

# The Power of Together

Collaboration, Action and a Shared Vision for  
East Dayton

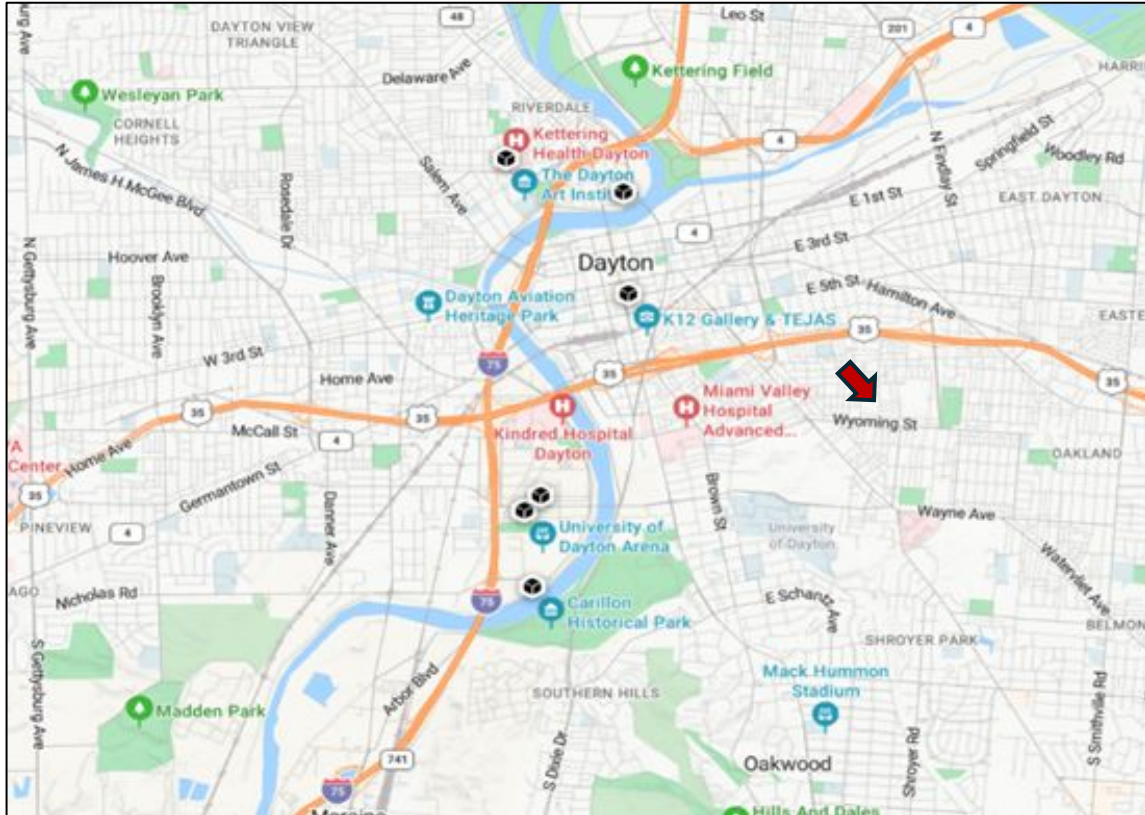


# Why East Dayton

- East Dayton is a community rich in history, resilience, and potential.
- However, it has also faced systemic challenges—challenges that cannot be ignored.



# Community Data



Distressed Community Index (DCI	Montgomery County	45410
City (Tableau)		Dayton
Median Income	\$62K	\$41.2K
Distress Score	53.9	92.8
Poverty Rate	15.1%	26.3%
No High School Degree	9.5%	15.8%
Not Working	20.9%	25.3%
Housing Vacancy Rate	8.3%	8.7%
Change of Employment	-3.9%	-13.5%
% Change in Establishments	-1.3%	-1.3%

- Ranks 923/1005 zip codes in Ohio as most distressed
- 2,667 in Census Tract 22
- 174 under age 5
- 32.1% poverty rate meaning 56 could be potentially age/income eligible just from Census Tract
- 8.6% speak language other than English



# Collective Impact

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# Key Partners

## **Miami Valley Child Development Centers**

A leading force in early childhood education, preparing young children for lifelong success.

## **East End Community Services**

A cornerstone of the community, driving holistic approaches to youth development, housing, and family support.

## **Mission of Mary Cooperative**

Committed to food security, sustainable urban farming, and environmental stewardship to ensure families have access to nutritious food.

## **Dayton Public Schools**

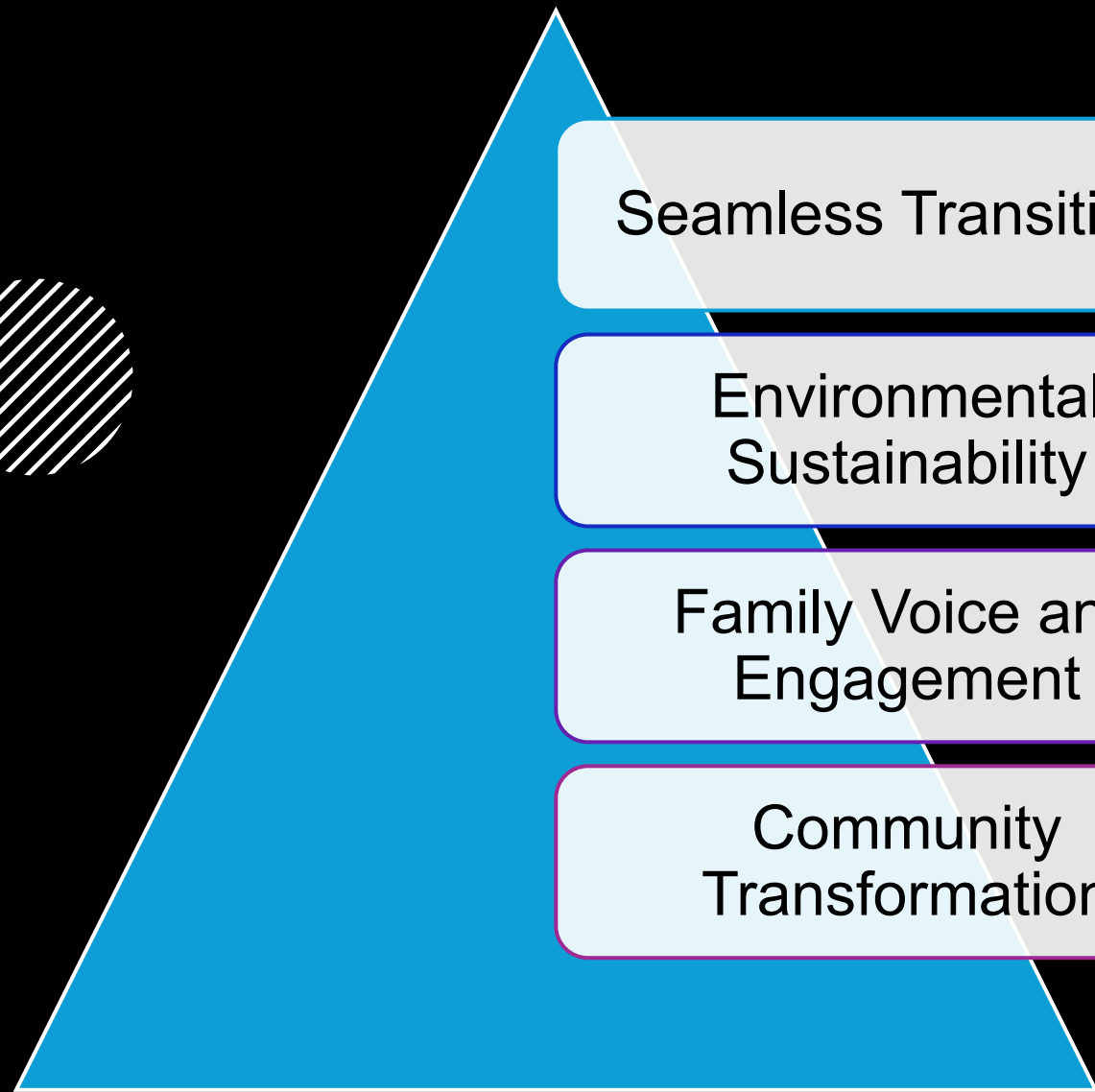
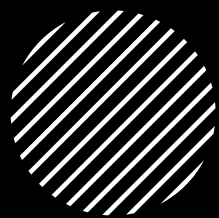
Educating and empowering students with the knowledge and skills they need to build a brighter future.

## **University of Dayton**

A key partner in research, education, and community engagement, providing valuable expertise and student-driven initiatives that support East Dayton's revitalization.



# Primary Objectives



Seamless Transitions

Environmental Sustainability

Family Voice and Engagement

Community Transformation



# Project Teams:

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**Seamless Transition** from Head Start and DPS Pre-K to Ruskin K-6 – Ensuring children move smoothly through early education with strong academic and social foundations.

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**Environmental Sustainability** as an Academic Theme for Ruskin, Head Start, and DPS Pre-K – Integrating sustainability into education to foster environmental responsibility from an early age.

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**Comprehensive Family Supports** – Strengthening services that address the needs of the whole family, from economic stability to mental health and well-being.

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**Family Engagement-** Ruskin School Community Council – Engaging families, educators, and community leaders in decision-making to create a supportive and thriving school environment.



# Commitment in Action

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** We have solidified our partnership, ensuring long-term coordination and alignment in our efforts.
- **Capital Projects:** Our investments into the physical and educational landscape of East Dayton are tangible.
  - State-of-the-Art Early Learning Center: We have built a high-quality space dedicated to early childhood education, giving our youngest learners a strong foundation to succeed in school and in life.
  - Transformation of Services at 624 Xenia Avenue: We have revitalized this space, creating a hub of support for families.



# On the Horizon

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- **Strengthening Relationships** – Building trust between organizations, families, and the broader community to ensure long-term success.
- **Leveraging Expertise** – Each partner brings valuable skills and resources that, when combined, create innovative solutions for education, family support, and economic development.
- **Expanding Access to Information & Education** – Ensuring that families know where to turn for support and how to navigate available opportunities.
- **Interconnectivity & Trust** – Strengthening the bonds between service providers, educators, and families to create a web of support that leaves no one behind.
- **Avoiding Duplication of Efforts and Misalignment of Valuable Resources** – Ensuring that our collaboration remains efficient, strategic, and impactful by aligning initiatives, sharing data, and maximizing every investment into the community.



# The Power of Together

When we stand alone, the challenges can feel overwhelming. But together, we are powerful. Together, we can transform communities. Together, we will build a future where every family, every child, and every individual in East Dayton has the opportunity to thrive.