

Eligibility

- This is an on-going process open to all Portland neighborhoods.
- As part of the first round, two neighborhoods will be chosen to begin the in-depth analysis.
- Subsequent rounds will be announced in the local papers, on the City's website www.portlandmaine.gov, and through local neighborhood organizations.

How To Apply

- Applications are available on-line at www.portlandplanning.com or by calling Barbara Barhydt at 874-8699.
- Applications must be filled out by the neighborhood organization and returned no later than 4:40 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2004 to:

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City of Portland, Maine Neighborhood Foundation Plan



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The Purpose

Portland's Department of Planning and Development is launching a neighborhood-based planning program called a Neighborhood Foundation Plan. The process is a strategic assessment of a neighborhood that identifies the strengths, issues and actions needed to preserve and improve each neighborhood. Neighborhoods throughout the City are encouraged to apply and participate in this broad-based community planning effort. Each Neighborhood Foundation Plan will:

- **Identify and strengthen** the distinct neighborhood character and sense of place;
- **Create a future vision** and address planning needs;
- **Create a Neighborhood Foundation Plan** that is consistent and integral with the City's Comprehensive Plan;
- **Promote strong, cooperative relationships** between the City, neighborhoods and individuals; and
- **Set priorities** for carrying-out programs and services.



Choosing a Neighborhood

- Neighborhoods are invited to fill out an application to participate in the Neighborhood Foundation Plan Program.
- A selection committee and the City Manager will choose a limited number of neighborhoods to participate.

Getting Ready

- The Planning Division will offer technical assistance to the neighborhood steering committee to organize a planning process, gather information about the neighborhood and create neighborhood collaborations.
- A fun and informative event will kick-off the planning process.

Planning for a Neighborhood

Step One: Tell us about your neighborhood.

Create a neighborhood profile using the data collected by the steering committee, the results of the kick-off event and the goals of the City's comprehensive Plan.

Step Two: What do you like about your neighborhood?

In small groups, participants will use maps and charts to identify neighborhood assets, such as physical amenities, social attributes and technical or financial assets.



Step Three: What is your dream for the neighborhood?

Facilitated discussions and a voting process will result in a future vision for the neighborhood.

Step Four: What are your concerns?

Small group discussion and a voting method will identify the top three to five neighborhood issues.

Step Five: What can we do to make our neighborhood better?

Break-out groups will develop a strategy of objectives and actions for each of the top issues.

The Neighborhood Foundation Plan

The Neighborhood Steering Committee, with assistance from the City will draft a Neighborhood Foundation Plan that will be reviewed by the neighborhood and go through the City's review process. The final draft will be submitted to the City Council for consideration as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan.