



Our Gahanna

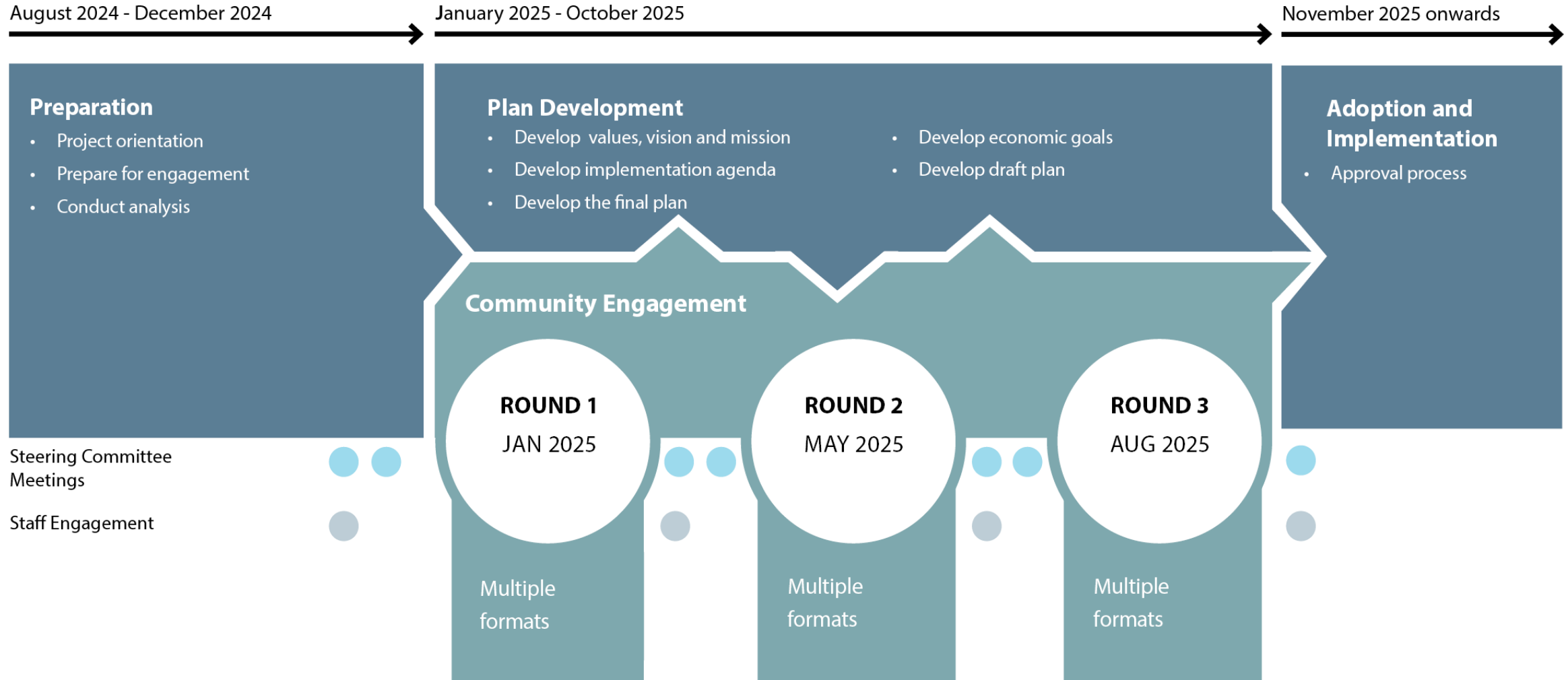
TODAY. TOMORROW. **TOGETHER.**

Agenda

1. Process Timeline
2. Round 2 Engagement Report Out
 - a) Who did we hear from?
 - b) What did we hear?

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Round 2 Participation

Who did we hear from?

- 450+ participants
- 6 community engagement events
 - Taco Tuesday Family Fest
 - Small Business Morning Coffee Networking
 - Young Professional Happy Hour
 - Economic Development Annual Meeting
 - High School Key Club
 - Senior Lunch
- 250+ online survey participants



Key Takeaways

- Each area of the City was represented
- Good representation from all ages
 - low in 15–24-year participation compared to the census
 - closed the gap significantly in 25–34-year participation
- Low in participation from the Black/African-American demographic, but closed the gap since round 1
- Slightly low in Hispanic/Latino participation

Round 2 Themes

Round 2 Activities

1. **Elevating Unique Places – Creekside, public spaces, and neighborhoods**
2. **Fostering Economic Development – What type of development should the City prioritize?**
3. **Serving our Community – Services, physical improvements, issues, big ideas**
4. **Celebrating our Identity – Top placemaking strategies**
5. **Connecting our Community***

+ Tell us about yourself survey

*Connecting our Community activities were focused on the Transportation and Mobility Plan. The responses collected are being analyzed as part of that process.

Elevating Unique Places Results

- **Creekside** – Business vitality, connectivity & accessibility, more community events, more housing and mixed-use development, parking infrastructure and maintenance.
- **Public spaces** – more connectivity between neighborhoods and community assets, more trails and sidewalks, maintenance of infrastructure, flexible spaces, more green space conservation, and safety.
- **Neighborhood pride** – more walkability, lighting and infrastructure, engagement and cohesion, traffic management.

Fostering Economic Development Results

What should the top three development priorities be in Gahanna to increase prosperity?

Top Three Selections

1. Retail & Restaurant Opportunities (**24.9%**)
2. Mixed-Use Developments (**17.0%**)
3. Manufacturing & Skilled Trade Jobs (**16.8%**)

Serving our Community Themes

What services, physical improvements, issues, big ideas ...

- **Community Facilities & Recreation:** senior activities, new and unique parks and recreation opportunities, outdoor amphitheater, Creekside playground, athletic field complex, town fair, cultural festivals, outdoor murals, classic movie showings, farmers markets, events in all seasons.
- **Public Services & Infrastructure:** leaf collection, street sweeping, street light replacement, snow removal, upkeep, composting and recycling.
- **Transportation & Mobility:** more public transit options, transportation for seniors, improve roads, assess traffic signal timing, reduce congestion, reduced speeds on some streets.
- **Trails, Walkability, & Connectivity:** connected paths, more trails and sidewalks, sidewalk improvements, walkability in all areas of the community.
- **Government Transparency & Responsiveness:** forums to hear and address concerns, code enforcement, consistent development and zoning application review.
- **Business & Economic Development:** more restaurants and retail, minority business support, more mixed-use zoning, keep great businesses in Gahanna, expand Creekside.
- **Green space & Nature Conservation:** more green spaces, maintain and conserve existing spaces, tree replacement.
- **Housing Affordability & Neighborhood Quality:** affordable housing for young professionals, lower property taxes, senior housing, attention to west side neighborhoods.

Celebrating Our Identity Results

Select the top three public space improvements you would like to see the City focus on in the future?

1. Creek Activation (**192 selections**)
2. Park Amenities (**192 selections**)
3. Public Plazas (**169 selections**)



What's Next?

- Drafting recommendations based on insight from the community, staff, council
- Joint Steering Committee/Directors Meeting, June 17
- Attend the 3rd Round Engagement: Open House, Road Show, and Online Survey
 - Open House on August 26, 2025
 - Road Show at various Gahanna locations will follow Open House

This is your chance to review the draft plan content!

THANK YOU!

