

### Introduction

- Over the past 10 years Grand Rapids institutions have invested almost \$1 billion in the Michigan Street corridor
- These institutions represent 55% of the downtown workforce
- The City is now embarking on a planning process to improve and revitalize the Corridor
- The planning initiative creates the opportunity to refocus the economic capacity of the anchor institutions on the corridor and in greater downtown

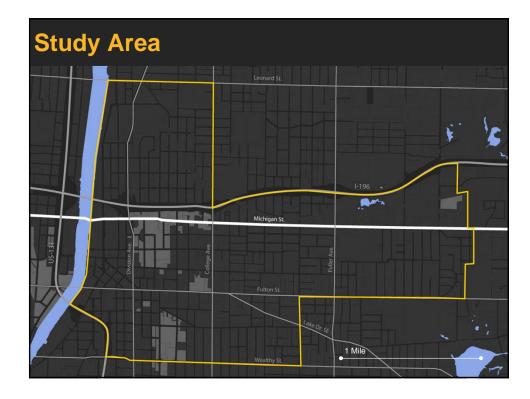
## **Goals of Anchor Study**

- 1. Inform the Michigan Street Corridor planning process by identifying opportunities to enliven the institutional district
- 2. Recommend place-based strategies for how the anchor institutions and City can influence their edges and the district

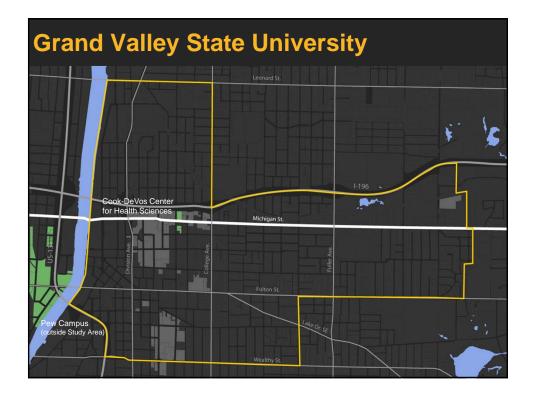


## Institutions as Enterprise

- Institutions of national and international significance
- Centers of employment
- Purchasers of goods and services
- Curator and generator of arts and culture
- Drivers of development and commercial activity

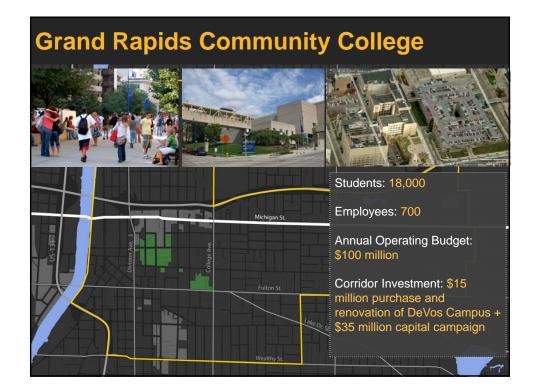


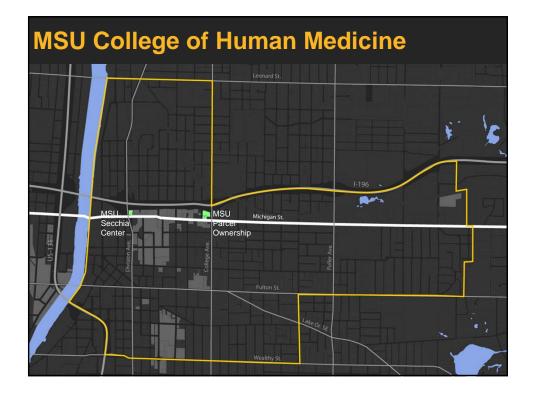


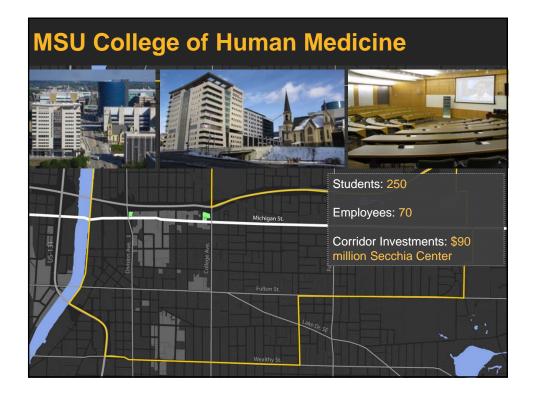


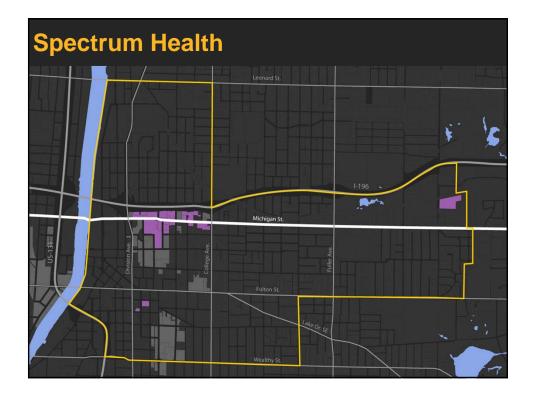


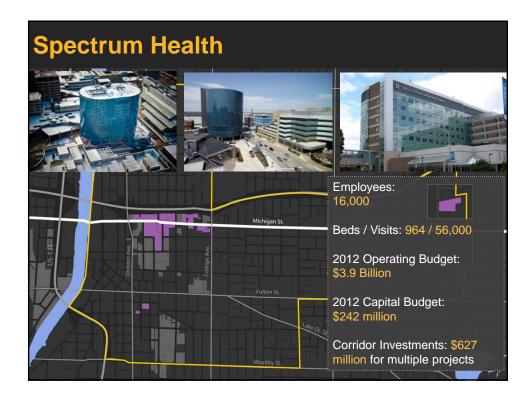


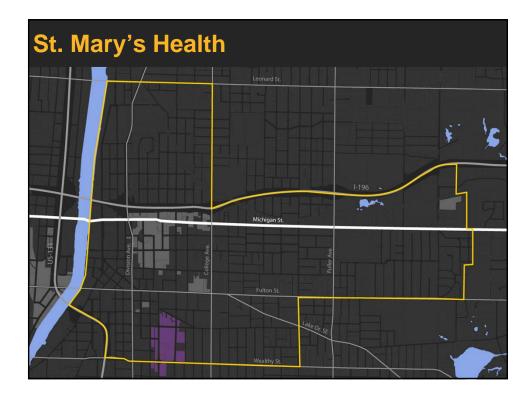




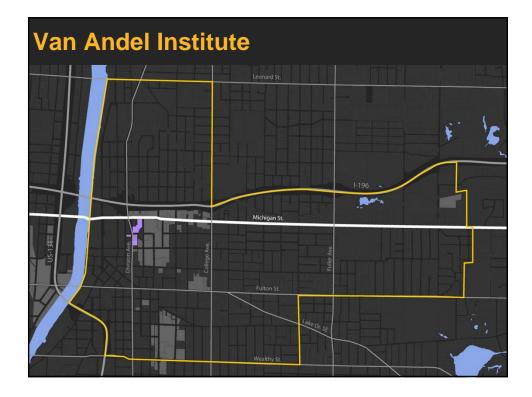


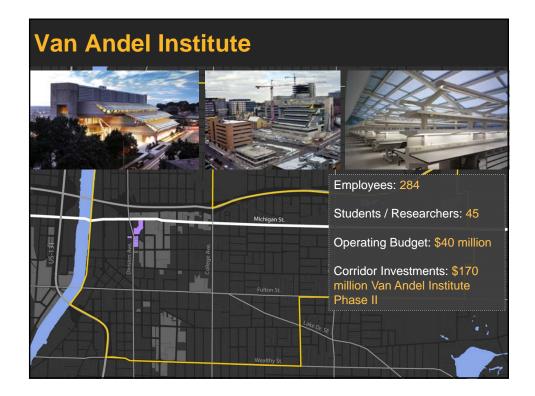


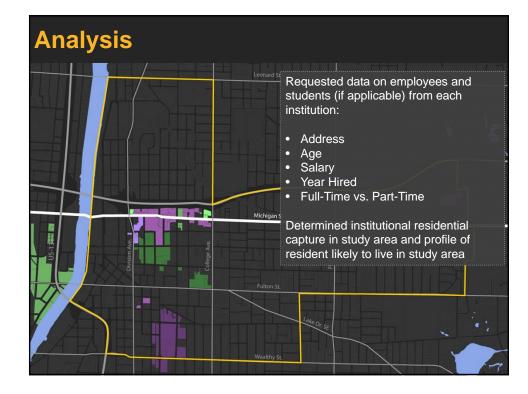




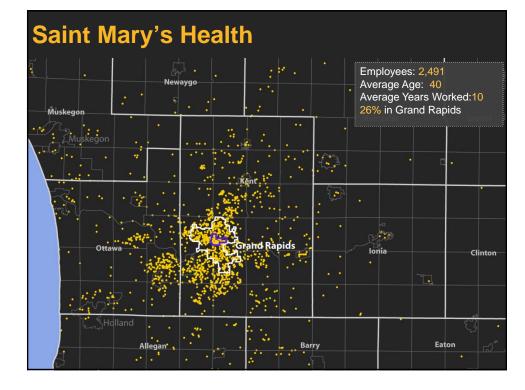


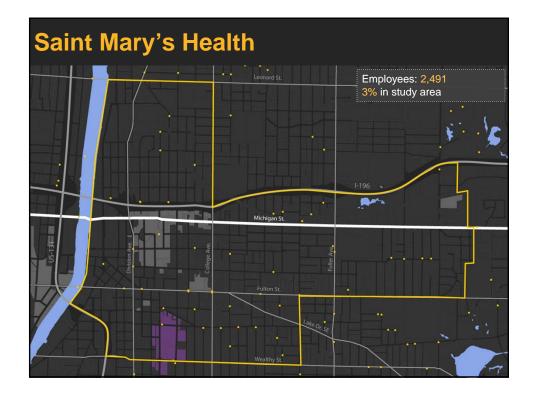


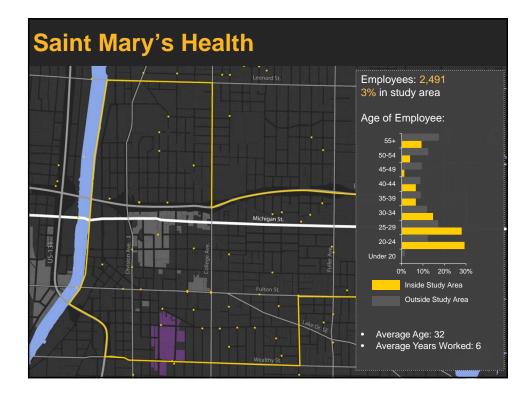


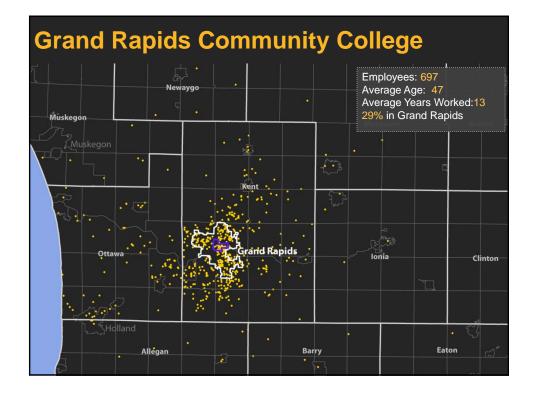


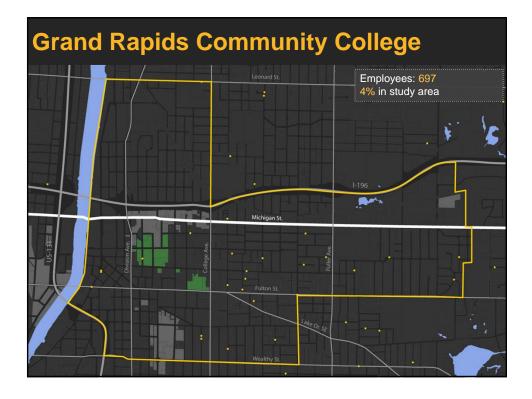
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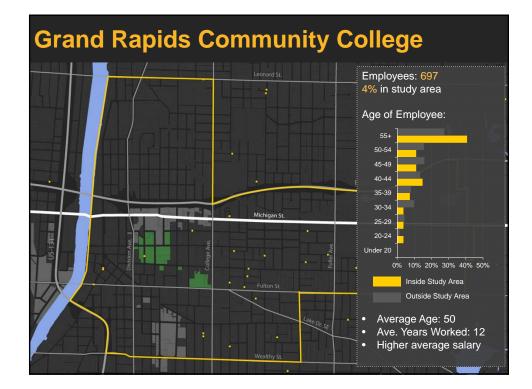


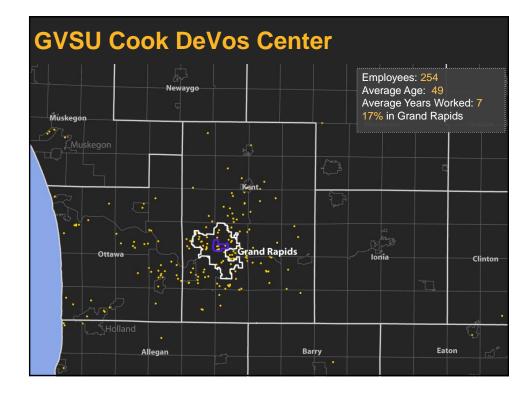


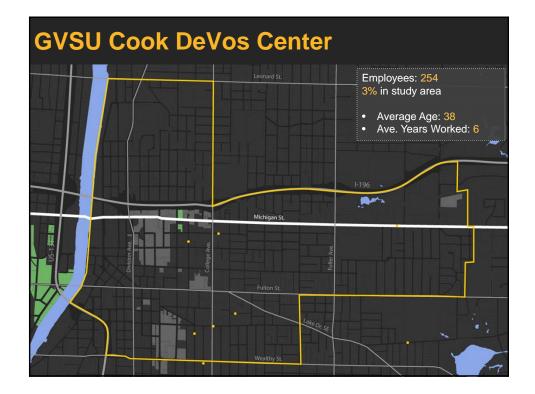


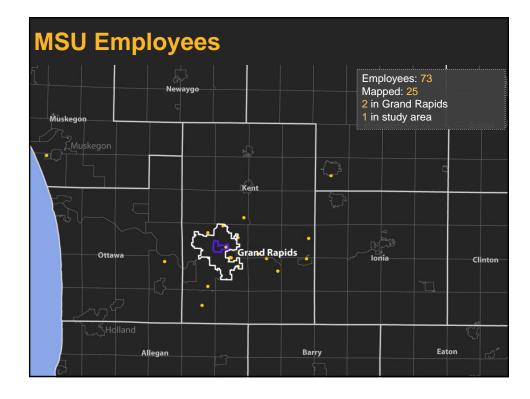


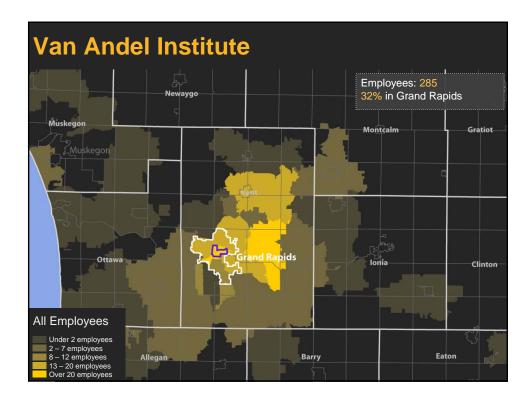


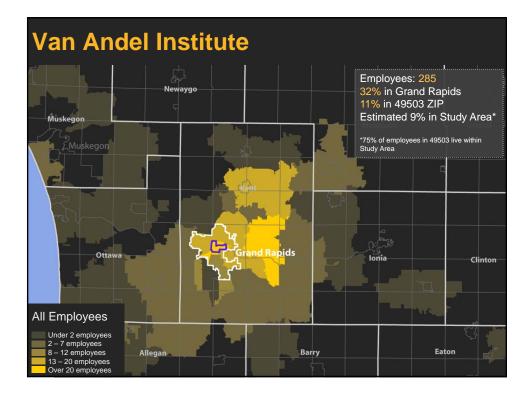


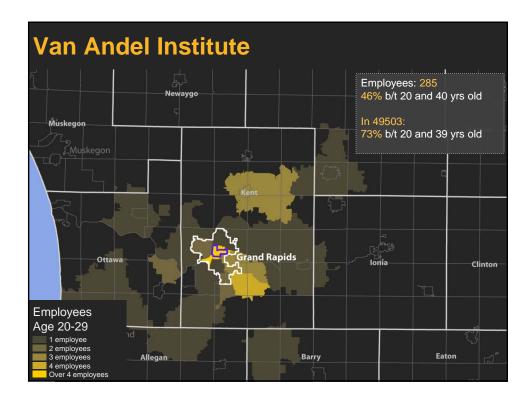


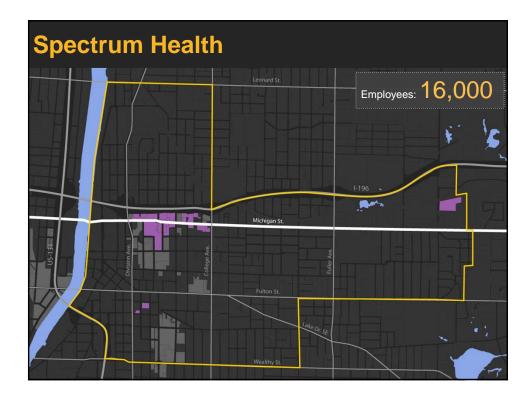










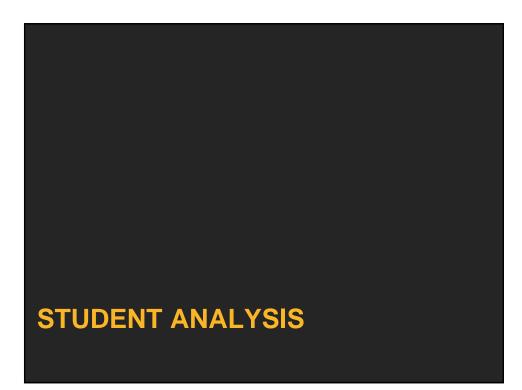


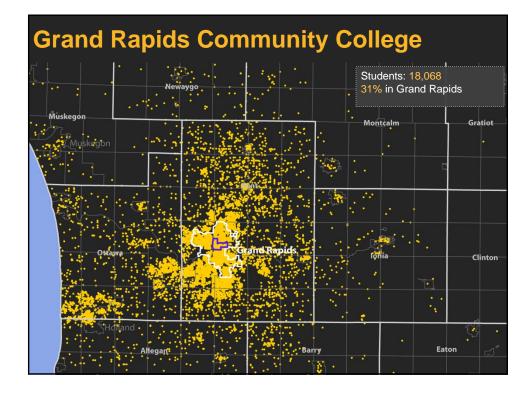
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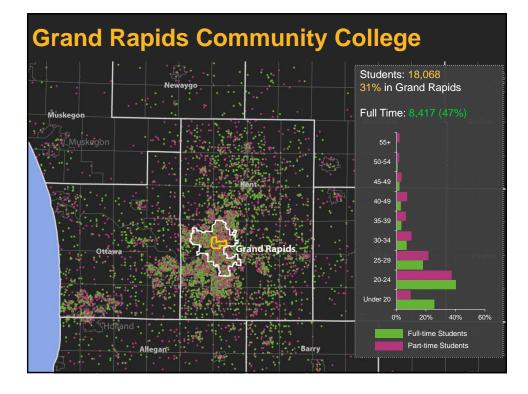
	2010		% of
	Employee	Total	Employee
	Hires	Employees	Population
GRCC	30	697	4%
GVSU	40	254	16%
MSU*	17	73	23%
SMH*	278	2,491	11%
Total	365	3,515	10%
VAI**	14	285	5%
Spectrum**	<u>800</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>5%</u>
Estimated Total	1,179	19,800	6%

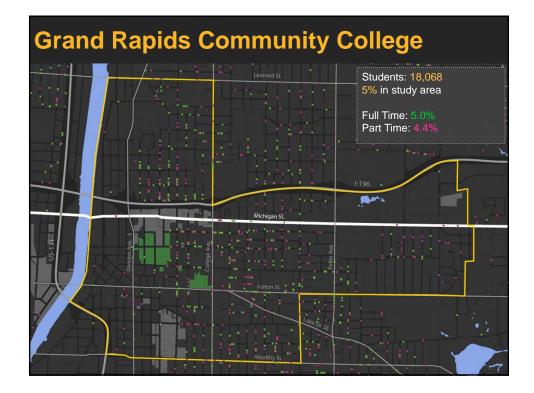
\* Have hired more in 2011 than 2010

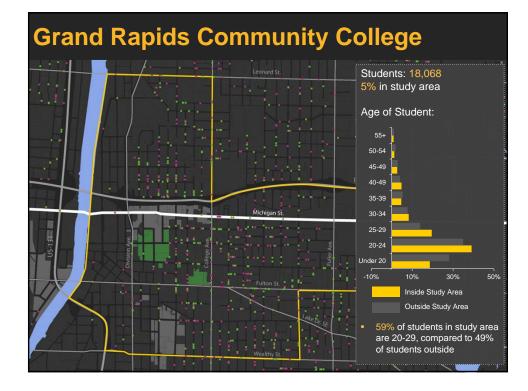
\*\* Estimated 5% hire rate

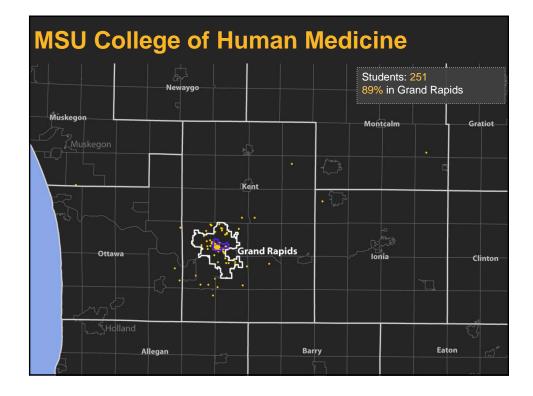


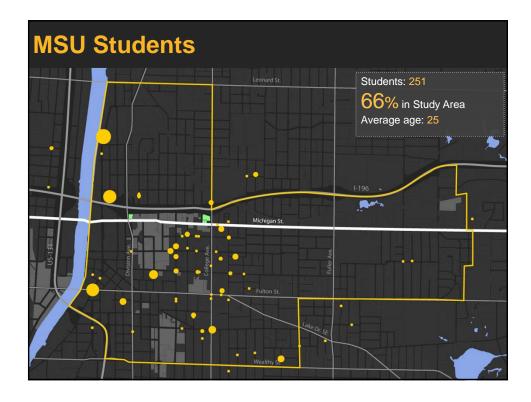


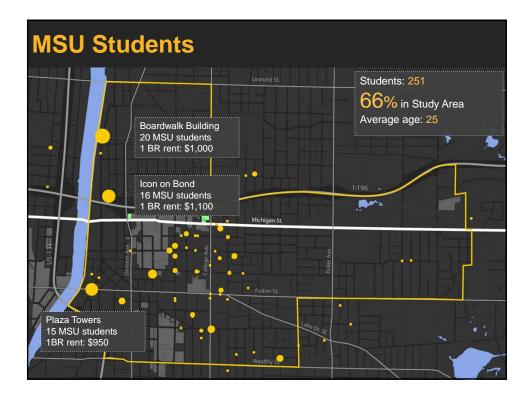


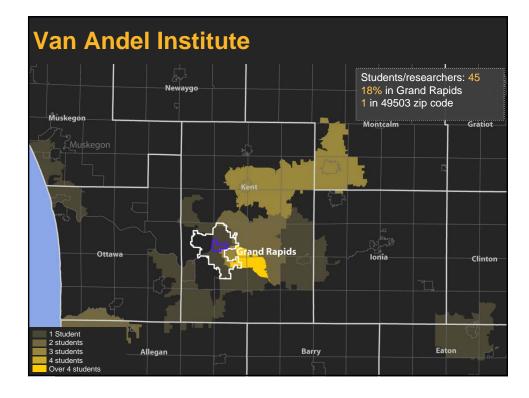


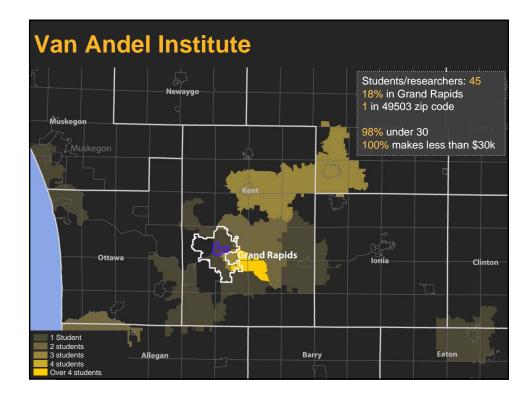


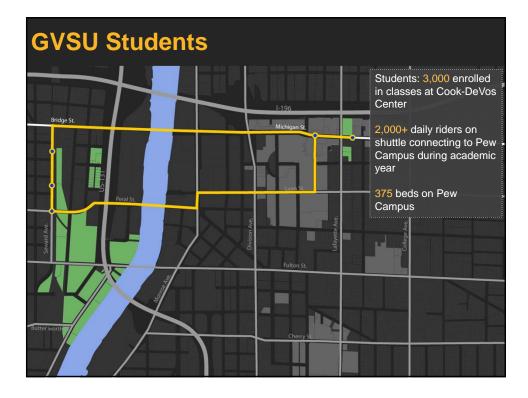












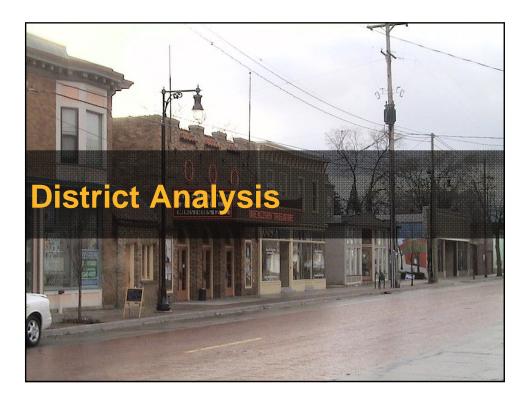
## Analysis Conclusions

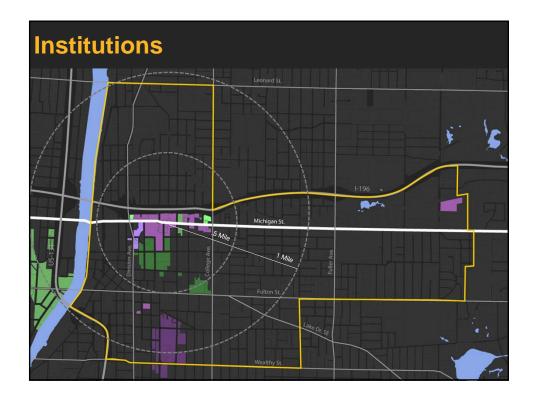
#### Employees

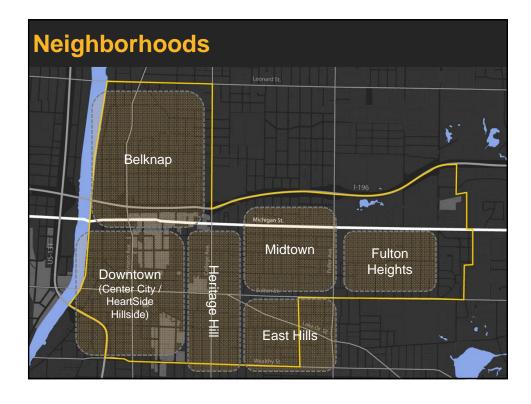
- The six institutions employ 20,000, but of those only a very small portion live in the same district (3%, not including Spectrum)
- Employees in the Study Area tend to be younger and worked for less time at their institution, consistent with a "downtown" population
- Over 1,000 new employees entering the market every year

#### Students

 MSU has set the template for downtown living, while the potential sits with GRCC and GVSU

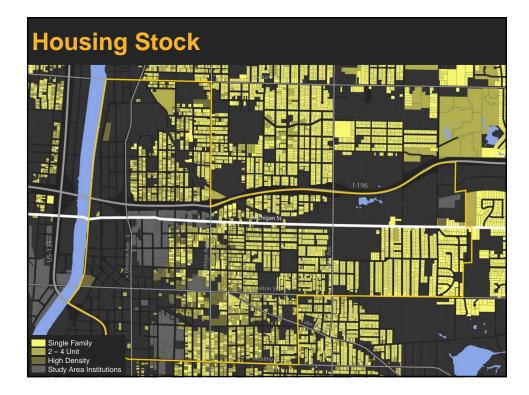






## **Residential Population**

Demographics	Study Area	Grand Rapids
Square Miles	3.36	45.28
Population (Census 2010)	19,233	188,040
Median Household Income 2010 (ESRI)	\$35,569	\$47,496
Median Age 2010 (ESRI)	30.9	31.9
% Associates Degree or Higher 2010 (ESRI)	39%	35%
% of Workers 16+ Who Walked to Work (Census 2000)	9%	4%
% of Households with No Vehicle (Census 2000)	20%	12%
Racial Breakdown Population Reporting One Race	18,388	180.209
White	72.6%	180,209
Black or African American	16.3%	20.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.8%	20.9%
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Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%
Some Other Race	4 3%	7.7%
Population Reporting Two or More Races	4.3%	4.2%
	4.4% 1.859	2.9261
Hispanic Population		



# Housing Stock

Housing Units (Census 2010) Vacant Housing Units (Census 2010)	Study Area 10,612 11.4%	Grand Rapids 72,126 10.5%
% Owned 2010 (ESRI) % Rented 2010 (ESRI)	33% 67%	58% 42%
Median Year Structure Built (Census 2000)	1932	1951
Housing Units by Structure (Census 2000)		
1, Detached	32.2%	58.6%
1, Attached	1.5%	4.4%
2	19.2%	13.4%
3 or 4	14.1%	6.7%
5 to 9	10.1%	5.4%
10 to 19	5.1%	3.9%
20+	17.8%	7.4%
Mobile Home	0.2%	0.3%



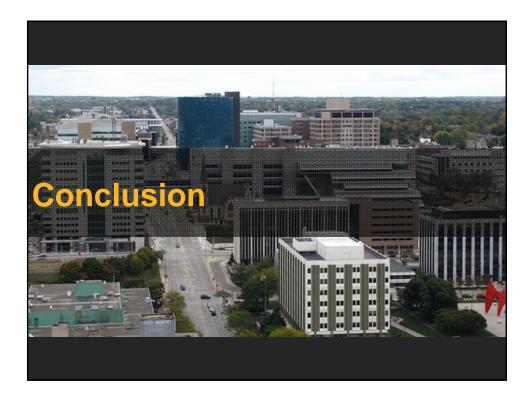






### **District Conclusions**

- Incredible concentration of anchor institutions within tight confines
- Michigan Street offers little to neighborhood residents beyond place of employment
- Young, educated, mobile residential base within the Study Area
- High quality, diverse housing stock with generally higher densities than the City at large
- Mixes of uses are not concentrated anywhere beyond Downtown



## **Opportunities**

- Coordinate growth on Grand Rapids anchor institutions
  - Each is expanding
  - Real estate is scarce, but not necessarily productive
  - Can knit together the institutional district, Downtown, and surrounding neighborhoods
- Interventions:
  - Adopt a common vision and development plan
  - Institutional collaboration and leadership

### **Opportunities**

- Increase the number of residents who live and study close to Michigan Street
  - Reduce commuter traffic
  - Offer quality of life benefits to those who move to the district
  - Increase demand for retail and amenities in neighborhoods
- Interventions:
  - Offer housing options and amenities targeted towards a likely demographic for urban living
  - Create incentives that will attract additional employees to the district

### **Next Steps**

- Provision of case studies
- Analysis of development potential
- Define a common vision for the district

