

Longfellow, Powderhorn Park & Whittier Lake Street Planning Project

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Project Description: This project shows the beginning of a collaborative effort in long-term land use planning. Three neighborhoods; Longfellow, Powderhorn Park, and Whittier, have taken the initiative to consolidate the existing neighborhood master plans along Lake Street. This project seeks to address statements made by officials at City Hall that a comprehensive plan for Lake Street does not exist and that neighborhoods need to work closer in development efforts.

Progress: Initial maps of Lake Street have been created including a base map with major development nodes, an existing land use map, and a zoning designation map.

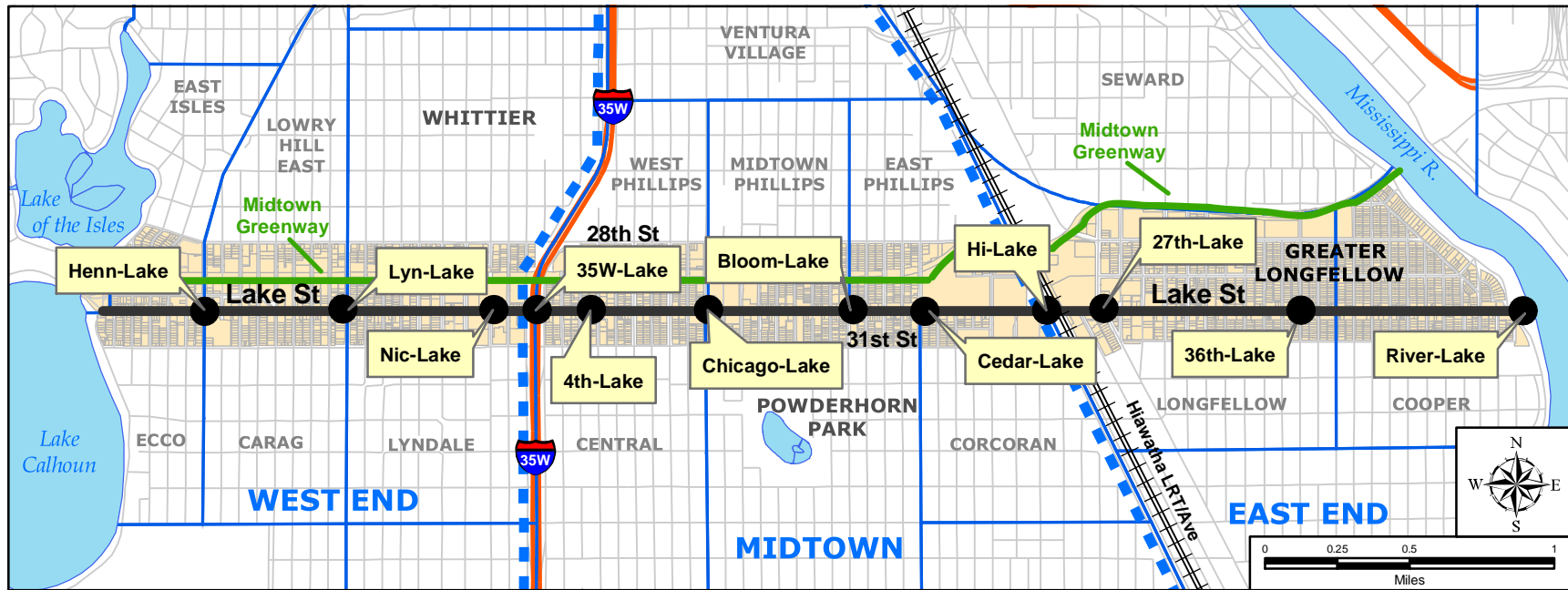
Process: Participating neighborhoods will collect any existing planning information and attempt to overlay this data upon existing City base maps.

Outcomes: The resulting comprehensive plan will be used by neighborhoods to convey development ideas to City Council, Mayor, Planning Department, residents, developers, and other stakeholders. In addition, GIS analysis can be used to examine such issues as non-conforming zoning and land uses.

Challenges/Limitations: A major challenge facing this project is simply coordinating the efforts of the multitude of neighborhoods involved and to get them to think outside their borders and cooperate with other neighborhoods. Convincing City Hall that neighborhoods have something to contribute to the planning process is also a challenge.

Data Sources: City of Minneapolis.

Lake Street Comprehensive Plan Study Area



Planned Developments Along Midtown Lake Street

