On May 31, 2006, Mayor Cicilline and the City Council announced the creation of Providence Tomorrow, a comprehensive 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 a tops-to-tails, detailed planning studies that were conducted at the neighborhood level. The neighborhoods were grouped together so that there were two neighborhood charrettes, or planning studies, conducted from 2007 to 2009.

The Hartford, Silver Lake and Manton Neighborhood Charrette took place September 14-17, 2009 at the Silver Lake Community Center. Over 50 people participated in the charrette, voicing their opinions on how to preserve and improve open and public spaces in their neighborhoods, where and how they would like to see commercial growth in the future, how to enhance the existing qualities of their neighborhoods, address community safety, infrastructure needs and transit improvements, 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 November 2009. After further comments and reviews, this neighborhood plan was developed.

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. It is a top-level map that captures the character of the neighborhoods through photos and typologies of buildings types, and identifies key issues and neighborhood priorities. The Action Plan defines goals and objectives for the neighborhoods, and the parties who will lead each effort.

Support the creation of an Upper Manton Avenue merchants association.

Complete the remediation of the Lincoln Lace and Braid site to facilitate the development of Phase 4 of the Fred Lippit Woonasquatucket River Bikeway.

Amend the zoning along the north side of Manton Avenue from Fruit Hill Avenue west to the Residential zone from C4 to C2 to facilitate the development of a traditional urban village.

Identify and work to develop an appropriate reuse should St. Anthony’s Church and rectory be closed by the Diocese of Providence.

Prevent dumping of trash and other debris along Pilсудski Street near the railroad tracks by increasing police and DPW Environmental Protection patrols through the area.

Evaluate the zoning at the intersection of Hartford Avenue and Killingly Street for rezoning from C4 to C2.

Evaluate the C2 area between Plainfield Street and the former Almacs grocery store for potential rezoning from commercial to residential.

Evaluate the zoning along the east side from Fruit Hill Avenue to the Residential zone.

Evaluate the zoning along Farmington and Silver Lake avenues from C4 to C2 to facilitate the development of a traditional urban village.

Support the efforts of the Neutaconkanut Hill Conservancy to restore and promote greater use of the trails and summit of Neutaconkanut Hill.

Recognize and enhance Plainfield Street and Park Avenue as the neighborhood gateways to Neutaconkanut Hill.

Establish a vision for the future of Plainfield Street and Park Avenue as the neighborhood gateways to Neutaconkanut Hill.

Identify and work to develop an appropriate reuse of the former Almacs Plaza site, currently used as a flea market, into a mixed-use neighborhood center.

Redevelop the former Almacs Plaza site, currently used as a flea market, into a mixed-use neighborhood center.

Redevelop the commercially zoned area around the Stop & Shop plaza on Manton Avenue into a neighborhood village center with public open space along the river.

Amend the zoning designation of vacant parcels adjacent to the Stop & Shop plaza from C4 to C2 to facilitate the development of a traditional urban village.

Improve maintenance, programming and access to Merino Park.

Create a visual gateway to the Woonasquatucket River Greenway through Merino Park.

Create a visual or physical connection between the Hartford Park Housing Development and Merino Park.

Evaluate the feasibility of creating a connection to Merino Park via Flower Street for neighborhood residents and Oliver Hazard Perry Middle School.

Work with RIDOT to install new directional signage for Merino Park in the Route 6 Right of Way.

Provide a variety of recreation opportunities in the vicinity of Carnevale Elementary School.

Consider extending Springfield Street one way south through to Wolfe Street and Killingly Street to alleviate traffic and address pedestrian safety concerns in the vicinity of Carnevale Elementary School.

Recommended scenic trail link

Recommended enhanced scenic trail link

Recommended trail extension

Recommended trail extension beyond jurisdiction

Recommended trailhead improvements

Recommended parking improvements

Recommended drainage improvements

Recommended trailhead access improvements

Recommended bikeway improvements

Recommended pedestrian improvements

Recommended public facility improvements

Recommended private facility improvements

Amend the zoning of the former Manton School parcel located on the northeast corner of the Manton Avenue/Fruit Hill Avenue intersection from R2 to C2 to bring it into compliance with the Future Land Use Map.