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Item

Provide a status update on the Riverwood Neighborhood Improvement Strategy.

Background

The Riverwood Collaborative, South Tulsa Community House, and the Tulsa Planning Office collaborated with OU Institute for Quality Communities (IQC) to conduct a report on current conditions and recommendations for Riverwood. From 2021-2022, IQC students conducted case studies, compiled data and a stakeholder database, and completed virtual canvassing and tours of the area. The students then created a report summarizing their findings and recommendations. Building off of this work, the Tulsa Planning Office alongside Riverwood community leaders and stakeholders began a process for a more comprehensive approach to neighborhood improvements.

On August 17, 2022, Tulsa Planning Office presented this strategy to the Planning Commission at a Work Session. Also in August, the Tulsa Planning Office began phase one of the Riverwood Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (RNIS) and convened the management team. The management team is comprised of technical experts in various city departments, representatives from key organizations, elected officials, and Riverwood community leaders and stakeholders. The management team meets monthly.

In February 2023, the management team began phase two and convened its six working groups. Each working group has a specific focus and will have deliverables and short- and long-term implementation projects that arise from community engagement, research, and discussion which will be compiled into a strategy.

The management team anticipates that we will begin community engagement and outreach in May 2023 and wrap up in July 2023.

Upon completion of community engagement and the working groups' individual strategies, the management team will synthesize all strategies into one document which will be presented to TMAPC and Tulsa City Council, likely in October 2023. Implementation of the plan will follow.

Attachment:

Riverwood Neighborhood Improvement Strategy Info Sheet

RIVERWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY

Prepared by Tulsa Planning Office

PURPOSE

The neighborhood improvement strategy will create a vision and framework for the Riverwood area that addresses its unique opportunities and challenges while building capacity among local leadership and community organizations striving to move Riverwood forward.

The process will be led by an internal management team and five working groups. The working groups will align with the main components of the Tulsa Comprehensive Plan to ensure successful adoption and implementation of the strategy.

PHASE ONE

During phase one, the management team and working groups will be assembled to guide and complete existing conditions, preliminary research, and determine the future direction of further analysis and needed community engagement for the strategy. The management team will serve as project manager throughout the completion of the strategy, and the working groups will be formed to guide the direction of analysis and engagement pertinent to their focus topic.

PHASE TWO

During phase two, the working groups will facilitate additional analysis needed for their focus topic and identify potential strategic infrastructure and neighborhood investments. A market study, commercial building inventory, and housing database may also be completed during this phase.

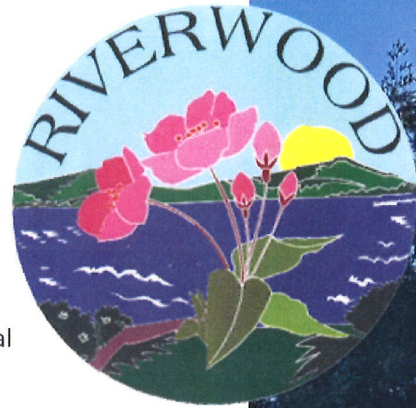
Phase two will also include inclusive and diverse community engagement to determine community priorities for neighborhood improvement and build capacity for future implementation. The working groups will utilize the findings from strategic analysis of the neighborhood area as well as feedback from community engagement to craft credible and tangible neighborhood improvement recommendations. Recommendations will be tailored to the entities capable of implementation, i.e. neighborhood leadership, local organizations, City of Tulsa, Partner Tulsa, etc.

WORKING GROUPS

1. Land Use, Environment, & Parks
2. Public Services & Communities
3. Housing & Neighborhoods
4. Transportation
5. Economic Development & History, Culture, & Creativity

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Neighborhood Improvement Strategy



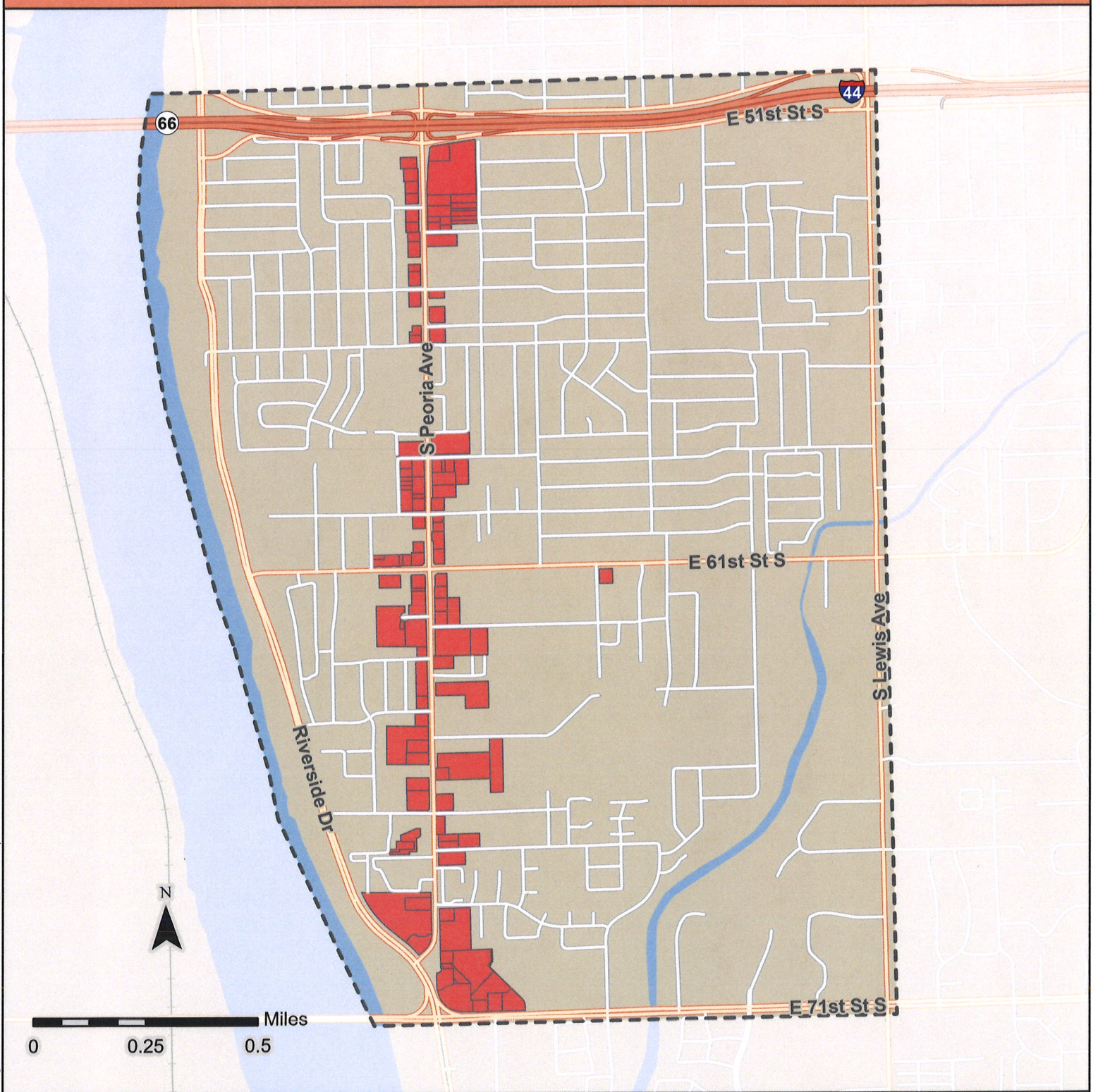


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2022-2023



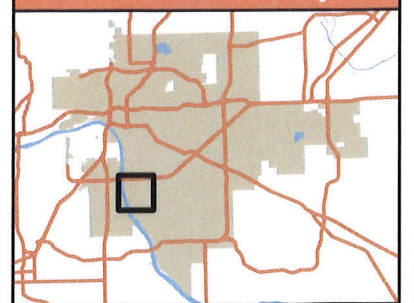
Riverwood Neighborhood



Legend

-  Riverwood Neighborhood
-  Peoria Commercial Corridor

Location Map



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