

# THE GOALS

## PLAN OVERVIEW

The Burton Street Neighborhood Plan was developed by the Burton Street Community Association (BSCA), in partnership with NCDOT and the City of Asheville, to address potential impacts resulting from the I-26 Connector project and community concerns, to enhance the quality of life of the Burton Street community, and to preserve the strong sense of community among Burton Street residents.

Based on the community feedback provided during the Burton Street community open houses, stakeholder group meeting, and online surveys, a neighborhood vision, plan themes, community goals and strategies were developed. These components served as the framework for the Burton Street Neighborhood Plan.

The Plan was adopted as an official neighborhood plan by the City of Asheville in October 2018 and adopted as part of the City of Asheville's Comprehensive Plan.

You can view the full plan and implementation updates by visiting the BSCA website.



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# Burton St. Neighborhood Plan Strategies

## Theme 1: A Livable Built Environment

### Encourage Responsible Growth & Development

- S1:** Support designs to preserve and enhance neighborhood character
- S2:** Engage residents and stakeholders in plans for future neighborhood development

### Make Streets More Walkable & Comfortable

- S1:** Improve existing sidewalks to meet ADA standards
- S2:** Enforce no-parking regulations where appropriate
- S3:** Expand and improve stormwater infrastructure
- S4:** Maintain trees and vegetation along public rights-of-way

### Increase Neighborhood Connectivity

- S1:** Improve pedestrian connections through sidewalk installation on Downing Street
- S2:** Improve sidewalk connections between commercial corridors; include a pedestrian path from Buffalo Street to Patton Avenue to connect to future greenways

### Improve Access to Transit

- S1:** Evaluate opportunities for new transit stops
- S2:** Install a sidewalk along Patton Avenue to connect pedestrian paths and transit stops

### Celebrate Burton Street's Unique Identity

- S1:** Take part in community dialogue; identify strategies to honor African American history and contributions in Burton Street Neighborhood
- S2:** Install bus shelters and other improvements at transit stops

### Preserve & Promote Burton's History & Culture

- S1:** Install community gateway signs at neighborhood entrances
- S2:** Install historic markers throughout neighborhood
- S3:** Install history mural on I-26 connector sound wall, if built

## Theme 2: A Healthy Environment

### Increase Neighborhood Housing Stability

- S1:** Establish and implement programs to reinvest in current residential properties
- S2:** Stabilize tax rates by utilizing affordability by design principles

### Enhance & Preserve Community Resources

- S1:** Improve community center with more parking, a computer lab, Wi-Fi, and community meeting spaces; improve the basketball courts and playground
- S2:** Expand community center programming with year-round programs for youth, and educational and vocational training for youth and adults
- S3:** Expand community center programming to include produce processing and preservation, nutrition education, and community farmers market/stand to enhance community garden program

### Improve Access to Parks & Greenspace

- S1:** Construct new park and gathering space at Smith Mill Creek; include access point to future greenway
- S2:** Conduct feasibility study for Smith Mill Creek greenway through Burton Street neighborhood

### Minimize Neighborhood Crime

- S1:** Establish neighborhood watch program
- S2:** Increase police presence and patrolling in neighborhood

### Increase Pedestrian Safety

- S1:** Install traffic calming measures on Burton Street and Florida Avenue; improve speed bumps and enforce consistent speed limits throughout the neighborhood.

### Enhance Safety of Public Realm

- S1:** Assess streetlight needs at intersections, dead-end streets, and cul-de-sacs
- S2:** Improve intersection at Florida Avenue and Patton Avenue with pedestrian markings and left turn signals

Each goal has strategies represented by an "S." To view the full plan, please visit the BSCA website.

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