

SUMMIT HILL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

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CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

CENTER CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

KNOXVILLE'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Mayor Testerman and Members of
City Council
City of Knoxville
City Hall Park
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mayor Testerman and Members of City Council:

As Chairman of the Center City Redevelopment Committee, I am pleased to share in the transmittal of the formally approved Summit Hill redevelopment plan which you adopted October 22, 1974.

On behalf of the entire Center City Task Force, and particularly its Redevelopment Committee, I want to congratulate you on the decision to proceed with the redevelopment in the Center City. Also, I want to express the Committee's appreciation to each of you for the time and effort which you spent in evaluating this plan. I am confident that your personal understanding of the Center City redevelopment process has been broadened and your individual input into this process is certainly appreciated.

The Redevelopment Committee looks forward to the continued planning and development efforts in the Center City, and we will be particularly interested in working with KCDC Board and staff in anyway possible to insure the successful execution of this redevelopment project. Also, we will continue to be very interested and will attempt to give our recommendations to you on the studies which you authorized on both Summit Hill residential development and the feasibility study for structural rehabilitation on Gay Street as a part of the approved redevelopment plan.

Thank you again for your personal commitment to moving Knoxville forward.

Sincerely,

Tom Rentenbach

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Center City Redevelopment Committee

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October 30, 1974

Mayor Testerman and Members of
City Council
City of Knoxville
City Hall Park
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mayor Testerman and Members of City Council:

It is my pleasure to transmit to you the Summit Hill redevelopment plan which you formally approved on October 22, 1974. This document is designed to reflect your actions and directions in shaping the Summit Hill redevelopment proposal.

The KCDC Board will look forward to the challenge of executing this project which was recommended by the Center City Redevelopment Committee and on which KCDC staff served in preparing the initial plan and the alternatives which you have considered.

The KCDC Board recognizes the great amount of time and effort which each of you have personally committed to the investigation of this redevelopment program. This organization remains ready to work with you by administering the redevelopment program, and we are looking forward to this particular redevelopment program being extremely meaningful in the redevelopment of our Center City.

Sincerely,

W. S. Evans Chairman

KCDC Board of Commissioners

GENERAL STATEMENT

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The expressed comments and the concerned enthusiasm generated by hundreds of local citizens following the presentation of the Center City Redevelopment Plan points up the active role which an informed and involved public can, must and is willing to play in the outlined goals and objectives of our Central Business District. Throughout a two-year planning effort and numerous work sessions, representatives of the total community --- the private, public, technical, educational and service sectors --- have worked as a TEAM in the interest of Knoxville's future, and have prepared and endorsed both a comprehensive redevelopment plan of action for the entire core area and a redevelopment plan for Summit Hill. The Summit Hill Redevelopment Plan (Center City Redevelopment Project No. 3), dated June, 1974, representing the first step in the implementation of the recommended action plan, and a major effort in renewing the vitality of Knoxville's downtown area, was the subject of a Public Hearing, held on July 29, 1974, and of other public discussions. On October 22, 1974, Knoxville's City Council approved the Summit Hill Redevelopment Plan, subject to certain revisions and amendments which are herein incorporated. This Redevelopment Plan is a

part of and is totally consistent with the comprehensive Center City Redevelopment Plan earlier recognized and adopted by the Center City Redevelopment
Committee, MPC, and City Council.

The Summit Hill Redevelopment Project is located in the northern portion of Knoxville's Central Business District. The area offers a substantial redevelopment opportunity, and encompasses several of the requisite re-use elements and needs which have been identified as necessary to supply the stimulus for the successful revitalization of The Center City.

Project action will consist of the required planning, acquisition of property, coordination of relocation activities, demolition and/or removal of structures, and the disposition of land relevant to the construction and development of Summit Hill Drive and the designated commercial development areas. Further study and consideration will be given to the residential area of the hill, and a rehabilitation study for certain properties on the west side of Gay Street will be made.

It is anticipated that the major portion of the public redevelopment effort will be carried out over a three year period by the City of Knoxville, acting through the Center City Redevelopment Committee. Administrative staff and technical assistance will be provided by KCDC.

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PROJECT BOUNDARY

The Summit Hill Redevelopment Project will comprise a total area of approximately 45 acres in the extreme northern portion of Knoxville's Central Business District, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the point of intersection of the northern line of Jackson Ave., and the western line of Broadway thence in an easterly direction crossing Broadway and with the northern line of Jackson Ave., a distance of approx. 1377 feet to the point of intersection of the northern line of Jackson Ave., and the eastern line of Gay Street; thence in a southerly direction, crossing Jackson Ave., and with the eastern line of Gay Street, a distance of approx. 398 feet to the northwestern corner of the F. E. Rebori Estate property; thence in an easterly direction with the northern line of said property a distance of approx. 136 feet to the northeastern corner of said property, said corner being in the western line of an unnamed alleyway which lies approx. 135 feet east of Gay Street; thence in a northerly direction with the western line of said alleyway, a distance of approx. 40 feet to a point; thence in an easterly direction crossing said alleyway and with the northern line of an alleyway which lies approx. 110 feet north of Vine Ave., a distance of approx. 281 feet to the point of intersection of the northern line of said

alleyway and the western line of Charles Street; thence crossing Charles Street in an easterly direction a distance of approx. 40 feet to the point of intersection of the northern line of said alleyway and the eastern line of Charles Street; thence continuing in an easterly direction along the northern line of said alleyway and crossing Central Avenue, a distance of approx. 284 feet, to the point of intersection of the northern line extended, of said alleyway and the eastern line of Central Ave.; thence in a southerly direction with the eastern line of Central Ave., and crossing Vine Ave., a distance of approx. 466 feet, to the point of intersection of the eastern line of Central Avenue, and the southern line extended, of Commerce Ave.; thence in a westerly direction crossing Central Ave., and with the southern line of Commerce Ave., crossing Charles Street and continuing with the southern line of Commerce Avenue, a distance of approx. 327 feet, to the point of intersection of the southern line of Commerce Ave., and the eastern line of State Street; thence in a southerly direction with the eastern line of State Street, a distance of approx. 223 feet; thence in a westerly direction, crossing State Street and with the southern line of the William R. Moore property a distance of approx. 94 feet to the southwestern corner of the William R. Moore property; thence in a northerly direction with the western line of the William R. Moore property to the point of intersection of the western line of the William R. Moore property and the southern line of Commerce Ave.;

thence in a westerly direction, crossing an unnamed alleyway and with the southern line of Commerce Ave., a distance of approx. 95 feet to the western line of the unnamed alleyway; thence in a northerly direction along the western line of the unnamed alleyway for a distance of approx. 15 feet to the point of intersection of the southern line of Commerce Ave.; thence along the southern line of Commerce Ave., a distance of approx. 135 feet to the eastern line of Gay Street, thence in a southerly direction with the eastern line of Gay Street., a distance of approx. 360 feet to the point of intersection of the eastern line of Gay Street and the southern line of Wall Ave., extended; thence crossing Gay Street and with the southern line of Wall Ave., a distance of approx. 325 feet, to a point of intersection of the southern line of Wall Ave., and the eastern line of Market Mall; thence in a southerly direction with the eastern line of Market Mall, a distance of approx. 20 feet to a point; thence in a westerly direction with the northern line of the Market Mall a distance of approx. 72 feet, to a point in the western line of the Market Mall, thence in a northerly direction with the western line of the Market Mall a distance of approx. 20 feet to a point of intersection of the western line of the Market Mall and the southern line of Wall Ave.; thence in a westerly direction with the southern line of Wall Ave., a distance of approx. 263 feet, to the point of intersection of the southern line of Wall Ave., and the eastern line of Walnut Street; thence in a southerly direction with the eastern line of Walnut Street, a

distance of approx. 120 feet, to the point of intersection of the eastern line of Walnut Street and the southern line of Western Ave., extended; thence in a westerly direction crossing Walnut Street, and with the southern line of Western Ave. and crossing Locust Street, a distance of approx. 388 feet, to the point of intersection of the southern line of Western Avenue, and the western line of Locust Street; thence continuing in a westerly direction, with the southern line of Western Ave., and crossing Henley Street (Broadway) a distance of approx. 652 feet to the point of intersection of the southern line of Western Ave., and the western line of Henley Street (Broadway); thence crossing Western Ave. and with the western line of Broadway, crossing Huff Ave., and Vine Ave., and Jackson Ave., a distance of approx. 852 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

PROPERTIES NOT TO BE ACQUIRED

AND

PROPERTIES REQUIRING FURTHER STUDY

PROPERTIES NOT TO BE ACQUIRED (NTBA):

Within the project boundary are certain properties which are not presently deemed necessary for acquisition. Special care has been taken in project planning to minimize property acquisition while realizing that it is not always possible to determine exact acquisition parcels in the early redevelopment process. Every effort will be made to accomplish the goals of this project without acquiring additional parcels. The disruption and/or relocation of active business operations will be minimized.

The following properties, more specifically outlined on the Project Area and Land Acquisition Maps, are presently designated as NTBA (Not To Be Acquired):

fronting on the west side of Gay Street, near the corner of Gay and

Jackson- The area along Jackson Avenue at the northern edge of the
boundary is devoted to wholesale commercial and service-type activity.

The physical facade continues around the southwest corner of Jackson
and Gay Street. While these structures are old, they have generally

been well maintained and are all in active use. The extreme topography to the rear of a number of these buildings restricts the feasibility of re-use and developmental coordination into the proposed residential area immediately south of the buildings;

- 2. Properties on the North side of Vine Avenue, between Gay Street and Charles Street (also called Short State Street) This area, which is not required for the development of Summit Hill Drive may be allowed the opportunity to expand and improve existing operations by utilizing those small disposition parcels which will remain after construction of the new street.
- Street- These properties are included in the project boundary only in order that total planning objectives may be accomplished, and that a study of inadequate service accesses in the area which may be existing, or may be affected by the new street development, can be considered. Every effort will be made to improve access and service to these businesses;
- 4. Block bounded by Commerce, Gay Street, Wall Avenue and Walnut Street—
 The TVA Complex is presently under construction; therefore, no
 further action within the scope of this plan is contemplated. The
 City's efforts in this two-block area were completed in December,
 1973, when the site was transferred to private ownership. Total
 public cost of the project was \$200,000, that total amount funded
 by a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Construction of the TVA Complex began in March, 1974, and is scheduled for completion in March, 1976, at an estimated total private investment of \$20,000,000. Two businesses adjacent to the Complex (W. T. Grant's and United General Products) are presently excluded from acquisition by this project.

- 5. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church—The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, a stately brick structure, dating back to 1886, will remain in the area, serving as a strong focal point in the new development, and will further encourage a developmental design which will be compatible with the desired character of the hill.
- 6. A portion of City Hall Park on which the original structure is

 located—The exact description of this parcel will be designated
 following detailed street design and further study and consultation
 with Knoxville Heritage, Inc. and the Tennessee Historical Commission. The main City Hall building, described in a study commissioned
 by Knoxville Heritage, Inc. as "one of the earliest and most unusual
 Greek Revival buildings in the area" will be retained and restored.
 The restoration action and adaptive use will be determined at a later
 date, and will be subject to further approval by Council.

PROPERTIES DESIGNATED FOR FURTHER STUDY:

RESIDENTIAL AREA- While the residential concept remains a major goal for Summit Hill, it is in the best interest of the Community and the future

character of "The Hill" that further study and consideration be undertaken prior to any action in this special area; therefore, no acquisition will take place in the residential area, except for those parcels required for the construction of Summit Hill Drive, without specific consent of Council. KCDC will be instructed to work with the Eagles Club and the Carpenter's Union to secure formal acquisition appraisals and develop the best possible purchase plan for these two properties. Further KCDC will continue the development of a plan which will safeguard the future of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the re-establishment of a suitable Rectory and other facilities necessary to the Church.

The results of these studies and efforts will be transmitted to Council within six months so that Council can determine further action within this area. The existing street pattern in the residential area will be undisturbed unless or until Council so directs, except such alterations required to tie into Summit Hill Drive.

REHABILITATION AREA- Due to the concern and interest in the preservation of those buildings and facades which might present an interesting and valuable accent to Knoxville's heritage and growth, as well as an example of possible significant architectural accomplishments, a thorough study will be conducted on the west side of Gay Street from the proposed Summit Hill Drive right-of-way north toward Jackson Avenue. The study will include structural, architectural and economic feasibility

detail. KCDC and professional consultants will work closely with the property and business owners to determine the desired treatment and the feasibility of rehabilitation action. The results of this joint effort will be presented to Council for review and further direction.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The area within the boundaries of the Summit Hill Redevelopment

Project is one of the oldest areas remaining in Knoxville. Due to the

structural age of many of the existing structures, the mix of incompatible

land uses, and the inadequate traffic circulation, this area has been in a

stage of continuing deterioration for a number of years. Almost all of the

structures in the area are quite old. Only a few have been renovated or

adequately maintained over the past twenty years.

A recent field survey of all residential units within the project area, made by KCDC relocation staff members, and also survey data compiled by students of the University of Tennessee, Graduate School of Planning, records the following listing of residents and statistics:

ADDRESS	NUMBER OF RESIDENTS
518-520 Oxford Place 210 Locust 212 Walnut 303 Walnut 520 W. Vine 525 W. Vine 515 W. Vine	31 5 4 3 5 6
412 W. Vine 406 W. Vine 117-1/2 S. Gay 127-1/2 Vine 107 Vine 224 State Street	VACANT 58 6 4 6

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESIDENTS 202

The above total number of persons within the project area represents:

120 Individuals

41 Families

161 Households

192 Persons are white

10 Persons are non-white

Income Ranges: \$2,000-\$3,000

Ages of Occupants:

2% under 18 Years

46% over 62 Years

NO Owner-occupants

70% have no access to automobile

Rent ranges from \$39-65/month for 1-2 room apartment

Rent average for shelter (without utilities) = \$50/month.

KCDC staff members will be available to assist all residential displaces in locating housing resources. These well trained and experienced residential relocation specialists will concentrate their efforts on the specific needs of each resident as they relate to social, economic and physical circumstances.

Commercial uses occupy most of the eastern portion of the project area. In addition to several vacant buildings, existing commercial activity is devoted primarily to pawn shops, taverns, discount jewelry and clothing stores, and transient type activities. The major business is retail furniture. (It is anticipated that special phasing of the project execution and relocation activities and the possible availability of certain commercial property east of Gay Street may enable some of the displaced businesses to be re-established in the immediate proximity of their present location, hopefully with little interruptions to their current operations.)

In addition to the publicly owned rights-of-way, the City of Knoxville presently owns approximately 7-1/2 acres of land within the project area: City Hall Park, the triangle used for parking at Western and Wall, the vacant Lawson McGhee Library, and the Fire Hall on Commerce Avenue. The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Apostolic Faith Church, Eagles Club, VFW and Carpenter's Union are located within the project boundary.

KCDC staff members, representatives of the Building Inspection and
Fire Prevention Departments of the City conducted a physical inspection
of buildings in the project area, using "age of building, structural
soundness, electrical wiring, type of heating, and adequate facilities for

egress" as criteria for the following ratings:

IN TOTAL AREA:

Structures Clearly Substandard (Rehabilitation not economically feasible)	59
Structure Fair to Substandard	1
Structures Fair to Standard	16
Structures Standard	17
TOTAL STRUCTURES INSPECTED (Inspection Report attached)	93

NOTE: Of the above "substandard" structures (representing 63% of the total), 12 are residential structures, or are commercial structures which include occupied residential units in their upper-stories.

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

KNOXVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE:

May 10, 1974

K.C.D.C. - Mrs. Betty Cheatwood

FROM: Fire Prevention Bureau - Captain D. W. Frye and Inspector C. R. Jones

SUBJECT: Urban Renewal Area

In evaluating the buildings in the proposed urban renewal area, we used the following criteria to determine the classification of boomskineach building. The age of the building, structural soundness, electrical wiring, type of heating, and adequate facilities for egress. Using this criteria we rated the buildings as standard, fair to standard, and substandard.

GAY STREET - WEST SIDE

315 S. Gay Street	W. T. Grants	1	Standard
301 S. Gay Street	United General Products		Standard
219 S. Gay Street	Jewelry by T. Lynn		Fair to Standard
217A S. Gay Street	Dr. Atchley		Substandard
217 S. Gay Street	Barber Shop		Substandard
215 S. Gay Street	Gay Street Cinema		Fair to Standard
213 S. Gay Street	Gay Street Clothing		Substandard
211 S. Gay Street	Knoxville Book Mart		Substandard
209-209½ Gay Street	Soul Boutique		Substandard
207 S. Gay Street	Hidaway Lounge		Fair to Standard
205 S. Gay Street	205 Club		Substandard
203A S. Gay Street	Vacant		Fair to Standard
203 S. Gay Street	C. M. Dukes Jewelry		Substandard
201 S. Gay Street	Prissy's Lounge		Substandard
143-145 S. Gay	Vacant		Substandard
141 S. Gay Street	Norris Loan Company		Substandard
137 S. Gay Street	Knox Jewelry & Loan Co.		Substandard
135 S. Gay Street	Mom's Place		Substandard
133½ S. Gay Street	Nicko's Bridal		
133A S. Gay Street	Peoples Studio		Substandard
133°S. Gay Street	East Tennessee Jewelers		Substandard
131 S. Gay Street	Harolds Kosher Style Food		Substandard
121-129 S. Gay Street	Mill Agent Store		
119 S. Gay Street	Bonds occ - c		Substandard
117 S. Gay Street	Apts, and Hollywood Studio		Substandard
115 S. Gay Street	Sunshine Rumage Sale		Substandard
113 S. Gay Street	Doyle Dukes Jewelers		Substandard
111 S. Gay Street			
109 S. Gay Street	Club Cigar Store		
101 - 107 S. Gay	Gene Monday (being remodeled)		Substandard

GAY STREET - EAST SIDE

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	200-200½ Gay Street 202 S. Gay Street 204 S. Gay Street 206 S. Gay Street 208-210 S. Gay Street 216-218 S. Gay Street		Substandard Substandard Substandard Substandard Fair to Standard Fair to Standard
		STATE STREET	
8	224 State Street	State Street Apts.	Substandard
		COMMERCE AVENUE	A Marine Committee of the Committee of t
	201 Commerce 209-211 Commerce 303 Commerce 313 Commerce 307-309 Commerce 413 Commerce 200-202 Commerce	Fire Station Kennedy-Shea-Chandler Gay Beauty Salon Vacant General Products Warehouse Rectory for Catholic Church Wm. R. Moore Co., Inc.	Substandard Fair to Standard Substandard Standard Fair to Standard Standard Fair to Standard Fair to Standard
	Townson Commerce		
	t	MARKET STREET	
	203 Market 204-208 Market	Vacant Vacant	Fair to Standard Substandard
		LOCUST STREET	WW. 1
¥	210 Locust 316 Locust	Apts. Gene Monday	Substandard (very poor) Standard
		WALNUT STREET	
*	203 Walnut 212 Walnut 217 Walnut 303 Walnut	Eagles Apts. Beretta Tile Co. Apostolic Faith Church BROADWAY	Standard Substandard Substandard Standard
	400 A D 1	Floyds Gulf	Standard
	100 S. Broadway	JACKSON AVENUE	
	304-306 Jackson 308 Jackson 312 Jackson 316 Jackson 402-404 Jackson 408 Jackson 410 Jackson	Vacant (being remodeled) Tennessee Arm. & Elec. Co. Assoc. Elect. Cont. Siegals Sanitary Supply Co. Vacant Vacant Assoc. Elect. Cont.	Substandard Standard Substandard Substandard Substandard Substandard Substandard

	412-416 Jackson	Wilson Glass	Standard
	510-Jackson	Consumer Wholesale	Standard
	516 Jackson	Consumer Wholesale	····Standard
	520 Jackson	Vacant	- Substandard
		VINE AVENUE	
	4.54		
	101 W. Vine	Harris Drugs	Substandard
	103 W. Vine	Blue Lounge Cafe	Substandard
	105 W. Vine	Vacant (Bldg. falling down)	Very Poor
¥.	107 W. Vine	Barber Shop & Apts.	Substandard
•	109-111 W. Vine	Career Apparel	Fair to Standard
	113 W. Vine	Vacant	Substandard
•	115 W. Vine	Vine Avenue Cleaners	Substandard
	116-126 W. Vine	Vine Avenue Furniture Co.	Fair to Standard
	119 W. Vine	Hoffner Furniture Co.	Fair to Standard
- 16	125 W. Vine	Rochat Shoe Shop	Substandard
×		Brock's Clothing & Apts.	Substandard
	200 W. Vine	Dodd & Jones Furniture Co.	Fair to Standard
	202 W. Vine	Economy Furniture Co.	Fair to Standard
	202-210 W. Vine	American Home Furniture	Fair to Standard
	212.W., Vine	Grand Travern	Substandard
	214 W. Vine	Vacant	Substandard (poor)
	216 W. Vine	Vacant	Substandard (poor)
	218 W. Vine	Vacant	Substandard (poor)
	312 W. Vine	Spinlab	Standard
*	406 W. Vine 412 W. Vine	Summitt Apts.	Substandard
	412 W. Vine	Vacant	Substandard
,	418-420 W. Vine	Catholic Church	Standard
	516 W. Vine	Carpenters Union # 50	Standard
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	514 Oxford	The Little Chef	Standard
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Inspector

Fire Prevention Bureau

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LAND RE-USE AND REDEVELOPMENT

LAND RE-USE AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Land which is acquired in the Summit Hill Redevelopment Project will be redeveloped as follows:

SUMMIT HILL DRIVE

PURPOSE:

To provide quick and easy access as part of the regional transportation system to the north end of the Central Business District, and to improve traffic circulation to the core area.

SCOPE AND

REDEVELOPMENT

PLAN:

A four lane arterial, with an additional turning lane of about 1/2 mile in length, running generally from northeast to southwest across the northern portion of the Central Business District, including re-design connections to Western Avenue, Summit Hill, Gay Street, State Street and Vine Avenue.

WALL AVENUE MALL

PURPOSE:

To provide an attractive pedestrian-oriented space from Gay to Walnut Streets which will complement the development of the TVA Complex, and enhance Market Square Mall; to complete the total north-south pedestrian system reaching from the Summit Hill residential area southwardly to the City-County Complex and the riverfront park.

SCOPE AND

REDEVELOPMENT

PLAN:

Encompassing the Wall Avenue right-of-way, extending north and south into the TVA Complex, and Market Square-Mall. Redevelopment treatment and future vehicular use will be determined following further study.

NOTE: A petition endorsing the Wall Avenue concept and plan, executed by members of the Market Square Mall Association, is attached and will be considered in the study of the Mall treatment.

CITY HALL RESTORATION

PURPOSE:

To preserve a historically significant structure, and to provide for its continued beneficial use.

SCOPE AND

REDEVELOPMENT

PLAN:

The original structure which presently serves as offices for the City Administrative Personnel, and adequate land to allow for the proper treatment and restorative actions necessary to regain historic authenticity of the main building. After further study, and prior to any commitment to actual construction, review and comments will be requested from Knoxville Heritage, Inc. and Tennessee Historical Commission and City Council relevant to the road location and grade, the future use and treatment of the structure and park.

COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE:

To provide additional Class A office and commercial space and much needed parking in the City core area.

SCOPE AND

REDEVELOPMENT

PLAN:

An area, approximately 2 acres, generally west of the TVA Complex and east of City Hall Park.

The redevelopment parcel located west of the TVA buildings will be assembled for private commercial reuse. This will include the acquisition of the parcels from Summit Hill Drive to Western Avenue between Walnut and Locust; the closing of the portions of Summer, Oxford Place and Wall Avenue between Walnut and Locust; and the sale of the City-owned triangle bounded by Wall, Western and Walnut. It is understood that KCDC will only act to assemble this major parcel if it is determined that it cannot be assembled privately. Maximum public funds required for assembling and disposing of this parcel will be returned through the disposition of the parcel to the private developer.

RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT

Since the redevelopment of Summit Hill as a major residential area is vital to the revitalization of the Center City, study and planning will continue in order to determine the feasibility and the best possible use and development for the area. KCDC will work with the Eagles and the Carpenter's

Union to secure formal acquisition appraisals and develop the best possible purchase and relocation plan for these two properties.

Special consideration for the needs of the Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church in the re-establishment of the Rectory and Church offices will also be continued. The results of these efforts will be submitted to Council for determinations and further direction in the treatment of the hill.

No property will be acquired on the hill, except for those parcels required for the construction of Summit Hill Drive, until Council specifically instructs KCDC to proceed to do so. The existing street pattern in this area will be undisturbed such as the closing of Vine Avenue until Council approves this action, except for such alterations which may be required to tie into Summit Hill Drive.

We, the members of the Market Square Mall Association, endorse the Wall Avenue Mall Plan as presented on March 12, 1974 at the Mall Association Meeting, which includes, but is not limited to the following developments: 1) parking spaces on the northwest end of

- the Mall
- 2) open access to alleys on both sides of the Mall
- 3) a taxi stand and short term parking on the south end of the Mall
- 4) conversion of Wall Avenue to a pedestrian mall for one block on the North end of the Mall Shomon Hope, Pass.

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REHABILITATION STUDY

As part of the initial implementation of the Summit Hill Redevelopment Plan, a study will be made to determine which commercial buildings fronting on the west side of Gay Street in the project area are economically feasible to be rehabilitated. This study may also pertain to the preservation of architecturally interesting facades, as well as to the buildings which extend behind these facades. It should be clearly understood at the outset that, given enough money, there is no building in existence that cannot be restored or rehabilitated. A balance must be drawn between the improvements which are necessary to significantly extend the economic life of a building and the willingness of the owner of that building to finance those improve-In short, the rehabilitation must be determined to be economically feasible. A generally accepted rule of thumb holds that if the cost of repairs and improvements to a structure exceeds 50 percent of the building's market value, then rehabilitation is not economically feasible. KCDC does not intend to apply this rule inflexibly, but rather to work with the owners of the various properties to determine whether or not they are willing to afford the necessary repairs and improvements once they are determined.

To assist the various property owners in determining what repairs and improvements must be made to bring their properties up to an acceptable standard, a study will be conducted by KCDC with the assistance of the City of Knoxville Inspection Department, the Fire Department, a structural engineer, an architect, a cost estimator, and other needed consultants. This study will determine the scope of work necessary to bring individual properties up to an acceptable standard and the approximate costs of such work. In consultation with the various property owners, a decision can be made regarding the economic feasibility of rehabilitating individual properties.

It should be emphasized that the rehabilitation of commercial properties fronting on Gay Street but abutting the Summit Hill residential area must be carefully handled so that total rehabilitation is accomplished. In analyzing the Summit Hill area's potential for residential development, the nationally recognized Real Estate Research Corporation was careful to point out the residential development in Summit Hill was threatened by the existence of the very shabby commercial area fronting on the west side of Gay Street and the south side of Jackson Avenue. Real Estate Research Corporation emphasized that in order for the future residential development of the Summit Hill area to be economically feasible, definite drastic action must be taken to improve the conditions presently existing in this commercial area. Accordingly, it should be emphasized that the rehabilitation of all structures must be a total renovation and significant extension of the economic life of the various

structures. Thus, once the scope and extent of rehabilitation work is established, the owners of individual buildings cannot be permitted to pick and choose from among the necessary work which will bring the building up to an acceptable standard; rather, all of the work must be accomplished as specified by the inspection team.

As previously outlined, careful attention must be given to the entire area. Conditions may arise because of party walls or the unwillingness of adjoining property owners to rehabilitate their properties. Spot rehabilitation among a group of sub-standard structures usually makes little economic sense. The objective of this Study, therefore, is to determine the feasibility and the desirability of achieving total improvement of these Gay Street commercial frontages.

PROJECT BUDGET

PROJECT BUDGET STATEMENT

The total redevelopment project will be financed by the City of Knoxville. There are to be several sources of funding combined to make up the revenues for the total project financing plan. The major sources of funding will be general obligation bonds of the City of Knoxville and general revenue sharing funds.

Following is a proposed budget for each element of the Summit Hill Redevelopment Plan, including a breakdown of administrative cost for the projected three year public action period, and also a financial impact statement which outlines the potential projected increase in real property tax revenue which would result from the total investment in Summit Hill Redevelopment Project area. The Budget has been revised and refined as to actual cost requirements for project execution, and other financial information which has become available since the time the General Center City Redevelopment Plan was presented in May, 1974, and since certain revisions to the Plan were incorporated pursuant to the Public Hearing held on July 29, 1974, and numerous work sessions.

This redevelopment budget reflects the best estimates available at this time. The project cost, particularly for property acquisition and construction, can only be determined at the time this activity takes place at the market price which prevails at that time. Although extreme care has been taken in budget projections, there can be no assurance of exact project costs at this time.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

TOTAL COST

LAND ACQUISITION AND/OR DEMOLITION

\$2,674,662.

The land acquisition amount includes the most recent Cole, Layer and Trumble appraisals of all taxable properties, and an estimated fair market value of tax-exempt properties (based on comparable square footage values in the area) which are anticipated to be acquired within the project. The total figure also reflects recent real estate sales in the general area, and a reasonable contingency and assemblage factor.

Demolition cost is estimated by using recent experience in demolition contracts for comparable structures, improvements and conditions (particularly the TVA Complex and the East-West Mall sites). The scheduling of phased activity, and the existence of a number of common-wall conditions, between certain of the acquired structures to be demolished and buildings which will remain, has also been considered.

Public investments for construction and/or development will be required for three elements of the redevelopment: Summit Hill Drive, City Hall Restoration and Wall Avenue Mall. The budget estimates are based on current prices (adjusted to anticipated construction dates) relevant to the proposed improvements as described in this plan.

MANAGEMENT

523,700.

The following breakdown of estimated cost for the total management and execution of the Summit Hill Redevelopment Project is projected over a three year period, and reflects experience in similar activities and numerous comparable projects:

Staff Salaries Non-Expendable Equipment Supplies & Publications	\$176,200. 5,000. 1,500.
Sundry (drafting, advertisements surveys, etc.) Other Expense (phone, utilities,	2,500.
equipment repair, etc.)	12,500. 3,000.
Travel Trailer (Office) Relocation	2,000.
Title Search & Insurance Appraisals (2)	5,000. 45,000.
Legal Fees	17,500. 25,000.
Property Management Interest Expense	208,500.
TOTAL Contingency	\$503,700. 20,000.
	\$523,700.

\$4,833,362.

TOTAL GROSS COST

Total of public cost for the execution of the Summit Hill Redevelopment Project.

DISPOSITION PROCEEDS

220,780.

If it becomes necessary for KCDC to assemble and prepare the commercial re-use parcel west of the TVA Complex, the cost will be returned through the disposition of the parcel to a private developer. Also, if the budget figure indicated here proves to be inaccurate, the disposition price will be adjusted to more accurately reflect the actual value for resale. By closing the streets between the private parcels a considerable number of square feet will be added to the disposal parcel at no cost to the City.

NET PROJECT COST

\$4,612,582.

This figure represents the TOTAL NET COST to the City of Knoxville.

SUMMIT HILL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT POTENTIAL

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

•		PROPERTY TAX REVENUE *		
	PROJECT ELEMENT	EXISTING	PROJECTED	NET
	RESIDENTIAL	\$ 7,504.	\$150,000	\$142,496. INCREAS
	COMMERCIAL	5,835.	172,500.	166,665. INCREAS
	SUMMIT HILL DRIVE	18,140.		18,140. DECREAS
	CITY HALL RESTORATION	 .	# =	
	WALL AVENUE MALL	~~	ex ex	
	TVA COMPLEX	12,100.	300,000.	287,900. INCREAS
	TOTALS	\$43,579.	\$622,500.	\$578,921. INCREAS

^{*} Taxes computed on CLT Appraisals, using current \$3.75/hundred rate.

NOTE: No attempt has been made in this outline to point up the total positive impact in terms of additional and related revenues to the City which the new developments and facilities would effect and influence.

RELOCATION

RELOCATION PLAN AND FEASIBILITY

Since this project will be carried out by KCDC for the City of Knoxville, KCDC will follow the policy of the City in providing the businesses and residents to be relocated with staff assistance. It should be made clear that there are no direct federal grants involved in this redevelopment effort and the City, through KCDC, will not offer relocation payments as is the case in federally funded projects. Normal periods of notice to vacate and fair treatment will be extended to all parties who must relocate consistent with those time periods established and practiced in private owner-tenant relationships. Efforts will be made to minimize hardship for all persons and businesses displaced. The redevelopment schedule will be made known to the occupants of the property to be acquired as early as possible so that they can make plans accordingly. The scheduled activity may require some occupants of properties to be relocated within the minimum legal period of time in order to accomplish the redevelopment goals of the project.

The KCDC staff will be available to offer relocation staff services, including listings of available resources for both rental and sales. The same staff of KCDC which has relocated some 700 families, individuals, and businesses in the past three years will be available to assist in the relocation of displaced businesses and residents.

The preliminary survey of all those persons, businesses and organizations who will be displaced by this project has been made, as well as preliminary survey of the availability of relocation resources. Due to rental turnover in both residential and business/commercial space, a specific listing of resources will be prepared immediately prior to relocation activity in the project, and will be kept current. A regular check will be made on available units and spaces in order to update feasibility and relocation planning for all areas of the project involving relocation activity. The following is recent information concerning the anticipated workload and represents a sampling survey of local real estate market. It is anticipated that the supply of residential and business/ commercial space will be more than adequate to meet the needs of those persons and business concerns to be relocated from the Summit Hill Redevel opment Area.

APPROXIMATED RELOCATION WORKLOAD

105 Residential Households (18 families, 87 individuals)
33 Business/other

POSSIBLE RESOURCES

The following resource study was conducted and assembled in May-June, 1974. A recent check with three local rental agents and Realtors verifies that the present listings and availabilities continue to be ample to adequately relocate all displaced businesses and persons. No further updating is anticipated until the actual relocation caseload becomes active.

RESIDENTIAL (PRIVATE SOURCES)

Hotel Farragut
Park Hotel
Hotel Lakeview
Locust Street Apts.
Norris Hotel
Magnolia Motel
Hotel William Blount
Hotel Elliott
5th Avenue Motel

\$30/week \$75/month \$85 & \$110/month \$25/week \$25/week \$20-25/week \$75/month \$13-16/week \$76-\$135/month

* The above resources are within the same downtown area or in close proximity. The variable rent rates indicate the diverse arrangements in room/apts., furnishings and services included.

A regular check of local newspaper ads and contacts with local rental agents reveal a stable supply of housing units which would serve the physical and economic needs of the displaces within the Summit Hill Area. One rental agent reports his total annual turnover rate to be about 40%, or 350-400 units, but indicates that most of those rentals will be slightly higher than many

of the area displaces (mostly elderly residents) are presently paying. It is anticipated, therefore, that the major residential resource will be low-rent public housing.

RESIDENTIAL (PUBLIC HOUSING SOURCES)

KCDC operates a total of 3955 units of public housing, dispersed throughout the community in 11 locations. Of that total, 1310 units accommodate solely elderly residents. Although the occupancy rate for these units is very high, an ample number of units will be available for tenancy within the Summit Hill Redevelopment Project's relocation activity period.

On May 13, 1974, the following units were readied for occupancy:

120 Elderly Units- Circle Towers (This project is presently in Initial Occupancy or rent-up Period.)

36 Units in the remaining projects.

A number of units in College Homes project will become available in several stages as the modernization of units is completed. Over a 12 month period, a number of units can be expected to become available through routine turnover rate. (Past 12 months: 308 units turned-over in occupancy.) Displaced persons who are eligible for Public Housing will be considered with priority on a first come, first serve basis.

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL RESOURCES

New construction now available or to be available by displacement date includes:

Miller's Building on Gay Street

City Center on Gay and Main

East-West Mall

Knoxville Office Complex (Mountain View Urban Renewal Area)

Presently vacant, or to be vacant, existing business locations:

413 South Gay Street

Several vacant locations scattered on Gay Street

32 Market Square

1 location on Church Street, 2 on Clinch, 1 on Gay Street will become available, since present small businesses desire to locate in East-West Mall

530 Gay Street

415 Church Avenue

500 Clinch Avenue

Miller's Annex Building on Market Square Mall

Several properties in the Central, Jackson, Vine area: owners have indicated their interest in making available several locations in this area for businesses displaced in Summit Hill Redevelopment Project.

Building on corner Broadway & Lamar

A number of buildings presently occupied by TVA are potential sources.

A number of potential sources for relocation might be provided within the new redevelopment of the area, and a number of desirable spaces are presently available in the fringe area of the CBD. The above listings are located in the immediate vicinity of the anticipated displacement, and is very preliminary. It is not intended to represent all available resources. Several local realtors advise that ample relocation resources can be expected to be available to serve all business, commercial, and club/organization needs.

Planning and study is underway for the development of a new fire hall facility which will replace the fire company headquarters now located in inadequate facility at State and Commerce.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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by Jan. 1, 1975	Complete Appraisals for Summit Hill Drive right-of-way West of Gay, and properties to be acquired for Commercial Redevelopment
by March 1, 1975	Offers, title and possession on Summit Hill Drive West of Gay, and Commercial Redevelop- ment
March 1, 1975	Summit Hill Drive (entire project) advertised for construction bids
April 15, 1975	Award contract Summit Hill Drive
June 1, 1975	Complete Acquisition and Relocation Report on Eagles and Carpenters - Report to Council - Complete Appraisals Summit Hill Drive right- of-way - East side of Gay
December 1, 1975	Complete construction Summit Hill Drive West of Gay
by Jan. 1, 1976	Complete offers, title and possession of Summit Hill Drive, East of Gay

Jan. 1, 1976	Complete Feasibility Study of Structural Rehabilitation West side of N. Gay - Report to Council
Jan. 1976	Complete planning alternatives to street and right-of-way on Wall Avenue between Gay and Walnut - Report to Council
March 1, 1976	Complete demolition - Summit Hill Drive right-of-way - East of Gay
March 1, 1976	Begin construction Summit Hill Drive - East of Gay
December 1, 1976	Complete construction Summit Hill Drive - East of Gay

ECONOMIC IMPACT AND GENERAL EFFECT

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The Summit Hill Redevelopment Area is a vital link in the efforts to revitalize downtown Knoxville. Contained within the scope of the redevelopment efforts for the Summit Hill Area are a number of key factors which are supportive of the General Development Concept for Knoxville's Center City. These factors are: (1) Residential development on Summit Hill; (2) Improved vehicular access to the CBD; (3) The development of supportive office and commercial space; (4) The preservation and restoration of City Hall and the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church; (5) The provision of additional open space in the Wall Avenue Mall and Vine Avenue Areas. The combination of these key factors will have considerable impact upon the entire downtown area. It should be pointed out, however, that the Summit Hill Redevelopment Area in and of itself cannot and will not provide the stimulus for downtown Knoxville to achieve a quantum jump in economic growth. Rather, the Summit Hill Redevelopment Area, working in combination with other downtown redevelopment projects in a total revitalization effort, will be necessary to achieve the desired goal of economic growth. Understandably, the Summit Hill Redevelopment Area is a vital element in achieving this goal. The re-introduction of residential living units will help to kindle a rebirth of night time activities. Summit Hill Drive will help to solve the difficult problem of vehicular access to the CBD, while the Wall Avenue Mall and pedestrian

link to the Summit Hill residential area will help to facilitate the pedestrian movement within the core area.

The total Summit Hill Redevelopment Concept is estimated to cost approximately \$6.9 million. This investment in the future of the City would generate economic activities beyond the limits of the Summit Hill Redevelopment Area itself. For the purpose of the following analysis, however, the estimates of economic impact are confined to the boundaries of the redevelopment area, assuming redevelopment of the total area. In 1974, the property taxes for the entire Summit Hill Project Area will yield only \$43,579. During the redevelopment process, the tax yield for the area will steadily increase. When the process is completed, the value of the new construction would be significantly greater than the current yield, creating a significantly higher tax base. Upon its completion, the tax yield, based on the current tax rate of \$3.75 per \$100 would be \$622,500. This figure represents an approximate 1500 percent increase over current taxes. It is plain to see, therefore, that the Summit Hill Redevelopment Project would in effect pay for itself within 12-15 years of the project's initiation.

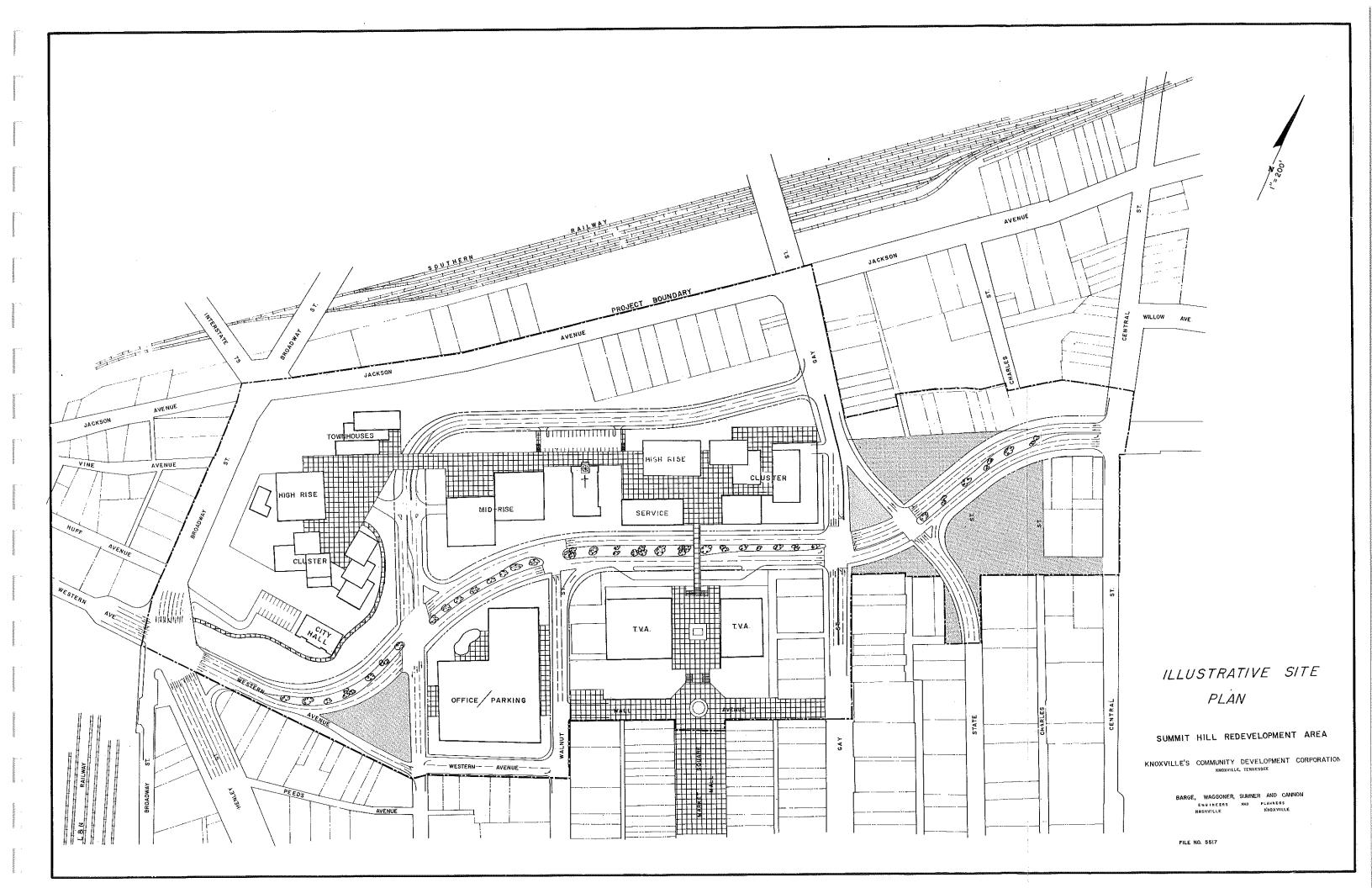
What cannot be measured at this point in time is the effect which this entire process will have in generating other development within the boundaries of the Central Business District, but outside the Summit Hill Area.

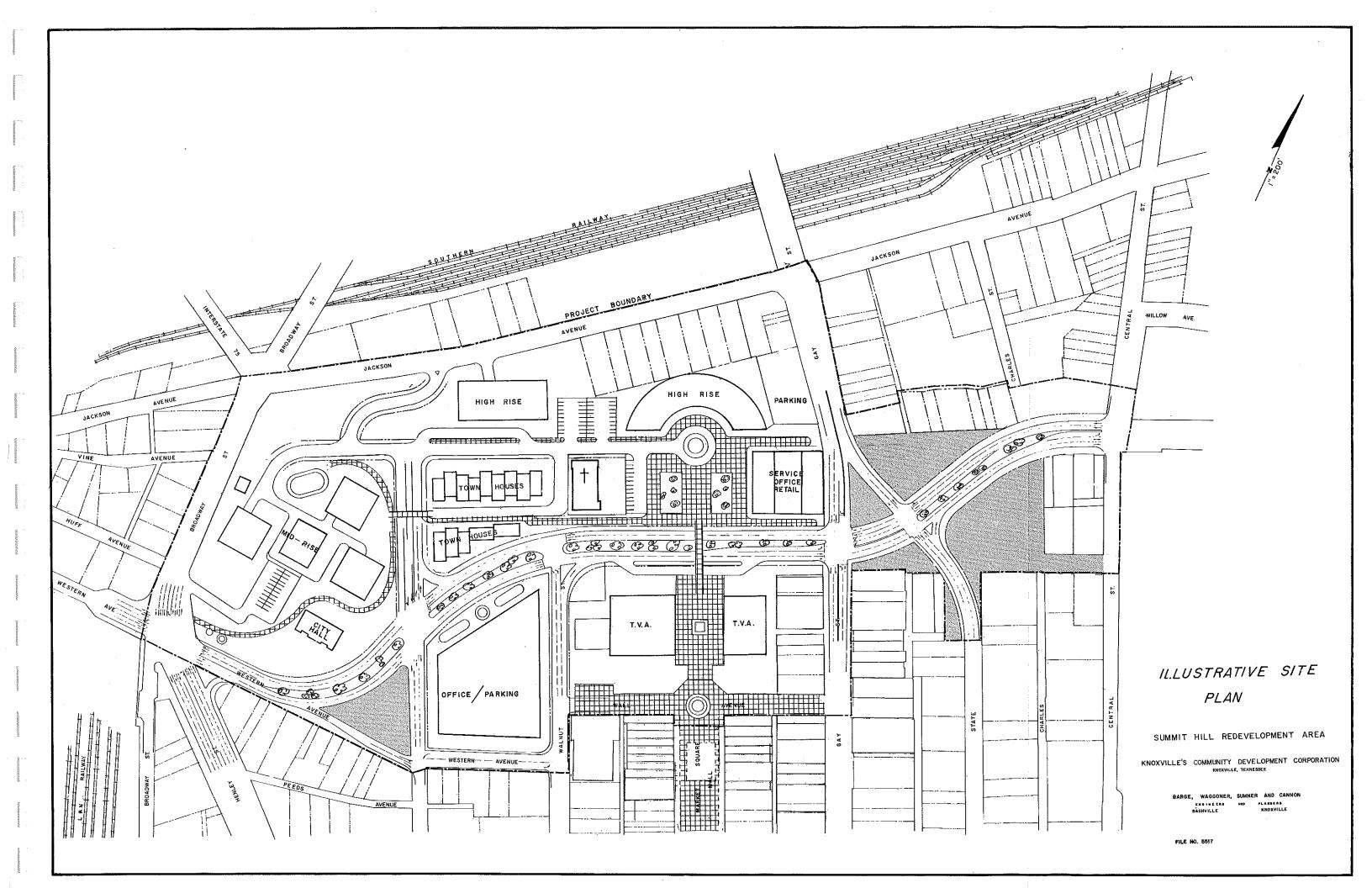
Summit Hill Drive represents a significant step forward in achieving some of the major goals of the downtown development concept. As a major

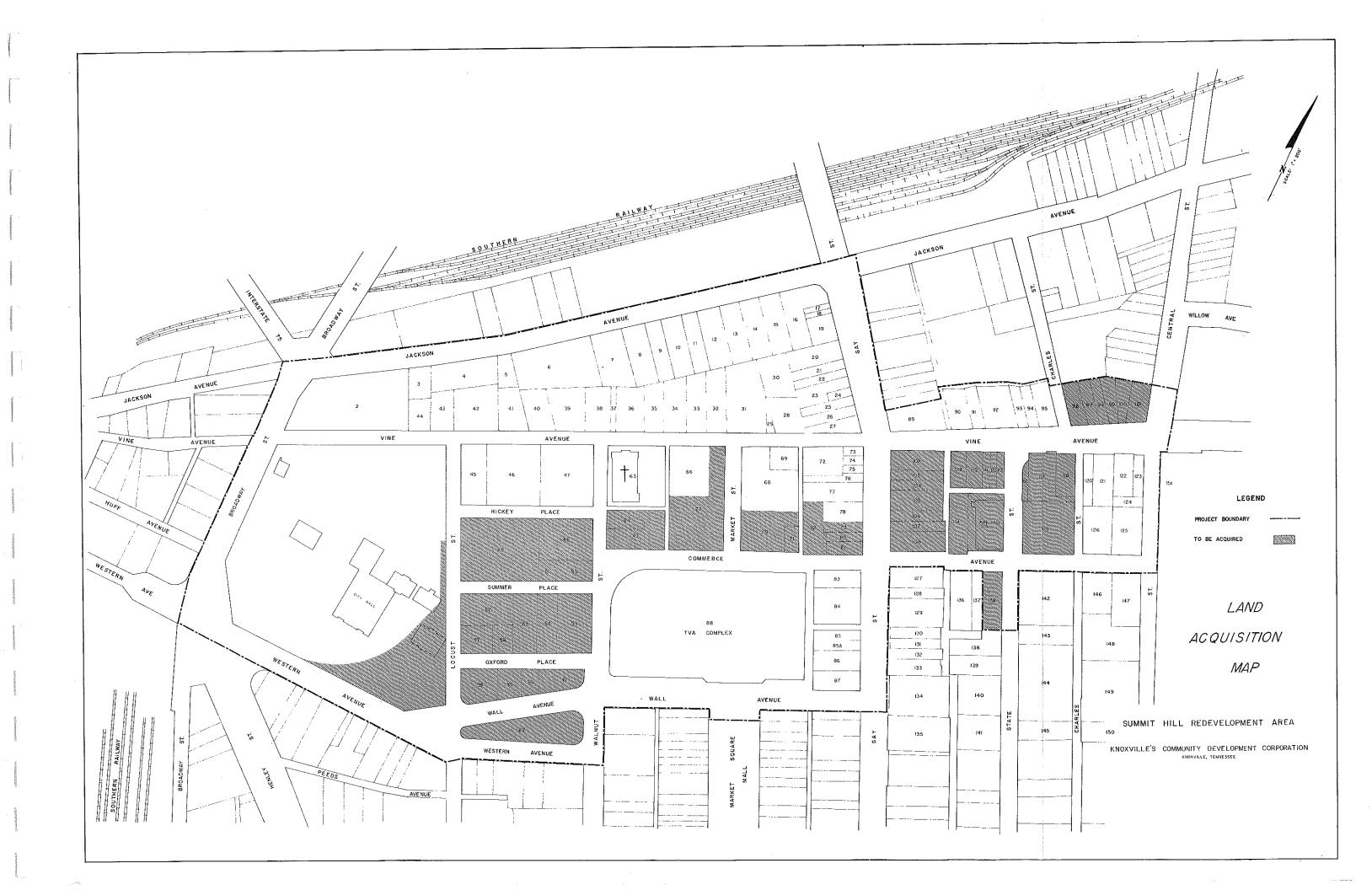
street, it becomes part of the economic infra-structure which is so vital to the efficient functioning of the business community. It provides necessary, easy access to the regional transportation network; while at the same time helping to make significantly greater portions of the core area more readily accessible by way of the one-way loop system.

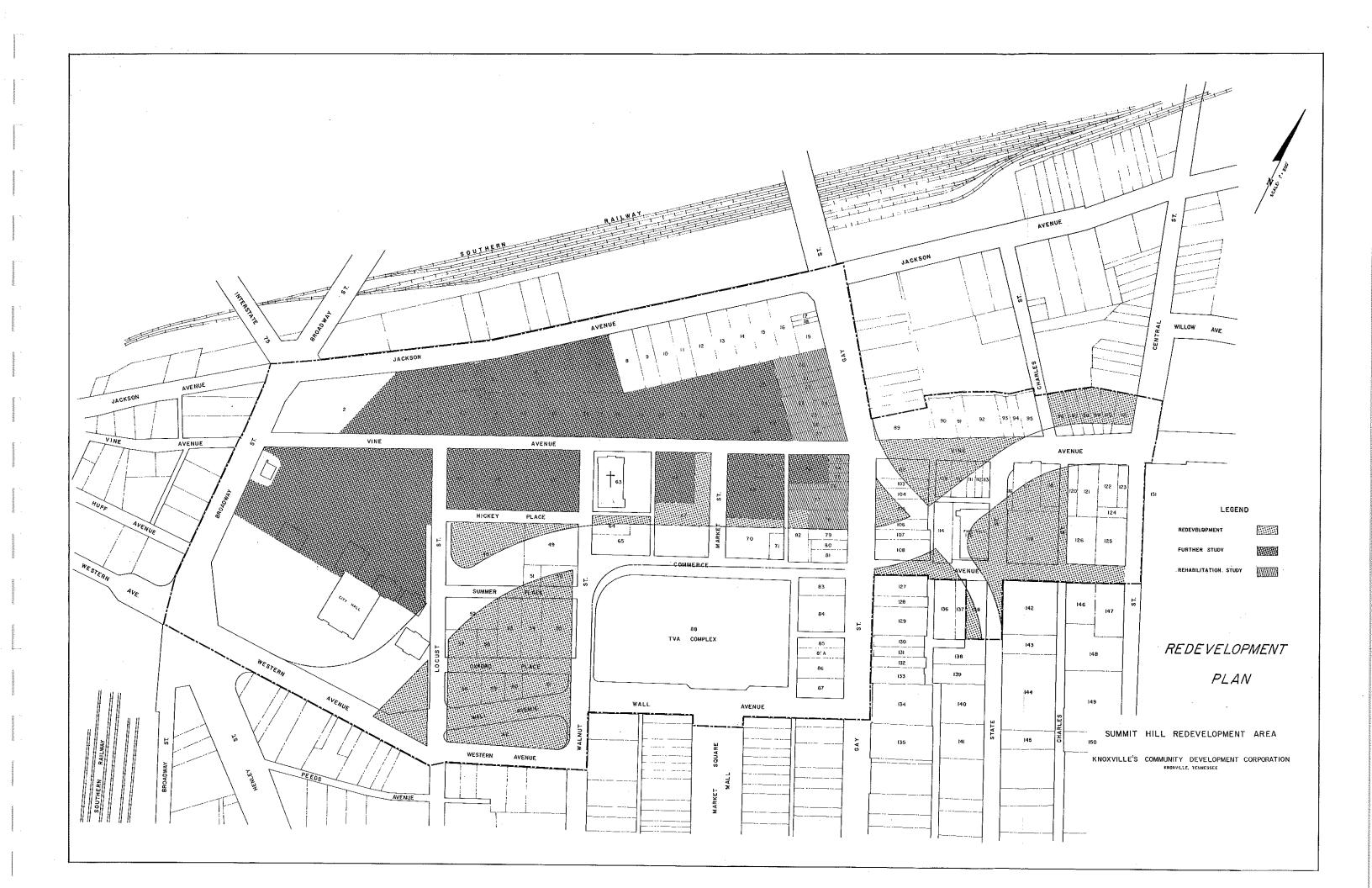
The introduction of major residential uses into the Downtown area is considered to be a crucial step in the process of revitalization of our CBD. Additional residents living in and near the core area will have considerable positive economic impact which cannot be measured at the present time. A stable residential population will have the effect of extending the operating hours of downtown businesses, making possible the initiation of night time activities which will attract other visitors to the area. This additional business activity, made possible by downtown residential population, will represent a substantial net gain in the Central Business District's economic growth.

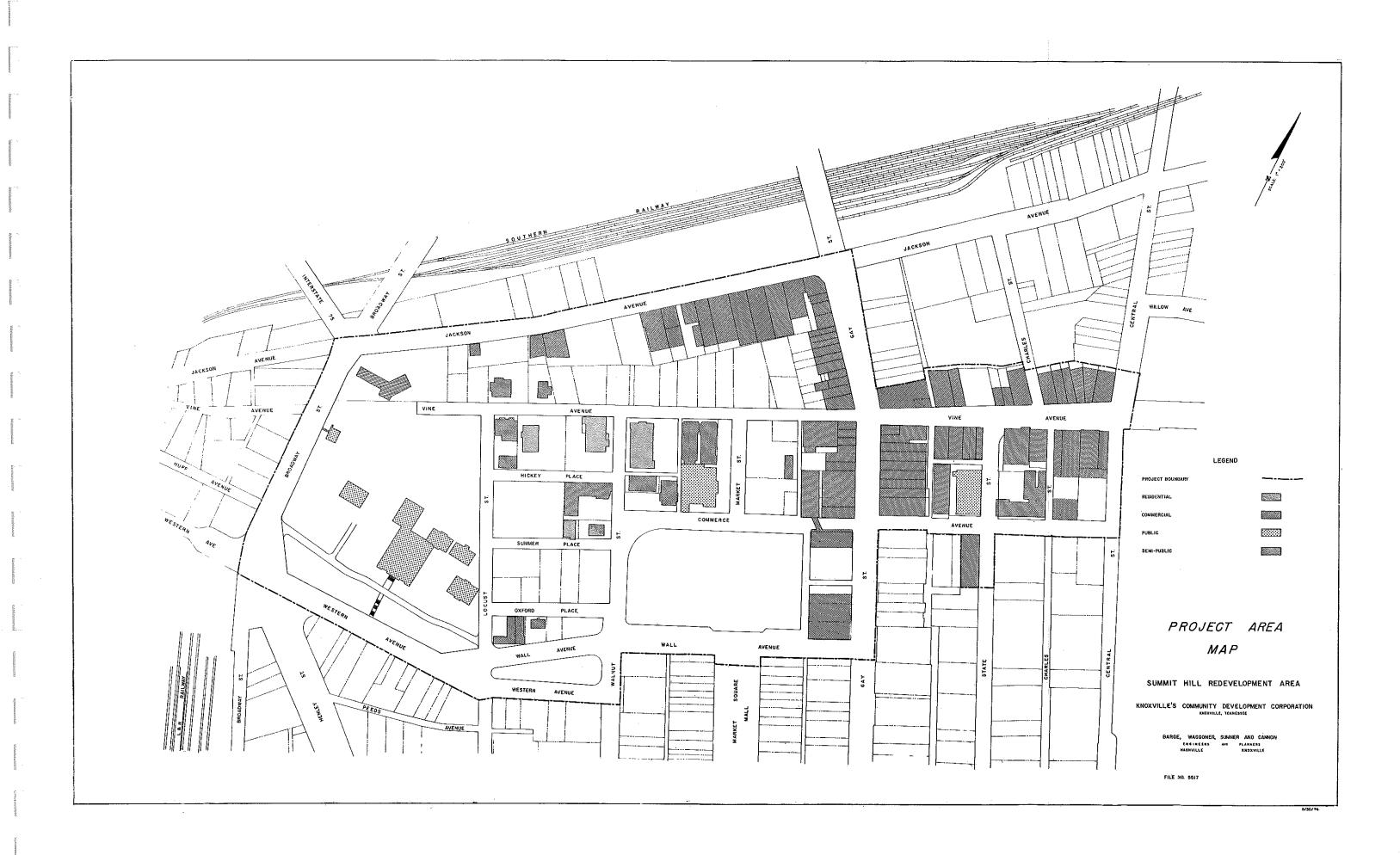
Although this Redevelopment Plan deals only with the execution of certain components of the total concept, while other elements of the Plan require further study, it is essential that comprehensive planning of the entire area be considered. Therefore, the following "Illustrative Site Plan" alternates are attached to be regarded as possible schemes for future total redevelopment of the area, and are not intended to represent a redevelopment plan.











SUMMIT HILL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

PROJECT BUDGET

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	LAND ACQ. AND/OR DEMOLITION	DEVELOPMENT/ CONSTRUCTION	TOTAL MGMT.	STUDY	GROSS PROJECT COST	LAND DISP. PROCEEDS	NET PROJECT COST	SOURCE OF FUNDING
RESIDENTIAL	UNDER S	STUDY	Т	Т	Т		Т	KCDC MANAGEMENT BUDGET
SUMMIT HILL DRIVE	\$2,353,882.	\$1,000,000.	0	0	0		0	BONDS, PLEDGING STATE AID, AND/OR G.O. BONDS
WALL AVENUE MALL		350,000.	Т	Т	T		T	GENERAL REVENUE SHARING
CITY HALL RESTORATION	100,000.	250,000.	_ A	A	A		A	GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
COMMERCIAL REDEVELOP.	220,780.	PRIVATE	L	. L	L	220,780.	L	NO PERMANENT FINANCING
REHABILITATION				35,000.				GENERAL REVENUE SHARING
TVA COMPLEX		PRIVATE						-0-
TOTALS	\$2,674,662.	\$1,600,000.	\$523,700.	\$35,000.	\$4,833,362.	\$220,780.	\$4,612,582.	