

# Transit Oriented Development

Boonton, NJ

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Boonton presents a unique opportunity for transit-friendly land use, as most of its downtown core is located within a five or ten minute walk to major transit systems. Land use strategies should complement these existing assets and enhance the downtown experience for residents and visitors. Our class was asked to develop a series of steps Boonton can take in pursuit of Transit Village status, a program for smart growth created in 1999 in partnership between the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and NJ Transit. We explored Boonton's history, built environment, transportation infrastructure, and demographics.

## URBAN FORM RECOMMENDATIONS

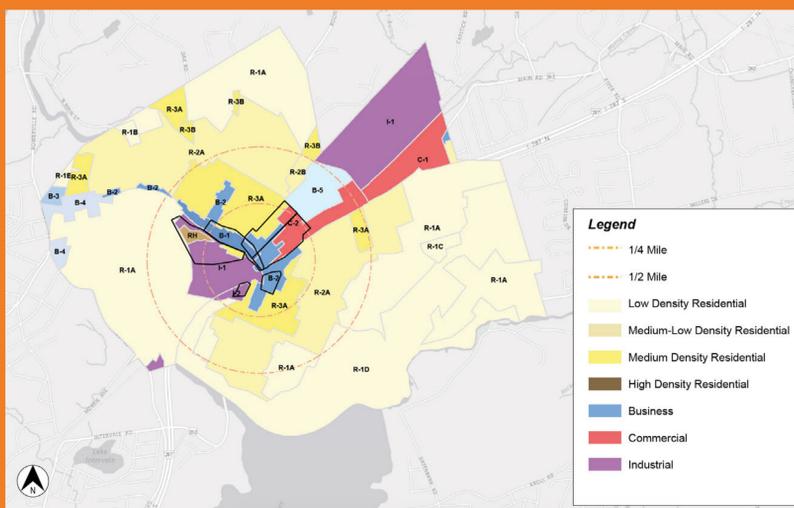
### A: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Expand housing options for seniors/empty-nesters to downsize and age in place
- Continue to develop Main Street



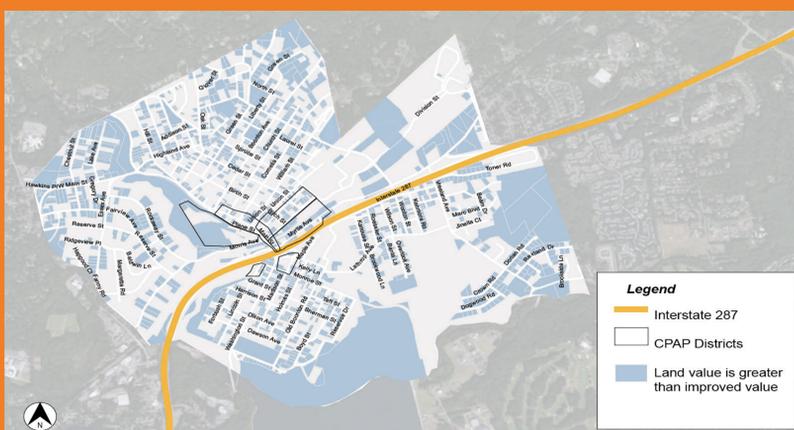
### B: ZONING

- Designate mixed-use districts in key corridors by re-zoning
- Allow for accessory dwelling units through ordinance



### C: REDEVELOPMENT

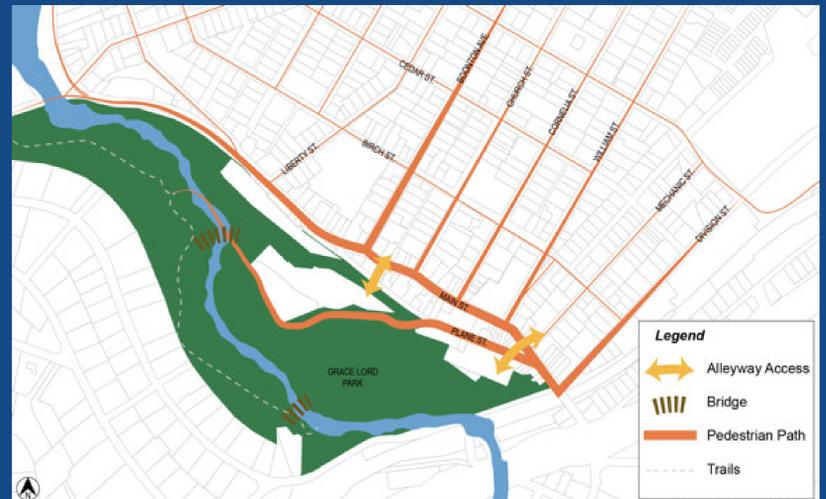
- Identify key buildings viable for reuse and encourage in-fill development on vacant or under-utilized lots
- Focus on duplex or triplex development and special corridors that are ripe for development: Division Street and Mechanic Street
- Use design guidelines to revitalize existing facades on Main Street



## TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

### A: ACTIVE TRANSPORT

- Improve pedestrian safety at key intersections
- Develop presence for safe bicycling
- Increase access to pedestrian-oriented land use destinations



### B: TRANSIT

- Increase access to transit facilities
- Use transit facilities to create a sense of permanence and place
- Re-examine the NJ Transit Bus Route 871 and Lakeland bus signs



### C: PARKING

- Introduce "right pricing" management strategy
- Develop efficient parking strategy using existing space
- Offer employer-based incentives to make transit a more attractive choice
- Locate loading zones for freight delivery

