



Memo

To: Cranston City Plan Commission
From: Beth Ashman, AICP – Planning Director
Date: July 7, 2026
Re: **Planning Director's Report**

Wards 2 & 3 Tree Committee – Initial Meeting July 14. 5:45 to 7 pm

Cranston YMCA, 1225 Park Ave.

Wards 2 & 3 are particularly in need of more tree canopy. The Green Infrastructure Center and the City are reaching out to residents to identify potential tree planting locations.

Mixed Use Centers and Corridors Project

The June 18 Community Forum was well attended, particularly by Edgewood residents. We want to create a form to invite additional feedback from the community.

Link to [Existing Conditions Report](#)

Link to [Presentation Slides](#)

Link to [Feedback Form](#)

Project Updates

[RWU Knightsville Zoning Study and Recommendations](#) are shared on the Planning Department website.

[Cranston's Main Street Learning Cohort](#) participated in an all-day workshop June 30 on Placemaking and Transformation Strategies. We continue to invite participation from business owners and neighbors in the three Main Street districts: Rolfe Square, Knightsville, and Broad Street. Please encourage people to reach out to the Planning Department if they are interested.

[Flood Plain Acquisitions](#) are proceeding. The City has bought out 5 homes with repetitive flood losses. This program is 100% reimbursed by FEMA.