

Neighborhood Plan for Oakland <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/Oakland>

The City of Pittsburgh is working with the Oakland community to create a 10-year plan with a shared vision for Oakland's future and the projects and programs necessary to make that vision a reality. Once adopted by the Planning Commission, the Oakland Plan will become City policy and guide public and private investments in the area. New land use regulations, transportation and infrastructure improvements, and public programs may also be recommended by the plan. More information can be found at <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/Oakland>.

The **Steering Committee** is a group of about 30 representatives of a broad range of interests in the community. By design, only 5 members on the Steering Committee represent resident neighborhood organizations. Efforts to get more representation by resident organizations were unsuccessful. Each university has 3 representatives, so 9 of the 30 on the Steering Committee are from Pitt, Carlow, and CMU. The Steering Committee will decide which recommendations from the Action Teams to include in the final proposal.

Elena Zaitsoff is Oakcliffe's representative on the Steering Committee. You can contact her at ezaitsoff@comcast.net with any ideas, concerns, or comments.

There are four Action Teams for community involvement. Because the resident organizations are underrepresented on the Steering Committee, it is of vital importance that residents are on the Action Teams. Please read the descriptions below, find the one that most interests you, and sign up now at <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/action-teams>.

The four Action Teams are:

Community – Focuses on existing residents, employees, students, and visitors to Oakland with proposals for how they can be better served by the district.

Mobility – Focuses on how people get around and will typically include strategies for improving safety, reducing the negative impacts associated with traffic, and shifting trips to more efficient and healthful modes of travel.

Development – Establishes the agenda for physical change to a district, including new buildings, commercial corridors, and residential areas.

Infrastructure – Includes all non-transportation systems that nourish and maintain a district including how stormwater is handled, needs for open spaces, the energy systems that serve all buildings, and how waste is reduced and reused.

The time commitment on an Action Team is a monthly meeting from Spring 2020 to Spring 2021. There will be an optional meeting for any interested Oakcliffers, on an Action Team or not, Tuesday in the week following an Oakcliffe meeting at 6 pm at Panera on the Boulevard of the Allies. Feb 18 will be the first one.