

Bowling Green - Fast Facts



Diverse economy, built on Healthcare, Education, Manufacturing and Business Services. Over 5,700 new jobs since 2010



\$1.3 + Billion invested in building construction and renovation in the past six years



One-stop contact for downtown and surrounding area redevelopment
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Fastest growingcity in
Kentucky



Committed to **public safety**, downtown development, walkability



Actively investing in redevelopment efforts in and around the Opportunity Zone



Brownfields
Program
assistance
with
environmental
issues at
distressed
properties



Best place to live in Kentucky (Money Magazine, Dec 2018





Opportunity Zone Tax Incentives

2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act established new Internal Revenue Code Section 1400Z-Opportunity Zones



Investor can defer capital gains taxes **until 2026** by rolling their gains directly over into an Opportunity Fund.



STEP-UP IN BASIS

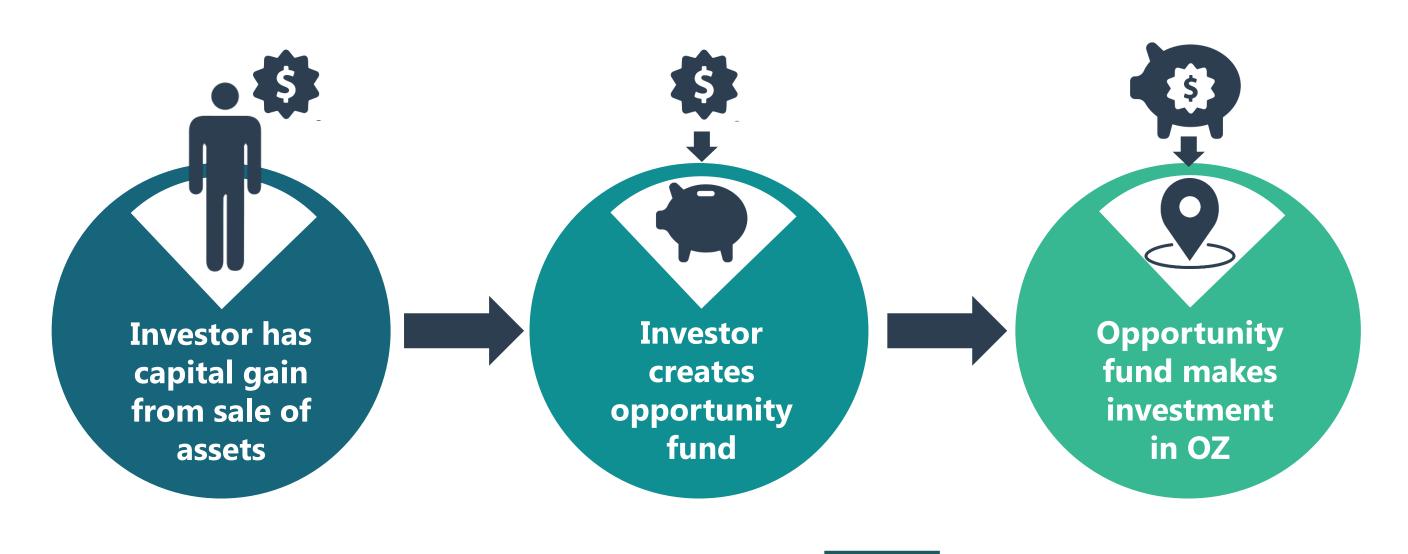
Deferred capital gains liability is effectively reduced by **10%** if the investment in the Opportunity Fund is held for **5 years** and another **5%** if held for **7 years**.



EXCLUSION

Capital gains on investments made through an Opportunity Fund accrue **tax-free** as long as the investor stays invested in the fund for at least **10 years**.

How does the Opportunity Zone Work?





Eligible Assets for Investments



STOCK of a qualified opportunity zone CORPORATION



PARTNERSHIP
INTEREST in a
qualified
opportunity zone
partnership



BUSINESS
PROPERTY used in qualified opportunity zones

Opportunity Zone Tax Incentives



4 Parties in Transaction



Different Than Other Tax Credits

Key Features of Opportunity Zones



Flexibility

Areas in the Opportunity Zone come in many different shapes and sizes and have different needs. OZ is capable of supporting a variety of mutually reinforcing activities within the same area.

Scalability

There is no statutory cap or minimum on the amount of capital that can flow into the Opportunity Zone.

Simplicity

No public sector financing or pre-approval necessary. Can move at the speed of the market.

Bowling Green Momentum



Growing population base in Bowling Green & Warren County

Growing Downtown with millions of dollars of capital construction since 2010



Diverse employment opportunities across the community

City commitment to workforce and economic development



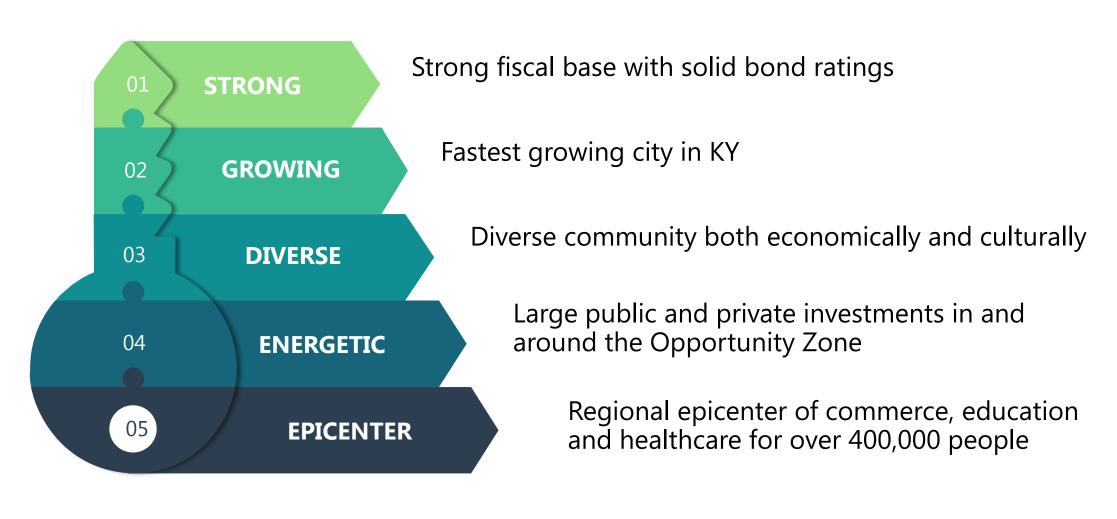
By the Opportunity Zones

Zone was selected based on City's targeted investment in BG Reinvestment Area

Zone includes other catalytic public and private projects



Bowling Green Opportunity Zone Lead





BOWLING GREEN BY THE NUMBERS





Employment is UP

<u>2011 - 2018</u> +17.5%



Unemployment is **DOWN**

2011 201810.9% 3.5%



Median Family Income is UP

<u>2011 - 2017</u> +18%



\$100K Income Households is UP

<u>2011 - 2017</u> +40%

Bowling Green Economy

Photo by Miranda Pederson



Bowling Green Recognition

Photo by Jason Dority



Site Selection Magazine's

2014-2018 Five

Consecutive Years

Top 5 Market



NewGeography.com's

2018 Top 15 Best Small Cities for Job Growth



Money Magazine's

2018 Best Place to Live in KY

Bowling Green Employment

Strong growth across several industry sectors

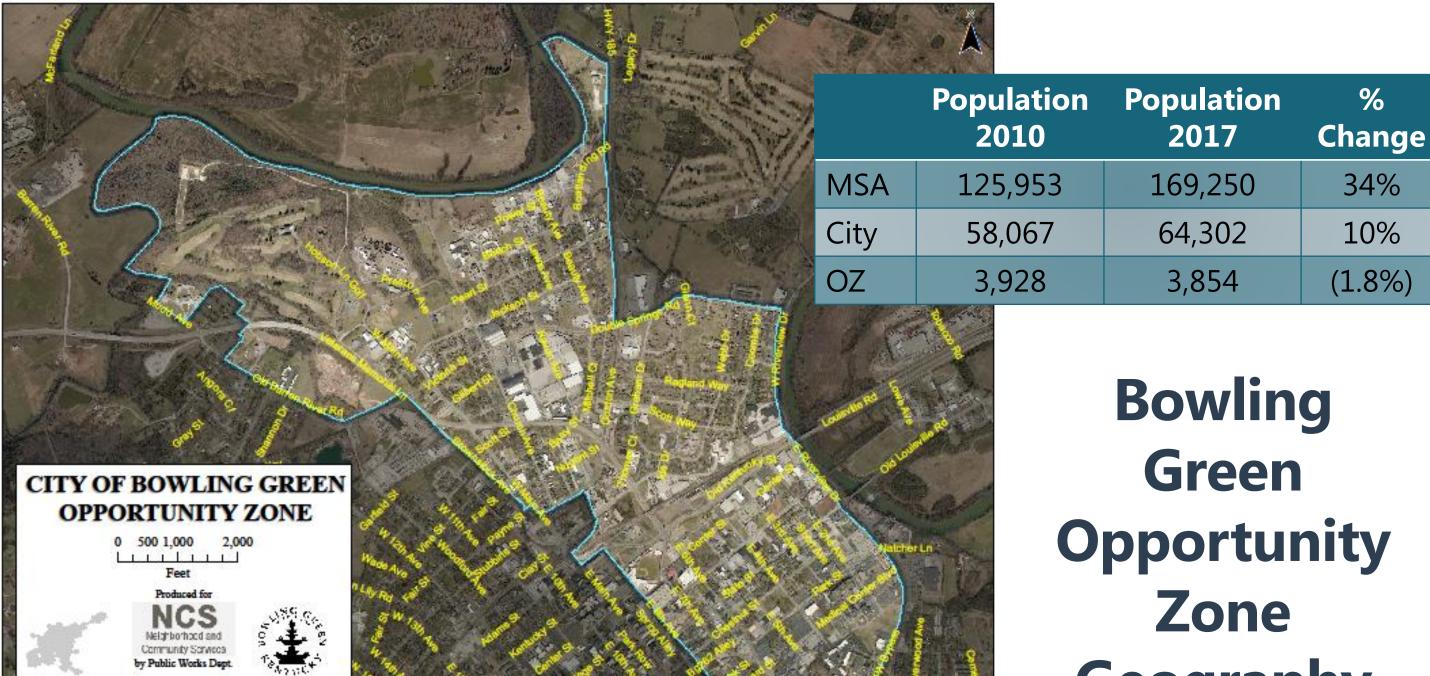
Industry Sectors	2010 2017 Count Count		2010-2017 Growth	2010-2017 % Growth	
Manufacturing	4,064	4,639	575	14%	
Wholesale, Retail Trade	4,533	5,279	746	16%	
Transportation, Warehousing	863	1,306	443	51%	
Information	410	602	192	47%	
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,024	1,348	324	31%	
Professional & Business Services	2,212	2,295	83	4%	
Accommodations & Food Services	3,395	4,363	968	28%	
Educational Services & Health Care	7,088	7,464	376	5%	
Public Administration	559	565	6	1%	

Bowling Green Area Largest Employers

Diverse Economy

EMPLOYER	TYPE OF BUSINESS	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
Houchens Industries	Employee Owned Holding Company	5,000
Western Kentucky University	4 year State University	3,455
Commonwealth Health Corporation	Hospital & Medical Services	3,400
Warren County Public Schools	K-12 Public Schools	2,583
Bowling Green Metalforming	Manufacturing	1,618
Fruit of the Loom	Textiles	1,050
Henkel AG & Co	Manufacturing	930
GM Corvette Assembly Plant	Manufacturing	887

Bowling Green Opportunity Zone



GIS

Opportunity Geography

Bowling Green Opportunity Zone



Downtown District

- ★ Vibrant mixed-use developments
- State approved TIF District
- Large public & private investments
- ★ Active healthcare investments
- Numerous public park facilities



Riverview District

- ★ Variety of investment opportunities including residential, industrial and commercial
- ★ Tracts of vacant land
- Potential for City Brownfields Program partnership



Bowling
Green
Opportunity
Zone
Downtown
District



Downtown District

Past Investments









Downtown District

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Riverview
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Riverview District

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Socio-Economic Data

	Black	Hispanic	Foreign Born	Median Income	% w/ Bachelor's	% HS Diploma	% under 18	% over 65	Unemployment
MSA	7%	4%	7%	\$46,716	25%	85%	22%	11%	3.7%
City	13%	6%	13%	\$39,901	30%	86%	21%	13%	4.5%
OZ	36%	3%	23%	\$15,814	14%	70%	29%	20%	5.5%

