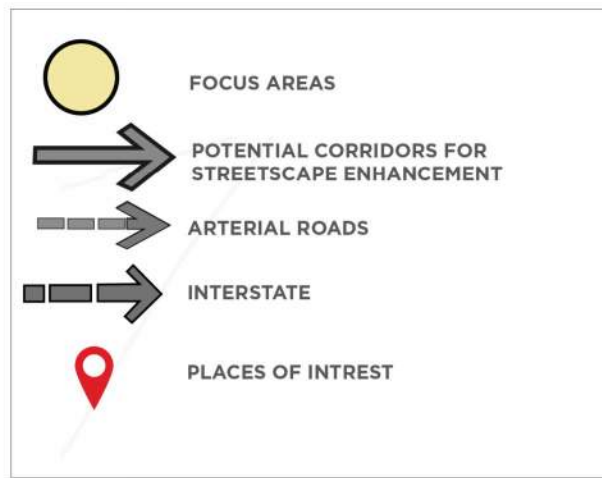


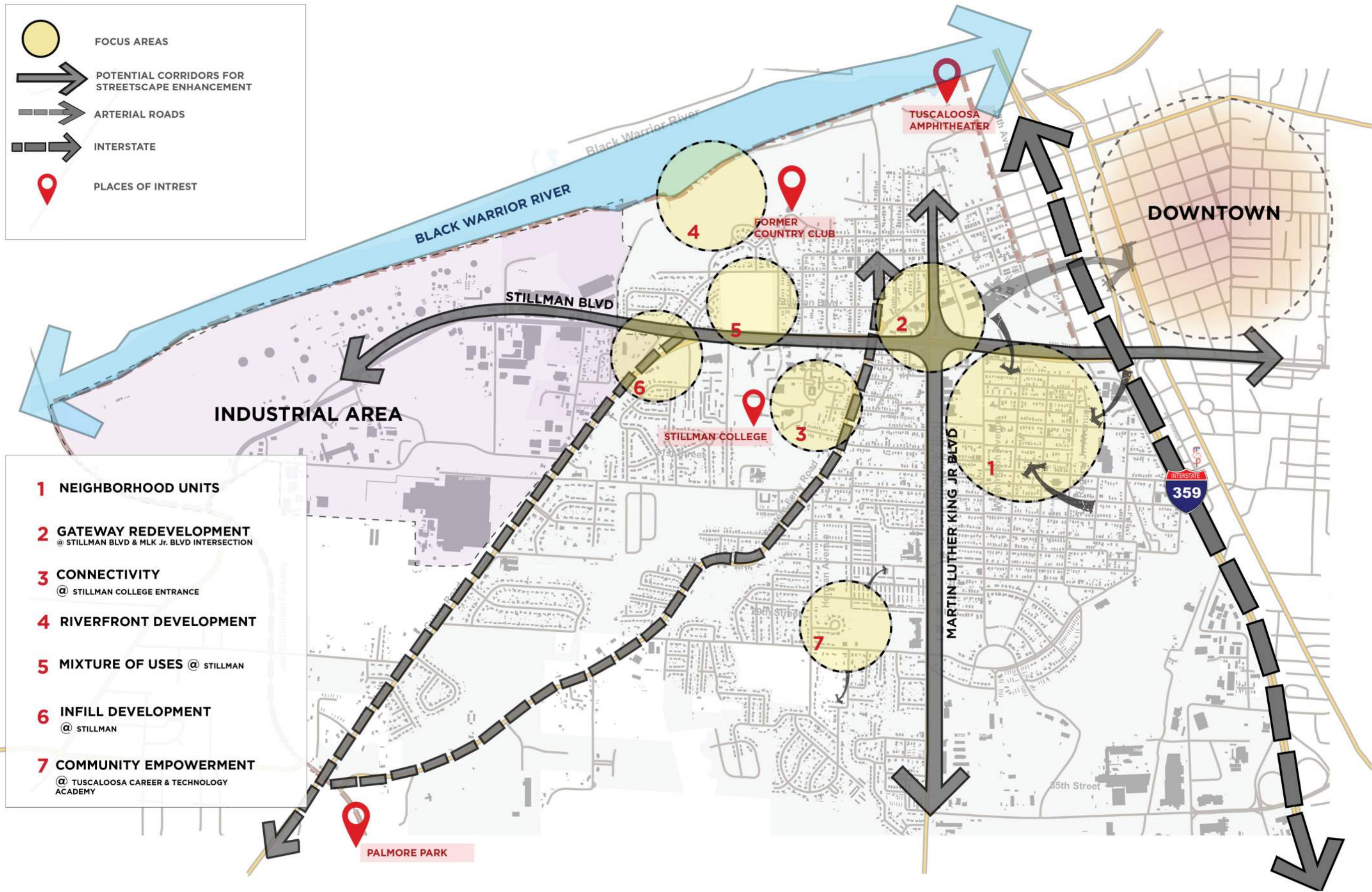
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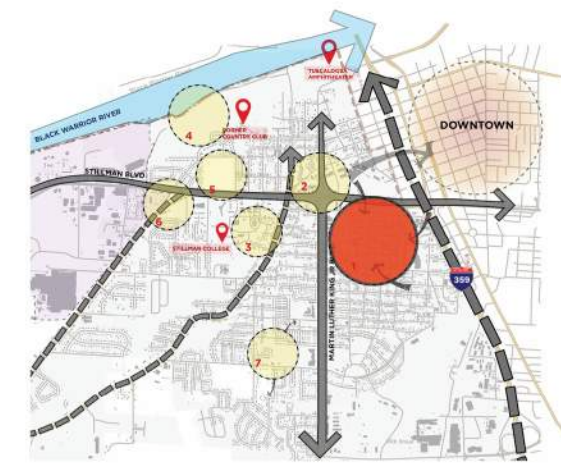
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WEST TUSCALOOSA Community Inventory



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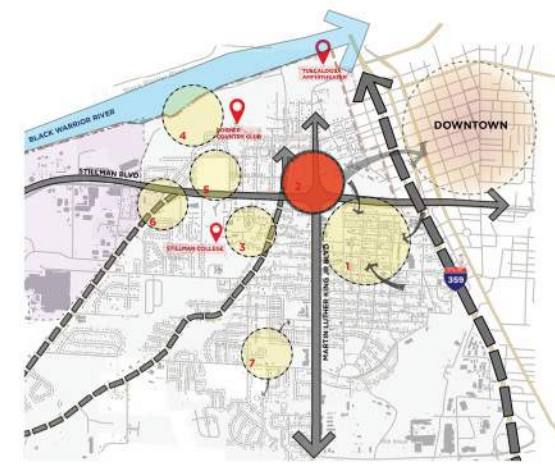


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The most fundamental building block in strengthening West Tuscaloosa, and the community as a whole, is restoration and re-establishment of the Neighborhood Unit. Specific to the community, our one on one interview and open house participants have imparted upon us that at the most basic block level opportunities exist to restore a proud sense of value in the place residents call home. Tuscaloosa's citizens seek to reestablish safe and defensible space, lot by lot, home by home.

Using the input received throughout the process there are both short- and long-term actions that translate to opportunities. Items such as Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), Community Resilience Strategies, and Defensible Space form the building blocks of our community vocabulary. At the neighborhood level, residents have articulated safety, connectivity, and enhanced **Sense of Place** as their highest priority goals.

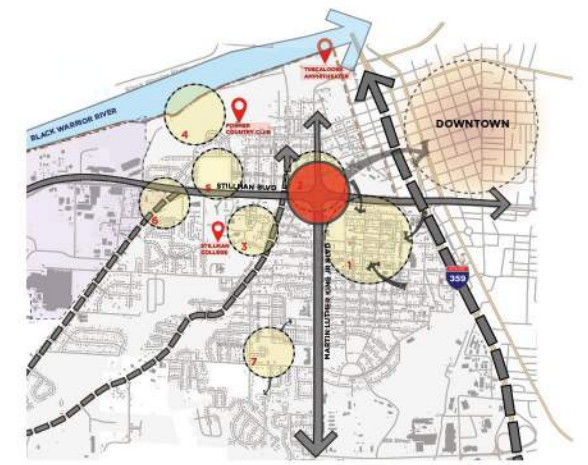


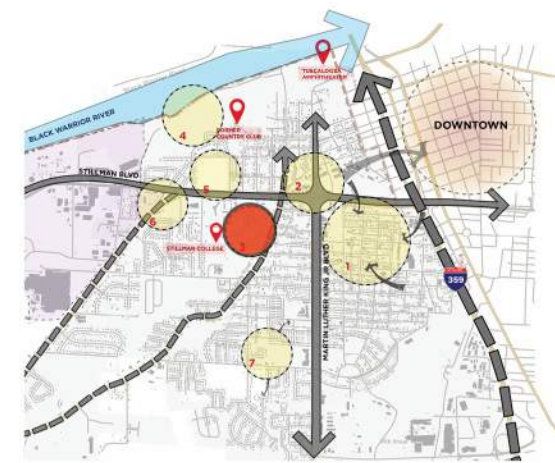
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The intersections of Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, Stillman Blvd., 15th Street, and the immediate surrounding context area creates a Gateway to the West Tuscaloosa Community. There have been recent redevelopment activities of small- and medium-scale retail offerings along Stillman Blvd. and 15th Street.

Tuscaloosa residents have expressed their desire to walk to the new businesses, where sidewalks currently don't exist or are fragmented. Neighbors wish to feel safe outdoors at night, informing us that street lighting is not uniform and that unlit areas present opportunities for undesirable activities and crime. As the Gateway and a landmark location in West Tuscaloosa, residents have expressed a desire to revitalize this area, remove industrial uses, and create a diverse 'Commerce Center' and 'Civic Node'. There is both a linear design connection and spatial form delineation.





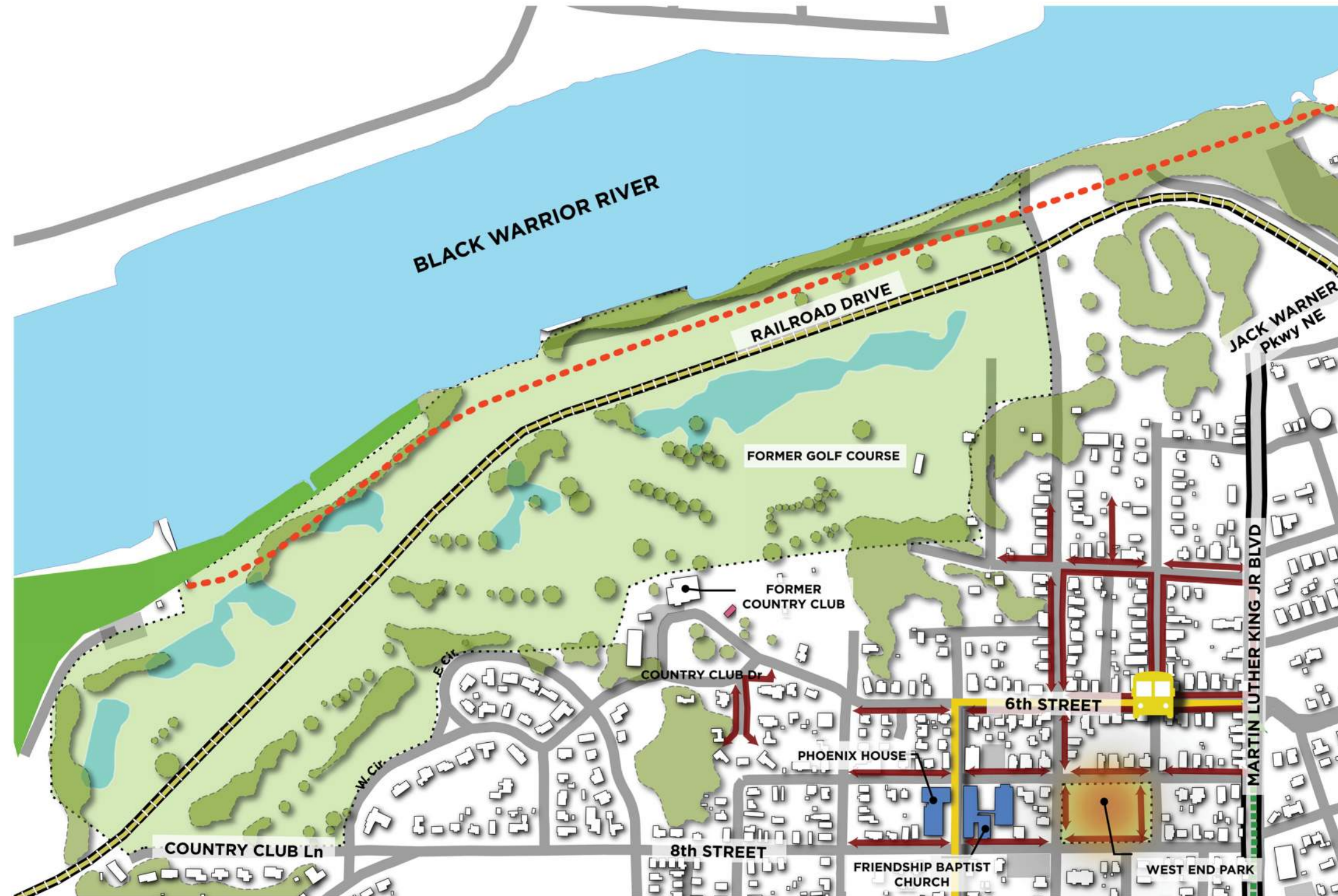
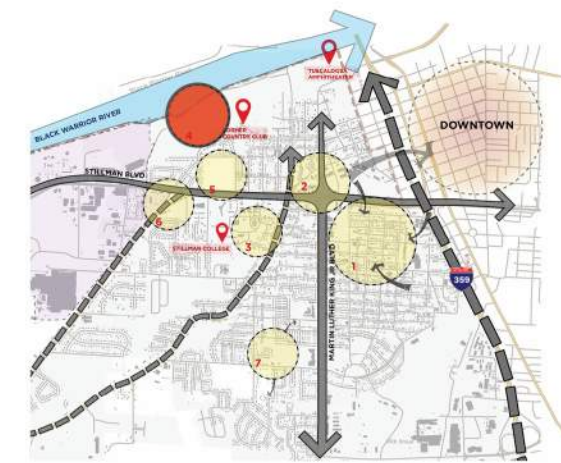
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A common theme that has emerged throughout the community, in both residential and commercial areas, is the lack of transportation options. It has been noted throughout the Study Area that public transit services operate only during weekday business hours. Individuals who rely on public transportation are able to use the mode for employment, but shopping and other personal needs that must occur on the weekends or evenings are unmet. This creates a reliance on more expensive travel options such as taxis, Uber, or private drivers. This can become an economic hardship on several groups including youth, single-parents, and the elderly.

Pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks and paths are limited and often fragmented within neighborhoods, across thoroughfares, and community facilities such as parks. Bicycle facilities are even more limited within West Tuscaloosa. A short-, medium-, and long-term priority, as noted by residents, is completion or restoration of these facilities, which directly addresses residents' needs and offers health-related benefits for all generations.

Transit enhancements and added service nodes need to be analyzed. New stops should be coordinated with commerce centers and civic nodes to reinforce viability and residents' connection to goods and services.

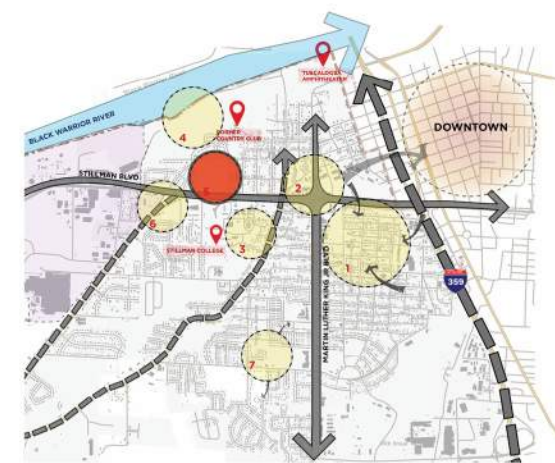


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The City currently has a Master Planning effort underway for the Riverfront, which creates the northern edge of the former Country Club site. This effort seeks to create Resource-Based Recreation and continue the successful Riverfront development that occurs in East Tuscaloosa. The Riverfront Development creates opportunities beyond the project boundaries, by linking the adjacent neighborhoods to the Black Warrior River and potentially connecting with Stillman College.

The project is also capable of delivering community benefits far beyond the traditional perception of fitness and programmed activities. West Tuscaloosa has significant architectural forms and variety of building types. The ecological progression from the Black Warrior River to Stillman College can provide a learning pathway connecting an environmental feature and water-based commerce to a Higher Education Institution, historically connected to the community and population.

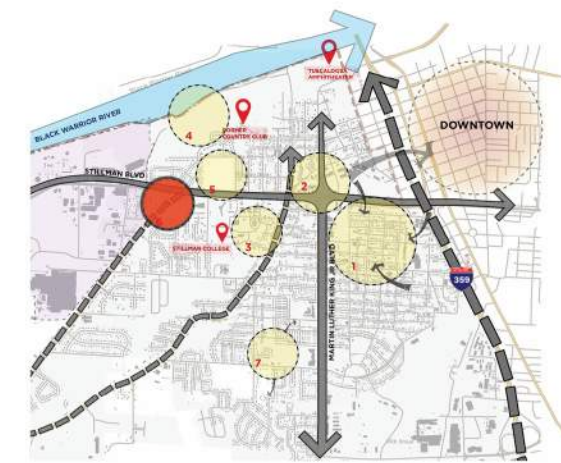


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The over twenty-acre wooded site, across from Stillman College, presents itself as a major catalyst center within the West Tuscaloosa community. Bounded on the west, north, and east by existing single-family detached homes of varying styles and sizes, this site's physical connection to both existing residents and the ability to build upon its direct proximity to Stillman College positions it as a foundation element within the West Tuscaloosa community's north-central core. Accessing Stillman Boulevard directly, the site has the potential to be landmark property, not only in size but scope with its ability to offer a mix of uses.

Proximity to Stillman College also creates opportunities for Public-Public (City/State, City/Community Agency, or City/Educational Institution) and Public-Private Partnerships that could accelerate several sites' design, construction, and success in the community.

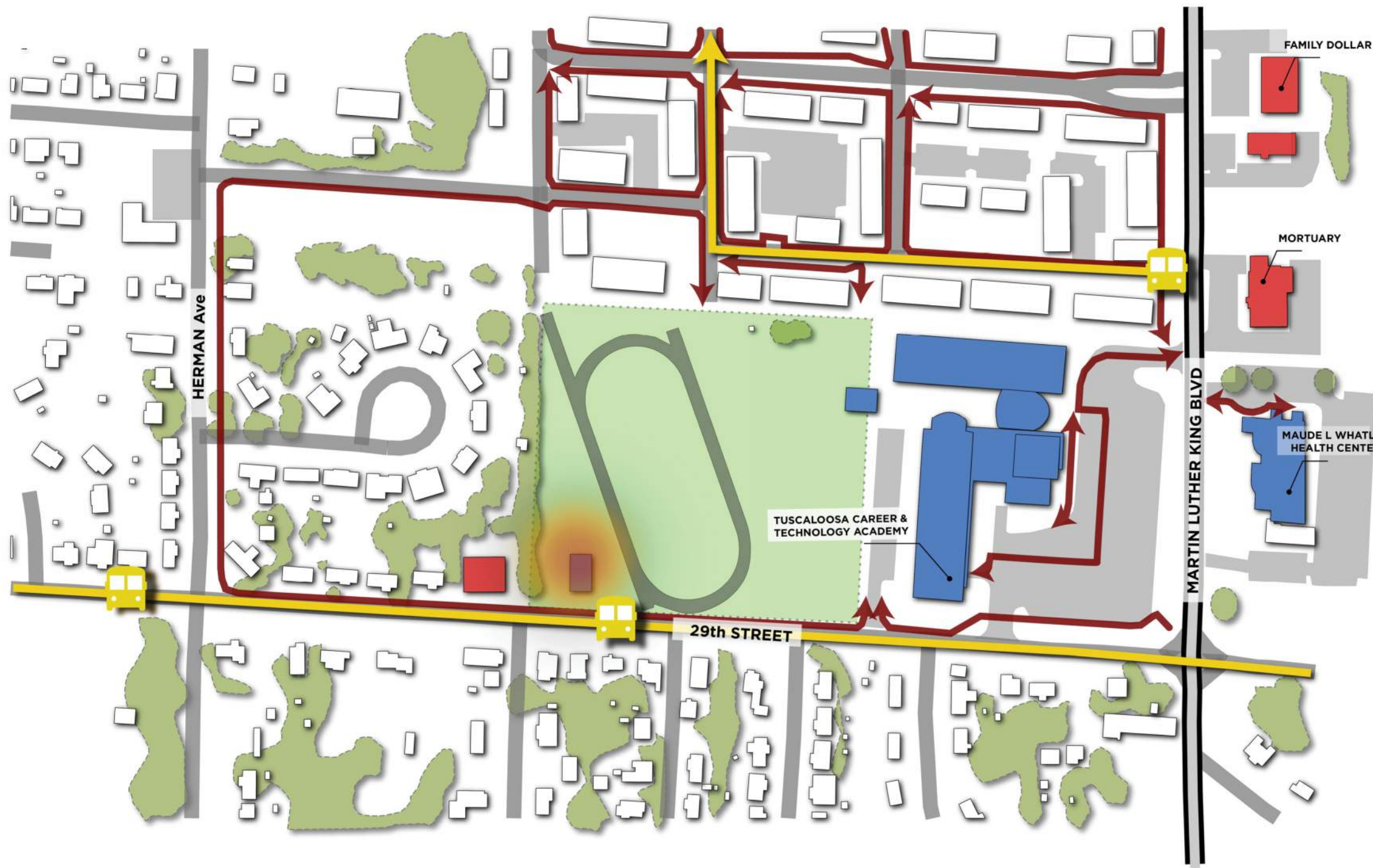
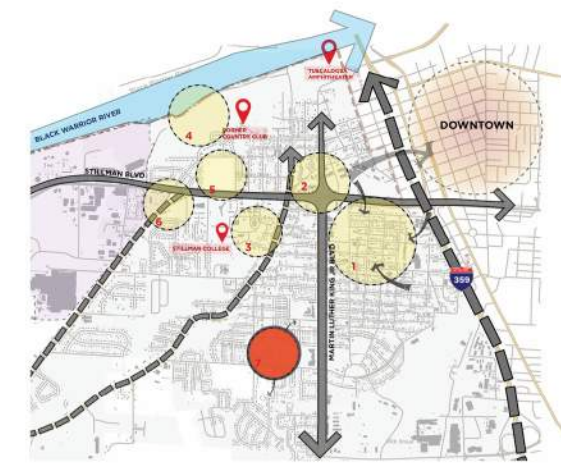


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The six and one-half acre site, west of the existing community grocery store, which was the site of an auto salvage lot, has the potential to be redeveloped to have a mixture of uses. The site's location, nearly in the Northwest corner of West Tuscaloosa's residential population, is matched well in size and scale to deliver professional services that are scarce within West Tuscaloosa.

Additionally, within close proximity to the multitude of industrial and commercial uses that exist between the Black Warrior River and West Tuscaloosa's residential population, the site's potential to deliver complimentary uses to employees in the area's manufacturing and trade industry is tremendous. Numerous other areas, within the Study Area, lend themselves to infill development and may be identified for future detailed analysis.



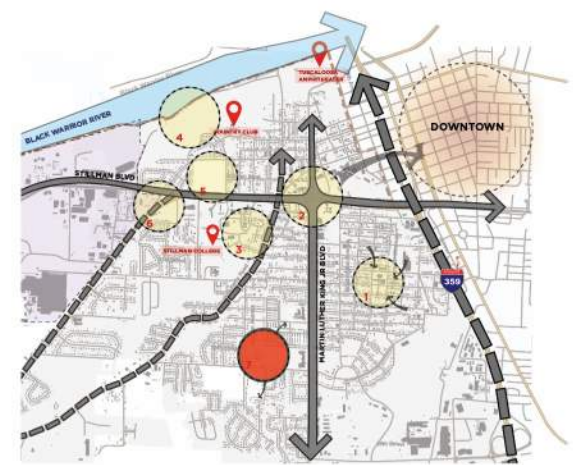
In all meetings and open house events throughout the community, citizens have shared their desire for greater connection to the place they call home and more importantly the community they cherish and wish to enhance.

Connection to the physical and built environment can be enhanced through architectural, urban design, and landscape architectural forms and features. Drawing residents into engaging interaction, opportunities for shared activities, and making mentorship possible can be significantly enhanced by the quality and perceived safety of the spaces created for residents.



Empowerment Facility

Tuscaloosa Career & Technology Academy



Retail Footprint: **5,000 sf**

Empowerment Facility Footprint:
Multiple combinations of
1,000 sf or 500 sf unit