



2020 by the numbers



Promoting Equity

Began to bring communities into the planning process that had historically been omitted.



Engaged employees to identify and address instances of systemic racism past and present.

Secured funding for a pilot project to survey historic and cultural resources at a neighborhood level



Recruited small and minority contractors for home improvement contracts



Responding to COVID

Emergency Rental Assistance

9,086 households
\$41.8 million

While working remotely

2,607 Permits processed
767 Appeals processed
850+ cases heard by ZBA
89 Bills written or reviewed
50 Civic Design project reviews

Connected developers with government agencies to keep projects moving



Investing in Communities

- Worked with community to design traffic safety and public space improvements at Broad/Germantown/Erie

- Began computer modeling study to use public land in Eastwick to mitigate flooding

- Capital improvements to support Central Germantown business district

Land Care program:

12,920 parcels cared for

104

Community garden agreements signed

24 Returning citizens placed in permanent employment



Planning and Zoning

Launched Zoning Summary App that shows by-right options for every property in Philadelphia



52 properties added to Philadelphia Historic Register

Provided best practices to help RCOs hold remote community meetings



Supporting Housing for All Income Levels

370 evictions diverted

3,799 homes preserved through repair programs

Produced/Preserved:

489 affordable homes

742 homes under construction

Launched a "Housing Helper" app that lists all programs a resident might be eligible for



21 new affordable homes and **\$3.5+ million** contributed through Mixed Income Housing Bonus projects



1,895

Philly First Home first-time homebuyer grants

\$9,028 average grant



Supporting Development

36 Osage/Pine homes rehabbed by minority developer into workforce housing

34 construction projects worth **\$27.5 million** bid, managed and/or completed by PHDC

9 RFPs will produce **350+** homes on city-owned land

600+ Requests for help with residential, retail and commercial development answered

Our 2021 goals

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all Philadelphians, but particularly the most vulnerable. The once-hidden challenges many of our neighbors face are now there for all to see.

In 2021 we must do more than recover. To go beyond recovery the Department of Planning and Development will:

- promote equity and inclusion
- support our most vulnerable residents
- increase access to and the efficiency of its programs

Promote Equity and Inclusion

Led by the City Planning Commission, DPD will create an outreach strategy to engage residents and communities who have been ignored in past planning efforts.

DPD and the Philadelphia Historical Commission will begin a process to identify, document, and preserve historic and cultural resources citywide, especially in neighborhoods outside of traditional historic areas and explore new means to recognize that history.

DPD's Division of Development Services will promote the City's inclusive growth goals by connecting available resources to projects that support neighborhood-based job creation.

Support our Most Vulnerable Residents

PHDC will distribute nearly \$100 million in rental and utility assistance to residents affected by the COVID pandemic.

The Division of Housing and Community Development's foreclosure and eviction prevention programs will help keep residents in their homes and prevent homelessness.

DPD and PHDC will continue to produce new affordable homes and preserve existing ones.

PHDC will leverage vacant land to support affordable housing, community open space and business expansion.

Increase Access and Efficiency

DPD will improve the efficiency and transparency of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to support the creation of new jobs and homes.

DPD will enable more residents to apply to its programs remotely through smart phone-compatible online applications.

DPD will collaborate with partner agencies to support economic development with streamlined electronic review and approval processes.