Welcome!

This workbook is meant to gather your ideas about the neighborhood so that they can inform and influence the design and planning efforts in the area.

Specifically, it will help architects, and planners understand how you see your neighborhood and how you’d like the style and character of the neighborhood to be represented in signs, banners, and artworks.

The results of the workbook will be collected and presented back to the community.

Here are some of the new initiatives that could use your input:

1. MLK MASTER PLAN
The MLK hospital is re-opening and the Office of Supervisor Mark-Ridley Thomas commissioned the firm Gensler to make a “master plan” for how the area around the hospital might develop in the future.

You can get more information about the plan here:

2. WILLOWBROOK BIKEWAY AND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS
On Willowbrook Ave, East 120th and 119th streets and Wilmington Ave, the street will get new tree plantings, signs, sidewalks, and street furniture like benches and rails to lean on. This will happen soon!

ACTION POINT:
What kind of signs and banners would you like? What kinds of sidewalk paving? Where do you think signs are most needed? What should the banners on the street look like?

3. FAITH AND HOPE PARK!
A new park is coming at the corner of 119th street and Mona. The park will have landscaping by Mia Lehrer Associates under the direction of community leaders and a decorative fence produced by a local artist.

ACTION POINT:
What kind of imagery would you like to see in the fence sculpture?

4. METRO STATION IMPROVEMENTS
The details aren’t yet clear but improvements to the Rosa Parks Metro Station are in the works!

LET’S GET STARTED!
Make an X in the general area where you live. Then, draw a line around your neighborhood.

What do you call your neighborhood?

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First, a little bit about yourself...

Here’s how I would describe myself in a sentence:

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On weekends I like to:

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Here are some of my favorite artists:
(musicians, writers, painters, dancers, photographers, dancers, etc.)

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I would consider myself as part of this group (mark any that apply, OPTIONAL)

- White
- Black
- Latino/a
- Asian
- Pacific Islander
- Native American

I have lived in Willowbrook for ______ years.

I am _________ years old.

I would place myself here on the economic ladder:

- High-Income
- Higher middle
- Lower middle
- Low-Income

Please mark the time that you first moved to the area on this timeline and add 3-4 major personal or neighborhood milestones. (exact dates are not necessary!)
On the next three pages there are photographs of things one might see in the neighborhood.

- **Circle** the things you’d like to see more of (only mark the ones you feel strongly about)

If you want to explain more about what you like or don’t like about an image, feel free to **make notes**
• **Circle** the things you’d like to see more of (only mark the ones you feel strongly about)

   - street signs
   - apartments
   - soccer
   - quads
   - parks
   - bus shelters
   - churches
   - metal benches
   - movie theaters
   - bbq/smoker
   - large institutions
   - shopping malls
   - donation box
   - big factory

**notes**

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If you were to describe your neighborhood in just a few words. What would they be?

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If Willowbrook had an official mascot it would be:

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If there were a poet (living or dead, from anywhere) to represent Willowbrook it would be:

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If Willowbrook had an official bird what would it be:

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The official sport of Willowbrook would be:

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The official musical act of Willowbrook would be:

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Wilmington Street is going to get a **neighborhood marker**. This will sit in the middle of a major street to mark the entrance and exit of the neighborhood.

Here are some examples from other places. And one proposal for monument signage developed through the MLK hospital master plan.

**ABOUT**

**WILLOWBROOK**

We’d like to figure out what the marker on Wilmington Avenue should look like and what it should say!

What should it say?

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Are there any colors that you think should be used to best to represent the area?

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Are there colors that should not be used?

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What symbols or images would you use?

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Do you have a specific idea for how the marker should look? Draw it here, to the right:

Marker would go here, in the median in the middle of the street.
What do you think about when you see this public art in Willowbrook?

What kind of public art would you like to see here? (describe or draw!)

MURAL AT WILLOWBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCULPTURE BY CLIFF GARTEN AT THE MLK CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

SCULPTURES BY JOE SAM AT THE ROSA PARKS METRO STATION
WHAT IS THIS?
It’s a survey about the way you see your neighborhood.

WHY SHOULD I FILL IT OUT?
because it will be easy, fun, and may help change the way that your neighborhood works in the future!

ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME?
~ 15 minutes

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY RESPONSES

• The responses gathered here will be made available to residents at Willowbrook’s public libraries and on the project billboard at Wilmington and 118th Street.

• They will also be collected in the publication “Willowbrook is...” which will be given to planners and artists producing projects for this area. It will help these professionals understand the neighborhood and be better servants of the community.

• If you wish to get text or phone updates about projects as they happen you can leave your contact information here.

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ABOUT THIS PROJECT

“Willowbrook is...” is an art initiative to identify the distinct cultural assets, artists, festivals and artworks that exist in Willowbrook. The project is coordinated by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and funded by the National Endowment for the Arts with support from the Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas.

For more information on other “Willowbrook is...” events and happenings in your neighborhood, please visit the Los Angeles County Arts Commission’s Civic Art Program Web site at lacountyarts.org. Click on “Active Projects” under “Civic Art” and keyword search “Willowbrook.”

Email civicart@arts.lacounty.gov with “Best of Willowbrook” in the subject line or call Rosten Woo, Artist, LA County Arts Commission, at 323.776.3532

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