



IRVINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Goals, Objective, Projects & Programs

Safety & Code Enforcement Committee

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Committee Vision Statement: Starting with a historic foundation, Irvington has grown into a vibrant, diverse and inclusive community, meshing home spun shops with industrial spaces and building neighborhoods a block at a time.

I. Code Enforcement Goal: Bring all properties into compliance with existing codes.*

Code Objective: Reduce code violations and increase code enforcement.*

| Code Projects & Programs | Individuals, Associations, Institutions to take ownership |
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| 1. Develop a lecture series or pamphlet incorporating health and hospital, code enforcement and animal control to better inform and educate the community about effective responses to various situations including deteriorating houses. | |
| 2. Emphasize the importance of citizens reporting poor housing conditions within their neighborhood. | |
| 3. Explore what various neighborhood associations and organizations can do to foster code improvements. | |
| 4. Work with neighbors, City code enforcement staff, and township administrator to address deferred maintenance concerns. | |

II. Community Collaboration Goal: Encourage the community to work together promoting the image of Irvington.*

- **Outreach Objective:** Encourage participation in the community.

| Outreach Projects & Programs | Individuals, Associations, Institutions to take ownership |
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| 1. Develop a communications plan that includes the following: speaker events, pamphlets, contact lists, email address lists, a portal website, magnets, etc. Determine topics to be included in the communications plan. Topics may include the following: -Code enforcement issues and contact information including health and hospital, City code enforcement officials, and animal control. -List of neighborhood association and organizations, their roles in the community. | |
| 2. Initiate cultural outreach and include all of the diverse community in Irvington. This may include cultural awareness initiatives, Spanish lessons, or various organizations programming cultural activities. | |
| 3. Expand cross-cultural educational opportunities, events, and activities. | |
| 4. Create diversity workshops to improve diversity awareness in Irvington neighborhoods. | |
| 5. Determine a process to contact and invite organizations that typically do not participate in community and neighborhood activities. | |

- **Organization Communication Objective:** Improve communication among various Irvington and local organizations.

| Organization Communication Projects & Programs | Individuals, Associations, Institutions to take ownership |
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| 1. Create an umbrella organization for Irvington. Determine if the Irvington Leadership Circle is appropriate for this role. | |
| 2. Publicize activities going on throughout Irvington. | |
| 3. Ensure the council represents all of Irvington, even outside of the historic area. | |
| 4. Create a website and email list involving all residents, businesses, and organizations throughout Irvington. Use this venue as a means to advertise community activities and events. | |

III. Crime Prevention Goal: Reduce crime throughout Irvington. *

Crime Prevention Objective: Emphasize the importance of safety in neighborhoods and schools encouraging individuals to reporting crime. Address the perception of high crime within the Irvington neighborhood*

| Neighborhood Crime Projects & Programs | Individuals, Associations, Institutions to take ownership |
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| 1. Develop CrimeWatch blocks throughout the community with the assistance of IPD and the Department of Public Safety. Promote the CrimeWatch concept at town hall meetings and other public events. | |
| 2. Create a community impact panel for incidents for first time offenders related to crime and code enforcement. The community impact panel meets with the offender telling them how the crime impacts the neighborhood. | |

Community Crime Objective: Promote a physical environment to reduce crime*

| Community Crime Projects & Programs | Individuals, Associations, Institutions to take ownership |
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| 1. Ensure information is available to people about the process to place additional or replace lighting throughout the community. Contact property owners to encourage brighter lighting. Include this information in the community pamphlet. | |
| 2. Encourage immediate response to broken windows, abandoned vehicles, etc. This involvement lessens the likelihood for this activity to continue. | |
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IV. Housing Goal: Create a positive living environment and increase community pride in Irvington. Encourage the preservation historic homes, improve overall housing conditions, create of a range of housing types and affordabilities that are compatible with existing development.*

Substandard Housing Objective: Eliminate vacant, abandoned and substandard housing the in Irvington neighborhood and encouraging homeownership.*

| Substandard Housing Projects & Programs | Individuals, Associations, Institutions to take ownership |
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| 1. Position the Irvington neighborhood association to be able to buy substandard houses for revitalization and reinvestment. Determine what grant money is available for neighborhood revitalization and look into a revolving loan for house rehab. | |
| 2. Entice real estate developers to promote Irvington housing and business opportunities while encouraging banks to help people learn about proper finance. | |
| 3. Promote homeownership and utilize INHP for educational opportunities. | |
| 4. Focus on all of Irvington, placing an emphasis on the housing environment on the fringe of the historic homes because issues along the fringe will impact the heart of Irvington. | |
| 5. Determine overall interest in formation of an Irvington Community Development Corporation (CDC). | |
| 6. Further landlords' involvement in the community while encouraging the maintenance of residential properties. | |
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Housing Types and Affordability Objective: Provide housing options for all income levels and support comprehensive programs and project to combat homelessness.*

| Housing Types and Affordability Projects & Programs | Individuals, Associations, Institutions to take ownership |
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| 1. Open a facility or a program at a church to provide opportunity for homeless. | |
| 2. Continue to support Irvington Congregations As Partnerships (ICAP) for the prevention of homelessness by assisting with fundraisers, donations, event promotion and volunteering. | |
| 3. Encourage the continuation of educational programs for reemployment. | |
| 4. Educate realtors on various loans and grant money opportunities for people to purchase housing in Irvington instead of other 'rent-to-own' options. | |
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V. Pedestrian and Vehicle Safety Goal: Connect neighborhoods, businesses and cultural activities throughout Irvington with routes that are safe and accessible. Establish new infrastructure for pedestrians and bicycles that lessen vehicle and pedestrian conflicts.*

Pedestrian Objective: Provide sidewalks, multipurpose paths and other pedestrian mobility infrastructure to improve access and encourage walking throughout Irvington. Improve pedestrian crossings on Washington Street and promote safety near children’s play areas and schools.

| Pedestrian Projects & Programs | Individuals, Associations, Institutions to take ownership |
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| 1. Determine ways to reduce or enforce traffic speeds in school zones. | |
| 2. Improve pedestrian protection against nearby auto traffic along the walking trail on the parkway east of Arlington.*park | |
| 3. Ensure people with disabilities have adequate sidewalk access in their neighborhoods. | |
| 4. Improve sidewalks and curb cuts where necessary. Develop a list of sidewalks that need to be replaced and submit it to the proper agencies. *park | |
| 5. Ensure aggressive dogs do not discourage people from walking. | |
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Multimodal Objective: Create a physical environment that ensures ease of movement with sidewalks, trails, intersections, public spaces, signage and multimodal transportation for persons of all ages and abilities.*

| Multimodal Projects & Programs | Individuals, Associations, Institutions to take ownership |
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| 1. Eliminate vehicle parking too close to intersections to improve safety. | |
| 2. Incorporate accessibility standards for all new projects, public spaces, park trails and park facilities. | |
| 3. Develop safe community connections to the Pennsy and Pleasant Run Trails. | |
| 4. Define ways to promote safety and reduce crime on the proposed Pennsy Trail. | |
| 5. Promote bicycle safety throughout Irvington. | |
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VI. Parking Goal: Promote the development of parking that provides safe and convenient parking for businesses and residential uses.*

Parking Objective: Encourage shared parking that is utilized by multiple users that have differing demands. Maximize on street parking convenience, especially near businesses along Washington Street, while considering impact with vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Increase parking spaces near commercial and apartment land uses. *

| Parking Projects & Programs | Individuals, Associations, Institutions to take ownership |
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| 1. Determine location where diagonal parking may be more efficient than parallel parking in high demand areas along streets. | |
| 2. Determine a balance between parking needs for residents and visitors and vehicle and pedestrian safety on narrow streets. | |
| 3. Increase parking enforcement where restrictions are not followed. | |
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VI. Aggressive Animal Safety Goal: Promote positive animal behavior throughout the community for the safety of residents. *

Aggressive Animal Objective: Enhance awareness of procedures to address aggressive animals and encourage options for stray or abandoned animals.*

| Aggressive Animal Projects & Programs | Individuals, Associations, Institutions to take ownership |
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| 1. Emphasize the need to report all aggressive animal occurrences to better know frequency. Encourage videotaping or picture taking of aggressive animals for evidence of incident. | |
| 2. Work with schools, animal control and IPD to provide educational programs to the community on how to reacts to animals. Create public education pieces to distribute at public locations providing information about aggressive animals. | |
| 3. Promote/ emphasize various spade/neuter programs and low-cost pet supplies and maintenance. | |
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