# Woodhaven Neighborhood Conservation Plan

Public Meeting 2 October 16, 2024

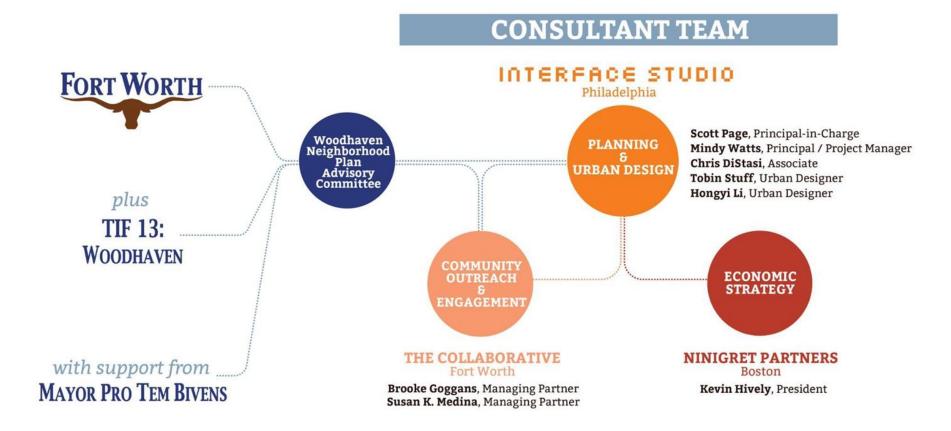


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### **Team Introductions**



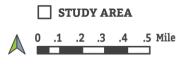
# The Woodhaven Neighborhood Conservation Plan

will provide a roadmap for investment, preservation, and growth in the neighborhood over the next 15 years.

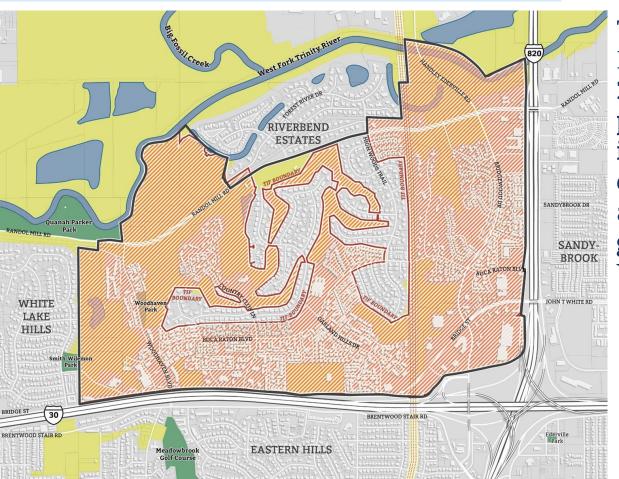
# This is the study area for the Neighborhood Plan



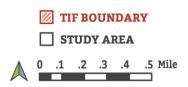
It includes the Woodhaven Neighborhood plus TIF District 13.



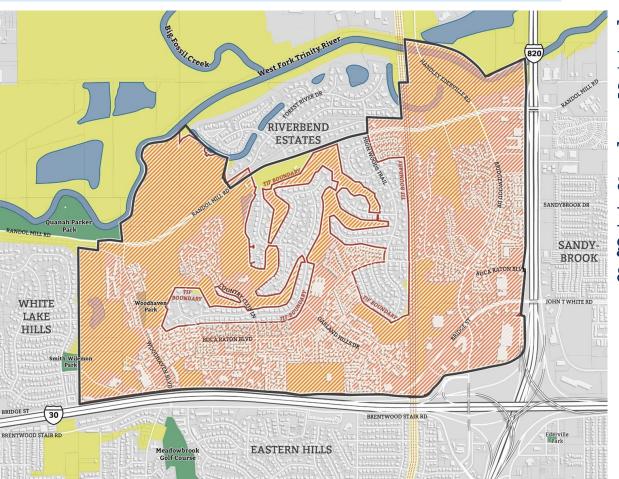
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The Woodhaven TIF
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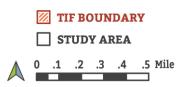


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The Woodhaven TIF
District has raised **over \$13 million** so far!

The funds must be allocated by 2028, and this planning process will help guide how those dollars are invested.



### There are other plans and projects afoot in Woodhaven

Part of our role is to **coordinate with** and **inform these efforts** with what we learn through the neighborhood planning process.







#### Fort Worth, Texas' Woodhaven Country Club site purchased

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### Fort Worth real estate leader plans to redevelop 160 acres in Woodhaven area

The land includes apartment complexes and the former Woodhaven Golf Course on the east side of the city.

1 month ago



#### CoSta

https://www.costar.com > article > fort-worth-native-find...

#### Fort Worth Native Finds Promise in Former Golf Course ...

May 14, 2024 - A Fort Worth, Texas, development firm has acquired 160 acres, including a former **golf course**, in the city's **Woodhaven** neighborhood at a ...

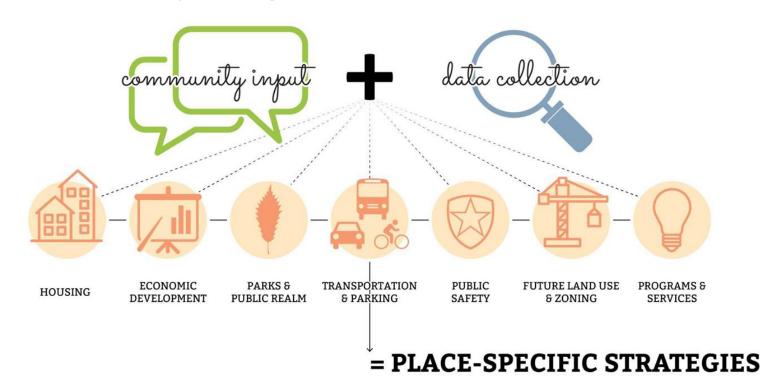






### We blend community input, data, and planning expertise

to develop preliminary strategies for the future...



...and that's what we're here to share tonight.

# Last time, we asked about your vision, ideas & priorities









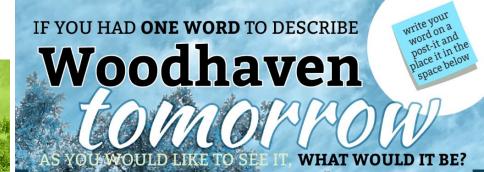


Now we're ready to talk about...

# ideas for the future!

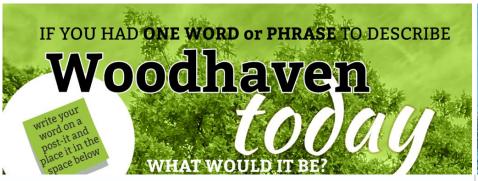
### Let's start with the vision...

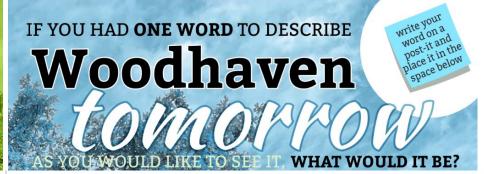
















# These responses informed a shared vision for Woodhaven...

The bigger the word, the more people said it.

### A Shared Vision for Woodhaven (your words in green)

Woodhaven is a **friendly, family-oriented** neighborhood full of tall **trees** and **beautiful blocks** nestled in a natural setting. Woodhaven is also a **uniquely diverse** neighborhood -- it is home to a mix of incomes, building styles, housing types, and opportunities. Though some say the neighborhood has been **overlooked** in recent years, residents all see **potential** for the future as the community reimagines and reconnects with the Clubhouse, the grounds, and other gathering places. Of course, residents also see much to **love**, preserve, and protect as the community considers future change and growth.

To Woodhaven, neighborhood conservation means celebrating our proud **sense of community**, protecting the people and **families** who live here, preserving the **peaceful** and **natural** character, and reflecting our shared love of recreation and **fun**, which drew many of us to Woodhaven in the first place.

As we imagine the next chapter of Woodhaven's growth and evolution, we envision a **beautiful**, **safe**, **vibrant**, and **connected** community that is **diverse**, **warm**, and **inviting** -- a place where **kids** can grow up and families choose to **stay** for decades or generations. We choose to stay because of **strong connections** with our neighbors, **thriving** new **destinations** that bring us together, businesses that meet our needs, housing options for **a mix of incomes** and comfortable to different life stages, and a collection of **natural** and **recreational amenities** unique in the Fort Worth region.

# Goal Areas to Organize the Recommendations

### **HEALTH & WELLBEING**

Young at Heart in Woodhaven

Community
Connectivity &
Transformation

### **ENVIRONMENT**

Surrounded by Nature in Woodhaven

### **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

Work and Prosper in Woodhaven

### HOUSING

At Home in Woodhaven

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Making it Happen in Woodhaven



### Framework for Community Connectivity & Transformation

■ Safe & Connected Street

■ Potential Street

■ Existing Trail

■ Potential Trail

★ Community Gateway

﴿ Key Project Location

■ Potential Investment /

Redevelopment Opportunity

■ Former Golf Course

Redevelopment Area

■ STUDY AREA

.5 Mile

# Health & Wellbeing

# Strategies to remain Young at Heart in Woodhaven

#### Goals:

- Create a **community center** in the neighborhood with indoor gym space and meeting space
- 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









OR THUMBS DOWN





Shaded Splash Pad

**Community Center** 



**Nature Preserve** 



**Access to Sports** 



Pedestrian Scale Lighting



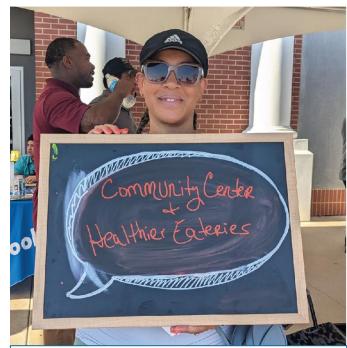
# There's a strong desire (and need) for a community center





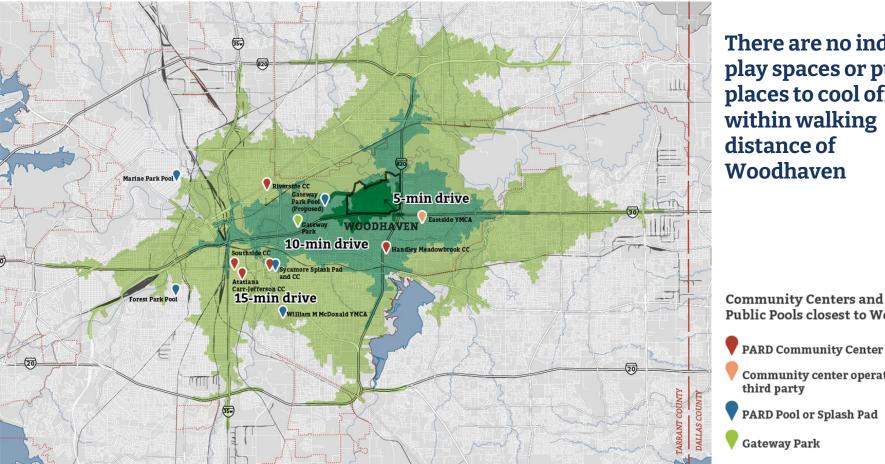






Youth programs, childcare, and early learning programs were the top need identified by the community survey

### A few notes from the research:

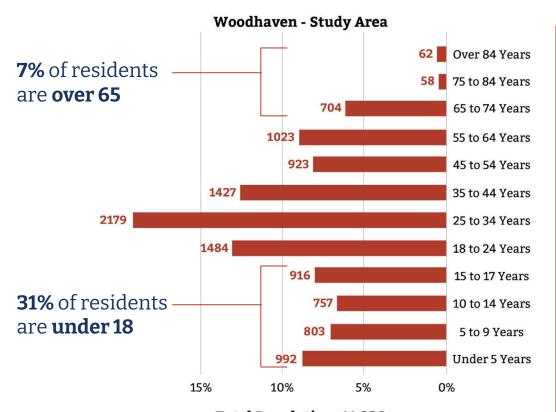


There are no indoor play spaces or public places to cool off within walking

Public Pools closest to Woodhaven

- PARD Community Center (CC)
- Community center operated by
- PARD Pool or Splash Pad

### A few notes from the research:



50% of households earn less than \$40K per year

20% earn less than \$20K per year

72% of households with children under 18 are single-parent households

Total Population: 11,328 Median Age: 28.3

**Create a community center** in the neighborhood with indoor gym space as well as community meeting space and access to programs and services for **youth, seniors, and all ages in between** 



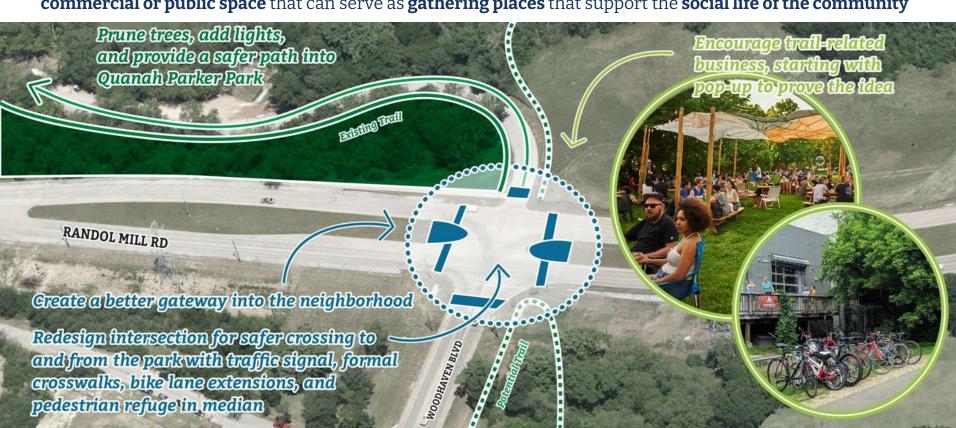


Consider a nature-based model like Chisholm Trail Community Center to cultivate strong connections with nature through play and education **Test the feasibility of Woodhaven Park** on Woodhaven Blvd as a potential site with good visibility and accessibility

Add play space in the unprogrammed outdoor space near the Library, with shade and seating too



Create safer connections between open space amenities and seek strategic locations to incorporate commercial or public space that can serve as gathering places that support the social life of the community



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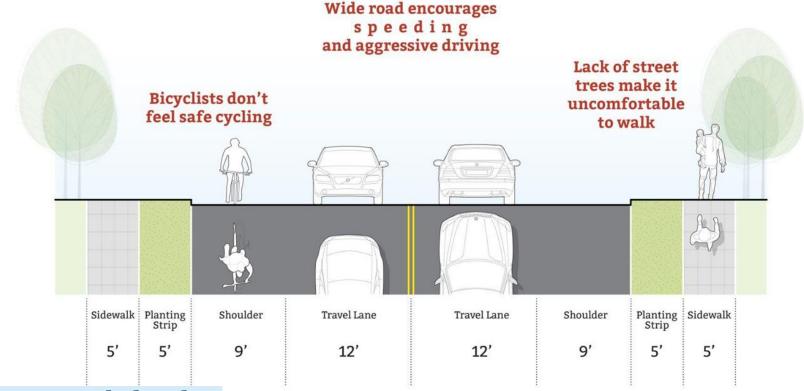




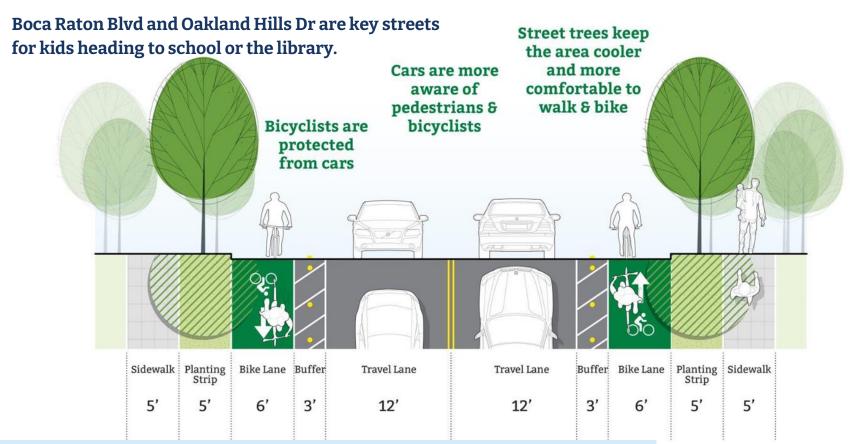


**Pop-ups can test the market and provide proof of concept** for a more permanent brick and mortar destination

Create safer connections for kids along key streets too...



### **Boca Raton Blvd, today**



Boca Raton Blvd, as a greener, safer, more complete street





# Environment

# Strategies to remain Surrounded by Nature in Woodhaven

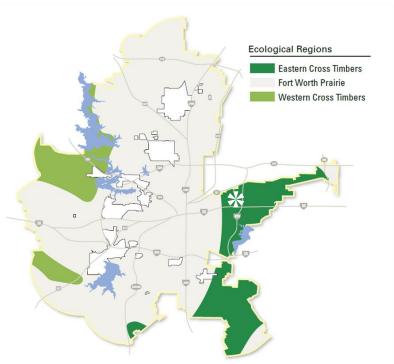
### **Goals:**

- 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, carefully considering development within the floodplain

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Expand Woodhaven's tree canopy to provide shade  $\operatorname{along}$  key pedestrian routes

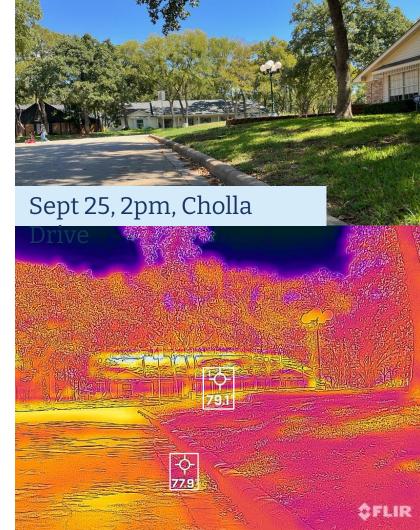
and places where people gather and play



Source: 2023 Urban Forest Master Plan

Woodhaven is named for its tree canopy, but it is not evenly distributed. Apartment complexes, new developments, and sidewalks need shade. West Fork Trinit RIVERBEND **ESTATES** SANDYBROOK DR Quanah Parker RANDOL MILL RD SANDY-BROOK WHITE IOHN T WHITE RD LAKE HILLS 30





**Fill in gaps** working with PARD's Neighborhood Tree Planting Program to plant **additional street trees** and the Texas Trees Foundation **Cool Schools Program** that focuses on school yards.



Advocate for the addition of a parking lot shading ordinance (ex. Sacramento) or incentive program (ex. Philadelphia's Stormwater Fee for impervious surfaces) to encourage green retrofits at large commercial parking lots and apartment developments.



Adapt existing area programs that encourage people to connect to the water (like TPWD's Neighborhood Fishin' and Tackle Loaner library sites) for Woodhaven

Program could be publicly-run, or overseen by a private or nonprofit entity







Transform the Oncor transmission line easement into a natural asset that provides a multi-use trail alongside wildflower meadows that add beauty and habitat for pollinators



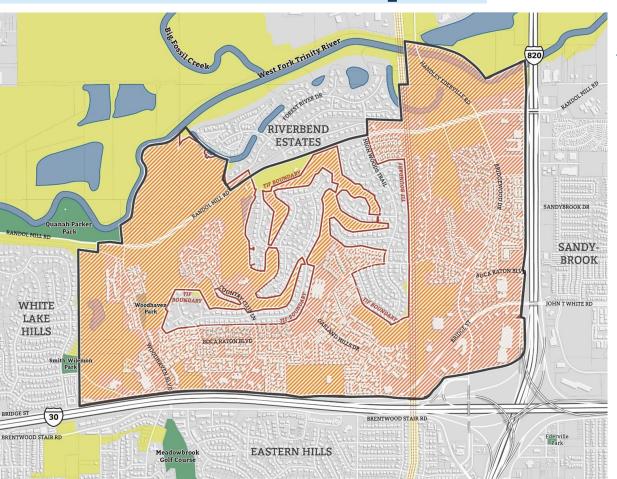
# Economic Opportunity

# Strategies that create opportunities to Work & Prosper in Woodhaven

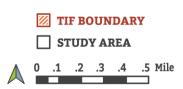
#### Goals:

- Catalyze **denser**, **mixed use redevelopment** of underutilized commercial properties at the neighborhood's edges
- Where feasible, incorporate smaller commercial or public spaces that can serve as **gathering places** that support the social life of the community
- Invest in job training, business development, and infrastructure

## Reminder of the TIF Purpose



TIF District #13 was created to help fund public infrastructure improvements that will provide a "foundation for development" to encourage and support the long-term public needs of the neighborhood, and secure mixed-use economic growth opportunities in the Woodhaven area.



# Consistent with Community Input from the June Festival

DEVELOPMENT

THUMBS UP





OR THUMBS DOWN





Local Coffee/Sandwhich Shop



Walkable Mixed-Use Hubs

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Small Business Incubator/Pop-Up



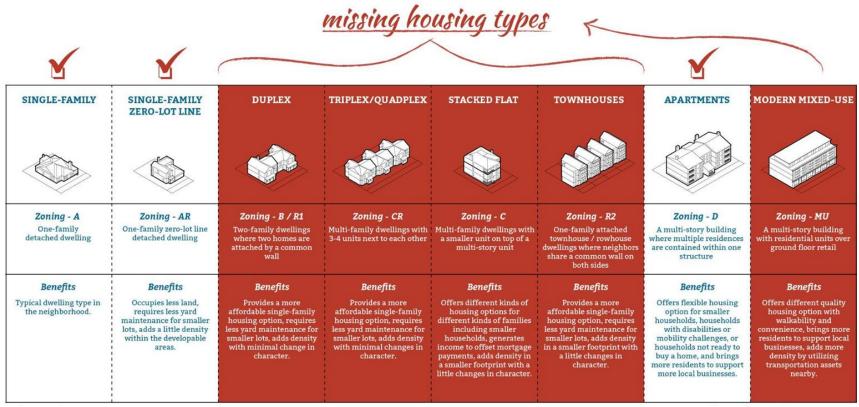
55+ Communities

Farmers' Market



## Woodhaven needs more residents to support new businesses

... in particular, residents with disposable income (and a habit of spending it)

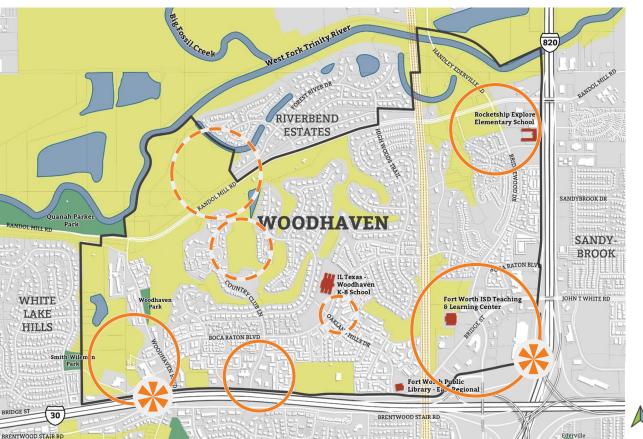


low density

> higher density

# To create opportunities to work and prosper in Woodhaven...

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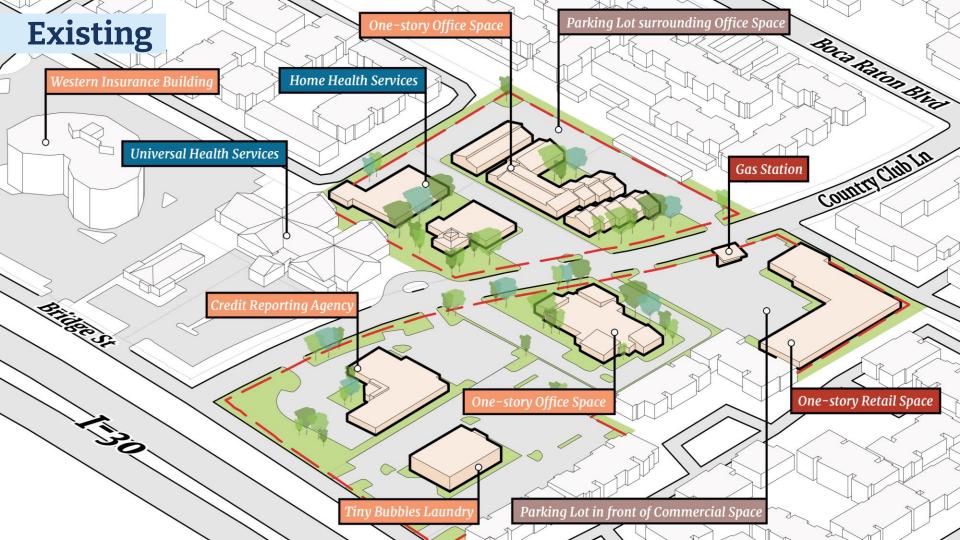
Make the most of Woodhaven's **proximity to adjacent interstate corridors** where residents can access new transit corridors and roadway access during commutes and businesses can benefit from high visibility

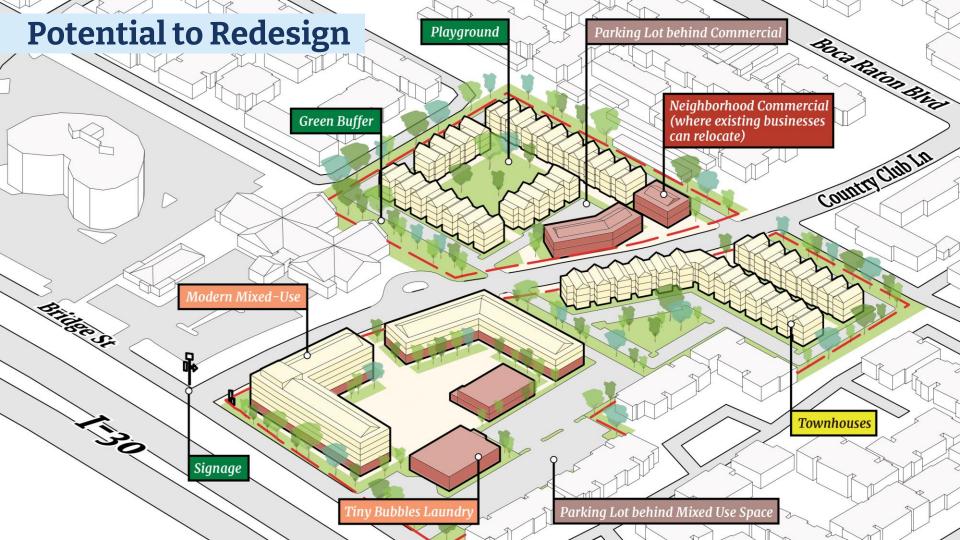
- Susceptible to change, with potential for denser, mixed use development
- Additional sites with potential, not adjacent to highway
- Featured in Eastside Transportation
  Plan
- **☐** STUDY AREA















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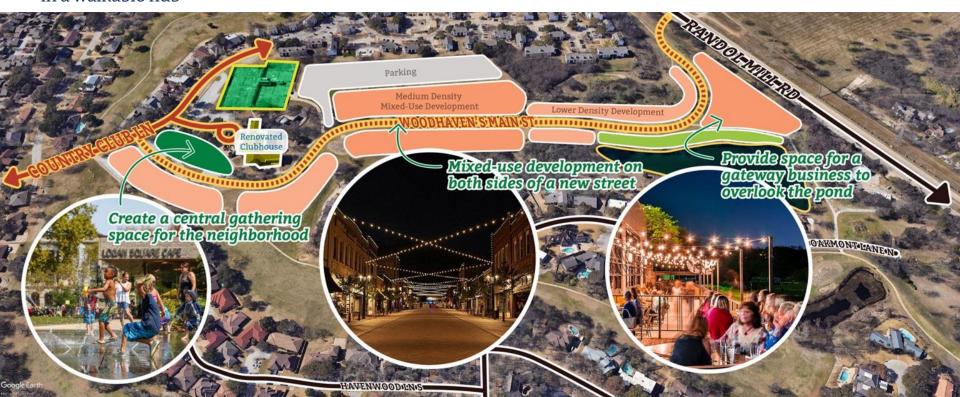
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# To create opportunities to work and prosper in Woodhaven...

Where possible, provide **job training** and **economic opportunity** through new developments in the community and connections to jobs elsewhere in the region

- Partner with the Eastside Y to pilot a workforce development program focused on landscaping, arborist training, and natural land management and connect with local developments and initiatives
- Increase access to financial literacy classes to support transitions from renter to owner
- Offer small business trainings and programs for interested entrepreneurs

In service of the mission of TIF 13, support **investments in key transportation initiatives and infrastructure** that provide connections within Woodhaven and between Woodhaven, the surrounding area, and destinations farther afield

- In addition to public infrastructure such as water and sewer upgrades, sewer connections, road and sidewalk construction, lighting, etc.:
  - Improve connections to existing and new transit stops
  - o Encourage development of additional 4G and 5G capability for improved connectivity across Woodhaven

# Housing

# Strategies to remain a neighborhood of Quality Homes and Amenities in Woodhaven

#### **Goals:**

- **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

# To remain a neighborhood of quality homes and amenities...

#### Reinvest in existing homes and residential developments

- Preserve Woodhaven's iconic single-family housing stock as well as the diversity of housing options that is emblematic of the neighborhood
  - Assemble a contractor list and preservation tips for community members as homes begin to show their age
  - Make sure neighbors know about City and County programs that support rehabilitation and adaptive modifications for seniors who wish to remain in their homes



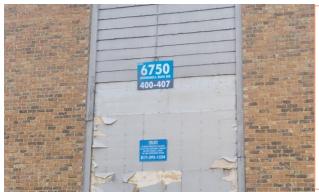
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# To remain a neighborhood of quality homes and amenities...

#### Reinvest in existing homes and residential developments

- Ensure **safe**, **quality housing** through code enforcement, upgrades, and/or redevelopment of select problematic rental complexes
  - Hold property owners and managers accountable for the safety, cleanliness, and quality of their properties through increased code enforcement and coordination
  - Track repeat citations and foreclosure risk and seek opportunities to acquire problem properties in order to make necessary improvements to units, grounds, and management
  - Secure non-TIF dollars for needed investments in safety measures, including gate removal or repair, added lighting, and safety cameras



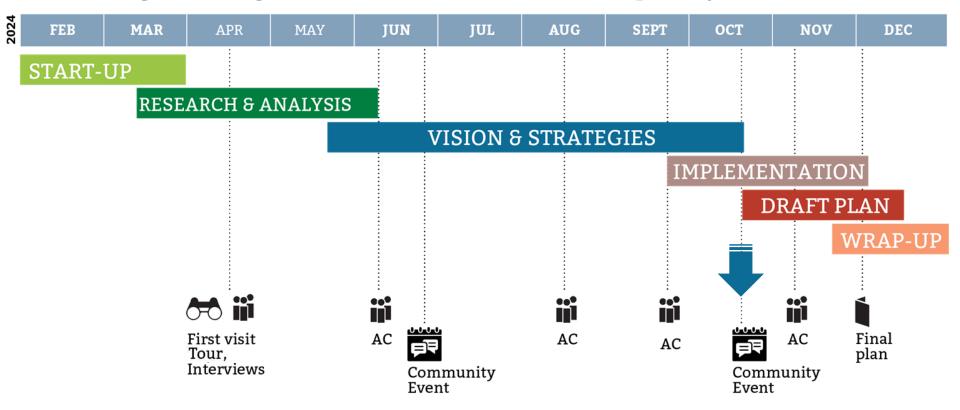


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# What happens next?

### We're in the home stretch of the planning process.

We'll integrate tonight's feedback, and finish a draft plan by December.



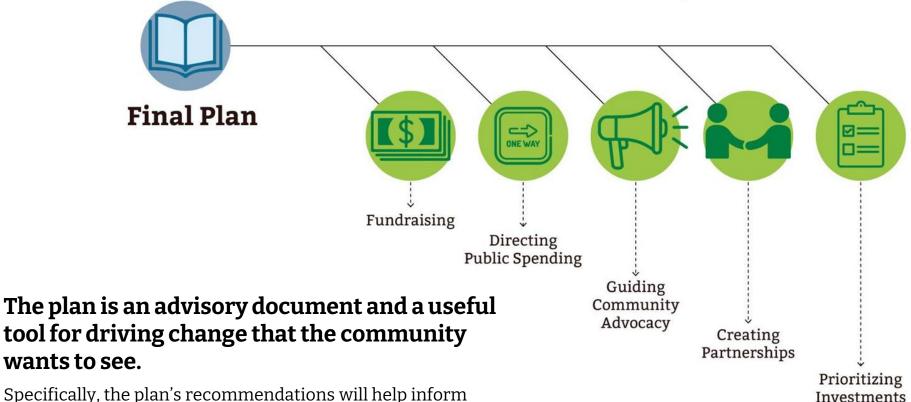


# Implementation Strategies to Make it All Happen in Woodhaven

#### Goals:

- Link the Neighborhood Conservation Plan goals and strategies 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 capacity** to advocate and usher change in keeping with local vision
- Create a **list and tools to help prioritize** investments
- **Integrate plan recommendations** with Imagine Fort Worth Comprehensive Plan

# Once the Plan is done, the hard work begins...



Specifically, the plan's recommendations will help informations of TIF and City funds and guide other implementation efforts.

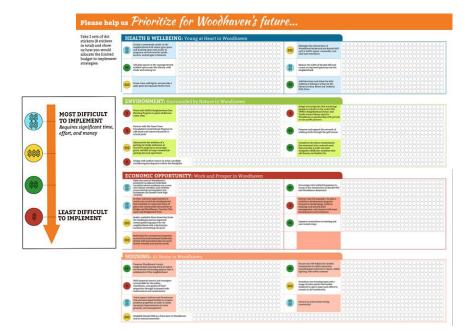
## Before you go, please:

**Complete the worksheet** to let us know what you think about the ideas we shared





Show us the money to help us understand your priorities for investment



#### A few more announcements

Join the Woodhaven Neighborhood Association for The Ultimate Casino Night

Saturday, October 19th @ 6:30 pm at Riverbend Cafe & Trinity Event Place

Join the Crescendo Development Team

for a project update Tuesday, October 29th @ 6:00 pm at The Potter's House

Join us in wishing Mayor Pro Tem Bivens a very

Happy Birthday!

(thanks for spending it with us!)



### **Questions? Comments?**

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