

COAB Sustainability Statement

As the Community of Opportunity Advisory Board, we are dedicated to the preservation of natural resources for future generations.

We believe that sustainability encompasses not only environmental considerations but also must include mental, emotional, financial, and physical aspects, while also maintaining a strong sense of community and connection for all our residents.

We recognize that our residents are the greatest assets within our community, and we prioritize the well-being of ALL residents in all our endeavors.

We firmly believe that the voices of young people are essential for driving sustainable change, and we actively engage and include them in our decision-making processes.

We also recognize the importance of maintaining a harmonious relationship with the environment and prioritize environmental friendliness in our interactions with the community.

To achieve sustainability, we strive to create a safe place where residents can live with ease and access the resources they need without having to travel far from our community.

At the Community Advisory Board, we strive to make the healthy choice the easy choice, ensuring that residents have access to healthy resources that promote well-being and sustainability.

Resources like access to reliable internet services crucial for education, communication, and empowerment in the 21st century. Access to job training and hiring opportunities within our community, empowering our residents to contribute to and benefit from local economic growth.

Furthermore, we actively seek revenue-generating cooperation within our community, fostering economic growth and self-sufficiency.

Lastly, we embrace the unique personality of our community and recognize the interconnectedness of all things.

We approach sustainability in a holistic manner, considering the social, cultural, and environmental aspects that make our community thrive and require all those that do business within our community to honor these principles for a sustainable future.

Example Requirements for Development

As members of the COAB we have certain requirements for developers undertaking work in our community to ensure sustainability and the well-being of residents.

These requirements include:

Ecological Responsibility: Developers must prioritize environmentally friendly practices throughout the entire project lifecycle. This includes minimizing the ecological footprint, preserving natural resources, and implementing sustainable construction techniques.

Community Engagement: Developers should actively engage with the community, seeking input and feedback throughout the planning and development process. This engagement should be inclusive, ensuring the voices of all residents, including groups that are often left out of the conversation (i.e. young people), are heard and considered.

Resident-Focused Approach: Developers must keep the well-being and needs of residents as the central focus of their projects. This involves considering the impact of the development on quality of life, access to amenities, and overall livability for current and future residents.

Local Employment and Training: Developers should prioritize hiring and training opportunities for local residents. This helps promote economic growth within the community and ensures that community members have access to job opportunities resulting from the development.

Affordable Housing: Developers must incorporate affordable housing options within their projects to address the needs of diverse income groups in the community. This helps promote equity and prevents displacement of long-term residents due to rising housing costs as amenities grow stronger in our community.

Infrastructure and Services: Developers should invest in the necessary infrastructure and services to support the community's needs. This includes provisions for reliable utilities, transportation networks, public spaces, and community facilities that enhance residents' quality of life and are in alignment with our Personality of Place.

Sustainable Design and Energy Efficiency: Developers must prioritize sustainable design principles and energy-efficient technologies in their projects. This includes using renewable energy sources, implementing green building practices, and incorporating energy-saving measures to reduce the environmental impact of the development so we do not experience another 20 years undeveloped brownfields.

Cultural Preservation: Developers should respect and preserve the cultural heritage and identity of the Park Hill and Algonquin communities. This involves incorporating design elements that reflect the local culture and history, as well as supporting initiatives that celebrate and protect cultural assets and the people that have contributed positively to our community and West Louisville.

Transparent Communication: Developers must maintain open and transparent communication with the community, providing regular updates on the progress of the project, addressing concerns, and actively seeking input and feedback.

Long-Term Maintenance and Management: Developers should ensure a plan for long-term maintenance and management of the developed infrastructure and amenities. This includes setting aside resources and implementing strategies to ensure ongoing upkeep and the continued benefit to the community so we do not experience failed projects and vacant and abandoned spaces.

By adhering to these requirements, all those doing business in our community, from Louisville Metro government to private developers and business, contribute to the sustainable development of our community, foster a positive relationship with residents, and create a thriving and inclusive environment for everyone.