

# DOWNTOWN PUBLIC RESTROOM WORK GROUP

## Pilot Location Summary



# **PUBLIC RESTROOM PILOT GOALS**

Established at the June 12, 2023  
DPRWG Meeting

- Welcoming and easily accessible to all people
- A well-used amenity that adds to the Downtown experience and overall vibrancy
- Inclusive and responsibly managed
- Clean and reliable public restrooms that people would be happy to use them more than once

# Primary Criteria

	1. FOURTH AVE	2. WASHINGTON	3. LIBERTY
	West side, south of Catherine	North side, east of Main	South side, west of Maynard
Within well-lit, high pedestrian areas	✓	✓	✓
Can transition to a permanent location	✓	✓	✓
Electrical access available	✓	✓	✓
Not directly adjacent to outdoor dining	✓	✓	✓
Physical and weather-related obstacles minimized	✓	✓	✓
Not near another public restroom option	✓	✓	✓

Established at the June 12, 2023 DPRWG Meeting (required)

# Placement Requirements

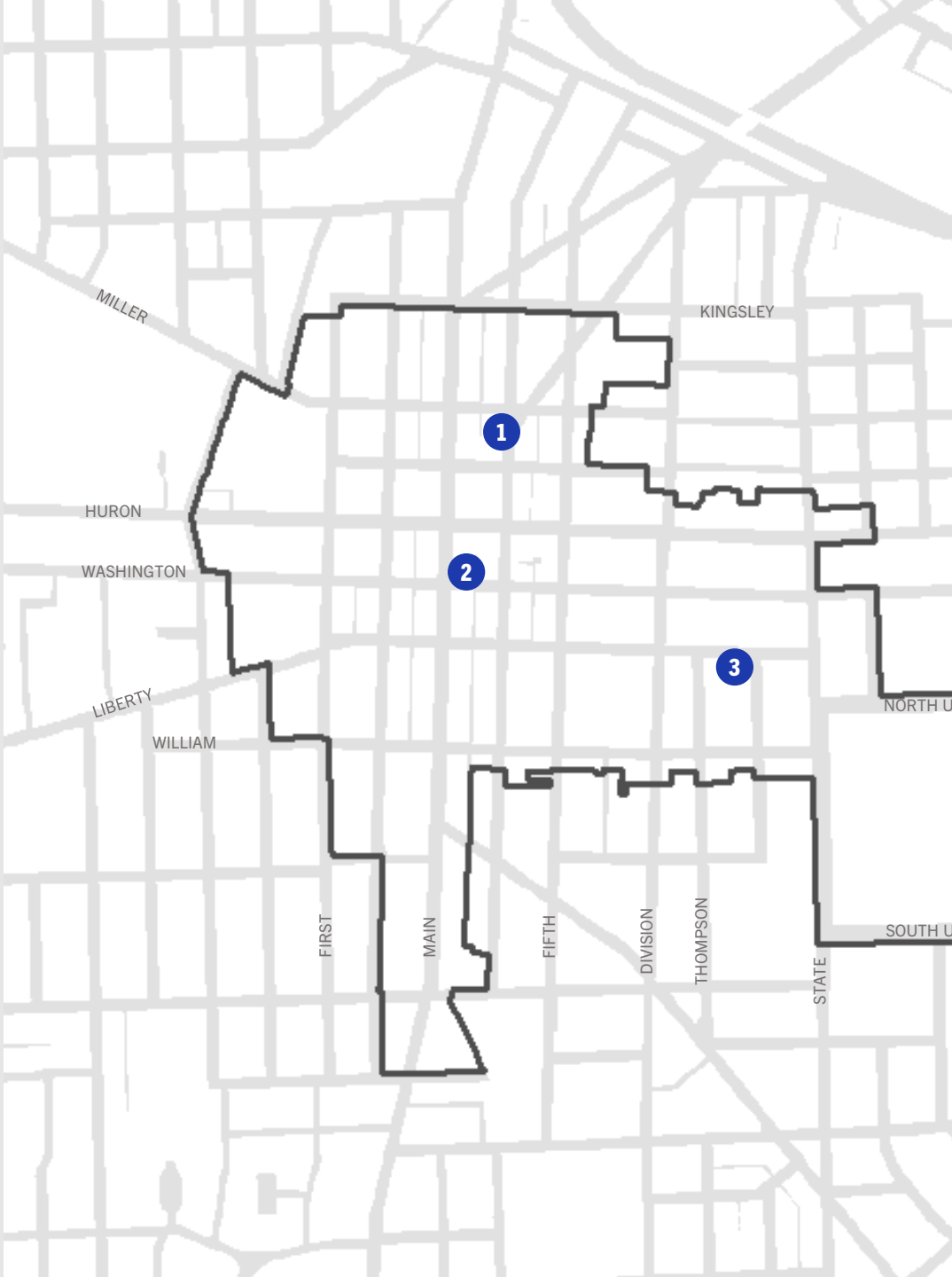
	1. FOURTH AVE	2. WASHINGTON	3. LIBERTY
	West side, south of Catherine	North side, east of Main	South side, west of Maynard
Space available	✓	✓	✓
Portable sanitation truck access	✓	✓	✓
Door is visible and no nooks are created	✓	✓	✓
Utility access maintained	✓	✓	✓
ADA access	✓	✓	✓
Acceptable site distances	<b>Good</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Good</b>

Established by the Throne and City staff (required)

# Secondary Criteria Summary

All Primary Criteria and Throne Placement Requirements are met for these three sites. Adherence to Secondary Criteria varies.

		1. FOURTH AVE	2. WASHINGTON	3. LIBERTY
		West side, south of Catherine	North side, east of Main	South side, west of Maynard
Secondary Criteria	Near DDA edges	×	×	×
	Near city-owned parking structures or lots	✓	✓	✓
	Outside from UofM only areas	✓	✓	✓
	Nearby evening activity locations	3	12	14
	Solar access potential	Good	Fair	Minimal
	Police department input	×	✓	✓
	Speed limit ≤ 25mph	✓	✓	✓
	Bikeway and ADA parking access maintained	✓	✓	✓



Established at the June 12, 2023 DPRWG Meeting (preferred)

# Pilot Restroom Location Recommendations

After setting goals and criteria, the Downtown Public Restroom Work Group participants were asked to recommend two pilot locations. Participants unanimously recommended Site 2 (Washington Street). The remaining two locations received relatively equal support from participants, with most agreeing that all three locations were good options. Some concerns about need, solar access, and activity levels were also shared. As a result, staff recommend dividing the pilot period for the second location in half, so both locations can be tested. The Washington location will have a Throne restroom for the entire 12-month period, while the Fourth Ave and Liberty locations will have a Throne restroom for six months each. Including all three recommended sites will maximize data and feedback opportunities during the pilot period.

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Pilot a Throne restroom at this location for ½ of the pilot period, approx. June 2024 – Nov. 2024, to maximize Farmer’s Market activity and solar access.

Pilot a Throne restroom at this location for the full pilot period, approx. June 2024- June 2025.

Pilot a Throne restroom at this location for ½ of the pilot period, approx. Dec. 2024 - June 2025, to avoid Art Fair and coincide with higher activity levels in the State Street District.

## Staff Recommendation:



# Additional State Street District Locations Reviewed

Following concerns regarding the E. Liberty Street location (read [emails](#) and [meeting notes](#)), DDA staff and engineering consultants reviewed alternate locations mentioned by representatives from neighborhood businesses or properties.

## Thompson, between William and Liberty Streets



- Does not meet criteria for an active, well-lit area, limited electrical access, limited ADA access for a restroom ramp.

## Maynard, between William and the Maynard Parking Structure entrance



- Meets all essential criteria. Also near a public parking structure.
- This option could replace the East Liberty Street location.

# TIMELINE

## Downtown Public Restroom Work Group

### 2020

March | Covid-19 Pandemic begins to impact A2

### 2022

July & August | City Administrator Listening Sessions (2 webinars & 1 in-person)

Fall – Spring '23 | City Administrator Internal Team - to select pilot restroom model

### 2023

March | Throne selected

May | Downtown Public Restroom Work Group kick off Meeting

Sept. | Downtown Public Restroom Work Group Final 2023 Meeting

→ Fall | Restroom cost share to DDA Board and City Council for approval

### 2024

June | Pilot install

June – June '25 | Pilot operation & evaluation period

### 2025

Summer | Outcome report

Summer/ Fall | Reconvene Downtown Public Restroom Work Group

Recommendation for permanent public restroom solution