



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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The City of Huntington and the HuntingtonWV Housing Authority (HWWHA) recently received a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to study how to provide better housing, improved schools and youth programs, additional educational opportunities, better transportation, and access to jobs to the residents of the Fairfield community. This Plan will help build off of the America's Best Communities Initiative and other local efforts to help make the Fairfield Neighborhood a better place to live. We invite everyone to be a part of this exciting action-oriented process.

How will this project affect residents in the neighborhood?

We want your help in creating the Plan and we want you to work with us to figure out how we can improve the quality of your life through improved housing, increased job opportunities, better services and infrastructure, and healthier commercial areas.

How long do you anticipate this planning process will take?

The process to create the Fairfield Innovation Plan will take about a year, and will be completed in January 2020.

Does the planning process include construction of new housing?

No, this process only involves planning and the implementation of smaller "early action projects." Construction of housing, retail, and other larger improvements would happen later based on community input.

How does this relate to the America's Best Community Initiative?

The Innovation Plan will be action-oriented in nature and will identify specific projects and steps to help implement visions and initiatives developed through the America's Best Community Initiative.

Is this part of the Hal Greer Blvd. Corridor Plan?

The Corridor Plan (www.completehalgreer.com) is a separate process being led by the West Virginia Department of Highways to examine the roadway and propose solutions to concerns about congestion, flooding, pedestrian and cyclist safety, and connectivity along and across the boulevard. We will seek to integrate the Corridor Plan process with the Innovation Plan wherever possible.

Our Planning Team makes the following commitments:



One for one replacement

The demolished Northcott Court site included 130 units of low-income housing. The Fairfield Innovation Plan will seek to replace 100% of those housing units within the neighborhood as part of any new developments.



Right to return

Former residents of Northcott Court were given tenant-based vouchers or relocated to other housing developments. If desired, these residents will have the first choice to live in new revitalized housing units once constructed.



Working together with former tenants

The City and the HWWHA will work directly with former tenants and people on HWWHA's waiting list every step of the way to ensure that the needs of each family are met.

How can I stay informed or get involved?

Residents and community members are invited to attend meetings, share thoughts, and encourage others to do the same. A Needs Assessment Survey will also be distributed to gather important data for the project. This is your Plan and we want you involved.

Message Boards with meeting dates and other information will be set up at the A.D. Lewis Community Center (1450 A D Lewis Ave). Information regarding the project will also be posted on the City's webpage at www.cityofhuntington.com/residents/americas-best-communities/fairfield-innovation-corridor.

Are there resident hiring opportunities as part of this process?

Yes, we are looking to identify a set of Community Ambassadors to assist with resident engagement, data gathering and Plan feedback. Ambassadors will be provided a stipend for their effort. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Scott Lemley:

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