

A Closer Look at Reservoir Hill's Green Master Plan and Map

What is the Purpose of Creating a Green Master Plan and a Map?

Reservoir Hill's Green Master Plan provides a framework to guide the implementation of projects that will improve the health, beauty, safety, and social fabric of the neighborhood. A Green Map can help RHIC and residents develop strategies to address various concerns such as crime and sanitation. The map provides details about the physical layout and features of a targeted area which can be used to plan projects to deter activities such as illegal dumping, improve traffic and pedestrian safety conditions, enhance historic features, and beautify the community.

At the core of the plan is COMMUNITY ORGANIZING. RHIC believes that your home doesn't start at your doorsteps; it also includes the surrounding environment. Residents should feel connected to their community and take ownership of the environment around their home. Both homeowners and tenants have a civic responsibility to ensure that their community is healthy, beautiful, and safe for all residents. Taking action on common interests collectively, inclusively, and strategically is the key building an environmentally and socially healthy community.

Traffic Safety and Calming

It seems logical for a community to be equipped with proper traffic calming measures and signs to ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists. However, RHIC and residents have had to work collectively and persistently to obtain needed items from the City's Department of Transportation. These items include:

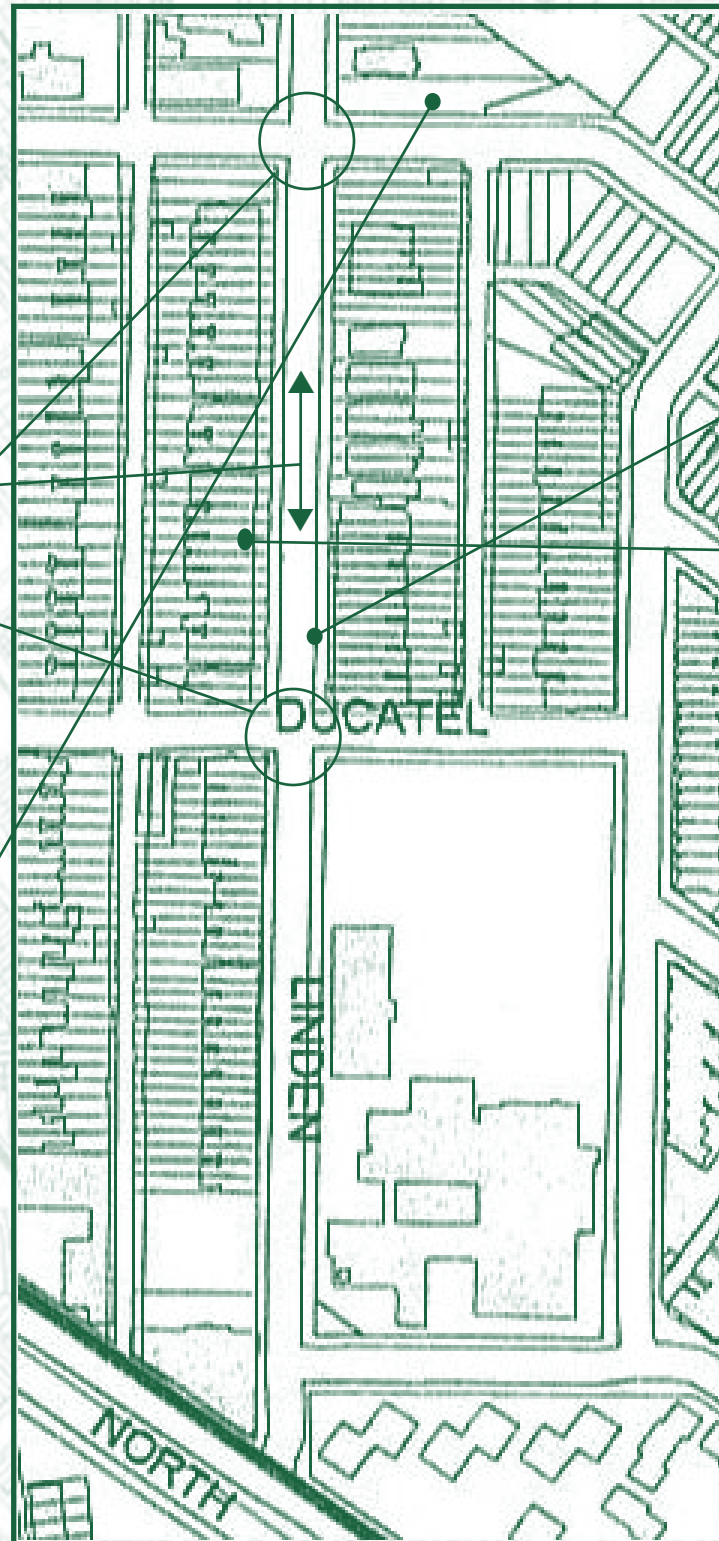
- A 4-way stop at Linden Avenue and Whitelock Street and painted arrows and lines marking turn lanes
- Double yellow lines to prevent drivers from crossing into oncoming traffic
- A 4-way stop and newly painted crosswalk lines at Ducatel Street and Linden Avenue

Restored Vacant Lot on Whitelock



One Saturday morning in the fall of 2002, residents came from every direction with their gloves and shovels to remove debris, grade and till the land, and plant new trees and grass. Several years after its restoration, this lot on Whitelock Street continues to greet pedestrians and motorists with its beautiful trees and bed of grass.

2200-2300 Block of Linden Avenue



Extra Wide Sidewalks



An image of how extra wide sidewalks can be used to create front gardens. Trees on the left side of the sidewalk have already been added thanks to the hard work of residents and RHIC staff.

Alleyways Between Homes



Potted plants are easy and fairly inexpensive to install and can significantly enhance an area such as this alleyway above by adding color and beauty. Plants that are well-maintained send the message that residents care for their community and are active participants in making it more beautiful.



John Eager Howard Park

In 2005, the Community Builders Tour brought in hundreds of volunteers to work with RHIC to build a new baseball field, remove weeds, and add new trees around the school and within the park. This year, Healthy Neighborhoods Inc. provided a grant to replace the old chainlink fence along Ducatel Street and Linden Avenue with decorative iron fencing. This grant also allowed for the replacement of the chainlink fence along the field on Brookfield Avenue, the painting of railings, and the removal of unsightly trees. The total investment is estimated to be in excess of \$150,000.



Where are the opportunities in your block?