

COMMUNITY ACTION TASK FORCE

HEALTHY DISTRICT OVERLAY

MAIN STREET + ALBANY AVENUE | NORTH HARTFORD



WHAT IS A HEALTHY DISTRICT OVERLAY?

An overlay adds health-promoting standards to existing zoning rules. The CATF and Dr. Cooksey Stowers propose applying these standards to development in the Arrowhead Gateway so land use, retail development, transportation, and investment advance health equity.

5 POLICY COMMITMENTS

The five commitments organize nine proposed elements for a Healthy District Overlay.

1

ENFORCE HEALTHY FOOD STANDARDS

Implement **Hartford's Staple Food Requirements** for minimum stocking standards of healthy food in corner stores, bodegas, and small food retailers. Strengthen implementation and enforcement in existing stores, revisit produce requirements, and provide technical assistance and start-up resources.

2

LIMIT HEALTH HARMING RETAIL CONCENTRATION

Set **density limits and spacing rules for health restricting retailers** such as discount stores, fast food restaurants, liquor stores, and smoke shops, especially near schools and where these businesses are already concentrated.

3

INVEST IN A HEALTHY LOCAL ECONOMY

Expand **wealth building opportunities** for minority owned food businesses through farmers markets, pop ups, and mobile markets. Incentivize supermarkets and healthy retailers with flexible financing and operating support.

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TRANSIT-ORIENTED DESIGN

Prioritize **Complete Streets** that make it safer and easier to walk, bike, and access public transit. Expand greenspace, improve pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure to create more connected, accessible neighborhoods.

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BUILD A CONNECTED, JUST & INCLUSIVE DISTRICT

Center **racial equity and resident voices** in zoning and planning decisions to create a more just, inclusive, and accountable Hartford.

THE COMMUNITY STANDARD

Resident health and racial equity should be **CORE REQUIREMENTS** not afterthoughts in every decision about the Arrowhead Gateway development.

SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Join CATF's monthly community convenings and help advance the full proposal. For any questions regarding the overlay district proposal, please contact kristen.cookey@uconn.edu



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