The forming elements and the organization of a commercial strip play a crucial role in its success. What commercial uses, what kinds of stores, are found there? How many times are these uses repeated in a given stretch of street? How are they organized with respect to each other and other uses? These factors determine the nature – and the success – of a commercial strip.

Below are mappings of Sherbrooke St. (between Claremont St. and the Decarie Expressway) and Upper-Lachine Road (between the Decarie Expressway and the St-Jacques Overpass, around Hingston). Five different categories of commercial uses, which would contribute to the quality of living in that area, have been chosen and the mappings have been done according to these categories. Uses such as garages, gas stations etc. have been excluded.

Sherbrooke Street’s commercial structure, as an example of a successful area, could be studied and used as a precedent for intensification of Upper-Lachine Street, which currently lacks a well-organized commercial structure contributing to the quality of life of the Saint Raymond neighbourhood.