

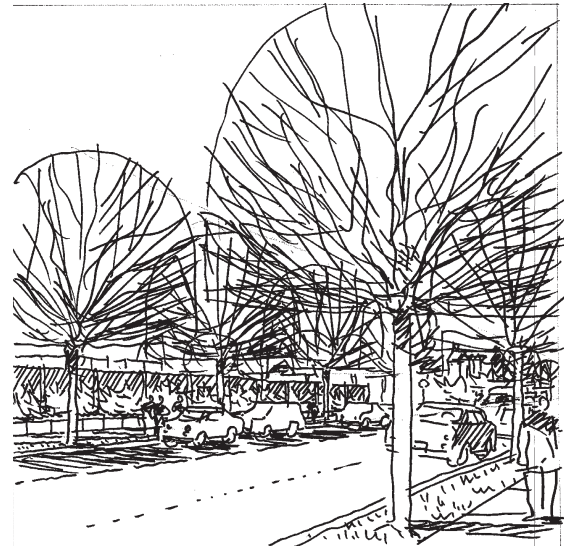
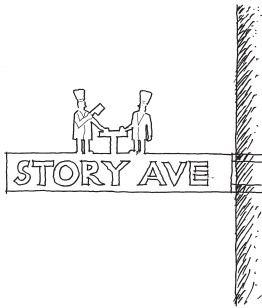
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Butchertown is a neighborhood in Louisville that includes both heavy industry and a pleasant, historic, and stable residential community—existing side-by-side. The city, the residents, and the industries were all concerned about the future viability of such an unusual mix of uses. It was in everyone’s interest that all the uses thrive, in spite of conflicts caused by noise, smells, truck traffic, and parking, and in spite of the location within the city and away from the usual green industrial parks in the suburbs. The city wanted to preserve and encourage employment, industry had ample land with ready access to regional highway entrances, and the residential streets had been undergoing a significant restoration and preservation process. The time was right for action, by everyone.

Brown & Keener, in collaboration with economic development consultants, prepared a development and preservation plan for the entire area. Analyses were completed of existing businesses (including stock yard—hence “Butchertown”—concrete manufacturing, meat rendering and packing, junk yard, and city maintenance facilities), and of possible new industrial markets. In parallel with that study, an analysis of the buildings and sites for possible change and reuse was prepared. The uses that were totally incompatible with the residential areas (junk yard, unused gas storage area) were identified for relocation. Site plans were prepared for parcels that could be vacated or were about to sell (especially the large stock yard), indicating changes needed in the street system and the types and densities of new developments that could occur.

Truck movement patterns were matched with desirable pedestrian walkways and sidewalks, to assure that the trucks could have ready access to the nearby interstate, that truck

movement would not disrupt residential life, and that the neighbors could walk and bike to the newly created park along the banks of the Ohio River.



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