

Dix Edge Area Study

Study Announcement

The Dix Edge Area Study focuses on housing, land use and development, and transportation in the communities southeast of Dorothea Dix Park. The study aims to define the community's vision for the area over the next 20 years. One of the most important pieces of the study is getting input from community members like you. If you live, visit, work, study, worship, and play in the study area then you have a significant role in the success of this study.

Who's included in the study?

The following communities are included in the study:

- Fuller Heights
- Caraleigh
- Caraleigh Mills
- Carolina Pines
- Wheeler Crossing
- Wheeler Park
- Walnut Terrace
- Gateway Parks Apartments
- Village Green Apartments

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Study Announcement (cont.)

When the study is complete the goal is to have a realistic, yet visionary, plan for the community. This includes a set of policies and actions that reflect the community vision for the future. These policies and actions will guide City Council in its decision-making for the area.

This plan may include policies that apply to rezoning decisions and changes to the area's development regulations. It can also include new capital projects such as roads, bike lanes, and new greenway connections.

Learn more by visiting the project website: raleighnc.gov/dix-edge

Upcoming Opportunities

Visioning Workshop Survey

What do you want the Dix Edge area look like 20 years from now? What do you see as the issues facing your community? Let us know your answer by participating in the online Visioning Survey by December 31, 2020:

Publicinput.com/O2268

or in Spanish at Publicinput.com/X6472

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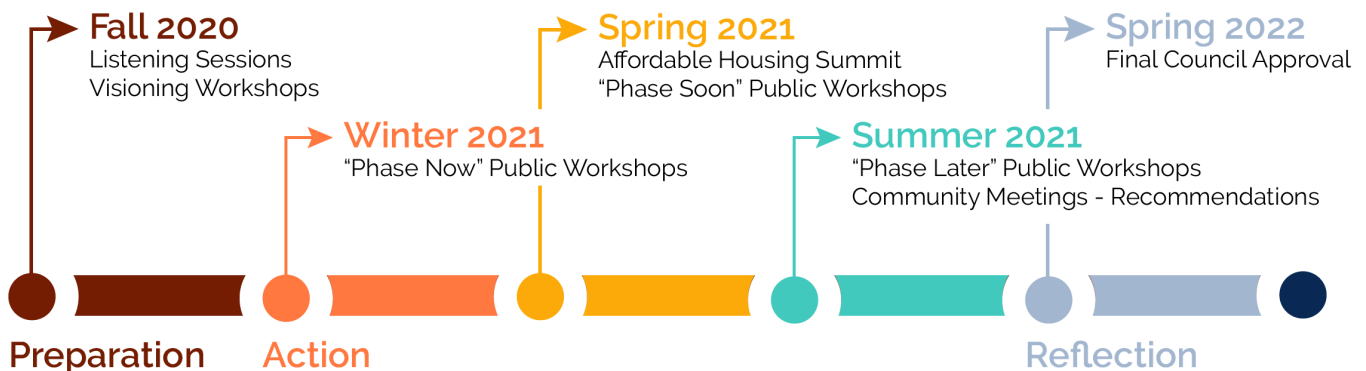
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Study Timeline

This project started July 31, 2020 and will wrap up in January 2022. It will include three phases:

- Preparation Phase:** Happening now! The project team is learning about the community its vision for the future.
- Action Phase:** City staff works to implement improvement strategies based on community input from the preparation phase.
- Reflection Phase:** City staff evaluates the impact of the Action Phase on the community and its surrounding area.



Study Updates

Community Leaders and Neighborhood Ambassadors Selection

The Raleigh City Council appointed a group of 15 Community Leaders for the project. These Community Leaders represent the diversity of people living in the study area. Community Leaders will help with outreach and will ensure that the project reflects the community's vision. They will meet once a month, and meeting minutes and presentations will be available on the project webpage (raleighnc.gov/dix-edge).

The City of Raleigh also selected two Neighborhood Ambassadors for this effort. Neighborhood Ambassadors have strong ties to the Dix Edge neighborhoods. They will share project information and collect community feedback. We hope you will ask them questions and express ideas throughout the project!

Listening Sessions Summary

In October, the City of Raleigh hosted six listening sessions to speak with residents within the study area. Participants answered questions about their neighborhood and larger community. We gathered information including:

- Where participants live
- How they feel about their neighborhood
- How future outreach could better involve them and their neighbors

During the Listening Sessions, participants shared their thoughts and concerns for their community. The most common issues and opportunities are listed below:

1. Concerns about development impacts of Dix Park, Downtown South, and other development in the area
2. Concerns about how Downtown South will impact rezoning and housing
3. Concerns about the need for more affordable housing
4. Concerns about pedestrian safety, including pedestrian access to Downtown
5. Desire for walkability: More sidewalks to Downtown, the Farmer's Market, and other locations

The full Listening Session Summary and presentation can be found on the [project website](#).

Community Leaders

- Sim McIver, NC Farmer's Market Manager
- Jenn Truman, Resident
- Falon Foreman, Resident
- Hayes Permar, Resident
- Bonner Gaylord, Managing Director of Operations for Kane Realty (Property Owner)
- John W Hinshaw, Resident
- Melissa Ruggiero, Resident
- Vance Haywood, Pastor, St. John's Metropolitan Community Church
- Mel Wright, Owner, The Wright Village
- Marilyn Drath, Resident
- Terri Edwards, Healing Transitions
- Gwen McClain, Pastor, Bright Hope Divine Holy Church of God, Inc.
- Eric Braun, Commissioner, Raleigh Housing Authority
- Emma Benedyk, Director, Washington Elementary Boys and Girls Club
- Douglas Humphrey, Pastor, Bridge Fellowship Church

Neighborhood Ambassadors

- Dieneaker Shaw, Resident, Gateway Park
- Eduardo Mera, fluent Spanish speaker assisting with outreach to the Hispanic and Latino Community

Visioning Sessions Summary

Four Visioning Workshops were held in November where we asked more about your concerns and what you'd like to keep, change, and plan for the future of your community! Participants joined breakout rooms and shared their comments on each of the four topics.

Here is a summary of what we heard from each topic:

WORRY

- » Gentrification/Displacement
- » Pedestrian/Bicyclist safety
- » Losing Community Character
- » Environmental Concerns
- » Development, including Downtown South

CHANGE

- » Green Infrastructure
- » Crime Prevention
- » Maywood Avenue Improvements
- » Grocery Stores, Gathering Places, Etc
- » Walkability, Greenway Connections

KEEP

- » Historic Charm/Character
- » Diversity of People
- » Local Businesses
- » Single Family Homes
- » Walkability and Sidewalk Connections

PLAN

- » Affordable Housing
- » Sidewalk Connections
- » Retail Amenities
- » Community or Recreation Center
- » Playground/Green space improvements

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Contact Us

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