

# LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

## FACILITIES PLANNING + CONDITION ASSESSMENT

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

LIBRARY BOARD – REPORT SUMMARY



**BVH** ARCHITECTURE

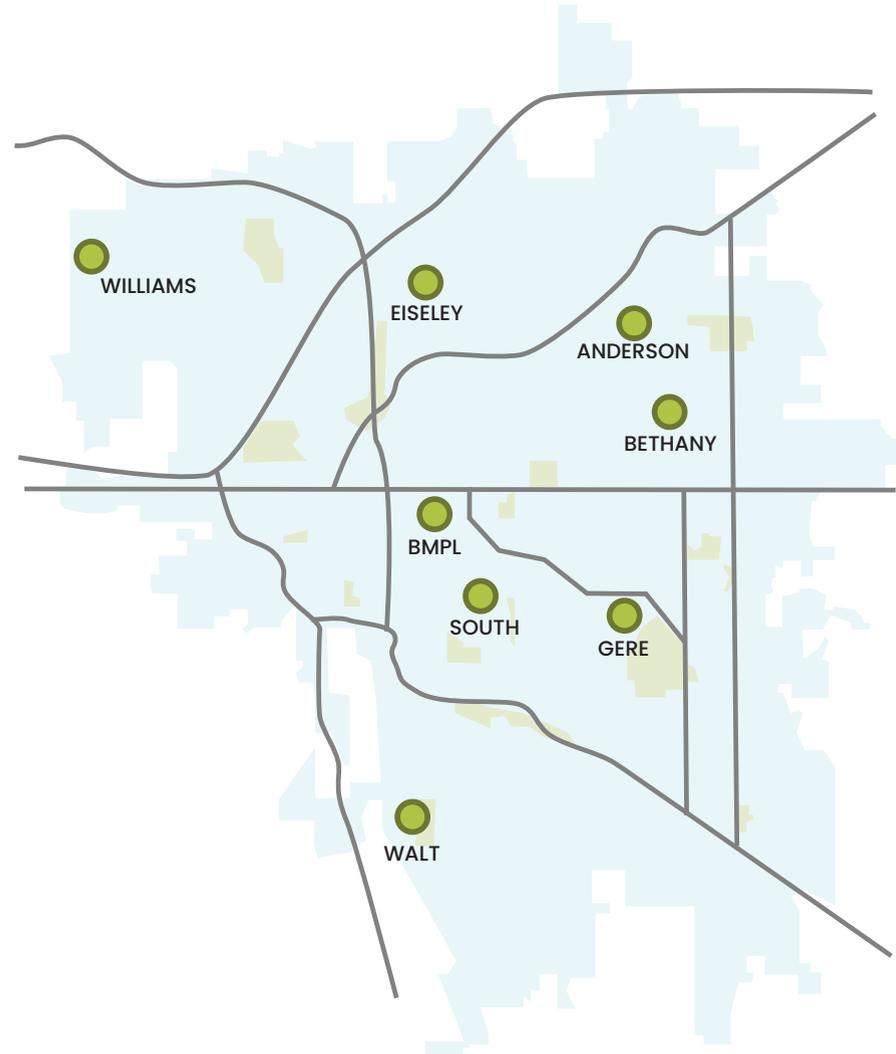
**MSR**Design

# Engagement Summary

**One Lincoln** - a common experience

**Neighborhood** - each branch is unique

**All Together** - all branches working together



**5**  
Full-day sessions  
(across all 7 branches)

**250+**  
Participants

**40+**  
Hours of In-Person  
Discussion

**5**  
Open, Public  
Sessions

**567**  
Survey Responses

**25+**  
Local Organizations  
Engaged

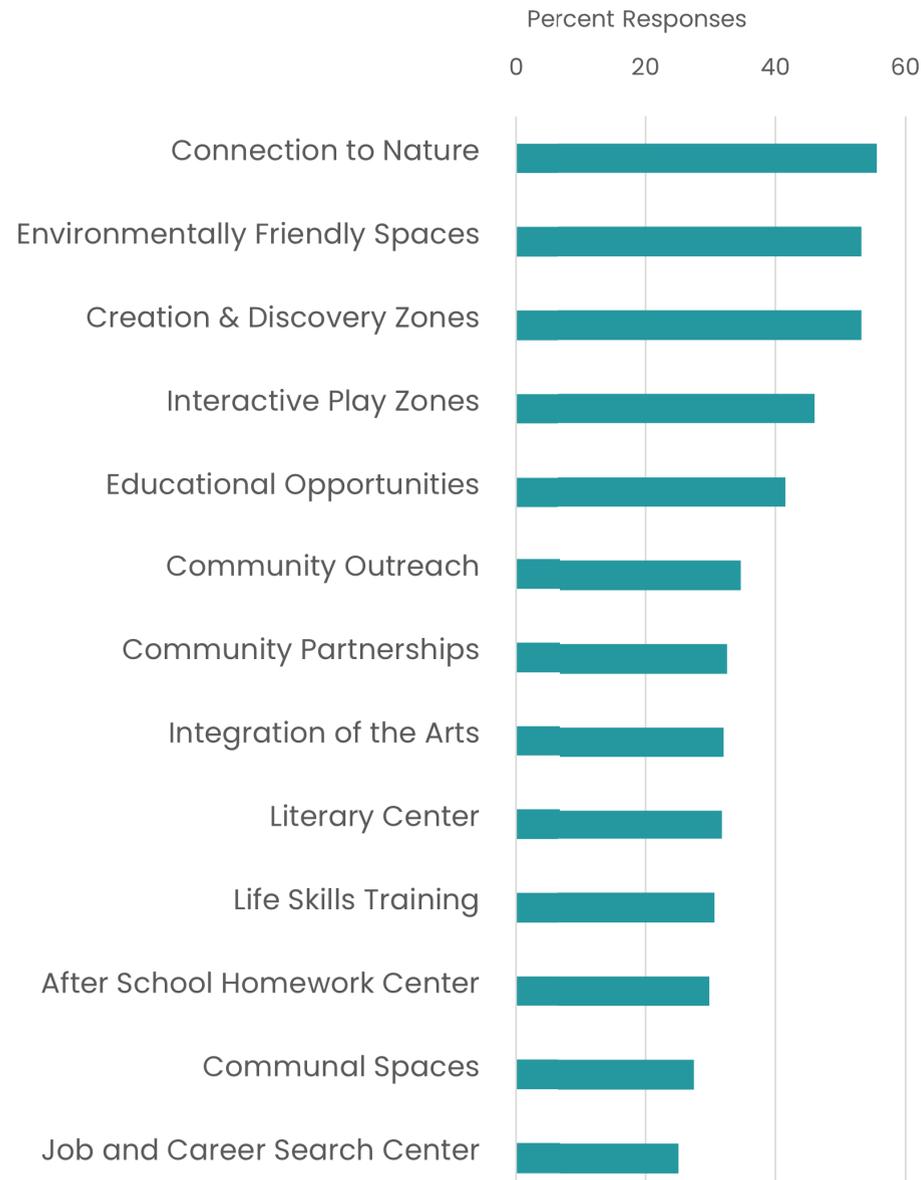
**250+**  
Heat Mapping  
Contributions



Current and past engagement events at LCL locations

# Qualitative | Quantitative Analysis

What concepts and services are appealing?



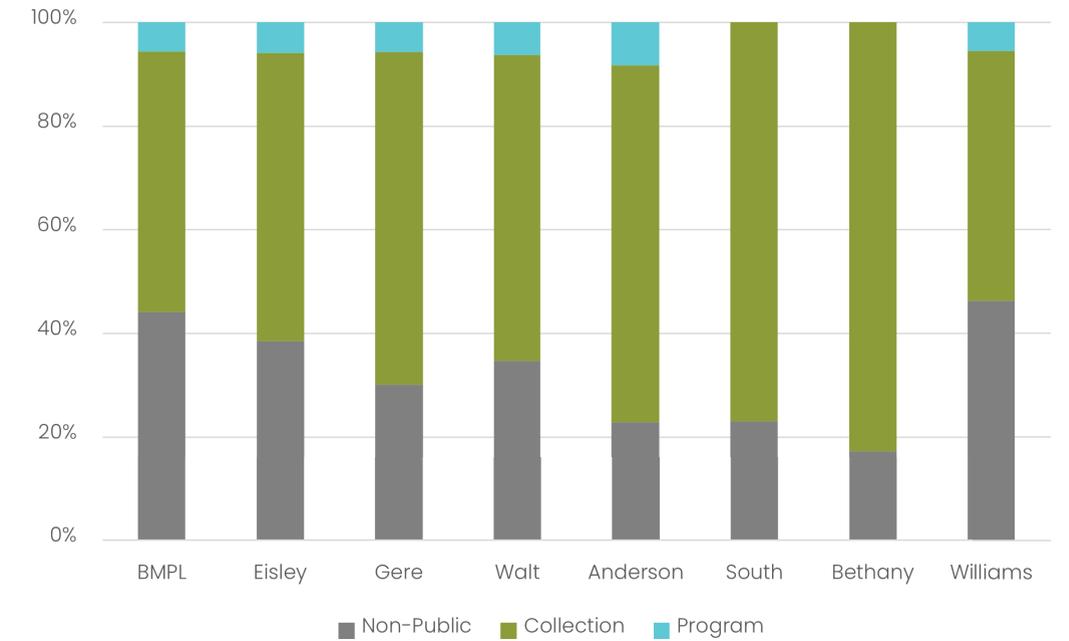
**7**  
branches studied

**6**  
outreach strategies

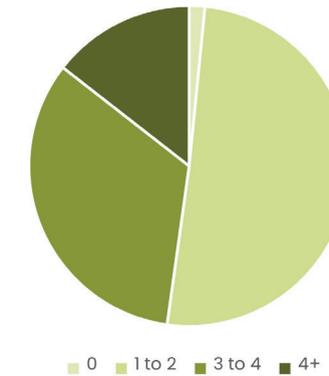
**20+**  
data sets considered

**250+**  
individuals providing input

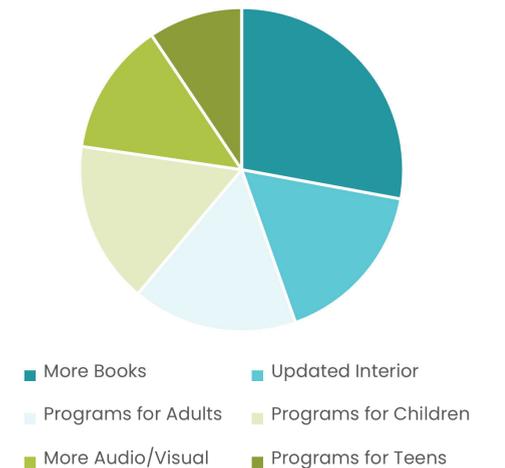
Library Square Footage Allocation



How many branches have you visited this year?

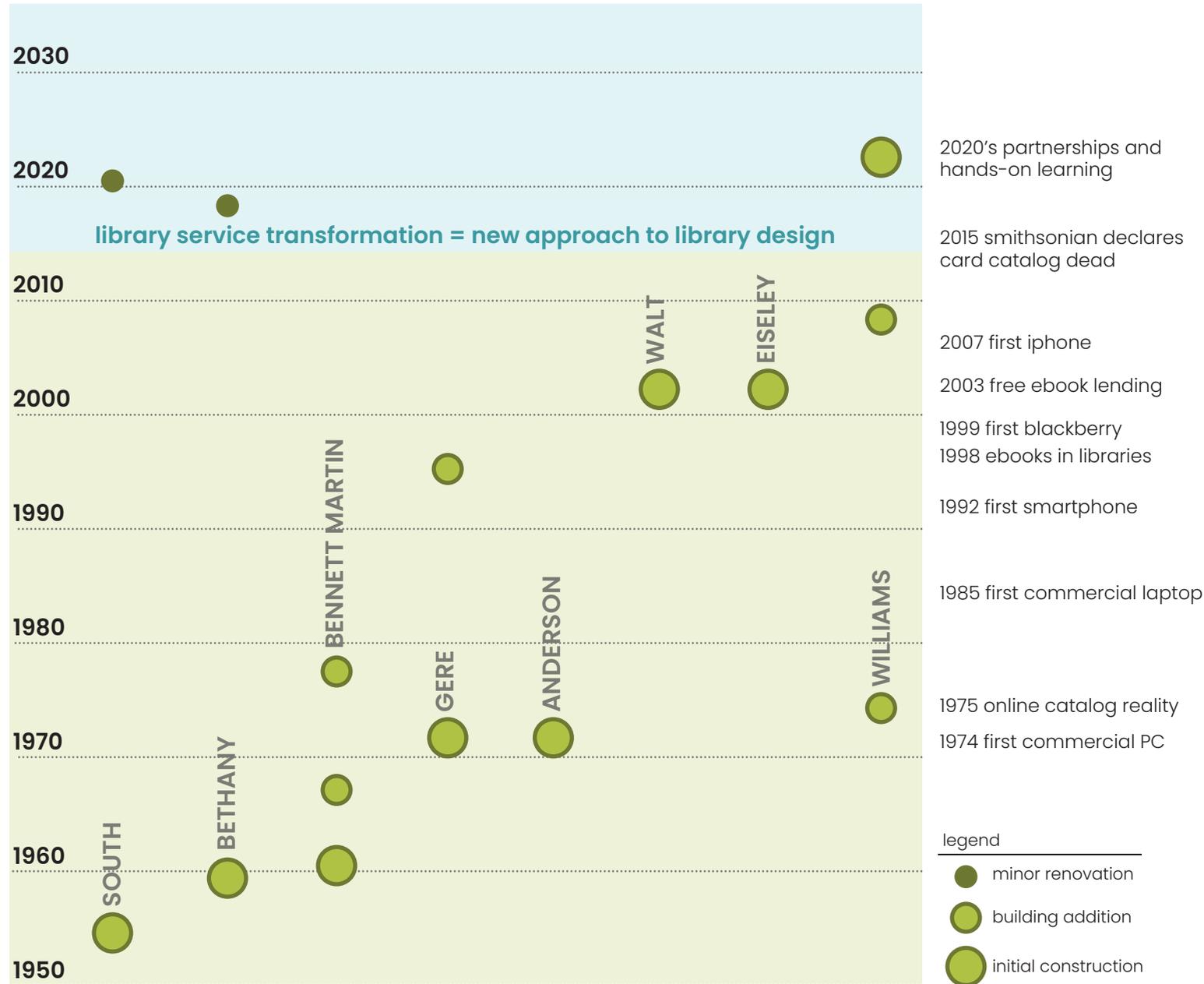


What improvements would you like?



# System Condition

Lincoln City Libraries: A System Overdue for Investment



Population + Library Area Distribution

facilities are severely outdated and lacking in space capacity to serve as modern libraries

## North Lincoln

**36%**  
Lincoln's  
Population

**33%**  
Library Square  
Footage

## Central Lincoln

**25%**  
Lincoln's  
Population

**20%**  
Library Square  
Footage

## South Lincoln

**39%**  
Lincoln's  
Population

**46%**  
Library Square  
Footage

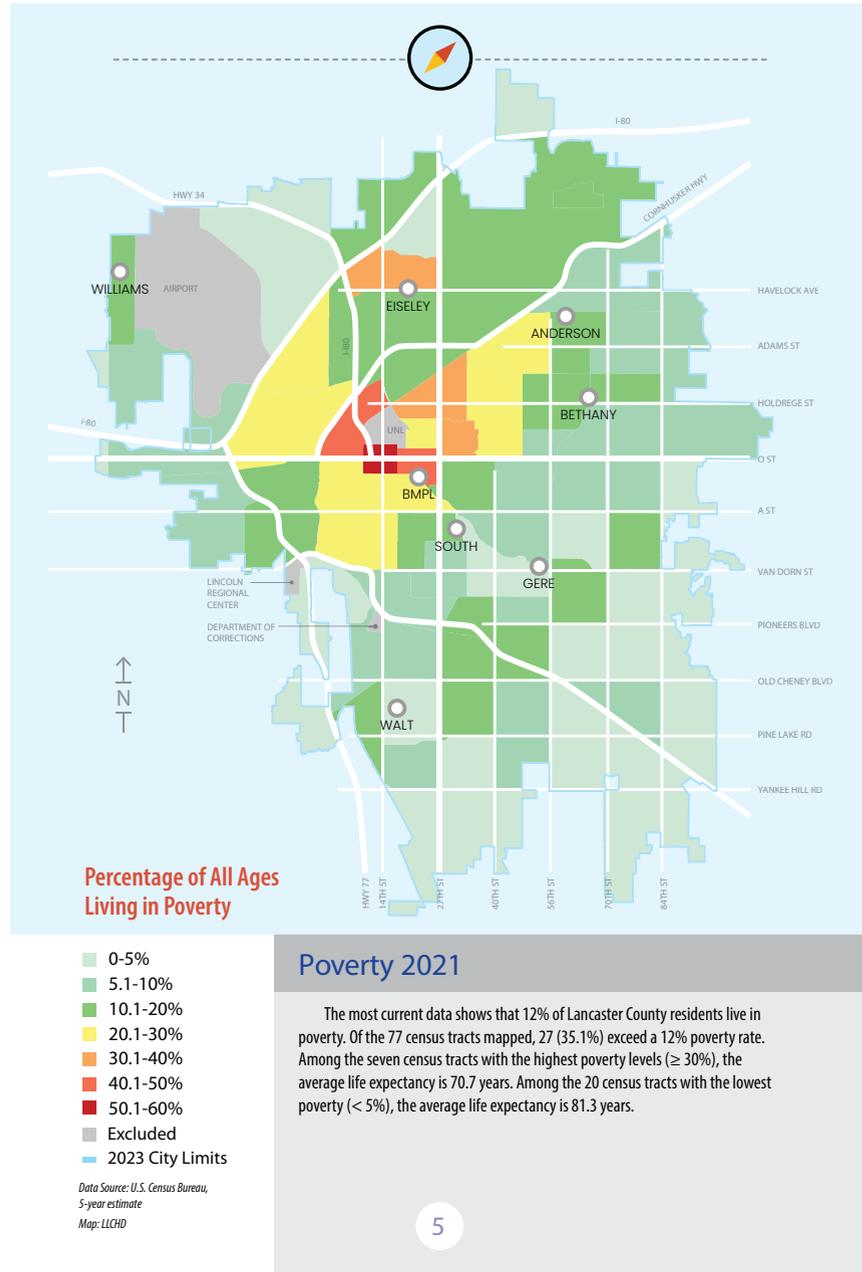


## Overall Square Feet Per Capita

LCL Median: **0.43**

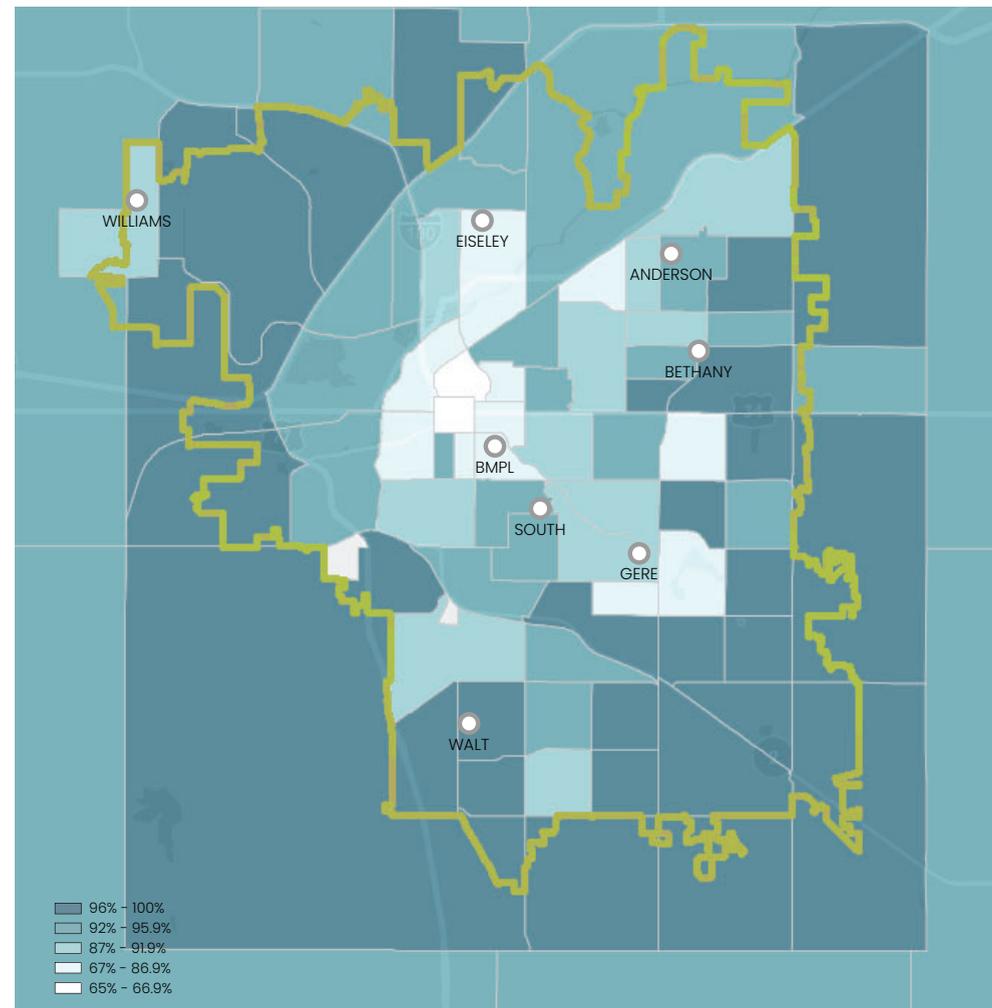
Ideal Range: **0.5 - 0.75**

# Underserved and Equity

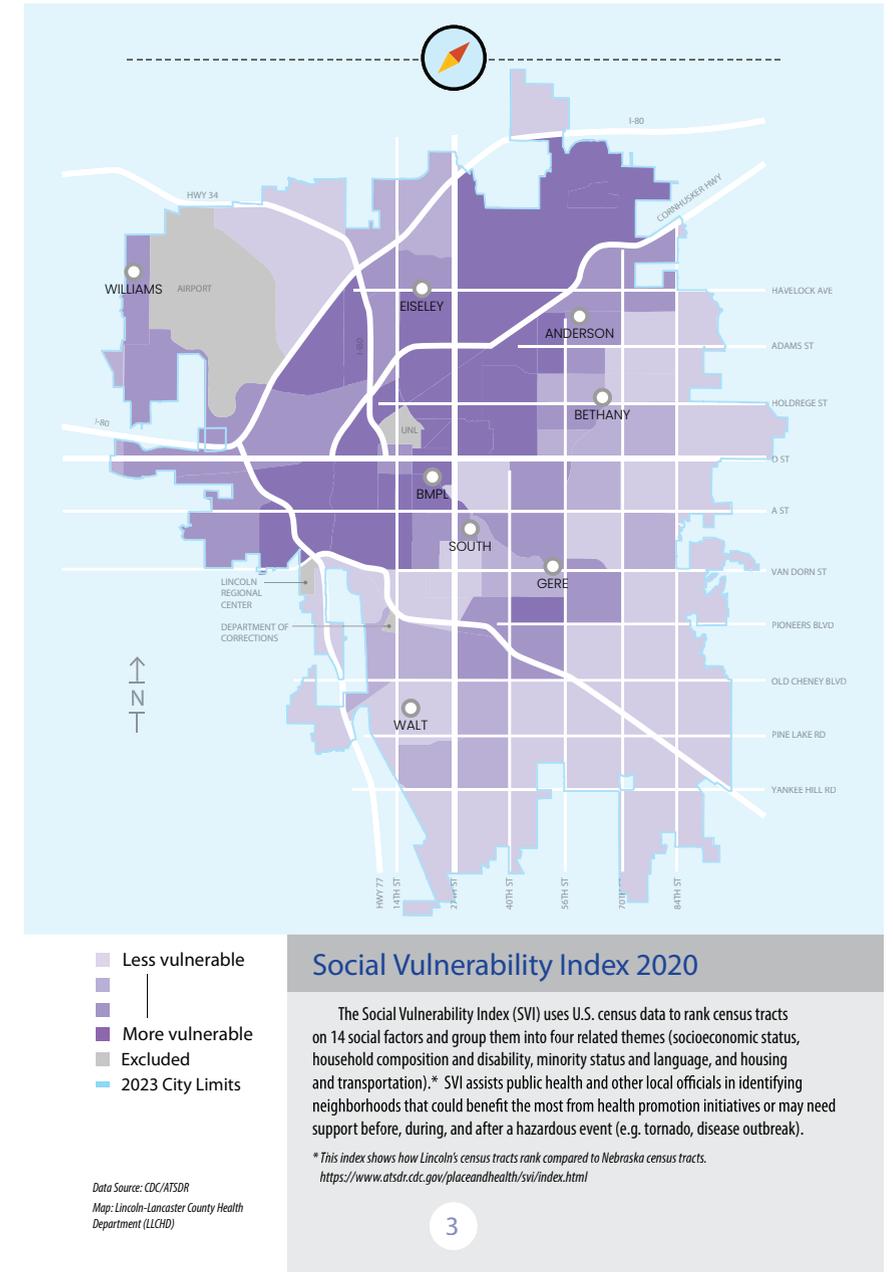


Graphic Source: Place Matters 5.0 report 2023, Community Health Endowment of Lincoln

## central Lincoln has the most diverse needs and its facilities are the most behind



Households with Computer Access



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## Preliminary Approach | System

**each region of the Lincoln face challenges in service due to lack of investment – Central Lincoln faces the most challenges**

**1**

assign target capital investment commitment for operations and facilities in North, Central, and South Lincoln

**2**

priority one is Central Lincoln, priority two is North Lincoln, priority three is South Lincoln

**3**

North and South priority recommendations ideally occur simultaneously or shortly after Central Lincoln

**4**

determine proper location of administrative space, collection, and special collections as part of priority one

**5**

remain diligent and build upon success to finish medium and long term recommendations

# Preliminary Findings | North Lincoln

## Short Term Options

- Major renovation and addition to Eiseley
- Renovation and addition to Anderson

## Medium Term Focus

- Moderate renovations to Bethany and Anderson

## Long Term Goals

- Substantial expansion of Williams branch

## major renovation + addition

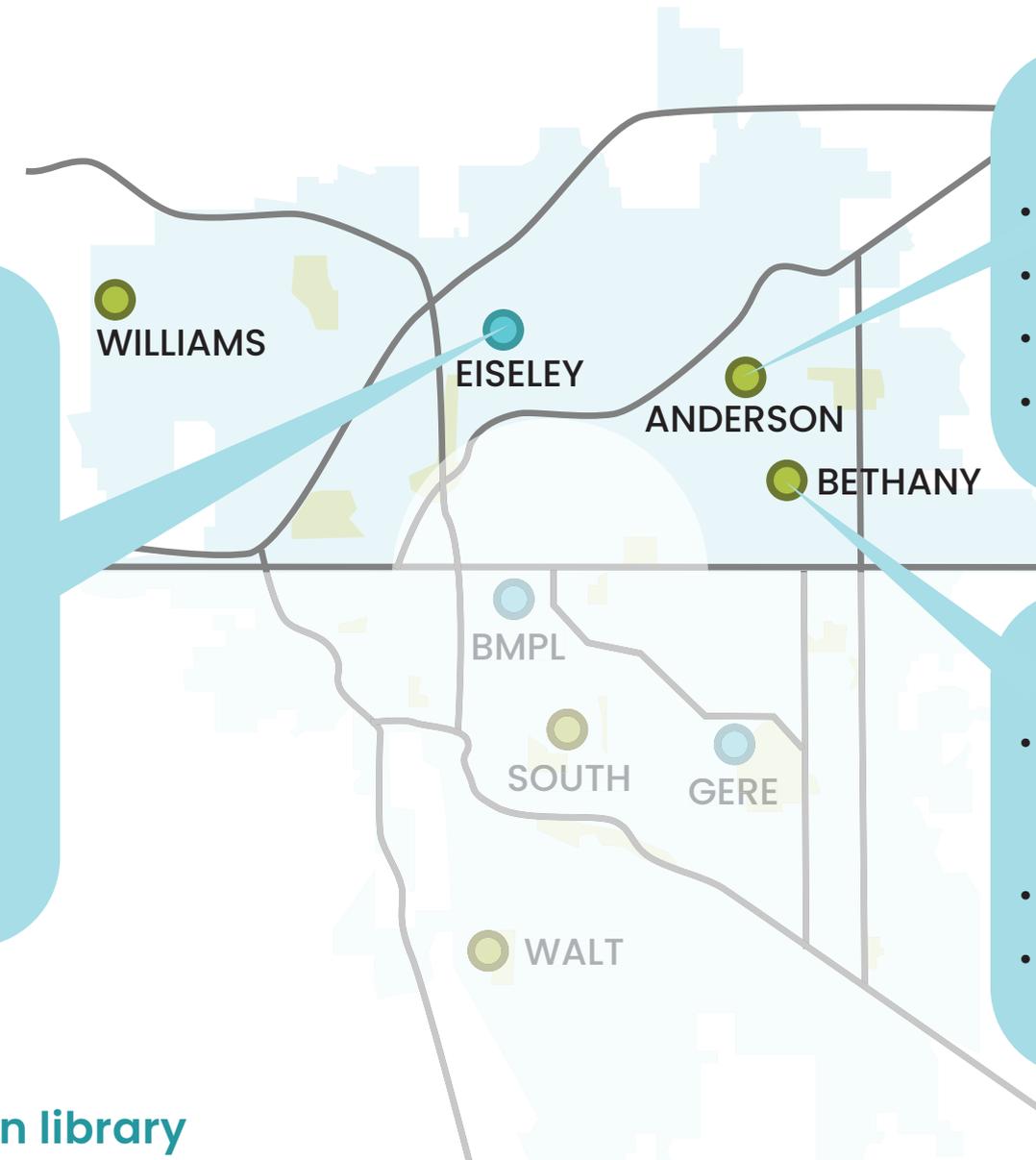
- hands-on learning spaces and access to technology
- workforce development and small business support
- teaching kitchen and garden
- outdoor space

## moderate renovation

- improved entry
- more seating
- meeting rooms
- outdoor gathering space

## moderate renovation

- improved entry, 2nd means of egress
- meeting rooms
- gathering space in children's



**Eiseley poses substantial challenges for adaption to modern library services. Cost / value should be considered in the next phase considering a major renovation and addition to Anderson instead.**

## Preliminary Findings | Central Lincoln

### Short Term Options

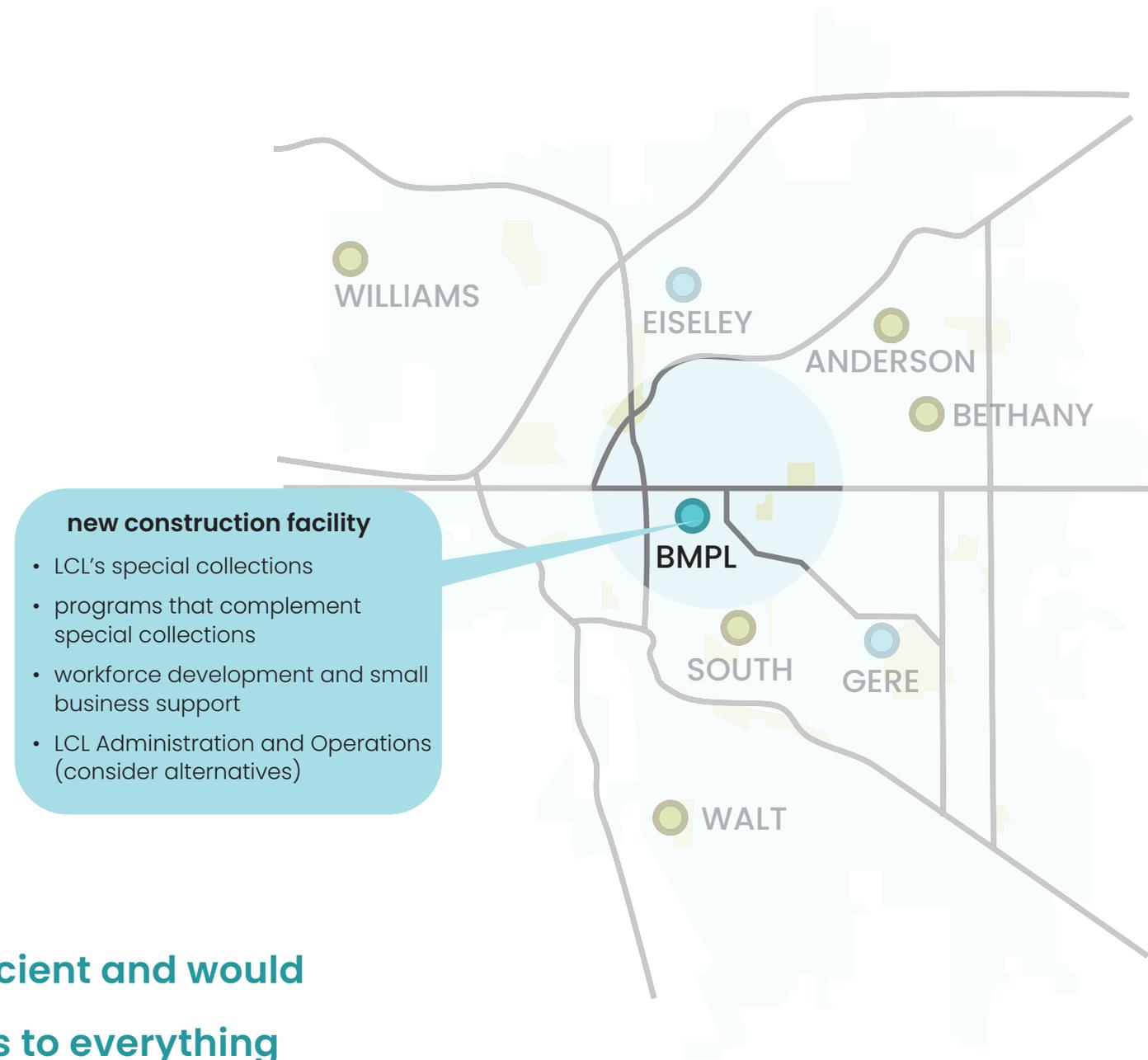
- Provide a replacement for Bennett Martin Public Library

### Medium Term Focus

- revisit collection as new facility changes circulation dynamics

### Long Term Goals

- promote upkeep and attention to new facility so it can serve as a decades-long solution



**BMPL's existing structure is substantially inefficient and would require partial demolition along with upgrades to everything except the superstructure.**

# Preliminary Findings | South Lincoln

## Short Term Options

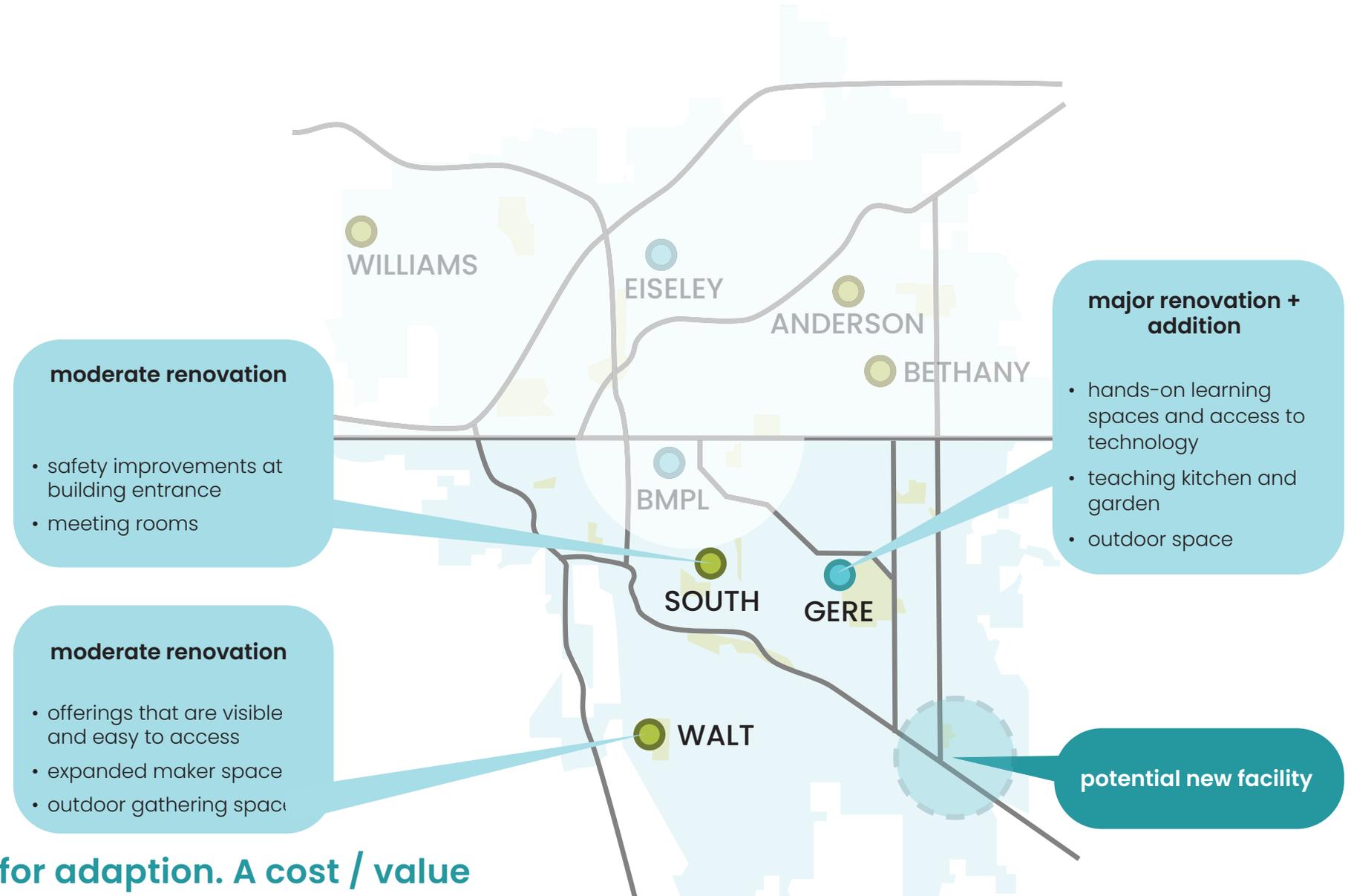
- Major renovation and addition to Gere Branch
- Moderate renovations of Walt and Gere

## Medium Term Focus

- Major renovation of Walt

## Long Term Goals

- New branch in the southeast to expand service potential



**Gere and Walt pose substantial challenges for adaption. A cost / value analysis should be part of the next phase. Reductions in renovation scope for Gere and Walt while prioritizing a new branch may be warranted**