

Urban Workgroup

Definition of Sustainability	Top Opportunity/Opportunities	Top Challenge/Challenges
<p>Elements of urban sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urbanism occurs where it occurs, in many towns and cities; it is not about geography • Compact development that enables easy access to goods, services, jobs, education, care without requiring a car • Design for humans, not cars • Connectedness • Works for all generations • Flexible so buildings and facilities can change use; not about tearing buildings down • Resilient, responsive to disasters and downturns of many kinds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 144 towns and cities that all have an urban core (8 county region) • Huge demand urbanism; 50% of City of Houston residents - 1 million people +; 41% in all Harris County - 1.6 million • Existing density in many spots could grow more • 65 transit stations/neighborhoods coming in the City of Houston - 30 sq. miles of real estate • Suburban retrofits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public policy against urbanism • Decades of bad habits