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Lauderhill groups to discuss U.S. 441

Residents, property owners, business leaders and the elected officials from the city of Lauderhill are scheduled to meet with regional planners and urban designers Saturday to consider new development along the portion of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 that runs through the city.

The South Florida Regional Planning Council said its designers and planners, along with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's Urban Design Studio, will be in Lauderhill March 6-12. The groups said they will then incorporate ideas with the plans from other communities into a master plan to guide road redevelopment.

Formalized in 2001, the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative includes 14 local governments along the 25.6-mile State Road 7 corridor in Broward County.

In October, the Collaborative began developing its master plan. The groups credited their efforts to U.S. Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fort Lauderdale, who, they said, secured \$1.9 million in funding for the project with the support of the South Florida Congressional Delegation.

Carolyn A. Dekle, executive director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council, said the process is a great example of how communities working together can position themselves and the region to access federal funding for important initiatives.

"We believe that the Collaborative is an important national model that illustrates how to achieve success while undertaking and implementing a consensus-based, economic development and community revitalization initiative," she said.

Ilene Lieberman, Broward County mayor and vice-chair of the South Florida Regional Planning Council, said she hopes Lauderhill residents will participate in redevelopment planning.

"The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative is a great success story in Broward County and the region," she said. "It is a shining example of how much can be accomplished when cities work with each other and the county in an atmosphere of trust, partnership and collaboration to bring about positive and lasting change."

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