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MT. HOPE, HOPE, AND BLACKSTONE 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 Mt. Hope, Hope, and Blackstone Neighborhood Charrette was held September 24 - 27, 2007. Sessions were held at the Church of the Redeemer and Martin Luther King Jr. School. Approximately 150 people participated in the charrette, voicing their opinions on how to activate public spaces in the neighborhoods, the shape of commercial growth in the future, hospital/neighborhood relations, 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 November 2007.

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.

Heal neighborhood edges around Miriam Hospital.

- Continue to work with the hospital to address issues such as litter, lighting, landscaping, and traffic.
- Continue to work with the hospital to understand and improve parking and traffic demand management strategies, and to explore ways to reduce the number of cars, such as subsidizing transit for employees; relocate as much parking as feasible from Summit Avenue to North Main Street.
- Return a portion of the Seventh Street parking lot to house lots along the neighborhood edge.



Community concerns about edge conditions, landscaping, litter, and traffic near Miriam Hospital are exacerbated by recent and anticipated hospital expansion and the conflicts that come with institutional growth.



Protect the industrial character of Corliss Industrial Park by implementing the "Jobs Only" designation in the Zoning Ordinance.

Improve neighborhood connections and public access to North Burial Ground.

- Improve the streetscape edge along both sides of N. Main Street, especially at the Branch Avenue intersection, to establish a green, pedestrian-friendly environment.
- Continue to promote pedestrian-oriented, neighborhood commercial uses on the east side of N. Main Street.
- Improve pedestrian connections across N. Main Street at Colonial Road, Woodbine Street, and Grand View Street, linking to bus stops on the west side of the street.

Promote redevelopment of underutilized retail sites north of Smithfield Avenue.

- Amend the zoning ordinance to increase allowed height between Caroline Street, the City line, North Main Street, and Collyer Street to 4-stories by-right and up to 6-stories with incentives.
- Work with property owners and the City of Pawtucket to redevelop the former Shaw's Plaza site for neighborhood-serving uses at an urban scale.
- Work with property owners to encourage the redevelopment of the former Sears and Anderson-Little sites as a mixed-use development with neighborhood amenities at an urban scale.



The recent closing of the Shaw's supermarket in the plaza behind the Sears site provides an opportunity to redevelop the entire site as a potential mixed-use neighborhood center that could include residential units and retail space.

Return the southern side of Eighth Street between Highland and Summit avenues to residential use.

Work with the Mt. Hope Land Trust to maintain the Camp Street bus turn-around as open space and to make it a neighborhood amenity for passive recreation.



The bus turn-around on Camp Street, across from Holy Name Church, has potential as a neighborhood asset.

Work with the City of Pawtucket to create compatible streetscape and edges at the City line along North Main and Hope streets.

Discourage eastward expansion of the North Main Street commercial corridor; protect the residential scale and nature of the neighborhood to the east of North Main Street.

Discourage expansion of commercial uses beyond existing boundaries near the intersection of Hope Street and Blackstone Boulevard and along Hope Street between Fifth and Mayflower streets.



The primary Hope Street commercial area, between Rochambeau Avenue and Fifth Street, is popular for its small shops and restaurants.

Improve public access to Swan Point Cemetery.

Protect historic resources, open space, and habitat areas in Swan Point Cemetery and on the Butler Hospital Campus.



Butler Hospital and Swan Point cemetery, both established in 1847, provide substantial open space in the northeastern corner of the city. The cemetery and its woods are noted as an important stopover for migratory songbirds.

Protect historic resources, such as the Ladd Observatory, within the neighborhood.



The Ladd Observatory is one of the neighborhood's most prominent National Register properties.

Legend

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 park improvements
Community garden opportunity	Recommended drainage improvements
Playground opportunity	Recommended traffic/intersection improvements
	Goal/action completed

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

