

>> Implementation

For the implementation of this plan to be successful, it is critical that the following are kept in mind:

■ The Plan's Lasting Vision.

The plan's recommendations are the results of a public involvement process and technical assessment. It is highly unlikely that the general vision and goals resulting from this process will change significantly, although the steps to achieving them may.

■ The Need for Flexibility.

While the vision is unlikely to change, it is critical that the IPNA recognizes that the ways in which the vision is achieved can and will change. The addition or subtraction of policies or projects, either formally or informally, should not be viewed as a compromise of the plan but rather its refinement in response to changing needs. Best practices for creating Lifelong Communities are evolving as a result of profound demographic forces. IPNA and its partners must be prepared to respond to change in order to ensure a fresh, relevant plan.

■ Land Use and Zoning.

As IPNA, the City, and others work towards implementing the plan's aspirations, recommendations requiring land use or zoning changes must only be considered and undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Comprehensive Development Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, and established procedures. Land use and zoning issues are complex and always involve many different factors. Nothing in this plan is intended to suggest that a recommendation within it

should take precedence over other land use and zoning considerations. In fact, only it when a plan recommendation aligns with those larger neighborhood considerations (and is approved using established land use and zoning protocol) that it should be undertaken.

■ The Need for Champions.

Successful plan implementation requires an ongoing and long-term commitment. This is best provided by a champion or group of champions who tirelessly work to advance its recommendations. The logical champions for this plan are the members of the IPNA boards and committees, who should work with the larger IPNA membership and each other, the City, and others to promote implementation. This can and will take many forms, but, at a minimum, should include ensuring that the Lifelong Community's perspective is reflected in all IPNA committees and initiatives; This is essential, given how Lifelong Community principles interact with many ongoing IPNA initiatives besides those of the Lifelong Inman Park Committee; the myriad of factors affecting the ability of Inman Park to accommodate people of all ages demands nothing less.

By being mindful of these ideas, the Lifelong Inman Park Master Plan can guide the neighborhood for years to come, and, in doing so, allow Inman Park to truly become a model Lifelong Community in the Atlanta.

