



Denver Harbor



Denver Harbor is a historic and close-knit community that developed primarily in the 1940s. Located on the east side of Houston, just inside Loop 610 and north of the Ship Channel, the neighborhood grew up alongside the industries associated with the Port and adjacent rail and transportation lines. As a result, industrial land uses surround the neighborhood on three sides—the north, east, and south. The neighborhood's boundaries are Liberty Road on the north, Port Houston Street on the east, Buffalo Bayou on the south, and Zindler Street on the west.

The neighborhood is divided by Interstate 10 which was constructed in the 1960s. While the highway cuts through the center of Denver Harbor, the community's identity has remained strong. The core residential area spans the freeway. The neighborhoods are characterized by small bungalow type homes and a regular block pattern. Lyons Avenue, just north of Interstate

10, is the prime commercial corridor and is home to a diversity of local businesses and national franchises. Denver Harbor Park is the center of activity in the neighborhood and hosts the Little League games which draw hundreds of spectators. Originally a blue collar Anglo neighborhood, the area is now predominantly Hispanic.

Over the last several decades the neighborhood has experienced population loss, however, the neighborhood is stable and residents share a deep pride in the community. The current challenges in the neighborhood are similar to those of many Houston communities, including illegal dumping, stray dogs, aging infrastructure, and air quality. Developing strategies to improve connectivity and walkability in the neighborhood as a means to activate the area will contribute to the ongoing health of residents and stability of the neighborhood over time.