# COMPLETE COMMUNITIES

#### Mayor Sylvester Turner's plan for a more equitable Houston



## CITY OF HOUSTON - COMPLETE COMMUNITIES **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

Complete Communities is Mayor Sylvester Turner's plan to revitalize Houston's most under-resourced neighborhoods.



"As Houston continues to grow, so do the diverse needs of our residents and neighborhoods. Ensuring that all Houstonians have equal access to quality services and amenities requires a cross-sector approach. By tapping the strengths of our community members, nonprofits, businesses and philanthropic partners, together, we can build a stronger and more resilient city."

-Mayor Sylvester Turner



The mission of Complete Communities is to create a more equitable and prosperous city for all Houstonians by working with local stakeholders and cross-sector partners to improve designated neighborhoods.

The Mayor's Office of Complete Communities facilitates and promotes innovative public projects that address needs and improve access to services for residents and businesses in the designated neighborhoods.

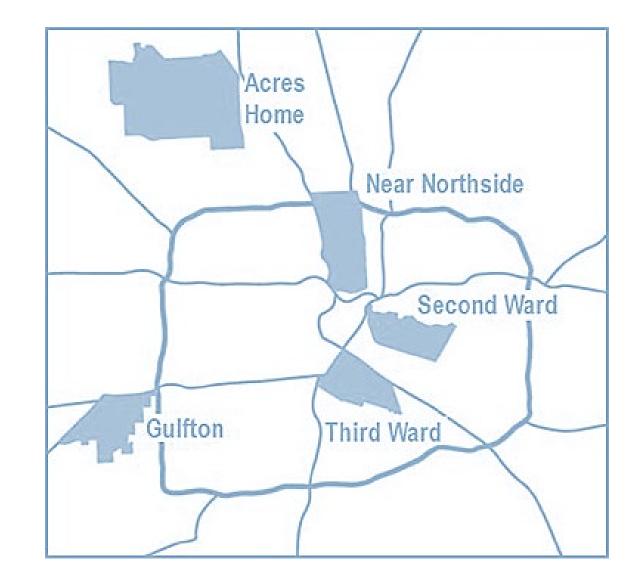




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Five low-to-moderate income neighborhoods were selected for the pilot launched in April 2017:

- ✓ Acres Home
- ✓ Gulfton
- ✓ Near Northside
- ✓ Second Ward
- ✓ Third Ward





### CITY OF HOUSTON - COMPLETE COMMUNITIES:

The City of Houston Planning and Development Department led a six-month community engagement and planning process in each of the pilot communities, which included residents, city planners, service providers, faith-based organizations, business owners, and philanthropic and civic leaders:



- **14** public meetings
- **3,500** participants, who shared their insights and visions
- **365**+ proposed projects



CITY OF HOUSTON - COMPLETE COMMUNITIES: ACTION PLANS & PROJECT PRIORITIES

Each neighborhood created a Complete Communities **Action Plan** that outlines a vision, policies, goals, and projects that were identified through the community engagement process. Project areas:





Economy & Jobs



Education



Health







Neighborhood Character

**ACTION PLAN** 

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Parks & Community Amenities





#### CITY OF HOUSTON - COMPLETE COMMUNITIES: TIMELINE FOR THE PILOT PHASE

### Early 2017

- Mayor Turner announced the pilot program and the first five neighborhoods
- Extensive outreach to civic leaders, including small group meetings and local events

Mid 2017

 Identification of project ideas begins • Public meetings

Late 2017

- Continued small group outreach
- Prioritization of projects
- Identification of implementation strategies

 Creation and publication of Complete Community Action Plans for each neighborhood

**Early 2018** 

 Creation of implementation strategies  Implementation of long-term projects begins

Late 2018

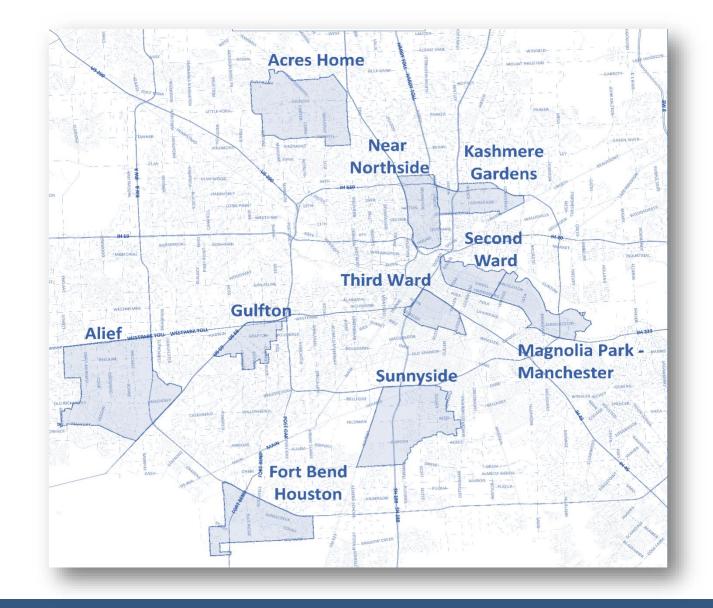
 Houston Endowment awarded grant money to establish Office of Complete Communities



### CITY OF HOUSTON - COMPLETE COMMUNITIES:

The initiative was expanded to 10 neighborhoods in June 2019. The five additional Complete Communities are:

- ✓ Alief
- ✓ Fort Bend Houston
- ✓ Kashmere Gardens
- ✓ Magnolia Park Manchester
- ✓ Sunnyside





#### CITY OF HOUSTON - COMPLETE COMMUNITIES: TIMELINE FOR THE PHASE 2 PLANNING PROCESS

### Spring 2019 > Mid 2019

- The Mayor's Office of Complete Communities opens with Shannon Buggs as its director.
- With a goal of \$25 million, the Complete Communities Improvement Fund launches with \$10 million in contributions and pledges.
- Announcement of new Complete Communities neighborhoods.
- Extensive outreach to civic leaders, including small group meetings and local events
- Identification of project ideas begins

 Large public engagement meetings

**Fall 2019** 

- Continued small group outreach
- Prioritization of projects
- Identification of implementation strategies

• Prioritization of projects continues

Winter

2019

- Development of draft Complete Community Action Plans for each neighborhood
- Incorporation of implementation strategies

- Early 2020
- Finalization of Complete Communities Action Plans.
- Implementation of long-term projects begins

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**The Complete Communities Improvement Fund** 



#### CITY OF HOUSTON - COMPLETE COMMUNITIES COMPLETE COMMUNITIES IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Complete Communities Improvement Fund was launched in 2019 to facilitate private support for the high-impact, high-priority projects identified in the Action Plans. The Fund is administered by the Greater Houston Community Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable foundation with 20+ years of philanthropic impact in Houston.

Contributors to the fund include:





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