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Sea Grant
Coastal Community Development
Extension Delegation

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http://urban-nature.org/SeaGrantCoastalCommunityDevelopmentHomePage.htm
The Charrette Process:
A better way to design community plans
How can we make it easier to build better communities?

- Good community involvement processes, such as Charrettes, help get visions built.
The Charrette turns planning into a community building event
Why do Charrettes work?

Participants work in a series of short feedback loops:

1. Concepts
2. Alternatives
3. Refinement
4. Plan

Each step is followed by a public review.
Coastal CHARM
Community Health and Resource Management
Ensemble/HCC Tomorrow

Building Houston’s Competitive Edge
Transit-oriented strategies
For a Midtown rail station

U.S. EPA Smart Growth Implementation Assistance
With:
Charlier Associates
Strategic Economics
Van Meter Williams Pollock
Aransas County
Quality of Life Survey
First Approximation
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Texas Sea Grant and Texas Cooperative Extension
Aransas County needs growth in order to prosper
City and county government should play a role in guiding the character of future growth
Citizens and citizen groups should play a role in guiding the character of future growth.
Natural areas, such as oak motts, floodplains, wetlands, and prairies are important to the economy of Aransas County.
There are already enough natural areas preserved in Aransas County to ensure my grandchildren enjoy the same natural environment as I do.
I will be willing to endure a slight increase in taxes to preserve important remaining natural areas.
I like the small town feel of downtown Rockport and Fulton
I would like to be able to drive less and walk more
I would be willing to give up some yard space in return for more walkable neighborhood and closer proximity to shops and retail.
Where to from here?

• Focus on “Collaborative Democracy”
• Bridges to non-traditional departments
  urban planning, parks/tourism/rec,
  architecture, civil engineering
• Coastal Hazards-Resilient Cities
• An Urban Grant?