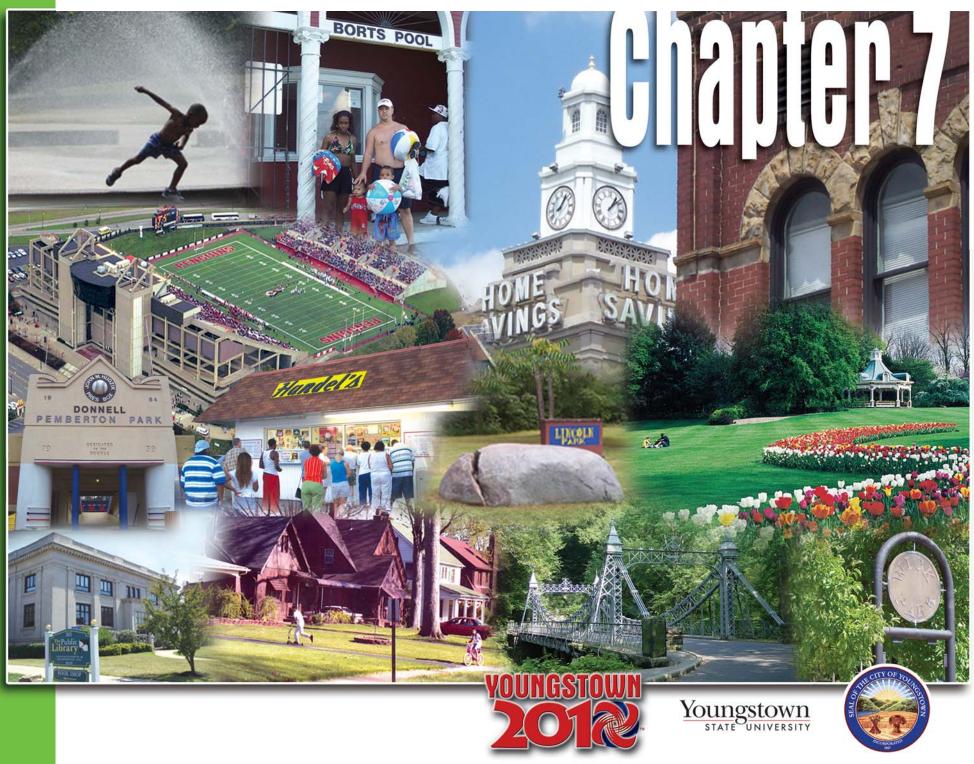
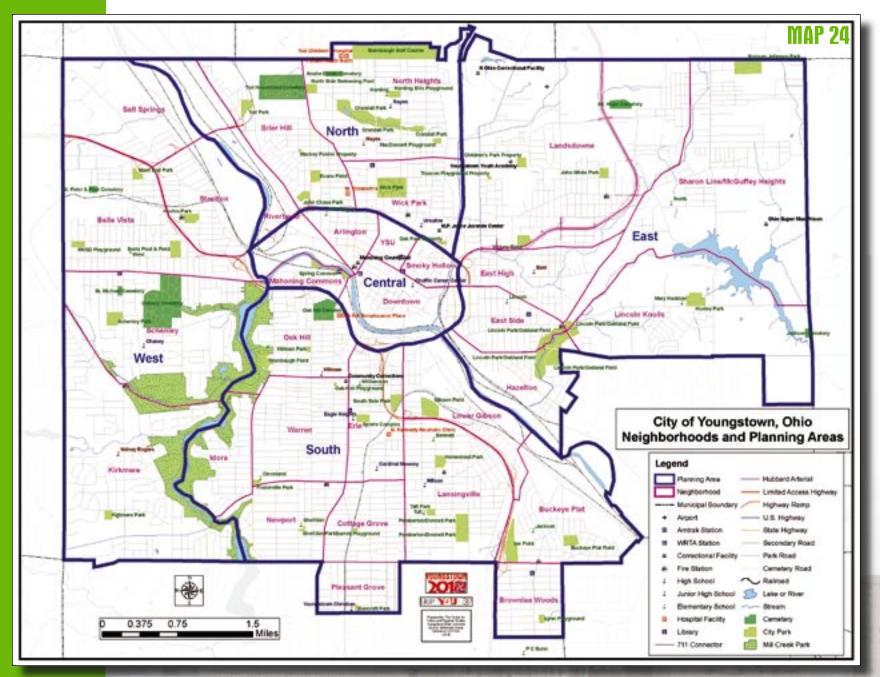
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The City of Youngstown historically has been subdivided by nature and tradition into four quadrants, the North, East, South and West sides. The Central District, though technically situated on the North Side, because of its commercial, financial, governmental and cultural dominance has achieved an independent status.

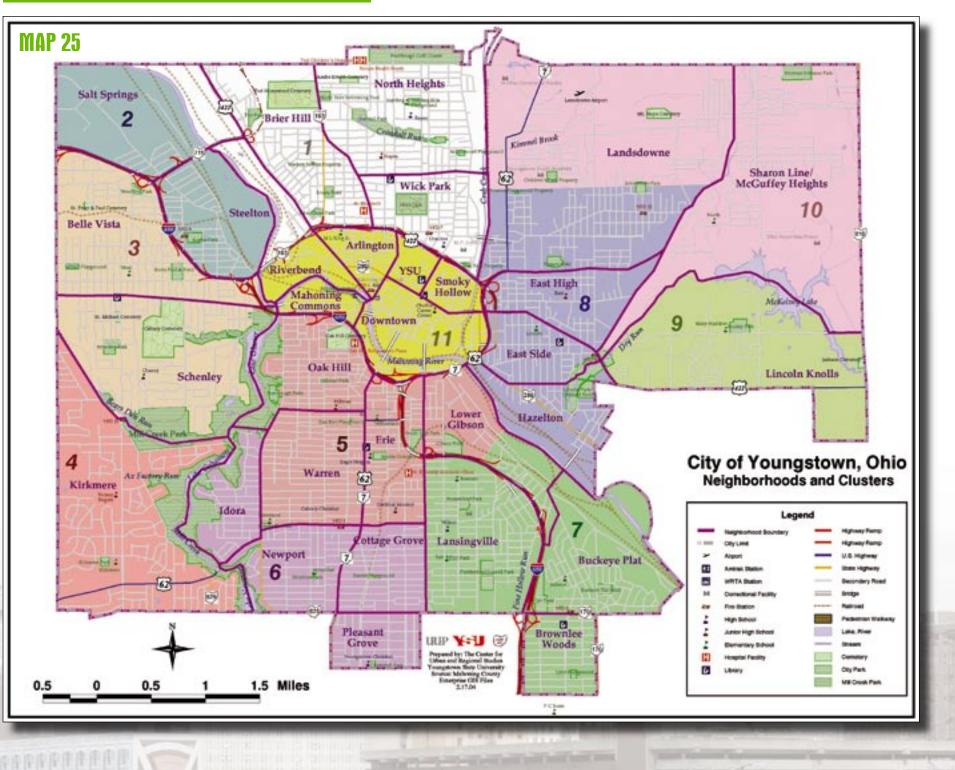


These five areas formed the foci of analysis for the initial planning process. Thirty-one defined neighborhoods overlie the five major planning regions (see Map 24). The 31 neighborhoods were remnants of the City's initially designated census tracts as well as attempts by the planning department to tie in historic references. As the process evolved, it became apparent that the five major planning areas, other than the Central (downtown), were too expansive for efficient citizen input. Equally apparent was that planning for 31 individual neighborhoods was time and cost prohibitive. Eleven neighborhood clusters were created as a compromise to expedite the process (see Map 25).

The eleven neighborhood clusters for the most part retained the neighborhood and census tract boundaries. A community meeting was held in each cluster to obtain input from residents as to how they saw their neighborhood in the year 2010 and beyond.

Following the eleven neighborhood cluster meetings, comments were assimilated into comments gathered during the visioning process and the post-vision planning period. A series of next steps, both citywide and locally based, were derived from the commentary and became action steps for the Youngstown 2010 Citywide Plan.

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