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sustainable neighborhood renewal

indianapolis smart growth renewal district partnership

Principles We Stand For

Sustainability refers to the long-term viability of a community from ecological, social, and economic perspectives.
Transit must be approached as a long term investment in the future of our region that leverages private investment to sustainably renew communities.
Economic vitality and opportunity at the neighborhood level is critical to the economic viability of the region.
Mobility (the ability of a person to travel from one place to another) is more fundamental than transportation (the act of travelling).
Cultural and socioeconomic integration promotes increased levels of social capital, fosters the exchange of ideas, and stimulates the innovation required for our community to remain competitive.
Neighborhoods must be complete, providing residents with all necessary components of daily life, as well as flexible, accommodating changes in economic and household conditions.
Ecological quality must be improved by redevelopment activities and through increased connections between residents and natural systems.
Energy sources and systems must be renewable, distributed, and neighborhood-based.

Goals To Be Achieved

					All streets and other public rights-of-way should be livable complete, multi-modal streets with priority given to the pedestrian.
					All stormwater should be managed through natural systems so that the district diverts all stormwater from the combined sewer system.
					Dark sky principles should be pursued to eliminate atmospheric light pollution.
					A resident or worker in the district should be able to live a walkable life in a neighborhood with very fine-grained land uses, including mixed-use centers and quality and diverse public park or recreation space within walking distance.
					Design must be place-based, context-sensitive, adaptable, and be timeless yet innovative to ensure long-term viability.
					The district should produce as much of its' energy needs through neighborhood-based, renewable sources as possible.
					All development should meet the highest standards, including LEED and Energy Star.
					Green industry should be encouraged that produces innovative products serving local demand, and providing quality jobs for a range of skillsets.
					The opportunity for economic improvement must be provided through the encouragement of entrepreneurship and innovation as well as provision of, or access to, quality jobs for a range of skillsets in order to mitigate the effects of any gentrification.
					Urban and community gardening should be encouraged to provide a local food source as well as build connections between urban residents and the land.
					Housing must be provided for the maximum range of households, from low income to high income, in socioeconomically diverse buildings and neighborhoods. This must be done through the provision of a diverse portfolio of housing sizes and types as well as progressive public policy.
					A more balanced mix of rental and ownership opportunities must be provided to provide for a flexible workforce and to accommodate residents at all life stages.
					The district must encourage civic interaction through world-class public spaces, mixed-use centers, and homes and workplaces that encourage community pride, expression, and engagement.
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