



PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

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MARK R. JOHNSON
Mayor



VISION for Covington in 2030

“In 2030, Covington remains a charming city with a proud history. Those who live in Covington stay for the sense of community and accessibility to regional amenities. Covington is a healthy environment with beloved parks, waterways, and walkable and bikeable routes for commuting and recreational use. It is resilient to hazards and preserves its historic integrity. The familiar arts and music events remain highly anticipated. The city provides opportunities for small businesses and regional services to grow, allowing investment to remain at home and redevelopment to flourish. Housing is available for residents of all abilities and in all stages of life. Infrastructure is ample to match the growing population and the city’s expansion. Covington residents, landowners, and business owners continue to work together to realize and evolve the values and goals of the comprehensive plan to continue the city’s legacy.”

SENSE OF COMMUNITY

- Covington's strongest characteristic
- From views and attitudes of people
- From the physical environment
- Small town feeling
- Close-knit people
- Perfect for raising a family

How has Sense of Community come to be?

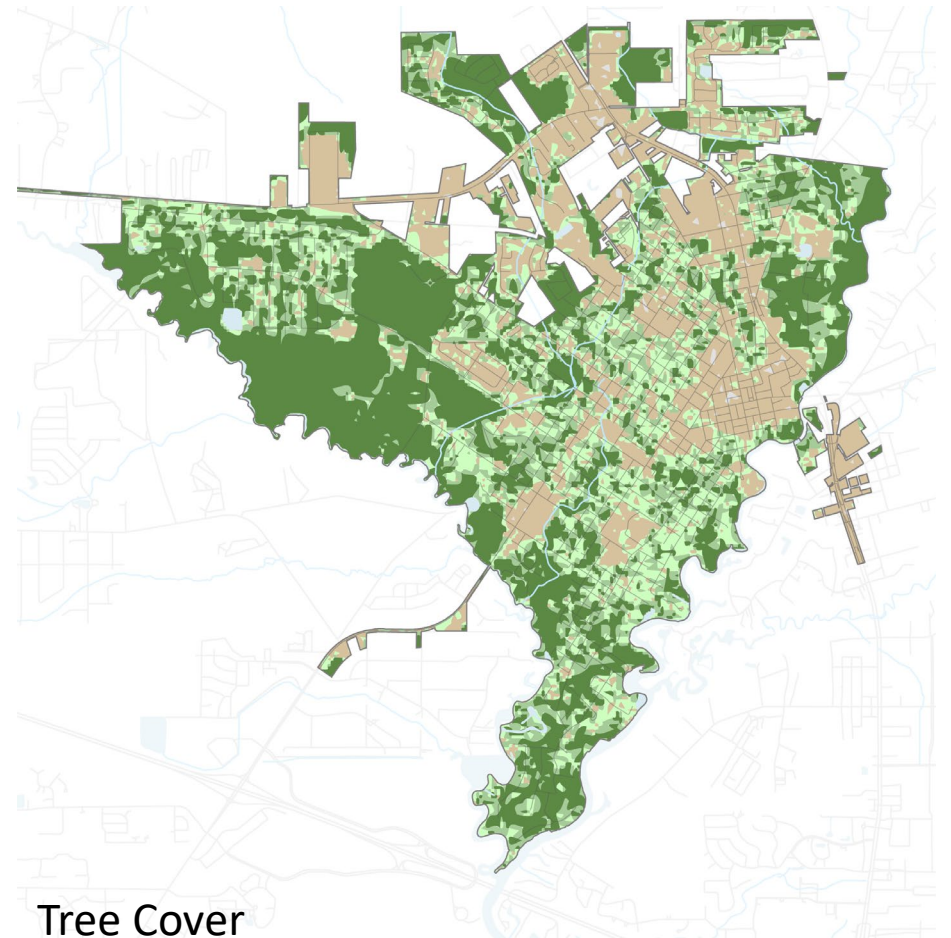
- Small community grew over time
- Community sense was built upon
- Reflected in
 - Historic District
 - Local businesses
 - Park system
 - Natural environment
 - Arts and cultural events
- They continually bring citizens together

How can it be strengthened and expanded?

- Community Assets & Amenities
- Healthy Environment
- Local Business Economy
- Housing
- Accessibility

Community Assets & Amenities

- Historic Downtown
- Strong neighborhoods
- Architecture
- Street grid
- Ox Lots
- Arts & culture
- Bogue Falaya & Tchefuncte Rivers
- Trees & canopy cover
- Parks & open space
- Tammany Trace & Trailhead



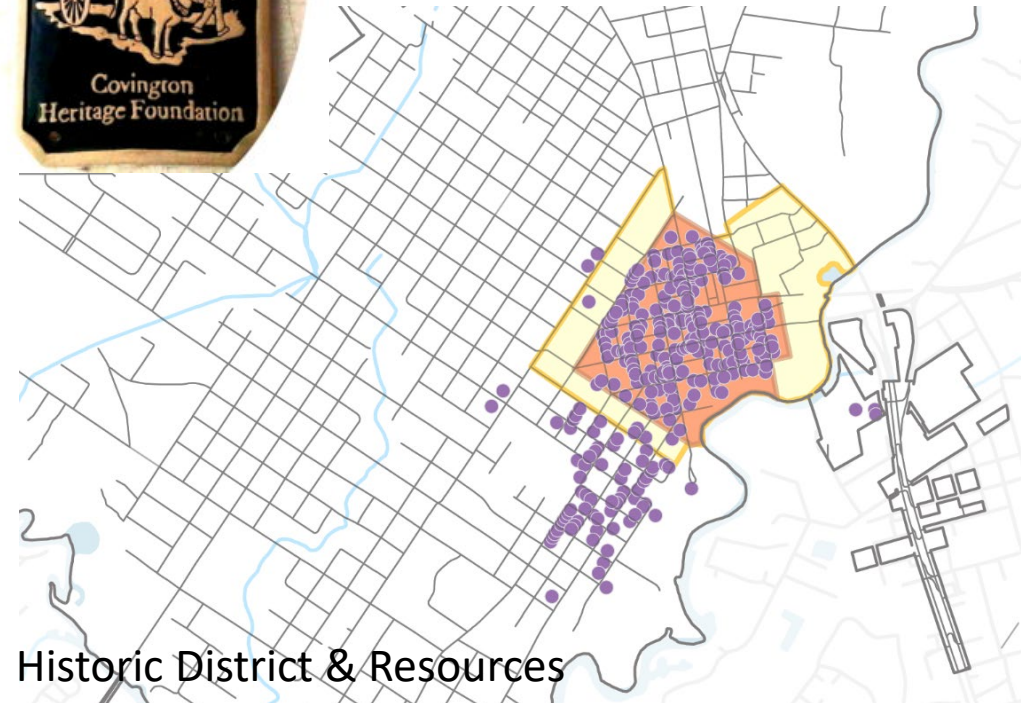
Healthy Environment

- Trees & canopy cover
- Walkability of Downtown
- Parks & open space
- Tammany Trace & Trailhead
- Outdoor activities
- Social activities
- Farmers Market
- Health care



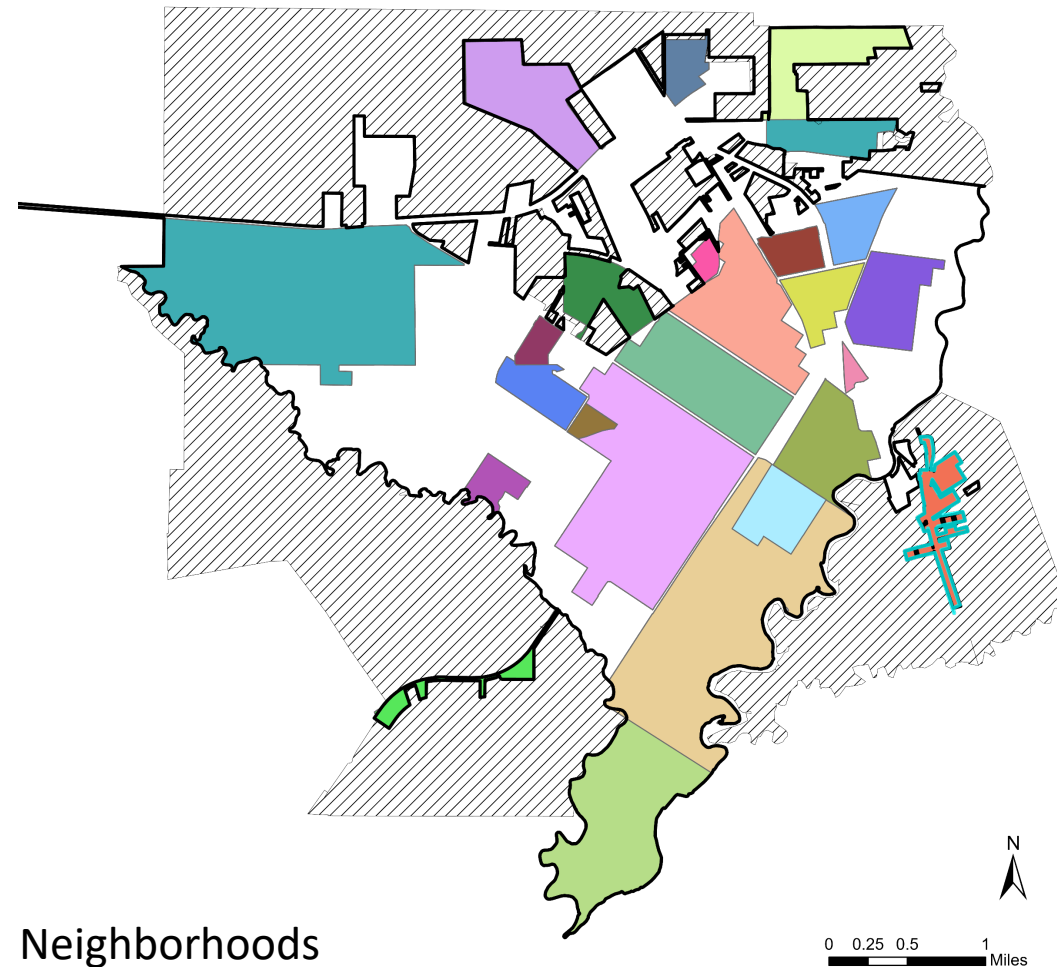
Local Business Economy

- Historic downtown
- Local businesses
- Art & cultural events
- Walkability of downtown
- Citizens involvement in government
- Covington Business Association



Housing

- Affordable residences
- Strong neighborhoods
- Good housing stock



Accessibility

- Walkability of Downtown
- Tammany Trace & Trailhead
- Street grid
- Walkways
- Access to rivers & boat launches
- Affordable residences
- Equity

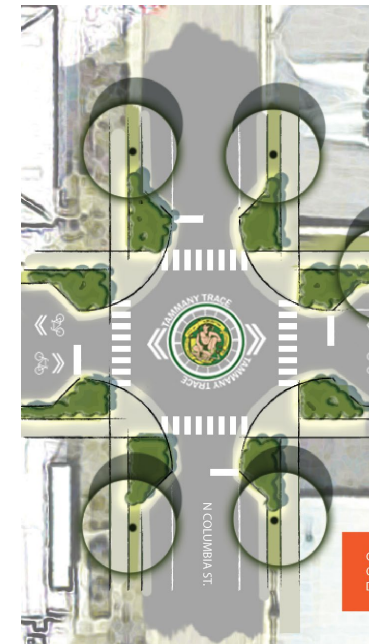


RECOMMENDATIONS

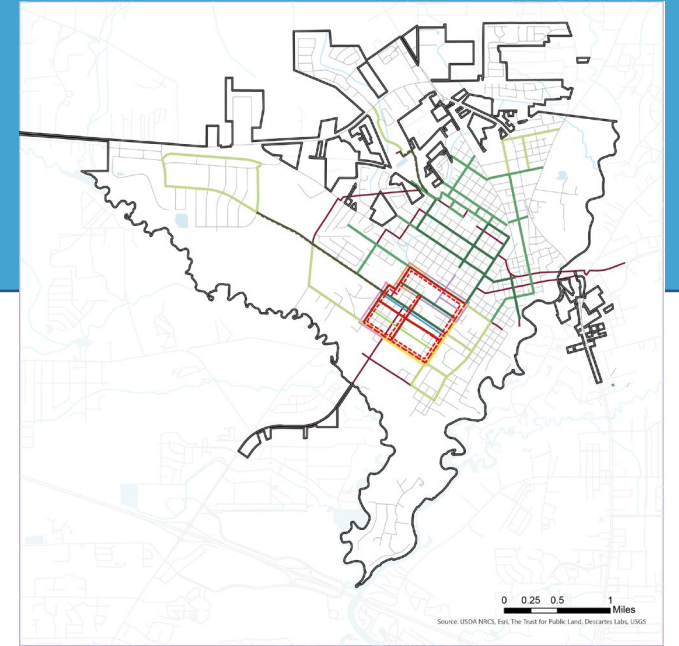
- Physical Improvements
- Programs
- Policies

PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Gateways
- High visibility crosswalks
- Implement Bicycle Plan
- Implement Complete Streets
- Wayfinding
- Awareness of Ox Lots



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- Bogue Falaya Master Plan
- Nature Trails
- Increase tree canopy
- Historic Covington Trail



PROGRAMS

- Design standards for corridors
- Rejoin Main Street program
- Downtown Development office
- Downtown Development District
- Incubator space
- Monthly Makers Market
- Mini Makers Market



PROGRAMS

- Local artists – history, culture, environment representations
- Environmental education at parks
- Create air quality guide
- Annual water quality volunteers
- Provide heat advisories
- Recycling & composting
- Container & community gardens
- City of Covington Pattern Book

LOUISIANA ARCHITECTURAL STYLES



LOUISIANA VERNACULAR



LOUISIANA VICTORIAN



LOUISIANA CLASSICAL



LOUISIANA ARTS & CRAFTS



MODERN



Abbeville



Abbeville



Crowley



Baton Rouge



Hammond



New Orleans



New Orleans



Crowley



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Baton Rouge

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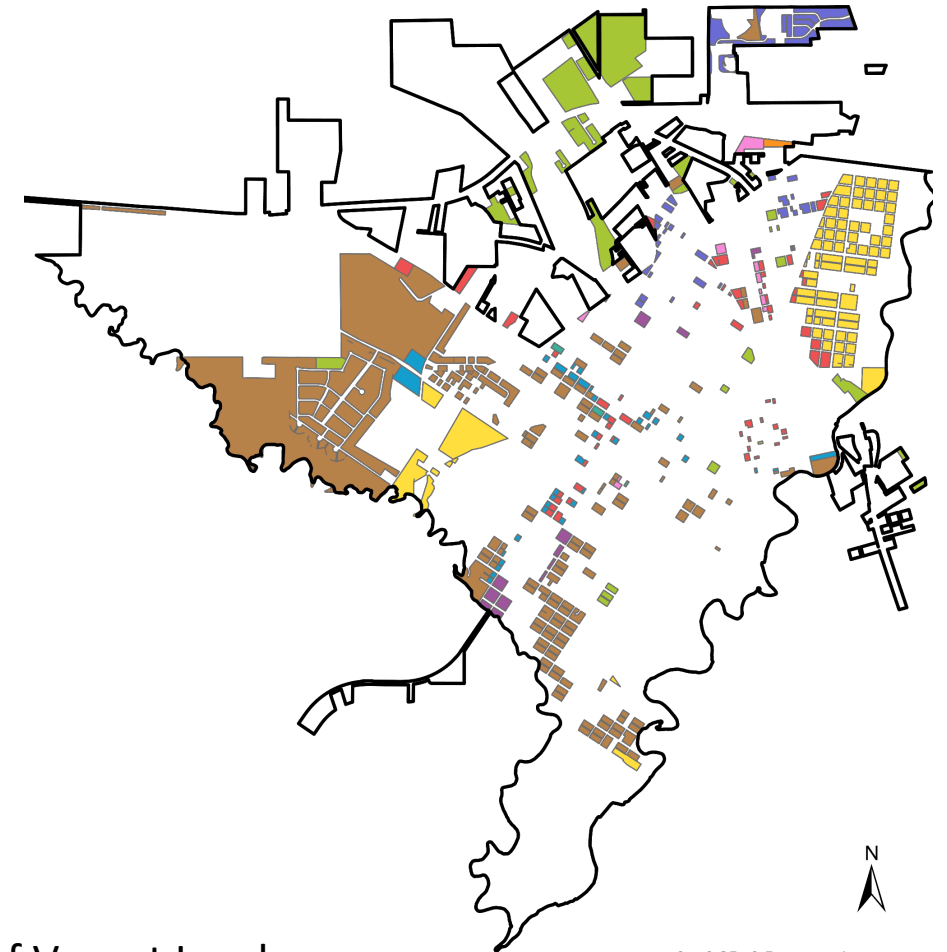
PROGRAMS

- Art & cultural events across city
- Expand outdoor activity events
- Host walking & running events



POLICIES

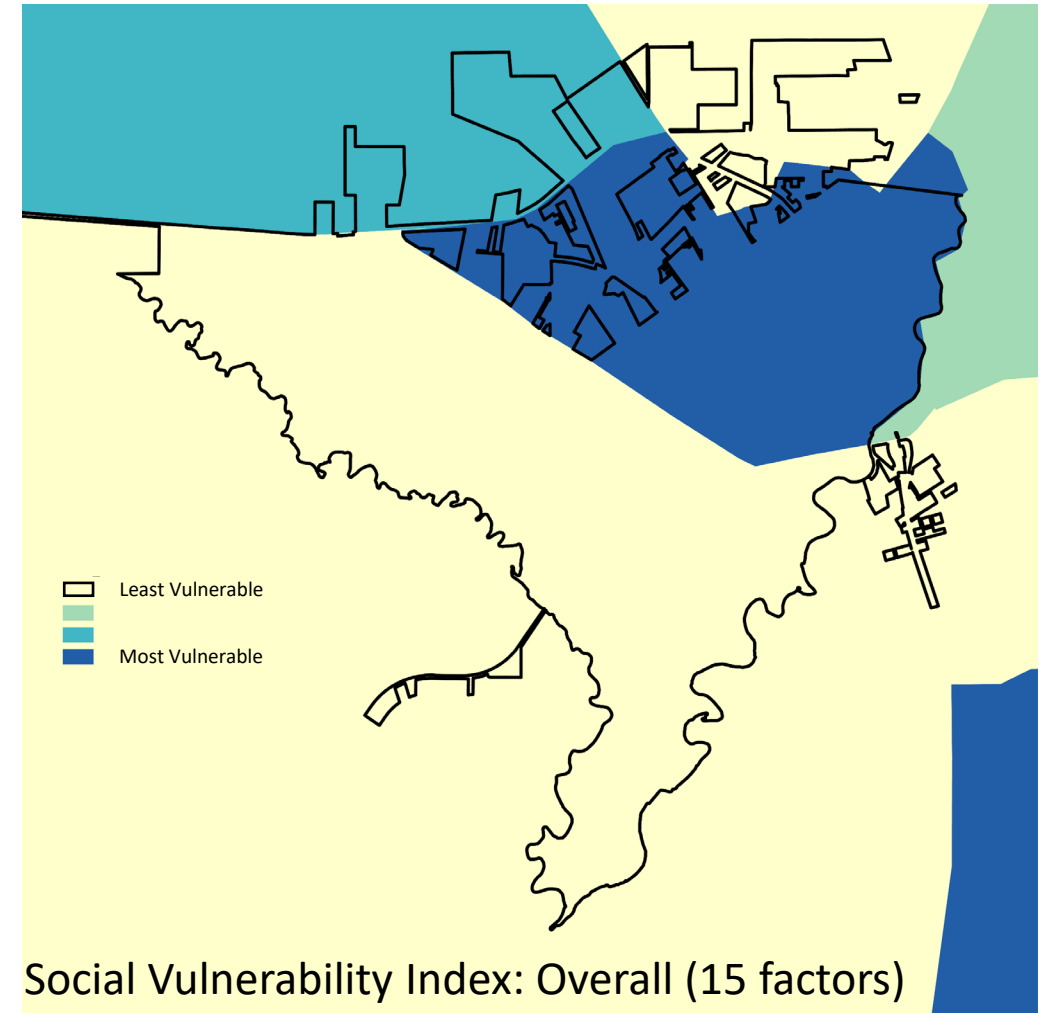
- Expand the Historic District
- Infill development
- Mixed use development
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Cluster & Conservation Subdivisions
- Townhomes & triplexes



Zoning of Vacant Land

POLICIES

- Annex only when benefits to cost are positive
- Update subdivision and zoning ordinances
- Variances only in hardship cases
- Identify & mitigate racial injustice
- Create & track social equity metrics
- Assess equity for city decisions





THANK YOU!



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