# 8th & Waldo Redevelopment

Today's Discussion: Project Overview Update.

January, 2020



# Project Overview



#### **Site Identification**

or, why 8<sup>th</sup> & Waldo?

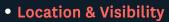






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• Total Site Area = Approx. 41 Acres

34 acre City Owned; 7-acres Trimark Properties



1.5 miles to Downtown Gainesville



2.4 miles to University Of Florida



2.5 miles to GNV Airport



## **Regional Context**





Macro Context - Improvement Initiatives & Opportunities

## Why NE 8th Ave & Waldo?

# Unique Cluster of Quality Public Recreation Amenities:

- 14-acre Park
- 7-acre Football Stadium
- 10-lane Olympic
   Swimming Pool
- Indoor Sports & Hurricane Shelter
- Fire Station #3
- GFR Admin
- Kiwanis Safety City

The site is located at the intersection of NE 8th Ave and Waldo Rd. in Gainesville

















Site Context - Ownership



## Why NE 8th Ave & Waldo?



Citizen's Field Stadium



**MLK Multi-purpose Center** 



Gainesville Fire Rescue #3



Dwight H Hunter Municipal Pool



Gainesville Fire Rescue Admin. Building



Citizen's Field Multi-purpose Fields

## Why NE 8th Ave & Waldo?



**GFR Administration Building** 



**Dwight H Hunter Municipal Pool** 



View from NE 8th Ave and Waldo Rd.



**Dwight H Hunter Pool Entry** 



Streetscape (NE 14<sup>th</sup> St)



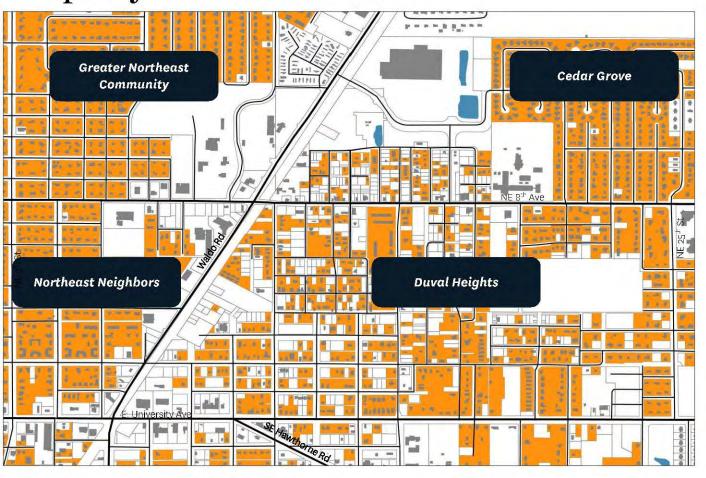
**Existing Building on Private Property** 

## **Context Analysis**

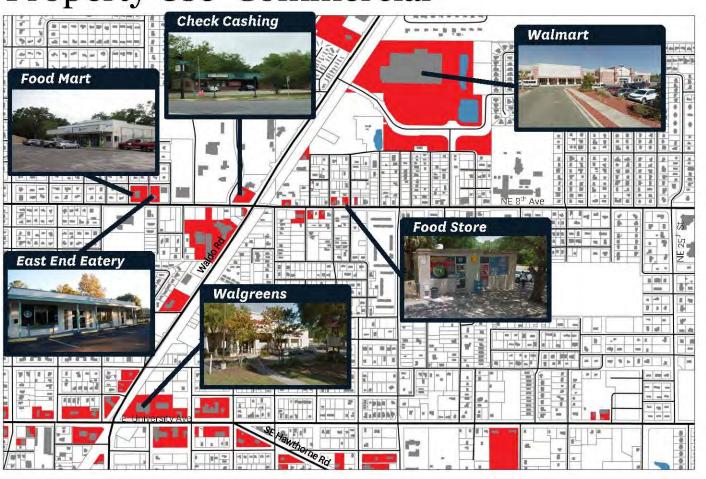


In-House Staff Analysis, 2018

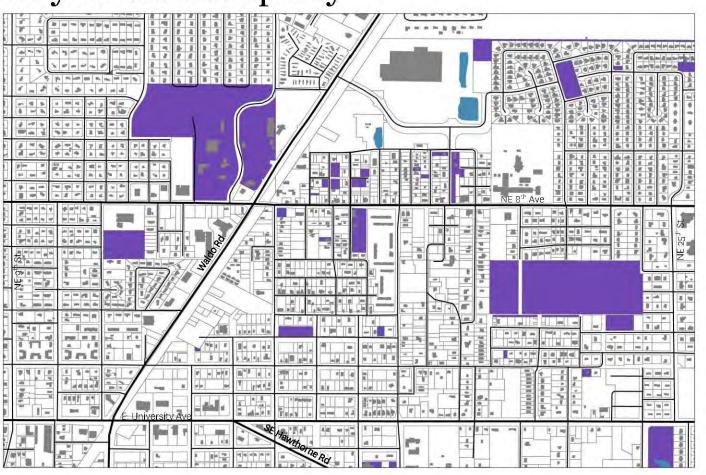
## Property Use-Residential



## **Property Use-Commercial**



City Owned Property



## Site in Context: NE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Opportunities

- NE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave between NE 9<sup>th</sup> St and 21<sup>st</sup> St
- 1 mile long
- Accessibility, safety and beatification upgrades, including the 8<sup>th</sup> & Waldo junction

Order of magnitude cost estimate:
\$4-6 million



## Façade Grant *Opportunities*







NE 8th Ave & Waldo Intersection:

## **NE 8th Ave: Opportunities**

#### Make It a Safe, Comfortable and Unified Street By:

- Continuous Sidewalks & Crosswalks
- Street Lights
- Street Trees
- Signage / Branding
- Bus Stops: Reassess Stop Locations by Reserve Park Entrance; Update Stops Amenities and Style
- Enhanced Façade Grant, Paint Grant, and Architectural Assistance Programs
- Inviting, Open and Safe Entry Points to WSPP Parks
- Public Art

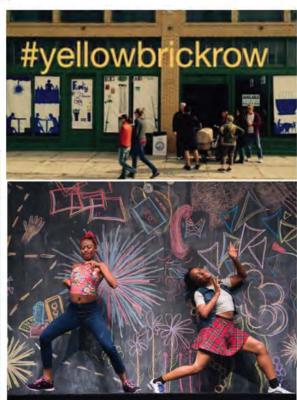




## Create a Distinct Identity: Culture + Wellbeing

- Branding, Marketing & Signage (
- Landmarks/Gateway Elements, Banners, etc.
- Themed Landscape / Street/Park Furniture & Shade Structures
- Enhanced Façade and Paint Grant Programs
- Public Art
- Enhanced Bike/Ped. Network
- Programming, Events, Farmers Market





# "8<sup>th</sup> & Waldo" Site Analysis & Conceptual Scenarios



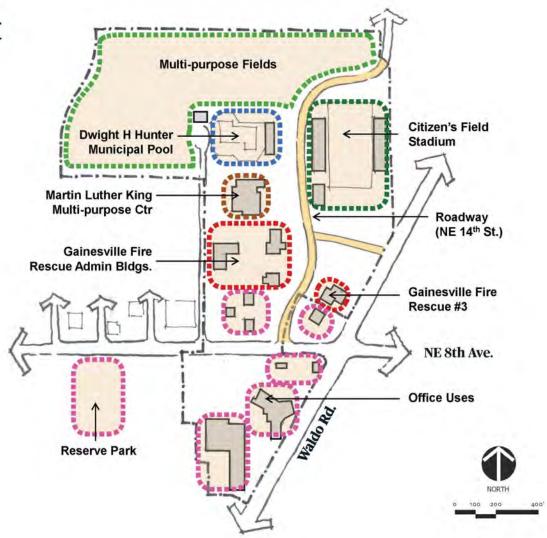




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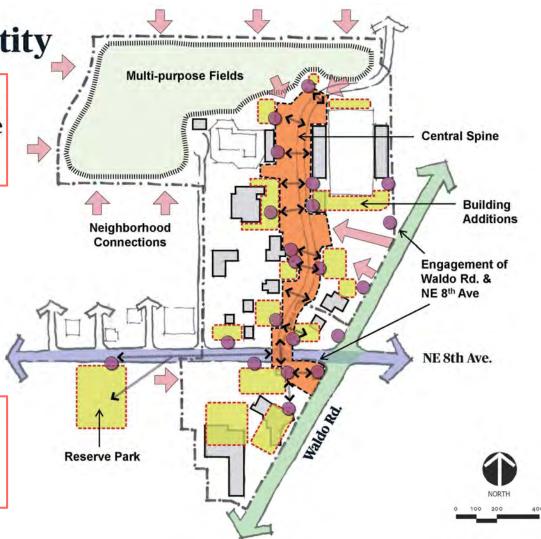
- 1. 'Separate' Uses (Silos)
- 2. No Cohesive Element(s)
- 3. No Unifying Public Space
- 4. No Response to Context



**Creating a Distinct Identity** 

- 1. Engage NE 8th Ave & Waldo Rd.
- 2. Create a Central Unifying Space
- 3. Connect Adjacent Uses

Enhance Identity, Update, Connect, and In-Fill!



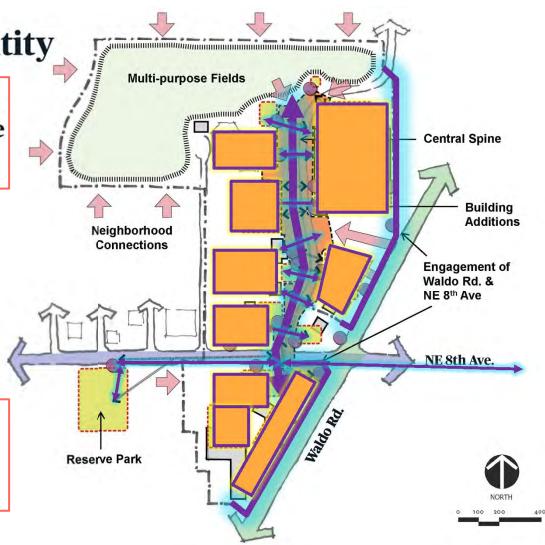
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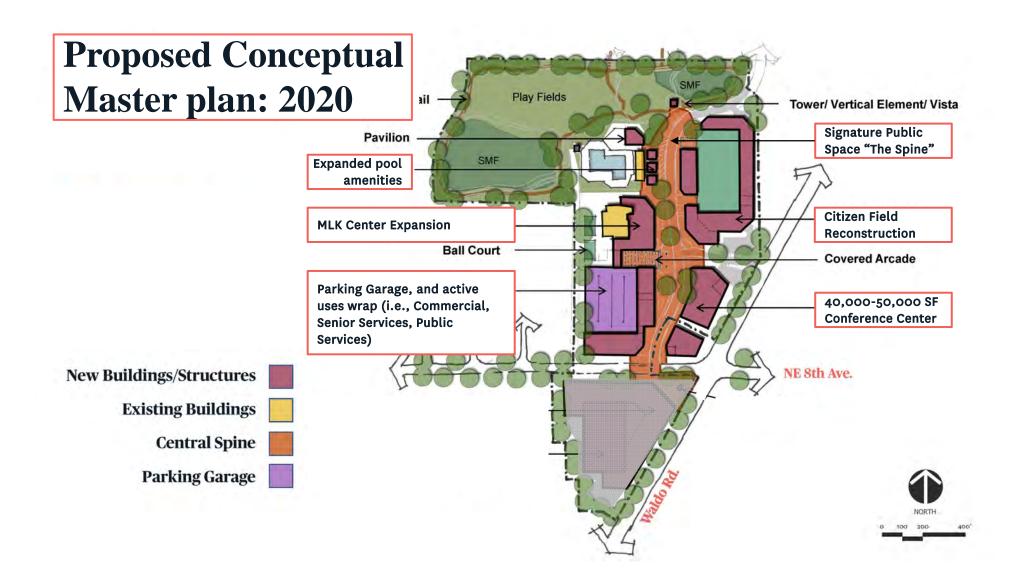
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## Citizens Field Stadium Reconstruction

- Built in 1948
- Leased to Alachua Public School Board until 2024
- Proposed scope:
  - Sports & track field
  - Meeting/services areas
  - Building services
  - Performance stage
- In GCRA + on WSPP project List

Order of magnitude cost estimate: \$20-25 million











## **Conference Center**

Case study: Kovens Conference Center, North Miami

- Multipurpose event and conference center
- Two story building
- Total building area: approx. 40-50,000 SF
- Flexible meeting spaces, including a variety of ten (10) specialized rooms for a meetings, events, exhibitions, conferences.
- Spaces range from an intimate meeting room to a 5,500 SF ballroom, fitting 550 guests in theater-style seating
- In GCRA

Order of magnitude cost estimate: \$15-\$20 million











Source: Kovens Conference Center website https://kovens.fiu.edu

## Martin Luther King Center Expansion

- MLK Center expansion to include additional indoor multipurpose recreation & support spaces, and renovation of the existing facilities
- Review the 2010 CoG /PRCA Business Plan
- On WSPP project List
   Order of magnitude
   cost estimate:
   \$2-5 million





## Dwight H. Hunter (NE) Pool

- Improved pool house: welcome area, dry & wet areas, and new party / community/ classroom area
- Expanded/upgraded pool deck and family area
- On WSPP project List

Order of magnitude cost estimate:
\$1 million













## **Moving Forward:**

## **Costs, and Next Steps**



### **Potential Partners & Funding**

- Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area
- Wild Spaces Public Places
- Alachua County
- University of Florida
- FL Department of Transportation
- Other Public Organizations
- Parking Revenue
- Tree Mitigation Fund
- Storm Water Management Utility
- Private Sector



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**Questions & Discussion** 

Thank you for your time!

