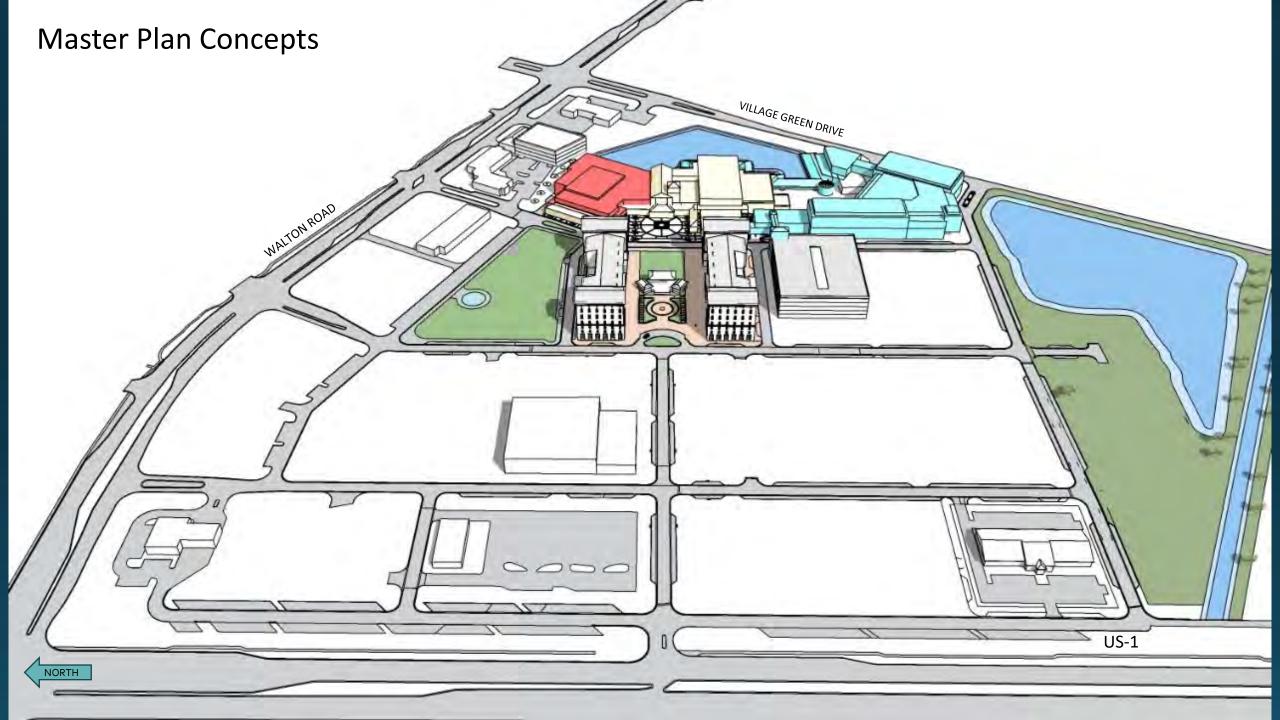


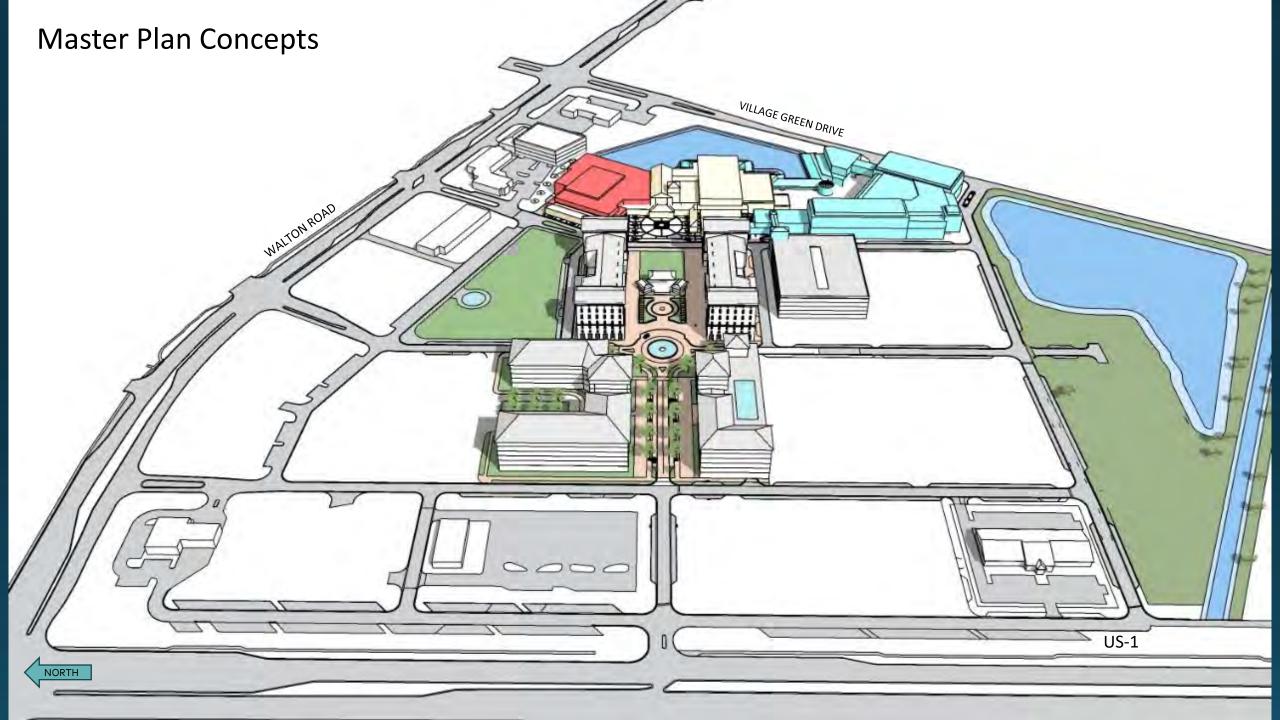


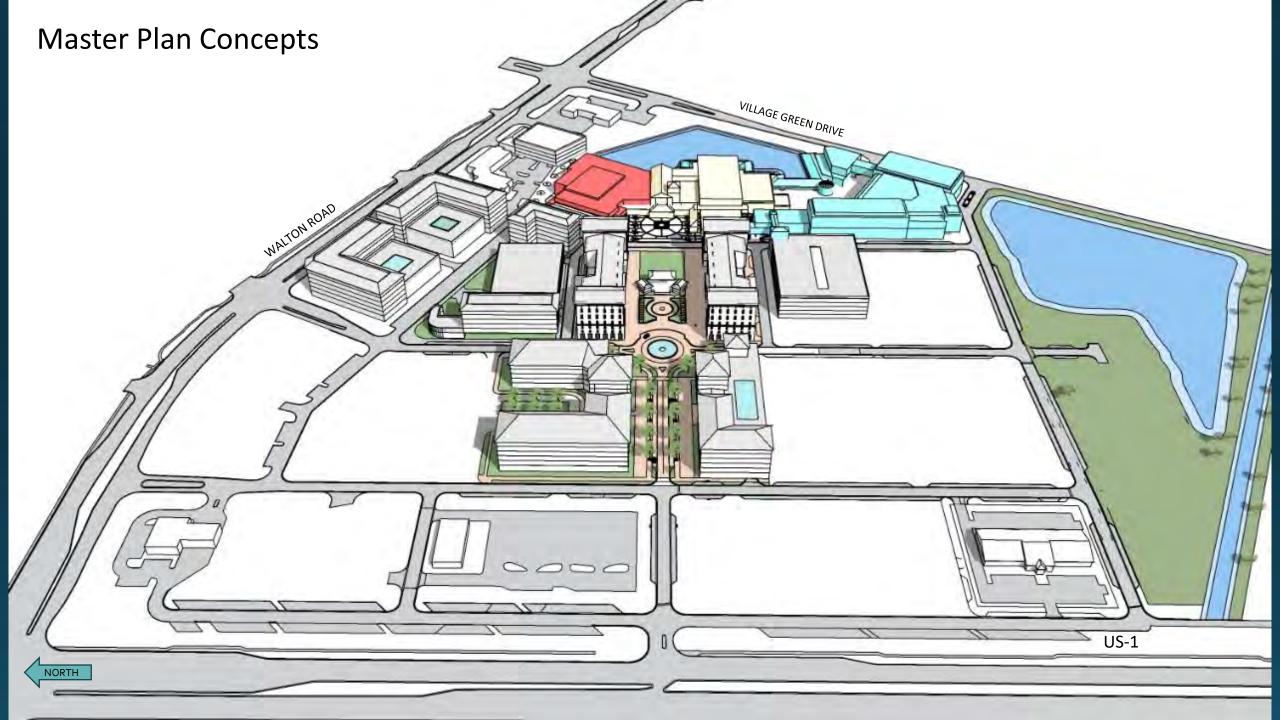


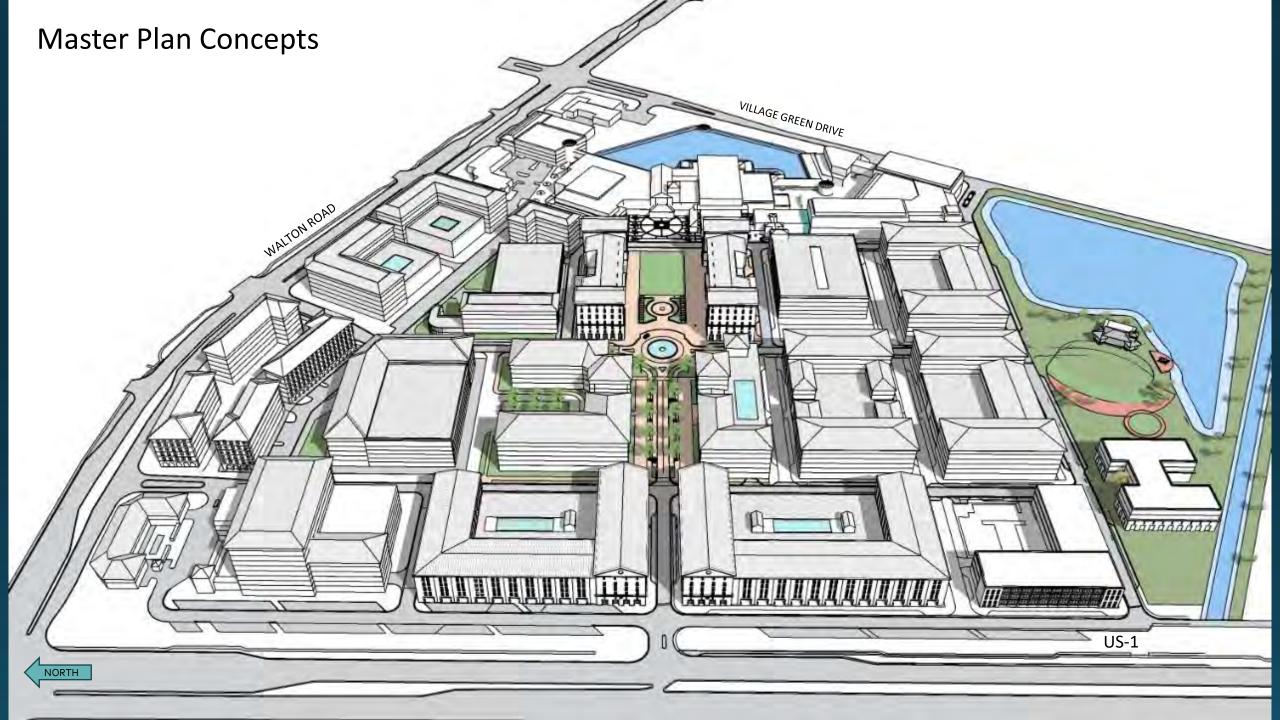


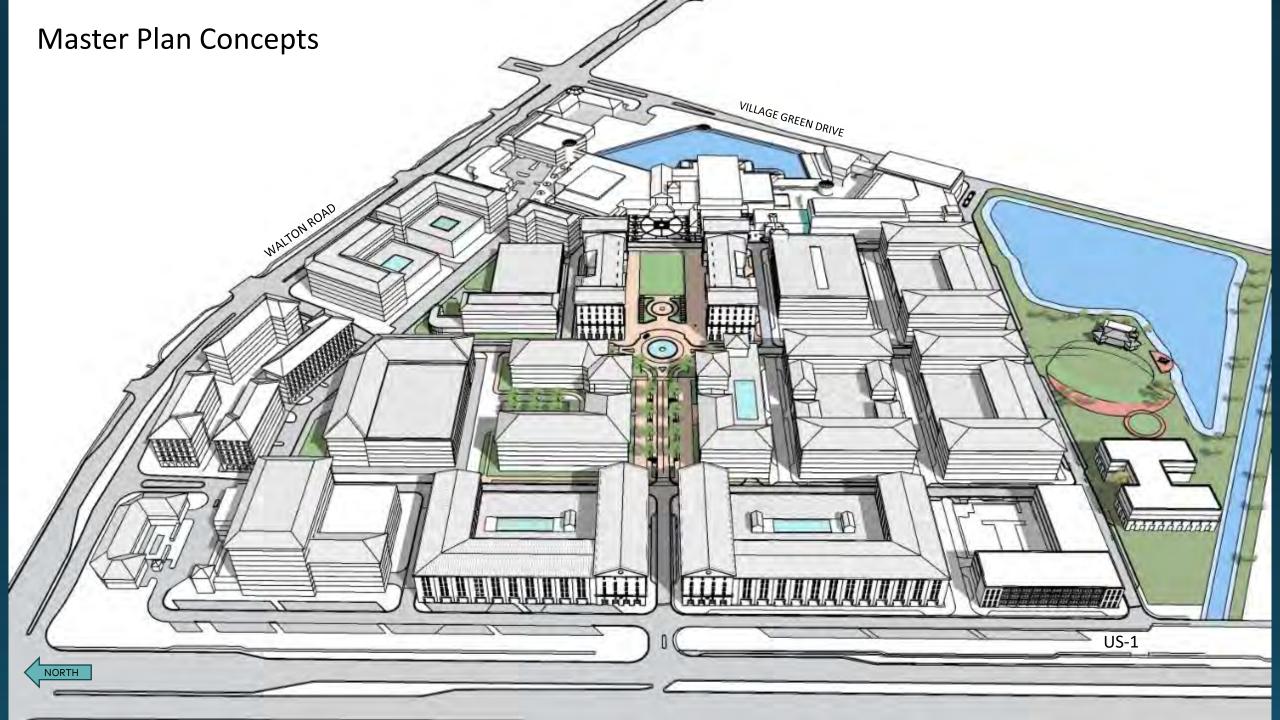












#### Walkable Blocks



### Flexible Spaces



#### Reimagined Village Green



#### Village Green – with Village Uses



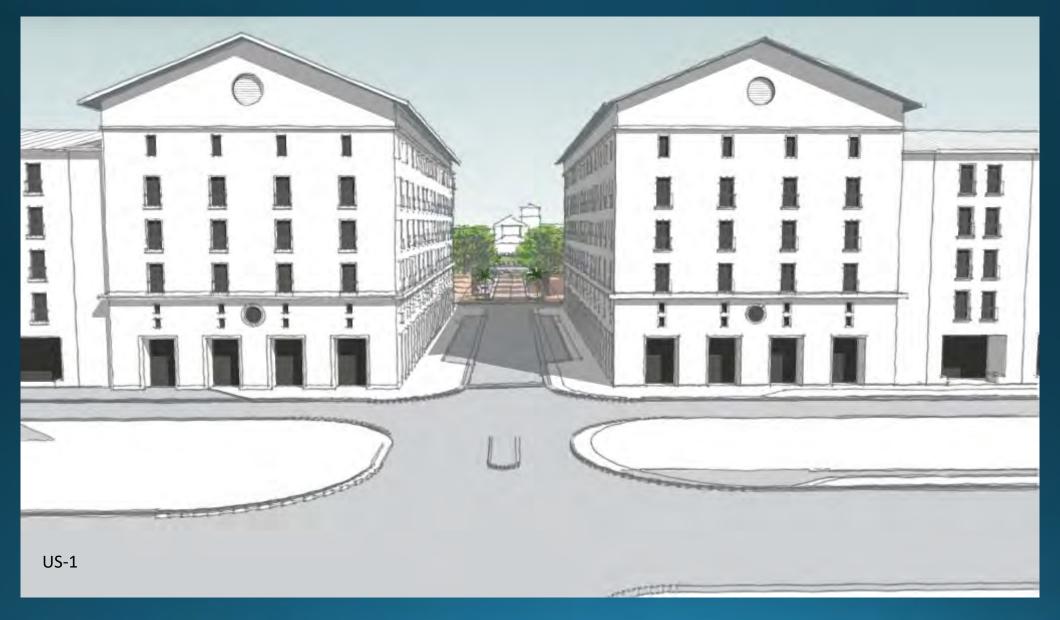
#### Sense of Place



#### Courtyards & Plazas



#### Redefined First Impression

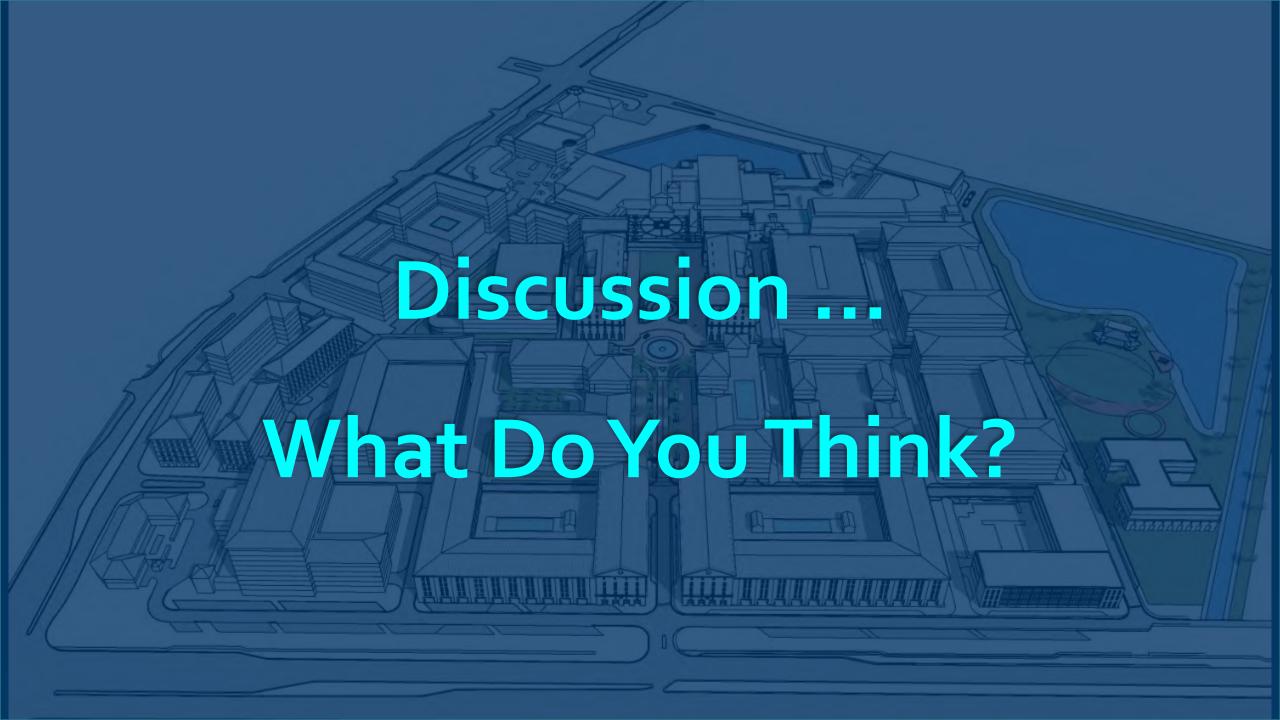


### A New Gathering Space

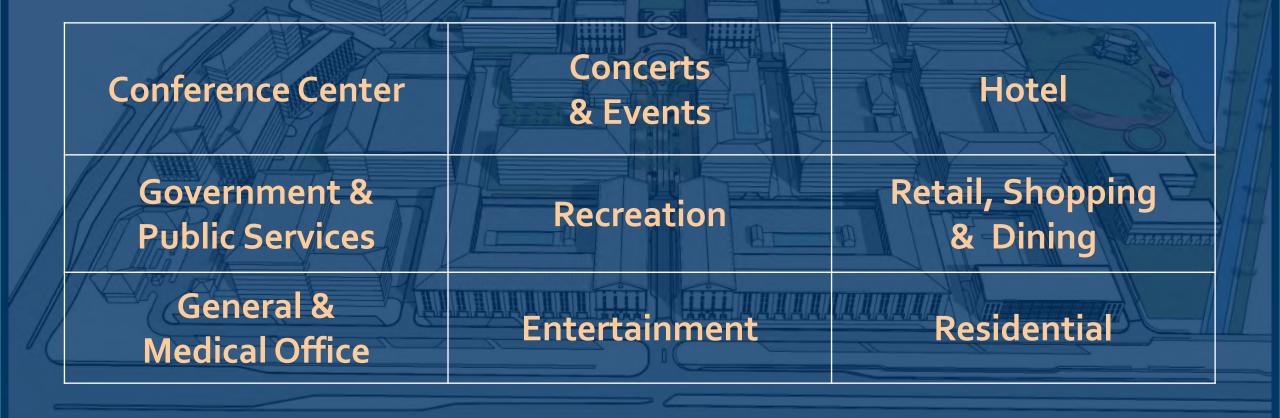


#### City Center Reimagined





# Among the possible uses for City Center, which do you think are the priorities?







## Public Discussion Notes

- If the Rec Center moves will it be the same size?
- What about parking?
- Who is responsible for the architecture and design of specific buildings/blocks?
- Additional residents/users will probably create additional demand for the Rec Center, so it needs to be sized properly.
- How do we incent smaller infill retailers versus larger franchises?
- What are the types of events that the city is not accommodating today that requires the need for a 75,000 sf event center? What type of infrastructure is needed to support the event center expansion?
- Why are we trying to attract people from outside of PSL to the event center?

## Discussion Notes

- How about a theater/Performing Arts Center program that might attract Broadway-type shows, concerts, and potentially a movie theater as well?
- What hotel-types/"flags" are we considering?
- What is the timeline for the master plan to happen?
- IS the ice rink an option within the master plan?
- Is there the potential for residential ownership/condo or will the new units all be rentals (either owned by the city or others)?
- POST PRESENTATION QUESTIONS/COMMENTS
- There should be more green space/open space
- How can trails be incorporated into the site?

## Discussion Notes

- What happens next? When is a shovel going into the ground?
- Will need child care
- Is the existing governmental office (Tax Collector) staying?
- Will the economists be analyzing the delta between const. cost/revenues between 4 and 6 story buildings?
- Will the Event Center become 4 or 6 story buildings? What about medical uses?
- Community art spaces and community-oriented uses are mostly desired
- Consider more proximity parking locations to the center
- We desperately need districts with multi-uses and places to go

# Next Steps

DUE DILIGENCE	COMPLETE
STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS & FOCUS GROUPS	COMPLETE
WORKSHOP 1	COMPLETE
OVERALL MARKET STUDY EVENT CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY HOTEL FEASIBILITY STUDY	COMPLETE
DEVELOP DESIGN CONCEPTS	UNDERWAY
WORKSHOP 2	JUNE 20, 2023
EVALUATE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY	3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2023
FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS	3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2023

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