

# TCD3 Citizen Summit

July 29, 2009



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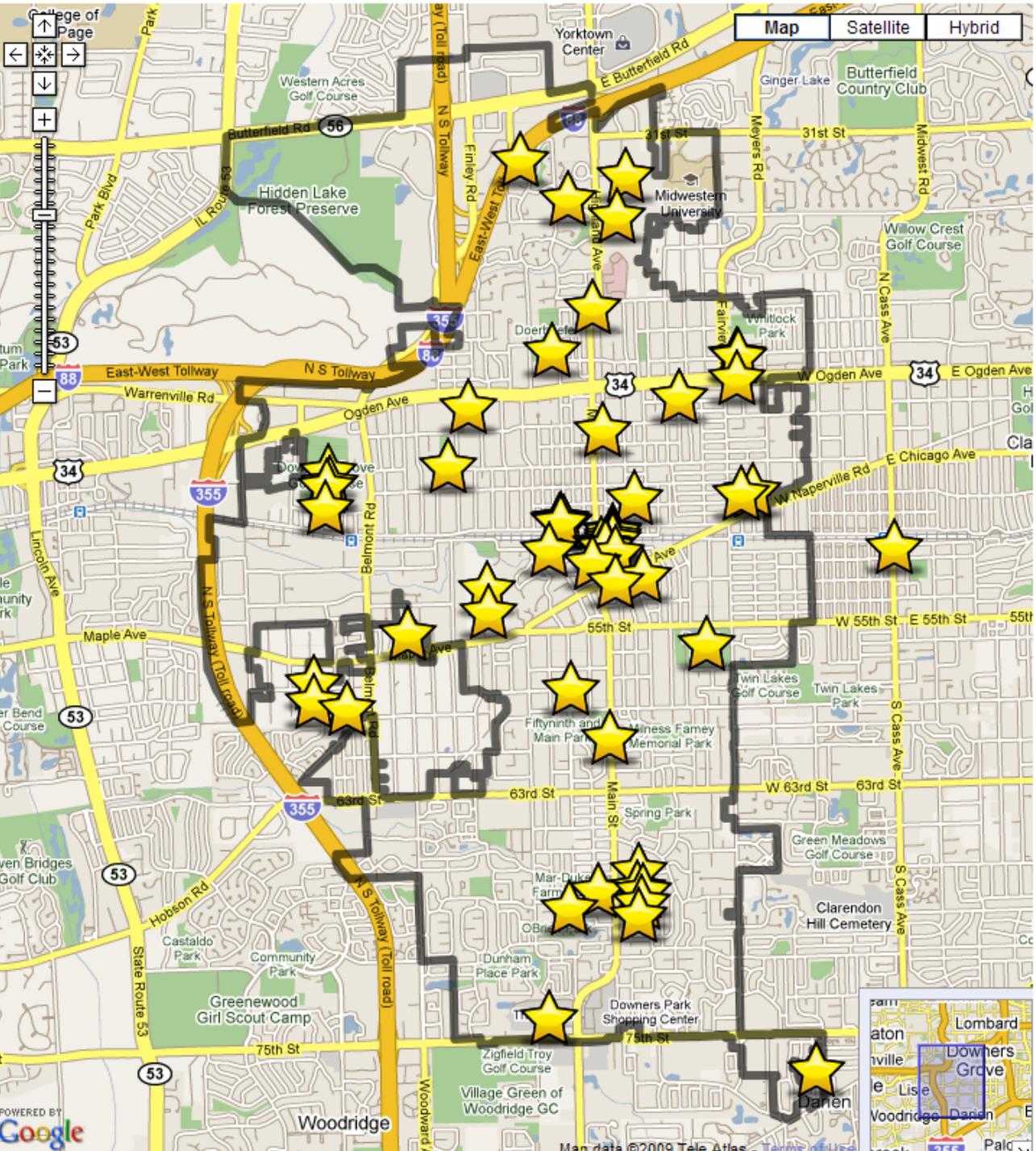
# Goals of TCD3

- **Extensive Outreach** – TCD 3 is an extensive and comprehensive community outreach and resident participation process
- **Maximizes Resident Involvement** – Designed to sustain a healthy and open dialogue about issues.
- **Continuing Community Commitment** – continues Village's heritage of community involvement, following **TCD1** (1960's) and **TCD2** (1990's).
- Provides input into **Comprehensive Plan** and other planning efforts.

# Meetings & Workshops

## Completed

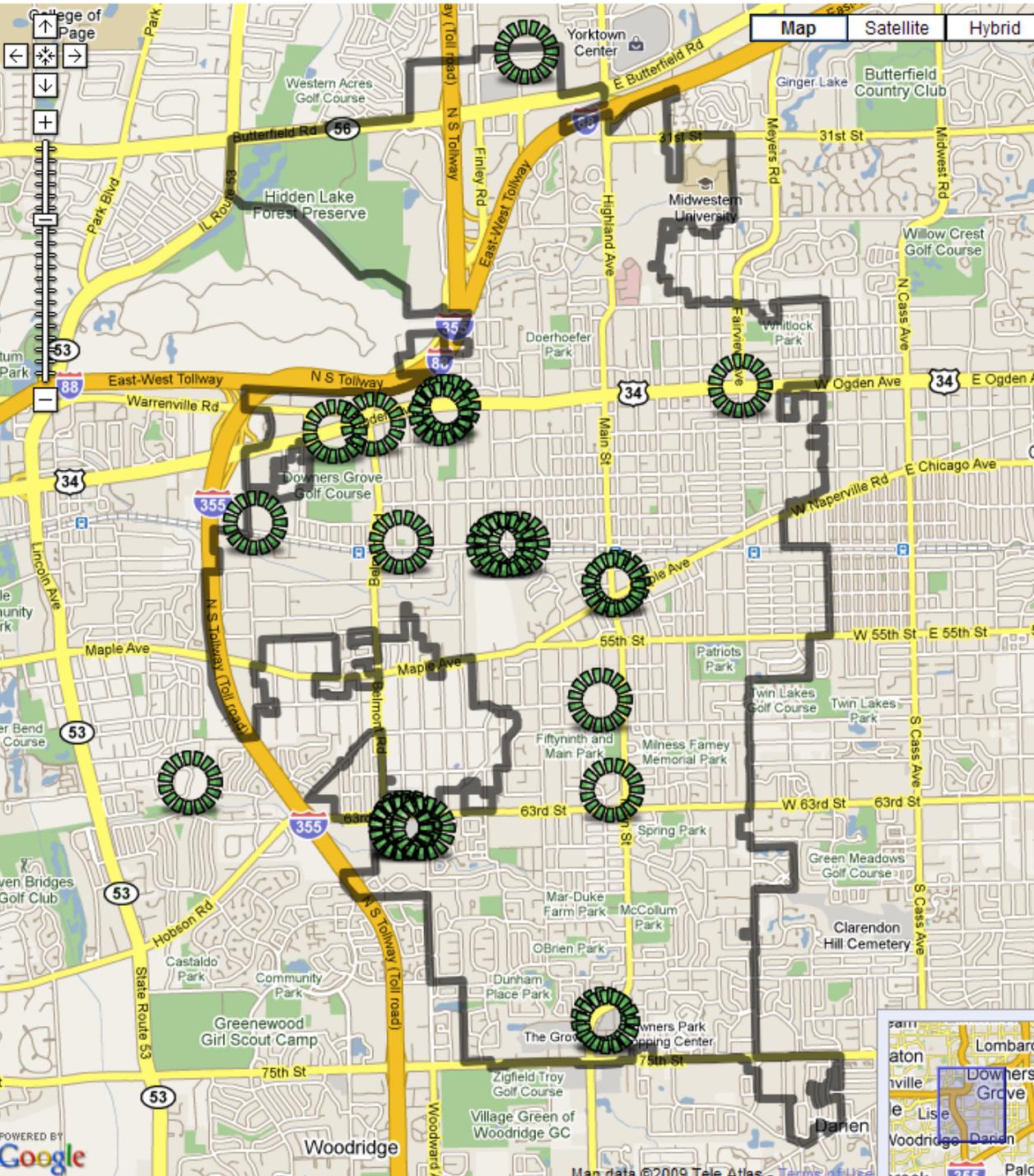
- Project Website
- Resident Survey – 819 responses
- Business Survey – 51 responses
- Interactive Map – 55 maps, 600 points of interest
- Initiation Workshop – 90 participants
- Neighborhood Workshops (4) – 250+ participants
- Governing Body Workshop
- Boards and Commissions Workshop
- Business Workshop – 35 participants
- Student Workshops – elementary & middle school
- Independent Group Submittal - 8



# Community Assets

- 56 Points
- McCullum Park
- Prince Pond
- Downers Grove Golf Course
- Tivoli Theater

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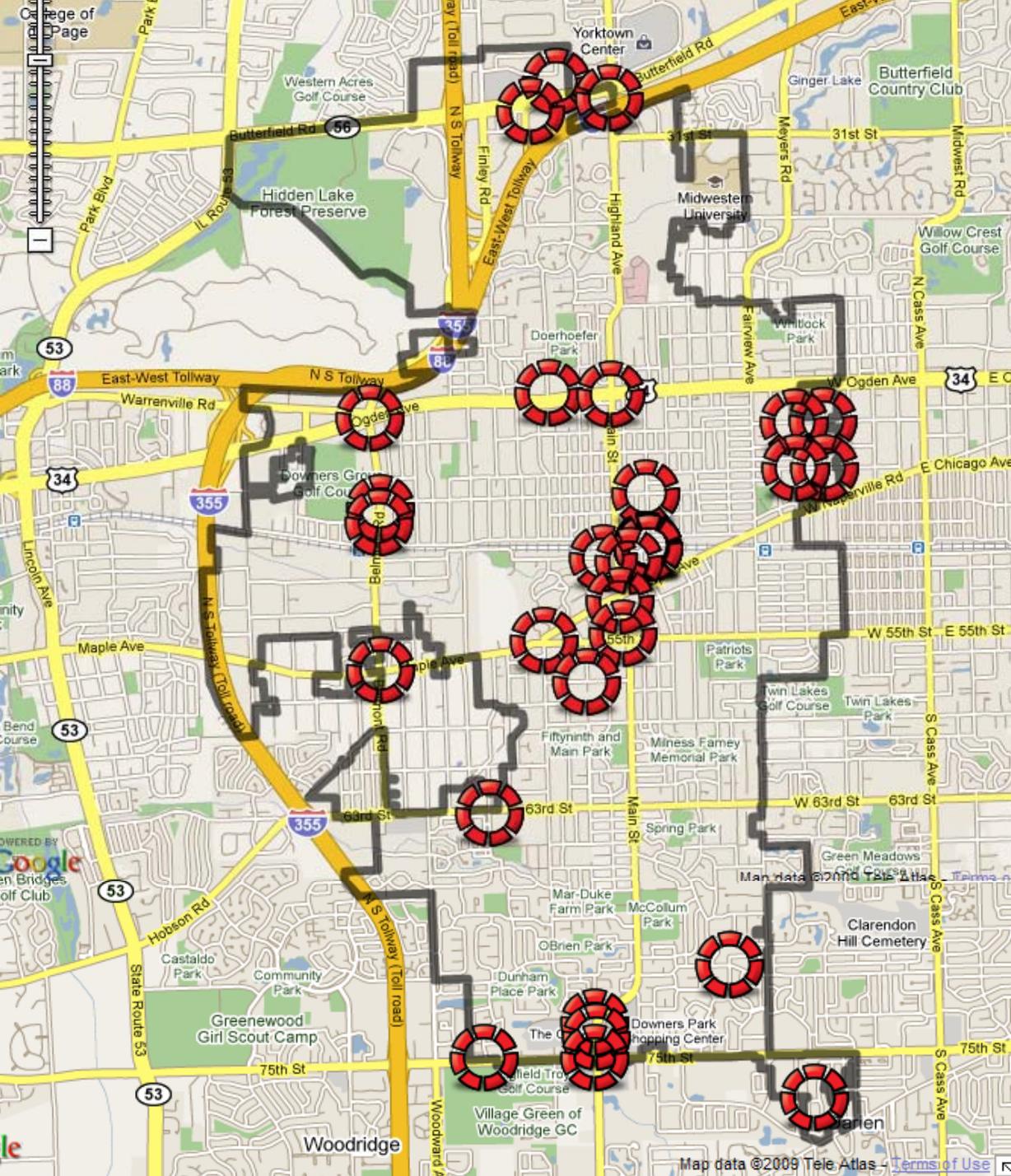
# Development Priority Sites

- 27 Points
- Meadowbrook Shopping Center
- Former Hines Lumber Site
- Northwest corner of Lee and Ogden Avenues

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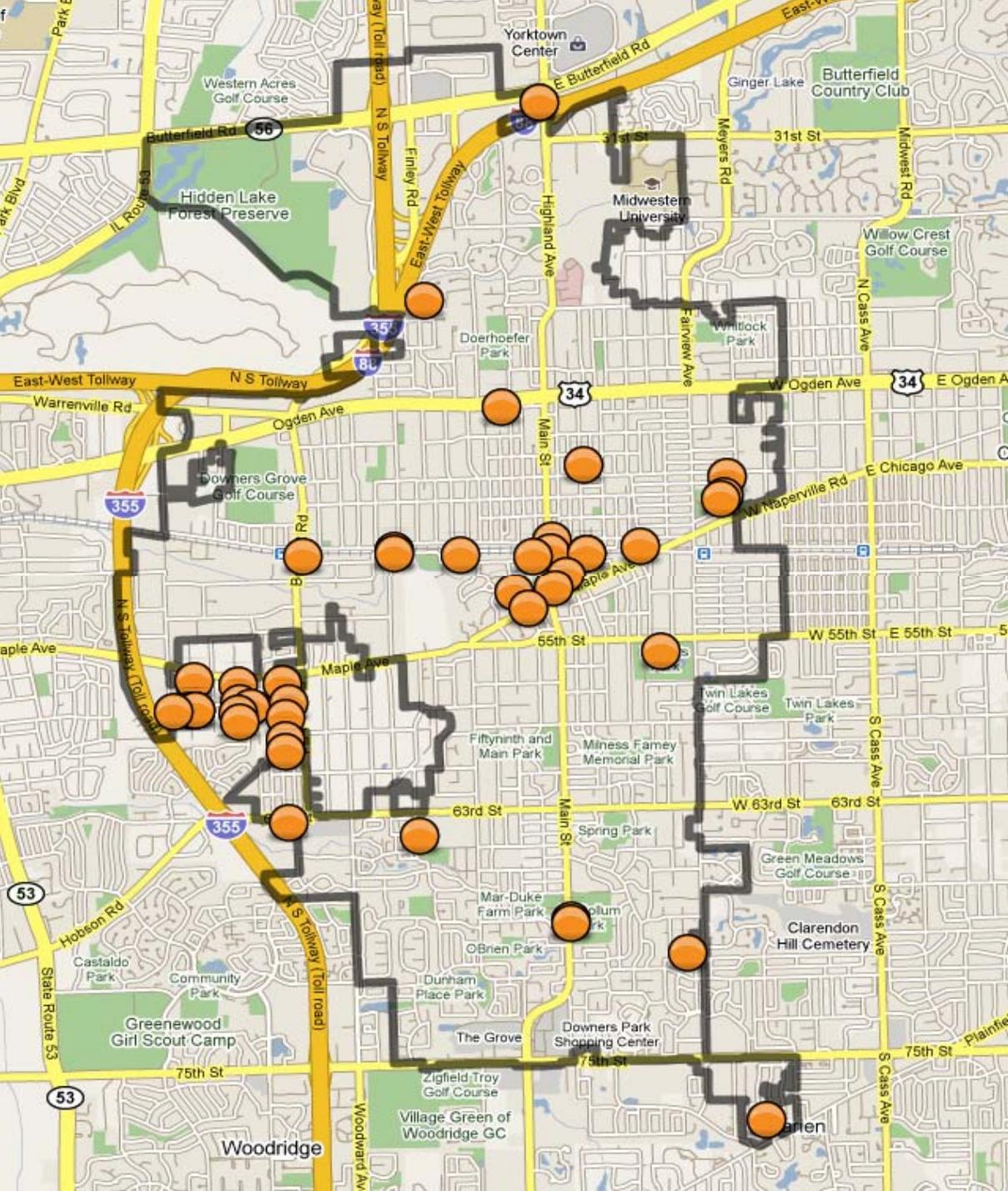
# Problematic Intersections

- 32 Points
- Butterfield Road
- Ogden Avenue
- Belmont Road
- Lemont Road
- Downtown



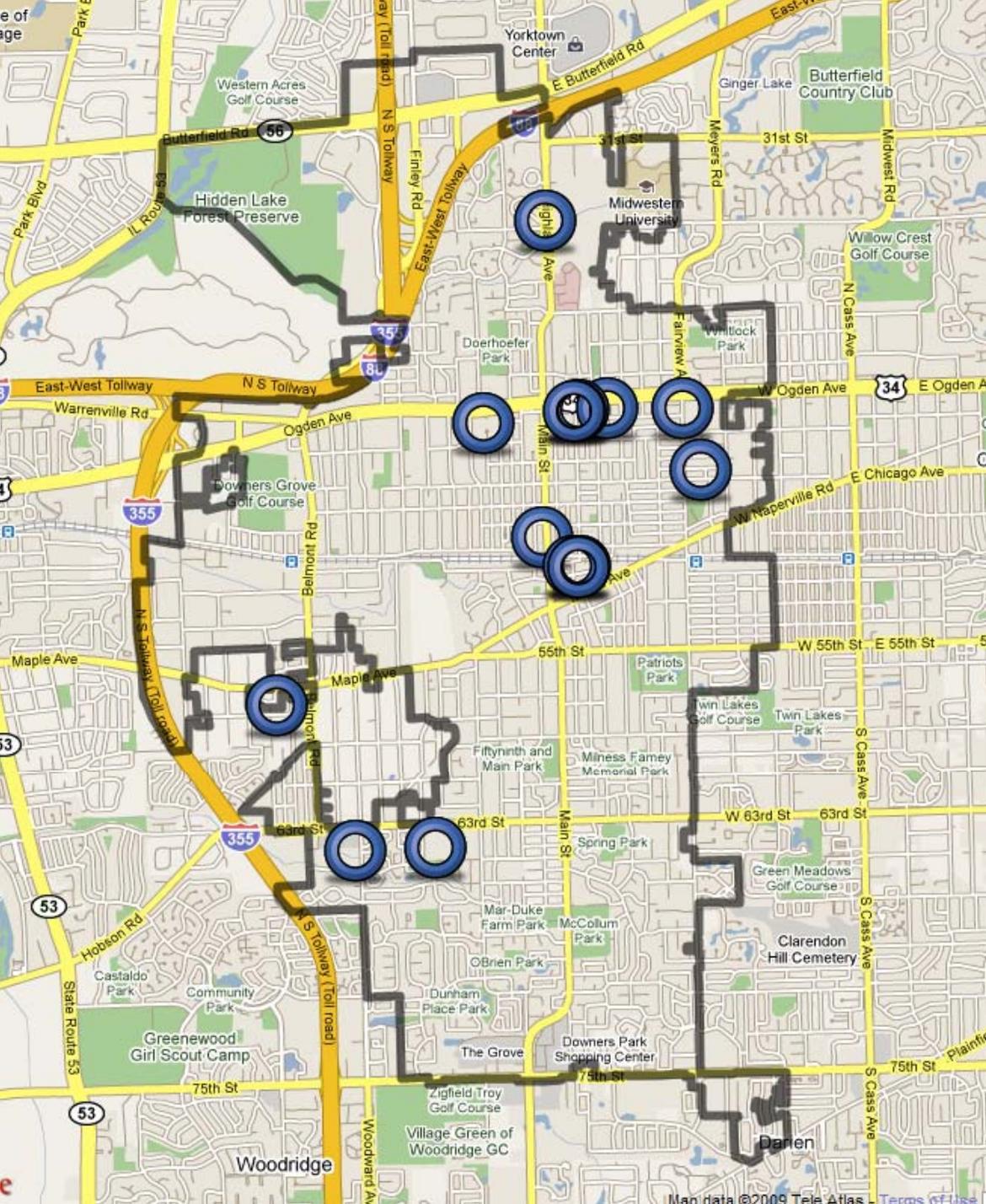
# Public Safety Concerns

- 46 Points
- High-speed traffic
- Pedestrian crossing amenities
- Cut through traffic
- Poor road conditions
- Poor condition of park amenities
- Water bodies
- Railroad crossings



# Undesirable Use

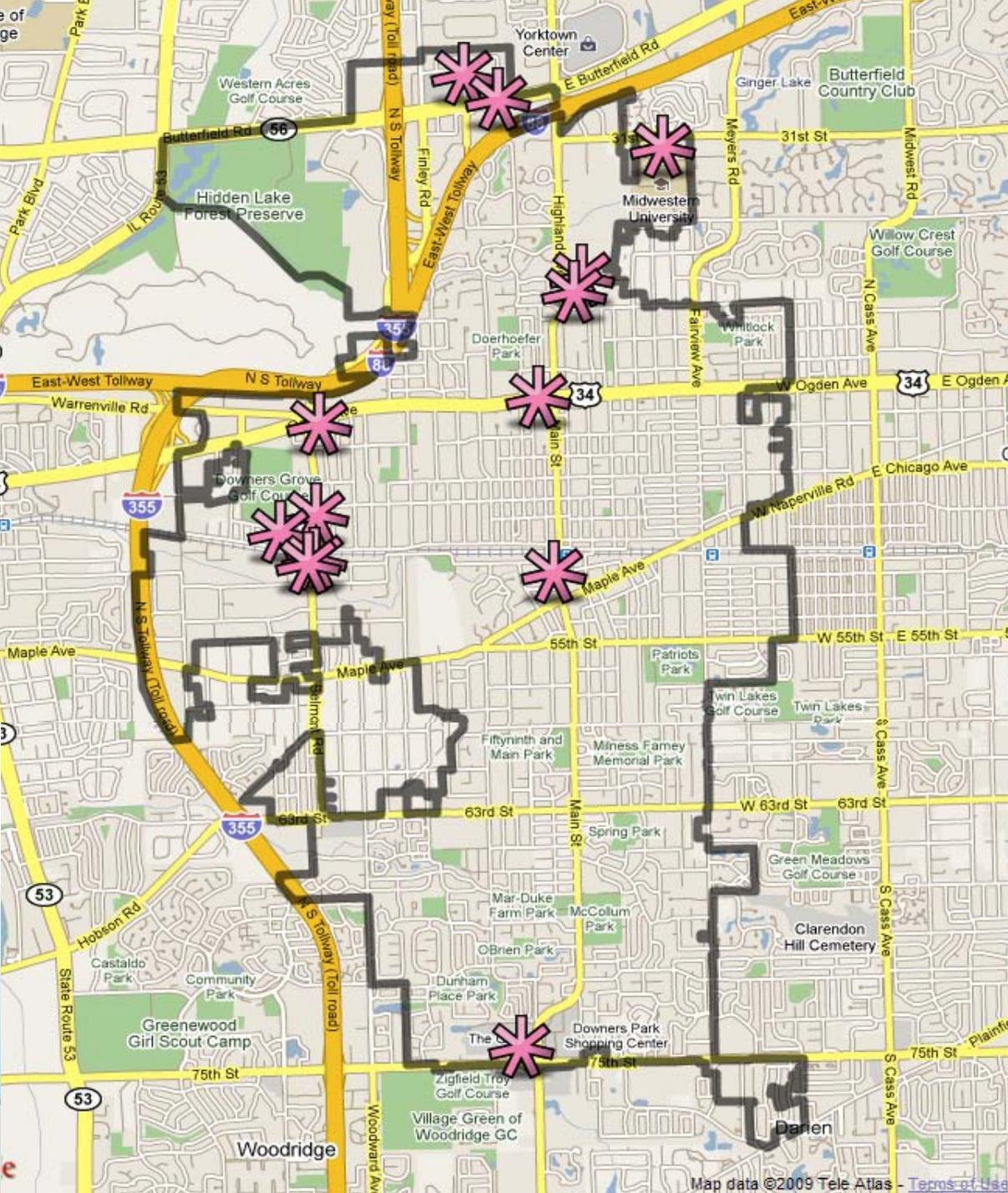
- 15 Points
- Massage Parlors
- Tivoli Hotel



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# Key Transit Destination

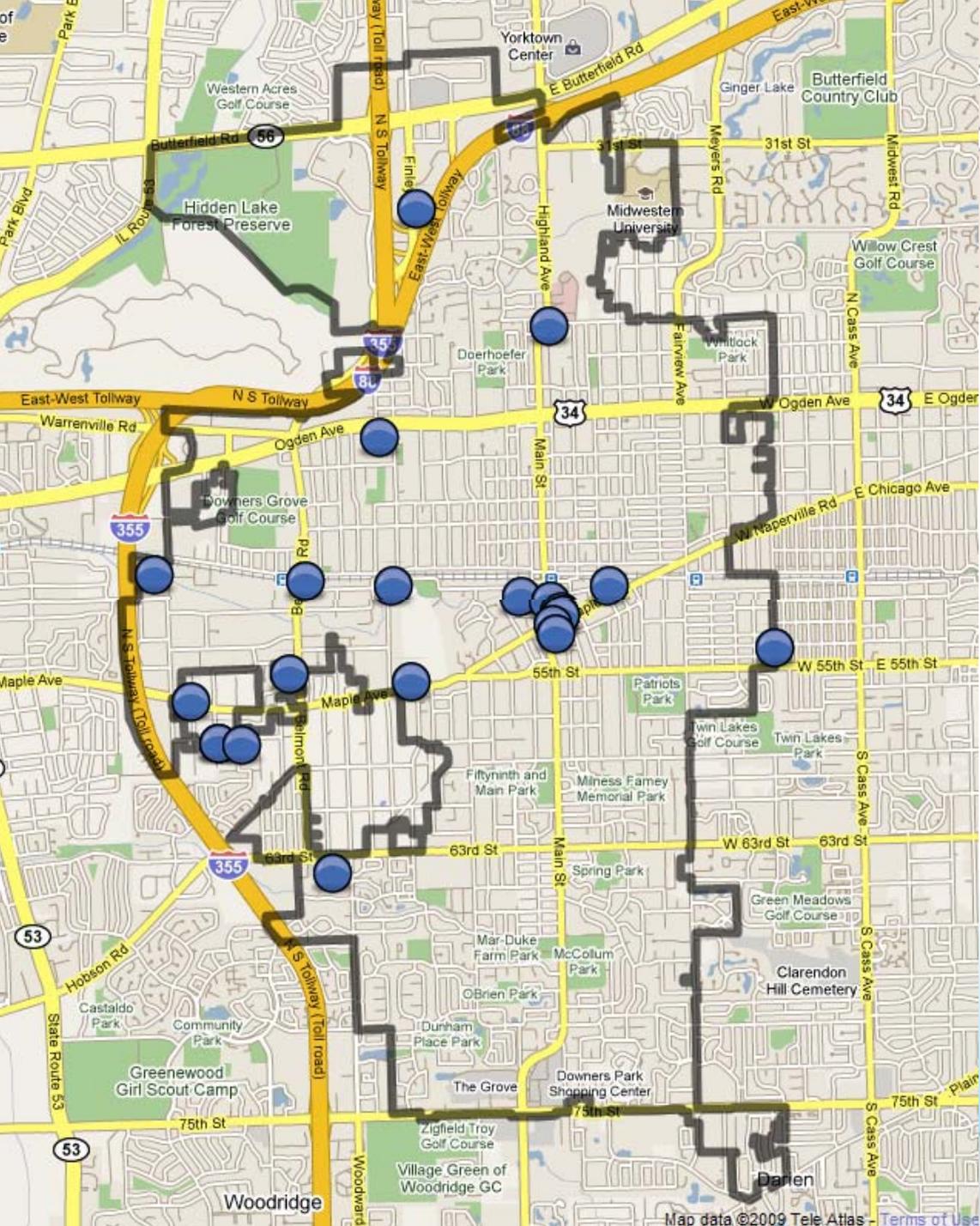
- 13 Points
- Belmont Road Metra Station
- Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital
- Shopping Centers



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# Desired Use/ Development

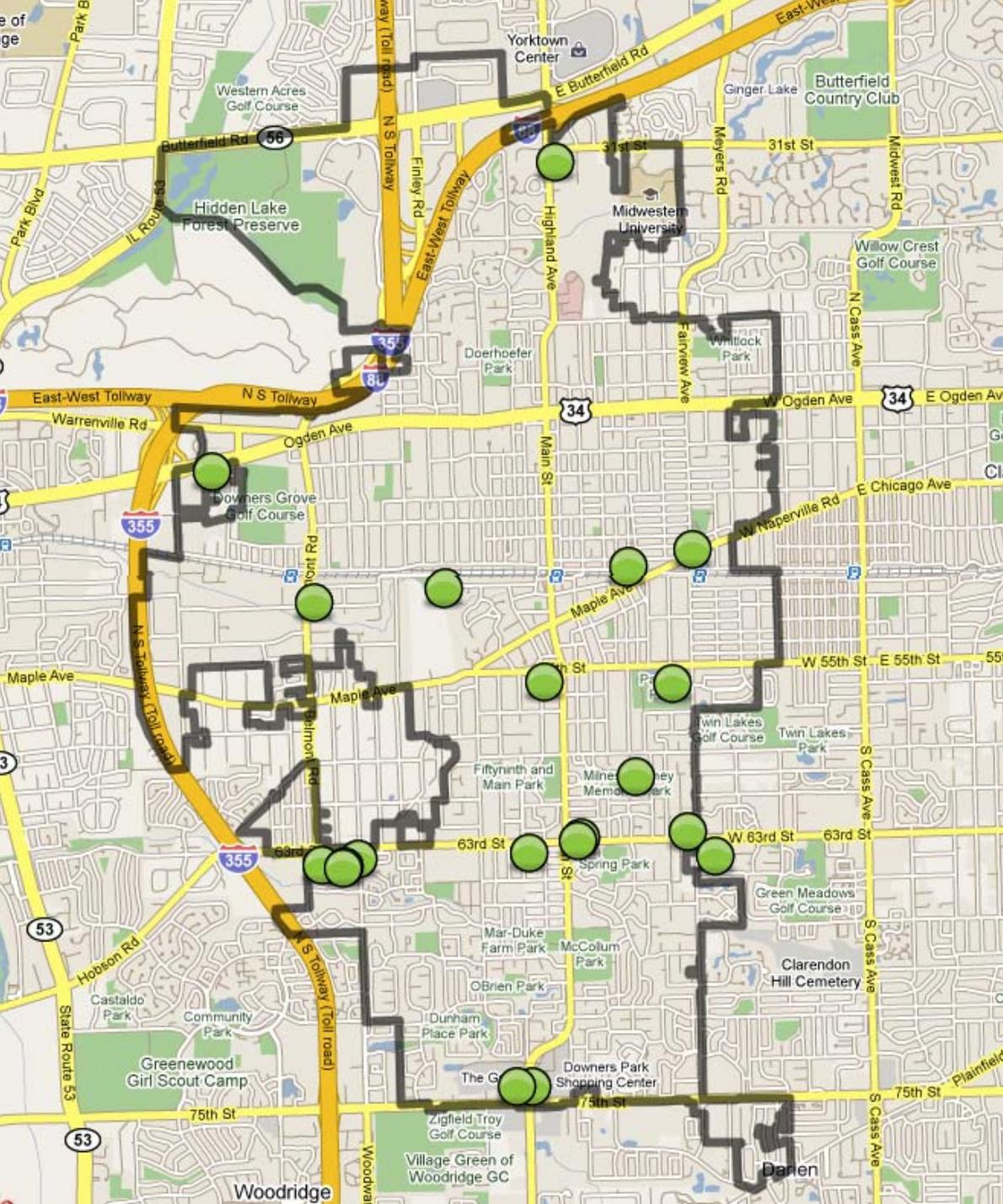
- 22 Points
- Downtown
- Public Pool



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# Poor Appearance

- 20 Points
- Meadowbrook Shopping Center
- Lemont Rd. and 75<sup>th</sup> St. intersection
- NEC Main St. and 63<sup>rd</sup> St.



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# Result of Community Input...

- Common Themes/Broad Categories (8)
- Objectives (34)
- Implementation Actions (186)

# Common Themes

- Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Residential
- Public Services & Facilities
- Parks & Recreation
- Education
- Financial
- Environment & Sustainability

# Infrastructure

- Improve pedestrian and bicycle circulation and safety throughout the Village.
- Ensure adequate infrastructure and utilities are provided and maintained throughout the Village.
- Improve existing streets and sidewalks throughout the Village.
- Improve traffic flow throughout the Village's commercial areas and discourage "cut-through" traffic in residential areas.

# Infrastructure

- Provide increased levels of public transit service throughout the Village.
- Improve access and provision of parking in Downtown Downers Grove.
- Improve pedestrian connectivity throughout the Village.

# Economic Development

- Improve the mix of retailers and service providers in Downtown and the Village's other commercial corridors.
- Renovate or redevelop aging shopping centers and commercial areas.
- Stabilize or reduce the cost of doing business in the Village.

# Economic Development

- Enhance the appearance of commercial districts.
- Promote existing commercial areas.
- Improve commercial design and development controls.

# Residential

- Require new residential construction and extensive renovations to be compatible with existing and desired character of surrounding residential neighborhoods.
- Prevent the encroachment of incompatible commercial development upon residential neighborhoods.
- Improve housing affordability throughout the Village.

# Residential

- Accommodate residential renovation and redevelopment through an expedient and flexible, yet thorough permitting process.
- Consistently administer and enforce residential development regulations.

# Village Services

- Improve Village communication and outreach efforts.
- Continue to provide high quality levels of service to residents and businesses.
- Educate the public and build support for the proposed Village Hall and Police Station facility.

# Parks and Recreation

- Expand and enhance recreational programming and amenities offered at the Village's parks, schools, and other public facilities.
- Resolution regarding of a community pool.

# Education

- Increase the diversity of courses and programs offered in local schools.
- Maintain superior schools and administrations and adequate school facilities with high educational standards for the children of Downers Grove.
- Maintain and enhance the physical relationship between school facilities and surrounding neighborhoods.

# Public Finances

- Maintain a flexible budgets that can adapt to changing economic conditions.
- Improve transparency related to public finances.

# Environment & Sustainability

- Monitor and improve stormwater and basin management throughout the Village.
- Promote the use of sustainable design and development practices for new development throughout the Village.
- Promote adaptation of sustainable technologies and application of sustainable management practices to existing development throughout the Village.

# Environment & Sustainability

- Provide exemplary leadership in sustainable design and practices.
- Provide opportunities for increased public participation in environmental advocacy.

# Objectives Prioritization Exercise

# Past TCD Outcomes

- TCD 1 – 1960s – Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital
- TCD 2 – 1990s – Sidewalks/Improved Pedestrian Safety
  - Downtown Improvements (EDC, TIF)
- TCD 3 – Today – No Single Defining Outcome  
183 Implementation Actions



# Evolution of a Community

- Young communities have many needs, but there is almost always one need that is broadly supported
- Once addressed other needs follow, and single issue consensus becomes more difficult
- Mature communities seldom have a single agreed upon “need”
- Needs, wants and issues are often unique to specific demographics and areas in the community

# A Common Thread . . .

- Responsive and accountable local government
- Better communication, cooperation and coordination
- Maintain, enhance and improve neighborhood character and quality of life

# Principal Recommendation

- ***A New Model for Improved Communication, Cooperation and Coordination***
  - Intergovernmental (existing systems)
  - With the Business Community (existing systems)
  - With Neighborhoods

# Principal Recommendation

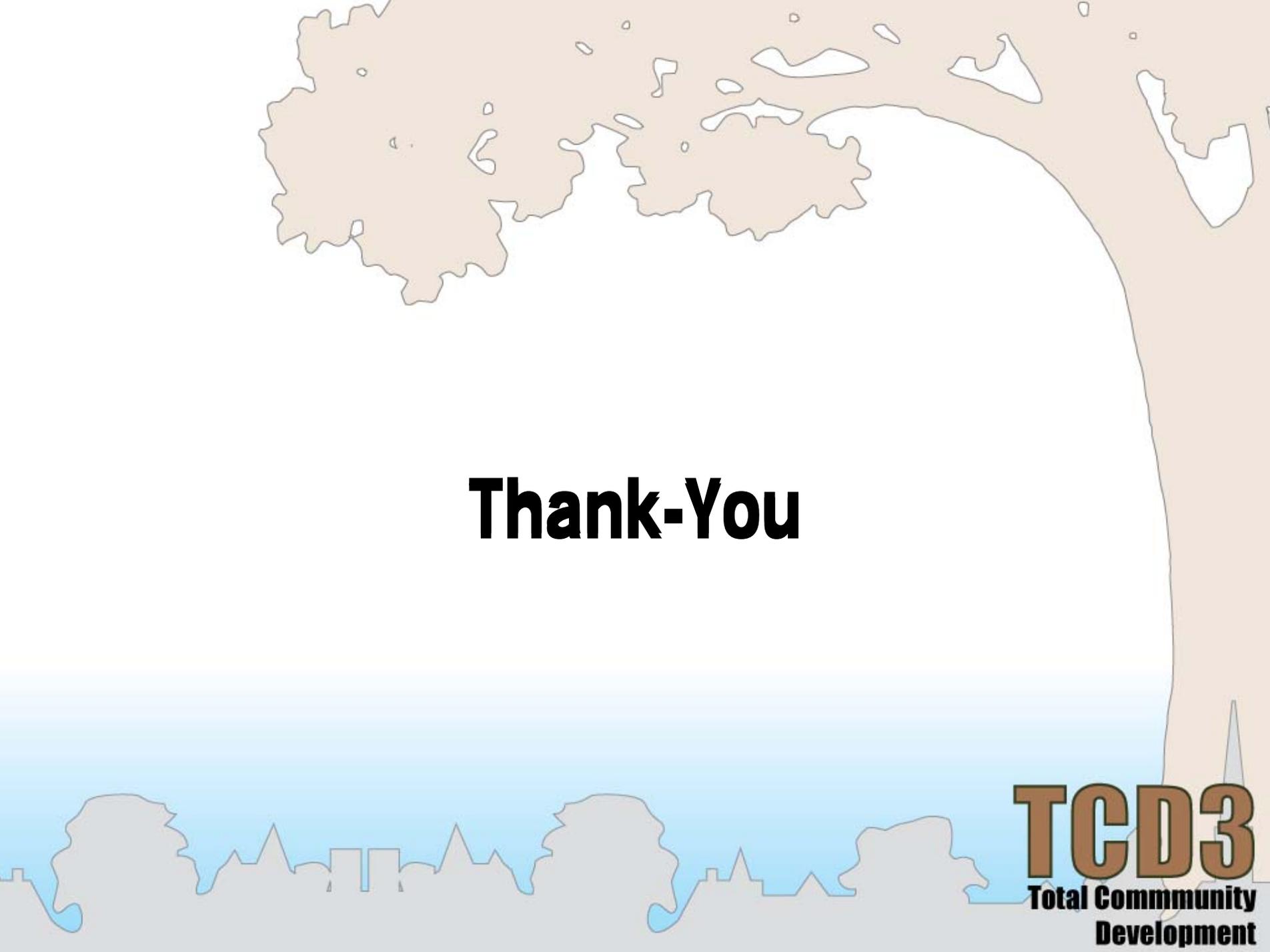
- ***Establishment of Neighborhood Organizations***
  - Enhanced communication
  - Enhanced coordination
  - Enhanced cooperation
  - More responsive to localized issues
  - Establishes framework for on-going neighborhood-based quality of life initiatives

# Creating Neighborhood Organizations

- General Discussion
  - Thoughts on the Neighborhood Organization model...
  - What should be the geographic boundaries?
  - How should we establish neighborhood “leadership”?
  - How do the groups work with the Village and other organizations on localized issues?

# Next Steps

- Final Report
- Continued work on Neighborhood Organizations



**Thank-You**

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