

Xenia Active Living Workshop Summary

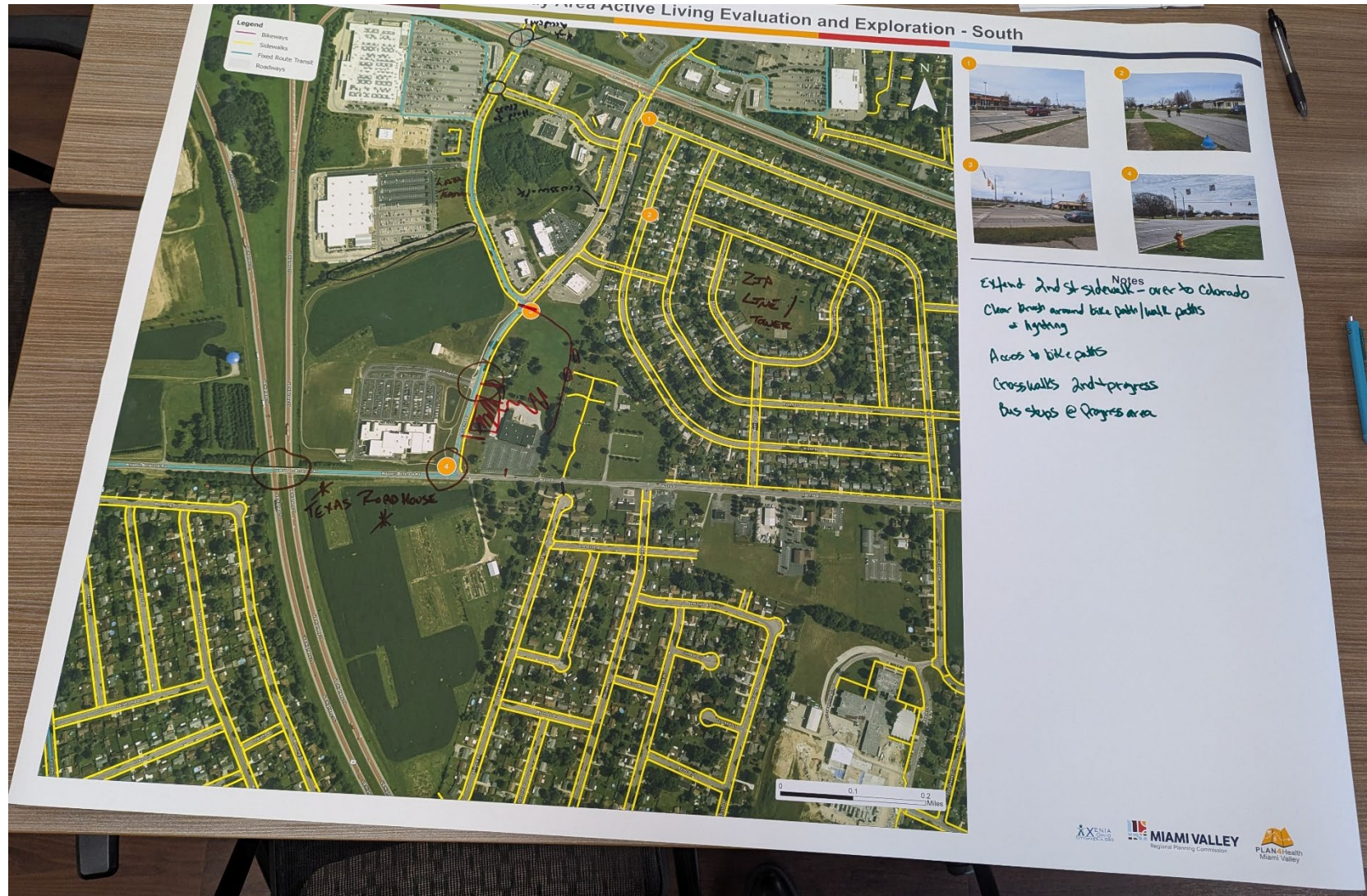
The Xenia Active Living Workshop was held on April 14, 2026 at the YMCA of Greater Dayton - Xenia (336 Progress Dr, Xenia, OH 45385). The event was a joint effort between the City of Xenia and The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC). The workshop was attended by residents, local government employees, and other interested parties. The purpose was to introduce and interactively discuss the active living conditions within a focus area of the city. Xenia staff shared on their motivation and interest in the topic of active living and MVRPC staff presented findings from the PLAN4Health – Miami Valley Built Environment Assessment and discussed the topic of active living. Workshop participants engaged with multiple activities throughout event, including a walk to the intersection of Progress Dr and Upper Bellbrook Rd to observe pedestrian conditions, a “spot the difference” exercise, an active living evaluation and exploration mapping activity, and a visual preference exercise. The following pages show the outcomes of the workshop activities.

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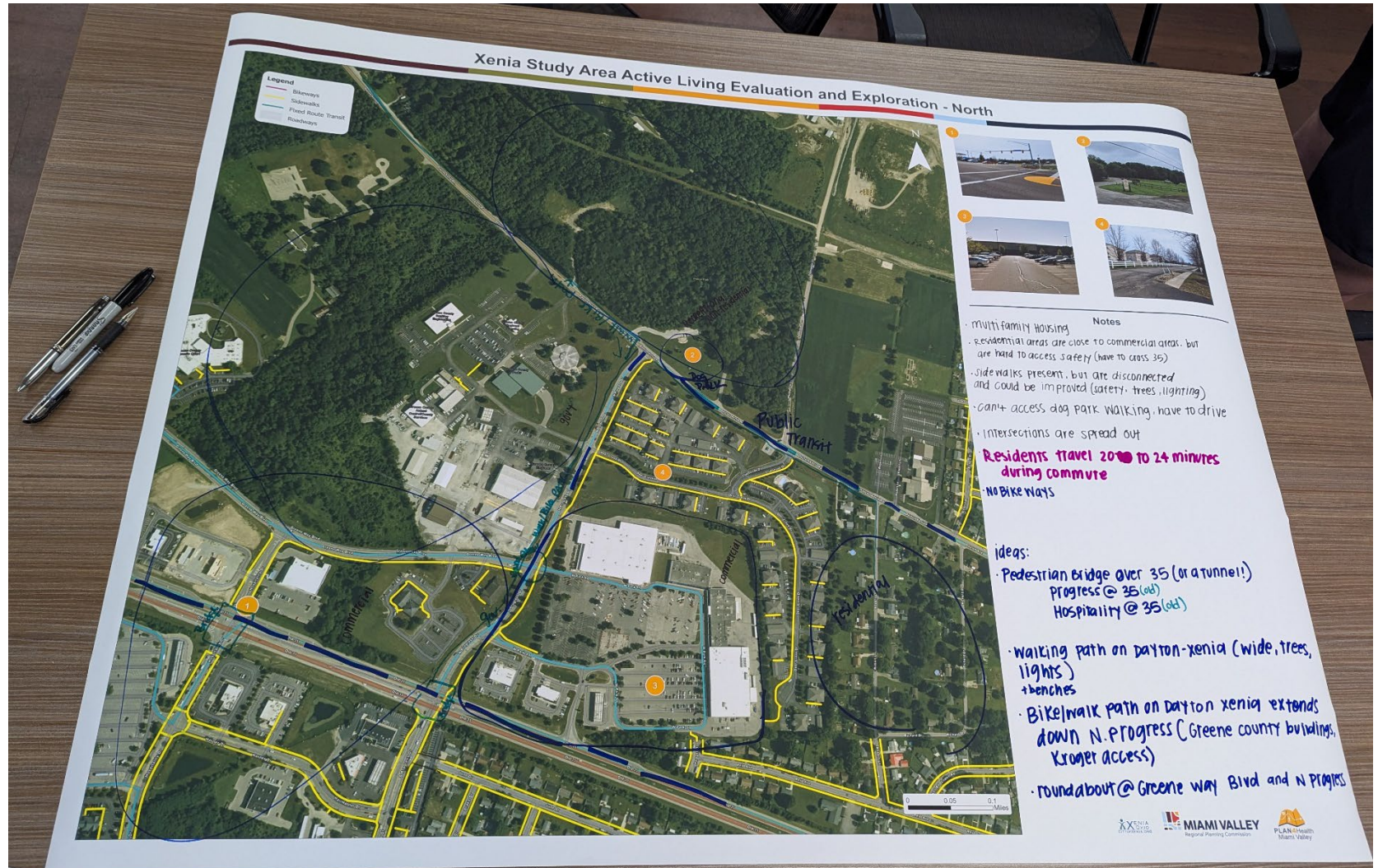


Active Living Evaluation and Exploration Mapping Activity

Participants were asked to evaluate active living conditions and recommend interventions within a focus area of Xenia. The following images reflect their comments.

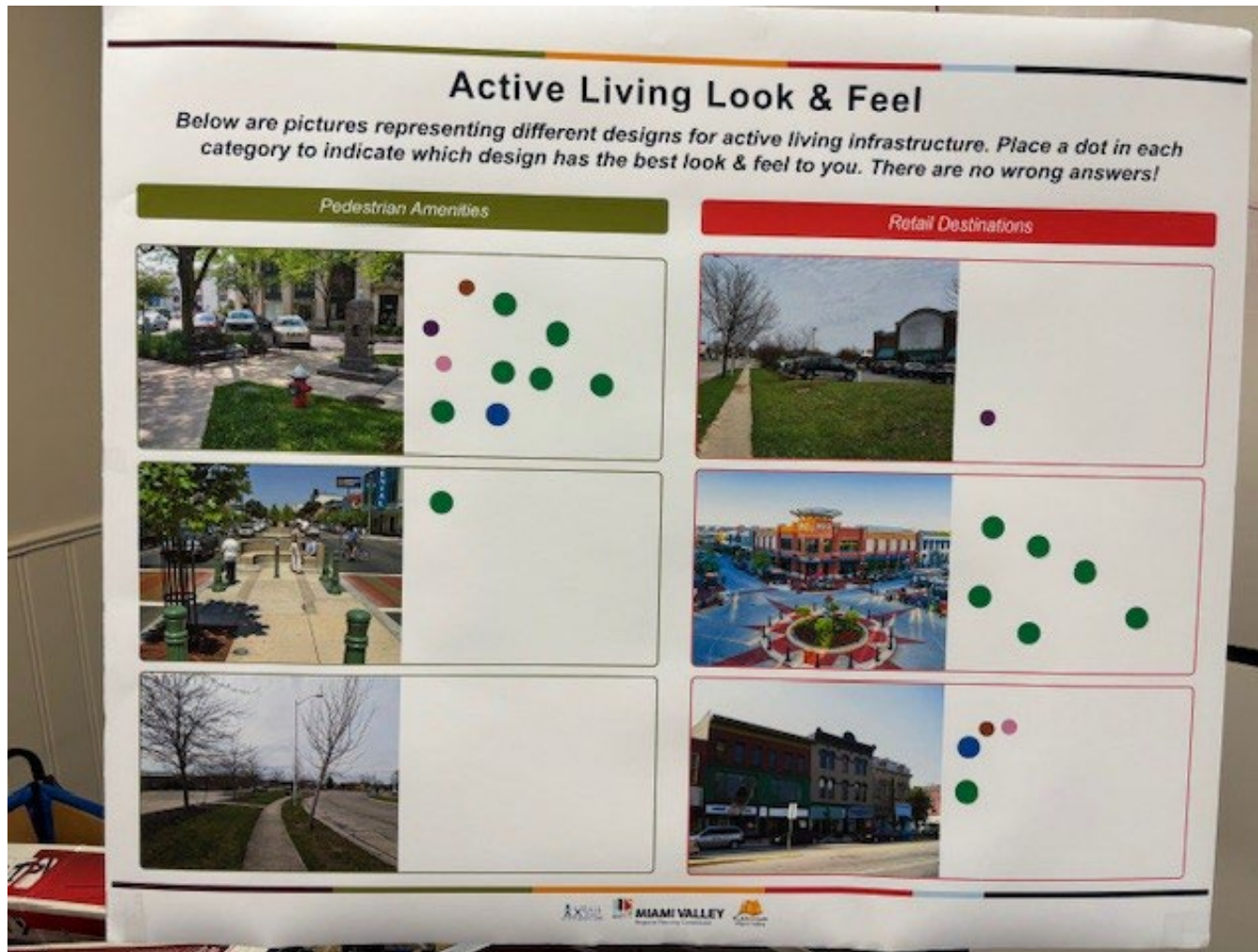






Active Living Look and Feel

Participants were asked to indicate their preference for a range of amenities to support active living. The following pictures show the outcomes of this dotting exercise.



Active Living Look & Feel

Below are pictures representing different designs for active living infrastructure. Place a dot in each category to indicate which design has the best look & feel to you. There are no wrong answers!

Crosswalks	Street Design
	
	
	





Activities and Discussion Summary:

Analyzing the content of the activities and discussion revealed some insights.

- For the Look and Feel Activity participants showed strong preferences pedestrian amenities and crosswalks. Generally participants selected pedestrian areas that had greenery, well maintained walkways, benches, etc.. For crosswalks, almost all participants selected crosswalks that have adequate signage, have crosswalks, and are well marked.
- The Look and Feel Activity also had some mixed results form both the retail destinations and street design categories. Participants were split on retail destinations between a traditional brick and mortar downtown, or a more “lifestyle center” outdoor mall type property. For street design, the split was between single lane roadways with a grass median and adjacent sidewalk, and concrete median roadways with a turn lane and no sidewalk visible.
- Much discussion centered around the potential roundabouts on South Progress Dr. Some participants noted the safety and traffic improvements they provide, while others mentioned the difficulty navigating them.
- W Main Street was often cited as a barrier preventing safe pedestrian travel north / south, creating “islands”.
- The current bike path that runs along Progress Dr was oftentimes mentioned as an isolated piece of active living infrastructure, and many participants desired to see it connected to the larger local / regional bike trails.
- The introduction of more crosswalks across Progress Dr was also mentioned often, as it is somewhat of a barrier to east / west pedestrian travel. Increased traffic backup was also mentioned however if more timed crosswalks were to be added.
- Lack of connectivity to the few recreational facilities in the area (Pierce Park / Dog Park) was referred to
- General pedestrian amenities were cited to be lacking in some paths in the area. Adding wider sidewalks, more trees, and better lighting was recommended by participants.