

## **Old Sixth Ward Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 20-Year Accomplishments Timeline**

Created in 1998 by Houston City Council at the request of the Old Sixth Ward Neighborhood Association and property-owner petitioners, the Old Sixth Ward TIRZ contains the boundaries of Houston's Old Sixth Ward. The area covers approximately 94 acres of land immediately west of downtown Houston. The organization works to support historic preservation, improvements and market-rate and affordable housing in the zone.

### **2001**

Provided funding for an affordable housing complex, the Washington Courtyards.

### **2004**

Funded the purchase of the historic 1912 Dow School to be retained as a community hub, park and multi-cultural center that is home to the arts nonprofit MECA.

### **2006**

Rehabilitated public and private sewer lines within the zone.

### **2009-2011**

Installed period historically consistent street lights throughout the zone on existing CenterPoint poles.

### **2009-2011**

Installed 4.4 miles of new brick-paver sidewalks and accessibility ramps around the community.

### **2010-2011**

Implemented phase 1A of Substitute Sanitary Sewer Program

### **2011**

Created and installed historic district street and wayfinding signs and period concrete intersection markers.

### **2011-2012**

Implemented phase 2A of Substitute Sanitary Sewer Program

### **2012**

Contributed financial support for construction of Memorial Silver Park—an oak-tree draped sliver of land located between North Memorial Way and Memorial Drive—in partnership with Leadership Houston.

### **2011-2012**

Commissioned the Washington Avenue Livable Centers Study in conjunction with the City of Houston and Better Houston. Funded an urban-plan design for the development and public realm aesthetics of Washington Avenue and the adjacent major streets within the zone.

### **2012**

Implemented phase 1B of Substitute Sanitary Sewer Program

**2014-2015**

Commissioned an urban-planning “Complete Street” design for the section of Sawyer Street stretching between Washington Avenue and Crockett Street.

**2016**

Completed The Park for Humans and Dogs, which includes the restored Witch’s Hat turret-turned-gazebo cupola. Preservationists salvaged the iconic turret from the demolished 1899 Allen Paul House from Houston’s historic South End—now Midtown;

**2016-2017**

Commissioned an urban-planning design for the section of Washington Avenue between Sawyer Street and Houston Avenue to further develop the TIRZ’s long-term policy.

**2016-2018**

Implemented a multi-year tree planting program in partnership with the Old Sixth Ward Garden Club.

**2015-2019**

Implemented phase 2B of Substitute Sanitary Sewer Program

**2018-2019**

Restored the century-old bricks and curbing of Sabine Street, one of Houston’s few remaining original brick streets, and rebuilt the road and underground infrastructure.

For more information about the Old Sixth Ward TIRZ, visit [www.old6wardtirz.org](http://www.old6wardtirz.org)