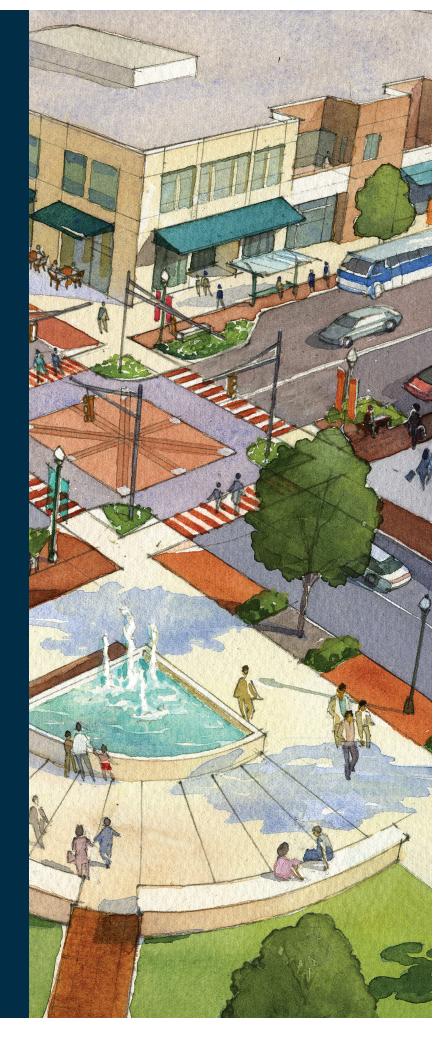
LIVABLE CENTERS

15-YEAR EVALUATION & LOCAL REPORT CARDS







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INTRODUCTION

The Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) Livable Centers Program envisions a future where residents of the Houston-Galveston region can live, work, and play with less reliance on cars. The program focuses on creating multi-modal travel options, fostering resilient, high-quality neighborhoods, promoting safe and equitable infrastructure, and advancing economic development and housing diversity. Its mission is to empower local governments with the tools needed to develop walkable, connected, resilient, and multi-modal communities.

To achieve this, H-GAC funds land use and transportation studies that result in recommendations aimed at reducing vehicle miles traveled and improving air quality; offers planning and technical assistance to help implement Livable Centers study recommendations; builds capacity through workshops and roundtables; and develops resources such as funding and partnership guides. H-GAC also plays a crucial role in implementation, facilitating access to funding opportunities and reviewing grant applications to enhance project success.

The Livable Centers Program's short-term outcomes focus on capacity building, resource development, and fostering collaboration. Workshops and roundtables provide professionals and local governments with best practices in urban planning and transportation, while resource guides and visual materials help sponsors address challenges and showcase quick-win project benefits. A collaborative forum connects stakeholders to share insights on Livable Centers principles.

In the mid-term, the program aims for policy adoption, improved pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure, greater community support for mixed-use developments, and stronger partnerships among local governments, organizations, and developers. Long-term outcomes include sustainable urban growth with reduced reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, improved public health through increased physical activity and reduced pollution, economic revitalization with new developments and housing diversity, and resilient communities adaptable to evolving transportation and environmental needs.

WHAT ARE LIVABLE CENTER STUDIES?

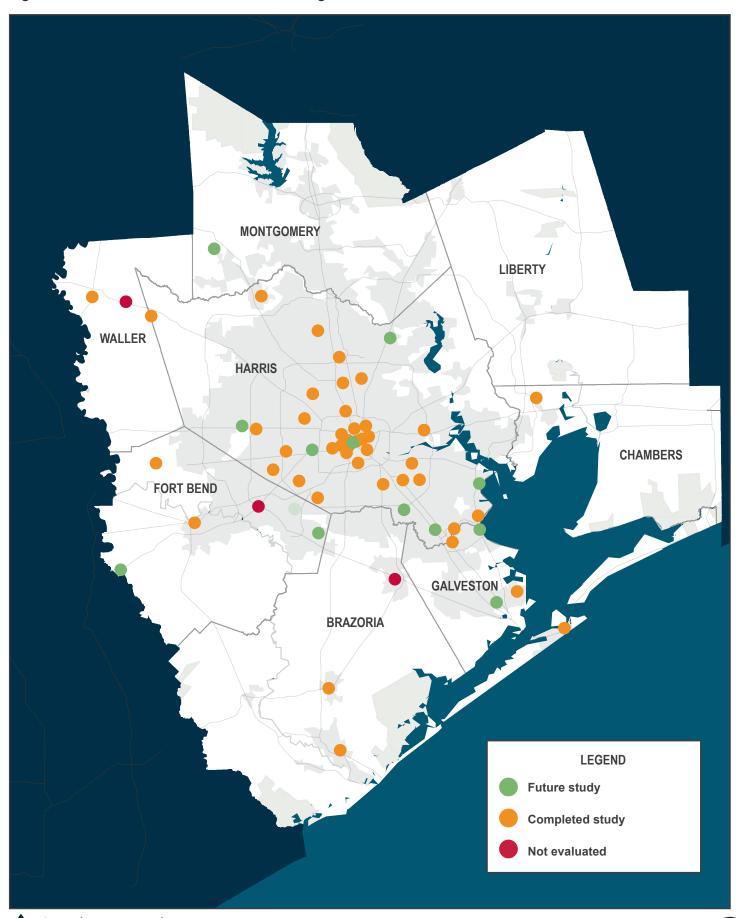
Since the program was established in 2008, Livable Centers Program staff have worked with local communities to reimagine auto-focused infrastructure, policies, and programs to be more multi-modal friendly through 9–10-month-long studies. These studies take a hybrid approach to transportation planning and evaluate not only improvements to the transportation network but also land use development practices that promote better access and connectivity between the roadway network and adjacent development. Examples of resulting recommendations include streetscape improvements, parking, signage and wayfinding, bicycle and pedestrian access, transit, and land use development.

H-GAC published its first Livable Centers study in 2009, and as of November 2024, 46 studies are complete. For fiscal years 2025–2028, 13 studies are planned. Livable Centers studies have been completed in urban, suburban, and rural areas throughout the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) eight-county region.

At the completion of a study, local jurisdictions are equipped with a community-vetted plan that identifies implementable recommendations across short-, medium-, and long-term timeframes.

Livable Centers studies have been completed in urban, suburban, & rural areas throughout the MPO's eight-county region.

Figure 1. Livable Center Studies Across the Region



PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this report is to evaluate the impact of the Livable Centers Program, focusing on its success in promoting livability and multi-modal accessibility across the Houston-Galveston region.

Now in its 15th year, the Livable Centers Program continues to be used as a tool for development in communities across the region. Staff have conducted multiple check-ins with study sponsors since 2015 to document progress and gauge the long-term impact of the program. For this iteration of the evaluation report, program staff reached out to past project partners, conducting surveys and interviews in the Fall of 2024. Three of the 46 Livable Centers studies shown in Figure 1 were not evaluated, as they had either recently concluded or were still nearing completion at the time the evaluation was conducted.

The insights gathered from local partners inform comprehensive 15-Year localized "report cards" that reflect community-specific progress. This assessment seeks to highlight how the Program has delivered tangible benefits to the communities served and how it aligns with broader regional planning goals of prosperity for all. The 10-Year and 12-Year evaluation reports are available to read here.

2009
H-GAC publishes
first Livable
Centers Study.

2024
46 studies are complete representing urban, suburban, & rural areas throughout the region.

15th Year

43 studies that represent urban, suburban, & rural areas are evaluated in this report.

The Livable Centers study has been a guiding anchor to encourage true collaboration between 3 culturally unique communities, to improve the quality of life for its residents and businesses.

Marlon Marshall

Midtown Management District
Director, Engineering & Construction

East Downtown has continually built off the foundations established in the Livable Centers Plan, and now we are home to a unique mix of events, residents, and social gathering spots.

Elizabeth Whitton, AICP

East Downtown Management District
Executive Director

METHOD

To evaluate progress toward full implementation, H-GAC staff conducted interviews with past study partners and documented their achievements in the Fall of 2024. Recognizing that Livable Center studies are designed to reflect the unique needs, priorities, and visions of each community, the program emphasizes flexibility over a "one-size-fits-all" approach. Comparing studies that have been in development for over 11 years with those adopted within the last three years does not provide a complete picture of implementation success. To account for these differences, staff assessed progress based on the age of each study, categorized as follows:

LEGACY STUDIES

- <u>Definition</u>: Studies that are 11+ years old
- <u>Assumption</u>: Large-scale projects are expected to be fully implemented or underway.

ADVANCED MATURITY STUDIES

- <u>Definition:</u> Studies between 8 to 10 years old
- <u>Assumption</u>: Large-scale projects are in advanced stages of development or nearing completion.

MATURING STUDIES

- <u>Definition</u>: Studies between 5 to 7 years old
- <u>Assumption</u>: Large-scale projects are often in early development or negotiation stages.

New Studies

- Definition: Studies that are less than 5 years old
- <u>Assumption</u>: Projects focus on foundational, early-stage initiatives.

H-GAC staff assessed the completion of projects within each study area based on the year the study was published to provide a fair evaluation of overall success within the Livable Centers Program.

The East End Livable Centers study, as the oldest study, demonstrated the highest rate of project implementation at 89% and served as a benchmark for assessing the performance of other studies. Adjustments were made to reflect the varying timeframes and maturity of each study.

To categorize implementation progress, staff used the Percent Project Completion reported in 2024 to classify studies into the following categories:

- <u>Exceptional</u>: Studies that exceed expectations for project implementation based on their age and maturity.
- On Track: Studies that align with expected progress given their stage of development.
- <u>Pending Implementation:</u> Studies where implementation progress is still emerging, reflecting ongoing efforts, or where additional support may be beneficial to advance projects in the future.

Table 1. Livable Center Studies Completion Ranges

Legacy Studies Completion Range	
Exceptional	> 60%
On Track	31-60%
Pending Implementation	0-30%

Advanced Maturity Studies Completion Range				
Exceptional	> 40%			
On Track	21-40%			
Pending Implementation	0-20%			

Maturing Studies Completion Range				
Exceptional	> 30%			
On Track	16-30%			
Pending Implementation	0-15%			

New Studies Completion Range	
Exceptional	> 20%
On Track	11-20%
Pending Implementation	0-10%

Table 2. Livable Center Studies by Type

#	Livable Center Study	County	Year Completed	Туре
1	East End	Harris	2009	legacy
2	Tomball	Harris	2009	Legacy
3	Waller	Harris	2009	legacy
4	Midtown*	Harris	2010	legacy
5	Northside	Harris	2010	legacy
6	Upper Kirby	Harris	2010	Legacy
7	Fourth Ward*	Harris	2010	legacy
8	Energy Corridor	Harris	2011	legacy
9	Airline	Harris	2012	legacy
10	Downtown/EaDo	Harris	2011	legacy
11	League City	Galveston	2011	Legacy
12	Independence Heights	Harris	2012	Legacy
13	NASA	Harris	2013	Legacy
14	Near Northwest	Harris	2011	Legacy
15	Hempstead	Waller	2012	Legacy
16	Galveston	Galveston	2012	Legacy
17	Washington	Harris	2013	Legacy
18	Cypress Creek	Harris	2014	Advanced Maturity
19	Fifth Ward/East End*	Harris	2015	Advanced Maturity
20	Rosenberg/90A	Fort Bend	2015	Advanced Maturity
21	Museum Park	Harris	2016	Advanced Maturity
22	Texas City	Galveston	2016	Advanced Maturity

^(*) The asetrik indicates 2021 funding figures used due to no response from study sponsor.

- 17 of all Livable Center Studies are Legacy Studies
 - 7 of all Livable Center Studies are Advanced Maturity Studies

- 7 of all Livable Center Studies are Maturing Studies
- of all Livable Center Studies are New Studies

#	Livable Center Study	County	Year Completed	Туре
23	Kashmere Gardens	Harris	2016	Advanced Maturity
24	Hobby*	Harris	2016	Advanced Maturity
25	Westchase	Harris	2018	Maturing
26	Spring Branch*	Harris	2018	Maturing
27	Mont Belvieu*	Chambers	2018	Maturing
28	Fulshear	Fort Bend	2019	Maturing
29	International MD	Harris	2019	Maturing
30	North Houston	Harris	2020	Maturing
31	Pasadena	Harris	2020	Maturing
32	Greater Eastwood	Harris	2021	New
33	Montrose	Harris	2021	New
34	City of Angleton	Brazoria	2021	New
35	East Aldine	Harris	2021	New
36	City of Seabrook	Harris	2021	New
37	Brays Oak	Harris	2022	New
38	SW Houston	Harris	2022	New
39	OST / Palm Center SEMD	Harris	2022	New
40	Cloverleaf	Harris	2023	New
41	Clute	Brazoria	2023	New
42	Healthy Pasadena	Harris	2023	New
43	South Houston	Harris	2023	New

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Broadening geographic and jurisdictional focus

Since 2021, recent studies have focused more on smaller cities and unincorporated areas such as Angleton, Clute, Seabrook, East Aldine, and Cloverleaf, reflecting greater geographic and regulatory diversity across Brazoria, Galveston, and Chambers Counties.

CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT

While structure may vary, studies with the greatest capacity for implementation typically have a dedicated entity that can manage or move projects forward, complemented by a sustainable source of funding, whether programmatic or through continued management of grants.

To better gauge capacity for implementation, H-GAC evaluated the presence of a management entity or funding entity within each Livable Centers area boundary. Staff assigned points on a scale of 0-1, as shown in Table 3. Where a management and funding entity exist, one point was assigned for each and assigned a total weight. Additional points were assigned if an entity was planned or recommended by the study. Each study area could receive up to three points based on the presence of implementation-supporting entities, with the total score used to assign a corresponding capacity rating of high, medium, or low.

We identified our market, prioritized funds, and incorporated recommendations into the Midtown Strategic Plan. We have built projects in all three districts including Midtown Park. We're doing it.

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Midtown Management District

Director, Engineering & Construction

The Legacy studies generally demonstrate both strong completion rates and capacity to implement, signifying that they are well-supported and further along in their development. On the other hand, many New areas, especially Healthy Pasadena, South Houston, and City of Angleton, show low completion rates and limited capacity to implement, which indicates early stages of planning. Areas like Cypress Creek and Fifth Ward/Kashmere highlight the challenges faced by Advanced Maturity regions, which, despite being in more developed stages, have encountered barriers related to both implementation and institutional support.

To increase the success rate of these studies, areas with low capacity to implement (especially those with low scores in key entities like City Departments, Economic Development Corporations, and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone) will need additional support to overcome institutional and financial barriers. Strengthening community engagement, securing funding, and aligning key partners will be critical to moving these Livable Center Studies forward.

Table 3. Capacity to Implement Weighted Metrics

Capacity to Implement Metrics	Weight
Ciy Department	1
Economic Development Corporation	1
Super Neighborhood*	1
Management District	1
Recommended Management District**	0.25
TIRZ	1
Partial TIRZ Boundary	0.50
Recommended TIRZ	0.25

^{*} Only active Super Neighborhoods identified by local partners included in this evaluation.

^{**}Only Active Management District identified by local partners included in this evaluation. A total of .25 points allocated to studies with those proposed or planned.

KEY INSIGHTS

Legacy studies vs. New studies

 Legacy studies like East End, Tomball, and Downtown/EaDO show both high completion rates and strong capacity to implement, reflecting their more established status and stronger organizational infrastructure.

Completion vs. Capacity to Implement

• Washington Ave has a low completion rate (20%) but a relatively higher capacity to implement (25%), indicating that, while progress has been slow, the project has the potential to accelerate with more resources or organizational support.

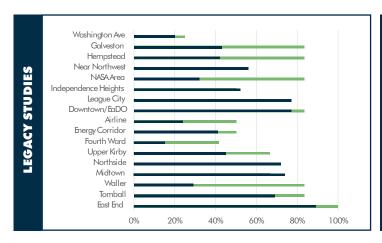
 Cypress Creek and Fifth Ward/Kashmere both have low completion rates and low capacity to implement scores (8%), pointing to significant challenges in progressing these projects.

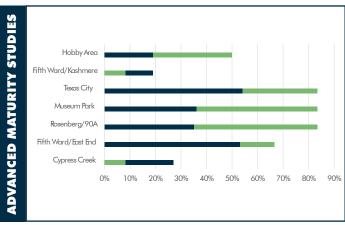
Advanced Maturity Areas

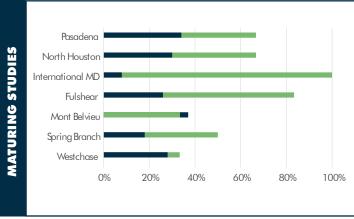
 Several Advanced Maturity studies like Cypress Creek (27% completion, 8% capacity) and Fifth Ward/Kashmere (19% completion, 8% capacity) have struggled with both progress and institutional support. These areas will require additional resources or policy intervention to progress.

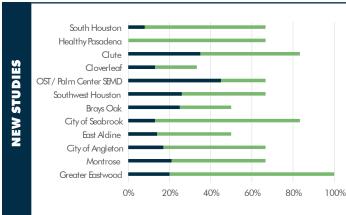
Table 4. Livable Center Implementation Rates & Capacity to Implement Rate











KEY FINDINGS

Of the 43 evaluated studies, 33% are ranked Exceptional, 46% are On Track, and 21% are Pending Implementation. Advanced Maturity and Maturing studies show a balanced mix of "Exceptional" and "On Track" progress while newer studies are typically "On Track," as expected for their developmental phase.

Public investments built have increased substantially over time, more than doubling from 2016 to 2019, followed by moderate growth from 2019 to 2021, and then nearly doubling again from 2021 to 2024, reflecting an accelerating commitment to infrastructure and development. Likewise, planned or programmed investments have demonstrated consistent growth, indicating a sustained focus on future funding and strategic planning.

Table 5. Livable Center Investments Built by Year

2016	\$197,041,186.00
2019	\$466,608,105.44
2021	\$543,330,709.84
2024	\$965,361,487.11

Table 6. Livable Center Investments Planned or Programmed by Year

2016	\$272,146,008.00
2019	\$488,674,008.00
2021	\$589,441,769.53
2024	\$613,289,846.04

+78% increase in public investments built from 2021

\$965M
public investments built

\$68M in transportation infrastructure & service improvements tied to Livable Center study recommendations

\$613M

public investments planned or programmed

Table 7. Livable Center Implementation Rates



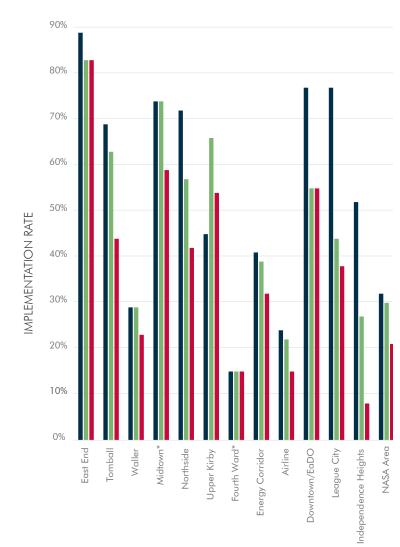


Figure 2. Livable Center Implementation Rate Status



EXCEPTIONAL

Studies that exceed project expectations for implementation to date



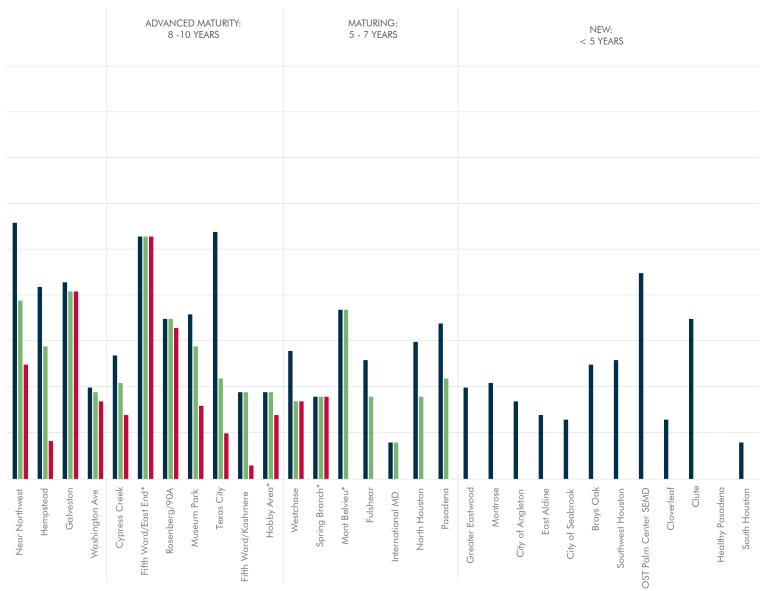
ON TRACK

Studies that meet project expectations for implementation to date



PENDING IMPLEMENTATION

Studies that do not meet project expectations for implementation & require time or assistance for future project maturation



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Table 8. Livable Center Studies Implementation Status

Туре	Study	Study Cost (000s)	Implemented (000s)	Planned or Programmed (000s)	Percent Complete	Capacity	Report Card Status
	East End	\$144	\$32,749	\$28,185	89%	100%	Exceptional
	Tomball	\$133	\$3,194	\$26,180	69%	83%	Exceptional
	Waller	\$120	\$11,252	\$9,574	29%	83%	Pending Implementation
	Midtown*	\$552	\$69,300	\$32,000	74%	67%	Exceptional
	Northside	\$175	\$229,582	\$101,525	72%	42%	Exceptional
	Upper Kirby	\$192	\$45,375	\$4,924	45%	67%	On Track
	Fourth Ward*	\$360	\$5,068	\$767	15%	42%	Pending Implementation
	Energy Corridor	\$124	\$50,930	\$720	41%	50%	On Track
Legacy	Airline	\$174	\$8,791	\$28,867	24%	50%	Pending Implementation
9	Downtown/EaDo	\$221	\$379,650	\$21,650	77%	83%	Exceptional
	League City	\$175	\$10,972	\$17,115	77%	67%	Exceptional
	Independence Heights	\$147	\$121	\$1,520	52%	50%	On Track
	NASA	\$147	\$1,492	\$101,325	32%	83%	On Track
	Near Northwest	\$124	\$18,555	\$40,391	56%	33%	On Track
	Hempstead	\$138	\$823	\$13,120	42%	83%	On Track
	Galveston	\$219	\$37,000	\$20,364	43%	83%	On Track
	Washington Ave	\$350	\$8,123	\$22,905	20%	25%	Pending Implementation
	Cypress Creek	\$105	\$155	\$12,501	27%	8%	On Track
rity	Fifth Ward/East End*	\$288	\$10,000	\$27,930	53%	67%	Exceptional
Advanced Maturity	Rosenberg/90A	\$213	\$1,061	\$3,620	35%	83%	On Track
	Museum Park	\$250	\$105	\$435	36%	83%	On Track
Adve	Texas City	\$269	\$1,406	\$4,561	54%	83%	Exceptional
	Kashmere Gardens	\$213	\$3,381	\$949	19%	8%	Pending Implementation
	Hobby*	\$269	\$525	\$2,500	19%	50%	Pending Implementation

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Туре	Study	Study Cost (000s)	Implemented (000s)	Planned or Programmed (000s)	Percent Complete	Capacity	Report Card Status
	Westchase	\$281	\$2,222	\$4,640	28%	33%	On Track
5	Spring Branch*	\$241	\$0	\$3,660	18%	50%	On Track
Maturing	Mont Belvieu*	\$141	\$389	\$7,030	37%	33%	Exceptional
¥	Fulshear	\$186	\$2,700	\$11,320	26%	33%	On Track
	International MD	\$241	\$47	\$670	8%	100%	Pending Implementation
	North Houston	\$218	\$37,856	\$2,580	30%	67%	On Track
	Pasadena	\$194	\$9,703	\$14,257	34%	67%	Exceptional
	Greater Eastwood	\$218	\$150	\$22,000	20%	100%	On Track
	Montrose	\$211	\$5,050	\$20,700	21%	67%	Exceptional
	City of Angleton	\$194	\$0	\$5,270,000	17%	67%	On Track
	East Aldine	\$243	\$0	\$0	14%	50%	On Track
New	City of Seabrook	\$194	\$676	\$1,000	13%	83%	On Track
	Brays Oak	\$243	\$350	\$14,784	25%	50%	Exceptional
	Southwest Houston	\$303	\$7,126	\$4,008	26%	67%	On Track
	OST / Palm Center SEMD	\$240	\$1,802	\$670	45%	67%	Exceptional
	Cloverleaf	\$252	\$0	\$2,250	13%	33%	On Track
	Clute	\$121	\$429	\$758	35%	83%	Exceptional
	Healthy Pasadena	\$220	\$0	\$0	0%	67%	Pending Implementation
	South Houston	\$250	\$0	\$2,250	8%	67%	Pending Implementation

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We're on the right track.

Local partners are working hard to get projects implemented. Table 8 provides a summary of where project partners stand today, as well H-GAC's understanding of future capacity for implementation.

LEGACY

Livable Centers Studies

Definition: Studies that are 11+ years old

Assumption: Large-scale projects are expected to be fully implemented or underway

(*) The asterisk indicates a study where 2021 funding figures were used due to no response.

Exceptional: >60% On Track: 31-60%

Pending Implementation: 0-30%

EAST END Livable Centers Study

Year: 2009

Partner/Sponsor: East End District

Cost of Study: \$144K

Projects Built/Invested: \$32.8M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$28M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Support future Livable Center Studies and partnerships

- Continue streetscape and intersection improvements

89% complete





My goal for the future is to have every neighborhood within our management district boundary go through the process of a Livable Center Study.

> Veronica Chapa Gorczynski East End Management District President

TOMBALL Livable Centers Study

Year: 2009

Partner/Sponsor: Tomball Economic Development

Corporation

Cost of Study: \$133K

Projects Built/Invested: \$3.2M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$26.2M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

 Alley placemaking improvements with decorative alley pavement, lighting, sidewalks, parking for enhanced connectivity and community space

- 131 striped parrallel parking spaces added to study area network

69% complete

CEDTIONAL

We still have a ways to go, but are off to a good start with implementing many recommendations contained within the study.

Craig T. Meyers
Community Development Director
City of Tomball

WALLER Livable Centers Study

Year: 2009

 Partner/Sponsor: City of Waller Economic Development Corporation

Cost of Study: \$120K

Projects Built/Invested: \$11.2M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$2.4M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

 2019 Construction of sidewalks (2013 Transporttaion Improvement Program)

29% complete

This project shows what can happen as the City and the EDC partner together for progress for the City of Waller. We look forward to the improvements that are going to be made and how they will improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Danny L. Marburger

Mayo

MIDTOWN* Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2010

Partner/Sponsor: Midtown Management District,
 City of Houston

Cost of Study: \$552K

Projects Built/Invested: \$69.3M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$32M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

 Continue implementation of Sigange, Wayfinding and Public Art

 Finalize Off-street Parking Ordiance request with City of Houston 74.0% complete



We identified our market, prioritized funds, and incorporated recommendations into the Midtown Strategic Plan. We have built projects in all three districts including Midtown Park. We're doing it.

Marlon Marshall
Midtown Management District
Director, Engineering & Construction

NORTHSIDE Livable Centers Study

• Year: 2010

Partner/Sponsor: Greater Northside
 Managment District, City of Houston

Cost of Study: \$175K

Projects Built/Invested: \$229.5M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$101.5M

Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

- Implement more Better Block/temporary pilot projects

- Monitor Houston Bike Plan implementation

- Monitor bayou bike trail implementation

72% complete

...created a blueprint from which we are still working from, it allowed the community to have input about where projects could have impact on daily lives and directly influence the growth of the area.

Rebecca Reyna
Greater Northside Management District
Executive Director

UPPER KIRBY Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2010

Partner/Sponsor: Upper Kirby District, City of

Houston

Cost of Study: \$192K

Projects Built/Invested: \$45.3M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$4.9M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Complete parking plan, including new parking garage

 Continue to create pedestrian connections to cul-de-sac neighbrhoods

- Continue implementation of wayfinding and streetscape improvements

improvements

45% complete



Once we revitalized this area as a community asset, we knew it was time to make sure it's connected. This plan is our road map.

Travis YounkinUpper Kirby District
Executive Director

FOURTH WARD* Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2009

Partner/Sponsor: Fourth Ward
 Redevelopment Authority, City of Houston

Cost of Study: \$360K

Projects Built/Invested: \$5M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$767K

Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

 2020 expansion of TRIZ boundary complete & new emphasis towards study implementation

- Implement planned street and sidewalk improvements

Develop a parking management district

- Support creation of a management district

15% complete

Process of study was exciting, but we need stronger partnerships to implement.

ENERGY CORRIDORLivable Centers Study

■ Year: 2011

Partner/Sponsor: Energy Corridor District, City of

Houston

Cost of Study: \$124K

Projects Built/Invested: \$50.9M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$720K

Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

- Continue programs to promote family-based activities

 Improve Grisby Road safety for all roadway users, including bikes and pedestrians

– Continue economic development and connections across IH-10

41% complete



...are laying the foundation for access, connectivity and retail viability so that when the market is right, we are rightly positioned to redevelop the Addicks Park-n-Ride.

Fabiana Demarie Energy Corridor District Urban Planner

AIRLINE Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2011

Partner/Sponsor: Airline Improvement District

Cost of Study: \$174K

Projects Built/Invested: \$8.8M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$28.9M

Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

- Completed \$17.4M in utility replacement.

 Continue sidewalk and street grid completion in partnership with Harris County Precinct 1

 Incorporate streetscape improvements in coordination with TxDOT Gulf Road planned expansion

We remain committed to implementing the framework for growth and associated recommendations set out by the Livable Centers Study. Due to the study, we know where we are headed and are ready to act when the timing is right.

24% complete

Airline Improvement District

Executive Director

DOWNTOWN/EADO Livable Centers Study

Year: 2011

 Partner/Sponsor: East Downtown Management District (EaDO) & Houston Downtown Management District

Cost of Study: \$221K

Projects Built/Invested: \$379.6M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$437M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Complete TIRZ #15 infrastructure and streetscape improvements

 Eastblish network of connected parks including Columbia Tap Trail Improvements and METRO Light Rail Triangles

nt complete

CEANTONAL

East Downtown has continually built off the foundations established in the Livable Centers Plan, and now we are home to a unique mix of events, residents, and social gathering spots.

Elizabeth Whitton, AICP
East Downtown Management District
Executive Director

LEAGUE CITY Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2012

Partner/Sponsor: City of League City

Cost of Study: \$175K

Projects Built/Invested: \$10.9M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$17.1M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Secure \$250K of CDBG funds for Main Street improvements

 Market Downtown for new development including district Gateway

77% complete

Partnering with the residents and businesses in the Main Street/Park Avenue area has allowed the City to move forward with ordinance updates and infrastructure projects that will improve the overall mobility and desirability of the neighborhood, while keeping the unique sense of place that it has developed over the years.

Kris Carpenter City of League City Planning Manager

INDEPENDENCE HEIGHTS Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2012

Partner/Sponsor: Greater Northside **Management District & Independence Heights Redevelopment Council**

Cost of Study: \$147K

Projects Built/Invested: \$121K

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$1.5M

Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

- Build on TxDOT relationship and successful US-69 underpass pedestrian improvements and painted columns

- Create Transit Oriented Development with connections to rail and bus

complete



We are seeing interest and more housing in the study area - including the Northline area

Rebecca Reyna

Greater Northside Management District **Executive Director**

NASA Livable Centers Study

Year: 2012

Partner/Sponsor: NASA Area Management **District & TIRZ**

Cost of Study: \$147K

Projects Built/Invested: \$1.5M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$101.3M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Finalize Gateway, "Uplift the Palm Trees to the "Lunar Cycle" installation

- Capitalize on momentum of private development partners

for this is a nut-n-bolts plan. The District already had a vision in place, but did not yet fully understand how to create a sense of place...now we have projects on the ground and community support..once our larger private developments are complete, we expect to move forward with our connectivity piece - bike, peds, and golf carts.

3/2% complete



Sue Darcy NASA Area Management District Consultant/President

NEAR NORTHWEST Livable Centers Study

Year: 2012

Partner/Sponsor: Houston Northwest Management District

Cost of Study: \$124K

Projects Built/Invested: \$18.5M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$40.3M

Capacity to Implement: LOW

- Applied for 2018 TIP funds, and did not meet criteria

- Capitalize on bikeway implementation with Precinct 1 partnership

- Continue placemaking with 9 Gateways and 22 mini murals, and growing

56% complete



We've adopted the Livable Centers study as our roadmap, and use it to attract private investments. It inspired our radio-based marketing and our district-wide branding initiatives.

Near Northwest Management District
President

HEMPSTEAD Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2012

 Partner/Sponsor: Hempstead Economic Development Corporation

■ Cost of Study: \$138K

■ Projects Built/Invested: \$822K

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$13.1M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Received CDBG funds for downtown revitalization
- Implement wayfinding from US 290 to Historic Downtown
- Update and implement code enforcement

42% complete



The study is guiding the EDC, Mayor, and City Council with community-based recommendations to seize opportunities for sustainable growth. As we continue implementing the initiatives within the study, it is imperative that we partner with Waller County to help provide a better quality of life for the entire community.

Ramiro Bautista, Ph.D. Hempstead Economic Development Corporation, Director

GALVESTON Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2012

Partner/Sponsor: Galveston Housing Authority

Cost of Study: \$219K

Projects Built/Invested: \$37M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$20.4M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

 New Economic Development Director recommended, and hired Spring 2018

Implement "Rubber Wheels Street Car" to replace rail system destroyed by flood

- Continue sidewalk improvements through city CIP

43% complete



Livable Centers is a unified title, and it works - it keeps the message clear regardless of agency.

Deyna SimsGalveston Housing Authority
Director of Real Estate & Development

WASHINGTON Livable Centers Study

Year: 2013

Partner/Sponsor: Old Sixth Ward TIRZ

Cost of Study: \$350K

Projects Built/Invested: \$8M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$22.9M

Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

Complete evaluation of walking and biking infrastructure via TIRZ mobility study

– Increase funding capacity of TIRZ

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Through significant public input, our team developed 12 recommendations relating to circulation and connectivity, development standards, affordable housing, public art, branding, district management, parks and open space, bicycle and pedestrian amenities and economic development.

Washington Avenue Livable Centers Study

ADVANCED MATURITY Livable Centers Studies

Definition: Studies that are 8 to 10 years old

Assumption: Large-scale projects are in advanced stages of development or nearing completion.

(*) The asterisk indicates a study where 2021 funding figures were used due to no response.

Exceptional: >40%
On Track: 21-40%

Pending Implementation: 0-20%

CYPRESS CREEK Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2014

 Partner/Sponsor: Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce

Cost of Study: \$105K

Projects Built/Invested: \$154K

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$12.5M

Capacity to Implement: LOW

 Leverage Flood Control Bond Projects for canal upgrades to include trail development

 Utilize post-Harvey Disaster Recovery Funds to conduct home buyouts in partnership with MUD 21

Study is a wonderful tool for guiding us toward our quality of life objectives in the Cypress Creek community. To see measurable progress is rewarding.

Bobby LiebHouston Northwest Chamber of Commerce
President

27% complete



FIFTH WARD/EAST END* Livable Centers Study

Year: 2015

 Partner/Sponsor: Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation

■ Cost of Study: \$288K

Projects Built/Invested: \$10M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$27M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Continue to implement streetscape improvements

- Market recent park improvements

- Leverage future FTA and Precint 1 improvements



The Livable Centers study has been a guiding anchor to encourage true collaboration between 3 culturally unique communities to improve the quality of life for its residents and businesses.

Kathy Payton Fifth Ward CRC President & CEO

ROSENBERG/90A Livable Centers Study

• Year: 2015

Partner/Sponsor: West Fort Bend Management
 District and City of Rosenberg

Cost of Study: \$212K

■ Projects Built/Invested: \$1M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$3.6M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- 1st and 2nd phase of Downtown Parking program, complete

 Expand sidewalk improvements program and beautification of downtown streets via Texas Main Street Program

35% complete



The study has been a great resource for the City in its effort toward revitalization of the US90A corridor. The City and Rosenberg Development Corporation continue to utilize its guidance along with updated market information to facilitate investment and promote redevelopment.

Joe Esch
City of Rosenberg
Executive Director, Community Development

MUSEUM PARK Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2016

Partner/Sponsor: Museum Park Super Neighborhood & City of Houston

Cost of Study: \$250K

Projects Built/Invested: \$105K

■ Projects Planned/Programmed: \$435K

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Establish a parking management district

 Develop standards that promote landscaping with native plants—"beneficial landscaping"

- Complete Caroline Promenade Cultural Spine design



Having a master plan to guide Museum Park is key to moving this destination district to its highest level with highly functioning mobility, greenspace, and comfort for the over 8 million visitors, residents, and employees.

Kathleen O'Reilly Museum Park Super Neighorhood President

TEXAS CITY Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2016

Partner/Sponsor: City of Texas City

Cost of Study: \$269K

Projects Built/Invested: \$1.4M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$4.5M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

Continue phased Bayfinding implementation

Allocate funding mechanism for a continued sidewalk program

- Develop the Bayside District Concept when funding allows

54% complete

The City of Texas City is committed to equitable and safe housing, as well as high quality of life, to our entire community.

Kristin Edwards, MPA, TDMCity of Texas City
Economic Development Director

KASHMERE GARDENS Livable Centers Study

Year: 2016

Partner/Sponsor: Near Northside

Management District

Cost of Study: \$213K

Projects Built/Invested: \$3.4M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$949K

Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

- Management District reactived in 2021

- Houston Complete Communities 2020 adoption of recommendations, and future partnership to implementation

- Continue community implementation such as Metro Pilot and Bike Trail

When communities collaborate for the greater good it strengthens us all. 77

Keith Downey

Kashmere Gardens Super Neighborhood President

HOBBY* Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2009

Partner/Sponsor: Hobby Area Management

District

Cost of Study: \$269K

Projects Built/Invested: \$525K

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$2.5M

Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

- Complete design for Bellfort Station catalyst site and multimodal commercial center

- Incorporate senior housing and appropriate infrastructure accomodations

Creating vibrant places does not have to begin with expensive infrastructure investments. Simple and creative placemaking can spark interest and spur catalytic change.

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Executive Summary Hobby Livable Centers Study

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Livable Centers Studies

Definition: Studies that are 5 to 7 years old

Assumption: Large-scale projects are often in early development or negotiation stages.

(*) The asterisk indicates a study where 2021 funding figures were used due to no response.

Exceptional: >30% On Track: 16-30%

Pending Implementation: 0-15%

WESTCHASE Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2018

 Partner/Sponsor: Westchase Management District

Cost of Study: \$281K

Projects Built/Invested: \$2.2M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$4.6M

Capacity to Implement: LOW

Initiate pedestrian promenade design and development

- Develop a shared-use parking program

- Explore bus rapid transit on Westheimer

28% complete



Announced April 25, 2019

The Westchase Livable Centers Study received the Merit Award for the Planning and Analysis Category from the Texas Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architecture. This award recognizes the wide variety of professional activities that lead to, guide, or evaluate landscape architectural design.

SPRING BRANCH* Livable Centers Study

Year: 2018

Partner/Sponsor: Spring Branch Management

District

Cost of Study: \$241K

Projects Built/Invested: N/A

■ Projects Planned/Programmed: \$3.6M

Capacity to Implement: LOW

 Pilot a bicycle on the Long Point corridor in partnership with the City of Houston

- Continue CenterPoint trail study in parternship with H-GAC

18% complete

ONTRACK

Reimagine Long Point Livable Center study was identified as one of four major actions items in Spring.

Executive SummarySpring Branch Livable Centers Study

MONT BELVIEU* Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2018

Partner/Sponsor: City of Mont Belvieu

Cost of Study: \$141K

Projects Built/Invested: \$388K

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$7M

Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

- Continue facade improvement program

Promote mixed-use development via private/public partners

- Continue gateway and landscaping improvements

37% complete



We were very satisfied with the study and are excited about integrating the findings into future developments. We have already begun implementing the necessary recommendations to create something special in Mont Belvieu.

City of Mont Belvieu
City Planner

FULSHEAR Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2019

Partner/Sponsor: City of Fulshear

Cost of Study: \$186K

Projects Built/Invested: \$2.7M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$11.3M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Complete application and compete for TxDOT Transportation Alternative and Safe Routes to Schools funds



The Livable Center Study for the City of Fulshear demonstrated that a unique downtown that maintained a sense of place was possible, and it set us in the right direction to make it happen. 7

Zach Goodlander City of Fulshear City Manager

INTERNATIONAL MD **Livable Centers Study**

Year: 2019

Partner/Sponsor: International Managment **District**

Cost of Study: \$241K

Projects Built/Invested: \$47K

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$670K

Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

- Initiate parking activation program

- Conduct feasibility study for CenterPoint easement trail

- Begin gateway project in partnership with TxDOT and Harris County Toll Road Authority

It is exciting to see the progress we have made in making the International District a more pedestrian friendly area. The Livable Center Study was the catalyst to moving amazing projects forward and it's great to see their fruition. Natali Hurtado

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International District **Executive Director**

NORTH HOUSTON GREENSPOINT Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2020

Partner/Sponsor: North Houston District

Cost of Study: \$218K

Projects Built/Invested: \$37.8M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$2.5M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Begin parking lot activation program/placemaking

- Conduct CenterPoint feasibility study

- Begin gateway project

30% complete



The North Hoston Livable Centers Study has provided us a helpful roadmap for achieving our objectives for the area we studied. It has helped provide context for projects we are pursuing.

Robert Fiederlein

North Houston District Vice President Planning and Infrastructure

PASADENA Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2020

Partner/Sponsor: Pasadena EDC, City of Pasadena

Cost of Study: \$194K

Projects Built/Invested: \$90.7

■ Projects Planned/Programmed: \$14.2M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

 Shaw Avenue Revitalization Project with widened sidewalks and new on-street parking. Second phase includes pedestrian scale lighting, street furniture, trees & landscaping, and bike racks

- Flood Recovery & Resilient Neighobrhood study

34% complete complete

The study has served as a tool..to set priorities and focus resources on implementation of projects that are revitalizing our community and making positive impacts on the daily lives of Pasadena's citizens and businesses.

City of Pasadena Director of Planning

NEW

Livable Centers Studies

<u>Definition:</u> Studies that are less than 5 years old

Assumption: Projects focus on foundational, early-stage initiatives or "low-hanging fruit."

(*) The asterisk indicates a study where 2021 funding figures were used due to no response.

Exceptional: >20%
On Track: 11-20%

Pending Implementation: 0-10%

MONTROSE Livable Centers Study

Year: 2021

 Partner/Sponsor: Montrose Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #27

Cost of Study: \$210K

Projects Built/Invested: \$5M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$20.7M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

Complete evaluating approaches for satisfying connection along Waugh Drive

- Continue advancing affordable housing initiatives

21% complete



The Montrose Livable Centers Study enabled the community to imagine visionary civic design and chart its believable potential.

Matthew Brollier

City of Houston

Montrose Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #27

GREATER EASTWOOD Livable Centers Study

Year: 2021

Partner/Sponsor: East End District

Cost of Study: \$218K

Projects Built/Invested: \$150K

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$22M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Continue facade improvement program

- Promote mix-use development via private/public partners

- Continue gateway and landscaping improvements

20% complete



We have been able to find investments that are going to be key for us moving forward as we continue to compete not just for regional dollars, but also to become nationally competitive for those big funding dollars as well. Veronica Chapa Gorczynski

East End Management District

CITY OF ANGLETON Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2021

Partner/Sponsor: City of Angleton

Cost of Study: \$194K

Projects Built/Invested: N/A

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$5.2M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Acquired GLO funds for implementation of recommendations of Comprehensive Plan completed in 2021

- Acquired \$5M for downtown streetscape recommendations

17% complete PACK

Martha Eighme, PCED, CPC, CTE City of Angleton Director of Communications and Marketing

The Livable Center Study served as a catalyst for many of the exciting transformations we're seeing in Downtown Angleton today. From revitalization efforts and economic development to infrastructure improvements and the addition of public art, this plan laid the foundation for progress and breathed new life into our community.

EAST ALDINE Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2021

Partner/Sponsor: East Aldine District

Cost of Study: \$242K

Projects Built/Invested: N/A

Projects Planned/Programmed: N/A

Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

 Expand partnership with BakerRipley and local school districts to provide programming

Uplift East Aldine's cultural identity through expanded arts programming



This project identifies community-led growth and investment opportunities while addressing current and pressing needs of the community.

East Aldine Livable Center Study

BRAYS OAK Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2022

Partner/Sponsor: Brays Oaks Management

District

Cost of Study: \$243K

Projects Built/Invested: \$350K

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$14.7M

Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

 Partner with the City of Houston to complete signalization study at key interssections in the study area 25% complete

The goals and resulting policies and projects [of the Livable Center Study] represent a significant transformation for the district.

Brays Oaks Livable Centers Study

CITY OF SEABROOK Livable Centers Study

Year: 2021

Partner/Sponsor: City of Seabrook

Cost of Study: \$194K

■ Projects Built/Invested: \$676K

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$1M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

Continue to improve pedestrian connecticity in priority corridors



The City of Seabrook, in partnership with the Seabrook Economic Development Corporation, is proud to see significant milestones coming to fruition, directly impacting the Seabrook Livable Center Study. With the SH 146 expansion finalizing in December 2024 and the relocation of the wastewater plant from Old Seabrook, the district is primed for redevelopment and growth, with continued support for planning efforts to ensure its success.

Gale Cook
City of Seabrook
City Manager

SOUTHWEST HOUSTON Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2022

Partner/Sponsor: City of Houston

Cost of Study: \$303K

Projects Built/Invested: \$7.1M

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$4M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

– Build on local partnerships to implement recommendations

 Allocated \$3.5M in funding for affordable housing from Habitat for Humanity

26% complete

In addition to health and safety benefits of recommended infrastructure improvement projects, a shift in travel modes to increased levels of biking, walking, and transit in the Study Area will likely reduce the level of emissions from vehicle trips.

OST / PALM CENTER SEMD Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2022

Partner/Sponsor: Greater Southeast Management

District

Cost of Study: \$240K

Projects Built/Invested: \$1.8M

■ Projects Planned/Programmed: \$670K

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

Funding secured for sidewalk connectivity to Thompson
 Elementary School through TxDOT Highway Safety Improvement
 Program

- Continue to pursue food insecurity programs

This Livable Centers Study builds on previously completed and ongoing planning efforts to ensure that the Livable Center Plan is holistic and continues to be consistent with the community's vision.

OST/Palm Center Livable Center Study

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CLUTE Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2023

Partner/Sponsor: City of Clute

Cost of Study: \$120K

Projects Built/Invested: \$429K

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$758K

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

 Continue to enhance pedestrian and bicycle networks to create safe and convenient connections between key destinations such as parks, schools, and commercial areas

35% complete

This Livable Centers Study will serve as a roadmap for Clute's future development, guiding decision-makers, and stakeholders in making informed choices that align with the community's vision and values.

City of Clute Livable Center Study

CLOVERLEAF Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2023

Partner/Sponsor: Harris County Precinct 2

Cost of Study: \$251K

Projects Built/Invested: N/A

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$2.2M

Capacity to Implement: LOW

- Drainage improvement study underway

- Implement Vision Zero recommendations as soon as traffic calming policy passes

- Barbara Mae Boulevard collector reconstruction in desian

13% complete

ONTRACK

fig. ... the intent of this report is to help guide the County in developing actionable work program that can create a greater living experience for the Cloverleaf community. 🕊 🕊

Cloverleaf Livable Center Study

HEALTHY PASADENA Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2023

Partner/Sponsor: City of Pasadena

Cost of Study: \$220K

Projects Built/Invested: N/A

Projects Planned/Programmed: N/A

Capacity to Implement: HIGH



6 The Healthy Pasadena Livable Centers study helped define the City's vision for a vibrant and connected urban center and provided recommendations that when implemented will support healthy lifestyles and improve the quality of life for Pasadena citizens.

> Melissa Tamez City of Pasadena Director of Planning

SOUTH HOUSTON Livable Centers Study

■ Year: 2024

Partner/Sponsor: Harris County Precinct 2

Cost of Study: \$250K

Projects Built/Invested: N/A

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$2.2M

Capacity to Implement: HIGH

- Secured American Rescue Plan Act funds for placemaking efforts

- Continue efforts to reconstruct major streets to create multimodal mobility options, safe space for all users, and increase healthy outcomes

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The goal of this plan is to address challenges and build on the existing opportunities to ensure that South Houston is a walkable, livable city that is well integrated and connected to its immediate and larger regional surroundings and that it provides its residents with the spaces and infrastructure they need to live healthy and active lives.

South Houston Livable Center Study



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