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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 Wildwood 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 Mt. View 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 will be made available to households in Mt. View for review and comment by residents of the neighborhood. After considering and reconciling comments from the residents, the Neighborhood Association according to their specific by-laws will endorse the plan. 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.

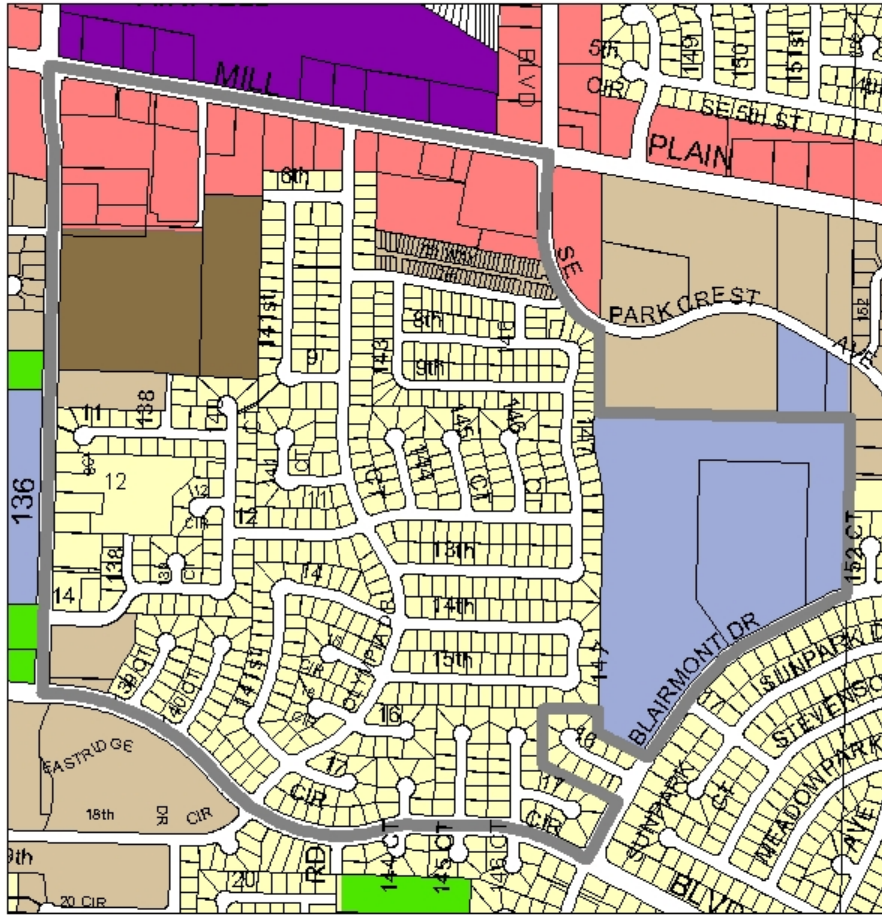


Funding and Financial Resources

Having the Neighborhood Action Plan does not guarantee the funding. The Vancouver City Council does appropriate funding annually via the Neighborhood Action Planning Grant and Neighborhood Matching Grant programs to help implement action steps. In addition, neighborhoods may be eligible for many private, federal and state funding programs.

Neighborhood History & Profile

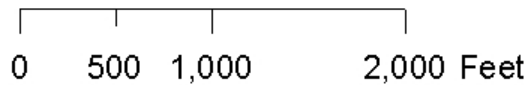
Neighborhood Zoning/Comp Map



Legend

- Urban Low Residential
- Urban Medium Residential
- Urban High Residential
- Community Commercial
- Public Facility
- Parks
- Airport

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Vision Statement

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
ESD	Evergreen School District
FOT	Friends of Trees
MVNA	Mt. View Neighborhood Association
NTSC	Neighborhood Traffic Safety Committee
OTH	Other organizations
OWN	Neighborhood Property Owners
PF	Parks Foundation
PMG	Property Management Groups
V-CPRD	Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services
VCE	Vancouver Code Enforcement
VFD	Vancouver Fire Department
VON	Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods
VPD	Vancouver Police Department
VPW	Vancouver Public Works
VTD	Vancouver Transportation Department
VUF	Vancouver Urban Forestry Program

I. OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

Objective #1

Create a community park.

It is our goal to enhance our community by creating a park that is aesthetically appealing and inviting to families. We would like a park that is geographically attainable to the majority of our members so that we might have a place to strengthen our community ties and encourage outdoor recreation as well as beautify our surroundings.

Action Steps:	Priority	Responsible Parties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Work with the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department to develop a park on the premises of Mountain View High School similar to the one that was developed on the grounds of Wy 'East Middle School. ◆ Create a paved, meandering path around the perimeter of the Mountain View High School boundary. ◆ Plant flowering cherry trees along the path to be created on the Mountain View High School property. ◆ Install park benches, picnic tables and garbage cans along the trail to be created. ◆ Install a children's play area and park benches at the south end of the park/school boundary. 		

II. MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

Objective #1

Install a 4-way stop at Olympia and McGillivray.

It is the majority view of those who responded to our survey that there is a need for a 4-way stop at Olympia and McGillivray. While the City of Vancouver Transportation Services does not agree, we feel it is important to pursue this matter.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Work with the City of Vancouver Transportation Services staff to install a four-way stop at Olympia and McGillivray. ◆ Engage the neighborhood residents in an education campaign about speeding via the neighborhood newsletter and general membership meetings. 		

Objective #2

Improve traffic control and pedestrian safety.

It is our goal to improve our community by improving traffic control and pedestrian safety. Currently there is only one sidewalk on the west side of the main thoroughfare (Olympia Drive) through our neighborhood. Even so, this sidewalk does not span the entire length of Olympia Drive from Mill Plain Boulevard to McGillivray Boulevard.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Work with the City of Vancouver Transportation Services staff to decrease the width of Olympia Drive by constructing sidewalks with an attached, grassy, tree-lined strip on both the east and west sides of Olympia Drive. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Apply for Neighborhood CDBG funding to install sidewalks on Olympia Drive. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Continue to work with the City of Vancouver Transportation Services staff and the CDBG staff to install sidewalks on all the residential streets in our neighborhood to narrow the streets and make them safer for pedestrians. 		

III. PUBLIC SAFETY

Objective #1

Increase the public safety of our residents

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

Action Steps:	Priority	Responsible Parties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Use the newsletter to inform and educate residents about public safety issues. ◆ Encourage neighbors to know one another. This includes the promotion of activities, which brings the residents of the neighborhood together. ◆ Distribute our “Welcome New Neighbors Kits” to all new neighbors. ◆ Report non-working street lights to the City’s Operations Department for repair on a timely basis and continue to follow up to insure repair work is completed. ◆ Discourage parking and illegal activities in undeveloped areas. ◆ Educate residents to identify and report illegal activities. ◆ Prevent graffiti and vandalism by understanding the causes. ◆ Maintain a contact with the Vancouver Police Department. ◆ Have a program to keep crime watch team captains active and informed and encourage team meetings. ◆ Keep phone trees up to date. ◆ Maintain crime watch signage. ◆ Have a meeting of crime watch team captains at least annually and hold a practice drill at least once a year. ◆ Educate residents about crime prevention measures such as dead bolt locks, motion detectors, and personal safety awareness. ◆ Work with City Code Enforcement to achieve compliance as complaints may arise from unkempt property, illegally parked vehicles or other prohibited activities. 		

III. PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Encourage neighbors to follow principles of responsible pet ownership and city animal control regulations.◆ Educate and inform residents about the importance of maintaining their property.◆ Discourage tall front yard fences, overgrown landscaping, and otherwise encourage compliance with the City's hazardous vegetation ordinance.◆ Sponsor annual neighborhood Yard and Garden Clean-up Day utilizing the City's free dumpster and chipper programs.◆ Ensure that notices of all City and Neighborhood up-keep activities such as the Spring Clean up Coupons and Appliance Pick up reach property owners and residents of the neighborhood. | | |
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IV. COMMUNITY BUILDING

Objective #1

Create a welcoming committee for new Mountain View Neighborhood residents.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Establish a block captain for each block, street, etc. or look into the Utility's list of move-ins.◆ Check with local merchants to provide a small gift to introduce new arrivals to the merchants.		