

Near North, Willard-Hay Plymouth Avenue Vision Project

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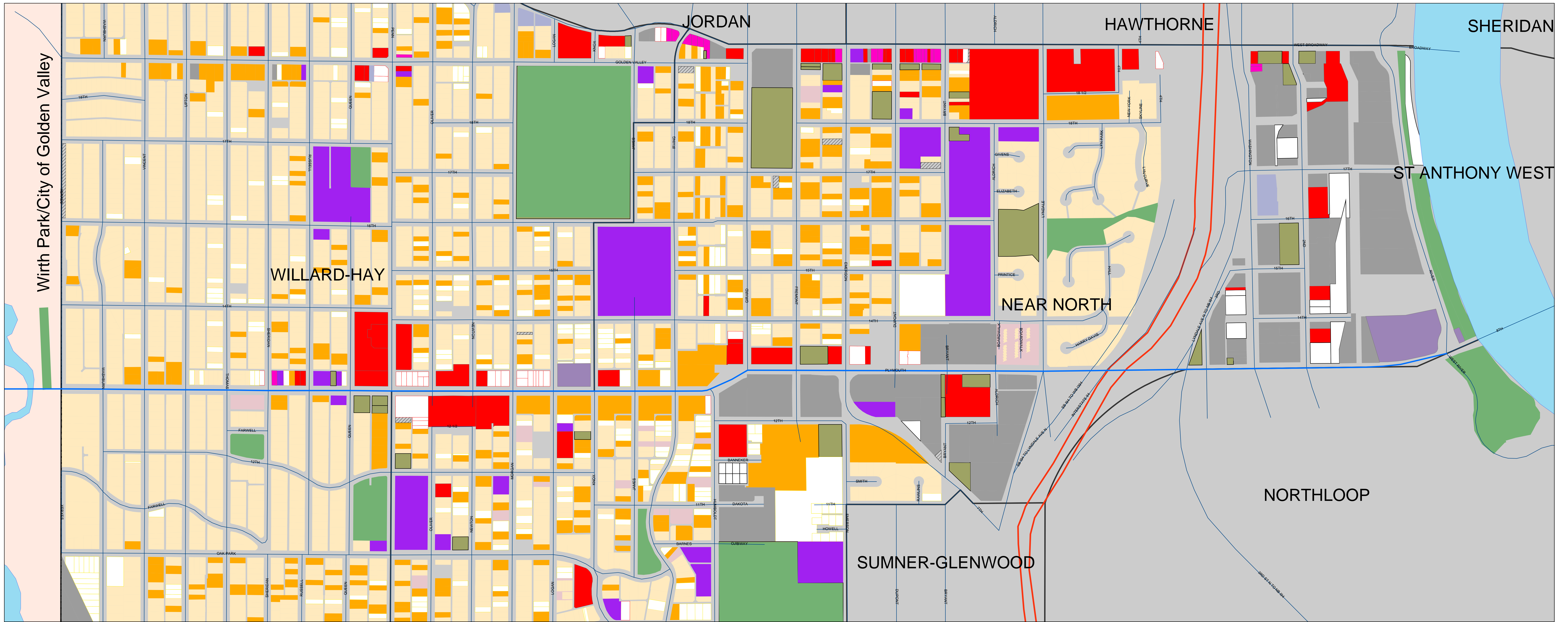
Project Description: The Northside Residents Redevelopment Council (NRRC) is starting a revitalization project centered on Plymouth Avenue. Vacant lots and neighborhood assets were two issues that were to be discussed at upcoming neighborhood meetings. Vacant lots are to be targeted for redevelopment opportunities and neighborhood assets can be highlighted to make the area around Plymouth Avenue more attractive to developers. In addition to infill projects, the Plymouth Avenue Corridor revitalization will include green space planning and identification of polluted properties.

Progress: The Plymouth Avenue project is ongoing, however, results from the September meeting include a better understanding for neighborhood residents of location of vacant lots and community assets. Demographic information from the 2000 Census will be added for additional community discussion at future meetings.

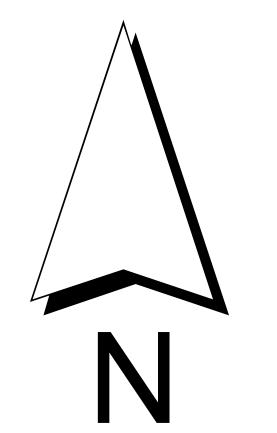
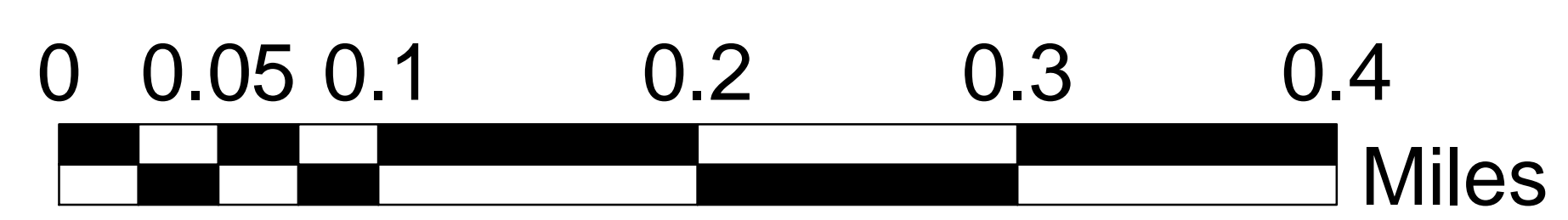
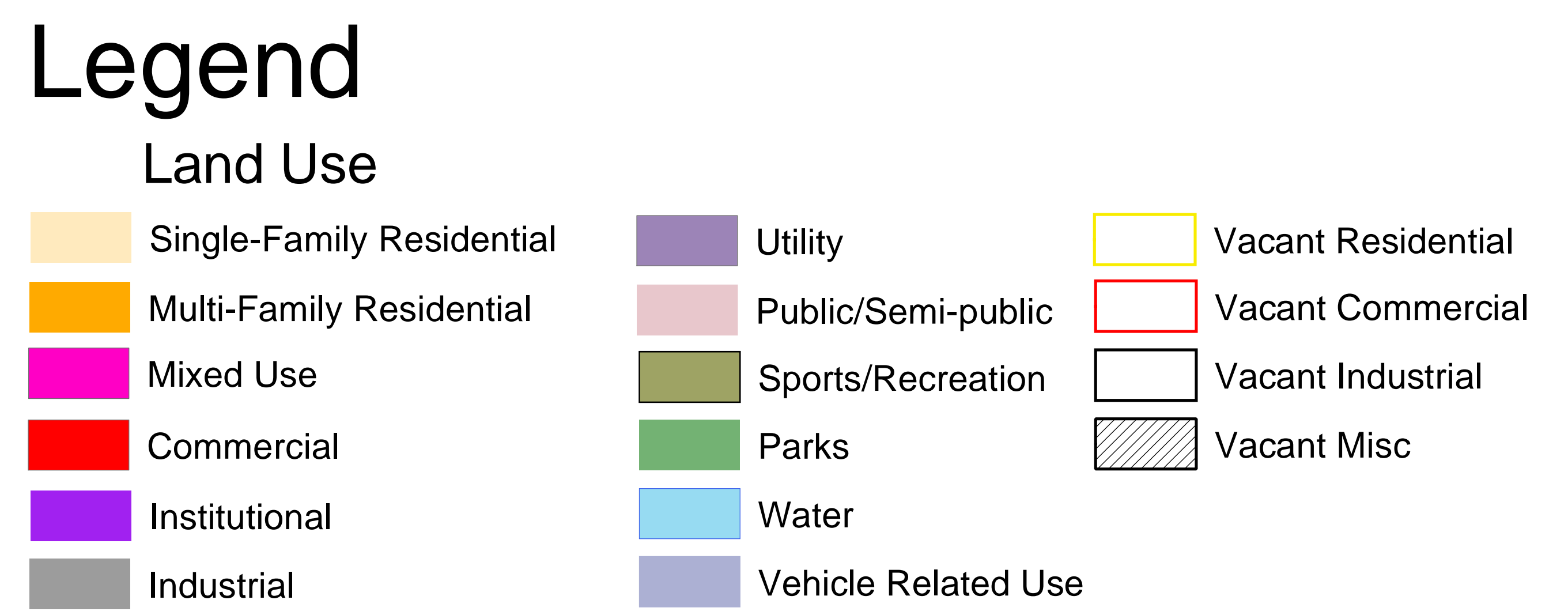
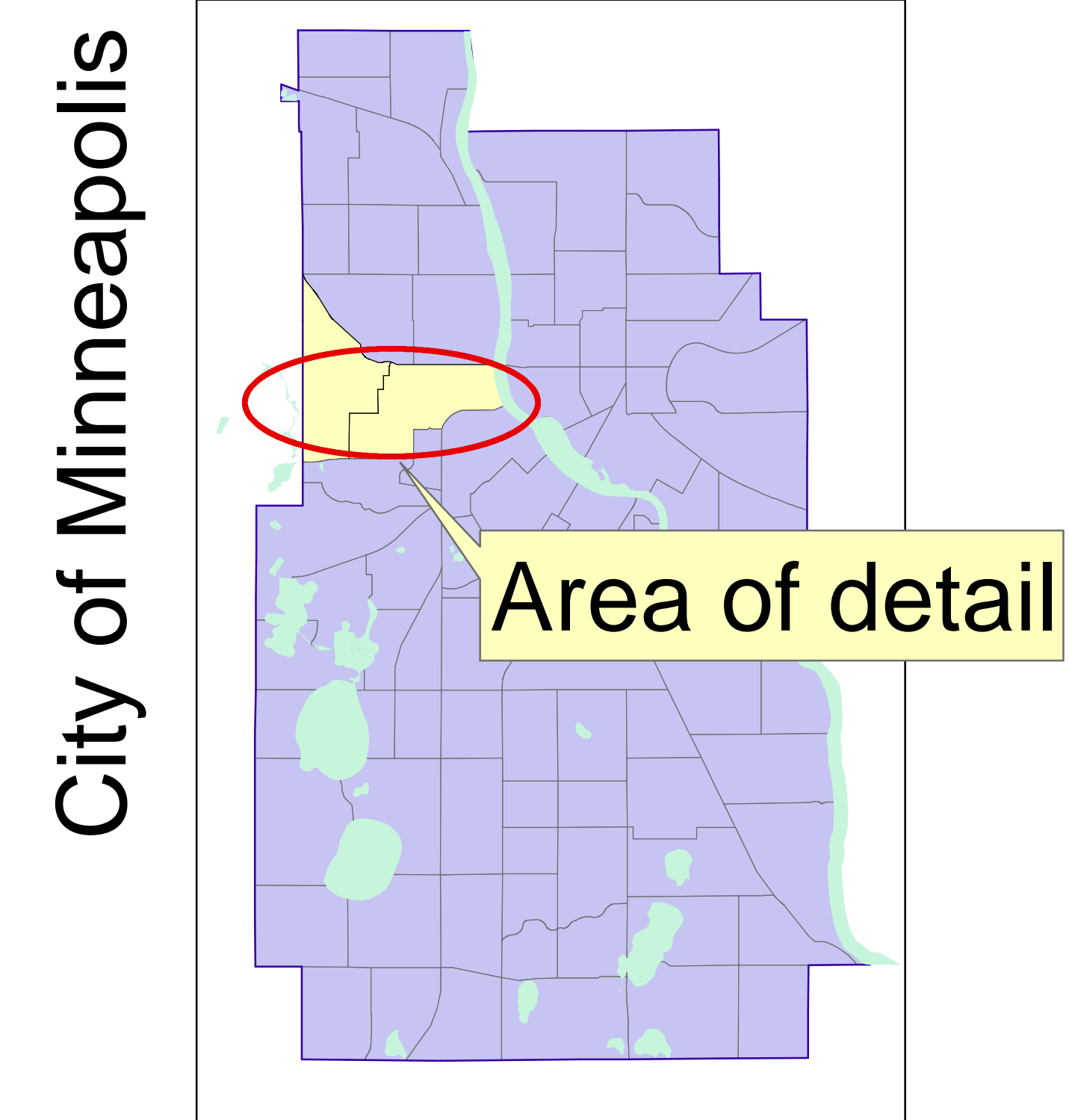
Process: Maps showing existing land use, vacant parcels, and institutional uses along Plymouth Avenue were created and printed, and a PowerPoint presentation was completed for use at the community meetings and to aid in the discussion of the Plymouth Avenue redevelopment.

Outcomes: Through the community meeting, residents and community members acknowledged that vacant parcels are traditionally a neighborhood weakness, but that vacant land can also be tool for neighborhood revitalization through redevelopment. Concentrations of vacant land were recognized as areas to establish commercial nodes. Benefits of concentrating neighborhood institutional assets, like schools, parks, and faith-based institutions were communicated to meeting attendees. Community members also began to identify parcels once occupied by gasoline service stations in order to create future maps of contaminated sites along Plymouth Avenue.

Data Sources: Parcel level neighborhood data from the City of Minneapolis.



Near North - Willard Hays Neighborhoods
Existing Land Use along Plymouth Avenue



Near North - Willard Hays Neighborhood

Neighborhood Institutional Land Use

- Schools, Libraries, and Faith-based institutions
- Parks

- 1 CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS PK BOARD
- 2 CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS PK BOARD
- 3 NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
- 4 NORTH ATHLETIC FIELD
- 5 CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS PK BOARD
- 6 NURTITION CENTER
- 7 CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS PK BOARD
- 8 CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS PK BOARD
- 9 CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS PK BOARD
- 10 LINCOLN SCHOOL
- 11 CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS PK BOARD
- 12 CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS PK BOARD
- 13 MPLS LIBRARY BOARD
- 14 CITY OF MPLS PARK BOARD
- 15 CITY OF MPLS PARK BOARD
- 16 CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS PK BOARD
- 17 UPR MDWST AMER INDIAN CENTER
- 18 HOLDING FORTH THE WORD
- 19 ST ANDREWS CHURCH
- 20 E THIGPEN JR/N L THIGPEN &
- 21 NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
- 22 CHURCH OF ASCENSION
- 23 SP SCHOOL DIST NO 1
- 24 ST JOSEPH HIEN PARISH
- 25 MASJID AN-NUR-ISLAMIC CTRS
- 26 N MPLS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
- 27 SPECIAL SCHOOL DIST #1
- 28 NORTHPORT BAPTIST CHURCH
- 29 MORNING STAR ASSEMBLY OF GOD
- 30 SUSAN OKRENT
- 31 SP SCHOOL DIST NO 1
- 32 HE IS RISEN
- 33 TRNTY TBRNCL ASSM-GOD CHURCH
- 34 ONE SPIRIT CH OF GOD IN CHRI
- 35 TRINITY TABERNACLE ASSEMBLY
- 36 NEW SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
- 37 WORD OF LF CHRISTIAN CTR SBC
- 38 GCI INVESTMENTS LLC
- 39 MPLS BOARD EDUCATION DIST #1
- 40 PARENTS IN COMM ACTION INC
- 41 WAYMAN AME CHURCH
- 42 SEED DAYCARE
- 43 GRACE TEMPLE CHUR
- 44 ST JOHN MISSIONARY BAPT CH
- 45 DISCIPLES MINISTRY CHURCH
- 46 SPECIAL SCHOOL DIST #1
- 47 UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES
- 48 ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
- 49 MPLS GLENWOOD UNIT JEHOVAHS
- 50 COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH
- 51 WENDELL WESTBROOK

