

## 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 housing authority units
- Increase downtown residential units
- 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 and other sources for enhancing thoughtful development
- Rezone properties as necessary in accordance with the Housing Study
- Review opportunities to create overlay zones to encourage positive 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
- Create an opportunity for residents to voluntarily register home security camera video software with Canton Police to reduce crime
- Promote education of code compliance processes to reduce blight
- Highlight code compliance and City services through new resident welcome packets disseminated at City Hall and through real estate partners
- Promote the nature of and need for workforce housing options
- 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 and other novel housing initiatives

### 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 Livable Centers Initiative
- Canton 2040 Plan
- City of Canton Housing Study
- Noell Consulting Canton Residential Rental Analysis
- Central City Plan
- Historic Preservation Commission Guidelines