HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF OPPORTUNITY ZONES

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\checkmark Have a vision.

How can you guide investment to places that don't usually get it?

\checkmark Have a plan.

When investors come knocking, who answers?

\checkmark Have a Prospectus.

How are you presenting your city to the broader investment community?













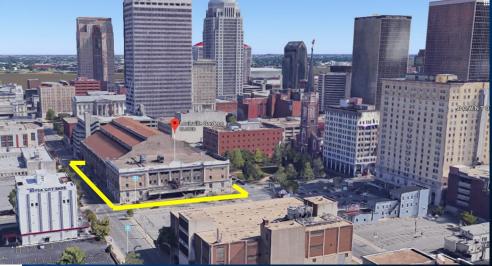




Heritage West West Louisville



Louisville Gardens Central Business District





Downtown Renaissance

With a comprehensive placemaking strategy, Louisville's downtown has become a hotbed of investment, with housing, hotels, and tourist attractions



Downtown hotels have nearly doubled since 2010 16.4 million visitors a year



\$220 million convention center opened in 2018 State-of-the-art venue with 940,000 square feet of space

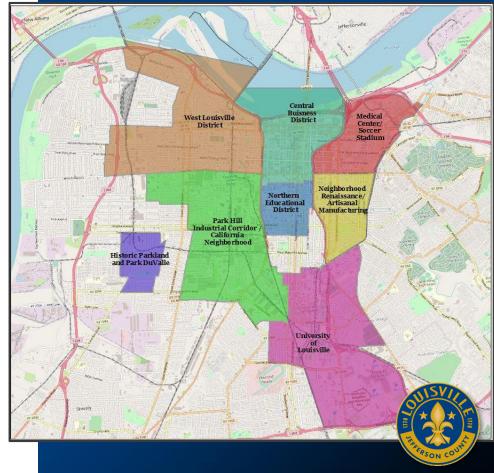






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19 Opportunity Zone tracts within 8 distinct areas in and around central business district



The Plan: Making It Easy for Investors to Identify Compatible Opportunities

- Louisville Metro Government is one of the most successful examples of city/county consolidation in the country
- Lead agency: Louisville Forward is the city's one-stop agency for economic development, talent and workforce attraction, and land use planning and design. Louisville Forward provides a unified solution for job growth and quality of place—making it easier to go from start to finish on projects large and small
 - Louisville Forward website:
 louisvilleky.gov/government/louisville-forward
 - Opportunity Zone website:
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- The city has a **strong fiscal base**, with solid bond ratings
- Louisville's Opportunity Zones were smartly selected, reinforcing multiple growth hubs
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The Prospectus

Tell Potential Investors Your Story

LOUISVILLE OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROSPECTUS

A Platform for Action

Prepared by NEW LOCALISM ADVISORS in collaboration with MAYOR GREG FISCHER and THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE

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Opportunity Zone Investment Prospectus Guide

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A How-To for Opportunity Zones



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For more info:

- Louisville Opportunity Zone Prospectus: https://louisvilleky.gov/sites/default/files/louisville_forward/louisville_prospectus_2018.pdf
- Accelerator for America Opportunity Zone Guide: <u>http://www.acceleratorforamerica.com/OZGuide</u>
- Novogradac Opportunity Resource Center: <u>https://www.novoco.com/resource-centers/opportunity-zones-resource-center</u>
- National list of Qualified Opportunity Funds: <u>https://www.ncsha.org/resource/opportunity-zone-fund-directory/</u>



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