

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Euclid/St. Paul's Neighborhood anticipates adoption of the Neighborhood Plan in 2002, after review, comment, and approval by the Neighborhood Association, City of St. Petersburg applicable departments and offices, and the City of St. Petersburg Planning Commission, and City Council. In anticipation of receiving City approval in 2002, the Euclid/St. Paul's Neighborhood has applied for a 2002 Neighborhood Partnership Grant to begin landscape beautification and street lighting improvements along proposed traffic calming corridors. There are currently no economic development projects in progress in the Euclid/St. Paul's Neighborhood (see list of Euclid/St. Paul's Neighborhood Improvement Projects with estimated implementation time frame, funding sources, and costs on pages 69-70).

Specific projects, programs, and policies have been identified to enhance the appearance, preserve the character, improve roadway safety, provide better security against criminal activity, and improve the residential and commercial properties, and the public rights-of-way and easements. Estimated costs will be derived through the Neighborhood Association working with the various City Departments with regards to Engineering, Transportation, and Stormwater, Public Works Administration, Police, and Sanitation. Upon adoption, the Neighborhood Partnership Department is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the neighborhood plan.

The City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) may be available to fund sidewalk repairs and new construction. Other funding sources such as CBDG or state grants are reviewed by Neighborhood Partnership for potential use.

Beyond the funding mentioned, the Euclid/St. Paul's Neighborhood, property owners, and residents have a variety of City, State, National, and volunteer programs available for neighborhood improvements both on public right of way and on private property. The primary funding

source for implementation will be the Neighborhood Partnership Grants.

Neighborhood Organizing Associations

Neighborhood Partnership works closely with the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) and the Federation of Inner-City Community Organizations (FICO) to encourage and support the formation of neighborhood associations. The neighborhood association can be the "voice" for residents when working with the City, private agencies or other neighborhood groups. There are 106 neighborhood associations, 12 business associations and 5 umbrella groups. This is an increase of 37 since February 1997. Nearly 90 percent of the residentially zoned areas of the City is covered by neighborhood associations. A business umbrella group - Council of Business Associations (COBA) formed in 1999 to address the concerns of business districts.

Neighborhood Grants / Revitalization Programs

The Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program provides dollars to neighborhood and business groups or groups of residents for improvement projects, such as: landscaping, park improvements, identification signs, neighborhood plans, educational programs, brochures, surveys, special events, park pavilions, street markers, computer laboratories, and tutoring programs.. Applicants must provide a 50-50 match in services, cash, volunteer labor, equipment, materials and supplies, or professional services . The neighborhood must gather support for the project and provide for ongoing maintenance of the project.

The program was created in 1992 by the City of St. Petersburg as an incentive for neighborhood organizations to become active partners in improving their neighborhoods. Approximately \$200,000 from the City's general fund is earmarked for the program. It is the intent to provide funding to as many organizations as possible. A maximum of \$25,000 may be requested by each applicant. Grants

EUCLID/ST. PAUL'S NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

PROJECTS	FUNDING SOURCE	TIME FRAME	ESTIMATED COST
<i>Neighborhood Identity</i>			
6 brick monuments w/signage	Ngbh. Grant	1999	3,800.00 (completed)
Additional 7 brick monuments w/signage	Ngbh. Grant	Priority 1	14,600.00
Include ESPNA in the City's Neighborhood web site (ESPNA to submit information to Neighborhood Partnership Office for inclusion in the web site)	NA	Priority 2	0
Pedestrian, decorative light poles	City cost / FPC installed	Priority 1	NA
Street tree and groundcover landscaping	TBD	Priority 1	TBD
Street tree trimming	City	Priority 2	TBD
Neighborhood (logo) identity markers silk screened or stained on concrete and hex block sidewalks	City	Priority 3	TBD
Paved crosswalks at intersections (quantity to be determined)	City	Priority 3	TBD
3 brick pavement treatment areas at gateway entries to neighborhood	City	Priority 3	TBD
<i>Infrastructure</i>			
Sidewalk repair and infill**	TBD	Priority 2	TBD
Storm drainage repair**	TBD	Priority 2	TBD
Pave alleys w/asphalt*** on a case by case basis*	TBD	as requested and approved	TBD
Extend reclaimed water lines throughout the Neighborhood	TBD	Priority 3	TBD

PROJECTS	FUNDING SOURCE	TIME FRAME	ESTIMATED COST
<i>Crime and Safety</i>			
CPTED Program site evaluations	Community Police Officer	as requested	0
Crime Awareness Seminars at neighborhood meetings	City	as requested	0
Re-activate Neighborhood Watch through the efforts of a ESPNA coordinator	NA	Priority 2	0
New Neighborhood Watch signs (Quantity to be determined)	Police Dept. Contraband Forfeiture Fund	Priority 2	\$70/sign installed
<i>Traffic Calming</i>			
Raised intersections (asphalt) (2)*	Traffic calming	Priority 3	\$9,000.00/each
Speed humps (on street) (16)*	Traffic calming	Priority 3	\$1,000.00/each
Speed humps, (on alley) (9)*	Traffic calming	Priority 3	\$500.00/each
“Neck-down” landscape	TBD	as needed	TBD
Change one way streets (12 th and 14 th Streets) to two way traffic*	City	TBD	0
Crosswalks with specialty pavement	Traffic calming	Priority 3	TBD
<i>Residential</i>			
Adopt Certificate of Inspection Program (CI)	City	Priority 2	0
Establish an Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up Day	City	Priority 1	0
Adopt Neighborhood Design Review Ordinance (NDR)	City	Priority 2	0

* Dependent upon a minimum 51% property owner approval.

** Funding for CIP and CDBG projects is prioritized and competitive with other City-wide projects.

*** Alley paving is funded by the residents adjacent to the project.

TBD To be determined

average \$8,000 to \$15,000. Applications for grants must provide a clear public benefit; physical improvements must be in rights-of-way or on public property, such as median landscaping, neighborhood signs, and monument restoration. Proposed projects which have another source of funding and/or process (i.e. sidewalks, and alley paving), salaries and operating expenses, and First Amendment projects such as bulletin boards, brochures, and chatrooms are not eligible for this program. A committee of City staff from several departments and representatives from CONA (Council of Neighborhood Associations) and FICO (Federation of Inner-City Community Organizations) review all the applications and makes a recommendation to City Council for approval.

City Teams

In 1991, the concept of the "City Team" was initiated. The purpose of the City Team is to bring together staff from the various City departments that provide services to the neighborhoods and neighborhood representatives. The mission of each City Team is to identify and solve concerns. Each team is empowered to be creative to resolve issues. The City team develops the work program with input and approval from the neighborhood. Regularly scheduled meetings allow the departments and residents to exchange information about what departments are doing, receive input from the residents, prevent duplication, concentrate efforts at the same time and determine what is working and what is not.

A City Team is created for all neighborhoods with adopted plans and for other areas experiencing problems. A City Team is created for each planning area and will assist in the implementation of the neighborhood plan. The City Team consists of representatives from various City departments assigned to the specific neighborhood planning area and neighborhood residents. The City departments represented include: Neighborhoods, Codes Compliance Assistance, Engineering, Fire, Housing, Legal, Neighborhood Partnership, Parks, Police, and Public Works. A City Team will be formed for the Euclid/St. Paul's Neighborhood once the neighborhood plan is adopted. The various

departments will help the neighborhood with issues and with the implementation of the neighborhood plan.

The City Teams identify "properties and issues" that affect the livability of their areas. The properties and issues are identified and prioritized by the residents. City Teams have identified problems with many of the ordinances and identified amendments that can address quality of life issues. The Teams have sponsored amendments such as: fast tracking the demolition process, and creating a CPTED street closure process. The 34th Street City Team prepared the Impound Ordinance to address the issue of prostitution. The City Teams provide a multi-departmental approach to resolving issues which has resulted in non-traditional solutions to residents concerns.

Contraband Forfeiture Fund Grant Program

Funds are available to all neighborhoods from the sale and disposal of personal property which has been confiscated by the City of St. Petersburg Police Department as involvement in criminal activity. Eligible projects must seek to improve neighborhood safety, promote crime and drug prevention, drug education and/or delivery of drug treatment services. Neighborhood groups, associations, and organizations can make application to the Police Department for specific neighborhood improvements which address those concerns. There are no matching fund requirements, nor scope of project, or amount of funds requested; however, the Funding Approval Committee generally awards \$2000 or less per project or phase of a project.

Working to Improve our Neighborhoods (WIN)

The Euclid/St. Paul's Neighborhood is eligible to participate in the City of St. Petersburg's WIN program, a program for home purchase and home improvements as follows:

WIN Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RAP) (minimum housing citable code repairs within the target areas of the City)

WIN Homeowners ACTION Fund (minimum housing citable code repairs within the City)

WIN Spruce Up St. Petersburg Program (emergency, structural, and weatherization repairs)

WIN Lead-based Paint Abatement Program (LAP)

WIN Barrier Free Home Program (for the physically disabled household)

WIN Home buyer Loan Program (Home buyers Down payment and Closing Cost Assistance within the target areas of the City)

The City of St. Petersburg Housing

The City of St. Petersburg's Housing agency is involved in emergency weatherization repair and assists owner / occupants of single family residences in obtaining federal and state assisted mortgages and property rehabilitation improvement loans for income eligible residents. Direct, non-assumable, non-interest bearing amortized loans for home improvements range from \$2,500, \$10,000, \$12,000 up to \$30,000, but not less than \$1,000 to \$2,500, depending on the program, that are secured by promissory notes and mortgages of up to 20 years at 0% interest are available. In specific cases, loan payments can be deferred. Loans on down payments ranging from \$4,000 to \$7,000, and all closing costs paid are available to qualified individuals and families. Upon rehabilitation completion and prior to occupancy, all properties must meet the City of St. Petersburg's Property Maintenance Minimum Standards. Participants must attend Homebuying and Maintenance Classes to become certified prior to loan closing.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. HFHI seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need.

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the

homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses. Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and the monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor (sweat equity) into building their Habitat house and the houses of others.

Families in need of decent shelter apply to local Habitat affiliates. The affiliate's family selection committee chooses homeowners based on their level of need, their willingness to become partners in the program and their ability to repay the no-interest loan. Every affiliate follows a nondiscriminatory policy of family selection. Neither race nor religion is a factor in choosing the families who receive Habitat houses.

Habitat for Humanity International is not a government agency, nor does it accept government funds for the construction of houses. Habitat for Humanity welcomes partnerships with governments to help "set the stage" for the construction of houses. Stage-setting funding and gifts might include land, houses for rehabilitation, infrastructure for streets, utilities and administrative expenses.

The Euclid/St. Paul's Neighborhood, as well as all of St. Petersburg is eligible to receive assistance through the Habitat for Humanity Program. Typically, prime candidates are new home construction on donated property or on low cost, purchased property. Existing home renovation is a fairly new addition to the local affiliate, but feasible.