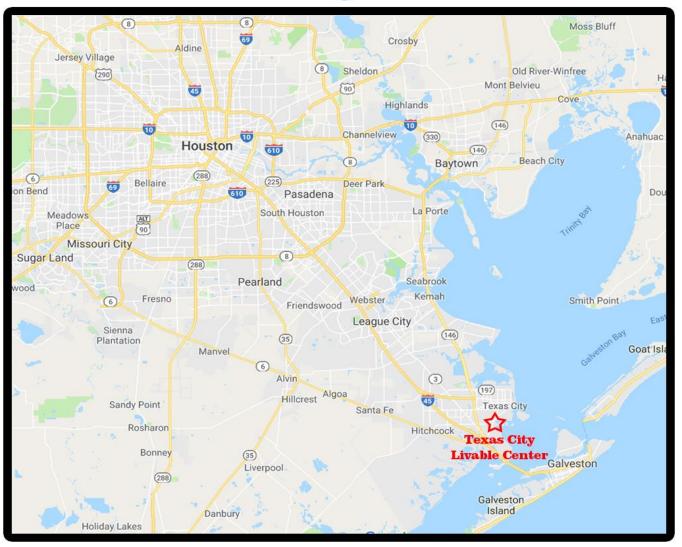
TEXAS CITY LIVABLE CENTER

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Texas City Location





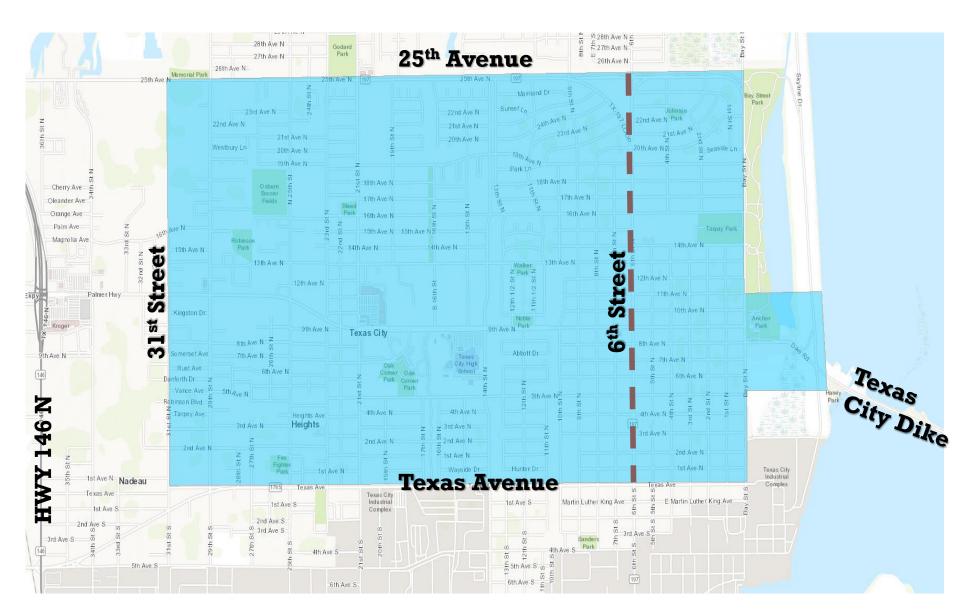
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TEXAS CITY BACKGROUND



- Located near Galveston on the Mainland
- Founded in 1911 by a group of investors interested in a port and railroad.
- City is primarily known for its Industrial Complex Petro-Chemical (DOW, Eastman, BP, NUSTAR, Oiltanking, Valero, Praxair, and Marathon)
- Close to the refineries and chemical plants is an aging housing stock.
- 6th Street the "old downtown" district deserted in the late 1980's through mid 2000's.
- Interstate portion starting to see new development (Outlet Mall, Buc-ee's, Lago Mar Housing, Crystal Lagoon)
- Waterfront Community (Galveston Bay, Texas City Dike, Moses Lake, Levee Protection System, Housing facing Galveston Bay (nearly half of city limits is bounded by water)

LIVABLE CENTER BACKGROUND



Livable Center Study awarded grant in 2015 and completed in 2016 (Freese & Nichols – Shad Comeaux Project Manager, CDS Market Research, Marsh Darcy Partners, and Traffic Engineers).

OBJECTIVES OF THE LIVABLE CENTER STUDY

- Develop strategies that will transform the study area into a high-quality mixed use destination that boasts a variety of housing types and complementary uses.
- Cultivate interest among the development community and potential residents.



- Assess the timing, costs, and phases of land and infrastructure improvements.
- Develop multi-modal transportation networks that provide residents and business patrons the choice to walk, bike, or use other means of transit.
- Develop the Texas City Dike as a natural resource amenity to develop scenic outlook points, recreation opportunities accessible from adjacent neighborhoods and downtown Texas City.
- Develop strategies for housing redevelopment and maintenance for longterm viability of residential uses.
- Identify funding mechanisms that can be used to implement multi-use trails, environmental remediation, housing, infrastructure, and other necessary improvements.
- Assist in the redevelopment of 6th Street into a destination, attraction and economic center.

ONCE DONE, WHERE DO WE START?

Low Lying Fruit



City had about \$1 million to initiate implementation

Bike Trails and Signage least expensive and very visible - both in development and implementation.



HOUSING

Has been Concern for years:



Old and Aging Stock

Need Appropriate Housing Mix

Need to Eradicate or Abate Nuisances and Dilapidated Structures

Remove Housing from Industrial Complex Shadows

Improve Neighborhoods

Encourage In-fill Developments

HOUSING

Rezoned 6th Street as a Revitalization District to further the goal of developing historic street into a Mixed Use district with a regional entertainment destination.



Encouraging Housing above Retail/Business.

Encouraging Housing varieties adjacent to District

Livable Center Importance:



Provides more credence for Housing needs

Made it more of a priority for the City
Gave Housing needs more legitimacy
Provided document for grants,
developers, others to see City's
commitment

HOUSING

Successes:



6th Street has a number of old structures torn down

Dilapidated Structures being removed

New subdivisions interested in area – not always inside Livable Center area

Partnerships being created or strengthened: Habitat for Humanity, Fuller Group, DSW Homes, and others



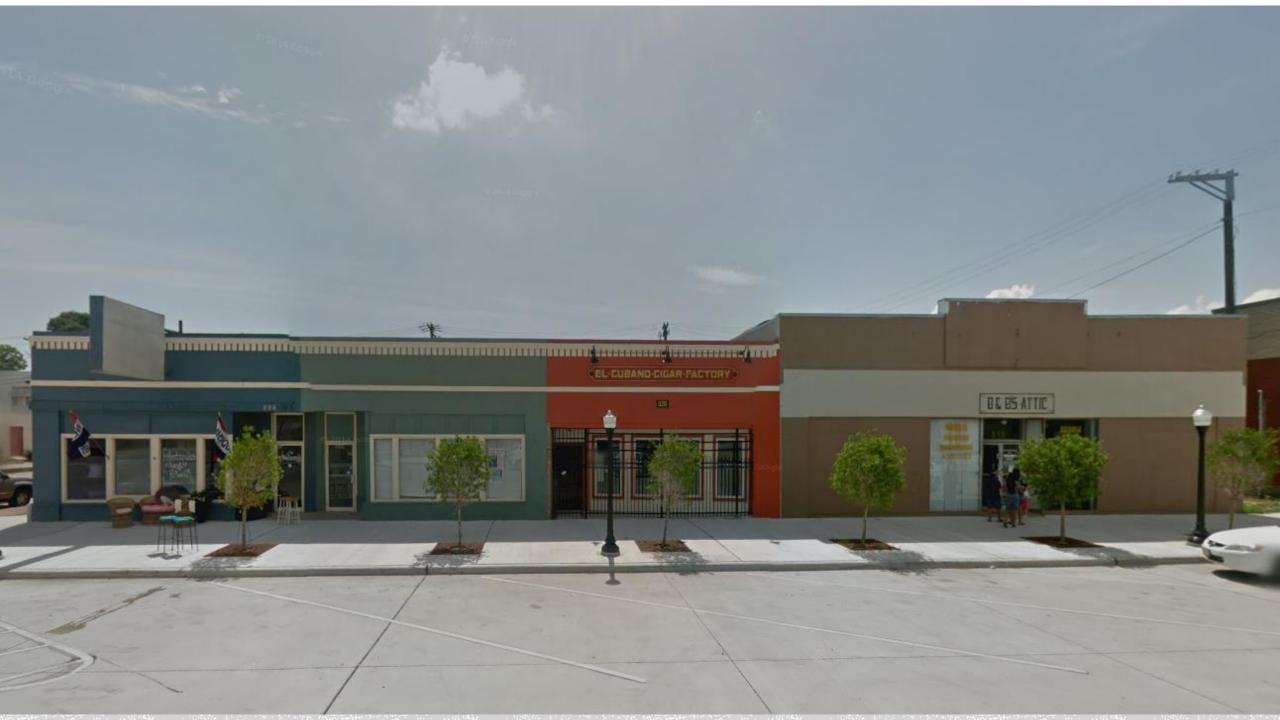






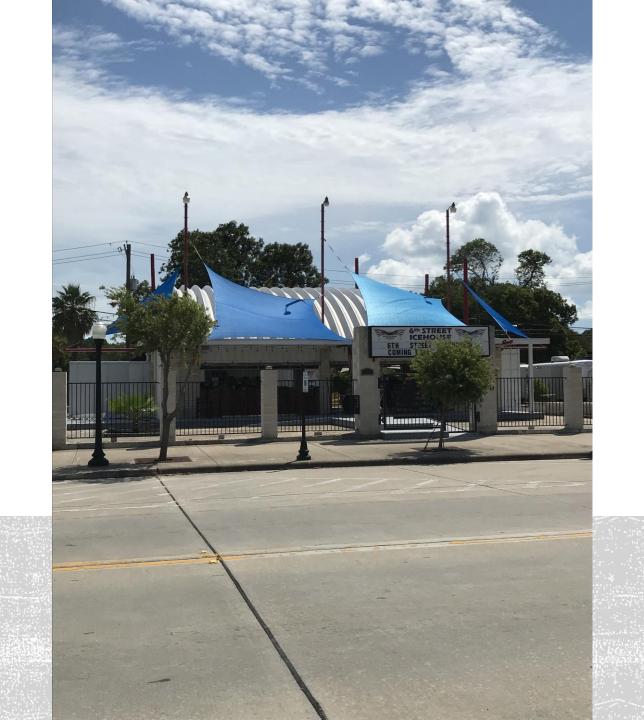




















6th Street lot cleared and ready for development



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Housing - Before





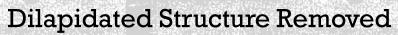
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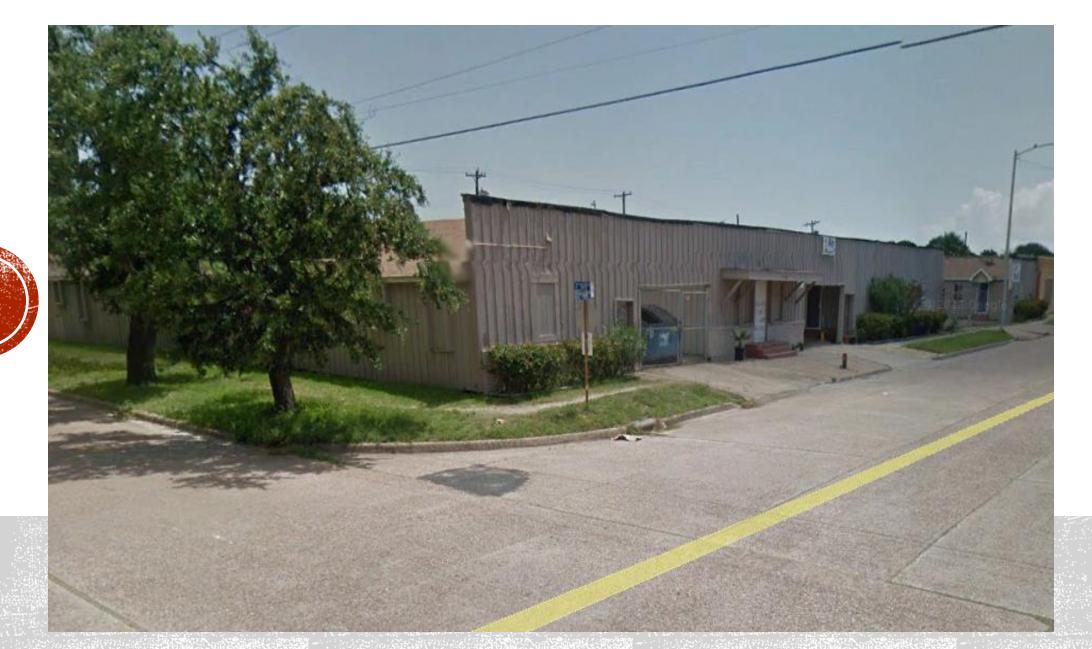




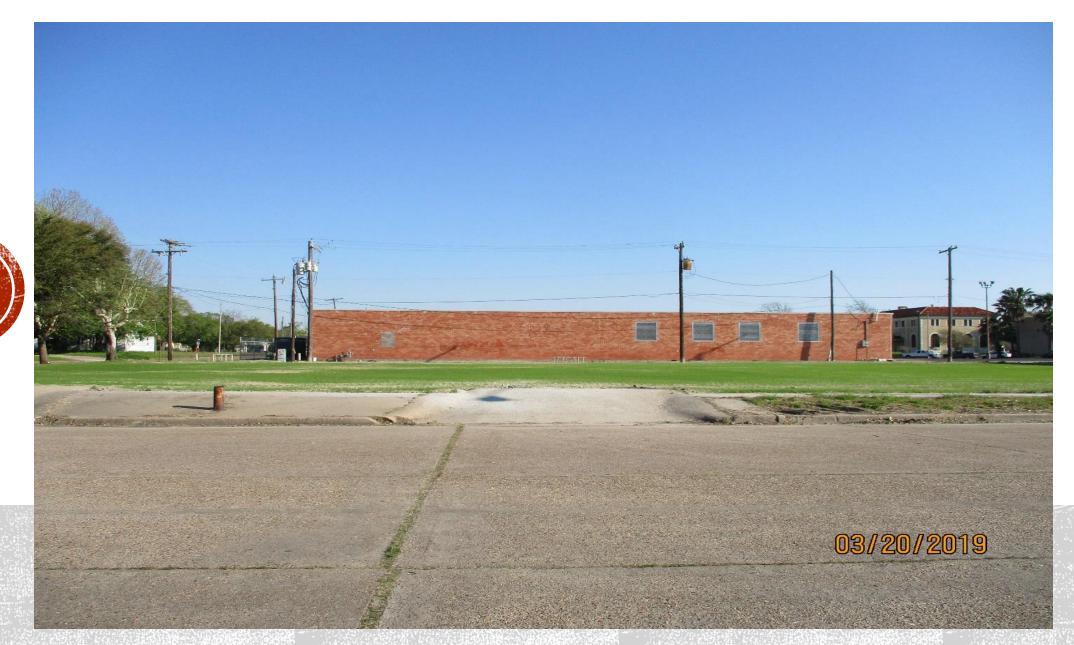
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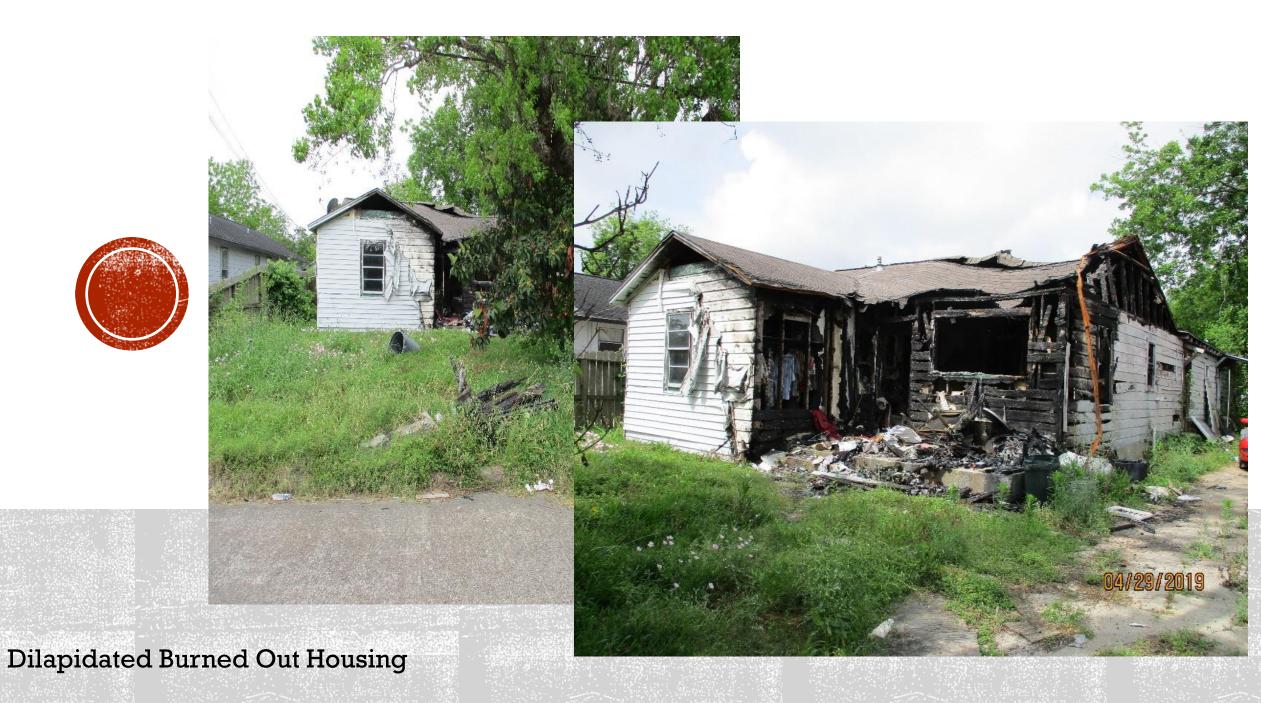
Dilapidated Structure Removed







Dilapidated House Removed







Dilapidated Burned Out Housing Removed





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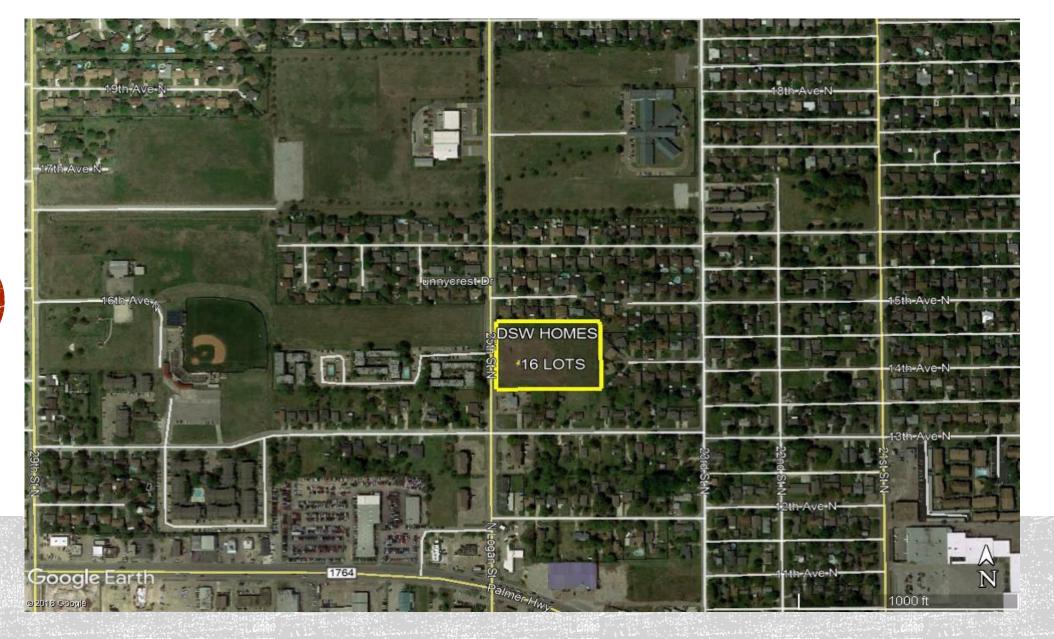
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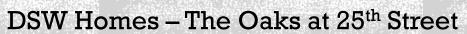






New Subdivision in Livable Center Area



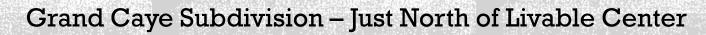






DSW Homes – The Oaks at 25th Street









Heron's Landing – Just North of the Livable Center



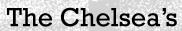
Heron's Landing West – Just North of the Livable Center





The Chelsea's



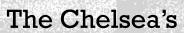






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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Future Partnerships and Toolbox Development



Interested in today's workshop to better equip ourselves with the tools and partnerships to better implement housing.

Look forward to other speakers as we explore the Housing toolbox and examples to be presented.

Looking for grants: H-GAC, Private Foundations, Community Development, State (GLO), etc.

Get more people – especially local – to invest in the vision (I bought and live on 6th Street – 3rd Floor Condo above Engineering firm).