

Livability

Thrive Literature Review Overview

What is Livability? When and where all Central Floridians live in healthy, safe, sustainable, vibrant, and connected communities.

What is it characterized by? Equal access to quality housing; green spaces; arts and culture; clean environments; effective public safety; and infrastructure that supports health, mobility, and human connection.

Critical Issues in Central Florida

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| Public Safety | Housing | Climate Challenges |
| Transportation | Public Recreation | Arts & Culture Infrastructure |

Strategic Priorities & Interventions

- 1. Expanding Affordable Housing & Preventing Displacement:** Establish Preservation Compact saving 15% of assisted housing at risk of expiration by a certain date with new subsidies and rehabilitation funds; pilot mixed-income developments (modeled on Houston's Robins Landing) with climate resilience features relevant to CF; promote Community Land Trusts in Parramore, Pine Hills, Eatonville for permanent affordability.
- 2. Implementing Complete Streets & Vision Zero:** Fund ten "Complete Streets"-style pilots in underserved neighborhoods (community walk audits identifying dangerous intersections, then adding sidewalks, crosswalks, traffic calming, bike lanes); adopt Vision Zero lowering arterial speeds from, say, 45 *mph* to 35 *mph*; implement road diets and automated enforcement.
- 3. Climate Resilience Hubs:** Co-design three pilot hubs in historically disinvested neighborhoods; implement infrastructure upgrades (solar+battery, resilient communications, water, cooling/heating); integrate into hazard mitigation plans; secure FEMA/DOE/HUD grants; build year-round programming (cultural events, health screenings, food distribution) and community disaster protocols.
- 4. Expanding Park Access & Community Programming:** Map and eliminate park deserts; prioritize five to seven locations for new park development through participatory design; invest \$5-10M upgrading existing parks in low-income communities (playgrounds, sports facilities, trails, lighting); partner with Parks & Rec and community organizations programming free activities (fitness, sports, movies, festivals, arts).
- 5. Arts & Culture Passes:** Create an integrated discount card (like NYC's Culture Pass!) providing free/reduced admission to 20+ museums, theaters, galleries, historical sites; distribute through libraries, schools, social service agencies.