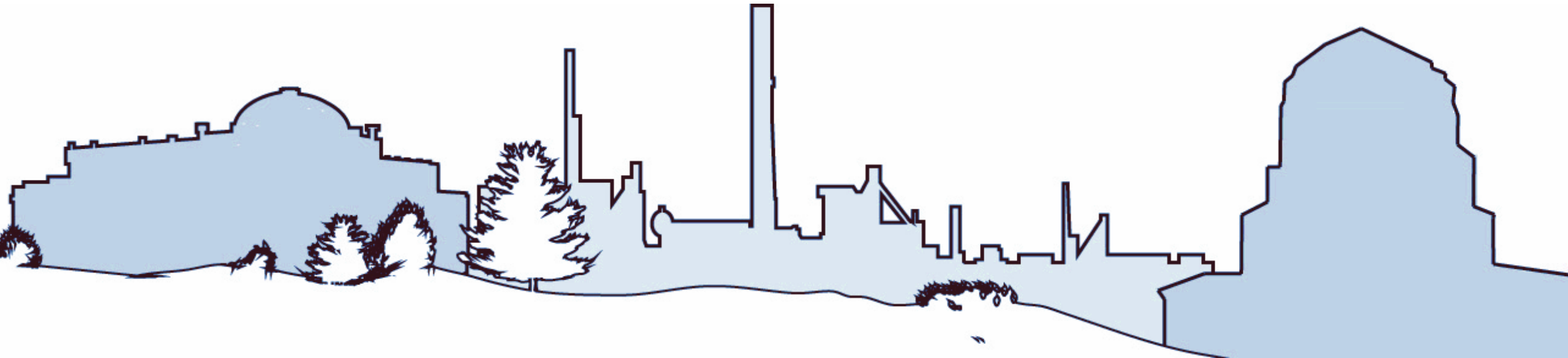




# GARY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:

Brunswick and West Side  
Neighborhood Workshop

February 7, 2019



# TONIGHT'S PURPOSE:

1. Share information on the Brunswick and West Side Neighborhoods
2. Update the neighborhood on existing and planned initiatives that affect the neighborhood
3. Gather input to make sure land use, zoning, and planning decisions reflect priorities of our residents.



# THE GARY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN A NUTSHELL

Gary's Comprehensive Plan is a long-range tool to establish and guide city-wide policy decisions. It is a **unified vision** for the future and a blueprint for how Gary will promote growth and adapt to change.



# THREE BIG GOALS

1. Consolidate all existing plans – formal and informal – in a **single document**.
2. Provide a **regulatory framework** that is flexible and adaptable, and fosters growth into the future.
3. Create a **blueprint for investment** (both public and private) that supports the priorities of our residents and businesses.



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# WHAT HAVE YOU PEOPLE BEEN DOING? WORK TO DATE

**Data Collection.** Gathered and consolidated all files relative to land, property ownership, infrastructure, roads, stormwater, tax collection, natural areas into a single place for analysis.

**Plan Consolidation.** Reviewed and incorporated all existing and adopted plans into a single place.

**Social Data Gathering.** Community leaders led focus groups, discussions, and working sessions within their own circles in their own way and reported back to City team.



# WHAT HAVE YOU PEOPLE BEEN DOING? WORK TO DATE

**Economic Analysis.** Conducted an historical analysis of economic conditions and existing realities; reviewed tax revenue relative to taxes paid; analyzed industrial trends and land development patterns; conducted SWOT analysis of Gary's economy

**Natural Analysis.** Created a green infrastructure plan, based on flooding, natural areas, high-value ecologies, and land use patterns.

**Land Use Analysis.** Review all existing conditions, including planned projects and those underway.



# KEY COMPONENTS OF EXISTING PLANS FOR BRUNSWICK/WEST SIDE

**2008 Comprehensive Plan** and **Gary Green Link Plan** include these key points:

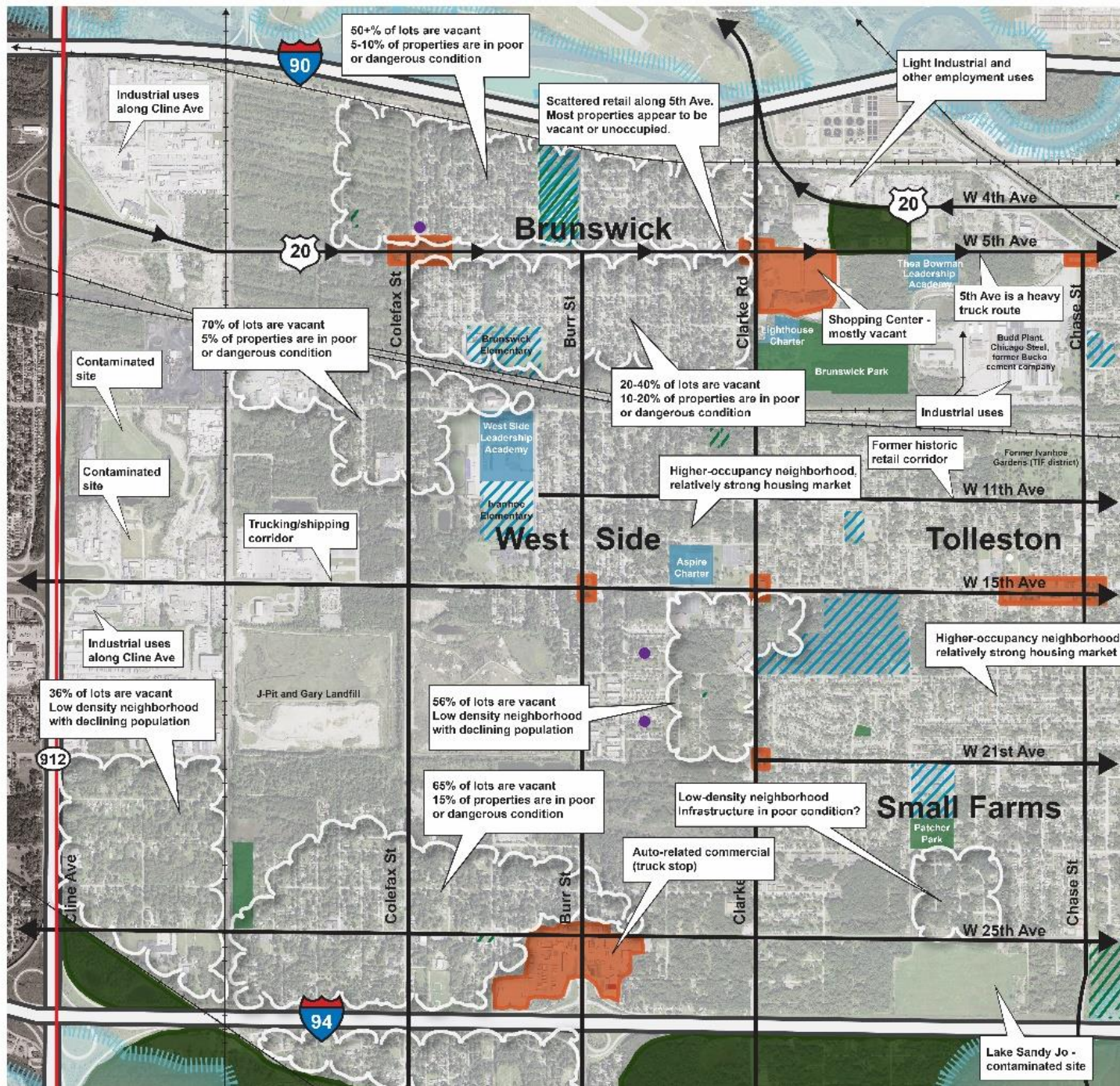
- Access from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Cline Ave and Toll Road, rail access, provide strong potential for development of a business park
- Focus on strong, stable housing markets in each neighborhood
- Vacant/underutilized land presents opportunities for development and job/creation
- Open space enhancement and expansion from the Ivanhoe Nature Preserve to reforested J-Pit and Landfill area
- Potential retail re-use of Edison School



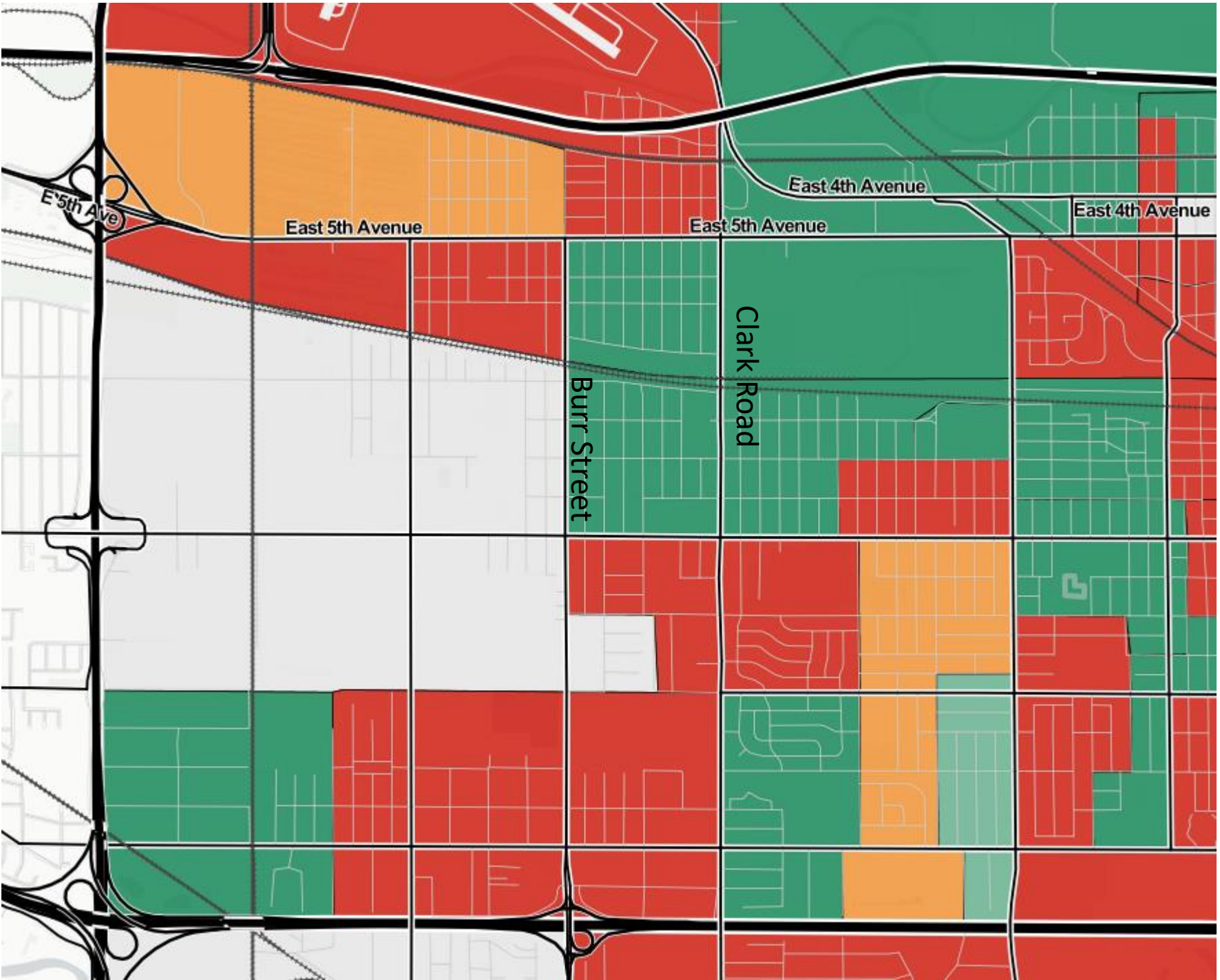
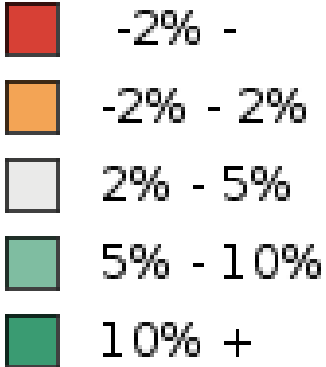


# BRUNSWICK and WEST SIDE IN MAPS





# POPULATION CHANGE (2013-2016)

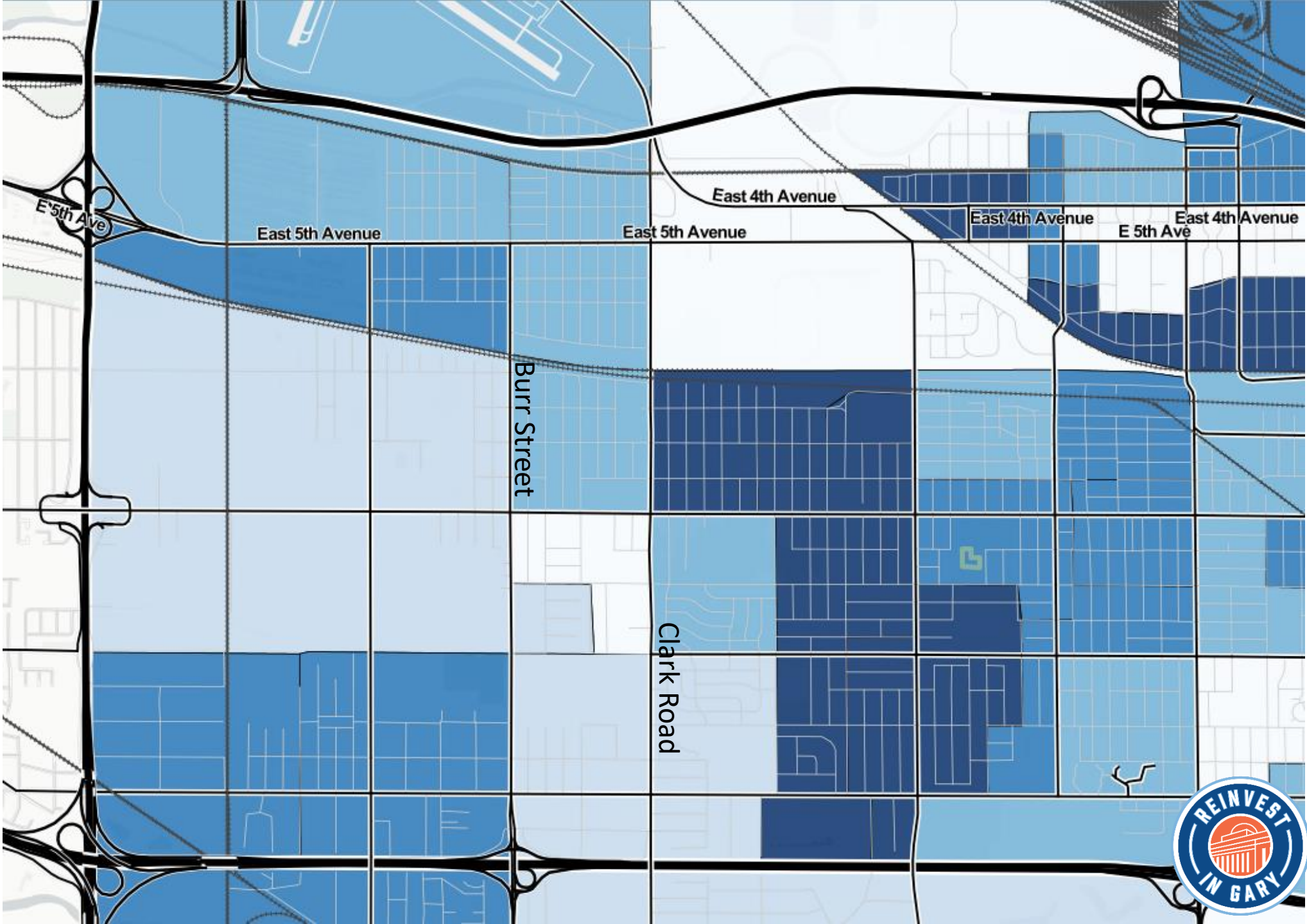


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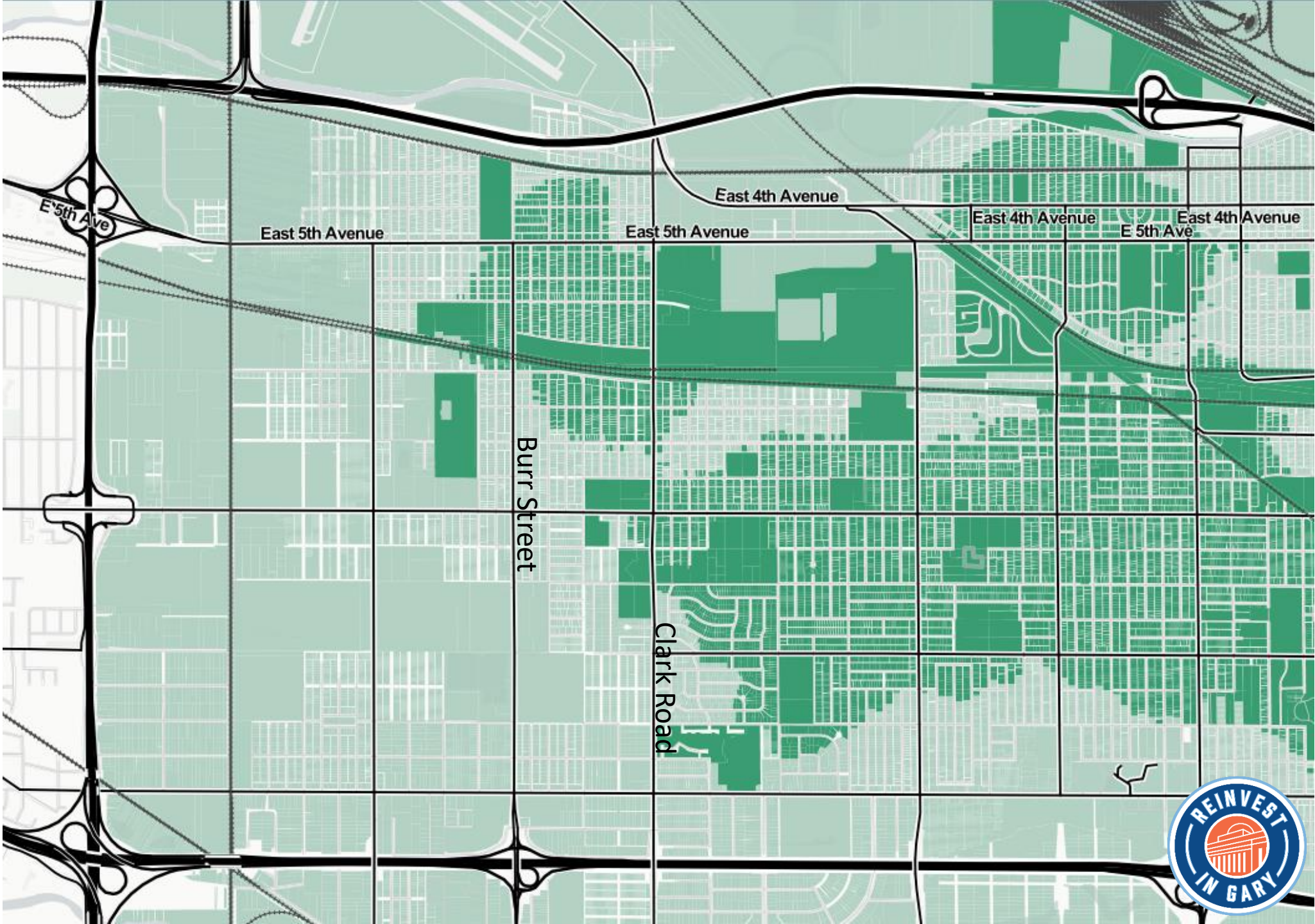
# PCT. OWNER OCCUPIED

- 0% - 30%
- 30% - 40%
- 40% - 60%
- 60% - 80%
- 80% +

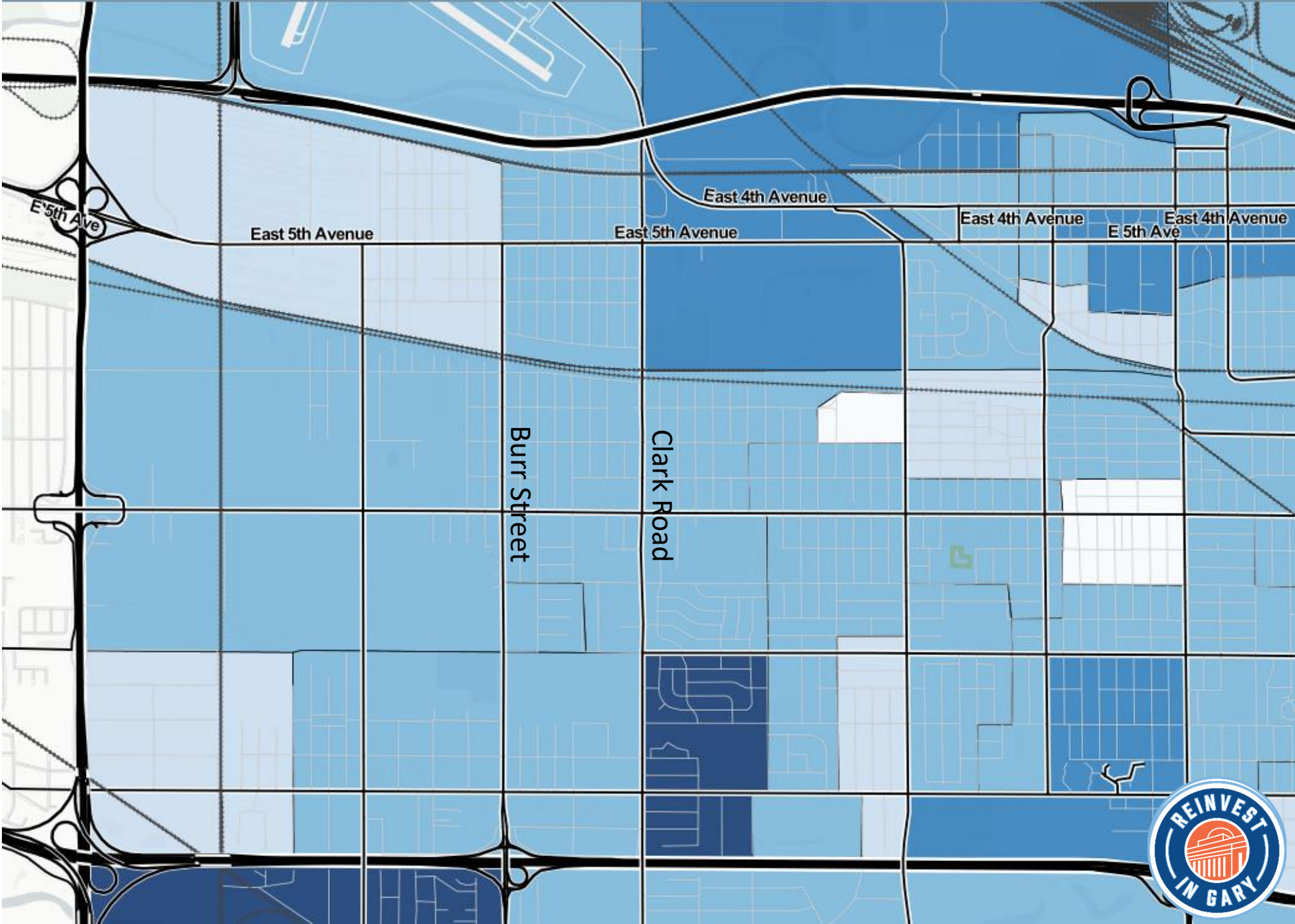
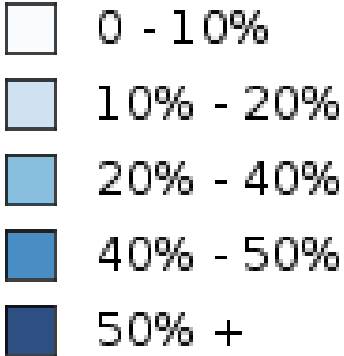


# TAX DELINQUENCY CHANGE (2014-2016)



- Increasing
- Decreasing
- Decreasing More

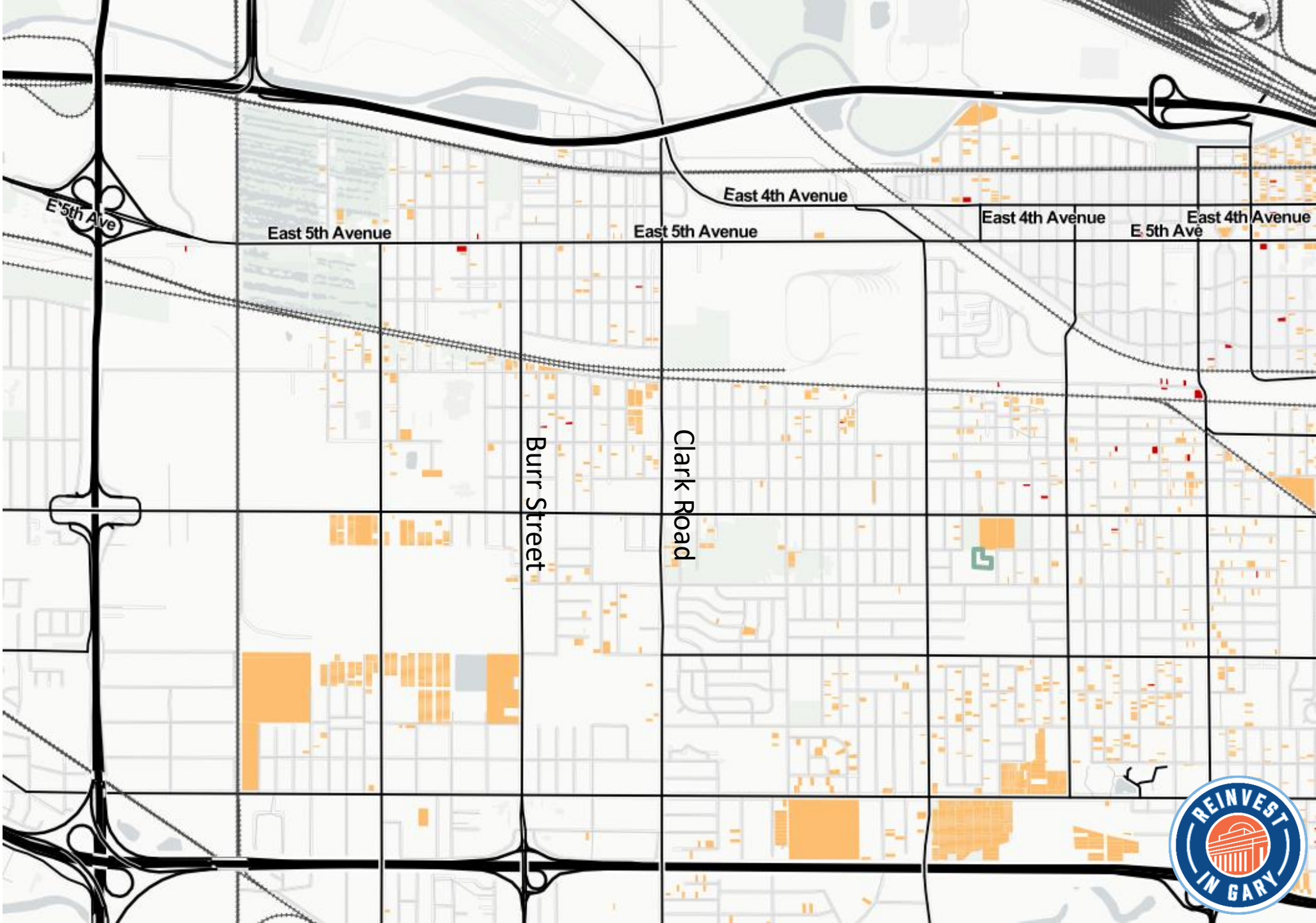


# HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18



# CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

-  No Structure
-  Vacant Structure



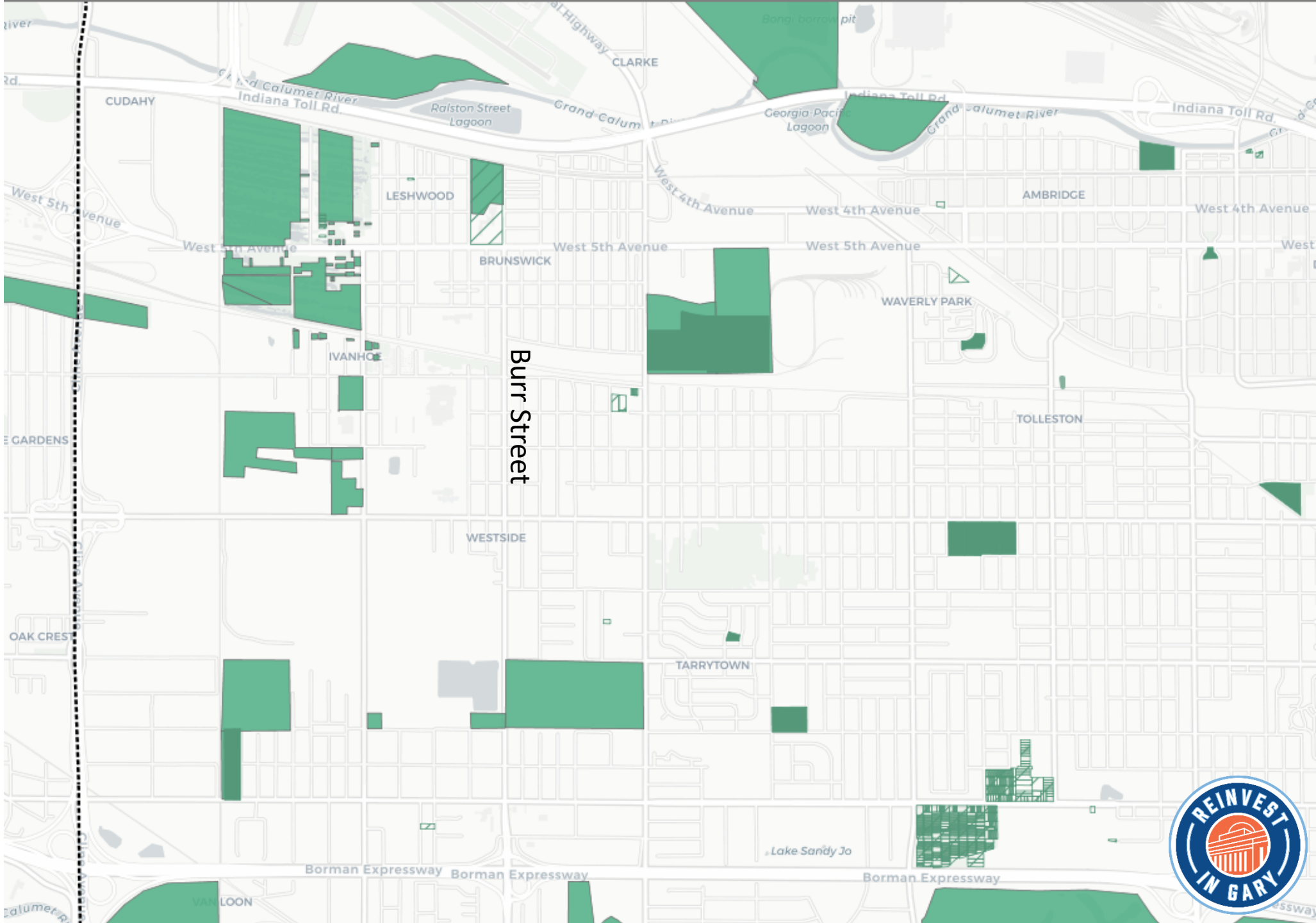
# GREEN SPACE

## Parks

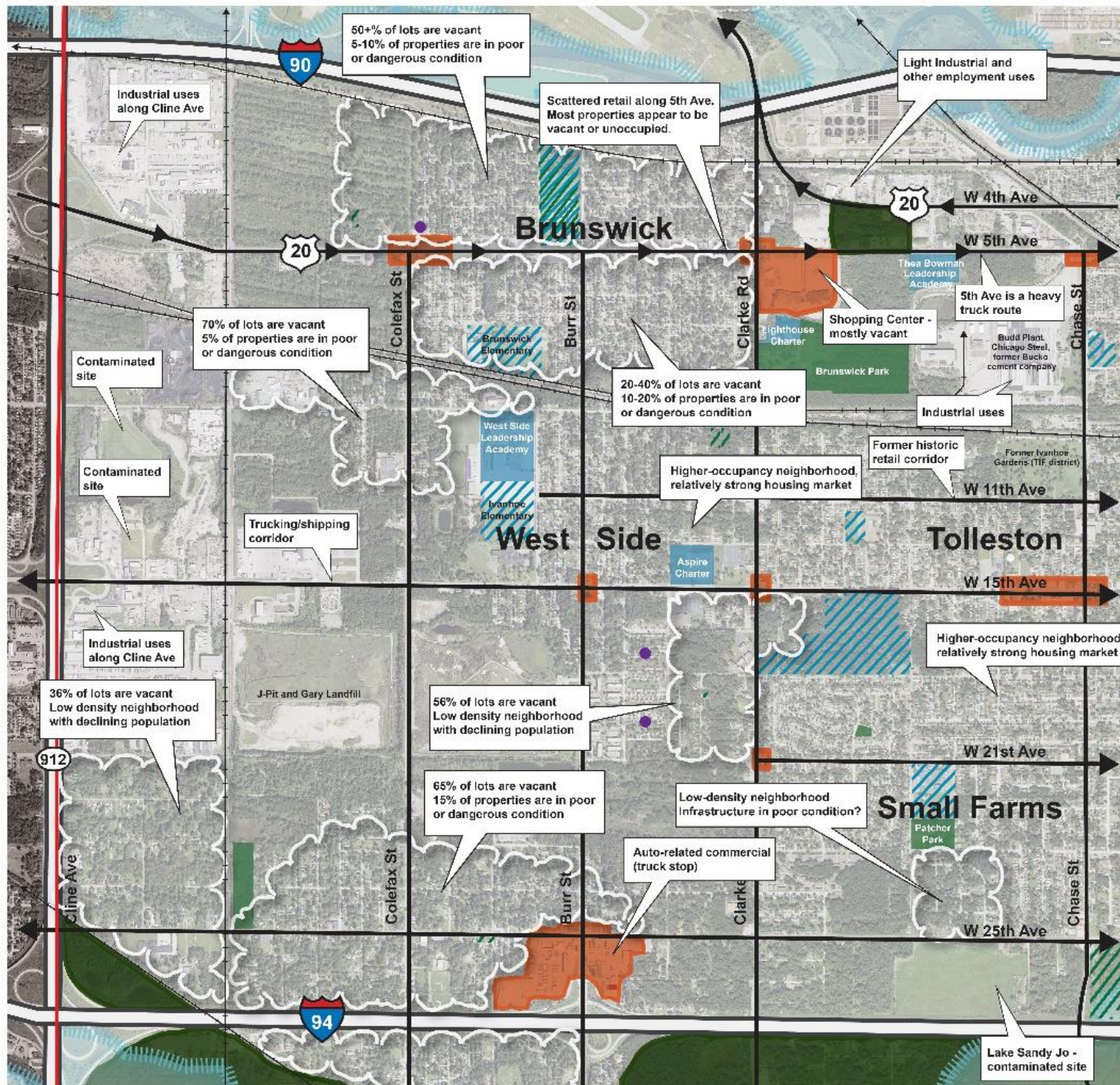
Active

Inactive

## Natural Areas







# GROUP DISCUSSION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please spend 10 minutes brainstorming and writing comments and ideas on your individual maps. We will then break into small groups where you will discuss the following questions. Please designate a note taker to write comments under each discussion question and mark up each table's large map with your ideas.

- 1. WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?**
- 2. WHAT ARE THE 3 BIGGEST OPPORTUNITIES YOU SEE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?**
- 3. WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN 10 YEARS?**



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# HAVE MORE TO SAY? THREE WAYS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK:



**ONLINE (best way):** [www.reinvestingary.org](http://www.reinvestingary.org)

**TELEPHONE:** Call the planning office for more info at (219) 886-1531

**IN PERSON:** All meeting minutes and plan information is available at the offices of planning and redevelopment at 504 Broadway, S200 downtown.

*Neighborhood Meeting calendar available at [www.reinvestingary.org](http://www.reinvestingary.org)*