



# LIVABLE CENTERS

## LIVE, WORK, PLAY

### Livable Centers Program Overview

Established in 2008, H-GAC's Livable Centers Program staff works with local communities to reimagine auto-focused infrastructure, policies, and programs aiming to create mixed-use places that provide multi-modal transportation options, improve environmental quality, improve pedestrian safety, and promote economic development and housing diversity.

H-GAC's Livable Centers Program teams work with local communities to identify context sensitive recommendations, a vision for the study area, and an implementation plan that provides the community leaders with the resources they need to facilitate Livable Centers. Livable Centers studies have been completed in urban, suburban, and rural areas throughout the 8-county region.

Livable Centers are places where people can live, work, and play with less reliance on their cars.

### Livable Centers Program Goals

-  **Create multi-modal travel choices** that improve connectivity between existing neighborhoods and activity centers using multiple modes of transportation.
-  **Create resilient quality places** that integrate enjoyable green spaces and preserve natural resources while considering elements of hazard recovery, mitigation, and resiliency.
-  **Promote safe and equitable infrastructure** that reduces the negative impacts of defined barriers to pedestrians and bicyclists (e.g. intersections, highways, railroads, water ways, network gaps, etc.).
-  **Promote economic development and housing diversity** by increasing walkability near activity centers and connecting existing infrastructure to serve as a catalyst for investment/development.

### Livable Centers Study

Serve as small area plans and fulfill all four Livable Centers Program goals. Programmatic goals are evaluated on a community-wide scale as defined by study sponsors and may span a larger neighborhood or series of neighborhoods in a single service area, such as a district or other sponsor-defined boundary. A study area may define multiple locations or nodes of interest, including identified areas for future land use improvements.

### Focused Livable Centers Study

Serve as targeted, community-node studies that must meet two Livable Centers Program goals to create multi-modal travel choices, resilient quality places, and one additional Livable Centers goal that best fits the needs of the study sponsor.

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