

JOPPA

Dallas Habitat Neighborhood Profile



Joppa (pronounced joppy) neighborhood sits just north of the intersection of I-45 and Highway 12, nestled next to the Great Trinity Forest, the Trinity River, and Joppa Preserve. This neighborhood was originally settled by freed slaves in the late 1860s. Some 15 years ago, Joppa community leaders came to Dallas Habitat about working in the neighborhood.

Since 2006, Dallas Habitat has built 58 homes and repaired 13 through the A Brush with Kindness (ABWK) program. New work will begin in 2015. Habitat plans to build 50 plus homes, repair existing homes, construct infrastructure improvements, and partner with the community on its goals and issues. The neighborhood faces challenges arising from large numbers of vacant lots and disinvestment. At the same time, its rural feel in the heart of Dallas provides a very special living environment.



Community Profile (CT 202 data from US Census Bureau, ACS Survey 2009-2013)	
Population	4,044 residents
Households	1,399 households
Dallas Habitat homeowners	58 households
Percentage of families (Dallas County)	67.8% of all households are families (64.5%)
Race and ethnicity	84.8% African American 14.0% ethnically Hispanic
Median household income (Dallas County)	\$23,931 (\$49,481)
Receive food stamp benefits (Dallas County)	38.4% of all households (12.9%)
Education (Dallas County)	19.6% do not have a high school degree (22.6%)
Language spoken at home (Dallas County)	10.9% of residents speak Spanish at home (33.7%)
Housing Profile (CT 202 data from DCAD 2014 Database)	
Valuation of homes (Dallas County)	\$86,014 average home value (\$173,278)
Unimproved residential (vacant) lots	14.7% of all parcels (% in Joppa proper much higher)
Owner occupied housing conditions (Dallas County)	38.8% in good, very good, excellent condition (63.9%)