



**CHINATOWN
NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN**

華埠附鄰地區計劃

*Including
Callowhill Neighborhood*

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華埠和卡羅山(Callowhill)附鄰地區計劃是市長John F. Street 啓動的費城31個鄰舍轉化主動性計劃的一部分。北華埠是3個由特拉華河谷規劃局(DVRPC)主持，費城規劃協局合作，和威廉 佩恩(William Penn) 基金提供經費的鄰舍轉化主動性計劃的其中之一。

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亞裔美國人聯合會董事長Ellen Somekawa
卡羅山鄰舍協會會長Amy Hooper 和副會長 Sarah McEneaney
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The Neighborhood Plan for Chinatown and Callowhill was undertaken in response to Mayor John F. Street's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative, which identified 31 neighborhoods in Philadelphia where a comprehensive planning process would direct future investments. Chinatown North was designated as an NTI neighborhood and is one of three neighborhoods in Philadelphia where the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) directed the preparation of a comprehensive plan, with financial assistance from the William Penn Foundation, and in partnership with the Philadelphia City Planning Commission.

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Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation, John Chin, Executive Director
Asian Americans United, Ellen Somekawa, Executive Director
Callowhill Neighborhood Association, Amy Hooper, President and Sarah McEneaney, Vice President
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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Chinatown Neighborhood Plan was completed in close cooperation with a neighborhood based Task Force that included the principal stakeholders in the area. Key participants included:

- Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation
- Callowhill Neighborhood Association
- Asian Americans United
- Center City District
- Asian Arts Initiative
- Chinese American Women's Sisterhood Society of Philadelphia
- City of Philadelphia Engine #20
- Chinese Christian Church & Center
- Holy Redeemer Church
- Chinatown Learning Center
- Chinese Benevolent Association
- Chinese Gospel Church
- Fujian Association of Philadelphia
- Greater Philadelphia United Chinese American Chamber of Commerce
- Pennsylvania Chinese Senior Citizen Association
- Philadelphia Police Department 6th District
- Reading Viaduct Project

Wilson Associates and DVRPC held community interviews with key community, governmental and institutional stakeholders throughout the Fall 2002 to identify major community issues and form a Task Force committee for the Chinatown Plan. In January 2003, DVRPC selected a team led by Kise Straw & Kolodner (KSK) to create the neighborhood strategic plan for Chinatown. PCDC along with Wilson Associates oversaw the extensive community outreach element of the planning process. The first Task Force meeting was held on June 11th, 2003 at PCDC's office to identify key issues and assess the background information KSK had collected to date. As a way to identify key issues, KSK distributed disposable cameras to the Task Force members for photographing their community and describing places and issues that are critical to them and their organization. At the public Visioning Workshop on July 23rd, 2003, KSK presented the photographs to the crowd of over 50 people who attended the workshop. Afterwards, the meeting broke into groups focused on Transportation, Open Space, Housing and Community Development, and Economic Development to collect specific comments on each topic.

This workshop was the first public meeting of four conducted during the plan. The Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation played a major role in coordinating, publicizing, and providing the translation for three of the meetings. Powerpoint presentations and summary documents were also translated for the public.

In September 2003, the Opportunities and Constraints Report was distributed to the Task

Force and presented in a public meeting. The Task Force met in November 2003 to respond to the draft report and a list of preliminary recommendations. KSK incorporated the Task Force comments, and in January 2004, completed a Draft Plan that included a summary in Chinese.

The Task Force provided comments on the Draft Plan at their third meeting in February 2004. KSK and Wilson Associates reviewed the Draft Plan with the public at two meetings, one in Callowhill and one in Chinatown. In addition to these meetings, stakeholder interviews were conducted and all of the comments were addressed.

By June 2004, KSK completed a draft Implementation Plan that details projects to be completed over the next five to seven years. It quantifies the cost of the project, establishes parties responsible for initiating the project, and the funding source for the project. The Task Force met for the fourth and final time to approve and comment on the Final Plan and the Implementation Plan. The Task Force approved the plan, and all of the members acknowledged that they played a role in shaping the outcome of the plan. The draft document was distributed to the Task Force and the Philadelphia Planning Commission for their final review, and all agencies, key stakeholders, and citizens' comments were received and incorporated by October 2004.

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