LINDEN GATEWAY
SMALL AREA STUDY

Task Force Meeting #7
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National Register of Historic Places

Definition - What is it?

- List of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation
- National program to support protection efforts
- Districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects
- Administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior.
National Register of Historic Places

- Only a recognition that a property is of significance to the Nation, the State, or the community.

- Consideration in the planning for Federal or federally assisted projects.

- Eligibility for Federal tax benefits.

- Qualification for Federal assistance for historic preservation, when funds are available.
Local Historic Preservation Overlay Zone

- Definition - What is it?
  - Historic Districts in the City of Covington
  - Intent is to keep the historic integrity of an area.
  - 7 Zoning Overlays that have compliance regulations
  - Mix of both residential, commercial and institutional uses
Local Historic Preservation Overlay Zone

- **Regulations**
  
  - *Any* exterior changes must get approval through the Certificate of Appropriateness process
  
  - Changes must follow the “Covington Historic Design Guidelines”
  
  - Staff approval and Urban Design Review Board
Recommendations for Linden Gateway Small Area Study

• Historic Preservation in Linden Gateway Area

- Development of the area was in progression from North to South
- Cambridge Tile Manufacturing
- Subdivisions and the street pattern
- The whole area is eligible for the National Register as a District(s)
Recommendations for Linden Gateway Small Area Study

• Nominating for the NR

  - Nomination Process

  - Kentucky Resource Inventory Form

  - Nomination form and photo documentation

  - Nominate the area to the NR in sections related to their development pattern

  - Discuss the possibility of local designation as an Historic Preservation Overlay Zone
Covington Historic Preservation Office Resources

• I’m here to help you!

- Advice for historically accurate and sensitive rehabilitation
- Technical preservation issues
- List of contractors
- Historic Plaque program and research assistance
- Assistance on Tax Credit projects and with nomination forms
Housing – General Information

- Residences make up over 80% of structures
- 90% of structures in good condition or need only minor repairs
- 51% homeownership - 2000 census, HUD recommends 66%
- 15.91% household poverty, National avg 11.3%
- Median Income $28,600, National avg $43,162
Linden Gateway Small Area Study Housing Program

- Increase Awareness of & Advocate for Relevant Issues
- Grow the Number of Homeowners
- Improve the Existing Structures
Linden Gateway Small Area Study – Housing Program

- Increase Awareness of & Advocate for Relevant Issues
  - Educate community on sound homeownership practices
    - Disseminate information to residents
    - Host annual homeownership workshop with HONK, CGN, City Housing Dept, Local Lending Institutions
  - Support government measures that help low income residents become homeowners
    - CGN, HONK, City disseminate information to Neighborhood Associations, who put it in newsletters and/or emails to members and residents
Grow the Number of Homeowners

- Increase participation in existing homeownership programs – City Department of Housing, HONK
  - Neighborhood Associations advertise and Promote these programs
  - Neighborhood Associations act as connector/recruiter for local Homeownership programs
  - Help with determining eligibility, collecting documentation,
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- Grow the Number of Homeowners
  - Employer Assisted Housing Programs
    - Employer assists eligible employees in purchasing home in specific area – usually close to employment
      - Grants, forgivable or low interest loans, match funds in special account
    - Advantages for employer
      - Less turnover & absenteeism = money
      - Community Goodwill
    - Benefits for employee
      - Financial stability
      - Less commuter time
      - Increase feeling of belonging
      - Walking to work becomes an option
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- Improve Existing Housing Stock
  - Targeted Code Enforcement
    - Neighborhood Associations and Code Enforcement target a block
    - Publicize the up-coming event
    - Use program below to assist eligible owners
    - Wave or reduce penalties if owner fix violations within specified time
  - Home Improvement Assistance Program
    - Increase participation in City Housing Department & HONK programs
    - Build tool lending library
    - Develop pool of knowledgeable people to assist in minor repairs & refurbishing
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Landscape Analysis

[Map showing landscape analysis with labeled features such as river boundaries, watershed, and flow directions.]
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Park
Opportunity
Areas
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Park Opportunity Areas
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West 18th Street
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*Urban Ecology’s plan for Garfield Elementary includes the transformation of a neglected planting bed, above, to a habitat observation garden, here.*
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**West 14th Street and Banklick Street**
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**St. Elizabeth Medical Center Connection**

Linden Grove Cemetery
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