District Planning

Types of District Planning

The district planning system was created in 1980, in order to make it possible to develop pleasant urban areas that match local characteristics. Through this system, various local district rules are settled through residents' agreement. These rules involve the layout of roads and parks necessary to the district; building rules related to building usage, height, wall positions, lot area, floor area ratio, and lot coverage; and rules that define shapes, designs, and structures for fences and hedges.

Sendai has enthusiastically embraced this system to create lush urban areas that live up to its reputation as the City of Trees. The city enacted the Ordinance Relating to the Draft Preparation Procedure for Sendai City District Planning in March 1987, and 113 districts in the city (including three redevelopment promotion districts and one of the development improvement promotion district) have developed their own plans as of December 2019.

The Ordinance on the Restriction of Buildings in Sendai City District Planning Areas was also enacted in February 1988 to make the district plans more functional.

District Planning Examples

- **District Planning in Residential Zones**
  Plans are laid out to create and maintain a pleasant residential environment full of greenery.
  e.g. Izumi Park Town Katsura District, Senseki District, Izumi Village District

- **District Planning in Commercial/Business Zones**
  Plans are laid out to create spacious areas while developing an active and lush business zone.
  e.g. Miyagino-dori Avenue District, Jozenji-dori Avenue District, Aoba-dori Avenue District

- **Redevelopment Promotion Districts**
  Plans are laid down to develop major public and local facilities and promote intensive and effective land use.
  e.g. Chuo 1-chome District, Kita-Sendai Eki Daiichi District, Nagamachi 7-chome Nishi District

- **District Planning in Industry and Distribution Parks**
  Plans are laid down to create industry and distribution parks full of greenery.
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