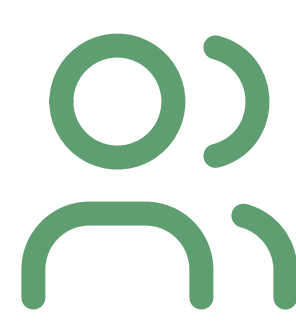


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What is a Neighborhood Conservation District?

A **Neighborhood Conservation District** is a resident-driven zoning tool that helps preserve the character and appearance of established neighborhoods. These districts are intended for older neighborhoods, generally 35 years or more, that share a recognizable identity that residents want to preserve.



Resident-Driven

Neighborhood residents decide whether to pursue an NCD.



Established Neighborhoods

Generally 35 years or older, with a recognizable, distinctive identity.



Preserves Character

Protects neighborhood building pattern, streetscape, and mature landscaping.

How is a Neighborhood Conservation District created?

1

Resident Petition

Neighborhood property owners petition the City to begin the process.

2

Conservation Plan

Residents develop a neighborhood conservation plan for the district.

3

Review & Adoption

The City reviews the plan and considers the district for adoption.

What a Neighborhood Conservation District Can & Cannot Regulate

✓ Can Regulate



Building Additions

Additions that expand a home's footprint.



Exterior Alterations

Visible changes to building exteriors.



Landscaping & Screening

Plantings, fences, and screening.



Driveways & Parking

Driveway placement and surfacing.



Architectural Details

Aesthetic and design elements.

✗ Cannot Regulate



Permitted Land Uses

Cannot change the land uses allowed by the base zoning.



Routine Maintenance

Everyday repairs and upkeep.



Demolition

Removal of existing structures.



Building Interiors

Interior work that does not affect the exterior appearance of a building.



Consistent building patterns and setbacks give a neighborhood its character.
(Source: Homes.com)



Mature trees and landscaping help define an established streetscape.
(Source: Homes.com)



Distinctive architectural features help to reinforce a neighborhood's identity.
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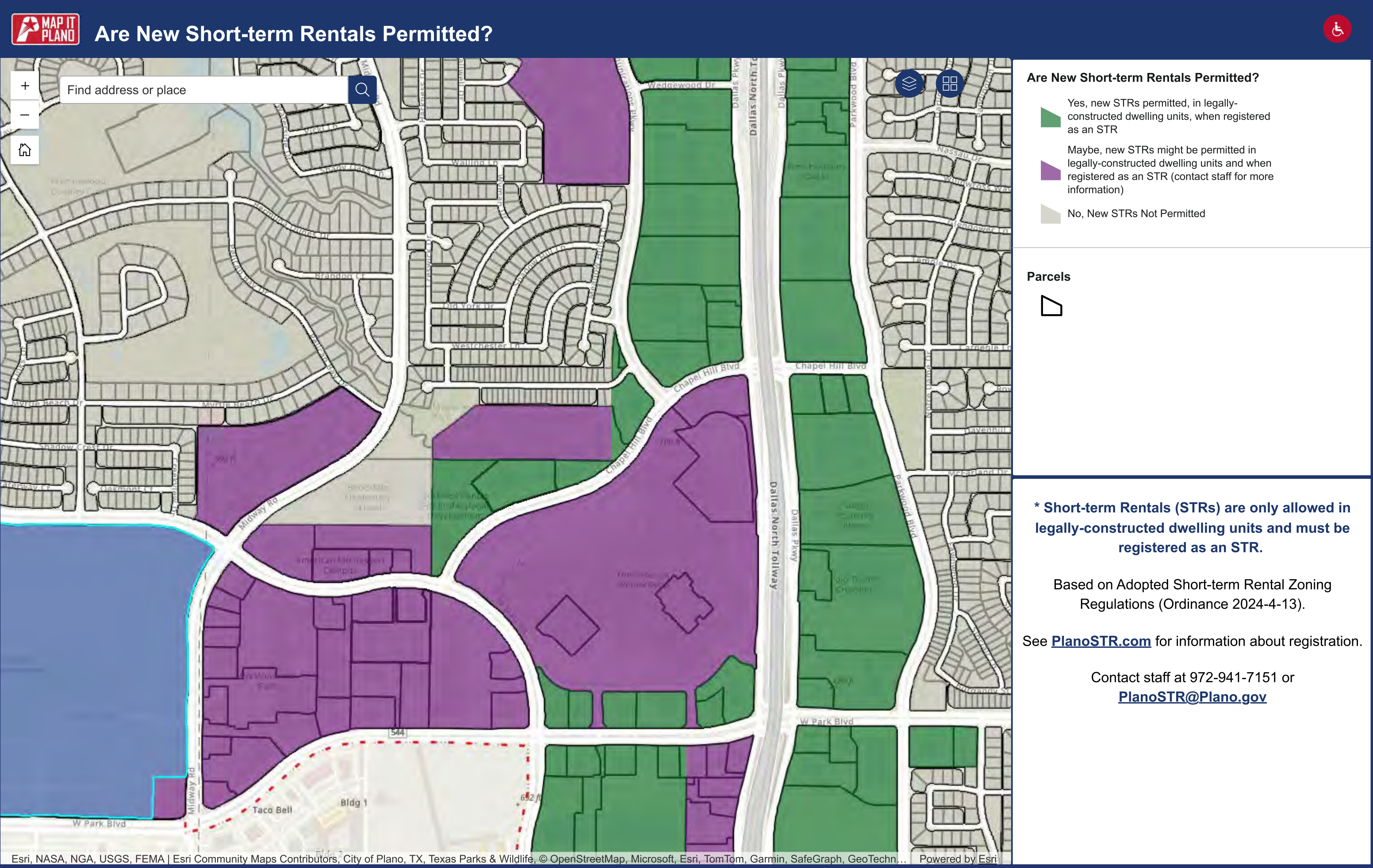
What other programs and tools strengthen neighborhoods?

Beyond Neighborhood Conservation Districts, the City partners with residents through grants, regulations, and engagement programs that support beautification, community identity, public safety, and resident involvement.

Short-Term Rentals

Plano limits where new short-term rentals can operate. Since April 2024:

- » New short-term rentals are generally prohibited in single-family residential districts.
- » All short-term rentals must be registered with the City.
- » The City monitors rental platforms and investigates violations.
- » Unregistered or prohibited rentals may face enforcement action.



The City’s Short-Term Rental Registration Program webpage contains numerous resources for residents, including a map to show whether short-term rentals are permitted in your zoning district.



Neighborhood Engagement

Strong neighborhoods begin with engaged residents. Programs offered through Neighborhood Services:

-  **Block Party Resources**
Support and supplies for neighborhood events.
-  **Engagement Mini-Grants**
Small grants for resident-led activities.
-  **Leadership Training**
Training for neighborhood leaders.
-  **HOA Education Resources**
Guidance for homeowner associations.
-  **Annual Neighborhood Summit**
A citywide gathering of neighborhoods.

\$20,000

Maximum Matching Award

Neighborhood Vitality & Beautification Grant

A matching grant that helps neighborhood groups fund community-driven projects that improve appearance, identity, and pride.

 Landscaping Improvements

 Entryway Signage

 Irrigation & Beautification

 Screening Wall Improvements

 Neighborhood Sign Toppers

 Decorative Lighting



A grant-funded entryway planting and monument upgrade.



Neighborhood leaders connect at the annual summit.



Residents gather at a City-supported event in their neighborhood.



Grant-funded promotional signage for a National Night Out neighborhood event.