

## 2021 DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS STRATEGIC PLAN COLUMBUS, OHIO



### Catalyst for Development

Identified opportunity sites for development to achieve Downtown goals



### Bike & Trail Connectivity

Robust low-stress bike and pedestrian network to make active transportation accessible and safe



### Open Space

New parks and open spaces added where they are missing and enhanced existing parks



### Improved River Access

More places to access and enjoy the river Downtown



### Partnerships

Emphasizes cross-sector collaboration to accomplish the plan recommendations

## DESCRIPTION

Downtown has seen some of the fastest growth in the region over the last 10 years, with two of the six fastest census tracts in Central Ohio being Downtown. From its nadir in 2000, Downtown has grown from 3,500 residents to more than 11,000 today. With the number of residential projects currently under in the pipeline, Downtown is projected to surpass 15,000 residents by 2025. This moment in time provides a critical inflection point to take stock and create a bold vision to shape the next chapter of development and build Downtown back better than before with intentionality and community input.

## OUR ROLE

MKSK led the strategic planning process with support from Paul Werth Associates and Warhol & WALL ST. MKSK facilitated multiple engagement opportunities as part of this process, resulting in more than 2,000 community voices being involved in the plan creation.

## IMPACT ON RAPID 5

This plan explored many ideas grouped into seven goals. Key ideas include adding new parks to fill park gaps, activating the Scioto riverfront and other Downtown parks, expanding the Downtown tree canopy, and creating a low-stress pedestrian and bike network to make active transportation safe and accessible. The ideas in this plan advance the initial RAPID 5 ideas for One Central Greenway and reinforce the connection between the river and Downtown Columbus.

## TIMELINE

2021-2022

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