

PLAZA-MIDWOOD COLLECTION, 1986

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ABSTRACT

Plaza-Midwood was developed as a streetcar suburb of Charlotte, coinciding with the Myers Park development. The first tracts were sold in 1903, and would expand to over ten different subdivisions. It included a factory district, as well as homes built around the Charlotte Country Club. The Crosland, Van Landingham, and Victor families were prominent members of the community.

The Plaza-Midwood area suffered from several problems, however. As part of the second-tier of development around Charlotte, it was further away than other developments. Commuters also had to cross a major rail line to reach the city. Furthermore, the community was wedged in the middle of a power play over trolley lines between developer Paul Chatham and Edward Latta (and Duke's Southern Utilities Company), that ended with Plaza-Midwood being stuck with Chatham's much smaller and indirect line to the city. Such problems slowed the growth of the community for years.

The 1950s and 1960s saw a decline in the business district of Plaza-Midwood, and like many other Charlotte neighborhoods, the rezoning plan targeted much of the neighborhood. However, a number of younger families were interested in the area, and began renovating some of the older homes. In 1975, the Plaza-Midwood Neighborhood Association was formed, and the group convinced city council member to rezone much of the area for residential use. Plaza-Midwood continues today as one of Charlotte's most diverse neighborhoods.

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