

# FOREST PARK

2018-PRESENT



Forest Park is the site of a former amusement park and, later, shopping plaza in Dayton, Ohio’s northend. Now mostly vacant and without investment for generations, CountyCorp, Montgomery County, Harrison Township, and the property owners have come together to craft a strategy for development. The process engaged hundreds of stakeholders and evaluated four development scenarios before determining to move ahead with the preferred approach. The strategy is anchored by the relocating of the Township administration to a new Town Hall on the threshold of an expanded Five Rivers MetroParks system that will get expanded into the site. Other project impacts consist of road dieting all of the area streets to prioritize pedestrians and bikes; recruiting a new community center; and a mixed-use village that includes over four hundred units of new housing and retail. The strategy also includes building out a site-specific development organization, activating the site even before the plan is done through new community events and a recurring monthly Open Streets initiative along Riverside Drive.

## IMPACT

Marketing and Broadcasting effort that shed new, positive light on the neighborhood

Over 400 people engaged

10 year Strategic Investment Plan

## PROJECT LOCATION

[Harrison Township, Ohio](#)

## BUILDING BLOCKS + TOOLS

Engagement + Discovery

Activation + Testing

Community Operations

Scenario + Strategy

Strategic Investment Plan

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[The Plan](#)

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**Phase Zero** where a pop up civic square builds demand for the ultimate development in the early years.



The remake of Forest Park Drive as a dynamic, bike/ped friendly mixed-use street.

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A new river district connected by a proposed pedestrian bridge to Downtown