

Welcome to the West End ... everyone's neighborhood.

Creating a pedestrian friendly neighborhood, experiencing a sense of community, preserving architectural treasures, ensuring diversity – all of these elements are part of a national obsession to find a place called “home”.

Although the West End's physical layout and exceptional architecture provides a backdrop for “home”, it is the people living here who have ultimately defined the West End – socially, economically, ethnically and politically diverse with vocal persuasiveness and community activism as common threads. We possess all the requisite components of a true neighborhood.

Long before Neighborhood Revitalization Zones were legislated, the West End Civic Association was carrying out its mission of maintaining the integrity of the neighborhood. From architectural and historic preservation to attempts at keeping business in the neighborhood, WECA has evolved into an issue – driven organization with a watchful eye on virtually all aspects of community life.

The NRZ process and this Plan, as it becomes implemented, will help make the West End a lively pedestrian neighborhood that continues to provide people of all ages, income levels, races, sexual orientation and cultures with a comfortable place to live, work, shop and play.