



Image Neighborhood



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Introduction

The purpose of a neighborhood action plan is to identify issues that are of concern to the residents of the neighborhood, and to devise strategies for addressing these concerns. In conjunction with broader policies and implementation measures contained within the City's comprehensive plan, the neighborhood action planning process is intended to protect and enhance the livability within specific neighborhoods, as well as to help fulfill the overall community vision and to create a more livable city. More specifically, neighborhood action plans are intended to:

- Educate both city government and neighborhood residents about each other's concerns and visions for the future.
- Promote collaboration between the city and the neighborhood in order to achieve mutual goals and a shared sense of responsibility.
- Create a "sense of place" within the community by identifying and developing the assets within each neighborhood.
- Initiate change, rather than simply reacting to it, by addressing specific issues and opportunities.
- Achieve sensible and coordinated project and program planning within each neighborhood and between all the city's neighborhoods.
- Strengthen neighborhoods.



Relationship to the Comprehensive Plan

In general, a comprehensive plan is intended to provide broad policy direction, which is implemented through more specific development regulations and capital expenditure programs. Comprehensive plans do not, however, typically address the more immediate needs and concerns of individual neighborhoods. This is the purpose of a sub-area or neighborhood plan.

The City's comprehensive plan, entitled *Visions for the Vancouver Urban Area*, was adopted in December of 1994 and scheduled to be updated in 2002. The Plan specifically states that the City should: "*create neighborhood plans by assisting neighborhood organizations in identifying issues, policies and implementation measures specific to their areas.*"

The purpose of the Image Neighborhood Action Plan is to integrate neighborhood needs into the City's budget process, Six-Year Street Improvement Program, Neighborhood Traffic Control Program, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, and other planning and funding programs. The general policy statements included in the Action Plan may also be used by the City Council to guide future decisions involving development proposals and plan amendments affecting the neighborhood.



The Neighborhood Action Planning Process

The Image Neighborhood Association with assistance from the City of Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods has developed this plan. The actual preparation of this plan is being coordinated by the Neighborhood Action Planning Committee, whose members were appointed by the Neighborhood Association to represent the interests of the neighborhood as a whole.

A survey was taken and a draft version of this Action Plan was made available to each household in Image for review and comment by all residents of the neighborhood. After considering and reconciling comments from the residents, the plan has been endorsed by the Neighborhood Association according to their specific by-laws. After neighborhood approval the Plan will be forwarded to City Council for consideration and acceptance by resolution.

It is intended that city agencies will utilize the action plans as input in developing more specific work programs and helping to establish citywide funding priorities. It is recognized that many of the recommendations contained in the action plans are conceptual only and may need to be analyzed in greater detail, both individually and in relationship to other recommendations. It should also be emphasized that financial resources may not exist for implementing all of the recommendations identified in the plan. All of the actions identified in the plan are intended to be initiated and supported by residents of the neighborhood in collaboration with the appropriate responsible party/agency.



Overview of the Plan

This Plan contains four components. The NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE contains a general description of the current conditions within the neighborhood. The VISION STATEMENT describes the neighborhood's sense of identity and vision for its future. The NEIGHBORHOOD OBJECTIVES identifies issues that are of concern to the residents of the neighborhood. The NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION STEPS includes specific potential strategies for accomplishing the identified objectives. Each Action Step is prioritized and identifies the responsible parties for implementing those strategies.



Funding and Financial Resources

Having the Neighborhood Action Plan does not guarantee the funding. The Vancouver City Council does appropriate \$100,000 per year via Neighborhood Action Planning Grant to help implement action steps. In addition, your neighborhood may be eligible for many private, federal and state funding programs.

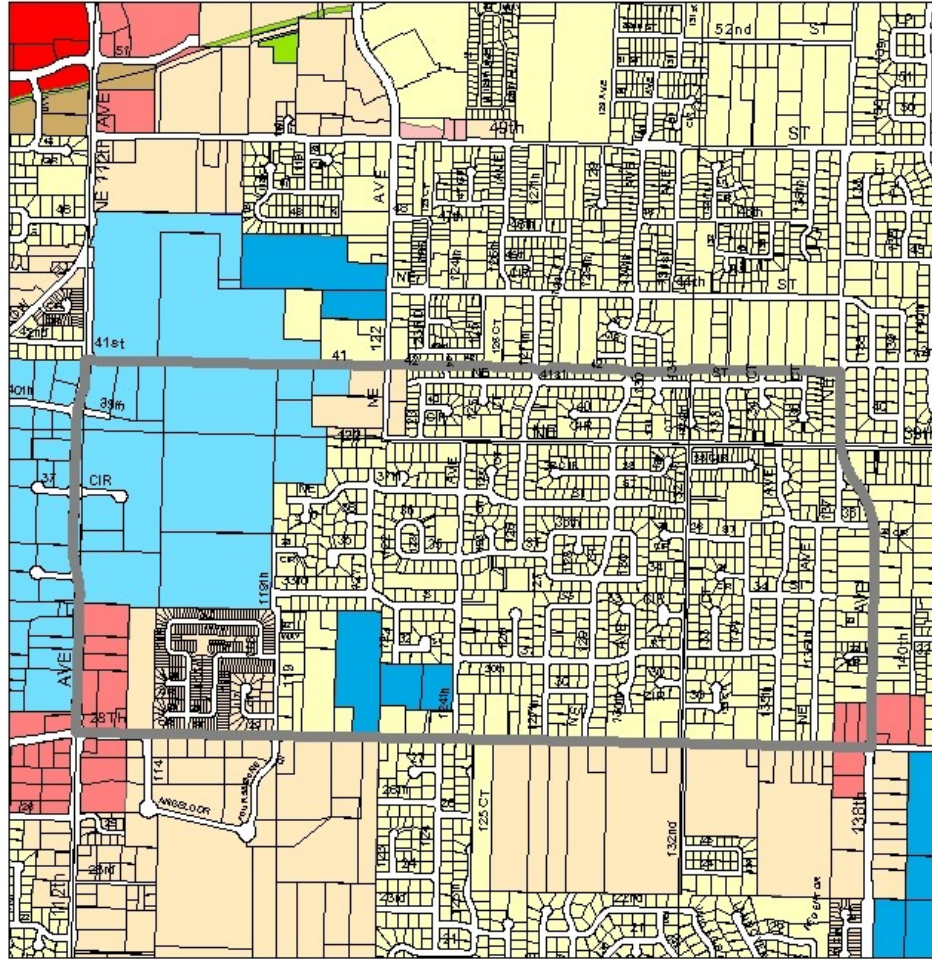
Neighborhood History & Profile

In 1965, Burton Road was considered the country. All the land around Evergreen High School was agricultural/pasture land. There was no stadium or present day high school.

In 1970 Burton Road was scattered with homes on acreage. The only subdivision was the area north of the skills center and the area between 127th Avenue to 131st Avenue. Horse and cow pastures bordered 129th Avenues and a dead end at 31st Street. The closest grocery store was on Andresen or Mill Plain. There were no convenience stores or gas stations within 2-3 miles of the high school.

Since that time the area around Image has grown considerably. Image neighborhood has a few large and small businesses such as SEH America and the Skills Center. Image neighborhood is made up primarily of single family residences with some multi-family dwellings.

Neighborhood Zoning/Comp Map



Legend

- Urban Low Residential
- Urban Medium Residential
- Urban High Residential
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Community Commercial
- General Commercial
- Light Industrial
- Public Facility
- OS/Parks

Image



Vision Statement

Image residents will work together to preserve and improve the overall livability of our neighborhood. We will come together to unite the common interests and promote the welfare of the neighborhood and its residents. Partnering with the City of Vancouver, we will be enabled to enhance the neighborhood for the benefit of all.

We envision a safe neighborhood, where families and children feel secure while living within the City of Vancouver. We would like to promote neighborhood unity and a sense of community through welcoming committees, block parties and a neighborhood watch. We feel that in order to live so close together in harmony we must promote community and bring back the sense of neighborly caring that is so often forgotten in today's fast paced, technology-driven world.

We desire Image to be a quiet neighborhood that is pedestrian and bicycle-friendly and a desirable place to raise a family. As a neighborhood we value and would like to preserve our mature trees and open space by developing and maintaining our neighborhood park.

Objectives and Action Steps

The following recommended action items identified as having a "high" priority are considered by the Neighborhood Association to be most important. "Medium" priority action steps are somewhat less important. "Low" priority action steps are considered least important.

Priority has been assigned by the Neighborhood Association for each action step without regard for the time frame within which the recommendation can realistically be accomplished (short-range, long-range) and without concern for whether funding sources can be practically identified. Accordingly, it is possible that a "High" priority item may not be realized for many years. In contrast, some "Low" priority items could be potentially accomplished in a relatively short amount of time without significant capital expense.

Listed below are abbreviations for the various responsible parties used throughout the document:

Abbreviations:

AC	Animal Control
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant Program
CITY	All Responsible City Departments
CMS	Community Mediation Services
CS	Community Services
CTRAN	CTRAN
INA	Image Neighborhood Association
OTH	Other organizations
OWN	Neighborhood Property Owners
PMG	Property Management Groups
V-CPRD	Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services
VCE	Vancouver Code Enforcement
VON	Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods
VPD	Vancouver Police Department
VPW	Vancouver Public Works
VTD	Vancouver Transportation Department
VUF	Vancouver Urban Forestry Program

I. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

Objective #1

Preserve and enhance overall neighborhood livability, appearance, and safety.

Through active neighborhood association participation, personal responsibility, code enforcement and stronger ordinances, we wish to promote regular maintenance and upkeep of properties in our neighborhood, including but not limited to yards, homes, accessory buildings, gardens, sidewalks and planting strips. This will enhance overall neighborhood livability, as well as the visual appearance of our neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Encourage residents to alert appropriate parties of any violations concerning the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Violations of City Codes and Ordinances. ▪ Shrub and tree obstructions at intersections ▪ Excessive noise violations 	High	VCE, OWN, INA, CITY, VPW
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Explore possible solutions for the removal of abandoned cars. 	High	CITY, INA, OWN, PMG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Increase awareness and educate residents via the neighborhood association's monthly newsletter, neighborhood web site and information signs regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Property upkeep and maintenance tips ▪ Neighborhood Cleanup days ▪ Chipper Program ▪ Property improvement programs ▪ Junk Abatement Ordinance ▪ Anti-graffiti Program ▪ Street tree planting and care 	High	VON, CITY, INA, VPD, VUF, VPW

I. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE (Continued)

◆ Notify property owners if their properties are not well kept (vegetation maintenance or cluttered yard.)	Medium	OWN, INA, CMS, PMG
◆ Work with City to remove graffiti promptly thereby discouraging further incidents.	Medium	VPD, INA, OWN
◆ Work with the City to ensure that the streets are well maintained, including pot hole repair, street lighting maintenance, storm drains cleaned, etc.	High	VPW, VTD, INA,
◆ Work with the City and public utilities to identify lighting deficiencies within the neighborhood.	High	INA, VTD
◆ Encourage residents to report burnt out or broken streetlights for repair and maintenance.	Low	INA
◆ Explore funding options to assist with additional lighting and maintenance.	Medium	INA, VON, CDBG

II. OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

Objective #1

Full development of the Image Neighborhood Park (Lauren Neighborhood Park) to Level 3 plus additional amenities.

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation's Capital Improvement Plan indicates that the park (Lauren Neighborhood Park) site is slated for development to Level II standards in 2005-2006 utilizing Park Impact Fees.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Work with Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department to develop a Master Plan for park development for city review and approval, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performance of site grading. ▪ Purchasing and installation playground equipment. ▪ Installation of walking trail. ▪ Purchasing and installation of picnic tables. ▪ Bike parking ▪ Locations for tree plantings 	High	INA, V-CPRD, VUF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Explore Funding for desired park amenities listed above. 	High	INA, CITY, OTH

III. MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

Objective #1

Encourage pedestrian-friendly access throughout our neighborhood and discourage speeding in the neighborhood.

While most speeding is associated with cut-through traffic, a large percentage can be attributed to vehicles driven by neighborhood residents themselves. To promote traffic safety, especially for walkers and bicyclists, a coordinated engineering, enforcement and education (the 3 E's) approach should be used to control speeding.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
◆ Identify strategic locations for installing traffic-calming devices and work with the Transportation Department to install such devices where necessary priority locations include: 124 th Ave, 39 th St 132 nd Ave, and 129 th Avenue.	High	INA, VTD
◆ Work with Vancouver Police Department to enforce speed limit regulations in our neighborhood.	High	INA, VPD
◆ Establish a neighborhood-based program to educate residents about the importance of speed limits and the danger of uncontrollable intersections in our neighborhood.	Medium	INA, VTD
◆ Explore additional funding resources to install traffic calming devices at the above locations.	High	INA, VON, CDBG

III. MOBILITY MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Objective #2

Improve pedestrian safety.

Sidewalks do not exist within most of the neighborhood area, requiring residents to walk and/or ride bicycles in the streets. Ensuring the safety of residents, especially our children, is of utmost importance.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Continued monitoring of city standards and possible upgrading/updating of our current streets to add sidewalks and bike paths on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 124th Ave ▪ 122nd Ave ▪ 132nd Ave ▪ Sidewalks are especially needed near and to Image Elementary and the new Image Neighborhood Park 	High	INA, VPW, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Promote bike riding by adding bike lanes to NE 28th Street and signing NE 124th Avenue as a Bike Route. 	Medium	INA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Promote C-TRAN ridership by installing bus shelters on NE 28th Street, NE 112th and NE 138th Avenues. 	Low	C-TRAN, INA, VTD

IV. PUBLIC SAFETY

Objective #1

Increase the public safety of our residents.

Encourage neighbors to get to know one another. Neighbors of Image Neighborhood wish to work together to improve safety during crises and to prevent crimes in our neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
◆ Install a street light on 124th Avenue and Burton Road.	High	VTD, INA
◆ Improve visibility at “blind” corners (e.g. remove or trim vegetation impairing visibility of oncoming traffic.)	High	INA, VPW, OWN, PMG, VTD
◆ Promote Community Mediation for dispute and conflict resolution and to promote peacekeeping.	Medium	CS, CMS, INA
◆ Work with Vancouver Police to discourage speeding and traffic through our neighborhood by increased enforcement.	High	VPD, INA VTD
◆ Explore additional funding resources to improve lighting and visibility and promote peacekeeping and speed enforcement.	Medium	INA, VON, CDBG, VTD, VPD