individuals and societies. The term is used in a wide range of contexts,

including the fields of international development, healthcare, and political

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of living, which is based primarily on income. Instead, standard indicators of



and recent work on subjective well-being surveys and the psychology of

happiness have spurred renewed interest. Also frequently related are concepts such as freedom, human rights, and happiness.



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## Why Livability?

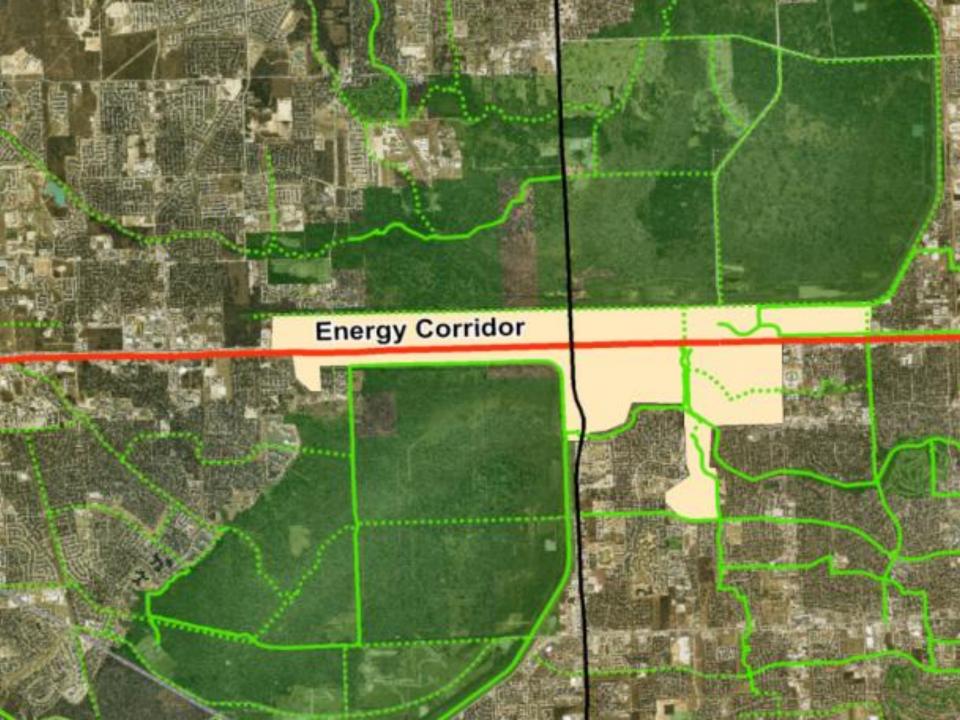


- Manufacturing continues decline
- 65+ population will more than double in next 20 years
- Migration of well-educated young people

Place is "becoming the central organizing unit of our economy and society, taking on the role that used to be played by the large corporation." Richard Florida, Rise of the Creative Class.

#### Livable Communities...

- have a green framework
- are walkable
- have great neighborhoods
- have significant gathering places
- are historic and cultural
- are scenic and fun
- enhance local flavor
- are healthy and safe

























## The Popsicle Index



"The Popsicle Index is a quality of life measurement coined by Catherine Austin Fitts as the percentage of people in a community who believe that a child in their community can safely leave their home, walk to the nearest possible location to buy a popsicle, and walk home."









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