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PLANNING SUSTAINABLE PLACES

CREATING VIBRANT, CONNECTED AND GREEN PLACES

The Planning Sustainable Places program works to advance integrated local transportation and land use planning and project development actions that support:

- Vibrant places that offer a mix of options for housing, jobs, services and recreation.
- Connected places with a variety of transportation options.
- Green places that support healthy living and a healthy natural environment.

The PSP program promotes concepts consistent with sustainable communities and the advancement of site-specific and project-specific activities within the centers and corridors planning framework.

The program is funded through Surface Transportation Block Grant funding. The Sustainable Places Policy Committee reviews projects submitted by local jurisdictions and eligible organizations. Projects are classified into three planning categories: initial plan to identify needs, project development to further explore needs and concepts, and planning for project implementation to finalize elements before preliminary engineering begins. All projects must meaningfully engage their community in a collaborative dialogue.

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2025 CALL FOR PROJECTS

The 2025 Planning Sustainable Places call for projects opens on May 1, 2024 and closes at 4 p.m. June 14, 2024.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CALL FOR PROJECTS →

Click to visit 2025 Call
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PSP Application Portal
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ADVANCING A SUSTAINABLE REGION PLACE BY PLACE

2025 CALL FOR PLANNING STUDIES

SUBMISSION GUIDEBOOK

Scroll down to see the Call for Projects schedule and upcoming events.

SCHEDULE

Date	Activity
May 1, 2024	Call for projects opens.
May 16, 2024	Call for projects pre-application workshop at MARC offices and virtually via Zoom.
June 14, 2024	Project submission deadline at 4 p.m.
July 1-22, 2024	Project submission public comment period
July 2024	MARC staff technical analysis and scoring.
August 9, 2024	Sustainable Places Policy Committee (SPPC) evaluation and prioritization.
September 2024	TTPC and MARC Board approval.

PRE-BID WORKSHOP

Details for the pre-bid workshop are available on the link below. Registration is required.

A recording of the pre-bid workshop will be posted on this page following the meeting.

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2025 Planning Sustainable Places Pre-Bid Workshop

PLANNING RESOURCES

MARC offers a number of planning resources to support local communities that apply for Planning Sustainable Places funding.

[Frequently Asked Questions >](#)

[Scoring Criteria >](#)

[Project Template >](#)

[Contract Template Example >](#)

[MARC Local Match Policy >](#)

Best practices

MARC is prepared to provide assistance in the use of tools, however, the level of support may be affected by the demand for assistance. The resources included below are considered best practices in planning and are intended to improve how communities plan for and make decisions about growth and development.

- Scenario Planning
- Data Indicators
- Environmental Data
- Visualization
- Market Information



MARC Transportation plans and studies

Relevant plans include the Regional Pedestrian Policy Plan, Regional Plan for Sustainable Development, Regional Bikeway Plan and the Unified Planning Work Program.

[VIEW TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND STUDIES →](#)



Connected KC 2050

As the metropolitan transportation plan for the Kansas City region, Connected KC 2050 serves as a blueprint for managing the transportation system for the next 30 years.

[CONNECTED KC 2050 →](#)

Scroll down to view Planning Resources available from MARC.



Environment plans and studies

MARC has several environment plans and studies, including MetroGreen, Stormwater Best Management Practices, Natural Resources Inventory, Green Infrastructure Framework and the Regional Climate Action Plan.

[VIEW ENVIRONMENT PLANS AND STUDIES →](#)



Housing and community resources

MARC's related housing and community resources include the Communities for All Ages program and Housing work.

[VIEW HOUSING RESOURCES →](#)

Federal resources

- United States Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- Federal Highway Administration – Surface Transportation Program Background
- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)

State resources

- Kansas Department of Transportation
- KDOT LPA Process
- Missouri Department of Transportation
- MoDOT LPA Manual

PROJECT APPLICATION PORTAL **SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT**

All projects must be submitted using the Planning Sustainable Places Project Portal by 4 p.m. on June 14, 2024.

VISIT THE APPLICATION PORTAL →

Click 'Visit the Application Portal' to start your PSP application.



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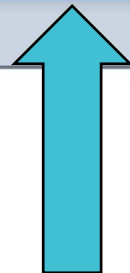
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PROJECT APPLICATION PORTAL



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All active questions are required.*

General Information

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Select an option

You must classify your project into one category. Select your category from the following list: *

Choose one

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Select an option

Organization Type: *

Choose from list or 'Other'

1.3

Select an option

Organization Name: *

Pick Name or 'Other'



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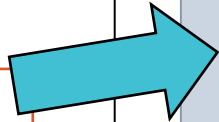
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Planning Sustainable Places Call for Projects Portal Report Issue

Please provide as much detail as possible of the errors or issues you are experiencing on the Planning Sustainable Places Call for Projects portal.

* Required

1. What is your name? *

2. What is your email? *

3. What is your phone number?

4. Please specify the type of issue you are experiencing. *

- ☐ Issue logging in
- ☐ Issue registering
- ☐ Do not have "Assess Projects" button for committee assessment
- ☐ Content is not saving
- ☐ Other

5. Please provide a brief description of the issue. *

6. What internet browser are you using to access the portal? *

- ☐ Chrome
- ☐ Firefox
- ☐ Microsoft Edge
- ☐ Internet Explorer
- ☐ Safari
- ☐ Other

7. Please send a screen shot of the issue to psp@marc.org, if possible. *

- ☐ I have emailed a file.
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- ☐ Other

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Report Issue Form



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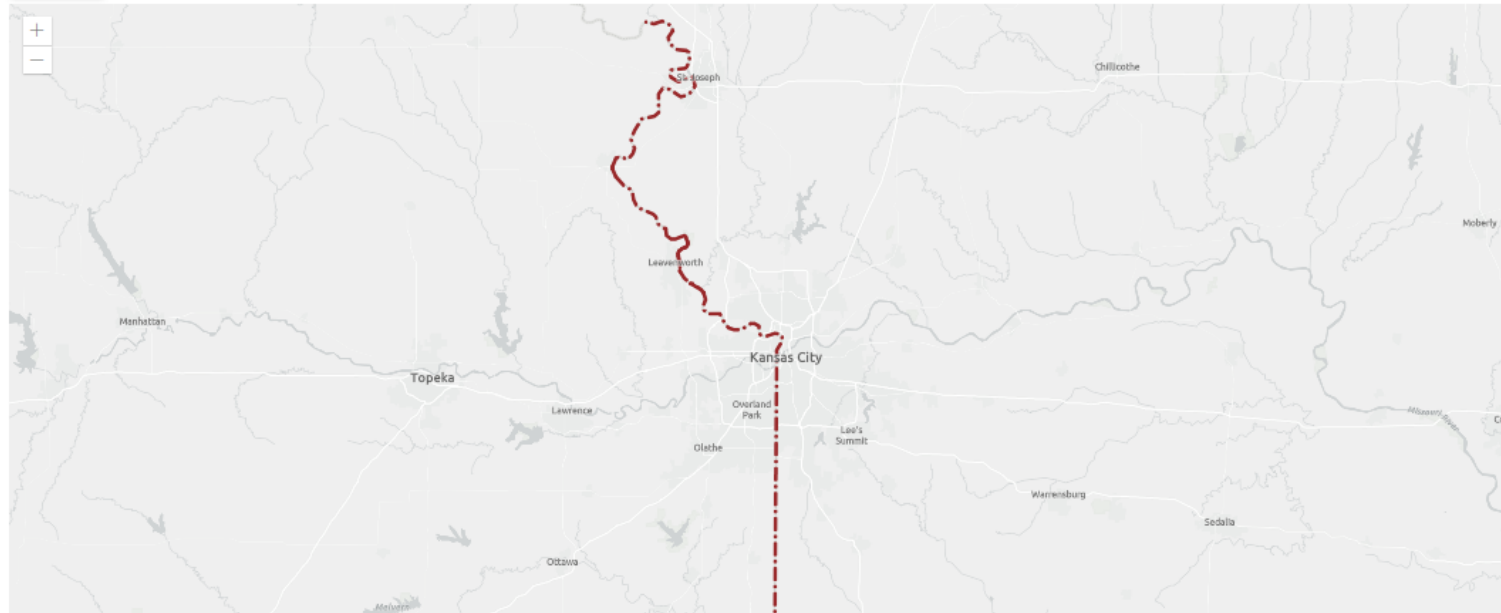
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Sustainable Places Characteristics

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Please draw the boundaries of your proposed project's study area.:

[Save Map](#)

- ☒ Instructions
- ☐ View Layers

You may create your project geography in one of the following ways:

- Geographic Selection:** Use this option if your project area covers an entire city or county, or a combination of either.
- Draw on the Map:** Use this option if your project area covers a more localized area, like a roadway, intersection, etc.

Geographic Selection:

- Click on your geography on the map to select.
- Use the "Clear Selected Geographies" button to clear all selected cities or counties if needed.

- ☐ Counties
- ☐ Cities

[Clear Selected Geographies](#)


Draw on the Map: Select a drawing tool to use to create your geography. Hover over each icon to learn more. See detailed instructions on usage, in the Drawing Tool Descriptions below.


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
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
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 Create a line by clicking at your starting point, release the mouse and move to your ending point, then double click to complete.

 Create a polygon by clicking at your starting point, then clicking to change direction. Double click to complete.

 Create a rectangle by clicking at your starting point, dragging the mouse to until project area is within the rectangle, then release to complete.

 Undo the last reshape edit.

 Redo an undone reshape edit.

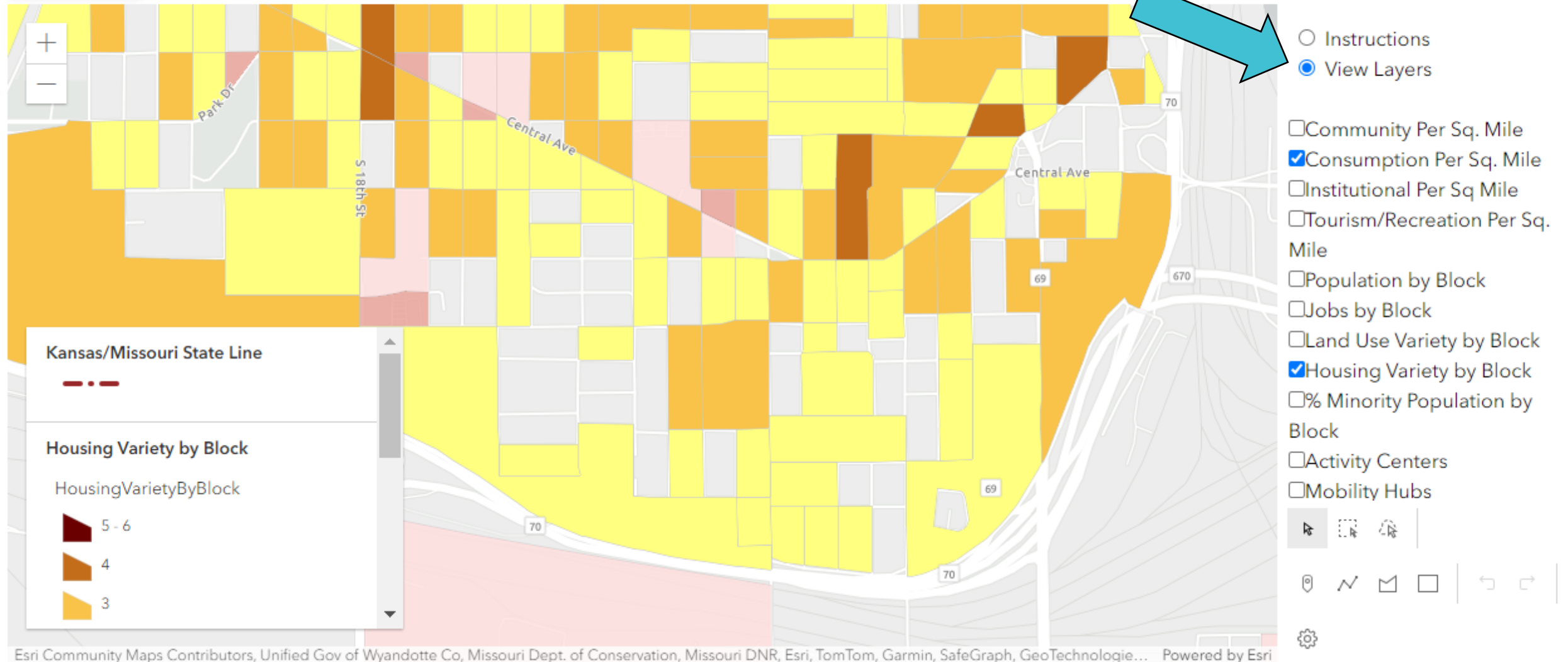
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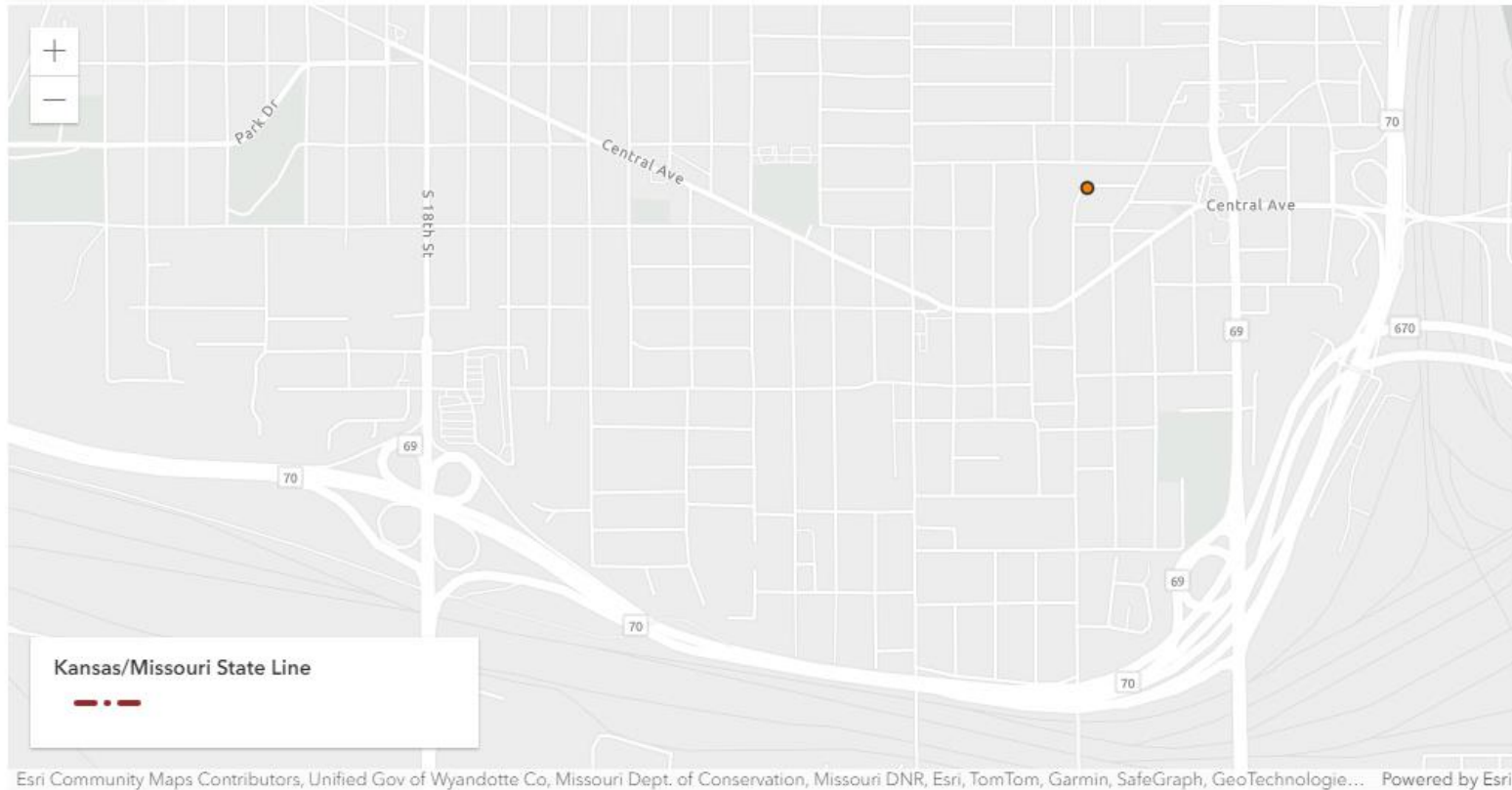
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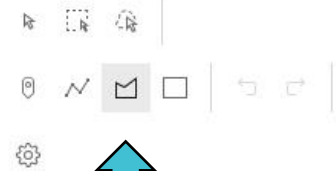
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one of the following ways:

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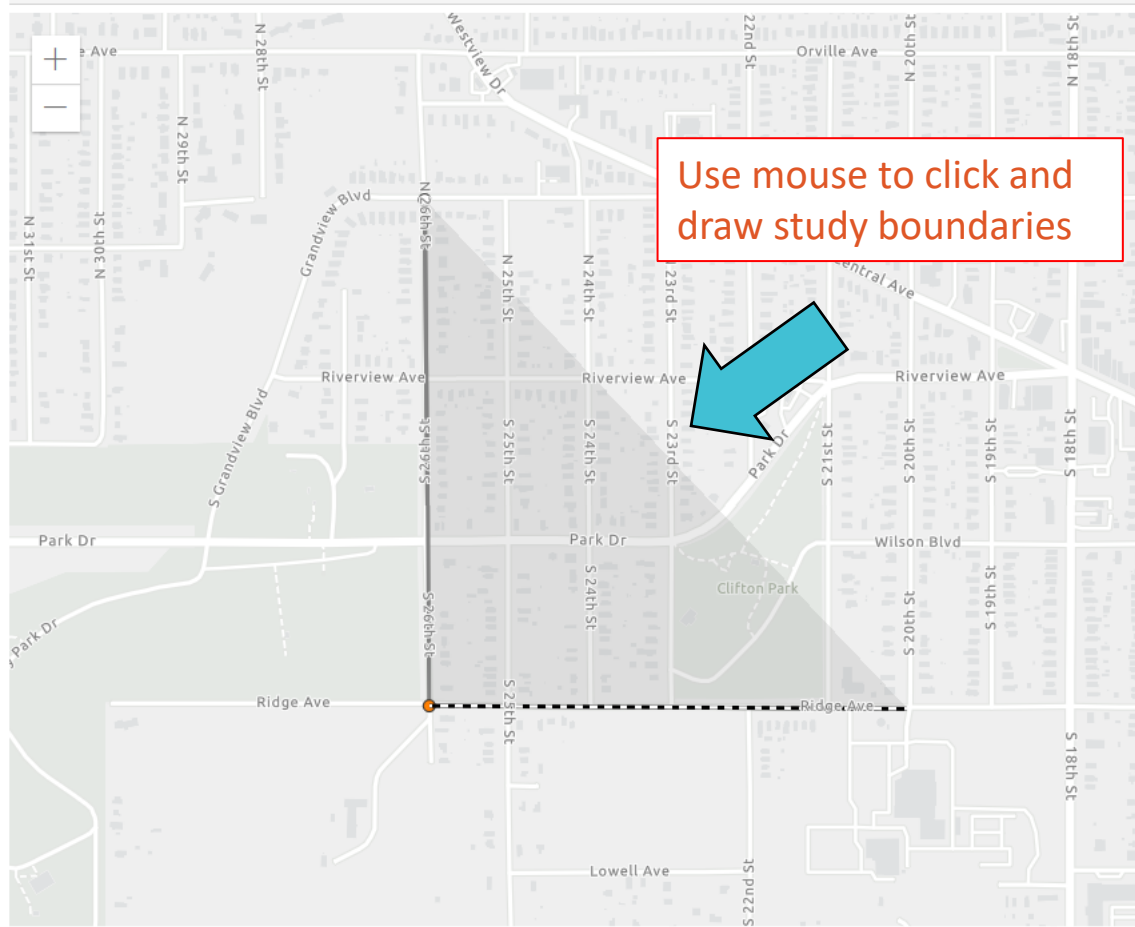


Select the type of shape to draw the boundaries of your project

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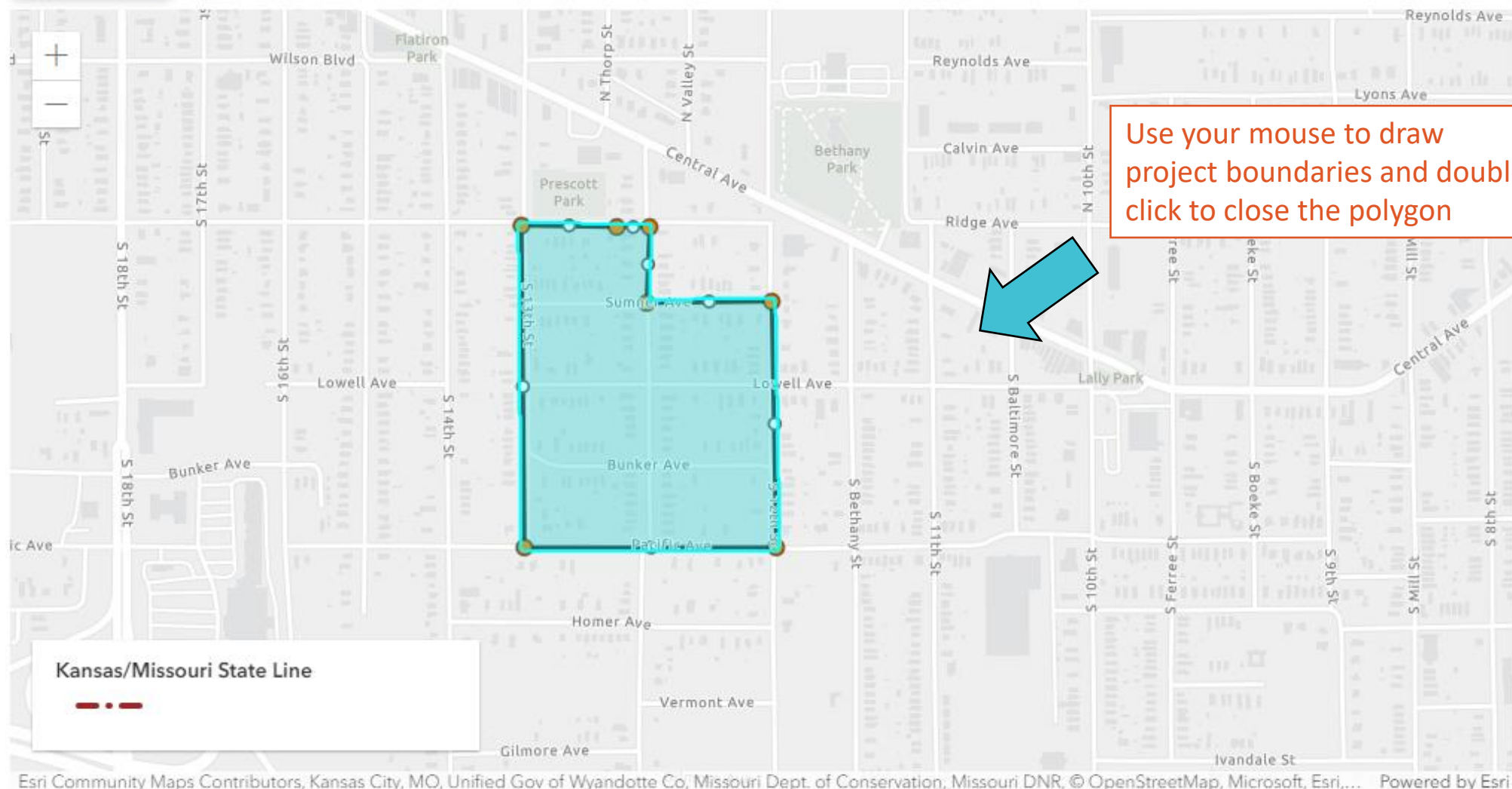
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- Delete the selected shape.

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Use your mouse to draw project boundaries and double click to close the polygon

one of the following ways:

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- **Draw on the Map:** Use this option if your project area covers a more



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Destinations

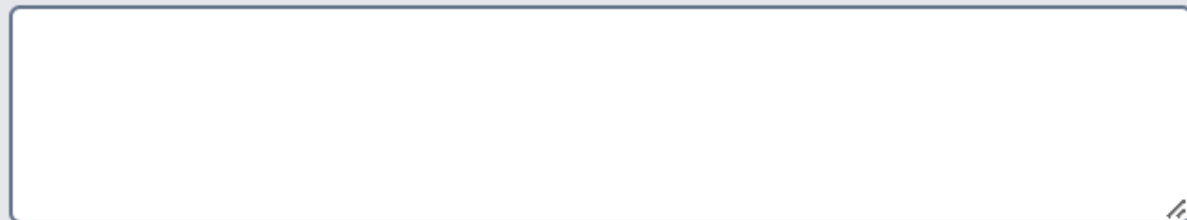
There are four layers that illuminate the density of destinations in your study area. All of the destination layers are based on the number of businesses within each block but calculated on a per square mile basis. The layers are:

- Select the Community layer to view the density of civic organizations, cultural organizations, religious organizations, and libraries by block in your study area.
- Select the Consumption layer to view the density of retail businesses, restaurants, and services by block in your study area.
- Select the Institutional layer to view the density of educational institutions, hospitals, courthouses, and city halls by block in your study area.
- Select Tourism and Recreation layer to view the density of parks and natural amenities, historic sites, arts organizations and institutions, sports venues, and hotels by block in your study area.

2.1

Destinations contribute to the vibrancy and attraction of a place. What is in your proposed scope to connect the destinations in your study area? Please tell us about any priority destinations that are to be connected.*

(3,500 characters or fewer...)



The next six questions ask about characteristics other than destinations. Each question references a particular layer or layers.

2.2

The scale of a study area is impacted by the presence of people. The layers, Population by Block, and Jobs by Block, show the numbers by block. What is in your proposed scope that addresses the scale of your study area?*

(3,500 characters or fewer...)

2.3

The mix of land use types contributes to the vibrancy of a place. The layer, Land Use Variety by Block, illustrates how many different land use types are found in a block. Please describe how the land use mix in your study area supports sustainable land use which offers a mix of land uses near each other supporting pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders. What in your proposed scope addresses land use mix?*

(3,500 characters or less...)

Use the other map layers to see the characteristics and connections in your study area. This will help you answer questions 2.2-2.7.

3.1

Project Description*

Please describe the intention of the project and who would be the primary users.

3.2

Is the project consistent with the relevant adopted local comprehensive plan(s)?*

☒ No

☐ Yes

3.3

If yes, please describe.

(3,500 characters or less)



Some questions are dependent on project type

The following questions address a project's Intent.

4.1

Describe how the project promotes improved travel choices (e.g., bicycling, walking, transit use, transportation demand strategies, etc.) For more information see the sustainability principle of Transportation Choice in the [SUSTAINABLE LAND USE RESOURCE](#).*

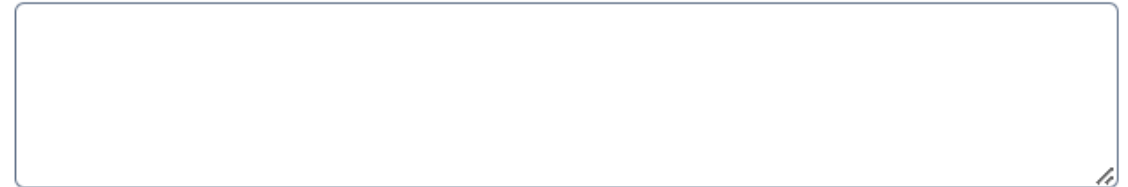
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4.2

Describe how the project advances improved public health. For more information see the sustainability principle for Healthier Lifestyles in the [SUSTAINABLE LAND USE RESOURCE](#).*

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The following questions address a project's Location. To see map layers for each of the questions, visit the [PLANNING SUSTAINABLE PLACES ATLAS](#)

5.1

☐ No

☒ Yes

Does this project serve MARC's defined redevelopment area?

Click on the Redevelopment Area layer in the Planning Sustainable Places Atlas.

*

5.2

If yes, please describe. *

(1,000 characters or less)

Planning Sustainable Places Atlas

Basemap Gallery

Details

Layers

Mobility Services

Sustainable Place Types

Metrogreen Corridors

Regional Bike Plan

Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) Projects

Congestion Management Network

Creating Sustainable Places Corridors

Functional Classification

Activity Centers

Employment Density

Land Use Variety

Housing Variety

Population By Block

Minority Population

Environmental Justice Tracts

Redevelopment Area

Percent Impervious by Block

MARC MPO Boundary

Cities

Counties

Find address or place

Map

You will need to Zoom in to see the layers.

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Page 6 – Partnerships and Implementation

The following questions address a project's Partnerships.

6.1

Describe the partnerships formed to develop the project and the manner in which these partnerships will benefit the project. In particular detail project coordination within the sponsor entity and partnership with entities outside the sponsor entity. *

(1,000 characters or less)

6.2

Describe if the project demonstrates sustained involvement with social equity and/or typically underrepresented stakeholders. *

(1,000 characters or less)

The following questions address a project's steps towards Implementation.

6.3

Describe local activities that show commitment and ability to carry out the proposed project and support the stated project summary. *

(1,000 characters or less)

Supplemental Information

Thank you for answering all of the previous questions about your project. If you would like to include additional information, you can upload up to five files. Each file is limited to a maximum of 25 MB. We can only accept the following file types: PDF, JPG, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel. To submit other file types, including available GIS files for the project, please contact Beth Dawson at 816-701-8325, bdawson@marc.org or Taylor Cunningham at 816-701-8228, tcunningham@marc.org. Examples of supplemental information that previous sponsors have supplied include:

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- 3. Letter(s) of support from entities with which you are partnering.
- 4. Other supporting documentation such as photos, related study summaries, supporting comprehensive plan policies, etc.

7.1

Choose File No file chosen

File 1

7.2

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File 2

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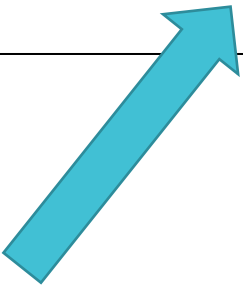
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| 1.5 | Project Scope: Please provide an outline that includes activities to be carried out and expected deliverables | * This field is required |

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Other Helpful Information

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Project Financial Information	
1.6 Total Cost	200000
1.7 Federal Amount	150000
1.8 Minimum Funding Amount	150000

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