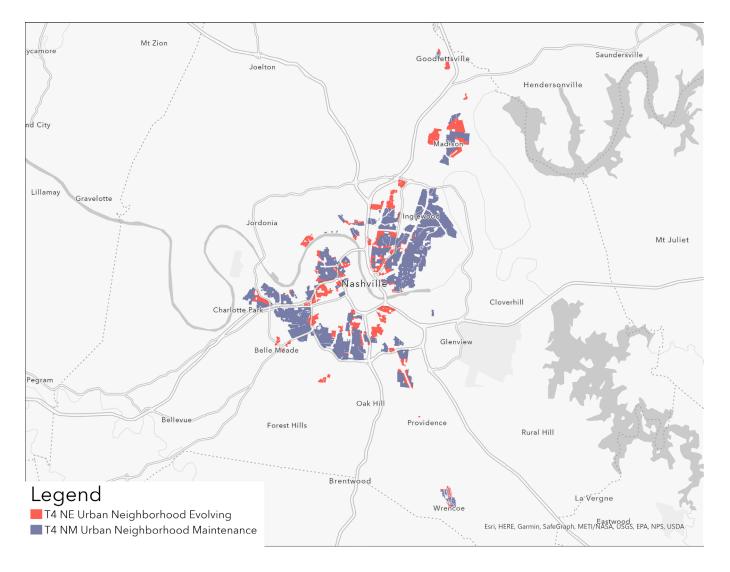
# CCM Update T4 NM & NE in Review

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## What are T4 NE & NM?

- Both are the urban residential (only) policies
- Each property in the city has a policy (launched by NashvilleNext in 2015).
- Determine appropriate rezonings and subdivision regulations
- T4 NE = Urban Neighborhood Evolving
- T4 NM = Urban Neighborhood Maintenance





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## takeaways

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- Differ in number of projects but yield similar densities.
- Not resulting in rezonings that can create urban neighborhoods – walkable, amenity rich.



## agenda

- 1. Why now?
- 2. Policy application
- 3. Policy intersection with racial, ethnic, & socioeconomic factors
- 4. Policy implementation
- 5. Takeaways
- 6. Revision proposals



## Why review T4 NM & NE now?

- 2021 equity report (Amelia, Anna & Logan)
- Need for housing choice
- NashvilleNext's guiding principles and timesensitive actions
- Lack of objective guidance for when an area has evolved



# Policy Application

What are the differences in T4 NM & NE's built environments?



## Factors in CCM for considering T4 NM application:

- Expressed interested in maintain existing developed condition
- Condition is believed to be stable and sustainable over time



## 2021 Equity Report stated:

Factors in CCM for considering T4 NE application are mostly

## indicators of blight:

- expressed interest in redevelopment
- high proportion of vacant or underdeveloped land
- no established lot pattern



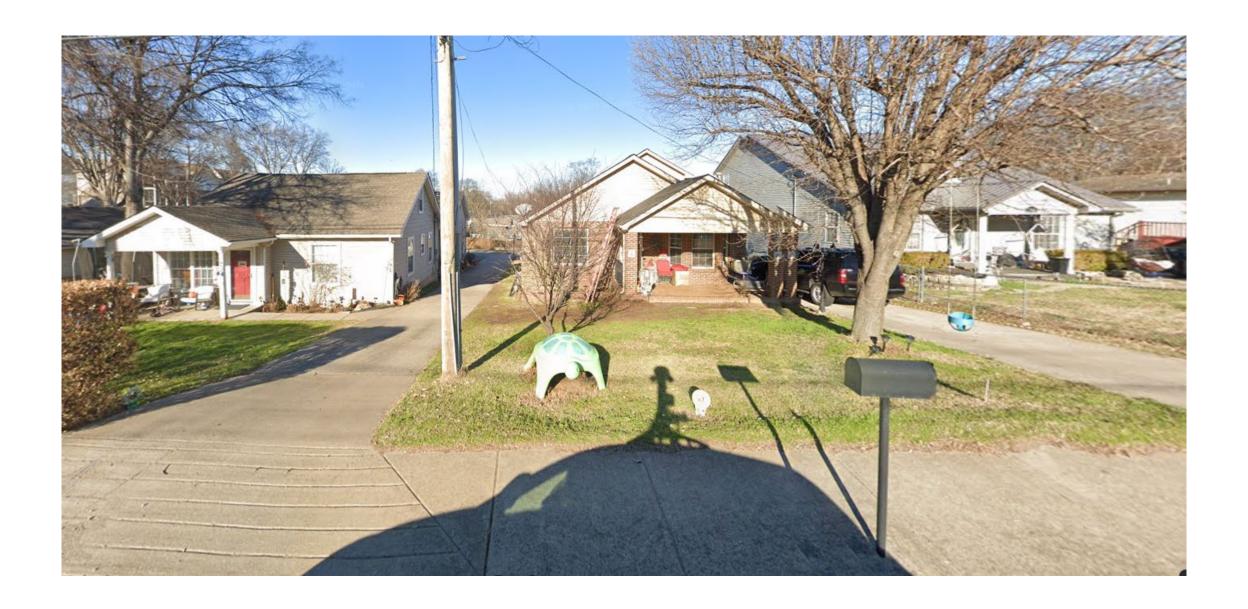
# Can you distinguish between T4 NE & NM?



## T4 NM – the Nations



# T4 NM - Inglewood



# **T4 NE – Robertson Neighborhood**



## **T4 NE - Madison**



# **T4 NE – Wedgewood Houston**



# T4 NM - McFerrin Park



# T4 NE – Maxwell Heights



These photos demonstrate that it can be difficult to distinguish between T4 NE & NM application areas.

## Both contain:

- Mix of older and newer builds
- Varied architecture—ranch, bungalow, tall skinnies, etc.
- Setbacks of varying distances
- Front driveways or alley access
- Gridded or suburban streets
- Sidewalks or no sidewalks

Since there's **no clear built environment** criteria for why these policies were applied, let's look at where they were applied and how their application relates to **race and socioeconomic** factors.

# Policy Intersection with Racial, Ethnic, & Socioeconomic Factors

Are there ways in which NE is applied inequitably?

## **Minority Populations & T4 NE**

2020 Census Tracts Percent Minority

#### **Percent Minority**



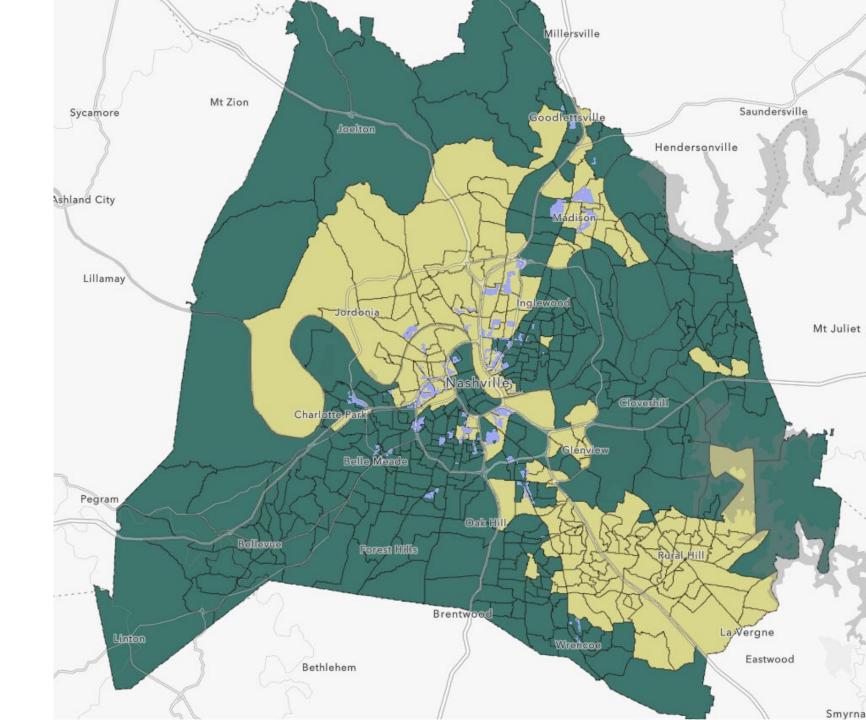
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## **T4 Neighborhood Evolving**







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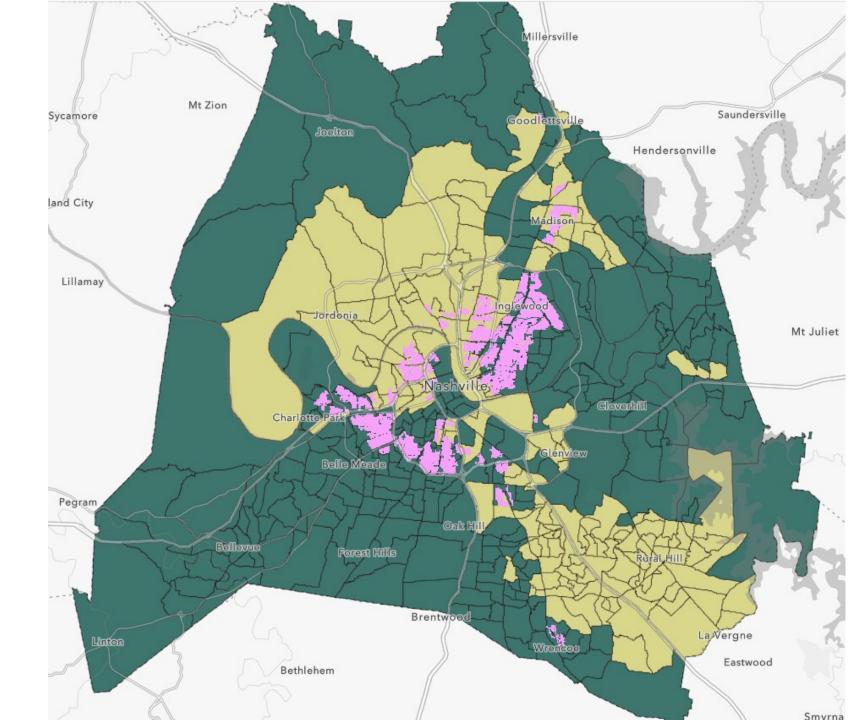


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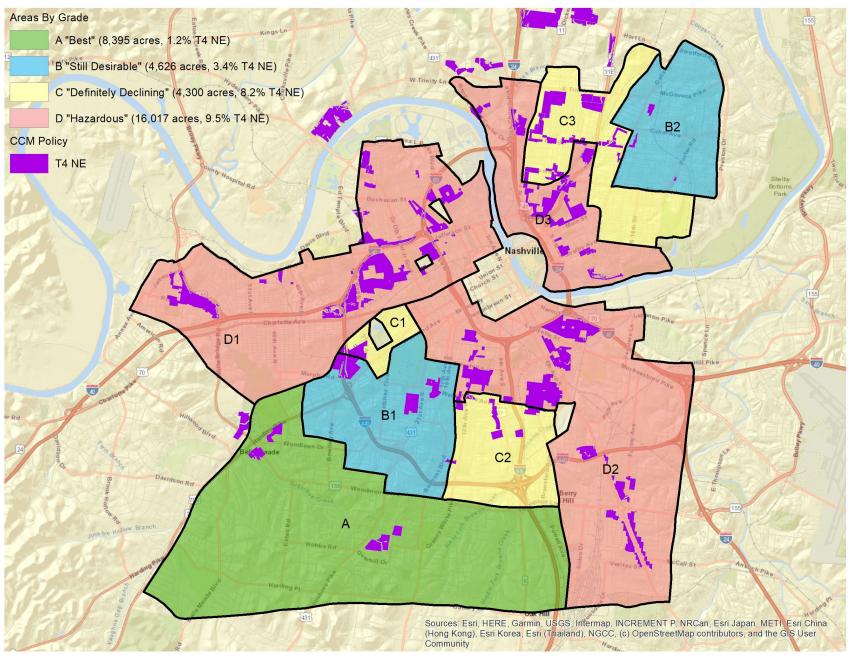
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### **T4 Neighborhood Maintenance**





## **T4 NE & REDLINING**





## **T4 NE & NM Demographics**

- Based on 2020 Census blocks
- Blocks don't perfectly match policy
- T4 NE contains majority-minority population
- T4 NM contains majority non-Hispanic white
- T4 NM becoming more white
- Census blocks that contain both policies are also majorityminority

### 2010

### T4 NE

**45% Black** 13,721

**40% White** 12,116

**9% Hispanic** 2,761

**3% Asian** 1.039

**2% Other** 698

2020

#### T4 NE

**36% Black** 11,991

**43% White** 14,274

13% Hispanic

4,207

**4% Asian** 1,219

4% Other

1,375

### **T4 NM**

**32% Black** 26,718

**58% White** 49.565

**6% Hispanic** 

5,350 **2% Asian** 

1,371

2% Other

**T4 NM** 

21% Black

63% White

9% Hispanic

2% Asian

5% Other

19,512

57,794

8,193

1,893

4,555

1,829

## **T4 NM & NE**

**45% Black** 16,723

**42% White** 15,463

8% Hispanic

2% Asian

3% Other

934

## **Nashville**

**28% Black** 169,272

56% White

338,782

**10% Hispanic** 60.390

3% Asian

18,497 **2% Other** 

12,863

## **T4 NM & NE**

**39% Black** 14.370

45% White

16,448

10% Hispanic

3,498

3% Asian

930

4% Other

1,293

## **Nashville**

**24% Black** 167,795

53% White

367,397

**14%** Hispanic 96,349

4% **Asian** 

**4% Asian** 27,172

**4% Other** 29,203

"Looking at the map of where T4 NE is currently applied it appears to disproportionally include a number of historically African-American neighborhoods within and around the urban core that experienced disinvestment and interstate construction and subsequently declined. This adds to the perception that T4 NE is applied to blighted areas and to neighborhoods Metro wants to see 'changed', which has often meant gentrified to the displacement of communities of color."



# 2010-2014 ACS Population and Housing Basics - Boundaries

#### Tract

Median Household Income in past 12 months (inflation-adjusted dollars to last year of 5-year range)







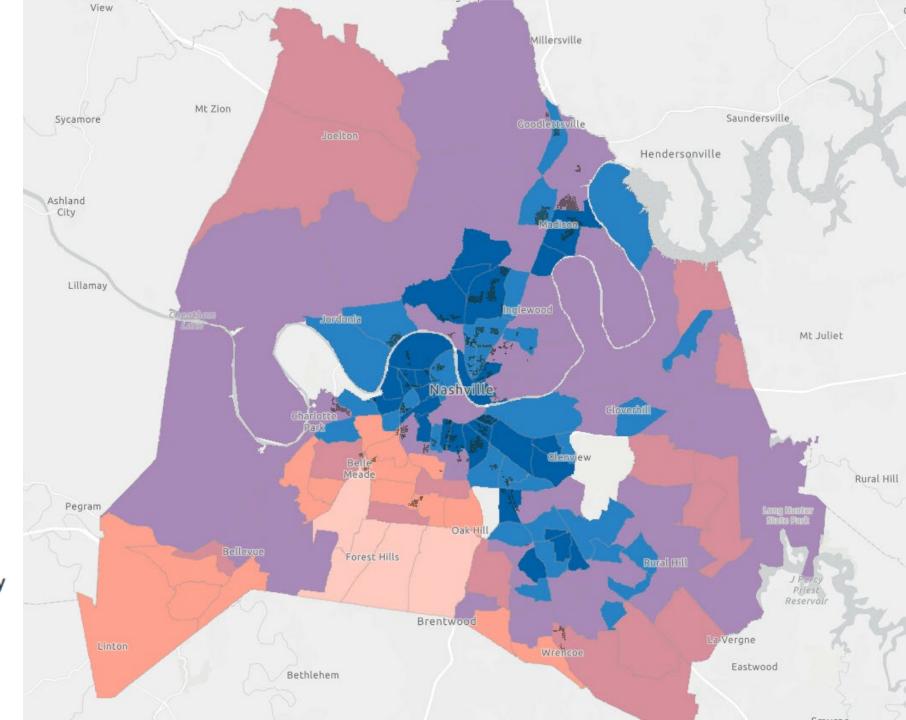
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## T4 Neighborhood Evolving Policy





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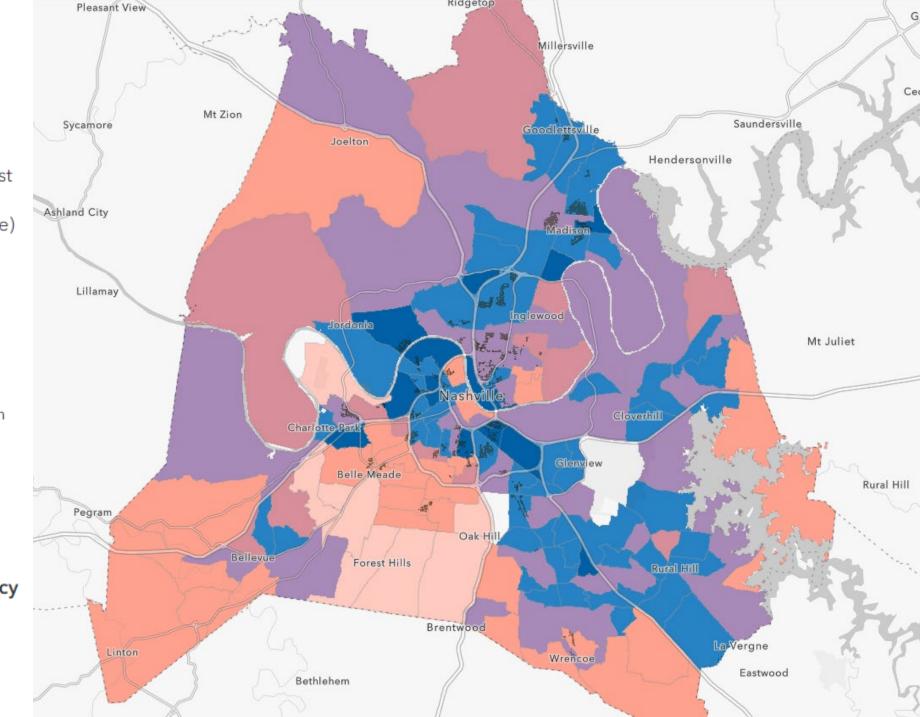
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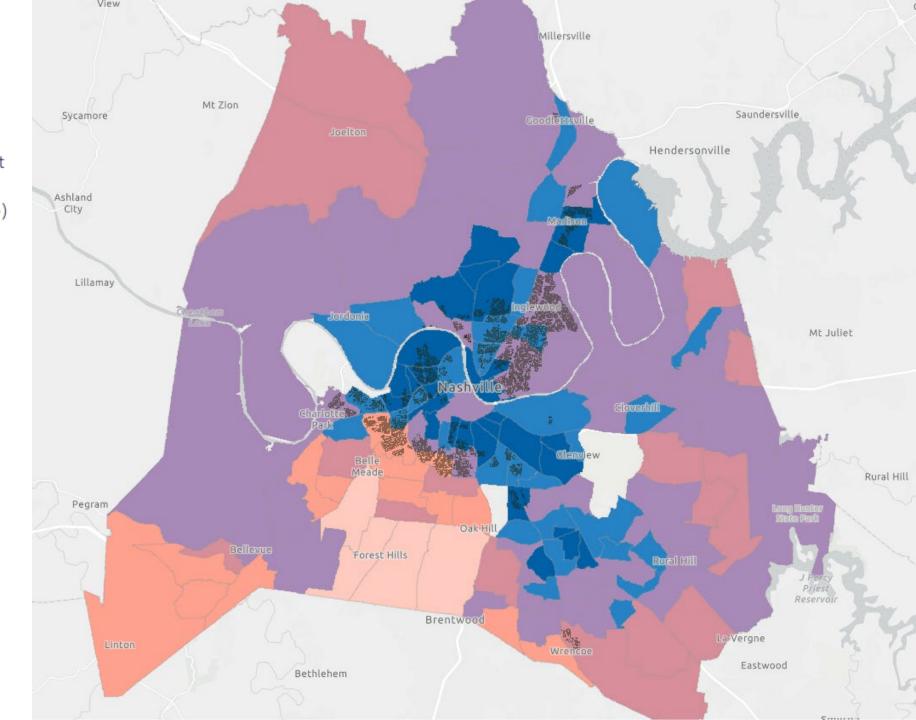
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## **T4 Neighborhood Maintenance**







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\$90,000 - \$130,000

\$80,000 - \$90,000

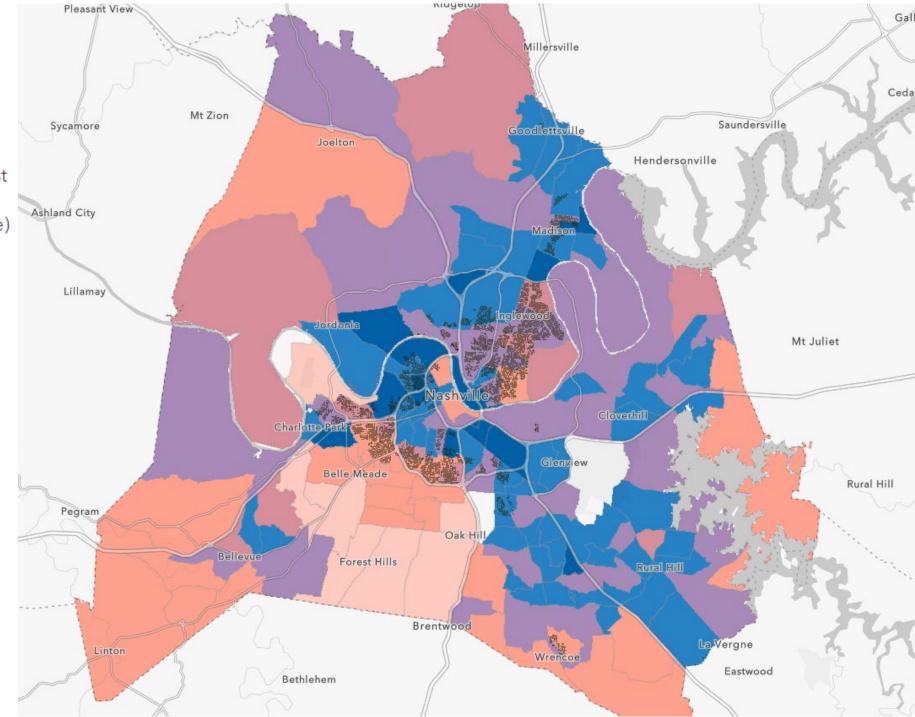
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## **T4 Neighborhood Maintenance**







# Policy Intersection with Race, Ethnicity, & Income Conclusions

- T4 NE is more likely to be found in minority-majority areas.
- T4 NM overrepresents Nashville's non-Hispanic, white population.
- T4 NM is likely to be found in all types of communities, while T4 NE is more likely to be found in minority-majority areas and lower to moderate income census blocks.

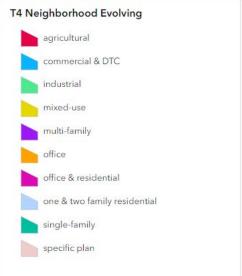


# Policy Implementation

How are these policies implemented?

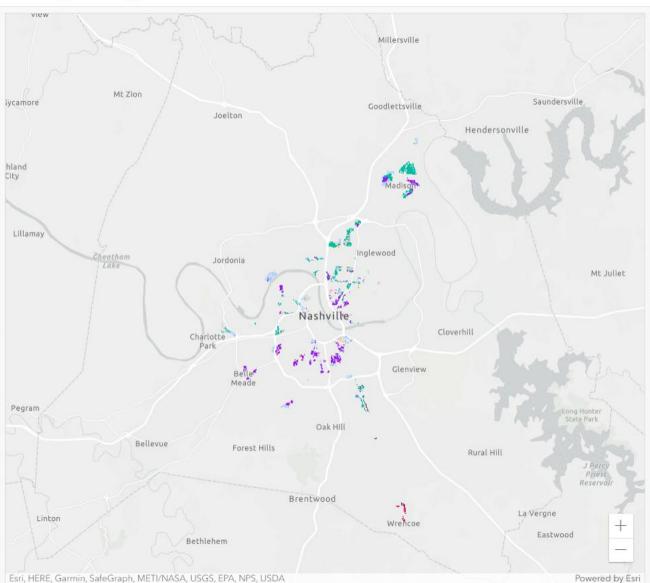
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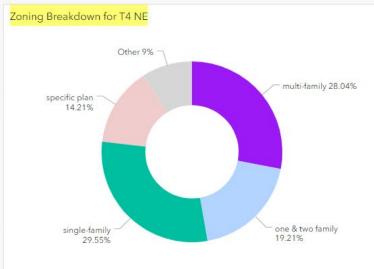


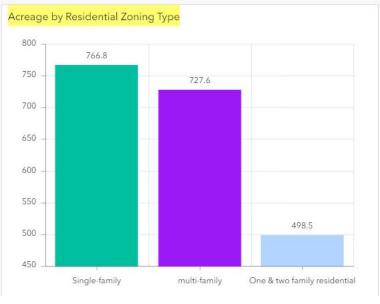


T4 NE Total Acreage

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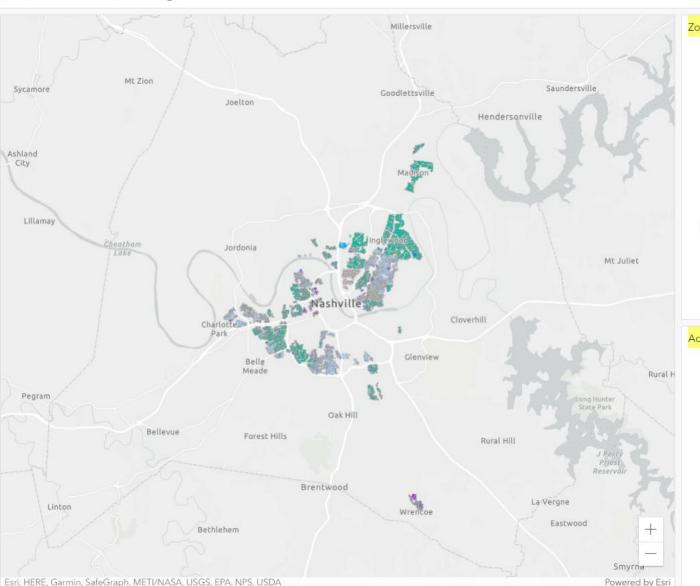


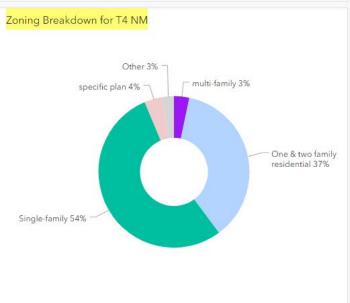
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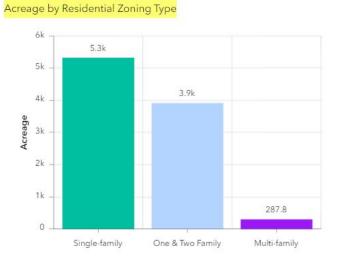




T4 NM Total Acreage







### T4 NM

### 92 cases

**9** cases/1,000 acres

85 acres approved for rezoning or SP

**1%** of T4 NM acreage impacted by rezoning or SP

### T4 NE

193 cases

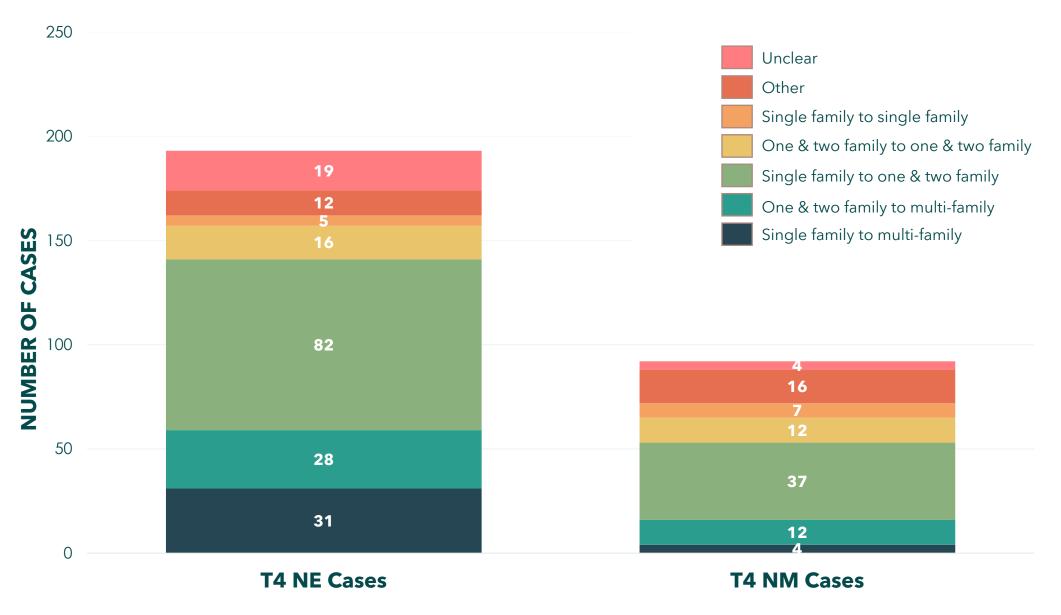
**53** cases/1,000 acres

278 acres approved for rezoning or SP

**8%** of T4 NE acreage impacted by rezoning or SP

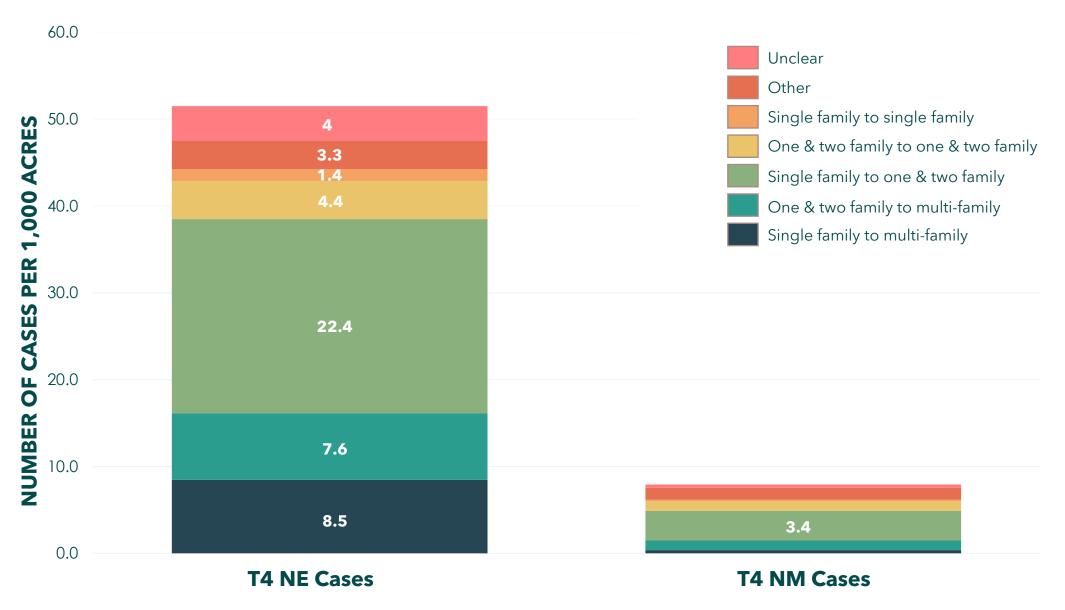


#### Rezoning & Specific Plan Cases by Type Sept 2015 - April 2023





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## **Policy Application Conclusions**

- 6 times as many cases were approved in T4 NE than T4 NM (after adjusting for acreage).
- Most cases in T4 NM & NE were moderate rezonings from single-family to one-and-two
  family, single-family to single-family, and one-and-two family to one-and-two family.
- Cases occurring within T4 NM & NE are primarily used to accommodate minor changes in density under 15 units/acre (16 units/acre typical density needed to support local amenities).
- Since 2015, 16 cases within T4 NM policy area and 59 cases within T4 NE policy area "upzoned" from single and one-and-two family to multifamily.



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# Revision Proposals

How should we move forward?

## Proposal 1: Create a unified urban neighborhood policy

- Single urban, residential category (Urban Neighborhood Residential or T4 NR)
- Additional supportive language for infill and middle housing (wherever NR is applied).
- Design guidelines for middle housing (per NashvilleNext Action Plan goals).
- Intensity (mid-rise) based off proximity to amenities and city resources (retail, restaurants, schools, parks, etc.) in order to support complete communities (NashvilleNext Guiding Principle)
- "Some growth everywhere" strategy while focusing additional intensity in highlyresourced neighborhoods.
- Only requires CCM Revisions (lighter lift)



## Proposal 2: Revise T4 NM & NE Policy

- Middle housing everywhere, neighborhood-scale infill: T4 NM
- Mid-rise, multi-family: T4 NE
- T4 NE application criteria: near high-opportunity areas and city resources
- Requires CCM revisions & reapplication of policies based on new criteria (heavy lift)

# Questions?

How do you explain NM & NE?

What is the intent of neighborhoods (to grow, change, remain the same?)