

EASTSIDE VILLAGE PLAN (1997)

Authoring organization, time frame, geographic area, and primary issues:

Eastside Village is a subarea within the Third Ward, bounded by Elgin, Scott, Alabama, and Ennis. The City of Houston Planning and Development Department worked with the Southeast Houston Community Development Corporation (SEHCDC) to develop a plan for the neighborhood's revitalization. Three main issues are discussed in the plan:

- Affordable housing
- Urban design
- Economic development

Plan creation and public involvement:

The plan was a collaborative effort between the city and the SEHCDC.

Plan vision statement:

Plan goals or objectives:

Strategies:

Physical planning and urban design are the two aspects of planning that the document endorses to address the plan's major issues. It endorses pedestrian-friendly traditional neighborhood design.

Key projects:

A master plan identifies several locations for improvements and development: a "Village Center" area at Holman and Tierwester with a small public square; the Holman Street Baptist Church area; special corridors on Scott, Elgin, Holman, and East Alabama; the Village interior; a linear hike and bike trail along the Columbia Tap rail line; a commercial node at Ennis and Holman; and long-term redevelopment areas along Ennis that currently lack sufficient infrastructure.

The plan also discusses a development site across Holman from the Baptist Church. The SEHCDC would acquire and develop property into 12 residential units, making them available to lower income buyers. Other projects would be concurrent with the new housing included expansion of the church, Scott Street Enhanced Enterprise Community Corridor, Greater Third Ward Gateway Project at I-45 and Scott, and the Missy's Landing apartments at Reeves and Scott streets. Elevations and floor plans for the SEHCDC housing units were also included.



Implementation and funding:

The SEHCDC, a nonprofit, would play a significant role in implementing some of the recommended projects and raising the needed funding. The Scott Street Enhanced Enterprise Community Corridor is another tool to encourage revitalization.

