## **Downtown Zoning Evaluation**

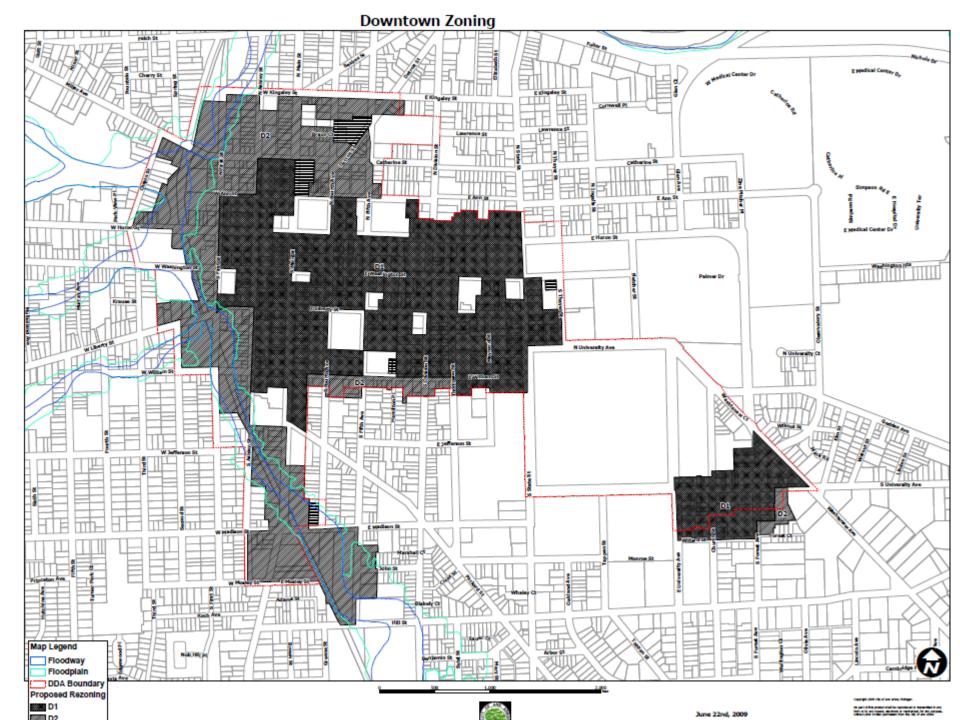
**Options Focus Group** 

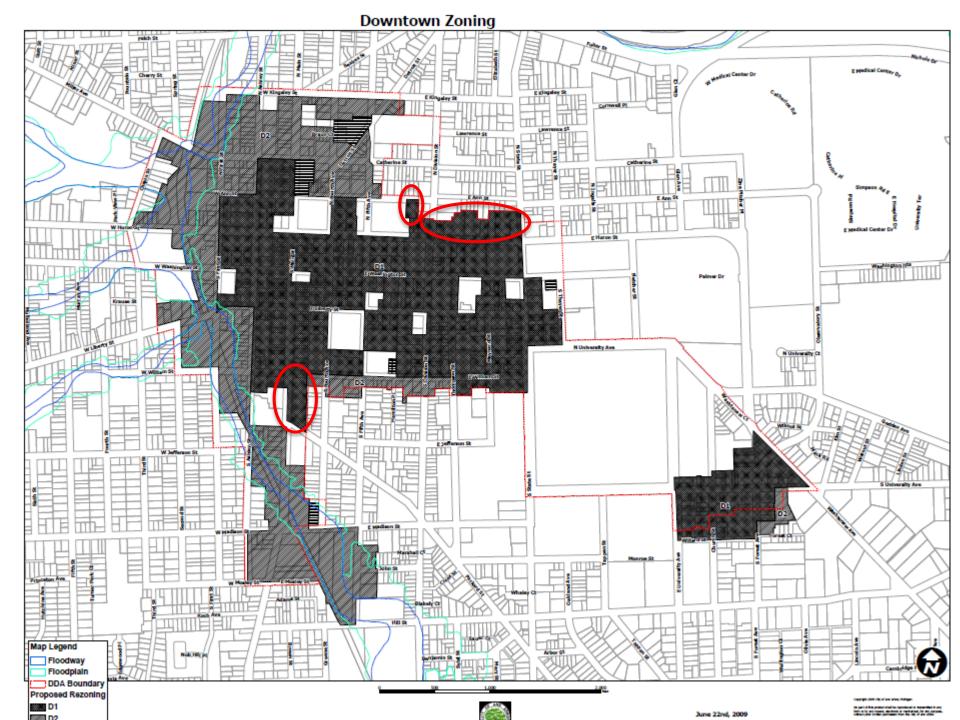
# Goal and Agenda

- 1. Welcome and brief introduction
- 2. Overview of the options
  - 1. Ann St. Site
  - 2. William St. Site
  - 3. Huron St. Site
  - 4. Premiums
- 3. Let's hear from you! Survey, Q&A
- 4. Where do we go from here?

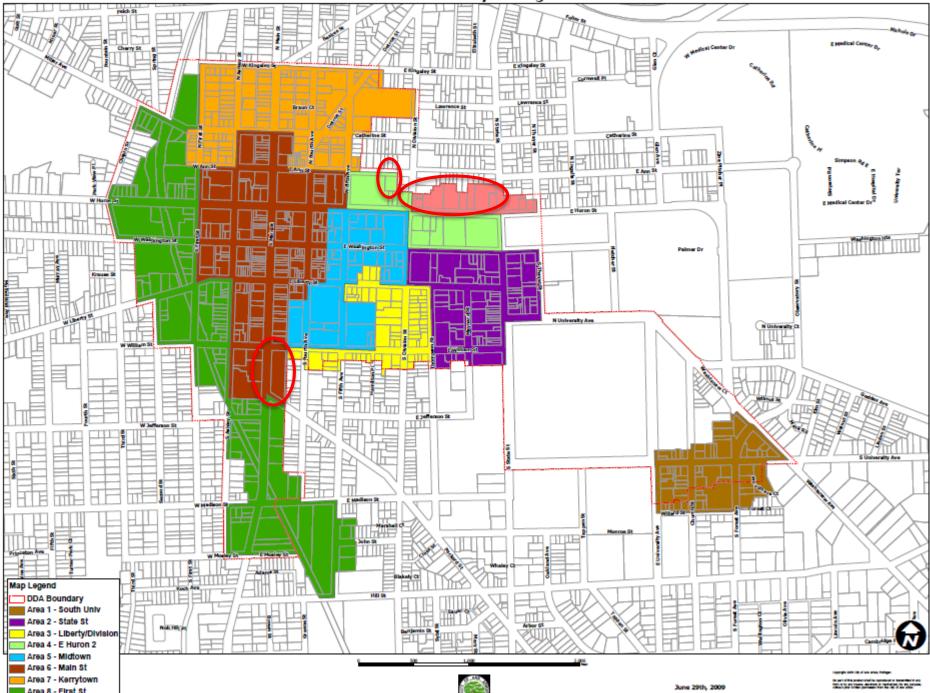
## **Evaluation: Our Task**

- Whether D1 zoning is appropriately located on the north side of Huron Street between Division and S. State and the south side of William Street between S. Main and Fourth Avenue
- Whether the **D1 residential FAR premiums** effectively encourage a **diverse downtown population**
- Consider a parcel on the south side of Ann St. adjacent to north of city hall that is currently zoned D1 to be rezoned to the appropriate zoning for this neighborhood





#### Downtown Character Overlay Zoning Districts



## Relationship of Zoning, Character Overlay and Design Guidelines

### Zoning Districts (D1 and D2)

The "base" zoning"

Basic height, setback, lot coverage, and use regulations.

Premiums for certain amenities Another layer of detail based on existing build environment

**Character Overlays** 

Setbacks, heights, massing standards

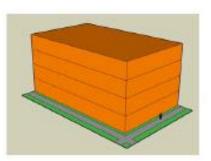
### **Design Guidelines**

Design, architecture, materials administered by the Design Review Board.

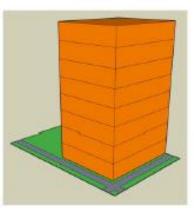
Not part of the zoning ordinance

## **1. FAR–Floor Area Ratio**

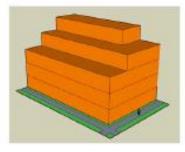
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SF:	37,500
Height:	4 Stories



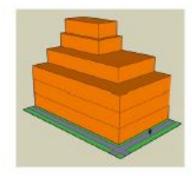
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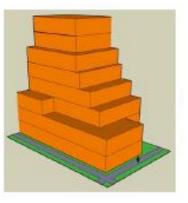
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5 Stories



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FAR:	4.0
SF:	37,500
Height:	6 Stories



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FAR:	4.0
SF:	37,500
Height:	7 Stories





## Premiums

- Residential Use
- Affordable Housing
- Green Building
- Historic Preservation
- Pedestrian Amenity
- Public Parking

Images and Options

## **THE SITES**









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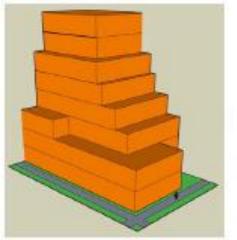


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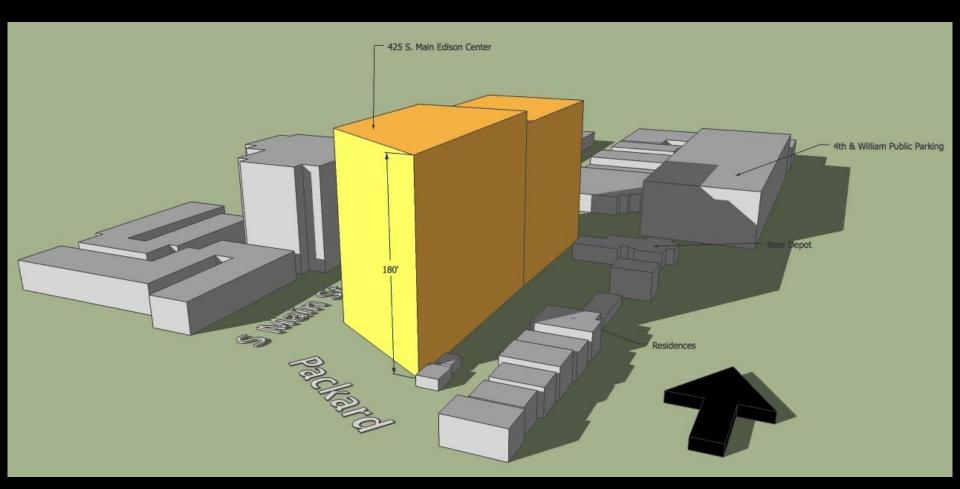


Option 4: Rezone to Office

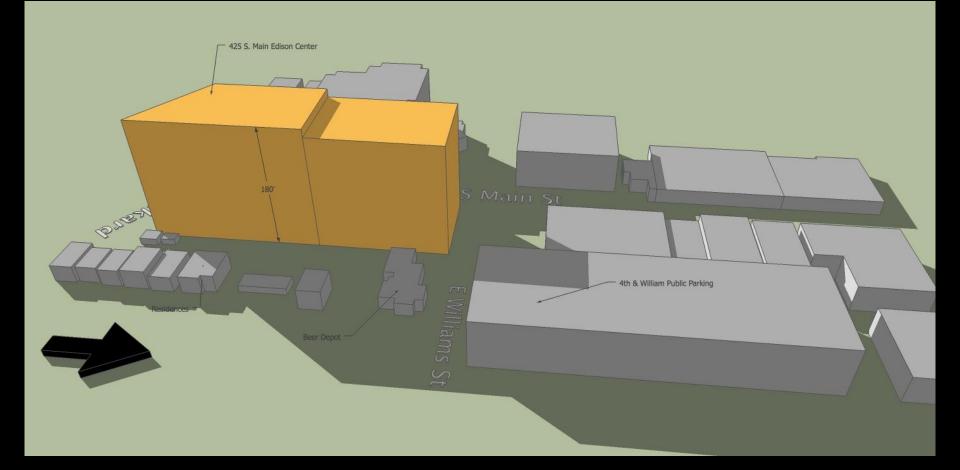




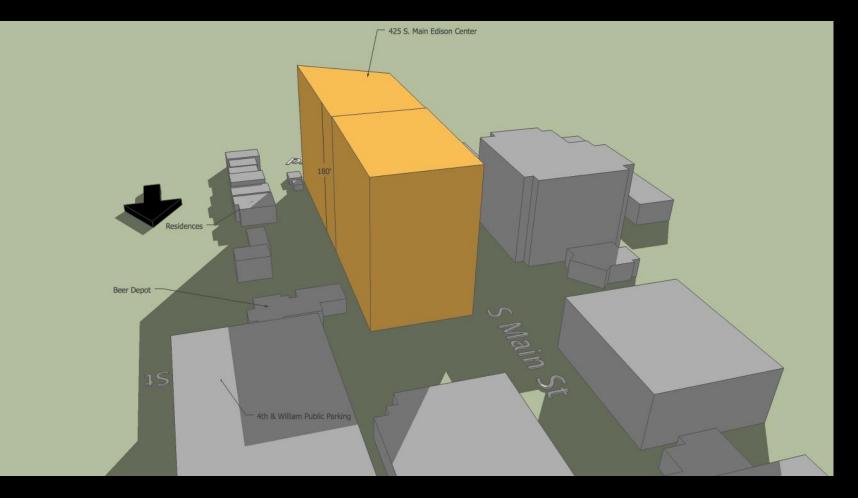




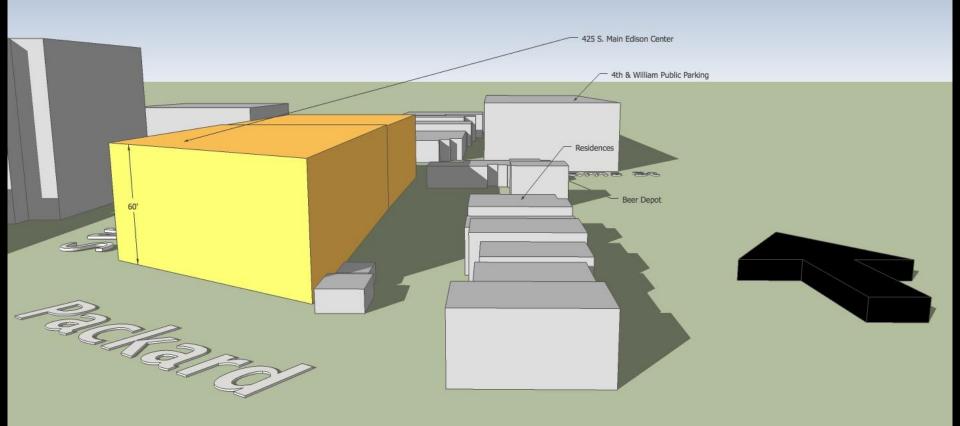
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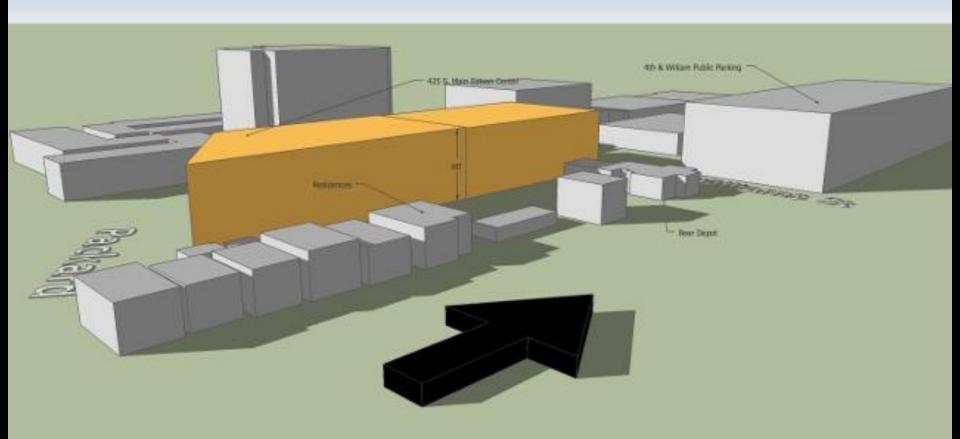
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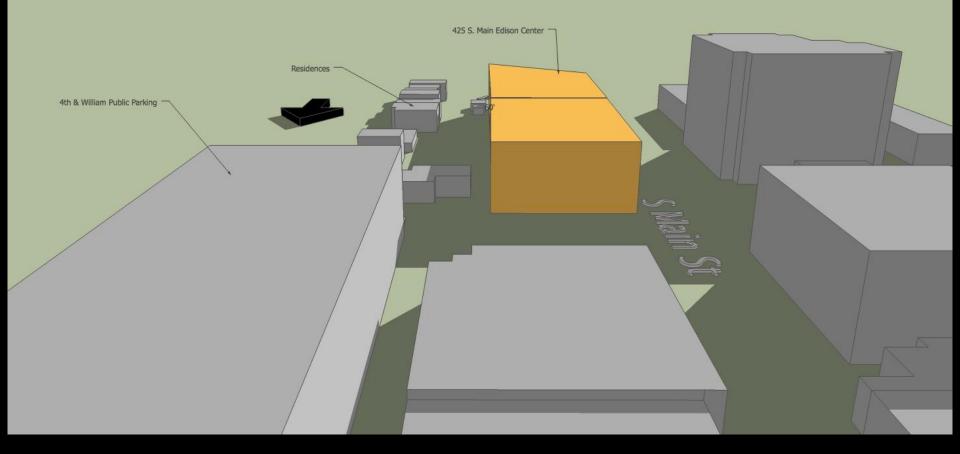
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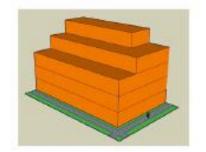


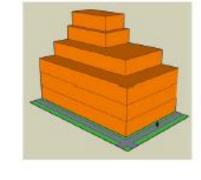
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#### South Side of William between Main and Fourth

Option 2: Leave D1 but increase setbacks on residential side

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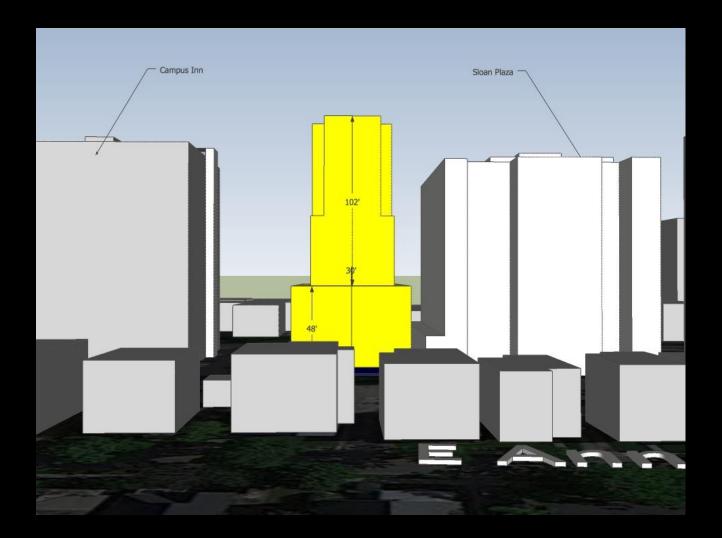




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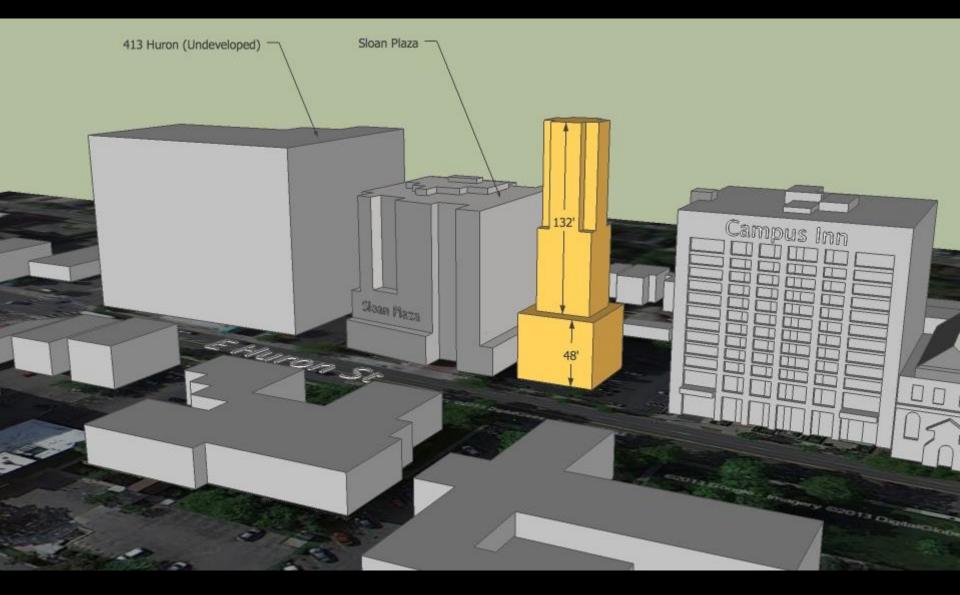


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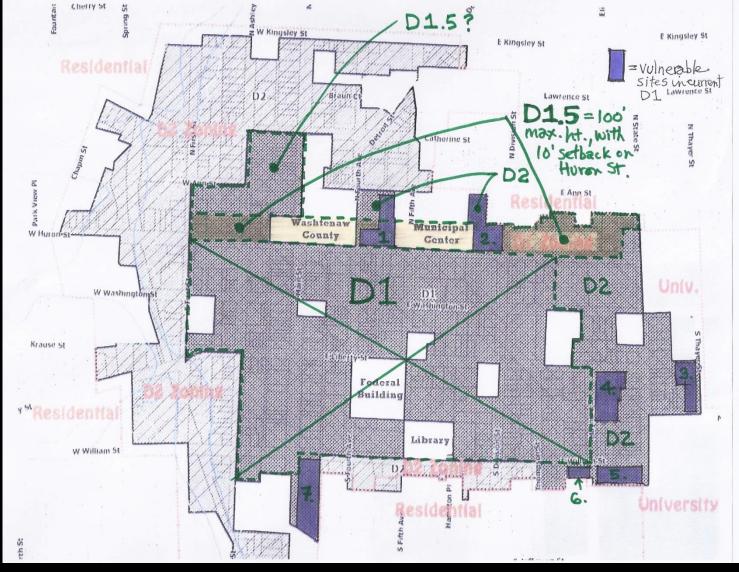


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Possible location for D1.5 District (courtesy of Douglas Kelbaugh)

#### North Side of Huron between Division and State

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Options

## PREMIUMS

# The Current Situation

- A premium allows a developer to increase the floor area ratio of the project
- Premiums are allowed on property zoned C1A, C1A/R, D1 & D2, if the property is located entirely outside the historic district and/or the floodplain.
- To receive a premium, the construction of any new floor area of a building MUST comply with the energy efficiency standards:
  - Minimum of two points under USGBC LEED credits
  - Compliance documented and verified using industry standard software energy modeling
- Premiums are available for:
  - Residential Use (D1 & D2)
  - Affordable Housing (D1 & D2):
  - Green Building (D1 & D2): LEED Silver (lower premium) to LEED Platinum (higher premium)
  - Historic Preservation (D1 & D2): Preserve a historic resource
  - Pedestrian Amenity/Open Space (D1, C1A & C1A/R)
  - Public Parking (D1)

# What we have heard

- Are the premiums resulting in a diverse range of housing? *No, only student housing built* 
  - Opinions vary on whether premiums should be revised, made harder to get, or eliminated all together
- There are other types of premiums we may want to consider:
  - Protection of landmark trees/urban forest
  - Energy efficiency other than LEED

# **Options for Premiums**

- Limit the types of residential that will qualify for premiums (less than 3 bedrooms)
- Eliminate residential premiums except for affordable housing
- Require conformance to design guidelines to qualify for premiums
- Include other premiums (energy efficiency other than LEED and protection of urban forest/landmark trees)
- Make premiums discretionary (not by-right)
- Eliminate premiums

Now, tell us what you think!

## SURVEY, Q&A

# Other ways to participate:

- www.a2gov.org/downtownzoning
  - This survey available online also
- Facebook: The City of Ann Arbor
- Community Coffee: Thursday 9/19, 8am-10am, Espresso Royalle State St.
- Public Meeting: Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Workantile Exchange
- Contact: Erin Perdu, erin@enp-associates.com