

# Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan



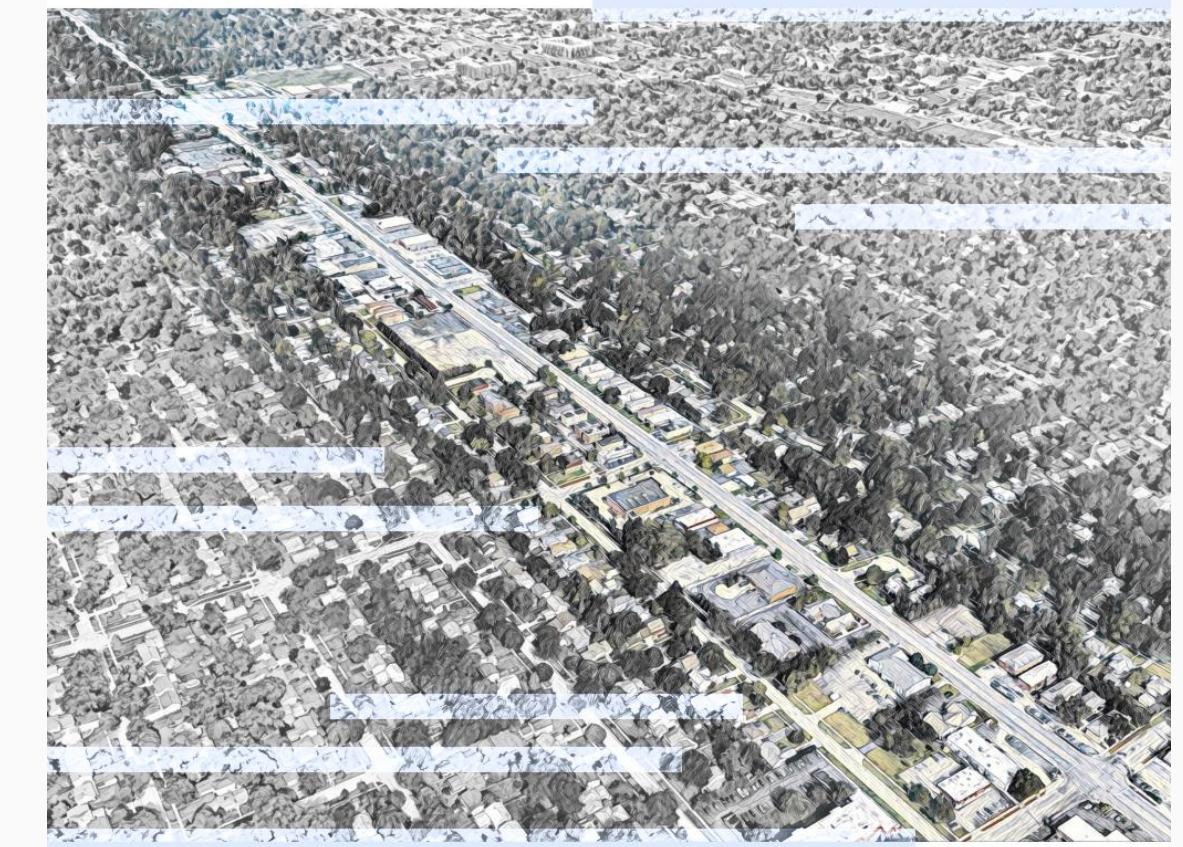
# Tonight's Agenda

## Community Input Session

- I. Purpose of the Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan
- II. Sector One Review
- III. Sector Two Review

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# General reminder.

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**We are here to listen and get the community's input.**

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We hope that everyone has had the opportunity to review the Draft Plan posted on the City's website in advance of this meeting. The revised draft intends to advance a vision for future development along the Roosevelt Road Corridor that is supported by the community, responsive to existing conditions and emerging trends, and in alignment with the community's values.

- We want to hear what you think about the Plan, and we want to ensure that everyone who wishes to comment feels comfortable and is afforded an opportunity to do so. As such, we kindly request that all comments and questions remain civil, constructive, and concise. Thank you!

# Purpose of the Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan

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## Refine the City's Vision for Roosevelt Road.

A vision for Roosevelt Road was last established in the City's 1999 Comprehensive Plan. Since then, the corridor – and the City – have changed significantly. Changes in local, regional, and national development trends suggest that now is the time to think about the future of the corridor.

## Guide Redevelopment and Reuse.

The plan is intended to address the growing obsolescence of numerous buildings along Roosevelt Road, and the importance of encouraging appropriate types of development and revitalization activity to enhance the corridor's long-term viability.

## Ensure Recommendations are Responsive, Respectful, and Effective.

The intent of the plan is to develop land use and built form recommendations that respond to market realities, respect surrounding contexts, and encourage redevelopment over time in alignment with the City's goals.



# How Has the Plan Changed?

**There have been significant updates to reflect community feedback.**



## Boundaries have been refined.

Subarea (Sector) boundaries have been adjusted to better reflect current character, and to provide flexible guidance for future development.



## Building Heights have been reduced.

Maximum building heights have been set to 35' or 40' (from a proposed 60' maximum in the previous draft). This includes current R-7 areas (which are allowed up to 75' under current zoning).



## Suggested future land uses have been refined.

Proposed uses reflect an incremental expansion rather than a broad expansion. In certain sectors, suggested uses are recommended to be allowed or limited in correlation with the size of development parcels.

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**Historic structures are addressed.**

Recommendations have been included to address the long-term preservation and viability of historic structures. An appendix highlighting structures 100 years of age or older along the corridor has also been included.



**Two implementation strategies are presented.**

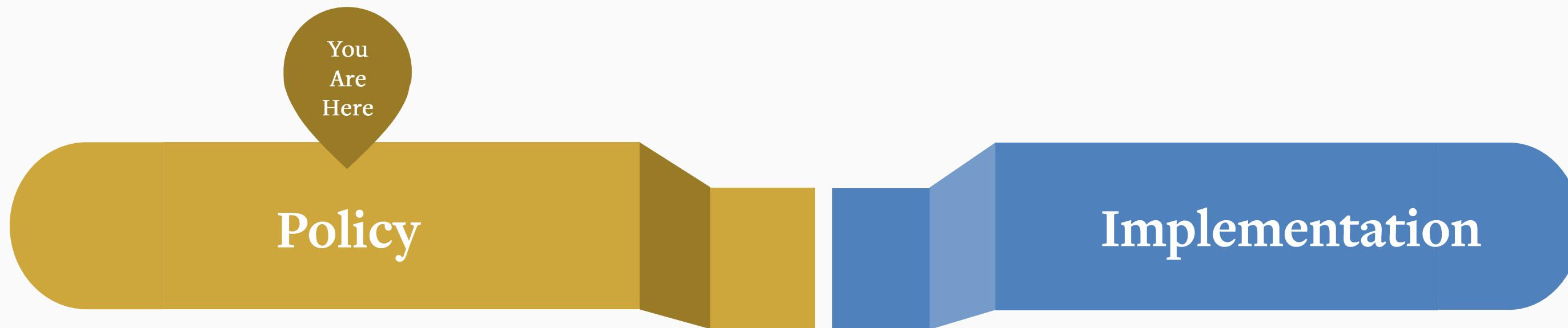
The Draft now outlines two potential strategies for implementation of the Plan's vision for the corridor, including the creation of a new zoning district, or targeted amendments to the City's current regulations.



**Clarification of Policy vs. Implementation.**

It is now clearer within the Plan that the recommendations do not in and of themselves represent a change to the City's zoning. Regulatory language included is only a sample of what changes might look like.

# Policy vs. Implementation



- The Community's vision for the future.
- Long-term goals, objectives, and strategies that work to advance the vision.
- Updates to development regulations that serve to enact the policies of the plan.



# Vision Statement.

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Moving into the future, the Roosevelt Road Corridor will be an aesthetically pleasing, vibrant corridor – a welcoming gateway into the community.

The corridor will accommodate a number of new uses and development forms, creating commercial and residential opportunities where they do not currently exist, while respecting the established character of the City, and acknowledging the existing residential character both along and abutting the corridor to the north and south.

Development along the corridor will bring vitality and new opportunity for residents and businesses to come to the City, while maintaining the high quality-of-life that current residents enjoy. The Roosevelt Road Corridor will grow into a resource that is supportive of and supported by its community.

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# Plan Goals.

-  Support the Roosevelt Road Corridor as a key commercial and mixed-use asset within the City of Wheaton that is able to respond to changing market conditions, help the City maintain a diversified tax base, and meet the needs of both Wheaton residents and visitors.
-  Improve the visual appearance of the Roosevelt Road Corridor, ensuring that the corridor projects a positive image of the community.
-  Recognize established residential areas along and abutting the Roosevelt Road Corridor, helping to maintain a high quality-of-life for residents.

# Land Use Recommendations

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- ✓ To communicate the Plan's land use recommendations, the Roosevelt Road Corridor has been divided into four sectors from west to east.
- ✓ Within each sector, land is shaded with a blue color that varies in intensity, representing the recommended "intensity" of land uses within each area.

Most Intense

Least Intense

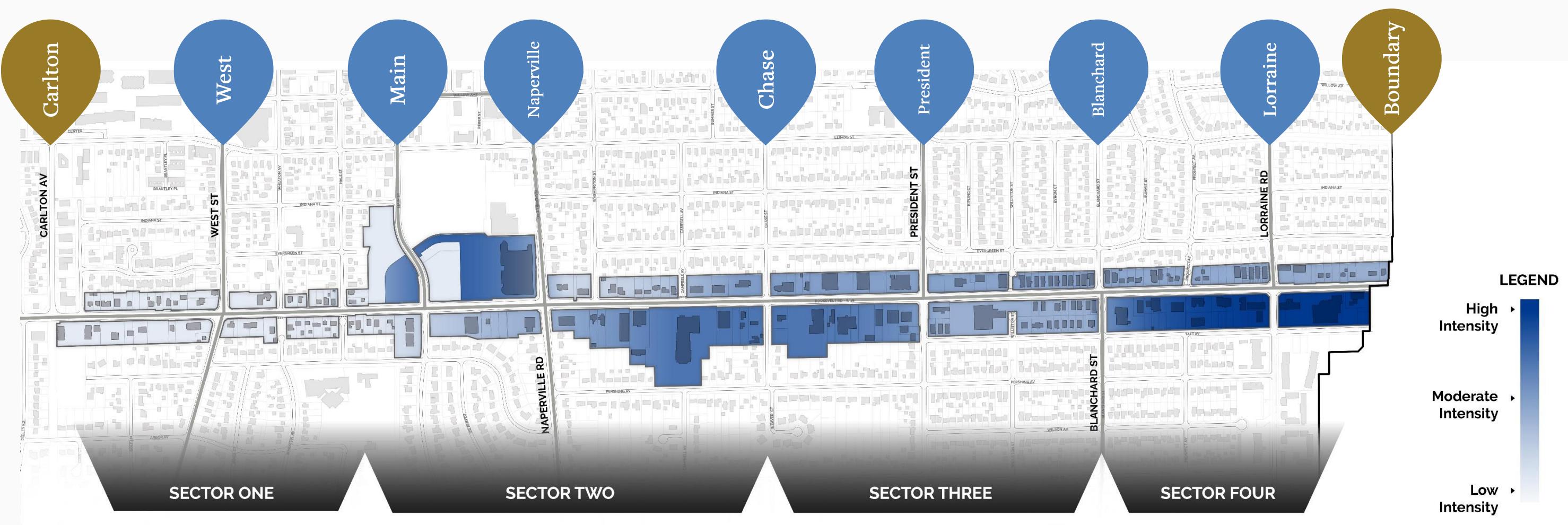


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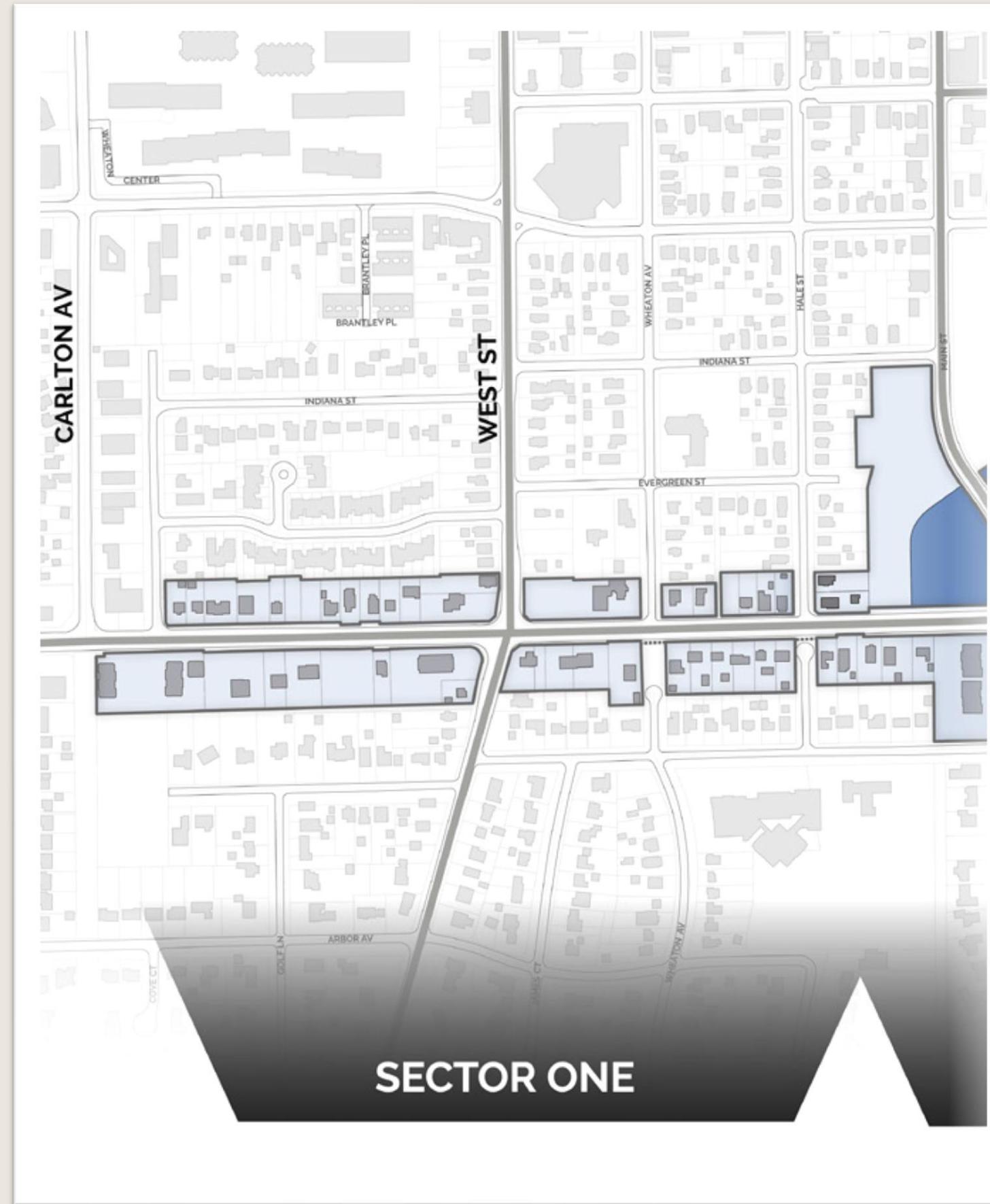
- ✓ The recommendations offer guidance, yet provide the City with flexibility to address alternative land uses and development forms that may emerge in the future.
- ✓ The gradation of intensity acknowledges the great variety in form, size, building placement, and uses that are present along Roosevelt Road. These factors are all used to inform the recommendations for any given sector of the corridor.

# Sector One

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Very Low Intensity





**Sector One** includes the western end of the Corridor, where only limited change may be appropriate in the future. This area includes low-intensity office uses and single-family homes.

As the market for the low-intensity office uses wanes, Sector One may be appropriate for new types of limited commercial or residential uses, including transitioning office structures back to single-family homes.

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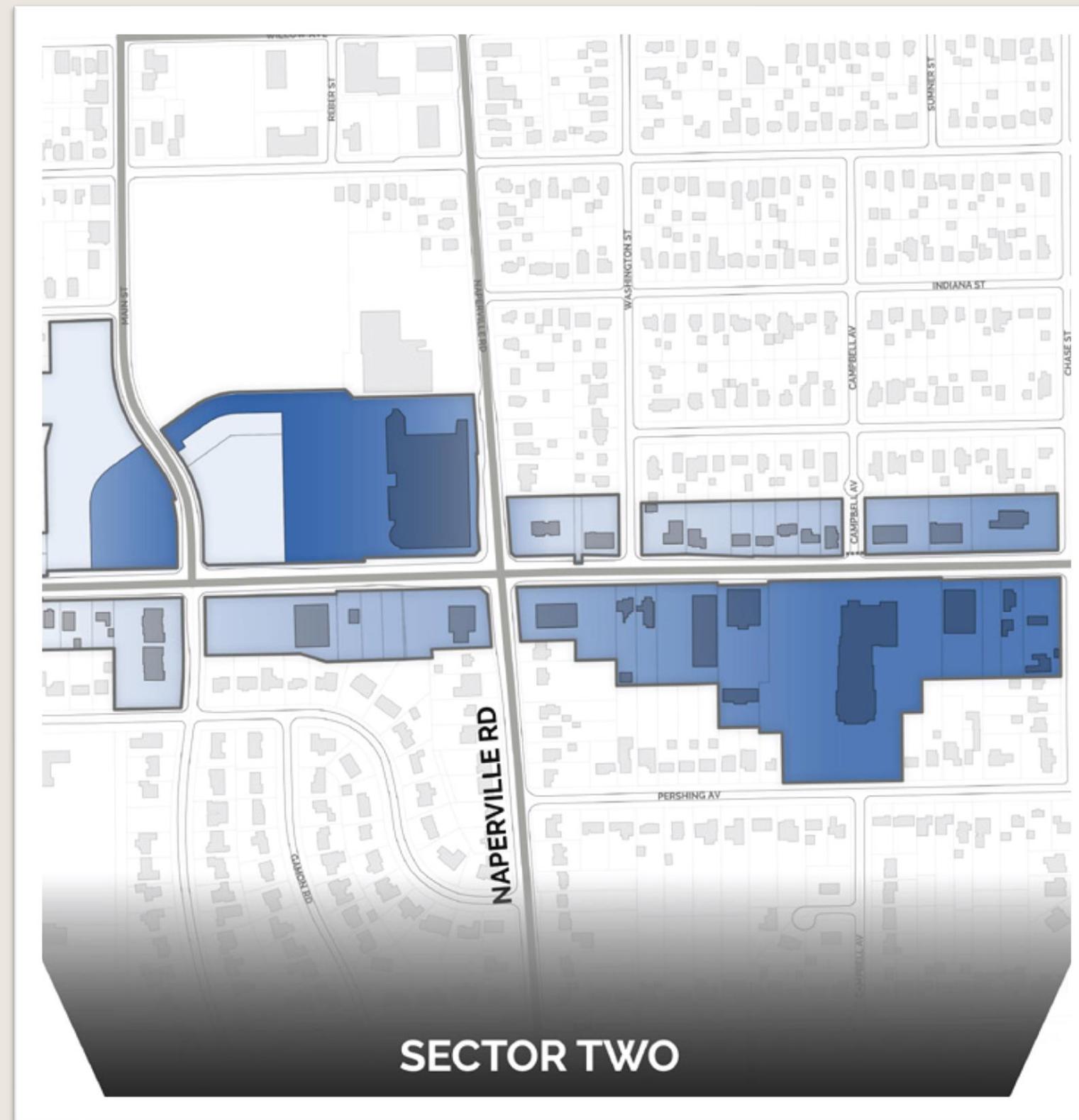
<b>Existing Characteristics</b>	
<b>Zoning Districts</b>	R4 Single-Family, OR Office and Research
<b>Use Mix (Currently Allowed)</b> <i>Illustrative, not Exhaustive</i>	Office, Research, Single-Family Dwellings, Parking lots, Senior Housing, Nursery Schools, Schools
<b>Maximum Building Height</b>	R4: 35 Feet, OR: 35 Feet (Small Lot Standard)
<b>Minimum Front Setback</b>	20 Feet
<b>Minimum Rear Setback</b>	25 Feet
<b>Future Land Use Characteristics</b>	
<b>Use Mix* (Proposed)</b> <i>Illustrative, not Exhaustive</i>	Office, Residential (Single-Family Detached, Single-Family Attached, Townhouse, Duplex), Low Intensity limited service uses with potential to encourage adaptive reuse of existing structures
<b>Maximum Building Height</b>	35 Feet
<b>Minimum Front Setback</b>	15 Feet
<b>Minimum Rear Setback</b>	Abutting nonresidential: 20 Feet Abutting residential: 30 Feet

# Sector Two

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Low-Moderate Intensity





**Sector Two** includes areas of the corridor near the intersection of Roosevelt Road and Naperville Road, with varying lot depth to the north and south.

Importantly, the back halves of most blocks to both the north and south of the corridor are residential.

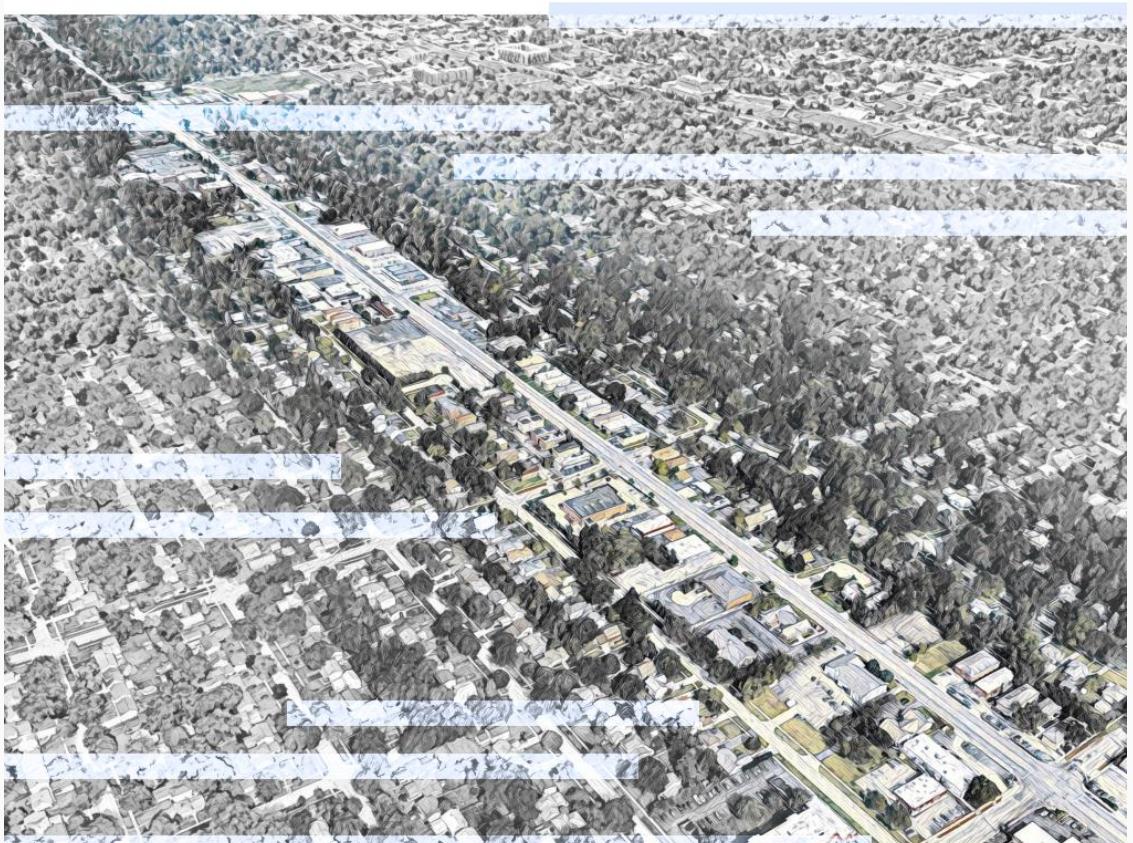
Because the developable area on some parcels in this area is significant, there is some variation for the recommended future land use characteristics.

<b>Existing Characteristics</b>	
<b>Zoning Districts</b>	C5 Planned Commercial, R3 Single-Family, R4 Single-Family, OR Office and Research
<b>Use Mix (Currently Allowed)</b> Illustrative, not Exhaustive	Retail, Restaurants, Fast Food, Office, Single-Family Dwellings, Schools, Nursery Schools, Gas Stations, Drive-Throughs
<b>Maximum Building Height</b>	C3 and C5: 40 Feet, R3 and R4: 35 Feet, OR: 35 Feet (Small Lot Standard)
<b>Minimum Front Setback</b>	20 Feet
<b>Minimum Rear Setback</b>	<b>Abutting nonresidential:</b> 10 Feet <b>Abutting residential:</b> 15 Feet
<b>Future Land Use Characteristics</b>	
<b>Use Mix* (Proposed)</b> Illustrative, not Exhaustive	<b>Large Parcels:</b> Office, Residential (above the ground floor), limited retail and service uses, restaurants. <b>Small Parcels:</b> Same uses as Sector 1 <b>NO:</b> Auto Repair, Gas Stations
<b>Maximum Building Height</b>	35 Feet
<b>Minimum Front Setback</b>	0 – 20 Foot Build-to Zone (building must locate within 20 feet of front lot line)
<b>Minimum Rear Setback</b>	<b>Abutting nonresidential:</b> 15 Feet <b>Abutting residential:</b> 30 Feet



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# Comments Welcome!

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