Quality of Life through Art Continuum

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When looking at the community of Milo-Grogan within the downtown Columbus area there were three main aspects that we tried to focus on to improve the quality of life for the people living in Milo-Grogan, Economic, Social and Environmental benefits. Through these three aspects we have looked into areas such as Corridors, Open Space, Signage and Walkability. By implementing all four of those areas into our Milo-Grogan plan we were able to drastically improve the well being of the Milo-Grogan community.

Some areas that were implemented in our design were items like an urban market. This will provide Milo-Grogan will the every day essentials that they need without having to travel too far to get them and be able to purchase these items at a reasonable price. This urban market will have an all around assortment of items from groceries to general merchandise but be within a scale that provides an aesthetic appeal without looking like a large box retail store. A residential corridor along Cleveland Ave. will also be added in providing homes for new residents to move into. There will be a townhome community on the east side of Cleveland Ave. and a residential district with different housing types for different demographics on the old Timken site which will include such living areas as townhomes, doubles and studios. This corridor will allow for people from the surrounding colleges that we are trying to attract to come and live once they are done with school. This is where one part of the art continuum comes into play. With surrounding colleges such as Ohio State, Columbus State, CCAD and Fort Hayes being very heavy in the arts we hope to attract many of these art students to come and buy their first home or apartment here. From them moving into Milo-Grogan we hope to add an artistic feel to the community and make the arts a large part of their identity. Finally a commercial corridor and the capping of I-71 at 5th Ave. will also be added to add more businesses which in turn will help the economy and provide Milo-Grogan will more jobs and give the people of Milo-Grogan an area to call their own with new buildings like a new elementary school, health center and church. From all of these new additions our hope is to get people outside more and provide a more walkable community. Certain amenities to push for this will be items such as larger sidewalks, streetscapes, viewable attractive signage and just an over all pleasing place for people to be in.

If these goals are all meet and can provide Milo-Grogan an up lift that they greatly need, the changes may come quickly and efficiently. Once the community sees the changes that have been made and see that they are improving the quality of life, perhaps the rest of the community will do their part and make Milo-Grogan a place that people from all around central Ohio want to visit.