



# Vision Plan For Fletcher Place Neighborhood

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# Executive Summary

Fletcher Place is respected for its rich history, an expectation of excellence and a commitment to historical preservation. This is what gives Fletcher Place the vibrancy of a city and the comfort of a community.

Fletcher Place is a place to call home. Residents enjoy their safe haven and the spirit of community that is continuously enhanced as everyone comes together to enjoy and support the various social events and the well-known Italian festival. Everyone feels welcome and is anxious to be involved and give back as we work together to preserve the special heritage of Fletcher Place.

The plan's recommendations are designed to guide development and redevelopment of Fletcher Place Neighborhood. As a continuous gateway, Fletcher Place will link together residential neighborhoods and become the social heart of downtown. As a result of our unique geographic location, we will incorporate "*A Little Off Center*" as our defining slogan when compared to surrounding neighborhoods and districts.

# **Mission Statement for Fletcher Place Neighborhood of the City of Indianapolis**

“Preservation, revitalization and the promotion of the neighborhood as a walkable  
community of the City of Indianapolis known as historic Fletcher Place,  
with the goal of creating a total urban community while maintaining a respect for the past”.

# Vision Statement for Fletcher Place Neighborhood of the City of Indianapolis

“Fletcher Place neighborhood shall promote a healthy and sustainable urban community by allowing appropriate redevelopment while reflecting on the preservation of the historical character and integrity of the neighborhood”.

**Table 1: Characteristics of a Healthy and Sustainable Community**

A healthy and sustainable community is one where:

- The community can work together and live in harmony;
- There are activities, programs, and services available to all citizens, regardless of age, ethnicity or social or economic status;
- People are welcomed to the community and encourage to get involved in activities;
- Development is planned, developed and implemented by the community;
- Celebrations of language, heritage, and culture are respected and encouraged; and,
- A safe and supportive atmosphere exists.

# Our Objectives

We are a safe neighborhood with a strong sense of community and connectivity. The most unique aspect of Fletcher Place is our historic significance due to the contributions of our residents.

Another unique aspect is our ability to retain a small-town feel within a designated historic district, while maintaining connection with surrounding communities and embracing the commercial growth in the area. These components make Fletcher Place neighborhood special and therefore, we are committed to:

1. Safety for our community.
2. Education and activities for children and adults.
3. Vibrant business growth, consistent with our historical downtown residential community standards.
4. Providing awareness through education of Fletcher Place history.
5. Increasing opportunities for current and prospective business owners by creating an environment of successful local businesses supported by unique services.
6. Communication and involvement with our citizens.
7. Respectful use and care for the environment including beautifying Fletcher Place through proper landscaping, gateways, lighting and signage.
8. Well conceived neighborhood planning which sustains the value of the community.
9. Creating and promoting a culturally enriched environment by incorporating the Cultural Trail to welcome individuals from other communities to Fletcher Place in order to increase community presence.
10. Promoting a sustainable community by incorporating green initiatives in the neighborhood.

# Methods to Meet Our Objectives

We commit to incorporating the following methods:

1. **Safety for our community.**
  - We maintain and support our police and fire services through a crime watch network.
  - We have excellent lighting and parking in our historic residential areas and other commercial areas.
  - We have sidewalks and bike paths on our major streets enabling access to neighborhood destinations.
2. **Education and activities for children and adults.**
  - We will continue our support of the annual Italian Festival and other neighborhood events.
  - We support and promote neighboring schools.
  - Our parks host a wide variety of activities and sports.
3. **Vibrant business growth, consistent with our historical downtown area standards.**
  - We help maintain, with nurture and promotion, the standards and codes regarding the type of business and structure in our business areas.
  - We aggressively pursue the businesses and restaurants that bring tasteful value to our neighborhood.
  - We discourage growth of large chain wholesale or discount stores.
  - We use creative visuals to promote and to beautify our neighborhood streets such as banners, planters, and landscaping.
4. **Communication and involvement with our citizens.**
  - We have an active, organized Neighborhood Association that attentively listens to all input, actively engages those impacted by decisions, facilitates compromise, and works collaboratively with City leaders to plan effectively.
  - We continually offer up-to-date information on our website.

# Methods to Meet Our Objectives – Cont’d.

## 4. **Communication and involvement with our citizens. – Cont’d.**

- We use the Urban Times and other appropriate publications for outward news and promotion.
- We continue the distribution of the Parchment for inner-community news and information and will expand distribution of this medium.

## 5. **Respectful use and care for the environment including our city, river, parks and trails.**

- We support environmentally friendly solutions and recycling.
- We maintain our rivers, parks and connecting trails.
- We are a part of a trail system, The Cultural Trail.
- We try to save and actively plant trees and local flora throughout our neighborhood.

## 6. **Well thought out neighborhood planning which sustains the value of the community.**

- Our neighborhood and business access is effective, efficient and safe for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Development needs to be consistent with IHPC and regional center guidelines.
- We will encourage development that sustains a livable environment with homes that add value and beauty to the neighborhood.
- We will sponsor a farmers market.

## 7. **Systematic and fiscally responsible long-term planning, working with the neighborhood, community, city, county, and state partners.**

- We see planning as multiple “phases” that will eventually reach our goals within financial and legal boundaries.
- We partner with the City and it’s planners for effective planning for everyone in Fletcher Place.
- We abide by and actively influence improvement to the regulations, laws and initiatives that impact our neighborhood.



# Methods to Meet Our Objectives – Cont'd.

## 8. Create a culturally enriched environment.

- Weave cultural backgrounds together into a fabric of community that celebrates cultural diversity.
- Offer artistic and cultural facilities and programs that serve all citizens.
- Pursue the possibility of a neighborhood foundation.
- Pursue innovative sources of funding to preserve and maintain the historic character of our buildings.

## 9. Become a sustainable community.

- Maintain a strong commitment to the protection of natural resources through stewardship characterized by strong city planning and annexation.
- All natural resources are valued as essential assets of the community and new developments are analyzed to evaluate environmental impact.