

Various plans have been adopted for the Eastside Reinvestment Plan area. The Downtown Neighborhood Plan and the Arena District/ Eastside Community Plan were adopted in 1999 and 2003, respectively. Both of these plans are to be superseded by the adoption of the Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Plan. As previously stated, the Eastside Reinvestment Plan will become part of the update to the Strategic Plan for Community Development and relies on the Infill and Reinvestment Policy. Additionally, the Saint Paul Gateway District Development Plan, the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Growth Management Plan, and the Strategic Historic Preservation Plan provide some strategies that overlap with the goals of this plan and the Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Plan. Below is a brief summary of these overlapping areas of these plans. To see a full summary of these related plans see Appendix 3-A.

DIGNOWITY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

The Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Plan was developed concurrently with the Eastside Reinvestment Plan. The planning meetings discussed themes for both the reinvestment plan and the neighborhood plan simultaneously. The Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Plan sets out the goals and objectives for reinvestment of the Dignowity Hill neighborhood. The Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Plan is divided into six plan chapters: Future Land Use; Community Facilities and Public Health; Crime and Public Safety; Housing and Economic Development; Transportation, Infrastructure, and Drainage; and Taking Action.

The Eastside Reinvestment Plan takes the goals and objectives of the Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Plan one step further by prioritizing actions for reinvestment. The neighborhood plan besides providing the basis for the reinvestment plan also provides a future land use plan that designates what the preferred type of development is desired and where. Mixed use development is desired west of Cherry and along Houston, Commerce, and North New Braunfels. The interior of the neighborhood is desired to remain predominantly residential in preservation of the historic character of the neighborhood. Some commercial uses are recommended to remain where they have historically existed at the corner of residential streets. To review the full document contact the Planning and Development Services Department.

SAINT PAUL GATEWAY DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Saint Paul Gateway District Development Plan is the product of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Advisory Services Program commissioned by the City of San Antonio in November 2004. The report was a product of a panel of experts that addressed a series of specific planning and development issues in the area directly east of downtown. The Saint Paul Gateway District boundaries are: IH-37 to the west, Montana Street to the south, and Monumental Street to the east. The area's northern boundary zig zags along Nolan Street, Brown Alley, Dawson Alley, and Florence Street.

The plan identified four development strategies: reconnecting with the city; humanizing the corridor; investing in the district; and establishing a new focus and a new identity. To review the full development plan, visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/planning/pdf/neighborhoods/SanAntonioTX04v7.pdf> or contact the Planning and Development Services Department.

The Saint Paul Gateway District Development Plan recommended several improvements to Dignowity Hill some of which have been addressed and others that have not been implemented. One of the most prominent is to create a gateway along East Commerce Street. Another goal was to rehabilitate the Hays Street Bridge which is currently under construction. To humanize the corridor the plan called for converting Commerce to a two way street on both sides of the highway. This recommendation has not yet been implemented. Live/work units, mixed use, and urban design details are encouraged. This goal can be seen in the implementation of the East Commerce Arts and Entertainment District. The plan wished to focus on residential revitalization for mixed-incomes and the need for reinvestment in the area. The new focus being mixed-use development and retaining the single-family residential uses within the historic district. The Saint Paul Gateway District Development Plan vision is still relevant today and in need of further implementation of the plan's recommendations.

BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE (BRAC) GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Growth Management Plan prepared by the City of San Antonio Office of Military Affairs was released in September 2008. The complete document is available through the Office of Military Affairs at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/oma/gmp.asp>.

The BRAC Growth Management Plan provides a recommendation on a comprehensive intervention program in order to resolve any issues in association with base expansion at Fort Sam Houston. The plan also sets out to double the economic impact of BRAC, support revitalization of the near-downtown East Side neighborhoods, and reduce adverse related energy and environmental impacts. The plan provides policy recommendations and neighborhood interventions.

The overall vision in the BRAC Growth Management Plan for the eastside neighborhoods is to encourage rehabilitation of housing within the existing neighborhoods and to nurture and encourage business development to provide residents with necessary services. The plan stresses the need for organizations and government to assist individuals to access funds to remodel, restore, maintain and purchase these homes. The plan recommends a lot-by-lot, house-by-house, building-by-building approach as one of the most critical factors in fueling and sustaining revitalization efforts in order to motivate and inspire the existing population, challenge the older landlords, and encourage newcomers.

STRATEGIC HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

The Strategic Historic Preservation Plan creates a long-term vision and achievable strategies for improving the San Antonio's historic preservation program. The plan was adopted by City Council on August 20, 2009. The plan seeks to build on past successes by acknowledging the role of historic preservation in shaping the City's urban form and character, in contributing to the City's overall economic development, and in sustaining a high quality of life for all San Antonio residents, businesses, and visitors. The full plan may be viewed through the Office of Historic Preservation website at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/Historic/Index.asp?res=1152&ver=true>.

The strategies presented in the plan are organized according to six categories: City Planning, City Zoning, Economic Development, Historic Resources, Incentives, and Education and Advocacy. The Strategic Historic Preservation Plan recommends implementing many of the ideas that are included in both the Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Plan and the Eastside Reinvestment Plan. The Strategic Historic Preservation Plan recommends reinvestment plans, rehabaramas, and unique design standards for historic districts. It is envisioned that the reinvestment plan will champion the goals and objectives of the Strategic Historic Preservation Plan specifically for Dignowity Hill.