

**CLIFTON &  
CRESCENT HILL  
AREA PLAN**



**DRAFT OCTOBER, 2023**



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**23-AREA-0003**

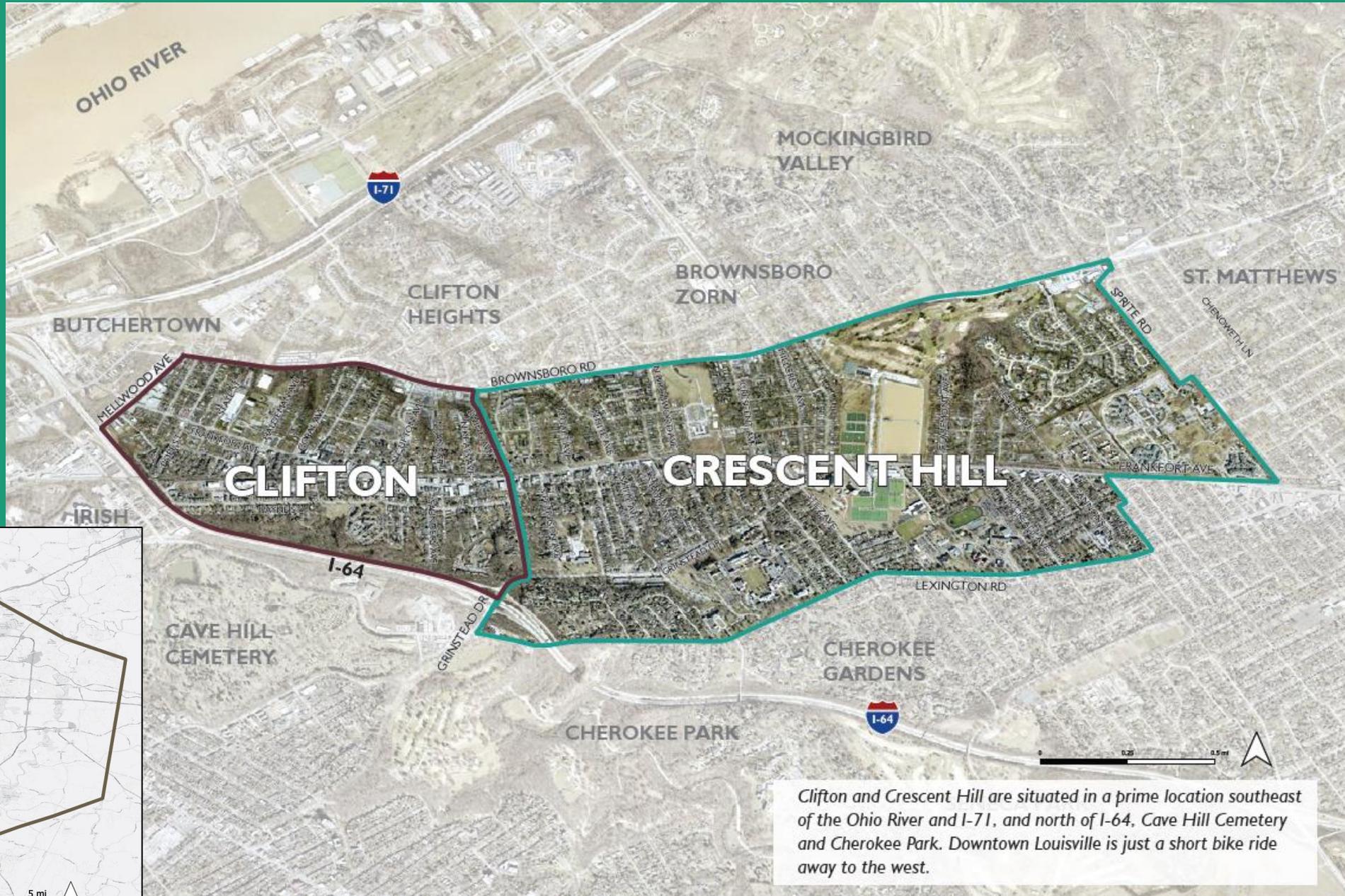
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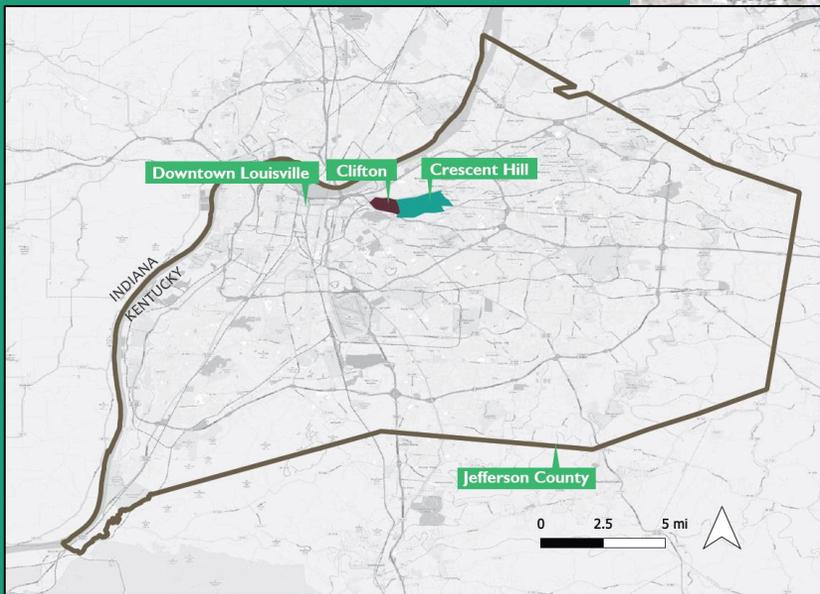
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# Plan Background

- Clifton and Crescent Hill are historic neighborhoods in the northeast portion of the Urban Services District. There are previously adopted plans for both neighborhoods:
    - Clifton Neighborhood Plan (2002)
    - Crescent Hill Neighborhood Plan Update (2002)
  - The Clifton and Crescent Hill Community Councils and former Metro Councilmember Bill Hollander (District 9) initiated the planning process in early 2022.
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*Clifton and Crescent Hill are situated in a prime location southeast of the Ohio River and I-71, and north of I-64, Cave Hill Cemetery and Cherokee Park. Downtown Louisville is just a short bike ride away to the west.*



# Project Team



# PLAN PROCESS TIMELINE

## Schedule and Process



# Community Engagement

## Advisory Group

- 21 members, split evenly between the two neighborhoods
- Recommended by Community Councils and District 9 office, as well as personal request
- 4 meetings, primarily at Crescent Hill Library

## Community Events

- **August 2022 (Visioning):** Open house at Bingham Park, in conjunction with Olmsted Parks event
- **August 2022 (Visioning):** Frankfort Avenue CycLOUvia
- **January 2023 (Review and Prioritization):** Open house at Crescent Hill United Methodist Church

## Online Engagement

- [www.cliftoncrescenthillplan.com](http://www.cliftoncrescenthillplan.com)
- Interactive map; 2 online surveys
- Hosted documents and plan information



**5634**  
Total Visits

**1665**  
Unique Users

**97**  
Document Downloads

**269**  
Survey Responses

**294**  
Comments



# Executive Summary

Engagement  
Tools

## Community Engagement



## Project Website

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## What We Heard Most



### Pedestrian Safety & Experience

Fill in missing sidewalks and improve existing sidewalks to create a safe and accessible environment for all abilities.



### Road Safety & Conditions

Implement traffic-calming measures, improve intersections and stripe parking.



### Bike Infrastructure

Improve the bike network throughout the neighborhood and provide connections to local destinations.



### Green Space & Trees

Improve existing parks and identify new neighborhood parks. Maintain existing and plant new trees.

### We also heard about:



#### neighborhood aesthetics

- Gateway features
- Public art



#### housing diversity/affordability

- Mixed-use housing
- Affordable housing



#### local businesses

- Support existing
- Attract new



#### parking issues

- Stripe parking
- Think creatively about bike facilities



#### social networks/programming

- Bulletin boards
- Community events

# VISION STATEMENT

“The Clifton and Crescent Hill neighborhoods **welcome** people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities with **compassion** and **respect**, where **fairness, equity,** and **personal responsibility** are core values of the residents and businesses. Our **historic character, small businesses,** esteemed **institutions,** and unique **environment** create places where people love to live, work, and visit.”

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## Mobility and Infrastructure



### Mobility and Infrastructure Vision Statement

Improve the infrastructure for all modes of transportation to provide safe and enjoyable ways for people of all abilities to walk, ride, drive, and move throughout Clifton and Crescent Hill.

GOAL	<b>MI1</b>	Improve Safety and Accessibility for Pedestrians
GOAL	<b>MI2</b>	Improve Safety and Accessibility for Bicyclists
GOAL	<b>MI3</b>	Improve Road Conditions
GOAL	<b>MI4</b>	Upgrade Public Transit
GOAL	<b>MI5</b>	Develop Sustainable Infrastructure

“Having a pedestrian walkway extend from the new water company sidewalk all the way down Frankfort would be incredible and a beautiful addition to the avenue! It would keep pedestrians and bikers safe. It would also attract more people to Frankfort Ave to help stimulate business growth.”

- Comment from online survey



## Land Use and Community Form

### Land Use and Community Form Vision Statement

Preserve the historic architecture, cultural landscapes, and character of Clifton and Crescent Hill while permitting renovation and appropriate infill development.

GOAL

**LU1**

**Preserve Historic Aesthetics**

GOAL

**LU2**

**Enhance Neighborhood-Scale Business Corridors**

“Clear guidelines for developers on how to create multi-use and middle-density buildings but still fitting in the character of the neighborhood. This would help draw developers easier.”

“It is vital that 80% of the businesses are locally owned and staffed.”

- Comment from online survey



# Housing



## Housing Vision Statement

Provide diverse housing options to serve a range of income levels and life situations.

GOAL	<b>H1</b>	Encourage an Equitable Housing Market
GOAL	<b>H2</b>	Preserve Historic Residential Structures

“People need affordable housing!”

“Help with maintenance on older homes is important and expensive, most repairs require a unique sizing or special build which makes the cost go up.”

“It is important not to be stuck in the past and to allow energy saving and sustainable construction.”

- Response from online survey



## Quality of Life

### Quality of Life Vision Statement

Ensure that Clifton and Crescent Hill are inviting places where locals and visitors want to be.

GOAL	<b>QL1</b>	Activate Streetscapes
GOAL	<b>QL2</b>	Expand the Tree Canopy
GOAL	<b>QL3</b>	Provide High-Quality Green Spaces
GOAL	<b>QL4</b>	Enhance Community Spaces
GOAL	<b>QL5</b>	Strengthen Community Bonds

“Public art projects are great! I would like to see upbeat ones that are kid friendly, maybe some that are fun to take pictures in front of to attract more people.”

“Maximizing the tree canopy is essential to residents’ health and the health of Planet Earth. ”

“Implementing the plan for Bingham Park would be my #1 priority. ”

-Response from online survey

# PLANNING COMMISSION

**November 16, 2023**

Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend:

- Approval of 23-AREA-0003
  - Adoption of the Clifton & Crescent Hill Area Plan Executive Summary as an amendment to Plan 2040
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# REQUIRED ACTIONS

Metro Council Planning & Zoning Committee must:

- **APPROVE** or **DENY** 23-AREA-0003 (Clifton & Crescent Hill Area Plan)
  - **APPROVE** or **DENY** adoption of the Clifton & Crescent Hill Area Plan Executive Summary as an amendment to Plan 2040.
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