

**NORTH LAMAR  
COMBINED  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
PLANNING AREA**

**First Workshop**

**December 6, 2007**

**North Lamar Combined NPA**

# **Tonight's Presentation**

**Review of planning area and process**

**Initial Survey Results and First Workshop**

**Brainstorming Exercise Results**

**Elements of a plan**

**How information will be used**

**Next Steps**

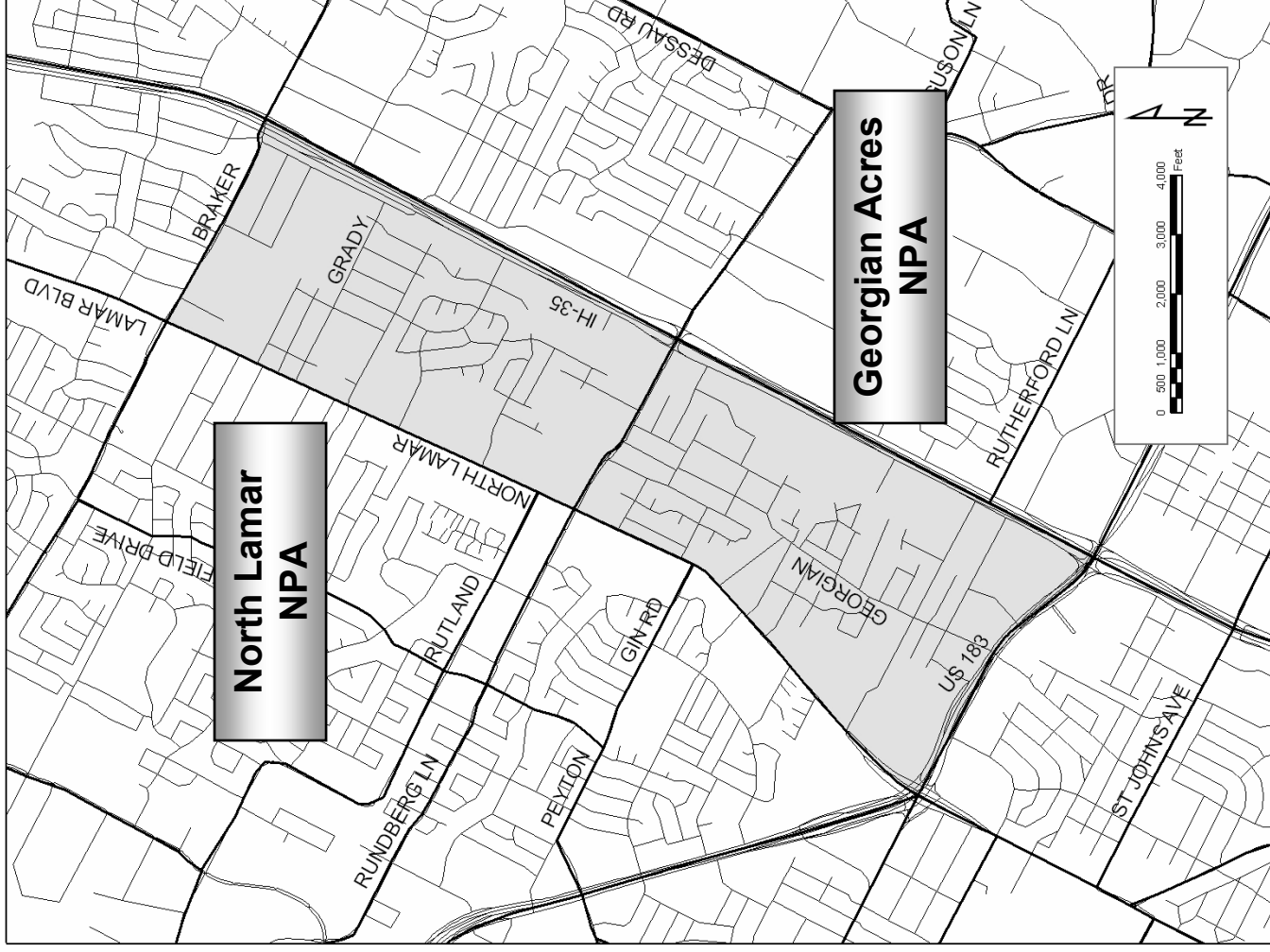
**Tonight's Exercise**

**Questions?**

# The North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area

Two planning areas—

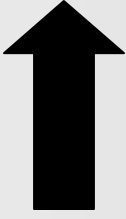
- Georgian Acres
- North Lamar



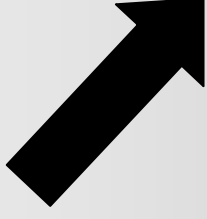
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**THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
PLANNING  
PROCESS**

Background  
Research



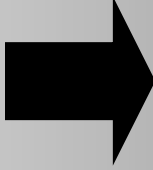
Survey



Kick-Off  
Meeting  
**Nov. 15**

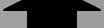


First  
Workshop  
**TODAY**



Task Group Meetings—Starting in January 2008

Vision  
&  
Goals



Parks &  
Urban  
Design



Transportation  
Land Use  
Urban Design



Mid-Process Meeting

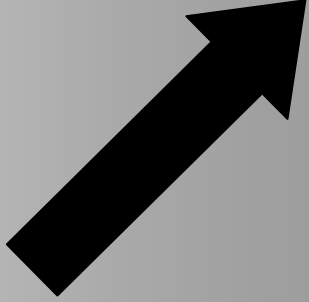
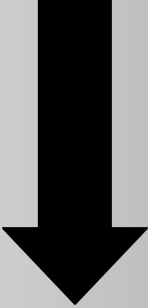
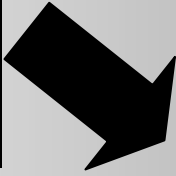
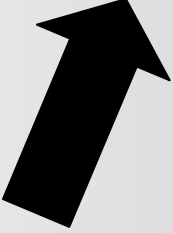
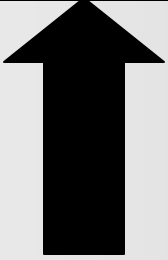
Refine Plan Based on Input

Final Open House

Boards and Commissions

Refine Plan Based on Input

City Council



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# **INITIAL SURVEY RESULTS**

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# **WHO COMPLETED THE NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY**

- 1. OWN A HOUSE OR CONDOMINIUM**
- 2. Rent a house or apartment**
- 3. Own property but do not live in the  
planning area**
- 4. Own a business**
- 4. Other**
- 5. Have a place of employment**
- 6. Own property other than your house or  
condominium and live in the planning area**



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# **THINGS YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

- 1. MATURE TREES**
- 2. Reasonable housing prices**
- 3. Close to freeways**
- 4. Convenient access to stores and shops**
- 5. Close to workplace**
- 6. Good access to public transportation**
- 7. Your neighbors**
- 8. Close to neighborhood stores**
- 9. Diversity of residents**

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# **THINGS YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

## **Three-Way Tie for # 10**

**Easy to get around the neighborhood by  
car**

**Quiet neighborhood**

**Neighborhood character**

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# **THINGS YOU WOULD CHANGE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

- 1. CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**
- 2. Criminal activity along major roadways**
- 3. Poorly maintained single-family property—houses and duplexes**
- 4. Rental property poorly maintained by owners**
- 5. Cut-through traffic on residential streets**

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# **THINGS YOU WOULD CHANGE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

- 6. Not enough sidewalks**
- 7. Poorly maintained apartments**
- 8. People parking in their front yards**
- 9. Businesses encroaching into residential areas**
- 10. Poorly maintained commercial property**

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# **THE MOST IMPORTANT LAND USE ISSUES**

- 1. Preserving the residential character of the neighborhood**
- 2. Inappropriate zoning adjacent to or inside residential areas**
- 3. Too much of a specific type of commercial use**
- 4. New park**
- 5. Want more neighborhood-serving businesses**
- 5. Inappropriate types of businesses**

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# **THE MOST IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

- 1. CUT-THROUGH TRAFFIC**
- 2. Lack of sidewalks**
- 3. Dangerous intersections for motorists**
- 4. Sidewalks in poor condition**
- 5. Lack of walking/hiking trails**

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**LOOKING TOWARD**  
**THE FUTURE**

**Quiet, safe, and well-lit residential streets  
where children can walk and play without  
danger**

**Nicely maintained yards and clean  
residential streets**

**A pedestrian and bicycle-friendly  
neighborhood with tree-lined streets and  
sidewalks**

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# **LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE**

**New local parks, trails, and other public green spaces**

**Clean and safe commercial corridors**

**Public gathering places such as plazas, parks, and civic facilities like libraries and recreational centers**



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**KICK-OFF  
MEETING  
BRAINSTORMING  
RESULTS**

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# **THE “BIG” ISSUES**

- 1. Crime**
- 2. Traffic/Transportation**
- 3. Neighborhood Character**
- 4. Absentee Landlords**
- 5. Land Use/Zoning**
- 6. Code Enforcement**

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### **CRIME**

#### **WHERE**

**Rundberg Lane/IH-35**

**Georgian Drive**

**Grady Drive**

**Brownie Drive**

**Throughout the  
neighborhood**

#### **WHAT**

**Prostitution**

**Drugs**

**Vandalism**

**Burglaries**

**Vagrancy/panhandlers**

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# **TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION**

## **CARS**

**Cut through traffic**

**Speeding traffic**

**Streetlights/  
Dark streets**

**New traffic signals**

## **PEDESTRIANS**

**New sidewalks**

**Better maintained  
sidewalks**

**Need curbs & gutters**

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# **NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER: RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER IS CHANGING**

**Population in flux—increase in the number of people coming and going—lack of stability**

**Loss of the family-oriented character of the neighborhood**

**Loss of “neighborliness” and pride in the neighborhood**

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# **NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER: BUSINESS CHARACTER IS CHANGING**

**No sense of community among area  
businesses**

**Increased criminal activity creates an  
environment unfriendly to businesses**

**Businesses don't feel comfortable  
marketing to the neighborhood**

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# **ABSENTEE LANDLORDS**

**Increased affordability has increased the amount of investment property**

**Rental property is not maintained**

**Empty lot are not maintained**

**Lack of landlord accountability—no standards for landlords**

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# **LAND USE/ZONING**

**Commercial encroachment into the neighborhoods—transition between commercial and residential**

**Prevent commercial development along Georgian Drive**

**Lack of parkland**

**No place for children**



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# **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**Illegal home businesses**

**Unregulated retail**

**Garage sales generating too much traffic**

**Illegal dumping**

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**HOW WILL THIS AND  
OTHER INFORMATION  
GATHERED BE USED  
IN THE PLANNING  
PROCESS?**

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# **Elements of a Neighborhood Plan**

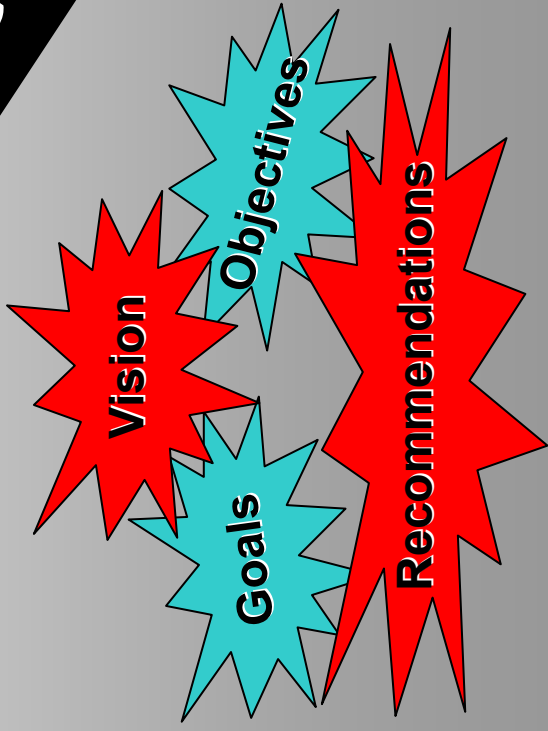
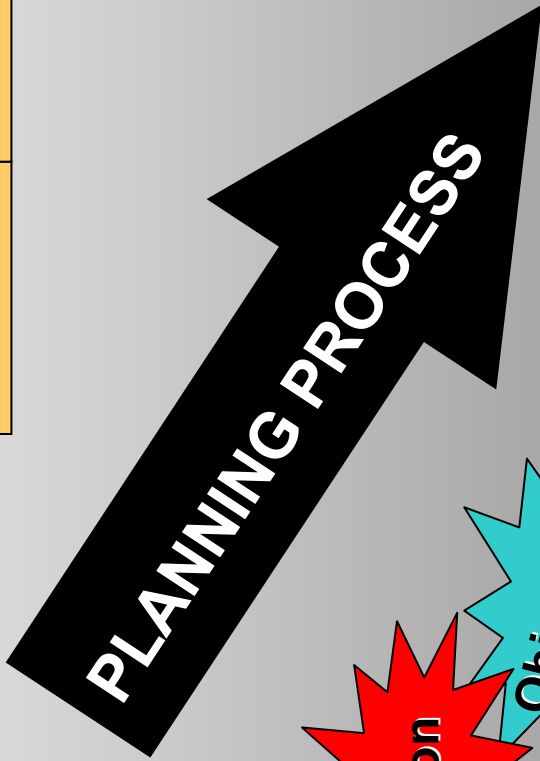
- **Transportation**
- **Urban Design &  
Neighborhood Character**
- **Parks and Open Space**
- **Land Use and Zoning**
- **Special Topics as Needed**

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**Inventory of Current Conditions:**

- *Crime*
- *Parks and the Environment*
- *Transportation*
- *Urban Design*
- *Land Use and Zoning*

<b>Citizen Input</b>	
Initial Survey & Results	Neighborhood Meetings & Workshops



**North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan**

## **North Lamar Combined NPA**

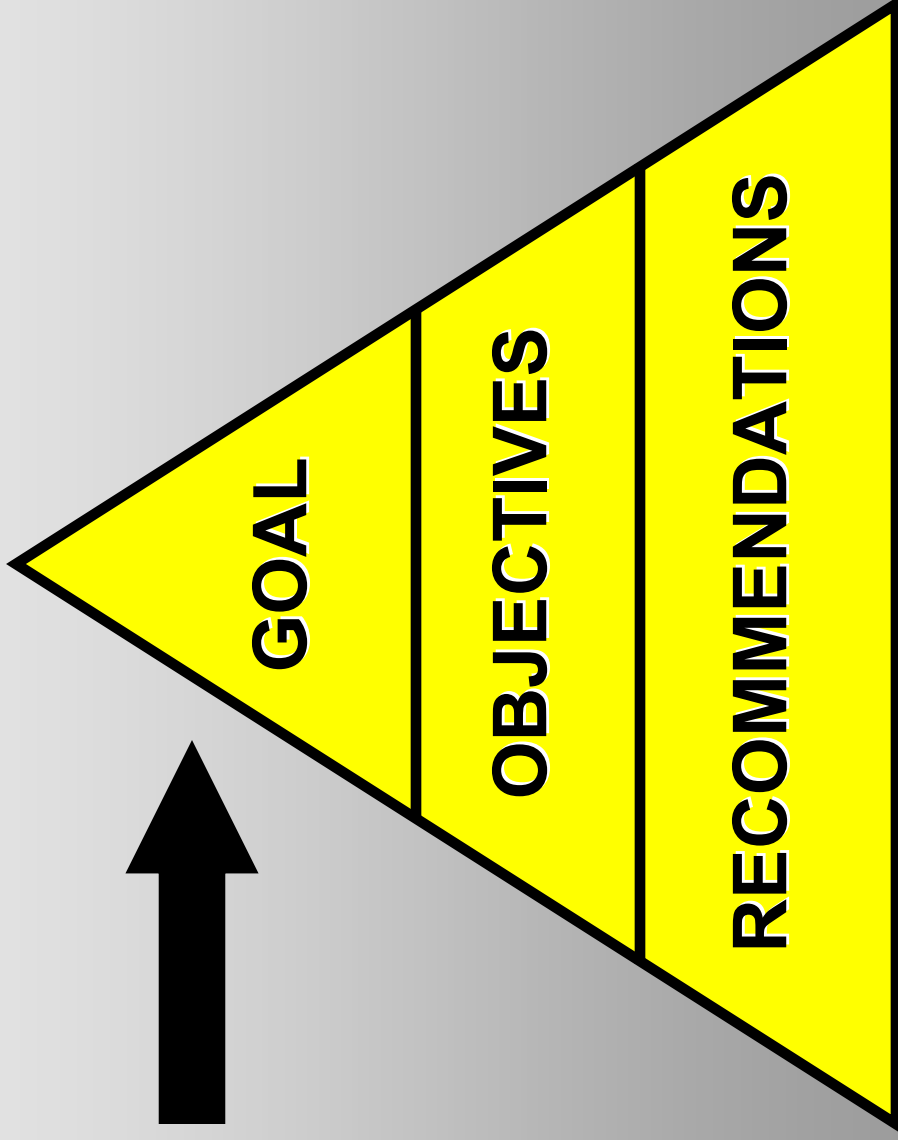
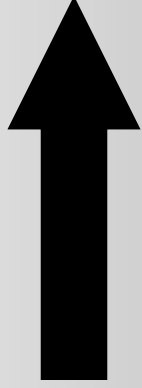
# **VISION STATEMENT**

**Clearly define the future you want to see in your community.**

**It should set a realistic, credible, and attractive future for your neighborhood**

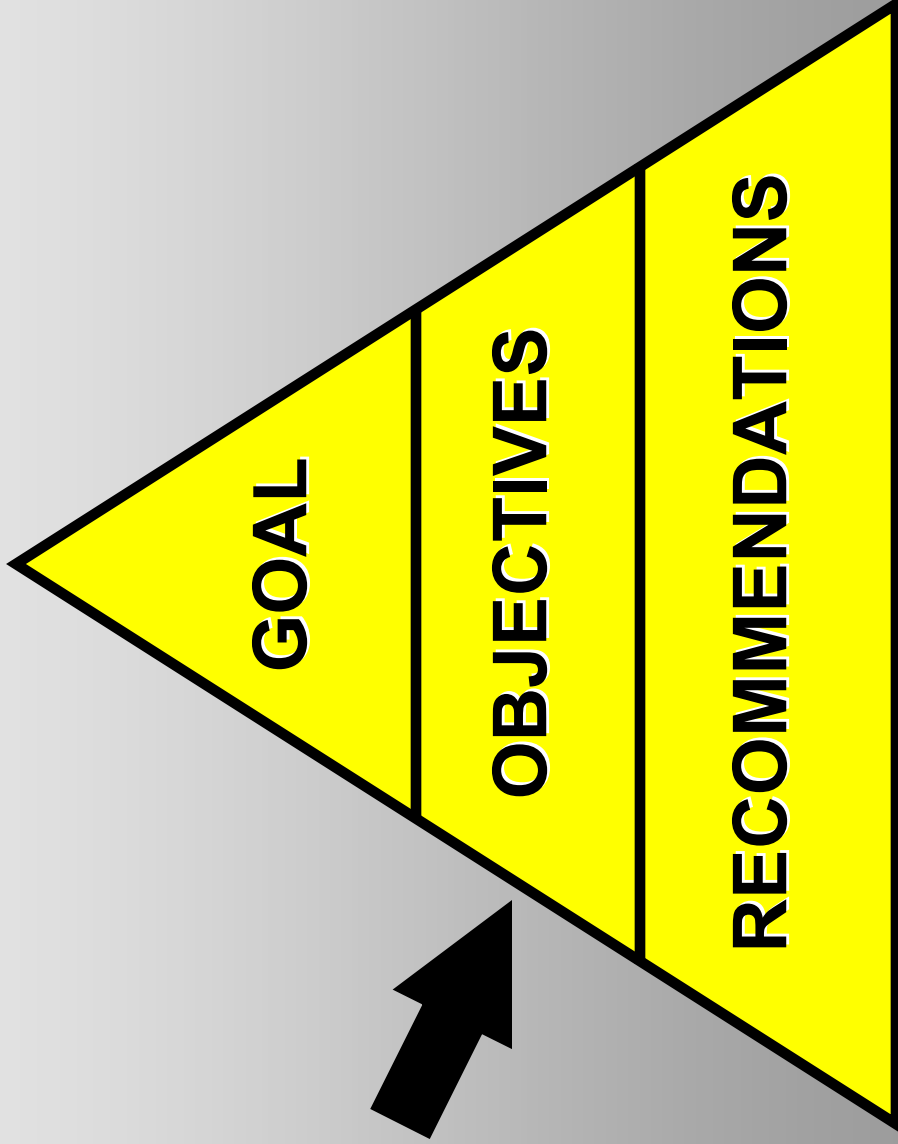
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**Specific/General**  
**Challenging &  
Realistic**  
**Attainable**



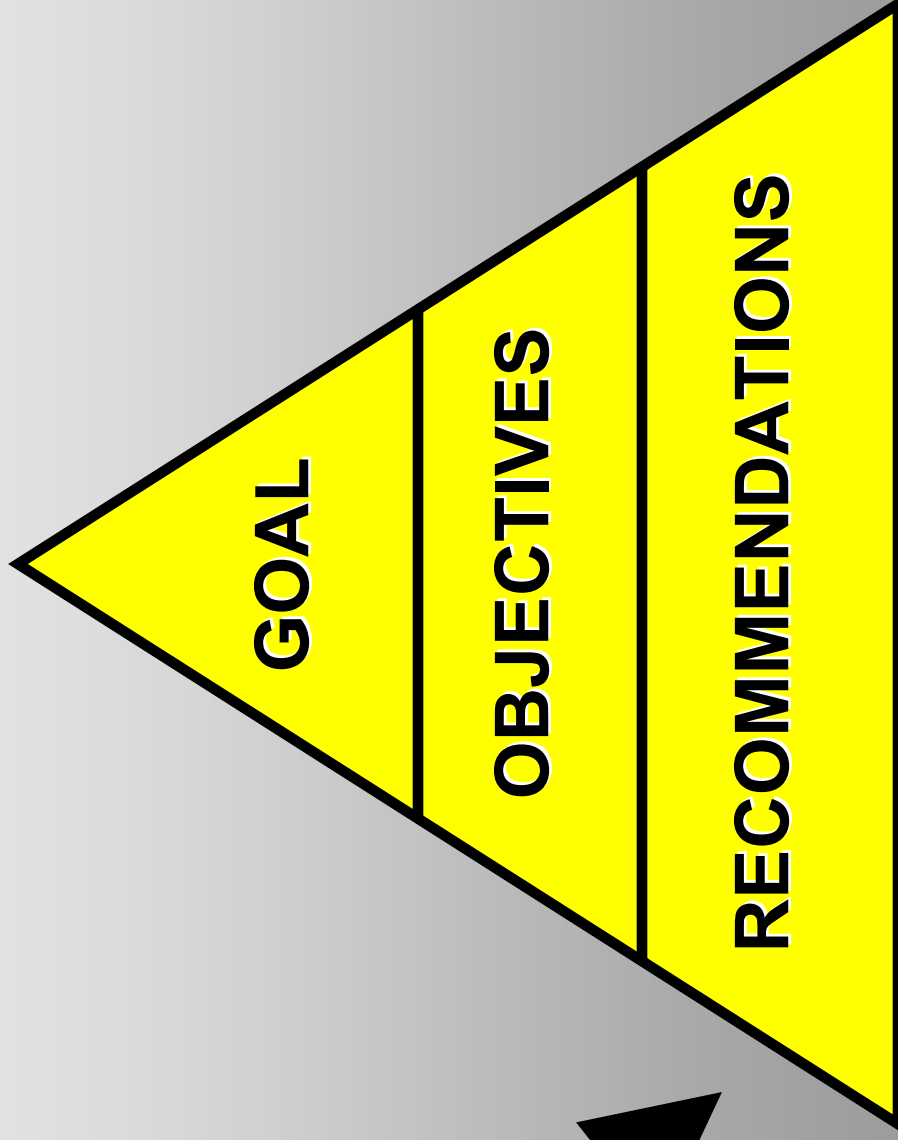
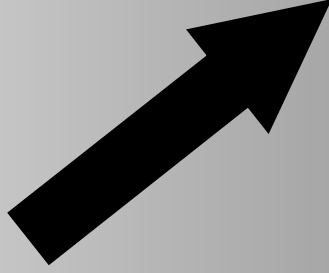
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More specific  
than goals  
Supports goal  
General actions



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Supports  
objective  
Specific actions  
Numerous actions





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## EXAMPLES

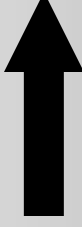
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PRESERVE THE  
RUSTIC  
CHARACTER OF  
WILLOW PARK

Recommendation A  
Walking paths should  
remain unpaved

Recommendation B  
Organize annual clean  
ups of Willow Creek



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**WHAT'S NEXT IN THE  
PLANNING PROCESS?**

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- January – Public Safety
- February—Vision and Goals
- March—Vision and Goals or Parks and Open Space

**Times and Places to Be Determined**

**Suggestions for meeting spaces?**

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**WHAT'S NEXT FOR  
TONIGHT'S MEETING?**

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### **Mapping Exercise**

**Break into small groups and consider the following questions:**

***What areas of your neighborhood do you consider positives and what are the positives?***

***What areas of your neighborhood do you consider negatives and what are the negatives?***

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 13.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people, and the need to ensure that the health care system is able to meet the needs of older people. The Department of Health (2000) has set out a strategy for the health care system to meet the needs of older people. The strategy is based on the following principles:

- To ensure that older people have access to the same range of health care services as younger people.
- To ensure that older people are able to live independently for as long as possible.
- To ensure that older people are able to participate in decisions about their care.

The strategy also sets out a number of key objectives for the health care system to meet the needs of older people. These objectives are:

- To reduce the number of older people who are admitted to hospital.
- To reduce the length of stay of older people in hospital.
- To reduce the number of older people who are admitted to care homes.

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- To improve the training of health care professionals to meet the needs of older people.
- To improve the recruitment of health care professionals to meet the needs of older people.
- To improve the research into the needs of older people.

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the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased in the UK, and the number of people with a mental health problem who are in contact with mental health services has also increased (Mental Health Act 1983, 1990, 1994, 1997, 2003, 2007).

There is a growing awareness of the need to improve the lives of people with a mental health problem, and to reduce the stigma and discrimination that they experience. This has led to a number of initiatives, including the development of mental health services that are more user-centred and that involve people with a mental health problem in the design and delivery of services (Mental Health Act 1983, 1990, 1994, 1997, 2003, 2007).

One of the key challenges in the development of user-centred mental health services is the need to ensure that the services are accessible to all people with a mental health problem, including those who are most vulnerable and who are most likely to experience difficulties in accessing services (Mental Health Act 1983, 1990, 1994, 1997, 2003, 2007).

One of the ways in which this can be achieved is by ensuring that the services are designed to be accessible to people with a range of physical and mental health problems, and that they are designed to be accessible to people who are unable to travel to a service (Mental Health Act 1983, 1990, 1994, 1997, 2003, 2007).

Another way in which this can be achieved is by ensuring that the services are designed to be accessible to people who are unable to pay for services, and that they are designed to be accessible to people who are unable to understand the services (Mental Health Act 1983, 1990, 1994, 1997, 2003, 2007).

Finally, it is important to ensure that the services are designed to be accessible to people who are unable to access services through traditional channels, such as face-to-face contact with a health professional (Mental Health Act 1983, 1990, 1994, 1997, 2003, 2007).

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