

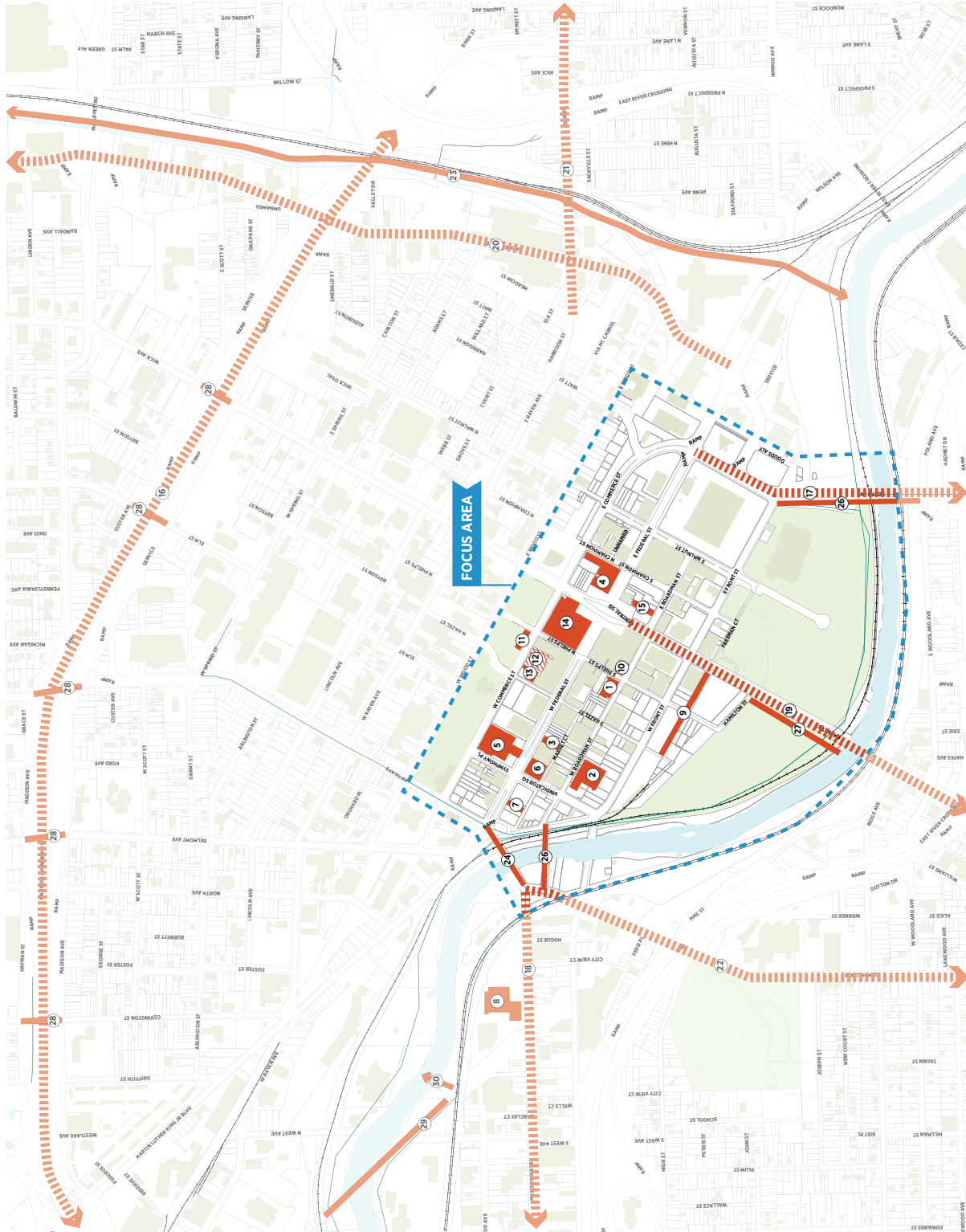


# PUBLIC ART OPPORTUNITY SITES CATALOG

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO



ECONOMIC ACTION GROUP



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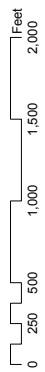
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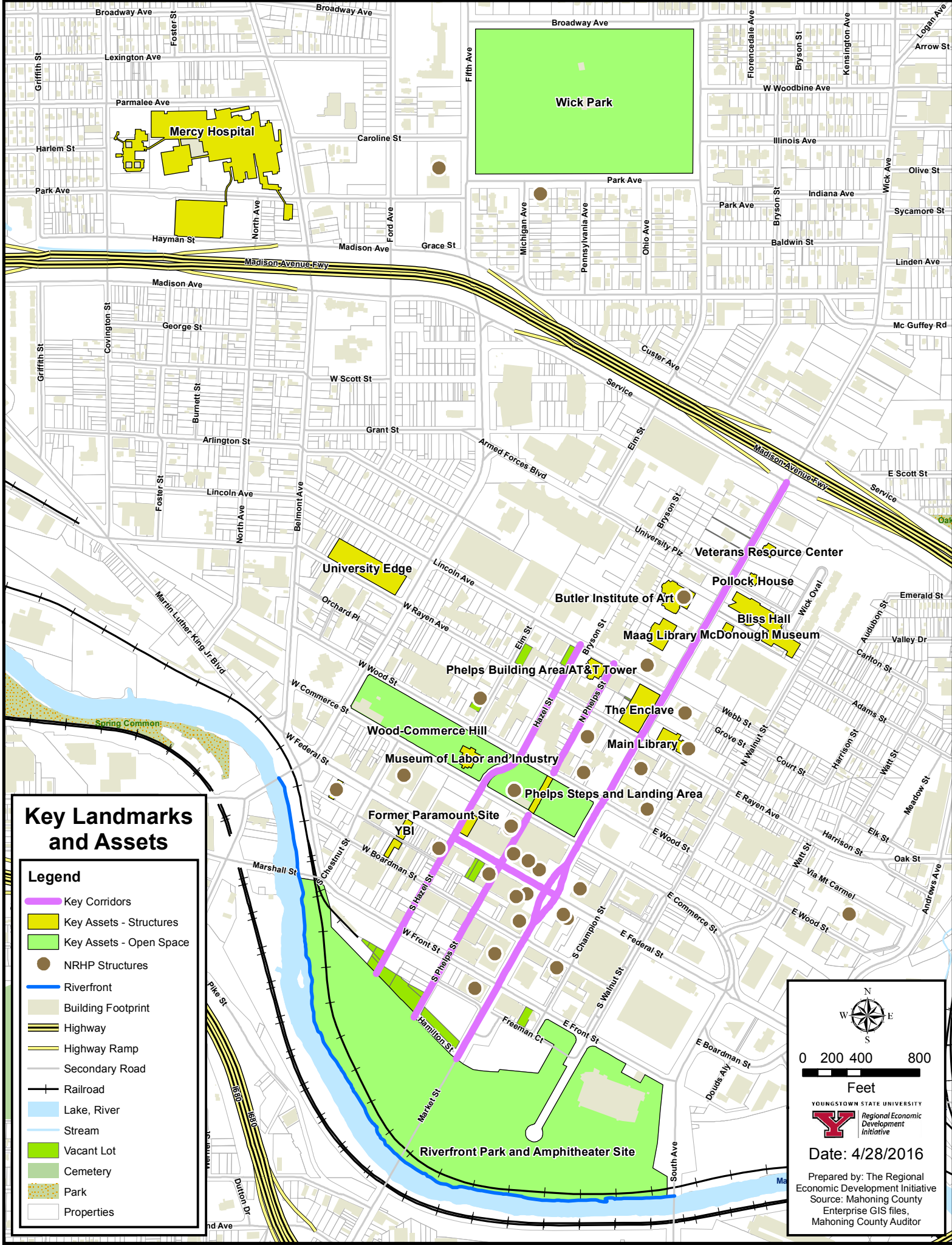
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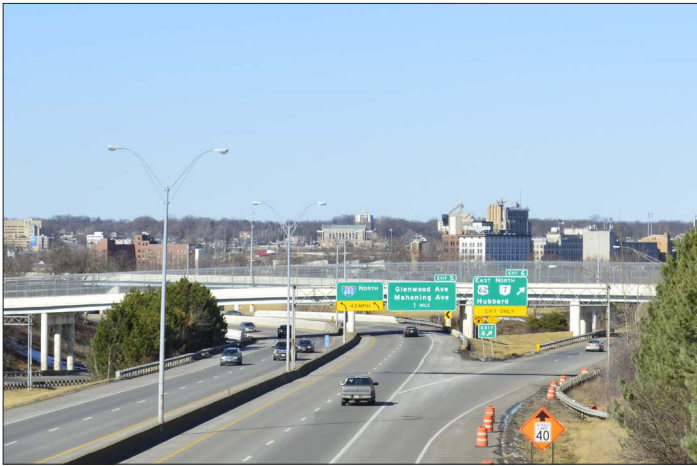
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# Introduction

## Views...

### *Through Downtown*



In order to create a safe, inclusive, and inspired environment, community members will be encouraged to collaborate on the projects that build value for the arts community and strengthen civic pride.

These opportunities consist of locations such as vacant storefronts, exterior building walls, utility boxes, fire hydrants, expressways' overpasses and underpasses, and other infrastructure surfaces conducive for art installation.

The goal of this project is to build confidence in the arts and introduce the concept of the Public Art Opportunities Sites catalog. This will encourage others to participate in their own arts based efforts in identified locations within Youngstown's Center City while navigating to, from, and through Downtown Youngstown from corridors and I-680.

### *Into Downtown*



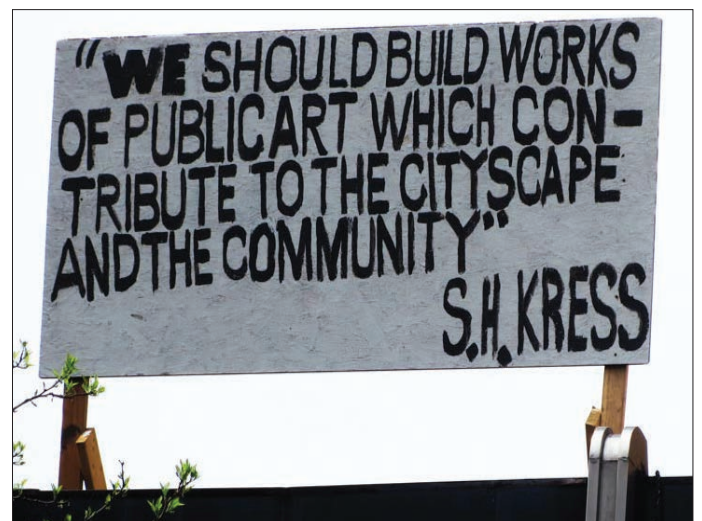
### *In Downtown*



# Blank/Underutilized Wall Space

Vacant or underutilized wall space is the most prevalent opportunity for public art or other installations in Downtown Youngstown.

Years of chronic abandonment and demolition, combined with high pedestrian traffic, offer blank canvasses for artistic expression that will be visible in the public realm.



# City Hall - 26 S Phelps Street

The exterior wall of City Hall offers an opportunity for a banner, mural, or other art installation. This view faces the skyline of downtown

**Surface Condition:** Good  
**Surface:** Brick  
**Structure:** Occupied  
**Ownership:** City of Youngstown



# Vindicator Building



The Vindicator building offers an opportunity for various installations on wall space or green space. This building is in close proximity to AmericaMakes and is a gateway into Downtown.

**Surface Condition:** Good

**Surface:** Brick

**Structure:** Occupied

**Ownership:** Vindicator Printing





# Youngstown Business Incubator



The walls of the Youngstown Business Incubator offer a site for a potential mural or restoration of historic advertisements.

**Surface Condition:** Poor

**Surface:** Brick

**Structure:** Occupied

**Ownership:** Youngstown Edison Incubator, Inc.



## 20 Federal Place

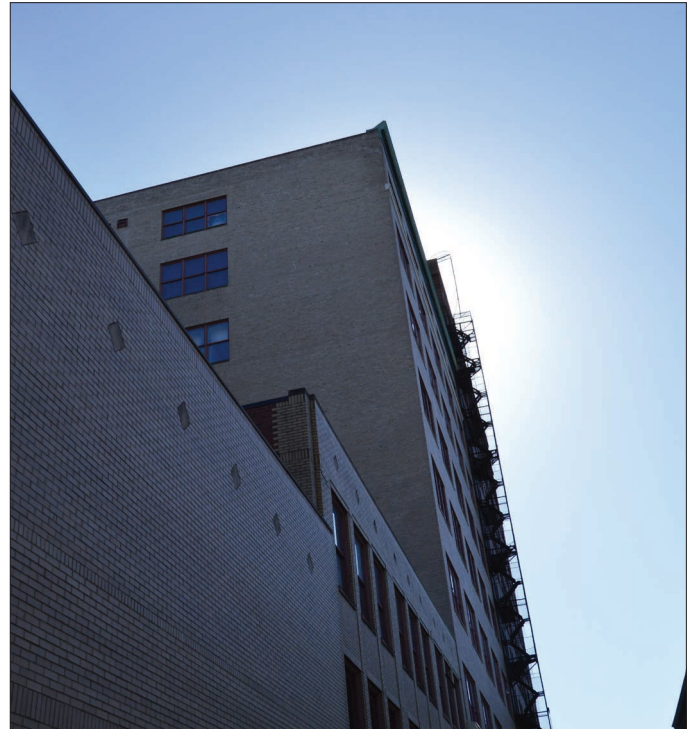
20 Federal Place has multiple opportunities for public art installations, banners, or murals.

**Surface Condition:** Good

**Surface:** Brick

**Structure:** Occupied

**Ownership:** City of Youngstown



# DeYor Performing Arts Center

The exterior walls of the DeYor Performing Arts Center offer an opportunity for banners.

**Surface Condition:** Fair  
**Surface:** Plaster/Flat  
**Structure:** Occupied  
**Ownership:** Youngstown Symphony Society

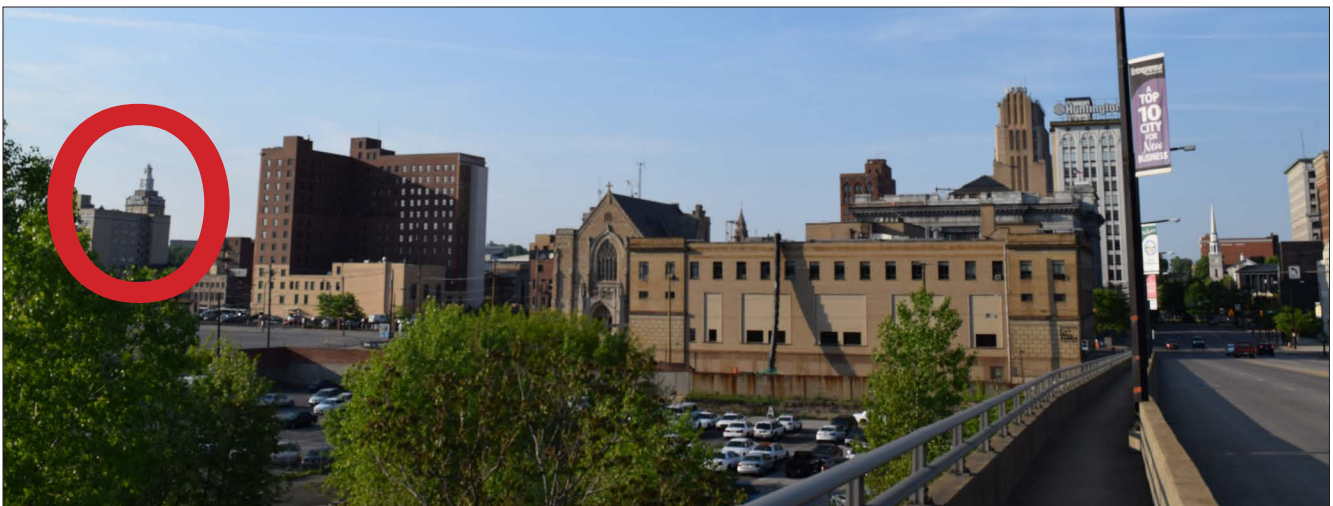


# Home Savings & Loan



The exterior walls of the Home Savings and Loan offer an opportunity for banners along vacant space. This space is visible both in close proximity and from a distance.

**Surface Condition:** Good  
**Surface:** Brick  
**Structure:** Occupied  
**Ownership:** Home Savings and Loan



# Tyler History Center

The exterior walls of the Tyler History Center offer an opportunity to restore a historical mural and install banners to highlight MVHS's ongoing efforts.

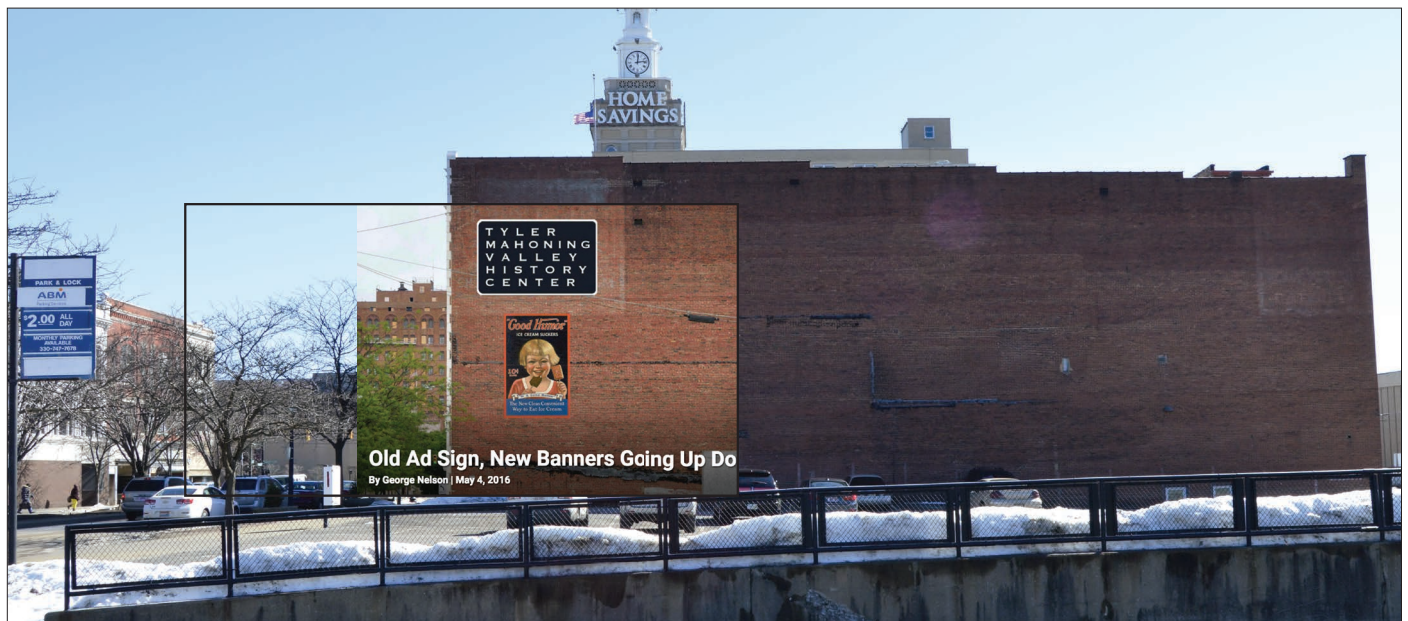
Recently, MVHS has moved forward with installing their own historical advertisement (Good Humor) and the Historical Society.

**Surface Condition:** Good

**Surface:** Brick

**Structure:** Occupied

**Ownership:** Mahoning Valley Historical Center

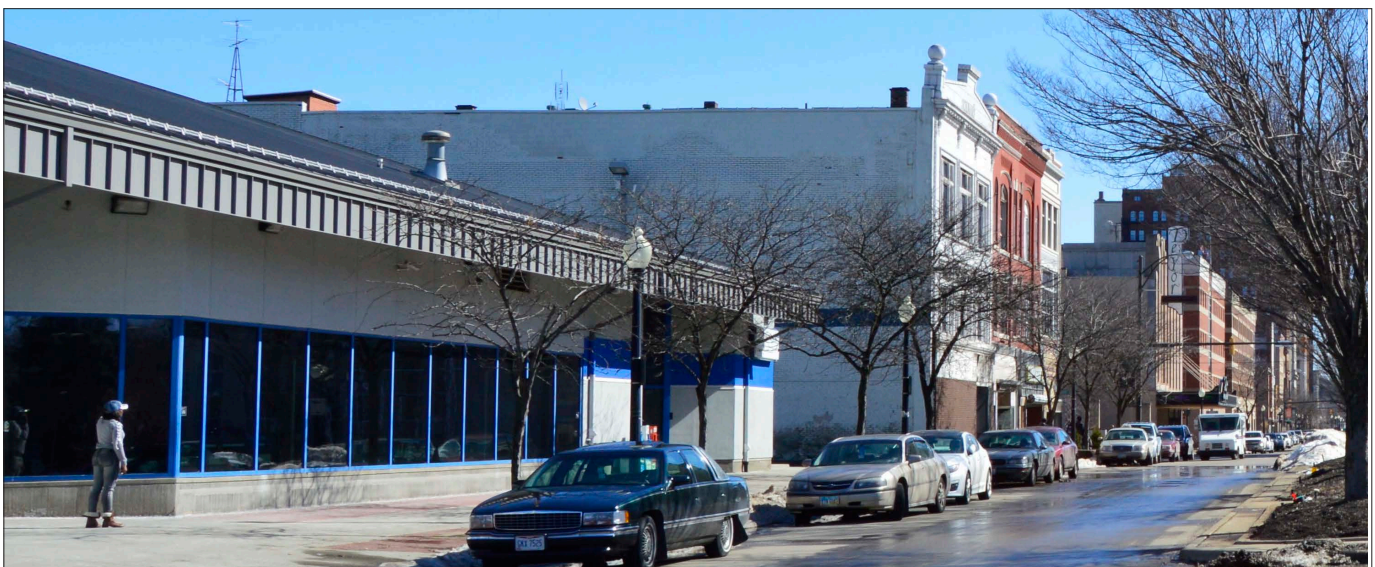


# Western Reserve Transit Authority



The exterior walls of the buildings adjacent to the Western Reserve Transit Authority offer an opportunity for a mural or banners.

**Surface Condition:** Fair  
**Surface:** Brick  
**Structure:** Occupied  
**Ownership:** Armand A Calderone & Sarah Calderone Trustee



# Emily Street - Behind City Hall Annex



In 2017 with the expected opening of the amphitheater Emily Street will experience a large increase in pedestrian traffic.

**Surface Condition:** Fair

**Surface:** Brick

**Structure:** Occupied

**Ownership:** City of Youngstown



# Phelps/Boardman Alley Lot



The rear exterior walls of Silver’s Vogue Shop, Avalon Pizza, Oh Wow! Children’s Museum, and Huntington Bank offer a large opportunity for improvement via public art installations.

**Surface Condition:** Fair  
**Surface:** Brick/Plaster  
**Structure:** Occupied  
**Ownership:** Multiple





# Erie Terminal Place



The exterior wall of the Erie Terminal Building sits vacant since the removal of the #LiveYoungstown banner.

The Hazel Street retaining wall is also an opportunity for artistic improvement.

**Surface Condition:** Fair

**Surface:** Brick

**Structure:** Occupied

**Ownership:** Erie Terminal Place, LLC.



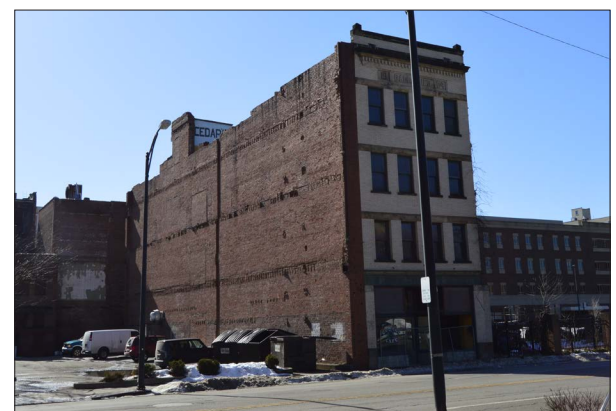
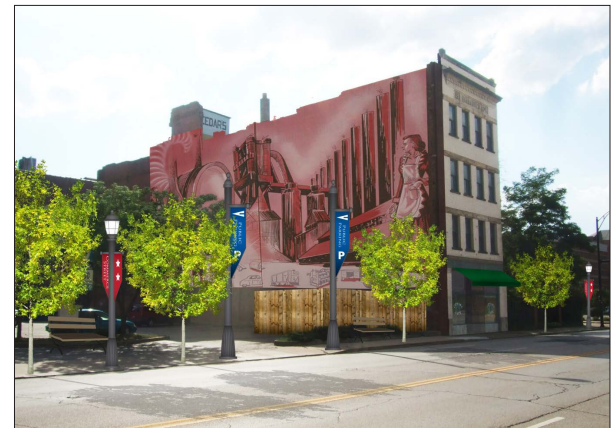
# Commerce Square

Various buildings (Gallagher/ back of various establishments) present opportunity for artistic installations as well as transformation into a public space.

**Surface Condition:** Poor to Fair

**Surface:** Primarily Brick

**Ownership:** Various



# Gallagher Building

The Gallagher Building has opportunity for artistic improvement through reinstallation of the pieces currently on the walls as well as rehabilitation of the patio as a gathering place.

**Surface Condition:** Poor

**Surface:** Brick

**Structure:** Vacant

**Ownership:** Gatta Group LLC



# 16 Wick

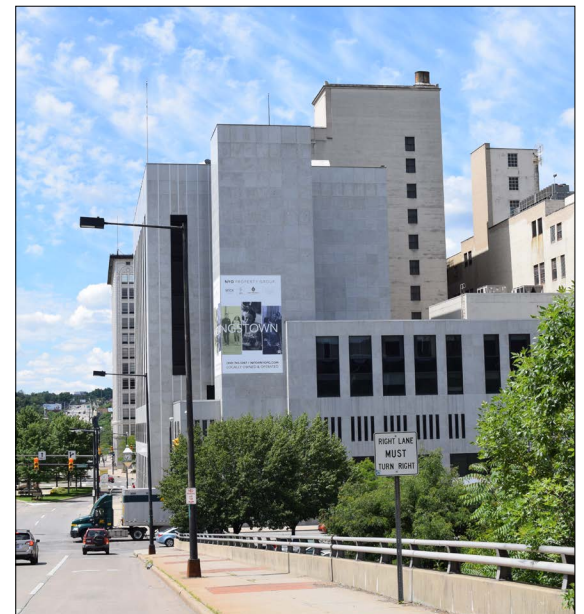
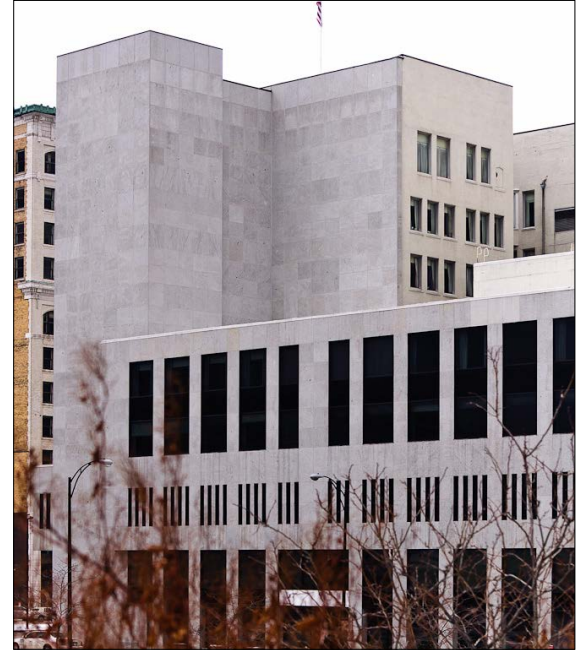
Flat surfaces of the 16 Wick Building located on the corner of Wick Ave. and Commerce St. is an opportunity for potential banners or signage in a highly visible location.

**Surface Condition:** Good

**Surface:** Italian Granite

**Structure:** Occupied

**Ownership:** Park South Development Co LLC



# International Towers

Flat surfaces and blank spaces of International Towers located along Boardman Street is an opportunity for potential banners or signage in a highly visible location.

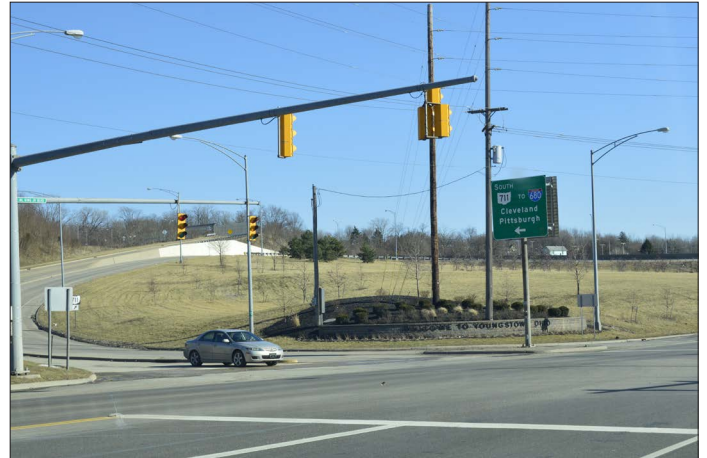
**Surface Condition:** Good  
**Surface:** Concrete  
**Structure:** Occupied  
**Ownership:** International Towers Apartments, LTD



# 422 Corridor

Various exterior wall spaces along the 422 Corridor offer opportunities for murals/other public art installations.

It is recommended that potential projects utilize existing open space and vehicular traffic to effectively promote vibrancy along the corridor in

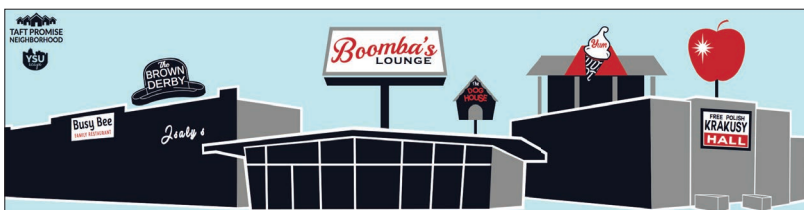


# South Avenue Corridor

Various exterior wall spaces along the South Avenue Corridor offer opportunities for murals/other public art installations.

It is recommended that projects will be installed the walls on the east side of the street, facing vehicles as they drive north towards downtown.

YSUscape has initiated public art efforts along the corridor on Cadman's Appliance.



*YSUscape Mural Project*



# Glenwood Corridor

Various exterior wall spaces along the Oak Street/ McCartney Road Corridor offer opportunities for murals/other public art installations.





# Mahoning Avenue Corridor

Various exterior wall spaces along the Mahoning Avenue Corridor offer opportunities for murals/other public art installations.

Space includes former and current railroad and highway overpasses that cross over Mahoning Avenue approaching Downtown as well as connections to Mill Creek MetroParks along Todd Avenue and Price Road.



# Market Street Corridor

Various exterior wall spaces along the Market Street Corridor offer opportunities for murals/other public art installations.

These walls are on the east side of the street, facing vehicles as they drive north towards downtown.

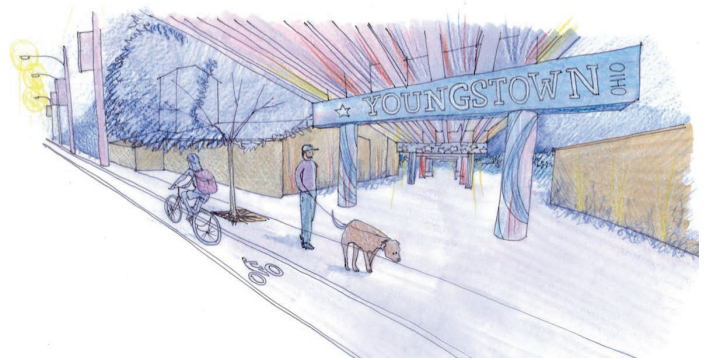
Local artist, Christian Mrosko, completed a mural in 2013 on the Market Street building leading into Downtown.



# Andrews Avenue Corridor

Wall space and overpasses along Andrews Avenue offers an opportunity for a large scale mural as well as lighting and pedestrian improvements. Work with Andrews Avenue business owners to complete projects.

## 5 RIVERFRONT & CONNECTIVITY Connection to Smokey Hollow, under the underpass



# Oak Street/McCartney Road Corridor

Various exterior wall spaces along the Oak Street/McCartney Road Corridor offer opportunities for murals/other public art installations.



# Oak Hill Corridor

Various exterior wall spaces along the Oak Hill Corridor offer opportunities for murals/other public art installations.

It is recommended to work with partners such as the Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown or St. Patricks Church.



# Bridge and Underpass Connections

Bridges and Underpasses surrounding the center city offer an opportunity to improve the pedestrian and vehicular experience of entering and exiting downtown.

Observing and implementing nationally implemented best practices for improvements such as lighting and public art are just two of the many ways to enhance Youngstown's bridges and overpasses.



# Marshall Street Bridge

The Marshall Street bridge currently sits on the south-west end of downtown and is covered various coats of paint and graffiti

Improvement strategies for this bridge include public art and lighting improvements.



# South Avenue

The South Avenue bridge currently sits on the south-east side of downtown and is not well lit.

Improvement strategies for this bridge include public art, lighting, and directional signage into downtown.





# Market Street

The Market Street bridge is the main access point between the South Side and Downtown.

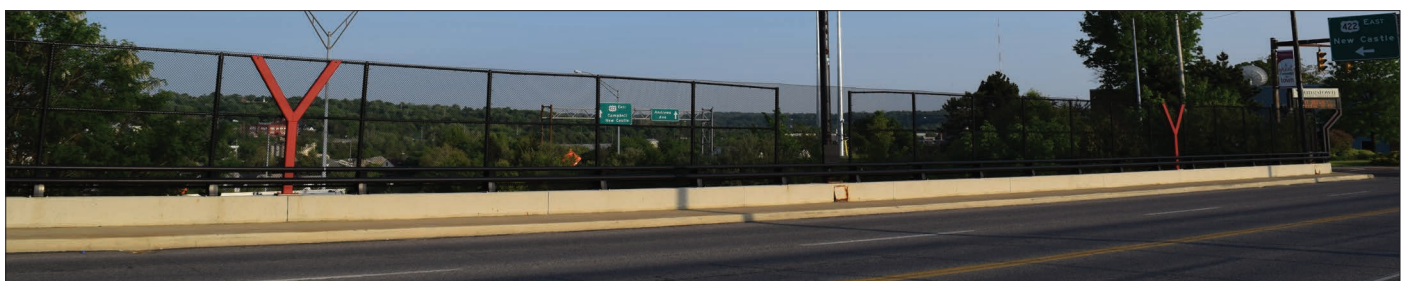
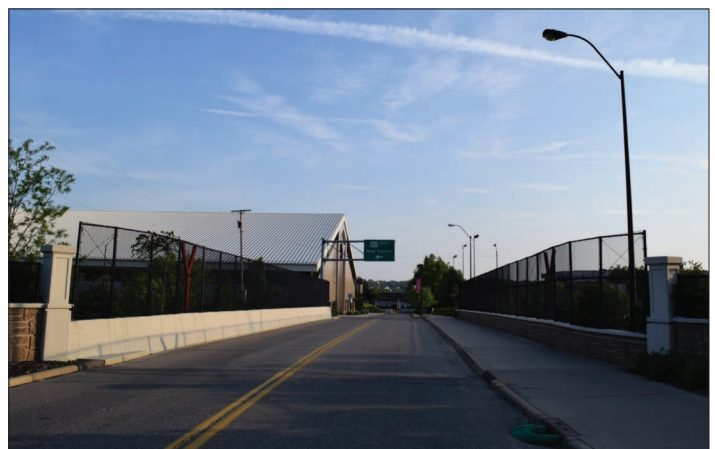
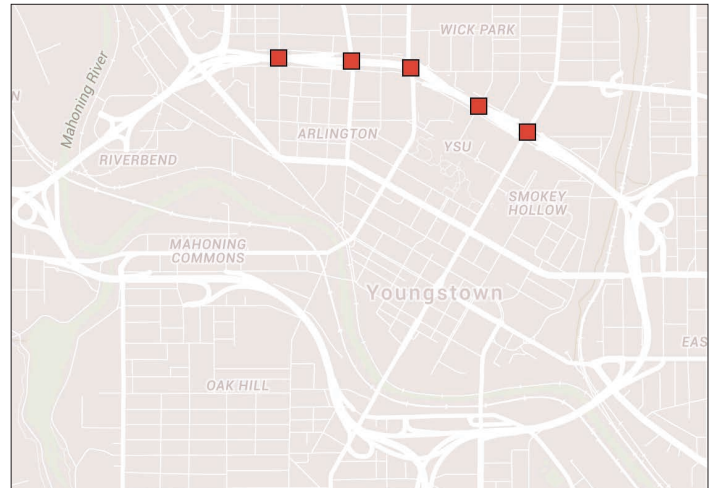
Improvement strategies for this bridge include lighting improvements and a transformation into a public space in conjunction with the future amphitheater project.



# Madison Avenue Expressway Bridges

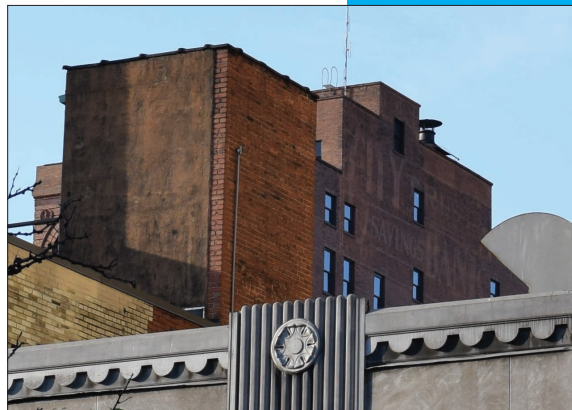
The Madison Ave. expressway bridges are opportunities to improve connectivity through user engagement.

Current conditions, such as smaller sidewalks and outdated Y's, on these bridges remain fairly similar across all 5.



Commercial advertisements once populated the side of many downtown buildings.

Restoration of historic ads are an opportunity to promote vibrancy and remember Youngstown's Central Business District history as the hub of regional economic activity.



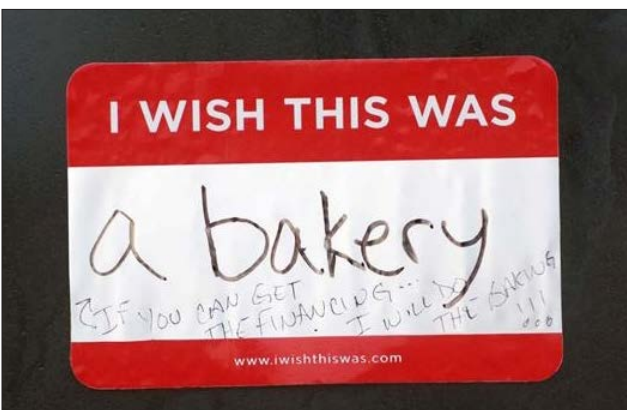
Downtown amenities consist of dumpsters, trash-cans, utility boxes, infrastructure/sidewalks, and telephone poles that populate the streets of downtown.

Adding an artistic element to any of these services will add an artistic element to the normally monotonous palette of these everyday items.



Storefronts can be enhanced through a variety of signage, artistic, or community efforts.

Recommendations for Downtown Youngstown include vacant storefront cleanups, highlighting storefronts as opportunities, and business signage enhancements that reflects uniform design form.



# Conclusion



The art opportunity sites catalog is meant to serve the as a blueprint to promote Downtown Youngstown and its corridors as a vibrant and artistic place.

These installations will increase the vibrancy of the urban core for both residents, employees, and visitors while promoting arts engagement and economic growth for the city.

