

# 17 Strong

The Neighborhoods of Hamilton, Ohio

## The Purpose

To provide a framework for communication and sense of identity to rally individuals, groups, and other organizations to take pride in their particular corner of our city.

In turn, we will create stronger, more identifiable areas throughout Hamilton that will make us better as a whole because neighborhoods are the strategic building blocks of overall community development.

## How did this effort come to be?

17 Strong was a product of the Sense of Place Committee which was composed of resident volunteers, members of City Council, and City Administration coming out of the City's strategic plan in 2012.

Today's 17 Strong Advisory Board is a citizen-led effort that provides structure and direction to the efforts behind a celebration of Hamilton's unique neighborhoods.

# Goals of 17 Strong:

- Facilitate city government's communication with particular parts of the City relating to important services
- Promote communication from the neighborhoods to city government
- Help neighborhood residents organize themselves for the purpose of identifying and completing projects that will address their needs and improve their quality of life
- Strengthen residents' identification with and pride in the history and assets of their own neighborhood
- Increase the number of residents who share this pride in their neighborhood
- Expand residents' knowledge of city neighborhoods other than their own and increase relationships among residents of different neighborhoods
- Improve the City as a whole by mutually celebrating each neighborhood's identity, assets, culture, and history

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## What this is not

This effort is meant **to celebrate, not separate.**

Therefore it is not meant to establish:

- Voting precincts
- Political boundaries
- Census Tracts

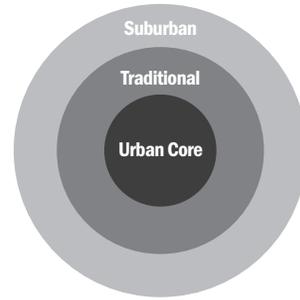
## Neighborhood Boundaries & Names

Historic and existing boundaries and names, from a multitude of documents were sourced to come up with these draft boundaries, including historical maps, writings, and development data. It is important to emphasize that this is a draft proposal, and is intended to start the conversation. Public input will be heavily relied upon in order to finalize the neighborhoods map. After all, if the public does not agree with the final neighborhoods structure, the intended benefits cannot be realized.

The neighborhood names and boundaries, particularly in the suburban neighborhoods, are not intended to take the place of any smaller subdivision or district identities contained within them. Many of the existing traditional neighborhoods are composed of a number of subdivisions that were purchased and built over the years, such as Lindenwald and Highland Park. Rather, the intention is to give each corner of our city an identity. If each subdivision in the city were considered a neighborhood, we would end up with an unmanageable number of neighborhoods, triple digits.

# 3 Kinds of Neighborhoods

Hamilton’s seventeen (17) neighborhoods can be described in three general categories: urban core, traditional, and suburban.



## Traditional Neighborhoods

Traditional neighborhoods are defined as walkable, densely built pedestrian-scaled city units with the following three components weaved within the fabric of the neighborhood:

- Public Spaces (parks, squares, playgrounds)
- Institutions (schools, churches, government buildings)
- Commercial Spaces (retail, office, industrial)

Additionally, these neighborhoods are:

- Largely built on a rectilinear street grid
- Composed mostly of structures built prior to 1950

Each of the Traditional Neighborhoods of Hamilton contain at least 4 of the 5 characteristics noted above.

Hamilton has seven (7) Traditional Neighborhoods: North End, Jefferson, East End, Lindenwald, Prospect Hill, Highland Park, & Armondale

## Urban Core Neighborhoods

The Urban Core neighborhoods contain all of the characteristics of Traditional neighborhoods, but are different in that they define Hamilton’s City Center. The City Center consists of a higher concentration of the aforementioned characteristics, and is what some may describe broadly as Downtown Hamilton.

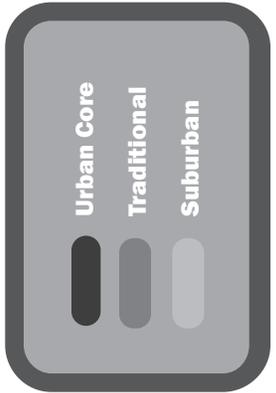
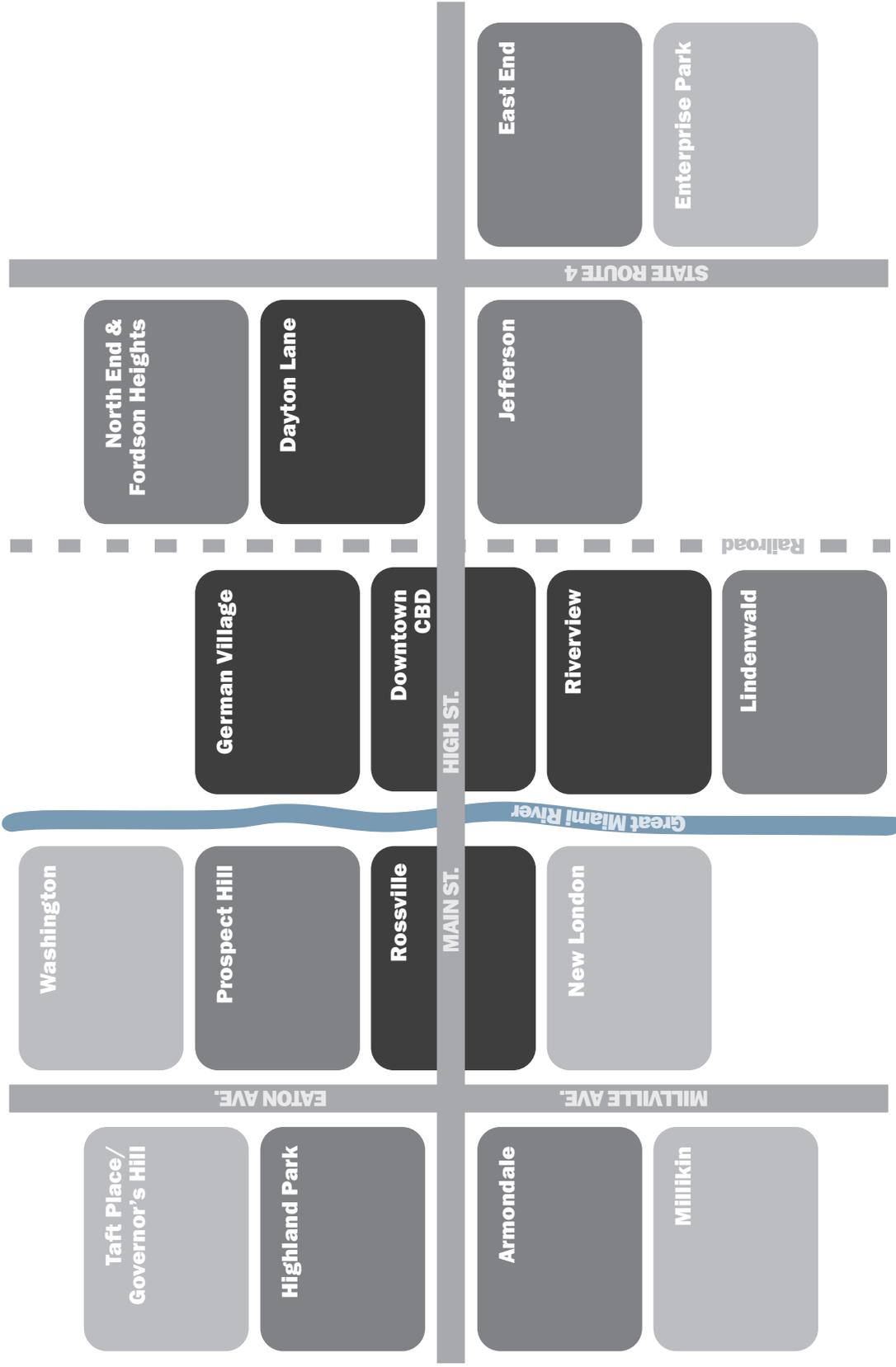
The success of the City of Hamilton is inextricably tied to the success of the Traditional and Urban Core Neighborhoods because built environments such as these are widely recognized as economic drivers. This is because of their density, variety of land uses, quality structures, and the fact that they are critically important to the historic and cultural identity of the City.

Hamilton has five (5) Urban Core Neighborhoods: Downtown/CBD, German Village, Riverview, Dayton Lane, & Rossville

## Suburban Neighborhoods

The Suburban neighborhoods consist of largely separated single-use zones. For instance, residential subdivisions may be without public spaces, institutions, and commercial spaces within the area. In these neighborhoods you may find large tracts of land devoted to industrial parks, business parks, and “big box” retail stores. Additionally, neighborhood street grids are often winding roads with cul-de-sacs and dead ends, the residential lots are larger, and many of the structures were built after 1950.

Hamilton has five (5) Suburban Neighborhoods: Enterprise Park, New London, Millikin, Taft Pl/Gov Hill, & Washington



### About this Map

This map is not intended to be an accurate depiction of the size, placement, or boundaries of a particular neighborhood. Rather, its intent is to provide a simple illustration of the general geography of the city and how neighborhoods relate to one another as they are defined by category.

Some notable discrepancies are that the North End is shown as terminating at Route 4, where many residents would consider it to extend east to encompass the area around Garfield Middle School and the Butler County Fairgrounds. Similarly, many Lindenwald residents consider it to cross the RXR tracks and extend to Route 4 to include the Dixiedale subdivision.