

North End Neighborhood Framework Plan

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Hello North Enders!

The City of Detroit has launched the North End Neighborhood Framework Plan to be a guiding document to support the equitable and inclusive growth and stability of the North End neighborhood. It will be created through a participatory planning process that involves residents and community members of the neighborhood over the course of 12-16 months. The Planning and Development Department's goal is to create a healthy and beautiful Detroit built on an atmosphere of trust with inclusive growth and economic opportunity that builds off of previous planning studies.

Read on to see how you can be involved!

Project Updates



Many thanks to everyone who attended the February community meeting at St. Matthew St. Joseph! We had over 50 people attending the meeting in person and over 20 attending virtually. See below for the high level takeaways of what we heard:

Cultural Heritage + Historic Preservation

- Uplift the significance of techno, house music and cultural places like Phelps Lounge.
- Historic churches play a significant role in North End identity.
- Celebrate local history with a cultural pathway throughout neighborhood and art activation on vacant homes.

Commercial Areas

- Community members want to see services and retail in walkable distances in the neighborhood
- Desire for large-scale mixed-use development with outdoor activation adjacent



"More celebration of history of the North End, got to be a way to show history to the public."

"Quality matters more than size - want diversity in housing options."

Housing and Neighborhood Stabilization

- Most popular housing development choice was row house development, followed by multifamily and mixed use
- Highest priority renter needs include: affordability, pathways to ownership, safe rental homes
- Highest priority homeowner needs include: support for Seniors aging in place, home repair programs

Parks and Open Space

- Most popular open space types are: dump management, dog park, and walking path
- Neighborhood signage should be integrated, not applied
- Parks and pop courts are desired programs for new parks
- Information, resources and support to help residents or community organizations steward



Streets for People

- Improved bus service, streets and sidewalks
- Better connectivity for bikes and added bike lanes
- Better connectivity within the neighborhood and to areas and amenities outside of the neighborhood
- Top inspiration images and ideas for streetscape improvements: Buffered bike lanes, visible crosswalks, space on sidewalks in commercial areas for outdoor seating, retail, etc.



What's Next?

- The Technical team is working on a draft plan with recommendations for each category based on community engagement results.
- The Engagement Team is continuing to meet with block clubs and other stakeholder groups.
- The next large community meeting will be in early summer where we will review draft plan and continue to get feedback from community.
- [Take our new community survey and get entered into a raffle!](#)
- The Planning Department is hosting virtual office hours! Join us to hear more about the North End Neighborhood Plan and share a memory you have about the neighborhood!

[March 28th 5:00pm-6:00pm](#)

- **WE'D LOVE TO ATTEND YOUR BLOCK CLUB MEETING!** Email calvin.johnson@detroitmi.gov if you would like us to attend an upcoming meeting!

Questions or thoughts?

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