

Overview for Tonight

Meeting Focus: Build Upon the African American Cultural Legacy

5:30 - 5:40: Recap

5:40 - 6:30: Cultural Legacy

>Discussion/Q&A

6:35 – 7:00: Historic Preservation

>Discussion/Q&A

Recap

Planning Process



Organize

Summer 2020 - Winter 2021 Prepare for the planning process.



Visualize

Winter 2021 - Summer 2021 Identify issues & opportunities not addressed by previous plans.



Summer 2021 - Winter 2022 Develop projects & programs.

Formalize

Winter 2022 - Spring 2022 Assemble, review, & adopt the plan.

Re

Realize

Next 10 Years Implement the plan's actions.

Community Action Team Meeting Topics

Introduction and Housing - October

Community Resilience - November

Cultural Heritage and Historic Preservation-December

Public Health and Safety – January 2022

Existing Conditions: How are We Doing?

Outcomes are our health, well-being, and resilience

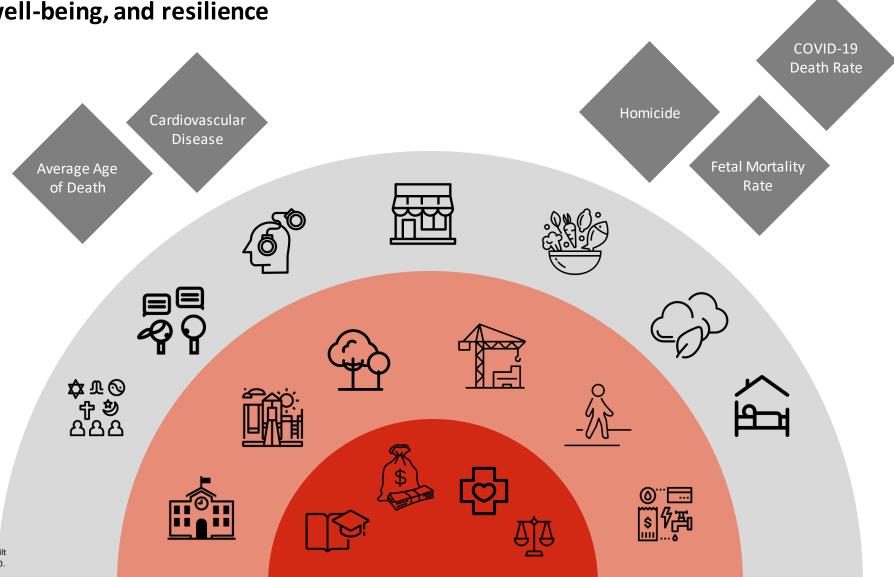
Root Causes whether Stressors or Change Agents can be chronic, or sudden...and happen at different levels.

Individual cooperation and inclusion in fundamental resources

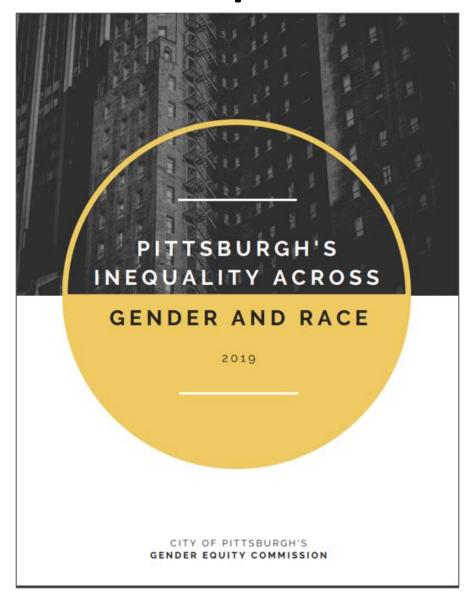
Communal connectedness

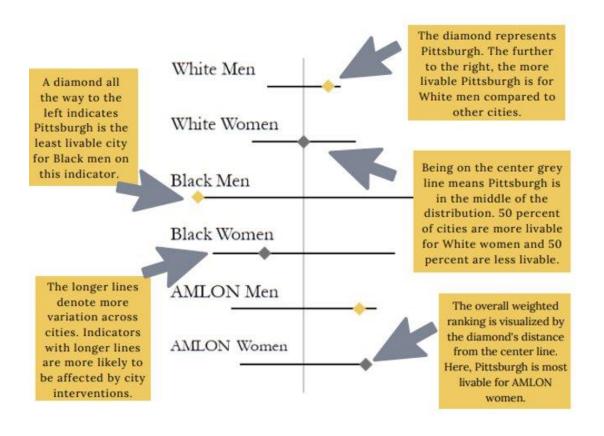
to infrastructure and living environment

Structural capacity within policies and systems



Racism is a public health crisis.



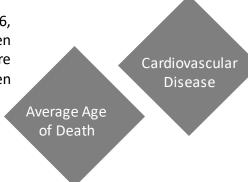


Outcomes are consistently different based on dimensions of identity: race/ethnicity, gender, language, immigration status, age, and ability.

How are We Doing as a City?

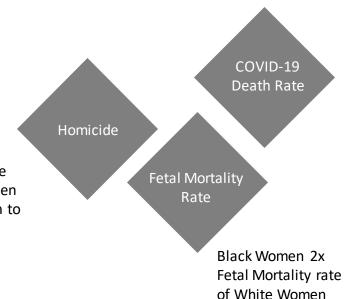
Outcomes

Black Men = 63.6, nearly 7 years < White Men Black Women = 69.9, more than 8 years < White Women



Black residents 1.5x more likely than White and 6.5x more likely than AMLON neighbors to die of heart disease

Young Black men 42x more likely than young White men and 11x than AMLON men to die from Homicide



Root Causes

Occupational segregation: jobs that pay less than \$30k per year are disproportionately filled by Pittsburgh's Black population



Black women 5x more likely to live in poverty than White men

16% Black men do not have a high school diploma or GED



Source: Pittsburgh's Inequality Across Gender and Race

Community Goals

Community goals for the master plan were created based upon all previous planning efforts and revised to include additional community input. With these goals as a guide, a great variety of decisions can be made over time to create a vibrant neighborhood, while still ensuring a shared vision of the overall outcome.

BUILD UPON THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL LEGACY

The Hill District has been a setting for Black history-making from the 18th century to the present. Thus, the Hill will position itself as Pittsburgh's oldest African American neighborhood and retain its cultural and historical personality, which should not be lost due to market pressures and gentrification.

- Honor the historic and cultural legacy of African Americans in the Hill District with emphasis on the Lower Hill
- Include 'right of return' preferences for displaced individuals, families, organizations and businesses
- Use existing neighborhood resources first in revitalization
- Advance existing and create new relationships to move the Hill District forward
- Ensure that Hill District residents are empowered in planning for the community revitalization

FAMILY FRIENDLY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT DISPLACEMENT

Housing developments must include an appropriate level of family housing including rental and for sale units affordable to various income levels in order to prevent displacement.

- Establish a target housing mix for new projects including appropriate levels of family-friendly housing
- Provide quality rental and ownership housing opportunities for a broad range of family sizes and incomes
- Use housing development as a catalyst for economic and community development
- New housing developments will prevent displacement of existing residents and businesses
- Family housing developments will include play spaces in close proximity to housing developments
- Housing developments will consider the impact of new developments on children and population density for local schools

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Community residents, organizations, and businesses will gain social and economic benefit from neighborhood revitalization efforts.

- Support economic activity that directly benefits Hill District residents and existing businesses.
- Ensure jobs for community members, the retention of current businesses, new opportunities for entrepreneurship and equity stakes for Hill District organizations
- Restore commercial vibrancy and strength by concentrating market demand and resources to:
- Renew Centre Avenue as a great "main street"
- Redevelop the Lower Hill as a mixed-use neighborhood
- Leverage Uptown's proximity to Oakland and Downtown
- Encourage live-work and at-home innovation projects

MAKE THE HILL DISTRICT A GREEN AND WELL-DESIGNED COMMUNITY

The Hill District will have a comprehensive strategy for sustainability and quality design.

- Create a comprehensive strategy for vacant land including urban gardening
- Leverage the Hill District's natural features as an economic asset for neighborhood development
- Use Hill District trails as green connections with a larger city
- Establish high-quality recreation and open spaces

MOBILITY, TRANSPORTATION, AND PARKING

Ensure viable and affordable transportation access to all members of the community.

- Improve transportation networks and services to the city and within the Hill District
- New infrastructure should promote walkability, street accessibility for the disabled, and access to work, retail, and social amenities
- Create a well-planned parking strategy that supports new development while minimizing negative impacts on residents

What's in your Original Plan (Initiatives)

Build capacity

- Quality Education Initiative
- Hill district Arts Plan
- Neighborhood Safety*
- Hill History Center**
- Hill District
 Homeowner/Tenant Support

Increase connectedness

- Neighborhood Safety*
- Housing Innovation Zone
- Hill Dsitrict Workforce Development
- Hill District Business Incubator
- Play Spaces
- Ride To Work
- StreetScape improvement
- Comprehensive Parking
- Strategy
- Complete Streets Piolt

Foster cooperation

Neighborhood Safety*



Foundations of a Resilient Community

- People
- Systems Thinking
- Adaptable
- Transformable
- Livable
- Co-powerment



Tonight's Discussion: Cultural Legacy & Historic Preservation

What's in your Original Plan (Cultural Legacy Initiatives)

BUILD UPON THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL LEGACY

- District Identity
 Signage and Wayfinding
 Weekly Publication
- The Hill History Center
 "Past, Present & Future" Trail
- Historic Preservation
 Hill District Preservation Plan
- Quality Education Initiative
 Lifelong Education
 Urban Fellows
 Youth Safe Haven
 Youth Arts Education
- Hill District Arts Plan
- Neighborhood Safety
 Neighborhood Watch

What's in your Original Plan (Historic Preservation detail)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Hill is home to a number of historic landmarks—the August Wilson House, the Centre Avenue YMCA, Fifth Avenue High School, John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Madison Elementary School (Minersville Public School) and the New Granada Theater are all city-designated historic properties, and the New Granada Theater was added to the National Historic Register in December 2010. Uptown's Fifth Avenue High School and Paramount Film Exchange are also structures of note. Beyond buildings, the Hill's rich history as a center of African-American culture needs to be remembered and continued.

Historic preservation in the Hill is already well underway with the efforts of numerous organizations including the Historic Hill Institute, the Hill Community Development Corporation, and others who are committed to historic preservation of existing assets. Their work needs to be supported and additional opportunities for preservation identified as the Hill continues to develop and change.

Goals

Preserve the Hill District's history as a center of African-American culture. Preserve and commemorate notable historic buildings in the Hill. Engage community members of all ages in learning about their neighborhood. Bring visitors to the Hill.

Local Programs & Resources

- Historic Hill Institute (includes a Youth Leadership Intern Program) (http://historichill.org)
- Hill Community Development Corporation (www.hilldistrict.org)
- Pittsburgh History and Landmark Foundation (www.phlf.org)

- The Young Preservationist Association www.youngpreservationists.org
- Preservation Pittsburgh (www.preservationpittsburgh.org)

Potential Programs

HILL DISTRICT PRESERVATION PLAN

 Preparing a preservation plan for the neighborhood is an important step towards protecting historic assets. The plan would identify neighborhood buildings to be preserved and identify appropriate strategies for undertaking their preservation. Having this information in place is likely to help in future attempts to secure preservation funding.

Target Area

Throughout the Hill.



Quality Education Initiative: As one of three public elementary schools in the HIII District, the Miller African-Centered Academy can serve as a center for multiple education initiatives

Cultural Legacy

DECEMBER 13, 2021

Greater Hill District Master Plan

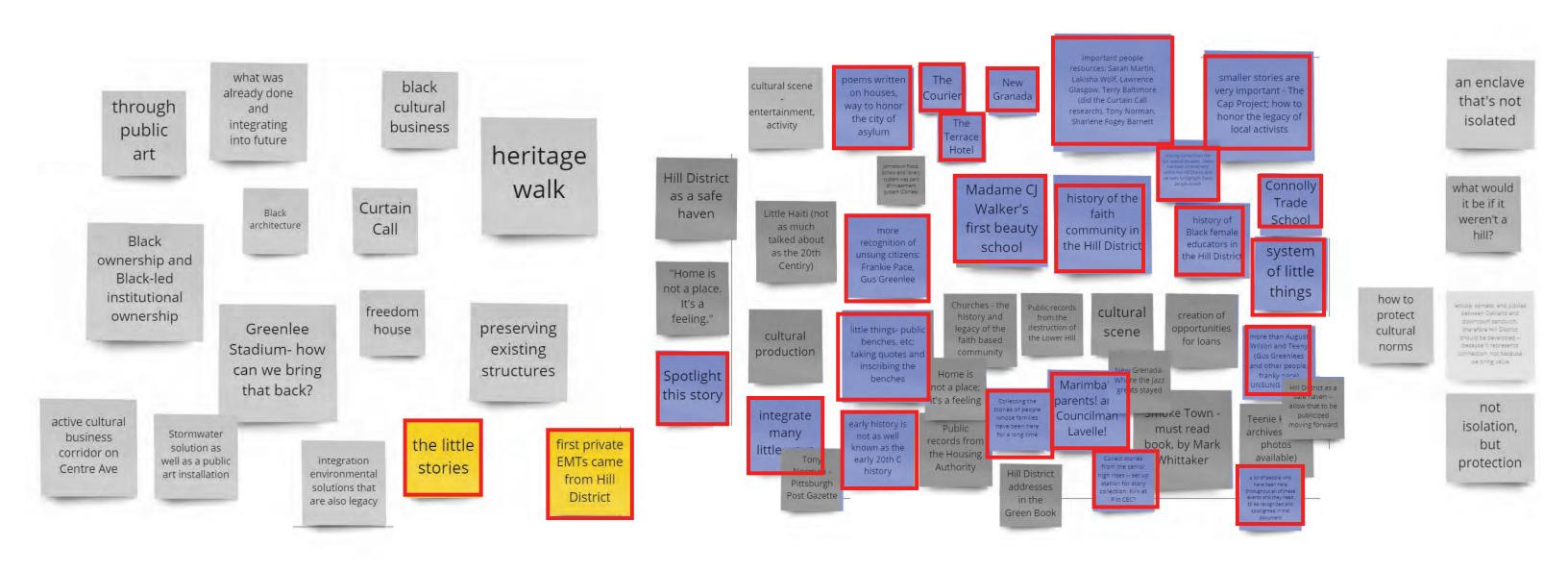
Cultural Legacy Assessment



Small Group Meeting Notes 8/20/21



Theme 1: "Small Moments" & "Little Stories"



Theme 2: "Connected but Protected"



Theme 3: Activate Cultural Legacy into the Future



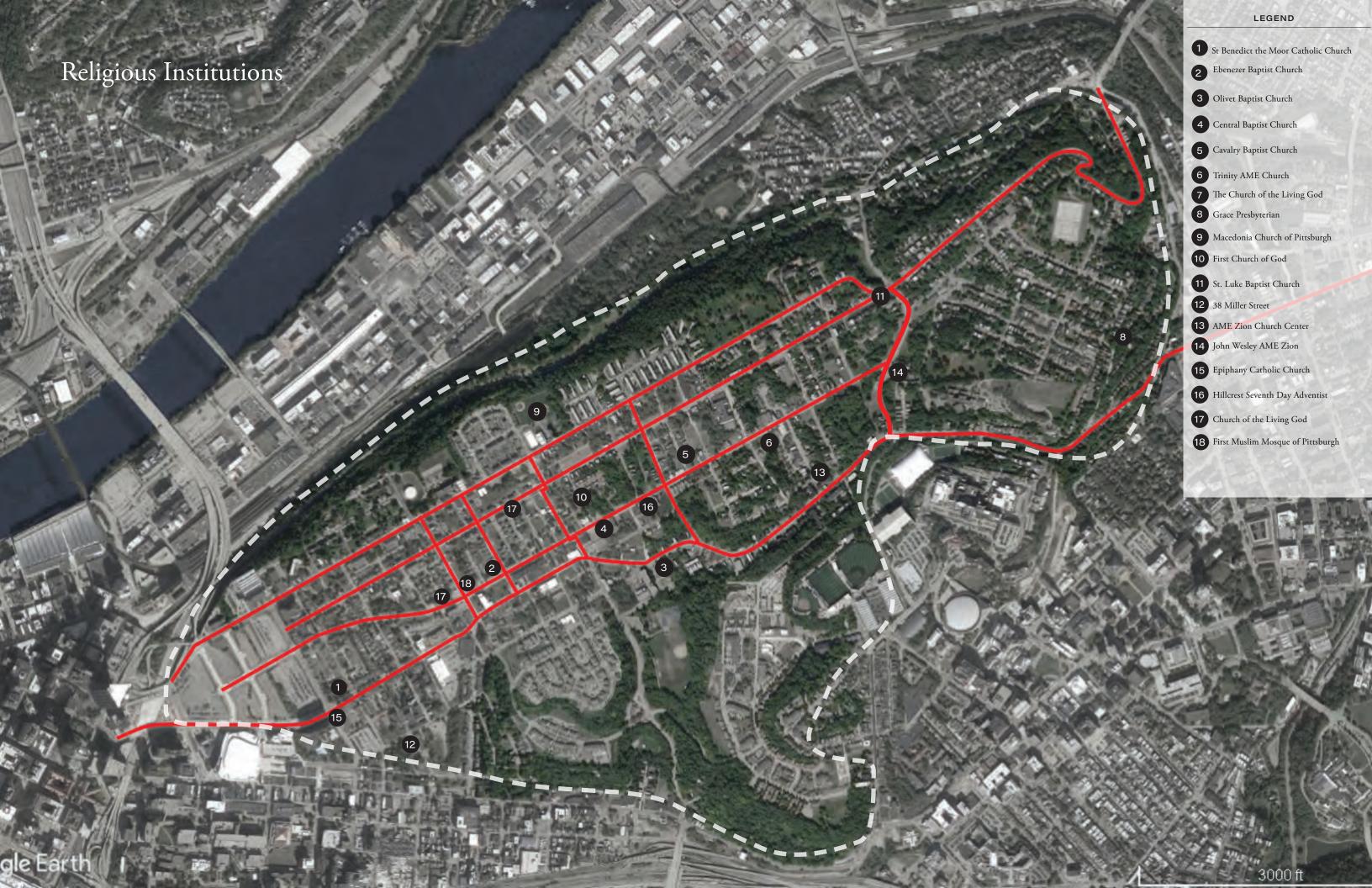
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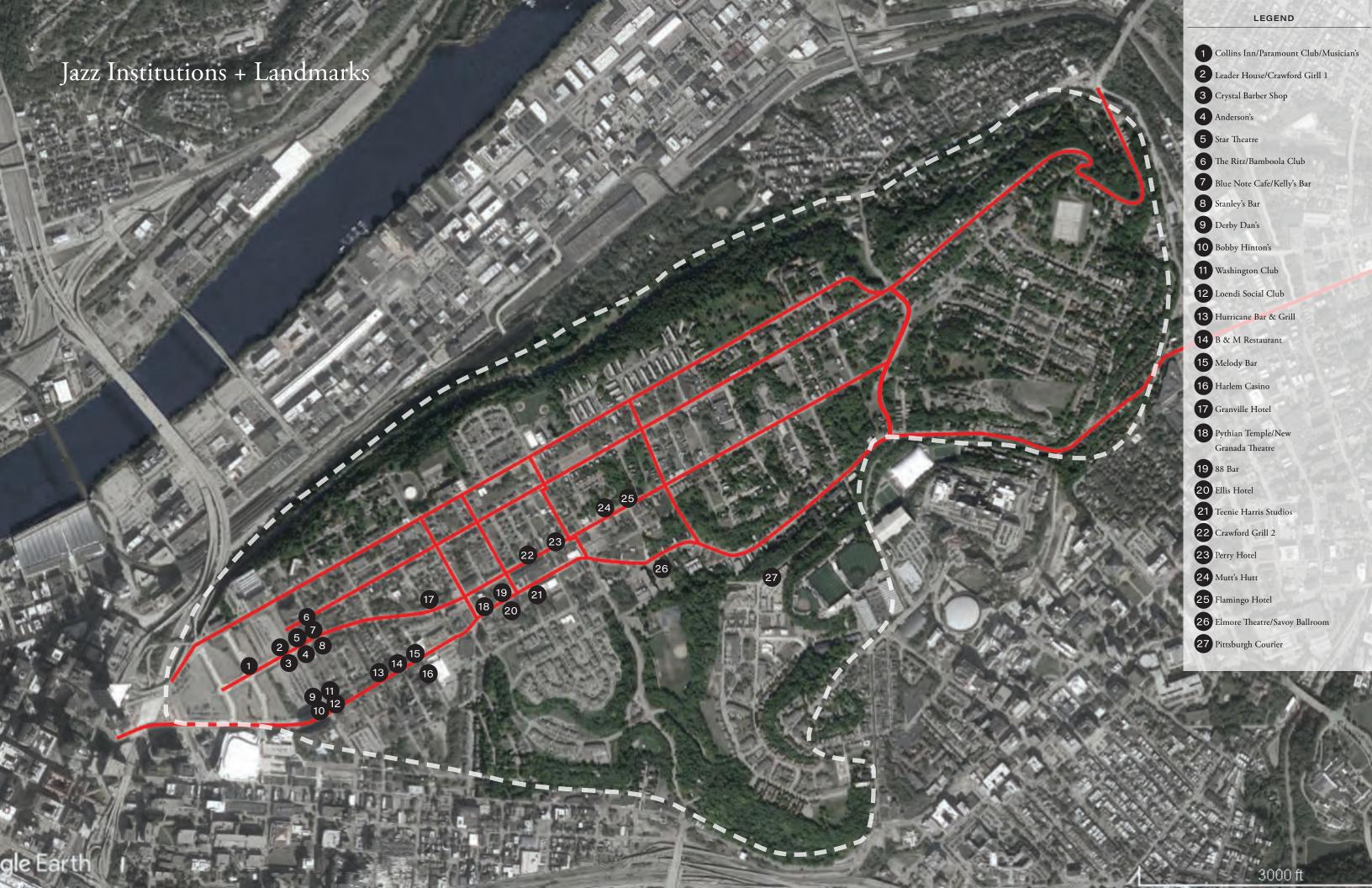
Cultural Legacy Framework:

The Hill District Cultural Legacy Loop

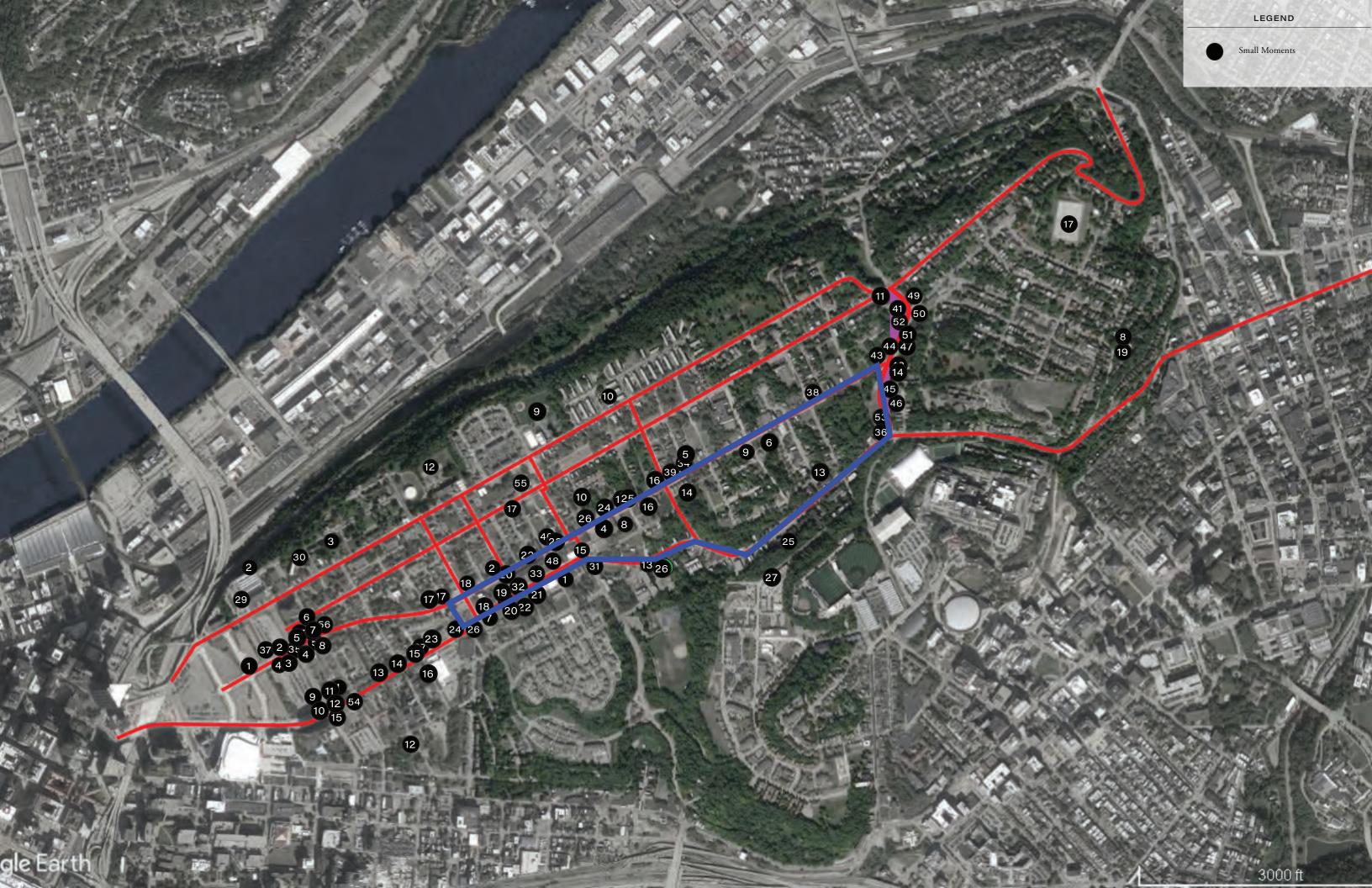
The Hill District Cultural Legacy Loop

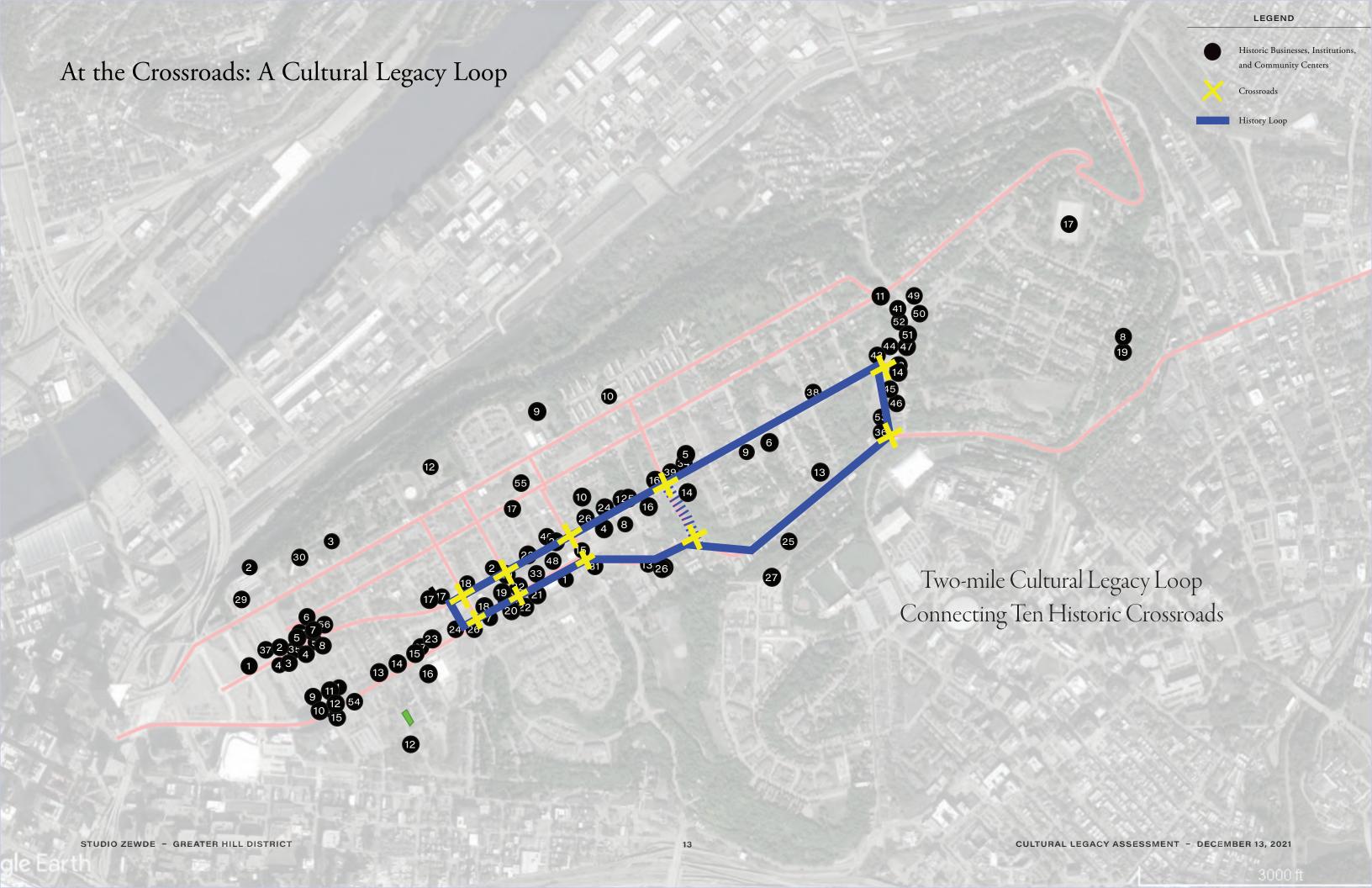




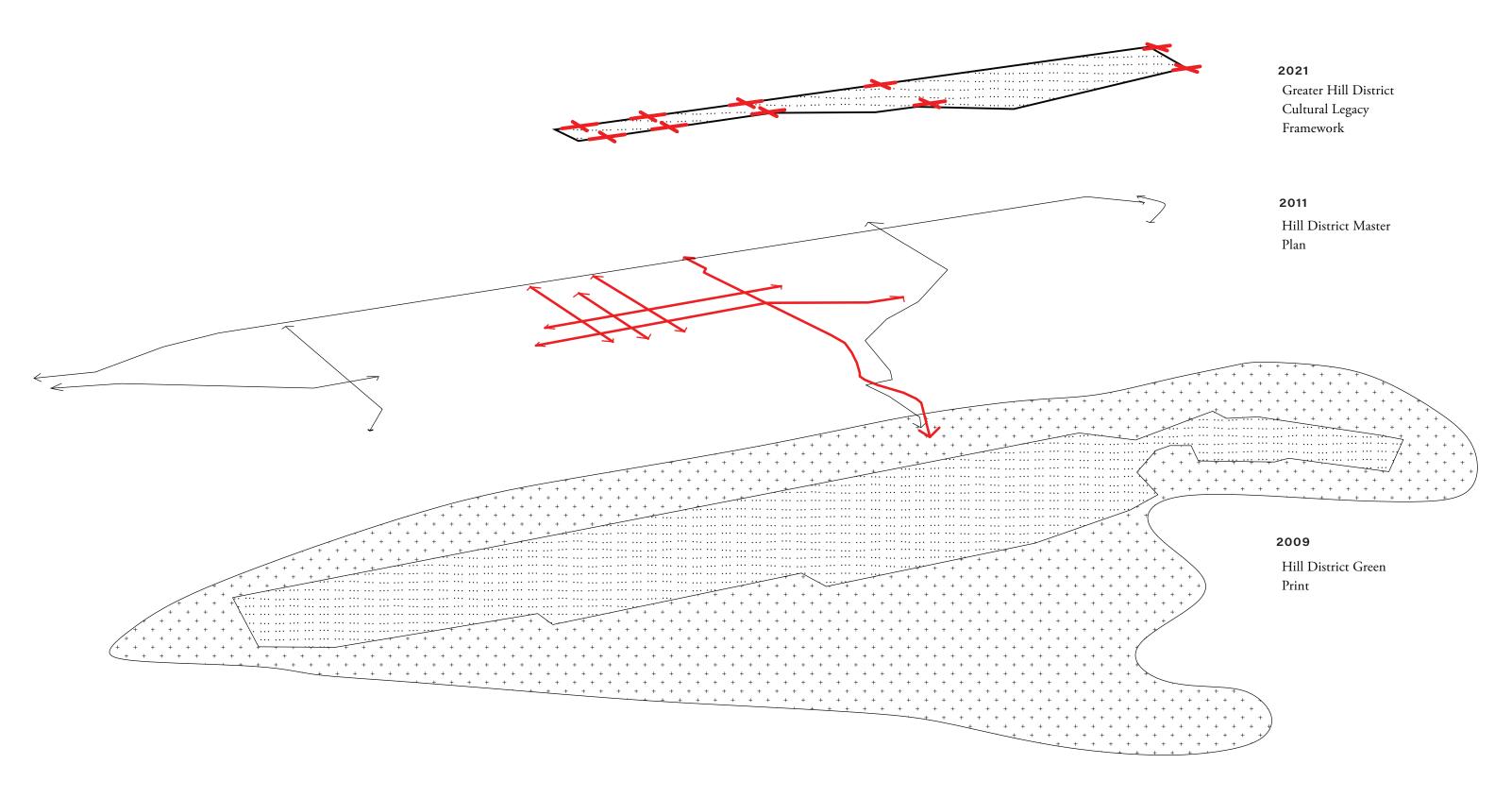








Reinforcing Strategies: Protected but Connected



The Crossroads

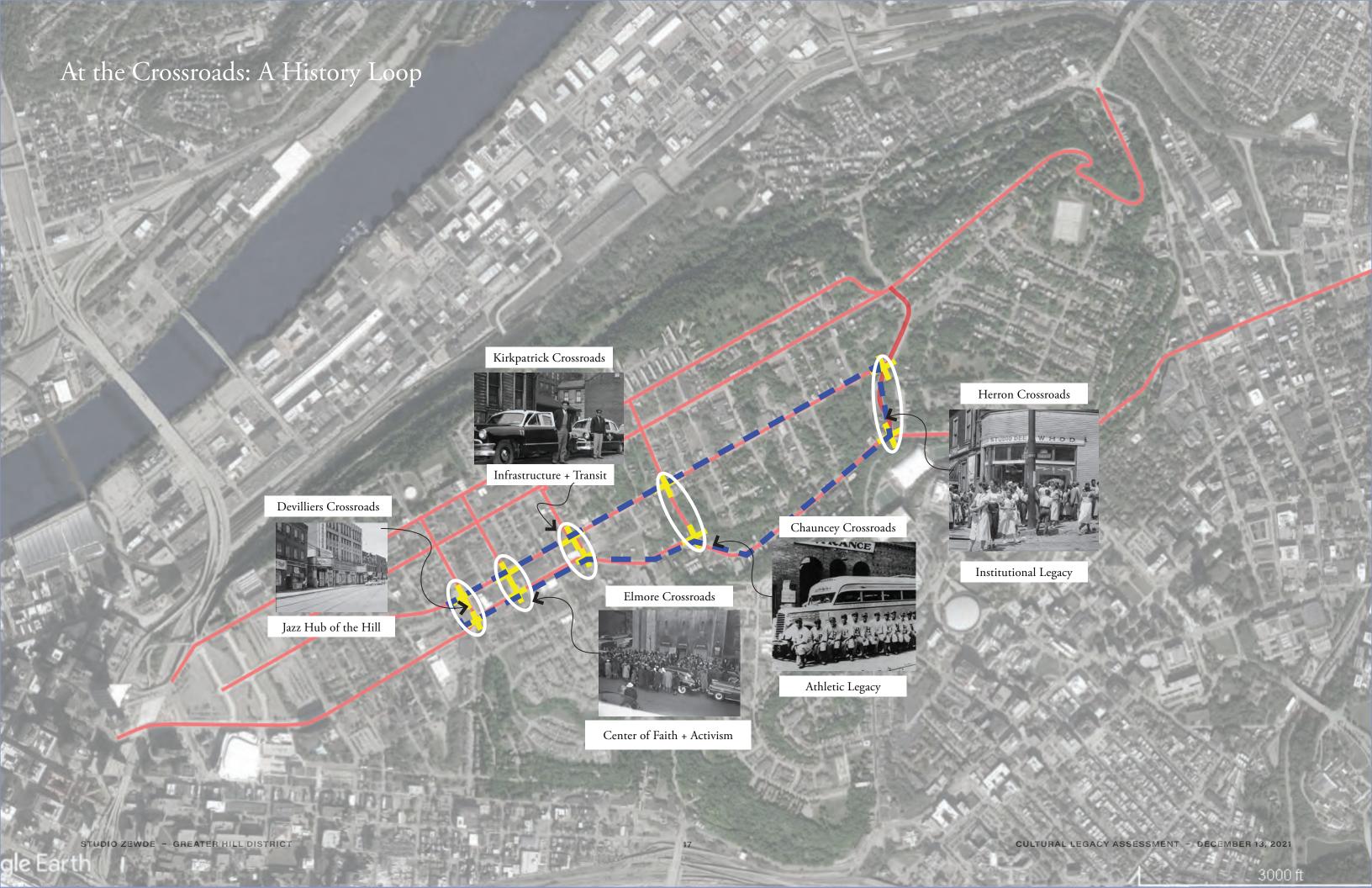
"Crossroads of the World": Fullerton x Wylie Avenue



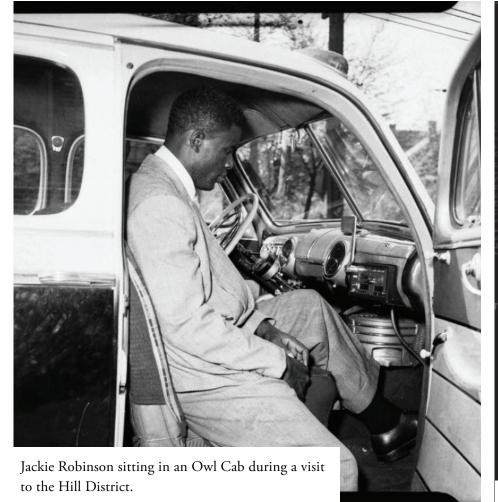


The label "crossroads of the world" speaks to the perseverance of the neighborhood's ever growing African American population to shape a strong community within a segregated society. The lower Hill—particularly the intersection of Wylie and Fullerton—represented for the majority of white society a place of poverty, vice, violence, and crime. For this area to be embraced publicly by black print and radio media as a symbol of the neighborhood's identity demonstrates the ability of the Hill's African American community to construct understandings of black lives, social spaces, and places that reflected the black cultural autonomy from white society.

- Th e Crossroads of the World": A Social and Cultural History of Jazz in Pittsburgh's Hill District, 1920-1970



Kirkpatrick Street Crossroads: Hill District Infrastructure and Independence



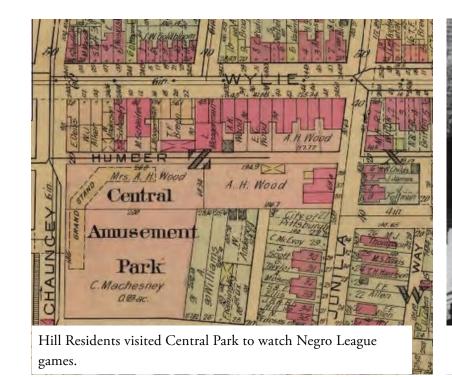




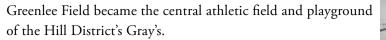




Chauncey Street Crossroads: Family Establishments and Athletic Legacies



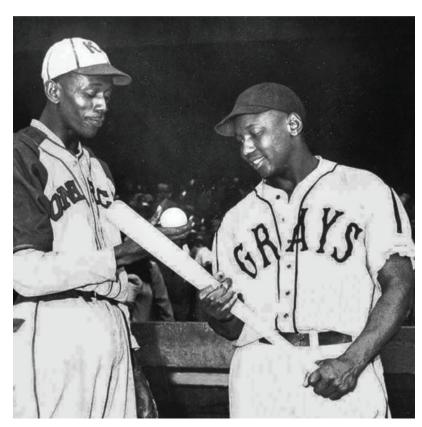






Gus Greenlee owned and operated the largest numbers game on the Hill; his business fueled much of the local economy.







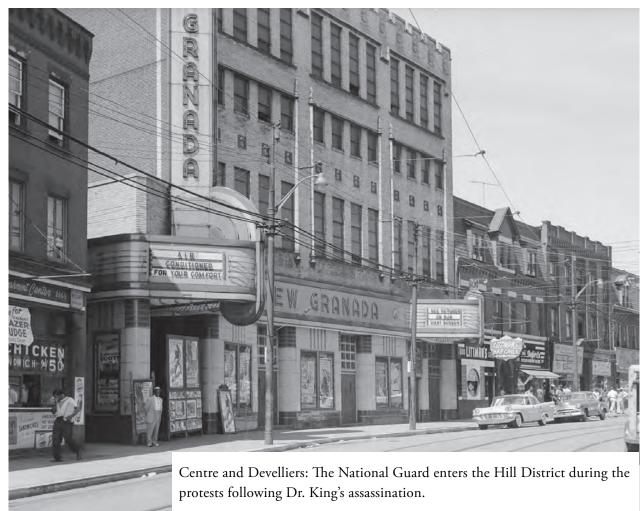


George Nesbit (left) owned Nesbit's Pie Shop, which became the Hill District's premium, high-end restaurant.

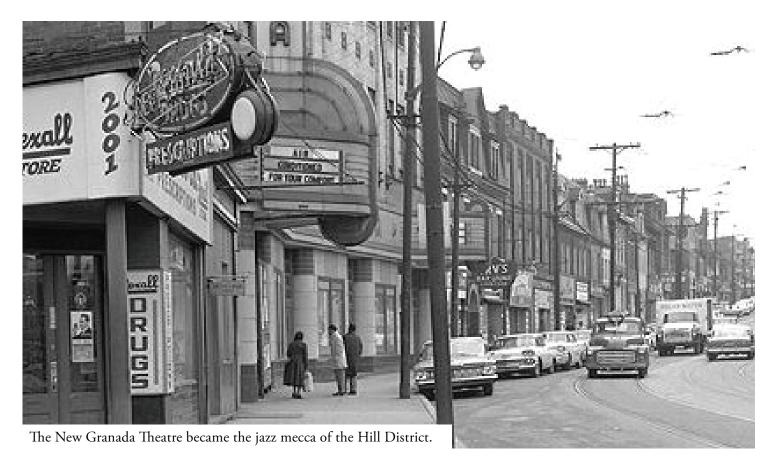
Develliers Street Crossroads: Jazz Center of the Hill



The Pythian Temple was designed by architect Louis Bellinger; the social club also housed the Savoy Ballroom, where jazz greats played for decades.









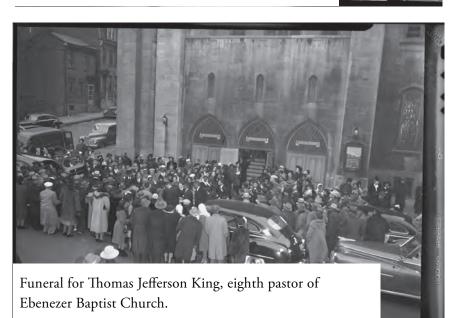
Sell Hall was Pittsburgh's first Black club promoter; he was responsible for bringing Duke Ellington and other greats to the Hill District establishments.



Architect Louis Bellinger designed the Pythian Temple and New Granada Theatre, among other Hill District institutions. He was one of the nation's first registered Black architects.

Elmore Street Crossroads: A History of Faith and Activism













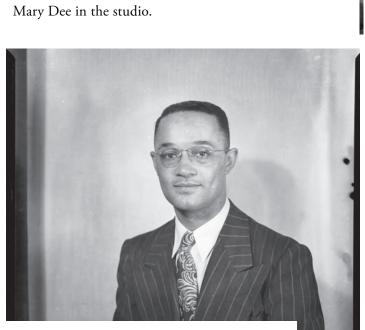
Centre x Herron: Institutional History



The WHOD Radio Station where Mary Dee conducted her broadcasts.



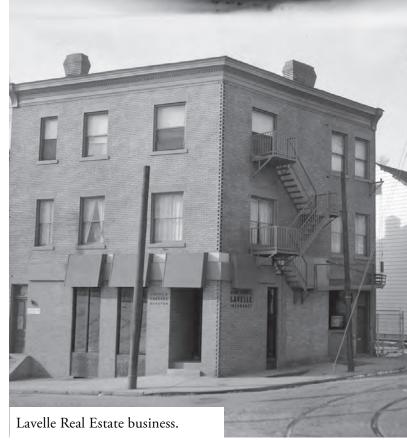




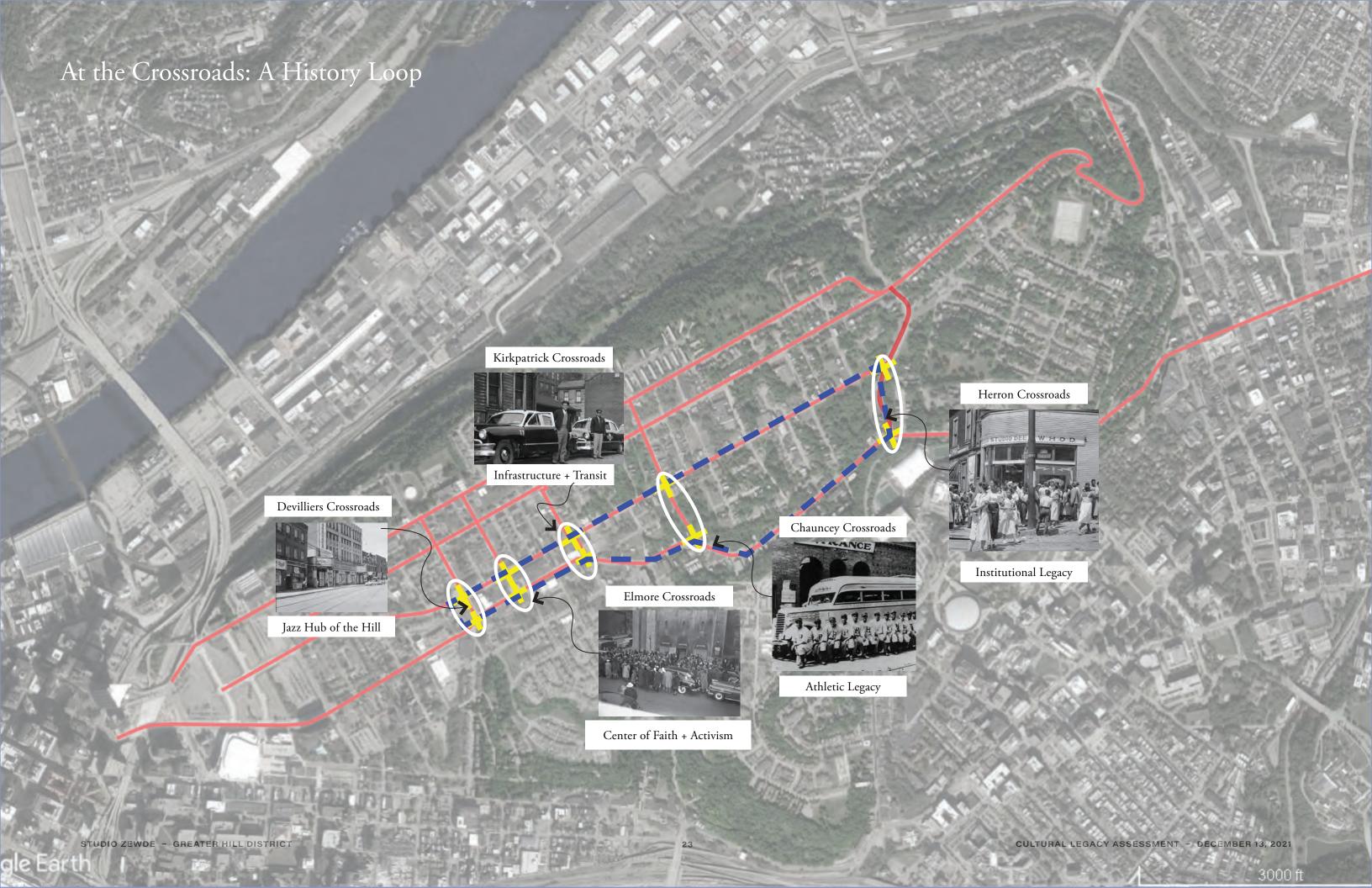




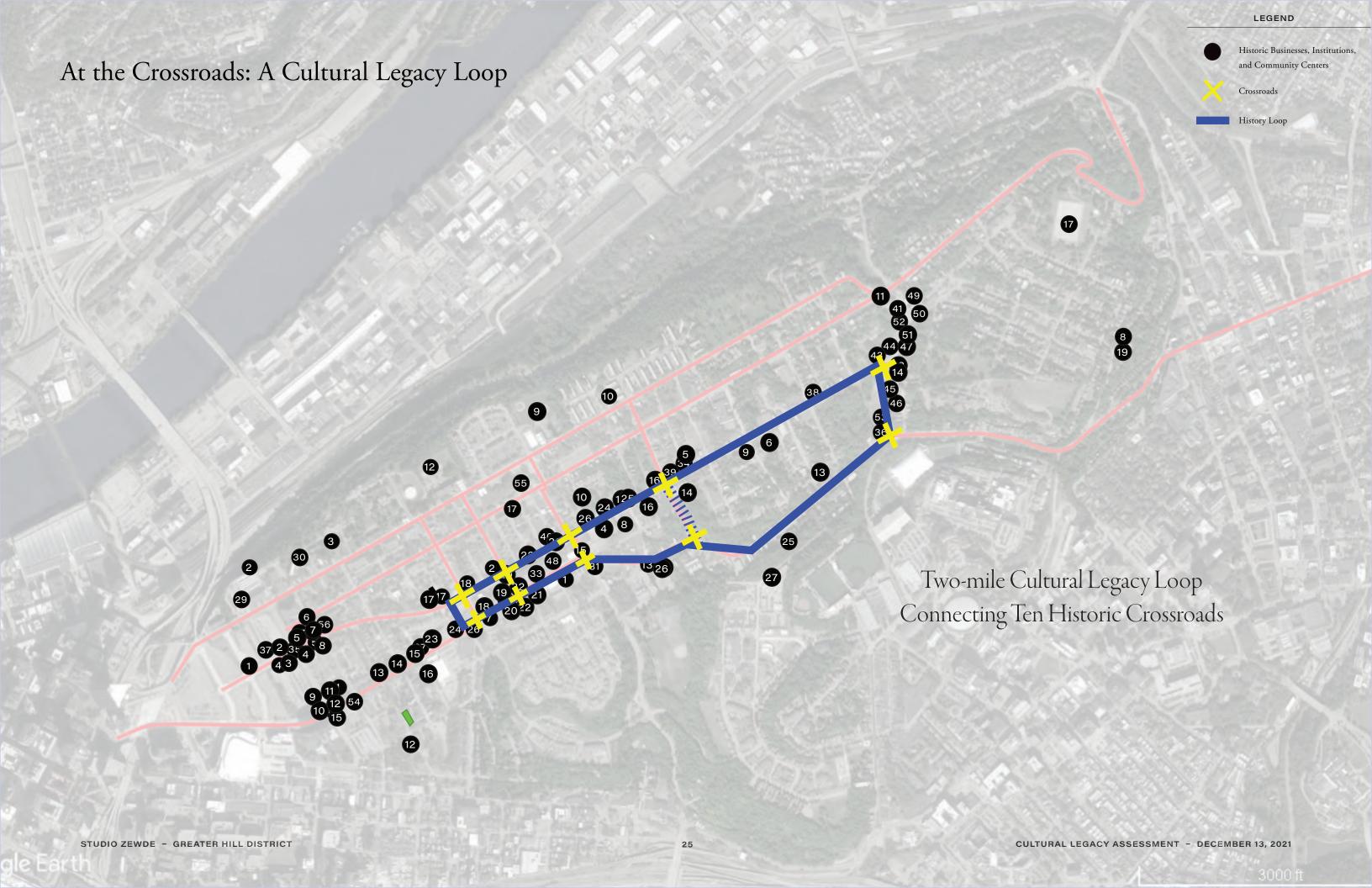








Design Strategy for Loop and Crossroads



At the Crossroads: History of Streetscape as the Stage







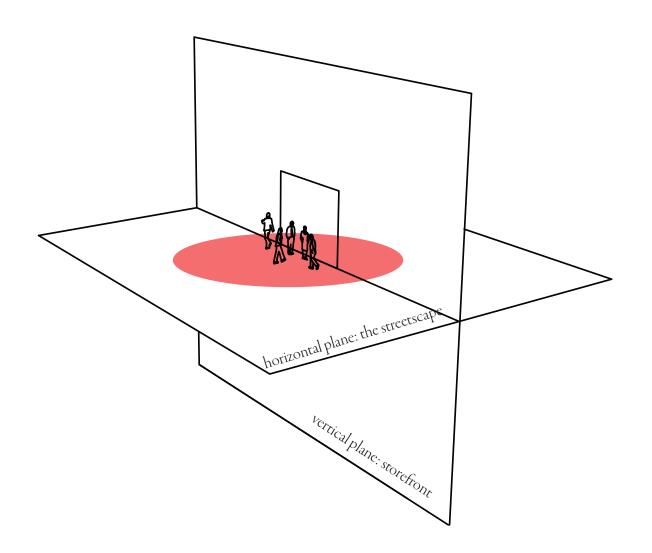


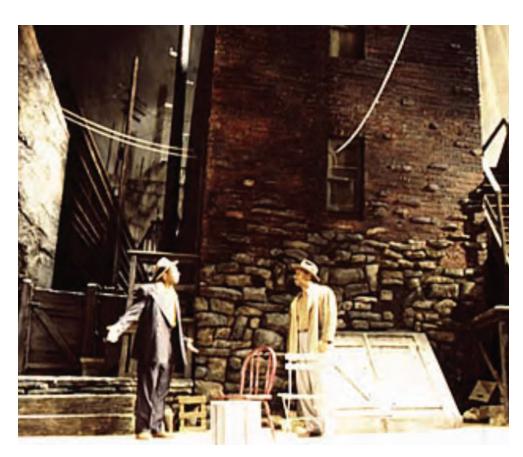


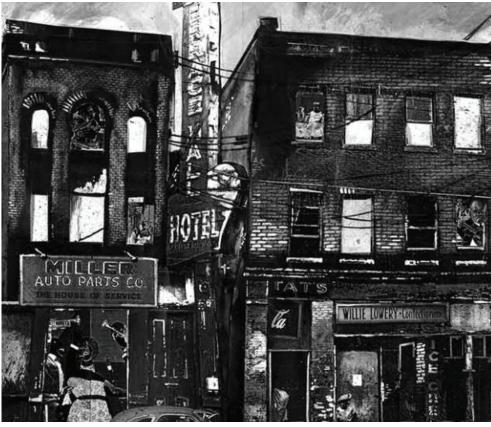
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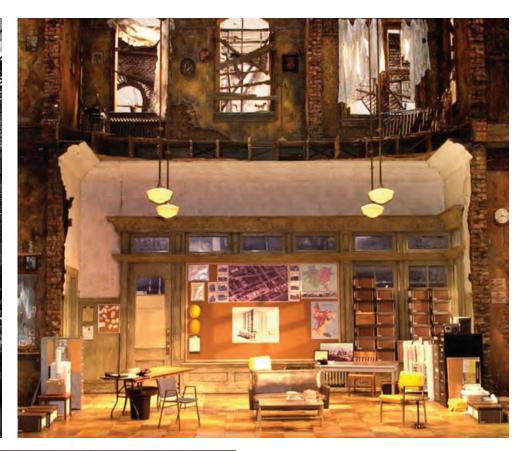
















At the Crossroads: Streetscape as Set Design

The floor shows where there was a meat locker at one time. The history of that room is everywhere. It never got cleaned up, with layers of stuff on layers of stuff. I just keep adding layers of details aged to different eras, using different markers and different kinds of scotch tape to show how long it had been there.

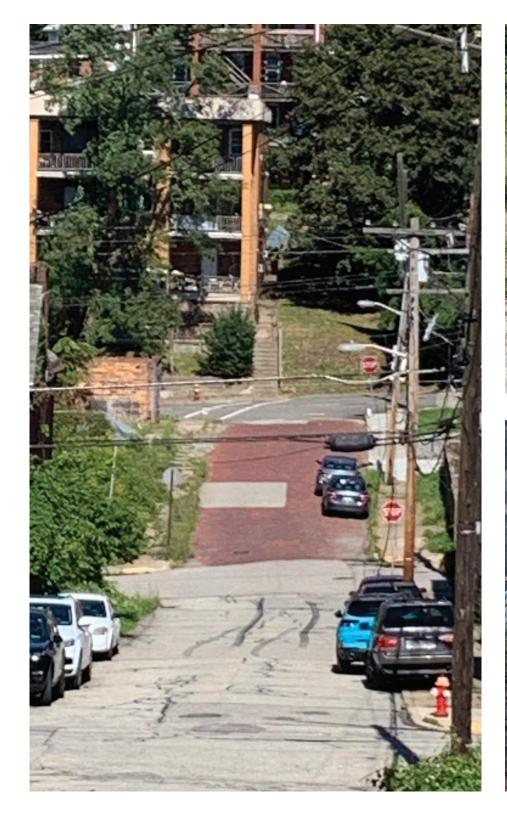
The only new thing is the calendar, whose page would be the current month."

"In my mind, the set is rather abstract -- a sort of living collage."

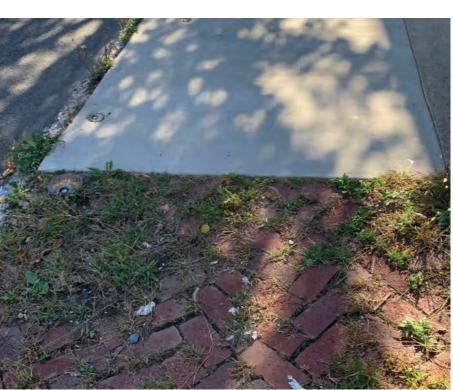
- David Gallo, set designer for August Wilson's original productions of the Pittsburgh Cycle



Existing Paving Typologies





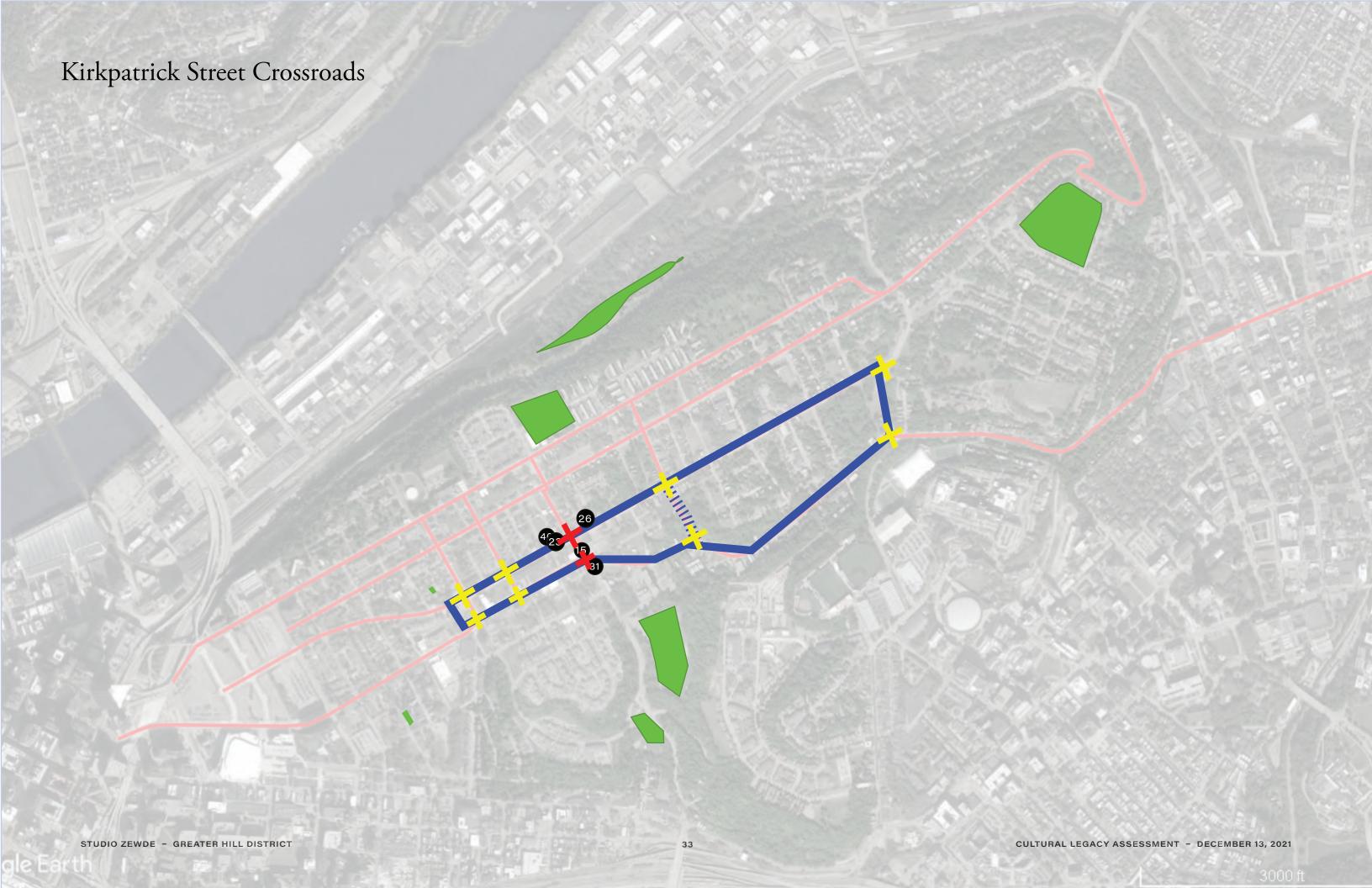




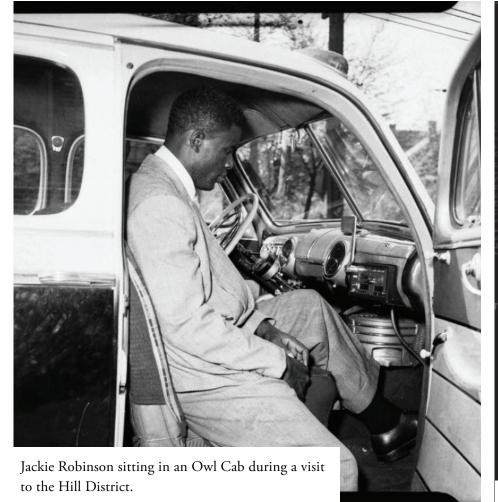


The Crossroads

collage paving & inscriptions
trees
furnishings
focused economic development



Kirkpatrick Street Crossroads: Hill District Infrastructure and Independence







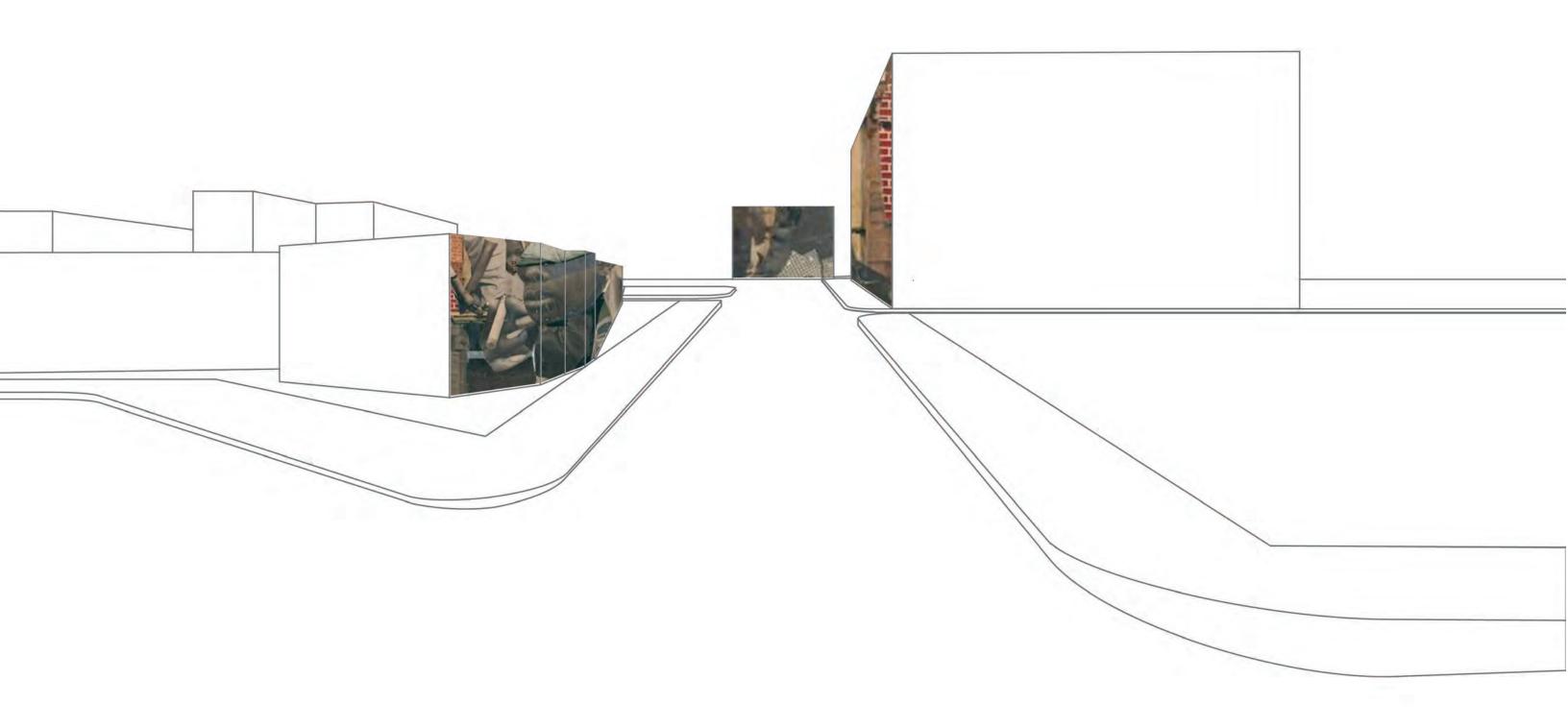




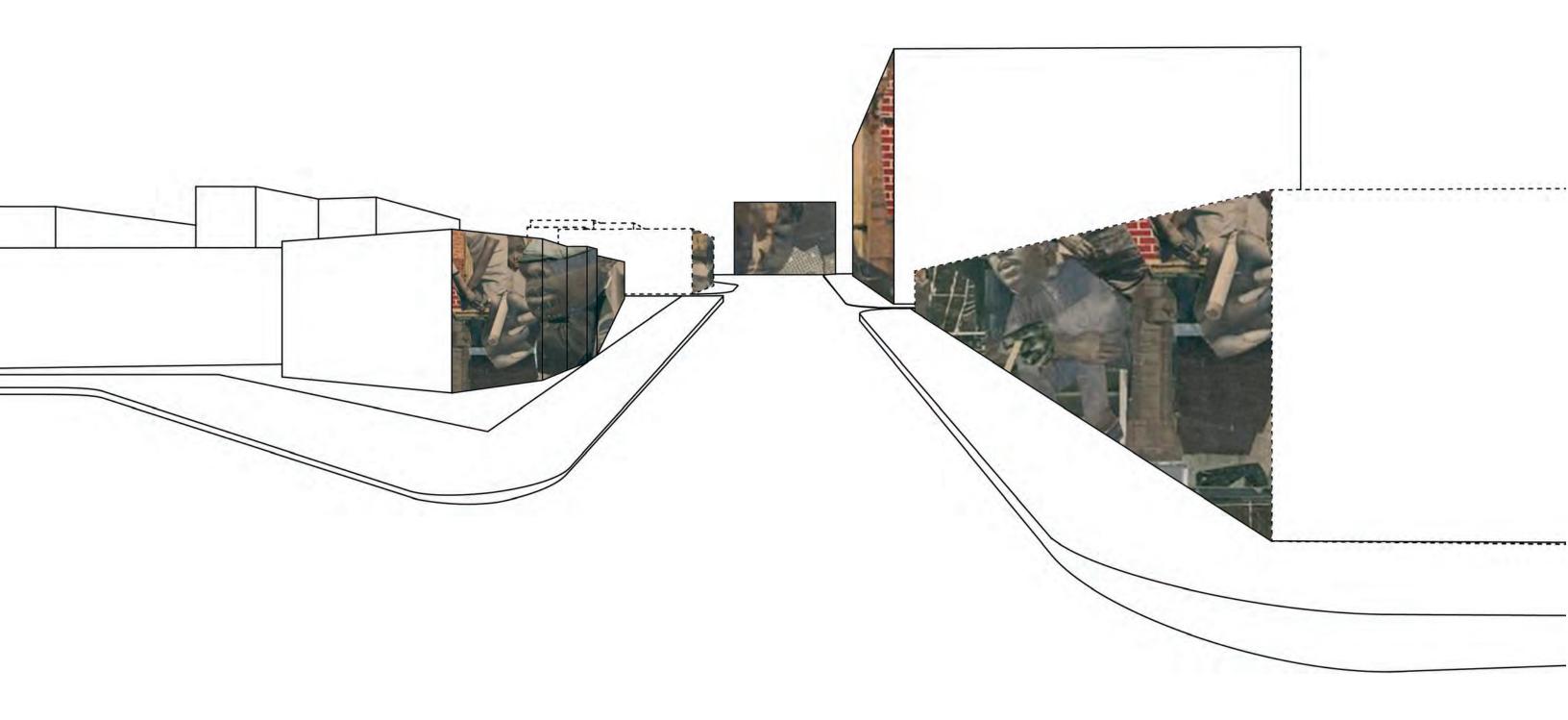




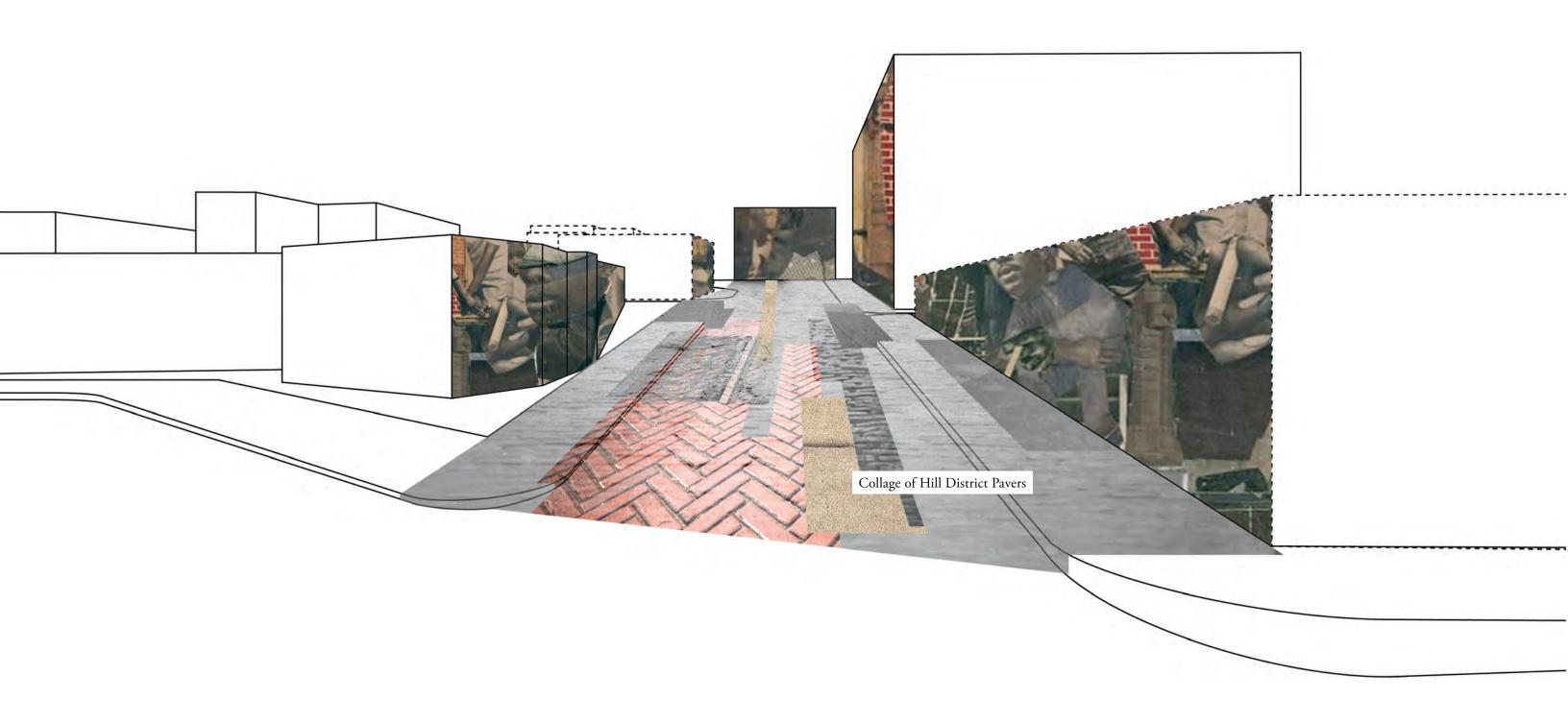
Existing Condition



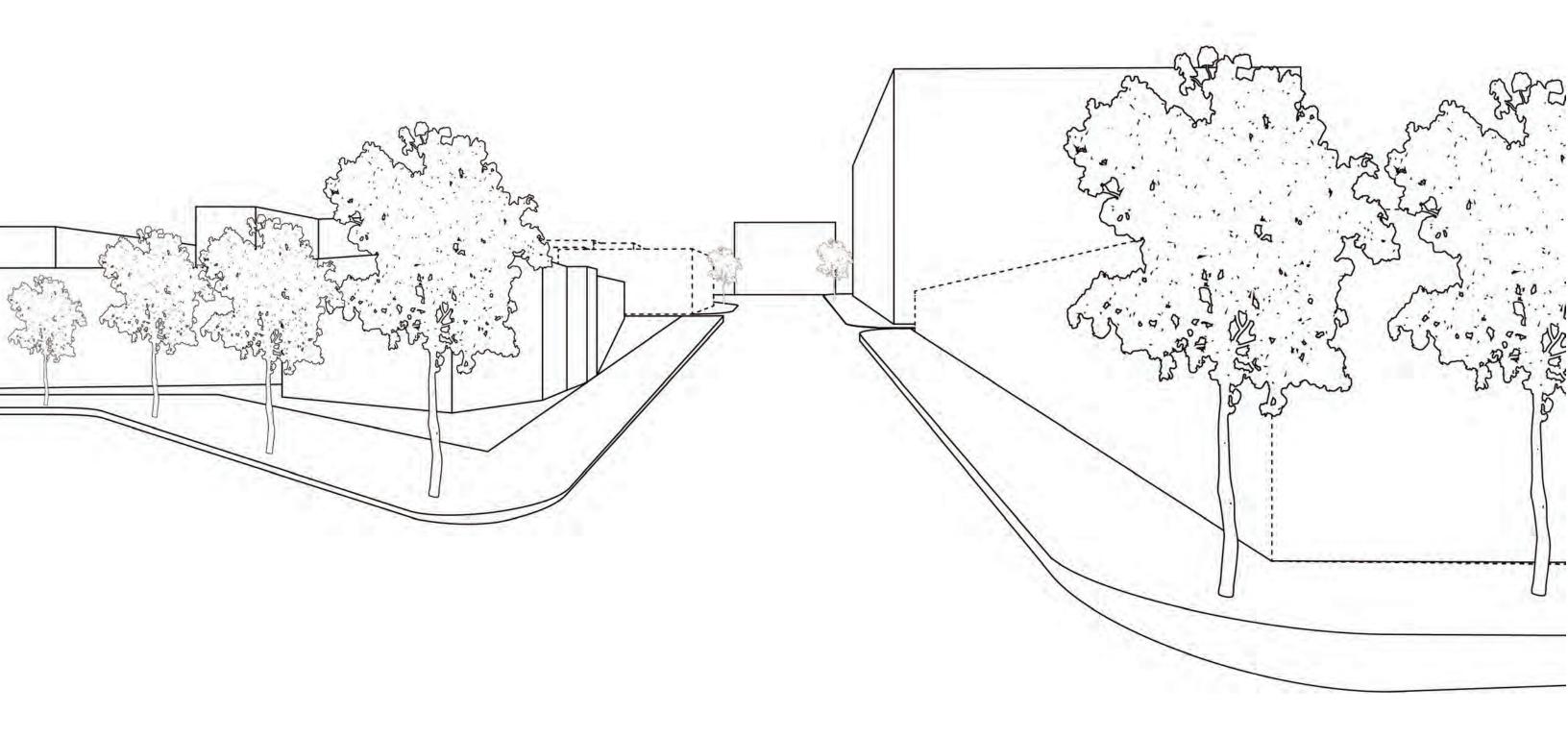
Proposed Facade Activation



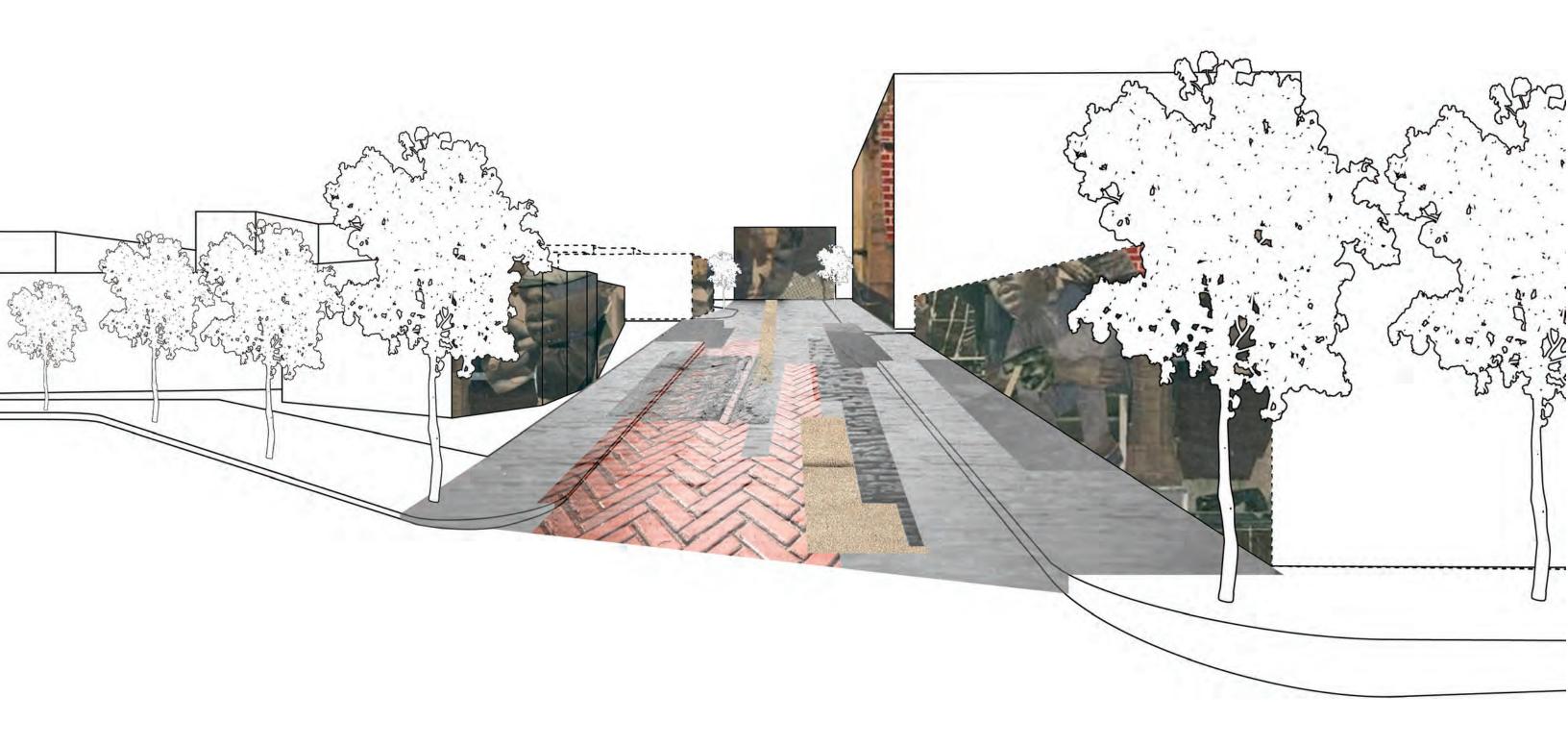
Proposed Paving Strategy

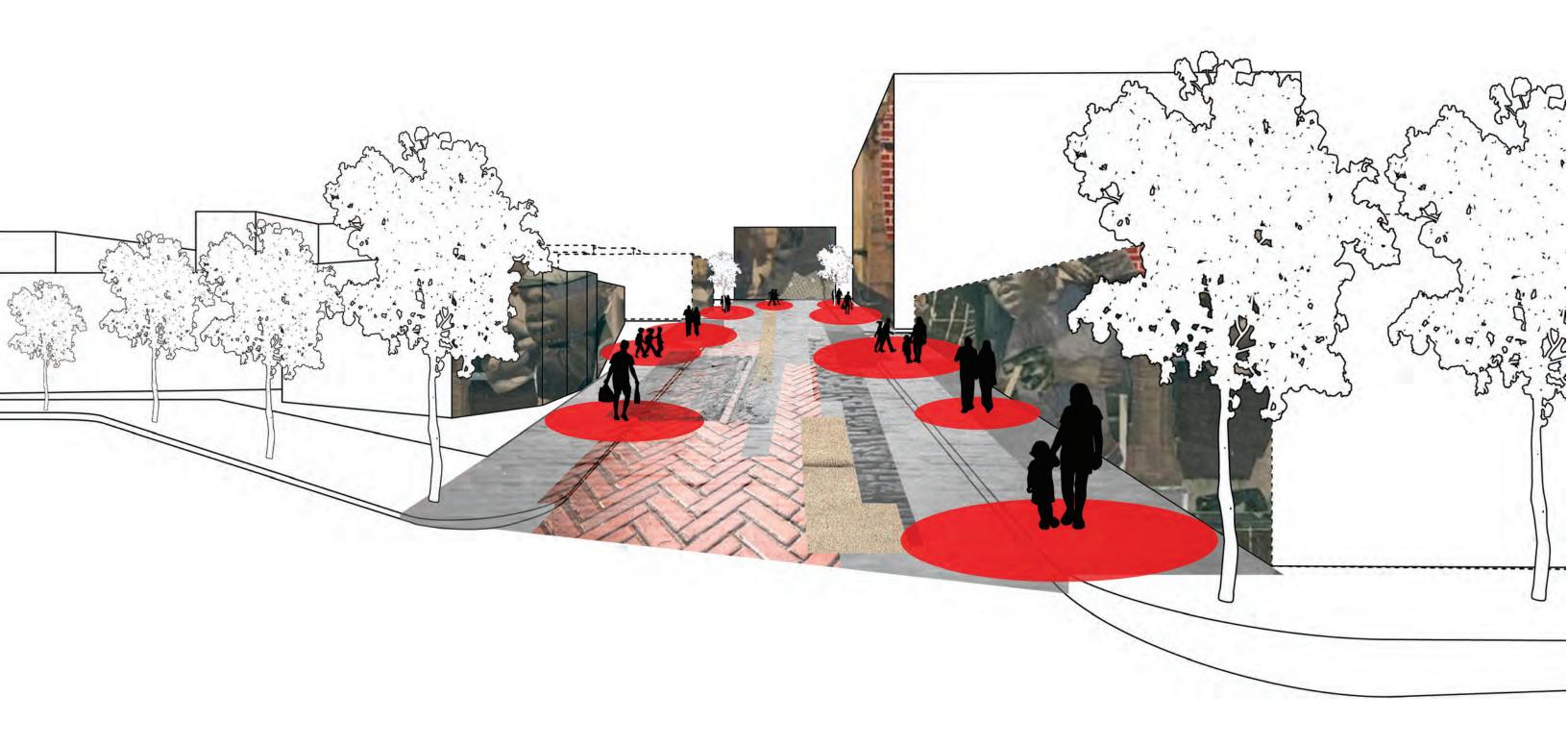


Proposed Street Planting Along Wylie and Centre

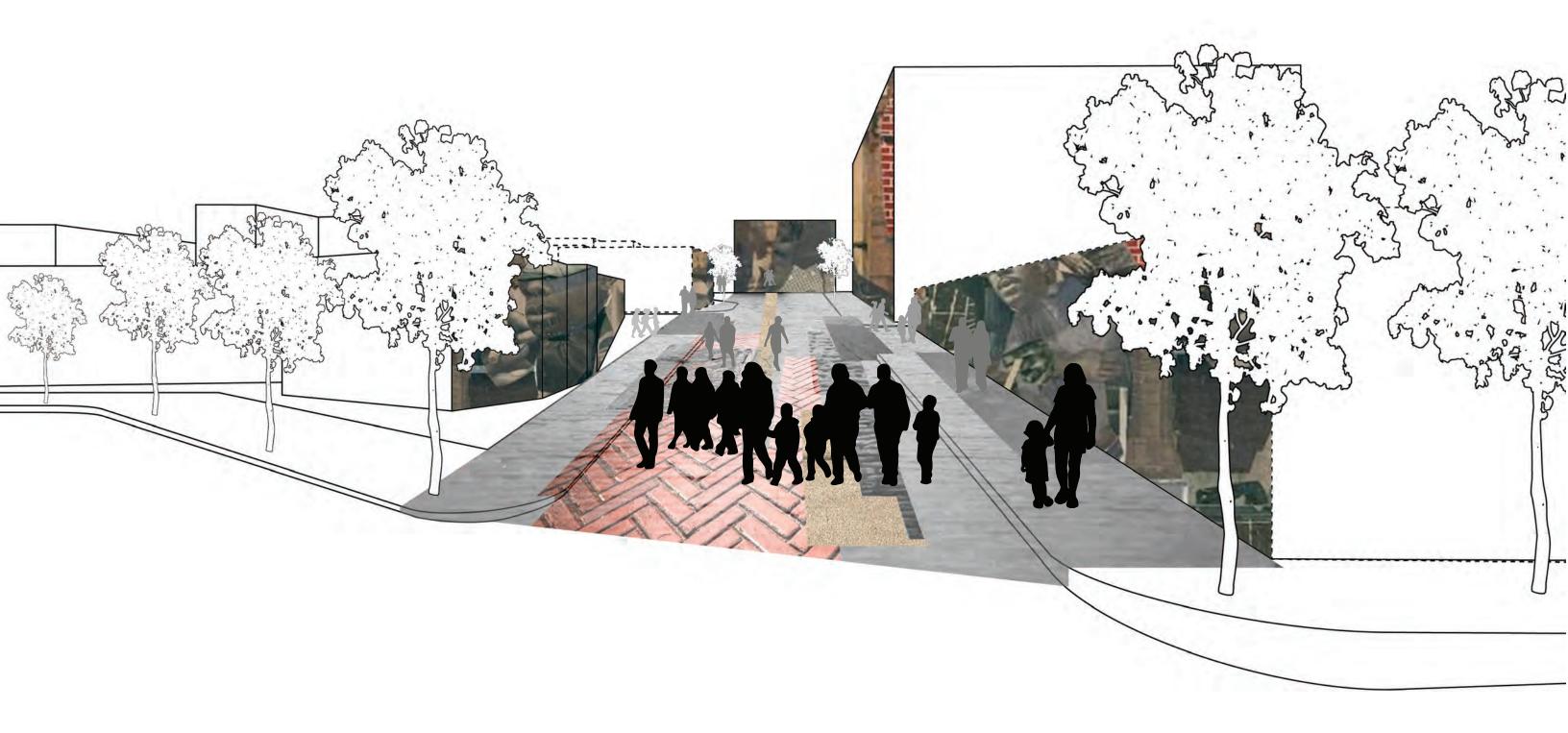


Proposed Crossroads Strategy: Collage Paving Pattern, Inscriptions, and Place Based Economic Development





Proposed Crossroads Strategy









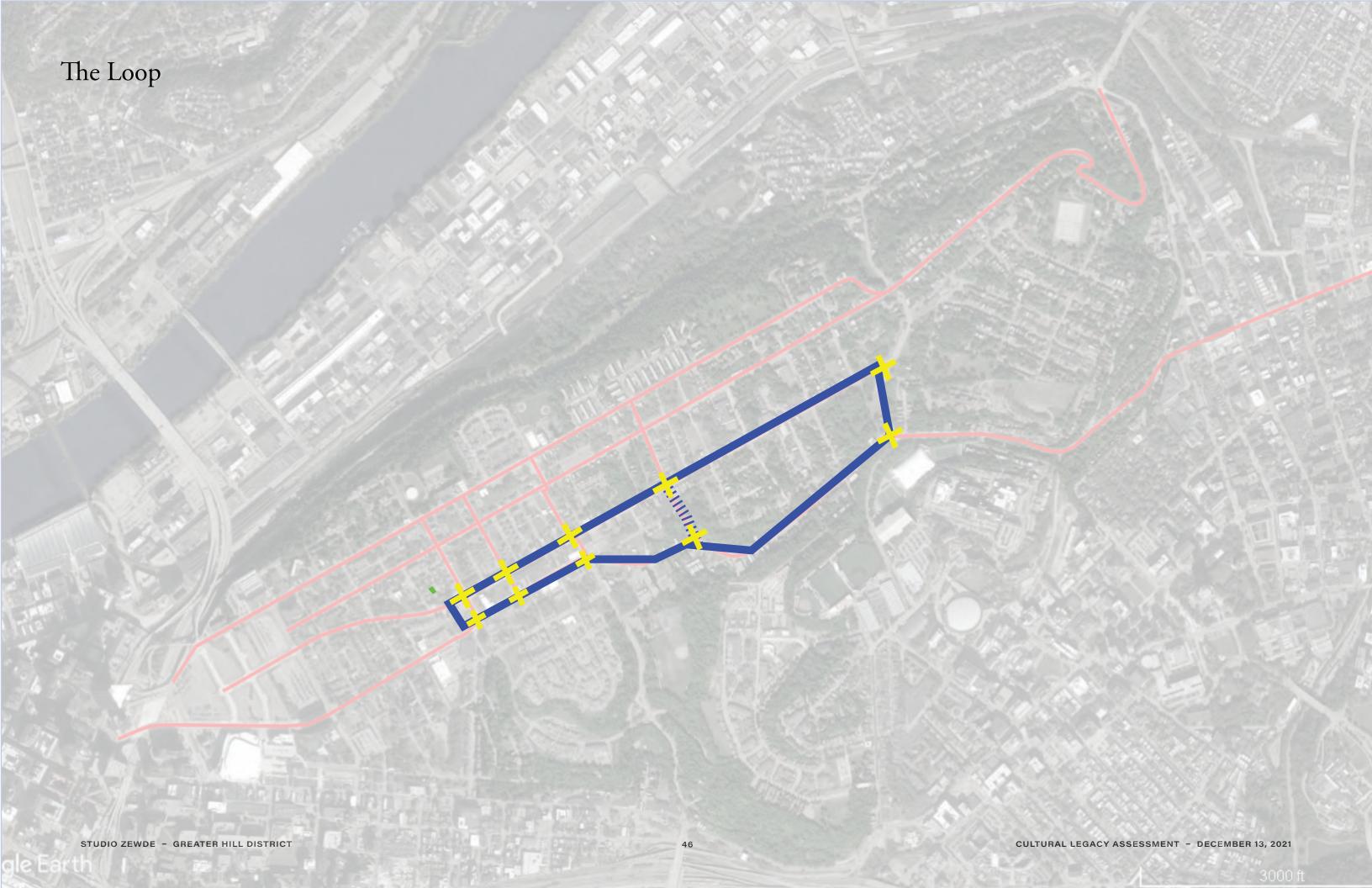




The Loop

walk navigate orient

inscriptions trees green space art

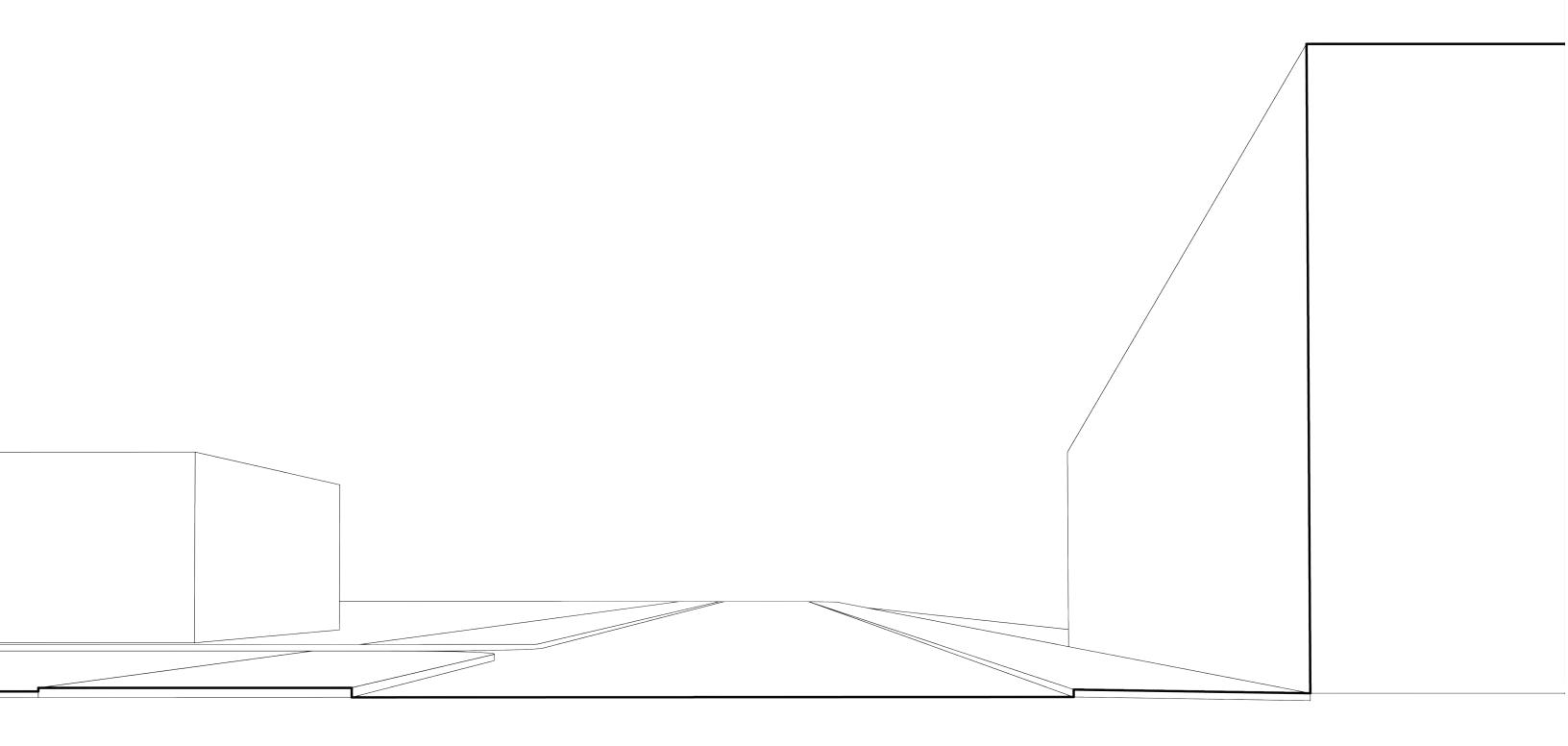






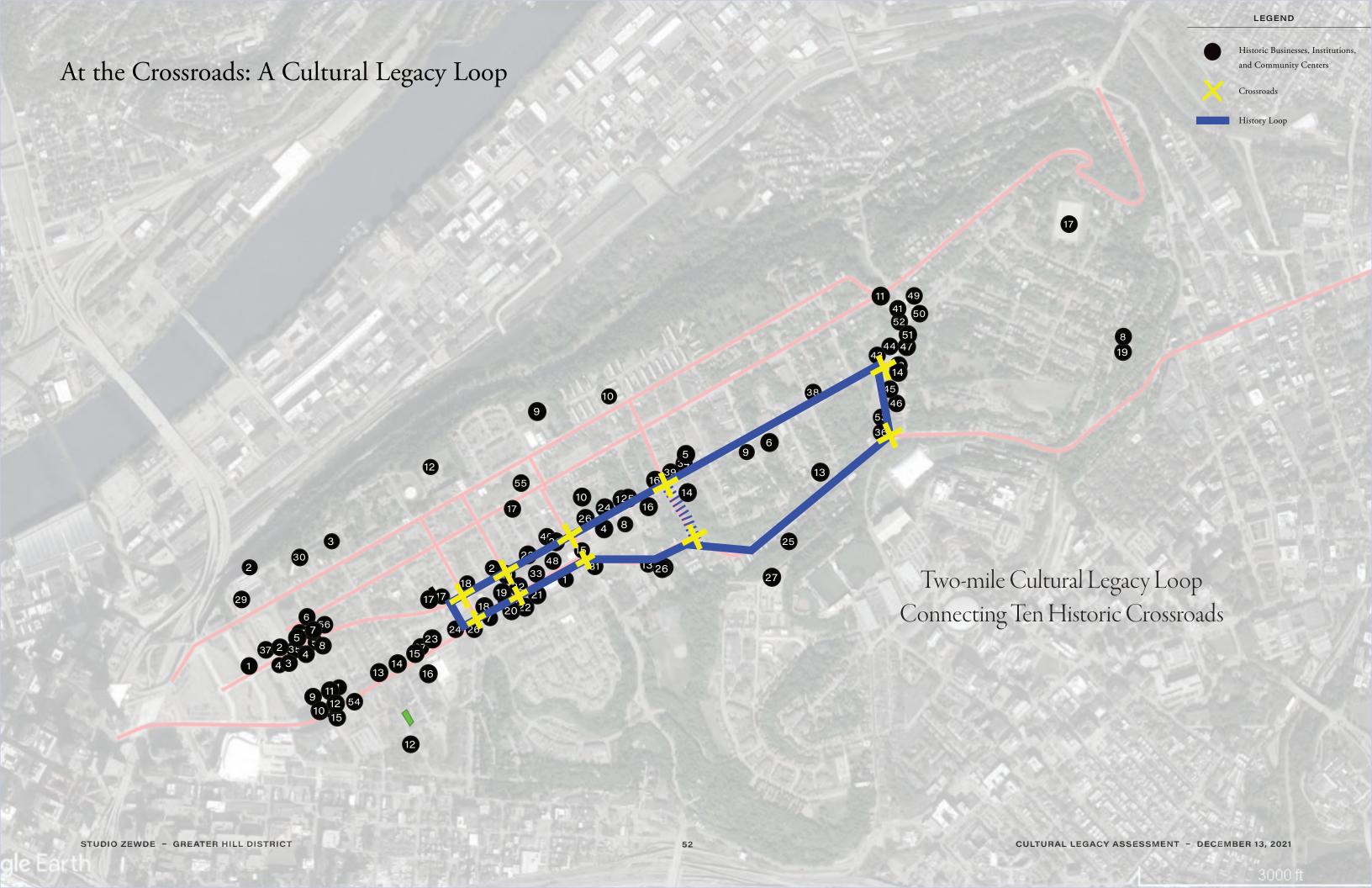


Existing Loop Section



Proposed Loop Section: Inscriptions, Trees, and Green Space





brainstorming

temporary activations
a BID
a Land Trust
ordinance overlays
percent discounts on art and culture produced in area of the loop
a facade renew program
a revolving loan fund
a "Main Streets" program or organization
an annual parade

Discussion

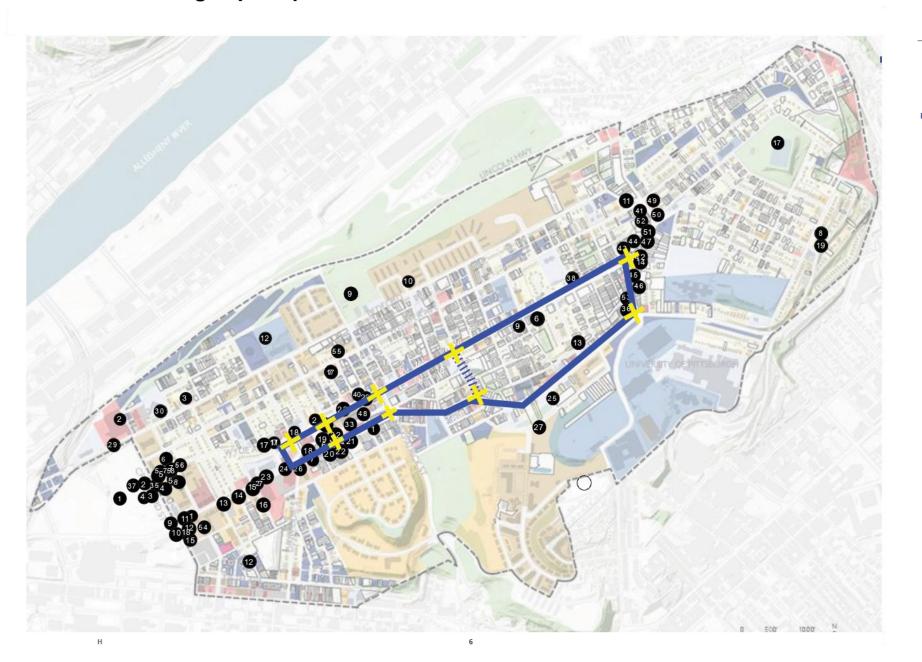
Q&A

Ideas for changes or possible new actions for

Cultural Legacy and Historic Preservation?

Historic Preservation

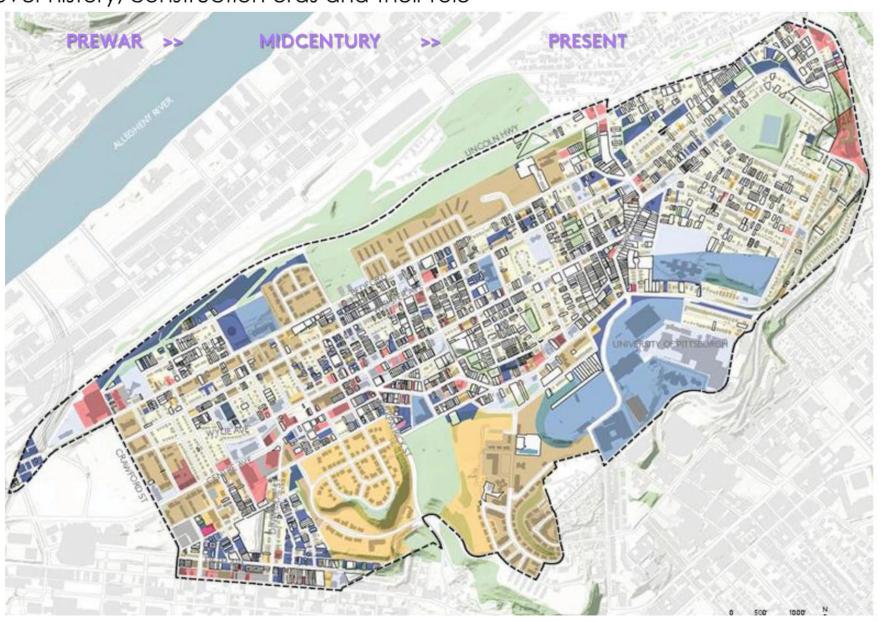
At the Crossroads: A Cultural Legacy Loop



LEGEND

Neighborhood Fabric: Legacy through the eras

Building types over history, construction eras and their role



Neighborhood Fabric Housing Types: Single Family

TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION ERAS



COMMON ATTRIBUTES INCLUDE PORCHES AND STOOPS, STREET OR REAR ACCESS PARKING, AND OFTEN NARROW SIDE SETBACKS.



MIDCENTURY TYPICALLY CONSTRUCTED DURING OR FOLLOWING URBAN RENEWAL, THIS DEVELOPMENT REFLECTS THE AUTO-ORIENTED ERA WITH PROMINENT FRONT-LOADED GARAGES.



RECENT
MOST RECENT SINGLE FAMILY CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN CREATED THROUGH PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMS, AND REFLECTS A MIX OF PREWAR MATERIALS AND FORM COMBINED WITH FRONT-LOADED GARAGE ACCESS.

HISTORICAL ROLE



SINGLE FAMILY HOUSES WERE A TOOL FOR BUILDING AND SHOWING WEALTH AS PART OF THE GREAT MIGRATION

SETBACKS AND PUBLIC REALM



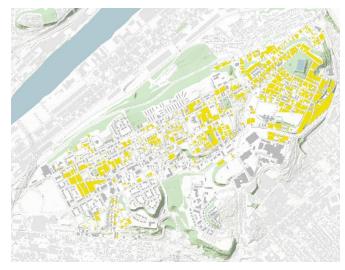


NEWER HOMES WITH SUBSTANTIAL SETBACKS AND PROMINENT GARAGES





NEW HOUSING THAT INTEGRATES SMALLER LOTS, PORCHES, AND GARAGES



Neighborhood Fabric Housing Types: Rowhouses/ Attached Single Family

TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION ERAS



COMMON ATTRIBUTES INCLUDE BRICK, SMALL STOOPS, AND CLUSTERS THAT FOLLOW TOPOGRAPHY



MIDCENTURY
TYPICALLY LESS ORNATE, FOCUS ON EFFICIENT SITE UTILIZATION,
OFTEN IN POORER CONDITION TODAY



RECENT
DRAWS HEAVILY ON SINGLE FAMILY ELEMENTS LIKE GABLES,
COVERED PORCHES AND LANDSCAPED SETBACKS.

HISTORICAL ROLE



ATTACHED ROWHOUSES WERE A COMMON AND MORE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TYPE IN THE MIDDLE HILL

SETBACKS AND PUBLIC REALM



UNIFORM PORCHES CREATE A RELATIONSHIP ALONG THE BLOCK FRONTAGE



RECENT DEVELOPMENT WITH LANDSCAPED SETBACKS AND NO PORCHES



PAIRED ENTRIES, WIDER SIDEWALKS, AND NARROW ORNAMENTAL SETBACK



TERRACED LANDSCAPE AND STEPPED DEVELOPMENT ALONG TOPOGRAPHY



Neighborhood Fabric **Housing Types: Duplex-Fourplex**

TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION ERAS



TYPICALLY BRICK.



MIDCENTURY
RELATIVELY RARE, GENERALLY DUPLEXES FOCUSED ON EFFICIENT SITE LAYOUT



RECENT
MOSTLY FOUND IN PUBLIC HOUSING SITES, DRAWS ON TRADITIONAL ELEMENTS FROM SINGLE FAMILY BUILDINGS LIKE PITCHED ROOFS, COVERED ENTRIES AND CONSOLIDATED PARKING.

HISTORICAL ROLE



INTEGRATED INTO COMMERCIAL STREETS IN THE LOWER HILL

SCALE AND PUBLIC REALM



MODEST STOOP AND ZERO LOT LINE



SINGLE FAMILY PROPORTIONS AND TERRACED SETBACK



STACKED FLATS WITH ZERO LOT LINE



SIDE BY SIDE DUPLEX WITH COMBINED STAIRWAY



Neighborhood Fabric Housing Types: Apartments

TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION ERAS



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HISTORICAL ROLE



FOCUSED ALONG MAJOR COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS OR CROSSROADS, PROVIDED FOR AFFORDABLE RENTALS

SETBACKS AND PUBLIC REALM



MIDCENTURY WITH INTERNALIZED OPEN SPACE AND FENCED SETBACK



MIDCENTURY WITH LANDSCAPED SETBACKS



CONTEMPORARY WITH CENTRALIZED LOBBY AND SHALLOW SETBACK



PREWAR WITH ZERO LOT LINE



Neighborhood Fabric Building Types: Commercial & Mixed Use

TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION ERAS



PREWAR

PREDOMINANTLY 3-5 STORY BRICK WITH RESIDENTIAL ABOVE BUILT TO THE LOT LINE



MIDCENTURY

RARE IN THE DISTRICT, USUALLY CONCRETE OR STONE AND PULLED BACK FROM STREE

WITH OFF-STREET PARKING.



ELENT IORE RECENT BUILDINGS RETURN TO PREWAR CONCEPTS OF ZERO LOT LINES, BRICK ONSTRUCTION AND LIMITED OFF-STREET PARKING. LARGER RETAIL BUILDINGS REFLEC

HISTORICAL ROLE



FOCUSED ALONG MAJOR COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS OR CROSSROADS, PROVIDED FOR AFFORDABLE RENTALS

SETBACKS AND PUBLIC REALM



COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OFTEN ANCHOR INTERSECTIONS WITH SIGNIFICANT TOPOGRAPHY, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GATEWAYS

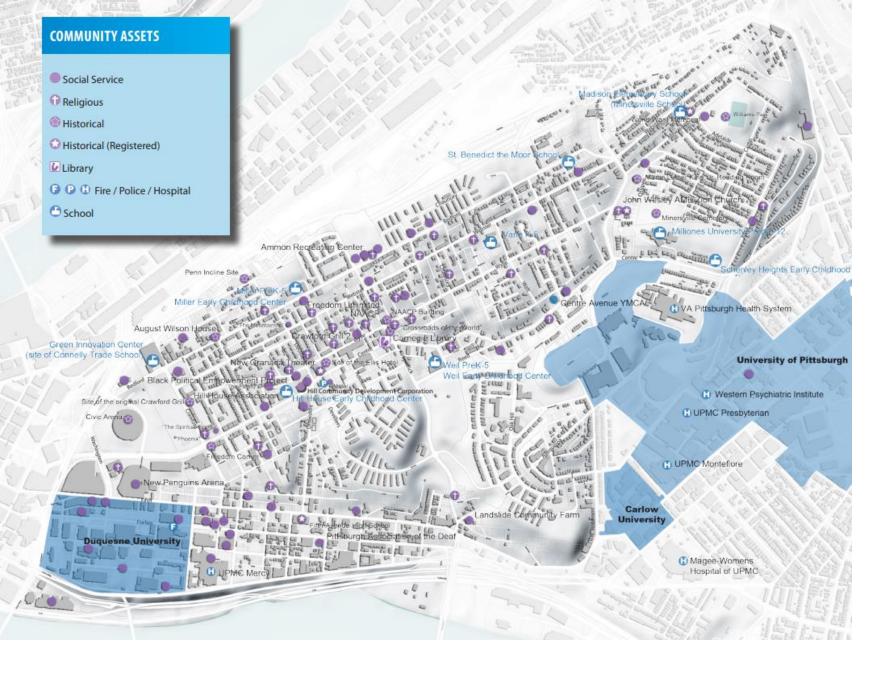


ZERO LOT LINES AND WIDER SIDEWALKS



DISCONNECTED FRONTAGES WITH GRADE SEPARATION, SETBACKS, AND PARKING LOTS





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Daisy Lamkin House
Crawford Grill
All places from SZ's crossroads
Wylie x Fullerton??
PHLF
Frankie Bolton marker
Where courier's office used to be
Greenleaf Hill
--"Cultural Preservation" - national trust initiative
instead of "Historic Preservation"

Discussion

Q&A

Ideas for changes or possible new actions for

Cultural Legacy and Historic Preservation?