

Reimagine the Innerbelt, Together

You're invited!



The Innerbelt Master Plan is the next step in Akron's collaborative journey to shape the future of the decommissioned Innerbelt.

Please join the **second Open House** for the Akron Innerbelt Master Plan. At the Open House, you will:

- Receive updates about where we are in the Master Planning process
- Develop shared project Principles and Goals
- Learn about and help us prioritize potential creative planning solutions

Time
March 18, 2025
 5-7:30pm

Location
Akron Urban League
 440 Vernon Odom Blvd

Given the Open House format, please feel free to arrive at any time. Presentations will be given on the hour.

Snacks and drinks will be provided.

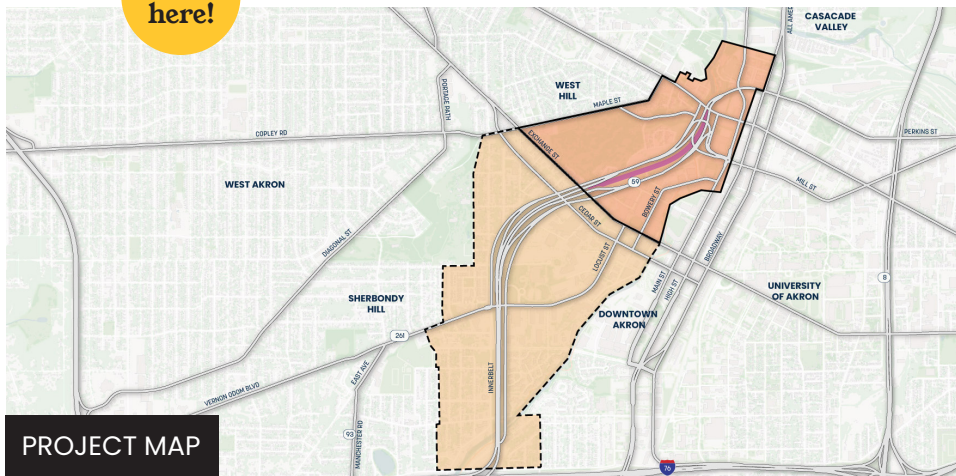
<p>2021-2023</p> <p>Past Work</p> <p>Understanding the history of the Innerbelt</p>	<p>Jan 2025</p> <p>Level Setting</p> <p>What does "good" look like for the future of the Innerbelt?</p>	<p>Feb-Mar</p> <p>Goals & Ideas</p> <p>Explore alternative futures for the site</p>	<p>Apr-May</p> <p>Proposing a Direction</p> <p>Build consensus around a preferred design concept</p>	<p>Summer 2025</p> <p>Community-Led Refinement</p> <p>How will this place look and feel?</p>	<p>Fall 2025</p> <p>Collective Action</p> <p>Celebrate the vision and launch implementation</p>
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We are here!

What Is the Innerbelt Master Plan? How Will the Master Plan Benefit Akron Residents?

The Innerbelt Master Plan is part of Akron's "Reconnecting Our Community" Initiative, a multi-year, community-led process to reimagine the future of the decommissioned Innerbelt. The Master Plan builds on the ideas developed in 2021-2023 during Phase 1, turning them into concrete short- and long-term actions to benefit the residents of Akron. In January, the City announced it has received a \$10 million federal grant to support repurposing the Innerbelt site to better connect the city.

The Innerbelt Master Plan is more than just a plan for physical improvements to the Innerbelt site. It will also deliver ideas for housing, economic, and community development that will benefit Akron's economy, environment, and community well-being. The Master Plan will focus on how to distribute these benefits equitably and repair past harms to the community caused by the Innerbelt. This process relies on collaborative decision-making with the community.



Where Are We in the Master Plan Process?

In January, the City hosted the first Open House, which created a platform for Akron residents to share knowledge and insights about the Innerbelt. The theme of this Open House is "Goals & Ideas". It will build on what we heard from the community and mark a shift toward physical and spatial ideas as well as economic empowerment strategies for Akron residents. Participants will receive updates about where we are in the Master Planning process, engage in activities and discussions to develop shared project Principles and Goals, and help us prioritize projects and planning solutions.

How Do I Participate in the Master Plan Process?

The Innerbelt Master Plan will be shaped with the community through dialogue, engagement, and shared ideas over the next seven months, until fall 2025. Your voice matters at every stage of the process. There will be many opportunities to participate in the Master Plan process, including Open Houses and focused engagements with Akron-based community coordinators.



For more information about the workshop and the Innerbelt Master Plan process, visit

www.akroninnerbelt.com