

# WELCOME TO THE RIDGE ROAD PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE!

## PROJECT INTRODUCTION, SCOPE + STUDY AREA

### PROJECT SCOPE

Ridge Road, between State Line and Columbia Avenue, is a key gateway into Munster, with long-standing safety and design concerns. Community input led to improvements outlined in the 2010 Plan and the 2021 Calumet–Ridge Corridor Streetscape Plan. After adopting the plan, Munster secured funding for Ridge Road improvements, including a \$17.1 million federal RAISE grant announced in August 2022.

In late 2024, a preliminary engineering assessment compared two options and recommended keeping the current 5-lane design with narrower lanes. Because this differed from the original RAISE grant, an amendment was submitted and is under review.

The recommended five-lane alternative includes the following improvements to Ridge Road:

- Maintain two lanes in each direction that are reduced from 11 ft to 10 ft wide
- Replace sidewalks with 5 ft wide sidewalks (north) and 8 - 10 ft wide multi-use trail (south)
- Remove the west Harrison signalized intersection
- Reduce/consolidate curb cuts throughout the corridor
- Improve traffic signals and update pedestrian crossings
- Replace existing lighting with new roadway and pedestrian lights
- Consolidate and relocate utilities as practical
- Improve aesthetics, including paving, landscaping, and signage as practical



### ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

1

**LATE 2023 - END 2025**

Traffic Studies  
Preliminary Engineering

2

**EARLY 2026 - MID 2027**

Public Meetings  
Coordination with Businesses + Neighbors  
Engineering Design

3

**EARLY 2027 - END 2027**

Utility Relocations  
Coordination with Businesses + Neighbors

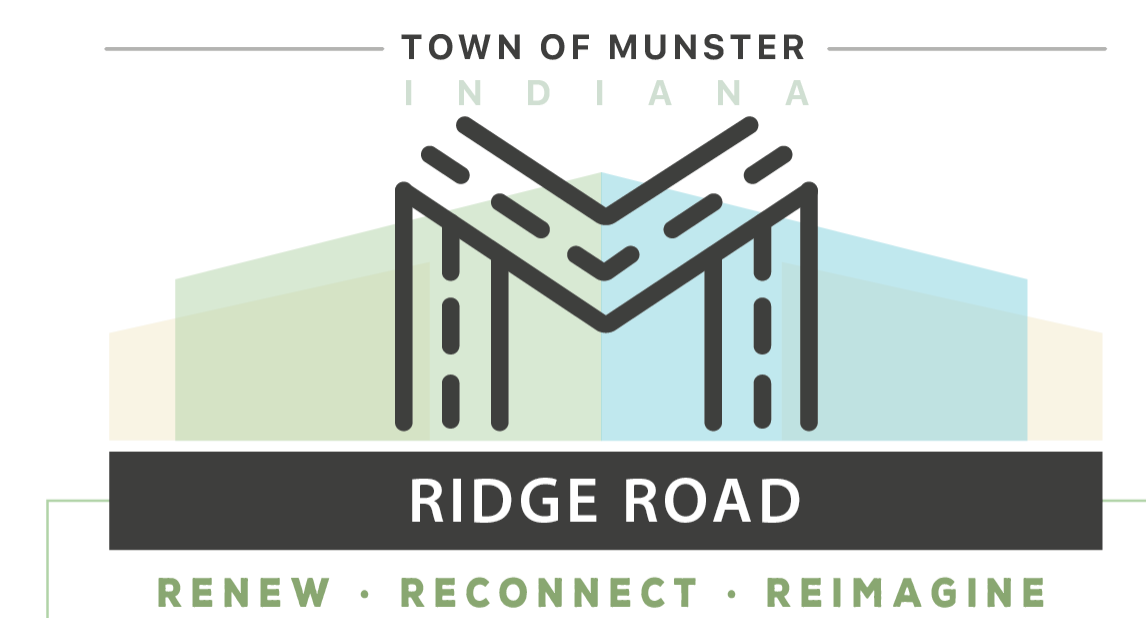
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**LATE 2027 - MID 2029**

Phased Construction



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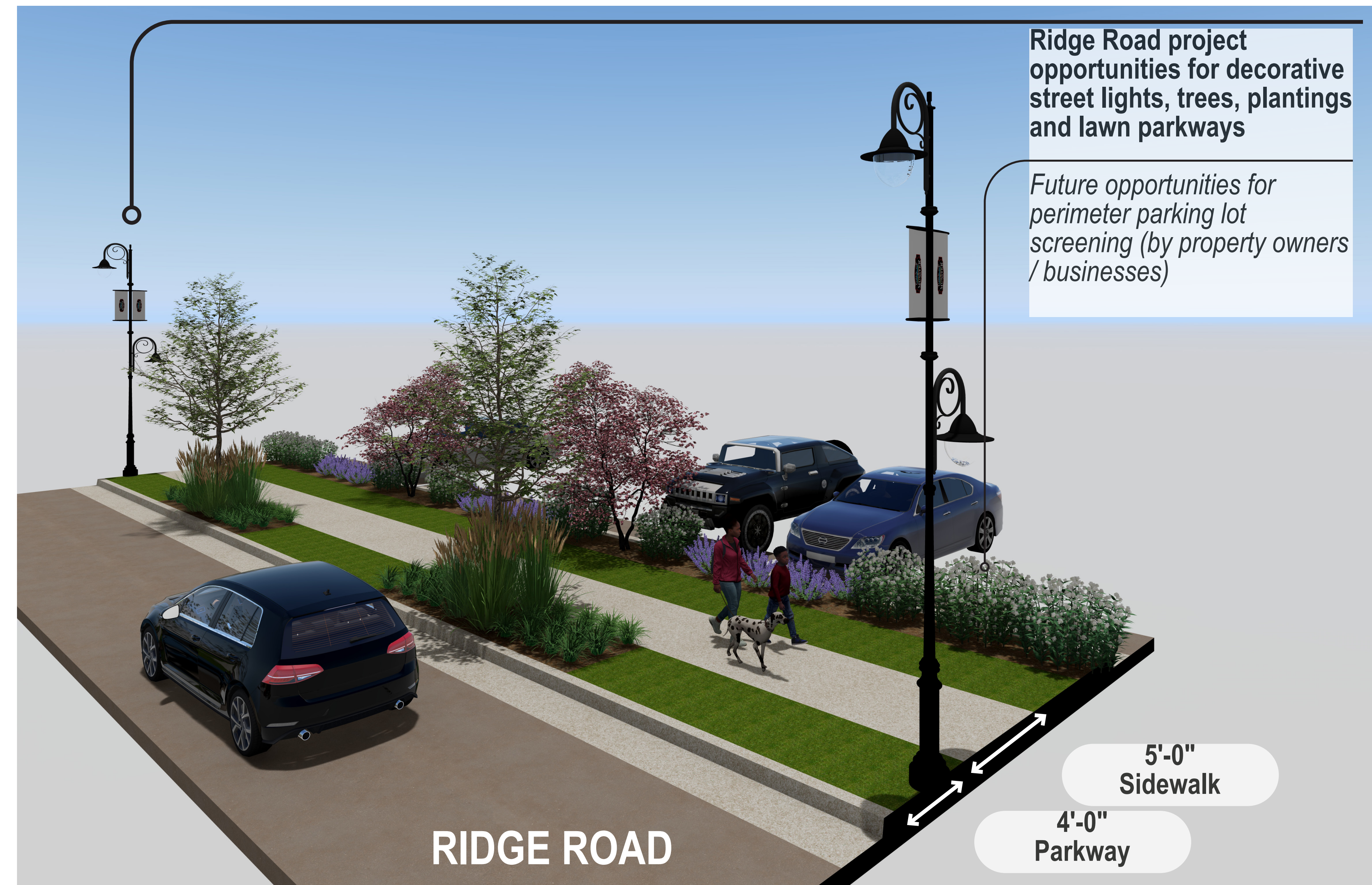
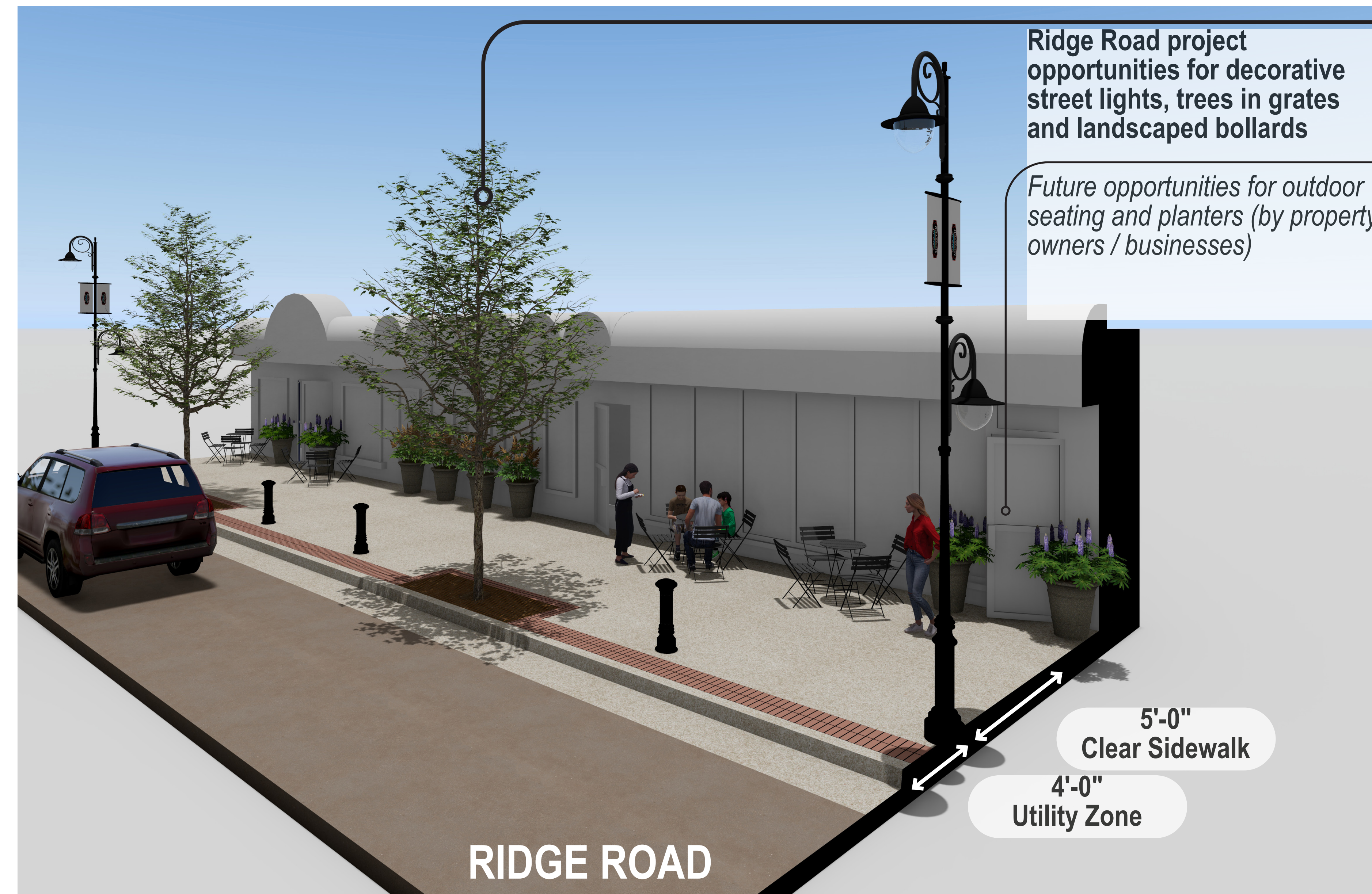


# SIDEWALK + LANDSCAPE OPPORTUNITIES, NORTH OF RIDGE RD.

## USE THE POST-IT NOTES TO SHARE YOUR COMMENTS

### SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO BUSINESSES

### SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO PARKING LOTS



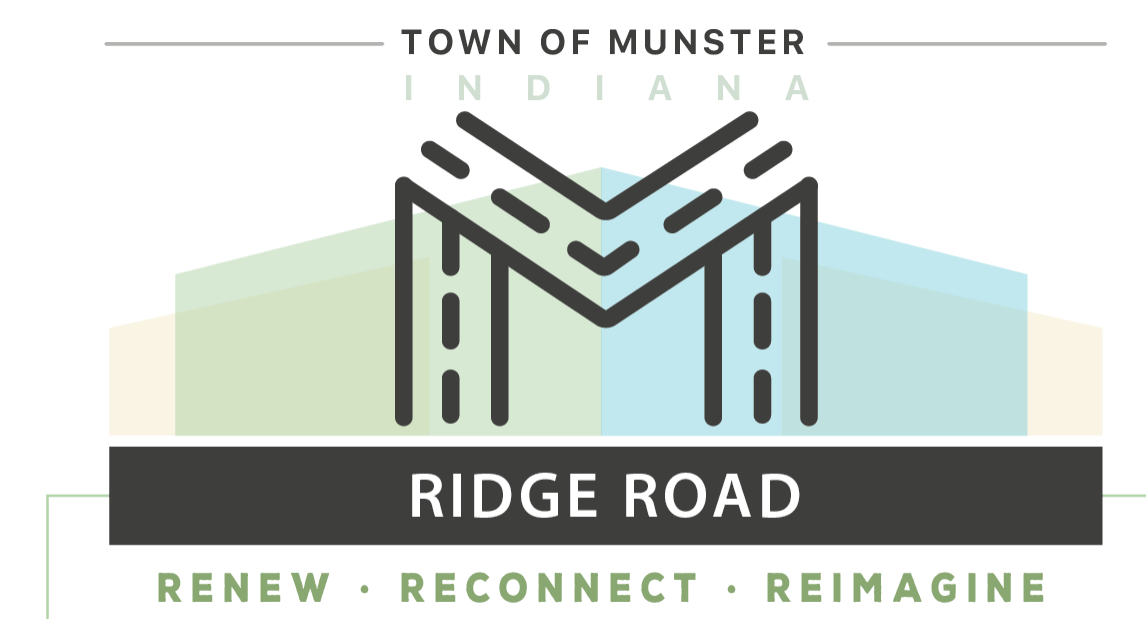
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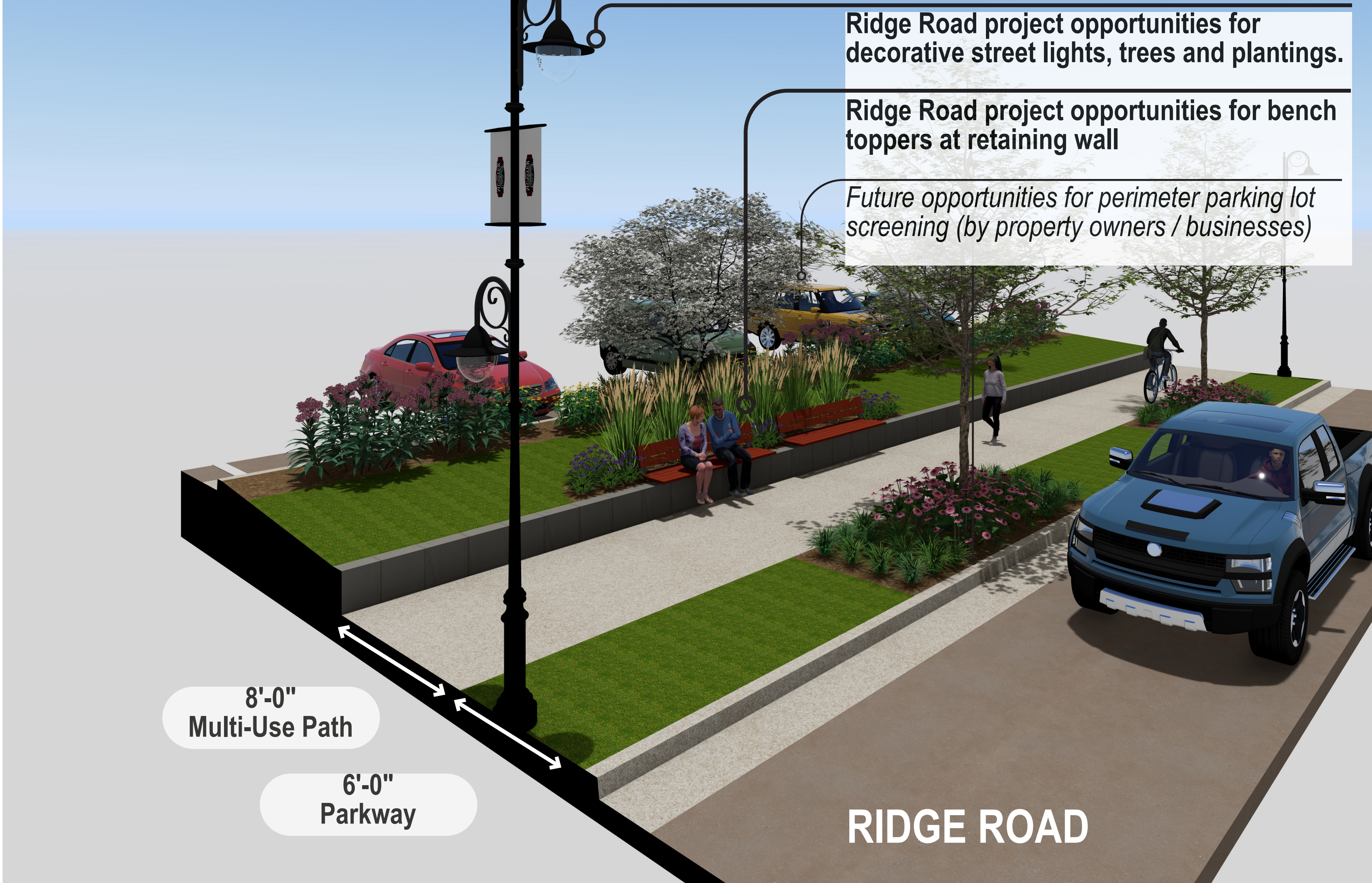
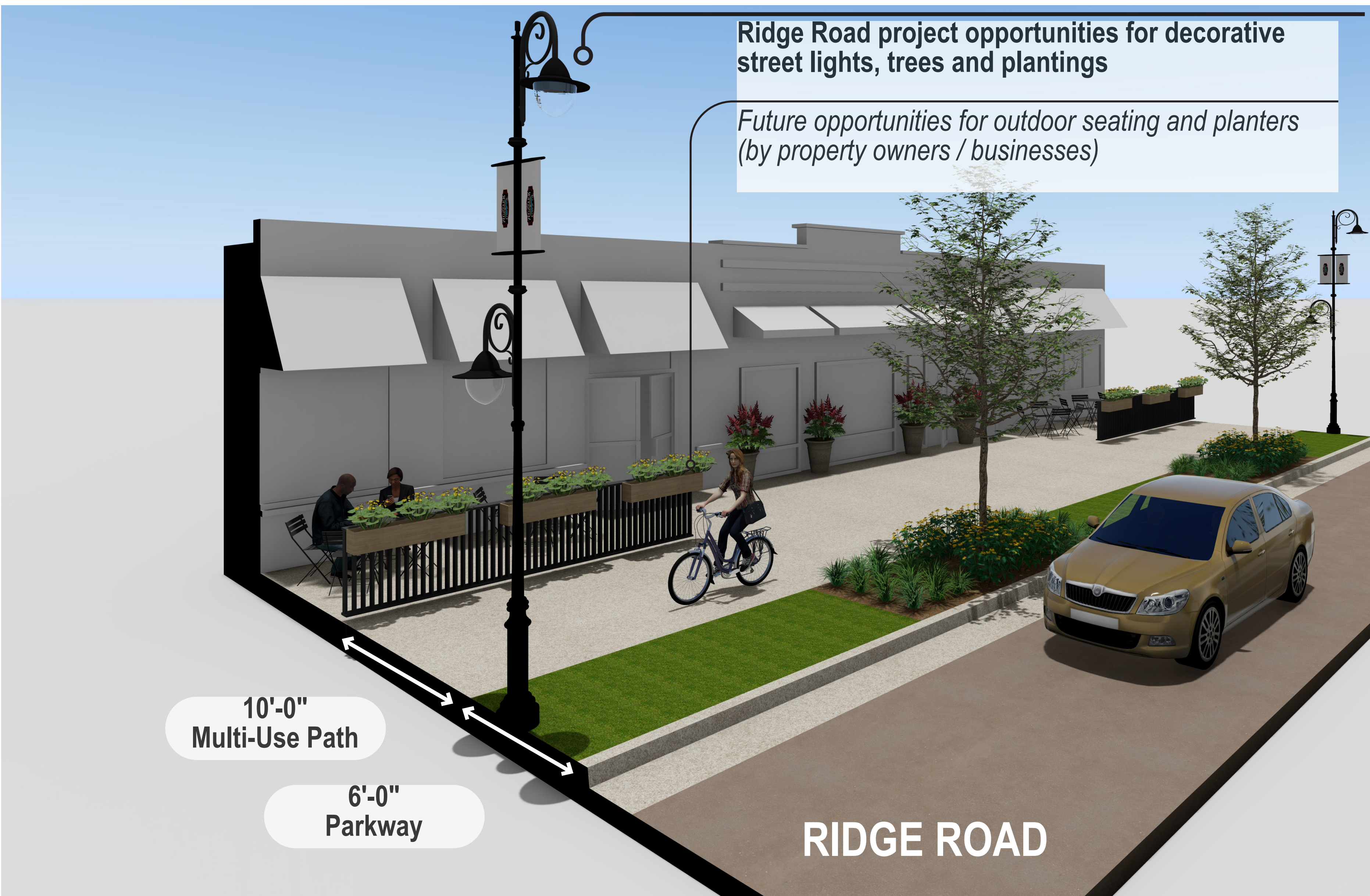


# MULTI-USE PATH + LANDSCAPE OPPORTUNITIES, SOUTH OF RIDGE RD.

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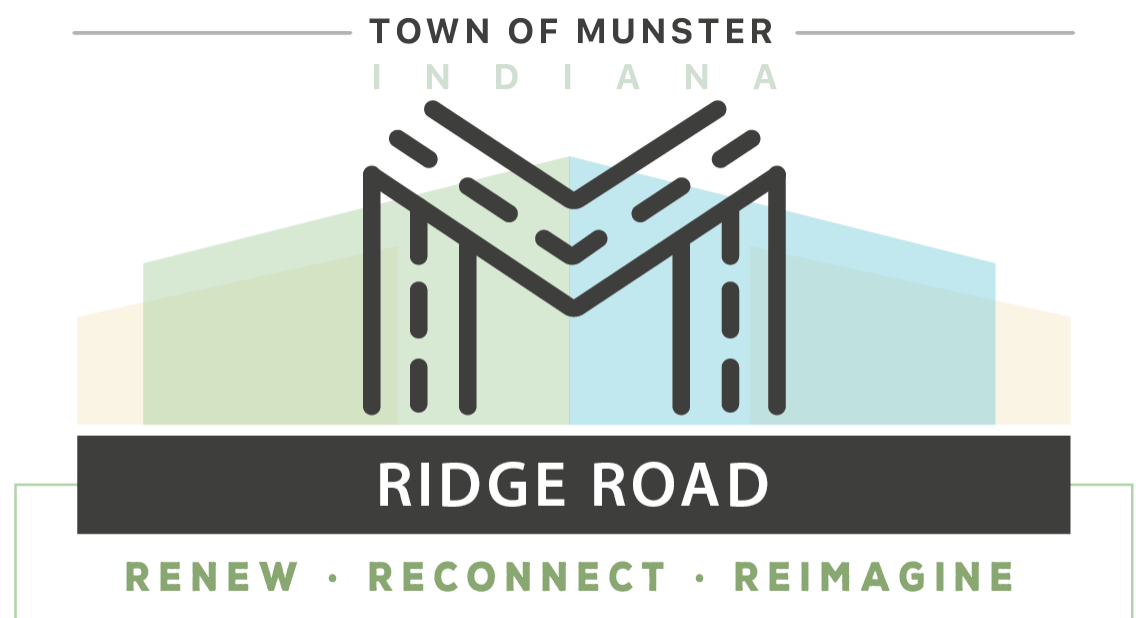
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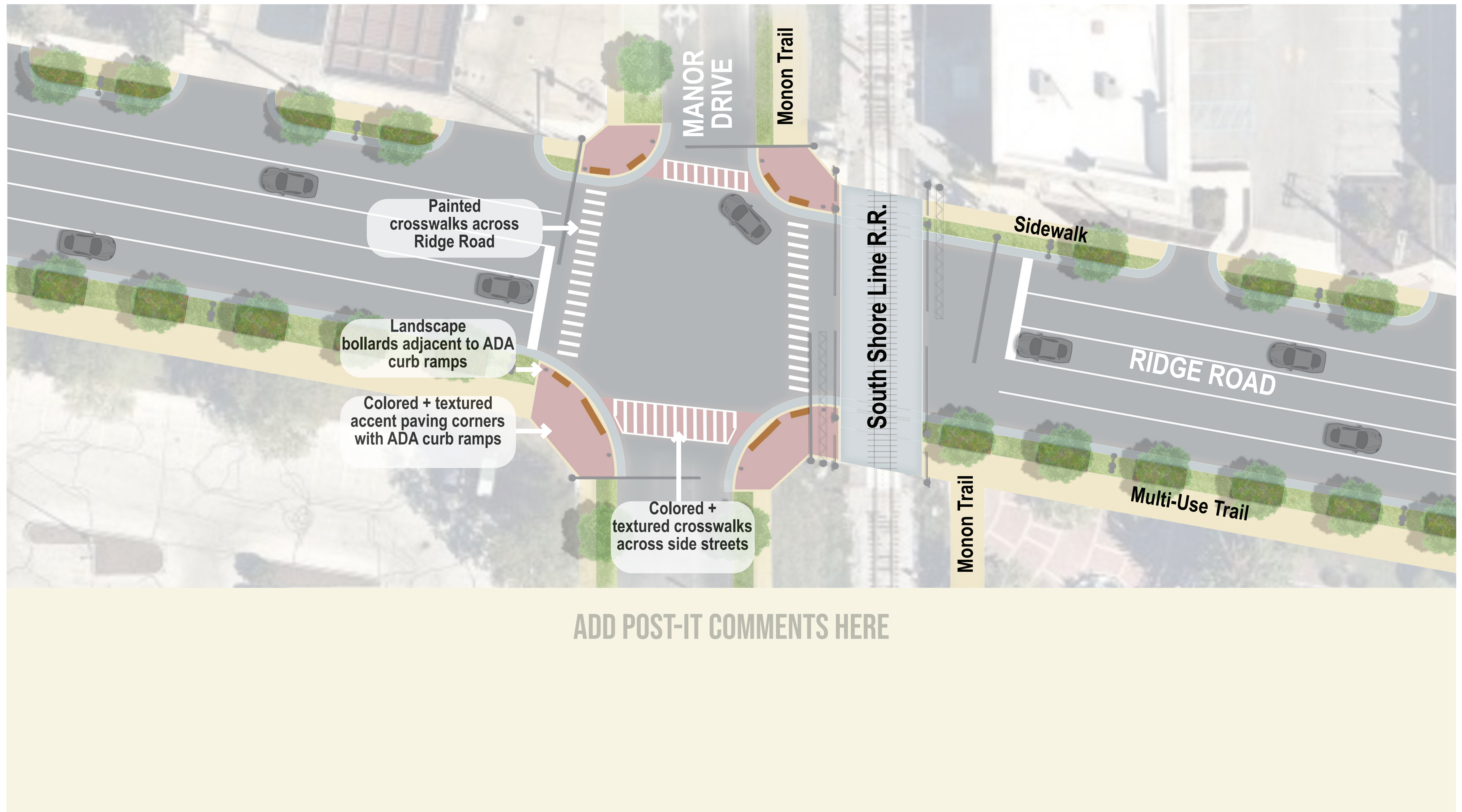
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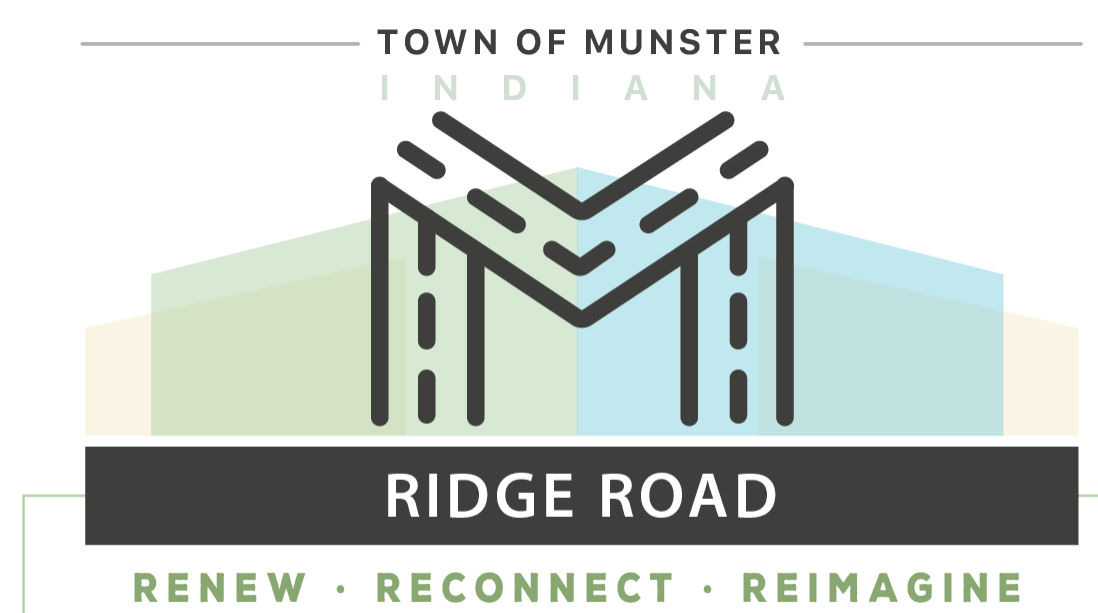
# INTERSECTIONS + PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OPPORTUNITIES

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## RIDGE ROAD AT MANOR DRIVE INTERSECTION

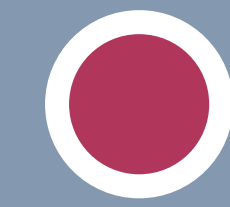


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# SITE FURNISHINGS FAMILIES

CHOOSE YOUR PREFERRED CONCEPT - SELECT (1)



CONCEPT 1  
NATURALISTIC

CONCEPT 2  
COLORFUL

CONCEPT 3  
TRADITIONAL



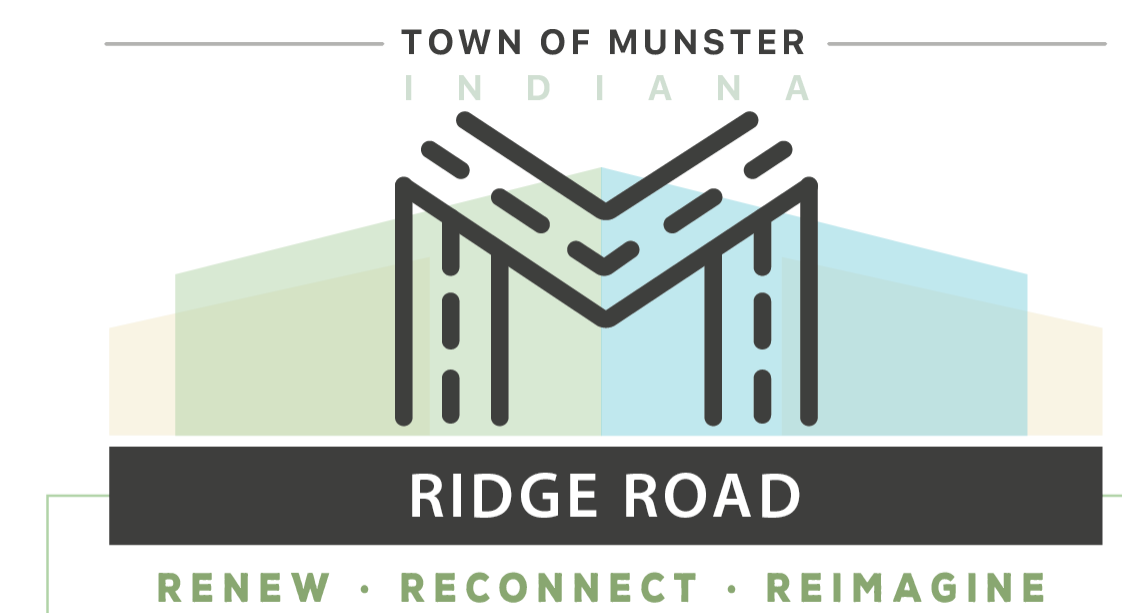
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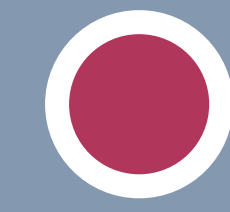


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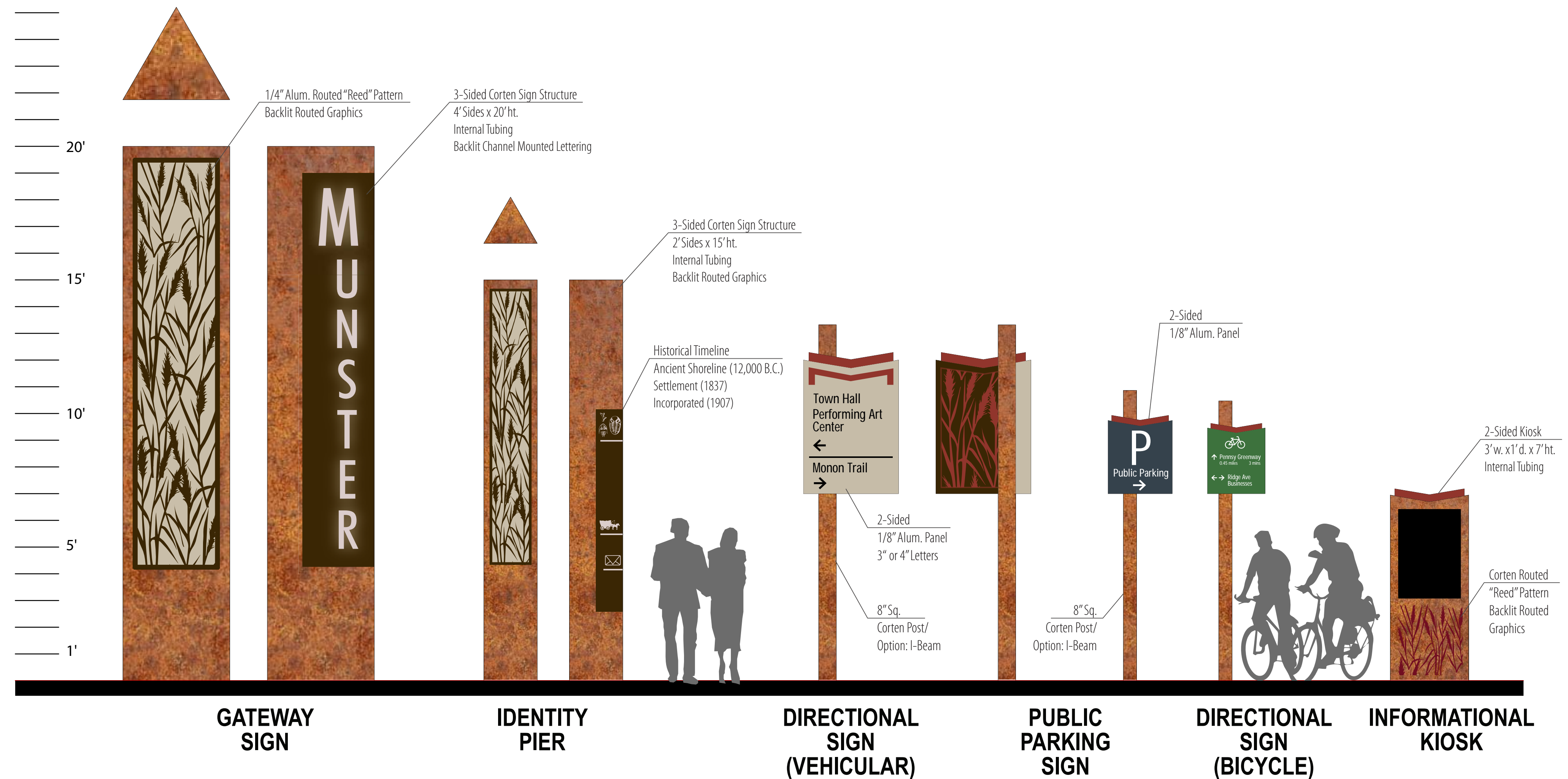
# GATEWAY + WAYFINDING SIGN FAMILIES

## CHOOSE YOUR PREFERRED CONCEPT - SELECT (1)



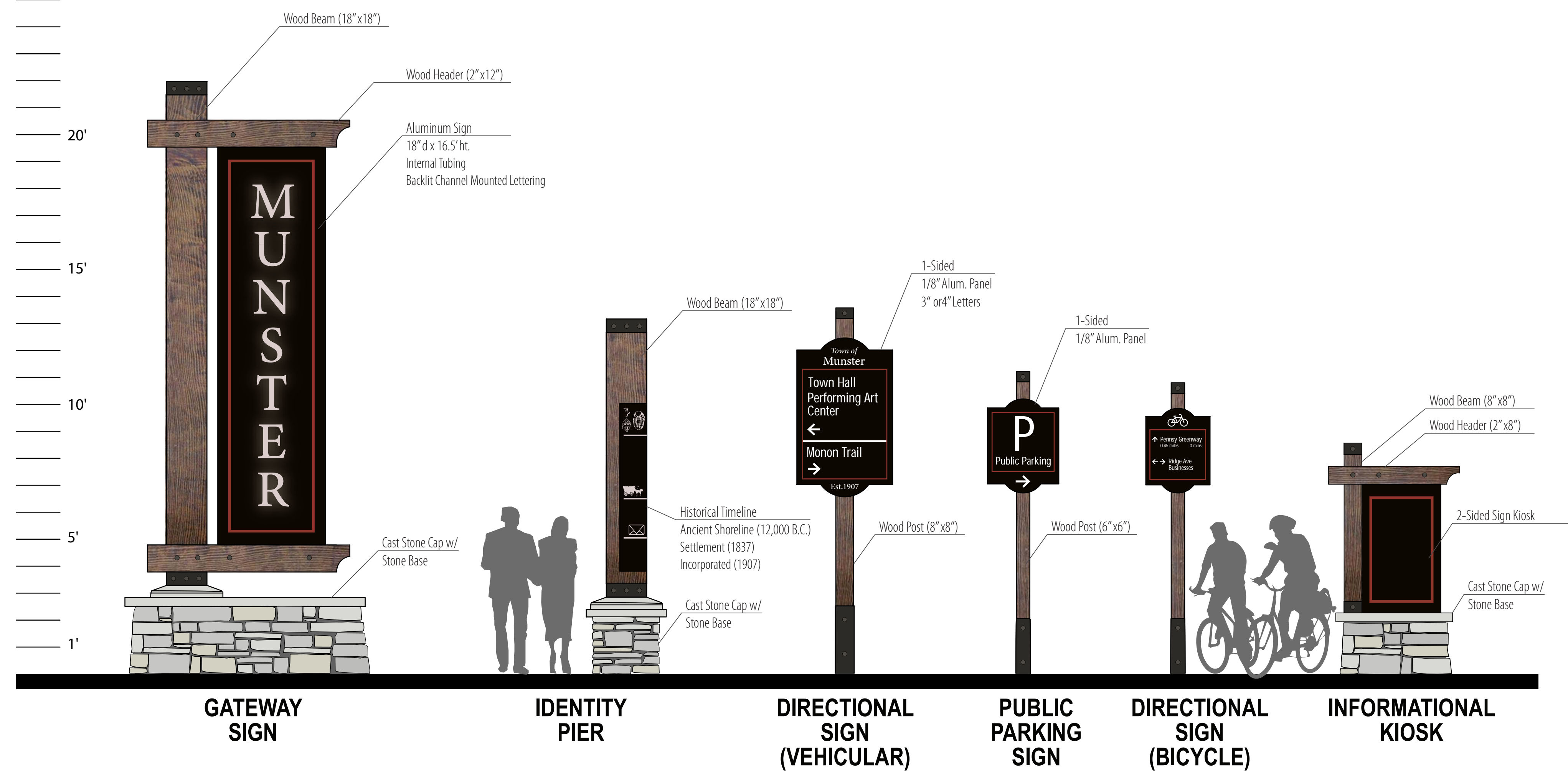
### CONCEPT 1 WEATHERING STEEL

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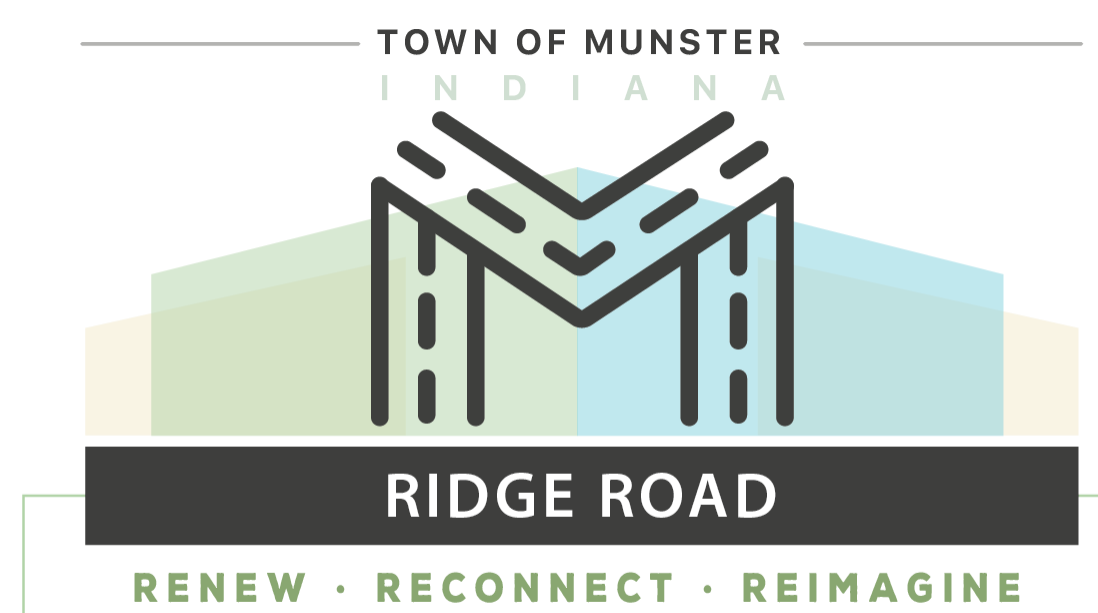


### CONCEPT 2 STONE + TIMBER

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# PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING

CHOOSE YOUR PREFERRED LIGHTING CONCEPT - SELECT (1)

CONCEPT 1  
ACORN



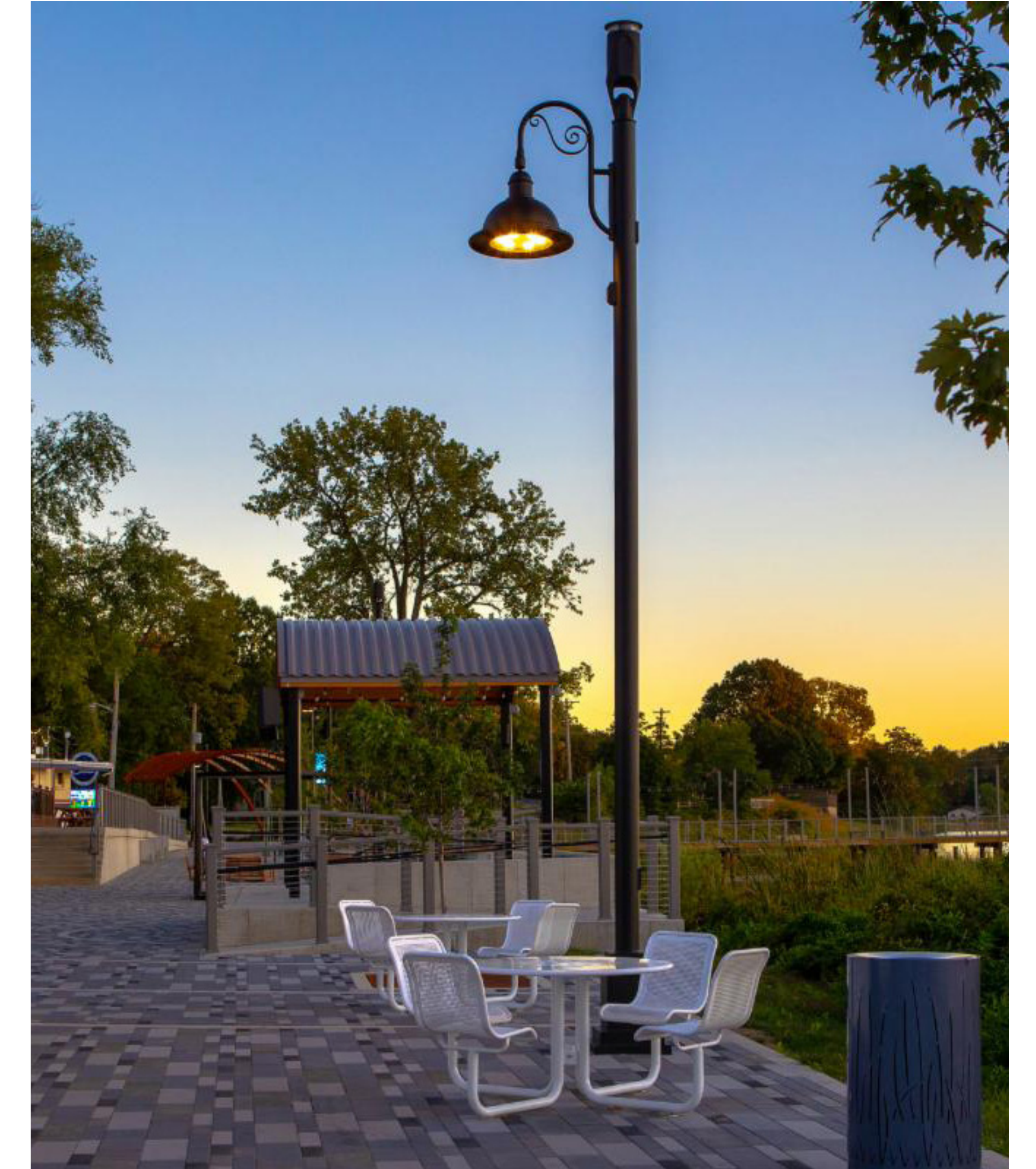
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CONCEPT 2  
POST TOP



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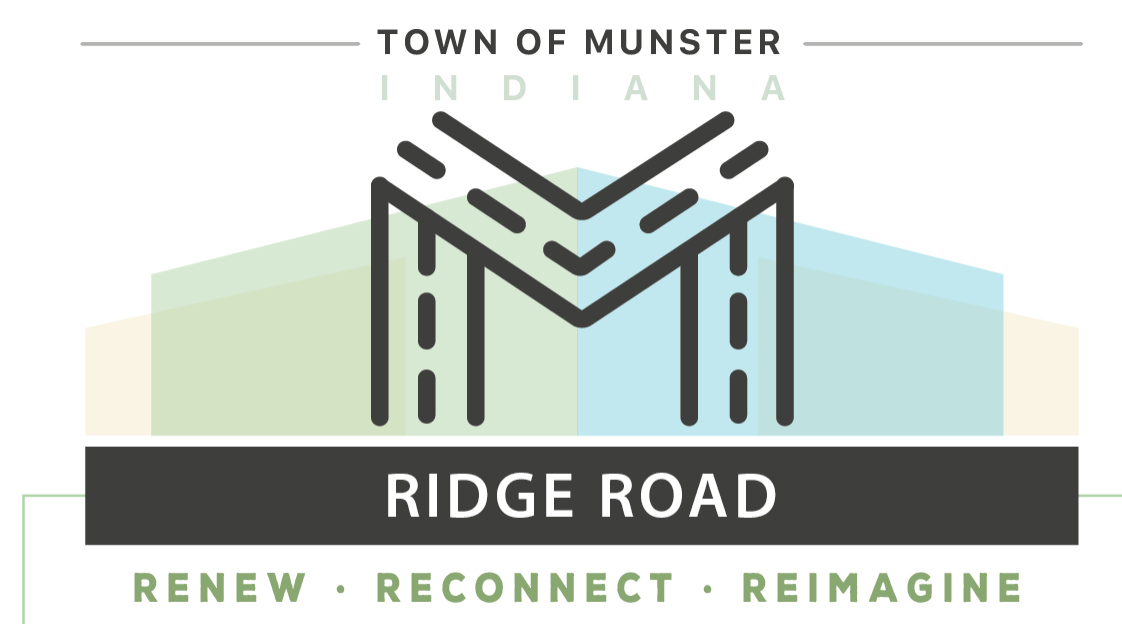
CONCEPT 3  
SHEPARDS CROOK



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# NATIVE + SALT TOLERANT PLANTINGS

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### SHADE TREES



American Hornbeam  
*Carpinus caroliniana*



Ohio Buckeye  
*Aesculus glabra*



Black Tupelo  
*Nyssa sylvatica*



Red Maple  
*Acer rubrum*



Common Hackberry  
*Celtis occidentalis*



Swamp White Oak  
*Quercus bicolor*

### PERENNIALS + GROUNDCOVER



Butterflyweed  
*Asclepias tuberosa*

Mature Height: 1'  
Mature Width: 2'



Prairie Junegrass  
*Koeleria macrantha*

Mature Height: 1'-2'  
Mature Width: 1'-2'



Lance-Leaf Coreopsis  
*Coreopsis lanceolata*

Mature Height: 2'  
Mature Width: 1'-2'



Prairie Sedge  
*Carex bicknellii*

Mature Height: 1'-3'  
Mature Width: 1'-3'



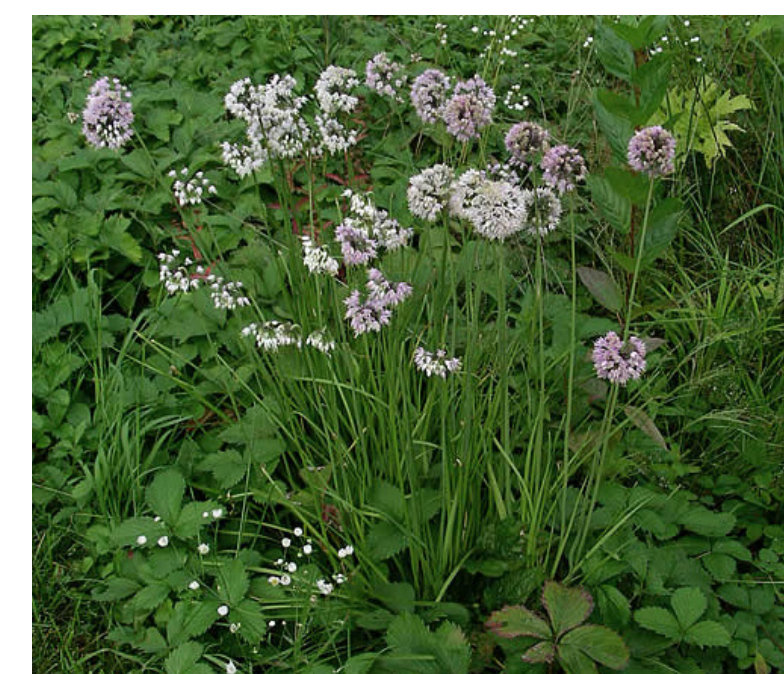
Narrow-Leaf Mountain Mint  
*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*

Mature Height: 2'  
Mature Width: 2'-3'



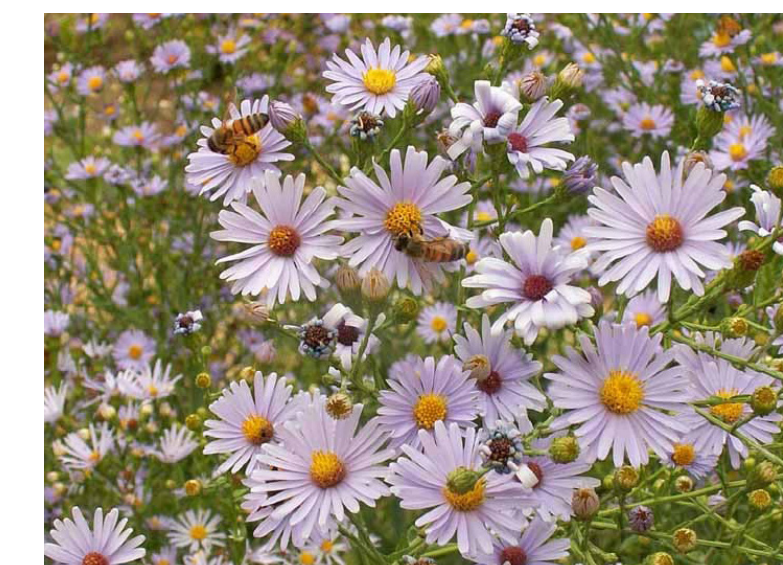
Sideoats Grama  
*Bouteloua curtipendula*

Mature Height: 1'-2.5'  
Mature Width: 1'-2'



Nodding Wild Onion  
*Allium cernuum*

Mature Height: 1'-2'  
Mature Width: 1'



Smooth Blue Aster  
*Aster laevis*

Mature Height: 2'-3'  
Mature Width: 2'-4'



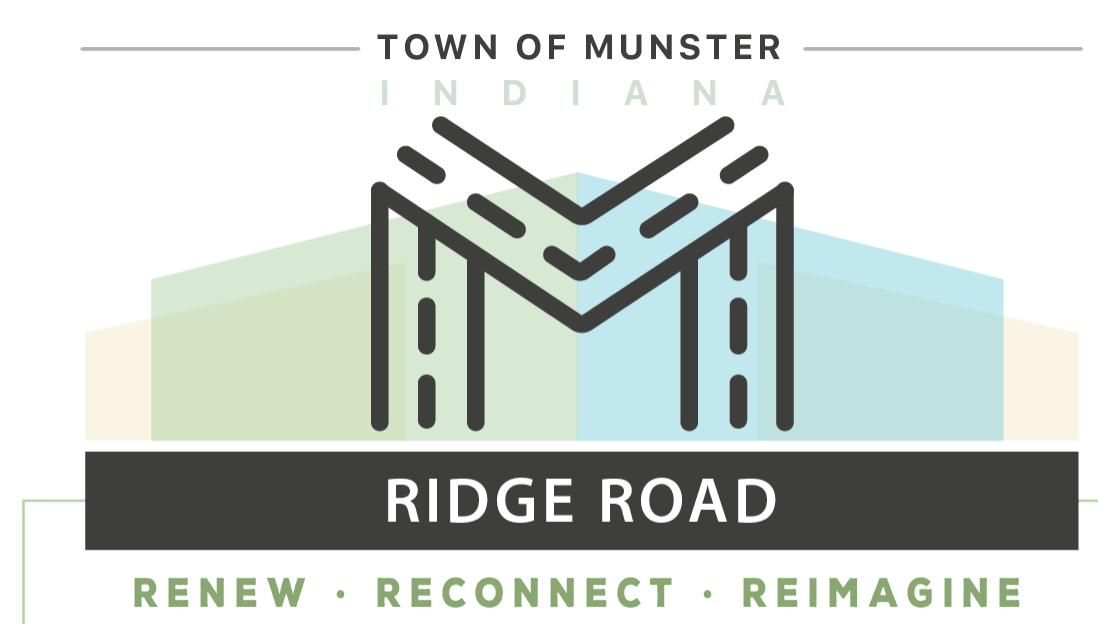
Black-eyed Susan  
*Rudbeckia hirta*

Mature Height: 2'-3'  
Mature Width: 2'

The above represents the types of plantings anticipated for Ridge Road.  
Final plant list to be determined.

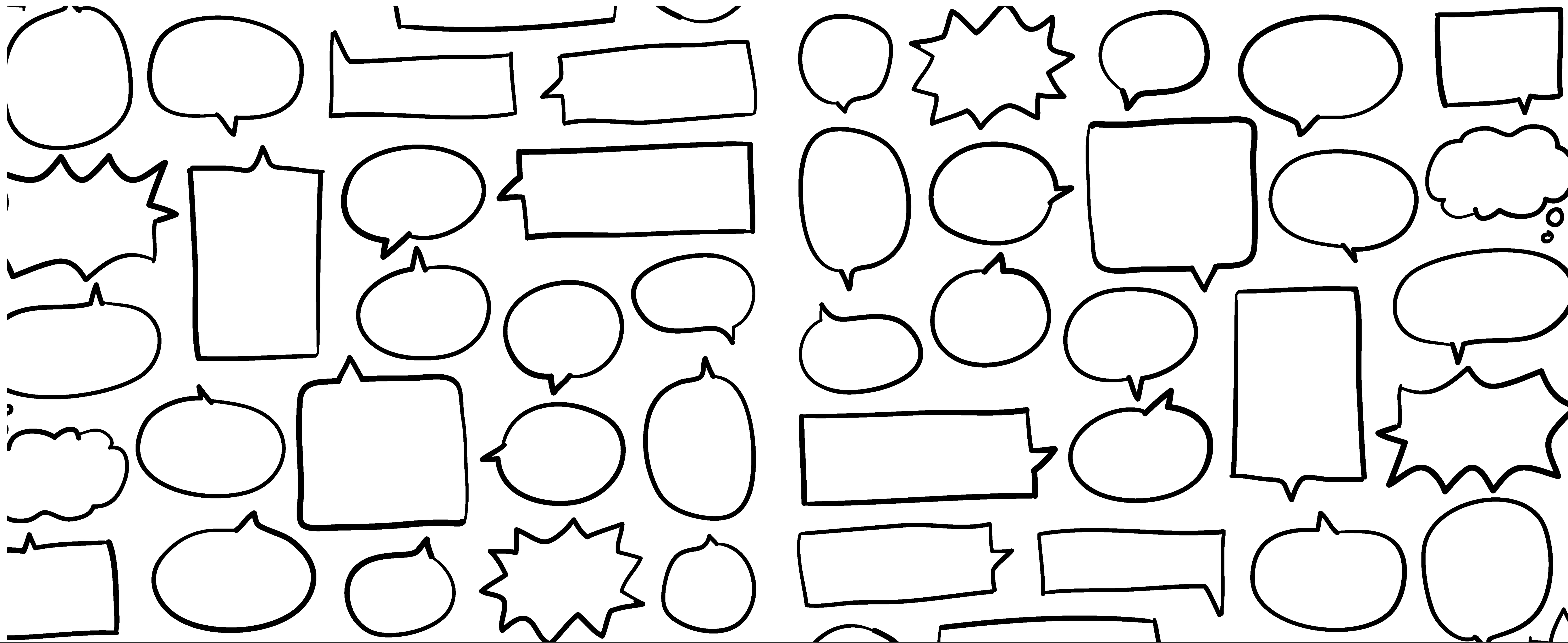


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# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

USE THE POST-IT NOTES TO SHARE YOUR COMMENTS



Thank you for attending the public meeting - your feedback matters!  
All feedback will be documented and will be applied to the next phase of design.  
Stay tuned to the project website for additional information.



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