Creating Great Neighborhoods

Safe, attractive, connected, and inviting neighborhoods are the foundation of Canton's hometown appeal. All residents deserve quality housing that reflects our community character through thoughtful design and responsible development practices.

Measurable Goals:

- Increase in owner-occupied single-family structures
- Reduce code compliance cases on residential property
- Reduce property crimes
- Increase participation in home security video integration
- Increase housing authority unit counts
- Increase downtown residential unit count
- Increase variety of housing through varied price-points, design and construction
- Increase estate lots (2+ acres)

Major Partners:

- Residents
- City Officials & Staff
- Homeowner Associations
- Canton Housing Authority
- Cherokee Co. Senior Services
- Residential Developers
- Landlords
- Property Managers
- Realtors
- Utility Providers
- Cherokee County

How We Will Get There

- Improve development codes to reflect recommendations by the Thomas P. Miller Housing Study
- Rezone properties as necessary in accordance with the Housing Study
- Review opportunities to create overlay zones to encourage good housing development practices
- Require all residential developers to read the Canton Roadmap and complete a project self-assessment prior to application
- Establish clearly identified standards for right of ways in residential developments
- Consolidate citizen home security camera videos through technology to reduce crime and improve public safety reach
- Improve the code compliance process to reduce blight
- Develop new resident packets to improve code compliance, provide transparency for City services, and welcome individuals to our City
- Connect all neighborhoods to a Citywide sidewalk system
- Establish incentives to increase diverse housing stock within projects
- Implement Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) in Development Review Process
- Encourage greenspace development with all new residential projects
- Review all City-owned properties for possible residential development
- Develop and incentivize solar standards for residential development
- Develop and implement a micro-cottage home program

Specific Projects Underway

- Marietta Highway ULI-TAP Project
- Marietta Road Community Initiative/Sunnyside Area Plan
- New Diversity & Inclusion Task Force
- New City Website
- Thomas P. Miller Housing Study
- Masterplan Reviews for Riverstone
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion
- Water System Booster Pump Projects (Amos Road and Laurel Canyon)
- Canton Housing Authority Asset Review

Materials/Supporting Documents:

- Rivermill LCI
- Canton 2040 Plan
- City of Canton Housing Study
- Noell Consulting Canton Residential Rental Analysis
- Central City Plan
- HPC Guidelines