

Urban Redevelopment Principles

City neighborhoods consist of many networks and should provide opportunities for interaction among many different individuals and organizations. *Form follows function:* the design of the physical infrastructure should assist in achieving the formation of human connections and the building of relationships. Mixed-income neighborhoods can support multi-racial and multi-cultural civic engagement patterns.

- **Neighborhoods are welcoming, safe, and child-nurturing.**
 - sidewalks are wide and streets are narrow
 - green areas, trees, flowers, and streetscaping are well maintained
 - people are walking and talking outside
 - there are things to do in all seasons for all people

- **The unique character of the neighborhood is identified and enhanced.**
 - commercial buildings are restored to their former glory
 - houses are well kept, including the rentals
 - infill buildings match existing architecture
 - neighborhood stakeholders are full partners in redevelopment efforts

- **Racial, ethnic, economic, age, and other forms of diversity are integral to community life.**
 - children from different households are playing together
 - active block clubs and neighborhood associations involve all households in making decisions affecting the quality of life in their area
 - community leaders reflect the area's diversity

- **Neighborhoods are economically viable and sustainable.**
 - employment opportunities are available in or near the neighborhood
 - mixed uses exist within the commercial district
 - neighborhood commercial district businesses provide goods and services needed by neighborhood residents
 - residents do most of their shopping at local businesses

- **Civic and charitable institutions and organizations are incorporated into the fabric of the neighborhood.**
 - the neighborhood school is a community center
 - children can ride their bikes to the library, Post Office, religious organizations, and cultural centers

- **There are also strong, mutually supportive connections between neighborhoods and the larger economic, political, and social systems.**
 - a rail system connects the Westside to downtown and Eastown
 - a network of pedestrian walkways is woven throughout the neighborhood
 - neighborhoods are connected to each other, downtown, etc.
 - regional cooperation is evident