

ABOUT THE PLAN:

In 2013, the City of Birmingham adopted its first comprehensive plan in more than 50 years. Building on the momentum of the Comprehensive Plan, the City has been collaborating with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) to develop nine framework plans. These plans are extensions of the Comprehensive Plan and address issues and opportunities at a community level – thereby providing a more refined and responsive approach to specific community needs. Six Framework Plans have been adopted thus far including: Titusville, North Birmingham, Western Area, Northeast Area, Southwest Area, and the Pratt Ensley Area. The Eastern Area Plan is nearing completion, and this plan is scheduled for adoption in Spring 2021 and will be implemented in partnership by area residents, businesses, institutions, the City, and other stakeholders. The Southern Area Plan commenced in Fall 2020.

In addition to the Northside/ Southside Framework Plan, the City Center Master Plan was adopted in March 2020. The City Center is a subarea of the Northside/Southside Framework Plan and addresses issues and opportunities specific to downtown. For more information about the City Center Master Plan, visit the project website at www.DowntownBhamPlan.com

THE PLAN ANSWERS:

- What is the state of the Northside/Southside Area?**
- Profile of current demographic, market, land use, and development trends
 - Inventory of community facilities, parks, and transportation infrastructure
- What are the issues facing the communities today and what is the citizens' vision for the future?**
- Data is collected through public outreach
- How will the Framework Plan achieve that vision for the future?**
- Outlines goals and recommended actions for near and long-term implementation
 - Sets up a voluntary Implementation Committee composed of residents, non-profits, and business owners

WHY THIS PLAN MATTERS:

The Framework Plan will serve as a checkup, to assess with the communities about what is currently working well and what needs to change. The Plan will reflect a balance of ideas that seek to address the needs of tomorrow while simultaneously seeking to understand the necessary steps for growth today. This is an opportunity for neighborhood officials, property owners, business owners, residents, and visitors to refine the vision for success in the Northside and Southside Communities.

The Plan will detail a realistic and community-based vision for future growth and redevelopment in the communities as it pertains to public and private investment, neighborhood renewal, parks and open space, and transportation.



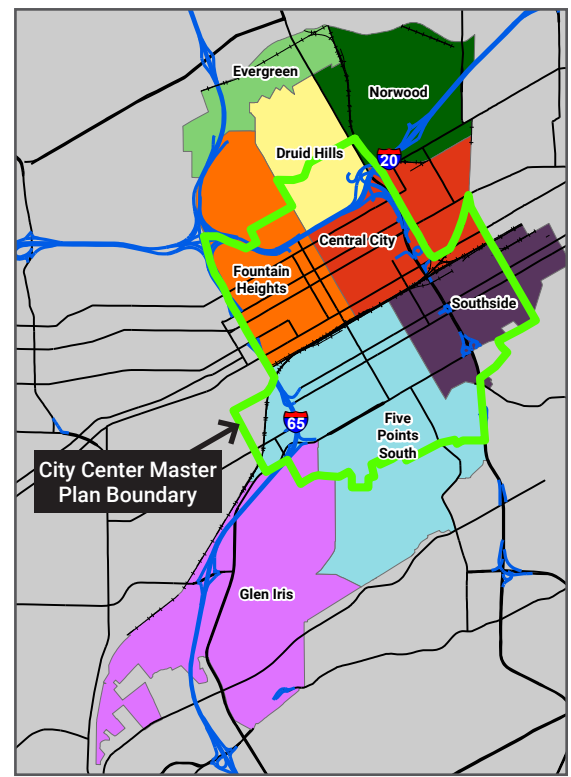
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NORTHSIDE/ SOUTHSIDE FRAMEWORK PLAN



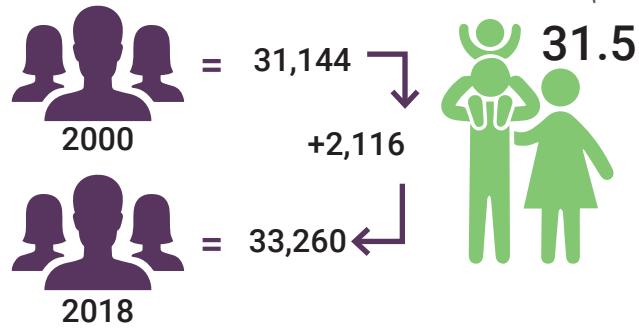
NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY
 Neighborhoods include: Central City, Druid Hills, Evergreen, Fountain Heights, and Norwood

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY
 Neighborhoods include: Five Points South, Glen Iris, and Southside

AREA DEMOGRAPHICS:

POPULATION:

MEDIAN AGE



OF HOUSEHOLDS: 14,357

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

NORTHSIDE/SOUTHSIDE \$27,202

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM \$33,770

JEFFERSON COUNTY \$49,321

HOUSING 2018: [17,870 UNITS]

RENTER 65.0%

OWNER 15.4%

VACANT 19.7%



there has been a decrease in home ownership SINCE 2000.

PROPERTY CONDITIONS:

* For more information see the Northside/Southside Existing Conditions Document.

SOUND 63%

DETERIORATED/
DILAPIDATED 9%

VACANT 28%



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

- **Southside Meeting #1:** 1/31/2019 – 33 Attendees
- **Northside Meeting #1:** 2/21/2019 – 45 Attendees
- **Individual Neighborhood Meetings:** 3/11/2019 through 4/15/2019 – 72 Attendees
- **Southside Meeting #2:** 9/17/2019 – 21 Attendees
- **Northside Meeting #2:** 9/24/2019 – 21 Attendees
- **Plan Reveal Meeting (areawide):** 10/27/2020

AREA STRENGTHS

- Housing choices and access to parks
- Demographic and workforce diversity
- Major employment center with strong business presence, as well as healthcare and educational institutions

AREA WEAKNESSES

- Abandoned and blighted homes
- Safety, security, and crime concerns
- Vacant and underutilized retail and office space
- Public K-12 school system

AREA OPPORTUNITIES

- Civil Rights District designated as a National Monument
- City Walk and BJCC Protective Stadium
- Redevelopment of Carraway Hospital site
- Redevelopment of Southtown Court and continued revitalization of Five Points South

AREA THREATS

- Inadequate public K-12 education system
- Abandoned and dilapidated housing
- Continued and perceived crime
- Lack of adequate transit and multi-modal infrastructure, parking enforcement
- Declining homeownership and lack of affordable housing with honest landlords

PRIORITY ACTIONS

COMMUNITY RENEWAL

- Levy fines on quality-of-life offenses on properties.
- Re-purpose publicly owned abandoned facilities to meet the needs of the community.
- Develop an incentive and information program for historic residential restorations in priority areas.

GREEN SYSTEMS

- Establish a new charter with governing polices for the Parks and Recreation Board and dedicate adequate funding for park maintenance.
- Create connections via sidewalks and trails to existing and future park space.
- Modify the subdivision regulations to reduce excessive cut and fill grading and the destruction of significant trees, vegetation, and wildlife habitats during the construction of new development.

ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Strengthen public school and higher education partnerships.
- Partner with the Alabama Small Business Development Center Network to establish a minority business accelerator.
- Establish a micro-business program to provide small-scale financing and assistance.
- Facilitate the retention and development of grocery stores, neighborhood-based markets, and farmer's markets offering fresh produce in neighborhood centers.

TRANSPORTATION

- Implement the Birmingham Sidewalk Master Plan.
- Develop a residential parking permit program for neighborhoods with limited supply.
- Develop a City Streetscape Master Plan to ensure safe, attractive, vibrant and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes.
- Repair damaged and antiquated storm drainage infrastructure.