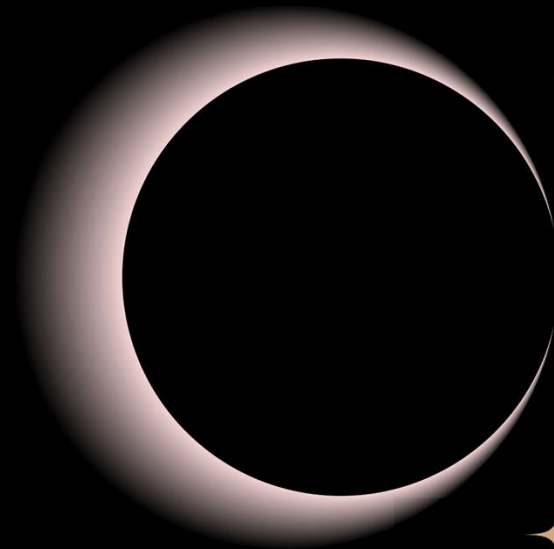
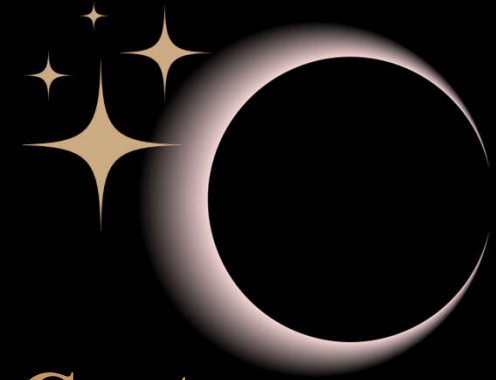


Our West Bayfront
Eclipse Weekend
Community Gathering
April 6, 2024



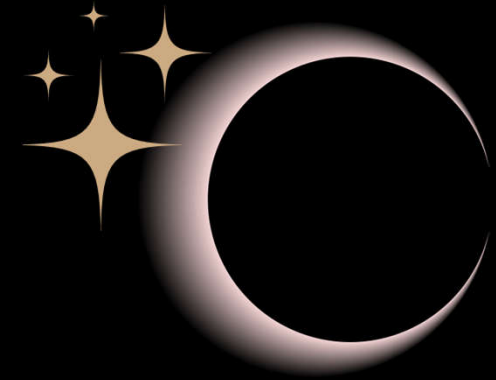
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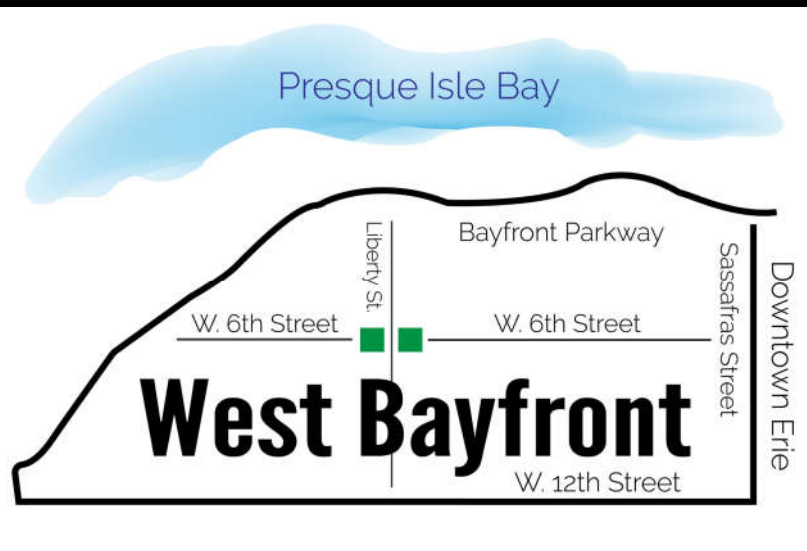


Special thanks to:

- Our host, **Martin Luther King, Jr. Center**
- **Herb and Honey Bakery** for delicious snacks
- **All of you** for joining us this morning!



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Today's Topics:

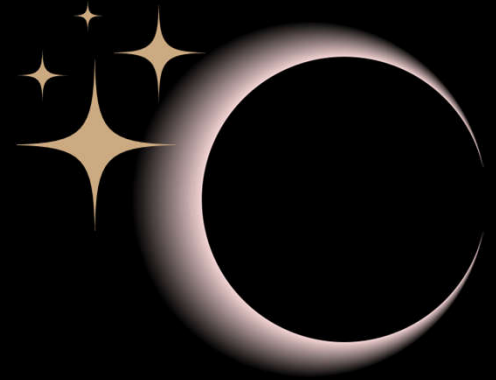
1. West 7th Street Community Build and other OWB-owned property renovations
2. Home repair assistance
3. Historic Erie Preservation Trust (Jeff Kidder)
4. Street Tree Planting Project
5. West 12th Street Reimagined Study (Jenni Easton)
6. Neighborhood Engagement Opportunities
7. Eclipse Tips



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Eclipse Trivia!



Question:

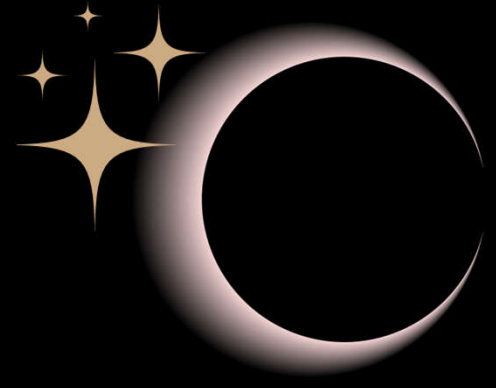
What day will the solar eclipse take place?

Answer:

Monday, April 8th!

Just making sure everyone is awake 😊

Eclipse Trivia!



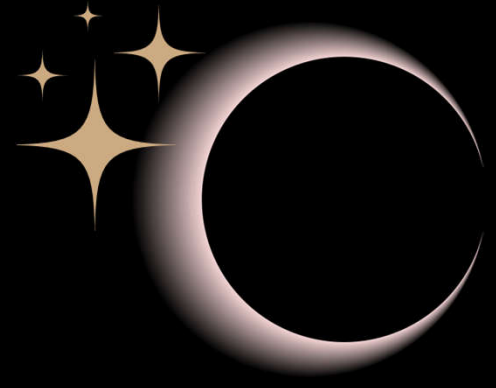
Question:

About how many years will it be until Erie sees another total solar eclipse?

Answer:

375 Years. That will be in 2399!

Eclipse Trivia!



Question:
How long will totality last?

Answer:
4 minutes and 28 seconds

Eclipse Trivia!



Question:

A solar eclipse can occur on every planet in our solar system except for which two planets?

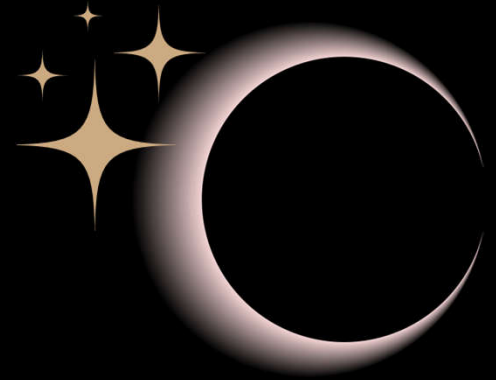
Hint:

Which planets don't have moons?

Answer:

Mercury and Venus

Eclipse Trivia!



Question:

Where will you be watching the eclipse?

At home?

At an event around town?

At a friend/family member's house?

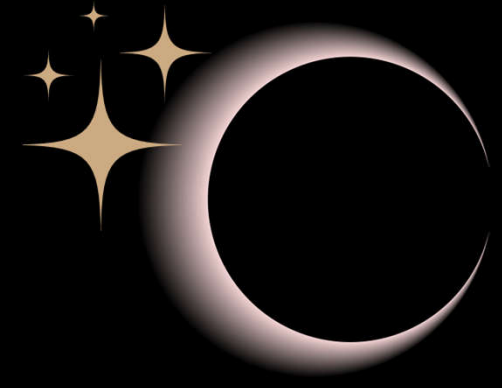
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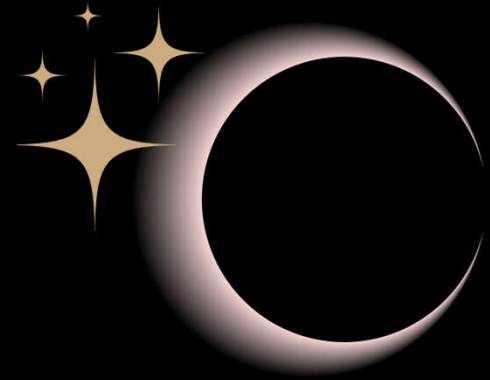


Ways to lend a hand:

1. Sign up to volunteer at www.ourwestbayfront.org/build811 or contact Marissa
2. Support the volunteers with snacks
3. Make a contribution for materials/supplies at ourwestbayfront.org/donate



Vacant Property Rehab Projects



702 Raspberry St



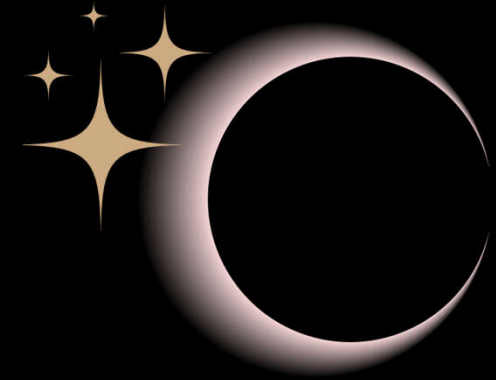
521 West 3rd Street

811 Walnut



716 Myrtle Street

Liberty Street Renaissance Block



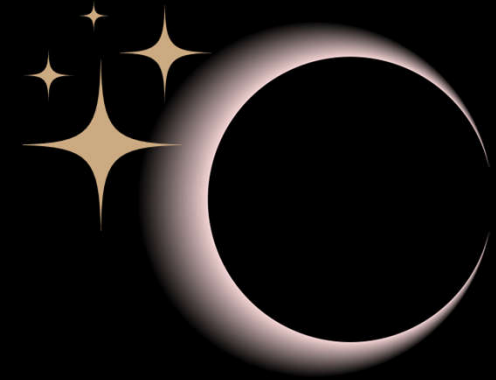
- 14 properties assisted so far with repair grant funding
- Boulevard plantings completed last summer
- Pedestrian improvements planned



Home Repair Assistance

Lead Hazard Control Program

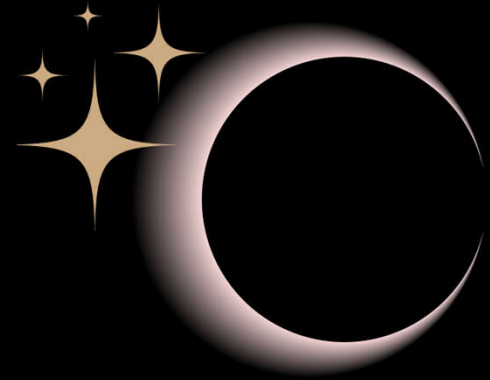
- Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie
- Intended to eliminate LEAD in homes with children 5 or younger.
- Only for homes with certified lead present



Home Repair Assistance

Healthy Homes

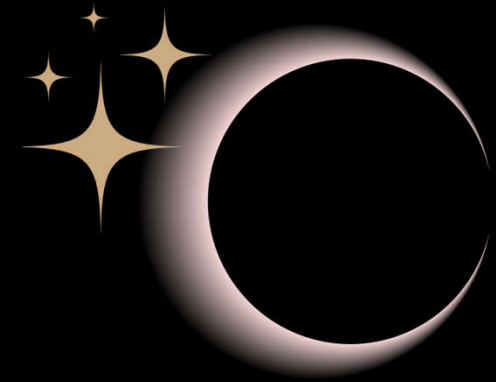
- Offered by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie.
- Intended to improve overall health & safety of homes.
- Maximum of \$24,999 for repairs



Home Repair Assistance

Lead Program Requirements

- Income
 - Household max income shown to the right.
- Qualifying Child
 - **Owner Occupied** - must have child who is 5 or younger who lives at residence or is there at least 6 hours a week
 - **Renter** - qualifying child not required but will need an application from both renter and landlord



1 Person -< \$44,450

2 Person -< \$50,800

3 Person -< \$57,150

4 Person -< \$63,500

5 Person -< \$68,600

6 Person -< \$73,700

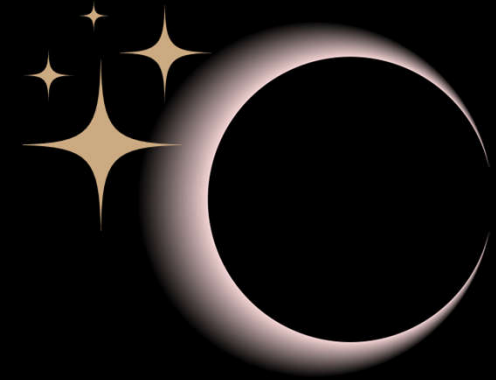
7 Person -< \$78,750

8 Person -< \$83,850

Home Repair Assistance

Healthy Homes Requirements

- Income
 - household max income shown on the right
- Renters/Landlord
 - Renters and landlords both need to complete different applications.
 - Renter must meet the income requirements.
 - Landlords will be responsible for 20% of project costs.



Annual household income MAY NOT exceed the following:

1 Person -< \$45,180

2 Person -< \$61,320

3 Person -< \$77,460

4 Person -< \$93,600

5 Person -< \$109,740

6 Person -< \$125,880

7 Person -< \$142,020

8 Person -< \$158,160

(Subject to yearly changes)



Historic Erie Preservation Trust (HEPT)



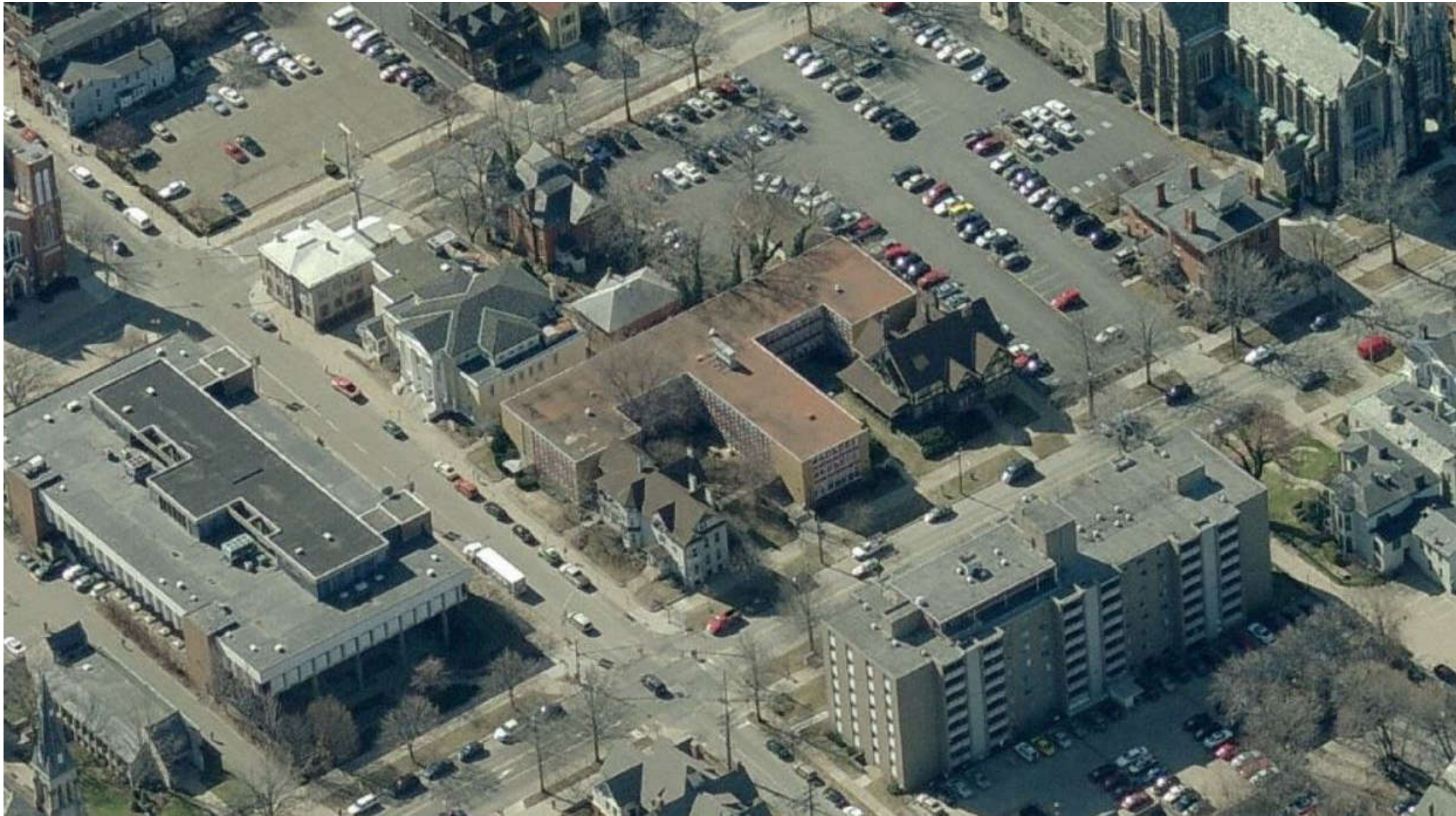
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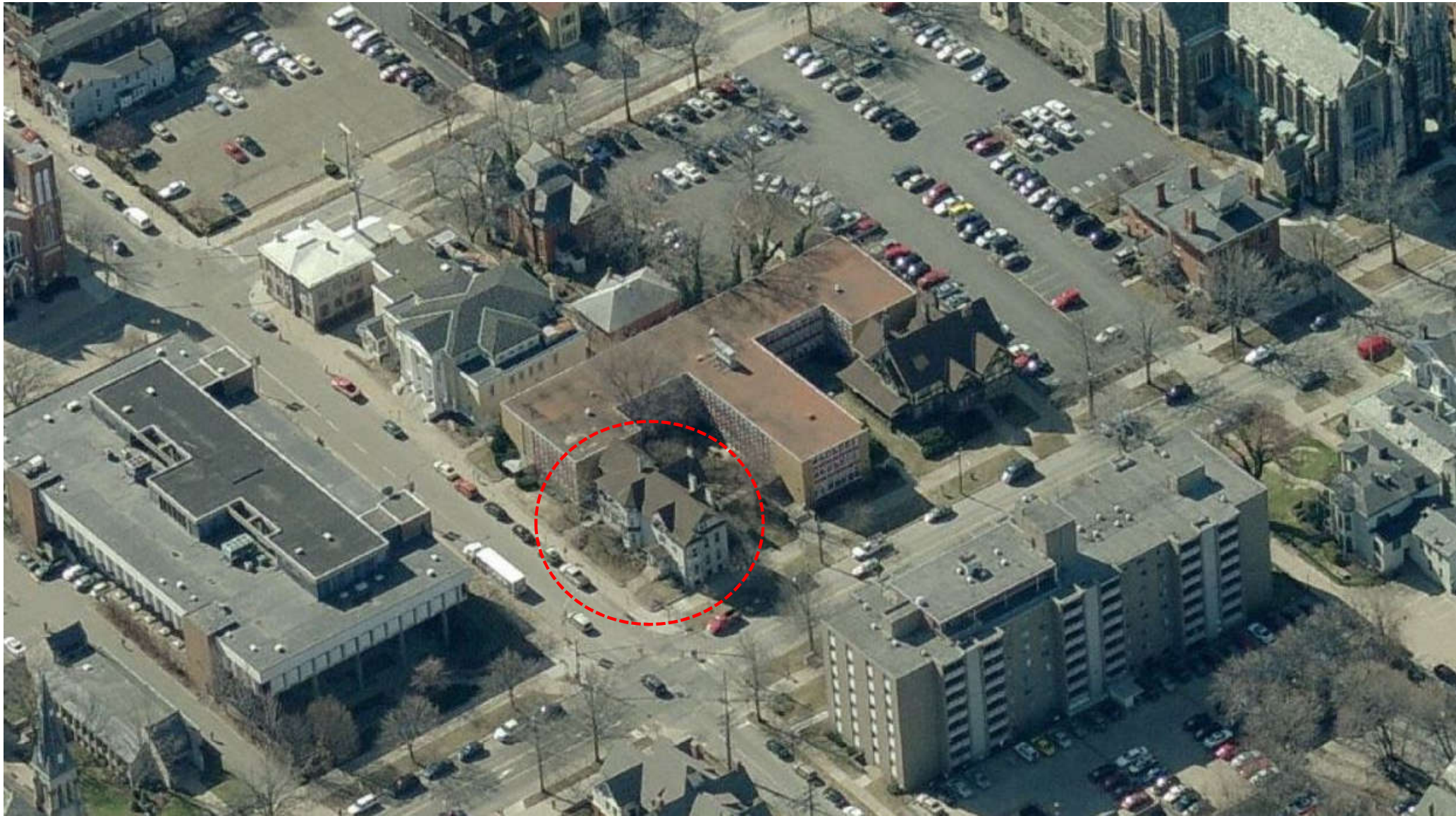


Historic Erie Preservation Trust (HEPT)

2018-2024

35 Buildings: 22 Apartment Buildings (90 Apartments)
 2 Mixed Use Buildings (6 Apartments + 2 Storefronts)
 7 Commercial Buildings (Offices + Restaurant)
 4 Single Family Home
 14 Miscellaneous Parcels











Carter-Shannon House – 203 West 6th Street (1830/1890)



Circa 1900



Under Construction
General Engineering
Building Safety Committee

ONE WAY



Frederick Jarecki House – 221 West 6th Street (1901)











Olds-Norman House – 216 West 7th Street (1884)













Alex Jarecki House – 305 West 6th Street (1911)



Shapiro, Futzelman, Berlin,
Ely, Smith & Walsh
Attorneys at Law









Selden House – 318 West 6th Street (Circa 1896)

































330

328

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Two intercom units are mounted on the brick wall between the doors.

















319-321 West 5th Street (2022)



333 & 337 West 6th Street (circa 1890)

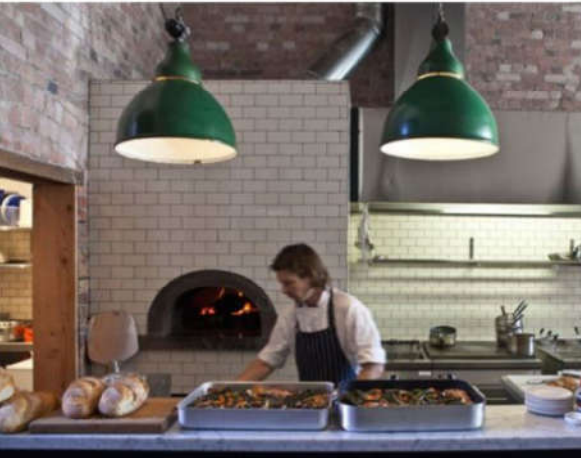
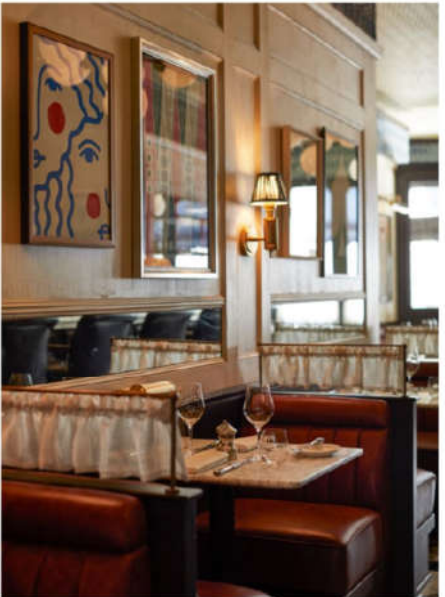


516-518 Chestnut Street Duplex (1946)



Former AAA/United Way Office Building (1970)





Entry

























Scheidenhelm House - 456 West 6th Street (1918)



Addison Leech House - 462 West 6th Street (1870)



















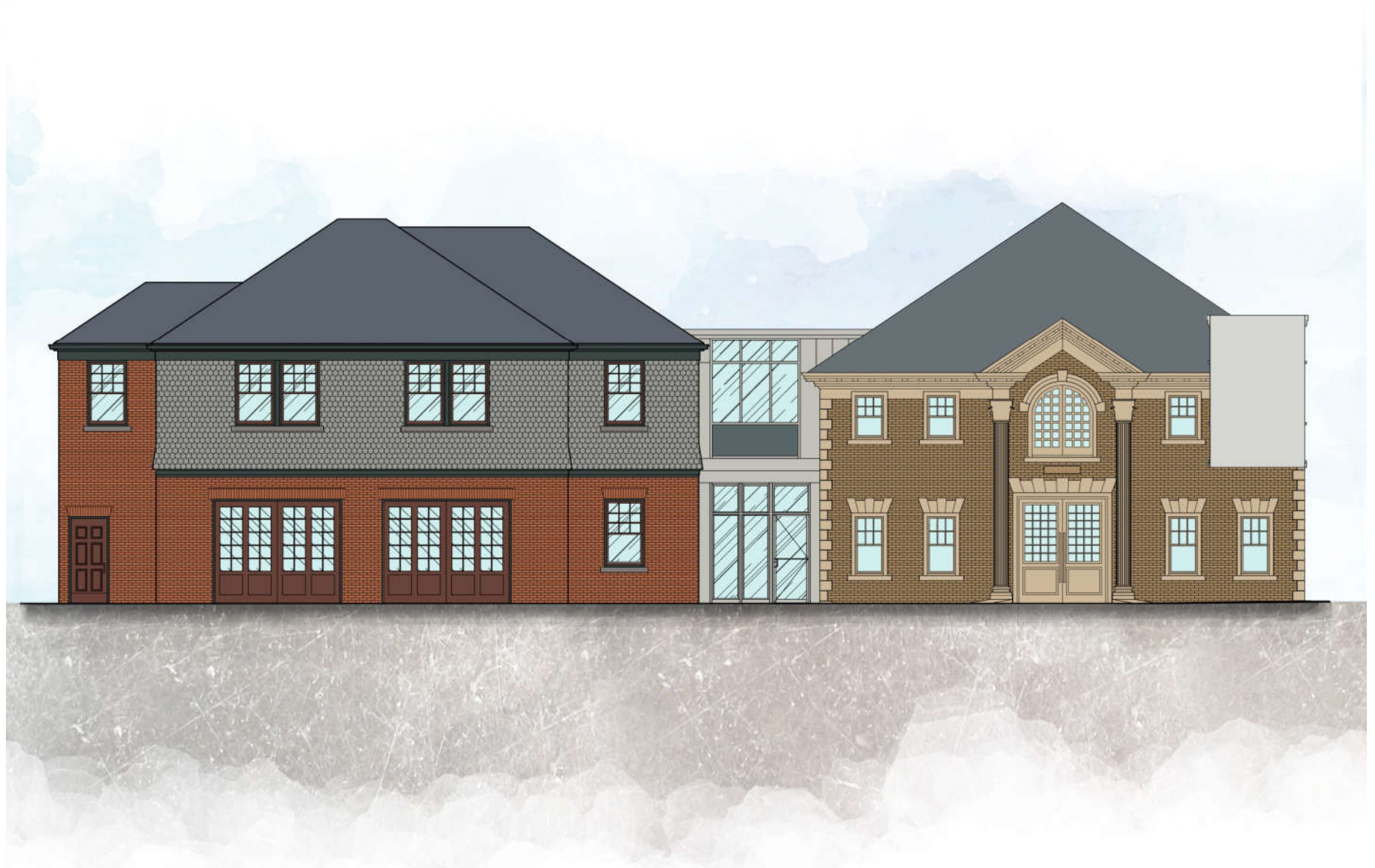
Lowry House (Erie Community Foundation) - 453 West 6th Street (1890)















608 Walnut Street (1941)







Connell-Payne-Wilson House - 502 West 6th Street (1890)



















Rindernecht House - 512 West 6th Street (1890)



Albert Jarecki House - 520 West 6th Street (1908)



Otto Germer House - 538 West 6th Street (1895)







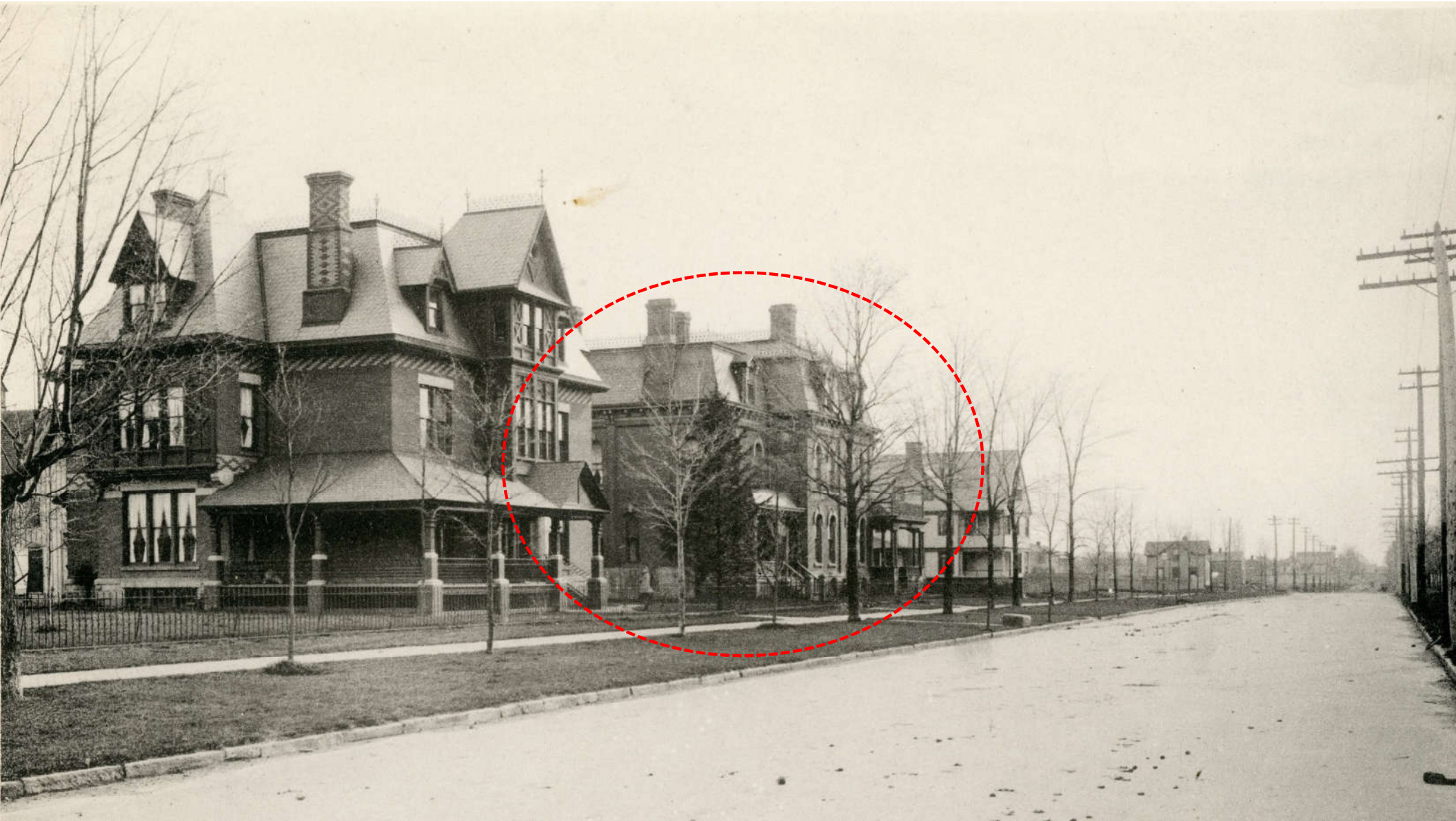
Robert Jarecki House – 558 West 6th Street (1910)





Spencer Townhouses – 527-529 West 6th Street (1876)







Walker-Filer House - 555 West 6th Street





Former Sophia's Tavern – 514-16 Cherry Street







Jarecki-Collins House – 620 West 6th Street (1927)











1927





659 West 6th Street



Thayer-Thompson House – 605 West 8th Street (1863)

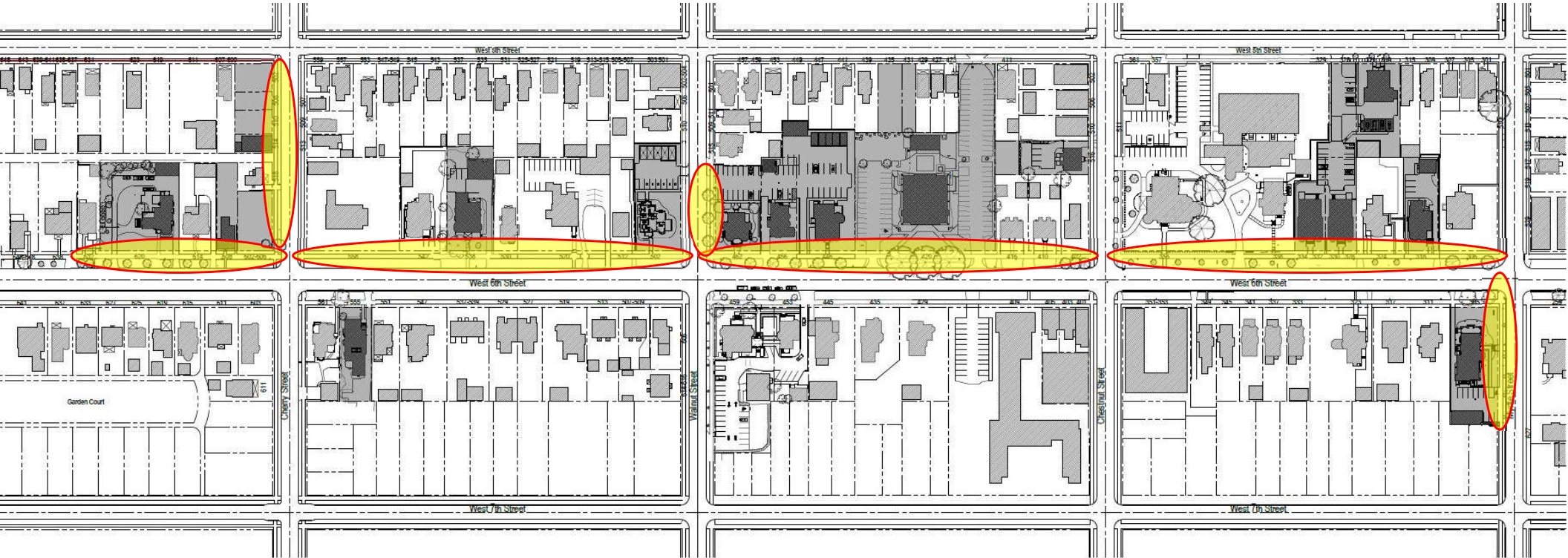






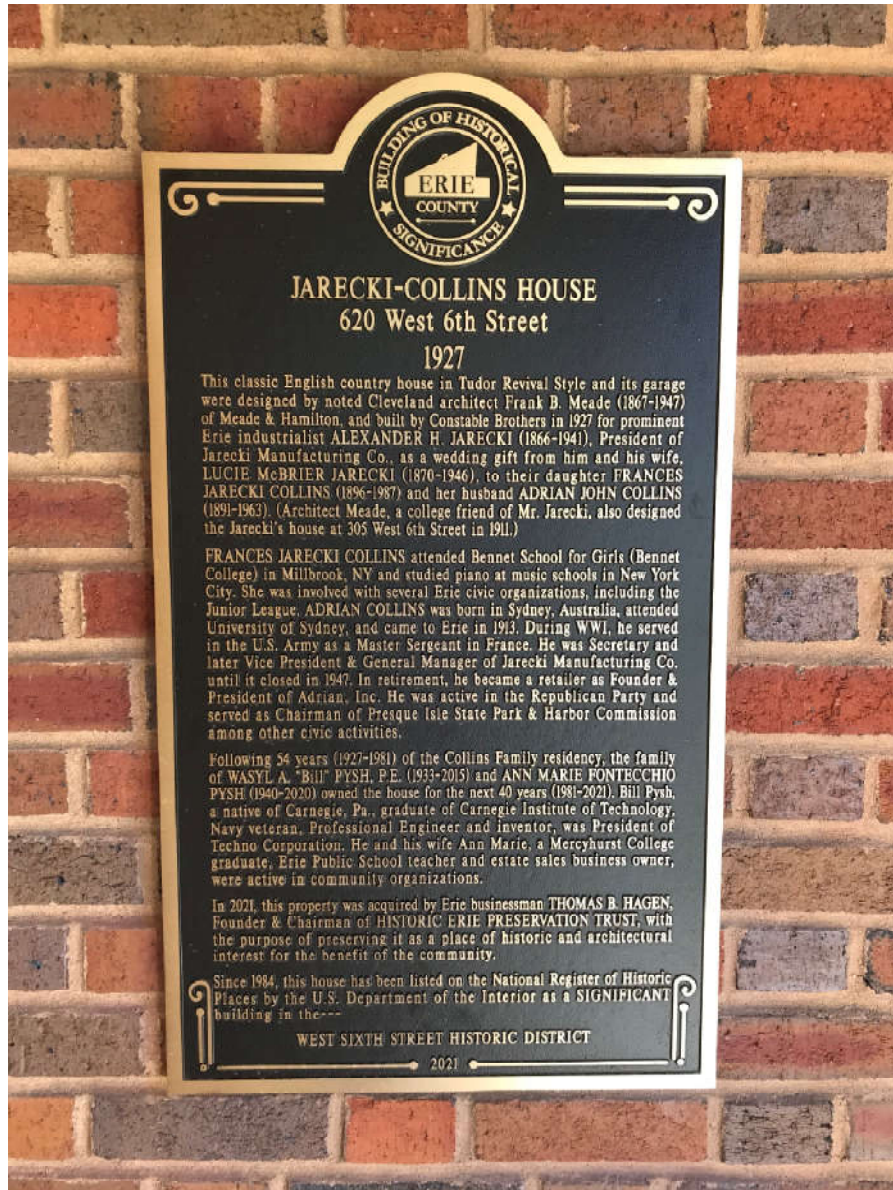


Griffith-O'Brien-English House – 613 West 8th Street



New Sidewalk Lighting (32 Light Fixtures)





JARECKI-COLLINS HOUSE
620 West 6th Street
1927

This classic English country house in Tudor Revival Style and its garage were designed by noted Cleveland architect Frank B. Meade (1867-1947) of Meade & Hamilton, and built by Constable Brothers in 1927 for prominent Erie industrialist ALEXANDER H. JARECKI (1866-1941), President of Jarecki Manufacturing Co., as a wedding gift from him and his wife, LUCIE McBRIER JARECKI (1870-1946), to their daughter FRANCES JARECKI COLLINS (1896-1987) and her husband ADRIAN JOHN COLLINS (1891-1963). (Architect Meade, a college friend of Mr. Jarecki, also designed the Jarecki's house at 305 West 6th Street in 1911.)

FRANCES JARECKI COLLINS attended Bennet School for Girls (Bennet College) in Millbrook, NY and studied piano at music schools in New York City. She was involved with several Erie civic organizations, including the Junior League. ADRIAN COLLINS was born in Sydney, Australia, attended University of Sydney, and came to Erie in 1913. During WWI, he served in the U.S. Army as a Master Sergeant in France. He was Secretary and later Vice President & General Manager of Jarecki Manufacturing Co. until it closed in 1947. In retirement, he became a retailer as Founder & President of Adrian, Inc. He was active in the Republican Party and served as Chairman of Presque Isle State Park & Harbor Commission among other civic activities.

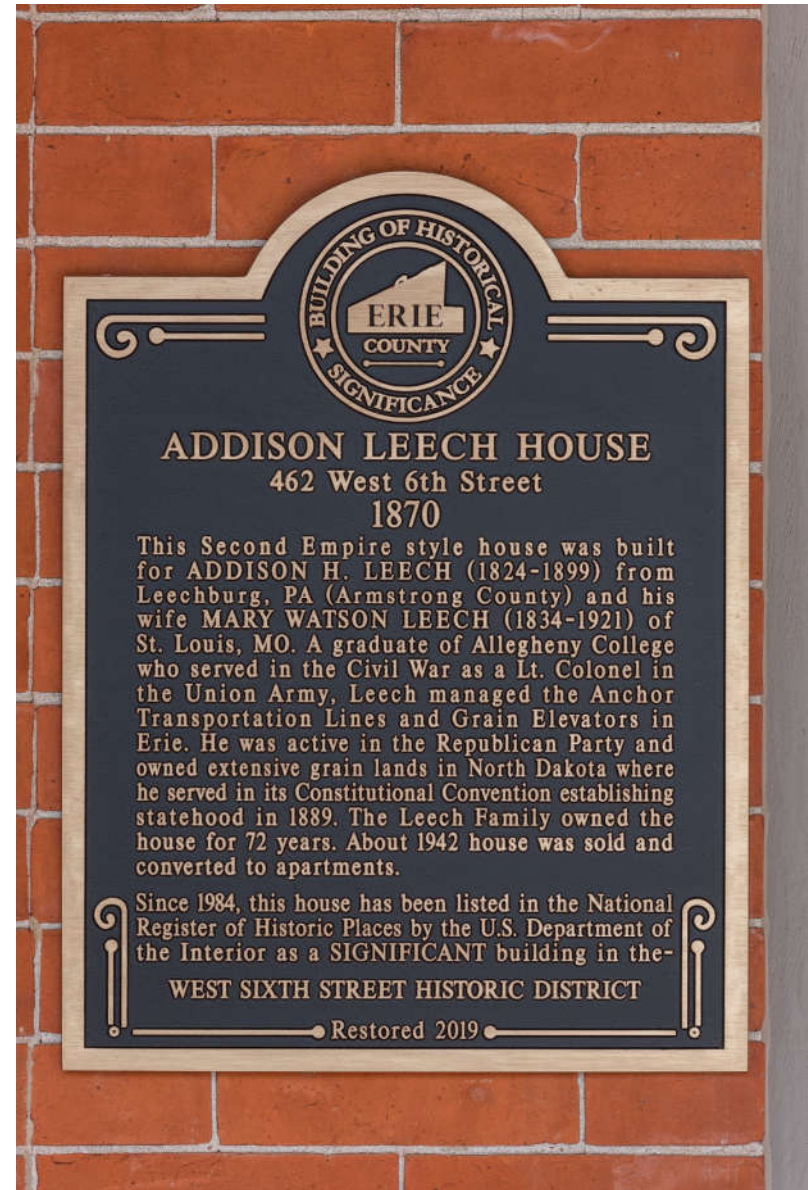
Following 54 years (1927-1981) of the Collins Family residency, the family of WASYL A. "Bill" PYSH, P.E. (1933-2015) and ANN MARIE FONTECCHIO PYSH (1940-2020) owned the house for the next 40 years (1981-2021). Bill Pysh, a native of Carnegie, Pa., graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology, Navy veteran, Professional Engineer and inventor, was President of Techno Corporation. He and his wife Ann Marie, a Mercyhurst College graduate, Erie Public School teacher and estate sales business owner, were active in community organizations.

In 2021, this property was acquired by Erie businessman THOMAS B. HAGEN, Founder & Chairman of HISTORIC ERIE PRESERVATION TRUST, with the purpose of preserving it as a place of historic and architectural interest for the benefit of the community.

Since 1984, this house has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a SIGNIFICANT building in the--

WEST SIXTH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

2021



ADDISON LEECH HOUSE
462 West 6th Street
1870

This Second Empire style house was built for ADDISON H. LEECH (1824-1899) from Leechburg, PA (Armstrong County) and his wife MARY WATSON LEECH (1834-1921) of St. Louis, MO. A graduate of Allegheny College who served in the Civil War as a Lt. Colonel in the Union Army, Leech managed the Anchor Transportation Lines and Grain Elevators in Erie. He was active in the Republican Party and owned extensive grain lands in North Dakota where he served in its Constitutional Convention establishing statehood in 1889. The Leech Family owned the house for 72 years. About 1942 house was sold and converted to apartments.

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WEST SIXTH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

Restored 2019



Street Tree Project

Street Tree Assessments

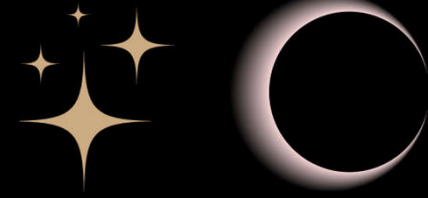
First Phase:

Sept -Nov. 2023

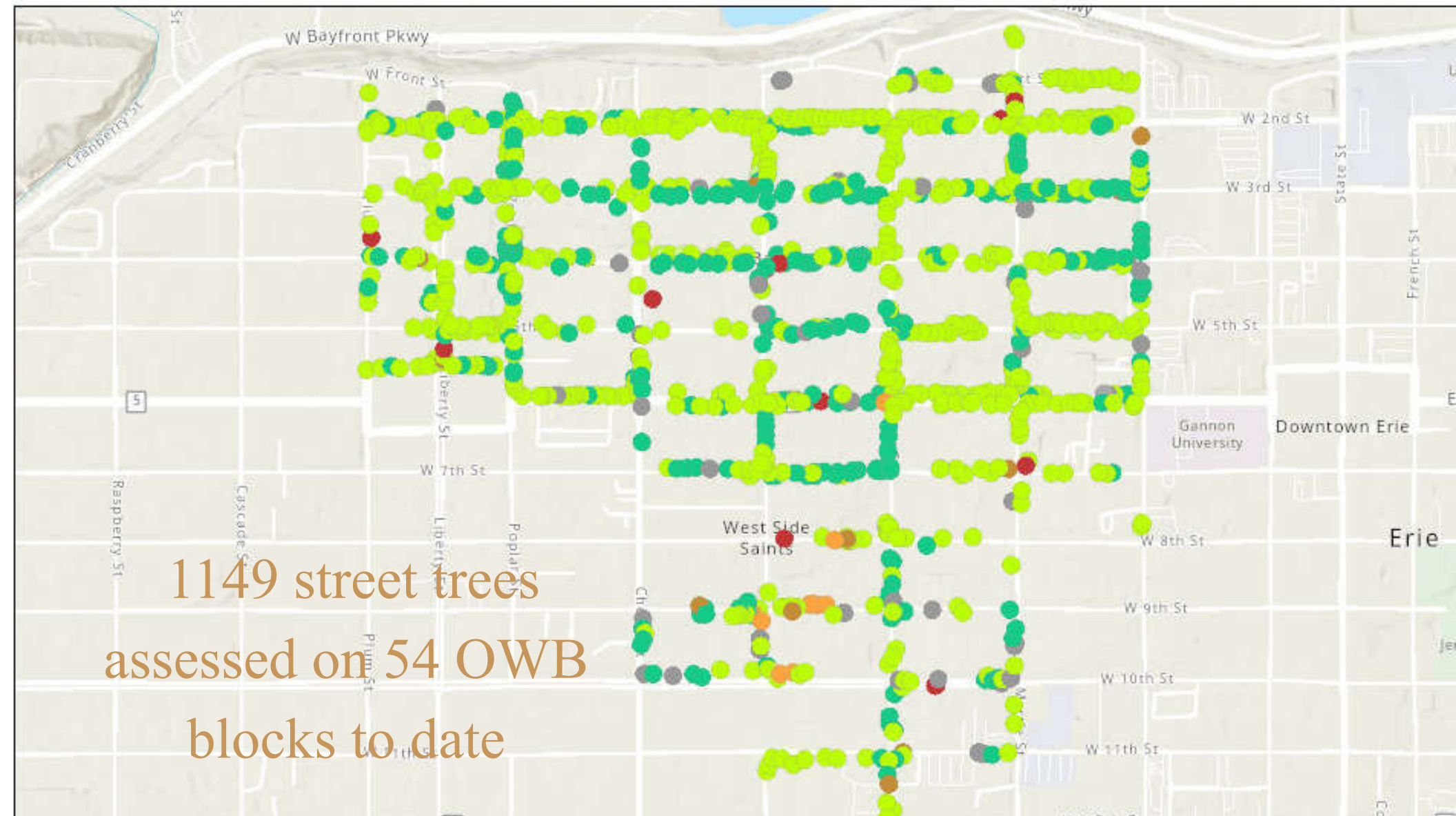
Second Phase:

May, 2024

72 blocks remaining



1149 street trees
assessed on 54 OWB
blocks to date





A new street tree is being planted at this property.



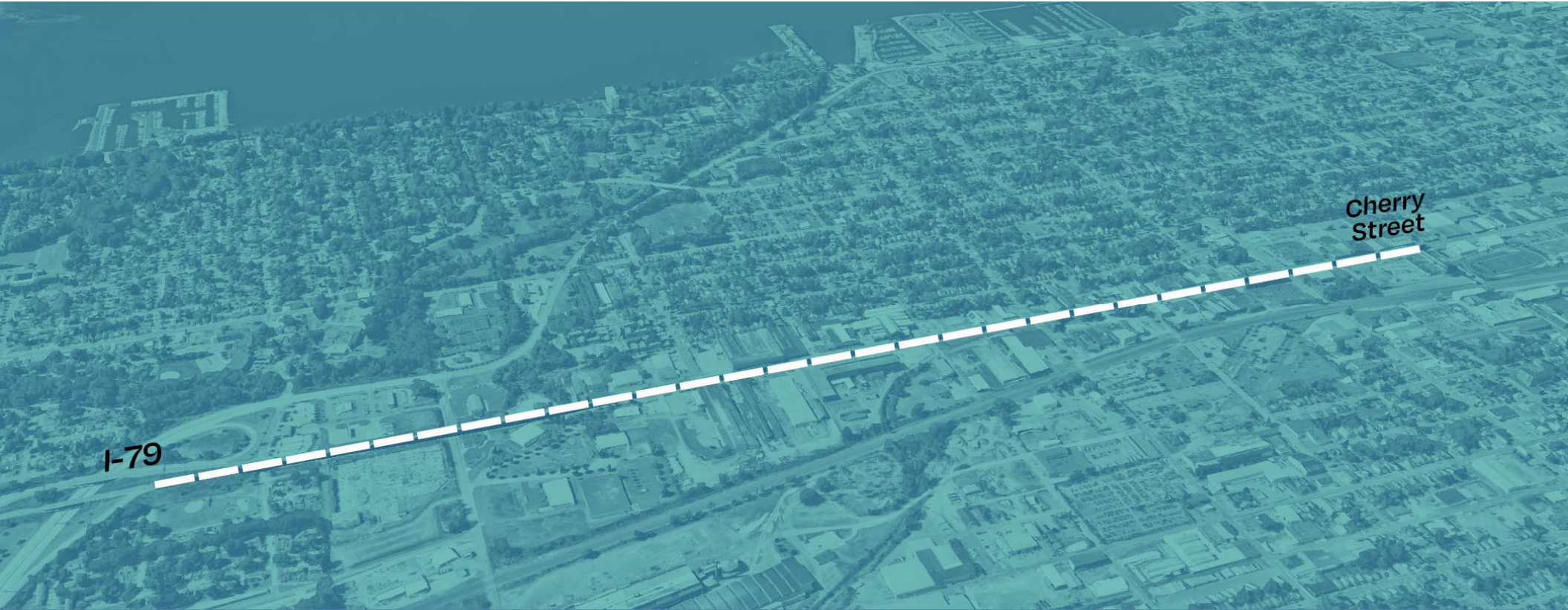
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I-79

Cherry Street

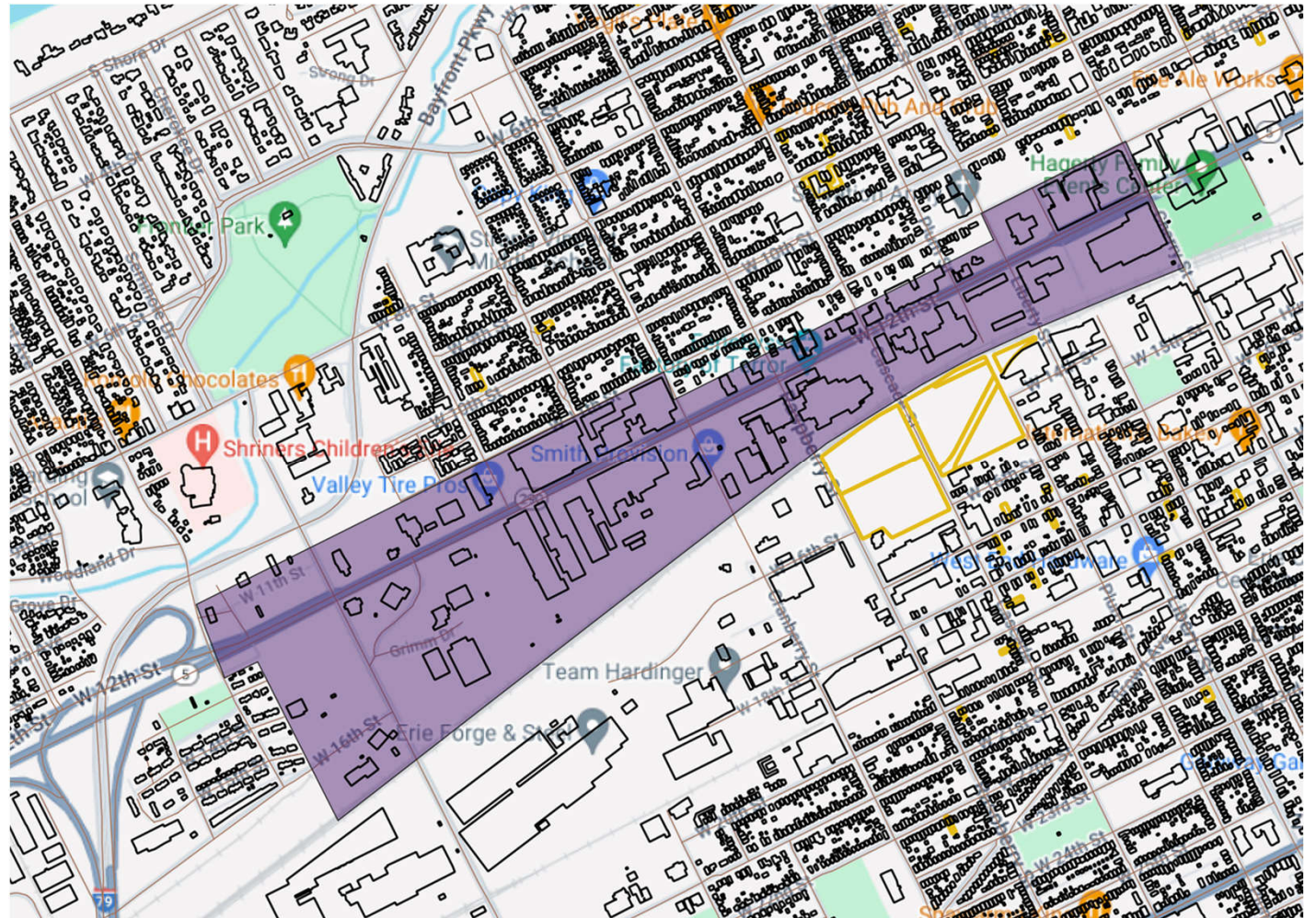
12th Street Reimagined

Project Overview

PASHEK MTR
Landscape Architecture | Community Planning | Design

Defining the Corridor

In the context of this plan, the Erie 12th Street corridor spans 12th Street from the I-79 interchange (1600 block) to Cherry Street (600 block).



Project basics

- Develop market-supported land-use and transportation strategies
- Examine reuse opportunities for critical sites
- Establish practical action steps and funding plans for making the corridor more inviting and functional, ensure that the roadway meets the current and future needs of all users

What's the best-case scenario for improved conditions along West 12th Street?

How do we get there from here?

What's involved?

- Steering committee meetings
- Field assessment of existing conditions
- Transportation, land use and market data analysis
- Interviews, focus groups, neighborhood group meetings
- Two public events (in March and May)
- Identification of target sites, concept development
- Vision/concept workshopping 155
- Regulatory review
- Implementation and funding plan

Market overview

The strengths of the Erie 12th Street Corridor emanate from a strong industrial legacy to existing affordable housing. The corridor's connection to I-79, I-90, and proximity to downtown could be further leveraged to create a district, or cluster of activity. Similarly, the district's infrastructure could support more density in terms of businesses or housing.

Key Analysis Findings: Real Estate

- **High Business Vacancy Rate:** At 10.6%, the business vacancy rate in the 12th Street Corridor surpasses both county (7.7%) and state (8.5%) averages, indicating a need for revitalization and business attraction strategies.
- **Residential Vacancy:** The residential vacancy rate stands at 6.8%, suggesting housing demand or quality challenges, which could impact the corridor's attractiveness to new residents and workers. Relatively few residents both live and work in the corridor. Increasing this share could both fill housing demand and create a larger local market for main street services.
- **Underutilized Real Estate Potential:** The presence of available office, retail space, and vacant land, combined with relatively low lease rates, highlights underutilized real estate potential that could be leveraged for economic development.

Key Analysis Findings: Industry Trends

- **Limited Diversity in Business Types:** The corridor primarily hosts professional, scientific, technical services, and manufacturing businesses, with a notable absence of accommodation, food services, and worker-support services.
- **Low Absorption Rates for Industrial Space:** Industrial space absorption has lagged behind national averages in Erie, with relatively low rents but also low vacancy (for space actively available for rent). The 12th Street corridor includes industrial space that does meet highest and best use standards or is not actively being promoted as available.
- **Challenges in Multifamily Housing Demand:** Despite the increasing rents, the demand for multifamily properties has been weaker than national averages. This could reflect a mismatch between the housing supply and the needs or financial capabilities of the local population, pointing to the need for affordable housing solutions.

Key Analysis Findings: Economic Indicators

- **Slower Retail Absorption Rates:** Compared to national averages, the demand for retail space in the Erie Metropolitan Area, including the 12th Street Corridor, is weaker, with slower absorption rates indicating potentially lower business activity in retail sectors.
- **Economic Performance:** Erie's median income is significantly lower than Pennsylvania's average, combined with a lower labor force participation rate and a higher share of people with disabilities, which could impact economic resilience and growth potential.
- **Decreasing Population:** Erie's population has been in decline since the 1960s, with the city's population falling below 100,000 in 2020. This trend could affect labor market size and consumer base.

12th Street Corridor Businesses

Note many sole proprietor professionals and manufacturing facilities. There is a notable absence of accommodation and food service establishments. This is consistent with hearing there is a lack of worker supporting services in the corridor.

12th Street Corridor Businesses

Establishments (including Sole Proprietors)	
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	18
Manufacturing	11
Retail Trade	6
Construction	3
Transportation and Warehousing	3
Wholesale Trade	2
Finance and Insurance	1
Other Services	1
Real Estate Renting and Leasing	1
Total	46

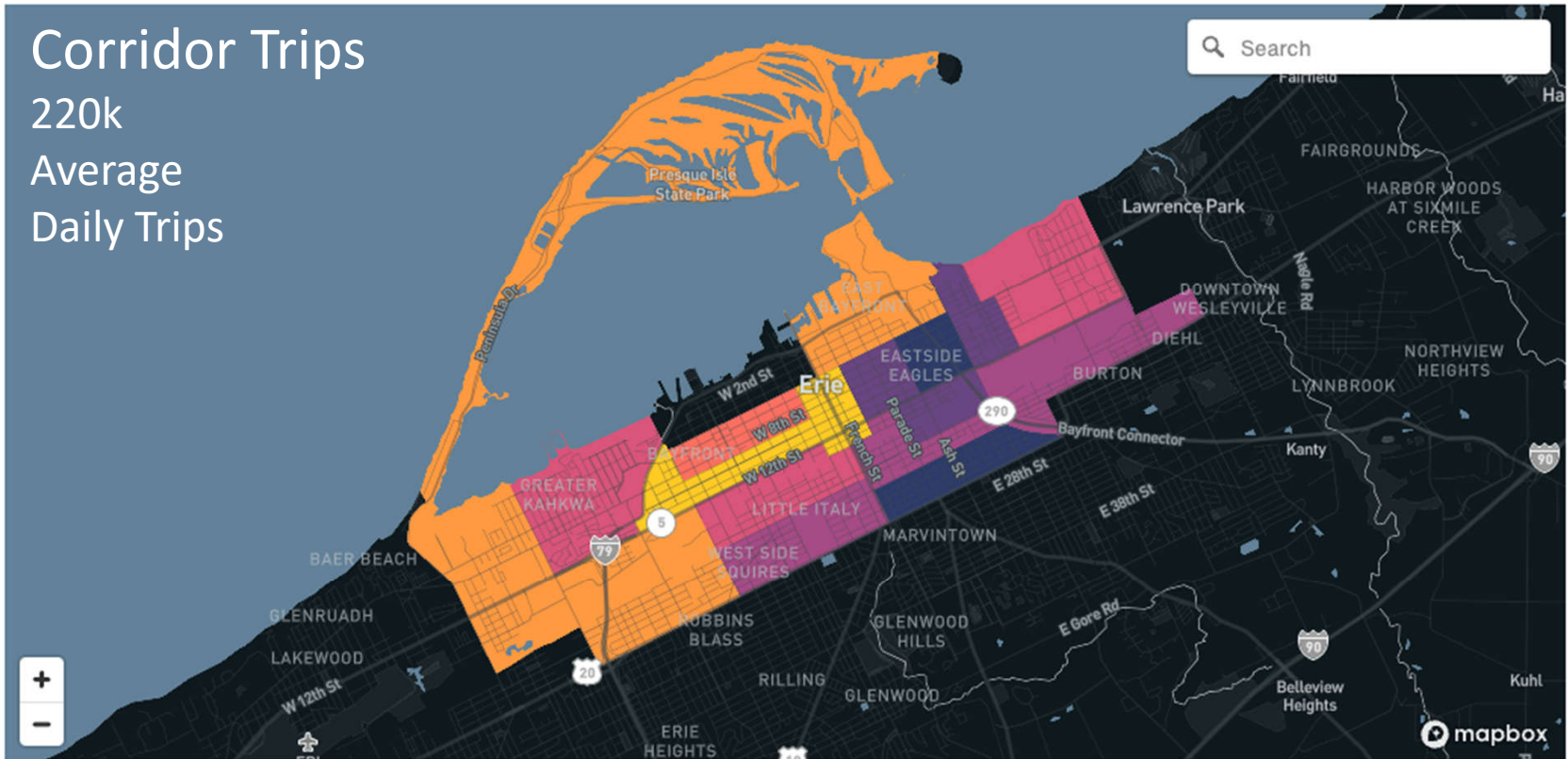
Source: Google Business Cards

Corridor Trips

220k

Average

Daily Trips



Source: Replica (as of Feb 24,, 2024)



Follow the project online!

cityof.erie.pa.us/12streetproject



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460 Volunteers have put in 2212.5 hours so far this year!

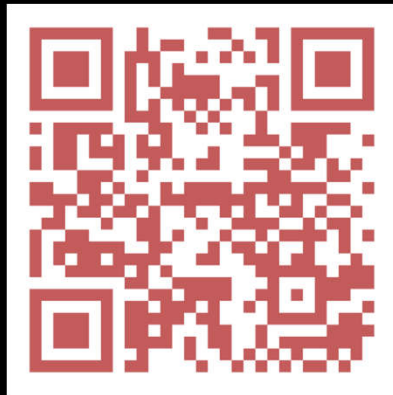
Projects Include:

- 811 West 7th Street Community Build
- Events and Outreach
- Environmental Projects (Tree assessments)



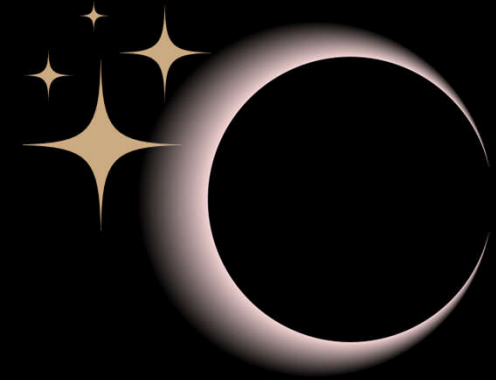
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OWB Spring Cleanup



SPRING CLEANUP!

NEW!

APRIL 20, 2024

8:30AM

MEET AT GRILDEY PARK



**PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TEAMS
AND WILL COMPETE TO SEE WHO CAN
COLLECT THE HIGHEST WEIGHT OF TRASH!**

www.ourwestbayfront.org/events to register

Eclipse Tips

Have your eclipse glasses on before and after totality!

View the eclipse from your home or any nearby event location, including:

- Perry Square
- Frontier Park
- Liberty Park/Highmark Amphitheater
- Gannon University (West 7th St)

Consider traffic and transportation. West 2nd Street will be closed from State to Cascade St.

Enjoy this once in a lifetime opportunity!

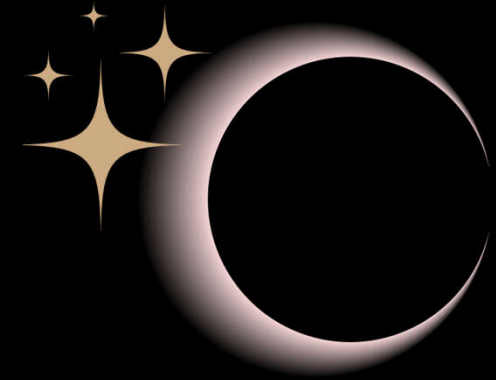
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Please mark your calendar:



Erie Gives Day:

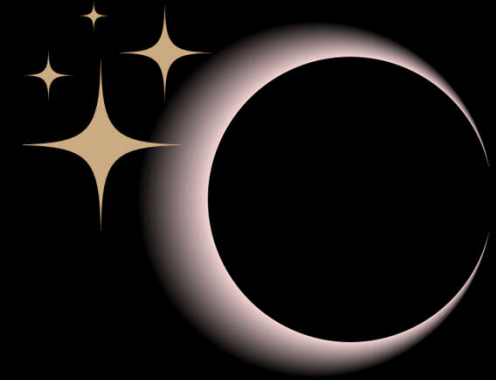
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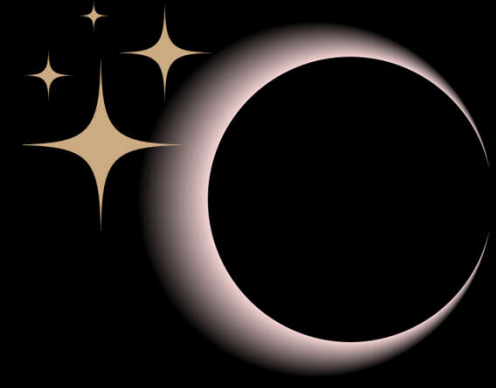
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After this. . .

- OWB team members will be available for any questions or ideas
- Share your thoughts about West 12th Street with Jenni
- Enjoy more refreshments
- Purchase a Gridley Park Eclipse Shirt or other OWB attire
- Sign up to volunteer!



Contact OWB



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Thank you for joining us this morning!