Larimer/East Liberty Park
Allegheny County/City of Pittsburgh, Larimer & East Liberty

The Larimer/East Liberty Park and Open Space system ("Larimer/East Liberty Park") will be located in two of Pittsburgh’s East End neighborhoods, East Liberty and Larimer.

The proposed Larimer/East Liberty Park is approximately 25 acres and spans from Stanton Street and Larimer Avenue to the northern corner of the Larimer Neighborhood at Orphan Street and Larimer Avenue. The Park will serve 4,177 residents who live within a five-minute walk.

The park will include both urban neighborhood park conditions, as well as a more natural greenway that complements the woods, historic stream valley, and steep slope at the edge of the neighborhood. It is proposed that the park system span to the edge of Highland Park which would connect Larimer and East Liberty residents to the regional park system through a network of multi-use trails.

Phase 1: A new signature 3-acre park at Stanton Street and Larimer Avenue is a fundamental element of the overall Larimer Choice Neighborhoods redevelopment. This new park will serve both existing residents, as well as the 334-unit, mixed-income rental housing development now under construction. The Phase 1 neighborhood park will include a new public plaza, passive open space, an extensive play area, and terrace bioswales to manage stormwater.

Project Details:

Total Ph. 1 Project Cost $6.5M
The Housing Plan consists of 334 units of high quality, forward looking, mixed-income housing and will be built in four phases over the next 4 years.

1. Phase I was completed in 2016. This phase consisted of 85 units in 18 buildings.
2. Phase II will begin October 2017 and will consist of 150 units.
3. Phases III & IV will complete the final 99 units in 2020.
4. The housing will be built to Green Enterprise Community standards and feature a range of building configurations and bedroom sizes.

The Neighborhood Plan consists of Six Critical Community Initiatives:

1. Park Development
2. Homeowners Assistance Program
3. Green Infrastructure
4. St. Peter and Paul Church
5. Job Creation via Real Estate Development
6. For-Sale Homes Strategy

The People Plan/Resident Support Services consists of the following programs:

- Case Management Activities
- Wellness Support and Health Promotion Activities
- Workforce Development Services
- Customized Training and Flexible Career Pathways
- Early Childhood Services
- School and Community Connections
- Ready Students for The Pittsburgh Promise
- Mobility Support Services

**Choice Neighborhood Initiative** is a $30M award from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to revitalize the Larimer/East Liberty Neighborhood. Revitalization will include:

- 334 new housing units
- Large neighborhood improvements
- Residents’ quality of life improvements

Stakeholders created a $401M transformation plan called the **Vision-to-Action Plan**, which has a goal of a “21st Century Green Neighborhood that Works.” It involves a comprehensive effort to address the neighborhood, housing, and people needs of the disinvested and impoverished Larimer community.

The URA manages the Neighborhood Plan and the Critical Community Initiatives. The Housing Authority and the City of Pittsburgh are Co-Grantees. McCormack Baron Salazar and Allies at Ross Management and Development Corporation are the developers. Urban Strategies is the People lead.
The Larimer Homeowner Residential Façade Program provides grants to Larimer homeowners to assist them in beautifying their properties and with basic maintenance. This grant allows existing residents to update their homes to reflect the look and feel of the Choice Neighborhoods development within their community.

70 homeowners have applied for the program.

Grants are up to $20,000 per house.

Happy Homeowners!

To date:

25 grants have closed and are under construction or completed.

30 more houses are currently in the bidding process or will be scheduled for inspection.