

Neighborhood Planning

The Planning and Development Department's mission is to work to ensure that Houston remains a vibrant and sustainable city by partnering with decision makers and the community to balance a spectrum of needs and interests while addressing the dynamics of growth and change.

The Department's Neighborhood Planning Division provides tools and resources to strengthen and increase the long-term viability of neighborhoods.



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Historic Preservation

The Neighborhood Planning staff ensures the preservation of the City's archaeological and historically significant assets by reviewing applications to designate City landmarks or protected landmarks; applications for historic districts and applications to renovate or alter historic structures or to build in historic districts which are considered by the Houston Archaeological & Historical Commission.



Building Line/Lot Size Program.

Building setbacks and lot sizes are often defining characteristics of a neighborhood. Neighborhoods inside Loop 610 that don't have deed restrictions that address these features may apply on a block by block (either one side or both) basis for the Minimum Lot Size and/or Special Building Line designation.



Prohibited Yard Parking Program

The Parking in Yards Ordinance helps homeowners associations, civic clubs and local residents address the negative effects of parking vehicles on unimproved surfaces in single family areas. The ordinance allows neighborhoods to petition to restrict parking from front and side yards.

Neighborhood Enhancement

Pro Bono Deed Restriction Program

Neighborhood Planning works in partnership with the Houston Bar Association to administer the Pro Bono Deed Restriction Assistance Program. The program can assist civic groups in organizing to create, change or renew deed restrictions in their subdivision. The program also educates civic groups and residents of the benefits of deed restrictions. In order to qualify, the median value of the homes in the neighborhood must be less than \$110,000, 51% of the properties must be owner occupied and there should be no assessment fees.

Neighborhood Matching Grant Program

This program funds community improvement projects by providing a dollar for dollar match to locally raised funds. The program encourages civic organizations to build partnerships with businesses and organizations and to cultivate volunteer and community support to complete a project. The program is designed to help community based groups learn the art of planning, funding and completing a project.

Super Neighborhood Program

Super Neighborhoods divide the City into 88 geographic areas that share common physical characteristics, identity and/or infrastructure. They were created to encourage residents of neighboring communities' to work together to identify, prioritize and address the needs and concerns of the broader community. Each super neighborhood is encouraged to form a super neighborhood council, a governing body made up of a broad-based group of stakeholders, and develop a super neighborhood action plan to help the city address their needs.

Neighborhood Education

Neighborhood Leadership Institute

In an effort to steer more neighborhood residents toward community leadership, Neighborhood Planning's Leadership Institute offers a forum for learning new leadership skills and helping civic leaders improve their communities and share those skills with others. The Institute is structured like a continuing education course and is geared toward individuals who are new to the public process, are relatively new members of a civic organization, are interested in starting a new civic organization, or would benefit from a refresher course.



Community Bridges

Neighborhood Planning works to increase the civic involvement of community residents by helping the residents identify, develop and implement community improvement projects.



Project Leadership Institute

Neighborhood Planning staff work through the Project Leadership Institute to build organizational and project management skills of residents and community leaders and encourages collaborative partnerships.