

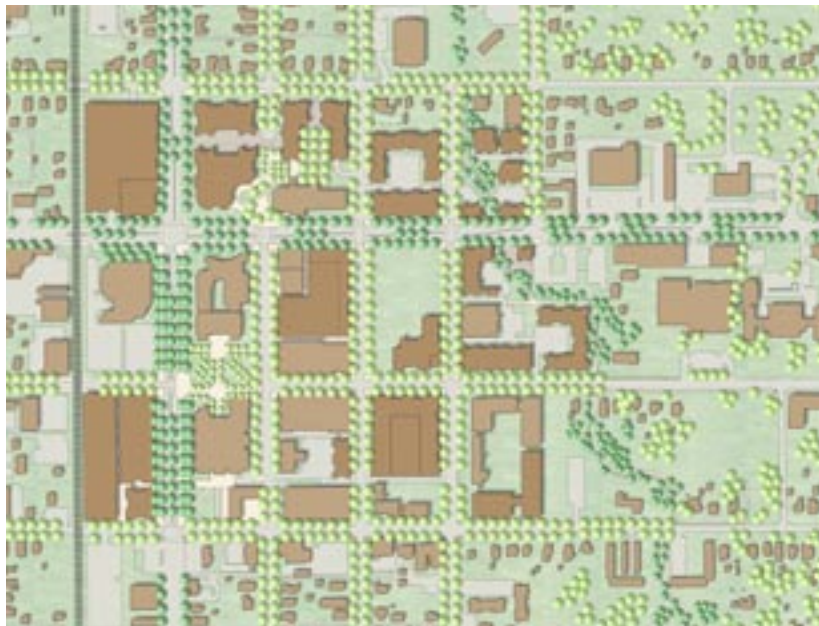
Olathe Downtown Master Plan, Olathe, KS

with CIVITAS, 2003

Client: City of Olathe



Illustrative view showing recommendations



Redevelopment Plan



Proposed new highway bridge (drawn by others)



Proposed park improvements (drawn by others)

Olathe, the fastest growing city in the state, is the Johnson County government seat with most of the downtown buildings serving county and local government functions. Urban renewal efforts in the 1960s and 1970s removed many of the historic urban patterns and character, including the removal of buildings and the establishment of superblocks. Typical of many suburban areas, the downtown core had not seen any investment since urban renewal, with all new investment located in more distant fringe areas. The city had prepared previous master plans with insufficient implantation plans to carry out approved recommendations.

As project director, I led the project and strategy with a team of planners, market economists and transportation engineers. We worked with the city and their neighborhood groups to prepare a long-term vision plan for the downtown area, built through consensus, and includes a downtown improvement plan, a corridor plan; connecting the downtown to the interstate highway, and design guidelines for the downtown area to redevelop in a consistent and authentic manner.

To view the master plan as an Acrobat PDF file, go to www.hesterstudio.com



Proposed Town Square (drawn by others)