

S E N D O

Committed to improving the South End through community development strategies

South End New Development Organization
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Dear SENDO member

Building on the success of the ongoing partnership between the South End New Development Organization and the University of Illinois, students from the East St. Louis Neighborhood Design Studio will be working with SENDO members over the coming months to finalize a neighborhood plan. Your continued involvement and input is highly valuable to the success of this endeavor.

To further meet the goal of our organization to improve the quality of life in the South End Neighborhood, representatives from the architecture, landscape architecture and urban planning departments will expand on the current neighborhood plan. Through a series of meetings, students and community members will discuss new input, evaluate goals, and develop a finalized plan for future approval by the City of East St. Louis. Topics to be addressed will include streetscapes and infrastructure, parks and open space, community safety, services, commercial revitalization and housing development. The finalized plan will include incremental projects and an implementation strategy with a phasing plan.

Meeting Times and Location

Dates: The first Wednesday of the month
Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Location: True Light Baptist Church, 1535 Tudor Avenue

(Students will also be working on neighborhood improvement projects in the neighborhood on March 14th-15th, and April 11th –12th)

Participants in these meetings will have the opportunity to share ideas and suggestions for developing the implementation strategy. You are encouraged to invite neighbors, family, businesspersons and community leaders to contribute to this important process. Childcare and transportation can be provided. Individuals in need of transportation are encouraged to contact Billie Turner of the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Center at 271-9605.

Sincerely,

Ms. Fern Watts, President, South End New Development Organization