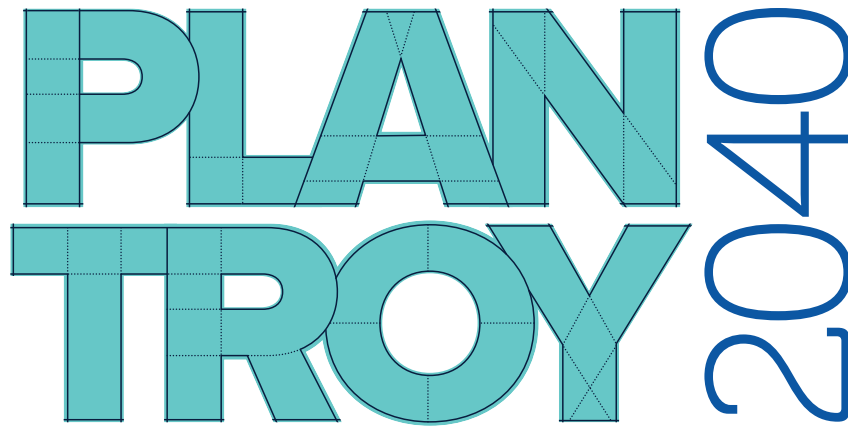


**John R and South**

**November 6: 10 a.m.**

Park at daycare on the east side of John R at 6952 John R.





## Neighborhood Node John R & South

### WALK & TALK AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Review Packet
3. Meeting Norms & Limitations on Discussion  
The City has to plan and zone so no development is not an option.
4. Objectives of Walk & Talk  
To gather input on whether the land use plan for this area is correct?  
If so, how? If not, what should the land use plan be?  
Are the boundaries of the Neighborhood Node zoning correct?
5. Southeast Corner  
Is this the entrance you want for your City? Under current planning and zoning, what you see in Rochester Hills would be required for glass, brick, and quality of building would be required.
6. Southwest Corner  
Would it be appropriate for this corner to be redeveloped as a 2-story building? The houses south on John R to Harned have remained, while planned and zoned as neighborhood node for 10 years. Should they be planned for neighborhood node, single-family housing or some other way?
7. Wrap up  
What thoughts or impressions from the walk? Was it different in different places?  
What should be preserved?  
What should be improved?  
What should be changed?  
What should be changed on the land use plan?  
What can be applied to other areas of the City?
8. Thank you

# Neighborhood Node

## WALK & TALK MEETING NORMS

Use “I” statements

Speak for yourself and your experience.

One diva, one mic

One person speaks at a time; interruptions can distract.

Kind and Brave

State your truth with compassion from where others may be coming from.

Assume positive intent

Someone may say or do something that irks you, don't assume malicious intent.

Intent vs. Impact

Be aware of the difference between intent versus impact of your statement and actions; how you intended it is not always how someone else experiences it.

Listen for understanding

Listen with the intent to truly understand what the other person is saying/expressing; suspend judgement while listening.

Step up/Step back

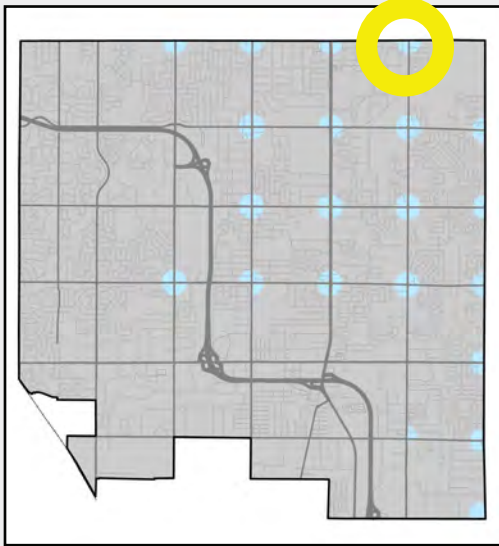
Be self-aware of when you are contributing too much or not contributing enough.

When furious, get curious

Ask questions to clarify what upsets you.

Source: Yodit Mesfin-Johnson, COO & VP of Strategy, New

## Neighborhood Nodes: The Economic Neighborhood



- Located at intersections of the City's main roads.
- Work together with Social Neighborhoods to create a more livable community.
- Mixed use.
- Provide neighborhood gathering places.
- Accommodate the daily needs of residents.

### JOHN R AND SOUTH

Small local commercial uses and office uses should be the focus of this node, to complement the large scale office development across the City's boundary to the north, within the City of Rochester Hills.

Neighborhood Nodes are the concentrated, commercial and mixed-use centers situated at major intersections of Troy thoroughfares that serve as the center of the City's Economic Neighborhoods. Economic Neighborhoods are destinations created as "go to" places that take on a social role, serving both as a place to meet basic needs of the community and as 21st century village centers. The attributes of Economic Neighborhoods are described in more detail in the final section of this Chapter, and the urban design characteristics of Neighborhood Nodes will be described in depth in Chapter 10. The nodes will typically permit a mix of commercial, office, and high-density residential, although the predominant uses in any Neighborhood Node development must be in keeping with the node characteristics. Industrial uses will not be permitted in the Neighborhood Nodes.

The Economic Neighborhoods of Troy also center on the square mile grid system. Unlike the social neighborhood, the Economic Neighborhoods are centered on major road intersections where commercial and office development occurs. When destinations are created, these nodes become a "go to" place and take on a social role. Each of these nodes serves four quadrants of the overlapping social neighborhoods and has the ability to bring residents of four neighborhoods together.

These Economic Neighborhood nodes are destinations that draw people, visually distinguished from the balance of corridor strips through greater density and scale. Variation in building height will often be used to separate the node from the surrounding area, but will not be so extreme as to visually overpower abutting neighborhoods. The separation of building heights at intersections with the "between" segments of corridors stimulates the visual concept of "pulsing" development and sets up a system of visual anchors.

Moderately dense residential environments may be encouraged within some nodes to provide steady activity for longer periods of the day. In these cases, residences may be mixed with offices on upper floors or be developed immediately adjacent to the commercial areas. Connections between the commercial activity and residences must be directly and seamlessly integrated.

During the course of the planning process, the Planning Commission closely analyzed the need for additional neighborhood nodes throughout the City. The City will continue to consider the demand for additional nodes as part of subsequent plan revisions.

### **DESIGN CONCEPT**

- These nodes are within a fifteen minute walking distance of residential neighborhoods to permit alternative modes of transportation.
- Development will be denser and taller than the surrounding area, encouraging visual prominence to signal a gathering space.
- Nodes should be generally confined to a 1,000 foot radius from a major intersection.
- The nodes provide uses and spaces that attract and welcome neighborhood residents.

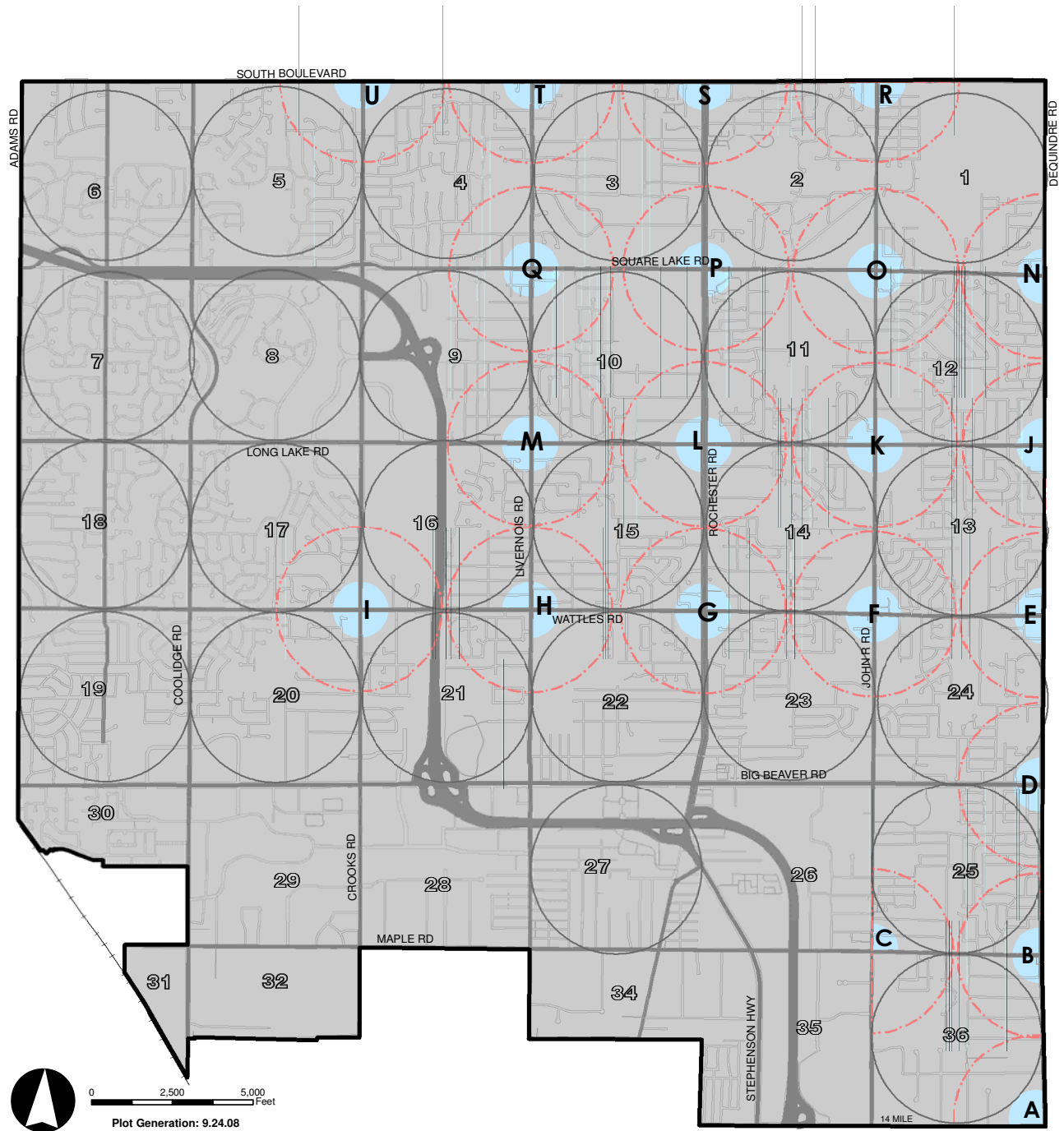
### **SITE DESIGN ATTRIBUTES**

- Buildings should be separated from the right-of-way line by a landscaped greenbelt, one lane of off-street parking or a pedestrian walk, or a combination of these.
- Primary parking areas will be located within rear or interior side yards.
- Off-street parking should be screened from the public right-of-way by a knee wall or low decorative fence with a hedge of plantings.

- Walks will connect adjacent developments and the public sidewalks.
- Well-defined crosswalks with timed signalization will permit safe crossings.
- Flexible use of space allowing modest outdoor gathering spaces, such as plazas, will be encouraged.




### **BUILDING DESIGN ATTRIBUTES**


- Buildings should be between two and three stories, although one-story structures accommodating gas stations or other special situations may be permitted.
- One-story buildings should have a minimum exterior height of sixteen feet.
- A ground level story should have a minimum height of twelve feet from finished floor to finished ceiling.
- Facades facing major thoroughfares will be treated as fronts and should have a minimum of half transparent glass and special architectural design treatments.
- Fenestration (the arrangement of windows and doors) should be highlighted through the use of awnings, overhangs or trim detailing.
- Lighting will be carefully managed so as not to encroach on adjacent residential areas.



Basemap Source: Oakland County Planning

## Economic Nodes

-  Social Neighborhood
-  Economic Neighborhood
-  Neighborhood Nodes: The Economic Neighborhood

- 15 Section Number
- A** Economic Node
-  All Other Uses

# John R & South Boulevard Neighborhood Node Zoning Boundaries

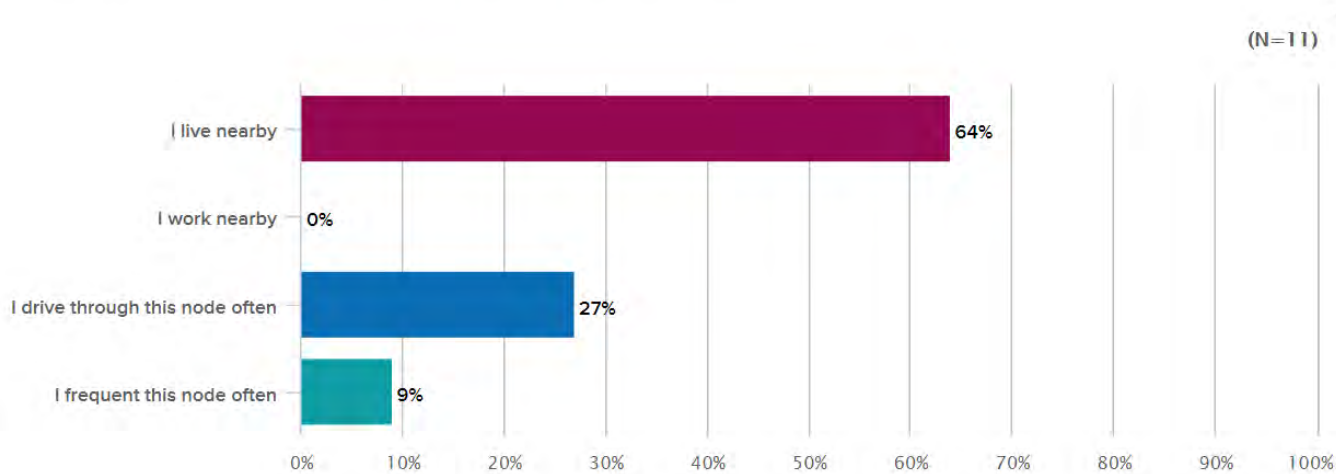
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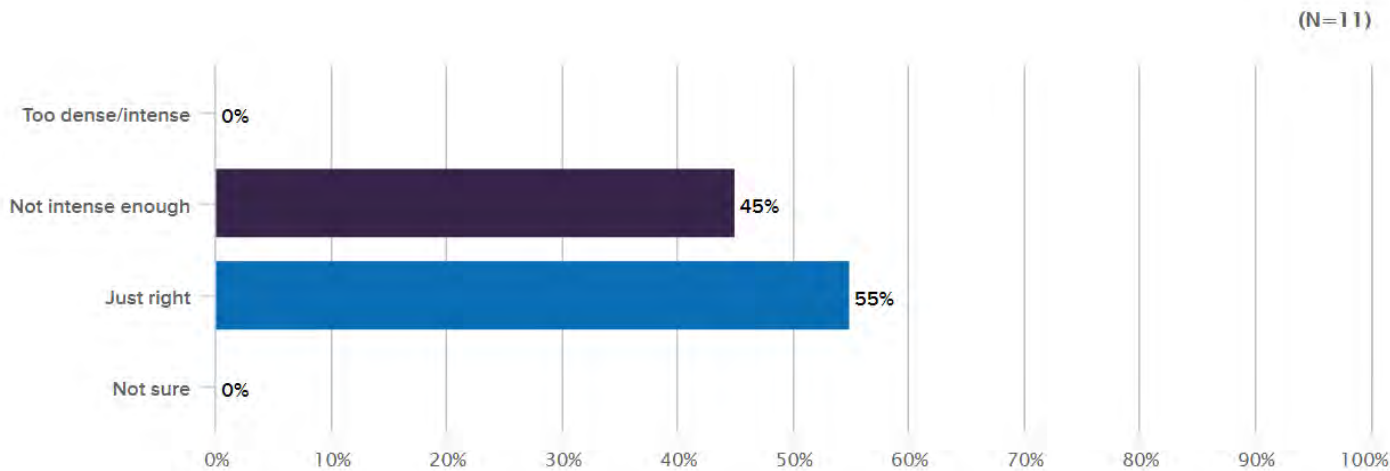
# Survey Results:

## South and John R.

7. Why is this node important to you? (check all that apply)



8. How do you think this node has been developed?

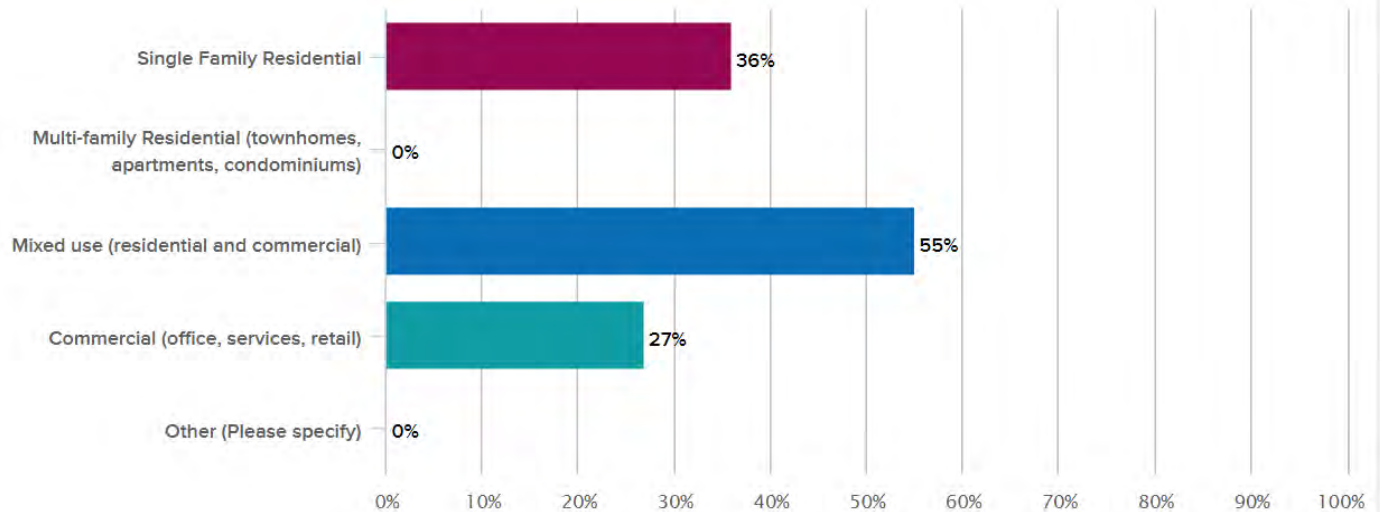


9.

What type of development do you think fits this node? Choose all that apply.



(N=11)



# What is a Master Plan?

A Master Plan is all of the numbered items working together. Planners need a Master Plan document and city planning principles to create a city that is functional and sustainable well into the future.



1  
Guide for City Leaders to decide “what goes where”



3  
Reflects the needs and balances the wants of residents, businesses, property owners, and other stakeholders.



## What is city planning?

City planning is used in tandem with a Master Plan. Planning helps guide city growth, influence policy decisions, ensure a successful future, and is critical for sustainable growth.



2  
Is used by City Staff to make policy decisions about transportation, parks, utilities, economic development, land use, etc.



4  
Policy document that provides a “roadmap for the best path from a known present into an unknown future”

