

New Draft Proposed Goals Based on Public Input

People:

Our region maintains local autonomy that provides for more choices and respects individual freedoms.

Places:

Our region's communities are built on strong social ties, including service and faith organizations and local gathering places.

Prosperity:

Our region is resilient to economic and environmental adversity, including natural disasters.

4-24-2012

Fair Housing Equity Assessment – April 24, 2012
Regional Plan for Sustainable Development
HUD Sustainable Communities Grant

Background

Required by HUD as part of the sustainable communities grant, the Fair Housing Equity Assessment (FHEA) is similar in many ways to a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The FHEA is intended to: identify baseline conditions for fair housing, social equity and areas of opportunity across the region; inform deliberations of the coordinating committee; and, inform the regional plan for sustainable development.

The FHEA document will include identification, assessment and thoughtful analysis of:

1. Areas of racial/ethnic segregation;
2. Racially concentrated areas of poverty;
3. Access to existing areas of high opportunity;
4. Major public investments (current and future); and,
5. Fair housing issues, services and activities.

While the scope of the FHEA is intended to be regional, the analysis needs to provide adequate detail to identify patterns of segregation, concentration of poverty, and areas of opportunity at a small enough scale to produce a meaningful assessment and identification of best practices and solutions that can assist the region and local governments in increasing access to opportunity for their residents.

Activities will range from mapping demographic, socioeconomic and subsidized housing data at the regional level to assessing ordinances, policies and fair housing activities at the local level. The FHEA will build upon existing fair housing activities within the region (i.e., local Analysis of Impediments documents, Fair Housing Activity Statement Texas forms, State of Texas Partial Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, etc.).

Current Status

The FHEA process is new and will require innovation in developing the project approach and analyzing information through a fair housing lens. To leverage existing knowledge and talent, the FHEA project will benefit from the development of an ad-hoc workgroup of the Coordinating Committee.

While capacity building and technical assistance can be provided by Coordinating Committee partners and the HUD network, a fair housing consultant will be necessary to assist with the more qualitative aspects of the FHEA project and assist in the development of feasible recommendations.

Next Steps

- Solicit volunteers for adhoc workgroup of Coordinating Committee
- Issue advance notice of the RFP
- Develop detailed scope and RFP for action in May

Draft Schedule of 2012 Governmental Advisory Committee Meetings

TASK	PURPOSE/ACTIVITIES	DATE
Vision and Goal Setting	Kick-off meeting: Welcome members; provide background info on grant, planning process, public engagement, and goals. Discussion on definition of sustainability, goals, vision statement, opportunities and challenges.	March 20, 2012
Metrics Development and Scenario Inputs	Review and refine metrics, provide input on regional scenarios	June 19, 2012
Scenario Development	Discuss modeling results of three scenarios and provide feedback on preferred scenario and any revisions recommended	September 18, 2012
Implementation Strategies	Discuss preferred scenario results, discuss potential implementation strategies,	December 18, 2012

Community Meeting Schedule for Houston-Galveston Regional Plan for Sustainable Development

Scheduled Meetings

1. *City of Magnolia (Montgomery County), Wednesday, March 07, 2012 – conducted*
2. *Dickinson Rotary Club, Wednesday, March 21, 2012 - conducted*
3. *John Gudrey Home for Seniors/Latino Learning Center, Thursday, March 22, 2012 – conducted*
4. *Alief Super Neighborhood, Tuesday, March 27, 2012 – conducted*
5. *Trinity/Houston Gardens Super Neighborhood, Tuesday, March 27, 2012 – conducted*
6. *Third Ward Community Cloth Cooperative, Tuesday, April 10, 2012 – conducted*
7. *Telephone Road Public Housing Development, Wednesday, April 11, 2012 – conducted*
8. *Kingwood Super Neighborhood, Monday, April 16, 2012 – conducted*
9. *Houston Commission on Disabilities, Thursday, April 12, 2012 – conducted*
10. *Chinese Community Center, Saturday, April 21, 9:30 to 11:30AM, Chinese Community Center, 9800 Town Park Drive (@ Sovereign)*
11. **Boat People SOS, Vietnamese ESL and Citizens classes, April 23, 24, 25, 26 at 5:30PM, Vietnamese Civic Center, 11360 Bellaire Blvd # 910, Houston, TX 77072**
12. **Fort Bend County, Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Missouri City, Texas 307 Texas Parkway, Suite 204**
13. **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 6:00PM, Sombreros Coffee, 2910 Navigation Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77003**
14. **El Campo Rotary Club, Thursday, April 26, Noon, El Campo Civic Center, 2350 N. Mechanic (Hwy 71), El Campo, Texas**
15. **La Marque/Texas City, Thursday, April 26, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Greater Barbour's Chapel Baptist Church, 7420 FM 1765, Texas City, TX 77591**
16. **Eagle Lake COC, Tuesday, May 1, 5:30 PM, COC Building, 303 East Main, Eagle Lake, Texas**
17. **Dayton Lions Club (Liberty County), Wednesday, May 2, Noon, Texas Kountry Kitchen, 313 N Main St, Dayton, TX 77535**
18. **Montgomery County Housing Authority, Thursday, May 3, 2012, 6:00PM, 1500 North Frazier Suite 101, Conroe, TX 77301**
19. **India House, Saturday, May 5, 2012, 10:00AM, India House, 8888 West Bellfort Ave, Houston, TX 77031**
20. **Palacios Rotary Club, Wednesday, May 9, Noon, Palacios Mexican Restaurant, 511 Main Street, Palacios, Texas 77465**
21. **Bolivar Peninsula Ladies Luncheon, Thursday, May 10, 2012, 11:30AM, Tiki Bar Restaurant, 1369 Hwy 87 Crystal Beach TX**

Meeting previously conducted

Upcoming meeting

Partially Confirmed Meetings

1. Korean Community, Wednesday, May 9, 2012, Location TBD
2. Jewish Community Center, May 1 or May 2, 2012, Location and Date Selection TBD
3. Riverside/Lake Area COC , Thursday, May 3, 6:00 PM, Location TBD
4. Gulfton Apartment Meeting, Wednesday, May 09, 2012, Noon, Location TBD
5. Matagorda Chamber of Commerce, Monday, May 7th, at 6:00PM at the Matagorda Elementary School, 717 Wightman Street, awaiting formal confirmation

Seeking Meeting Partnerships/Commitments

1. Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
2. Lindale Park Association Meeting
3. Women Club Association - Domestic Violence Shelter
4. NCI Cleveland-Ripley (Pasadena)
5. Wounded Warrior
6. Galveston Housing Authority
7. North Central Civic Association
8. League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

Existing Conditions Report: Outline

The existing conditions report provides a snapshot of the region's context at the time of the plan's development, and analyzes existing plans, activities, investments, and demographics that affect sustainability in the region. The information gathered for this report provides a basis for identifying the region's current challenges and opportunities in achieving a sustainable future. This report identifies existing regional plans and provides an appendix of other existing plans that are consistent or conflict with the six HUD Livability Principles.

The report is divided into three sections: People, Places and Prosperity. Each section will reference some or all elements of the six livability principles defined by the Partnership for Sustainable Communities. (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Department of Transportation).

Outline of the existing conditions report:

I. People

- Goal 1: *Our region's residents have access to education and training opportunities to allow them to realize their full potential*
 - Data and Facts
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - HUD Livability Principle(s) and How it Relates to Goal 1
 - Existing Plans and Studies
- Goal 2: *Our region's residents live in safe, healthy communities with transportation options, including walking, biking, transit, and driving.*
 - Data and Facts
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - HUD Livability Principle(s) and How it Relates to Goal 2
 - Existing Plans and Studies
- Goal 3: *Our region's ecosystems provide residents clean and plentiful water, air, and soil and food resources to sustain healthy future generations.*
 - Data and Facts
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - HUD Livability Principle(s) and How it Relates to Goal 3
 - Existing Plans and Studies
- Goal 4: *Our region's residents are physically and mentally healthy and are able to lead healthy lifestyles.*
 - Data and Facts
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - HUD Livability Principle(s) and How it Relates to Goal 4
 - Existing Plans and Studies

II. Places

- Goal 1: *Our region values and preserves its unique ecosystems, working landscapes, parks, and open spaces and the ecological benefits they provide.*
 - Data and Facts
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - HUD Livability Principle(s) and How it Relates to Goal 1
 - Existing Plans and Studies

- Goal 2: *Our region coordinates infrastructure, housing, and transportation investments, creating areas of opportunity and enhancing existing neighborhoods.*
 - Data and Facts
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - HUD Livability Principle(s) and How it Relates to Goal 2
 - Existing Plans and Studies
- Goal 3: *Our region's communities have a range of quality housing choices that meet the diverse needs and preferences of all residents*
 - Data and Facts
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - HUD Livability Principle(s) and How it Relates to Goal 3
 - Existing Plans and Studies
- Goal 4: *Our region efficiently uses, reuses, and conserves its natural resources by managing waste and consumption.*
 - Data and Facts
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - HUD Livability Principle(s) and How it Relates to Goal 4
 - Existing Plans and Studies

III. Prosperity

- Goal 1: *Our region has a resilient, adaptable, and diverse economy and skilled workforces that support businesses, innovation, and entrepreneurship.*
 - Data and Facts
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - HUD Livability Principle(s) and How it Relates to Goal 1
 - Existing Plans and Studies
- Goal 2: *Our region's residents have access to job opportunities that support a good quality of life and financial stability.*
 - Data and Facts
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - HUD Livability Principle(s) and How it Relates to Goal 2
 - Existing Plans and Studies
- Goal 3: *Our region's transportation and infrastructure promotes effective goods movement and is well-connected to other global destinations.*
 - Data and Facts
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - HUD Livability Principle(s) and How it Relates to Goal 3
 - Existing Plans and Studies
- Goal 4: *Our region embraces its multicultural, historical and natural assets to ensure its communities retain their unique character.*
 - Data and Facts
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - HUD Livability Principle(s) and How it Relates to Goal 4
 - Existing Plans and Studies

IV. Appendix of Existing Plans and Studies

Metrics Development Process

The initial list of metrics that was developed by the nine workgroups at the meetings in November has been compiled into a “Metrics Matrix”. The Metrics Matrix helps to organize the information gathered and will be used to help demonstrate the relationship between the goals, objectives, metrics, and benchmarks (see terminology list) as well as highlight the most relevant and usable metrics.

A draft schedule for completion (and discussion) of the Metrics Matrix:

- Distribute to Coordinating Committee Tuesday, Feb. 28th
- Coordinating Committee comments on only the matrix organization due by Tuesday, March 6th
- Release to Workgroups for their completion on Thursday, March 8th
- “Metrics Matrix Office Hours” for workgroups held week of March 12th in order to answer questions about the matrix and the path forward (in person and phone).
- Final due date April 2nd, for first round of Metrics completion from workgroups and Coordinating Committee.
- Joint workgroup meeting (“Goals and Metrics Symposium”) to be held on April 13th to discuss goals and metrics
- Week of April 16th and April 23rd – transcribe all notes from workgroup event
- Week of April 30th – clean up notes (highlight duplicates, etc.)
- Week of May 7th – send out goals/objectives/metrics to Coordinating Committee and workgroups
- Week of May 7th and May 14th – compare metrics to ‘best practices’ (highlight gaps) – Workforce report card, Foresight panel, Policy Link Social Equity, others nationally and from our region.
- Week of May 14th – data availability review (spatial, non-spatial, source, etc.)
- Week of May 21st – document metrics evolution for workgroups, Coordinating Committee review at May 23rd meeting
- Week of May 28th – prepare for metrics open house event
- Week of June 7th – hold metrics open house event for workgroups (final comment)
- June Coordinating Committee – approve metrics for use in planning process (subject to revision)