



Expansion of RIV Curb Cut Standards to Single-Unit Attached Residential Uses

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Overview

- How did we get here?
- RIV Curb Cut Standards



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City Council unanimously approved, October 2020



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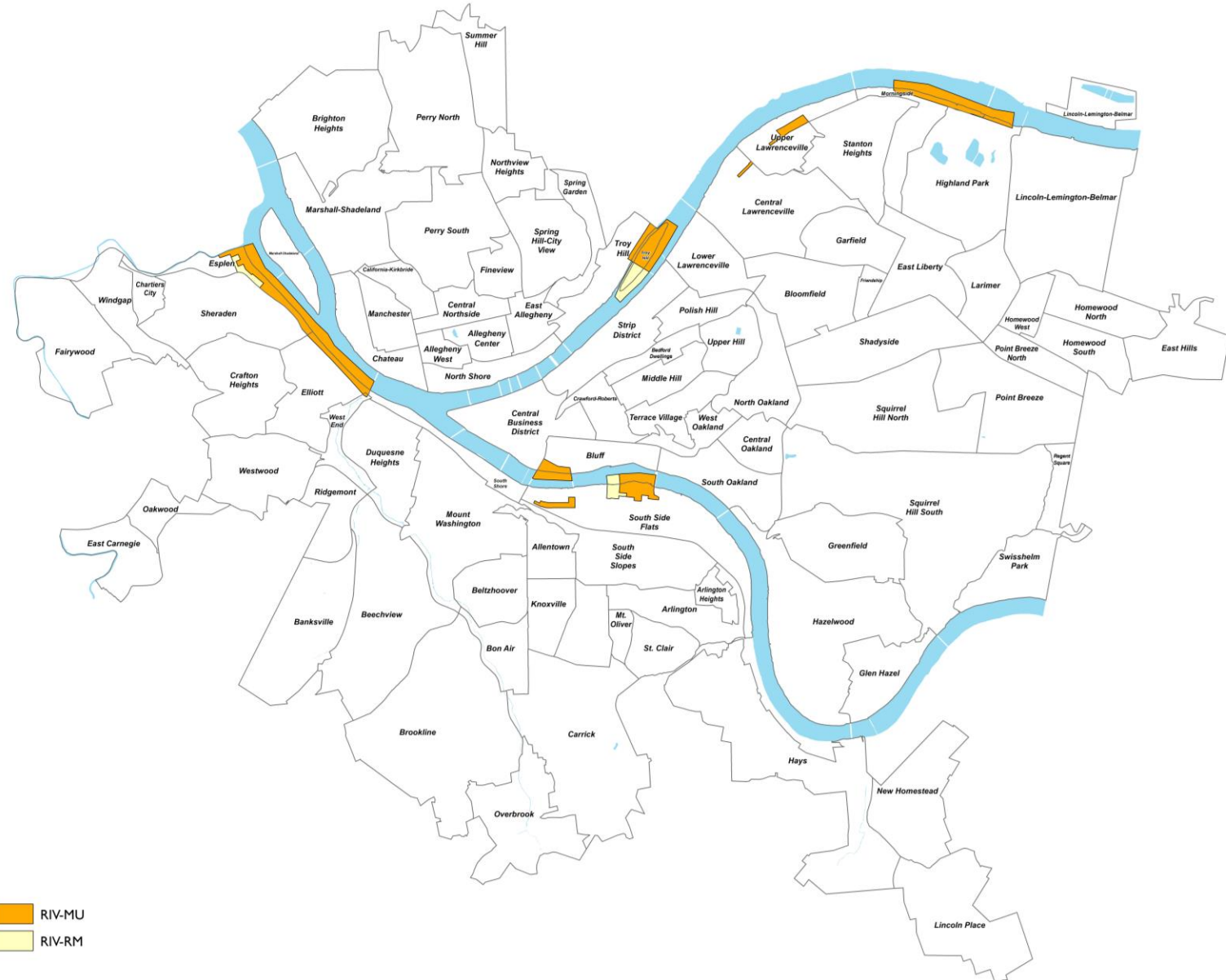
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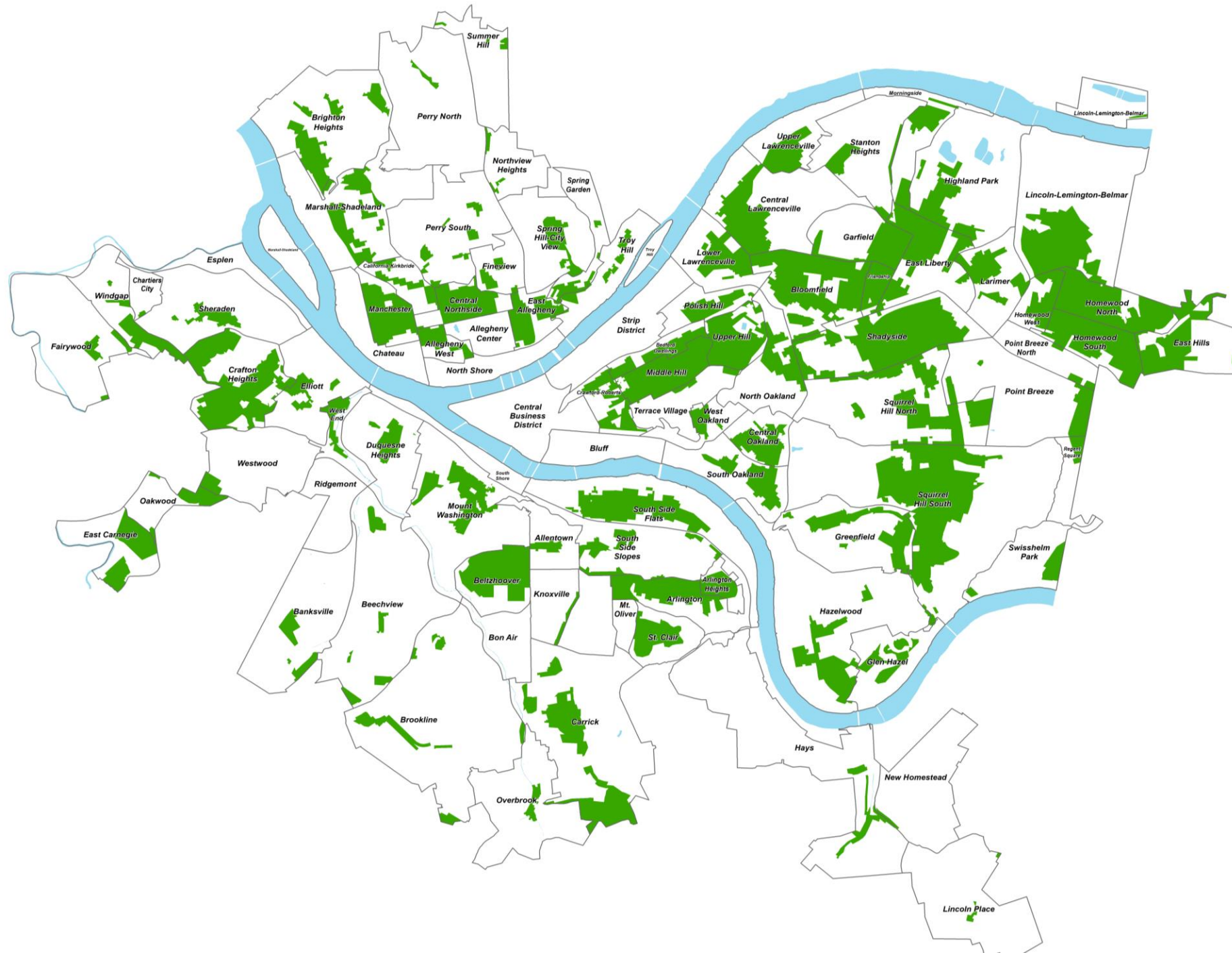


Proposal: Expand RIV Curb Cut Standards

- Developed during the Riverfront Rezoning Process (2016 – 2018).
- Curb cut standards currently apply to single-unit attached residential uses in the RIV.
- This map shows where those uses are allowed by-right in the RIV.



- This map shows Zoning districts throughout the City in which single-family attached residential uses are allowed by right.



Proposal: 914.09, Parking Area Location & Design

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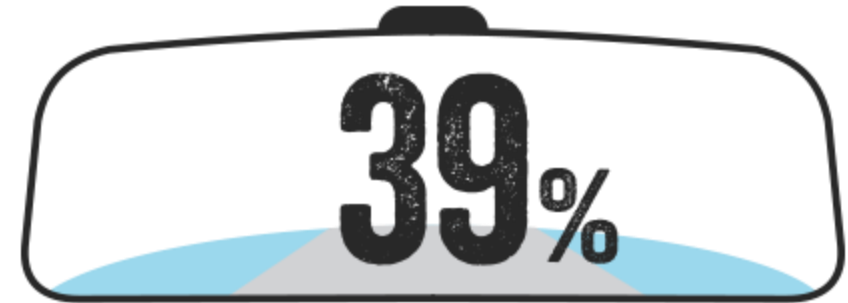
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Benefits

- Reduces the number of curb cuts that interrupt sidewalks:
 - Limits conflict points between automobiles and pedestrians
 - Improves pedestrian safety

39% of deaths from accidental car back-overs happen in a driveway at home, an apartment parking lot, or a townhouse complex.
- Safe Kids Worldwide



<https://makesafehappen.com/articles/driveway-safety>



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 - Preserves curb space for public, on-street parking.



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 - Ensures space in the sidewalk to plant street trees and improve the City's tree canopy.



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 - Respects the character of neighborhoods built before widespread automobile use.



City of Bridges Land Trust, 184 34th Street

