



Wooster, OH DORA

Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area

Application and Program Overview

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Introduction and Submittal of Application

A group of stakeholders and investors of downtown Wooster respectfully submit the following application to Wooster City Administration and Wooster City Council for the approval and establishment of a Wooster Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (hereinafter “DORA”), pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) § 4301.82. The proposed application meets all state requirements and includes all necessary exhibits.

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Effective April 30, 2017 Section 4301.82 (complete copy attached as ***Exhibit ??***) of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes municipalities under 35,000 in population to create a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas or “DORAs.” A DORA is an area where the Ohio Liquor Control open carry restrictions do not apply at particular hours, and adults are permitted to possess and consume alcohol in public, with certain restrictions. In order to consider the creation of a DORA, the Wooster City Administration must file an application (this document) with Wooster City Council which meets certain statutory requirements outlined below. The application filing must be advertised for two consecutive weeks in The Daily Record, our local newspaper of general circulation. Not earlier than 30 days, but not later than 60 days after the initial notice publication, Wooster City Council may approve or disapprove of the application by ordinance or resolution. The purpose of this application is to request that Wooster City Administration and Wooster City Council create and approve a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in the City of Wooster.

The application filing and notification schedule is requested as the following:

- Application submitted to City Administration and City Council - Thursday, July 2 2020

- Application notification published in the Daily Record - Friday, July 3 2020 (Example attached as **Exhibit I**)
- Wooster City Council review and consideration - Monday, August 17 2020
- Approved legislation and application submitted to Ohio Liquor Control Division - by Friday, August 21 2020
- Implementation - September 2020

The above listed Downtown Stakeholder Team, in coordination and support from Main Street Wooster and the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce have created this application, requesting the creation of a DORA in Downtown Wooster. The goal in creating a DORA is the enhancement of a defined area which will create additional commerce and attract much needed patrons to our beloved Downtown. In the past fifteen years Downtown Wooster has realized a resurgence, which has been led by significant (50M+) capital investment from the private and public sector along with the establishment of an anchor core of downtown eateries and shops. While the area has realized recent past successes, current day challenges in a softened economy and uncertain future related to COVID-19, has created concern for future restaurateurs and retailers. Most recently, efforts led by the application Stakeholders and Investors has determined that the establishment of a Wooster DORA will enhance the experience for future visitors and all while benefiting small businesses within the area. Solicitation of input from property owners within the proposed area has been secured and a summary of the findings can be found in **Exhibit A**. In summary the survey garnered more than eight hundred responses and a nearly 90% level of support from community members, downtown residents and restaurant/retail owners.

Additionally, Main Street Wooster and Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce have made contact with their membership & investors seeking input on the proposed DORA. Such efforts have resulted in an article being published in the Daily Record on Monday, June 22, 2020. A copy of this article can be found in **Exhibit I**. To date, there is little concern to report from the local community and downtown retail/restaurant network.



Boundary Map of the Proposed DORA

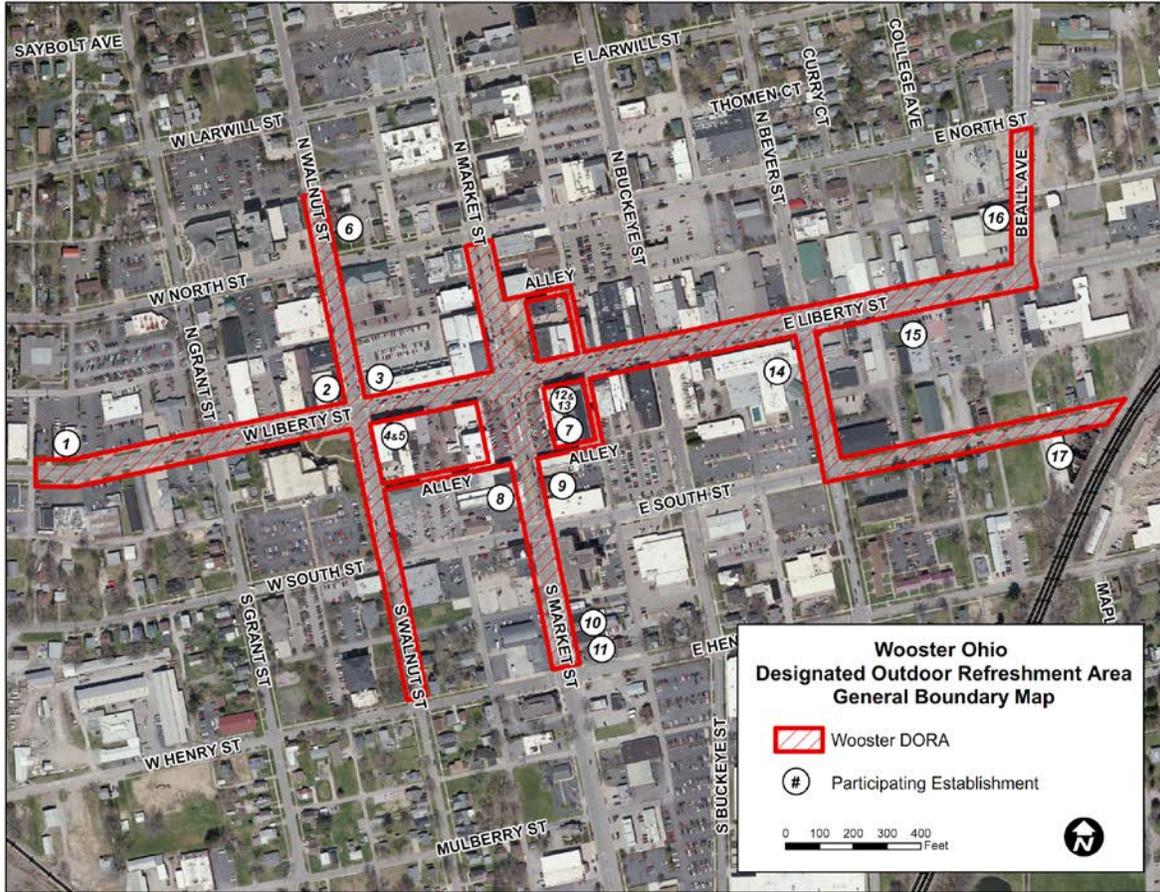
In accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(1)(b), the boundaries of the DORA are depicted in the map provided in **Exhibit B**, a small version of the map is shared below. The map includes a list of establishments that have a required Class D liquor permit(s) within the area. A full metes and bounds boundary description of the area is also listed within

Exhibit B, but a general overview of the proposed Wooster DORA boundaries are as follows:

- Western Boundary - at TJ's Trio of Restaurants
- Eastern Boundary - at JAFB Wooster Brewery
- Northern Boundary - along Liberty Street and extending to The Olde Jaol Steakhouse and Tavern
- Southern Boundary - along Liberty Street and extending to Henry Station

Currently, fourteen (14) establishments have been identified that qualify to be included in the Wooster DORA. The proposed Wooster DORA boundary encompasses roughly 25 acres in size which is well below the ORC requirement of a DORA being 150 acres or less. The following is the list of street addresses of real property included within the specific boundaries of the DORA.

Street Name	Address Range	Sides of Street
West Liberty Street	0 to 367	North and South
East Liberty Street	0 to 429	North and South
South Market Street	0 to 244	East and West
North Market Street	0 to 131	East and West
North Walnut Street	0 to 215	East and West
South Walnut Street	0 to 140	East and West
Beall Ave Extension	To Minglewood Dist.	South from Liberty



#	Participating Establishment	#	Participating Establishment
1	TJ's Trio of Restaurants	9	City Square Steakhouse
2	Basil	10	Flamingo Jacks
3	Salsaroja	11	Henry Station
4	Spoonmarket	12	Broken Rocks
5	The Olde Jaol Steakhouse and Tavern	13	Rox Gastropub
6	Omahoma Bobs	14	Best Western
7	Meatheads Union	15	JAFB
8	Muddy's	16	Minglewood Distilling Co.
		17	The Leaf*

**denotes future participant*



Nature and Types of Establishments

In accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(2), the nature and types of establishments located within or adjacent to the Wooster DORA are primarily businesses in the retail, restaurant, entertainment and service sector. Further, within the Wooster DORA, the majority of the buildings have businesses consisting of retail, restaurants and commercial services on their first floor. The upper-level floors have a mixture of office space and residential units. There are also institutional uses typical of a historic downtown such as the Wayne County Public Library, the Wayne County Court System, Wayne County Center for the Arts, Wayne County Health Department and several public access areas.

Examples of retail, restaurant, service, and institutional establishments located in the Wooster DORA:

RETAIL		FINANCE/SERVICE COMMERCIAL	
JK Gift Shop	114 E. Liberty	PNC Bank	112 W. Liberty
Family Dollar	239 W. Liberty	Chase Bank	141 N. Walnut
Everything Rubbermaid	115 S. Market	Wayne Savings Community Bank	151 N. Market
Ride On	146 W. South	Huntington Bank	135 E. Liberty
Jerry's Home Furnishings	312 E. Liberty	The Commercial & Savings Bank	350 E. Liberty
Friendtique	223 W. Liberty	Westfield Bank	105 E. Liberty
Walnut Street Gallery	148 N. Walnut	Farmers State Bank	235 W. Liberty
White Jewelers	211 E. Liberty	Wells Fargo Advisors	201 E. Liberty #101

DINING		INSTITUTIONAL/GOVERNMENT	
Spoon Market & Deli	144 W. Liberty	Wayne County Courts	107 W. Liberty

Olde Jaol Steakhouse & Tavern	215 N. Walnut	Wayne County Public Library	220 W. Liberty
Muddy's	335 E. Liberty	Wayne County Health Department	203 S. Walnut
City Square Steakhouse	148 S. Market	Wayne County Sheriff	201 W. North
Basil Asian Bistro	145 W. Liberty		
Meatheads Union	147 S. Market		
Flamingo Jack's	234 S. Market		
JAFB Wooster Brewery	120 Beall Ave		
Salsaroja Bar and Grill	150 W. Liberty		

Residential housing within the Wooster DORA is limited to primarily downtown living condominiums and apartment units (on the second floors of buildings) with a couple of single family residential housing units found within the boundaries. All properties within the Wooster DORA are well established in the C-4 Central Business District which means they are used to the activity (pedestrian foot traffic, retail/commerce, and community events) typically found within the area and what would be promoted by the creation of DORA.

Qualified Permit Holders

In accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(3), the Wooster DORA will encompass not fewer than four qualified permit holders as defined by ORC § 4301.82 (A). The local stakeholder and investor group (applicant) have identified 13 qualified permit holders that are interested in participating in the Wooster DORA. Additionally, a significant amount of interest and support for the development of a DORA in downtown Wooster has been supported by various retailers and property owners.

The qualified permit holders can be found in **Exhibit C** and specific permits held by these establishments are listed below.

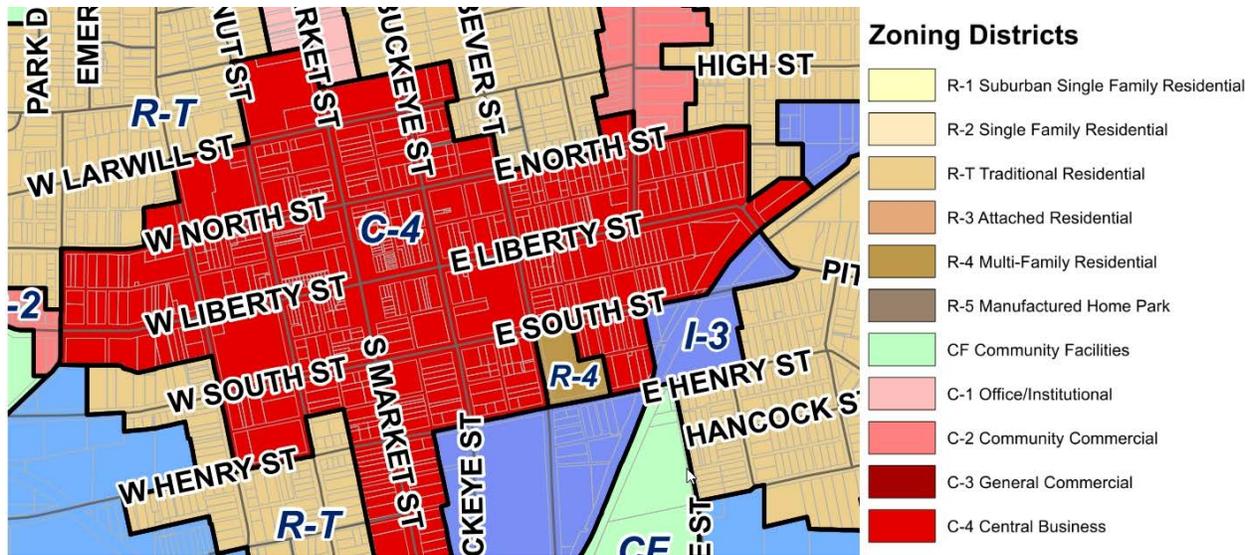
<i>PERMIT HOLDER</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>PERMIT CLASS</i>	<i>PERMIT NO.</i>
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1.	TJ's Trio of Restaurants	359 W Liberty Street	D5	8979982
2.	The Leaf*	203 W LIBERTY ST	TBD	TBD
3.	Basil	145 W LIBERTY ST	D5	2320585
4.	Salsaraja	150 W LIBERTY	D5L	7701619
5.	Spoon Market	144 W LIBERTY ST	D5L, D6	42617010011
6.	The Olde Jaol	215 N WALNUT ST	D5	7797319
7.	Omahoma Bobs	128 S MARKET ST	D1	545820
8.	Meatheads Union	147 S MARKET ST	D5L	6482126
9.	City Square Steakhouse	148 S MARKET ST	D1, D2, D3, D6	1512222
10.	Flamingo Jacks	234 S MARKET ST	D2, D2X, D3, D3A	2311546
11.	Henry Station	244 S MARKET ST	D5L	6071798
12.	Broken Rocks	123 E LIBERTY ST	D5I, D6	2790341
13.	Rox Gastropub	119 E LIBERTY ST	D5I, D6	2790341
14.	Best Western	243 E LIBERTY ST	D5A	6695930005
15.	Muddy's	335 E LIBERTY ST	D5L	62130070002
16.	JAFB	120 BEALL AVE	A1C	4220446
17.	Minglewood Distilling Co.	437 E SOUTH ST	A3A	6030523

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Land Use and Zoning

In accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(4), the land use within the Wooster DORA is to be detailed within the application. Though the Wooster DORA area is roughly 35 acres and extends from West Liberty at TJ's Trio of Restaurants and continues east to Beall Avenue, all of the proposed areas are within the C-4 Central Business District, as outlined in the map below and included in Exhibit B map.



The City of Wooster Zoning Code refers to the C-4 Central Business District within Wooster as the following:

Commercial Zoning Districts (C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4)

The commercial zoning district regulations are established in order to achieve, among other things, the following purposes:

- (1) To provide in appropriate and convenient locations of sufficient size for the exchange of goods and services;
- (2) To protect residential neighborhoods adjacent to business uses by regulating the types of establishments, particularly at the common boundaries, that would create congestion, noise or other objectionable influences;
- (3) To promote the most desirable and beneficial use of the land in accordance with the objectives of the City of Wooster’s Comprehensive Plan; and
- (4) To carry out the following specific purposes:

The C-4 Central Business District is established to provide a central business district that preserves, maintains and promotes Downtown Wooster as a core area for retail sales and to promote and enhance the existing historic, compact pedestrian orientation of the downtown by permitting buildings to be close to the street and to one another.

Comprehensive Code

Additionally, the City of Wooster Comprehensive Plan named “Wooster Envisioned” lists a number of priority areas within the Wooster DORA. The focus for redevelopment is the promotion of retail and commerce within the area, so that the character and economic

viability remains strong and inviting to citizens, guests and businesses. It should also be noted that the stress of mix uses, streetscape improvements, and public space development were all encouraged in the Comprehensive Code and most recently have been initiated by the local government. These improvements will coincide nicely with the establishment of the Wooster DORA, as the areas and improvements will most definitely be used by individuals who are able to walk freely throughout the DORA area. A copy of the applicable Comprehensive Code section (7.1 downtown) is available for further review as **Exhibit D.**

Safety Plan

In accordance with ORC § 4301.82 (B)(5) and (F)(1)(d), a Safety Plan has been developed to ensure public safety in the Wooster DORA. A copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit E.**

Sanitation Plan

In accordance with ORC § 4301.82 (B)(5), (F)(1)(e), and (F)(1)(f), a Sanitation Plan has been developed that will help maintain the appearance and public health of the area within the Wooster DORA. A copy is attached hereto as **Exhibit F.**

Signage Plan

In accordance with the ORC § 4301.82 F(1)(b), a minimum of 23 signs throughout the CBD designating the boundary of the Wooster DORA. The signs will be located at all street intersections along the boundary of the Wooster DORA. The location and spacing of the signs are shown on attached **Exhibit G.**

Rules of Operation

A. Hours of Operations

In accordance with ORC § 4301.82 (F)(1)(c), the hours of operation for the DORA will be Monday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (excluding annual Woosterfest weekend).

An overview of the rules can be found in **Exhibit J.**

The applicant requests that City Council reserve the right to temporarily suspend Wooster DORA operations in order to accommodate the permitting of well established and long-standing special events that may occur within the boundaries of the DORA. Examples of which include, but are not limited to Woosterfest Weekend, Taste of Downtown and Arts and Music Fest (as examples), though this list shall be modified periodically to accommodate for changing community and partner schedules.

B. Official Wooster DORA Cup

In accordance with ORC § 4301.82 (F)(1)(g), beer, wine, and intoxicating liquor shall only be consumed within the Wooster DORA as follows:

Beer, wine, and intoxicating liquor shall only be served and consumed within the DORA in a specifically designated plastic cup (the “Official Cup”). The Official Cup will be distinctly marked to indicate the seller. No other container will be permitted to be utilized within the Wooster DORA. Used cups must be disposed of before entering any establishment of a qualified permit holder. An example of the Wooster DORA Cup can be found as *Exhibit H*.

The sales and distribution of the Wooster DORA cup will be managed through the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Wooster offices. Participating establishments will make contact with these offices for orders and sales of cups. Such arrangement will assure that oversight and potential modification of the language and graphics found on the cup are done so in accordance with the most up to date rules and regulations of the program.

C. Additional Requirements

In accordance with ORC § 4301.82 (B)(5), and in conjunction with other rules, standards and requirements set forth in this application, additional rules and requirements for the purpose of ensuring public safety and health within the Wooster DORA are as follows:

1. A person may have in the his/her possession an open container of beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor at an outdoor location within the Wooster DORA if the open container of beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor was purchased from a qualified and active participating permit holder to which all of the following apply:
 - a. The permit holder’s premises is located within the Wooster DORA; and
 - b. The permit held by the participating establishment has an outdoor refreshment area designation as outlined in the local legislation; and
 - c. The open container consists of an official Wooster DORA cup.

2. No person shall do any of the following:

- a. Enter the premises of an establishment of another qualified permit holder within a Wooster DORA while possessing an open container of beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor acquired elsewhere or at another participating establishment, or
- b. Possess an open container of beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor while being in or on a motor vehicle within the Wooster DORA

Application Exhibits

Listed below are the following Exhibits as referenced in the application:

Exhibit A: STAKEHOLDER SURVEY RESULTS

Exhibit B: BOUNDARY MAP OF THE PROPOSED DORA

Exhibit C: QUALIFIED PERMIT HOLDERS

Exhibit D: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOWNTOWN DISTRICT SECTION

Exhibit E: SAFETY PLAN

Exhibit F: SANITATION PLAN

Exhibit G: SIGNAGE PLAN

Exhibit H: OFFICIAL DORA CUP

Exhibit I: DAILY RECORD ARTICLE AND SURVEY REQUEST

Exhibit J: DORA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Wooster, Ohio DORA

Exhibit A: Stakeholder Survey Input and Details

Listed below is the input that was received from the community wide survey on a DORA in downtown Wooster.

DOWNTOWN WOOSTER DORA SURVEY

Administered by the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Wooster

Downtown Wooster needs our aid. According to a recent poll, 82% of Ohio restaurants do not believe they'll be able to break even this year. Downtown Wooster restaurateurs think they would have a better chance of staying open with a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). The Wooster Chamber and Main Street Wooster support their efforts. Before we can take the next step, we need to know what you think.

What is a DORA?

Participating establishments would be able to serve alcoholic beverages in special cups with a dated receipt attached, which customers could then take outside and stroll anywhere within the DORA boundaries. No other alcoholic beverages would be allowed outside. Other businesses could prohibit the drinks in their stores or choose to allow them.

Why does a DORA make sense for downtown Wooster?

A DORA allows restaurants to serve alcoholic beverages to customers dining outdoors without the special license and fencing normally required. Those restaurants see an increase in sales, as do the retailers within walking distance (whether or not they allow the beverage in their store). A DORA increases the chances for all of our downtown businesses to survive the pandemic.

Twenty-eight Ohio communities, including Kent, Canton, and Port Clinton, have DORAs. Many others are in the process of getting one. Without a DORA, Wooster will be at a competitive disadvantage for visitors, hurting our economy.

Where would the DORA be?

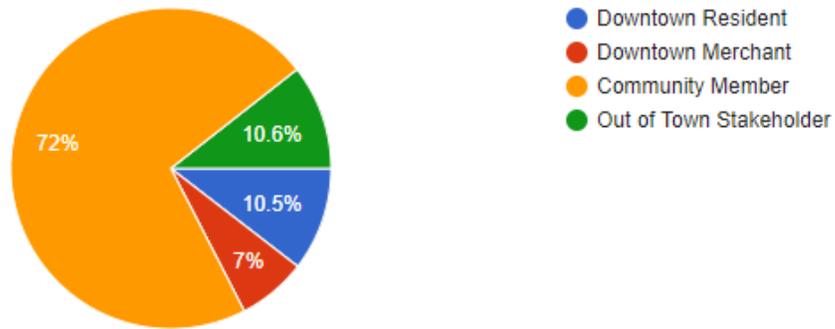
City Council would determine the boundaries, but the initial proposal includes Liberty Street from TJ's Trio of Restaurants on the west to JAFB Brewery on the east, with north/south extension to include the Olde Jaol and Henry Station.

We would like your opinion about forming a DORA. Please complete this survey by Friday, June 26, 2020. If you have any questions, contact the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce 330.262.5735 or Main Street Wooster 330.262.6222.

Survey Results

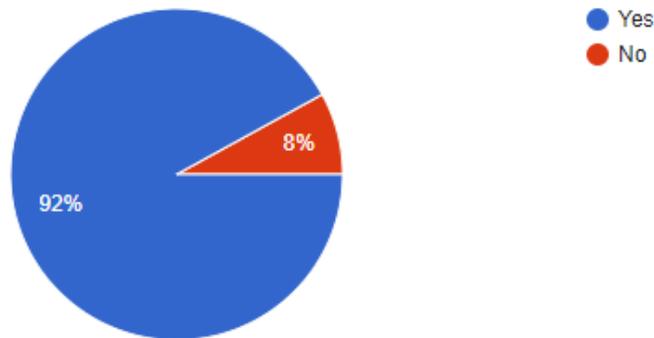
Please select the option that best represents you.

775 responses



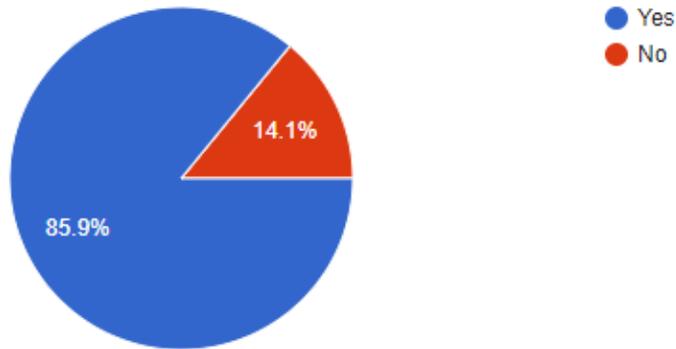
Do you generally like the idea of Wooster creating a DORA?

775 responses



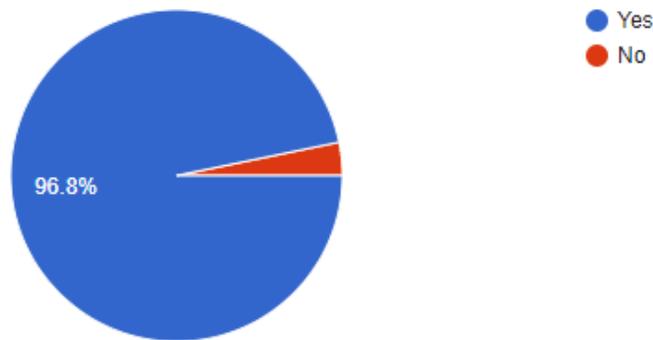
Would the creation of a DORA increase your interest in visiting Downtown Wooster?

775 responses



Would expanded outdoor dining options in Downtown Wooster be of interest to you?

775 responses



What comments (positive or negative) do you have with the establishment of a DORA in Downtown Wooster?

1	What comments (positive or negative) do you have with the establishment of a DORA in Downtown Wooster?
2	It's Definitely Need In Downtown Wooster
3	I have a Wooster address but live outside city limits. Feel a DORA would benefit our restaurants.
4	Please do this!
5	I think this would be a great opportunity for businesses to make back money lost this fiscal year.
6	Why isn't this already a thing?
7	I went to college in Wooster and live about an hour away, so I would love to come back and visit this summer, but I don't want to be stuck inside with Coronavirus. A DORA would allow my friends and I to visit in Wooster OUTSIDE and stay safe while still supporting the local businesses. I would 100% support this and foresee taking at LEAST 3

	separate trips to Wooster this summer if the DORA is allowed where I would otherwise not come at all.
8	Would be a fun and great addition!
9	We live in Orville and eat in downtown Wooster quite a bit. We are hesitant to venture into small closed-in restaurants at this time so an outdoor option with drinks would be fantastic
10	All positive...may have to consider outside heaters...thanks for doing this
11	My current town of Delaware Ohio has this and it has gone so well they have expanded days and locations. Really helping the downtown area. I'm sure you could reach out to them for more help
12	Great initiative!
13	If within limits of certain areas I think this would be awesome!!! I love being downtown for Wooster fest and I think this could extend that feeling. Also I believe it would stop people from chugging their drinks before they leave a bar if they could just take it with them. I've been to myrtle beach where that offer that in their shopping/bar district and it makes it so nice to be able to go outside and enjoy the public space with my beverage.
14	This is a great idea to stimulate local businesses without any potential downsides that I can see.
15	I realize that Wooster weather isn't necessarily conducive to outdoor dining year 'round, but during the Farmer's Market months and the special occasions (like the Christmas Windows) it would be fabulous to be able to eat & drink (responsibly of course) in the downtown area. The success of Woosterfest shows that the community can be responsible with a DORA and the boundaries are certainly walkable and inclusive of the right area.
16	I'm concerned about intoxicated people not heeding social distancing requirements.
17	We have friends in Wooster and my husband works in wooster. And it would be great to have a Dora to visit with friends
18	I believe it would greatly benefit both businesses and customers with both expanded seating options and ability to have a higher capacity during the regulations of Covid, in return, higher revenue for both business and city.
19	I think this is a great idea for downtown Wooster!
20	I LOVE this idea!!
21	Clean up the homeless situation first otherwise the DORA will be unusable due to the homeless taking it over.
22	Wooster refuses to care for the homeless but wants to allow alcohol, basically from one side of town to the other. Check your priorities.
23	This is a fantastic idea!!
24	I want to support local but so little outside seating in town. Love the idea of expanding the available area.
25	I think it will help the local economist!
26	I love to visit Wooster, but really don't want to be inside at this point in time. It would allow people a better opportunity to patronise more establishments and enjoy themselves in a casual way.
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28	I live half an hour from Wooster, the creation of an outdoor drinking and dining area would greatly increase the likelihood of me visiting. Likely doubling the amount of time i spend there
29	Great Idea!

30	Positive
31	Great idea!
32	We work and shop in Wooster. Covid aside, I would love to see more outdoor seating for food and drinks downtown. Think German marktplatz. Designated no vehicle zones for walking and restaurants etc. creates quieter socializing places in downtown.
33	Great idea.
34	Great idea.
35	Drinks, yes. Drunk and disorderly, no.
36	I don't think a DORA would work with all the homeless people who hang out on the square and the two block radius of the square. The problem is bad enough already without giving them more places to sleep and hang out.
37	The revitalization of the outdoor areas downtown is very nice; however, I have had no inclination to sit in a lighted area in an alley! I would be much more interested in doing so if I can enjoy a libation while visiting with friends
38	I believe it would be good for all businesses not just restaurants
39	Very positive. This would happily increase the atmosphere of downtown Wooster.
40	This would be very helpful for downtown businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. These businesses are critical to employment in the area. The creation of a DORA area would help with downtown business recovery and enhance an already vibrant downtown business ecosystem.
41	I think it's a great idea. There are a number of people who would be much more comfortable with a dining option that is outdoors.
42	This is a GREAT idea and will only help downtown businesses!
43	I'd like to see one at the north end of town also (Burbank Rd. area)
44	I believe this would have a positive impact for downtown Wooster business. In the summer it's fun to be outside wandering around with your friends especially after everything that has been happening. It's outdoors so chances of spreading germs are down. Our community needs some fun to breathe some life back into it.
45	I've been to other communities with a DORA or something similar and it was great. I never saw anyone acting out drunk in public as I think the residents in a DORA community were used to it so it didn't seem like some crazy thing and you didn't feel like you had to get wasted in public. It was actually more peaceful and people just enjoyed themselves with friends. I do not know what the initial impact would be for something new like walking around and drinking outside and if it would initially increase public intoxication issues. But if we are all responsible it can be a great success as I have witnessed in other communities. It did increase my spending in those towns as you walk around more, checking out businesses in the DORA area and more times than not I ended up spending money on something I wasn't planning on purchasing. I would definitely spend more time downtown Wooster if there was a DORA. I'm an Ashland County resident, but I work in Wayne County, just outside Wooster city limits.
46	The only LARGE concern I have is the population that is hanging out downtown in the gazebo area. These people are hanging out there on a daily basis, already drinking because I have personally seen alcohol bottles being passed around. Their language is so atrocious that I would not want myself to hang around there let alone with my family. Wooster has spent a large amount of money in the downtown area and it is time to clean up what is hanging out there. I certainly don't even feel safe to go sit downtown and read over lunch. It's time to clean up the downtown streets! I worry also about outside drinking making more of a trash concern.
47	This is a great idea! Especially with the addition of the pavilion on the corner of the square.

48	the only issue I see is the fact if you go near the square typically women get harassed by the people that take up residence there. I haven't been able to sit down there and enjoy it in awhile
49	As long as the homeless individuals don't interfere with the customers. I think it's a positive plan. A curfew would also be a plus but flexible for w/e's and holidays
50	Great idea. We have a great supportive downtown business district. How fun to enjoy the beautiful spaces with a refreshment!
51	I think it is a great idea. We love strolling the French Quarter in New Orleans and they allow "to-go cups". It isn't a huge deal. If people are complete idiots and drink too much, they get arrested for being drunk and disorderly just like any other time, but I've never seen it happen. I do like the idea of also closing off parts of Market St. to make it pedestrian only. It would allow for more space to do this. Something does need to be done about the homeless. Downtown and at UCC church it has gotten unsafe and out of hand. As a female, I don't feel safe walking past at night by myself.
52	I think a lot of the homeless people at the square will take advantage and become more belligerent than they already are when you stroll downtown.
53	Awesome idea! My boyfriend doesn't drink so I love the idea of being able to get drinks at one place and dine at another etc. It would open up more opportunity for downtown dining & shopping
54	It sounds like a great way to bring more foot traffic to downtown.
55	Great idea!
56	As long as the homeless aren't allowed to loiter there with all their stuff.
57	I think it's a great idea. The more people visiting downtown, the less riff raff loitering
58	This is an amazing idea to boost the local economy.
59	Alcohol monitoring/Underage drinking/Damage to city property/Trash/Littering
60	Great idea! Like 24/7 Woosterfest!
61	I just don't see anything positive coming from this. Fix the current issues before adding anything else downtown.
62	sounds fantastic
63	I like the idea of making a no drive through street. Where only foot traffic can be there. I'm not sure if it's feasible but it's something to look at. Obviously, security downtown would have to increase in case of people getting out of hand. Overall, a really cool idea.
64	It's common and successful in bigger cities (normal) let's make this downtown a place people want to spend money and time!
65	Great idea! Wooster has very limited outdoor eating/drinking as it is
66	Let's do everything we can to help small businesses.
67	I think this is a great idea!! I would love to have an established DORA for our small community. I would certainly be more comfortable to dine and shop downtown with more outdoor options because of Covid19 restrictions.
68	I love this idea as a downtown resident and restaurant worker
69	We walk, explore, and visit the square regularly. The last thing I want my kids to see is a pub crawl and intoxicated people roaming around. That's what the area was in the 80s. Let's not make Wooster crap again.
70	I feel like this is a wonderful idea to enhance our ever growing downtown popularity.

71	Let DORA be restricted to only Friday and Saturday nights ending and midnight and let its continuation be voted on by city residents and merchants every year.
72	I love <input type="checkbox"/> the idea and would support my community ❤️
73	The squatters on the square, will this be a deterrent to making this work.. They seem to be becoming an issue...
74	Let DORA be restricted to only Friday and Saturday nights ending and midnight and let its continuation be voted on by city residents and merchants every year.
75	I think it's a good opportunity to bring more people to the downtown area and increase sales amongst the pandemic
76	This would be a great opportunity to meet and chat with people from all corners and enjoy the beautifully renovated downtown and a beverage. I love this idea!
77	I think this is a great idea. However, I hope this means people will be cognizant if drinking and driving.
78	I don't know that encouraging alcoholism and public drunkenness is good for downtown Wooster.
79	I love the idea of creating a communal "outdoor seating" option that serves ALL of the downtown restaurants. DORA is a great innovation.
80	I think the community needs to get the loitering under control before something like this could work. It's getting out of hand and the people at the church on buckeye have trashed the area, with no respect for the people living around there. They smoke on the church steps by the door, leave their trash everywhere, and let things pile up to where it's an eyesore. I hope that gets better! I grew up here and I'd love to see something like this be successful here!
81	It would help bring more interest to downtown Wooster. Downtown Wooster has so much potential housing & businesses. Housing definitely could use a face lift along with bringing the businesses in!
82	Containment of alcohol infused patrons may be an issue. Also making sure the downtown stills welcomes families. I truly do understand that this may revitalize downtown restaurants and I love eating outside - but we are a winter state, with more bad weather than not, so it is a limited fix.
83	Please make this happen. Thanks.
84	The DORA could attract the displaced population more-so than exists downtown already
85	Outdoor cafe tables are a great idea. Doing something to make Public Square "public" again would also be great. Since the renovation, it has turned into a gathering place for people who don't make others feel welcomed using it. It's the worst urban cityscape renovation I've seen since the 1960's.
86	This is a great idea please send more information on how citizen can help
87	The town needs to address the homeless or this will never work
88	While more options to dine outside would be nice the idea that someone could walk that far downtown with a drink is ludicrous. The benefit to businesses could not outweigh the social implications to such a large area of consumption.
89	The town needs to address the homeless or this will never work
90	This seems to be a great way to support local food establishments during the COVID period. I, for one, am far more comfortable with eating and drinking outside these days, rather than inside.
91	This would allow more dining options for myself and my wife with regards to drinking
92	If it benefits local business I am 100% behind it.
93	This is a fantastic idea and encourages outdoor activity while helping to support locals.

94	I think this is a wonderful idea! During the nice weathered days we always want to enjoy sitting outside and get fresh air.
95	It's a good idea, maybe necessary to keep businesses open. But, the cups that you use should be 100% recyclable and the city should provide cup specific recycling waste containers and promote, widely, that these cups need to be recycling. We do not want any more trash or litter in the city. I think a DORA is a great idea, but you/we must come up with a solution which recycles the cups instead of simply creating more waste. Please do this correctly. It is important. Thank you, Tate Emerson
96	As a downtown Merchant is known we are all looking at being good stewards of the program if it is enacted.
97	Excellent idea. Needs to be accompanied by other legislation addressing the problem of inappropriate behavior by people downtown who are not shopping or dining there.
98	I think it sounds great. Never hurts to try something new
99	The homeless!
100	DORA needed for the downtown restaurants/businesses to survive and grow. The COVID shutdowns and restrictions have caused all of them to struggle for survival. We have a great downtown and we need it to continue to be a destination.
101	We went to Orrville last year when they had their rib fest and watched the Eagles tribute band. They had an area sectioned off so we could walk around with our drinks. It was really fun . I think for summer it would be a good idea for Wooster to give it a try .
102	Let's do it!
103	Awesome idea, can't wait!
104	Own 2 retail stores & like the idea of adding a trendy / visitor inviting idea
106	Excellent idea
107	Great Idea!
108	Love this idea. I think it would continue to differentiate our downtown and draw people in.
109	Great idea! If the streets are closed for the DORA, plan for the parking needs.
110	Love the idea! I think it would be a wonderful addition to the outdoor areas in downtown and expand the dining options for the restaurants that do not have outdoor seating. A bit concerned on how to manage a clean outdoor environment in the public seating areas with regard to the vagrancy in downtown.
111	I love the idea and would welcome the expansion of outdoor (street) dining and refreshments. I do have a concern with maintaining the cleanliness of the downtown and who will take responsibility for the daily pickup of increased littering? We already have an overabundance of discarded cigarette butts in front of both City News and Meatheads that are quite disgusting to walk over every day. If we could come up with a long term solution for the participating vendors, to insure a clean and welcoming venue before it becomes a problem, I'm sure that it would be a great success. Thank you for the opportunity to add to the discussion.
112	i think it would help boost sales downtown
113	As long as the restaurants are able to help enforce the rules, I think it's a great idea.

114	It seems well thought out and would enhance the Wooster experience.
115	It would benefit not only the restaurants but retail as well. It would be more enticing for visitors to be able to come downtown and visit several restaurants and retailers and make an evening or event of it. Love the idea!
116	It would be fantastic for downtown merchants, restaurants, and residents. It would likely increase traffic from out of town.
117	Anything is worth a try
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120	If it will help bring people downtown and help our restaurants survive yes yes yes
121	I think initiatives such as DORA will help to establish a culture of dining, arts, and entertainment in Downtown Wooster!
122	Great idea and really good for business. Will need to ensure that it does not exacerbate the downtown vagrant issue.
123	It would benefit not only the restaurants but retail as well. It would be more enticing for visitors to be able to come downtown and visit several restaurants and retailers and make an evening or event of it. Love the idea!
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125	I think the DORA will provide short term benefit to restaurants who need additional seating options. I think the DORA will provide long term economic benefits to the downtown retailers and restaurants by providing visitors with new ways to experience our amazing downtown.
126	This is a terrific idea that has been embraced in other Ohio communities and will help support the local bars and restaurants in downtown Wooster which are in desperate need of the additional guest traffic right now.
127	It will be financially beneficial to the involved Business community and further expand on our Downtown vibe.
128	A main concern I would have is the likelihood of increased trash on the sidewalks, window ledges, private parking lots, mulch beds, and street.
129	Great idea and really good for business. Will need to ensure that it does not exacerbate the downtown vagrant issue.
130	The initial boundaries make exceptions for Old Jail and Henry station, exceptions should also be made to include the members of the Eagles at 231 beall who will frequent downtown after visiting our establishment.
131	As a merchant I don't allow drinks unless they have a lid...if it's evening after 5 this will not affect us. Food or drinks in stores is just not a good idea.
132	Will there be outdoor toilets or will folks find dark corners to relieve themselves?
133	My only concern is allowing this may encourage the wrong behaviors by select individuals but for the most part I do feel like this would be good for the responsible individuals that want to have a night out to eat, shop, and have a drink while doing so.
134	This will be a great addition to an already amazing downtown! It will bring in more money and help businesses as

	well
135	I think it is a fun/great idea.
136	This is a great idea with no downside
137	I don't think that being able to take alcohol outside to walk around is going to help restaurants' bottom line and the idea of people walking around town with alcoholic beverages does not make me want to walk downtown with my kids. It doesn't send a good message.
138	it will draw drunks and homeless then fights will break out
139	I feel that this will bring more foot traffic and more spending downtown
140	I think it is an awesome way to bring people to downtown Wooster
141	Fear of Covid-19 spread as people wandering around drinking would most likely not have masks on.
142	Alternative to sitting at a bar. Better alternative for social distancing than sitting indoors. May make reopening of small restaurants and bars more feasible/more feasible.
143	Love this idea
144	I think this is a fantastic idea!!
145	I would enjoy more outdoor dining. If I could get a sandwich/pizza/dinner and a cocktail from a local restaurant and find a CLEAN place to sit outside, on days the wind isn't blowing across the waste treatment plant through downtown, I would be more apt to eat in Wooster, rather than go out of town to enjoy summer afternoons and evenings. NOTE Clean table and chairs, not those on the square when they return.
146	I love this idea! I enjoy downtown so much, and DORA provides more opportunities and reasons for people to come to downtown Wooster.
147	I'm afraid it will only encourage the homeless or whatever the young people are that constantly dominate the public square already
148	I think it's a wonderful idea and gives more space to be spaced out.
149	If there were more outdoor eating/drinking options, we would definitely go downtown more often. We will not eat-in any time soon.
150	Great idea to boost (and hopefully save!) our downtown businesses.
151	We have enough issues in this town, especially downtown, without having special outdoor alcohol areas. Who is going to stand there and enforce that the drinks stay in the designated areas.
152	Do you have to be walking or can you sit in the square? Will I be approached by a police officer to check my receipt?
153	This is a great idea! I've recently visited small towns that have outdoor areas like this and it was amazing. Even blocking off the full street between city square & surehouse up to the Rubbermaid parking lot has so much potential to be an outdoor area for this. (Some day that is) there could be outdoor activities all year round with the option for business to serve drinks to go.
154	I'm afraid it would be overtaken by druggies and homeless - similar to how the new downtown areas are now. I never feel comfortable using them because they just hang around all day cussing, smoking and loitering.
155	Concerned about safety issues of drinking and wandering around downtown traffic.
156	I think is a great idea to help generate revenue for our local businesses

157	I think is a great compromise and is great for businesses being that alcohol sales are a majority of bars/restaurants means of making money also gets people out and about and can enjoy the newly constructed downtown
158	I would spend more time downtown if I could sip my wine while I window shop.
159	DORA would get me to explora□. I think it's a great idea. People would visit downtown more often I think.
160	Great idea
161	I think it could be a positive as long as it's enforced enough such that individuals can't be consuming their own alcohol and bringing in a crowd that might be discouraging to outsiders or even Wooster residents. There's a known issue with some areas downtown. I don't know the right answers to helping with that, but that's my only concern with a DORA downtown. Overall I still think it's worth trying. We love traveling to cities that support this type of environment, especially outdoor dining!
162	I think this would be a great addition to our downtown. Let's help our local businesses however we can.
163	Anything to help restaurants survive and thrive!!!
164	love DT wooster and always looking for a place to eat especially in the summer
165	I think this idea would help draw more young adults to the downtown area. Great idea!
166	I'm afraid to walk downtown at the moment as I've been yelled at by the homeless and my kids saw poop in the alley. I don't know how to fix the problem but I would love to be able to spend time downtime with friends.
167	I think this is fantastic! I like ideas other cities have of closing streets to have more outdoor dining.
168	We are still uncomfortable eating inside restaurants but love every opportunity to support downtown businesses in other ways.
169	We need to help our businesses stay open and succeed. I am 110% in favor of making this happen. And soon to take advantage of our summer weather.
170	I would like downtown shops to be open late on Friday nights so you can shop and drink.
171	Great idea!
172	Supporting local businesses & providing safe community interaction will be tremendous for Wooster.
173	I would like to see the area maintained by police to keep it safe and not a drunken mess.
174	Feel as though this is a bad idea
175	Anything to help bring business to downtown gets my support
176	The addition of a DORA would make downtown Wooster more appealing to locals and out of town visitors.
177	None
178	It would be a great option.
179	I think it would be a fantastic idea. Our downtown has built up so beautifully over the last 10 years, I would hate to see our community lose some of the unique restaurants and businesses that we have gained.
180	Love the idea! It will be very popular. Not enough outdoor dining spaces in town so this would be awesome
181	I think it is a great idea!
182	I think DORA will promote local restaurants and businesses in our community

183	Would be great if the intersection of Liberty and Market St can be PERMANENTLY closed and portions of it made available for local restaurants to use for seating and of course DORA. My wife and I patronize downtown Wooster restaurants on a regular basis and would love to see this as a new feature. It also helps mitigate the spread of COVID-19 (or any virus).
184	I think it's a great idea!
185	I think this would be a great idea, especially if it would help support our local downtown restaurants and help them out at this time.
186	I think it's a great idea especially for those restaurants or bars that don't have an outdoor patio area.
187	LOVE LOVE LOVE this idea. Please bring it to downtown Wooster! We think more people need to visit the dt area and this could help!
188	I think it's nice. I think it could also be trouble. I'd love to see more restaurants with outdoor seating options!
189	Being on squares or areas around need to offer a feeling of safety, free from comments, badgering, harassment, etc... that is often going on/happening where gazebo used to be. It's often not enjoyable or calming to sit there with friends or by yourself.
190	Smart move!
191	I think it's a great idea to help save these people who have invested into our community.
192	Patios and live music in the summer is best!!!
193	Personally I feel that this does not enhance the community. If people want to have a drink with their dinner fine but they don't need to be drinking all through the streets. Plus what keeps them from drinking and driving with it.
194	My friends and I are always looking for places to visit. I think the outdoor area is a great idea of somewhere different to go right within our town
195	Great idea!!
196	I think that this would be a great way to help our downtown thrive! Now we just need downtown shops to have more evening hours to accommodate a first shift working persons schedule.
197	Wooster is set up to do this effectively - with the streetscape and the quality restaurants downtown, this is a great idea!
198	Concerned only with making sure that any beverage that is left in a container is disposed of properly. (No unintended person drinking the rest)
199	Construction downtown needs to be completed faster, work longer hours while the weather is nice. Figure out a system that all of the downtown restaurants can agree on for this new concept. Lots of communities do this so it would be a great thing.
200	Please do this! So many people we know would thoroughly enjoy spending time downtown with this option. It would keep us in town rather than going to other towns that have this option.
201	This is a great idea! I'd spend many warm evenings visiting downtown wooster
202	I am worried about the size of DORA and the cons that are present with open container consumption. Would prefer to tighten up the window area. It should be a block in every direction from the historic square. That's a long road with not a lot of restaurants in between for some serious issues to arrive
203	I like the idea, I'm sure it won't come without issues and opposition though. People can't resist being idiots. I'm afraid with all the homeless and shady people hanging around the northeast quadrant of the square these days may

	keep the people from using the DORA. I feel Something needs to be done about it before DORA will be successful. I would also like to see outdoor seating for restaurants to expand more. Everywhere in Europe restaurants and cafes expand to sidewalks and courtyards. It's wonderful! Unfortunately most walkways in Wooster aren't wide enough to accommodate it.
204	I think this is a great idea and will bring so many more people downtown.
205	This sort of idea is past due. Responsible drinking zones have been around in other states/countries. If some wish to not participate, they don't have to. But to deny this business opportunity based on what a few think would be backwards thinking.
206	I think this would be a step in the right direction. Not only for businesses, but for individuals that require or prefer outdoor venue for social interaction and refreshment. This is a necessary move for positive mental attitude and decreased incidence of depression. Let's come together and create new spaces during this difficult time.
207	My wife and friends love the idea!
208	It could open opportunities that all our businesses need now and into the future
209	Great idea! Anything to help keep the downtown thriving.
210	I don't see this being a big selling point to go downtown.
211	DORA is a great idea..and a hint on where to park to get to the restaurants.
212	Good idea!
213	I would enjoy it
214	Excellent idea
215	Great and creative idea, let's do it!!!
216	This is going to be very tough on our residents in addiction recovery that consider downtown a safe haven. Downtown is home to New Day as well as several AA meetings. This will hurt a lot of people.
217	Would be nice to have additional outdoor seating for dining since I am still uncomfortable in a situation with too many people
218	Great idea!
219	This would definitely bring my husband and I to the downtown area... great idea.
220	This should have been done years ago.
221	I feeling this would entice people to come enjoy more areas in the downtown space. Being able to buy a drink and walk around is an exciting idea. It's aloud when there are events on the square, I think doing it all the time is a wonderful idea.
222	DORA seems like another way to selectively police. Who is going to be checking receipts and cups? More police? Are affluent white folks going to be stopped as often as people of color or people appearing to be lower income? The proposed area seems WAY too large. While a good idea, the repercussions haven't been well thought out. As is, drivers NEVER stop for pedestrians in front of Broken Rocks. If intoxicated pedestrians are crossing, will there be an increase in accidents ? Guarantee this will create more ways to criminalize low income residents while the wealthy Wooster community members get to drunkenly cavort with no stigma.
223	It is important to be creative, keep up with changing times, and any steps we can take to help our community businesses succeed are steps that are worth taking. The Wooster & Wayne County community stands to benefit from

	strengthening the downtown economy.
224	Good idea.
225	I think this is a great idea as not all places have outdoor seating
226	This is a great idea to support downtown Wooster restaurants!!
227	This is an amazing idea!!!!
228	If you closed off downtown on a Saturday night so restaurants could expand their outdoor dining it would be good also.
229	We also have a residence in Port Clinton. The DORA has worked out well there
230	I think it would be a great way to get people downtown and to checkout the local restaurants. I also think it would be a great thing to promote for visitors to Wooster!
231	Great idea. Get progressive, Wooster. Lets get this place moving into the future.
232	I think this would be a great addition to the downtown area. The concern would be the current environment of homeless and other groups harassing people.
233	Strolling with a glass of Merlot? Very appealing. I'm ready. The only downside would be the abusers of the privilege. I think it would be good for downtown.
234	Should do this! A win! Win for all
235	glad Wooster is growing up and getting with the times...
236	I think this is a fantastic idea to draw more people into the downtown area. This would also make excellent use of the new downtown spaces that have been recently renovated (or are currently being renovated).
237	It would draw me to give business to downtown.
238	Love the idea! Lets bring more life to our beautiful downtown. Especially with the pavilion there
239	Should have done it sooner ☐
240	Vacate the alley behind Spoon, Matzos & Salsaraja. That space would serve at least five restaurants, including Local Roots. Plus, it would be shaded from the sun by the Local Roots building. Nice tables and string lights like was done for the banks on Liberty.
241	They will have to clear the downtown area of the homeless vagrants that hang around. This is a must if a DORA is created. It will need to be policed as there are bound to be the Undesirables. But its a great idea we need it
242	Something needs done about keeping the homeless out though
243	As long as it is monitored well I think it's a great thing. Another thing to think about is unfortunately the ever increasing homeless population that tends to hang out in that area. I know I am very hesitant to walk around down there because of them and there is quite an odor.
244	It's a great idea!
245	This sounds amazing!
246	I think it would be great for downtown and would benefit restaurants and shops. Downtown is beautiful but outside dining is limited.
247	During this time we need to help out our local restaurants. I would love to see a designated outdoor eating area and also be allowed to walk around downtown with a glass of wine. Hopefully, we can all help out the restaurants AND

	be responsible adults.
248	GREAT idea! Please do it!
249	Why is promoting alcohol the answer??
250	Great way for Wooster to compete with other cities instead of falling behind
251	I think it is a good idea.
252	If the restaurant has a liquor license that's fine to serve inside the restaurant, but it seems to me it makes it much harder to "keep an eye" on who is buying vs who is drinking, how much they have had, people wandering out of the area. Basically opens up a whole lot more of possible problems for business and an already overloaded police department.
253	More outdoor dining options but no need to carry around beverages.
254	I'd like to see the restaurants "reserving" all of the available tables and chairs downtown. Reserving them like one would reserve a picnic pavilion at the park. I believe this would cut down on the all day, all night loitering.
255	I think this is a wonderful idea
256	The Covid virus will continue keeping my family from eating inside downtown restaurants but not from purchasing to go food. We would love to take food and a beer or glass of wine to one of the outdoor seating areas off of Liberty Street for a relaxing meal downtown!!!
257	I think it is a great idea and I would take advantage of it.
258	Support local !! More important than ever!
259	I think a DORA would be a fantastic opportunity to grow downtown, based on the area described, I can see potential for traffic and pedestrian concern.
260	Get rid of the homeless druggies that are in town and do the Dora project. But as long as you have the druggies and homeless downtown it is dangerous for the rest of the community to participate in this.
261	I don't see much reason for people to wander around with drinks in the downtown area because there isn't anything to do unless you've had too much to drink and are looking to be a nuisance. If this was limited to times when there are events downtown where the streets are blocked off, that would be o.k.
262	Fantastic idea to tie all local establishments together!
263	Useful support of our downtown scene
264	Will the city be policing the individuals loitering in some of these designated areas? The last thing I would want people to do is visit wooster and have to see one of them urinating in the bushes on the square. I doubt people will sit down and eat and drink in these areas if they have to be subjected to that.
265	Great idea!
266	How is the city of Wooster going to enforce this and the complications that are certainly going to arise from this?
267	Yes please. Great idea.
268	First, the city needs to address the homeless situation. Adding alcohol being carried around is the dumbest idea. Think about the litter you are creating by some drunk leaving their cup somewhere other than a trash container or puking on the street. You have already had to take the tables and chairs away from your "beautiful" square area. The drinks will be "watering" the planters next.

269	This sounds like a great opportunity to support local restaurants and bring more pedestrians downtown.
270	Love all additional outdoor options in the era of COVID!
271	All for supporting and assisting local businesses. The concerns of the homeless are valid and will need to be addressed.
272	Love this idea. Would make a big impact and I know of many people that would take advantage.
273	I think this would be a great idea! Downtown Wooster is so charming to walk through, and I know many people have always wished for more outside seating at some of the local restaurants (myself included). This would do wonders for local businesses!
274	I think this is a great idea to bring more people downtown!
275	J think this would be good provided there are not people protesting in the middle of roads, intersections, on the square.... cuz I sure wouldn't want be to be drinking and it getting more offensive and I wouldn't use it if that us still happening.
276	Anything to help our fine restaurants and community
277	DORA is a great idea. My wife and I are Wayne Co teachers with 3 kids. We LOVE our town and frequenting eateries and merchants downtown. However, the larger issue is the activity under the new awning. The loitering, drug use, and harassment has kept us and many of our friends away from downtown as of late. I believe this is a more urgent issue that is contributing to loss of revenue for downtown small businesses. I'm not sure how to get involved, but something needs to change very soon. Matt Beres meberes@gmail.com
278	We should be competitive with other towns. Wooster has a great downtown... let's show it off!
279	Keep the alcohol fenced in.
280	Would love to see this and help downtown Wooster's businesses!!
281	Anything we can do to further support our local businesses and wonderful downtown I support!
282	Would be great also if businesses stayed open later especially on Thursday thru Saturday
283	I think the creation of a DORA in Downtown Wooster is a great idea, especially at this time when people might be fearful of being inside an establishment, but still want to support the local businesses. However, there needs to be plenty of Handicapped <input type="checkbox"/> accessible parking within close proximity of establishments. There also needs to be work done on leveling out of sidewalks/walkways for those of all mobility types. If the city of Wooster is going to be creating a DORA, please do it responsibly so that it is inclusive for everyone. Also, please provide plenty of seating throughout the area. Also please consider seating with arms for ease of sitting and standing. Possibly limited times for the sale of alcohol. Ramps and/or hand railings on businesses with steps that can not have a ramp installed.
284	Love this idea for summer and love any idea that brings more people downtown!
285	We need to Do Everything we can to help our downtown businesses survive the pandemic and beyond.
286	Wooster is behind the times.
287	With downtown already out of control (homeless), why would you want to add alcohol to that? With the police minimum manpower of 4 or 5 (depending on time of day) adding more opportunities for drinking would tax their

	abilities even further. None of the businesses downtown are open that late for this to benefit their sales. Would just add to the trash & vandalism that downtown already experiences. No roads will be closed, this means traffic crashes will increase in that area. Most other DORA areas have space that's not open to vehicular travel.
288	I think this is a great idea. We need something to do in town and if we can have a couple drinks and shop that sounds like a good time to me. Plus I can bring my kids to walk around the town and shop also. I think it would definitely help bring traffic downtown. We need more out door seating also for eating!
289	Great opportunity to enjoy our downtown outdoor space
290	There needs to be an effort to remove the homeless and drug dealers before I would ever consider coming and walking around downtown.
291	I think this would be a great thing to help the businesses and keep downtown thriving.
292	Do understand that people are afraid to even sit on the benches in the square due to the homeless & indigent that hang out there. Heard it's full of trash and filthy. Need police presence.
293	Great idea!
294	I love the idea of being downtown but not feeling rushed to have to finish a drink over dinner. To be able to have something for a walk around would be nice, especially after eating outside.
295	Get rid of the homeless and protesters to make it a decent place to hang out.
296	I think before you decide to have a DORA I think you need to figure out how to handle the downtown homeless population that steadily linger there throughout each and every day. In addition, just who is likely to clean up the mess left by revelers utilizing the DORA on a regular basis? I have seen the aftermath of such settings in other places, and that mess further detracts from wanting to venture downtown in the future.
297	DORA is a great idea to drive more business especially from younger patrons, which is especially important
298	Long overdue!
299	This is a wonderful place for small friend groups to gather!!
300	Provide casual dining spots within the Dora so that food can taken and enjoyed outside with our drinks.
301	Love the idea!
302	It's 2020. Most cities have some form of a DORA. Given the pandemic, I am not comfortable sitting inside most bars and restaurants. I would, however, visit an establishment with a DORA. Please note: DORA's should be designated NON-SMOKING AREAS! Most people I know will not visit bars or restaurants where the outside areas are filled with smokers.
303	seems like a no brainer!
304	Would love to see this and help downtown Wooster's businesses!!
305	I do not feel this is conducive to families visiting downtown.
306	More police or security presence to help keep down the public intoxication, that might occur.
307	Outdoor dining opportunities definitely would offer a more enticing array of options
308	I think this is a great idea, the more downtown shopping establishments that are in the boundry the better, especially if they allow you to shop and drink in hand. Being able to get food and drinks to go, to be able to walk around & shop, maybe get food from multiple places & drinks from another.

309	I would really prefer to see less traffic (and loitering by homeless!) downtown. I realize Liberty street is a state route and wouldn't be open for discussion but what about one of the adjacent streets (south, north, etc.) that could open up additional possibilities for a downtown walking area that further increases the appeal? The DORA could be established around this as well.
310	Thank you for helping our downtown businesses.
311	It would boost the outdoor experience of downtown. People would linger rather than stopping in for dinner and heading back home.
312	Great idea as long as social distancing is observed
313	I think it would be a great addition!
314	I am in favor of DORA. I am concerned for the current situation on the downtown square that disturbs residents in that area. Would the lack of bathrooms be a problem if people are drinking and walking?
315	If this can be done, proactively over-communicating safeguards and ways of enforcing will hopefully let non-supporters feel safer!!
316	This is a great opportunity. Having a DORA would truly make downtown Wooster more of a destination than it already is. You could grab a refreshing beverage and stroll through our scenic downtown and peruse the shops. You can make a day or afternoon out of it. For residents, it'd be a great get away right in our own town. Fully supportive of such an idea.
317	This is an excellent idea to help stimulate our downtown economy to keep our merchants/restaurants in business
318	It's a great idea. I love visiting vacation areas that successfully do this.
319	I think it's a great idea to expand the outdoor opportunities in downtown Wooster.
320	Love this idea to better support our downtown businesses!
321	I think it would be a positive move for the community
322	I do not support this idea. Most of these drinkers will get in their cars and drive home. We already have too many drunk drivers on the road. I also feel like having more alcohol prevalent downtown will make it less family friendly.
323	This would be awesome! I've visited places that do this and it's great!
324	Wooster is beautiful in the spring/summer sitting outside to spend time with people would make it more enjoyable to go out
325	Good idea as long as it doesn't become another hangout and people behave themselves.
326	Great idea <input type="checkbox"/>
327	This is a great idea for the businesses, but I feel like the negatives outweigh the positives. The likely increase of crime, including drunk driving and fighting, and the increase in accidents- pedestrians vs. vehicles seems a little risky. That's a very large area to cover and involves a lot of foot traffic.
328	Closing off streets for pedestrian traffic and outdoor dining is so much more beneficial to a greater variety of businesses, and so much more urgent in this time when restaurants need to spread out their patrons. Increasing the options for consuming and transporting alcohol, even though I drink, I can't fathom the relative benefits, and there are obvious downsides such as public drunkenness and littering.
329	Good idea to increase the chances of people "exploring" multiple down town and visiting local businesses and restaurants.

330	Not ready to eat in a restaurant, but outdoor drinking and dining would be a huge draw for us to get back to being downtown! Although, there would need to be adequate policing to keep the homeless away. That is a huge deterrent for me coming downtown, by myself or with my children.
331	Wooster has more than enough unaddressed addiction issues without promoting more all for a dollar in someone's pocket.
332	I love this idea!!
333	I think it's a great idea. We've been to Europe a few times and love the year round outdoor dining and fun atmosphere. DORA would help our already hurting small businesses.
334	Not quite sure of it's need. Would support it.
335	Please put the tables and chairs back in the square. They were removed.
336	I think this is a wonderful idea to help our local restaurants and give us a fun safe option for drinking and dining
337	I love the idea of increased outdoor dining! Maybe even a digital map of restaurants and bars in the DORA area.
338	Expanded outdoor dining would be great. Limiting it to public/private areas adjacent to restaurants and other designated areas would be ideal. Allow alcohol in outdoor designated areas adjacent to restaurants to avoid crossing streets.
339	Sounds like a great idea to bring people downtown and to support our downtown restaurants!
340	None- it sounds like a great idea!
341	Good for commerce both retail shopping and restaurants. Creates a more communal/cohesive downtown. Should open downtown on Sunday's for a 7th day of business. There could be possible riff raff or issues with intoxicated pedestrians with traffic.
342	I think this would be a great addition. When we travel we love to find towns that have streets lined with restaurants that offer outdoor dining.
343	This is a terrific idea and a great way to support our local restaurants while still allowing for social distancing. We do it for Woosterfest and Festa Italiana and seem to have very few issues. Why not open it up to the actual downtown businesses who need our support?
344	I think it's a great idea! I love to sit outside and enjoy the weather. The downtown businesses would benefit totally from this!
345	What's to stop underage drinkers from getting a hold of alcoholic beverages? I can't imagine there will be much surveillance over this very large area. Will patrons be asked to wear wrist bands indicating their age? Just seems like a risky idea.
346	Delaware city has this. It is very popular. Wooster would definitely benefit. I have said this for years. Just look at Woosterfest. The Bier garten is always active.
347	Great way to enjoy our downtown and support our local businesses.
348	I would like the a walking street in downtown Wooster with a DORA
349	Im concerned with the mixing and interaction between the homeless downtown with a potentially intoxicated person. Littering is also a concern.
350	I'm more interested in having increased outdoor dining. It's unlikely that my husband and I would walk around with a drink but I support it if it is helpful to businesses.
351	We have an amazing downtown! They have struggled the last few months and will continue to do so with all of the

	restrictions. Outside dining in downtown will help all businesses in our not just restaurants!
352	I love the idea to have outdoor dining options!! I think people will spread their time to multiple establishments downtown with this option vs., staying in one location. They will spend money multiple places.
353	Another building block in a strong downtown.
354	Looking forward to strolling the streets enjoying some great food and drinks!
355	Make it family-friendly, have live music events and ensure adequate security.
356	Totally opposed
357	would create trouble with all the homeless people and would create problems
358	If you think you have problems now with people camping out at the pavillion, just wait. The city refuses to address the homeless problem and make it safe for people downtown. Is there going to be an increased presence of police to also deal with the rowdies? I can see this as a major problem.
359	we need to start finding a new normal. this would be new, and a fine normal way to dine out in the summer months.
360	The only concern that I have with this is the ongoing issues with the homeless in the downtown area. Something needs to be done to keep them out of the DORA area or it is completely pointless.
361	I worry about safety because of the increased transient population. This might influence my wanting to come downtown during the evening hours and eat/drink outside of restaurant walls.
362	I think it would be a welcome addition to the area, allowing people to safely visit the downtown if they are uncomfortable dining inside. It seems to have worked well in other communities and would be an additional positive to our lovely downtown!
363	I think this is a great option for the area. I recently spent the evening in a town that has the DORA in place and really enjoyed the social distancing tables in a community setting, with live music and shopping.
364	I would support the DORA to help stimulate downtown business. All parties (City, MSW, Restaurants, Safety Services) would need to continue to ensure that patrons use it correctly and address issues if any unintended consequences arise. It appears many communities are implementing DORA and we could get feedback from them to learn of best practices.
365	A varied and engaged nightlife is essential for downtown vitality.
366	I would like to see It taken a step further and have city streets closed down even if it is just on weekends so restaurants and bars can offer additional outside seating. Traffic can easily be rerouted around the square as it is for events like Woosterfest.
367	I think this is a great idea. I love being outside.
368	Such an area would encourage more drinking and wandering by those who shouldn't be. Keep the booze on premise or suffer the consequences of derelicts. Ed Gasbarre
369	I love the idea. Please implement asap so we can make the best of the summer months!!
370	You'll need to put the benches/seating back on the square! (You should, anyway! Pretty tacky of you to have removed them in the first place!)
371	I like the enhanced social experience that is creates.
372	Would this be a temporary (for the duration of social distancing restrictions) fix? Or an longterm plan for the City?

	We think our unique downtown attracts many visitors and also outside companies looking to bring their business to Wooster, we are in support of the DORA.
373	We live closer to the North end on Normandy Drive, but do all of our shopping, dining, and recreation downtown.
374	Makes sense to be responsible in addressing COVID and supporting businesses downtown. People are generally still very leary about going out to restaurants. It's important that restaurants show positive support of COVID by wearing masks, social distancing etc. These places will get more support. People are keeping track of those that don't and telling others not to support them.
375	If it helps, Go For It
376	I would like to see It taken a step further and have city streets closed down even if it is just on weekends so restaurants and bars can offer additional outside seating. Traffic can easily be rerouted around the square as it is for events like Woosterfest.
377	This would give businesses and customers another option for service when visiting the downtown area so I fully support this option.
378	It is much needed to continue the growth of downtown!
379	A pedestrian downtown would be great. More room for outdoor dining and physical distancing. I love the DORA idea. We need to save the businesses in our lovely town.
380	There are many more issues that the Chamber should be concerned about than adding DORA. The City of Wooster and the Chamber needs to address the homeless issue FIRST. You want to add people walking around with drinks to the homeless residing on your "beautiful" downtown square? Think people, your priorities are out of wack.
381	I think this would be a big boost for the downtown. We eat at a downtown restaurant at least once per week. Our only negative experience downtown is when we want to enjoy morning coffee at an outside table and homeless are sitting all around the square area. We feel bad for them but sometimes their actions force us to go back inside or take our coffee home.
382	This is an excellent idea!
383	I am generally positive toward the idea of establishing a DORA in Wooster's downtown. Along with the possibility of increasing revenue to downtown business, an add benefit could be a reduced likelihood of our community seeing a spike in coronavirus with the reopening—as outdoor settings show to have a lower rate of spreading infection than indoor spaces.
384	I think if this helps the downtown businesses it is needed. I would be more interested in the expanded outdoor dining rather than the drinking. I don't drink but others do. I think it has been beneficial to other cities and it is needed here. We need to keep our downtown city alive.
385	I am in support of an organized, well managed, DORA with specific guidelines and time limits as this will potentially add a layer of support for downtown restaurants. I believe the DORA must be managed/supervised and include strict, reasonable time limits and possibly include a limit on the number of drinks per individual so downtown residents are not disturbed.
386	Would love to see side streets closed and used for outdoor seating for sit down service from restaurants (S. Market st, Grant St and others). Umbrellas and heaters could extend outdoor seating into the cooler months (much of Europe does this).
387	Poorly thought out and ill conceived.
388	I think this will cause more issues with getting behind the wheel under the influence
389	this would be an excellent addition to downtown!

390	Alcoholism is a real problem....why encourage it even more. I would not come downtown in the evening and walk around....it is not safe with all the homeless and other groups with nothing to do but cause trouble. You need to clean up the square where these people are hanging out. They are going to destroy our downtown if you don't do something soon. And you think walking around drinking alcohol is the answer?
391	This would be a positive addition to the community in several aspects.
392	We enjoy downtown Wooster and would love the outdoor experience.
393	This is an excellent idea. Rooftop dining would be nice as well.
394	I think DORA would be enhanced by downtown retailers remaining open in the evenings as well.
395	Outdoor dining adds a great community feeling to the downtown in cities I have visited. I would think it would also be a great visual draw to a restaurant from people driving by. Many cities also allow diners to have dogs with them at outdoor tables.
396	It seems like a great idea to help the restaurants downtown add additional seats outdoors. The Covid pandemic has been especially difficult for the restaurant businesses, and now restaurants are trying to stay profitable with fewer tables than normal. I would certainly enjoy sitting outdoors this summer at one of the downtown restaurants.
397	As a frequent visitor to downtown, I would love to see at DORA downtown!
398	Sounds great!
399	I work in Mansfield but live in Wooster. Many of my co-workers already rave about downtown Wooster and frequently travel there to go out to dinner. A DORA will attract even more people to the already amazing downtown!
400	I hope very much that establishments can figure out a way to NOT use plastic, throw away cups. In Europe, drinks served outdoors often have a "deposit fee" attached to the cup/glass, and when people return the cup/glass to the restaurant when done, they get their deposit back. I would frankly not use the service if it meant producing more plastic waste.
401	I would like to see increased patrols if this passes.
402	I believe the wooster community with its downtown and warm atmosphere is ideal for DORA
403	In order for this to be worthwhile you will finally actually have to do something about the bums in downtown or this & the business district in downtown Wooster is Done!
404	My only concern would be to make sure that it doesn't become rowdy, which would make me avoid it.
405	This is long overdue. Downtown has created a great, welcoming atmosphere already. That is why the festivals on the square do well.
406	This is a forward thinking, sophisticated step in the right direction. The COVID-19 crisis is enabling all of us to revisit old ideas that need updated.
407	The creation of a DORA has the potential to broaden the hours for the downtown merchants by encouraging people to stroll through town rather than patronizing a dining establishment and leaving to take their retail dollars elsewhere.
408	Establishing a DORA would be fantastic for local business!
409	I am generally positive toward the idea of establishing a DORA in Wooster's downtown. Along with the possibility of increasing revenue to downtown business, an add benefit could be a reduced likelihood of our community seeing a spike in coronavirus with the reopening—as outdoor settings show to have a lower rate of spreading infection than indoor spaces.
410	As a community member living close to downtown and frequently going downtown, going into shops, etc., I think it

	is highly impressive the way that downtown merchants and restaurants are taking basic COVID precautions seriously. People are following guidelines and just following basic common sense. It seems like a DORA in downtown Wooster would easily fit into that. It's a chance for restaurants to expand their capacity within the limits of social distancing without raising the risk for either workers or customers. It seems like a "no brainer" to me.
411	I think that most community residents are well-behaved enough to make this a good decision.
412	I believe adding this would add revenue to the business and city.
413	Encourage establishing to assist all downtown merchants with increased customer count
414	I believe creating a "DORA" will take away from the character and class that has been generated with the revitalization of the downtown area. If we don't address the homeless and special needs individuals living downtown, there wont be a need for a DORA.
415	There are many positives to establishing a DORA in Wooster. I feel a DORA would bring people into Wooster that may not have previously visited. Working through the closure and re-opening of businesses due to COVID I feel a DORA would help bring more and more people back out into the community to enjoy outdoor socializing.
416	Main concern would be traffic issues. Lights and crosswalks are already set up inefficiently for drivers, especially on weekends. This leads to impatience. Add people drinking and jay walking into the mix - very concerning!
417	I think it's a great idea, especially in the summer as people can walk to different establishments and try different food. It might incentive restaurants to create a new age appetizer menu
418	I worry that it could deter families from downtown...I would be worried about exposing my kids to people who are not acting responsibly/appropriately.
419	Will greatly help after COVID.
420	It would give people spending money, shoppers & diners, the opportunity to take back the open spaces from loiters.
421	Wooster needs to clean up the square and make it safer before people will want to walk around town shopping and drinking. Too many bad comments on "questionable" people hanging out downtown on square. They leave trash everywhere. It's a shame. I've seen it everyday driving thru town. Very sad for downtown Wooster. Now with the new area making more places for them to sleep and sit. Hopefully something will be done about it SOON.
422	I think it would be a great asset to the downtown area!
423	This would help the downtown economy and create a better sense of community.
424	I think this would be great draw and would highlight our excellent local, downtown restaurants. Right now, I'm not comfortable coming to a restaurant and sitting inside, and with the highest cases being reported since April, we need to be careful. Economically, I think it would be helpful for our local economy and will keep some Wooster dollars in Wooster!
425	I frequent the restaurants downtown and hope they can make it through the year. Always willing to eat outside & support the local businesses.
426	I think its a great idea! Why not support our local businesses? I cant imagine it would lead to public drunkenness or disorder conduct if shut down early enough.
427	The DORA would bring more people to our downtown. Our restaurants and retailers need our support to survive with the social distancing requirements. This would make our downtown a more vibrant place to dine, shop and visit. If I lived downtown, I think I would feel safer with more people walking around too.
428	Concern with public intoxication
429	It is needed in the community

430	Having more options to eat outside in downtown would be great! Love the type of sidewalk/cafe atmosphere that other cities have, and it would be nice to have move of that here. More outdoor activity = more lively downtown. A negative, more just a concern is alcohol, would want to see that confined to just eating areas.
431	Long Overdue! Please also consider weekend hours beyond 9pm.
432	I worry that it could deter families from downtown...I would be worried about exposing my kids to people who are not acting responsibly/appropriately.
433	none
434	Restaurants, one of the hardest hit industries, will have a better chance of surviving downtown!
435	I am generally positive toward the idea of establishing a DORA in Wooster's downtown. Along with the possibility of increasing revenue to downtown business, an add benefit could be a reduced likelihood of our community seeing a spike in coronavirus with the reopening—as outdoor settings show to have a lower rate of spreading infection than indoor spaces.
436	I like the creativity, we need to do anything to get past this Pandemic.
437	Wooster has done an amazing job over the years improving downtown, this would certainly help downtown continue to be "the place to be"
438	Outdoor dining would be healthy at this time with the pandemic. But that being said there needs to be some control of who and how long people use the area.
439	I love this idea! I would be there for sure!!!
440	Just a little concerned with the suggested size all the way to Muddy's but I get why. And it would probably not really be a big problem.
441	All for it. What's the difference of it and the special events downtown like Italian Fest where alcohol is served.
442	Would much rather see people gathering for food and beverage outside as long as the weather will allow. It is not only safer during this viral outbreak but allows people an outlet to get out of the house and will help our downtown restaurants and businesses survive. I am for it as long as respect for social distancing and masks are also part of the process.
443	I hope this passes! It will be great for Wooster in general!
444	The only concern is the lack of parking.
445	I think this is a great idea that will increase support for our local downtown business owners!
446	Will greatly help after COVID.
447	Would be great to have more outdoor dining in downtown Wooster!
448	This would be great -- not just because of COVID-19 but especially because of COVID-19
449	I like the idea

Downtown Merchant Survey Response Summary

57 Responses	94.7% Yes	84.2% Yes	98.2% Yes
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Downtown Resident Survey Response Summary

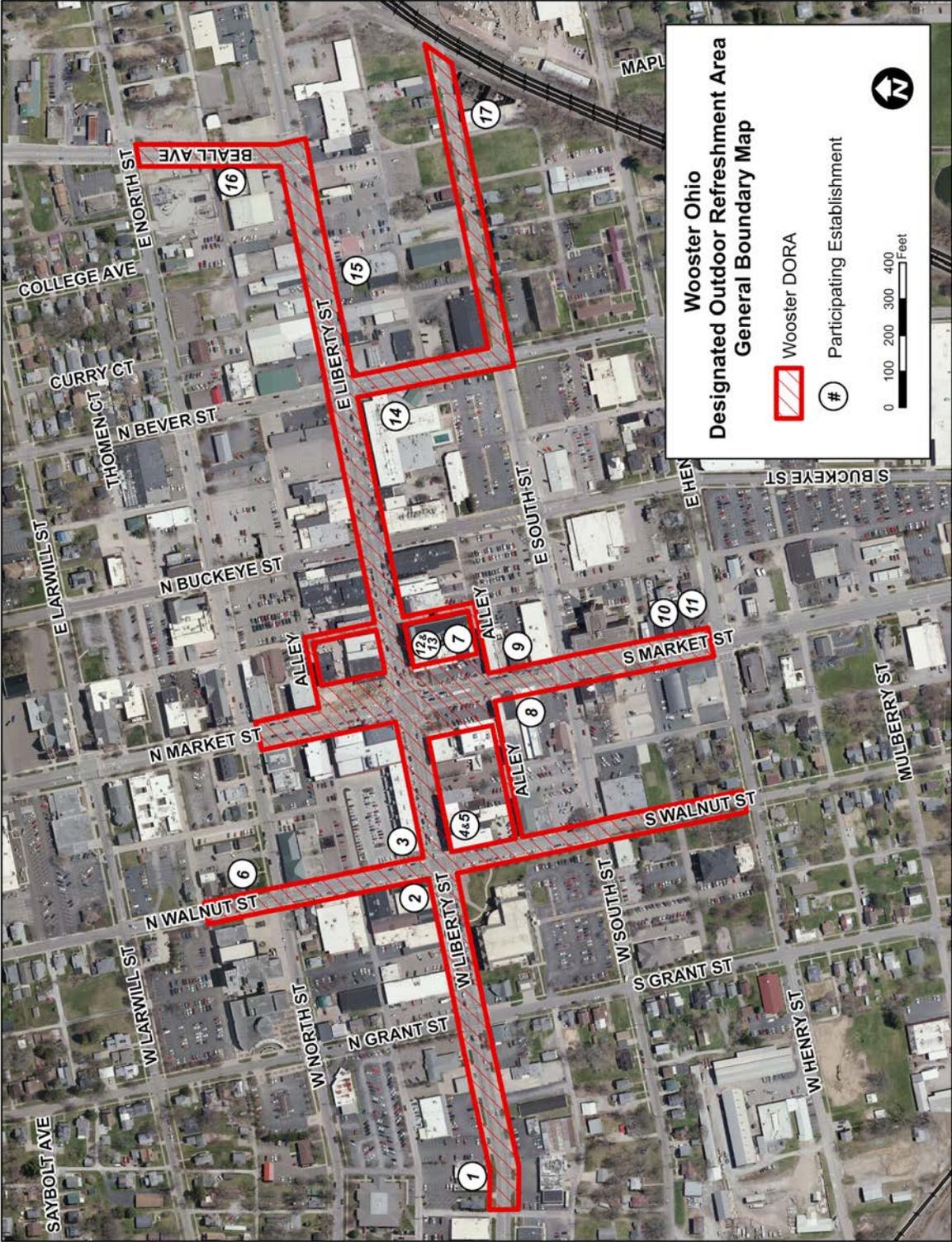
82 Responses

86.5% Yes

81.7% Yes

97.5% Yes

Wooster, Ohio DORA
Exhibit B: Boundary Map of the Wooster DORA



Wooster, Ohio DORA
Exhibit C: Qualified Permit Holders

Qualified Permit Holders within the proposed Wooster DORA area

	PERMIT HOLDER	ADDRESS	PERMIT CLASS	PERMIT NO.
1.	TJ's Trio of Restaurants	359 W Liberty Street	D5	8979982
2.	Basil	145 W LIBERTY ST	D5	2320585
3.	Salsaroja	150 W LIBERTY	D5L	7701619
4.	Spoon Market	144 W LIBERTY ST	D5L, D6	42617010011
5.	The Olde Jaol	215 N WALNUT ST	D5	7797319
6.	Omahoma Bobs	128 S MARKET ST	D1	545820
7.	Meatheads Union	147 S MARKET ST	D5L	6482126
8.	City Square Steakhouse	148 S MARKET ST	D1, D2, D3, D6	1512222
9.	Flamingo Jacks	234 S MARKET ST	D2, D2X, D3, D3A	2311546
10.	Henry Station	244 S MARKET ST	D5L	6071798
11.	Broken Rocks	123 E LIBERTY ST	D5I, D6	2790341
12.	Rox Gastropub	119 E LIBERTY ST	D5I, D6	2790341
13.	Best Western	243 E LIBERTY ST	D5A	6695930005
14.	Muddy's	335 E LIBERTY ST	D5L	62130070002
15.	JAFB	120 BEALL AVE	A1C	4220446
16.	Minglewood Distilling Co.	437 E SOUTH ST	A3A	6030523
17.	The Leaf*	203 W LIBERTY ST	TBD	TBD

Wooster, Ohio DORA

Exhibit D: Comprehensive Plan Downtown District Section

7.0 introduction

The Priority Development Areas were identified by the Steering Committee based on a number of criteria, including their (re)development potential. The areas included some or all of the following characteristics:

- Underutilized land and/or buildings;
- Proximity to significant and essential land uses that can leverage additional economic opportunity;
- New opportunities to serve existing neighborhoods and districts;
- New opportunities to improve community identity;
- Significant economic development potential; and
- Opportunities to create a variety of housing choices and styles.

After careful consideration, the four Priority Development Areas described to the right were selected by the Steering Committee. A more detailed description of each Priority Development Area including development concepts and proposed character are described in the sections contained in this chapter.

As the City plans for the future, the focus areas should be considered a priority for City- and Developer-led infrastructure projects, as well as development incentives.

Downtown

The Downtown Development Area is the cornerstone of the community. Continuing to preserve and promote the downtown as a destination will create a stronger sense of community, enhance the local identity, offer new housing options, and create a more vibrant economic environment. By creating a mix of uses and public spaces that attract a variety of residents and visitors, Downtown can continue to be a vibrant destination for the City and the region. Due to the historical character of Downtown, new development and redevelopment should be respectful of its context while accommodating new economic growth.

Hospital District

The Hospital District consists of the area directly surrounding Wooster Community Hospital, including vacant and underutilized commercial properties to the north. By building on the medical industry and promoting the community, the City can create an economically vibrant and functional district that leverages an important community asset.

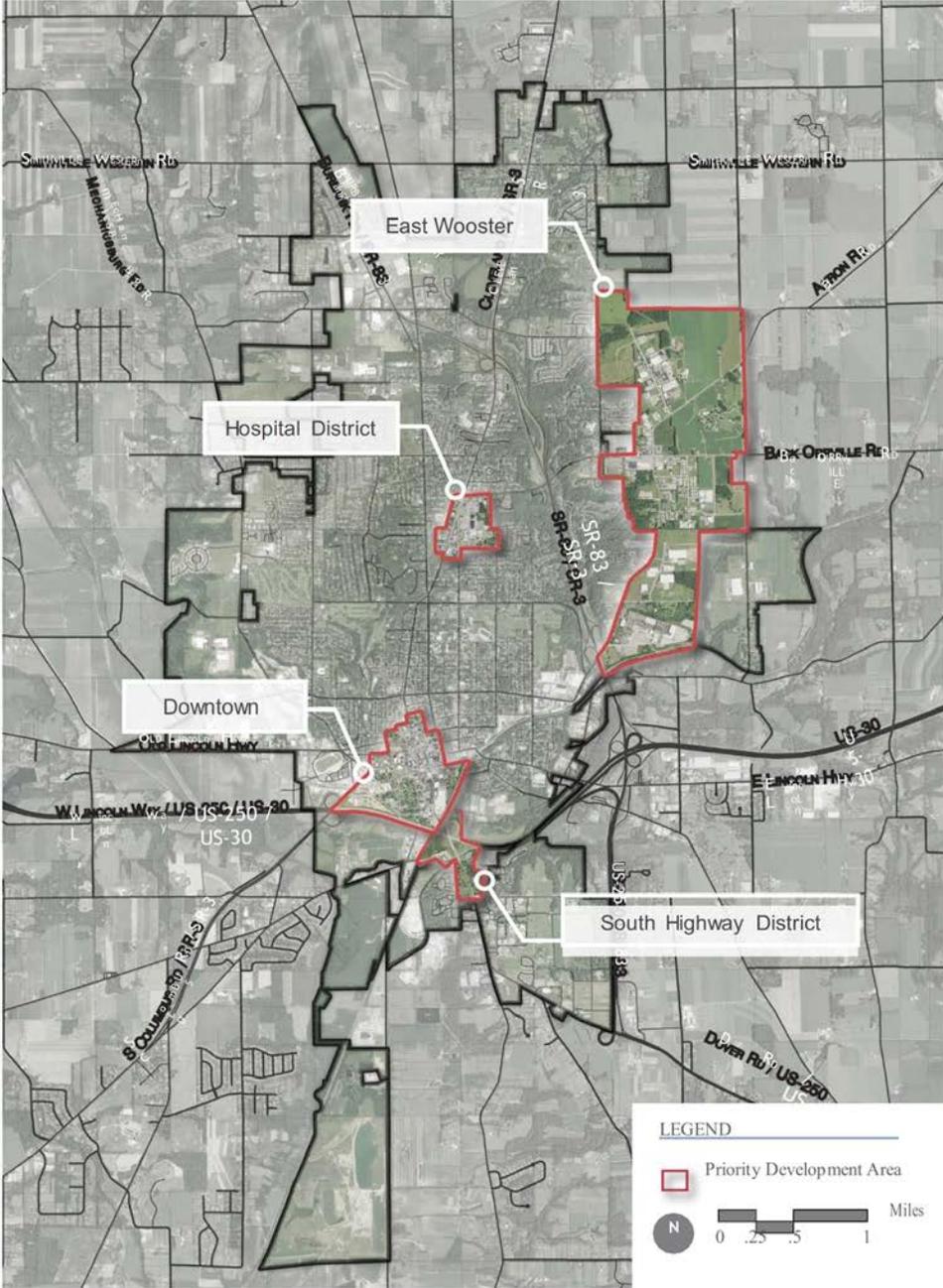
South Highway District

The area between Downtown and the OARDC that encompasses the Madison Avenue exits from U.S. 30 serves as the primary entrance into the City of Wooster. Appropriate gateway and streetscape features should be designed and implemented in this area to form a connection between highway ramps and the City. This area should help to enhance community image by establishing a dynamic “front door” through both public investment and private redevelopment initiatives.

East Wooster

Due to its proximity to highways and its availability of open space, East Wooster has drawn recent attention from new businesses and development. Serving as one of the economic hubs of the City, the area has attracted a number of manufacturing and industrial users who continue to provide a strong economic base for the City. Where the area has recently experienced new investment, new support services and enhanced image and brand will continue to elevate the economic competitiveness of the area.

Figure 7.1: Priority Development Area Map



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downtown

Downtown Wooster is a dynamic commercial center that serves as the entertainment hub of the community. Redevelopment and development in this area should be planned appropriately to maintain its historic character while promoting infill and pedestrian orientation.

Downtown is the historic center and community core of Wooster that plays a vital role in the identity of the City. While much of the historic character of the area is still intact, some vacant storefronts and disinvestment prove to threaten the character and economic viability of the area.

Downtown Wooster is comprised of a mixture of retail/commercial establishments and professional offices in historic buildings with small clusters of multi-family residential. This commercial core is surrounded by traditional neighborhoods to the north and underutilized commercial areas to the south.

A driving force for the preservation of the character and the success of the businesses within the downtown has been the continued effort of Main Street Wooster. While many Ohio communities have seen their historic centers lose businesses to newer auto-centric developments, Wooster has managed to maintain a vibrant downtown that attracts both visitors and businesses. Every effort should be made by the City and by Main Street Wooster to continue the significant progress they have made within the Downtown Core.

Downtown Core

The Downtown Core of Wooster is the historic and civic hub for the City, serving as the backdrop for a thriving pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. A number of retail and dining options continue to draw residents and visitors

into the Downtown Core, and any future development occurring within the area should reinforce these current activities.

East Liberty Street

Located to the east of the downtown core, East Liberty Street is an area that should be a target for continued public and private investments. The current development pattern is characterized by vacant buildings and surface parking lots, and is not at the highest and best use. The location of this area adjacent to the Downtown Core make it a target area to continue the development pattern of the Downtown by focusing on pedestrian oriented improvements and buildings, and to provide housing options within a short walk to the core.

Traditional Neighborhood

While located mostly outside of the study area, the surrounding residential districts should complement the success of the Downtown. Residents located close to convenient, walkable amenities provide a stable base of customers for businesses within walking distance. Many of the historic homes within Wooster are located within this area, making it an attractive area for residents wanting to live close to downtown amenities, in an area with traditional neighborhood qualities.

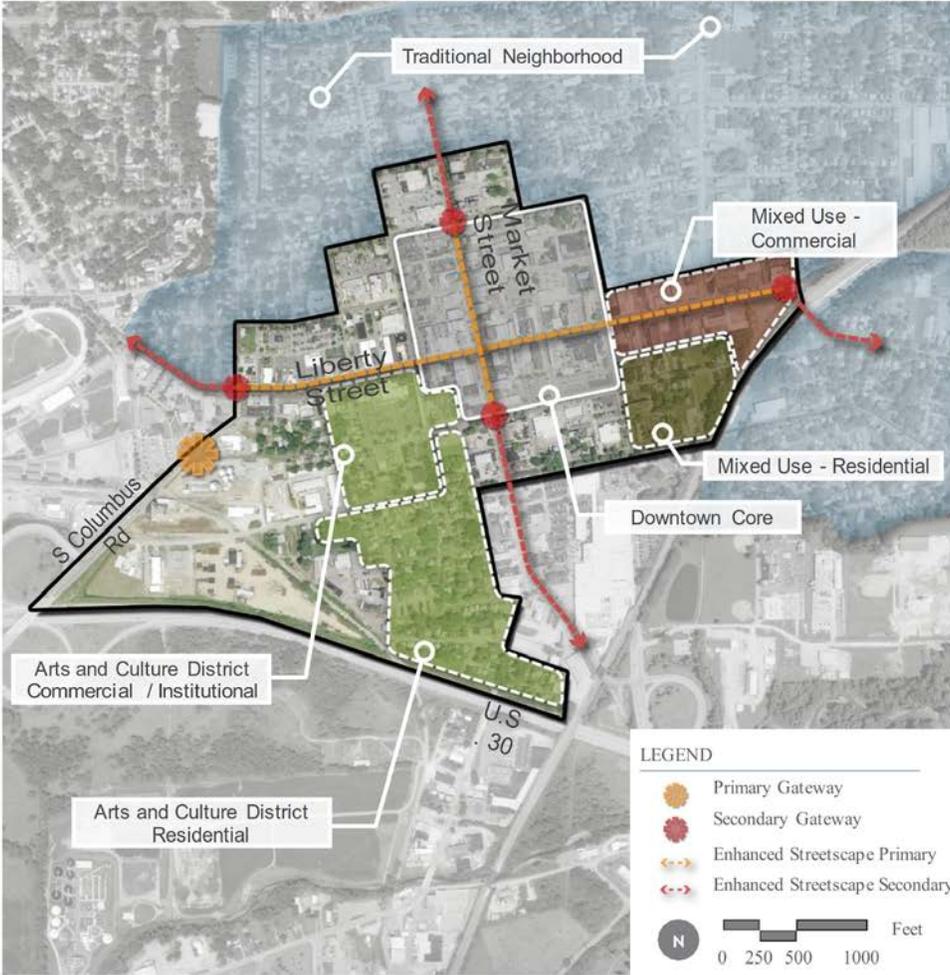
Gateways

Primary and secondary gateways are indicated on Figure 7.2. The primary gateway, located at South Columbus Road, is intended to mark the entrance to the City from the highway. Secondary gateways located to the east and west of Liberty Street, as well as to the north and south of Market Street, are intended to signify entry into the downtown. Gateways can take the shape of entry features, signage, or enhanced landscape treatments.

Arts and Culture District

The area south and west of the Downtown Core is currently occupied by outdated and underutilized properties and surface parking that detracts from the overall vitality of the downtown. By creating an innovative Arts and Culture District directly west of the Downtown Core, Wooster can add to its creative class and attract some of the Millennial population. This District would be complemented by a large residential district to the south that should be used to attract those working and creating in the area.

Figure 7.2: Downtown District Urban Framework Map



Development Area: +/- 201 acres

Existing Land Use

Commercial: 28.71 acres (21%)	Manufacturing: 31.26 acres (23%)
Recreation: 4.88 acres (4%)	Multi-Family Residential: 10.22 acres (7%)
Public/Semi-Public: 16.01 acres (12%)	Single-Family Residential: 21.03 acres (15%)
Office: 10.39 acres (8%)	

Development Intent - Downtown District



A mix of uses is encouraged with residential throughout the district and retail, commercial, and institutional uses focused along primary and secondary streets within Downtown Wooster. Uses can be organized vertically (within the same building) or horizontally (side-by-side), and should be focused on creating a pedestrian friendly environment. Residential uses on ground floors should be avoided along primary and secondary streets.



Streetscapes should be appropriately scaled with the pedestrian as the priority. Sidewalks should be spacious enough to provide a seamless pedestrian connection between the public and private realm. Sidewalks, pedestrian connections, crosswalks, curb extensions, and pedestrian signals should be used throughout the district. Streetscape improvements should include street trees, planters, and decorative street furniture such as public benches and street lights.



Site design for residential and commercial uses should encourage minimal setbacks with a primary façade that faces the street. Parking should be located to the rear in order to promote a pedestrian friendly streetscape to the front.



Public spaces encourage pedestrian activity along streetscapes and should include amenities such as street furniture, pedestrian-scale lighting, bike racks, trees, and trash receptacles. Public spaces should be designed to enhance the surrounding streetscape and adjacent structures and can include features such as outdoor dining, fountains, and recreation spaces which should be available for pedestrians.



Residential Density is an integral part of this Priority Development Area and residential buildings should range from two to four stories in height, built as either attached residential units at street level or above sidewalk retail or commercial uses.



Pedestrian crossings should be visible to oncoming traffic in order to increase safety and walkability. Crossings and curb ramps should also be accommodating to people of all abilities.



Architectural character should employ scaling and detailing that promote a pedestrian friendly environment. Design should complement existing historical character while employing high quality materials. Front façades should have a high level of transparency in order to activate and enhance the streetscape.



Parking should include both private and public parking. Private (on-site) parking shall be internal to each site, screened from the public right-of-way, and may be identified with signage at the discretion of the City. The impacts of on-site parking should be minimized through segmented parking areas, shared parking, rear parking areas, pervious pavement, and landscaping.

Figure 7.3: East Liberty Redevelopment Sub-Area - Existing Condition



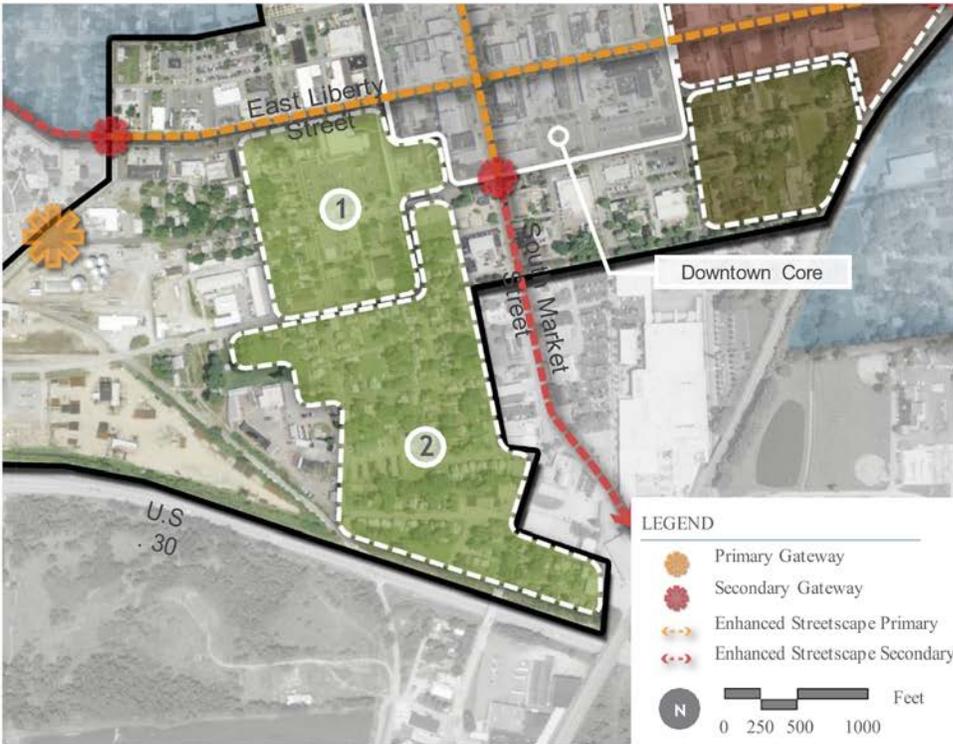
East Liberty Redevelopment

The intersection of East Liberty Street and Beall Avenue, including the area to the south, is a place that has been identified by the Steering Committee and the public as an area appropriate for infill and redevelopment. The area is currently a mixture of surface parking, vacant buildings, and retail uses.

The buildings in this area should support a mixture of uses, including retail, service, residential and office. Creating a pedestrian friendly environment is the overall intent of this area, which is accomplished by bringing the buildings closer to the street and providing an enhanced streetscape with pedestrian crossings and public space organized around the intersection. Parking should be located to the rear and sides of the buildings, minimizing the amount of parking lots that face the streetscape. The development pattern should be a continuation of the urban form that is seen throughout the downtown district.

Concept Plan Elements:

1. Mixed-use Commercial
2. Mixed-use Residential
3. Enhanced Intersection and Streetscape
4. Gateway into the Downtown District



Arts and Culture District

Located southwest of the Market Street and Liberty Street intersection is the Arts and Culture District. Anchored by several existing commercial and institutional uses, the Arts and Culture District is intended as a home to organizations, institutions and residents that are engaged in the arts or other culturally significant activities.

The commercial and institutional district to the north is in a prime location near the center of Downtown, and can take advantage of its proximity to the main thoroughfares in and out of the City. Every attempt should be made to retain and reuse existing historic buildings to maintain its existing character.

The residential district to the south can leverage its existing historic housing stock as a residential district with convenient access to the social and cultural amenities offered by the institutions in the district.

Concept Plan Elements:

- 1. Arts and Culture District Commercial / Institutional
- 2. Arts and Culture District Residential

Wooster, Ohio DORA

Exhibit E: Public Safety Plan

In accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(5), the proposed requirements for the purpose of ensuring public safety within the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) are as follows:

The City of Wooster Police Department and Fire Department will be responsible for providing public safety within the DORA through law enforcement and fire/EMS services.

Law Enforcement Responsibilities

The Wooster Police Department will be responsible for providing law enforcement services within the DORA. Uniformed officers are assigned to cover the city throughout the hours of the DORA, and should their services be required they can be obtained through dispatch and by phoning the conventional 9-1-1 system.

The on-duty shift supervisor will do his/her best to ensure that appropriate attention is provided to the DORA during the hours of operation.

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Fire/EMS Responsibilities

The Wooster Fire Department will be responsible for providing Fire, Rescue, and EMS within the DORA. Station 1 is located within one mile of all the DORA boundaries, and response time to any emergency within the DORA will be minimal.

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Exhibit F: Sanitation Plan

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**Wooster, Ohio DORA
Exhibit G: Signage Plan**

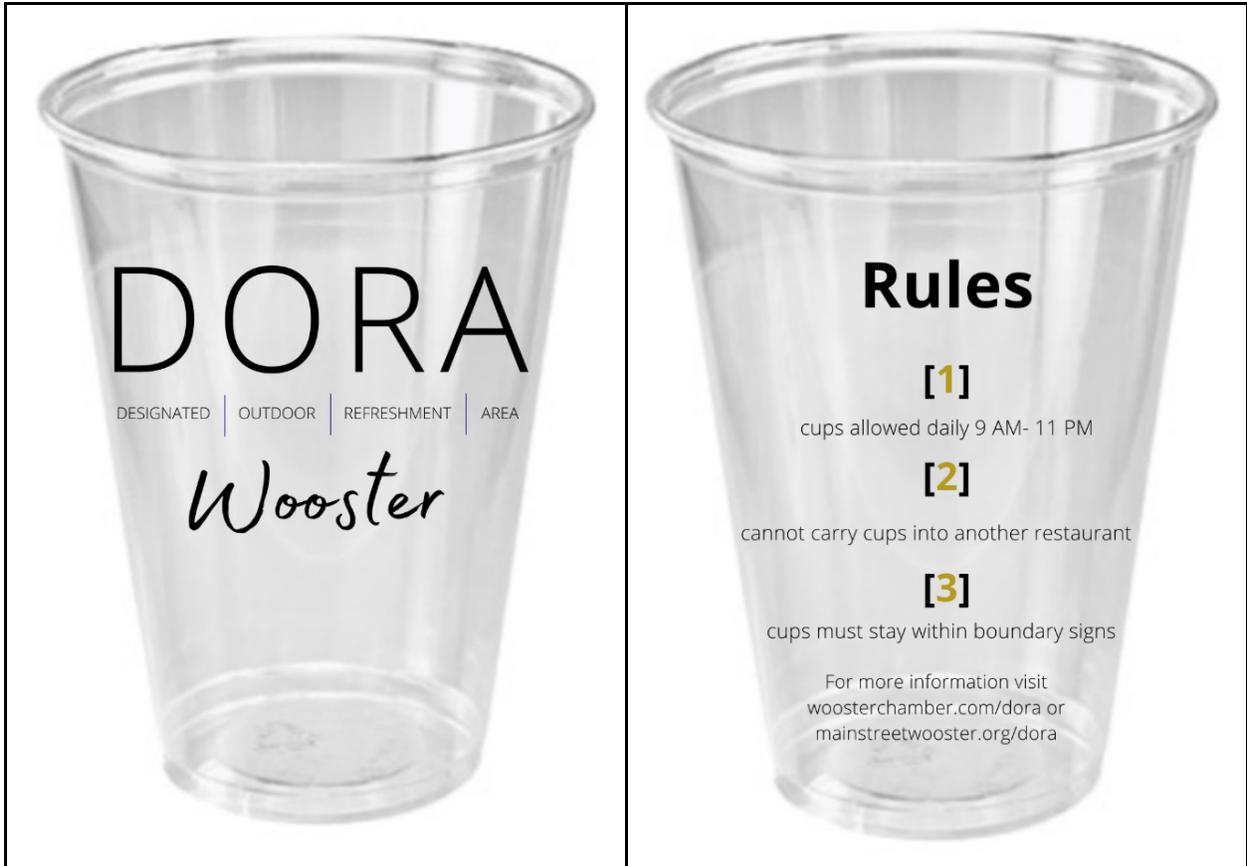
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While the applicant will defer to the City of Wooster for exact sign location regulations, a sample DORA boundary sign is attached below. This sign is similar to other DORA signage throughout the State of Ohio. The installation of signage will be undertaken and managed by the City of Wooster, as the number of signs, location of signs and overall sign specifications is best coming from the municipality.



**Wooster, Ohio DORA
Exhibit H: Official DORA Cup**

All beverages purchased from qualified and approved establishments are required to utilize an official Wooster DORA cup. These cups will be produced and distributed by Main Street Wooster and the Wooster Chamber. A concept of the cup is listed below:



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Exhibit I: Daily Record Monday, June, 22, 2020 DORA article

By Samantha Ickes / Staff Writer

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School's in

Here's what life on College of Wooster campus will look like come fall

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WOOSTER — College of Wooster students returning to campus this fall will be expected to take COVID-19 tests and wear face masks in common areas, such as classrooms and lobbies. Move-in times will be staggered. Dining hours and facilities will be modified to keep students distanced, and more grab-and-go meals will be encouraged.

"Our plan, assuming the public health situation enables people to return, is to enact a multi-layered health and safety strategy," President Sarah Bolton said Monday. "Our goal is that the things important to students at Wooster — close, collaborative work with faculty, vibrant classes where they get to talk to each other, clubs and organizations, getting to know new people, friendship, fun — will continue to happen, but they're going to be modified."

The college relied on the guidance of public health experts at the local and state levels, along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College Health Association, to build its plan.

Other schools, such as Ohio State University, the University of Akron and Kent State University, have also released initial plans to return to campus learning in the fall and make changes to learning spaces, dining and housing, though not all have announced plans for virus testing.

Adjusting the calendar

The fall semester will begin as normal Aug. 19. There will no longer be a week-



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Urban schools assess needs to reopen this fall

By CATHY CANDISKY
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A coalition of Ohio's urban school districts say ensuring that all students have internet access, closing learning gaps widened by the coronavirus, and meeting demands for masks and other personal protection equipment are among the top concerns as they prepare to reopen schools this fall.

In a call with reporters on Monday, The Ohio 8, an alliance of superintendents and teacher union presidents from the Columbus, Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Toledo and Youngstown school districts, said the more than \$330 million in federal aid coming to Ohio schools will help address these issues.

Stressing the need to build statewide broadband capacity, coalition leaders said that in their eight urban districts 15% to 35% of families lack reliable internet access. That complicated learning when Gov. Mike DeWine closed schools in March due to the coronavirus outbreak and students attended class online.

"The internet problem is not going away. We're not going to be able to cover it back up," said Eric Gordon, chief executive officer of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

The Cleveland district estimates that it will need \$40 million to ensure all of its students have sufficient broadband.

DeWine is expected this week to release state guidelines for reopening K-12 schools for the 2020-2021 school year. The governor has said he "fully intends to have school in the fall," but it's ultimately up to each of Ohio's more than 600 school districts to decide how and when students return to school. Many are looking at a combination of in-class and online schooling.

Wayne County Health Department for contact tracing and guidance.

"For the students living on campus, they need to have a safe place to go," Bolton

convenience store, The Knowlton Cafe, Old Main Café and Kittredge Dining Hall, mostly used for special events.

The halls that are regularly open will

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Smaller classes, larger rooms
It has been intense and inspiring to

lege could can for strict remote learning for several weeks.

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six-foot social distancing in school and on buses, bans on field trips and prohibits visitors.

Social distancing and the use of masks will translate to big expenses for schools, said Akron Superintendent

David James.

To expand the availability of personal protection equipment, the coalition recommends leveraging its buying power through statewide purchasing of protective gear for students, teachers and staff, as well as hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies.

James said operations staff for his district esti-

mate that each student will need 3 gallons of hand sanitizer per year at a cost of \$135 per pupil. "We're looking at between \$3 and \$4 million a year just for hand sanitizer," he said.

The roughly 102,000 masks which will be needed each week, he said, will run the district \$2 million a year.

And socially distancing students on buses and in

the classroom may necessitate the need for students to alternate classroom days, James said.

The coalition is also recommending the temporary suspension of the 3rd grade reading guarantee and testing requirements and asking state officials to allow the use of compacted curriculum guidelines for English language arts and

math to provide consistent learning statewide in the wake of school closures.

"None of us are afraid of accountability," said Dayton Superintendent Elizabeth Lalli. "But there were students in the rural areas and students in the urban areas and suburban areas who did not have the kind of support they needed in order to learn in the last

quarter of the school year."

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Exhibit J: DORA Rules and Regulations
Wooster Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA)

Rules and Regulations

What is the Downtown Wooster Designated Outdoor Area (DORA) and how does it work?

Patrons age 21 and older may purchase and enjoy an alcoholic beverage from a liquor-permitted establishment; then sip, stroll, shop, and explore within the DORA boundaries of Downtown Wooster.

Before a patron leaves the liquor-permitted establishment with alcohol, he/she must request that it be placed in a DORA-designated cup.

Only beverages in DORA cups are permitted and exempt from Wooster City's open-container laws. No cans or bottles are permitted within DORA.

What are the DORA hours?

4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 11:00p.m. Saturday & Sunday , excluding annual Woosterfest.

What are the rules?

1. Purchase an alcoholic drink at a DORA-designated establishment and have the beverage poured into a specially marked cup.
2. Drink and stroll along the sidewalks and in shops within DORA boundaries.
3. Alcoholic beverages CANNOT be brought from one liquor-permitted bar/restaurant to another establishment that serves alcohol.

You Can:

- Purchase an alcoholic beverage at an authorized location and enjoy it while strolling within DORA boundaries. The drink must be in an official DORA cup.
- Sip and Shop! You are welcome to take a DORA drink into an establishment that does not have a liquor license. A business owner/operator who does not permit DORA drinks will display such signage.
- Dispose of your DORA cup properly when you finish. Help keep Wooster City beautiful!
- Have fun while respecting that not all individuals within the DORA boundaries are drinking.
- Maintain a family-friendly atmosphere at all times.

You Cannot:

- Bring your own alcoholic beverages into Downtown.
- Walk around with an alcoholic drink not in a designated DORA cup (no cans or glass permitted).

- Take a beverage purchased from one liquor-permitted DORA establishment, into another liquor-permitted establishment. You must dispose of your previously purchased DORA cup/beverage before entering another liquor-permitted establishment.

Where can DORA beverages be purchased?

Current DORA-authorized establishments include:

1.	TJ's Trio of Restaurants
2.	Basil
3.	Salsaroja
4.	Spoon Market
5.	The Olde Jaol
6.	Omahoma Bobs
7.	Meatheads Union
8.	City Square Steakhouse
9.	Flamingo Jacks
10.	Henry Station
11.	Broken Rocks
12.	Rox Gastropub
13.	Best Western
14.	Muddy's
15.	JAFB
16.	Minglewood Distilling Co.
17.	The Leaf*

**denotes future participant*