

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES: BARBERTON'S NORTH-SOUTH BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PLAN

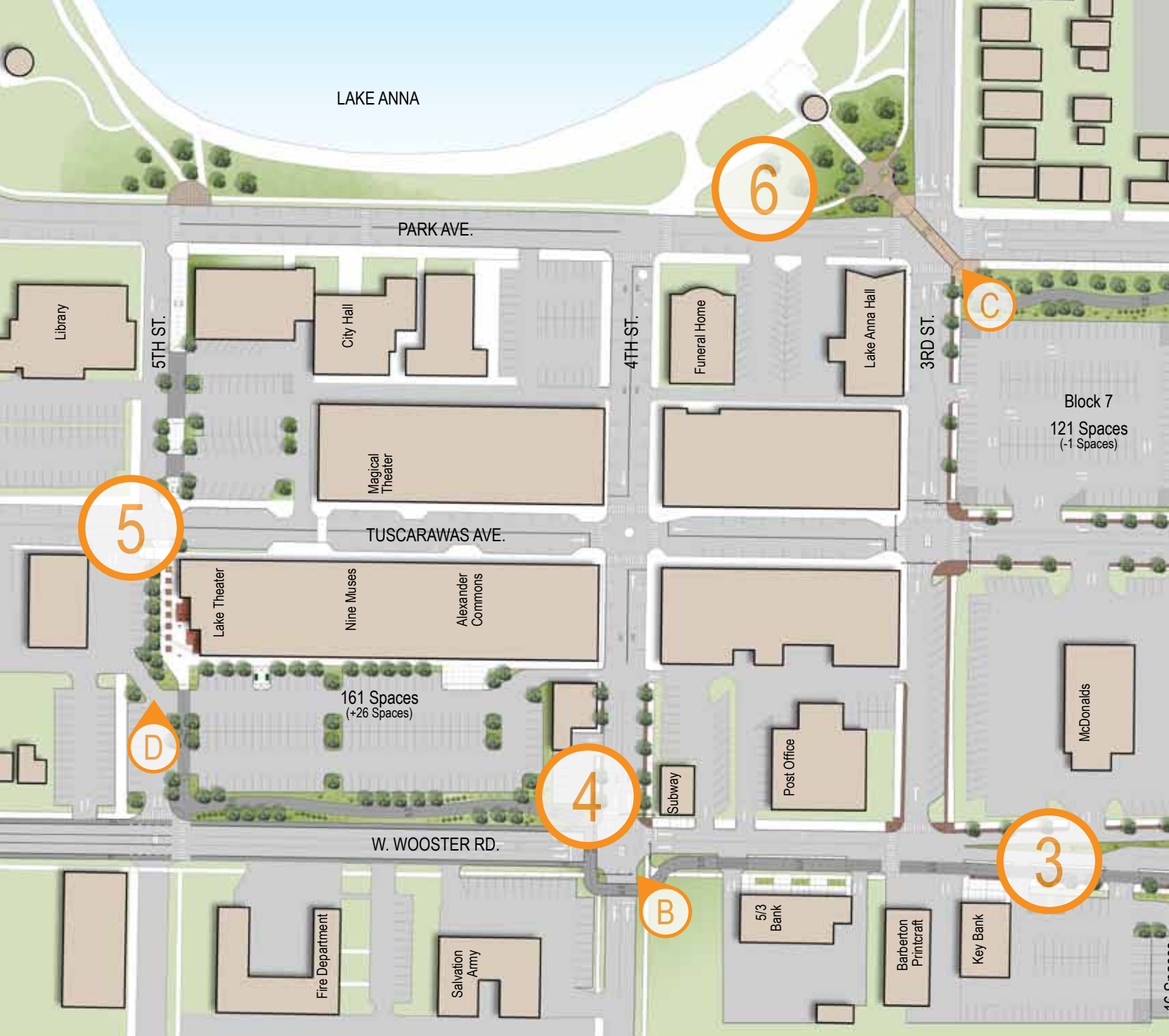
The City of Barberton pursued a Connecting Communities Grant in 2013 to study their bicycle infrastructure and the potential to capitalize on the existing amenity of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. They were awarded the funding by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study, a steering committee was formed with representation from The City of Barberton, Neighborhood Development Services and the Barberton Community Foundation - partners all active in the growth and continued revitalization

of the community. The 10 month planning process resulted in a one-mile bicycle infrastructure loop in the core of Downtown, connecting the Towpath to Lake Anna - affectionately called the "Magic Mile" in homage to the City's history as a center of progress and growth. Five tenets emerged from the planning process and engagement with the community and served as the guiding philosophy behind the plan.



BARBERTON'S BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE TENETS:

- EXTENDS THE TOWPATH TRAIL
- TRAIL MUST BE INTUITIVE AND IDENTIFIABLE
- ENHANCES EVERYTHING THAT IT AFFECTS
- ELIMINATES REDUNDANT PATHS
- FOUNDED WITH REALIZABLE AND FEASIBLE SOLUTIONS



THE MAGIC MILE

A ONE MILE LOOP FROM THE NEW TOWPATH BRIDGE OVER ROBINSON AVENUE AND THROUGH DOWNTOWN. ATTRACTING VISITORS, CONNECTING AMENITIES AND CREATING THE IDENTITY OF A BICYCLE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY.

THE SEVEN STEPS OF THE MAGIC MILE LOOP

1. GET CYCLISTS OVER ROBINSON BRIDGE
2. MAKE THE INTERSECTION SAFER FOR ALL USERS
3. EXTEND THE TRAIL WEST ON WOOSTER, NORTH & SOUTH ON 2ND
4. CROSS WOOSTER
5. ARRIVE IN DOWNTOWN
6. COMPLETE THE LOOP
7. GET IT BUILT



VISIONING THE MAGIC MILE



A. WOOSTER | 2ND TRAILHEAD



B. WOOSTER | 4TH TRAIL



C. LAKE ANNA PARK ENTRANCE



D. 5TH STREET PROMENADE