Philo Road Business District Revitalization Action Plan



Final Report









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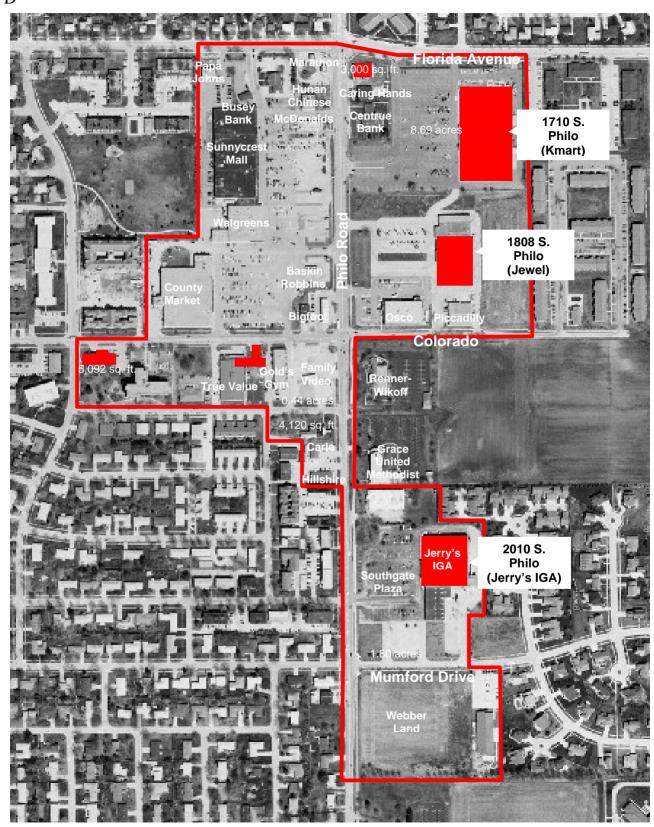
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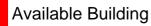
- Present study results
- Present action plan for approval
 - Revitalize business district as a community and neighborhood retail, service and entertainment center
 - Address issues from council, businesses and public
 - Provide guidance for planning, infrastructure investment, zoning, development policy, marketing
- Present efforts to date

Neighborhood Land Uses

- Retail
- Entertainment
- Professional & personal services
- Offices
- Apartments
- Town homes, duplexes
- Single family housing

APPENDIX Philo Road Business District





Area Boundary

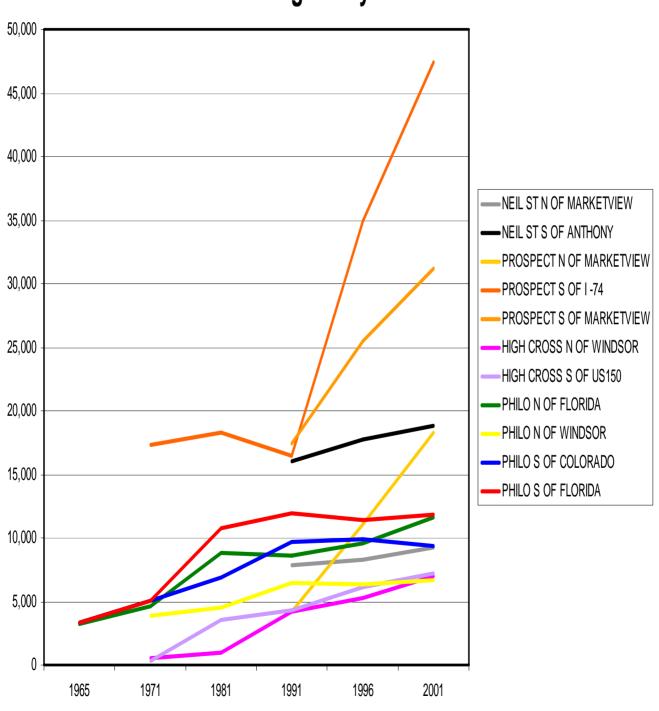
SUNNYCREST/PHILO ROAD
BUSINESS DISTRICT



Market Trends

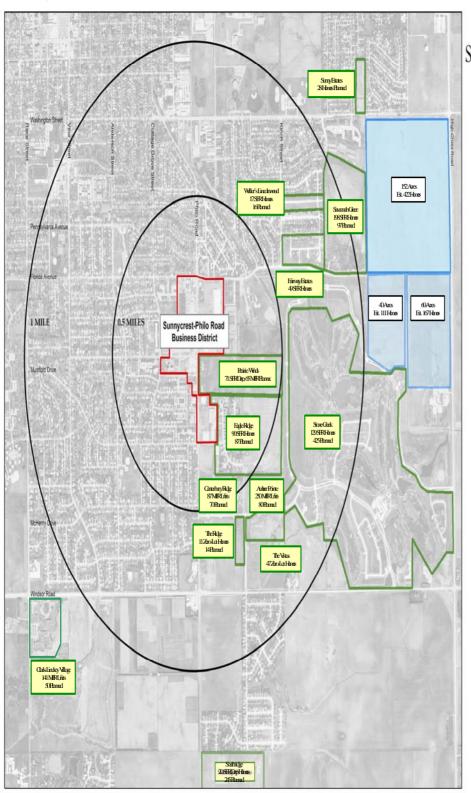
- Former regional retail center
- Development on north Market and Neil Streets
- Mega center development –
 Menards, Best Buy, Wal-Mart
 - Freeway access
 - Competitive Environment K-Mart
- Relocation of IL Rte.130 to Highcross Road

Historical Average Daily Traffic Counts

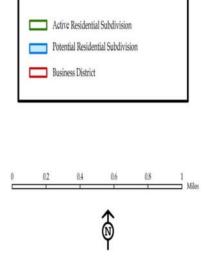


Development Trends

- Population increase 6.11%, 1990-2003
- Household income \$39,400
- Household increase 10.59%
 1990 2003
- Housing developments
- Commercial development



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Sunnycrest-Philo Road Business District
Residential Growth Trends Map

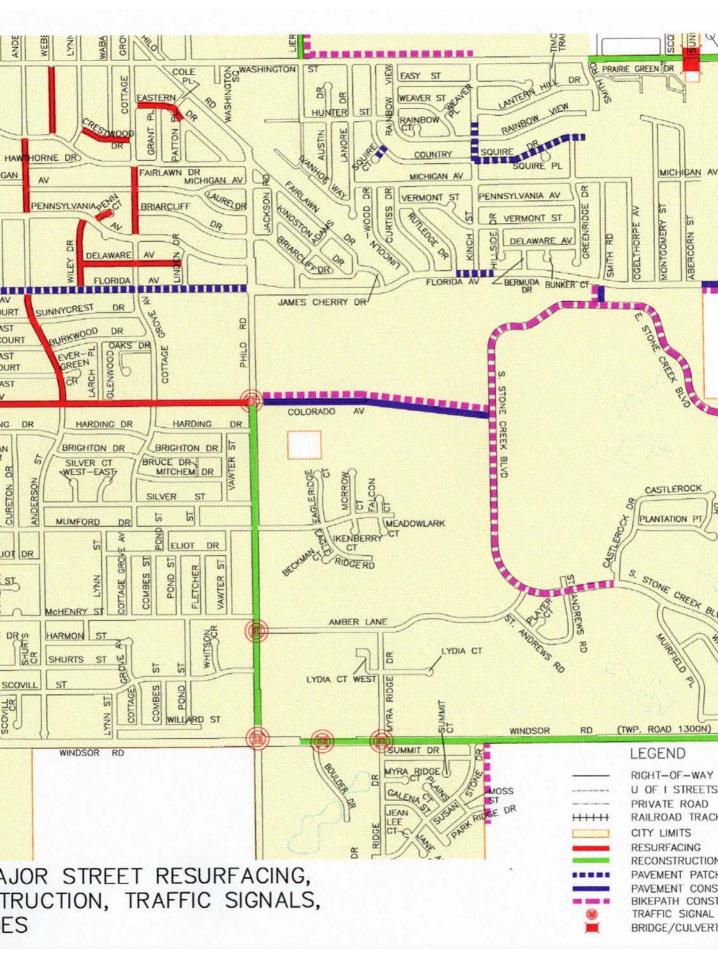




Aerial Photography (2003); Number of Homes Based on Buildout

Infrastructure

- Colorado Avenue extension to Stone Creek Blvd., 2004/2005 – Prairie Winds Development
- Philo Road reconstruction, 2006 -\$1.2mm
 - 3 lanes with curb & gutter
 - Signalized intersection at Colorado Avenue
- Florida Avenue extension planning for anticipated development
- Walking/biking trails



Assistance Programs

- Philo Road Business District Redevelopment Incentive Program
- Development agreements
- Regional Planning Commission finance programs
- IL DCEO programs
- Examine TIF
- Extend Enterprise Zone

Market Research

- Previous surveys
- Resident Shopper survey
- Developer's survey
- Business survey
- Southeast Business Group

Relevant Policies

- Infill opportunities/compact community
- Maximize land and infrastructure uses
- Retain and expand business base
- Create and enhance commercial areas with compatible, needed uses
- Produce net revenues
- Arrest spread of blight/improve appearance commercial areas

Action Plan

- Improve the image of the Philo Road Business District
- Retain (and expand) existing businesses
- Enhance incentives
- Plan and construct infrastructure improvements
- Beautify the Philo Road Business District

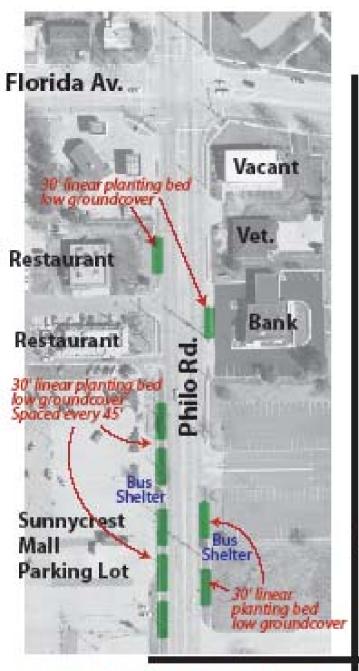


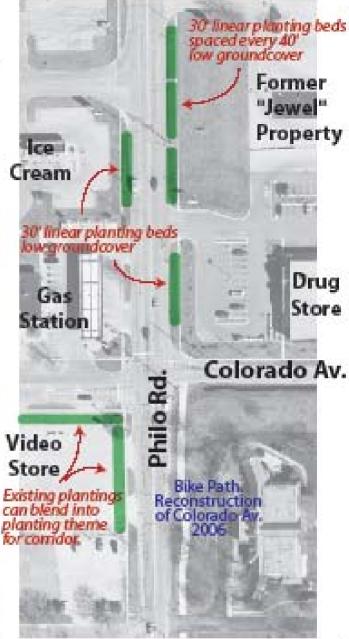
Welcome Sign Sample

The Future: Ideas for Landscaping Parking Lots







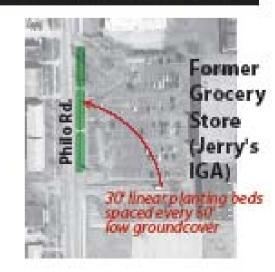


Planting Opportunities in Parkway Between Curb and Sidewalk



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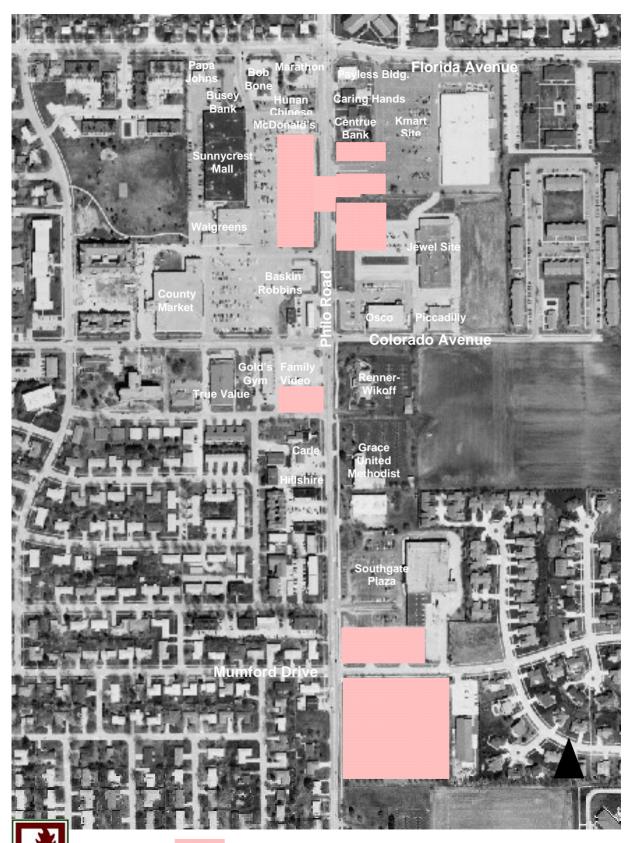
Right-of-Way Landscape Beautification Concepts



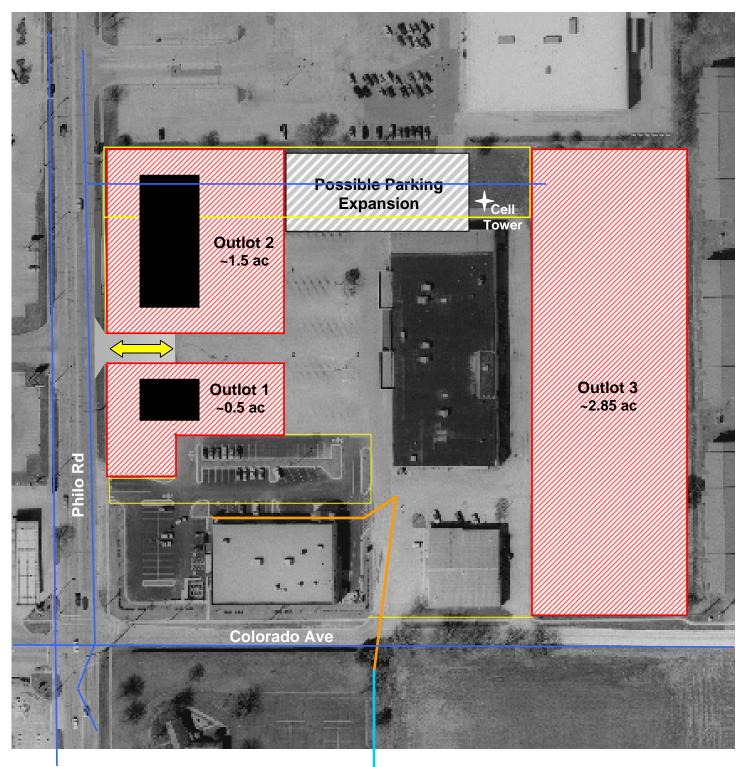
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- Provide marketing assistance
- Investigate building reuses
- Investigate site redevelopment uses/outlot development opportunities
- Zoning/signage improvements

Philo Road Potential Outlot Areas



Philo Road Outlots Example





Alternative

New access drives lined up with existing drives
Eliminate unnecessary curb cuts
Parking expansion elsewhere if needed when outlots developed



Storm Sewer

City Sanitary Sewer

UCSD Sanitary Sewer

Information

Copies of the Philo Road Business
District Revitalization Action
Plan available at the Community
Development Department
Or,

The City of Urbana web site www.city.urbana.il.us

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