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1.0 INTRODUCTION



Purpose

Introduction to the Aldine Community Plan

Plan Content and Organization

1.1 PURPOSE

The Aldine Community Plan is a long-range plan for the general public, policy-makers, and business owners to invest in the physical and economic development of the community. The Plan is a roadmap for success. By adopting guidelines set forth in the Plan, Aldine can prepare for future growth and maximize benefits for residents and businesses.

The goals and strategies in the Aldine Community Plan are derived and supported by the residents participating in community meetings. Responses from these meetings are the aspirations of residents and business leaders. Proposed actions described in this plan were also drawn from an assessment of existing conditions and future projections of development in the area.

The Plan is one vision of what the community can become. As conditions change, the plan should be amended to take advantage of new opportunities. The Aldine Community Plan itself is a dynamic planning guide to help residents and officials of Aldine shape their future. The Plan describes implementation strategies and actions necessary to achieve desired results.

1.2 INTRODUCTION TO THE ALDINE COMMUNITY PLAN

Aldine is located in the north central portion of Harris County. There are several definitions for the area of Aldine. For this study the bounds were defined as: the northern boundary of the area consists of Aldine Bender Road - Highway 525 and to the east is Eastex Freeway 59. The western boundary is the Hardy Toll Road. To the south, Aldine borders the Houston city limits and Little York Road, a major surface link in Harris County.

The Plan is a revitalization guide that addresses specific needs and issues of the Aldine community. It was developed through a partnership with Aldine citizens, business leaders and Harris County Community Development Department. The Plan was created through an organized, continuous process for determining community needs and setting goals. The community, itself, can take a hands-on approach to solving their problems and concerns. The planning process bridges the gap between where a community is and where it wants to go. It enables the community to choose how and when to act – rather than waiting for outside forces to determine their fate.

The Aldine Community Plan should be used as:

- A rational and reasonable basis for making decisions within the Aldine Community;
- A means by which decisions affecting Aldine can be evaluated;
- A means to improve the urban design of the Aldine Community;

- A basis for budget and capital improvement planning;
- A guide for the general public regarding community needs;
- A guide to improve quality of life and promote a self-sustaining community.

The Aldine Community Plan recommends policies and programs to address issues facing Aldine. Then suggests guidelines for their implementation. This document can assist residents in making the best use of scarce resources in the promotion of community growth and economic development.

1.3 PLAN CONTENT AND ORGANIZATION

The Aldine Community Plan is divided into 8 sections. The sections cover areas such as resource inventory, identification of goals and objectives, and strategies for implementation. The major sections are summarized as follows:

- **Introduction:** The introduction section includes information on the purpose of the Plan, the Plan Content, and Organization.
- **Community Profile:** The community profile includes the History of the Aldine area, a Demographic and Economic Assessment, and a Community Facilities Inventory.
- **Community Vision:** Issues and Concerns as expressed by the people of Aldine from all community meetings, their formulation of goals, and recommendations.
- **Solutions and Strategies:** This section includes the Solutions and Strategies for each planning element (making places, creating work, building a strong foundation, and accessing services). The section also identifies potential partners.
- **Implementation Strategy:** This section includes information on immediate projects to be undertaken. The community will select some measures for implementation immediately, while others may not begin for several years. Information on Annexation and incorporations as well as recommendations for future uses of the plan, are also included in this section.
- **Plan for Success:** This section offers a timeline of recommended projects identifying sequence of action.
- **Appendices:** The appendices includes the Planning Process, Urban Design Charette Illustrations, Neighborhood Resources, Community Meeting Surveys, Sources Cited, and a Glossary of Terms.