



ELMHURST AND MT. PLEASANT NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN MAP

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On May 31, 2006, Mayor Cicilline and the City Council announced the creation of Providence Tomorrow—an innovative and inclusive planning process designed to create a framework for growth and preservation of Providence neighborhoods. Since then, the City Council adopted a new Comprehensive Plan, and the Department of Planning and Development has begun detailed planning studies in each of the city's neighborhoods.

Providence has 25 distinct neighborhoods, each with unique character and identity. While neighborhoods share many features, each has its own set of planning challenges and concerns. An important part of Providence Tomorrow is the in-depth, detailed planning studies that were conducted at the neighborhood level. The neighborhoods were grouped together so that there were ten neighborhood charrettes, or planning studies, conducted from 2007 to 2009.

The Elmhurst and Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Charrette was held February 25-27, 2008. Sessions were held at the Triggs Memorial Golf Course at 1533 Chalkstone Avenue. Approximately 75 people participated in the charrette, voicing their opinions on how to activate public spaces in the neighborhoods, where they would like to see commercial growth in the future, where infrastructure improvements are needed, and how to protect the existing character of their neighborhood, among other issues. The planning team collected all of the information from the week, and drafted an action plan that was presented at a follow-up meeting in October 2008.

This map is a summary of the information that was collected from residents, business owners and neighborhood youth over the course of an intensive week of many public meetings. The Plan summarizes neighborhood history and demographics, illustrates the existing character of the neighborhoods through photos and typologies of buildings types, and identifies key issues and neighborhood priorities. The Action Plan identifies goals and objectives for the neighborhoods, and the parties who will lead each effort. The Plan will be used to guide the review of development projects in these neighborhoods by the city's boards and commissions, help the City prioritize funding for projects and infrastructure improvements, and provide a guide for redevelopment efforts.

Consider options to create a continuous greenway/multi-use trail through the Mt. Pleasant and Elmhurst neighborhoods to connect the various parks and schools; work with RIC to create walking trails for campus and neighborhood use through their property.



A walking trail could be created throughout the neighborhood, linking various institutions and neighborhood parks to one another.

Work to permanently preserve the open space at Triggs Memorial Golf Course.

✓ Work with RIPTA to increase the frequency of service along Chalkstone Avenue.



As early as the 1880s streetcar lines were established along Chalkstone Avenue to Smith Street and North Providence; although bus service exists along Chalkstone presently, residents have expressed a desire for more frequent service.

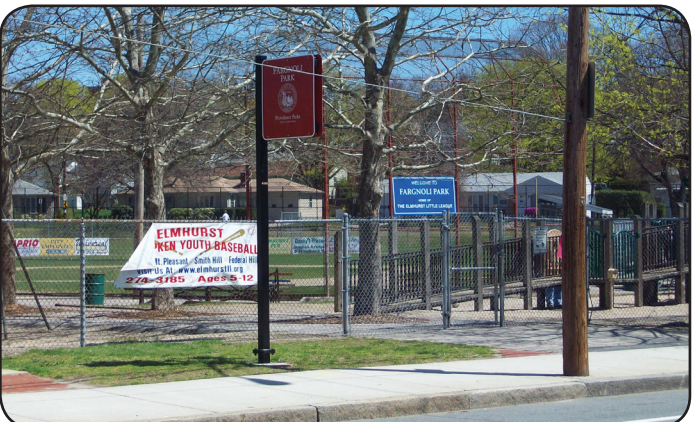


The Castle Theatre is a prominent neighborhood landmark.

Update the playground at George West.

Promote the redevelopment or reuse of the Castle Theatre as a neighborhood-serving mixed-use amenity.

Evaluate the programming and upgrade the lighting in Fargnoli Park.



It is hoped that updated lighting in Fargnoli Park will help discourage graffiti and vandalism in the park.

Restore Ravenswood Avenue to two-way travel.

Work with DPW to evaluate ways to make Admiral Street more pedestrian-friendly.



Crosswalks, street trees, lighting, and sidewalks could be improved along Admiral Street.



The pedestrian bridges over the creek in Pleasant Valley Parkway are in poor condition and should be repaired or replaced.



The current two-way configuration along both sides of Pleasant Valley Parkway increases speeding and driver confusion.

Improve Pleasant Valley Parkway.

- Consider making Pleasant Valley Parkway a one-way pair.
- Consolidate or eliminate unnecessary utility poles along the parkway.
- Repair or replace the pedestrian bridges over the park.

Create a visual or physical connection between Pleasant Valley Park and Raymond Street.

Redesign southbound Oakland Avenue to include a drop-off lane, right turn lane, left turn lane, and through travel lane.



The Oakland Avenue curb line should be restored and lanes should be reconfigured along the edge of Greene Middle School to prevent parking and drainage problems.

Work with Roger Williams Medical Center to improve edges along Chalkstone Avenue and Pleasant Valley Parkway through streetscape improvements and landscape buffers.



Neighborhood residents expressed a desire to encourage and strengthen existing commercial and neighborhood retail along this portion of Chalkstone Avenue.

Rezone existing commercial uses along Chalkstone Avenue between Rosebank and Academy avenues to facilitate development of a commercial node.

Legend

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| Single Family Residential | Neighborhood Commercial |
| Low Density Residential | General Commercial |
| Medium Density Residential | Downtown/Mixed Use |
| High Density Residential | Business/Mixed Use |
| Waterfront Mixed Use/Nbrhd | Public Space/Open Space |
| Waterfront Mixed Use/General | Institutional District |
| Waterfront/Port | Jobs Only District |
| Recommended shared bike lanes | Possible gateway location |
| Recommended on-street bike lanes | Recommended streetscape improvements |
| Possible transit connection | Recommended landscape buffer |
| Recommended pedestrian improvements | Possible greenway |
| Possible multi-use trail | Discourage commercial expansion beyond boundary |
| Recreation opportunity | Recommended drainage improvements |
| Community garden opportunity | Recommended traffic/intersection improvements |
| Playground opportunity | Recommended traffic signal improvements |
| | Goal/action completed |

1/4 mile 1/2 mile
1/2 km

