

Wilburton Vision Implementation

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EASTSIDE RAIL

DERIDDE TRAIL

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Agenda

- 1. Wilburton Vision Implementation initiative
- 2. What is the Wilburton Vision?
- 3. Scope and Timeline
- 3. Next steps







Objectives

- Adopt Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPA) to support the vision for the Wilburton planning area
- Adopt Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) to establish development standards and design guidelines to implement the vision, goals and policies in the Wilburton CPA
- Adopt legislative rezone for parcels in the Wilburton planning area



Opportunities

- Staff and resource efficiencies by coordinating Wilburton with citywide future land use alternatives analysis
- Improved understanding and communication of potential impacts to broader community
- Incorporate the Wilburton Eastrail Framework Plan in both the CPA and LUCA
- Increase Housing capacity for the Wilburton planning area
- A sustainable and equitable neighborhood



Study Area and Preferred Alternative





Wilburton Vision 2018





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Developing the Vision

- 15-member Council-appointed Citizen Advisory Committee
- Guided by 12 Council Principles
- CAC members included: board and commission members, businesses, institutions, civic organizations and neighborhood residents.
- Convened in 2017 and met for over 1 year
- CAC examined the study area in depth and developed a preferred land use and transportation vision.
- Per Council direction on 4-25-22 we are to use this vision as the baseline for our work on implementation through CPA and LUCA.





Vision Statement (Committee letter to the Mayor)

"Our vision is that the Wilburton Commercial Area" become Bellevue's next urban mixed-use community that enhances livability, promotes healthy living, supports economic vitality, and serves the needs of a diverse and growing population. As Bellevue's cultural and innovative hub, it serves as a regional and international destination that connects people and fosters community by leveraging its existing assets to define a distinctive sense of place and character."



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What does the Vision include:

- Preferred Urban Design Framework
- Design Principles
 - Building design and character
 - Transportation, streets and streetscape
 - Parks and open space
- Affordable Housing
- Placemaking Precedents
- Recommended Implementation Strategies



Future Development Character

- Most intensive development (towers) near I-405 and the future Grand Connection
- Midrise mixed use along the Eastrail corridor
- Transitioning to lower density residential areas east of the study area.

DESIGN PRINCIPLES



Dream Center - Shanghai "It's a destination where people want to be at all hours."



Inspired design that preserves key public views and separation.

KAFD World Trade Center – Riyadh, Saudi Aratia



Unique architectural forms



Complexity in massing to diminish scale

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Gentle density, respectful of its surrounding context.



Parks & Open Space System



Parks & Open Space

- Eastrail Corridor as a defining feature
- Active uses facing the trail
 - Restaurants
 - Shops
 - Services
- Central civic space
- Natural assets as public amenities
- Sturtevant Creek
- Wetland
- Well designed pocket parks and plazas



Atlanta BeltLine-

"Connectivity is critical. Support the Eastside Rail Corridor and Grand Connection to enrich the pedestrian experience."

PARKS & OPEN SPACE PRECEDENTS

Activated Eastside Rail Corridor Trail Oriented Development



PARKS & OPEN SPACE PRECEDENTS

Large Central Civic Space



PARKS & OPEN SPACE PRECEDENTS

Natural Assets as Amenities

Wilburton Neighborhood Area



Parks & Open Space System Plan

 Eastrail development and connections

- Grand Connection development
- Park acquisition and development
- Lake Bellevue access
- •Open space & natural systems enhancement



Transportation & Connectivity

- Connections to the Eastrail Corridor
- Activated alleys as public spaces
- 116th Avenue NE as a grand boulevard
- Local streets and woonerfs
- Smaller blocks and mid-block connections



TRANSPORTATION PRECEDENTS

Pedestrian & Cyclist Infrastructure



STREET LEVEL ACTIVATION

Emphasis on the Pedestrian Realm



TRANSPORTATION PRECEDENTS

Sustainable and Green



TRANSPORTATION PRECEDENTS

Inspired Design

Affordable Housing

- A bold land use vision that adds capacity and additional opportunity to incentivize and encourage affordable housing
- Leverage City assets and identify partnerships
- Emphasis on workforce housing
 - Those that work in the study area should be able to live in the study area
- Incentivize supporting services
 - Day care facilities
- Require culturally relevant amenities
 - Ex: El Centro de la Raza





Scope and Timeline





Community Engagement

COMMUNITY RE-ENGAGEMENT, Now – Sept 2022: Inform community about the Wilburton Vision and re-engage with stakeholders. **Commission briefings, stakeholder presentations conversations, expanding our reach.**

> INPUT ON FUTURE LAND USE AND CPA, Oct 2022 – Sept 2023: Community input on land use alternatives. Policies to implement the vision are informed by community. Focus on EIS public comment process and coordinate with Comp Plan land use alternatives engagement.

> > **INPUT ON CODE THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE, June 2023** – **June 2024:** Inform community of proposed land use districts. Provide opportunity to assess how development standards and design guidelines will apply to future development. **Test run application of LUCA with stakeholders.**





Next Steps

Community Re-engagement (now – Sept 2022)

- 1. Project launch briefings with Commissions and Boards
- 2. Update and expand stakeholder and interested party lists
- 3. Outreach to interested parties re: project launch
- 4. Identify equity outcomes to be considered in policy development
- 5. Affirm the Wilburton Vision and align with citywide goals and growth targets



Thank you

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