

Westside Future Fund Champions Community-Driven, City-Approved Land Use Plan as Guide for Equitable Development on Atlanta's Historic Westside

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Background

Since the establishment of the Westside Future Fund (WFF) in December 2014, the organization has focused on ensuring the Historic Westside develops as a vibrant mixed-income community, founded on retaining current residents and preserving the historic character of the neighborhoods, while also creating opportunities for future residents of all income levels.

Beginning in 2015, WFF worked in partnership with renowned architect and urbanist Dhiru Thadani, Atlanta-based firm APD Urban Planning and Management, City of Atlanta Department of Planning and more than 1,000 Historic Westside community residents and stakeholders to develop a comprehensive Land-Use Plan to guide future development in the Westside communities of English Avenue, Vine City, Ashview Heights, Atlanta University Center, Booker T. Washington and Just Us.

The Atlanta City Council unanimously approved this plan with a 15-0 vote in December of 2017.

Statement

Westside Future Fund is committed to comprehensive, collaboratively-planned growth that protects and celebrates the history, culture and people of Atlanta's Historic Westside.

We encourage developers pursuing new projects English Avenue, Vine City, Ashview Heights, Atlanta University Center, Booker T. Washington and Just Us to structure their proposals to align with the community-supported Westside Land-Use Framework Plan, and to engage the community in order to develop projects that add to the vitality and livability of the Westside neighborhoods and that increase the stock of available workforce and affordable housing.

For more information:

For more information on Westside Future Fund, including its community retention efforts, please visit our website at www.westsdidefuturefund.org or contact us directly at info@westsidefuturefund.org.

Additional Resources:

- Westside Land Use Framework Plan
- Press Release Announcing Land Use Plan Adoption (Dec. 2017)

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