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TO: Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC)

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SUBJECT: Typology of Change in Suburban Neighborhoods – Project Update

The Typology of Change in Suburban Neighborhoods Project (Neighborhoods Project) was presented to the Land Use Advisory Committee in March and July of this year. As a reminder, this study examines how the demographic, built environment, and housing market characteristics of small areas in suburban communities changed in the seven-county metropolitan area. It classifies the type of changes these areas experienced between 2000 and 2015 to help inform local planners about the changing needs of various parts of their communities.

At the LUAC meeting on September 20th, staff will provide a brief update from several focus group meetings held in August with representatives of the development community and representatives from local community and economic development staff. The purpose of the focus groups are to ground truth the results of the study, make adjustments, and gather feedback on how participants see value in the research and what technical assistance resources they suggest to develop.