

UPLAND MAIN STREET INVESTMENT FUND A PLAN FOR FUNDING THE MAIN STREET MILE INITIATIVE





INTRODUCTION

The Main Street Mile Initiative is a \$100-million economic development plan to revitalize Upland, Indiana, through projects that mutually benefit the Town of Upland and Taylor University. The catalyst is a \$30-million grant from the Lilly Endowment.

1846 Enterprises is launching the Upland Main Street Investment Fund to raise the equity required to develop the for-profit projects within the grant scope as well as additional investment opportunities that arise.

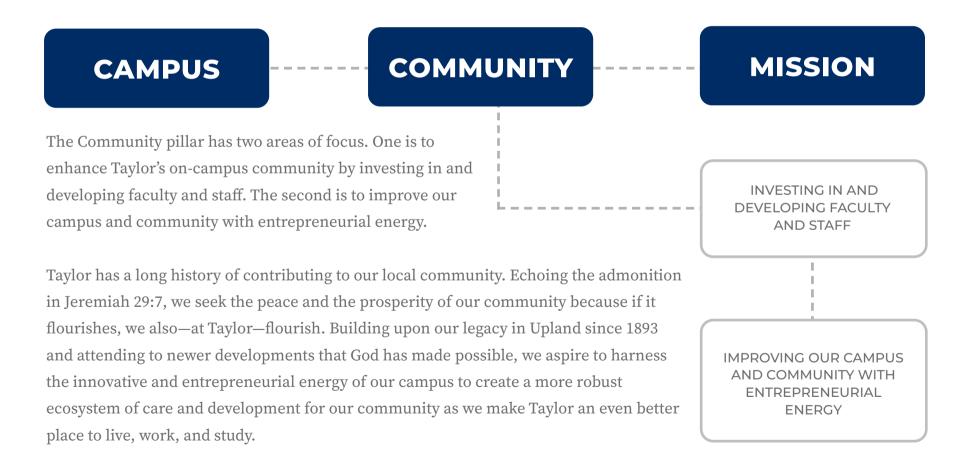
With the support of Taylor University, direct incentives from the Lilly Endowment, potential tax incentives, and the market impact of the \$100-million Main Street Mile Initiative overall, it is anticipated that the Upland Main Street Investment Fund will provide the kind of returns that will attract and reward mission-minded investors.

Main Street Momentum Groundbreaking and Celebration of the one-mile pedestrian connection between downtown Upland and Taylor's campus. Left to right: State Treasurer Daniel Elliott, Town Council President Shawn Sizemore, 1846 Enterprises Executive Director Andrea J. Masvero, then Governor Eric Holcomb, President Michael Lindsay.

TAYLOR THRIVES WITH A STRONG COMMUNITY

Taylor University is a global leader in Christian higher education and is recognized as a place that prizes student learning, celebrates intentional community, and leads in the important work of faithlearning integration.

In 2022, Taylor University announced the *Taylor Thrives* strategic plan with three fundamental pillars that will strengthen Taylor well into the future: **Campus, Community, and Mission.**

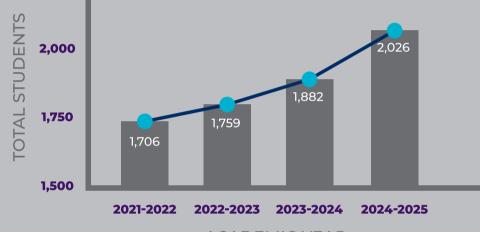




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Taylor is experiencing record growth n enrollment, fundraising, and engagement and seeks to provide a national model for other universities and Christian organizations to positively mpact their communities.

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In December 2023, the Lilly Endowment awarded Taylor University a \$30 million grant through the College and Community Collaboration program. The intent of this program is to leverage the resources of Indiana colleges to revitalize and strengthen the economy and quality of life in surrounding towns.

As part of the grant commitment, **Taylor must facilitate an** additional \$70 million in additional grants, partnerships, and private investment. 1846 Enterprises is a 501(c)3 supporting organization for Taylor that serves as a community and economic development organization. 1846 Enterprises is responsible for implementing the projects of the grant and other related initiatives that enhance Upland, Indiana.

Andrea Masvero, a 1996 Taylor business graduate and commercial real estate developer with nearly 30 years of experience in development and property management, has moved to Upland to serve as Executive Director of 1846 Enterprises. **The grant requires that projects be completed by December 2028.**





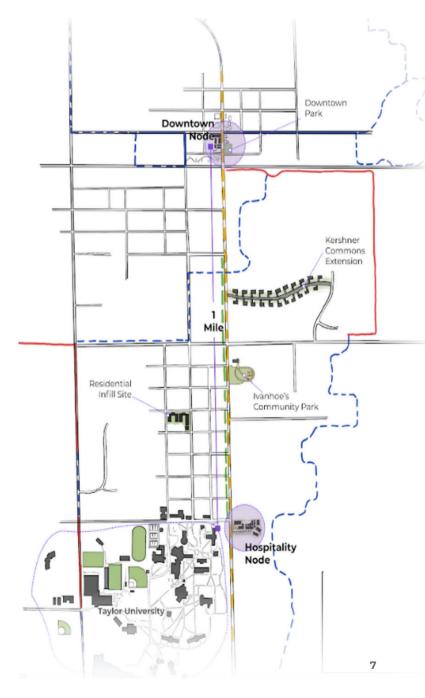


THE MAIN STREET MILE INITIATIVE: PROJECT ORIGINS

In preparation for the grant application, Taylor University engaged Marsh Collective to conduct extensive research within Upland and across the country. Marsh engaged urban planners, architects, engineers, and other experts to conduct numerous community surveys, listening sessions, design charrettes and other best practices to understand the needs and desires of the Upland community. Additionally, they studied universities that successfully contributed to the revitalization of their communities across the country, especially small rural communities. Case studies included **Colby College**, **Colgate University, College of the Ozarks, University of Notre Dame, Purdue University,** and **Sewanee University.**

This research identified key assets that anchor successful economic development in each of these cases: **a walkable downtown with mixed uses**, **a hotel, a destination restaurant, and housing.** Marsh then applied the concept of node-based planning to create a development plan for Upland. This approach provides for concentrated development in two specific nodes of town, which leads to organic infill between the nodes.

The Main Street Mile Initiative is named for the one mile of Main Street that connects downtown Upland and Taylor University's campus. These two destinations create natural nodes for development.



THE MAIN STREET MILE INITIATIVE: PROJECT SCOPE



Near campus, the Main Street Mile Initiative will develop a hospitality node to include:

- Boutique collegiate inn with 35-50 keys and a wedding venue
- 14 condominium **guest cottages**
- Low-maintenance, active-adult neighborhood

These uses are designed to leverage proximity to the University to enhance the local economy.

Currently, downtown is anchored by municipal services and a few local businesses, but the impression is anything but vibrant. The Main Street Mile Initiative calls for a multifaceted effort to revitalize downtown including:

DOWNTOWN NODE

- Mixed-use development with main-floor retail and office uses with apartments above
- Destination restaurant to redevelop a vacant building
- Public library expansion and Town Hall renovation
- Vacant, historic church owned by Taylor University activated for new uses



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BETWEEN THE NODES

The Main Street Mile Initiative will also develop key projects between the nodes to address important community needs, including:

- Main Street Mile pedestrian connector
- Kershner Commons single-family neighborhood expansion (22 lots)
- Second Street multifamily development (28 apartments)
- Cardinal Greenway connector
- Community park near Ivanhoe's

Beyond the built environment, the Main Street Mile Initiative is coordinating the following programs to support a strong economy and Upland-Taylor partnership:

PROGRAMMING

- Upland Impact Fund (a private charitable fund)
- Beautification Grant program
- Revolving, small-business loan fund
- Business training with Taylor's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- New academic programs and internships for Entrepreneurial Economic Development, Construction Management, and Hospitality with Taylor's Cornwall School of Business and Leadership

Taken together, these projects and programs address many fundamental needs for economic development on an aggressive timeline. **These efforts will jump start Upland's economic engine with new population, businesses, and community resources,** creating a natural cycle of attraction for additional development and growth that leads to sustainable change for future generations of residents, students, and staff.

FUNDING THE MAIN STREET MILE INITIATIVE

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The grant proposal includes clearly defined sources and uses for each aspect of the \$100 million initiative.

POTENTIAL INVESTMENT SOURCES

- Individual Accredited Investors
- Individual LLCs
- Donor Advised Fund Assets
- Self-Directed IRA Assets
- Foundation Assets

LILLY ENDOWMENT COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATION GRANT \$30 MILLION

The \$30 million provided by the Lilly Endowment covers most or all of the costs of community-benefit projects like parks, trails, and the public library expansion; some programs; and start-up funding for 1846 Enterprises. Grant funding offsets a portion of the cost of developing the collegiate inn, the mixed-use building, and some residential projects.

PARTNERSHIP AND GRANTS \$20-25 MILLION

Several Main Street Mile commitments are funded by partnerships and grants other than the Lilly Endowment. These include Indiana Department of Transportation's reconstruction of Main Street, Town of Upland's investment in expanded sewer treatment facilities, Near Space Education's creation of Dream Big Park and renovations to historic 33 North Main Street, and infrastructure funding from Indiana Economic Development Corporation's READI 2.0 program.

TAX INCENTIVES

The Town of Upland is establishing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) programs that may offer additional economic incentives for Main Street Mile developments. 1846 Enterprises is actively engaging with the Town of Upland in this process. TIF contributions will be determined on a project-by-project basis as developments are proposed.

PRIVATE INVESTMENT \$40-50 MILLION

1846 Enterprises is forming the Upland Main Street Investment Fund to provide equity for the mixed-use building, destination restaurant building, collegiate inn, guest cottages, active adult community, and additional opportunistic investments beyond the grant scope that may arise. 1846 Holdings will be formed to serve as the fund's General Partner and Manager. The fund is seeking limited partnerships with existing Taylor University supporters, alumni, and friends to achieve these goals.

Although Upland is a rural market, we believe that the growth and support of Taylor University, direct incentives from the grant, TIF incentives, and economic impact from the \$100-million Main Street Mile Initiative overall will provide sufficient returns to attract and reward mission-aligned investors.

UPLAND MAIN STREET INVESTMENT FUND

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Strengthen Upland.

- Use TIF where feasible, while prioritizing early contributions to Upland's tax base.
- Support Upland in creating effective economic development programs and policies.
- 2. Demonstrate Taylor's values of Excellence, Hospitality, Purpose, Joy, and Servant-Leadership.
 - Provide sufficient investment to achieve excellence.
 - Create a national model for others to follow.
- 3. Use mission-minded equity and conservative leverage.
 - Underwrite projects with equity almost exclusively to offset the anticipated high cost of debt due to Upland's current market conditions. This is only possible through mission-aligned investors.

4. Long-term sustainability.

- Reduce overhead and long-term operating costs using grant funds, tax incentives, and low cost of capital.
- Invest in tourism marketing and branding.
- Establish 1846 Enterprises and community reinvestment programs.

5. Leverage partnerships and funding.

 Utilize Taylor's network, economic development organizations, state and local tax incentives, and other resources.

LEADERSHIP: 1846 ENTERPRISES



ANDREA MASVERO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Andrea Masvero '96 serves as Executive Director of 1846 Enterprises and leads the Main Street Mile Initiative. She has more than 30 years of experience in the development and management of commercial real estate, with a focus on large-scale, Class A multifamily communities ranging in value from \$13 million to \$80 million. She has been involved in the development and management of more than 1,700 award-winning apartment homes in West Michigan and Phoenix.

Andrea moved to Upland in 2024, where she now leverages her experience in mixed-use developments, zoning, financial analysis, financing, and investment structures for the benefit of the Main Street Mile Initiative, Upland, and the surrounding region.

Andrea holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Taylor University and an MBA from the University of Michigan.

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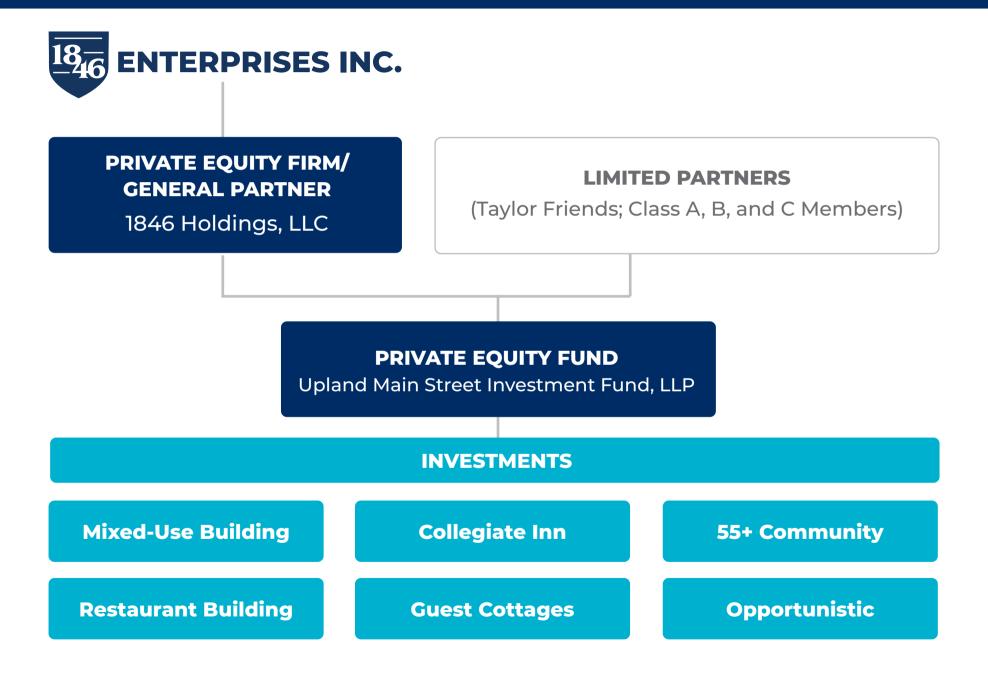
Chris Jones *Vice President, Chief of Staff, Chief Information Officer, Taylor University*

Stephen Olson, CPA, MBA *Vice President for Finance/CFO, Taylor University*

MAIN STREET MILE CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS

Veridus Group: Economic Development and Master Planning
CSO Architects: Architectural Concept Design
HWC Engineering: Site Engineering
Context Design: Landscape Architecture and Park Design
Baker Tilly: Financial and Municipal Advisory Services
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UPLAND MAIN STREET INVESTMENT FUND



ANTICIPATED FUND STRUCTURE

MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

CLASS A MEMBERS

\$5,000,000 minimum investment in units of \$500,000. Select voting rights.

CLASS B MEMBERS

\$1,000,000 minimum investment in units of \$500,000.

CLASS C MEMBERS

\$200,000 minimum investment in units of \$100,000

RANGE OF RETURNS, FEES, AND DISTRIBUTIONS

- Early models suggest that the Unlevered IRR for individual projects ranges from approximately 2.5% to 10%.
- Use of Tax Increment Financing or low-interest loans through the Indiana Finance Authority may improve returns.
- Fund level returns, fee structure, and distribution waterfall will be determined by Spring 2025.

TIMELINE

	March 2025:	
	Fund Announced	
	Spring 2025:	
	Financial Data and Subscription Agreements Available	
September 2025:		
	Call for Initial Capital	
	November 2025:	
	Initial Investment Funded	
	Call for Initial Capital November 2025:	

PROJECTED FUNDING NEEDS

Project funding will vary considerably depending on project scope and design, developer capital, Tax Increment Financing, private financing, and other factors. Early projections suggest a total maximum raise of \$30 to \$40 million.

PROJECT	PROJECTED COST	PROJECTED CAPITAL REQUIREMENT
Downtown Node		
Mixed-Use Development	\$10,000,000	\$6,000,000
Destination Restaurant	\$3,000,000	\$2,500,000
Hospitality Node		
Collegiate Inn	\$20,000,000	\$10,000,000
Guest Cottages	\$4,000,000	\$3,000,000
Active-Adult Community	\$14,000,000	\$8,000,000
Opportunistic Investments	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
TOTAL	\$56,000,000	\$34,500,000

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