

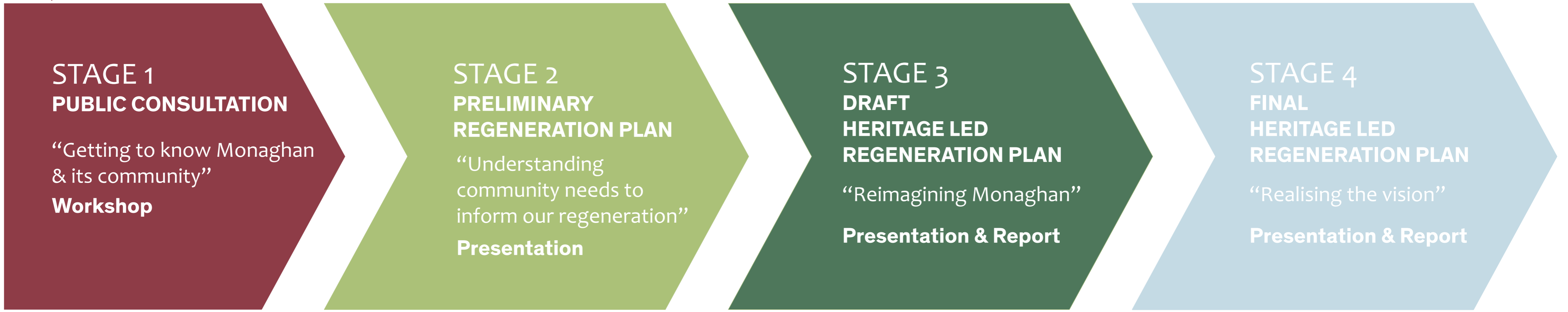


INTRODUCTION

Reimagining Monaghan Town

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We Are Here

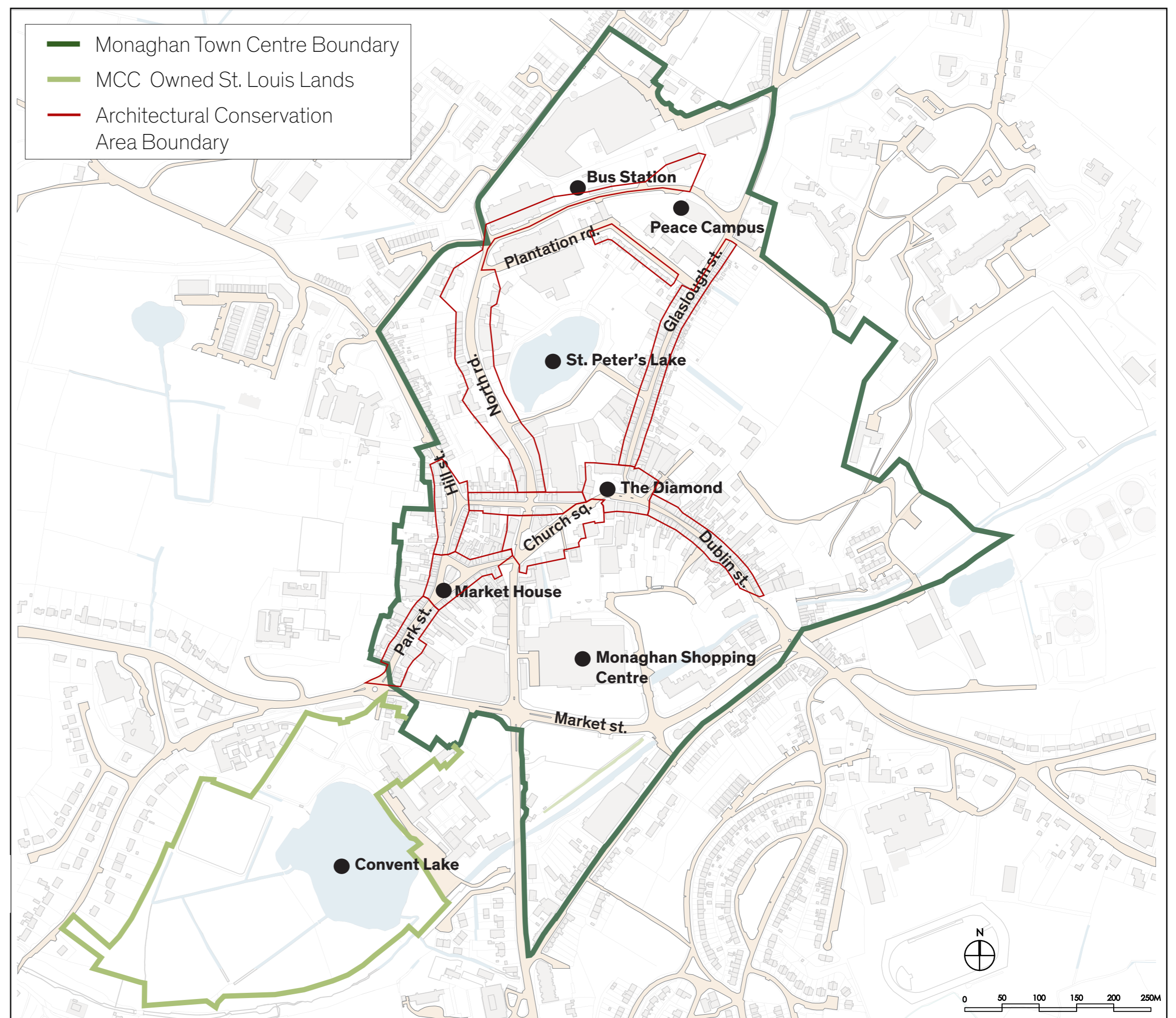


Introduction

Monaghan County Council, in partnership with John McLaughlin Architects and the Monaghan Town Team, are developing an ambitious heritage led regeneration plan for the centre of Monaghan and St Louis Convent lands. The project is funded by the Heritage Council, and also through the first strand of the Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme (THRIVE). THRIVE is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Northern & Western Regional Programme 2021-27.

The regeneration plan will set out a clear, visual action-based roadmap for the future development and revitalisation of your historic town centre through a collaborative process with the communities who live in and love Monaghan town. A central part of this is a collaborative engagement with the Monaghan Town Team, a group of local workers and residents who will help steer and facilitate the work.

At this early stage of the project, we wish to engage with the local community to gather local knowledge and ensure the regeneration plan responds to the local community needs.



What do you most like about your town?

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Meaningful Public Participation** Ensure Monaghan Town communities have a say in aspects of the regeneration plan that affect their lives, their places and their town.
- 2. Heritage** Enhance Monaghan's heritage and transform vacant or derelict heritage buildings through renovation, renewal, and adaptive reuse.
- 3. Living town** Make Monaghan Town more vibrant, accessible, inclusive and attractive to live in for young and old.
- 4. Community & Recreation** Identify opportunities for current and future needs of the local community to enhance social spaces and the quality of life for all residents.
- 5. Green Space & Climate Resilience** Enhance green spaces and building climate resilience in Monaghan, encouraging active travel and biodiversity
- 6. St. Louis Convent Lands** Explore the potential of St. Louis Convent lands and its heritage buildings, which were recently acquired by Monaghan County Council





HERITAGE

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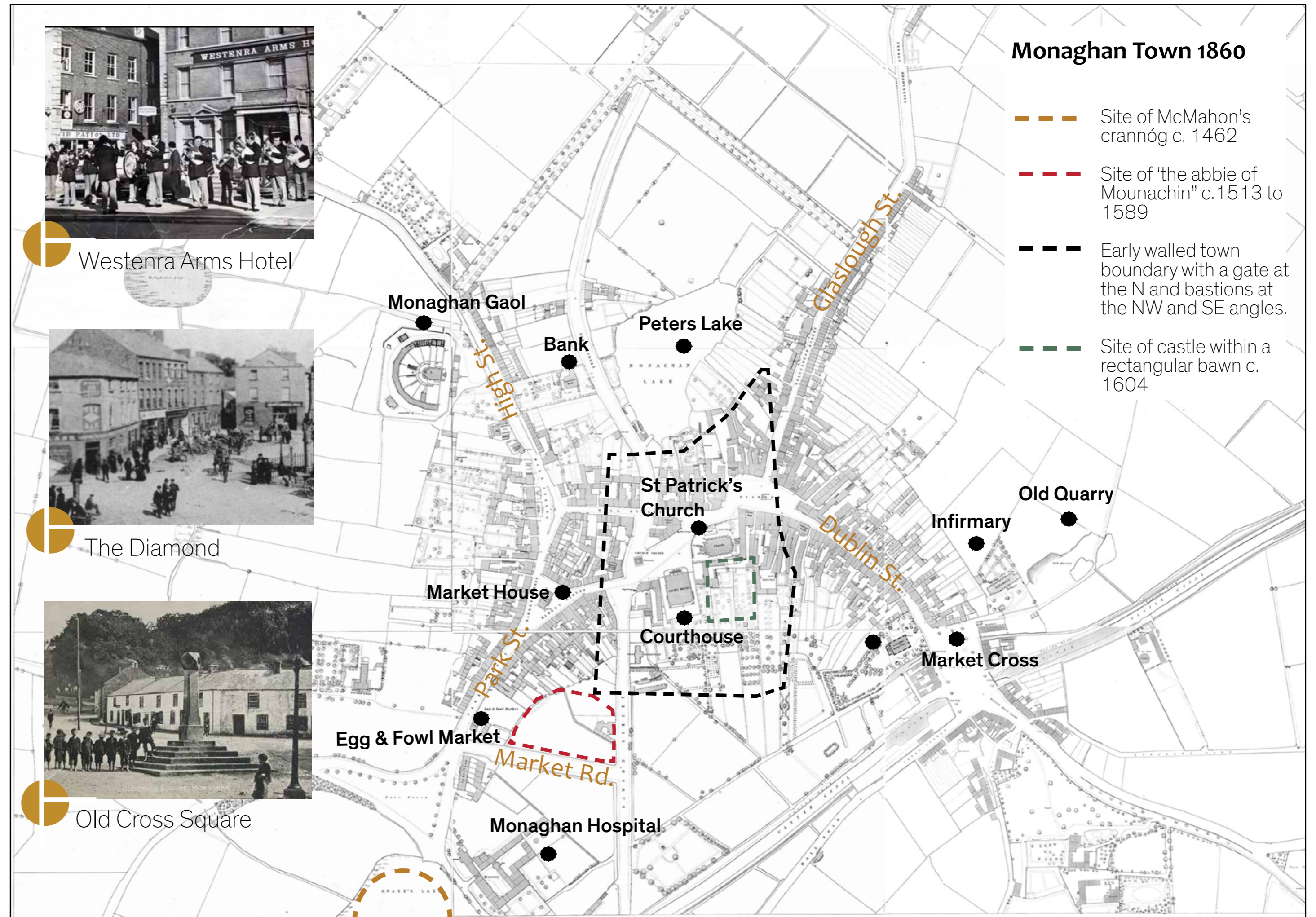
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Monaghan Town has a rich history, and wonderful historic buildings and streets, protected as 12 Architectural Conservation Areas.

With community support, we will identify a range of projects to enhance the historic buildings and streetscapes: shopfronts, private properties, and public buildings, and suggest funding sources and a plan for implementation of each project.

The regeneration project will explore the potential to bring Monaghan's vacant historic buildings, both public and private, back into use.



Challenges

Share an old story about life in Monaghan Town!

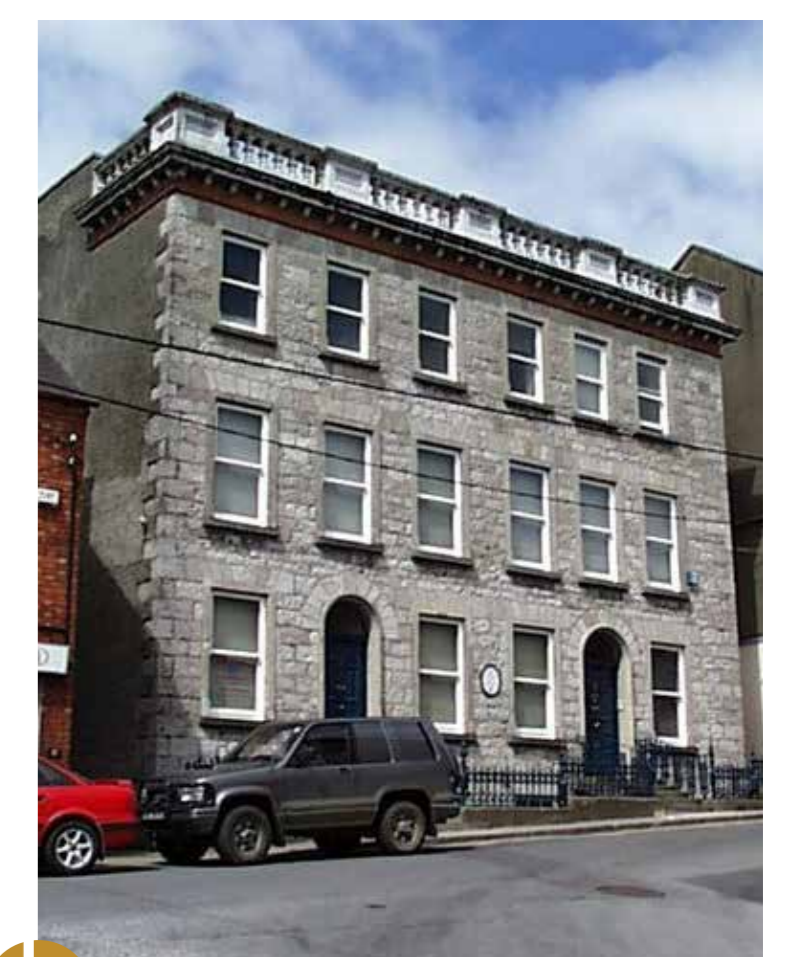
Is there a historic building you would like to be brought back to life?



Tackle Vacancy and Dereliction



Find a New Use for St Louis' Convent Buildings



Improve Historic Character of Streets and Laneways

Opportunities



Monaghan Town Renewal

Image: Before & After Photos, Clones Renewal Scheme



New Use for Convent Buildings

Image: Triskel Arts Centre Cork



Restoring Historic Streets

Image: High Street Kilkenny



LIVING TOWN

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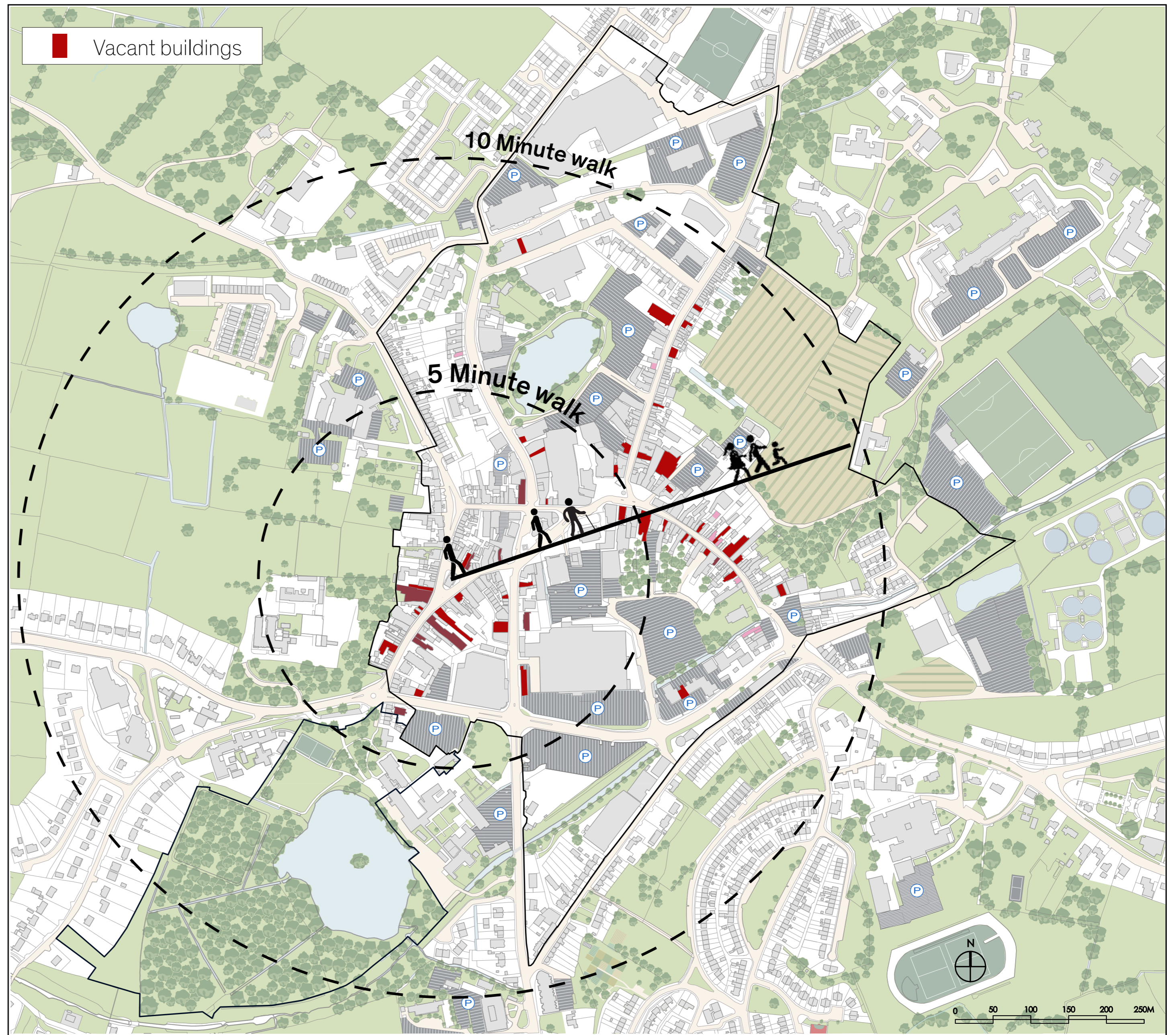
We would like to hear your thoughts on how to make Monaghan Town a more attractive place to live, for young and old generations.

Town Centre First guidelines encourage sensitive strategies for developing vacant and under-utilised sites, and regeneration of public spaces for interaction and rest.

Town centres can capitalise on additional footfall as result of experience-led retail.

Tell us about your favourite walking routes!

How can we make Monaghan centre more liveable?



Challenges



Improve Public Spaces



Vacant Buildings & Sites



Junction at the Station House

Opportunities



Better Cycle Paths
Dun Laoghaire



Urban Parks
Clonakilty



Better Public Realm
Clonakilty





RECREATION & COMMUNITY

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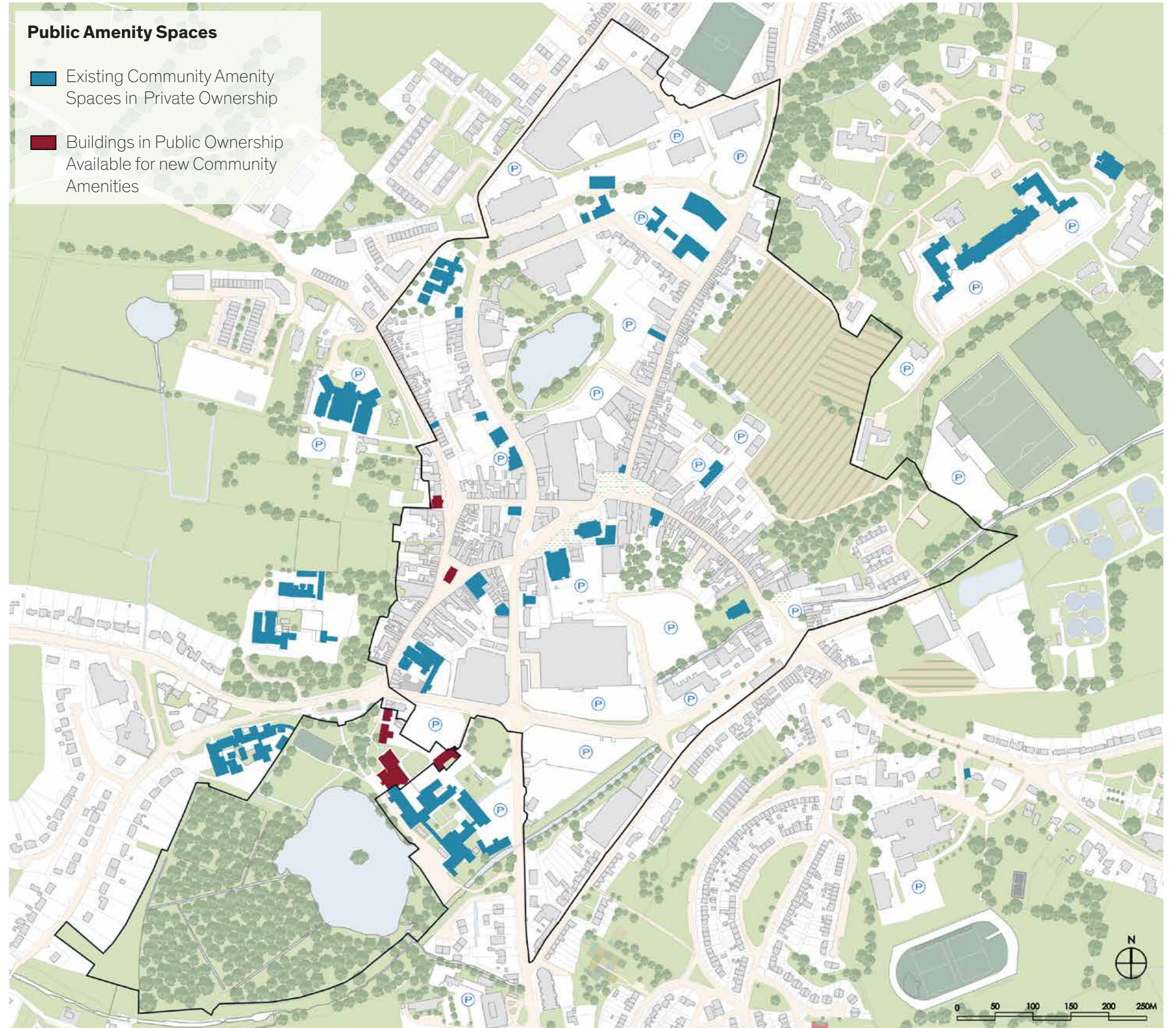
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In 2025, Monaghan County Council will be able to apply for THRIVE funding of between €2m and €7m to fund one selected project involving a historic building in public ownership, aiming to renovate, refurbish and adapt the buildings for community use. The project will need to have the support of the local community.

Where did you hang out growing up?

What community spaces are you missing from your town?



Challenges



Utilise public buildings



Sport Facilities

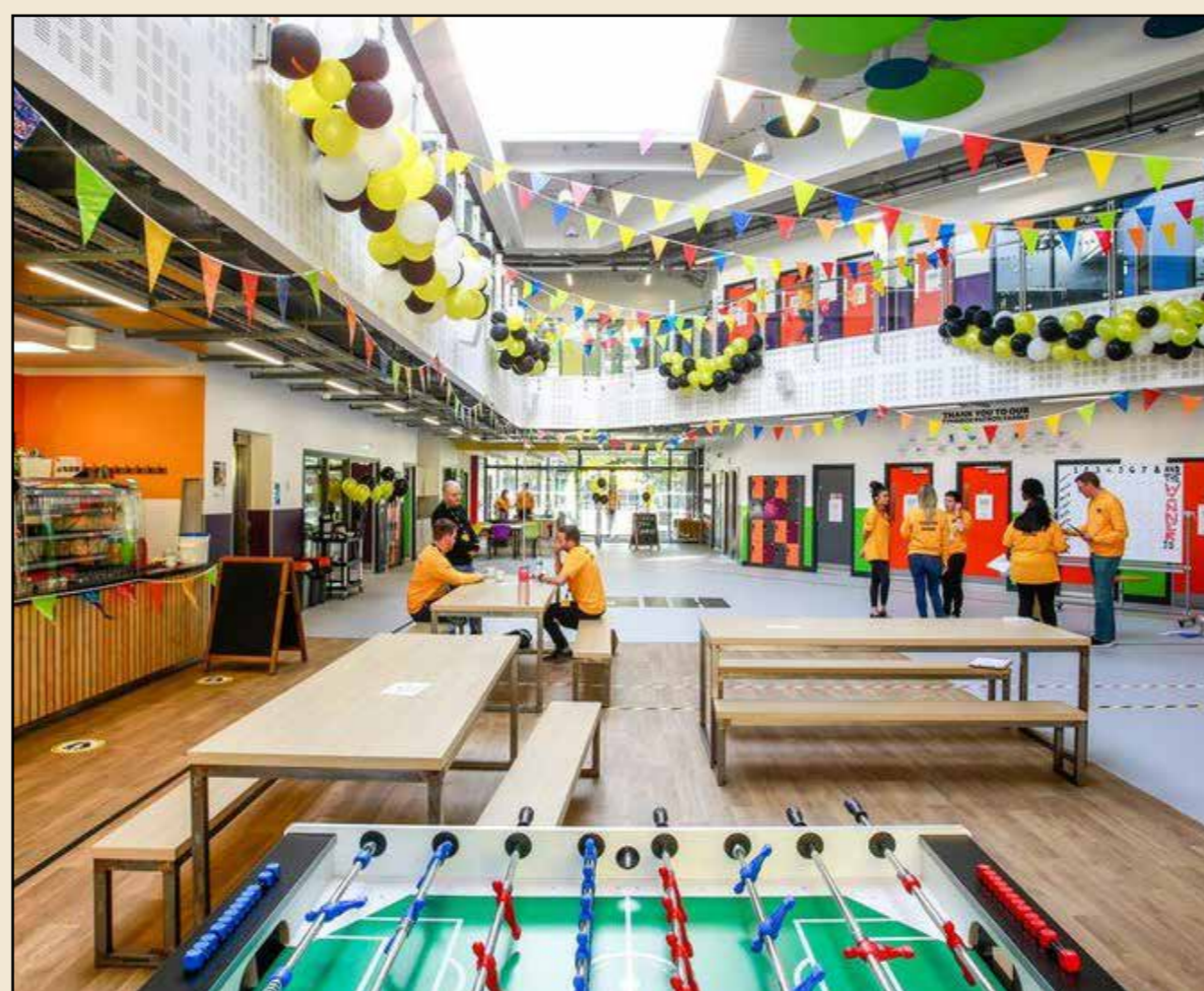


Town centre connections

Opportunities



Performance Space
Kinsale



Spaces for Teenagers
Manchester



Multi-Use Community Space
Sao Paulo



GREEN SPACES & CLIMATE RESILIENCE

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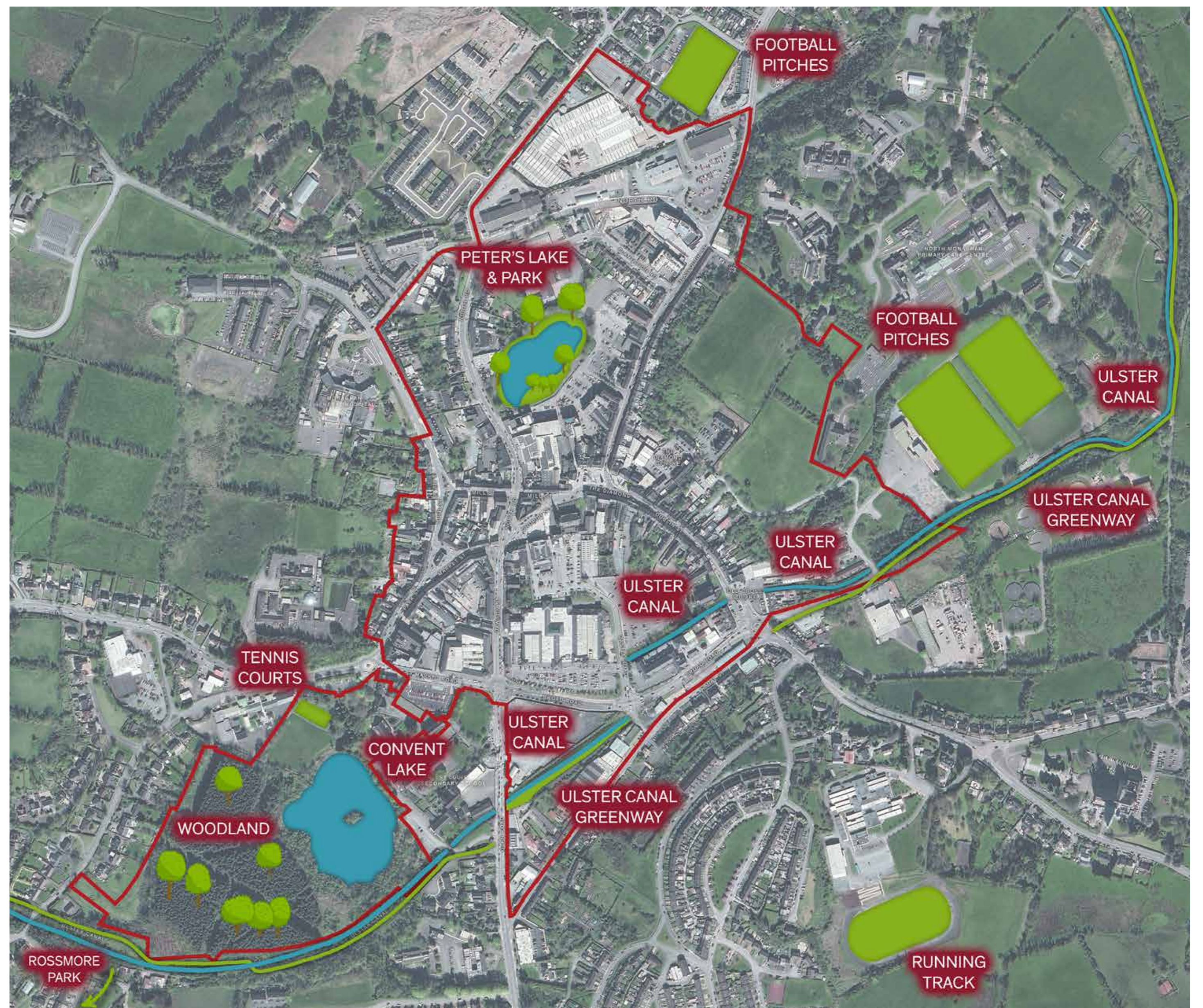
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The Town Centre First policy encourages a public realm that is welcoming to all, is safe, is easy to access for all modes of travel (particularly walking), has low noise and air pollution levels and provides the community with things to do, places to sit and relax, and attractive views. We must also use this opportunity to adapt towns and public spaces to fully cater for persons with a disability or limited mobility.

Utilising existing infrastructure, buildings and sites and reducing the need to travel long distances will reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions.

“Saving the climate is our generational task. It must unite & encourage us.”
- Ursula von der Leyen



Where in the town do you go to unwind?

How do we make Monaghan more resilient?

Challenges



Fenced Canal Greenway Sections

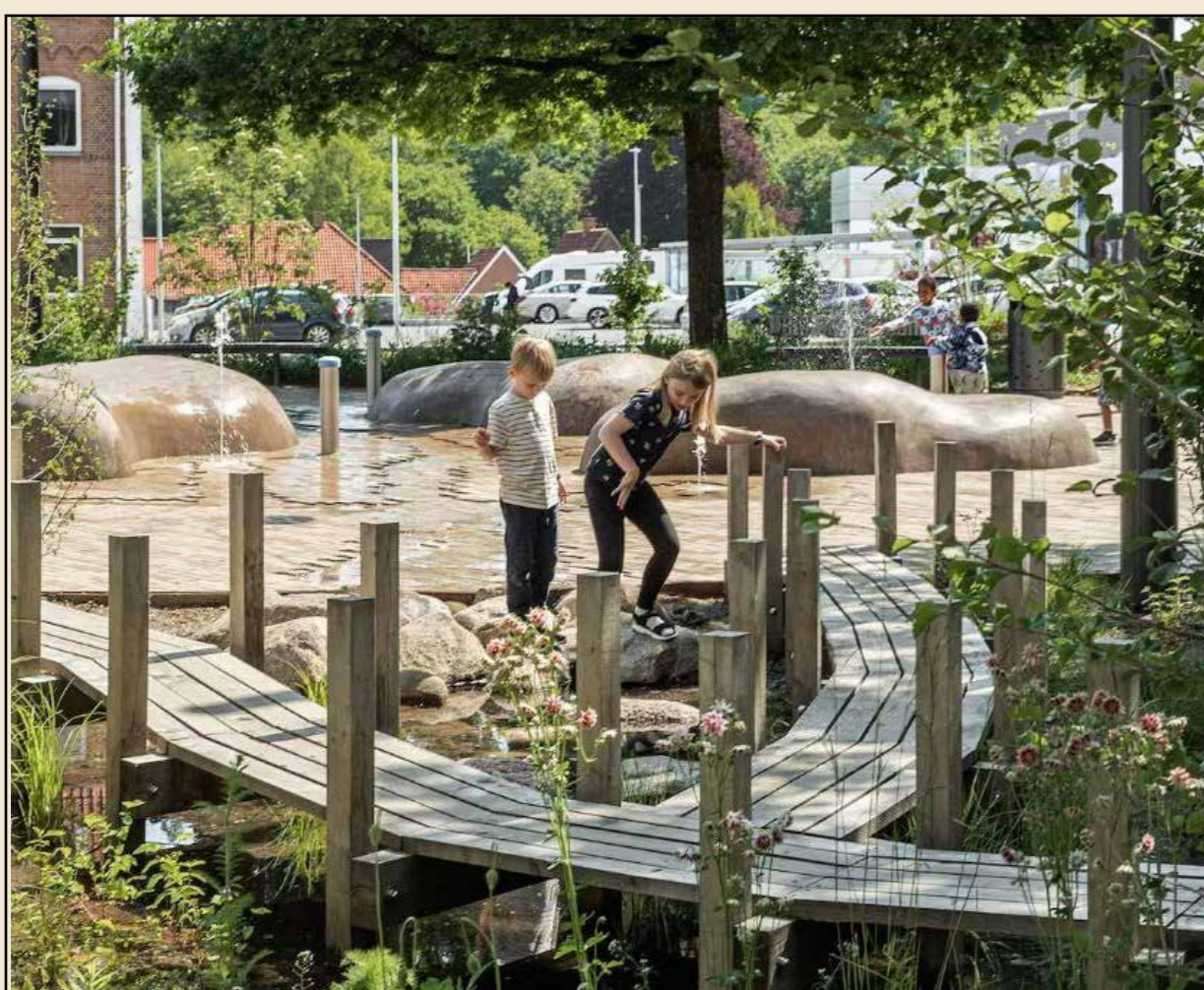


Biodiversity



Address Flooding and Climate Resilience

Opportunities



Nature based drainage
Denmark



Living Streets
London



Improve Greenway Connection
Waterford



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MONAGHAN HERITAGE OFFICE



ST LOUIS CONVENT LANDS

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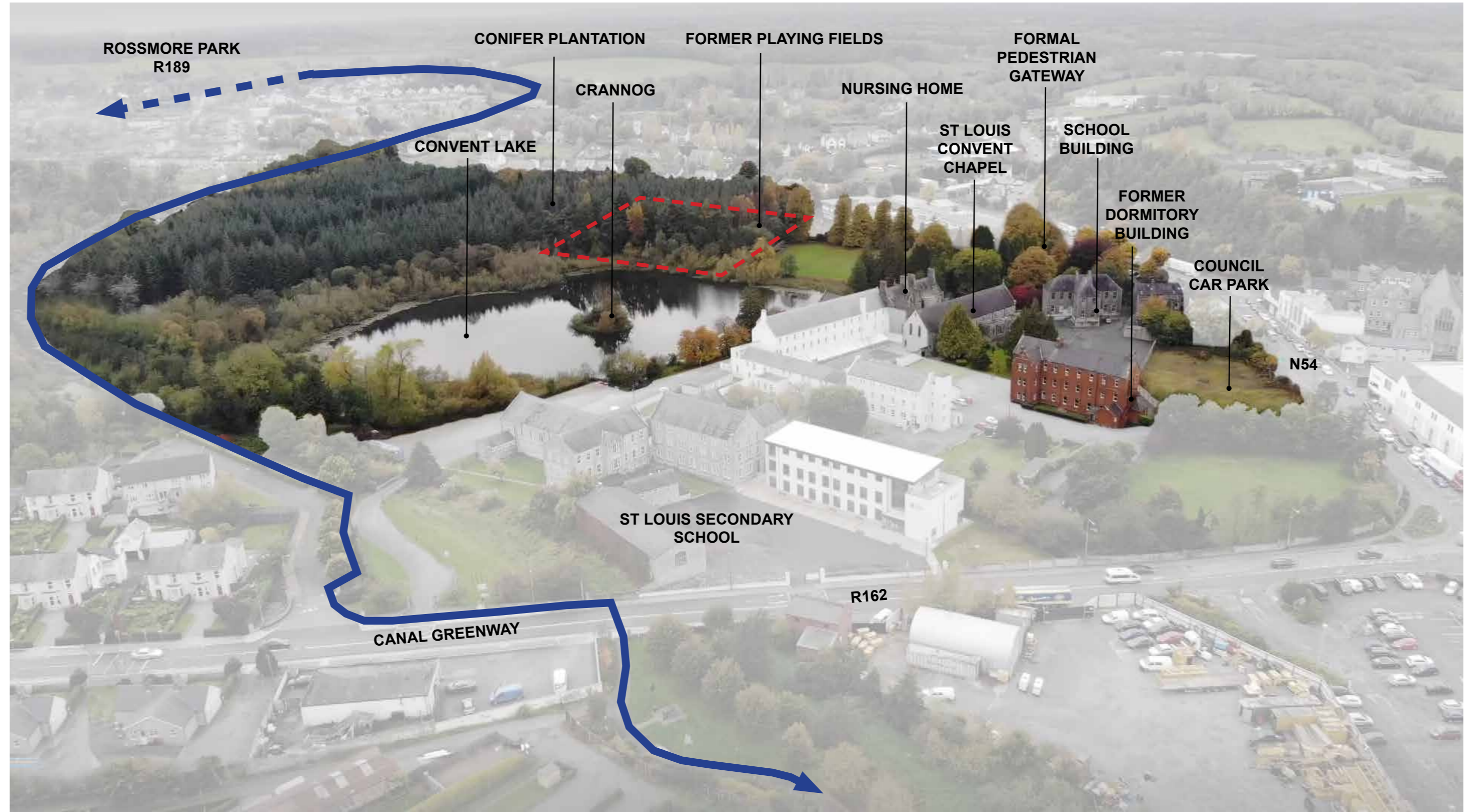
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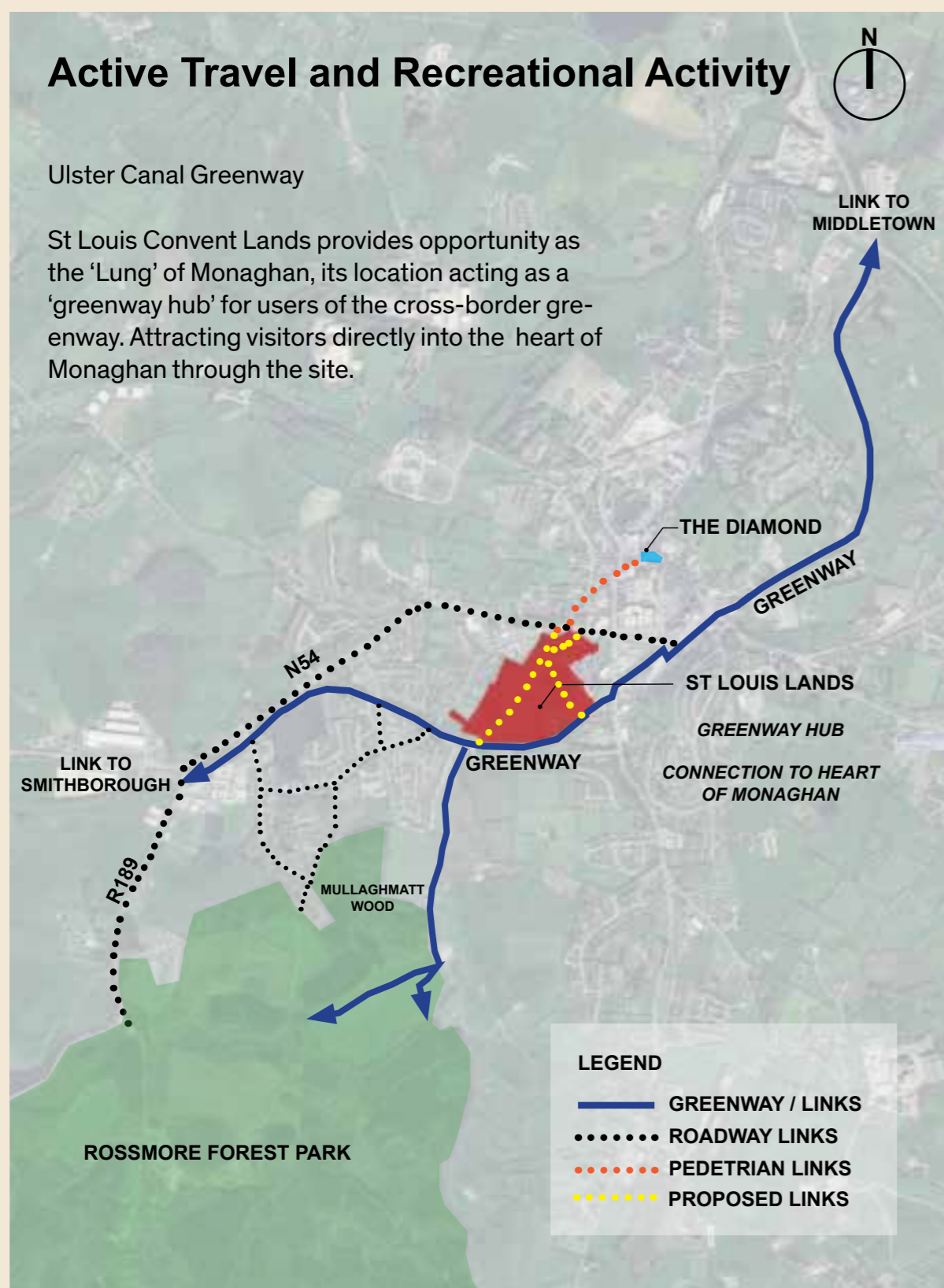
Did you go to school or teach at St Louis?

What do you most like about St Louis lands?



St Louis Convent Lands - Aerial Photo

Opportunities



Convent Lake



Flood Resistant Boardwalk, Acres, Co. Leitrim



Greenway Hub, Connection to Rossmore Park. Image: Shared Pedestrian & Cycle Boardwalk



Sports Activities, Image: St Louis Convent Lake



St Louis Chapel



St Louis Nursing Home



St Louis Old Primary School