

SCHENLEY



HEIGHTS

TOOLKIT

a reference for residential infill and green space development



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What began as a home stabilization initiative of my office, the URA and the Schenley Heights Collaborative has turned into a framework to create a vision for Schenley Heights. The Schenley Heights Toolkit is the first of many project initiatives to emerge from the Greater Hill District Master Plan to address opportunities in Schenley Heights. It was created to help guide developers, investors and government entities with new development, renovation and infrastructure projects in the neighborhood.

Taking cues from the Greater Hill District Master Plan, the toolkit outlines some basic, but essential, first steps in renewing and revitalizing the neighborhood. It provides guidance for the creation of architectural standards for home renovation and new housing development, suggestions for streetscape improvements, strategies for vacant lot beautification and greening, and references to energy and cost saving measures for residents and business owners that can provide immediate long-term benefits.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Daniel Lavelle".

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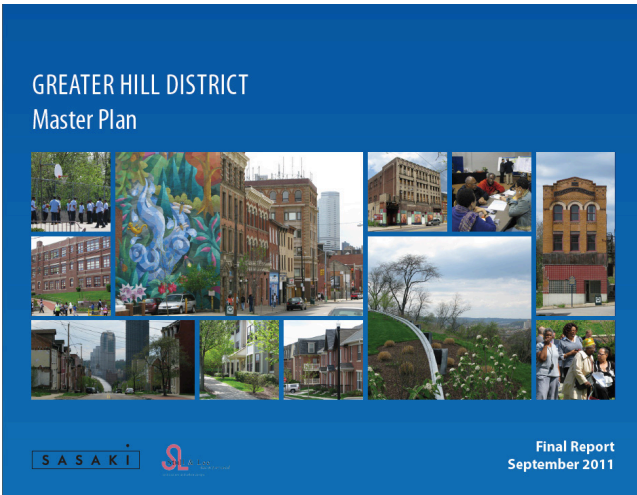
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FOREWORD

The Schenley Heights Toolkit was produced specifically for the residents of the Schenley Heights neighborhood to educate and guide the community when making decisions involving new development. This document is only a starting point which will inform residents of some options they have when considering new development. The Toolkit does not contain design guidelines and should only be used as a reference. Residents should contact the Schenley Heights Collaborative and councilman R. Daniel Lavelle when seeking new development and improvements to the neighborhood.

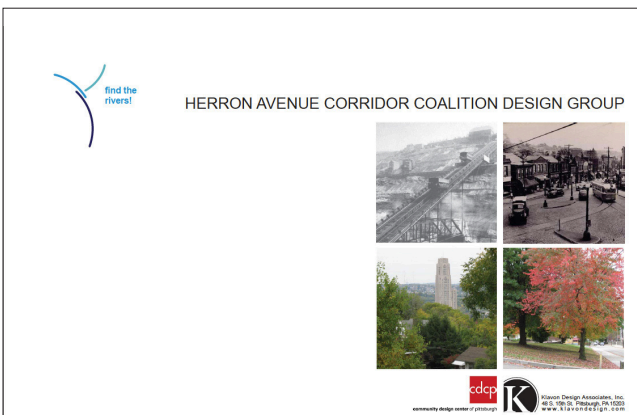
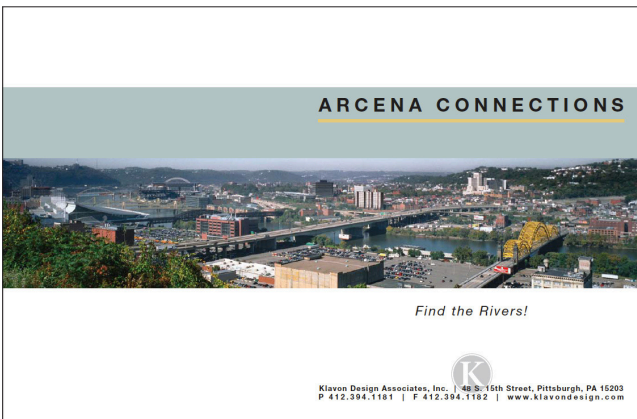




Previous Planning Efforts

Several planning efforts have been made focusing on the Upper Hill neighborhood and its redevelopment. A majority of the plans focused on developing green spaces and the placement of infill houses, as well as re-activation of parks and capitalizing on the amazing views which are distinctive of this hill-top neighborhood.

The Schenley Heights Toolkit looks at the neighborhood's current urban fabric and gives information and options for suggested green space and residential infill development. A particular focus was given to Milwaukee Street and Iowa Street, the two gateway entrances into the community which are of great importance in terms of development. These streets give the first impression to visitors of the neighborhood.



Schenley Heights Pittsburgh PA | Aerial view







Schenley Heights

overview map



- Legend**
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 - streets
 - building
 - parks
 - URAProperties_082012
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 - Vacant_Parcel
 - Parcels



Urban Fabric

To complement the Greenprint's proposal of Herron Avenue and Milwaukee Street, additional street trees and lighting along Milwaukee Street is recommended. This simple gesture will beautify the street, reinforce edges and extend the woods into the neighborhood. Another recommendation is to create signage at the intersection of Herron Avenue and Milwaukee Street. This intersection welcomes residents and guests heading to Robert E. Williams Memorial Park, Schenley Field and general visitors of the Schenley Heights neighborhood.

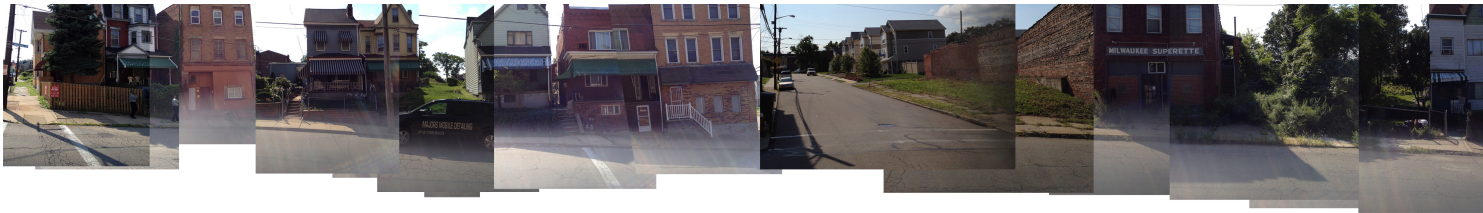
When considering new development and infill, it is important to review the historical context of the area. Schenley Heights contains a variety of architectural styles, Colonial Revival, Romantic, Queen Anne, Tudor, Dutch and many other styles can be found intermixed together. The documentation of the neighborhood can give clues on how to make new additions fit in properly, provide information on building details and highlight qualities in housing that residents value the most.

urban fabric

1. The physical aspect of urbanism, emphasizing building types, thoroughfares, open space, frontages, and streetscapes but excluding environmental, functional, economic and sociocultural aspects.



Finland St.- down toward Herron Ave.



Finland St.- down toward Herron Ave.



Milwaukee Street

Elevation(s)





Rampart St. - down toward Cherokee St.



Iowa Street

Elevation(s)





Rampart St. - down toward Cherokee St.



Rampart St. - down toward Cherokee St.



Iowa Street

Elevation(s)





Housing

Schenley Heights's housing vernacular is quite eclectic and changes at times from street to street. However, there are some key housing elements that are displayed vividly throughout the neighborhood. The housing mass is a simple and rectangular volume usually two to three stories in height. The shorter façade is often parallel to the street. The roofs are either hipped or mansard and the addition of dormers with gabled and arch roofs are encouraged. An additional massing type found more along Iowa street features single family homes with the longer rectangular façade facing the street and at least one gabled bay projecting out. Smaller wings in addition to the main massing are often encouraged throughout the entire neighborhood as well.

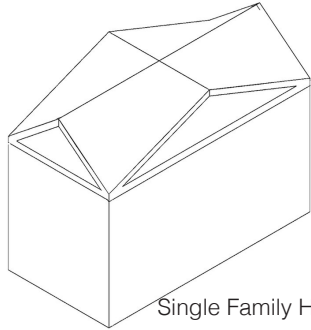
The first floor is generally two to three feet above grade. With a continuous brick or Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) block skirt around the building, encouraging the use of full porches on the front facades. Many of the porches on the narrow structures are full and encompass the entire front first floor of the house, but they often vary in roofing types. Smaller prototypes of the full porch are accompanied by stoops on row houses or multifamily town homes.

Windows in Schenley Heights are double-hung. Window proportions vary based on housing floor level. Level one window proportions are 2 to 1 on the second level is 1.75 to 1. These windows are tall and narrow and vary with appearance based on the number of multi-panes used. The doors usually accompany the windows and should be heavy in appearance and have one or two small integrals of light that mock the type of windows used throughout the home. The placement of door and windows vary on the massing type. There is a rhythm to the placement of doors and windows, and what's often done on the first floor repeats itself on the second.

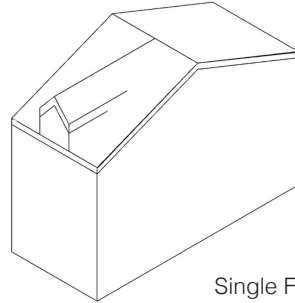
Houses that adhere to the traditional architectural and neighborhood pattern add to the quality of the public realm and encourage the safety and vitality of a neighborhood.

*Institute of Classical Architecture
and Classical America*

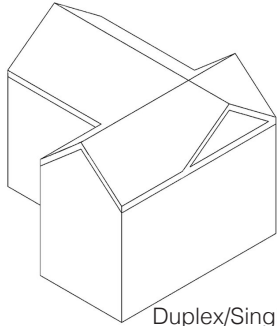
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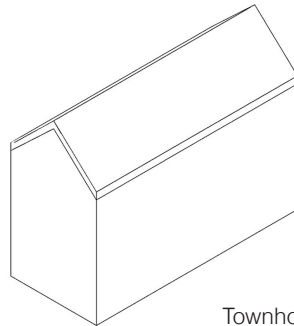
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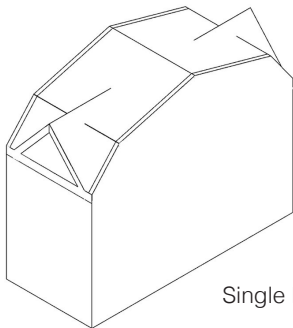
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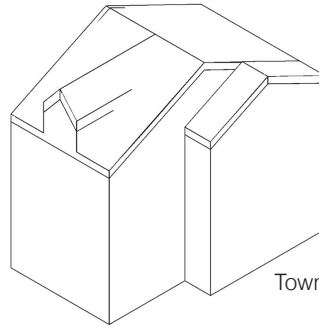
Duplex/Single Family House



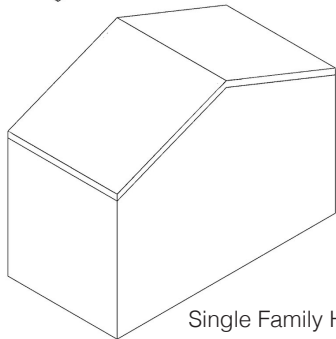
Townhouse



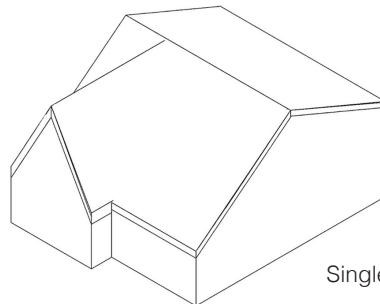
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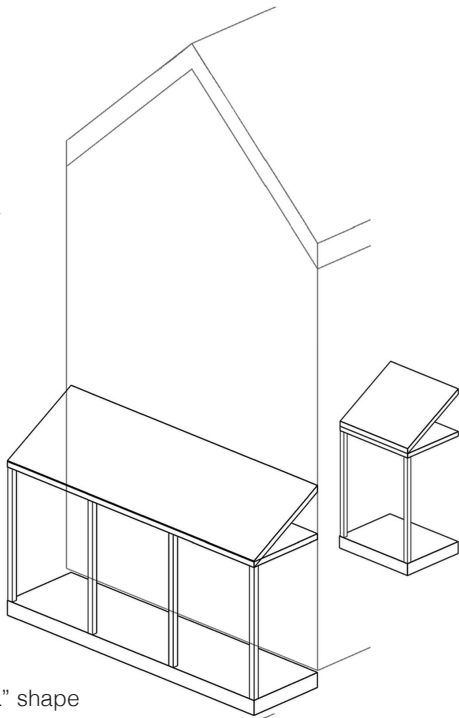


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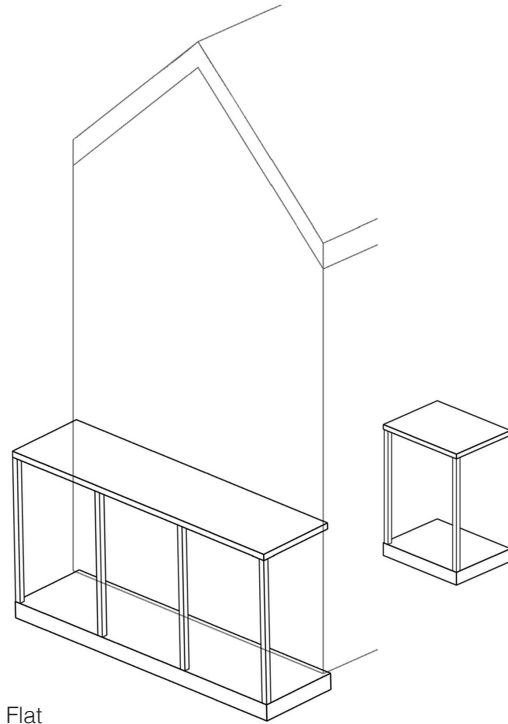


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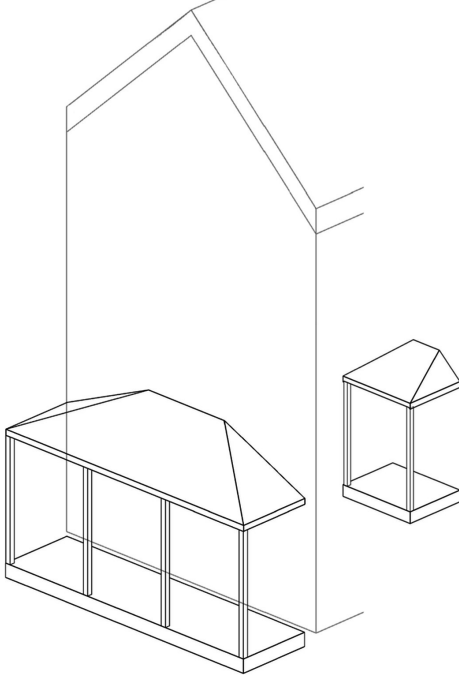
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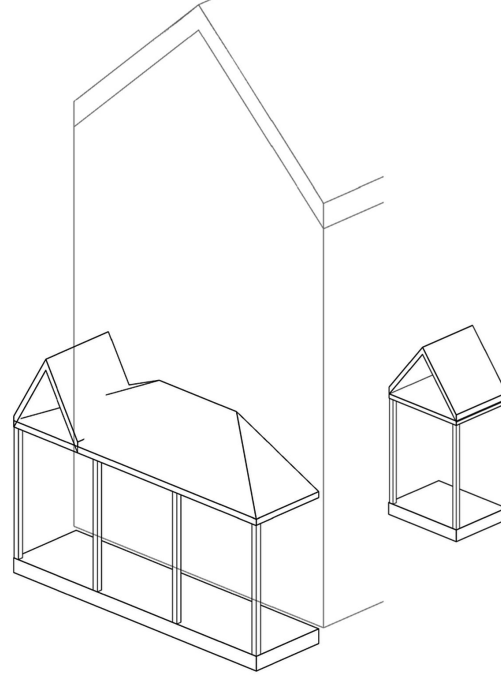
"L" shape



Flat



Side gable



Side Gable/Front Gable Mix

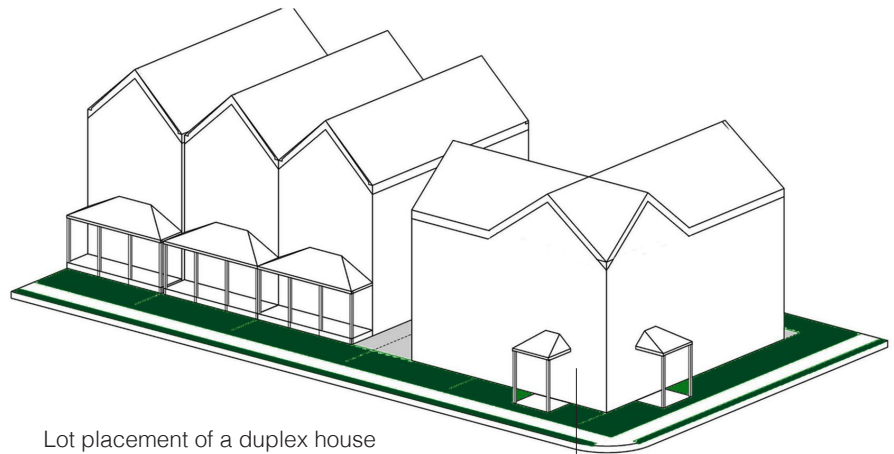
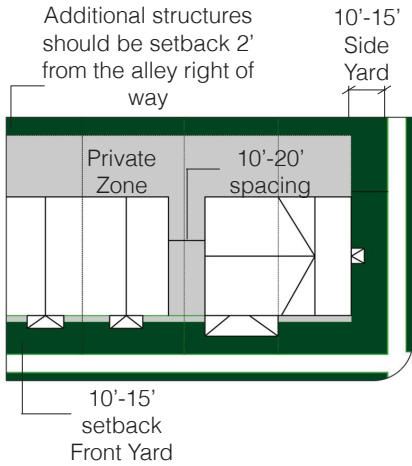
Doors & Windows



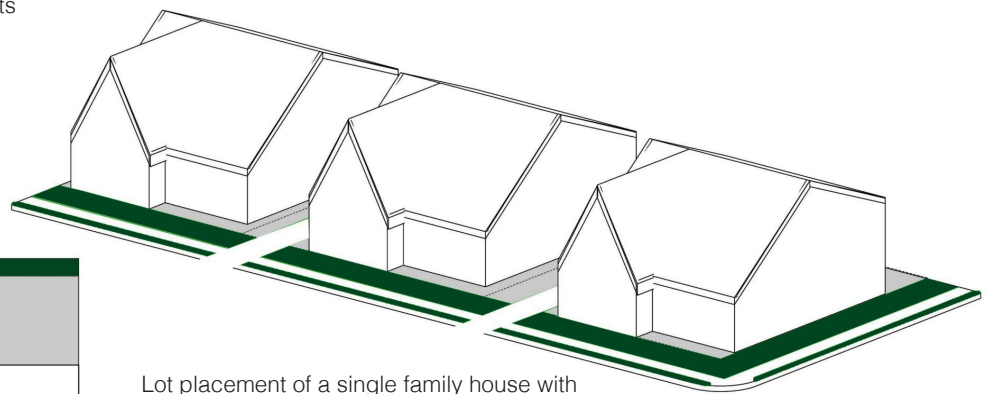
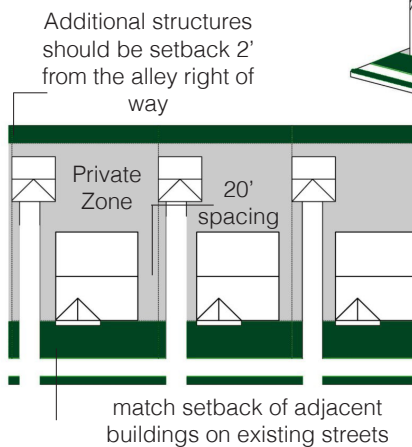
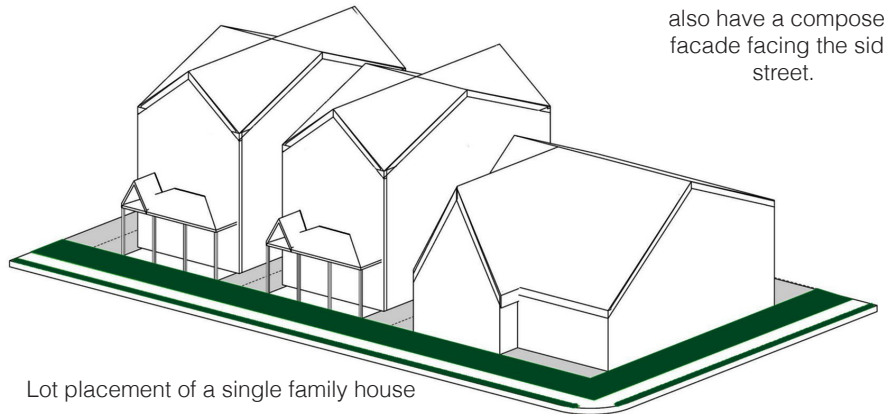
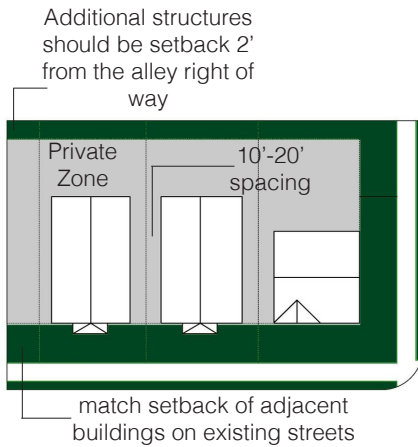
Facade Composition



Setback and Lot Placement

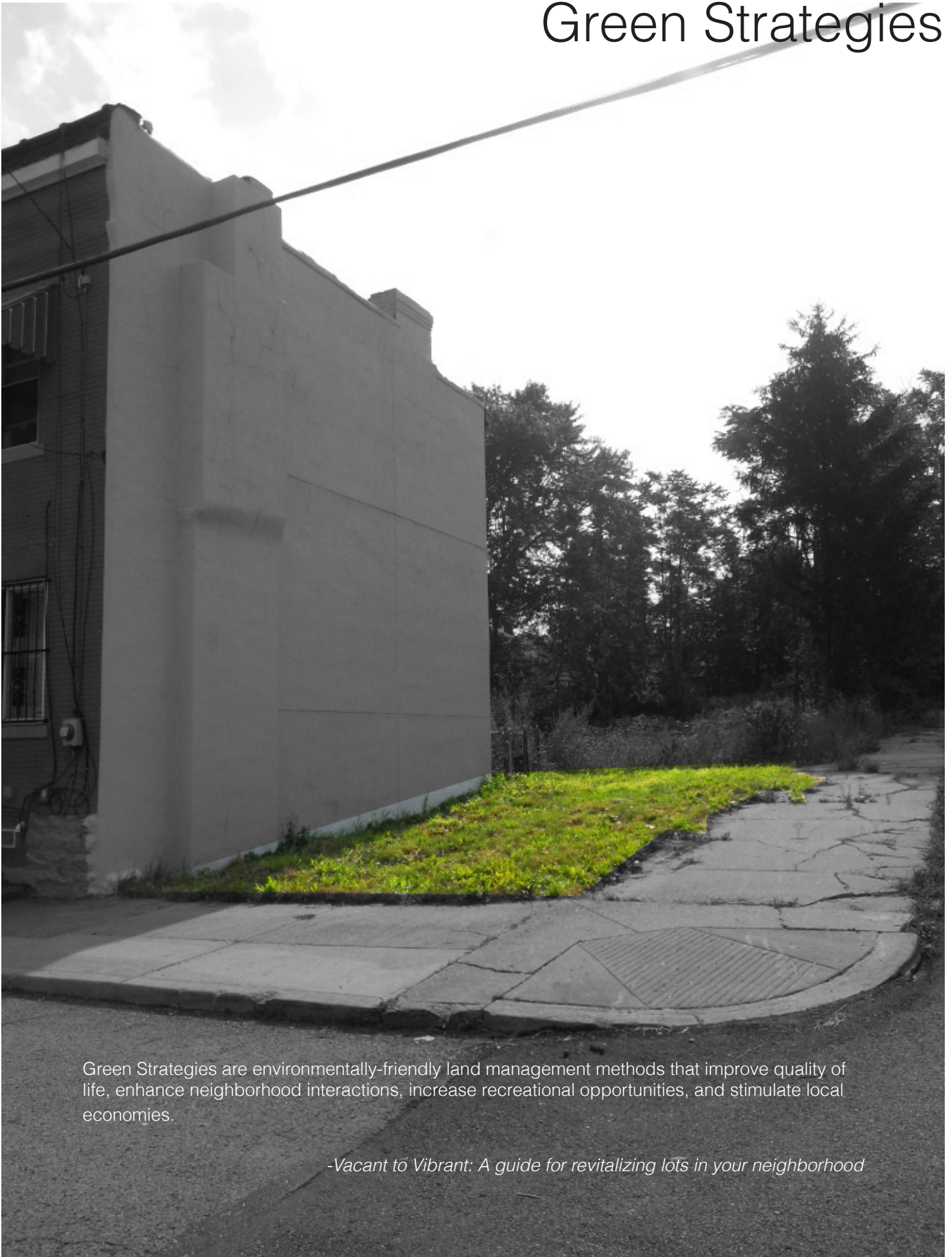


The main entrance of the house should face the primary street. Houses on corners should also have a composed facade facing the side street.



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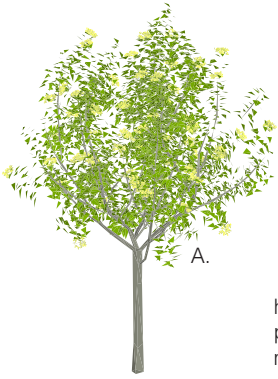
Green Strategies



Green Strategies are environmentally-friendly land management methods that improve quality of life, enhance neighborhood interactions, increase recreational opportunities, and stimulate local economies.

-Vacant to Vibrant: A guide for revitalizing lots in your neighborhood

Streetscape



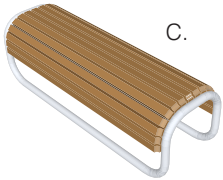
A.

Street Trees
 -Trees improve air quality, conserve water and harbor wildlife. Street Trees are proven to provide numerous benefits to residents on many different levels.



B.

Planting
 -Like trees, street plants help to filter the air and absorb water runoff in neighborhoods all while making the streetscape more beautiful.



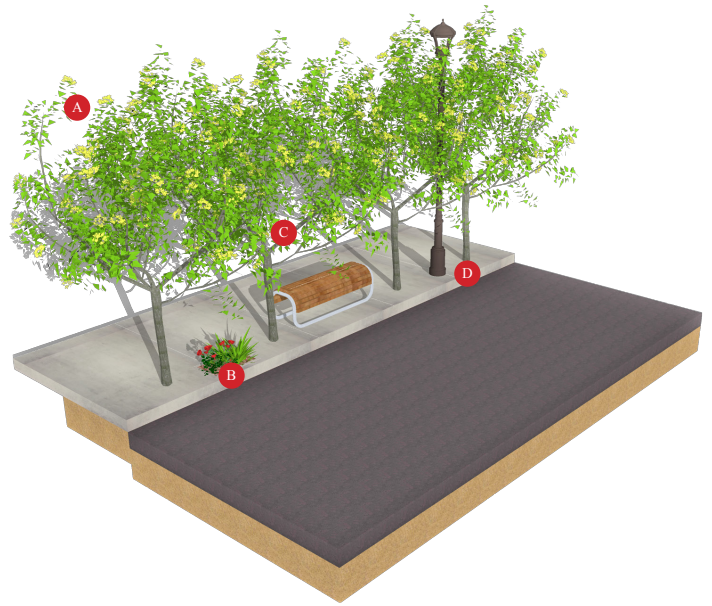
C.

Street furniture
 -A collective term for objects and pieces of equipment installed on streets and roads for various purposes.
 -Rodeo bench, designed by city squared

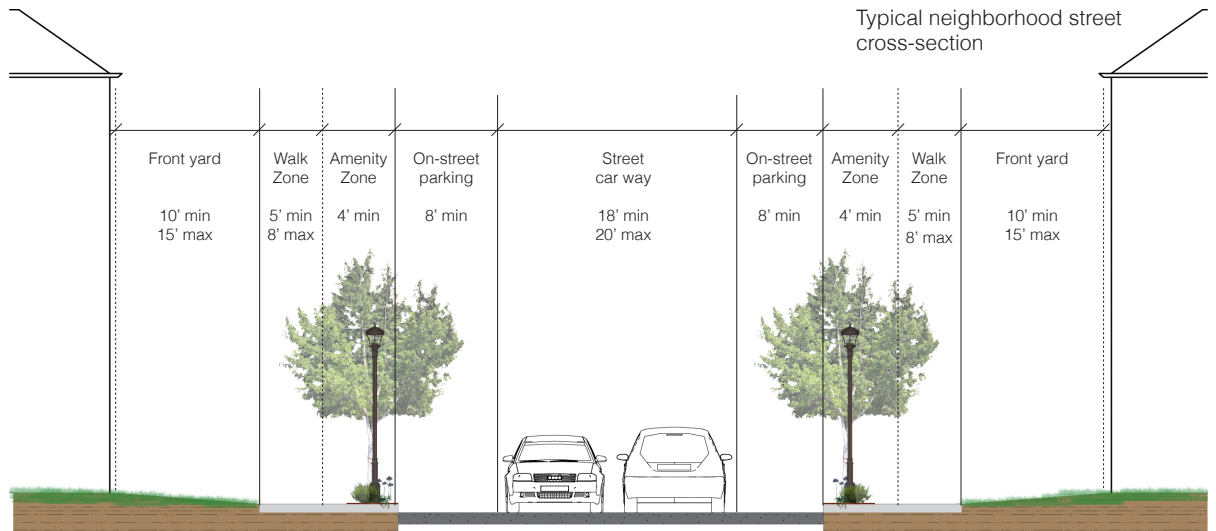


D.

Street lighting
 -A raised source of light on the edge of a road or walkway, which is turned on or lit at a certain time every night.



Perspective View
 Amenity Layout

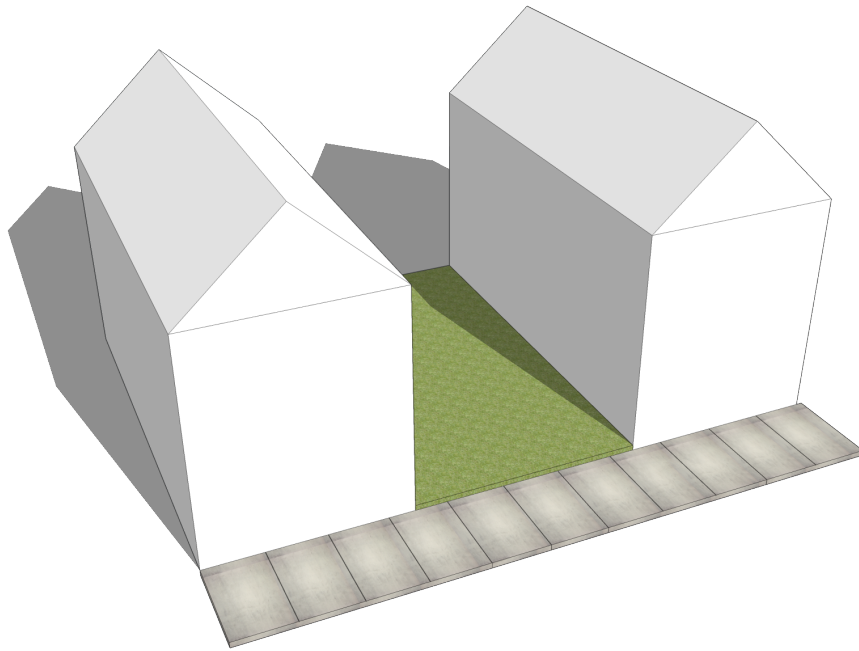


Vacant Lots

There are currently around 19,000 vacant lots in the City of Pittsburgh alone, not including those in the 129 other municipalities in Allegheny County. In the city, these represent approximately 10,000 acres, or 15 percent, of usable land. These vacant lots often become overrun with weeds and trash, becoming an eyesore for local communities.

-The Penn State Center

The City of Pittsburgh has several resources for cleaning and greening vacant lots through the Green Up Pittsburgh program. For further information residents should contact the office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl.

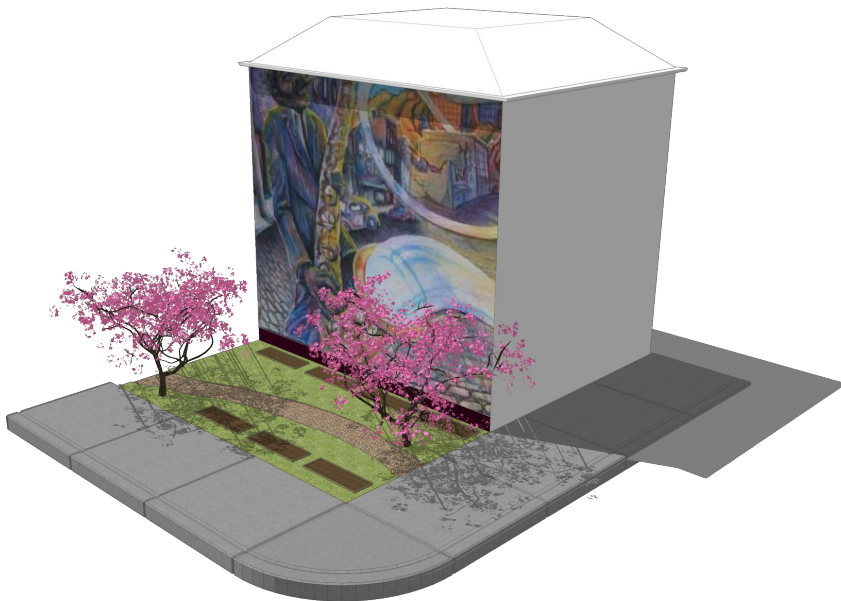


Community Garden

Community gardens provide access to traditional produce or nutritionally rich foods that may otherwise be unavailable to low-income families and individuals.

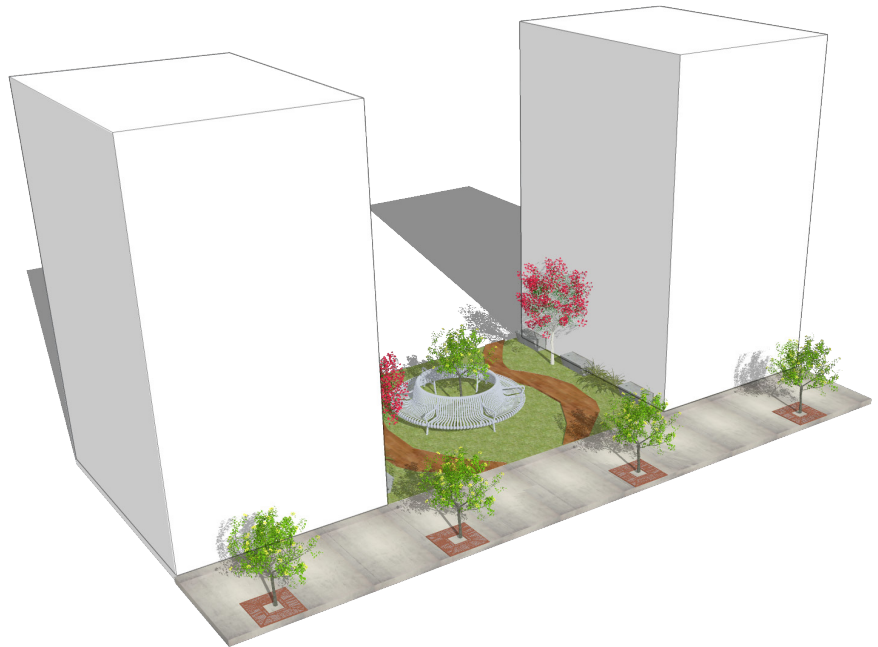
Community gardens allow families and individuals, without land of their own, the opportunity to produce food. Oftentimes gardeners take advantage of experiential knowledge of elders to produce a significant amount of food for the household.

-United We Serve



Pocket Park

Pocket parks can be urban, suburban or rural, and can be on public or private land. Although they are too small for physical activities, pocket parks provide greenery, a place to sit outdoors, and sometime's a children's playground. They may be created around a monument, historic marker or art project.

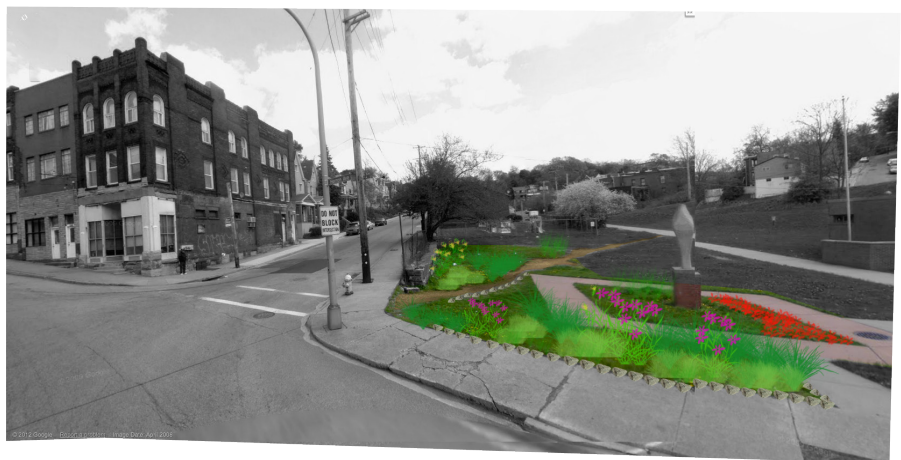


Rain Garden

A rain garden is a planted depression that allows rainwater runoff from impervious urban areas like roofs, driveways, walkways, and compacted lawn areas the opportunity to be absorbed.

Native plants are recommended for rain gardens because they generally don't require fertilizer and are more tolerant of one's local climate, soil and water conditions.

-United States Environmental Protection Agency



Gateway on to Milwaukee Avenue

Native Plants



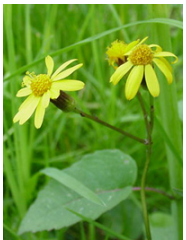
Plant name: Blue Flag Iris
Moisture: Wet Soil, Medium Moist Soil
Sunlight: Full Sun, Partial Sun
Blooms: May - June
Flower Color: Purplish Blue
Height: 2.0 - 3.0 feet
General Natural Plant Setting: Low Meadows,
Stream Banks, Floodplains or Swampy Places
Rain Garden Suitable: yes

Native plants are plants that have evolved over thousands of years to be able to survive in a particular region, and have adopted to the geography, hydrology, and climate of that region. A community of native plants provides habitat for a variety of native wildlife species; and will be hardy and resistant to the local conditions, thereby usually requiring less maintenance when used in landscaping.

-United States Environmental
Protection Agency



Plant name: Boneset
Moisture: Wet Soil, Medium Moist Soil
Sunlight: Full Sun, Partial Sun
Blooms: July - August
Flower Color: White
Height: 2.0 - 5.0 feet
General Natural Plant Setting: Low Meadows,
Stream Banks, Floodplains or Swampy Places
Rain Garden Suitable: yes



Plant name: Golden Groundsel
Moisture: Wet Soil, Medium Moist Soil,
Sunlight: Full Sun, Partial Sun,
Blooms: May - June
Flower color: Yellow
Height: 1.0 - 2.0 feet
General Natural Plant Setting:
Woodlands and Woodland Edges
Low Meadows, Stream Banks, Floodplains or
Swampy Places
Rain Garden Suitable: yes



Plant name: Monkey Flower
Moisture: Wet Soil, Medium Moist Soil,
Sunlight: Full Sun, Partial Sun,
Blooms: July - September
Flower color: Violet
Height: 2.0 - 3.0 feet
General Natural Plant Setting:
Low Meadows, Stream Banks, Floodplains or
Swampy Places
Sunny Upland Meadows and Hillsides
Comments: Naturalizes well
Deer Resistant: yes
Drought Tolerant: no
Rain Garden Suitable: yes

Why Trees?



Community and Social Value

Trees are an important part of every community. Our streets, parks, playgrounds and backyards are lined with trees that create a peaceful, aesthetically pleasing environment. Trees increase our quality of life by bringing natural elements and wildlife habitats into urban settings. We gather under the cool shade they provide during outdoor activities with family and friends. Many neighborhoods are also the home of very old trees that serve as historic landmarks and a great source of town pride.

-Save a Tree: The Tree and Shrub Care Company

Photo credit: Floyd Wilde

Benefits of Trees

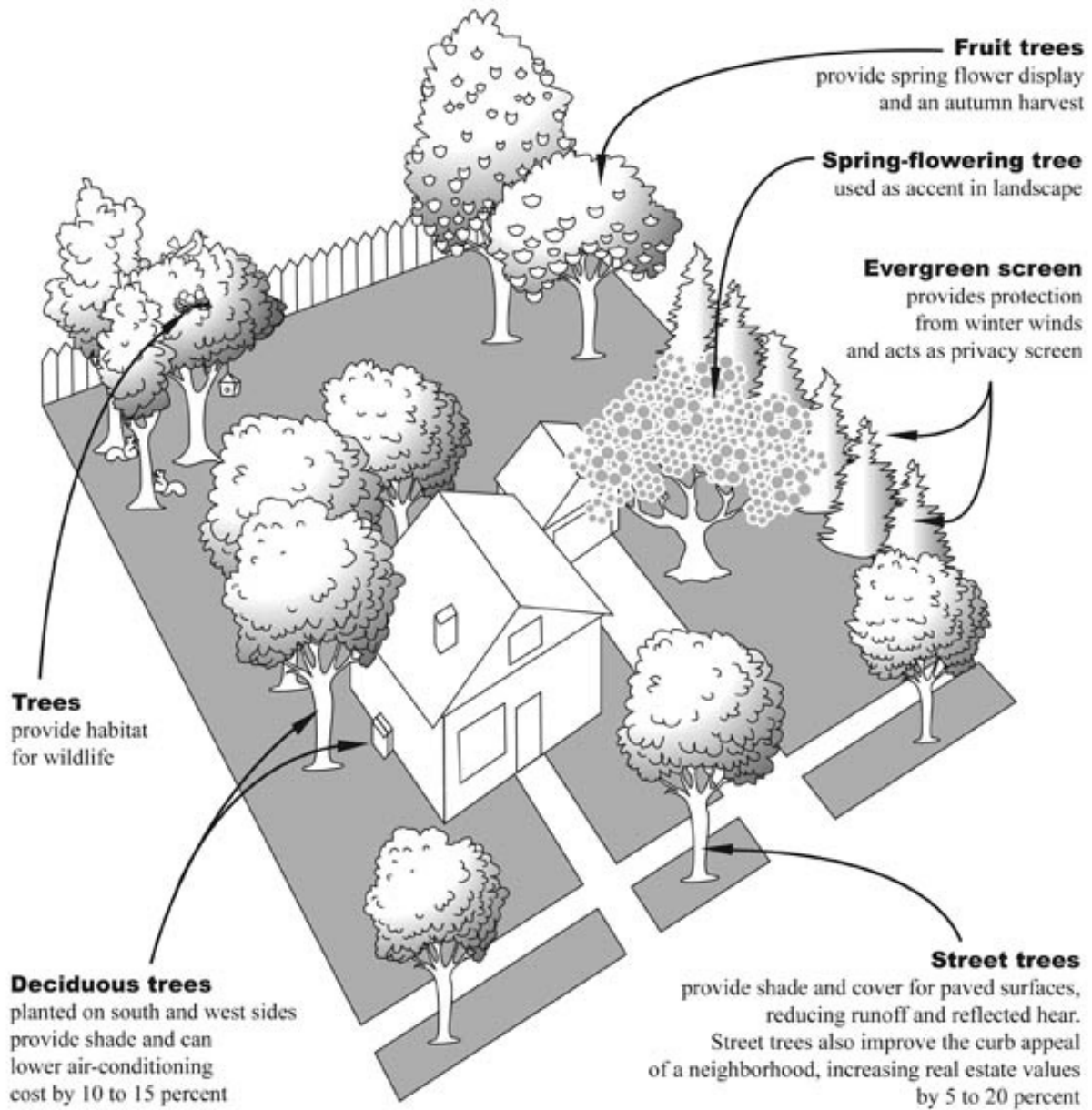


Diagram credit: Tree Pittsburgh

Sustainable Design

Sustainable Development

The URA is committed to fostering, encouraging, and supporting sustainable development and green building practices to the maximum extent practical and possible in the City of Pittsburgh. To that end, the URA has adopted a Sustainability and Green Design Policy which includes all aspects of our activities – from day-to-day operations to the creation of large-scale mixed-use developments.

The purpose of this policy is to reduce the negative environmental impacts of our activities while simultaneously responding to the increasing market demand for products and services that are more environmentally benign.

The benefits of green buildings are both broad and specific. For businesses, green buildings can offer economic advantages including lower operating costs, increased productivity, reduced absenteeism, and higher rental and retail sales rates. Green residential developments provide occupants with lower monthly utility bills as well as increased comfort and indoor air quality.

It is extremely important that green strategies are incorporated into projects during the pre-design phase in order to realize the most cost effective implementation strategies.

There are a number of ways in which current home-owners and new home buyers can improve the energy use of their homes. Pittsburgh's Community Services, Inc. (PCSI) and the Environment and Energy Community Outreach (EECO) Center provides Water and Energy EcoKits to qualified residents.

Water EcoKit contents:

High efficiency handheld shower head, dual-spray kitchen aerator, 2 bathroom aerators, toilet tank bank, toilet water saver fill cycle diverter, plumber's tape, leak detection tablets and a flow meter bag.

Energy EcoKit contents:

3 CFL light bulbs, lime light night light, draft stopper gaskets, 4 switch gaskets, 8 outlet gaskets, a refrigerator thermometer and an air filter whistle.

Those interested should contact the Pittsburgh Community Services Inc. Neighborhood Safety Program at (412) 904-4711



Water EcoKit



Energy EcoKit

Sustainable Design Strategies

1. Green Framing

Choose sustainably harvested Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood for framing. Also consider using finger joists and open web floor joists to maximize resource efficiency and make it easier to route plumbing, wiring and HVAC duct work. Use advanced framing techniques to minimize the amount of wood used.

2. Natural ventilation

To achieve natural ventilation, locate operable windows at both ends of the residential structure.

3. High Efficiency Windows & Doors

Make sure that new windows and doors are ENERGY STAR qualified and have a U-Value of no more than 0.3. For new construction orient windows towards the south to maximize solar heat gain in the winter and design overhangs to shade these windows in the summer.

4. Porch Mass

With the correct sizing and proportioning of porches and overhangs it is possible to shade heat on souther and western facades.

5. Indoor Air Quality

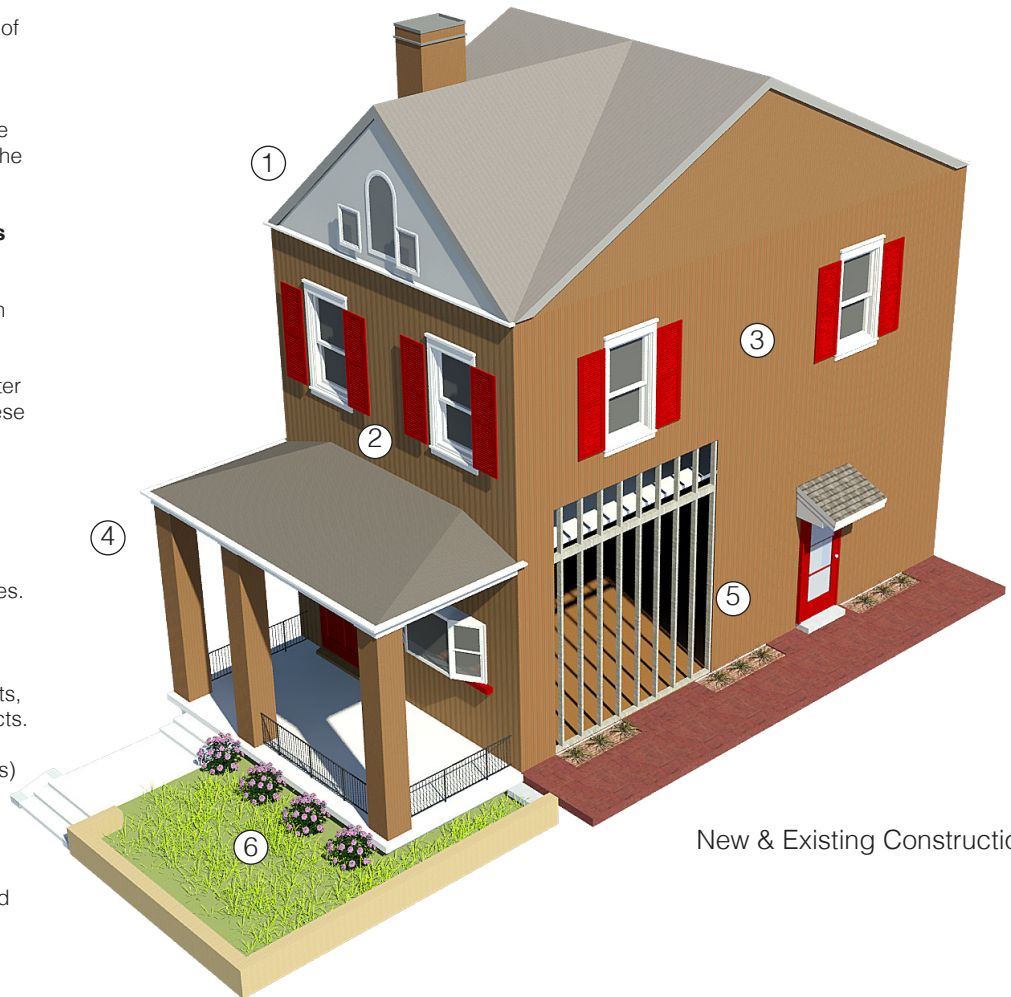
Specify low emitting materials for paints, coatings, adhesives, sealants, carpet and composite wood products. These products do not off-gas Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) and other toxic materials which threaten the health of building occupants. Also make sure that all kitchen and bath fans are vented to the outdoors to reduce moisture and air quality issues.

6. Landscaping

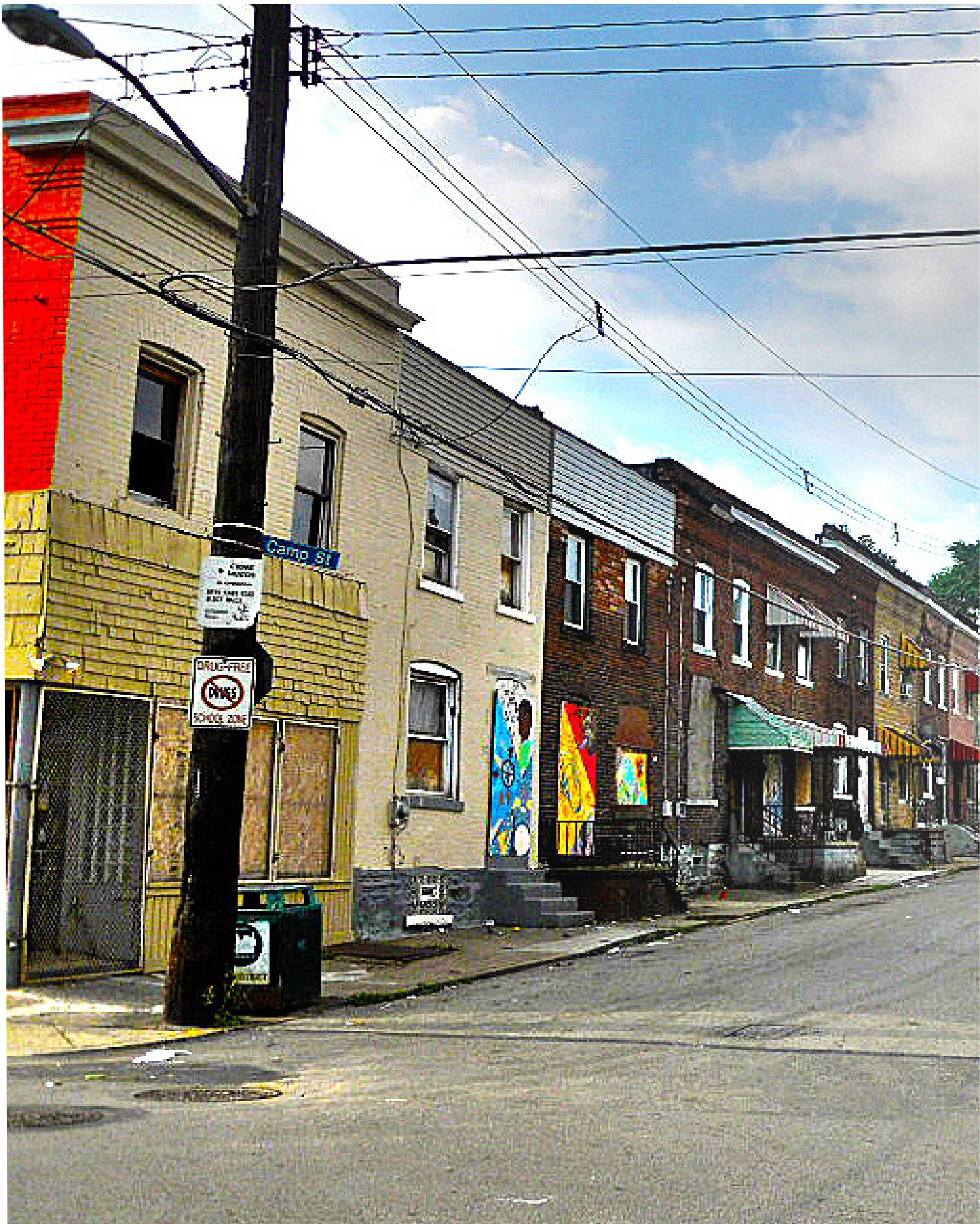
The placement of plants, shrubs, ground covers and trees around the house provides for heat reduction from the reflected sun, making outdoor spaces cooler.

7. Roof Strategies

Choose ENERGY STAR qualified roof products to minimize heat gain in the summer months. For new construction orient the majority of the roof surface towards the south so that as the price of solar panels continues to drop the house will be "solar ready".



New & Existing Construction





Camp Street Visioning

a conceptual look at the possibilities of Camp Street and it's redevelopment

Design Vision: Camp Street

Analysis & Opportunities

Abandoned houses are boarded up with small jazz murals, clearly a reference to the historic fabric of the Hill District and its once prominent jazz community.



Entrance stairs are in poor condition and in need of repair. Sidewalks also require some maintenance due to cracks and unkempt vegetation.





A vacant lot remains from a demolished row house which once completed the block. This is an opportunity for a community garden plot or a small green space for residents to enjoy.



Design Vision: Camp Street

Option A



cornice replacement

window shutters
light colored lintels and sills

porch canopy

porch lamp

replacement door w/ transom

window planter box

new entry stair w/ railing

walkable sidewalks
trees & vegetation



Camp Street Row House Facade Renovation



Perspective View



South East Elevation View

Design Vision: Camp Street

Option B



Perspective View



Camp Street Row House Facade Design + Parking Garage/ Garden Implementation



Bird's eye View of Elevated Garden Space



Interior View of Garden Space



South East Elevation View

URA Programs for Pittsburgh Residents

Home Buyer Loans

The URA has an array of mortgage products available to help you on your way to home ownership. Income limits and program areas apply.

Pittsburgh Home Ownership Program (PHOP)

Provides below market rate first mortgage financing for the purchase of new or existing homes in move-in condition located in the City of Pittsburgh. Down payment/closing cost assistance grant funds are available for all borrowers.

For further information about this program, please contact Sharon Taylor (412) 255-6677.

Second Mortgage Financing

Interest free, deferred second mortgage financing is available to help purchase a newly constructed or rehabilitated single family home through the Neighborhood Housing Program and the Housing Recovery Program-Developer. This program is only available for the purchase of a URA-sponsored single family home.

For further information about this program, contact Alicia Majors at (412) 255-6698

For program Fact Sheet(s) go to <http://www.ura.org>

Home Improvement Loans

The URA offers an array of products designed to assist you in the renovation or repair of your home. Income limits and program areas apply.

Pittsburgh Home Rehabilitation Program (PHRP) and PHRP Plus for Energy Efficiency

PHRP provides a 0% fixed interest rate for up to 20 years for home improvements. With the new PHRP Plus, you receive the added benefit of an energy Efficiency Loan Program with a grant of up to \$2,500.

Home Improvement Loan Program (HILP)

The interest rate is only 5.99% with terms of 10, 15 and 20 years with no equity requirements. You may borrow up to \$15,000 for a single unit home, although the home can have up to four units.

For further information about this program, please contact Sharon Taylor at (412) 255-6677.

Keystone Renovation and Repair Program (R&R)

Program is for homeowners in the City of Pittsburgh who earn up to \$99,900. Borrow up to \$35,000. There are no equity requirements.

For further information about this program, please contact Sharon Taylor (412) 255-6677

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Home Emergency Loan Program (HELP)

Interest free loans for low income homeowners to make emergency repairs to correct immediate health and safety hazards in an expedient manner.

For further information about this program, please contact Jarnele E. Fairclough at (412) 255-6573.

Home Accessibility Program for Independence (HAPI)

Funding available to low income homeowners or landlords with low income tenants to assist in making the home accessible to people with disabilities. Limited funding available.

Pittsburgh Party Wall Program (PPWP)

Grant funding to low income homeowners or landlords with low income tenants to reconstruct exposed party walls of residential row houses. Vacant properties are not eligible.

For further information about this program, please contact Sharon Taylor at (412) 255-6677.

Tax Abatement

If you purchase or build a new home or make home improvements on your home in the City of Pittsburgh your Allegheny County, City of Pittsburgh and District School taxes can be abated for 3 years. If the home is located within a Targeted Growth Zone, your City of Pittsburgh, and School District taxes can be abated for ten (10) years after property is reassessed.

URA Programs for Developers

Housing

URA supported housing developments transform neighborhoods, protect affordability for Pittsburgh residents, and enhance the value of our communities. Residential developer financing is offered by the URA's Housing Department. We offer a number of construction loan and grant gap financing programs that vary in features and eligibility requirements.

Financing is available for small and large-scale new construction or the rehabilitation of rental or for-sale housing. We also provide equity financing to assist community-based organizations in real estate development projects that provide housing or job creation opportunities. We work with both for-profit and non-profit developers to structure individualized financing programs that work over the long term to create sustainable housing developments.

There are a variety of financing programs available for your rental or for-sale housing development project. The Pittsburgh Housing Construction Fund is one source available for financing new construction or rehabilitation of for-sale housing. Rental Housing Development & Improvement Program provides permanent gap financing for new construction or rehabilitation of rental housing.

To discuss your residential development project with a housing development officer, contact Jessica Smith Perry, Manager, Housing Development Programs, at 412.255.6670 or send an email to jsmithperry@ura.org

Earning the ENERGY STAR®

The URA now requires all new residential construction projects that we build or finance earn the ENERGY STAR®.

ENERGY STAR specifications make homes more energy efficient and comfortable which helps homeowners save money on utility bills and prevents unwanted pollution from energy production (mercury, particulates, CO2, etc.) from entering our atmosphere.

ENERGY STAR® version 3 includes additional specifications that address other aspects of whole house performance. These additional specifications help make homes that have earned the ENERGY STAR® even more durable and healthy to live in by addressing issues including moisture and indoor air quality.

For more information on ENERGY STAR® homes please contact Matt Smuts, Sustainable Design Coordinator, at 412-255-6430

Tax Abatement

Multiple tax abatement programs exist for development in the City of Pittsburgh. Abatement of City, County and School taxes may be made available for your commercial or residential renovation or redevelopment project based on project type and location. Staff at the URA can assist you in making application for the product that applies to your project.

Elm Street

The Elm Street Program was created by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to strengthen our states historic downtown neighborhoods that are beset by low property values, negative images, and perceptions of poor public safety. Elm Street aims to improve the situation of Pennsylvania's urban neighborhoods while linking

revitalization efforts to those of adjacent business districts. Using the long-established Main Street program as a model, the Elm Street concept is structured around simultaneous action in five focus areas (Clean, Safe and Green; Neighbors and Economy; Design; Image and Identity; and Sustainable Organization), integrated through a community-based strategic planning process. The Elm Street program is a work in progress, and is likely to be so for the next several years.

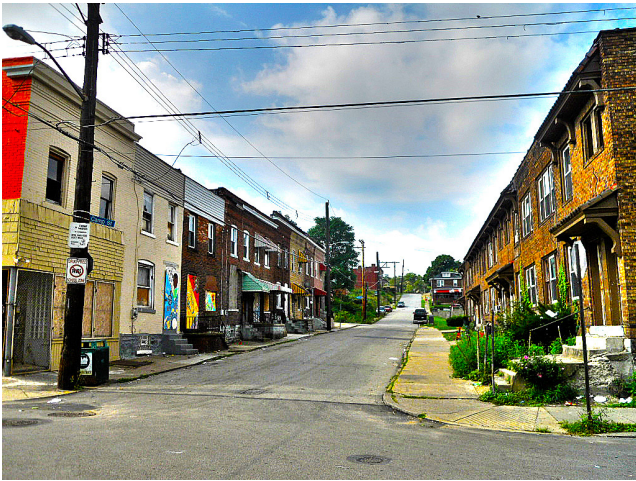
The URA partners with the Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development to pilot the Elm Street program in five Pittsburgh communities:
East Allegheny
East Liberty
Lawrenceville
South Side Slopes
For more information on the Elm Street program, please contact Josette Fitzgibbons, Main streets / Elm Street Program Coordinator at 412.255.6686

Green Development Resources for Residential Development

The benefits of green buildings are both broad and specific. For businesses, green buildings can offer economic advantages including lower operating costs, increased productivity, reduced absenteeism, and higher rental and retail sales rates. Green residential developments provide occupants with lower monthly utility bills as well as increased comfort and indoor air quality. Pittsburgh is recognized as a leader in the construction of green buildings and we believe that the maintenance of this position is advantageous to make the City of Pittsburgh a more desirable place to live, work and play.

Next Steps - Community Activity

Identifying the most important opportunities and challenges that emerge during community visioning and mapping sessions is an important step in implementing comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategies. Below are four neighborhood conditions that were most discussed during the Schenley Heights community meetings. We recommend that the Schenley Heights Collaborative continue to work with residents, businesses and other community stakeholders to prioritize their importance and create actionable plans to address each condition.



Addressing the current conditions of the Camp Street row houses. (infrastructure and streetscape)

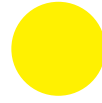


Reactivating the reservoir and park as a destination for the community.

Key



High Priority



Medium Priority



Low Priority



Addressing a solution for Madison Elementary School.



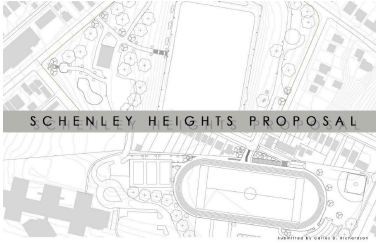
Revitalization of current infrastructure and maintenance of current vacant overgrown lots.

References & Resources

Existing Urban Fabric

Schenley Heights Proposal

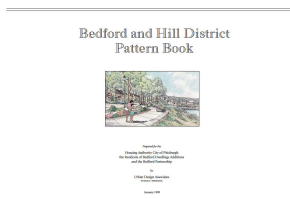
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Housing

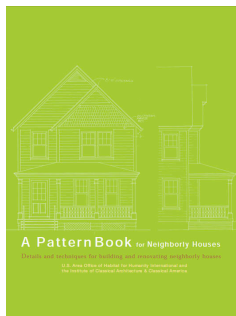
Bedford and Hill District Pattern Book

Urban Design Associates, 1999



A Pattern Book for Neighboring Houses: Details and techniques for building and renovating neighboring houses

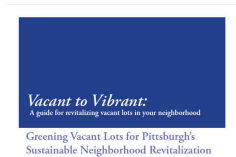
U.S. Area Office of Habitat for Humanity International and the Classical Architecture & Classical America



Green Space

Vacant to Vibrant: A guide for revitalizing vacant lots in your neighborhood

Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz School of Public Policy and Management



Green Space continued

Green Up Pittsburgh
Office of Neighborhood Initiatives
Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl
<http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/mayor/>

OSNAP
Open Space Neighborhood Advisory Panel
Urban Redevelopment Authority
<http://www.ura.org>

Streetscape

Trees Are Good
<http://www.treesaregood.com>

Save A Tree
<http://www.saveatree.com>

Tree Care

Tree Pittsburgh
<http://www.treepittsburgh.org>

Vacant Lots, Community Gardens

GTECH Strategies
<http://www.gtechstrategies.org>

The Penn State Center
<http://pittsburgh.center.psu.edu>

Clean Green Hill
contact: Phyllis Jackson 412-688-0502

Native Plants

Sylvania Natives
<http://www.sylvanianatives.com>

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