

Our Region – Houston Sustainability Case Study Fact Sheet



Why plan for the future of development in the Houston area? What are the benefits?

- Help integrate land use and transportation planning by coordinating land development standards with transportation investments and related regulations.
- Provide housing choices for everyone.
- Promote more walkable, bikeable areas with a balance of housing and jobs.
- Provide safe, reliable and economical transportation choices to decrease household transportation costs, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote public health

How is this different from a livable centers plan or Transit Corridor Ordinance?

- This study encompasses a much larger area – the entire city of Houston.
- The study will develop a framework for “activity centers” that encompass regional sustainability principles.
- The study will include existing and future activity centers that are not on the currently planned Light Rail Transit Corridors.

What is an activity center?

- We will be asking you, stakeholders and the public to weigh in on this definition, but generally speaking, an activity center is a place that has or potentially could have a combination of elements, such as transit options, a mix of land uses and diverse housing options.

Why try to harness market forces?

- Opt-in incentives will aid the City in selectively encouraging sustainable neighborhoods in appropriate locations while maintaining the character of existing neighborhoods.

Project Schedule

	2012		2013
↓ October:	Project kick off	↓ January:	Vision Workshop Pilot project analysis Online poll
↓ November:	Needs analysis		
↓ December:	Values Workshop Online poll Benchmarking	↓ Feb/March:	Draft document
		↓ April:	Implementation Workshop Final document

Project Team

Clients:	Houston-Galveston Area Council City of Houston
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