



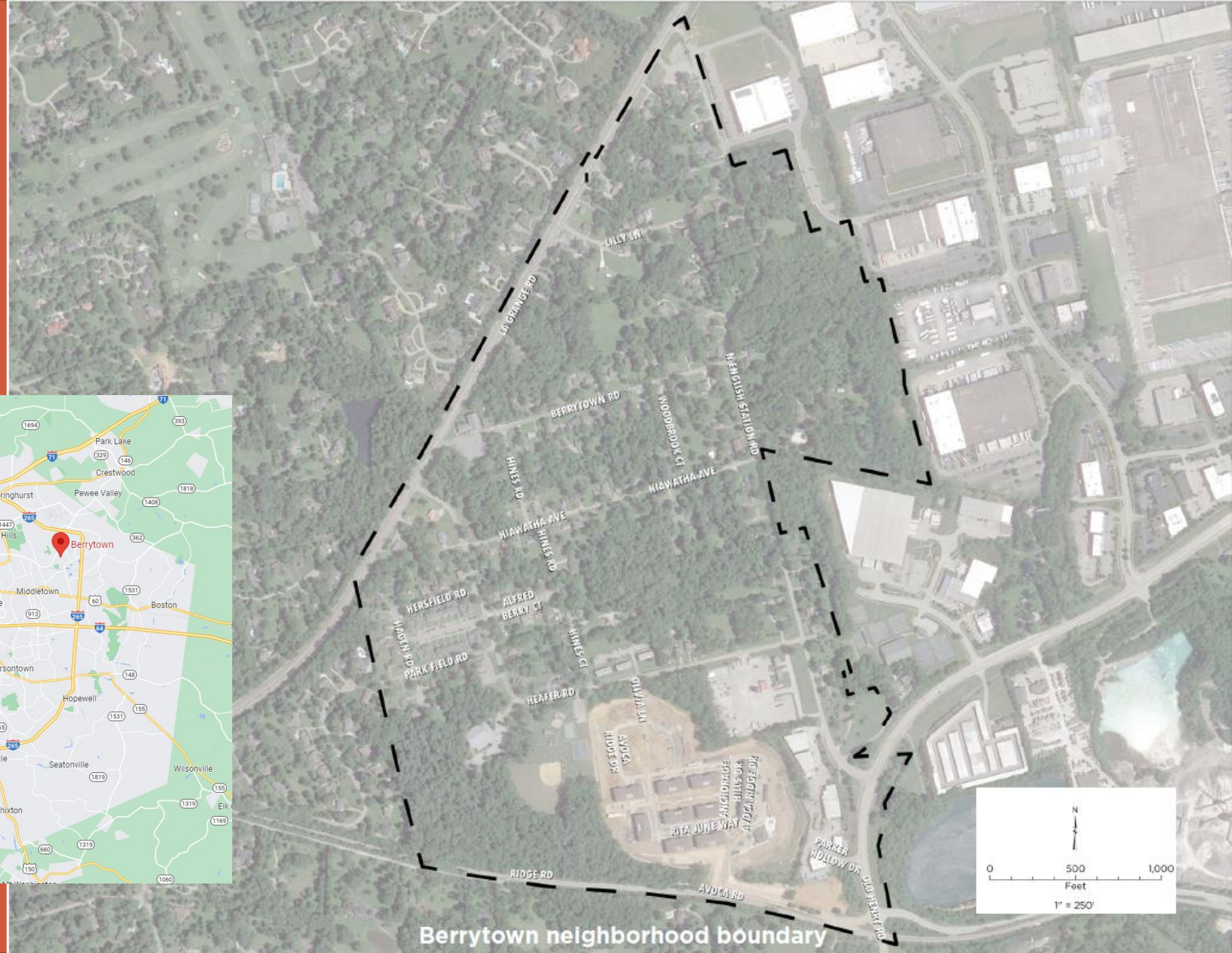
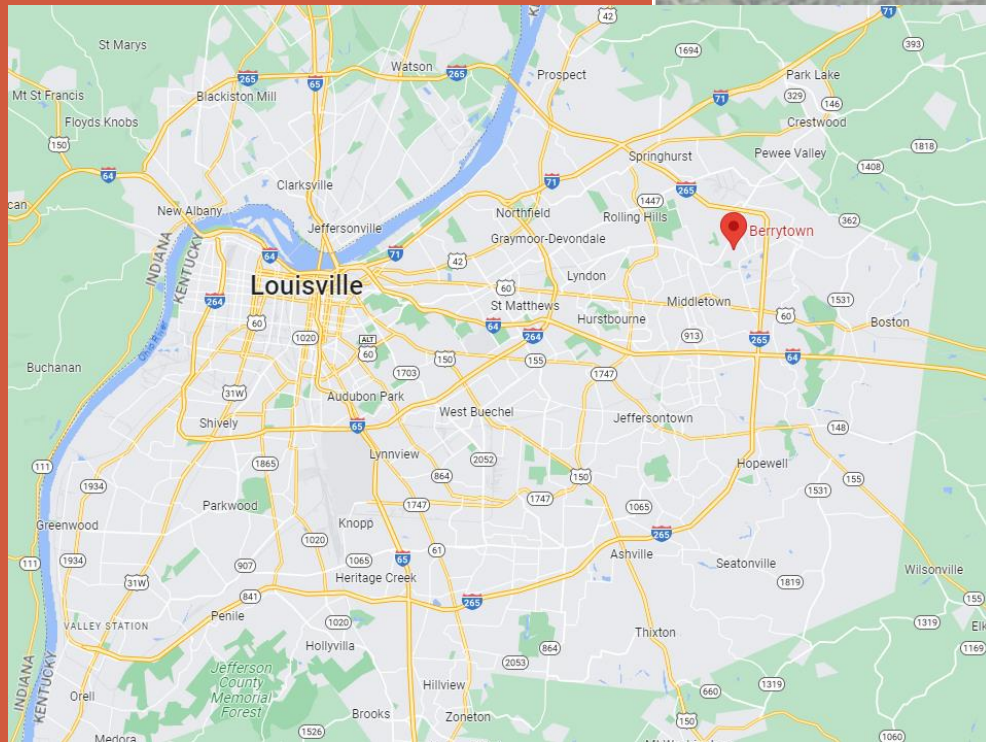
Berrytown Neighborhood Plan

23-AREA-0001
Planning & Zoning Committee | July 18th, 2023
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Plan Background

- Berrytown is a historically Black neighborhood in eastern Jefferson County that has never had a formal long-range plan.
 - It is within the study area of the Old Henry Road Sub-Area Plan (2007).
 - Councilmember Anthony Piagentini (19) and community members expressed desire for a neighborhood plan in 2021, and the planning process began in January 2022.
 - During the planning process, Metro Council District boundaries were changed due to legally required political re-districting. The entirety of the Berrytown Neighborhood now lies within Metro Council District 17 and is represented by Metro Council President Markus Winkler, who has been supportive of the plan and planning process.
 - Heard at Planning Committee on May 8, 2023 and recommended for approval by Planning Commission on June 1, 2023.
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The Berrytown neighborhood boundary was established based on community input and historic plat maps.



Project Team



PLAN PROCESS TIMELINE



Community Engagement

Because of the size of the neighborhood, the high level of engagement, and the desire for a quick planning process, the planning team made the decision forego an Advisory Group.

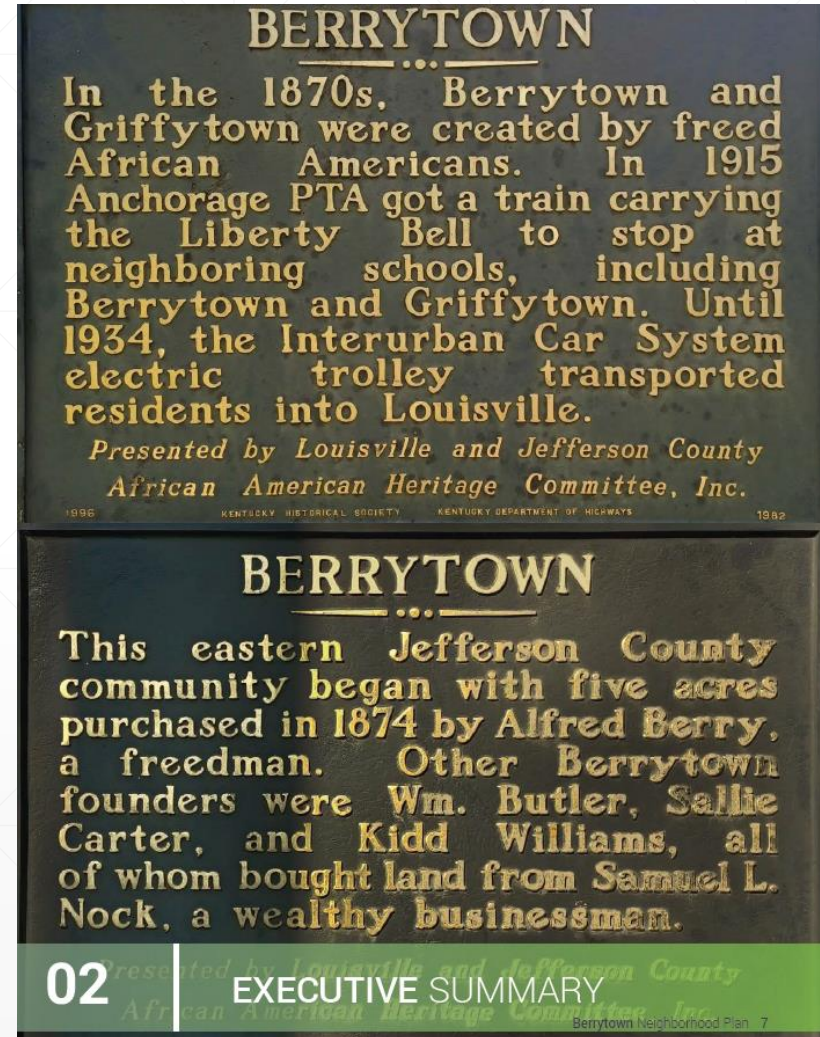
7 In-Person Meetings in 9 Months

- Monthly meetings from March-July 2022
- Meeting to review recommendations in September 2022
- Meeting to review draft plan in October 2022
- Meeting information was communicated through yard signs, door-to-door flyers, and an ongoing email list. A consistent group of 25-30 residents attended each meeting, and every attendee is listed as a contributor to the plan.
- A website was also created to host meeting information, meeting recordings, and plan documents.



PLAN COMPONENTS

- Executive Summary*
- Introduction*
- Current Conditions and History*
- Vision Statement*
- Land Use*
- Housing*
- Mobility*
- Berrytown Park
- Quality of Life



VISION STATEMENT

“Berrytown is a safe, welcoming, and inclusive community, that preserves its historic Black legacy by promoting the continuation of home ownership. It is a thriving and sustainable community, supported by resilient infrastructure, with safe, pedestrian-friendly streets that provide access to jobs, parks, transit, schools, businesses, and other resources. Berrytown fosters a civically engaged community with a small town feel in a forested neighborhood.”

LAND USE OBJECTIVES & RECOMMENDATIONS

Objective 1: Promote a resilient and civically engaged neighborhood.

- Recommendation 1.1: Create a Neighborhood Association with 501(c)3 status.

Objective 2: Support and encourage Berrytown's historic housing legacy.

- Recommendation 2.1: Promote future development that reflects the historic design of the neighborhood.
 - Recommendation 2.2: Work with various partners to decrease the number of vacant and abandoned properties.
 - Recommendation 2.3: Ensure that infill development is consistent with surrounding form.
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HOUSING OBJECTIVES & RECOMMENDATIONS

Objective 3: Increase and stabilize home ownership.

- Recommendation 3.1: Develop increased opportunities for owner-occupied housing.

Objective 4: Promote Berrytown as a safe, welcoming, and inclusive community.

- Recommendation 4.1: Communicate the geographic location and identity of the Berrytown neighborhood.
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MOBILITY OBJECTIVES & RECOMMENDATIONS

Objective 5: Promote multi-modal connections inside the neighborhood and to the surrounding areas.

- Recommendation 5.1: Improve the vehicular transportation network to adjacent neighborhoods.
 - Recommendation 5.2: Improve the safety and continuity of the pedestrian network.
 - Recommendation 5.3: Improve transit connections.
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BERRYTOWN PARK OBJECTIVES & RECOMMENDATIONS

Objective 6: Position Berrytown Park as a central asset in a thriving and sustainable community.

- Recommendation 6.1: Implement capital improvements, such as new features and updates, to Berrytown Park.
 - Recommendation 6.2: Perform necessary maintenance in neglected areas of Berrytown Park.
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QUALITY OF LIFE OBJECTIVES & RECOMMENDATIONS

Objective 7: Support an engaged community with a small town feel in a forested neighborhood.

- Recommendation 7.1: Maintain and enhance the historic tree canopy in Berrytown.

Objective 8: Strengthen the historic legacy of Berrytown.

- Recommendation 8.1: Preserve and promote Berrytown's history to build pride in Berrytown's independent past.
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PLANNING COMMITTEE (May 8, 2023)

Updates to the plan:

Recommendation 7.1: Maintain and enhance the historic tree canopy in Berrytown.

- 7.1.1: Encourage new development to contribute to the neighborhood-wide goal of **45%** tree canopy coverage, matching the tree canopy goal for Louisville Metro **set forth in the *Urban Tree Canopy Assessment (2015)***.
 - In the “Next Steps and Responsible Parties” section of the Implementation Table, the following sentence was added: **The 45% coverage goal is meant to increase tree canopy on a neighborhood scale and does not necessarily apply to individual sites and does not supersede the requirements in the Land Development Code.**
 - Clarification statement also added to the plan narrative on p. 47.
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PLANNING COMMISSION (June 1, 2023)

- Two individuals spoke in support of the plan, and one spoke in opposition.
- Members of the Planning Commission inquired about the boundaries of the study area and how this plan may interact with existing development proposals in Berrytown.

Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the Berrytown Neighborhood Plan and adoption of the Berrytown Neighborhood Plan Executive Summary as an amendment to Plan 2040.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

Planning & Zoning Committee must:

- **APPROVE** or **DENY** 23-AREA-0001 (Berrytown Neighborhood Plan).
 - **APPROVE** or **DENY** adoption of the 23-AREA-0001 (Berrytown Neighborhood Plan) Executive Summary as an amendment to Plan 2040.
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