



# What are the Benefits of a Small Area Plan?

The following are potential benefits and outcomes of Small Area Plans. Place a sticker next to the benefits that you think are most important. Write in any other benefits you think should be added.

Benefits / Outcomes	Which benefits / outcomes are most important?	List additional benefits / outcomes here:
<p><b>Shaping Development</b></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Future Land Use Map with recommended zoning changes.</li> <li>2. Strengthen neighborhood character and identity. ●●●●●●●●●●</li> <li>3. Alignment with the City's housing policies. ●●</li> <li>4. Planning and design of key sites and gateway features. ●</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Street Design</b></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accomodate a range of transportation modes. ●●●●●</li> <li>2. Design and beautification of key streets. ●</li> <li>3. Connected and accessible greenway networks. ●●●●●●●●</li> <li>4. Street networks connected to city centers. ●</li> </ol>	<p><i>Need comp labeled sidewalk connections</i></p>
<p><b>Beautification Projects</b></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compatible, quality architectural and landscape design. ●●●●●</li> <li>2. Gateway features. ●</li> <li>3. Preservation of historic structures. ●●●●●●●●</li> <li>4. Preservation of natural features and parks. ●●●●●●●●●●</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Financial Assistance</b></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementation plan. ●●</li> <li>2. Opportunities for small neighborhood grants. ●●●●●●●●</li> <li>3. Partnership opportunities for long-term upkeep. ●●●●●●</li> </ol>	



# Which overarching issues should Small Area Plans address?

The survey asks participants to rank these issues based on which ones are most important to address in the Small Area Plan Program. The list below is prioritized (with highest priority at the top) based on preliminary survey results.

## Housing Affordability

Diverse housing types (townhome, small multifamily, live/work, etc.) encourage affordable homeownership for people with varying needs and incomes. Neighborhoods willing to address household affordability should be prioritized for Small Area Plans.

## Neighborhood Stability

Some currently stable neighborhoods are more impacted by growth and development. Neighborhoods that are currently experiencing rapid change or are expected to change in the future should be prioritized for small area plans.

## Managing Student Behavior

The impacts of student behavior can be detrimental to neighborhood character and cohesion. Neighborhoods managing a high degree of student behavior should be prioritized for Small Area Plans.

## Access to Goods/Services

Convenient and safe access to neighborhood services such as grocery stores, farmers markets, hair salons, restaurants, and education are important elements to a healthy neighborhood. Neighborhoods with little access to services should be prioritized.

## Transportation Options

A neighborhood's walk score and access to reliable transit are important quality of life indicators. Neighborhoods with poor transportation options should be prioritized for Small Area Plans in order to improve their transit, bicycle, and pedestrian access.

## Resident Participation

Neighborhoods with a high level of participation and commitment to the planning process should be prioritized. Commitment can be demonstrated by the number of people or the presence of active community organizations.

## Streets and Corridors

Existing and planned transportation corridors bordering or extending through a neighborhood bring about unique challenges and opportunities. Neighborhoods that include major transportation corridors should be prioritized for Small Area Plans.

## Willingness to Change

A neighborhood can benefit from new opportunities for development and redevelopment. Neighborhoods that demonstrate a willingness to plan for growth and development that aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan should be prioritized.

## Additional Ideas / Comments

Land preservation and parks ✖

University Accountability ✖

Walkability ✖

Protect Historic Resources

Parking Availability

Stormwater and Drainage ✖

Better paying jobs ✖

Protect Heritage Trees ✖

✖ Protection from flooding

Protect the Aquifer ✖

Less Regulation

Limit High Density Housing ✖

## PROVIDE YOUR INPUT!

Q: Which issues are missing or should be ranked differently and why?

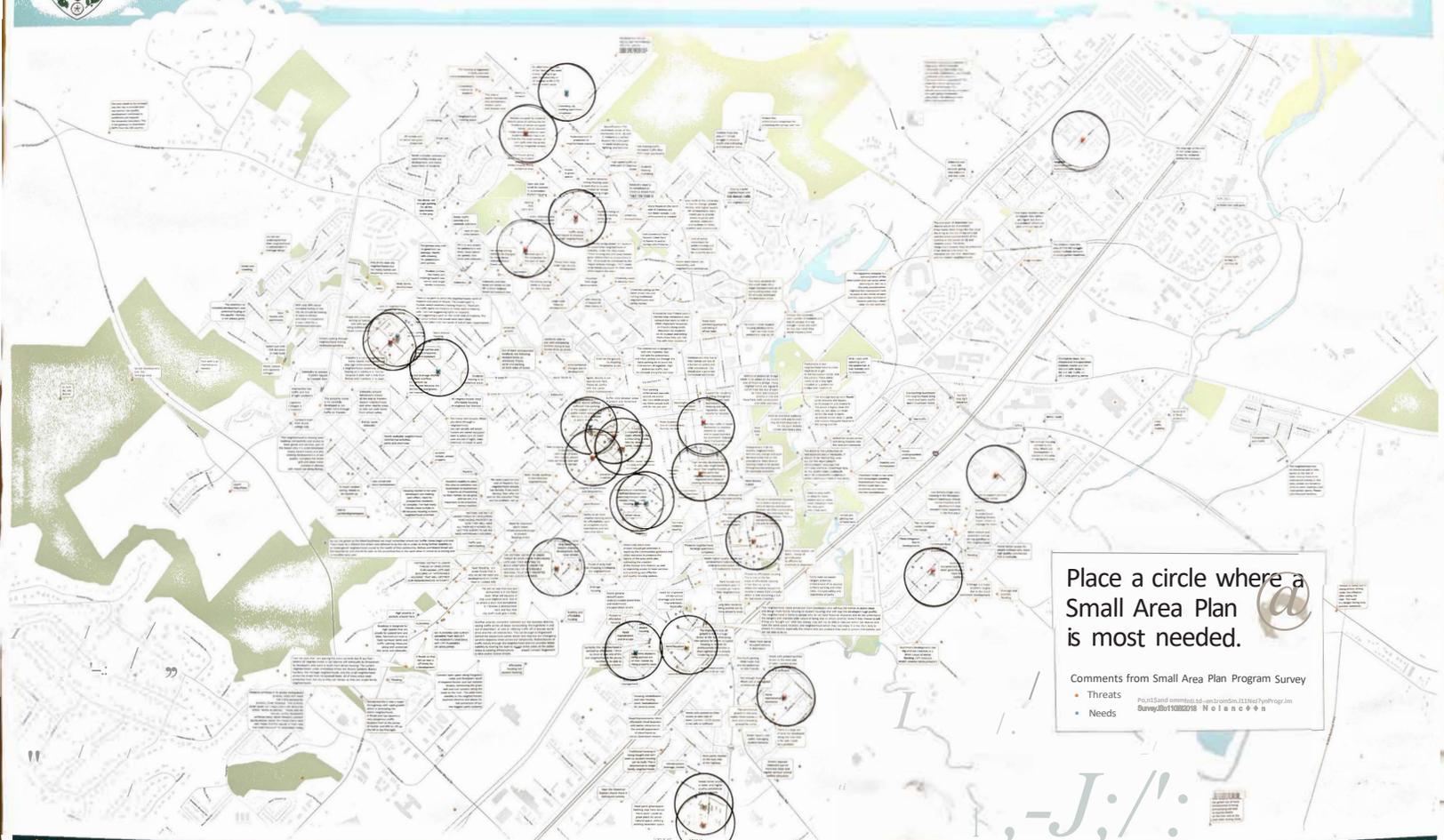
1. Protection against a high rise (2 stories or more) on your property line
2. Illegal renting/multi "family" in family homes. (property deterioration - no up keep)
3. Not being able to access stores etc. because of clogged street - w/ too many residents in the area.
4. Transition Zones !!!



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# Where do you think a Small Area Plan should occur?



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# Which outcomes would be most valued?

The survey asks participants to rank the following outcomes based on which ones would be most valued by groups participating in a Small Area Plan. The list below is prioritized (with highest priority at the top) based on preliminary survey results.

## Shaping Development

Neighborhoods participating in the Small Area Plan Program would have a greater ability to direct land use changes in their neighborhood via the adoption of a land use plan that is compatible with the City's Comprehensive Plan

## Beautification Projects

Neighborhoods participating in the Small Area Plan Program could be targeted for city beautification projects.

## Street Design

Neighborhoods participating in the Small Area Plan Program could receive design support for existing or planned transportation corridors.

## Financial Assistance

Neighborhoods participating in the Small Area Plan Program could receive priority in being awarded a small improvement grant from the City to fund beautification projects or needed neighborhood services.

## Increased Communication

Neighborhoods participating in the Small Area Plan Program would have greater ability to communicate priorities and needs through the implementation of the Small Area Plan.

## Organizational Support

Neighborhoods participating in the Small Area Plan Program could receive ongoing support for organization and outreach efforts.

### Additional Ideas / Comments

Neighborhood Protection

More HOA areas in new development

Program to purchase blighted property to protect the developer

Don't force residents out of their homes due to unwise zoning changes

More activities for youth

More sidewalks

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Q: Which outcomes are missing or should be ranked differently and why?

- 1) Housing affordability is not going to be addressed by marketplace-only subsidized (eg gov't) properties are going to be "affordable" (with exception of so called "granny flats". Check out front page article in the Austin Statesman, "Tearing Down, Building Big". Housing affordability is noble, but I don't think that SAP can address this short of gov't involvement.
- 2) Where are the teeth? I hope that this will have some required direction instead of another exercise that does not have any real impact in policy. We need requirements to come out of this, not just a fuzzy-feel good.
- 3) Need completed sidewalk connections and restore damaged sidewalks



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