



Code Advisory Group

15 December 2015

What has been accomplished so far?

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Listening &
Understanding
2013 – 2014

CODENEXT
SHAPING THE AUSTIN WE IMAGINE



Listening to the Community Report

INITIAL LISTENING PHASE | APRIL 4, 2014

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What We Heard

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How People Participated

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Addendum: Links to Data



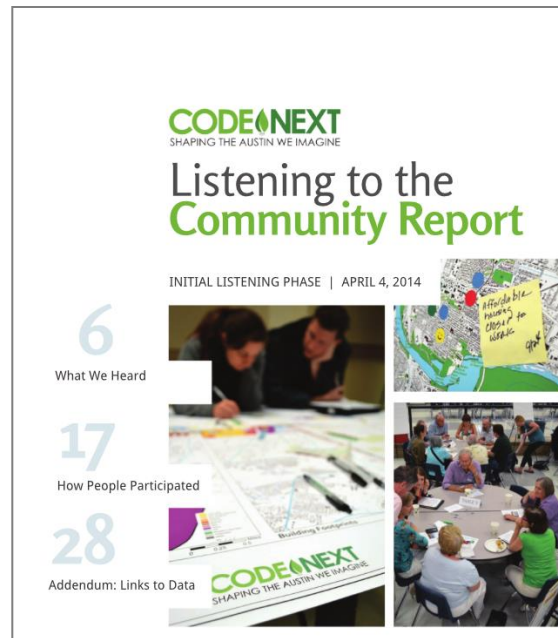
**Community
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MANUAL**
May 2014

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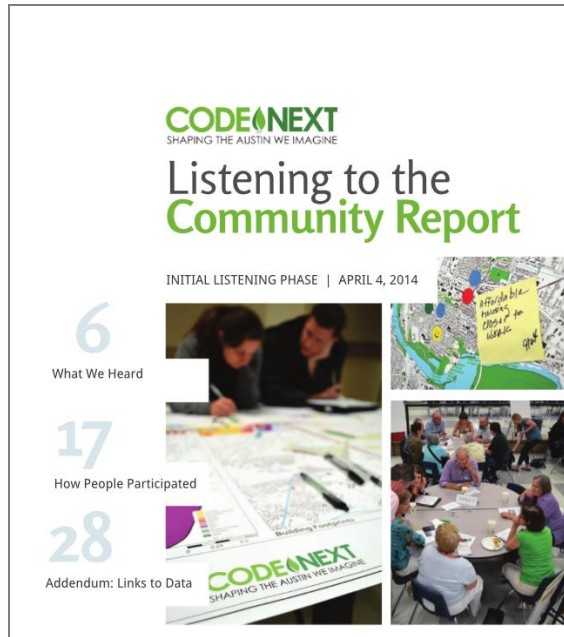
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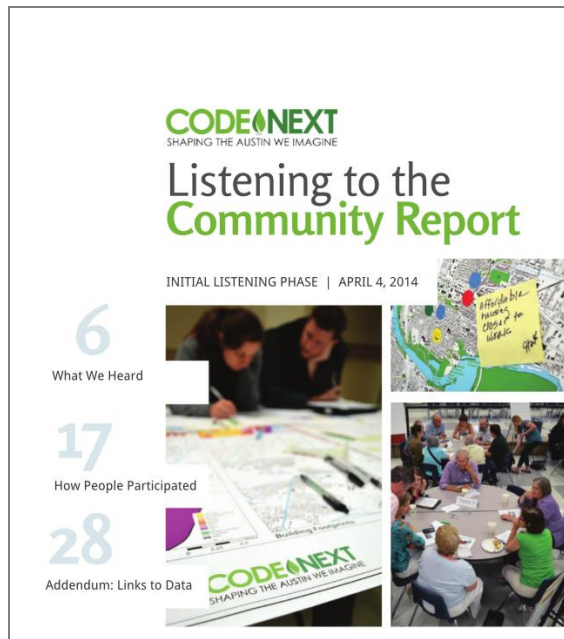
- Code Advisory Group.
- In-Depth interviews.
- Listening sessions.
- City Staff input.
- Small group meetings.
- Speakup! Austin



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Key Theme Categories:

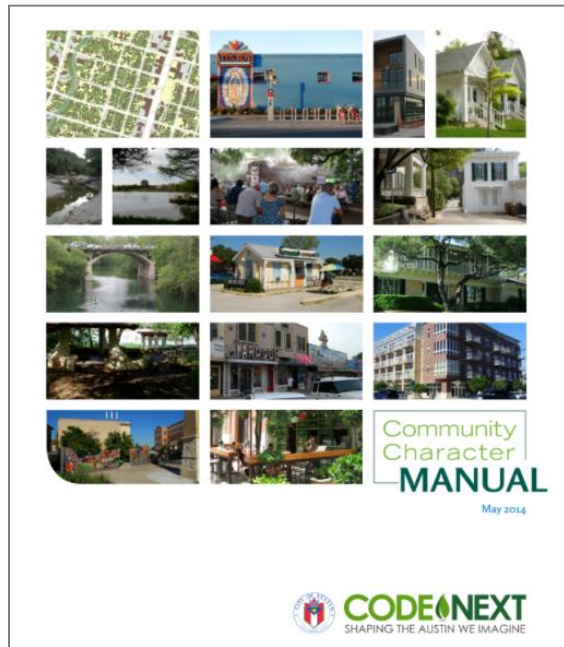
- Affordability.
- Environment/Open Space.
- Neighborhood Characteristics.
- Design of Development.
- Transportation.
- Code Issues.



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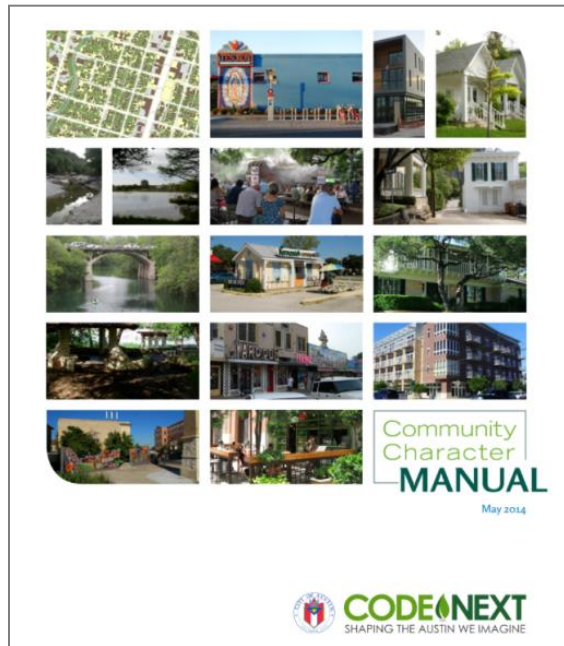
The main functions of the CCM are to:

- Give the CodeNEXT team an understanding of the range of different types of places and their components.
- Enable community members to assist the team in understanding their neighborhoods.
- Help the CodeNEXT team to understand the types of zoning tools that could be considered based on place-specific character and patterns.



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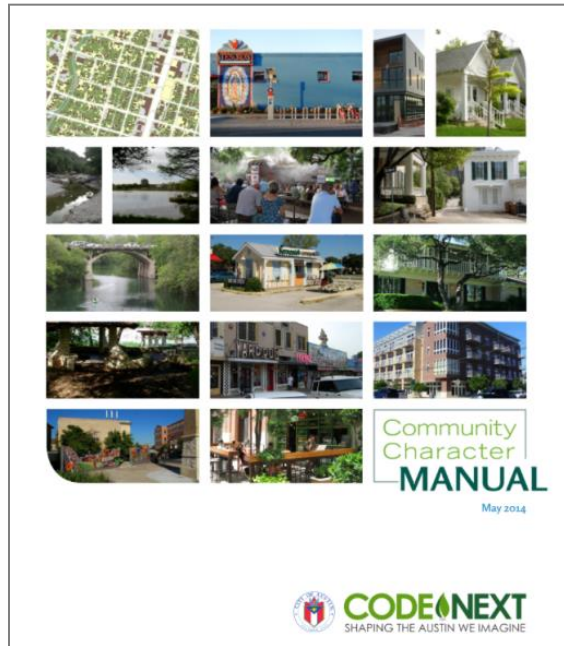
“The compilation of this material does not mean that change will or will not happen within any given area. Instead, it provides an understanding of the current character of each place and the components of that character to enable informed discussions about whether or not change is desired, and what aspects of the current character the community wants to protect.”



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Types of places include:

- Walkable Urban.
- Transitional Urban/Suburban
- Drivable Suburban

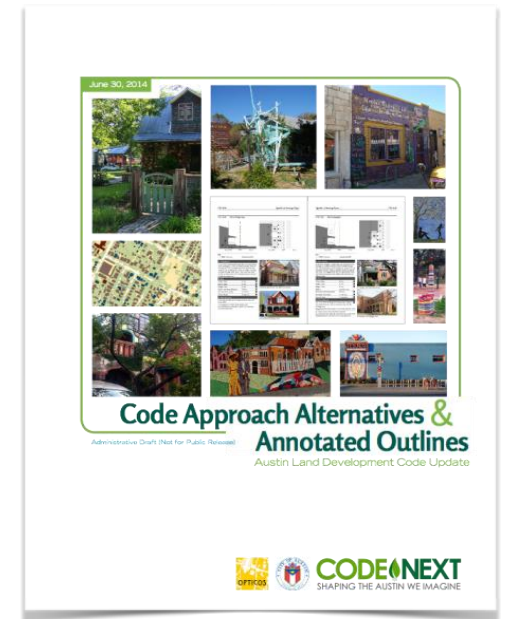


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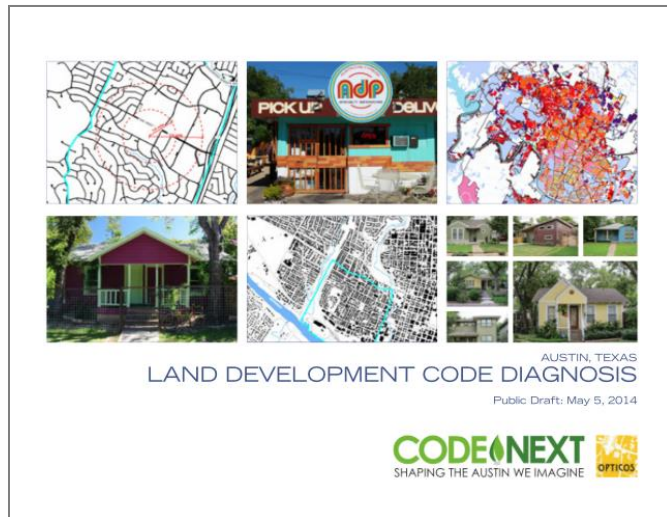
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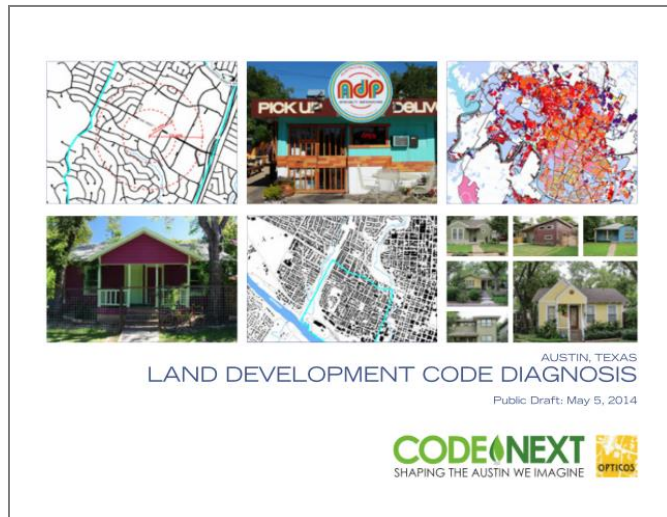
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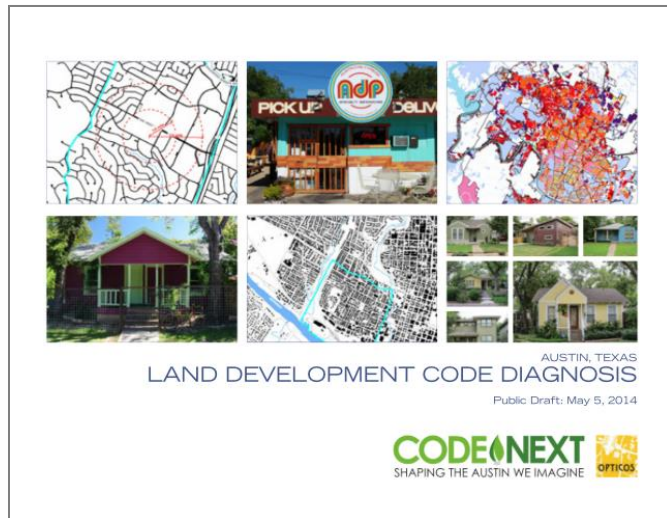
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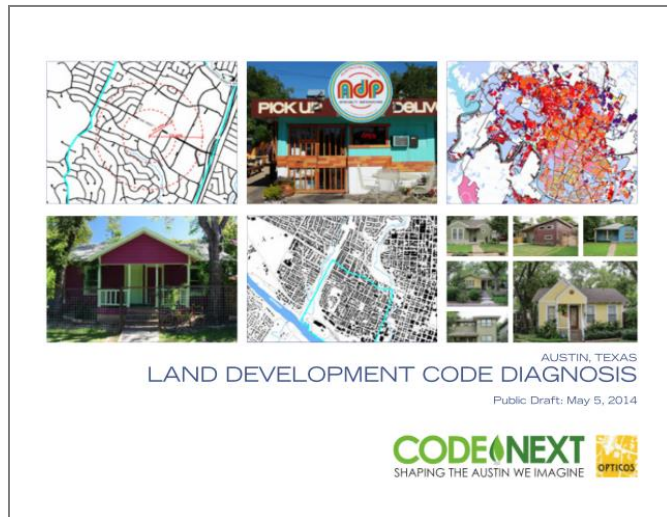
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“Austin’s base zoning districts are ineffective because they apply the same development regulations to vastly different types of places.”

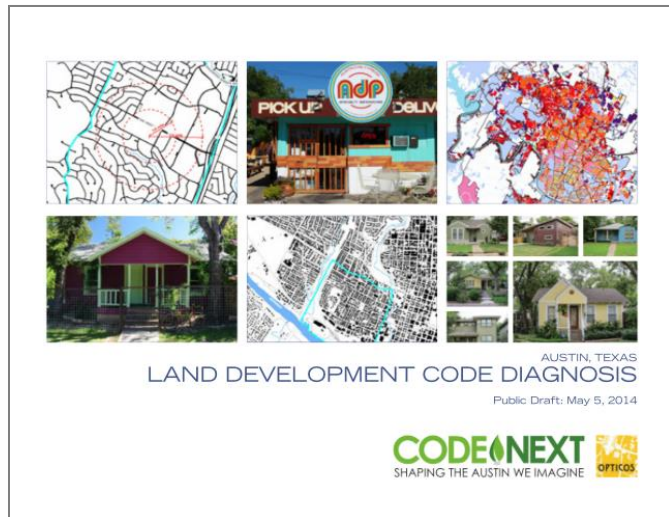


“Context-Sensitive Approach to Zoning”

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4. Lack of Household Affordability and Choice

“Austin’s current efforts at meeting the demands of household affordability are not keeping pace with the growing need.”



- Household location tuned to availability of mobility choice (Compact and Connected).
- Missing Middle Housing

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5. Auto-Centric Code

“The LDC is centered around the automobile and is compromising the character of Austin’s communities and not achieving the goals of Imagine Austin.”



AUSTIN, TEXAS
LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE DIAGNOSIS

Public Draft: May 5, 2014



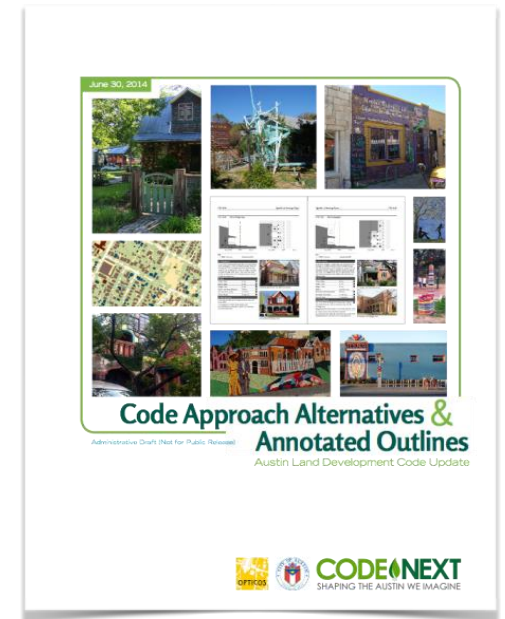
- Revisit the influence of parking on new development and communities.
- Blend Austin’s Complete Streets Policy into the LDC.

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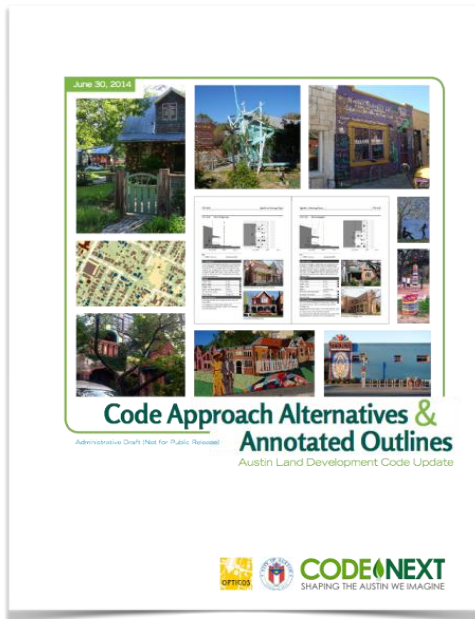
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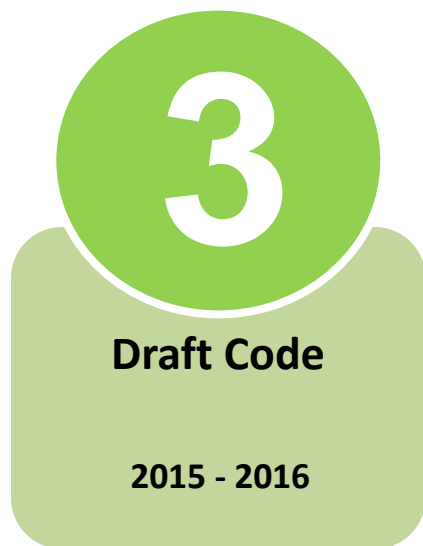
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City Council Direction:

- Rewrite the code extensively wherever appropriate.
- Rewrite to include strong focus on green infrastructure and sustainable water resources.
- Include as many by-right development opportunities as deemed appropriate.
- Apply form-based code.



Where are we?



Administrative (City Staff Only) Review Draft: May 2016

Public Review Draft: Fall 2016

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**Review and
Adoption**
2016 - 2017

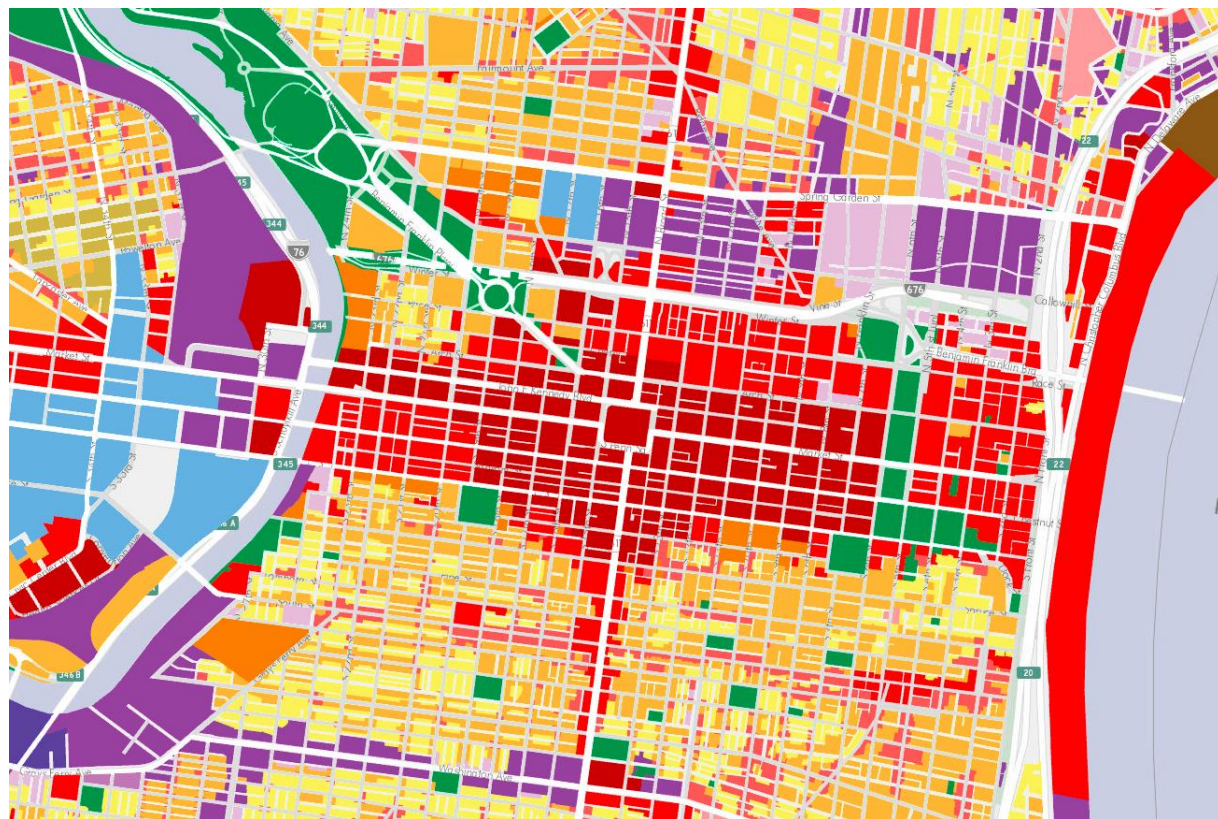


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Mapping

2017 - ??





Code Workshop: Sound Check

November 16-21