FORT WORTH
BERRY/UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Updated: 2017

FACT SHEET

Project: Fort Worth - Berry/University Development Plan (2016)

Type: Transit-Oriented Development, Infill, Form-Based Code

Key Elements:
- Week-long design charrette with the public
- Integrated stormwater strategies with dense urban development
- Coordination of city, university, and community groups

Findings:
The intersection of Berry Street and Cleburne Road in Fort Worth is the proposed site of a Southwest TEX Rail commuter station. This plan focused on transforming the Berry Street Corridor into a more walkable, transit-oriented, mixed use community. The master plan combines market realities and vision, catalyzed by transit, into a block-by-block plan using the form-based code that was designed following plan completion. Key recommendations include:

- Activating Berry Street through improved streetscape infrastructure and neighborhood connections
- Preserving the surrounding neighborhoods by focusing dense buildings on Berry Street and connecting to the Trinity Trail
- Embracing the future station through pop-up place-making projects on the future station site and creating short-term transit-friendly improvements

Implementation Status:
- Berry/University Development Plan was adopted by Fort Worth City Council on March 29, 2016
- Berry/University Form-Based Code adopted by Fort Worth City Council on February 7, 2017

Unique Takeaways:
A partnership with Texas Christian University, Berry Street Initiative, and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority provided robust buy-in for this plan. A charrette process was very beneficial for community feedback despite the challenge of reaching a public audience. Robust and lengthy stakeholder engagement by the city and consultants addressed unique challenges.

- Unique challenges require robust stakeholder involvement
- Innovative solutions to address neighborhood concerns of university/student housing and parking encroachment

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