

Destination Downtown Defiance



AGENDA

- Downtown Vision
- What has been done?
- Current Proposal – Road Diet
- What is left?



Downtown Vision

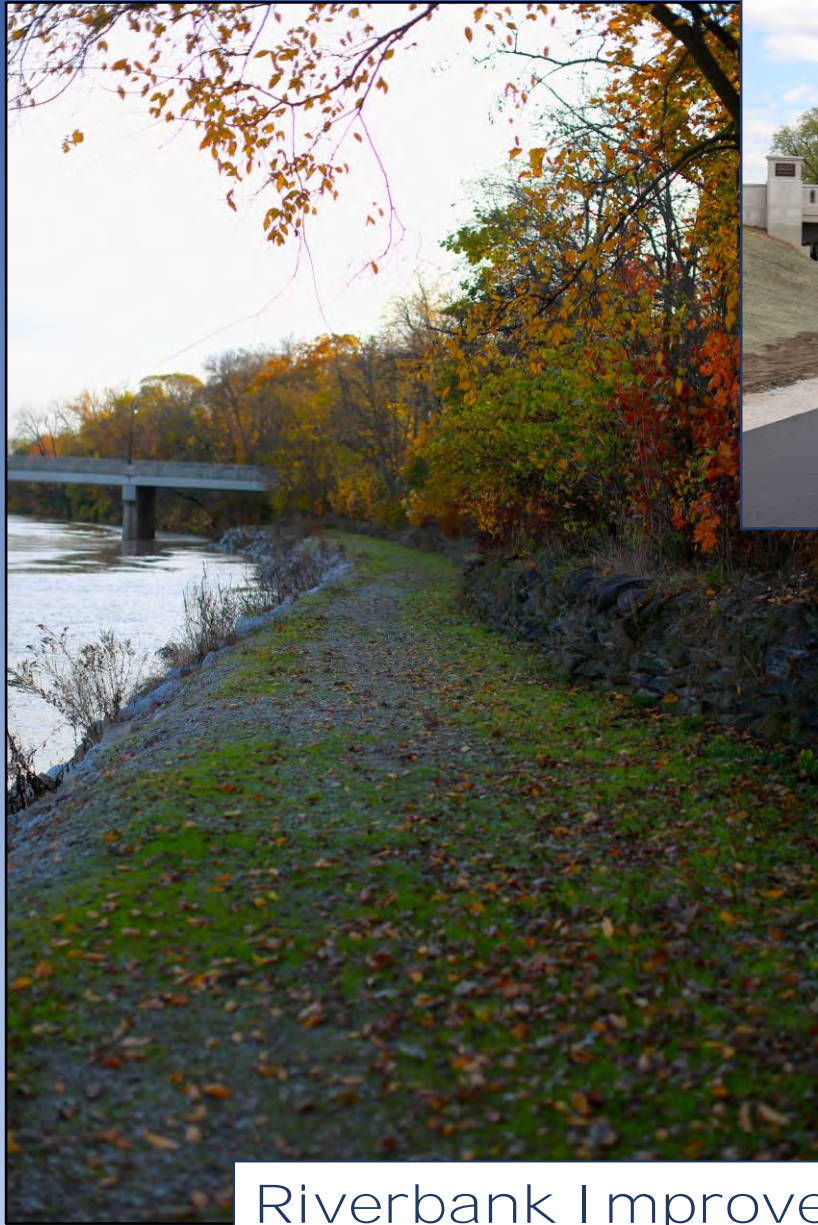
- Community Strategic Plan (2017)
 - Connectivity: 100% of the community has access to safe pedestrian connections
- City Strategic Plan & Downtown Revitalization Plan (2011)
 - Capitalize on the rivers (clean up, protect, provide access & walkways, development)
 - Streetscaping
 - Focal Points
 - Traffic Circulation: create an atmosphere where pedestrians feel safe; create connections to greenspaces and activity points
 - Business & Activity Mix
 - Parking Availability
- Housing Study & Downtown Market Analysis (2019)
 - Clinton Street & Front Street development opportunity
- Defiance County Active Transportation Plan (2019)
 - Envisions a connected, safe, and efficient non-motorized transportation system for essential travel, health, recreation, and tourism
- Parks Master Plan (2014)



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Riverbank Improvements

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Business & Activity

HOW TO *Enjoy* **DORA**TM

DEFIANCE OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA

ENTER Any liquor establishment & request your favorite adult beverage in a DORA cup.

EXIT The liquor establishment onto the sidewalks of downtown Defiance.

ENJOY Your beverage while strolling through downtown Defiance.

DISPOSE Your DORA cup when empty. (each cup is one time use)

REPEAT! Permitted Establishments:

- Spanky's
- Miami and Erie
- Kissner's Restaurant
- Defiance Eagle's Aerie 372 (rules apply)
- VFW Post 3360 (rules apply)



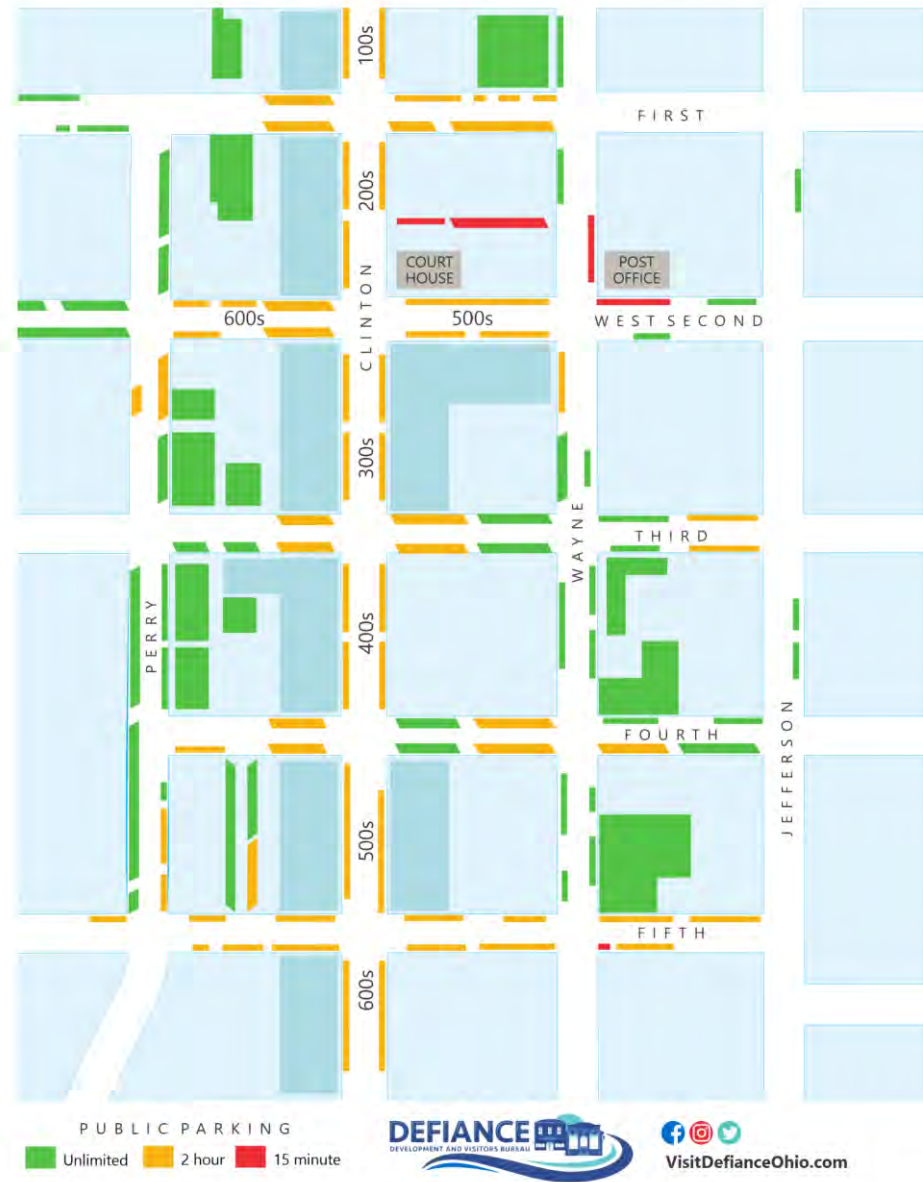
For the Full DORA Map and additional information: Visit DefianceOhio.com/DORA

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- Parking Study & Aerial Photography



Downtown Defiance
RETAIL MERCHANTS + PUBLIC PARKING



Parking Study



07-14-2020 9:00 A.M.



07-14-2020 12:00 P.M.



07-14-2020 4:30 P.M.

Aerial Photos

Clinton Street Road Diet – WHY?!

- Bike & Pedestrian Crashes
- Provide for non-motorized facilities
- Promotes active transportation
- Calms traffic
- Discourages through truck traffic
- Possible noise reduction
- Creates a destination atmosphere for retailers & restaurants



This is a primary reason why we are looking to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in the downtown area along the Clinton Street Corridor:

Pedestrian & Bicycle Crashes (2009-2018) - Clinton St. from River Drive to Thurston Street			
Crash Severity	Site Average		Statewide Average
	Total (2009-2018)	Total (%)	Total (%)
Fatal Crash	1	5.26%	0.93%
Serious Injury Suspected Crash	3	15.79%	4.50%
Minor Injury Suspected Crash	6	31.58%	14.06%
Injury Possible Crash	5	26.32%	7.65%
Property-Damage-Only	4	21.05%	72.86%
Total	19		

79% of Pedestrian & Bike Crashes resulted in an injury (including one fatality) on the Clinton Street corridor.

Whereas the statewide average was 27% resulting in an injury.

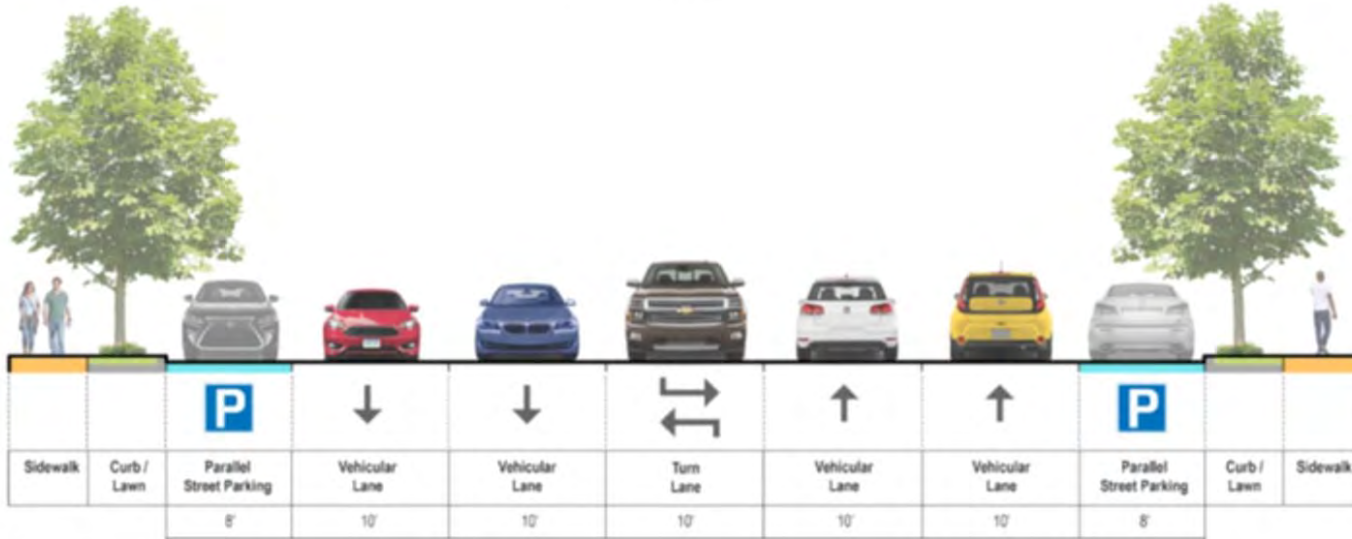
Clinton Street Road Diet Proposal

- Fort Street to Second Street
 - No traffic capacity change
 - Elimination of on-street parking
 - Addition of bike lane with buffer
 - Dual left turn lane on southbound Clinton Street to eastbound Second Street
- Second Street to Juliet Street
 - Elimination of one northbound and one southbound travel lane
 - Addition of center left turn lane
 - Addition of bike lane with buffer
- Mitigating on-street parking loss/Creation of new parking
 - Fort Street
 - First Street
 - Second Street
 - Behind **Spanky's**

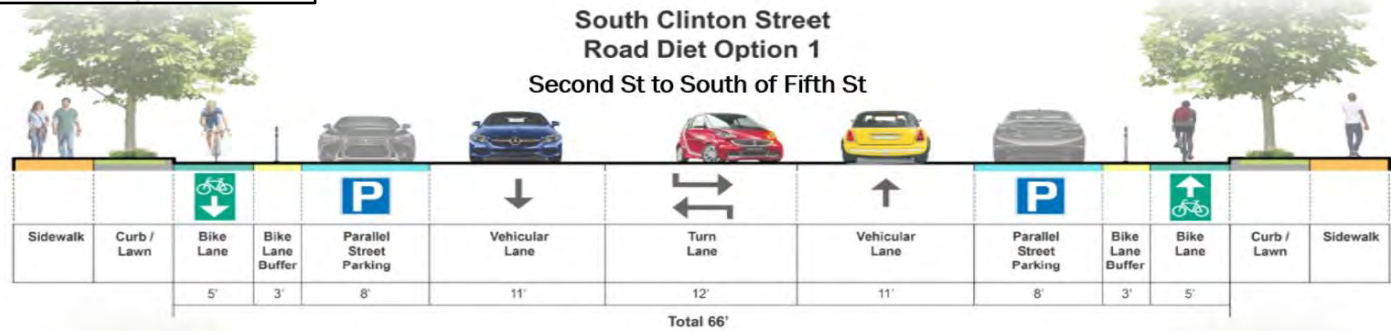


South Clinton Street Existing Condition

Figure not to scale



South Clinton Street Road Diet Option 1 Second St to South of Fifth St



South Clinton Street Road Diet Option 2 South of Fifth St to Triangle Park









What's Next?

- Parks Masterplan
 - Tridge (pedestrian bridges over confluence)
 - Redevelopment of Kingsbury Park
 - Auglaize Park & Native American Tribute
 - Riverfront greenspace at Sensory Effects
- Downtown Defiance North Gateway
 - FEMA Project –removal of buildings adjacent **Spanky's**
 - New riverfront greenspace, dock potential, foodtruck area, pavilion
- 1918 Building Redevelopment
- DORA District Expansion
- Redevelop & utilize Canal Park area to full potential
- Downtown Speakers
- Downtown Public Restrooms





Housing Study & Downtown Market Analysis (2019)

Clinton Street & Front Street development opportunity



Gossman
group
design &
planning

Date 22 Decem



Why are downtowns important?

Why the need for revitalization strategies?

Downtowns are the **heart** of a city and region, having a healthy heart is essential to having a strong city and region.

-Andy Kitsinger, AIA, AICP, Senior Vice-President of Planning & Development, Downtown Memphis Development Commission

