

Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods

Oakridge Neighborhood Program Area



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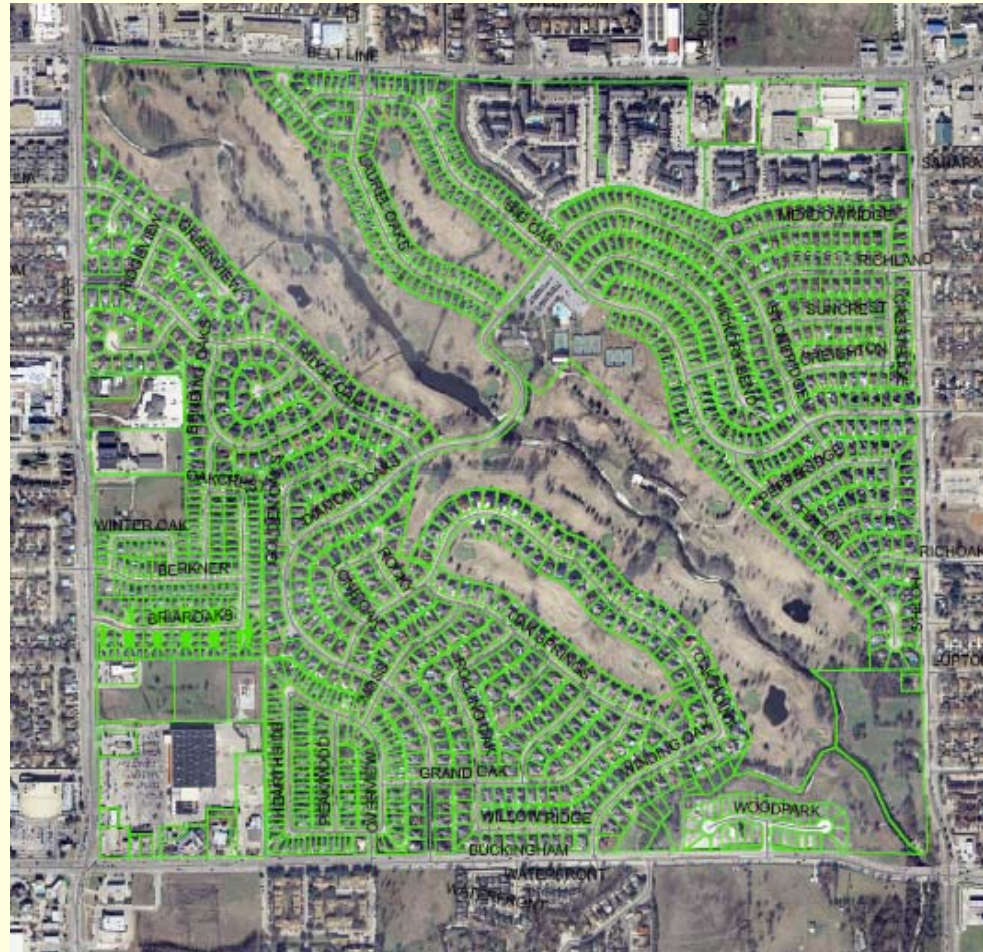
Garland's Neighborhood Philosophy

Recognizing a strength of Garland is the character of its neighborhoods, we will work in partnership with neighborhood stakeholders and community resources to build a stronger community and keep Garland an excellent place to live and invest.

Pilot Neighborhood Program Areas

- Carriagehouse
- Forest Ridge – Walnut
- Oakridge
- Terrace-Bellaire

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Where are we?

- Identified Needs and Issues
- Prioritized Improvement Goals
- City Actions
 - Neighborhood Resource Team
 - Issue Resolution Groups
 - Programs and Policies

Where are we headed?

- Develop an Action Plan
 - Community Meeting
 - City Council Review
- Responsibilities shared amongst residents, neighborhood organizations, and City and community resources

Priorities

- Reducing the number of parked cars on streets
- Replacing street lights with a design similar to the original
- Updating the landscaping at neighborhood entrances and around screening walls
- Attracting and keeping quality retail and restaurants
- Developing and implementing neighborhood marketing strategies

Priority: Reducing the number of parked cars on streets

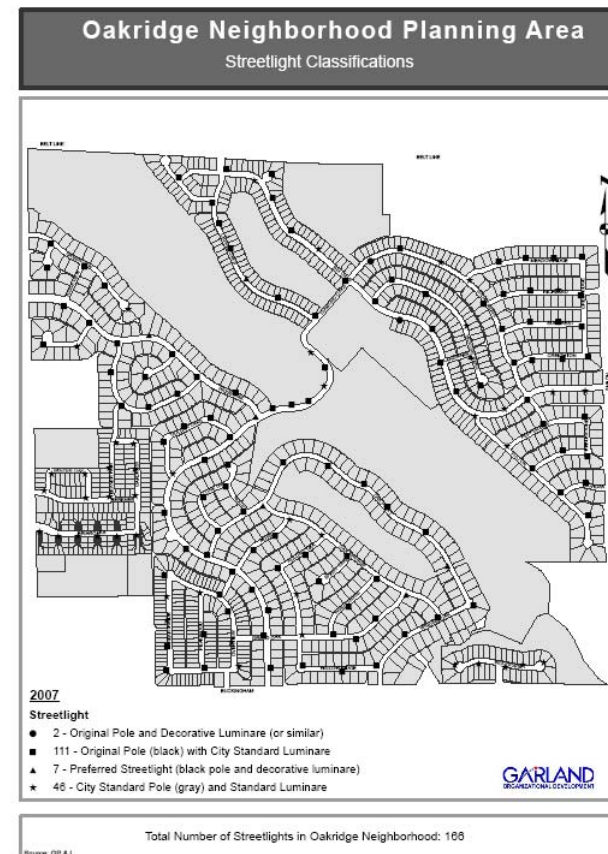
- City-wide Issue
- Proposed Actions
 - Reduce # of illegally parked cars
 - Increase off-street areas for parking
 - Guard Light Program
 - Parking Restriction Options
 - Parking Management Program in the Future?

Priority: Replacing street lights with a design similar to the original

- City Policy
 - Street Light Policy—provision for replacing damaged street lights with a “like-for-like”
 - Oakridge selected a preferred style, which has been used for replacements since 2003
- Inventory of Street Lights in the Area

Priority: Replacing street lights with a design similar to the original

- Street Light Inventory Updated in March 2007



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Priority: Replacing street lights with a design similar to the original

■ Street Light Inventory Results

- 166 Street Lights in Oakridge Program Area
- 1 Original Street Light; 1 Similar to Original
- 145 Street Lights in Oakridge Association Area

Count	Pole Style		Luminare Style	
	Standard (Gray)	Decorative (Black)	Standard	Decorative
9		X		X
46	X		X	
111		X	X	

Priority: Replacing street lights with a design similar to the original

■ Proposed Actions:

- Select preferred pole and luminaire
- Identify participating areas
- Identify funding sources
- Raise matching funds, if required
- Determine replacement schedule
- Coordinate installation of preferred poles and luminaires with the City's GP&L and Telecommunications Departments

Priority: Updating the landscaping at neighborhood entrances and screening walls

- Current Programs and Policies

- Street Right-of-Way Landscape Beautification Program

- Oakridge Signed Cooperative Water Use Agreement in 1993 for 2 Medians
 - Beltline and Laurel Oaks Drive
 - Jupiter and Ridge Oak Drive

Priority: Updating the landscaping at neighborhood entrances and screening walls

■ Proposed Actions

- Develop Master Landscape Plan
- Provide assistance to landscape architect for site issues and ordinance compliance (City)
- Identify Funding Sources
- Raise Matching Funds, if required
- Coordinate Implementation of Landscape Plan

Priority: Attracting and keeping quality retail and restaurants

- City-wide Issue
- Partnership
 - Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Programs
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Economic Development Partnership
- Resolution Discussion to begin June 2007 with Implementation Schedule TBD

Priority: Developing and implementing neighborhood marketing strategies

- City-wide Issue
- Partnership
 - Neighborhood Vitality Program
 - Public Information Office
- Implementation Scheduled for Spring 2008

Where are we headed?

- City is reviewing current Programs and Policies
- Develop an Action Plan
 - Community Meeting
 - City Council Review
 - Responsibilities shared amongst residents, neighborhood organizations, and City and community resources
- Implementation of Action Plan

Feedback from Residents

We need your input!

Please provide us with your comments by filling out the response sheets and returning them to staff

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