





**Department of City Planning June 2025** 

## **Agenda**



- Planning Commission Timeline
- Plan Process & Engagement
- Introduction
- Public Comment Period
- Implementation Matrix
- Appendix

#### The DCP Team



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## **Planning Commission Timeline**



## **June 3rd Briefing**

✓ Main Chapters: Community, Development, Mobility, Infrastructure

## **Today's Briefing**

 Supporting Items: Engagement, Public Comment period, Introduction, Implementation Matrix, Appendix

## **Hearing & Action (Late Summer 2025)**



## **Questions from Previous Briefing**

Sharonda

- How many residents are in the hill?
- What is the average participation in community meetings and this process?
- Who is truly driving the updates to the plan?
- How important is land use and zoning within this plan? How does this relate to the 2011 plan's stance on land use?
- Has the three-year gap since the inception of the plan caused any issues or inconsistencies?



## **Timeline – Update and Adoption Process**

Sharonda

Planning process aligns with Pittsburgh Neighborhood Plan Guide

1 Organize

Summer 2020 – Winter 2021 Prepare for the Planning Process.

3 O Strategize

Summer 2021 to Spring 2022

Develop projects and programs.

**5** Realize

After Adoption - Next 10 Years Implement the plan's actions.

Identify issues and opportunities not addressed by previous plans.

Winter 2021 to Summer 2021

**2** Visualize

Assemble, review, & adopt the plan.

Winter 2024 to Present

Formalize (We are Here!)







#### **About the Hill District**

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The Greater Hill District is made up of:

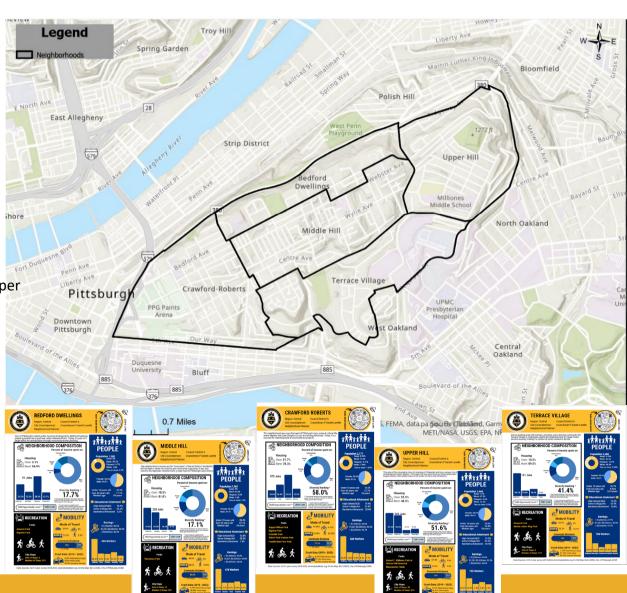
1.56 square miles

• 5 neighborhoods

(Bedford Dwellings, Crawford-Roberts/Lower
Hill, the Middle Hill, Terrace Village, and the Upper
Hill)

• 9,300+ residents

\*Uptown is included in the Eco-Innovation District Plan



Source: https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/neighborhood-snapshots

### **Overview of the Introduction Chapter**

"...the Greater Hill District is poised to continue to thrive, honoring its history while embracing a bright and inclusive future.

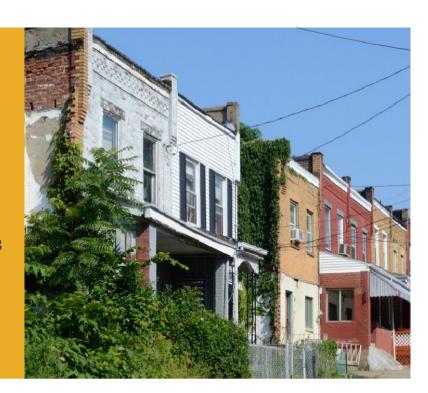


#### **Content Covered:**

- Welcome & Intro Letters to the Community
- History of the Hill District
- Discussion on why the Hill District?
- Plan Development
- Previous Planning
- Guiding Principals/Foundations

## **Building on the Legacy of Previous Planning**

- Hill District Green Print 2009
- Greater Hill District Master Plan 2011
- Herron Avenue Revitalization Strategy 2011
- Hill District Vacant Property Study 2013
- Centre Ave Corridor Redevelopment and Design Plan 2015
- Choice Neighborhood Plan (Bedford Connects Transformation Plan) 2018
- The Great Return of the Hill 2023
- Schenley Heights Toolkit



### **Engagement Plan Overview**



Austin J

#### **Action Teams:**

• Formed for each of the four core chapters of the plan: community, development, mobility, and infrastructure, and members were tasked with engaging the broader community on their topic, conducting studies, looking at best practices, and shaping recommendations.

#### **Community Events:**

 Through the planning process there were multiple general and topic-based public events such as block parties, workshops, and open houses to allow more casual involvement.

#### Online Opportunities & Social Media:

For those unable to make in-person events, the same materials would be
posted online with ways to provide input. The central place for project
information was online at <a href="https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/ghdmp">https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/ghdmp</a>. Presence
for the project extended to include Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and NextDoor.
And as they were developed, plan proposals were shared with the public online
for feedback, as well as in person through the public events.



#### **Engagement Strategy Principles**

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- Center Black place, Hill expertise and wisdom
- Build a foundation of trust
- Maximize participation
- Center equity and fairness
  - Adjust/right historical wrongs
  - Promote economic justice
- Transparency and open communication



**Statement of Purpose:** To engage and empower every Greater Hill District resident and stakeholder, ensuring active participation in the Public neighborhood planning process.

#### Who Made the Plan



#### Who's Who and What They Do The People Behind the Plan









| Who               | Steering Committee  Advisory body with up to 30 member organizations that represent most stakeholder groups.                             | Community  A person with an interest or concern in the neighborhood. | Action Teams Team comprised of Steering Committee members, residents, other stakeholders, and public agency staff.                | Staff Professional staff from public, non-profit, and private sector organizations that manage the planning process. |
|-------------------|--|--|---|--|
| What              | They engage the stakeholder<br>group representatives, produce<br>elements of the plan, and<br>integrate the work of the<br>Action Teams. | They provide input and feedback throughout the planning process.     | They identify issues and conduct research to fully understand topics, and develop actions and identify resources to address them. | They work to achieve full<br>community and stakeholder<br>participation in the planning<br>process.                  |
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| Deliverables When | Strategize Formalize Draft Public Engagement Plan  | Strategize Formalize Input on All Vision and Goals                   | Visualize  Strategize  Formalize  Draft Policies, Projects, Programs,   | Visualize Strategize Formalize Coordinate and Facilitate Process   |

## **Steering Committee – Organizations represented:**



- ACH Clear Pathways
- Amani Christian CDC
- Arts In HD
- Bridging the Gap Development
- City of Pittsburgh City Council
- Council District 6
- Crawford Square Homeowners Association
- Dinwiddie Community Alliance
- Duquesne University
- Eat Initiative
- Energy Innovation Center
- Hill Community Development Corporation

- Hill District Consensus Group
- Hill District Collaborative
- Hill District Education Council
- Hill District Federal Credit Union
- Housing Authority of Pittsburgh
- Neighborhood Allies
- Neighborhood Resilience Project
- New Hill District Business Association
- Omicelo
- Schenley Heights Collaborative
- Ujamaa Collective
- University of Pittsburgh

## **Steering Committee Members**

#### **Steering Committee**

| Name                     | Stakeholder Group Represented          |
|--------------------------|--|
| Rosalyn Guy-McCorkle     | Crawford Square Homeowners Association |
| Betty Pickett            | Dinwiddie Community Alliance           |
| Bill Generett            | Duquesne University                    |
| Arbie Bankston           | Resident                               |
| Kirk Holbrook            | University of Pittsburgh               |
| Rich DiClaudio           | Energy Innovation Center               |
| Richard Witherspoon, Sr. | Hill District Federal Credit Union     |
| Bomani Howze             | New Hill District Business Association |
| Lakeisha Wolf            | Ujamaa Collective                      |
| Aaron Gibson             | YMCA                                   |
| F. Paul Abernathy        | Neighborhood Resilience                |
| R. Victor Grigsby        | Hill District Minister's Alliance      |
| Daniel Lavelle           | City of Pittsburgh - City Council      |
| Derrick Tillman          | Bridging the Gap Development           |



## **Steering Committee Members Cont.**

#### Sharonda

| Joshua Pollard     | Omicelo                         |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| R. Lee Walls       | Amani Christian CDC             |
| Noor Ismail        | Housing Authority of Pittsburgh |
| Alexis Narotsky    | Housing Authority of Pittsburgh |
| Marimba Milliones  | Hill CDC                        |
| Carol Hardeman     | Hill District Consensus Group   |
| Glenn Grayson, Jr. | Neighborhood Allies             |
| Phyllis Lavelle    | Schenley Heights Collaborative  |
| Kevin McNair       | 1Nation Mentoring               |
| Sala Udin          | Hill District Education Council |
| Tyian Battle       | ACH Clear Pathways              |
| Claudy Pierre      | E.A.T. Initiative               |
| Tenika Chavis      | Resident and Business Owner     |
| Sam Black          | Resident and Business Owner     |
| Deb Parker         | Resident                        |
| Lakeisha Wolf      | Business Owner                  |
| Donnie Kyte        | Business Owner                  |

## **Steering Committee Members Cont.**

| Deidra Washington  | Business Owner              |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gilbert Lowe       | Hill District Collaborative |
| Tonya Ford         | Hill District Collaborative |
| Dr. Kimberly Ellis | Historic Hill Institute     |
| Bonnie Young       | Hill District Collaborative |

#### **Action Team Leaders**

#### **Action Teams**

| Name            | Action Team |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Thomas Scharff  | Mobility    |
| Steve Auterman  | Mobility    |
| Dave Munson     | Mobility    |
| Moira Egler     | Mobility    |
| Carol Hardeman  | Mobility    |
| La'Vette Wagner | Mobility    |
| Dara Braitman   | Mobility    |
| Breen Masciotra | Mobility    |

#### **Action Team Leaders**

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| Ose Akinlotan       | Community      |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Josiah Gilliam      | Community      |
| Rev. Paul Abernathy | Community      |
| Marimba Milliones   | Community      |
| Claudy Pierre       | Community      |
| Eric Williams       | Community      |
| Malaysia Smith      | Community      |
| Derek Dauphin       | Development    |
| Nick Fedorek        | Development    |
| Derrick Tillman     | Development    |
| Felicity Williams   | Development    |
| Brad Barnett        | Development    |
| Flore Marion        | Infrastructure |
| Sarah Yeager        | Infrastructure |
| Megan Zeigler       | Infrastructure |
| Martina Battistone  | Infrastructure |
| Arbie Blackston     | Infrastructure |
| Holly Douglass      | Infrastructure |

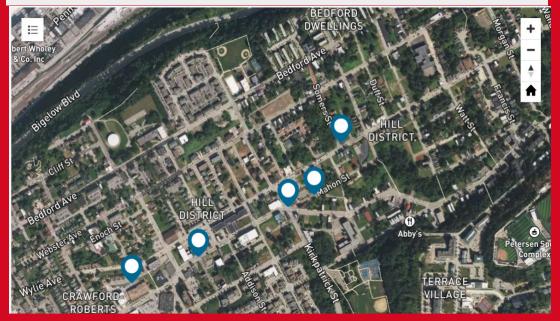
## **EngagePGH & Community Feedback**



Jazmyn

## If you could spotlight one cultural establishment of the Hill District what would it be?

We want to know your favorite cultural asset (corner, statue, public art, street corner, etc.) in the neighborhood. Click "Add Marker" to drop a pin. You can then add a comment to tell us a bit more about why it matters to you. You can drop as many pins as you like.



## NEW: Review and provide feedback on the Community Vision Statement and Goals

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+ Goals

#### What did we get right? Please comment below.

Tell us your thoughts

You have **140** characters left

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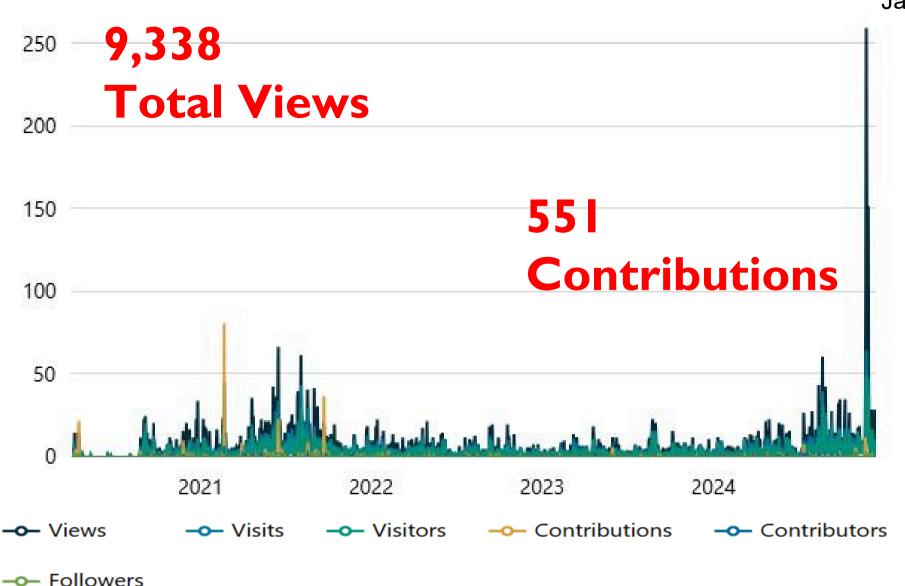
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## **EngagePGH & Community Feedback**



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## **Engagement & Action**

#### **Engagement Timeline:**

| Action                               | Date              |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Hill District Plan Update Meetings   | 08/2020 - 02/2022 |
| Gap Analysis                         | 11/2020 - 02/2021 |
| Community Meeting                    | 11/19/20          |
| Steering Committee Meeting (Kickoff) | 11/24/20          |
| Steering Committee Meeting           | 01/26/21          |
| Steering Committee Meeting           | 02/23/21          |
| Steering Committee Meeting           | 03/23/21          |
| Steering Committee Meeting           | 04/27/21          |
| Steering Committee Meeting           | 05/25/21          |
| Steering Committee Meeting           | 06/22/21          |
| Wealth Generation Workshop           | 07/28/21          |
| Access & Mobility Pop-ups            | 08/2021           |
| GHDMP Speak & Treat                  | 08/21/21          |
| Steering Committee Meeting           | 08/24/21          |
| Steering Committee Meeting           | 09/28/21          |
| Action Team Meeting (Community)      | 10/13/21          |
| Action Team Meeting (Development)    | 10/19/21          |
| Action Team Meeting (Community)      | 11/08/21          |
| Action Team Meeting (Development)    | 11/16/21          |
| Action Team Meeting (Infrastructure) | 11/17/21          |
| Action Team Meeting (Community)      | 12/13/21          |
| Action Team Meeting (Mobility)       | 12/14/21          |

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## **Engagement & Action**

| Action Team Meeting (Infrastructure)  | 12/15/21          |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Action Team Meeting (Development)     | 12/21/21          |
| Action Team Meeting (Community)       | 01/10/22          |
| Action Team Meeting (Development)     | 01/18/22          |
| Action Team Meeting (Infrastructure)  | 01/22/22          |
| Steering Committee Meeting            | 01/25/22          |
| Action Team Meeting (Mobility)        | 02/01/22          |
| Action Team Meeting (Infrastructure)  | 02/16/22          |
| Hill District Plan Update Meetings    | 03/2022 - 10/2023 |
| Action Team Meeting (Mobility)        | 03/01/22          |
| Action Team Meeting (Mobility)        | 03/08/22          |
| Steering Committee Meeting            | 03/22/22          |
| Hill CDC Bi-Monthly Plans Meeting     | 06/22/23          |
| Project Relaunch                      | 02/2024           |
| Steering Committee Re-Engagement      | 03/2024 - 05/2024 |
| Steering Committee Meeting (Workshop) | 06/04/24          |
| Steering Committee Meeting            | 08/2024           |
| Small Committee Meeting               | 08/2024           |

## **60-day Comment Period**







#### **Proposed Draft Plan**



#### **Discussion Draft Plan**

- Project team assembles all of the draft materials that have been produced and writes new materials as needed to create a complete plan draft.
- Reviewed by steering committee.

- Project team integrates/addresses the Steering Committee comments, creating the second draft.
- Reviewed by other identified stakeholder groups such as nonprofit community organizations, foundations, additional local agencies and authorities not on the Steering Committee, the Planning Commission, and the public.

Recommended Draft Plan

Project team integrates/addresses comments from the proposed draft review to create a near-final draft for use in the adoption process.

#### The City's Adoption Process:

- The Steering Committee should consider sending a notice to all addresses within the planning area ~30 days prior to the Planning Commission's first hearing. The notice should include how to provide comments and final community meeting details.
- The project team creates a Planning Commission briefing presentation that outlines the plan content, the elements of the plan that will be adopted by the Commission, and the community engagement process.
- The project team will present the briefing to the Planning Commission.
- The Steering Committee should advertise the public meetings identified on the hearing notice that allows residents who are hearing about the project for the first time an opportunity to have guestions answered.
- City Staff create a staff report that will be provided to the Planning Commission for Public Hearing and Action.
- Planning Commission Hearing and Action at Planning Commission. This is the formal adoption step. The planning team and the Steering Committee should attend, present, and be available for questions.



\*60 days

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~30 Days

~45 Days

~45 Days

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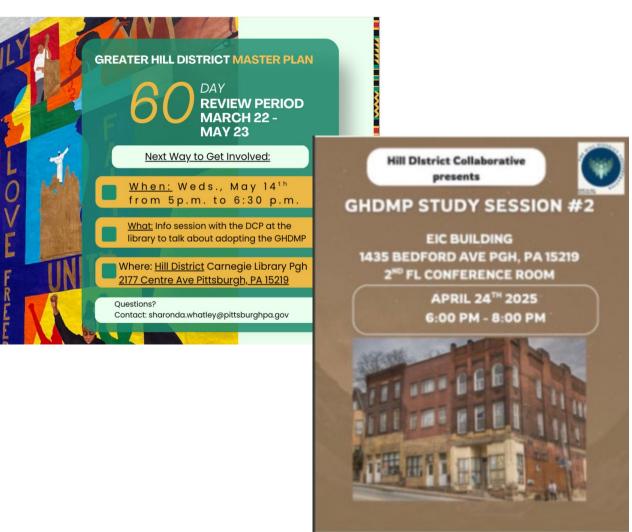


| Hill District Development Activity Meeting              | 02/18/25 |
|---|----------|
| Weekly Office Hours at Hill CDC                         | 03/28/25 |
| Hill CDC Hill District Art Walk                         | 03/29/25 |
| Hill CDC Study Group                                    | 03/31/25 |
| Hill CDC Study Group                                    | 04/03/25 |
| Weekly Office Hours at Hill CDC                         | 04/04/25 |
| DCP Digital Office Hours                                | 04/07/25 |
| Hill CDC Study Group                                    | 04/10/25 |
| Weekly Office Hours at Hill CDC                         | 04/11/25 |
| DCP Hill District Office Hours – Hill District Carnegie | 04/16/25 |
| Library of Pittsburgh                                   |          |
| HDC & Consensus Virtual GHDMP Session 1:                | 04/17/25 |
| Masterplan Overview & Public Comment Process            |          |
| Weekly Office Hours at Hill CDC                         | 04/18/25 |
| Hill District Consensus & Collaborative Session 2:      | 04/24/25 |
| Community & Development Focus                           |          |
| Weekly Office Hours at Hill CDC                         | 04/25/25 |
| DCP Digital Office Hours                                | 04/28/25 |

| Weekly Office Hours at Hill CDC   | 05/02/25 |
|---|----------|
| DCP Digital Office Hours  | 05/05/25 |
| Hill District Consensus & Collaborative Session 3:<br>Infrastructure & Mobility Focus             | 05/07/25 |
| Weekly Office Hours at Hill CDC   | 05/09/25 |
| DCP Hill District Office Hours - Hill District Carnegie<br>Library of Pittsburgh                  | 05/14/25 |
| Hill Dist. Collab Virtual Session Lunch & Learn via<br>Zoom                                       | 05/20/25 |
| Collaborative & Consensus   | 05/21/25 |
| Session 4: Public Comment Submission Assistance – Hill<br>District Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh |          |
| DCP Digital Office Hours  | 05/22/25 |







#### Austin

| Location                                       | Address                                  |
|--|--|
| University of Pittsburgh - Community           | 1908 Wylie Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219     |
| Engagement Center                              |  |
| Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Hill District | 2177 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219    |
| Bethel AME Church                              | 2720 Webster Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219   |
| Ammon Community Recreation Center              | 217 Bedford Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219    |
| Thelma Lovette YMCA                            | 2114 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219    |
| Hill CDC                                       | 2015 Centre Ave #2, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 |
| Hill District Consensus Group                  | 409 Dinwiddie St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219   |
| Jeron X. Grayson Community Center              | 1852 Enoch St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219      |
| Energy Innovation Center                       | 1435 Bedford Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219   |
| August Wilson House                            | 1727 Bedford Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219   |





#### **Public Comment Breakdown**



Total Number of Comments: 190\*

#### Sources:

- Engage PGH page digital comment form
- Verbal and written notes from engagement meetings
- Emails to DCP staff
- Documentation summarizing comments assembled by RCOs

#### Comments collected include a mix of

- Questions understanding the plan's intent and how implementation works
- Observations providing additional context
- Recommended revisions/changes and/or additions
- Statements of community goals and values
- ➤ Upon DCP staff review of comments, an itemized response for ALL comments will be published, including where revisions/changes/additions were made

#### **Comment Criteria**

#### Non-substantive changes:

- ☐ Grammatical corrections
- Language consistency
- Changes that are clarifying or further support the drafted Goals/Policies/Strategies and supporting content
- Clarifying details and/or updates added to the Implementation matrices (i.e. timeline, funding source, implementors)
- ☐ Additions of supporting data and best practices



#### **Substantive Changes:**

Sharonda

Substantive changes must meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- The proposed change supports, improves, or builds upon EQUITY, SUSTAINABILITY, and/or RESILIENCE
  - See City Goals from the Neighborhood Plan Guide (pg. 18)
  - See also Healthy and Resilient Hill District Foundations (GHDMP pg. 22)
- 2. The proposed change aligns with the **community goals** from the original 2011 plan: (Headings listed below, see full text on GHDMP pg. 16)
  - Build Upon the African American Cultural Legacy
  - Family Friendly Housing Development without Displacement
  - Economic Empowerment and Commercial Development
  - Make the Hill District a Green and Well-designed Community
  - Mobility, Transportation, and Parking
- 3. The proposed change is based on a body of comments and concerns shared by multiple constituencies.

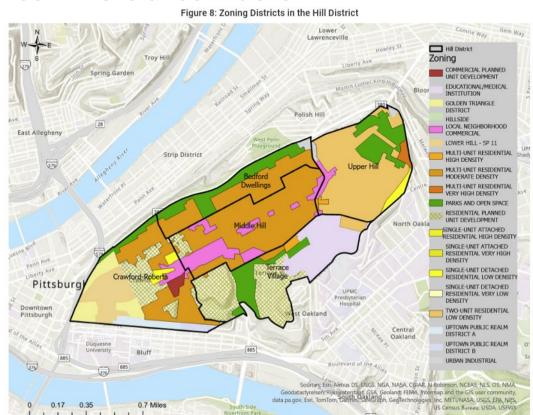


### **Land Use & Zoning**

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- General community
   agreement with land
   use goals of the 2011 GHDMP
- The 2025 update provides
   high-level guidance for future
   land use and zoning work.
- No detailed zoning recommendations are proposed as part of the plan update.

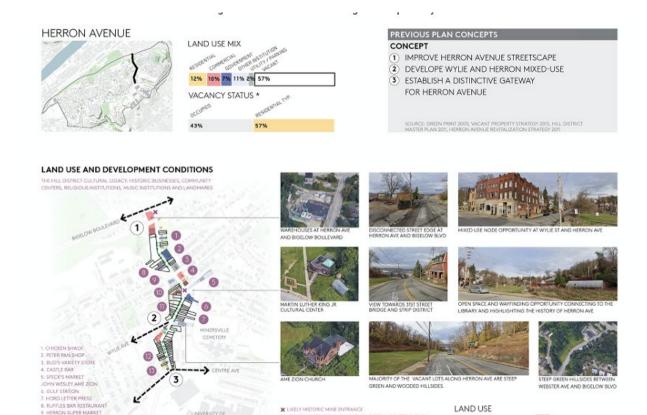
Existing zoning includes a mix of: Specially planned districts, Hillside/park areas, residential zoning, and neighborhood commercial corridors



## **Land Use & Zoning**

## Considerations for future zoning updates:

- Focus on smaller scale (corridors, neighborhood sections)
- Maintain residential character
- Align with the Comprehensive Plan, as the city-wide land use strategy relates to the Hill District
- Ensure communityempowered engagement



HERRON AVENUE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CREST NEAR BEDFORD

Source: FCOnorthwest

13. DWELLING HOUSE SAVINGS & LOAN ASSO

\* VACANT PARCES INCLUDE MUNICIPAL LIBRAN RENEWAL PARCELS

\*\* SOURCE: HILL DISTRICT VACANT PROPERTY STRATEGY

AVENUE. IN THE MID 19TH CENTURY, HERRON AVENUE WAS ACTUALLY CALLED MINER STREET, AND MINERSVILLE CEMETERY IS ALSO EVIDENCE.

MULTI-FAMILY (5-19)

COMMERCIAL

UTILITY / PARKING

#### **Plan Elements**



Tony A

Plan

**Vision Statements**  • Provide a shared description of what the neighborhood will be in 10 years if the plan is successful.

Goals

• Long-term outcomes the plan will achieve by implementing programs, policies, and projects.



• Set a preferred direction and describe what must be done to achieve the goals.

**Strategies** 

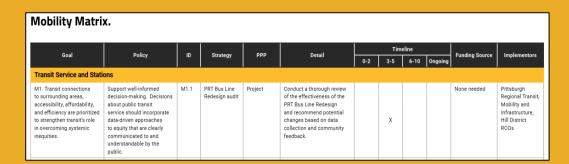
• Programs, Projects, or Partnerships that seek to realize a particular long-term aim.



## **Implementation Matrix**

## Community Matrix.

| Goal   | Policy  | ID   | Strategy                                     | РРР     | Detail   | Timeline |     |      |         | 5                              | local consentance   |
|--|---|------|--|---------|--|----------|-----|------|---------|--------------------------------|---|
|  |   |      |  |         |  | 0-2      | 3-5 | 6-10 | Ongoing | Funding Source                 | Implementors  |
| Community Programs an  | Community Programs and Livability   |      |  |         |  |          |     |      |         |                                |   |
| C1. Ensure Hill District<br>residents can have all their<br>basic needs met within a<br>20-minute walk or roll of<br>their home. | Promote accessibility. New development in the Hill District should incorporate diverse uses and prioritize universal accessibility. | C1.1 | Accessible<br>community<br>shared spaces     | Project | Identify inclusive areas within the Hill District that offer access to all residents despite ability and increase the ability of residents and visitors to enjoy those spaces. |          | Х   |      |         | Pittsburgh<br>Regional Transit | The Hill<br>Registered<br>Community<br>Organizations,<br>Pittsburgh<br>Regional Transit |
| C1. Ensure Hill District residents can have all their basic needs met within a 20-minute walk or roll of their home.             | Promote accessibility. New development in the Hill District should incorporate diverse uses and prioritize universal accessibility. | C1.2 | ADA<br>accessible<br>community<br>facilities | Project | Evaluate community<br>facilities based on ADA<br>accessibility and develop a<br>list for retrofitting priorities.  |          | х   |      |         | None needed                    | Department of<br>Mobility and<br>Infrastructure   |



| Development Matrix.  |   |      |   |         |   |          |     |      |         |                |   |
|--|---|------|---|---------|---|----------|-----|------|---------|----------------|---|
|  |   |      |   |         | Detail  | Timeline |     |      |         |                |   |
| Goal   | Policy  | ID   | Strategy                                    | PPP     |   | 0-2      | 3-5 | 6-10 | Ongoing | Funding Source | Implementors  |
| Equitable Economic Development   |   |      |   |         |   |          |     |      |         |                |   |
| D1. All developments within the Hill District shall minimize the displacement of residents and businesses. | Limit use of eminent domain. Eminent domain should not be used to acquire occupied property in the Hill District for redevelopment, except in the case of a substantial threat to health or safety. | D1.1 | Alternative<br>methods to<br>eminent domain | Program | Adopt a series of interventions to limit the use of eminent domain including mediation services, community benefits agreements, financial incentives for voluntary sells, land swaps, and community land ownership. |          | x   |      |         | None needed    | City of<br>Pittsburgh,<br>Urban<br>Redevelopment<br>Authority |



| Infrastructure Matrix.   |   |          |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|----------|---|--|--|--|
| Goal   | Policy  | ID       | Strategy                                      |  |  |  |
| Stormwater Managemen   | t, Energy, Waste Mangeme  | nt and F | Recycling, Digita                             |  |  |  |
| I1. The Hill District's accessible infrastructure systems (utilities, food, digital, roads, stormwater) are high-yielding and resilient. | Prioritize efficient management of stormwater runoff. The City should manage stormwater runoff through responsible practices that enhance urban water cycles, support biodiversity, and protect public health and property. | 11.1     | Street level<br>infrastructure<br>investments |  |  |  |

## **Appendix**

#### **Existing Conditions**

A. 2022 Opportunities and Constraints Report

Adriana

#### Public Engagement

- B. Public Engagement Plan (Updated)
- C. Community Engagement Strategy (Comment Period)

#### **Action Team Reports**

- D. Transportation Study
- E. Healthy and Resilient Hill District

#### 2011 GHDMP Original Appendix

- F. Development Principles
- G. Non-displacement strategies
- H. Strategies for Reclaiming the Lower Hill

Exhibit 17. Hill District and City of Pittsburgh Housing Mix Source: ACS 2019 5-year

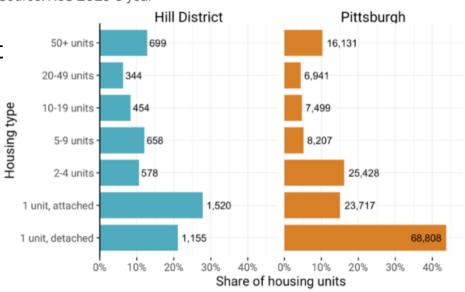


Table from 2022 Opportunities & Constraints Report

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## **Today's Briefing**

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## **Hearing & Action (Late Summer 2025)**

## Thank you!

- Sharonda Whatley, Assistant Director of Strategic Planning: Sharonda.Whatley@pittsburghpa.gov
- Dr. Jamil Bey, Director of City Planning: *Jamil.Bey@pittsburghpa.gov*



## **EngagePGH: Stay Connected with the Process**

- Platform for residents to follow progress, offer feedback, and access resources.
- Community surveys, feedback options, and FAQs available.
- Encourage participation to help shape the final version of the GHDMP.



Click the button below to view the first draft of the Greater Hill District Master Plan!

### View the Draft of the Greater Hill District Plan

After reviewing the draft plan, click each chapter to leave your feedback.

Click here to view





#### Why?

- Create a 60-day review period that is as accessible as possible to community.
- Create a review period informed by Community Voice
- Understand how the DCP can meet you where you are
- Enhance spaces where residents can consult the DCP



## Introduction

"Build upon the African American cultural legacy."

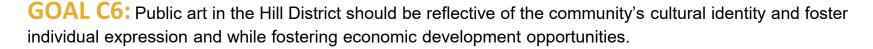


#### **Vision Statement:**

The Hill District is committed to cultivating a neighborhood that excels in livability, celebrates and preserves its rich historical heritage, and promotes the health and resilience of all residents. To grow as a livable vibrant community with flourishing businesses and infrastructure utilized by empathetic, engaged, and healthy residents and visitors, the Hill District must develop strong, interconnected, and cooperative physical and social components.

## **Deep Dive: Community Topic**

#### **CULTURAL LEGACY**



**POLICY:** Strengthen community identity. The history of the Hill District should be preserved through placekeeping and community engagement.

**C6.7 Strategy: Hill District History/Cultural legacy center.** Establish a Hill District History/Cultural Legacy Center to preserve the Hill's legacy, encourage multi-generational engagement, and bring visitors to the Hill.

**C6.8 Strategy: Hill District Cultural and Historic Preservation Plan.** Create a Hill District Cultural and Historic Preservation Plan that would include an evaluation of existing historic and culturally significant resources as well as a variety of strategies for maintaining and enhancing those resources.

(Also related) **D3.3 Strategy – Cultural resource surveys.** Conduct and maintain cultural resource surveys to document the historical and social assets of the neighborhood, providing a reference for developers and planners.





## **GHDMP Kits: Where to find literature**

| Location  | Address                                    |
|---|--|
| University of Pittsburgh – Community<br>Engagement Center | 1908 Wylie Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219       |
| Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Hill District            | 2177 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219      |
| Bethel AME Church   | 2720 Webster Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219     |
| Ammon Community Recreation Center                         | 217 Bedford Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219      |
| Thelma Lovette YMCA                                       | 2114 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219      |
| Hill CDC  | 2015 Centre Ave # 2, Pittsburgh, PA 15219  |
| Hill District Consensus Group                             | 409 Dinwiddie Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 |
| Jeron X. Grayson Community Center                         | 1852 Enoch St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219        |
| Energy Innovation Center                                  | 1435 Bedford Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219     |
| August Wilson House                                       | 1727 Bedford Ave, Pittsburgh, PA, 15219    |





### We Need Your Voice

**Q&A Session** 



### **60-day Comment Period**





#### **Proposed Draft Plan**



#### **Discussion Draft Plan**

- Project team assembles all of the draft materials that have been produced and writes new materials as needed to create a complete plan draft.
- Reviewed by steering committee.

- Project team integrates/addresses the Steering Committee comments, creating the second draft.
- Reviewed by other identified stakeholder groups such as nonprofit community organizations, foundations, additional local agencies and authorities not on the Steering Committee, the Planning Commission, and the public.

#### Recommended Draft Plan

Project team integrates/addresses comments from the proposed draft review to create a near-final draft for use in the adoption process.

#### The City's Adoption Process:

- The Steering Committee should consider sending a notice to all addresses within the planning area ~30 days prior to the Planning Commission's first hearing. The notice should include how to provide comments and final community meeting details.
- The project team creates a Planning Commission briefing presentation that outlines the plan content, the elements of the plan that will be adopted by the Commission, and the community engagement process.
- The project team will present the briefing to the Planning Commission.
- The Steering Committee should advertise the public meetings identified on the hearing notice that allows residents who are hearing about the project for the first time an opportunity to have questions answered.
- City Staff create a staff report that will be provided to the Planning Commission for Public Hearing and Action.
- Planning Commission Hearing and Action at Planning Commission. This is the formal adoption step. The planning team and the Steering Committee should attend, present, and be available for questions.



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