

Green Corridors Yale Street Designation

Quality of Life City Council Committee
Wednesday, April 27, 2016



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Purpose

- *Green corridor* (Sec. 33-101 and 104)
- A green corridor would significantly enhance the beautification of the city
- Corridor includes major thoroughfare right-of-way and the adjacent properties building setback area
- The protected trees are 15 caliper inches or more



Ordinance Background

- City Code of Ordinances, Sec. 33-104
- Codified in 1991



Benefits

- Tree protection change from 20 c" to 15 c" trees
- No additional restrictions on CIP projects
- No additional costs to administer
- May get priority for expenditure of City moneys for street tree planting



Criteria

- 1 mile minimum length
- Major thoroughfare right-of-way and building setback
- Petition driven process
- 75% support threshold of non-residential properties



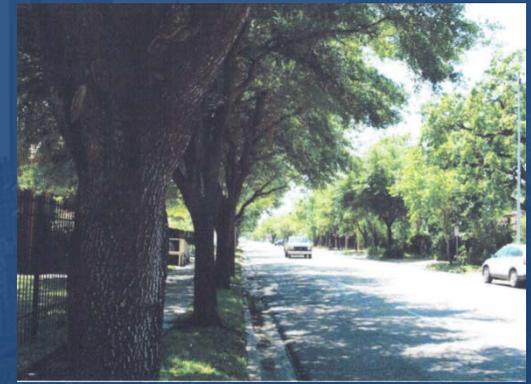
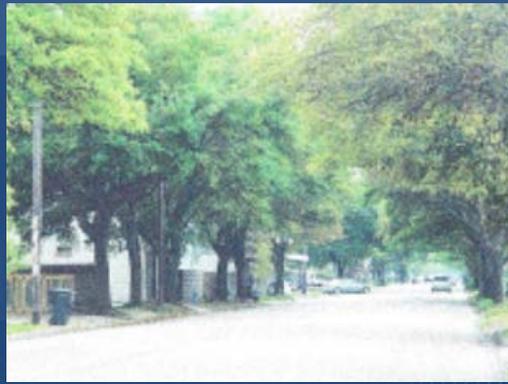
Criteria (continued)

- Single-Family properties shall not be subject to any Green Corridor requirements
- 90 days to collect petitions
- Submitted to City Secretary's Office
- Planning Department verification and schedules Council Hearing within 90 days

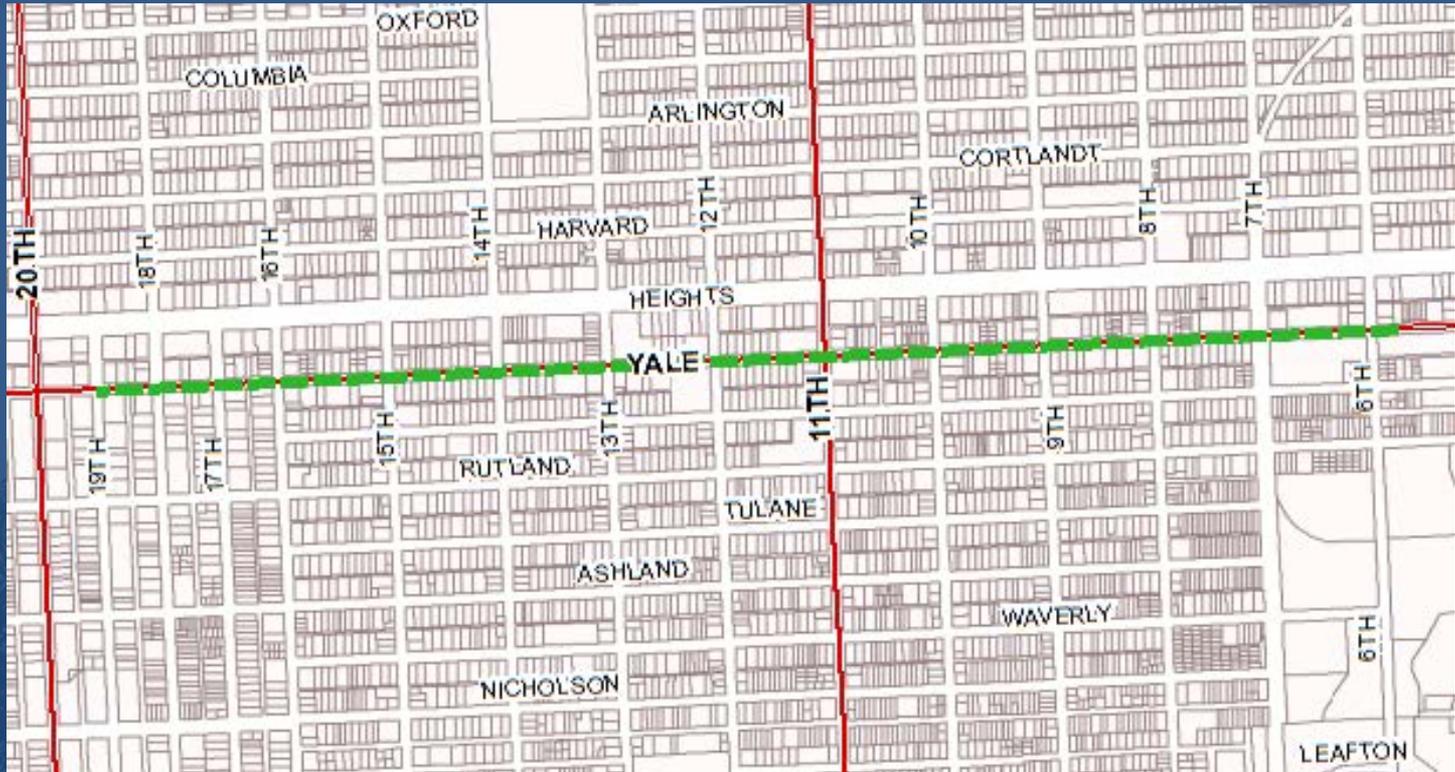


Proposed Yale Street Green Corridor

- First ever application for Green Corridor
- Applicant: The Houston Heights Association, Urban Forestry Committee
- 1.6 miles, 14 city blocks, from 6th St to 19th St
- 76% including City support



Proposed Yale Street Green Corridor



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Proposed Yale Street Justification

- The tree-lined Heights street character
- Support tree plantings along corridor and vicinity
- Enhance pedestrian linkage to MKT Hike and Bike Trail
- Support preservation of late 1980s Yale Street tree planting



Next Steps

- March 23: Application submitted to City Secretary
 - 90 day clock begins: schedule City Council hearing
- **Quality of Life Committee Presentation**
- June 23: Last opportunity for City Council Hearing
- City Council takes action



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