#### Street Trees Make a Difference!



#### Lack of Sign Control

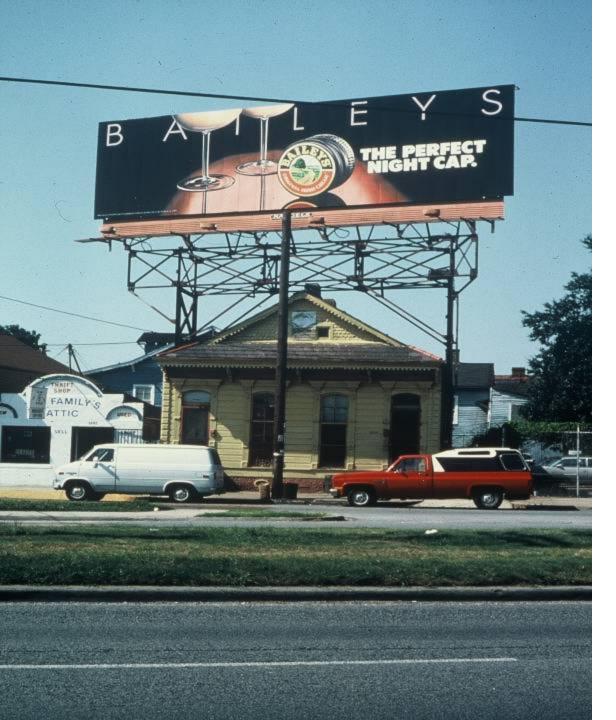












## Oversized



## Poorly Planned

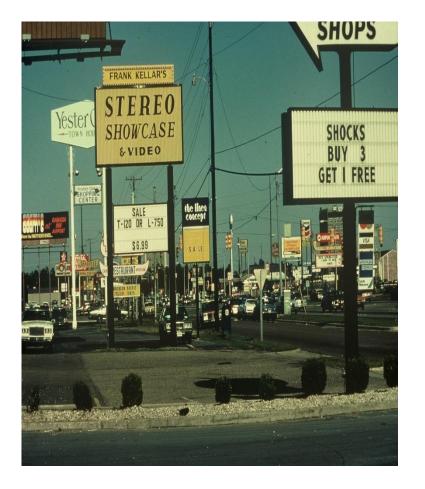


# Badly Located

# **Too Numerous**



# **Corridor Clutter**



- "The distinguishing characteristic of suburban strips is their undisguised ugliness, although traffic congestion runs a close second."
- This ugliness must be eradicated if suburban retail is to remain competitive and successful in the future."

Source: ULI. Ten Principles for Reinventing America's Suburban Strips, 2004

## **Issues to Consider**

Image

Cost

Effectiveness



# Image



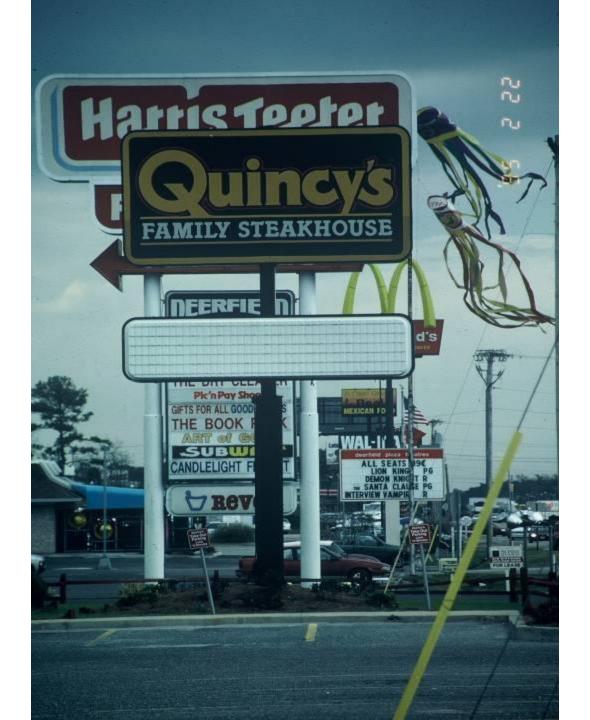
### Cost





# Effectiveness











# Public Art



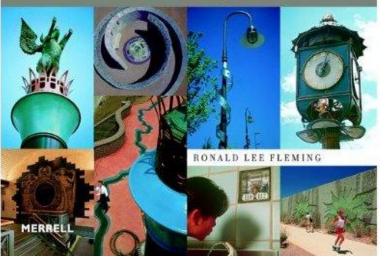
#### **Public Art Comes in All Sizes and Styles**



# **Placemaking Public Art**

#### The Art of Placemaking

Interpreting Community Through Public Art and Urban Design



- Placemaking public art is art that that relates to local history, culture, geography, folklore or tradition.
- It is art that helps people understand where they are.
- It is not art dropped from outer space.

# Use Public Art to Tell a Story



Dolly Parton Statue, Sevierville, TN



Thurgood Marshall Statue, Annapolis, MD

# **Celebrate Famous People**



Babe Ruth – Baltimore, MD



Buddy Holly – Lubbock, TX

## **Celebrate Famous Events**



Lunch Counter Sit-In, Greensboro, NC

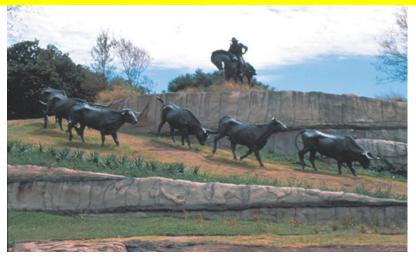
#### **Celebrate Ordinary People**



Waterman – Massachusetts



Coal Miners – Pennsylvania



Ranchers – Texas



#### People Waiting for the Bus



#### Chisholm Trial Mural – Ft. Worth, TX



#### Family Album – Takoma Park, MD





Louisville Slugger Museum



# Big Postcard Orlando, FL

#### **Integrate Art and Infrastructure**





Dan Coogar

#### Memorial Bridge – Washington, DC



#### Lion Bridge – St Augustine, FL



#### Frog Bridge, Willimantic, CT



#### Denver, Colorado



Big blue bear at Denver Convention Center



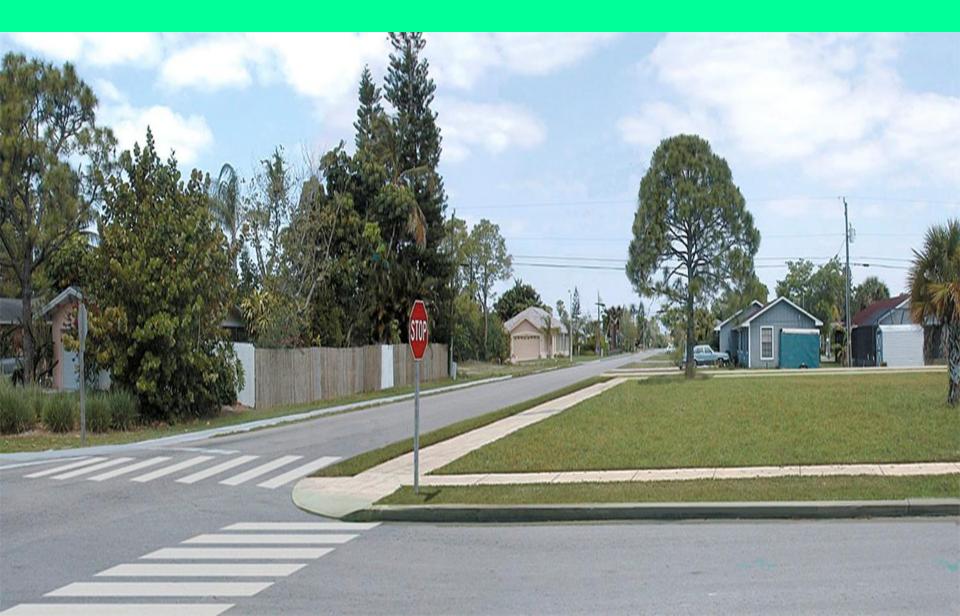




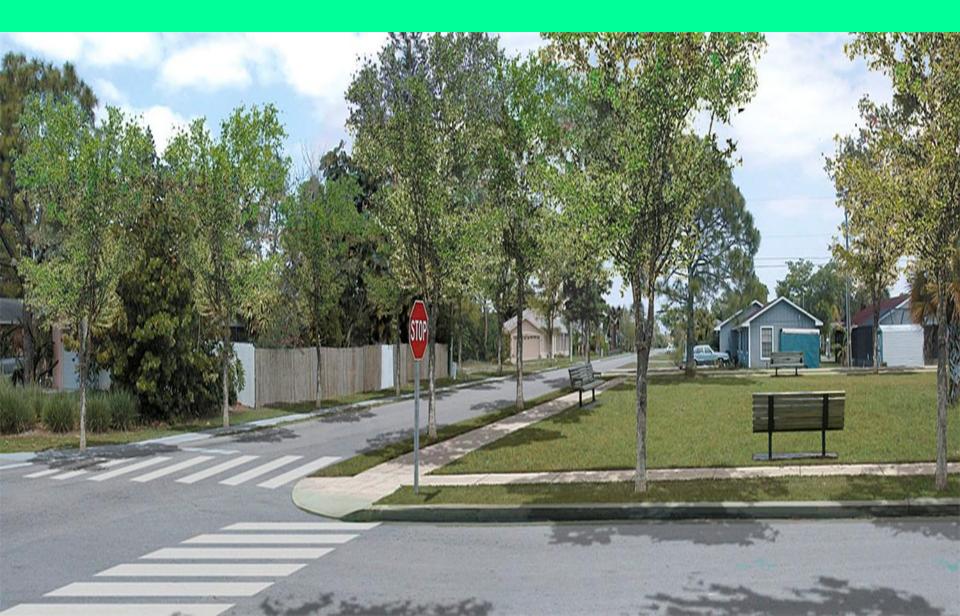
#### **Existing Condition**



#### Add curbs, sidewalks, crosswalks



#### Street trees and benches



#### Mix of housing types



#### Fountain and play area



# Keys to Corridor Upgrades

- Develop a vision
- Engage leaders and the public
- Remove impediments
- Enhance development mechanisms
- Create supporting codes
- Invest in infrastructure
- Think about health impacts
- Execute relentlessly

# Thank You!

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