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Four Cincinnati Region Communities Selected for CNU Legacy Projects

Cincinnati, OH -- The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU), a national nonprofit dedicated towards creating better cities, towns, and communities, has selected four Cincinnati area communities as part of its [Legacy Projects program](#) ahead of the organization's annual gathering in Cincinnati on May 15 - 18, 2024.

"Legacy Projects are an opportunity for CNU to work with communities in the Cincinnati region and have lasting impacts long after the Congress is over in May," said CNU President Mallory Baches.

Selected communities will begin planning, designing, and developing recommendations with community engagement sessions starting in February 2024.

Legacy Projects pair communities with nationally renowned planning and design firms to solve a specific community challenge through community engagement with an implementation focus. The four projects will be in partnership with the following community organizations:

The Camp Washington Urban Revitalization Corporation has been selected to receive support towards their desired Business District Vision and Strategic Plan. Years-long efforts have fostered the Made in Camp mantra that celebrates the industry, artistry, and community that makes up the Cincinnati neighborhood. Recent collaborations have brought momentum toward the strategic revitalization of Camp Washington's swath of vacant industrial properties. The community now aims to leverage these efforts and proactively guide anticipated growth and development with strategies that reactivate the neighborhood's business district.

Norwood Together, in collaboration with the City of Norwood, is eager to embark on a planning and design process that will help to connect new and existing community destinations. Norwood is home to Xavier University, the regionally-serving Rookwood Shopping Center, and the recently opened Factory 52 redevelopment that turned over 20 acres into a new mixed-use gathering place. Concepts and strategies for a cohesive multi-use network will not only help to connect these destinations and expand on the Cincinnati CROWN-Wasson Way regional trail system, but the pedestrian-scaled routes will also help to stitch together Norwood's four wards that are currently divided by arterial roadways.

A vision plan for the Amelia Neighborhood will be developed as part of a multi-jurisdictional partnership between Pierce and Batavia Townships. Amelia had been its own municipality until 2019, when residents voted in favor of a Village Dissolution Referendum. The Amelia community and its Main Street (SR 125) is now split between the two townships. With a number of Main Street properties being publicly owned, the Townships are seeking a Design and Implementation Plan that will help to establish a vibrant, walkable node within the exurban environment and, in the process, set a new precedent for successful collaboration amongst these community leaders.

Located north of Cincinnati, close to Dayton, the City of Xenia has its sights set on bringing new life to its Xenia Station. A former hub of freight and passenger rail service, surrounded by rail-oriented industrial properties, the City has a vision for a trail-oriented entertainment district to serve the rising demand for hospitality, retail, bars, and restaurants. The conversion of its rail network into a robust trail system, paired with the growth of the nearby



Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, a proposed Honda EV Battery Plant, and developer interest in key sites adjacent to the City-owned Station are key strengths for the desired revitalization strategy to build on.

[Link to CNU32 Legacy Project Community Partners Map](#)

About CNU: CNU’s mission is to champion walkable urbanism. The 501(c)3 non-profit provides resources, education, and technical assistance to create socially just, economically robust, environmentally resilient, and people-centered places. Members include professionals, leaders, advocates, citizens, and other like-minded organizations working to identify and address the range of issues impeding the development and redevelopment of well-designed neighborhoods, public places, commercial corridors, and rural environments. CNU works to unite that movement as a connector, convener, alliance builder, and teaching platform.

About CNU 32: CNU 32 is the Congress for New Urbanism’s 32nd annual gathering. The Congress is a gathering of over 1,400 people passionate about building great places and spaces in cities, towns, suburbs, and beyond. CNU 32 will span four days at the Hilton Netherland Plaza Hotel from May 15th to 18th. Visit cnu.org/cnu32 for more information.

