



COMMUNITY LABYRINTH PROJECT

COVINGTON

Historically, a labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness.

It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful unicursal path where one cannot get lost.

Unlike a maze with dead ends and false turns, labyrinth represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world.

Labyrinths have long been used for meditation and reflection.



SHORT HISTORY OF LABYRINTH



2000 BC

1200 AD

TODAY

The first images are 4000 years old, and found all over the world. Initially they were carved on cave walls and in temples.

In Medieval times they were put in European cathedrals to be used for pilgrimage.

Today, they are used in schools, hospitals, parks, and churches providing an opportunity to slow down for inner reflection.

The act of putting one foot in front of the other quiets the mind and keeps one living in the present.

NEED IN COVINGTON



1. BRIDGING NEIGHBORHOODS

The Community Labyrinth Park will create a new public space to connect and bridge neighborhoods with the downtown district and the courthouse.



2. MORE GREEN SPACE

The labyrinth brings more green space to Covington, and increases social interaction in a safe, park-like setting.



3. PUBLIC ART

This park will provide a space for public and interactive art that further enhance engagement and experience.



4. HISTORY

This property has a history that needs to be told.

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5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The intent of the Community Labyrinth Project is to provide a centerpiece for community gatherings and engagement, a catalyst allowing healing and art to converge, and a meditative space for quietness and reflection.

6. PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY

The labyrinth walking path will be a functional, pedestrian-friendly space surrounded by benches, landscaping and public art.

7. GATHERING SPACE

Utilizing the ancient labyrinth as a centerpiece, this underutilized area will encourage resident engagement and civic and social life. It will be easily accessible by several neighborhoods.

8. ACCESSIBILITY

ADA compliant parking and access will make it pedestrian-friendly for all to enjoy.

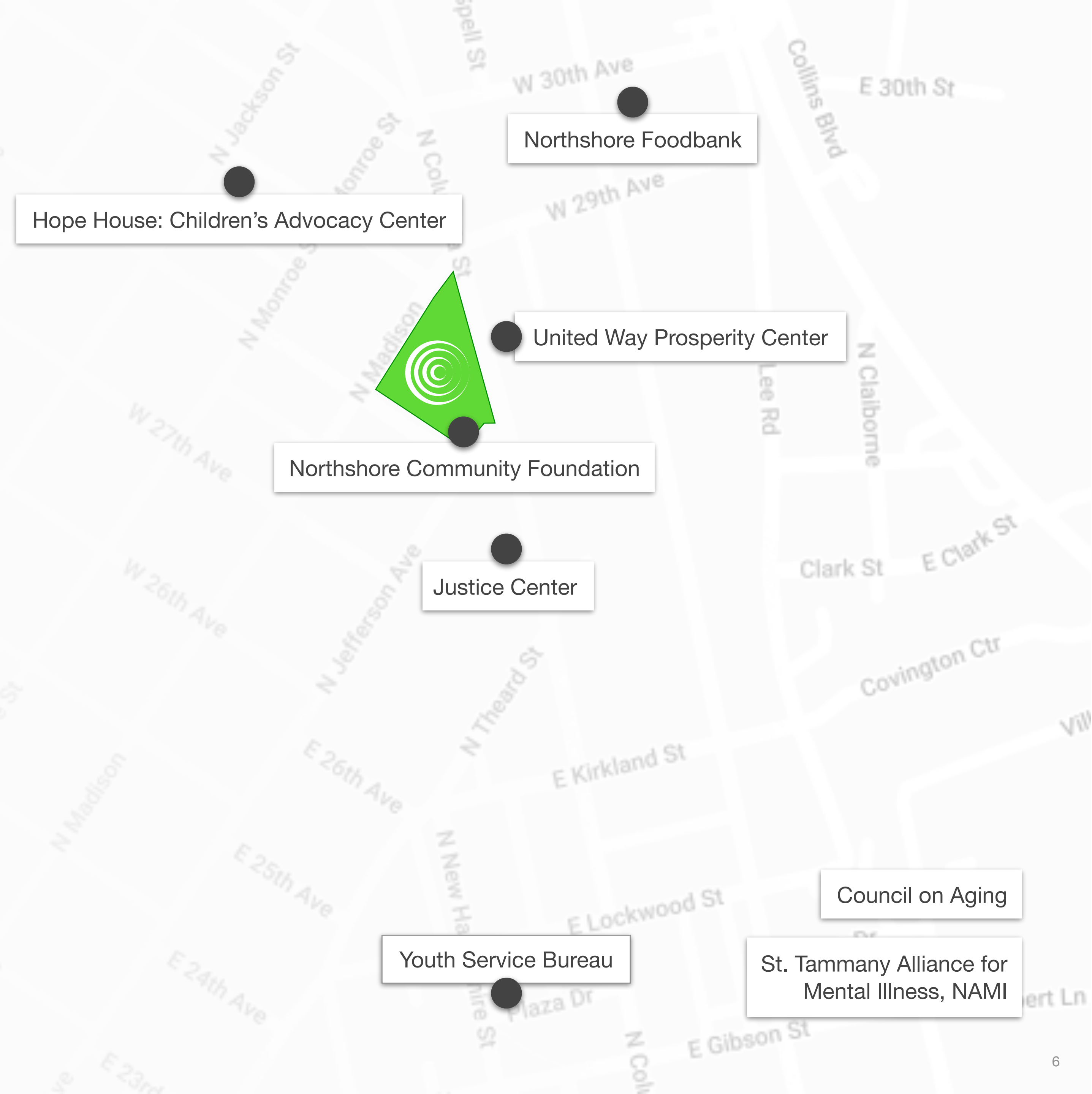
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WHO WILL IT IMPACT?

This is a community park for adults and children of all ages.

Additionally, this ancient healing and centering tool can be useful for many segments of our community: the court system, schools, civic organizations, garden partnerships, Council on Aging, Youth Service Bureau, United Way Prosperity Center, Justice Center, Northshore Food Bank, St. Tammany Alliance for Mental Illness, Children's Advocacy Center: Hope House, Northshore Community Foundation, neighborhood churches and downtown office, restaurant and other workers.

The labyrinth's proximity to many of these organizations offers an opportunity for those experiencing stress a respite, aided by benches and the calming beauty that a well-landscaped, safe space can provide.



QUALITY OF LIFE

Approximately 10,000 labyrinths have been constructed world-wide in the last 25 years in a remarkable variety of locations. Many communities are recognizing the benefits a simple labyrinth provides.

THE COMMUNITY LABYRINTH PARK GOALS:

- Aid in mental health and wellness
- Support a livable arts community
- Expand the public realm and expand our knowledge of the history of our community
- It will encourage resident engagement, social interaction and civic and social life.
- Pedestrian friendly and easily accessible.
- Create a quiet and beautiful park-like setting.



FINANCIALS / BUDGET

1. SITE PREPARATION:
To include drainage and
compacted stone base:
In kind, City of Covington.
Geotextile fabric:
\$246.60

2. LABYRINTH
CONSTRUCTION:
Turnkey project with The
Labyrinth Company.
42.23' Chartres Replica:
\$102,000

3. LANDSCAPING AND
BENCHES:
\$6,850

4. SIDEWALK AND
HANDICAPPED
PARKING:
\$9,158.75

5. DESIGN,
CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT AND
MARKETING:
\$7,700

TOTAL COST:
\$125,955.35





THANK YOU