Description
Greater Fifth Ward has its origins on the north bank of Buffalo Bayou across from the original town site for Houston. Originally a multi-racial community, Fifth Ward quickly became one of the centers of Houston's African-American community. Its commercial streets, especially Lyons and Jensen, provided retail outlets and entertainment for the residents of the small wood frame homes that predominated in the area. Small clusters of brick homes identified a small middle class population. Many original, sub-standard housing units have been demolished over the past two decades, but a recent revival of commercial activity and home construction is now filling these empty lots.

Highlights
- Houston City Council Districts B & H
- Houston Independent School District
- 6 Police beats (includes bordering beats)
- 3,192 acres (4.99 sq. miles)
**Language Spoken at Home**

- English: 57%
- Spanish: 42%
- Other: 1%

**Employment Status**

- Employed: 84%
- Unemployed: 16%

**Housing Units by Year Built**

- 2010 or Later: 2%
- 2000 to 2009: 12%
- 1990 to 1999: 9%
- 1980 to 1989: 4%
- 1970 to 1979: 8%
- 1960 to 1969: 13%
- 1950 to 1959: 18%
- 1940 to 1949: 21%
- 1939 or earlier: 14%

**Housing Occupancy**

- Occupied: 83%
- Vacant: 17%