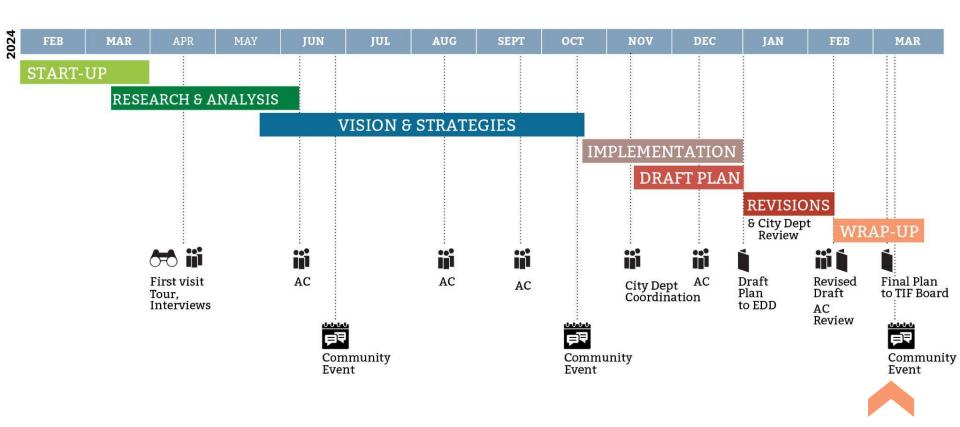


# Woodhaven NEIGHBORHOOD Conservation Plan

Presentation to TIF #13 Board | March 5, 2025

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# Wrapping Up the Plan & Preparing for Implementation





# Objectives for the Health & Wellbeing Recommendations

Establish a community space in the neighborhood with an indoor gym and rooms for meetings and celebrations

Add safe and accessible outdoor play spaces, as well as clean, safe walking and biking paths

Strengthen and sustain the strong bond among neighbors with programs, activities, and spaces that bring people together

#### **Key Recommendations include:**

- **Publicly accessible indoor community space** (with a gym, meeting space, and access to programs and services for all ages
- A new playground at the East Regional Library
- Improvements to the intersection of Woodhaven Boulevard and Randol Mill Road
- Protected bike lanes along Boca Raton Boulevard
- **Intersection improvements** to reduce vehicular crashes
- Community events and programming





# Objectives for the Environmental Recommendations

Preserve Woodhaven's mature trees and plant new ones to increase shade throughout the community

Maintain natural views and protect open spaces and water features as community space and habitat

Design with mother nature in mind, avoiding development within the floodplain

#### **Key Recommendations include:**

- Protect and expand the tree canopy
  - Additional street trees & greening of school yards
- Advocate for green parking lot retrofits that add shade and absorb stormwater
- Offer programs that connect people to nature and local bodies of water
- Preserve and expand the network of open space and walking/biking trails
  - Oncor easement, Trinity Trail access, conservation of open space
- Gateway improvements





# Objectives for the Economic Opportunity Recommendations

Catalyze denser, mixed use redevelopment of underutilized commercial properties

Where feasible, incorporate smaller commercial or public spaces that can serve as gathering places that support the social life of the community

Improve outside perceptions of Woodhaven to correct the narrative about the neighborhood

Invest in job training, business development, and infrastructure

#### **Key Recommendations include:**

- Welcome a mix of uses to drive quality redevelopment of the Clubhouse and grounds in a walkable hub
- **Upgrade commercial centers** in the heart of the neighborhood
- Bring the facade improvement program to Woodhaven
- Encourage denser, mixed use redevelopment of underutilized commercial properties near the highway
- Change the narrative with marketing & branding





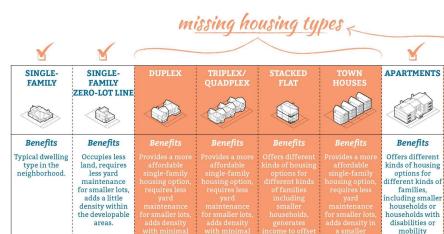
# Objectives for the Housing Recommendations

Reinvest in existing homes and residential developments to ensure safe, quality housing for all residents and encourage residents to remain in Woodhaven

Continue to add to the mix, welcoming new housing developments and neighbors in order to help support new businesses and amenities

#### **Key Recommendations include:**

- Preserve the iconic single-family housing stock
- Ensure safe, quality housing for all residents
  - Code enforcement, upgrades, and / or redevelopment of select rental complexes
- Encourage missing middle housing that appeals to different life stages



low density

> higher density

challenges.

brings more residents to support more businesses on local commercial streets.

payments, adds little changes in



# Objectives for Implementation

Making it Happen in Woodhaven

Link the Neighborhood Conservation Plan goals and recommendations with TIF decision making

Align resources (TIF and others) and policies to fuel action and follow-through

Clarify roles and responsibilities of community groups and expand local capacity to advocate for and usher change in keeping with local vision

#### **Key Recommendations include:**

- Set aside a portion of the TIF funds to invest in administrative organizational capacity and community capacity building
- Adopt a decision-making matrix to guide evaluation of projects seeking TIF funds
- Align plan recommendations with City work plans and other funding sources to complement TIF investment

The plan clarifies the rules guiding expenditure of TIF dollars



## CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Street (including Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities), Traffic, Utility, Drainage, and other Public Infrastructure Projects within the TIF Boundaries



#### PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Water, Sewer, Roads, Sidewalks, Drainage, or Demolition Costs that set the stage for mixed-use development, including:



#### GATEWAY ENHANCEMENTS

Along key corridors including Woodhaven, Randol Mill, Boca Raton, and Bridge Street

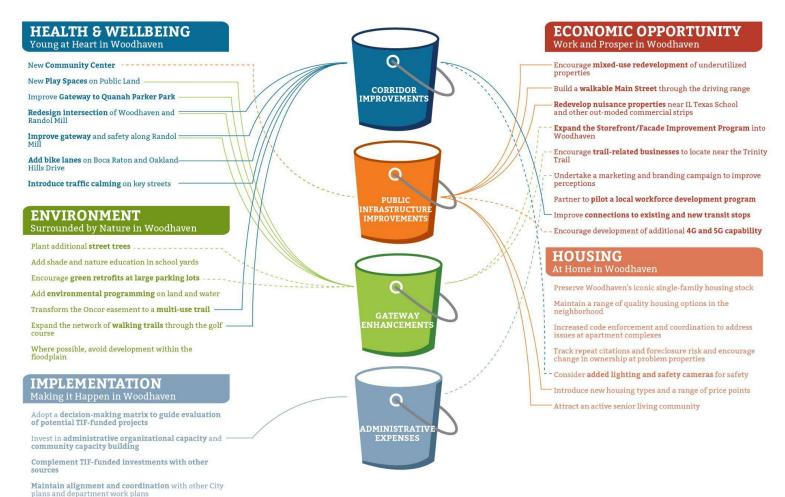


# ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Up to 4% of Annual TIF Revenue for Management & Administration

Renovation of old strip centers along Boca Raton or Woodhaven Redevelopment of former apts... now IL Texas, Woodhaven Schoo

#### The plan identifies which plan recommendations are eligible for TIF funds.



It also explains the TIF fund decision making process works, and how the Plan will factor into decisions regarding TIF funding.



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Approval or

Denial

#### The Process Initial File Seek Pre-work **Analyze** Analyze Analyze Negotiate Review Present Negotiate Project & (planning meeting application TIF proforma, public buy-in Project & final terms with fee: eligibility benefits Terms with and confirm and (benefits Terms to Development to assess eligibility "but for" Chair Board for business \$2,000 component project will Agreement support

Applicant
City of FW EDD
TIF Board
Community

for TIF

funds

development)

Using an
Evaluation Matrix to Align
the
Neighborhood Plan
with the

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A resource for
City Staff and the Board

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TIF Project & Financing Plan

# The TIF Project Evaluation Matrix is a tool to help determine whether and to what extent a proposed project advances the community's vision and goals, as defined in the Neighborhood Plan.

Evaluation Matrix	Potential Points: Development	Potential Points: Corridor & Gateway
Economic Opportunity (20)		
Is there a mixed-use component?	5	
Will the project create permanent local jobs?	5	
Does the project bring needed commercial amenities?	3	
Does the project help bring entrepreneurial and/or workforce training opportunities to the neighborhood?	3	
Does the project include a gateway or beautification element that improves sense of place and perceptions?	2	2
Does the project create or support opportunities for youth?	2	1
Health & Wellbeing (10)		
Will the project create places that bring people together?	3	
Is there a public indoor recreation component?	3	
Is there an public outdoor amenities (park, playground, trail, public plaza)?	3	3
Does the project foster safer pedestrian or bicycle connections?	1	1
Environment (5)		1
Does the project add to the tree canopy? Or remove mature trees (neg. pts.)?	+3 (-3)	+3 (-3)
Does the project avoid developing in the floodplain?	2	
Housing (10)		9
Does the project bring more rooftops to support businesses?	3	
Does the project add to the local mix of housing types and choices with mixed-income and/or missing middle housing?	4	
Does the project improve the safety and quality of existing housing?	3	
SUBTOTAL	45	10
Extra Credit (10)		
Does the project address a hotspot of illicit activity?	5	
Does the project include a public realm safety component that addresses community needs?	2	2
Does the project foster a walkable environment?	1	1
Does the project support the vision for a family-friendly neighborhood?	1	1
Does the project support the vision for a neighborhood where residents can age in place?	1	1
TOTAL	55	15

**ALIGNMENT WITH PLAN GOALS** 

**45 points for Development** (Public Infrastructure Improvement Projects) **+ 10 possible bonus points** 

10 points for Public Realm (Corridor or Gateway Projects) + 5 possible bonus points

# What happens next? Identify Early Action Steps, Partners & Additional Sources

**In the short term:** build momentum with early wins that advance quality of life and new development

- Aim to sustain plan momentum with staff focused on implementation
- Bring the facade improvement program to Woodhaven
- Discover where Woodhaven Conservation Plan projects can be included in upcoming bond projects, such as:
  - New park/playground at the East Regional Library
  - Redesign and construction of Woodhaven Blvd & Randol Mill Rd intersection coupled with nearby connections to the Trinity

    Trails or the length of Boca Raton to lay the groundwork for a catalytic economic development site
  - TIF dollars could be used to leverage these opportunities, offering to partner by paying for the design or a portion of the work

**In the long term:** pursue major transformation through development that meets community needs AND catalyzes the market

- Prioritize catalytic development at one of the sites identified in the plan
- Explore the creation of a community center pending PARD Master Plan and review

#### **Potential Community Partners include:**

- Woodhaven Neighborhood Association
- Woodhaven Community Development, Inc.
- The Potter's House
- Econautics
- Trinity Habitat
- Eastside Y
- Local Schools

#### Other Additional Sources include:

- Bond financing for major capital projects
- Community and Economic Development program dollars
- Supplemental grants
- Private investors and nonprofit partners
- The creation of a PID
- 380 Economic Development Agreements, after the TIF expires

# **But first...**

We will share and celebrate the final plan and acknowledge the community & Advisory Committee's contributions to the process tomorrow evening!



Neighborhood Conservation Plan

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025 from 6:00-7:30 pm Bridgewood Church (6561 Brentwood Stair Road)

# COME SEE & CELEBRATE the FUTURE OF WOODHAVEN!

The plan is complete, and all are welcome! Stop by this open house-style event to share in the celebration of Woodhaven's vision for the future.

We'll have sweet treats and summary boards recapping the planning process and the plan's recommendations.



SIGN UP IN ADVANCE to receive a reminder fortworthtexas.gov/woodhaven

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# **Grateful for Sustained City Coordination Throughout**

# **CITY STAFF**

Met at least twice during planning process, to share research and vet recommendations

**Code Enforcement** 

Communications & Public Engagement

**Development Services** 

**Economic Development** 

**Fort Worth LAB** 

Fort Worth Police Department

**Neighborhood Services** 

Park & Recreation

**Stormwater Management** 

**Transportation & Public Works** 

 Plus additional coordination meetings with Eastside Transportation Plan consultant team

# DISTRICT 5

Standing bi-weekly meetings to coordinate across multiple projects

Mayor Pro Tem Bivens' Office

**Economic Development** 

Communications & Public Engagement

plus

Woodhaven Neighborhood Conservation Plan Team Crescendo Development Team

# **Grateful for Sustained Community Engagement Throughout**

# **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### Met five times throughout process

John Bartosiewicz, resident

Charles Edmunds, White Lake Hills Neighborhood Association

Krista Daniels, resident

Erika Graham, resident

Arthur Harrell, resident, Oncor

Calvin Harris, resident

Blake Moormon, resident

Amy Olle, resident

Sunil Patel, resident, Woodhaven Community Development, Inc.

**Deacon Elbert Penson**, The Potter's House of Fort Worth

Clarita Porter, resident, Woodhaven Neighborhood Association

Penny Sheetz, Senior Community Manager, Sares Regis Group

Frank Thomas, resident, Woodhaven Neighborhood Association

Pastor Patrick Winfield II, The Potter's House of Fort Worth

**John Wood**, resident, Econautics

Vicki Zangara, resident, Woodhaven Neighborhood Association

# **MEETINGS WITH PARTNERS**

#### **Neighborhood Tours**

Woodhaven Neighborhood Association Leadership Fort Worth Police Department Crescendo Development

#### **Interviews**

Woodhaven Community Development, Inc.

Fort Worth ISD (David Rush)

Eastside YMCA (AJ McCleod)

Trinity Habitat (Michelle Kennedy)

# **Grateful for Sustained Community Engagement Throughout**







All in, about **400 community members** helped shape the plan







# **Questions? Comments?**

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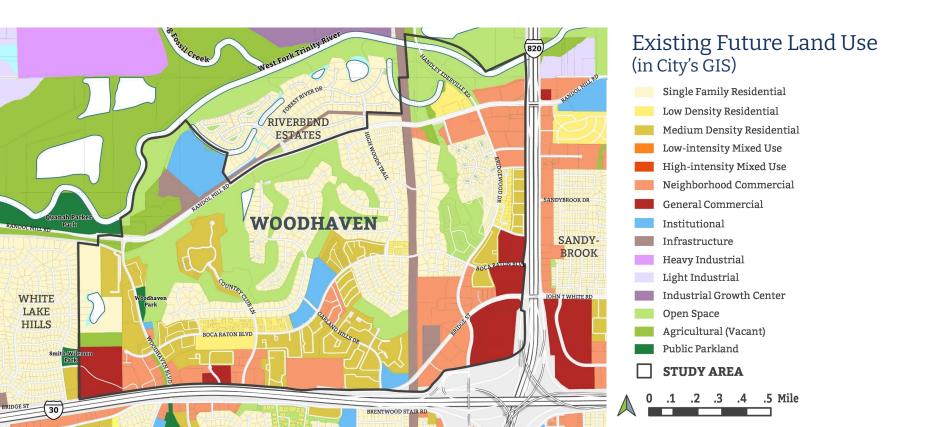
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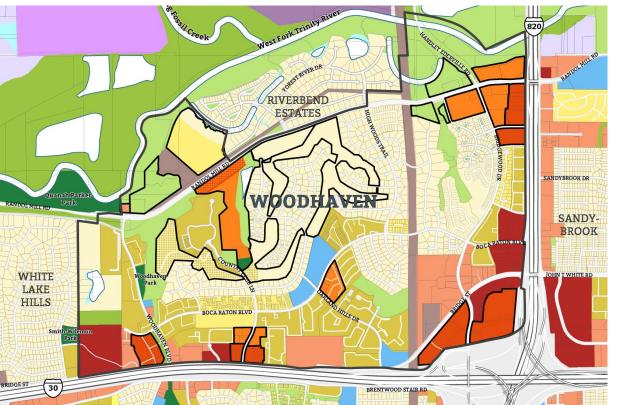
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### Evaluate land use and zoning decisions against the Plan



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Evaluate land use and zoning decisions against the Plan; Encourage missing middle housing in addition to mixed use



# Proposed Changes to Future Land Use Consistent with Plan

- Single Family Residential
- Low Density Residential
- Low-Medium Density Residential "Missing Middle"
- Medium Density Residential
- Low-intensity Mixed Use
- Higher intensity allowed along Randol Mill
- High-intensity Mixed Use
- Neighborhood Commercial
- General Commercial
- Institutional
- Infrastructure
- Heavy Industrial
- Light Industrial
- Industrial Growth Center
- Open Space
- Agricultural (Vacant)
- Public Parkland
- STUDY AREA



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