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Hill District Community Planning Documents Generated by the Hill District Community		
Report Title and Link	Summary	Author
<u>Herron Avenue Revitalization Planning Strategy</u>	The Herron Avenue Revitalization Planning Strategy was created by the Herron Avenue Corridor Coalition, which was a collection of local stakeholders and CBOs. The report is based on data collected from 2010-2011, and provides a vision for revitalization opportunities along the Herron Avenue Corridor.	Herron Avenue Corridor Coalition
<u>Greater Hill District Master Plan</u>	The report was created through the input of residents and community stakeholders, including two community meetings with more than 75 residents participating in each. The report outlines a set of guidelines for developers and investors to follow, with the Greater Hill District guidelines encompassing all of the Hill, Uptown and parts of West Oakland. Its content is informed by development principles, non-displacement strategies/strategies for reclaiming the Lower Hill and community goals. The plan has two components, Program Initiatives and Urban Design proposals. The Greater Hill District Master Plan is the guiding document for all Hill District development implementation.	Hill Community Development Corporation
<u>The Hill: A VILLAGE IN THE WOODS</u> <u>Also known as, "Hill District Green Print"</u>	The Hill District Green Print was created in 2009, through a collaborative effort involving the Hill House Association, Hill District Consensus Group and other internal and external stakeholders. It is a culmination of efforts beginning as early as 2003 to explore green space in the community. The report includes information gathered from residents, stakeholders, advisory groups, surveys, community groups and community conversations. It focuses on three strategic corridors: Kirkpatrick Park, Herron Avenue, and the Bedford/Cliff/Arcena Area. The report provides a practical framework for a beautiful urban landscape around which housing, commercial development, transportation, the arts and community services can be woven.	Hood Design Studios and the Studion for Spatial Design, in partnership with the Hill House Association, Hill District Consensus Group, Green print Advisor Group, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
<u>Schenley Heights Toolkit</u>	The Schenley Heights Toolkit was developed in 2012, emerging from the Greater Hill District Master Plan. It serves as a reference for residential infill & green space	Schenley Heights

	development in Schenley Heights, as well as a guide for developers, investors, and government entities relative to new development, renovation, and infrastructure projects in the neighborhood. Much input for the report was derived from two community planning meetings with Schenley Heights Planning Committee. The report focuses on the Milwaukee and Iowa Street corridors as well as design visions for the Camp Street area.	Collaborative & URA
Centre Avenue Redevelopment and Design Plan	This planning document focuses on the community vision for the redevelopment of the Centre Avenue Business corridor. The report is designed to address economic development, residential development and sense of community, while identifying three distinct areas with distinct energies and uses. These areas are the Centre of Culture, Centre of Opportunity and the Centre of Cultivation. The plan was guided by a Steering Committee made up of residents, community groups, business owners, and public agencies.	Hill Community Development Corporation
Hill Vacant Property Strategy	This report is a detailed inventory of vacant properties throughout the Hill District and their potential future uses as outlined in planning recommendations in the Greater Hill District Master Plan. Next steps for planning and development focus on five key areas in the Hill District: Centre Avenue corridor, Cliffside Park area, the Upper Hill, Chauncey Steps Park and the Greenway and Coal Seam Trail. The report further provides recommendations for areas of concentrated vacancy and where larger planning efforts should be undertaken.	Hill District Consensus Group

Reports/Resources About Hill District		
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Profile of Change in the City of Pittsburgh	Provides data breakdowns for Crawford-Roberts, the Middle Hill, the Upper Hill, and West Oakland, and compares data for 2006-2010 with data for 2011-2015, calculating the change between the two. Data analyzed includes: total population by race and age, highest educational attainment, commuting, housing tenure, poverty, and veterans by last period of service.	USCUR

The Hill District, a community holding on through development and displacement	<p>This article tells the story of the Hill District’s redevelopment through the lens of community residents and activists. From the history of the historic lower-hill, to feelings regarding participation in the city and region’s economic growth, this story details the complexities involved in the rebirth of the Hill District.</p>	<p>Public Source</p>
Bedford Choice	<p>This report provides an in-depth look into the Bedford Dwellings neighborhood of the Hill District. The report is related to the Choice Neighborhood Planning process and details a neighborhood profile/map that includes: demographic information, vacant land and publicly-owned land, transportation, topography, perceptions of crime, connections to opportunity, among others.</p>	<p>WRT and Trek Development Group</p>
PHRESH Findings	<p>PHRESH was a study beginning in 2011 and ended in 2016. It examined food security and health of residents in both the Hill District and Homewood. It then reevaluated the neighborhoods after the addition of a grocery store in the Hill District and used Homewood as a comparison to see if it improved health and neighborhood perceptions. They also collected data regarding heart health, physical activity, sleep and use of public green space.</p>	<p>RAND Corporation Sponsored by National Institutes of Health (NIH)</p>
Discover PPS: About our School, Milliones 6-12	<p>Provides a short summary of Milliones 6-12, also known as UPREP, and the services and programs offered to students there. Additionally, it also lists the partnerships currently established with the school. Provides links to achievement metrics at the school, including math, reading and science.</p>	<p>Pittsburgh Public Schools</p>
Discover PPS: About our school, Miller PreK-5	<p>A short profile of the school, its goals and the additional educational services offered. Provides links to achievement metrics at the school, including math, reading and science.</p>	<p>Pittsburgh Public Schools</p>
Discover PPS: About our school, Weil PreK-5	<p>A short school profile as well as a list of additional educational services. Provides links to achievement metrics at the school, including math, reading and science.</p>	<p>Pittsburgh Public Schools</p>
Hill District Anti-Displacement Strategies	<p>This report describes how the Hill District has faced several decades of disinvestment, urban renewal, and neglect and</p>	<p>Regional Housing</p>

	modern-day strategies to address gentrification in current development activities and interests. The report discusses efforts by local advocacy groups like the Hill District Consensus Group and community development law firm (Regional Housing Legal Services) to implement these strategies.	Legal Services, Hill District Consensus Group
Development in the Hill District: Research, Finding and Analysis	This report details the work of research team Dewey & Kaye, gathered through 24 community stakeholder interviews as well as a detailed literature review. They also partnered with data sources to create a picture of the Hill District community, which includes population loss, unemployment, lower educational attainment and large numbers of vacant homes.	The Looking Glass Institute

Reports/Resources General to the City of Pittsburgh (specific mention of Hill District)		
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A+ Schools Report	Reports on each of the schools in the Hill District, including Weil, Miller and Millions. Includes demographics, key outcomes, and achievement levels for the school.	Pittsburgh's Community Alliance for Public Education
Pittsburgh Black Elected Officials Coalition – Peace and Justice Initiative	The Hill District was the site of one of five community meetings that helped formulate this report, which hoped to formulate community-based policy agenda regarding public safety, affordable housing, family outcomes, businesses and organizations, education, and employment.	Homewood Children's Village
Recommendations for an Equity, Justice and Inclusion Agenda for Pittsburgh	The report features an analysis in order to create policy that is more equal, just, and inclusive for minority groups in Pittsburgh. This report works to identify themes, challenges, and opportunities in order to make recommendations for action. The report mentions the Hill District and its fight against the Penguins, without support from other similarly impacted neighborhoods advocating for equity in future development.	UrbanKind Institute

Equitable Development: The Path to an All-In Pittsburgh	<p>The Equitable development report focuses on ensuring every neighborhood, especially those of low income and diverse populations, benefit from the economic transformation of Pittsburgh. The Hill District, and its advocacy related to the development of the Lower-Hill site is discussed. The report breaks down the CBA the Hill Community agreed to, as well as best practices for Community Benefits Agreements in other areas of the city.</p>	<p>PolicyLink; Neighborhood Allies; Urban Innovation</p>
The Pittsburgh Neighborhood Distress & Health Study (2015)	<p>This report provides a snapshot the 90 neighborhoods in Pittsburgh and ranks them according to data analysis allowing them to be compared. It looks at data regarding demographics, birth outcomes, crime, vacancy, tax delinquency, housing market and condition, and compares them to the city as a whole.</p>	<p>Center on Race & Social Problems, Pitt School of Social Work</p>

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2015 Plan for a Healthier Allegheny	<p>A comprehensive guide for health improvement across Allegheny County. Addresses many issues that are relevant to the Homewood community.</p>	<p>Allegheny County Health Department</p>
Breathe Project Pollution Map	<p>An interactive map of Allegheny County that shows the level of Black Carbon and NO₂ across the area.</p>	<p>Breathe Project</p>
My Brother's Keeper Community & Stakeholder Planning Process: Initial Recommendations	<p>This report covers the public planning sessions across Allegheny County's process and participation, identifying the recurring themes and making recommendations in regard to programs seeking to close the opportunity gap for Pittsburgh youth. They met with young men in order to find what they saw as the needs and gaps in out of school programming, as well as the best practices and ideal programs. These thoughts are then used to recognize what these youths look for in a successful program in order to provide them with greater opportunities.</p>	<p>UrbanKind Institute</p>

<u>P4 Measures (People, Planet, Performance, Place)</u>	<p>The p4 measures project worked to “create a quantifiable system of metrics that would inform and improve decision-making on public investments in development projects”. It looked at twelve different measurement areas: community, housing, connect, energy, opportunity, land, rainwater, innovation, economy, public, air, and design.</p>	<p>City of Pittsburgh</p>
<u>Capturing the Next Economy: Pittsburgh’s Rise as A Global Innovation City</u>	<p>The report focuses on the idea that as Pittsburgh develops and gains scientific and technical strengths, without creating jobs at every skill level, only a small portion of the city’s economy will grow, and many families and workers will be left behind. The report mentions that the tightening labor market is not utilizing workers from low income neighborhoods by upskilling them to fill the gaps, citing Homewood as an example. The report also makes recommendations in order to address these issues.</p>	<p>The Brookings Institution</p>
<u>WQED Think! Broadcasts (Poverty, Equity & Opportunity)</u>	<p>Broadcasts of town meetings, one addressing poverty in Western Pennsylvania, and one addressing Equity & Opportunity in Southwestern Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>WQED</p>
<u>Strategies for Change: The Full Document</u>	<p>The goal of this report is to create an anti-violence plan for Pittsburgh. They offer over 30 different sections of action points people could take in order to build a more peaceful community.</p>	<p>Coalition Against Violence; Black Political Empowerment Project</p>
<u>Pittsburgh’s Racial Demographics 2015: Differences and Disparities</u>	<p>Provides indicators of quality of life by race and ethnicity for Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area and the U.S. It looks at seven different areas for comparison: population diversity; families, youth and elderly; education disparities; economic disparities; interracial group relations; health and mental health; and criminal justice.</p>	<p>Center on Race and Social Problems, Pitt School of Social Work</p>
<u>Barriers & Bridges: An Action Plan for Overcoming Obstacles and Unlocking</u>	<p>Focuses on racial disparities in the Pittsburgh region and the structural barriers that perpetuate them. This meant documenting disparities in access to employment, financial services, and business development using public data sources and aggregate local data, as well as</p>	<p>Urban Institute supported by</p>

Opportunities for African American Men in Pittsburgh	“examining policies, practices and norms that contribute to disproportionate outcomes by race”. They held two focus groups and interviewed 20 stakeholders. Their focus is placed on employment and entrepreneurship and they make recommendations in those two areas.	the Heinz Endowments
African American Neighborhoods of Choice	Takes a comprehensive look at the demographics of Pittsburgh and what African American individuals look for in a neighborhood and what factors influence where these residents live, work, and recreate. Being a predominantly African American neighborhood, Homewood was included among the research groups, although not much of the data is broken down specifically by neighborhood.	POISE Foundation
PGH Equity Indicators	This report analyzes disparities of groups in Pittsburgh based on: Quality of Life outcomes; Economic Opportunities; Access to Resources. Equity indicators are a set of scores that will allow the city to measure change, towards or away from equality. The report looks at four domains of equity: Health and Food Safety, Education/Workforce Development/Entrepreneurship, Housing/Transportation/Infrastructure/Environment, and Civic Engagement and Communications	Heinz Endowments
one Pittsburgh resilience strategy	This report establishes a vision for the city, building on the successes in recent decades and a wealth of community assets, while directly confronting the complex challenges that the city continues to face. The strategy is intended as a guide for city plans and initiatives to achieve maximum community impact by addressing the root causes to systemic challenges	Rockefeller Foundation, 100 Resilient Cities

General Reports Relevant to Hill District (not specific to Pittsburgh or Allegheny County)		
Report Title and Link	Summary	Author
Unmade in America: Industrial Flight and the Decline of Black Communities	Deindustrialization has disproportionately affected black workers, families, and communities. This report advocates for policy changes working towards social, economic, and racial justice. These recommendations include infrastructure investment, workforce development, and worker-friendly trade policy.	Alliance for American Manufacturing

Policymakers Must Be Responsive to the Needs of Black Women	<p>The focus of this article is on policymakers' opportunity and obligation to address the needs of Black women, as well as removing barriers to leadership.</p>	<p>Center for American Progress</p>
Strengthening Black Families: A Case for Philanthropic Investment	<p>Recognizes that kinship and mutual support has decreased in favor of institutional support and argues for a greater emphasis on supporting the Black family as a core social institution. They have four areas of approaches: community engagement; grantmaking; research and policy; and thought leadership.</p>	<p>POISE Foundation</p>

Tools that make Hill District Data Available	
Source Title and Link	Summary
Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center (WPRDC)	<p>Makes public information easier to find and use by providing a technological and legal infrastructure for data sharing. The Data Center maintains Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh's open data portal, and provides a number of services to data publishers and users. The Data Center also hosts datasets from these and other public sector agencies, academic institutions, and non-profit organizations.</p>
Property Dashboard	<p>Visualizes property data from multiple sources through an interactive map.</p>
Burgh's Eye View	<p>Visualization of city data available from WPRDC. Assists residents in engaging with their neighborhood data.</p>
SWPA Community Profiles	<p>Community data available and neighborhood level. Census data as well as local data sources.</p>
Allegheny County Quick Counts	<p>Department of Human Service Data – can break down by neighborhood and program.</p>