

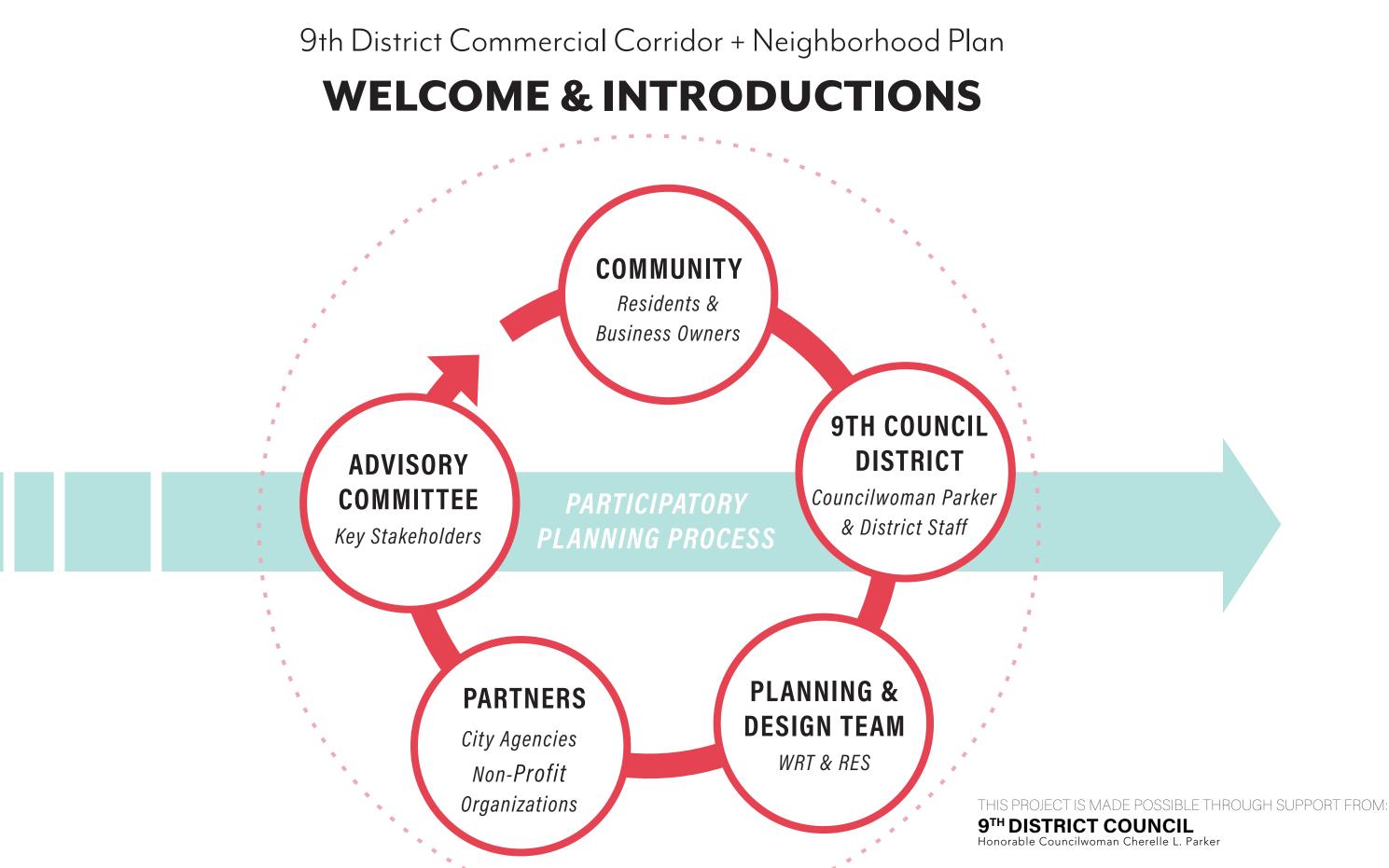
## **9TH DISTRICT COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR** + NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

PUBLIC MEETING PRESENTATION

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 6:30-8:30 pm Lawncrest Recreation Center 6000 Rising Sun Avenue, Philadelphia 19111









#### **CITY OF PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

## **WINS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR**

#### WHAT I ASKED FOR .....

**Revitalization and investment in** neighborhood commercial corridors

Increased investment in home preservation programs

**Redevelopment and preservation of** recreation centers, parks, playgrounds, and libraries

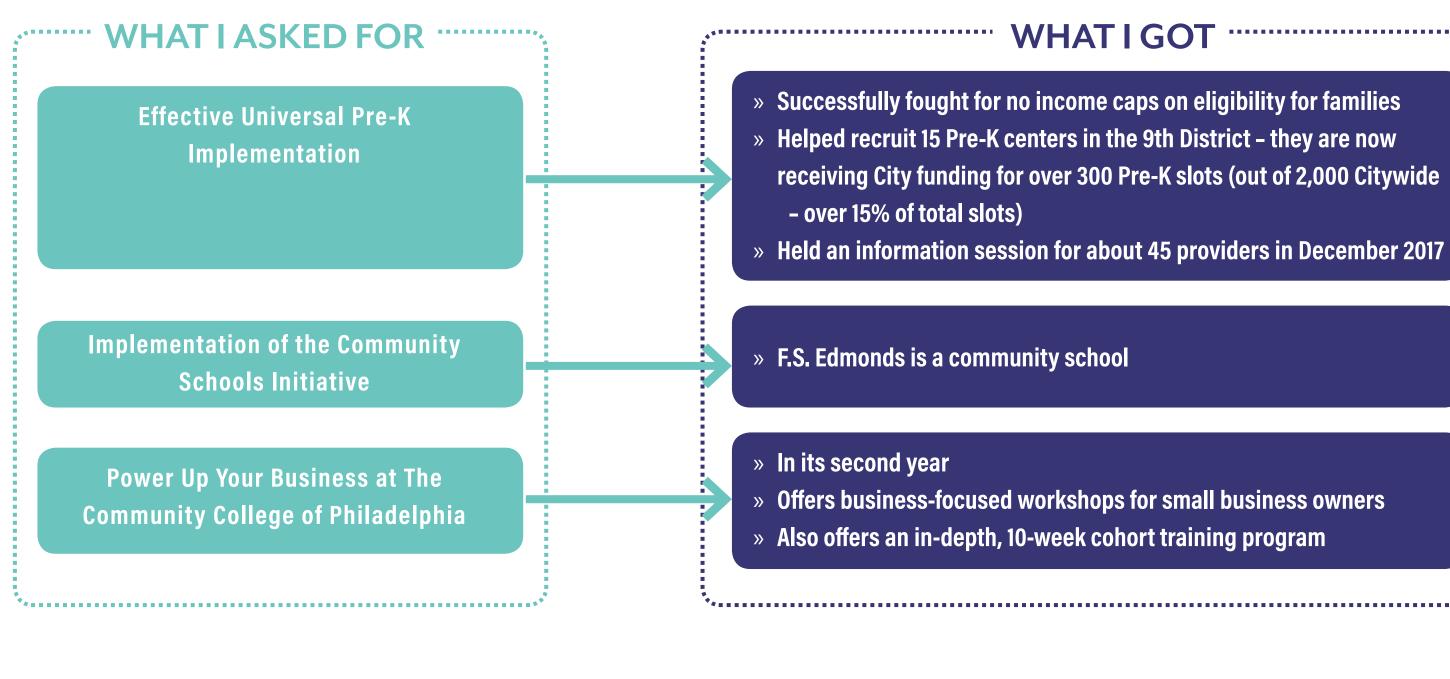
Increased diversity and inclusion in the **Rebuild Initiative** 

## WHAT I GOT

- » Commercial Corridor Managers
- » Opened District Office on Wadsworth Avenue
- » Corrected zoning on Vernon Road to allow for future investments
- » Implementation of \$60 million bond to clear backlog of rehab programs like Basic Systems Repair
- » Legislative passage of \$40 million bond to create a new housing preservation loan program - should be implemented by the end of this calendar year
- » Extensive planning for Rebuild Initiative, especially site selection for the 9th District
- » Broke ground at Finley Recreation Center
- » Resolution with recommendations
- » A seat at the table with the Mayor and building trades union in development of an MOU

Councilwoman Cherelle Parker 9th Council District

## **WINS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR**



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## **TONIGHT'S AGENDA**



- I. Project Goals / Objectives
- II. Brief Overview of Planning Process
- III. Summary of Initial Findings
- V. Next Steps
- VI. Q & A

## **PART II: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS** [60 min]

Station 1: Upper Section of Rising Sun Avenue Station 2: Lower Section of Rising Sun Avenue Station 3: Castor Avenue



## 9th District Commercial Corridor + Neighborhood Plan **PROJECT GOALS / OBJECTIVES**

## Goal of the study is to provide innovative, data-driven strategies to address these issues and support legislation and leverage funding.

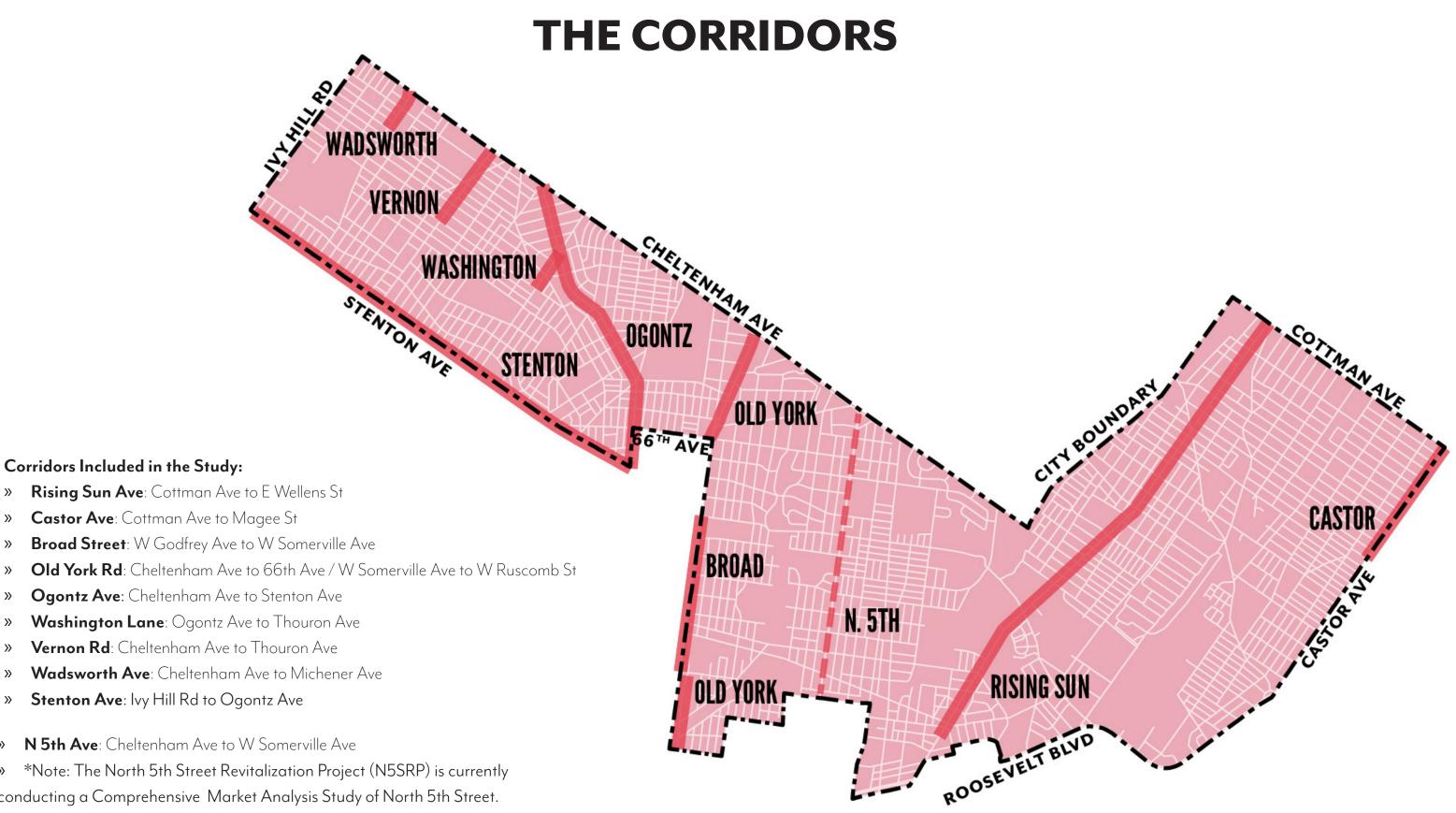
## The Plan will:

- Build on the 2005 Shops, Streets, Centers Study
- Add Housing Preservation element to address challenges for residents (Aging housing stock; Aging homeowners; Access to capital for home improvements)
- Identify opportunity to leverage public assets libraries, recreation centers and parks in conjunction with the City's Rebuild Initiative

## Provide recommendations to stabilize and reinvest in existing commercial corridors

- » Address competition from adjacent commercial centers in Cheltenham Township
- » Changes in shopping patterns and online shopping
- » Need to diversify retail services
- » Need for branding & identity and marketing corridors
- » Need for biz association, technical assistance to small business owners

#### 9th District Commercial Corridor + Neighborhood Plan



conducting a Comprehensive Market Analysis Study of North 5th Street. This study will not duplicate efforts but will reference recommendations from the N5SRP Study.

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## **INTEGRATION WITH OTHER PLANNING EFFORTS**

## The plan will leverage other planned and ongoing investments for the 9th District and work with local partners to advance recommendations including:

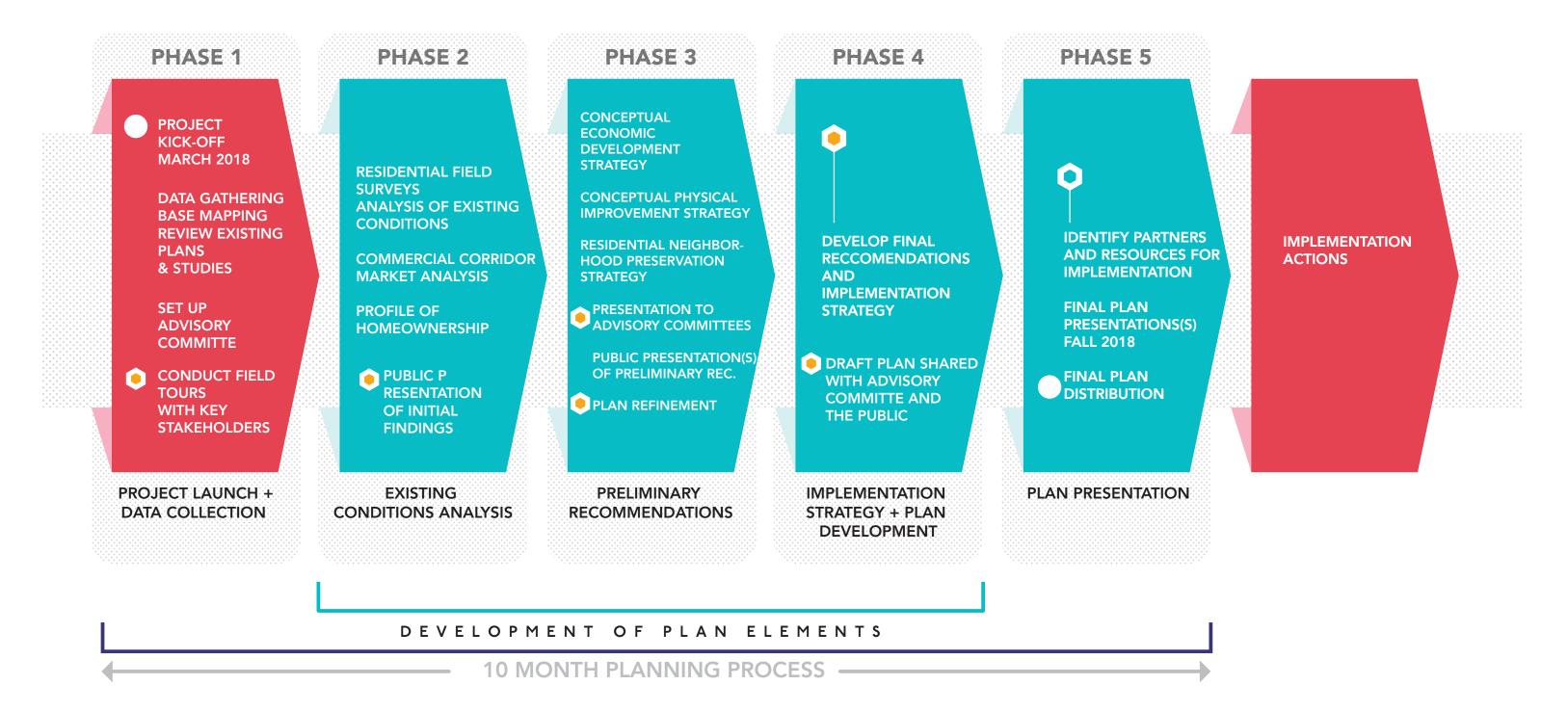
- » City agencies
- » Local institutions
- » Community residents and other stakeholders
- » Corridor organizations
- » Businesses associations
- » Community and civic leaders



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## **BRIEF OVERVIEW OF PLANNING PROCESS**



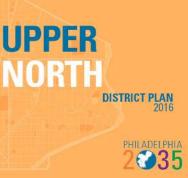


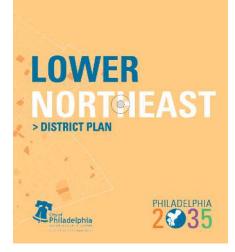
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# 9th District Commercial Corridor + Neighborhood Plan BASIS FOR THE PLANNING WORK

- » 2000 East Cheltenham Ave Enhancement Plan
- » 2005 9th District Plan: Shops, Streets, Centers
- » 2005 Cheltenham Ave Revitalization Plan
- » Philadelphia 2035 Plans: Upper North District Plan & Lower Northeast District Plan
- » 2011 DVRPC Fern Rock Transportation Center Study
- » 2012 Olney Neighborhood Vision and Proposals (Penn Design)
- » 2012 & 2016 Strategic Plans for the North 5th Street Revitalization Project
- » 2016 Marketing & Communications Plan for Northwest Commercial Corridors
- » 2016/2017 9th Council District Constituent Surveys



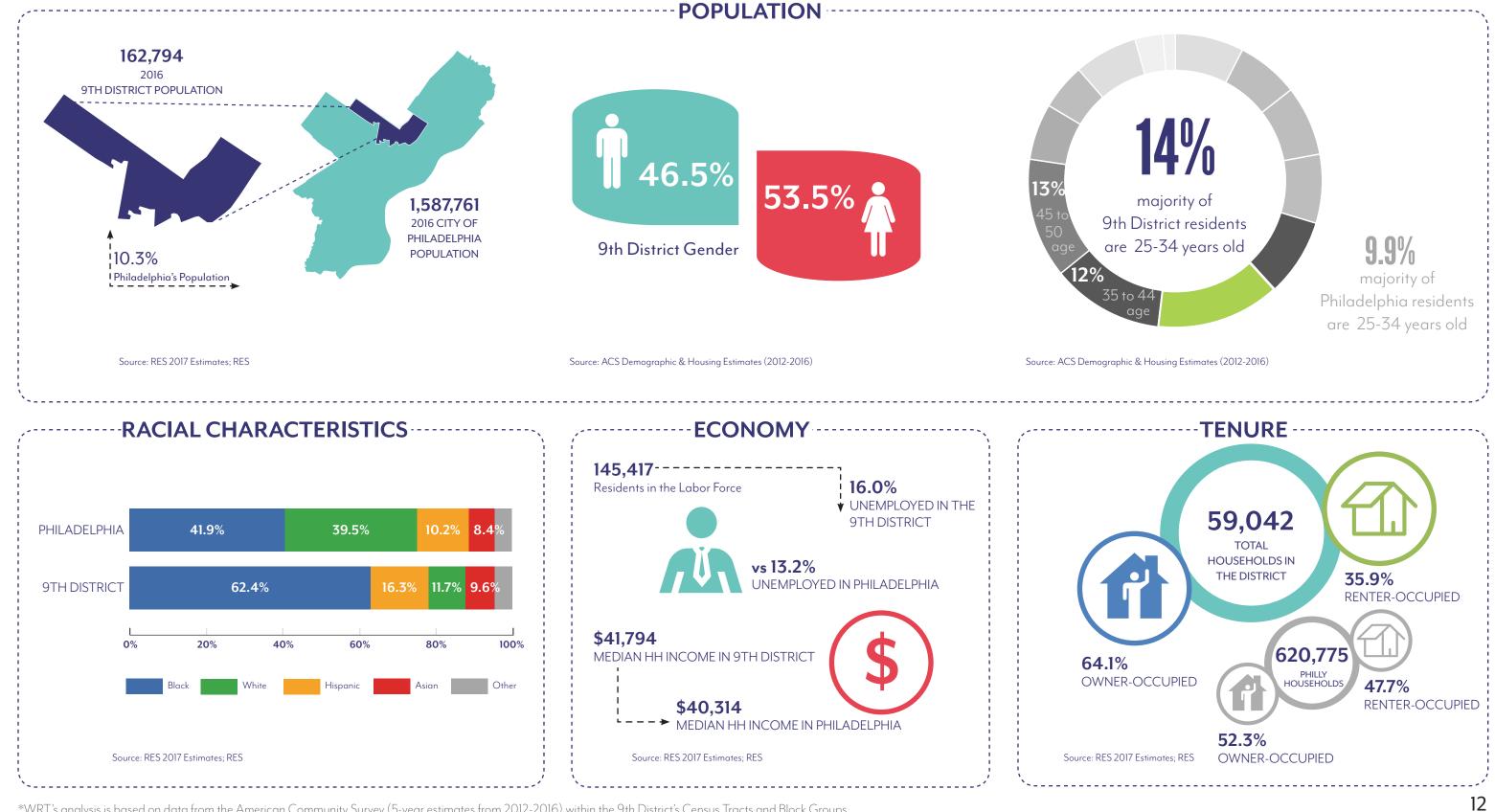




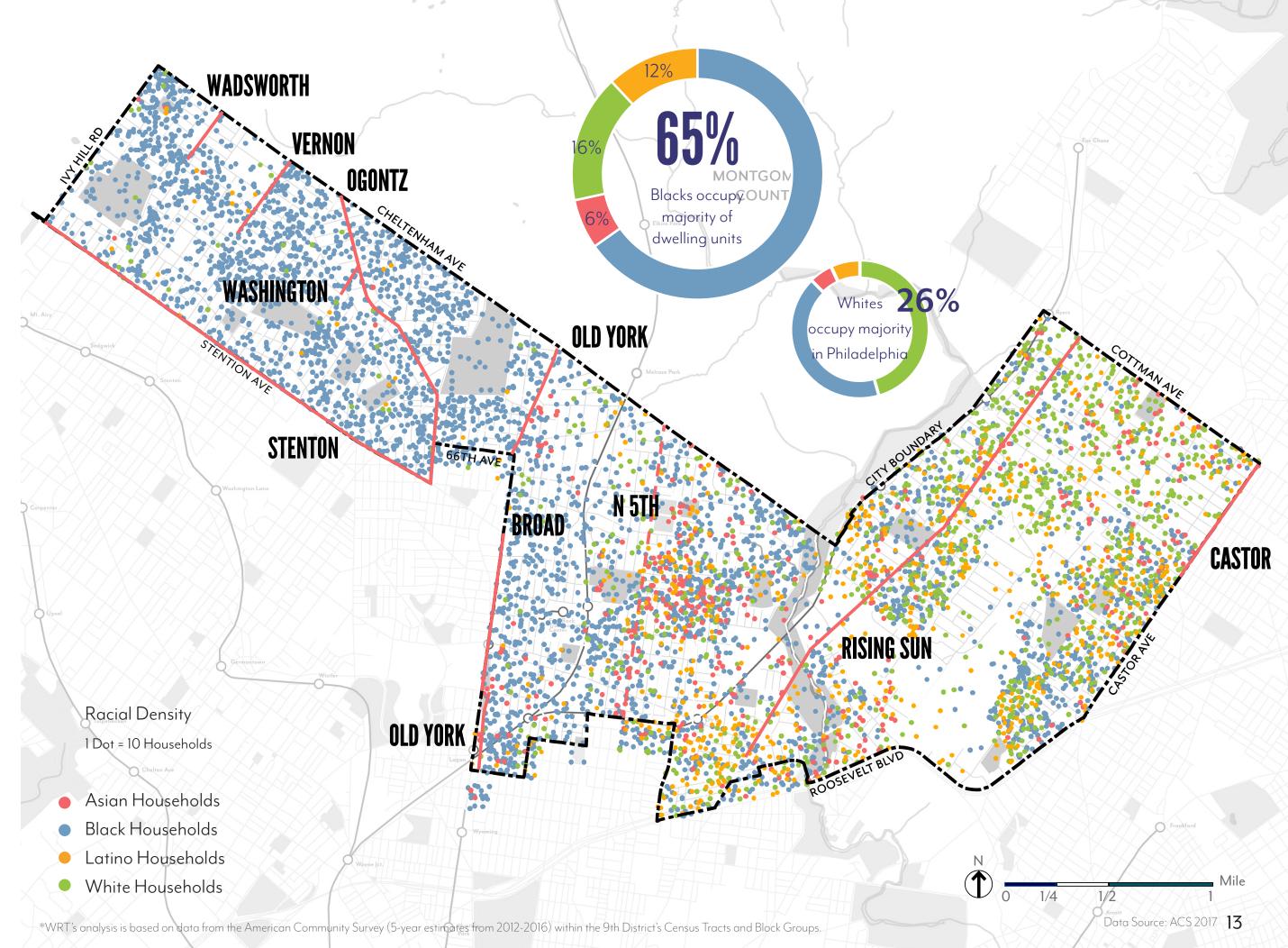
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## **NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE**



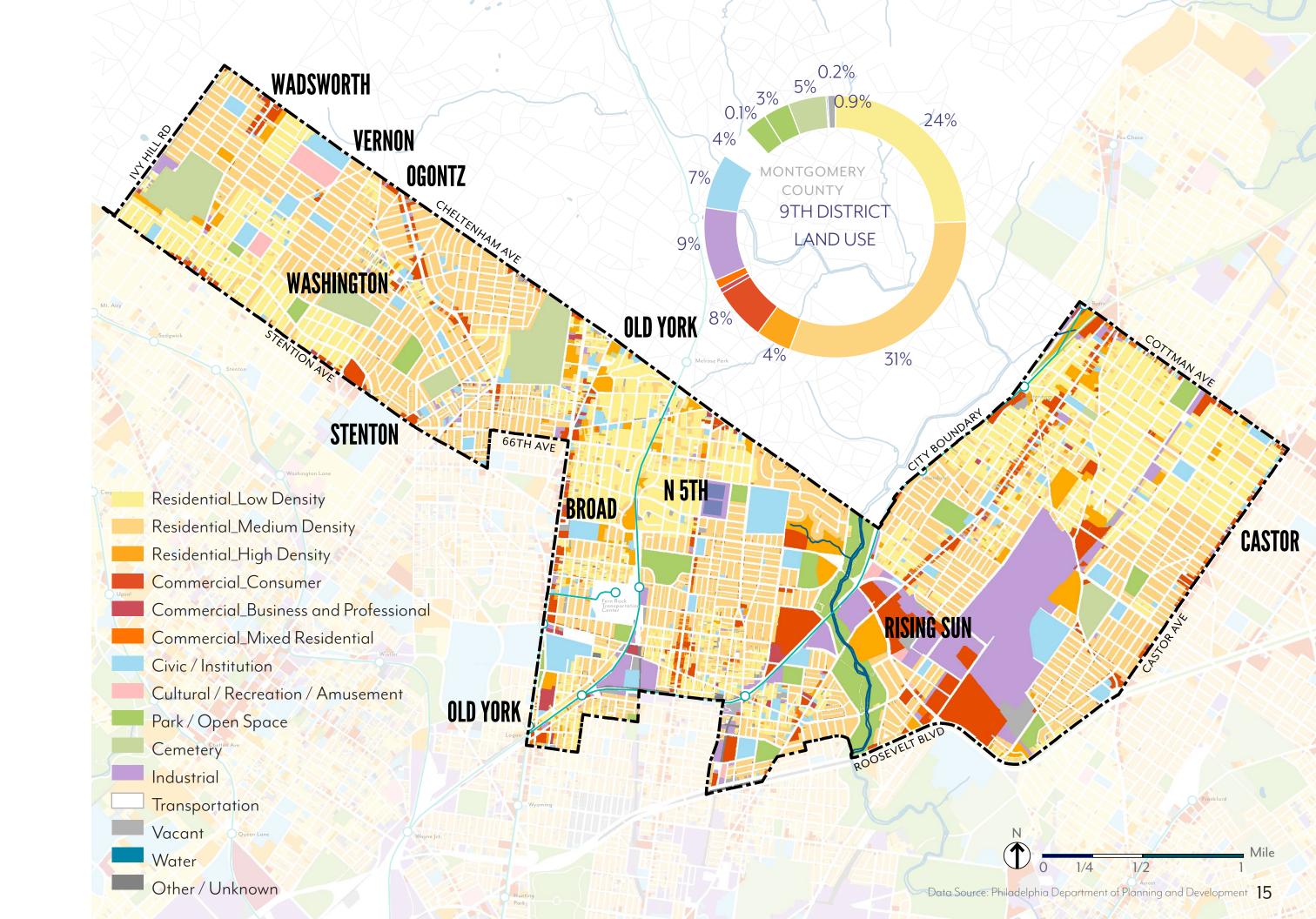
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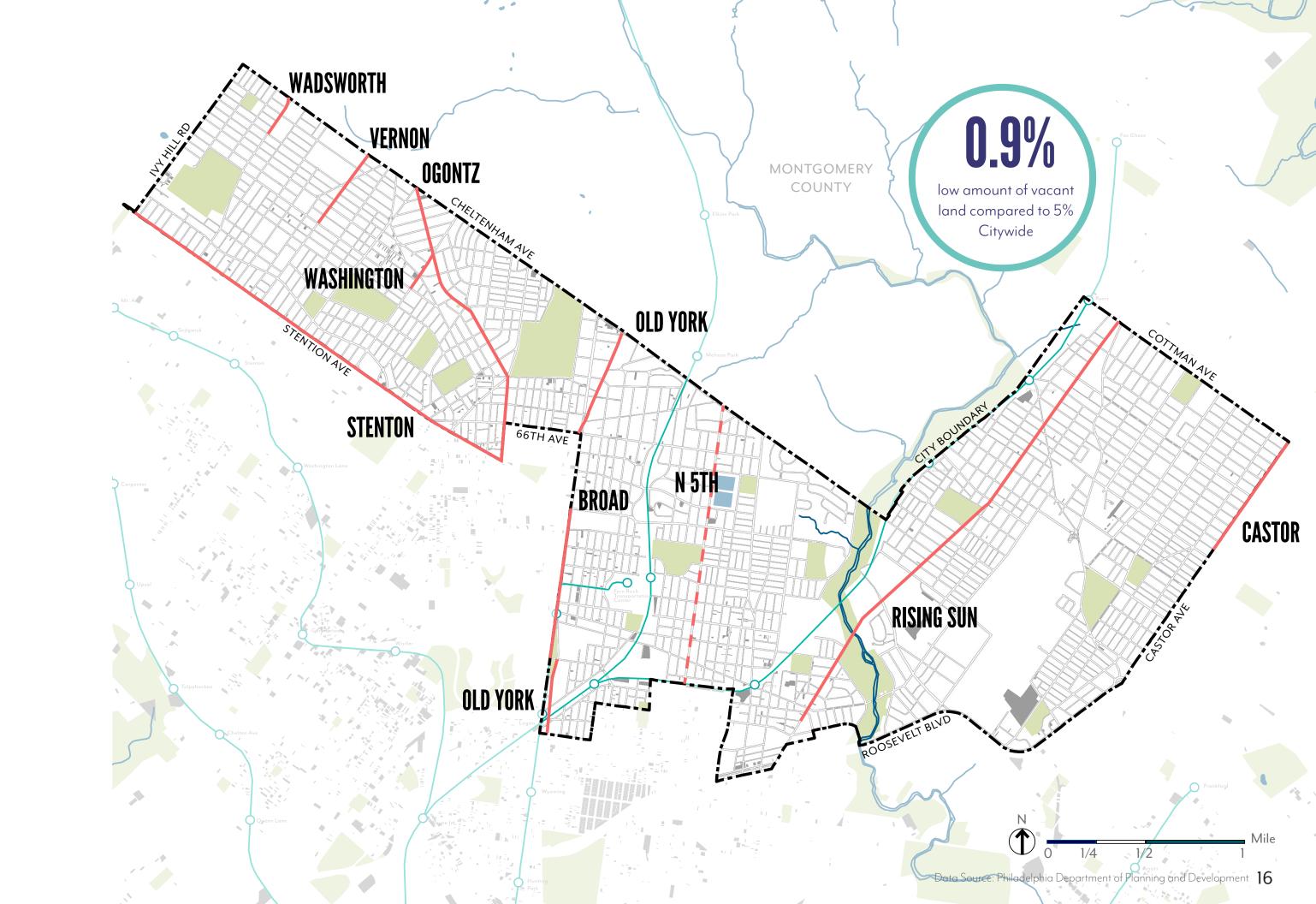


HOMEOWNERSHIP BY RACE

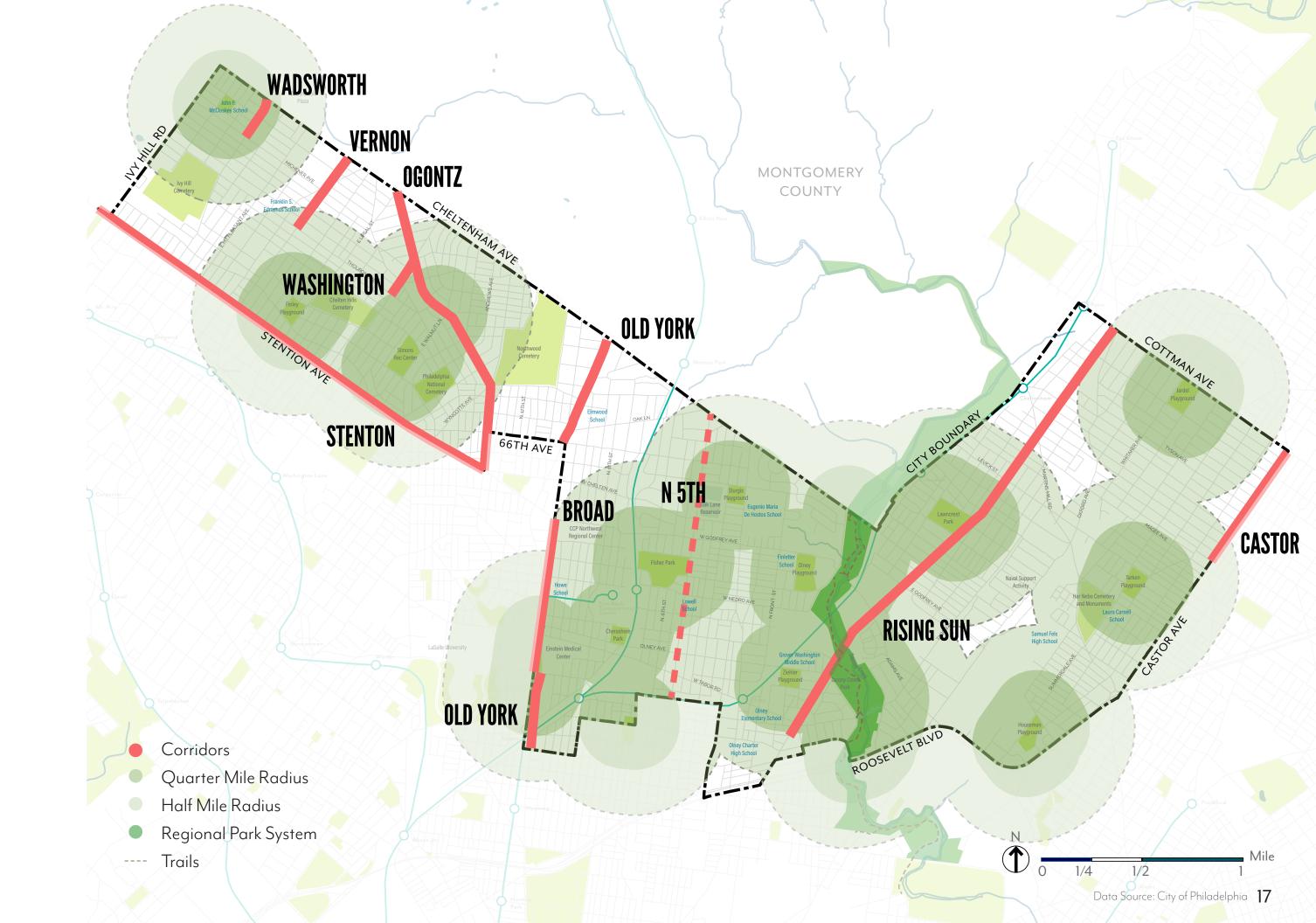
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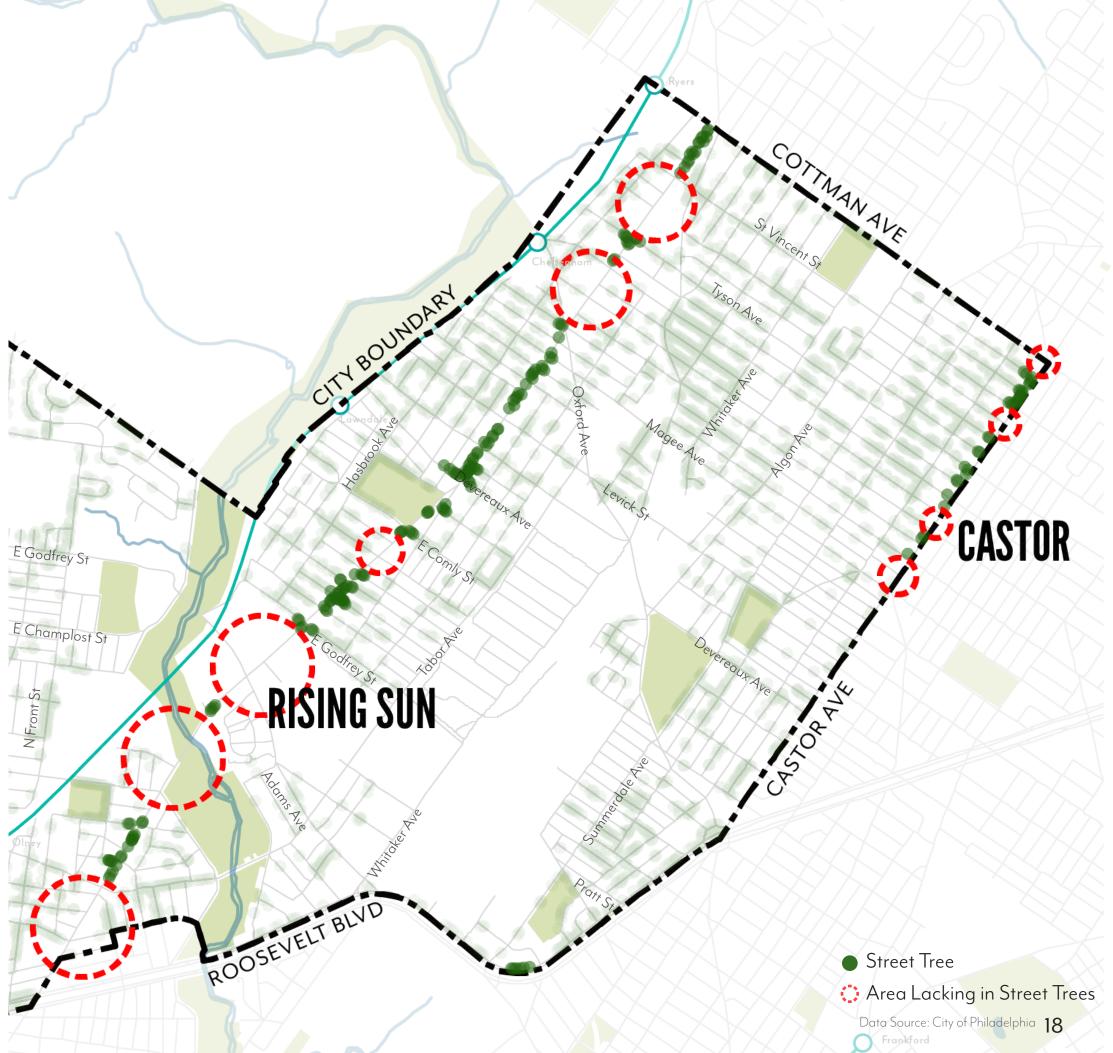


**OPEN SPACE** 









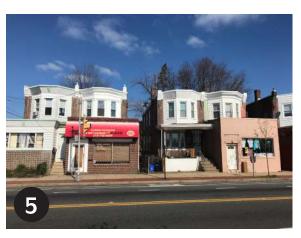
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#### **RISING SUN AVE**





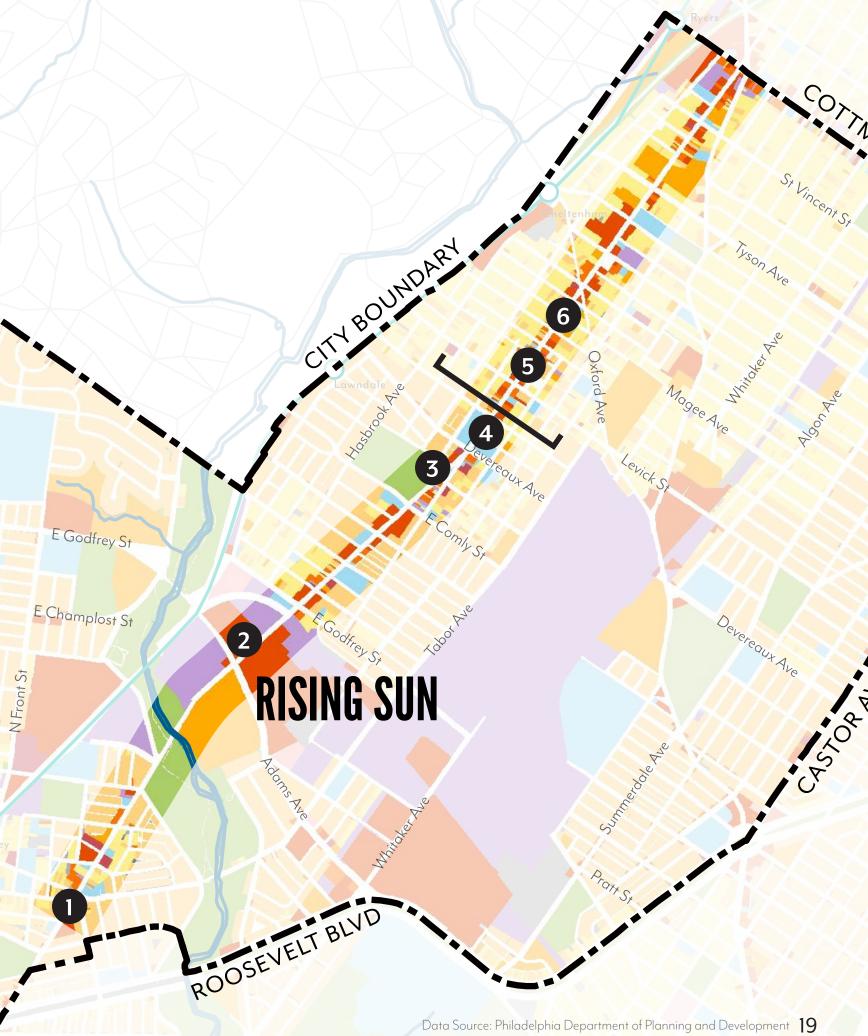














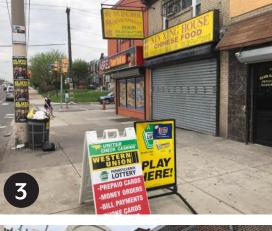
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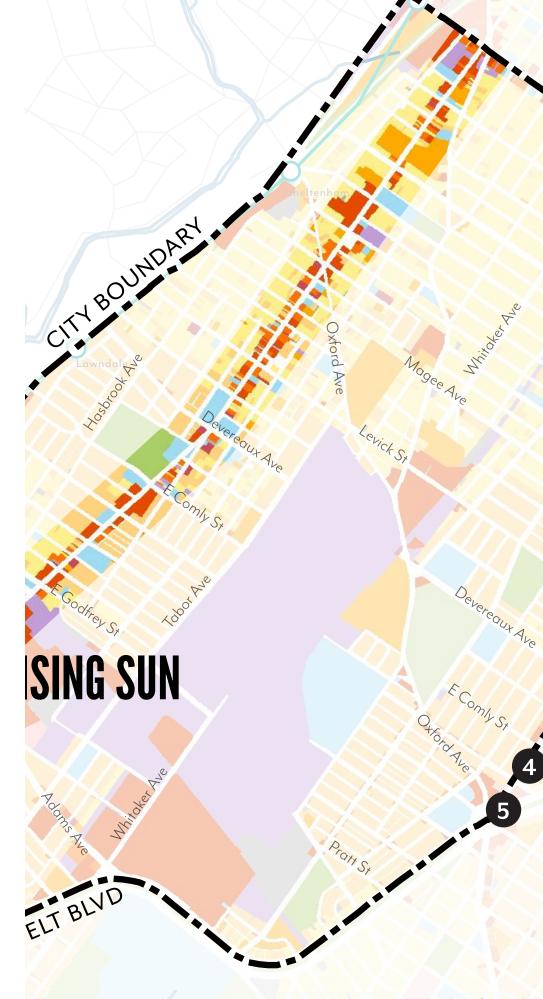












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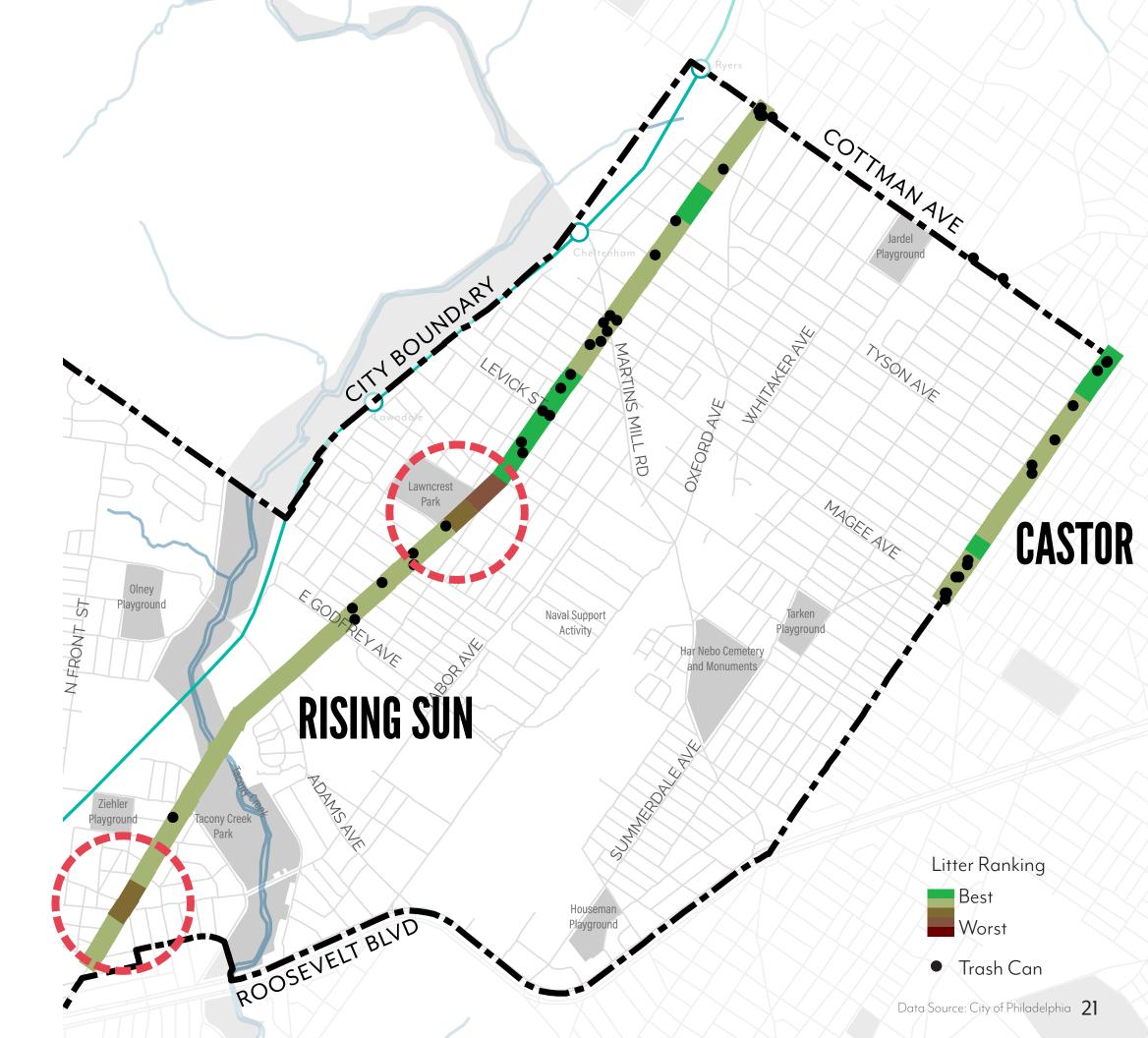
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**CLEANLINESS** 



## 9th District Commercial Corridor + Neighborhood Plan

## HERE'S WHAT WE HEARD...

## **Corridor Tour - Rising Sun Avenue**

- » Rising Sun is a diverse area, which people view as a strength
- » Night Market events were successful and a point of pride
- » No sense of identity for the corridor
- » Lack of communication among business owners
- » Litter and lack of enforcement
- » Perception of crime; need more cameras
- » Corridor needs street trees, awnings, more consistent signage, and lighting improvements
- » More sit-down restaurants and cafes
- » Good access to transit rail and buses but streets could be more bike friendly
- » More support needed for small businesses
- » Build on the authentic and historic nature of the community





## 9th District Commercial Corridor + Neighborhood Plan HERE'S WHAT WE HEARD....

## **Corridor Tour - Castor Avenue**

- » Castor is a very diverse area, which people view as a strength, but communities often operate in isolation; Communication is a challenge
- » Litter was most commonly discussed issue
- » Trash cans, better lighting, street trees needed along the corridor
- » Excessive signage on some shop windows
- » Low levels of participation in business association
- » Sense of positive business trajectory as seen by low vacancy
- » Hope to create a walkable, bustling place where people attend cultural events and spend a whole day or evening
- » Good range of food options but lack of family focused entertainment options (movie theatre)
- » Lack of parking; need for loading zones

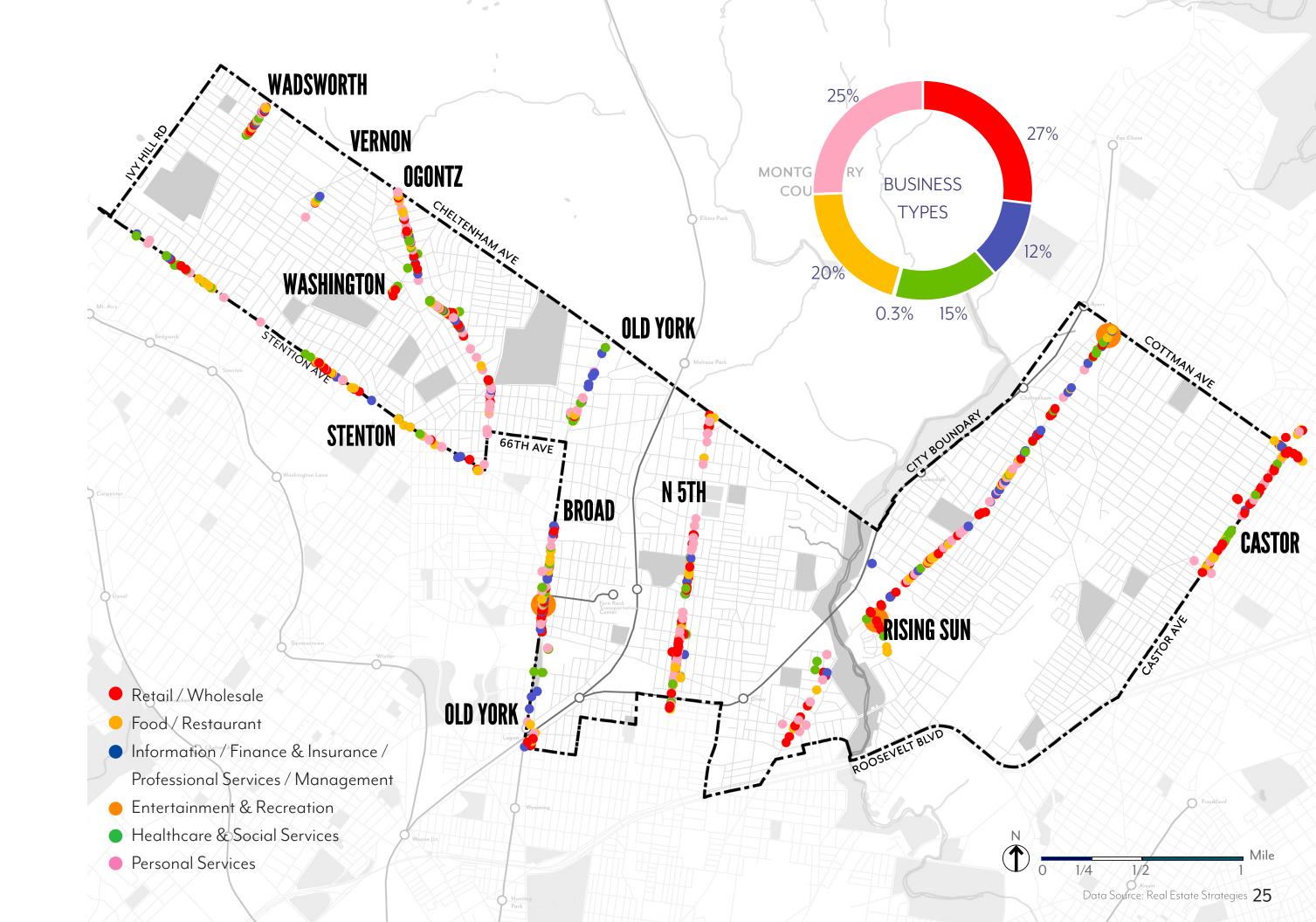


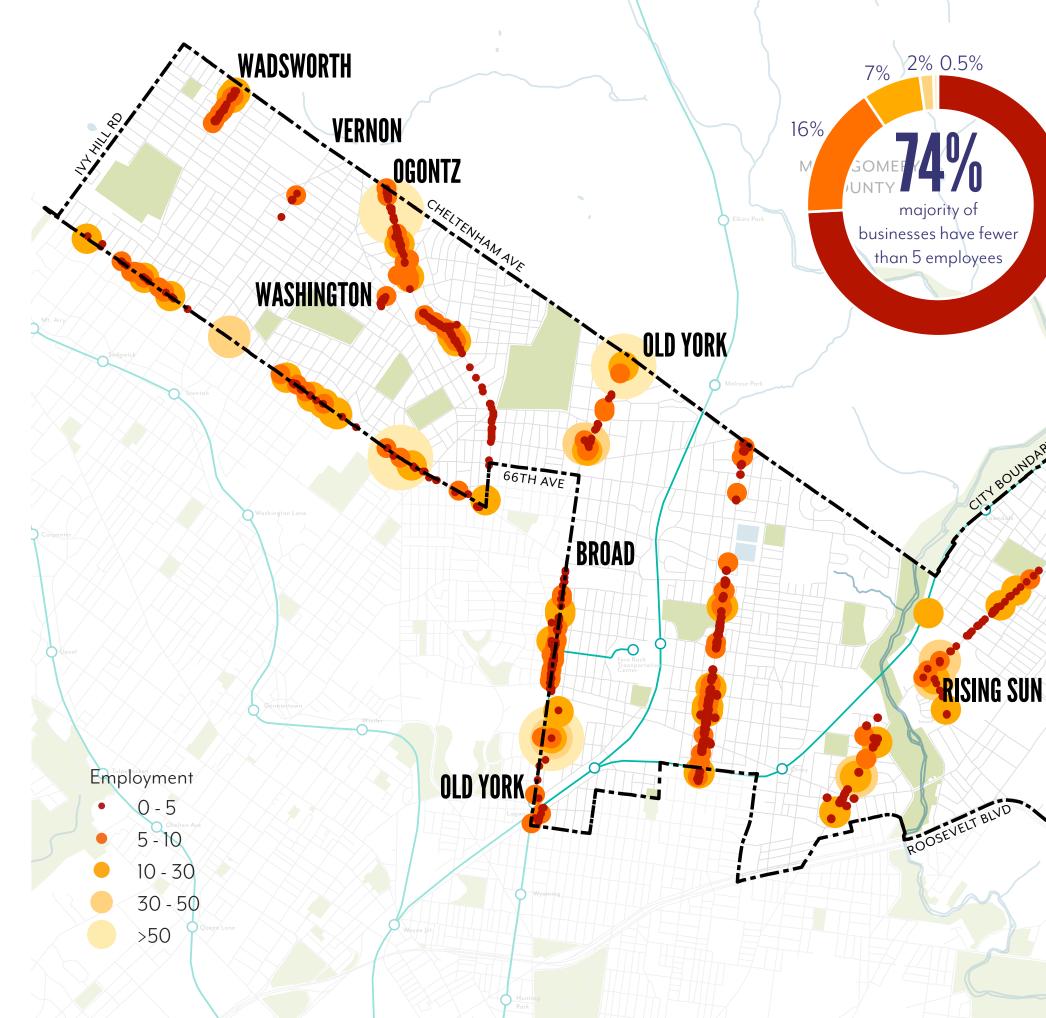






# EXISTING CONDITIONS MARKET STUDY FINDINGS





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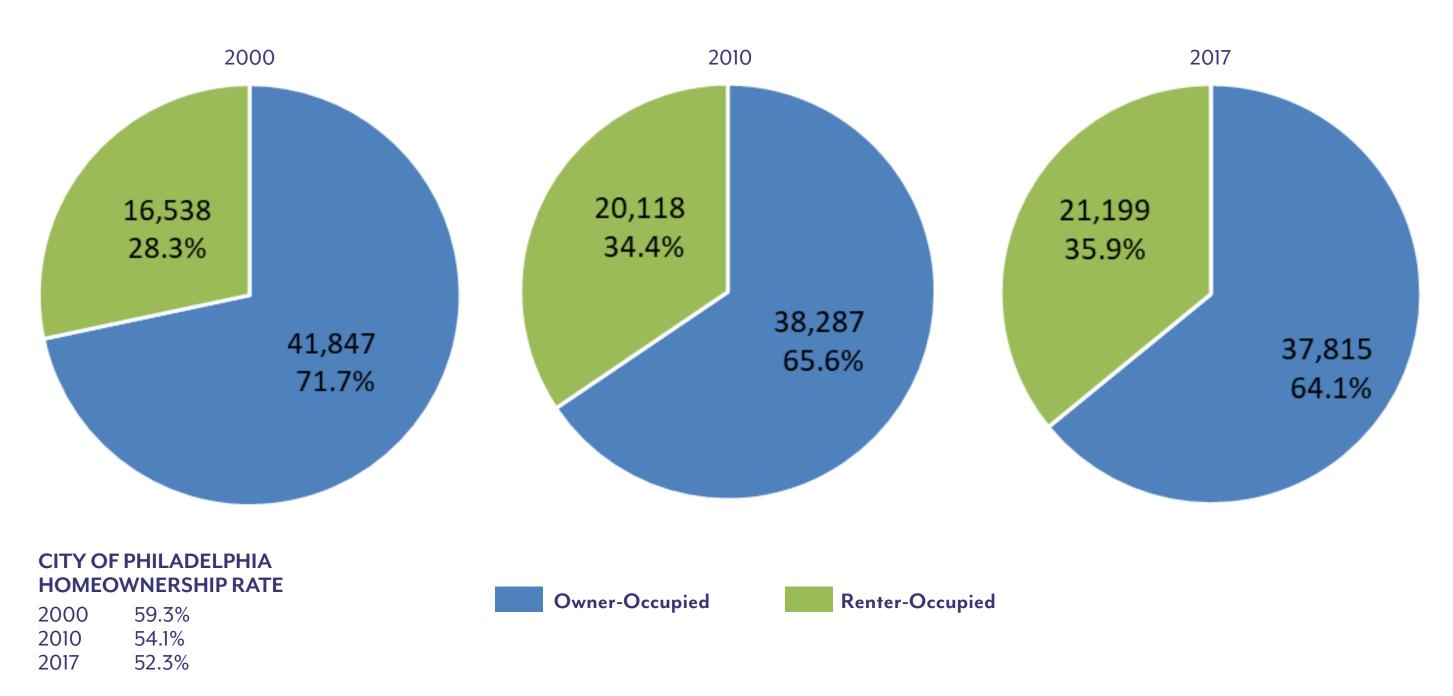
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#### DEMOGRAPHICS

	9th District	Philadelphia		9th District	Philadelphia
2017 Population	162,794	1,587,761	2017 Households (HHs)	59 <i>,</i> 042	620,775
Median Age	36.0	34.7	Avg. HH Size	2.73	2.47
% over 65	11.2%	14.1%			
% under 18	26.1%	21.2%	% Homeowners	64.1%	52.3%
			% Renters	35.9%	47.7%
%Black	62.4%	41.9%			
%White	16.3%	39.5%	Median HH Income	\$41,794	\$40,314
% Asian	9.6%	8.4%	Avg HH Income	\$54 <i>,</i> 645	\$60,713
%Other	11.7%	10.2%			
% Hispanic Origin	15.2%	16.9%	2017 Median Home Value	\$131,535	\$153,502
			Sources: Esri 2017 estimates; RE	S	
High School Degree or Higher	82.6%	83.1%			
Bachelors Degree or Higher	18.3%	27.2%			
Population Growth Rate 2010-2017	2.4%	4.0%			

Sources: Esri 2017 estimates; RES

#### 9TH DISTRICT HOMEOWNERSHIP TRENDS: 2000, 2010, & 2017

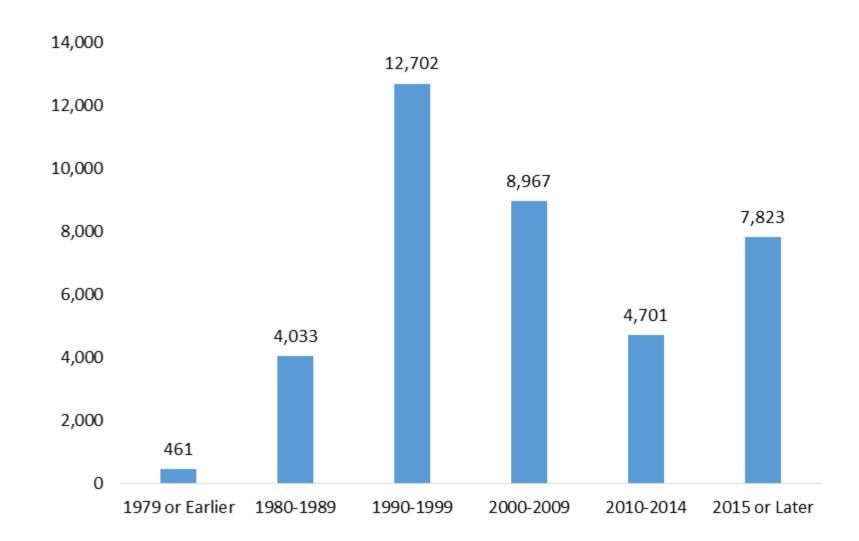


#### The District's homeownership rate has trended downward since 2000.

HOMEOWNERS PROFILE

Source: Esri 2017

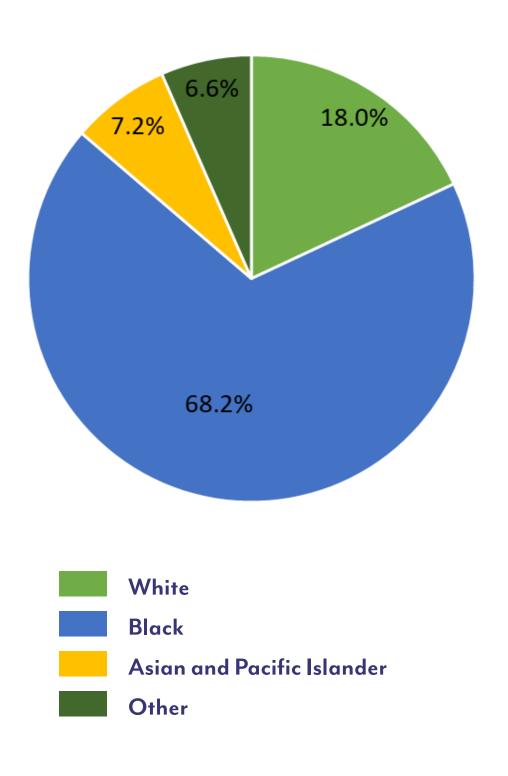
#### YEAR OWNER MOVED INTO HOME





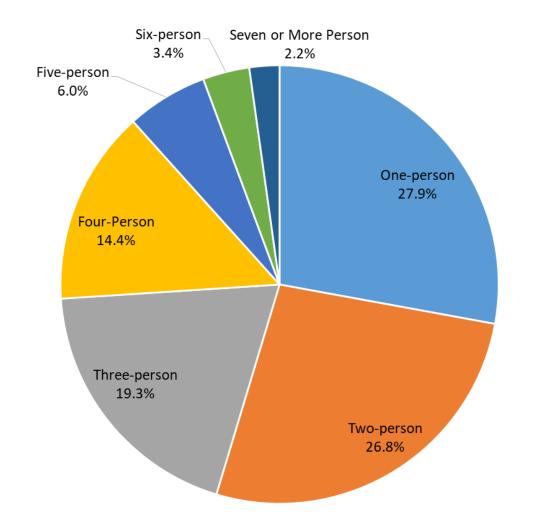
- The largest number of homeowners moved into their homes in the 1990's.
- Approximately 3,000 more homeowners moved into their homes in 2015 or later than in 2010-2014.
- Very few homeowners in the 9th District moved into their homes before 1979.

#### **HOMEOWNER HOUSEHOLDS BY RACE**



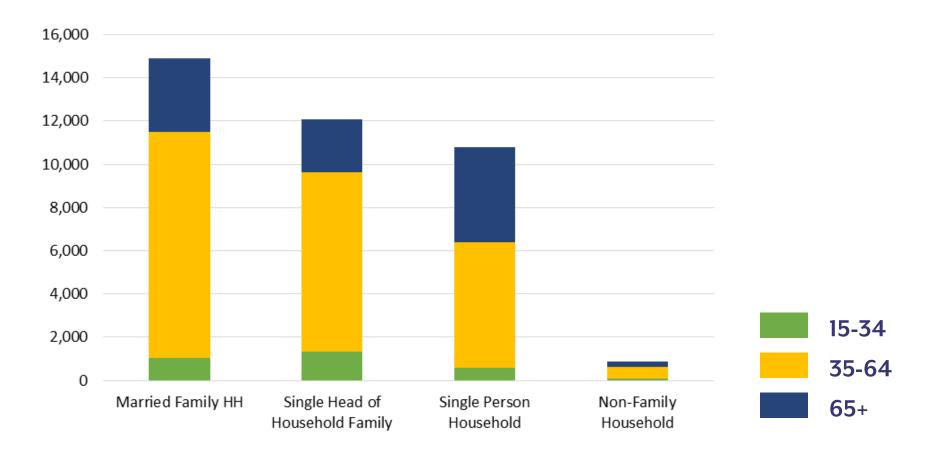
- Two out of three district homeowners are African-American.
- 18.0% are White.
- 7.2% are Asian.
- "Other" includes American Indian and households indicating two or more races.
- Approximately 10% of homeowners are of Hispanic origin.

#### **HOMEOWNER HOUSEHOLDS BY SIZE**



- One- and two-person households are nearly 55% of all 9th District homeowner households.
- An estimated 4,200 homeowner households-- approximately 11% of the total-- have five or more persons.

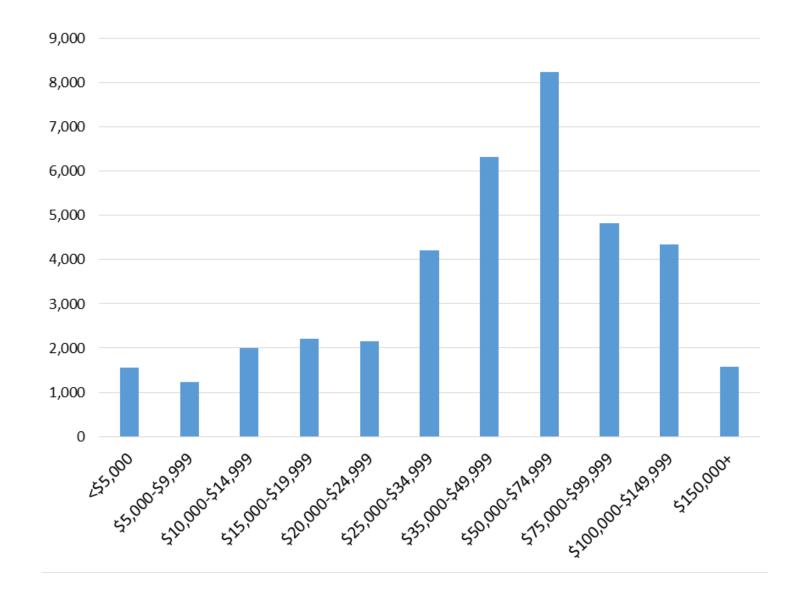
## **HOMEOWNER HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE**



- The majority of homeowners in the 9th District are in the 35-64 age cohort.
- While the married-family household is the most prevalent type for homeowners (approx. 15,000 households), an additional 12,000 homeowners are single head of household families.
- Approximately 4,000 senior homeowners (age 65+) live alone.
- Non-family households (roommates, unmarried couples, etc.) are a relatively small proportion of all homeowners.

Source: American Community Survey (ACS) 2012-2016

## **HOMEOWNER HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME**



- Approximately half of owners in the 9th District have household incomes over \$50,000 (Philadelphia homeowner median income: \$52,289).
- About 15% of owners have household incomes over \$100,000.
- One in four homeowner households have incomes less than \$25,000.

#### **VALUE OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS**

	Number	Percent
<\$50,000	1,822	4.7%
\$50,000-\$99,999	10,706	27.7%
\$100,000-\$149,999	13,214	34.2%
\$150,000-\$199,999	8,242	21.3%
\$200,000-\$299,999	3,567	9.2%
\$300,000-\$499,999	814	2.1%
\$500,000-\$999,999	175	0.5%
\$1,000,000+	147	0.4%

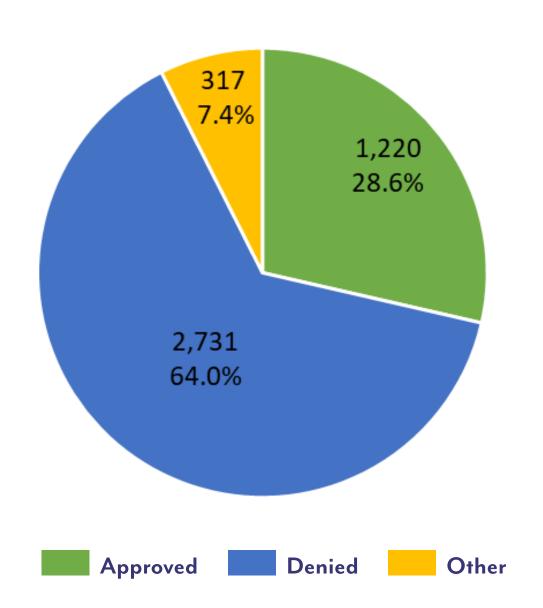
- Majority of owner-occupied units valued between \$50,000 and \$200,000.
- 34.2% valued between \$100,000 and \$150,000.
- The more than 1,800 units with reported values below \$50,000 likely require significant repair.

#### **OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS: YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT**

	Number	Percent
1939 or Earlier	11,776	30.4%
1940-1949	8,832	22.8%
1950-1959	12,942	33.5%
1960-1969	2,870	7.4%
1970-1979	1,270	3.3%
1980-1989	445	1.2%
1990-1999	298	0.8%
2000-2009	223	0.6%
2010-2013	31	0.1%
2014 or Later	0	0.0%
Total	38,687	100.0%

- 87% of owner-occupied units were built before 1960.
- There has been limited new construction of single-family homes in the District since 1980.
- There is a potential need for significant home repair/ modernization given the age of owner-occupied units.

#### HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN APPLICATIONS: 2013-2017

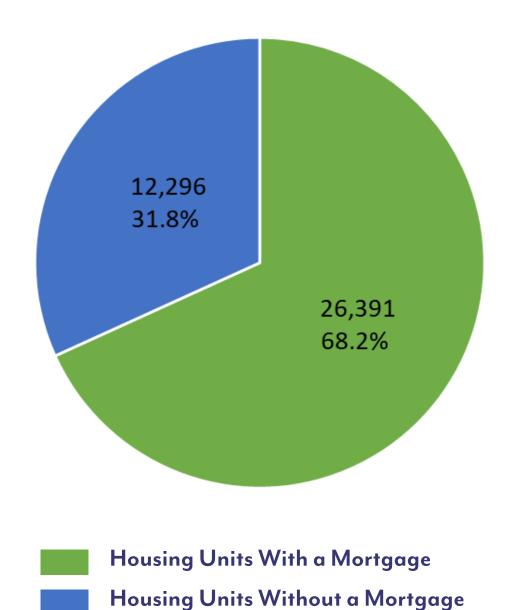


Top Reasons Given for Denial:

- Credit History (63%)
- Debt/Income Ratio (22%)

\* Other includes withdrawn and incomplete applications

#### **OWNER-OCCUPIED UNITS: MORTGAGE STATUS**



- Two out of three homeowners have some type of mortgage on their homes.
- Almost one-third of homeowners do not have a mortgage.



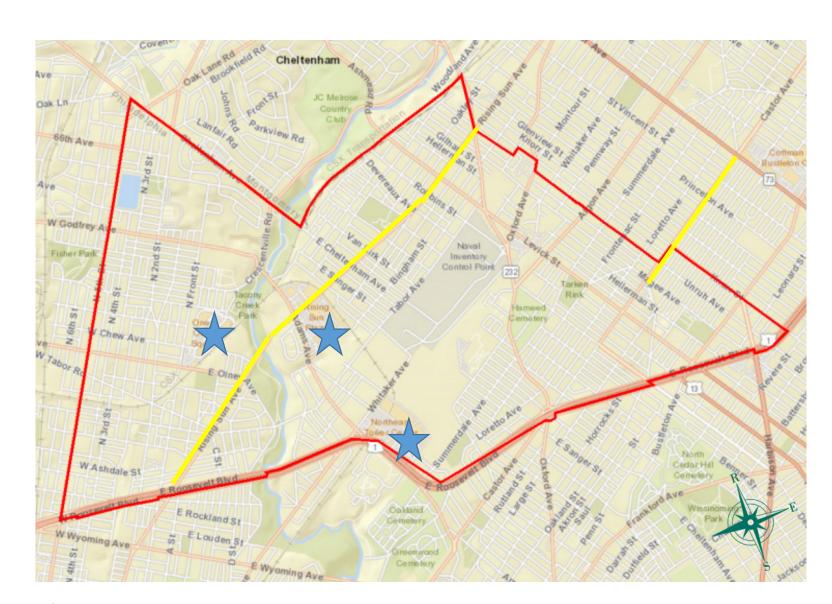


#### 9TH DISTRICT COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS: MARKET ANALYSIS PROCESS

- Understand the mix of existing businesses on the corridor
- Define the trade area (area in which most shoppers live)
- Analyze trade area demographics and spending potential
- For retail categories, compare trade area spending potential to trade area retail sales to identify:
  - "Leakage": trade area resident spending outside of the trade area
  - "Surplus": trade area capturing more spending than expected
- Consider non-retail options (services, medical, banks etc.) not present on corridor
- Develop recommendations about opportunities for business attraction and expansion on corridor



#### LOWER RISING SUN TRADE AREA

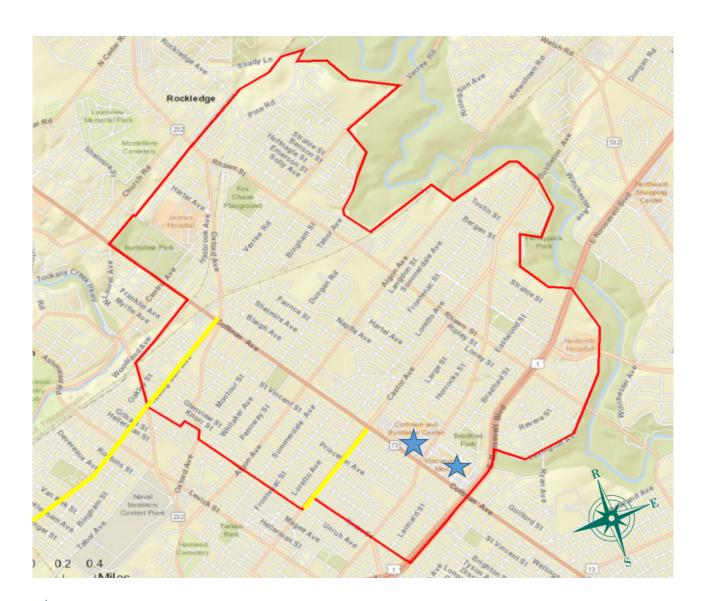


#### **Opportunity Categories** Sporting Goods/Hobby Store

- Restaurant
- Independent Pharmacy
- Resale Shop
- Home Furnishings
- Electronics/Appliance Store

**Shopping Centers** 

#### **UPPER RISING SUN TRADE AREA**

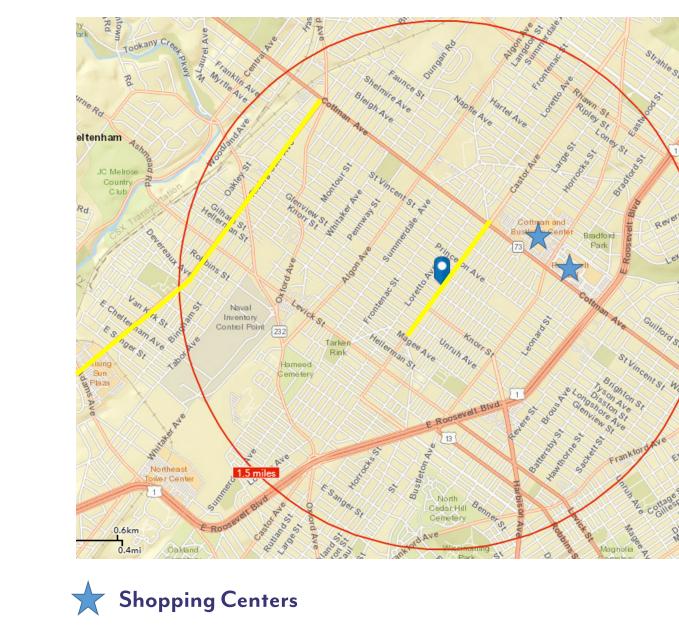


#### **Opportunity Categories**

- Clothing
- Restaurant
- Gift Shop
- Home Furnishings
- Electronics/Appliances

**Shopping Centers** 57

#### **CASTOR AVENUE TRADE AREA**



#### **Opportunity Categories** Restaurant/Entertainment Uses Building Supply/Trade Showroom

- Clothing
- Jewelery

# 9th District Commercial Corridor + Neighborhood Plan **NEXT STEPS**

- » Complete Residential Analysis data gathering and site visit
- » Develop initial strategies working with Stakeholders and Advisory Committee
- » Present draft strategies to public for input and identify priorities
- » Refine recommendations and develop implementation strategy







How will recommendations be implemented?



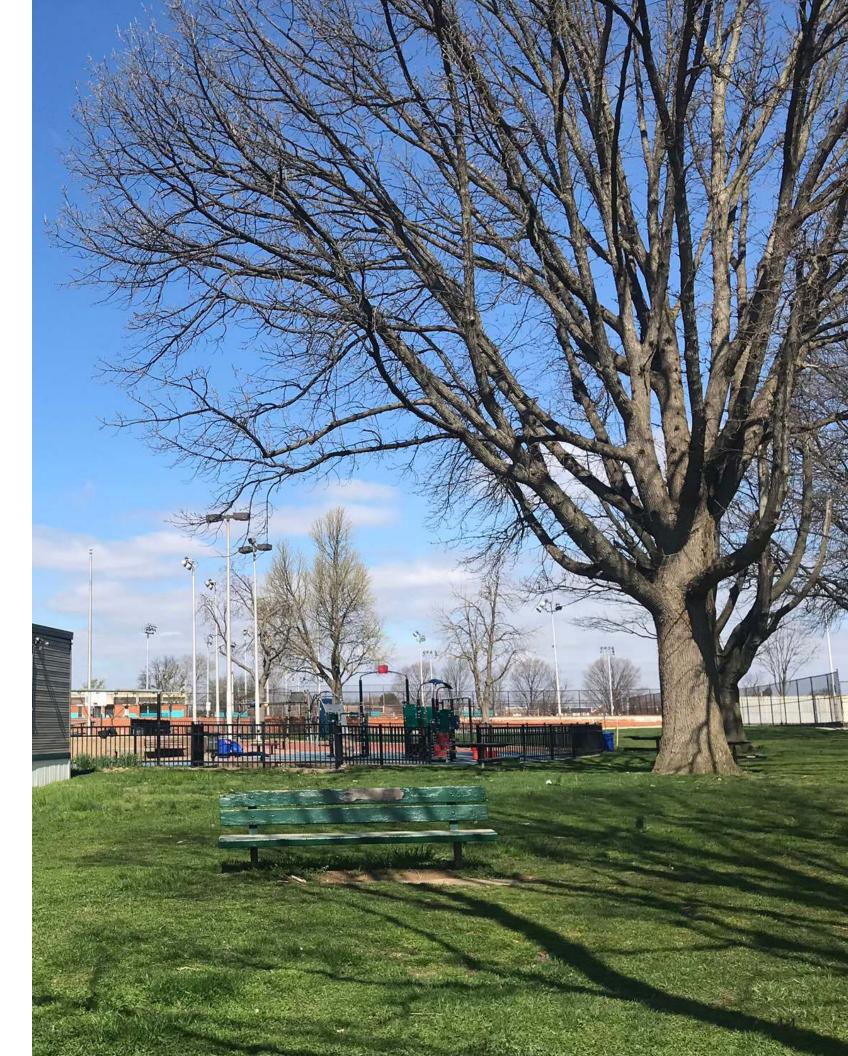
Who are the partners who will be leading implementation efforts?

- » 9th District Staff
- » Commerce Department
- » Other City agencies?
- » Non-profit partners?
- » Area Stakeholders, Residents, and Businesses



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**Q & A** 

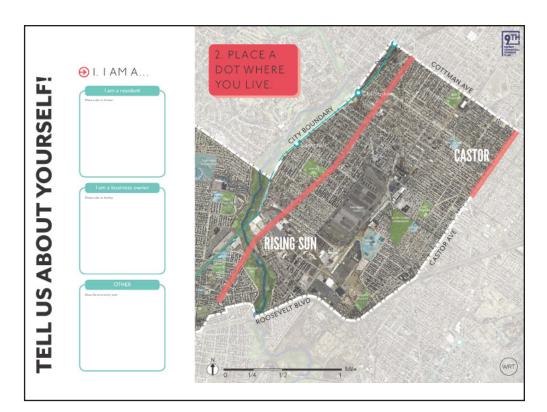


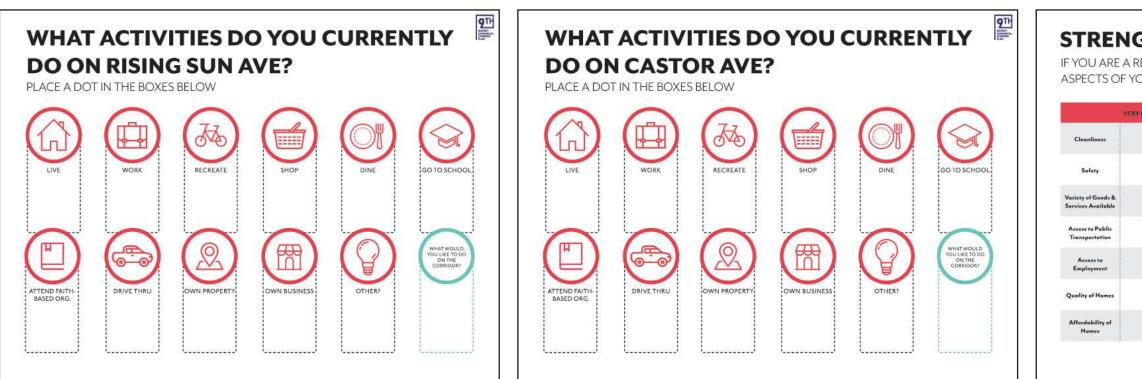
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## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please visit the 3 Roundtable Discussion Stations to provide us with your ideas and suggestions.

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# STREENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT, HOW WOULD YOU RATE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF YOUR COMMUNITY? Very book POOR FAIR GOOD VERY GOOD Cleanliness Sefery Very book POOR FAIR GOOD VERY GOOD Very of Good & Sorvices Available Arasis to Public Arasis to Public Arasis to Public What I like best about this area is... Access to Public Money What I like best about this area is... What I think could be improved

## **THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!**

Please provide your contact information so you can be notified of upcoming meetings!

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