

Maple Ash Study
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In late April, staff (Lisa Collins, Deputy Development Services Manager/Planning; Decima Sever, Planning Outreach Coordinator; Mark Vinson, City Architect) began meeting with stakeholders of the Maple Ash neighborhood to discuss the application for Historic Designation, the Development Review Commission continuance, Form Based Codes and the city's proposed process and timeline for a neighborhood study. It is staff's goal to meet with as many neighborhood stakeholders as possible either individually or in small groups.

The initial step in the study process is "documentation of place" or a comprehensive inventory of the existing form of the neighborhood. The Draft Inventory tool developed by staff is a compilation of inventories used by other cities in their Form Based Code processes and is a very comprehensive assessment. In addition to the inventory tool, staff will reference the analysis done by the Historic Preservation staff, particularly on the architectural styles and features of the neighborhood.

Staff has completed a photo inventory of all properties within the study area – namely, University to Hudson, Southern Pacific tracks to Mill. Field work continue will over the next several weeks.