

Inwood Forest residents asked to help redefine Antoine Corridor

April 26 open house at Advent Lutheran Church will discuss Livable Centers Study, ask public's input on what they want for neighborhood

Northwest Houston residents who have been hoping that change will come to the Antoine Corridor have an opportunity to share their thoughts and visions of what the neighborhood could be during a Tuesday, April 26, open house that will focus on a Livable Centers Study being conducted by the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

The open house will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Advent Lutheran Church, located at 5820 Pinemont. A follow-up meeting will be held at the church beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 28, during which the study's final plan will be unveiled.

The Livable Centers Study is focusing on the Antoine Corridor area from Pinemont to West Gulf Bank, T. C. Jester to Bingle/North Houston Rosslyn.

By centering on this section, "we will be looking at a microcosm of the total 16 square miles that comprise the Near Northwest Management District," said Management District

President/CEO Wayne Norden, who is also a longtime resident of Inwood Forest.

The Livable Centers Study is looking at existing forms of transportation, support infrastructure, current and potential use of land for business and residential or green space in the area. It will also develop concepts, an implementation plan and potential funding opportunities.

The study will provide third-party support for the Management District's plans that will enhance northwest Houston "as a place to live, work and play," Norden said.

"Our proposal is to consider the development of a Town Center in the Antoine Corridor with improved pedestrian walkways and connections to the new bike trail along White Oak Bayou," he added.

Among other things, residents who attend the April 26 open house will be asked:

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- What kind of new development and public spaces they would like to see in the neighborhood;
- To share how they think hike-and-bike trails can be expanded or enhanced;
- To describe how streets can be safer for walkers and cyclists;
- Help generate "the big idea" that would make the Livable Center a destination in Houston; and
- Envision a "Town Center" for the Antoine Corridor.

"It is imperative that area residents take part in the April 26 meeting," said Norden. "People need to come out and help us build a distinctive community. This study is going to change our community, and this will be your big chance to tell us what you want to see in the Antoine Corridor."

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