

# KASHMERE GARDENS **COMPLETE COMMUNITIES**

## Summary of Existing Plans



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# EDUCATION

Livable Centers Study  
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## EXISTING PLAN

## PROJECTS/PROGRAMS/POLICIES

## CITY DEPARTMENTS

## POTENTIAL PARTNERS



### Support Area Students

Connect area students to programs and scholarships provided by local industries, including Union Pacific

HISD, Union Pacific

# HEALTH

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● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Clean and Healthy Environments</b> Address soil contamination near Liberty Road		
● ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Improve Access to Health Services</b> Ensure primary, dental, mental, and women’s healthcare resources are available	HHD	Kashmere Gardens Multi-Service Center
● ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Expand Access to Healthy Food</b> Host open enrollment days for food stamps at area schools, library, or multi-service center	HHD	
○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Support access to healthy food options. Work with C&J or Sing-On to improve healthy food options	MOED	
○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Advocate for healthy food financing initiatives to increase store competition	MOED	
○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Coordinate a food cooperative at Kashmere Multi-Service Center	HHD	Kashmere Gardens Multi-Service Center, Houston Food Bank, Urban Harvest
○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Host a weekly farm stand at neighborhood schools		Urban Harvest
○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Advocate for changes in the Farm Bill to lower the cost of healthy foods		
○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Increase Healthy Eating</b> Provide cooking and nutrition education classes for parents		

# ECONOMY and JOBS

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● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Attract New Development</b> Create an overall development strategy to inform public and private investment	MOED	
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Build the capacity of the Management District by developing an initial work-plan with a focus on attracting commercial development, public safety, code enforcement, and informing the community		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Redevelop large properties at highway exits as commercial areas to generate jobs and revenue	MOED	
● ○ ○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○	Encourage mixed-use infill development at key intersections to build on existing community assets	MOED, HCD	
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Support Existing Businesses</b> Invest in existing businesses through streetscape and façade improvement programs		Trees for Houston
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Expand Workforce Training and Resources</b> Support workforce development and community entrepreneurship	MOED	
● ○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○	Expand job recruitment and training programs through local hiring programs with corporations that have workforce needs nearby, and in partnership with Kashmere High School's STEM Magnet Program	OBO, HCD	Kashmere High School, Houston Community College (HCC)
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Support and connect residents to the Lyons Avenue Renaissance business development programs, and look for opportunities to extend activities to the northern part of the study area	MOED	Fifth Ward CRC

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● ○ ○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○	<b>Develop New Housing</b> Attract public and private funding to jump start the housing market, coordinate housing actions with public realm investments and the Houston Land Bank program	HCD	Houston Land Bank, Rebuilding Together Houston, Habitat for Humanity
● ○ ○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○	Develop a resilient housing strategy for areas within the 100-year floodplain	HCD	Flood Control District
● ○ ○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○	Coordinate with the City of Houston’s housing plan efforts	HCD	
● ○ ○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○	Increase community development corporation presence and capacity	HCD	Houston Land Bank
● ○ ○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○	Create new local corridors through infill development and multi-family housing. Local corridors such as Collingsworth and Liberty should become focus areas for infill single- and multi-family housing development on vacant properties	HCD	Houston Land Bank, Rebuilding Together Houston, Habitat for Humanity
● ○ ○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○	Preserve and add to the stock of high-quality housing at a price point affordable to residents and their families	HCD	Houston Land Bank, Rebuilding Together Houston, Habitat for Humanity
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Support Renters and Homeowners</b> Conduct outreach on tax exemption programs for seniors, the disabled, and veterans		Kashmere Gardens Multi-Service Center
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Promote Individual Development Accounts for Renters. Connect renters to IDA programs offered by Covenant Community Capital or other institutions to help them save for homeownership	HCD	Covenant Community Capital
● ○ ○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○	Develop a community-based home repair program and direct residents to city home repair resources Create a home repair loan pool	HCD	Houston Land Bank, Rebuilding Together Houston, Habitat for Humanity

# MOBILITY and INFRASTRUCTURE

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● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Build Green Infrastructure</b> Facilitate removal of unnecessary impervious cover	HPW	Flood Control District
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Promote improved water quality and hydrology through green infrastructure projects on vacant land	HPW	H-GAC, Flood Control District
○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Expand Access to Public Transit</b> Develop a high-frequency transit connection to the light rail line		METRO
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Extend METRO's Community Connector services		METRO
○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Build Complete Streets</b> Enhance existing transit corridors with multi-modal improvements and infill development, corridors, including Hirsch/Altoona, Calvalcade, Lockwood, and Lyons, should be focus areas for pedestrian and bicycle improvements	HPW	
○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Enhance Lockwood Drive cross-section to ease pedestrian crossings	HPW	
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Improve the pedestrian realm at intersections along Lockwood Drive	HPW	
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Right-size major thoroughfares and continue neighborhood street improvements	HPW	H-GAC
● ○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○	Build bike routes proposed in the Houston Bike plan	PD, HPW	H-GAC
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Fill in gaps in sidewalk network with emphasis on Lockwood Drive	HPW	
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Improve Rail Safety</b> Identify railroad crossings for improved quiet zones and grade separations		

# NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER

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● ● ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Beautify the Neighborhood</b> Designate gateways to the neighborhood and develop a public realm urban design strategy	HPW, MOED	H-GAC
○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Provide landscaping and lighting at intersection nodes	HPW	
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Coordinate tree planting efforts to provide highway buffer areas		Houston Land Bank, Trees for Houston
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Collaborate with Trees for Houston to increase community capacity for tree care		Trees for Houston
○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	New Multi-Use Solid Waste Facility: The facility will provide a convenient location to dispose of material as a means to prevent illegal dumping. Increased waste diversion and reduction in material being landfilled will be accomplished by acceptance of recyclable material	SWD	

# PARKS and COMMUNITY AMENITIES

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○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Improve Existing Public Facilities</b> Renovate Kashmere Gardens Multi-Service Center: Repair damaged drywall and repaint interior; replace aged storefront and metal doors; power wash exterior of the building; remove dangerous asphalt pathway outside of the perimeter fence and re-sod that area; replace damaged sidewalks; repaint metal fence; and re-stripe parking lot.	HHD	
○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Renovate McCrane-Kashmere Gardens Library: Reseal the exterior surfaces of the building envelope, hence extending the life of the building. Replace the roof; repair or replace windows as required; clean exterior brick wall surfaces, re-point grout and repair brick expansion joints; and repaint exterior stucco surfaces.	HPL	
○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Expand Access to Parks and Amenities</b> Complete trails along Hunting Bayou and Hunting Tributary south of Hutcheson Park and connect to Lyndon B Johnson Hospital		HPB, Harris County
● ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Support accessibility of open space and encourage active use	HPARD	HPB, Kashmere Gardens Multi-Service Center, Harris County
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Address areas of high park needs	HPARD	HPB
○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Provide facilities for basketball and other sports at local parks		Harris County
● ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Coordinate with Project Hunting and Bayou Greenways 2020 and facilitate communication with community		HPB



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○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	<b>Create Safe Places</b> Improve lighting at local parks		Harris County
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Work with the Management District to address public safety concerns and issues	HPD	Management District
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Work with residents to develop a program to report illegal dumping, overgrown lots, and safety hazards generated by vacant properties	DON	

# COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP and ADVOCACY

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	<p><b>Encourage Meaningful Community Engagement</b>                      Develop a communication strategy, including branding, graphics and a website for the Management District to provide tools and resources to area stakeholders</p>		Management District
	<p><b>Grow Government Partnerships</b>                      Build on partnerships with the city, county, and regional entities</p>		