



Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Sustainable Development Plan

Guide for Individuals and Residents

This guide offers suggestions on how to learn about and understand the Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Sustainable Development Plan (PGNSDP). Most of the relevant information about the Plan and the planning process may be found on the project website www.parkviewgardensvision.org. For starters, mouse over or click on **PLANS & DRAWINGS** and then click on **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**. Carefully read the summary, paying close attention to “Issues & Challenges” and “Assets & Opportunities.”

Parkview Gardens neighborhood is the result of hundreds of development decisions made over the past century. It is currently located at the center of a historically rich but changing urban environment. How shall we handle inevitable change? The Plan suggests that we use the triple-bottom-line approach to sustainability as a guide in planning the future of Parkview Gardens. This approach is based on the concept of the 3 Es: *Environment, Equity, and Economics*. The key to triple-bottom-line relationships lies in the multi-faceted interrelationship of projects and initiatives, and not in discreet projects and initiatives alone. Sustainable-design experts state: *“Nurturing this web of relationships and flows affords communities the means to enhance their local wealth (environmental, economic, and cultural), resilience, and competitiveness, and to take control of designing and managing their future.”*

Individuals and Residents might be interested in how the Plan was created. It is the product of a 14-month public planning process which was divided into five key phases. On the project website, click “Main Report, Section 02, Planning Process” for a description of each of these phases. Individuals and Residents may also be interested in specific sections of the Neighborhood Plan such as:

- Part 4: Compact & Car-Optional Development
- Part 6: Jobs, Housing & Smart Community
- Part 13: Active Living, Public Health & Safety

The Plan represents a unique opportunity for citizen stakeholders in University City. If successfully implemented, it will stabilize and enhance Parkview Gardens, add variety to housing choices, expand the City’s tax base, and create a more exciting and creative urban venue.