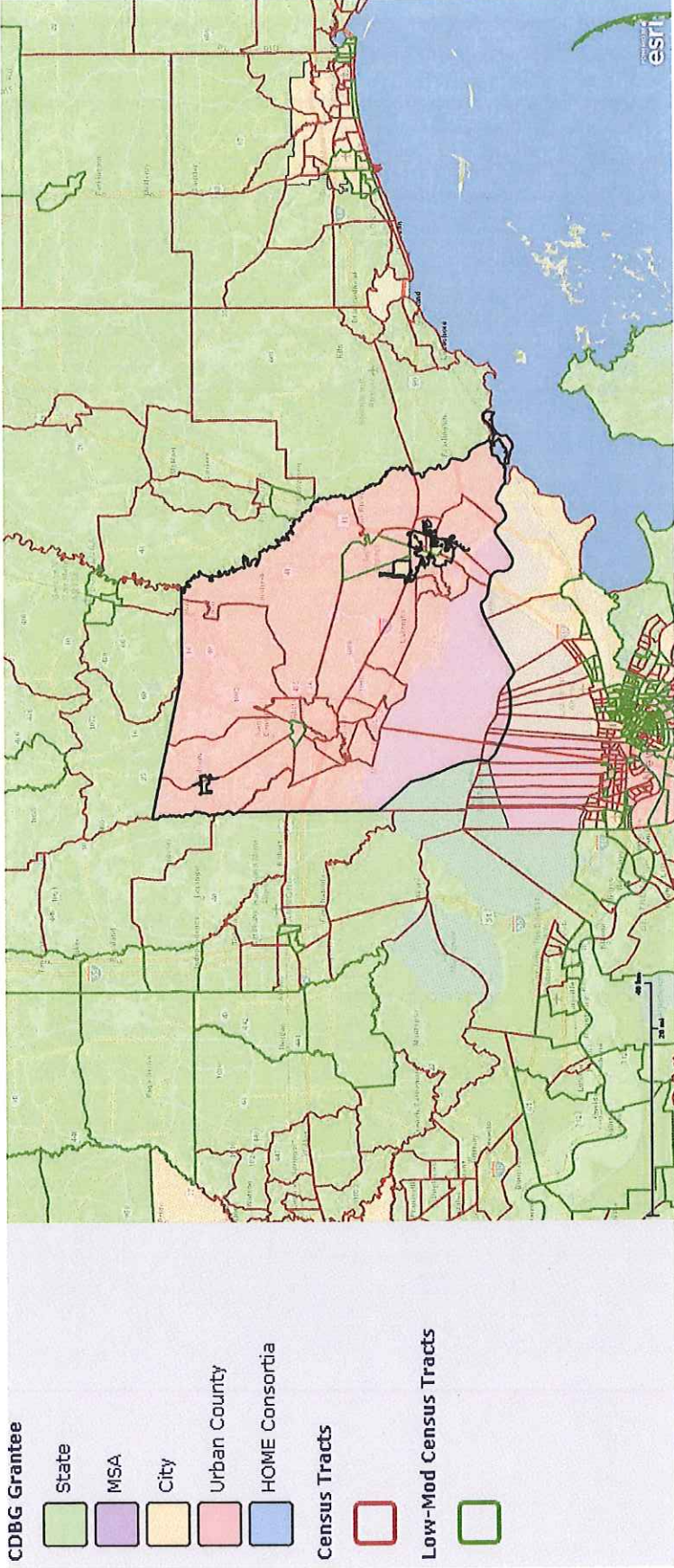


Appendices

Appendix A – Parish Map

St. Tammany Parish CDBG Entitlement Jurisdiction



Appendix B – Public Hearing Comments

2013 – 2018 Consolidated Plan
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Public Hearing No. 1
10 April 2013
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Questions or Comments:

Speaker: Francis Dunn

- I would like to talk about things that we would like the parish to do for the West 30's
- The West 30's have done two plans, so what I am going to give to y'all are recommendations that was given to us by our planners
- One of the things they tried to install in us is to invoke pride in our own neighborhood and I tell you as I walked through our neighborhood there are some facilities that the parish owns that do not invoke pride. One in on 29th Avenue, the old Parish Concrete site. Would this plan assist in moving that blight off of that property and make that accessible for somebody to out something like senior housing, that facility should be used for senior housing
- Also for the Budweiser site, your maintenance barn, I don't know why you couldn't keep it at Koop Drive, but let's open up 22nd Avenue so that we can extend the Trace; The Trace is one of the prides of St. Tammany Parish and that facility cuts off the West 30's from continuing the Trace. We can just put some fence up and do some landscaping so it looks like y'all have pride in the West 30's.
- And also, the Fairgrounds. The fairground sits idle for many months of the year. That facility could be used for some purpose in the West 30's. It's taking up all this land, area in the West 30's so we could find so means to use that facility maybe for economic reasons, something, just to bring hope to the West 30's
- Also, my number one thing is site housing. We would like to know if there are any means for us to do scattered site housing. Everybody does not need to be a homeowner; there is a need for good rental property that is managed. You cannot tell homeowners they need to cut their grass or pick up their trash, but scattered site housing. If we could form a partnership with the Parish, the City, and VOA that would be a great access to the West 30's to improve the value of our homes.
- Also you can't have in a neighborhood, which our planners instilled in us, everybody on the same economic stage. You got to have some people that has a more elevated living standard so that our kids can see what it is to achieve those things that we want to instill in them. If we keep at the same status in the West 30's we will not have a community in 15 years. We will have failed our children. Because they have nothing to look up to.
- Also drainage. We need to do something about the drainage coming from Collins Boulevard to Columbia Street. When it rains our kids have to stand in the rain to catch busses. So we need to see if we can form some of these intergovernment agreements to improve quality of life in the West 30's.

Speaker: Nahketah Bagby

- I noticed that in the consolidated plan that you did 5 years ago, you had the needs separated in various categories. The first list that I have deals with infrastructure and non-housing community development needs. Let me piggy packed on a project that Ms. Francis talked about,

but I will go into a little more detail. We would like to look at doing a North Covington Drainage Improvement Project and this project would encompass The Savannah's, River Glen, Ozone, Covington Point and the West 30's Neighborhood. This project would be to address drainage needs and improvements for properties in both the Parish and the City and the main purpose there would be to decrease flooding. No for me, I just had a planning commission meeting on the 8th, in was just a little meeting because the Savannah's neighborhood wanted to change their phase lines for phase six. At that meeting, guess who should up to also complain about drainage, the Folks from River Glenn Neighborhood. So dealing with that drainage problem in North Covington is something that the Parish Engineering staff and the City Engineering staff have been trying to solve for years. So that would help tremendously, if we could look at that for both properties in the Parish and in the City.

- Another project would be the Mile Branch Drainage Project. Now, the Mile Branch Creek passes through the West 30's neighborhood. And this would entail looking at stabilization and a safety improvement project for the portion of the Mile Branch that passes through the West 30's. In particularly dealing with drainage improvements, erosion control and pedestrian crossing as you cross the Mile Branch.
- Related to that, and keeping with that, is looking at some complete street projects that could be targeted to the West 30's. Walking paths that would connect active community centers to the existing Pine View Sidewalk Project and the St. Tammany Parish Trace.
- Another Project is the Ozone Sewer Project. Updating and rehabbing the sewer system in the Ozone neighborhood, and the Ozone neighborhood would be an eligible census tract, so that should also be another project, especially if you're looking at trying to improve housing.
- Staying with quality of life factors and water, looking at updating the lift stations at 26th Avenue, which is in the West 30's, and the lift station at East 30th Avenue, which is in the Ozone Neighborhood. This project would address water quality issues dealing with discharge.
- Now, I can stop, I won't read all of the ones in the West 30's, but what I would say though, I noticed a category that deals with quality infrastructure improvements and this goes back to looking at building a senior lifestyle center somewhere in Covington to maybe help out and replace Hayden Hall Center that we currently have now.
- And I notice we also talk about Transportation type needs and the need to provide transportation so that people can have access and opportunities for employment. I don't know if we've looked at maybe trying to have some type of fixed based transportation route. In particularly that can take people, give people access, to some of the major corridors where we have employment.
- And basically I am going to just tie all of the West 30's stuff under maybe one of your strategies that you have in section G dealing with neighborhood revitalization strategies. I noticed that the last 5 year plan, you had the Alton neighborhood, neighborhoods in Lacombe and you did list Polder's Lane area as part of your neighborhood revitalization strategy. So maybe it would be possible to list some of these recommendations and implementations strategies from the West 30's plan in the Neighborhood Revitalization section.
- The rest of the stuff I'll just hand in to you, I won't read it. Maps and all.

Speaker: Debbie Schimmeck

- My name is Debbie Schimmeck, I am the director of Community Christian Concern and I am here, not really as a spokesperson but just to express the needs in our community for housing. Weather its emergency shelter, transitional shelter, SHP shelter, or just for homeless services in general. So I brought some stats and some volunteers and I had a client who wanted to come

but who may come to another meeting, maybe in Slidell, but I can only speak to what I know. At CCC we serve right below 3,000 people a year and last year we served about 200 people that were homeless. That is both families and individuals. Well, I'm looking at the stats, we use the HMAS system which is really fabulous for us to track data, and so when I looked at it for this year, the quarter, which is from January to April, we already hit that quota, well not quota, we hit the same percentage already in those four months. So we were at eight percent of the people we see are homeless and we already hit that in the first quarter. So that tells me that we are seeing a great increase in our community. I'm not sure if other providers are seeing that, but we hear that continuously in our communities that folks who are services providers, ministries, parish people, are all struggling with just a lack of resources, a lack of services, a lack of housing. We run a men's program, it's a transitional housing program that we are blessed to have in our community call the Miramon Center. It is a CCC program. We can house 12 men there and currently we don't have any funding for it. Which we are going to try to apply for a grant the next time it comes out, the RFP, when it comes out. But I don't have any operating expenses or any salaries or anything like that. So I guess we are just proposing to consider in the Consolidated Plan funding for housing, for homeless folks. When I looked at my stats I thought it was really interesting, most of the folks who come are working folks, families, and I know you all see it to, I may be speaking to people who already know, but in January I had counselors here who saw 10 or 15 a day. So we're seeing families. We're seeing mom or dad, or one relative, one parent come in with teens in the truck with nowhere to go and out of school and its very heartbreaking when you work diligently to try to assist and there isn't a lot of resources to refer to. SO we have a food pantry at CCC. We provide as much food as we possibly can; we're very blessed to have that. And we saw about a 20% increase last year. A lot of that was more for homeless families. Of course people ask, well how can homeless families have food? Well we have bags of food for transient food, pop tops, food bank people know what I'm talking about, but not cold items or perishable items, so we'll provide that. And we get a lot of people on foot that come in, from jail, police station transients. We try to resource with other ministries and other providers. And we are grateful to have Community Action Agencies that we can network with. But as a social service provider and ministry we are just asking for that to be a consideration, to look at see what is available to our community. We have two wonderful housing alliances. One is the Northlake Homeless Coalition, and one is the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance. And I am really grateful that we can be a part of that, proud to be a part of that; to see what we can bring to the table, to really advocate and be the voice for homeless folks and there are a lot of great people at the table trying to provide services and data and the goal is to abolish homelessness by 2020. And so are hoping that we can get to that goal and we're going to work ourselves out of a job. So I don't know if any staff has anything, I have counselors here:

Speaker: Peter Johnson

- I am Peter Johnson, I volunteer at the Community Christian Concern in Slidell, and to echo what Debbie is sharing with you we are seeing very different phenomenon's now with homelessness. For instance, we have a situation in particular in St. Tammany where we have homeless youth, it will be a Father with children, teenage children or middle school children and we don't have a facility where we can house them. We may have a transition or homeless shelter for women but she can't take her male son to if when he gets to a certain age. Or we may have a family unit where we can only house the men in one section of town and the women have to go to the other section of town so we face situation where we are having to split up the family unit. And again, we really have no, no facilities what so ever to address the phenomenon of the single

male father having to take care of his kids. This is a growing phenomenon, especially in St. Tammany Parish. We are here at the foot of the I-12 corridor, we have I-59, I-10, all of those intersecting in Slidell so we do, it's an unpleasant thing to discuss, but there is a growing homeless population in Slidell and Eastern St. Tammany in general and it's filling up St. Tammany as well because of the I-12 corridor because of where we are. We are outside of a large metropolitan area in the south, people are going to come here for the weather, thanks to the economy people are migrating here and our numbers show that it's becoming a bigger issue and so we are here now to really map our resources and hoping to find different ways to address the issue. Thanks.

Speaker: Debbie Schimmeck

- I just want to end that with saying that we saw 643 people in three/four months and 51 were homeless. So it's 51 individual families or individuals. It could be the face of a veteran; it could be a young person down the street coming from jail. It could be a person with mental health needs or disabilities, the face could be anyone. Yesterday we have a presentation at a rotary club and I found it quite phenomenal that one of the people stood up and said, "people something will think for a homeless person or individual family is a certain look of a certain someone" and this is a person who is well known in the community and well liked, and they said, "but when I was 19 I was homeless. I lived out of my car. And when I went to the CCC they were able to help me with deposit for my first apartment and gave me two weeks of food". That just meant so much and so that testimony could be any of us. We could be one paycheck shy from becoming homeless; hopefully not, God has blessed us in many ways, but we are seeing folks who are not your typical homeless. I know you probably are too, but I wanted to end with that. Thank you.

Speaker: Francis Dunn

- Wouldn't my scatter site housing take care of this problem in West St. Tammany?
- Can you acquire property with CDBG funds?
- So we would find a partner to build them?
- When I see the Groves I know anything is possible!

Speaker: Nahketah Bagby

- Does the Parish receive HOME funds?

Speaker: Will Reshelly?

- I just wanted to understand what the roll is in terms of Economic Development. I know we have some stuff for education and things like that but what are we looking at for the new year in terms of; we have a lot of stuff we do on an economic level in terms of large site development, but what is on there for some of these small businesses, mom and pop type business, that are in these areas which we are trying to develop?

Speaker: Jan Robert

- Well I just wanted to say, and I think Debbie with the CCC helped to paint the picture somewhat of homelessness and I really appreciate the fact that you all came to tell us more about that, but I think that there is an even bigger picture with housing that Francis addressed and that Debbie is addressing with homelessness, and it starts there and you guys are taking care of some of the men who require transitional housing, but just to make a point, there is the Miramon Center

and Caring Center in Slidell, on the Easter side of the parish and Safe Harbor who provides housing for women who are subjected to domestic violence, but other than that, and I think the caring center is expanding, they're going to have about 15 beds, I can't remember if they're going from 12 to 15 beds or 15 to 20, whatever it is, and they house on an emergency basis women with younger children I think under 12, I am probably not getting these numbers right but I am trying to paint the picture. The point is, in West St. Tammany, and you can hear what the demand is on the East side, and maybe some of the folks here that are at the food bank and with other agencies see some of these homeless people coming through, particularly families, there is a tremendous demand. And so, again, starting at the very bottom spectrum of housing and looking at what the need is, there are a lot of different activities that are taking place throughout faith-based organizations to support some of the work of the parish and all of these agencies. But it's still not enough to really address the issues. So the housing issues, starting with homelessness and we probably have about 45 beds max or units that could be considered emergency shelter with, Trumpet of Truth, excuse me I forgot to bring them up also on the East side of the parish, and there is absolutely nothing on the West side of the parish. And we know that a lot of these folks are dealing with transportation issues too, so that's another story. You know CDBG, can't solve all of these problems, but certainly working in partnership with a lot of these agencies that are represented here, we can start to make a dent. But you know on the whole spectrum, as Francis said, it's really big picture that we as a community need to look at and that is after you've put these folks in emergency shelter they need to take the next step and you need to keep moving them up. Of course we that's what we want for everybody. So then the transitional piece, that the Miramon Center does so well, we need to make these people more independent, be it renal, affordable rental or work force housing. So some of the activities that CDBG has done in the past, I really commend the Parish for making the decisions to give some property to habitat or other agencies like that that can assist in helping build facilities or homes like that. The Groves, the parish played a really big role in using some of the CDBG money for infrastructure to make that project possible. And that's really, really exciting and we might see something like that in the future on the East side of the parish. And so it is all of these things together, I think that when we look at housing as a community and as a parish we need to see and hopefully that parish will make that decision and hear your voices today as you talk about housing and homeless and emergency shelters and you talk about rentals and housing for the workforce and we can all put our heads together and our resources together to really address this. So if there is any point that is made to the parish as a citizen of St. Tammany, and being involved with many of you in the room, I would just like to make sure that the message is clear, that housing, to me, is just the foundation of changing a community and creating a healthy livable community and I am hoping that we can put some attention on that in this consolidated plan and direct some of our efforts to that area. And thanks to everyone who came today to talk about that, I appreciate it.

Question proposed to the audience: In terms of CDBG Public Service funds, would it be better to award one or two larger grants to make it more competitive or three or four smaller grants to maximize funds for our local agencies?

Answer: Liz Taurman

- I would say three or four smaller (echoed by Debbie Schimmeck) grants. Because then those of us in that sector have a chance to take that money and say we have a basis for it and then can shop for other grants and other funding sources.

Answer: Francis Dunn

- I will say three or four smaller grants, but for those who have larger plans how about we have _____. Every year you would add to the plan that I would like to do so that it's not that you give me one small thing and that's it. So that you can serve both portions of the spectrum, those who have smaller projects and those who have larger projects.

Answer: Debbie Schimmeck

- I would think maybe, though I don't have a lot of experience with it, having small, it depends upon how many request that you have, if you have many requests, so then you spread it out among different agencies depending on what the needs are. I know that as an agency that even that one piece could help to piece together with another grant or other types of funding. So I think for me it would depend on what comes in and if the West side is so lacking housing and they have a need, it can be spread around and shared where the need is.

Question: Debbie Schimmeck

- Is it helpful if we come together with some stats or information from HUD to give to you?

Speaker: Nahketah Bagby

- This is not a comment on needs; this is a comment about a section in the last plan about barriers to affordable housing. One section in there you talk about zoning, and how zoning is a barrier to provide affordable housing. And you also list in there as one of your activities that you would like to educate the public, educate planning commission members or city council members, but one activity that maybe you could do is to encourage those who support and are working toward affordable housing to also come out to public hearing where you are dealing with rezoning. For single family lots and multi-family because at zoning meetings you hear from all the people who oppose but there is no one there on the other side saying we need this. So that is a comment that I noted in reading through the overall (last consolidated) plan.

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Public Hearing No. 2
19 April 2013
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Questions or Comments:

Speaker: Unknown Resident

- I want to thank that man there (indicating Payne Diez, Construction Manager at Volunteers of America on the Repairs on Wheels Program) for what he did to my house. My floors were bad and he fixed my floors for me, he did nice work too. I appreciate it too. I live in Covington, on 20th Avenue.

Speaker: Annie Rushing, Parish Resident

- I am Annie Rushing I had had some work done in my house last year by Mr. Payne and Jessica. And I thank God for them because I wouldn't have had it done if it weren't for them. And I thank God for it.

Speaker: Barbara, Parish Resident

- My name is Barbara and I just had some work done about two weeks ago by Payne and Jessica and the other guys were Mr. Jerry, Greg and Patrick and Justin. And I was on the waiting list for a while for it, for about two years, but I kept in contact with Jessica like every month, and just asked questions about the program and how long it was going to take. It took a while, but patience is a virtue so I waited, waited, waited. Then when that phone call came through and stated that they were going to help me at that time I was grateful for that. I had two rooms in my home that were damaged and they came in and just did a wonderful job. I have a daughter who lives out of state, or out of town, and the room that she was supposed to be in wasn't fix or whatever, so they came in and did the whole thing, the bathroom, the bedroom, everything. And it was just a blessing to me. Now she can come home and be safe in her own bedroom. So I just want to thank them from the bottom of my heart. And thank y'all for all the work that was done. I really appreciate it.

Speaker: Unknown Parish Resident

- Yes I also want to, very much appreciate Mr. Payne and his workers, Greg and Justin. My father had passed and it was a blessing for my mother to see that kind of help. Because without them it might not have happened, and if it happened it wouldn't have been the same outcome. The outcome was beautiful workmanship and I mean that from the bottom of my heart. And I hope that whatever they need to continue their work will be given them. Thank you.

Speaker: Lara Batchelder

- I would just like to talk about some needs that I see in St. Tammany Parish. One of the things that I've seen and I did work for Habitat so I did get exposed to some of our more needy areas in the parish, and well this may be a Habitat thing, but I'm sure that everyone is aware that our affordable housing is a big need here. It's unfortunate, even my own son who is 25 now he lives at home because he makes \$9.00 an hour. He's a very good worker, works very hard in a restaurant and he can't afford to live in this parish. Everywhere that he has looked the rent is so

above his means. So I basically have an adult in my house that I would really like to move out. And we see this time and time again with Habitat. We have people come and say that we're paying rent that is way above our means, we don't know how we're doing it, it must be an act of God that we can afford what we have. We see a lot of two families living in one household, a lot of rent burdened people. We have a very wealthy parish, a wonderful parish here but somehow we're missing out on being able to let our people find housing.

- Also, I do get exposed to neighborhoods that aren't visited as much as other neighborhoods and one of the things I've noted, that people who have their own septic systems that often those aren't _____ and they can become financial burdensome. I have recently had do my septic system and it's an expense. And I know; I've seen negligence in areas. And I believe it's a part of our code enforcement in the parish to check septic's but frankly, we don't have enough code enforcers, and then can we really help a family? Because now it's, if you get your electricity turned off there is some kind of mechanism where the parish comes in and does an inspection. But that becomes a whole financial burden as well. So I think it's real important for our health as a community to stay up on our home septic systems, we have a lot in this parish and because our water table is so high and the open ditch system, the heat produces as lot of bacteria both good and bad and it's something we need to pay attention to.
- I also wanted to mention, in our community we do have these wonderful REC facilities for kids who can play ball and stuff. And that's so much of an education thing, for children to learn to play with others and follow directions and all that stuff. It so important. But what about the real little guys. The guys who are three and four who need a playground to play on. They can't necessarily go play t-ball yet, if they're three or four, but they need recreational facilities. Particularly, the community in west Abita Springs has instigated, the community itself has started and is developing a park for their children of all ages. It's real exciting. We're a part of it, we're not the main thing, but we're participating with the community and it is just exciting to watch this community to come together and thinking about their children and having a park to play in. I think that is such an important part of development and education is to be able to play. That's how I learned. I learned everything I know on the playground before kindergarten. You learned how to get along with other, how to share, to not throw sand and all of those important lessons. So it would be a wonderful attribute to our community if we could entertain the possibility of helping this community develop this park for their children, and I can share more details later.
- The only thing that I wanted to say, we do have a transportation system in the parish, thank goodness, and I've called them on behalf of clients. Often time they're full. That would be awesome things if we could get larger with our transportation
- And also with our mental health, as you know we are very limited as a parish. They can only serve so many and it's almost become a community game. As a professional in the community if you call the mental health facility you have to tell them you're suicidal. And if by some magic you get them in the door it's only temporary and there is a much larger need then what we're doing. Thank y'all for listening.

Speaker: Candice Mancuso

- I'm Candice Mancuso, I am the grants manager for Habitat and I would like to expand on the park a little bit. We have 156 children under the age of 18 just living in the Habitat homes in the Abita Nursery/West Abita subdivisions. So the park has been community initiated, it's on Carnation Street. It's been a huge collaboration between the School Board, who owns the land, the Town of Abita, in Abita city limits, but Former Mayor signed it into an agreement with the school board which includes the insurance, the Town of Abita is providing the liability insurance,

the Abita Friends of the Park, that's the community group, architect David Spacuzza did plans for the park for free, the residents are very involved, they're doing fish fry's and whatever they can do to help raise money, Philip's Abita Lumber cleared the land for nothing, and then like Lara mention, we are matching dollar for dollar, Habitat is, with their dinners to help raise funds for the park. It's got a lot of community support. And like I said, 156 kids only in Habitat homes and it's a much broader neighborhood than that so a lot of children will benefit from it.

Question: Jeff St. Romain

- Does the park being in Abita Springs; do CDBG dollars cover projects in Abita?

Speaker: Jeff St. Romain

- I'll speak of that census block, that triangle between highway 36 and 21, we build a lot of homes in West Abita/Abita Nursery, and the issues there and some issues with the park are the narrow streets, the deep ditches that don't drain properly, the septic systems that drain into the ditches and blighted homes. We own property, as Candi said we've built over 90 homes in that area, and we have property next to some monstrosities that are just havens for someone to set a fire or worse. But it's a very neglected part of the parish, and I know in terms of both code enforcement as well as the sheriff's department, we're trying to those agencies more involved, because it is a low income neighborhood and unfortunately low income neighborhoods get thrown on the bottom of everybody's list in those areas in those areas of blighted homes, drainage, and streets.

Speaker: Vera Clay

- I am going to speak as a person who is formally affiliated with an affordable housing group in St. Tammany. One of things that has happened in the last year was that there was subsidies that had come to low, very low and some subsidies for moderate income families, to use to purchase homes to; make homes more affordable for purchasing. Right now, all of those subsidies have dried up, they're pretty much gone. So you have people beyond the limits of Habitat, I'd say 60% of the area median income through 20% of the area median income who were being able to get into homes because they were able to draw down these subsidies. Sometimes up to \$3000 to buy down the cost of their home and/or to pay for closing costs. That's gone now. So we have a block of families who can't really access Habitat and who desperately need housing, they need workforce housing in our parish and it's going to be tougher for them to do that.

Speaker: Payne Diez

- I am Payne Diez and I am the manager of the Repairs on Wheels program with Volunteers of America. I want to thank all of the people who came out today to speak on our behalf. We've been in St. Tammany Parish now for four years and when the program first began we had 15/20 callers that would get on the program and we would do the work within the year. And there were other programs available as well, but those programs have dried up. We had a SNAP program, last year we did 12 homes under the SNAP program and with the HPG program which is the Home Preservation Grant program we did 12 homes under that program last year. Totally last year, on all of the programs we did 59 homes. This year we'll probably do 45 homes and then the funds will dry up. Now I know that St. Tammany is going to continue us as best they can but remember that I said there were a few people on the waiting list at first. Now we have over a 100 people waiting to get on the program waiting list. The list we're working from, we took 25 initial callers and put them on the program list for work to be done. Now we have over 100 waiting to get on that list. We will complete that work and will have 100 more in need. So please

bare that in mind, and bare that in mind when we're thinking about utilizing these funds. And thanks again for everyone who came out to speak on our behalf; it was a pleasure to work for you all.

Speaker: Vera Clay

- I would like to say one more thing in regards to the homeless population. In my work, we receive calls, and I am thinking of one situation in particular, of a family, a mom with two children who were living in a tent in Fontainebleau State Park because they had nowhere else to go. I think the issue of homelessness is an important issue and something that needs to be supported in any way that it can. And that's not an isolated instance that's something that happens more often than we think.

Speaker: Erin Matheny

- I would like to piggy-back on that, I work with the Northlake Homeless Coalition which is the Continuum of Care for the 5 Florida Parishes and also serving the St. Tammany community. And my roll and my job is to work is South Eastern and am responsible for helping organizations with collecting, capturing and reporting data on the number of people they are serving in particular the homeless. Prior to coming to this meeting I looked at some of the data from the 5 agencies that serve in St. Tammany as emergency shelters, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing, with the majority of the units are permanent support housing. But of the folks that were served last year, well I should say that there are 481 in St. Tammany served by those programs. In addition to that there are service providers who don't provide housing but other supportive services and all together there were about 300 people who were attempting to accesses services amongst these providers who were living in situations that are considered not in intended for human habitations, so living in their cars or as she mentioned sleeping in tents and so forth. It has not been a priority to an extent to pull together support from government, non-profits and faith-based organizations and it is a very very difficult process. And it is certainly not from a lack of trying but it is in communities nationally CDBG funding, those who utilize CDBG funding for building a network of homeless services are also those communities who are making the largest strides towards preventing and ending homelessness. And that is one of HUD's priorities. And so a very wise person said recently that St. Tammany is new. That it's a growing parish, and I think she's right. We're at the precipice in St. Tammany where we can really develop those initiatives and put forth funding to help float these organizations to really build up those types of programs that are focusing on preventing and ending homelessness and not just maintain it. So it is evident that it is an issue on the parish, but we need to prop up these organizations who are trying to work independently on those, to build something conducive, and I think St. Tammany parish government can support that with this funding. And again, in other communities where CDBG is used for this they are making large strides. I think in terms of priorities that this should be one.

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Public Hearing No. 3
9 May 2013
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Questions or Comments:

Speaker: Unknown

- What is the AMI?
- Do you have to stick by that if you're a non-profit?

Speaker: Belinda Brown

- Who hires the people to work on this Grant? Do the same people work on it every year? Who are these people, what are their names and how much do they make?

Speaker: Gordon Meadows

- Are the two surveys that you mentioned, are they available on your website?

Speaker: Unknown

- And is the application available on the website?
- But it's due at the end of the month?

Speaker: Belinda Brown

- In your plan, when you present your plan, is the application for the money, has it already been decided or is that
- So when does the proposed projects come into play because if you're going to present your plan on Wednesday, you have already taken proposals for projects?
- So have the public already been given the opportunity to, I guess, qualify for some of these funds?
- I want to make sure this is clear with me, so you will decide in your proposed plan how you're going to distribute the funds. But you don't distribute anything until after you get the money. So when you get this money, you already know who you're going to give it to. So when does the opportunity to for people to submit. So right now I can submit a project?
- So the information with the specific project you actually need a proposed plan from the individual with a budget?
- So in other words, is that on the website, say for instance we walk to apply as we would apply for a grant, would that be on the website?

Speaker: Unknown

- Parish Administration has some guidelines on what they want to fund?
- So will those priorities be available for us to look at?
- And so those priorities that are already, they've already been identified?

Speaker: Gordon Meadows

- So then the comments that we submit today and submitted through the end of the month will be included in that decision making process?

Speaker: Belinda Brown

- And how many people make the decision and who are those people?
- It's ultimately her decision on how the funds will be dispersed?
- So there's a possibility that it has already been done?

Speaker: Gordon Meadows

- So it is entirely up to her discretion?
- So you're saying the sheer preponderance of comments can influence the decision?

Speaker: Belinda Brown

- Okay, that's what I was getting at too because at this point in time there could be people in this room who are not satisfied with what has been done in the past and don't want to see that repeated. So what will be our opposition to that?

Speaker: Debbie Schimmeck

- I know I spoke another one of these town meeting, but I would just like to say that as a citizen of St. Tammany Parish I would like to see the parish folks and the counsel folks consider housing, shelter, low-income housing. Specifically shelter for families that don't have shelter and have a lack of resources.

Speaker: Liz Teague

- Hi my name is Liz Teague and I'm with the St. Tammany Community Health Center, and we have not received any money in the past, the basic thing that we do provide, and these are people who have Medicaid or no health insurance, we provide health care on a sliding scale. And so if anyone here needs to refer patients we would love to see them at 501 Robert here in Slidell. We've gone from seeing, the first year we were opened in 2009 we saw 4,000 patients that year. Last year we saw 13,000. The numbers are growing of people who have no insurance, sometimes the children have Medicaid but the parents don't have any coverage and they are at jobs where they cannot take off when they get ill. And so what we do is, we take those folks in, we get them qualified on a sliding scale, we see them. Now we have pediatricians, adult doctors, we have a psychologist and a psychiatrist, and we have done this on one end of the parish, we also provided public health at that site. And I have noticed with some of the things that have come out health as not been there. Direct healthcare to people; we're not talking about programs, teaching and all that, we're talking direct help to someone who needs that assistance. That is what we do. And will be handing in something to ask this year, specifically we're looking at opening another site in Covington next to the west 30's. And specifically what I would ask this group for is a grant for a nurse practitioner who could see patients specifically at that site. And that's what we would be more than likely asking for. And again, I've lived in this parish almost 40 years now and the need has grown and grown and grown. But this is a catch for it.

Speaker: Linda Anderson

- My name is Linda Anderson, I am with DEAR, and that's Drug Education and Rehab. And this is a facility that we will be opening in Lacombe to help in the Lacombe area, the rural area. And this

is for diabetes, young people who are now diagnosed with type I and II diabetes, to educate them and their families about nutrition and what they can do for diabetes. I am also in the health care field, but we will also be working on opening a facility for homeless people. I also work with the court system when people are under sanction for education to get off drugs. I work with drug education and we will be getting a nurse practitioner, psychiatrist and also a social worker in the Lacombe area. This is a need because we have a lot of people who are running around homeless. And it's going to do a little bit more, not only treat the patient but also the family because the family is broken. And it's called the DEAR program and it's in Lacombe, Louisiana.

Speaker: Unknown

- In the past, I noticed that you said last year I think you were talking about, what all was done in Covington with the funds. What about the whole area of St. Tammany? Just like the last people, Lacombe and other suburbs, all of that is outside of city limits. What has been done in the past in those areas?

Speaker: Martha Meadows

- I am Martha Meadows; I am a representative of the Slidell Boys and Girls Club. We have been in the community since 1977. We have charged \$5 a year for membership and two years ago we charged \$25 for member for kids to come to the boys and girls club. We offer character and leadership development classes, health and life skills, sports fitness and recreation and we are even able to offer technology classes to the members. We serve over 500 youth a year and its getting very difficult to continue to charge \$25 a year to attend the Boys and Girls Club. So I just wanted to let you know that, we appreciate you all, this discussion and we would love to have the opportunity to apply.

Speaker: Belinda Brown

- I have a question, receiving the funding, is there specific things that HUD has to have in place in order to get that? Can it be a yay or nay in regards to getting the money?
- Have you had any funds left over from prior years that you've had to send back?

Speaker: Gordon Meadows

- I have been a resident of St. Tammany Parish since 1962 and my name is Gordon Meadows. I am concerned about the Parks and Recreation aspect of St. Tammany Parish as it relates to low- to moderate-income people having access. Slidell, I live in unincorporated Slidell in the Bayou Liberty area; however, in the municipality of Slidell there are only two facilities that I know of for public recreation for basketball, which happens to be a passion of mine. That's Fritchie Park and John Slidell Park. The free play hours at those particular parks are from 1:00 pm – 3:00pm, but kids, low-to moderate-income kids are in school. So I really don't get that. I don't understand why there is such a lack, the City of Slidell gives over their public facilities to private organizations: SYBA, SBBS, everyone has their controlled situation from a private stand point, but from a public stand point there is no access for low- to moderate-income people for gymnasiums, except for free play hours from 1:00 – 3:00pm. So there is a huge need in this community for recreation, this has been slighted for years. Like I said I grew up year, I started second grade right down the street, it's a huge concern. My wife runs the local boys and girls club and where they go there isn't a roof on it so when it rains we have to leave. At a couple of public parks they are taking the goals down because they've had some incidents, gun play and that type of thing, so people didn't want those basketball courts in their neighborhood and so

it's just a lack of resources. Low- to moderate-income people have no access to baseball facilities unless they join the private facilities.

- Well we need a gym. By the Boys and Girls Club, I mean that's the only way that I could see that the low- to moderate-income people will get access. It's a large majority in this district and they have no gym. They have no access to play basketball. No public gym that they can get to, that they can access.

Speaker: Belinda Brown

- When it comes to, how do you kind of like spread, I guess equally allocate the money amongst those who have received it and those who have not received it? Is there some type of criteria to keep the same people from getting the money over and over again?
- And along with that, in the case let's say with the Boys and Girls Club and some others that would probably need this money, what is the criteria to evaluate those individuals on how well they're doing?
- And that is my concern because if they're being monitored, then they have to do exactly what they say they're going to do. In the terms of low-income housing, when say for instance, to reduce, I'm sure you've heard of this section 8 program, you're going to reduce and help assist on the house payments. SO with this money, when this money runs out and you don't chose to fund them again, those people are kicked out?

Speaker: Gwen Wade

- I have a comment, I am Gwen Wade and I have been volunteering for 33 years since I've lived in this area. I currently serve with Liz on the advisory board and one of the things many things that we do is to provide service to a lot of the suicide prevention areas. We've been dealing with that for a long time and finally that Parish, other groups, hospitals have joined in that. And so that's something we do and there are many issues involved with people who would like to commit suicide: the person, their families, etc. etc. And the addictive disorders that many of these people have and we assist in that area. Also, we also serve homeless people because we have the sliding scale and all of that. So these are issues that tend to grown, every year the numbers get larger instead of smaller and so we are going to be asking for assistance to help address this.

Speaker: Kevin Roark

- I'm Kevin Roark, I am a concerned citizen of St. Tammany and I would like to piggy-back on the idea of homeless shelters for families; because there may be a homeless shelter for women and a shelter for men but there are also in today's economy, there are people who are families who, through no fault of their own, become homeless and need a place where they can go and be together. And I just want to stress the urgency for that.

Speaker: Gordon Meadows

- Again, Gordon Meadows, this time about drainage. Like I said I live in unincorporated areas, and have lived here, I bought my home in '68. It never flooded until Northshore Square was built, Oak Harbor, Eden Isle. And now we've flooded three times since and we haven't gotten the elevation grant finalized. I have open ditches in front of my street which aren't good drainage not to mention West Nile. There is just no drainage out there. I keep hearing there are things in the works, but I don't know what they are. This is Laurent Road and like I said there isn't a whole lot out there.

Speaker: Belinda Brown

- What is the website address?

2013 – 2018 Consolidated Plan
Citizen Participation

Public Hearing No. 5
5 June 2013
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Questions or Comments:

Speaker: Gene Bellisario, St. Tammany Parish Councilman

- Candice, the money that is in the five year period, I sit on the Community Action Advisory Board and these projects will be coming through that board for approval, correct?
- Don't they have CDBG grants as well?

Speaker: TJ Smith, St. Tammany Parish Councilman

- I noticed you have two pieces in there regarding affordable housing. One in the last year and one in the beginning, I believe. Have you been able to identify or put any numbers or particular amounts?

Speaker: Eugene Grable

- Is there anything in here that addresses the homeless situation in St. Tammany?
- I noticed that the projects listed for affordable housing are mostly in the Slidell area, are there other projects in other areas?
- Who are the persons that we need to be in contact with?

Speaker: Belinda Brown

- Where is your office located?

Speaker: Marguerite Redwine

- You mentioned a Homeless Coalition. What is the continuum of care for this area for the homeless?

Speaker: Pernell J. Jordon

- I was looking at the transit vouchers and stuff and was wondering what is the protocol regarding transit or transportation?

Speaker: Gene Bellisario, St. Tammany Parish Councilman

- Candice, on that goSTAT program who manages the system that tries to get increased ridership? Is there a way to do that?

Speaker: Belinda Brown

- Who's going to be responsible for the infrastructure improvements? Is that something that the parish will do?

Appendix C – Surveys

St. Tammany Parish Government
CDBG 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan Needs Survey

St. Tammany Parish received approximately \$1 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for housing and community development projects. St. Tammany Parish Government wants you to have a voice in how the Parish invests this money. Please assist us by filling out this two page survey.

Please complete both sides of this survey and return it, no later than **May 31, 2013**, by mail, e-mail or fax to:

St. Tammany Parish Government, Department of Health & Human Services
P.O. Box 628, Covington, LA 70434
E-mail: SocialServices@stpgov.org
Fax: 985-898-3081

Questions about this survey? Please call: 985-898-3074

Citizen Demographic Information

I live in Zip Code: _____ Head of Household Age: _____

Total Household Income: _____ Number of People in Home: _____

Do You Own or Rent you Home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homeowner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renter
Head of Household Gender?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female
Head of Household Disabled?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Head of Household Hispanic?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Head of Household Race:

<input type="checkbox"/>	White/Caucasian
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black/African American
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian
<input type="checkbox"/>	American Indian / Alaskan Native
<input type="checkbox"/>	Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander

What priority should be given to the following?

Please rank the needs of your neighborhood. Mark only one box for each.

Type of Project	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need
Senior Centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Care Centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handicapped Centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homeless Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drainage Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water/Sewer Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tree Planting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Station Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities for Abused & Neglected Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities for AIDS Patients	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handicapped Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Services for the Low-Income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Substance Abuse Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic/Spousal Abuse Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime Awareness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Care Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Services for Abused & Neglected Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homeownership Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rehabilitation of Residential Homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Septic System Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lead-Based Paint Testing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing for the Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing for the Mentally Ill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing for the Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing for the Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Demolition of Blighted Homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean-Up of Abandoned Lots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

RESIDENT SURVEY SCORES

SURVEY SCORE	ACTIVITY
2.123288	Legal Services for Low-Income
2.123288	Mental Health Services
2.123288	Housing for the Mentally Ill
2.09589	Health Services
2.082192	Transportation Services
2.082192	Housing for the Homeless
2.054795	Senior Services
2.054795	Homeownership Assistance
2.041096	Employment Training
2.013699	Homeless Facilities
2	Housing for the Disabled
1.972603	Youth Centers
1.958904	Clean-Up of Abandoned Lots
1.945205	Handicapped Services
1.931507	Youth Services
1.876712	Handicapped Centers
1.863014	Facilities for Abused & Neglected Children
1.821918	Child Care Centers
1.821918	Services for Abused & Neglected Children
1.753425	Housing for Elderly
1.726027	Drainage Improvements
1.712329	Street Improvements
1.712329	Domestic/Spousal Abuse Services
1.712329	Child Care Services
1.69863	Substance Abuse Services
1.671233	Demolition of Blighted Homes
1.657534	Crime Awareness
1.643836	Rehabilitation of Residential Homes
1.60274	Community Centers
1.589041	Senior Centers
1.575342	Parks
1.547945	Water/Sewer Improvements
1.547945	Facilities for AIDS Patients
1.506849	Sidewalks
1.424658	Home Septic System Assistance
1.273973	Code Enforcement
1.150685	Fire Station Equipment
1.082192	Tree Planting
1.068493	Historic Preservation
1.054795	Lead-Based Paint Testing

Appendix D – Written Comments

From: [Work Construction Company](#)
To: [Social Services](#)
Subject: CDBG
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2013 9:28:17 AM

To whom it may concern,
I think that more playgrounds need to be updated and new ones established.
The health of a child and their development is in exercise and interaction with other children.
This also gives the parent an opportunity to spend quality time with their children .
Just thoughts.
Thanks

Ed Kimball
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From: [Candice G. Mahoney](#)
To: [Catherine Sumpter](#)
Subject: Fwd: CDBG comments
Date: Friday, April 12, 2013 5:18:56 PM

Public comment

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dee Wild, Volunteers of America GNO" <DWILD@voagno.org>
Date: April 12, 2013, 5:15:06 PM CDT
To: "Candice G. Mahoney" <cgmahoney@stpgov.org>
Subject: CDBG comments

Candice –

Please accept this as my comments regarding prioritizing CDBG funds.

Currently in St. Tammany Parish we are seeing a shift from homeless individuals to homeless families. Families come to our door or call our office asking for emergency services. Since our agency does not provide emergency services, we offer to place them on our housing waiting list that can take a year or more before their name will come up for a housing unit. Of course, this does not address their immediate need. We refer homeless families to The Caring Center. However their bed capacity often times is full. The next option is a privately owned shelter in Ponchatoula or going to New Orleans. When school aged children are involved, these options are not feasible. With the lack of shelter options, homeless families often opt to live out of their car if they lack family/friend assistance before moving their children into a different parish school system. For those with family/friend assistance the homeless families often split up as it is often a burden on the host family/friend to have the entire family stay with them in their home. If the stay becomes too long, the homeless family is often asked to leave without another place to reside.

Another area where homelessness exists is in our youth population. We have school aged youth struggling to attend school and keep a roof over their heads. The Parish needs to consider services that can help homeless youth so they have the opportunity to earn their education and move into the work force.

The Parish needs additional emergency homeless services that can help address the issues above.

In the recent HUD grant application submitted by the Northlake Homeless Coalition on behalf of the agency's in the region, a question addressed how the Coalition and the Parish coordinate CDBG funding. HUD is extremely interested and focused on preventing and ending homelessness. HUD is the only Federal agency that has adopted a Federal Strategic Plan. In the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness developed by USICH on behalf of HUD expects CDBG, ESG, Neighborhood Stabilization Programs, HUD-VASH and HOPWA funds to be used to impact the goals set forth in the Plan. Having CDBG dollars going toward homeless services and addressing one or more of the goals set-forth in the Federal Strategic Plan would greatly enhance the Parish's Consolidated Plan. Since the Northlake Homeless Coalition's Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness mirrors the Federal Plan, the Parish's Consolidated Plan would actually be aligned with both Plans.

So as you can see, our Parish has needs that have to be addressed in order for all of its citizens to experience quality of life. It is hoped that the Parish will seriously consider making dollars available to provide homeless services to assist the most vulnerable populations in our parish. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments.

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From: [Nick Richard](#)
To: [Social Services](#)
Subject: Attn: Community Development Specialist - Community Development Block Grant
Date: Friday, April 19, 2013 4:55:28 PM

Community Development Specialist,

Mental illnesses are serious medical illnesses that can be debilitating and costly. Treatment works, but only if a person can get it. Early identification of symptoms and treatment results in better outcomes. Education, training and support are the primary pathways to better services and a healthier community.

I believe that provided the right care, people can experience recovery and the cost of failure can be avoided. I implore you to do whatever you can to ensure that health care, and in particular mental health, gets its fair share of community development funds.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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From: [Martha Benson](#)
To: [Social Services](#)
Subject: CDBG Consolidated Plan and 2013 Annual Action Plan Recommendations
Date: Monday, April 22, 2013 1:01:54 PM

To Whom It Concerns,

I am writing in response to the public meetings regarding the allocation of CDBG resources for services provided to the communities of St. Tammany Parish. I request that community mental health care services and resources continue to receive CDBG support.

As both a family member of loved ones living with mental health issues and a community mental health care provider, I have had the great honor of knowing many courageous and amazing people who overcome the challenges of living with mental illness on a daily basis. Having witnessed the benefits of prompt, effective mental health intervention, I know that treatment works. There are many individuals who have achieved a level of mental health that has allowed them to lead meaningful, rewarding lives. Even individuals with serious mental illness can achieve varying levels of independence that can decrease the burden on families and communities. People in recovery with mental illness can and most certainly do lead productive lives and make valuable contributions to society.

CDBG funds can be utilized to promote the ongoing services of the providers and organizations who are dedicated to supporting mental health. Substance abuse services, fair housing programs, services for homeless persons and NAMI St. Tammany's own mental health education and support programs directly benefit the citizens of this parish. CDBG funds can cover the costs of labor, supplies and materials, as well as the operation and maintenance of facilities in which these public services are provided. I ask that these recommendations be considered as you outline the Parish's community support priorities.

You are welcomed to contact me personally if I can provide additional information on these recommendations. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: [Tracy Moseley](#)
To: [Social Services](#)
Subject: Community Development Specialist
Date: Monday, April 29, 2013 8:16:49 PM

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am writing regarding the Community Development Block Grant. I volunteer for NAMI St. Tammany and would really like to see more resources for people with mental illnesses and addiction (these often overlap).

Housing and transportation are two other huge issues in our community, particularly for people with mental illness. It is difficult to participate in consistent treatment without transportation. Housing is essential for those who are very ill but have a chance at contributing to society with longer term care and the stability of a home.

Thank you for considering this request. I am an individual living with bipolar disorder and I am active in my recovery. I have been blessed with the resources and support I've needed to achieve this stability and consider myself an advocate for those who have not been able to find their voice.

I look forward to the Public Hearing on June 5.

Sincerely,

Tracy Moseley
NAMI St. Tammany

Catherine Sumpter

From: terry <ttmayb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2013 9:56 AM
To: Social Services
Subject: 2013 – 2017 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Relative to the STP invitation to provide comments on this subject, it would be nice to have similar services (e.g.; "LA 21 Bicycle and Pedestrian Feasibility Study) in Eastern STP and the Military Road Area, as are being implemented in the Western part of STP. We do appreciate finally considering extending the Trace at least to Front Street.

But more important, eastern and southern STP really need better surge and flood protection, regardless of Mississippi's complaints and especially in light of the fortification of New Orleans.

--

Terry Bordelon
Eastern STP

13. Comments:

The Covington Food Bank (CFB) has been a cornerstone in the St. Tammany Parish community for 29 years providing food, clothing, dental services, and financial emergency assistance to the less fortunate. Our mission of 'feeding the hungry with dignity and compassion' has expanded from 4-6 families daily to 360 households per week being served by one of our 4 ministries.

We truly appreciate the funding the CDBG has provided to our Dental Clinic. The CDBG grant is allowing financial resources dedicated for food procurement and distribution to remain in support of the feeding ministry rather than support the shortfall we would otherwise experience in the dental clinic. Supplemental financial support is still needed as demands continue to remain high and operation costs are not declining. Although we do have volunteer dentists who give of their time, it is not enough to meet the demands within the community, so per diem daily rates are paid to 2 part time dentists as well as a dental hygienist; a dental assistant and an office manager are employed full time. Couple these salary costs with our lab fees as well as the reduced fees charged to our clinic participants and a 'break even' outcome is not likely. Bear in mind, the CFB Dental Clinic is the only clinic present in St. Tammany Parish which is offering optimal dental care to the working poor, elderly and disabled.

While support of this dental clinic ministry is still required, concern is growing over the need for additional funding of our core ministry of feeding the hungry. In the last seven years, the demand for food and services has risen over 170%. In 2012, we experienced 2303 households on our rolls with over 5600 individuals being served. 57% of these households were here in St. Tammany Parish and spanned from the east to the west side of the parish. Over 845,000 pounds of food were distributed in 14,900(+) pickups from our door at 840 N. Columbia in downtown Covington. Additionally, while we are blessed to have the support of so many community volunteers, growth in need has required the CFB to have paid staff to support the expanding operations contributing to the stress being placed on the budget.

Our feeding ministry is supported by the generosity of individuals, groups, organizations, churches, schools and businesses in the form of food donations or drives, volunteerism, monetary donations and community event sponsorships. But unfortunately, this is not enough to support the growing need. In the first quarter of 2013, we experienced a decline of 30,000 pounds in food donations compared to first quarter 2012. Should that continue we will experience a shortfall of 120,000 pounds (\$108,000) of food this year. CFB will need to purchase this amount to meet our expected annual demand of 850,000 pounds. We do not anticipate the need to change as we move closer to 2014. Our hope is that in 2014, the St. Tammany Parish government will continue to support our ministry in the form of a CDBG grant targeted at food procurement and distribution as we search for alternative funding for our dental clinic.

Thank you for participating in Parish's planning process. Please return your completed survey no later than Friday, 31 May, 2013. Surveys should be submitted to the Department of Health & Human Services:

Mail:

**St. Tammany Parish Government
Health & Human Services
Attn: Community Development Specialist
P.O. Box 628, Covington, Louisiana 70434**

Email:

**SocialServices@stpgov.org
Subject: Consolidated Plan Survey**

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13. Comments:

- 1) Lacombe has so many blighted properties that need to be addressed since we have been affected by 2 hurricanes since 2005.
- 2) The sewer systems need to be addressed by the parish for all owners who have this system. Smelly old systems that need updating.
- 3) Drainage problems around parish.
- 4) Litter is a big problem throughout the parish and mostly on the interchanges on the interstate. Parish and state streets are an eyesore.

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13. Comments:

CDBG FUNDS CAN BE UTILIZED TO PROMOTE ONGOING SERVICES OF THE PROVIDERS & ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, FAIR HOUSING PROGRAMS, SERVICES FOR HOMELESS PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS & NAMI ST. TAMMANY'S MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION/SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAMS DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE CITIZENS OF THIS PARISH. CDBG FUNDS CAN COVER THE COSTS OF LABOR, SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, AS WELL AS THE OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES IN WHICH THESE PUBLIC SERVICES ARE PROVIDED.

I ASK THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BE CONSIDERED AS YOU OUTLINE THE PARISH'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT PRIORITIES.

THANK YOU,

Matthew Bena

NAMI ST. TAMMANY

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13. Comments:

Housing,
Emergency shelters, transitional, supportive
housing, affordable subsidized housing
home ownership for low-mid.
Income levels are the greatest
needs in our community at this
time.

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13. Comments:

There are many needs for low-income families in St. Tammany Parish. Job training and affordable housing need to be at the top of the list. We can put a family into an affordable home, but without proper job training, the adults in the family must work 2-3 jobs just to make ends meet. With job training/vocational education, the families have an opportunity to improve their economic situations and take that leap out of the poverty they have struggled with, possibly for generations. With decent affordable housing, families are able to put down roots and become part of a neighborhood. The stability of a real home is extremely beneficial to the health of all family members. Children of homeowners tend to achieve academic success with better opportunities to attend college. A Parish as wealthy as St. Tammany should not have ANY homeless people, let alone homeless youth. These issues must be addressed and temporary to permanent supportive housing must be established. Blight in low-income neighborhoods must also be addressed. These blighted homes are havens for drug dealers and other crimes. Code Enforcement must use their resources to alleviate the blight in order to clean up these low-income neighborhoods and give the families who live their decent neighborhoods in which to raise their children. Public transportation needs to get past the "discussion" stage and into the funding and implementation stages. Go-Stat is not sufficient to address the transportation needs of low-income families.

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13. Comments:

Narrow streets, dirty ditches, lack of park/recreation space along with poor lighting is an issue in the West Abita area.

Blighted properties in the West 30 area of Covington attracts drug activities. Incentives to learn useful skills would be a welcomed solution. Vo-tech should be mandatory for those who lack college skills.

Public transportation between the Covington, Mandeville, Folsom and Lacombe would be advantageous.

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Mayor

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Section (D) INFRASTRUCTURE AND NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

1. North Covington Drainage Improvement Project - This project would encompass the Savannahs, River Glenn, Ozone, Covington Point, and West 30s neighborhoods. The project will address drainage problems and needed improvements for properties in both the City of Covington and St. Tammany Parish. The goal is to decrease the potential threat of flooding. *Portion of project lies in Census Tract 040501 which is an eligible tract. See Exhibit 1.*
2. Mile Branch Drainage Project- A Stabilization and Safety Improvement Project for the portion of Mile Branch in the West 30s Area. The goal of this project is to improvement drainage, erosion control and pedestrian crossings near Mile Branch. *This project is in Census Tract 040501 which is an eligible tract. See Exhibit 2.*
3. Sidewalk/ Walking Paths Improvement Project- This Complete Street project would create walking paths from key activities centers in the West 30s neighborhood (Harrison Curriculum Center, the Boys and Girls Club, Peter Atkins Park, Bogue Chitto) to tie into the existing Pine View sidewalk and St. Tammany Trace. The project would also address needed sidewalk repairs in the area. *This project is in Census Tract 040501 which is an eligible tract. See Exhibit 3.*
4. Ozone Sewer Project -The updating and rehab of the sewer system for the Ozone neighborhood area. *This project is in Census Tract 040501 which is an eligible tract. See Exhibit 4.*
5. Upgrading the Lift Station at 26th Ave. (West 30s Area) and the Lift Station at E.33 Ave. (Ozone Area). This project addresses water quality matter. *This project is in Census Tract 040501 which is an eligible tract.*
6. The upgrading roads in Downtown Covington Area. *A portion of project lies in Census Tract 040501 which is an eligible tract.*

Quality Infrastructure Improvements

1. Build a new Senior Lifestyle Center to replace the Hadden Hall Senior Center on 106 Jahncke Avenue. This project can help to address the service needs of the elderly population in the area.
2. Develop fixed route Inner –City routes to major commercial during peak hours to increase mobility and job opportunities for residents.

Section (E) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Develop a Downtown Covington Economic Development Plan – Develop Strategies to:
 - Attract new employers and job creation;
 - Target a diversified business mix for a technical and specialty trained workforce;
 - Revive and reinvest in distressed commercial properties;
 - Stimulate private investment in the Downtown District; and
 - Encourage enthusiasm toward the Downtown District as a destination within the region. *Portion of project lies in Census Tract 040501 which is an eligible tract.*
2. Downtown Covington Parking, Ox Lot, Way Finding and Complete Street Project-to address parking, and pedestrian mobility related issues in Downtown Covington. *Portion of project lies in Census Tract 040501 which is an eligible tract.*

Section (G) Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy

Target funding the West 30s Neighborhood for implementation of revitalization plans and community improvements. Over the last three years, there have been two planning efforts that have taken place in the West 30s area in the City of Covington with the aim of improvement the community. The 2011 West 30s Revitalization Plan, prepared by the Walker Group and funded by the North Shore Foundation and the czb action plan funded by the City in 2012 lay of key strategies for community improvement. *This project is in Census Tract 040501 which is an eligible tract. See Exhibit 6, Map, West 30s Revitalization Plan- Implementation Strategy and czb action plan.*

Possible Project Focus

Litter program to help address water quality and drainage issues.

Blight program- to assist with the removal of blight properties.

Housing Rehab Projects to help improve housing stock.

Leverage CDBG Funds to work with nonprofits to develop infill housing on privately owned vacant and City owned vacant lots.

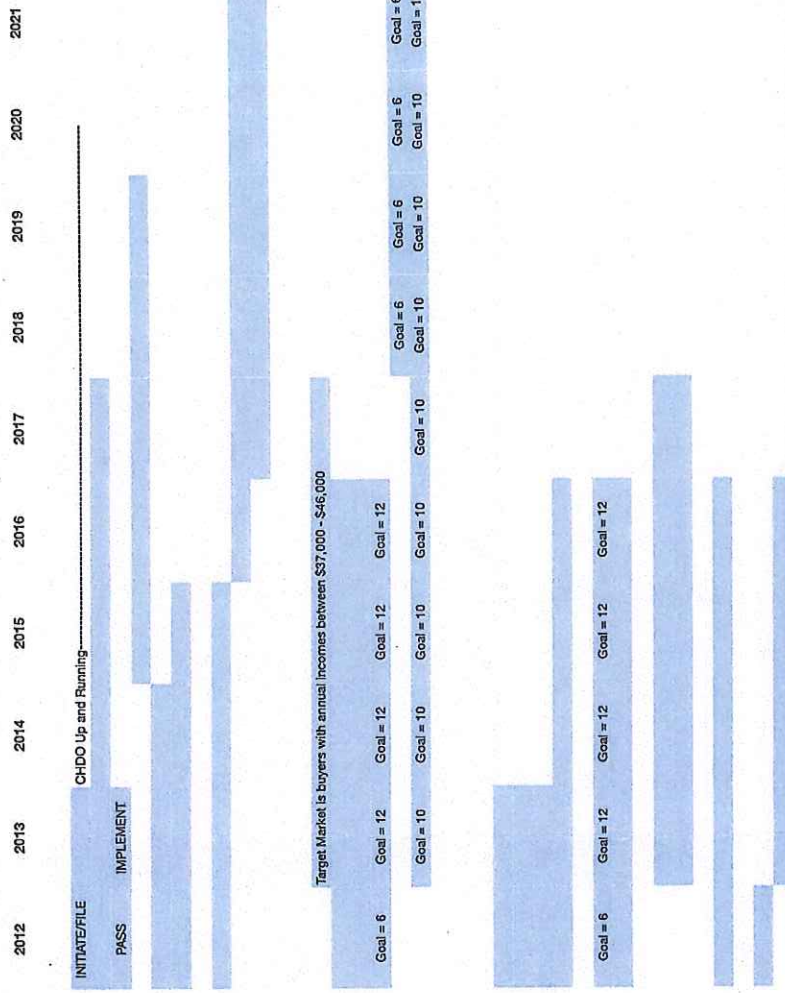
TIMELINE

1 Rebuild the West 30s into a Health Housing Market

- 1.1 Stabilize the market
 - 1.11 Establish a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) in Covington
 - 1.12 Condemn and demolish the abandoned, most distressed structures (56)
 - 1.13 Pass and implement rental property registration and inspection requirement
 - 1.14 Begin to clear out the occupied, most distressed properties (64) by creating alternative options
 - 1.15 Deployment of intensive code and police enforcement for a sustained period of time
 - 1.16 Foreclosure prevention and intervention when relevant
- 1.2 Rebuild the rental housing market
 - 1.21 Acquisition of vacant lots of infill, development of affordable, high quality rental housing
 - 1.22 Develop infill rental product (64)
 - 1.23 Professionally manage new rental apartments
 - 1.23 Upgrade structures near compliance owned by cooperative owners
- 1.3 Rebuild the owner-occupied market
 - 1.31 Acquire, rehabilitate, and sell homes in the West 30s to new buyers (from within and outside the W30s) (30)
 - 1.32 Implement a home buyer preparation program to assist renters to become qualified buyers
 - 1.33 Work w residents to assist in clearing title
 - 1.34 Continue to work w the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB) and VOA to assist seniors
 - 1.35 Develop a future new home owner product for future infill development
 - 1.36 Work to upgrade Habitat for Humanity homes

2 Capacity Building

- 2.1 Invest in strengthening the steering committee's capacity to manage complex initiatives
 - 2.11 Hire a full time resident coordinator to work alongside code compliance, Police, the Steering Committee, and residents
 - 2.12 Invest in training the Steering Committee
 - 2.13 The Steering Committee should plan and execute 18 small beautification projects utilizing existing GNCF funds
 - 2.14 Develop and implement a Mayor's Awards program for the standard setting owners in the West 30s
- 2.2 Honor and assist the elderly in the West 30s
 - 2.21 Leverage the recommended 12 SNAP grants annually by creating block projects around each installation
 - 2.22 Mobilize the elderly to help
- 2.3 Grow the ownership capacity of owners of Habitat homes
 - 2.31 Work w HFH to survey owners' financial and other housing-related situations and needs
 - 2.32 Engage the owners to build owner clubs to support one another; work with HFH to provide financial support
- 2.4 Establish new norms regarding public behaviors
 - 2.41 Build a strong relationship w the Chief of Police
- 2.5 Initiate a "Book Buddy" child literacy program modeled on Charlottesville, VA's effort
 - 2.51 Reach out to the Program Coordinator of Charlottesville (VA) City Schools
 - 2.52 Establish a working partnership of all churches in Covington to help connect adult volunteers w 3rd graders



North Covington Drainage Improvement Project Exhibit 1



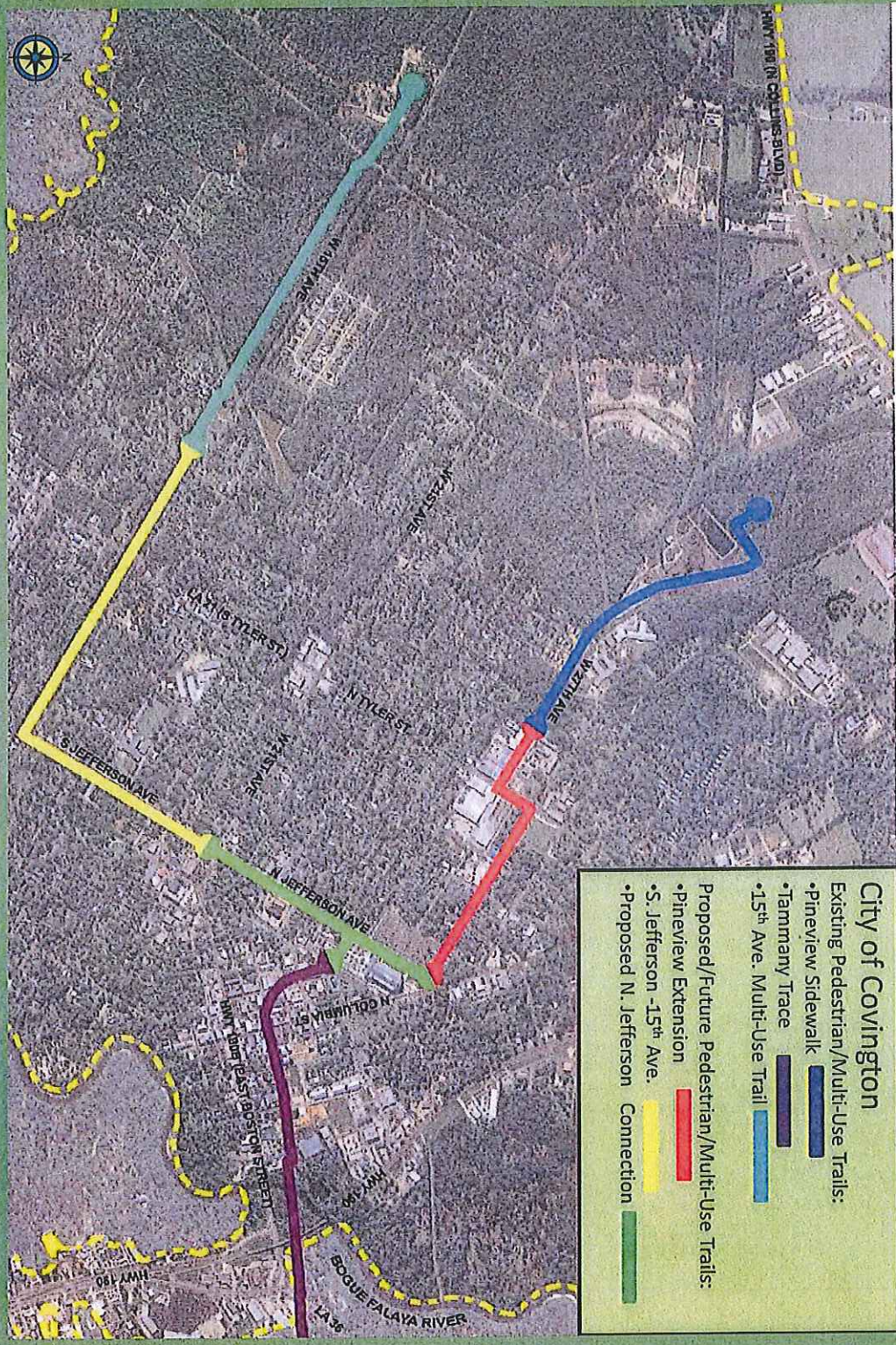
Mile Branch Drainage Project Exhibit 2



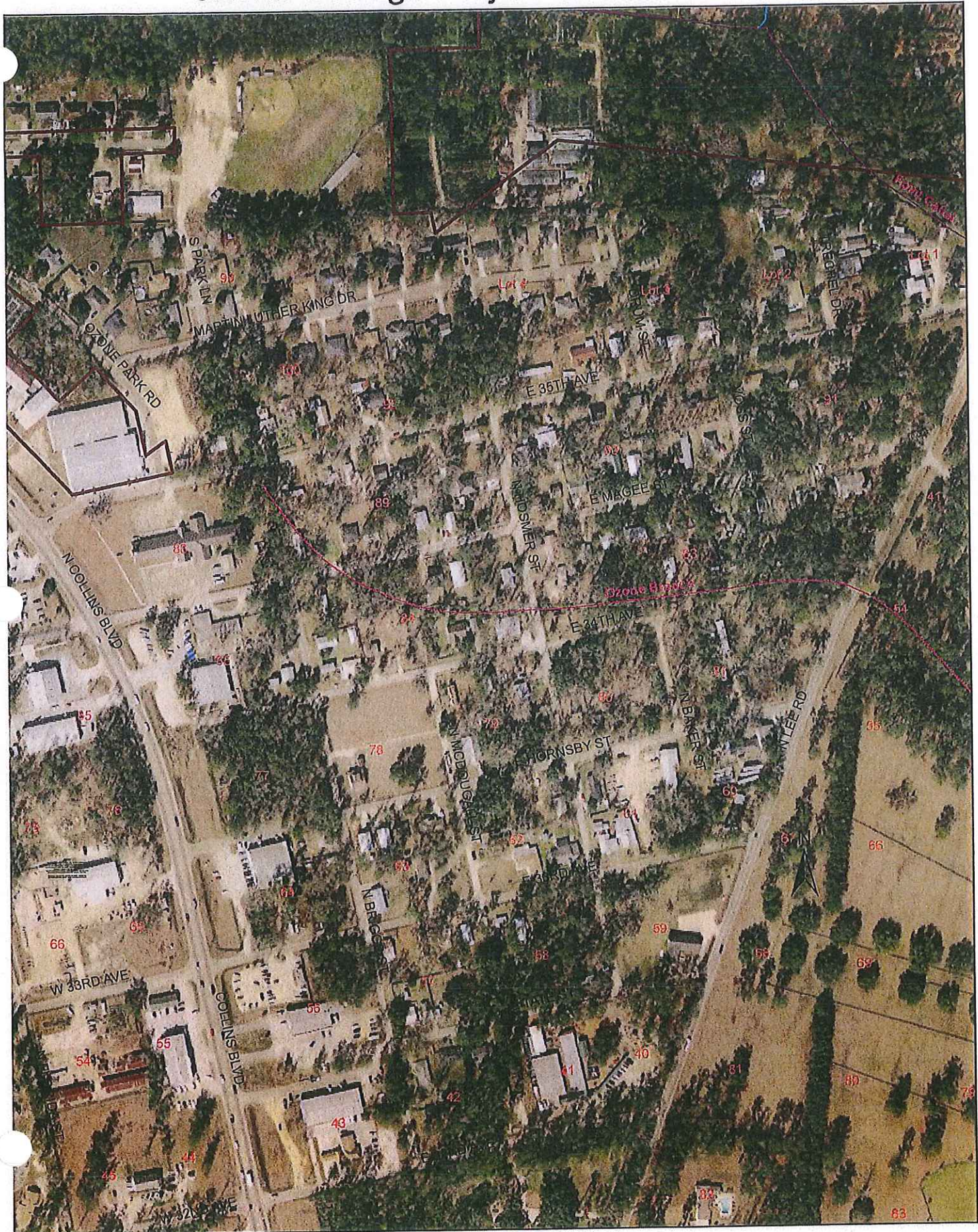
Recreation Trails Exhibit 3



City of Covington Existing and Proposed Pedestrian and Multi-Use Trails
 RTCA Application for Assistance August 1, 2012



Ozone Sewage Project Exhibit 4



W. 26th Ave. Pump Station



E. 33 Ave. Pump Station



Way finding And Ox Lot Improvements



Exhibit 6 West 30s Revitalization Plan - Implementation

IV. THE PHYSICAL PLAN



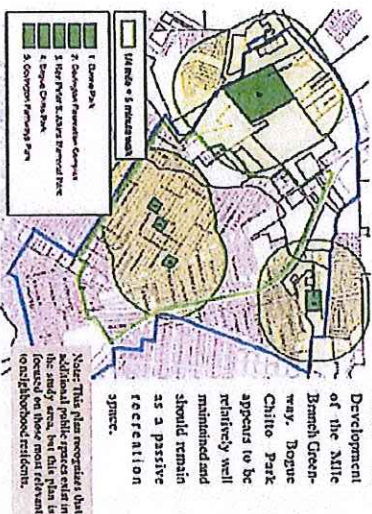
Greenway & Parks: A Green Infrastructure

Background

Parks are not only an important resource for passive and active recreation, but they can also be used strategically as focal points for revitalization. In the case of parks that are well-maintained and used in a positive manner, they almost always add measurable property value to adjacent properties. Page 15 of this plan's Background Findings section provides an overview of the West 30s existing parks, as well as a larger version of the map below of existing parks.

Recommendations: Priorities

The text and graphics at right go into detail on recommendations for the greenway and parks. However, recognizing that the City has limited financial resources, it is important to prioritize recommendations. The following priorities are sequenced in order of importance and phasing: 1) Improvements to Alton Park; 2) Completion of Ovington Recreation Center; 3) Completion of Tannammy Trace; 4) Improvements to Orono Park; 5) Development of the Tyler & 27th Plaza; 6)

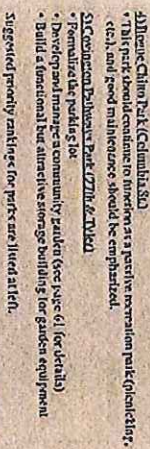


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Parks: Improving Existing Resources

With the one exception of creating a new plaza at Tyler and 27th, as illustrated below and discussed on pages 33-34, this recommendation that the focus for parks be placed on improving existing parks. Below are recommendations for each existing park (numbers are correlated to the map at bottom left):

- 1) **Orono Park (Orono Park SA)**
 - Add new paved and better define the edges of the parking area (use the new recreation center as a model).
 - Provide evergreen trees and shrubs along the western edge to buffer the adjacent forest.
 - Provide a few shade trees internal to the site in common areas.
- 2) **Complete Recreation Center (Orono Recreation Hwy.)**
 - Continue with the completion of this project, including construction of a foundation and additional parking fields.
- 3) **Alton Park (Alton Park SA)**
 - Cover the basketball courts with a steel roof (already planned by the City).
 - Build a gazebo/picnic shelter.
 - Provide a new, consolidated and elevated playground area.
 - Develop an interconnected system of pathways in the various meadows.
- 4) **Altono Park (Columbia St.)**
 - The next development to improve as a passive recreation park (picnic shelter, etc.) and good maintenance should be emphasized.
- 5) **Complete Orono Park (27th & Tyler)**
 - Formalize the parking lot.
 - Develop and manage a community garden (see page 6) (for details).
 - Build a functional but attractive storage building for garden equipment.



Suggested priority rankings for parks are listed at left.

Greenway: Tannammy Trace & Mille Branch

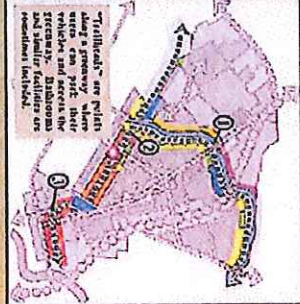
While the West 30s is fortunate to have some existing segments of a greenway system for hiking, jogging and similar modes of transportation and recreation, it could greatly benefit from an expanded network.

Tannammy Trace:
This existing trail to trails project connected several segments of the Illinois Greenway Trail to a new greenway. The existing segments exist primarily within the southern portion of the study area, but offer a trailhead at the edge of Deerhorn. It should be extended north to connect with the new Covington Recreation Center.

Orono/Altono/Mille Branch:
This trail traverses the West 30s along a meandering east-west axis. While it currently lacks an adjacent greenway, there is some potential that one could be created within the relatively unprotected edge south through Altono.



- Existing and Potential Greenway/Trailheads**
- 1) Mille Branch at Columbia Street (Greenish)
 - 2) 27th Avenue and Tyler Street (Reddish)
 - 3) Covington Trailhead at Old Byrd (Existing)



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VI. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY



Quick Victory Project: Off the Starting Blocks

Background

A "quick victory project" is a project that is implemented soon after the completion of a revitalization plan. The intent is to continue the momentum built during the planning process and to demonstrate to the public immediate results. Quick victory projects do not have to be costly or relevant to other recommendations of the plan, but they do need the following three characteristics:

- 1) High visibility
- 2) High odds of success
- 3) Strong promotion to broadcast the results

Recommendations

There are several potential quick victory projects for the West 30s, and they are listed below with comments. *It must be understood that multiple quick victory projects can occur, including spacing them out and carefully sequencing them to maintain implementation momentum.* The projects are listed below in order of likely success and/or priority:

1) Establishing a West 30s CDC - The idea of creating an entity with a singular focus on revitalizing the West 30s is explained on page 77 of this plan, as well as throughout Section Economic Plan section. Seed money might be used to secure office space and pay for office equipment and supplies. A stable funding source would be needed to hire any staff. While such a group will be important to function as a catalyst to spur improvement, some stakeholders may prefer something more tangible than an organizational program.

2) Community Gardens - See page 61 for an explanation of this idea. The quick victory project could be limited to just one garden versus multiple gardens. Depending upon the selected location, it may lack the public visibility of some of the other potential projects. However, it should be very feasible from a cost perspective. It is assumed that any cost would be incurred for the use of the land. Gardening tools and the materials for constructing an on-site tool shed

might be donated by local businesses. The concept's success will be contingent upon a capable entity managing the program.

3) Gateway Treatment - A gateway treatment would feature some physical element that signifies one's arrival into the West 30s Neighborhood. Locations should be points at which a strong sense of arrival occurs, and potential locations include the following (see map below with circled numbers):

- 1) Columbia at Jefferson (south)
- 2) Collins at 32nd (east)
- 3) Columbia at Millie Branch (north)
- 4) Tyler at 25th (west)

Gateway treatments can come in many shapes and sizes, including signage welcoming visitors to the "West 30s," landscaping, vertical architectural elements, and banners. While not overly costly and easy to do in phases, the risk is that implementing this idea before improvements occur in the neighborhood may underscore the area's shortcomings. Upon solving the gateway and entering the West 30s, visitors may be unimpressed unless more visible improvements are made.

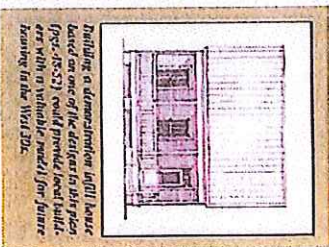


5) West 30s Ambassadors - The "ambassadors" would actually be police officers (either on-duty or supplemental on-duty) utilizing bicycles. Bicycled-mounted officers can be effective at building relationships with residents and other stakeholders that officers in automobiles can achieve. However, it would be

critical that the assigned officer(s) have a positive and non-threatening attitude with the public. Also, an on-going source of funding would be required.

2) Demonstration Infill Homes

The City could donate a vacant tax-deferred lot to one or more builders who would construct a home to demonstrate the viability of comparable-infill housing. The house might then be made available to a worthy household based upon income and other criteria. It might even be a Habitat for Humanity project for one for the proposed CDC. While worthy by many respects, this project's most direct benefit would be limited to a single household.



Building a demonstration infill house based on one of the designs in this plan (pgs. 48-52) could provide local build-ers with a valuable model for future housing in the West 30s.

6) Garden / Picnic Shelter at Albia Park - This proposed new structure is illustrated in the plan on page 73. It would not only add to the aesthetics of the park, but it would make it more user-friendly for picnickers and other groups. Because of the potential to achieve the design at no cost by one or more local architects, as well as getting the materials donated by local businesses, the potential costs make it a desirable project. The location is also one very



These images show the range of design for garden picnic shelter. The one at left is a traditional garden based on historic precedents, while the one at right is less traditional, but more functional.

VI. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY



Priorities: Where Do We Start?

Geographic Targeting
 A key principle that this plan follows is that, to achieve revitalization success within a study area as geographically expansive as the West 30s, a narrow focus must be applied to very specific areas. In other words, investing random efforts and funding in an uncoordinated manner throughout the study area will yield little in the way of long-term positive results. Instead, targeting a variety of physical, social and economic initiatives to very defined locations will bring the greatest long-term benefits. Once key locations become stabilized and revitalized, revitalization will spread geographically from those points with less need for external public-sector help.

Three-Pronged Geographic Strategy
 In deciding where to begin revitalization efforts, three principles will be simultaneously applied:

Spread Improvements from Stable Edges
 One proven strategy is to build upon the healthy edges of a revitalization area. The most definitive healthy edge for the West 30s is the north-side of Downtown at roughly Jefferson Street. Areas lying south of Jefferson tend to be relatively strong economically and physically, while conditions markedly drop off to the north. Investors will perceive less risk investing in such areas.

Focus on High-Visibility Corridors
 Another strategy that has often proven successful is to focus on the most visible corridors because of their impact upon the image of an area in the minds of local residents and visitors, as well as their high traffic levels that give them strong market support. Most Covington residents who live and work outside of the West 30s rarely, if ever, travel down streets such as Van Buren or 20th. However, many travel down Columbia.

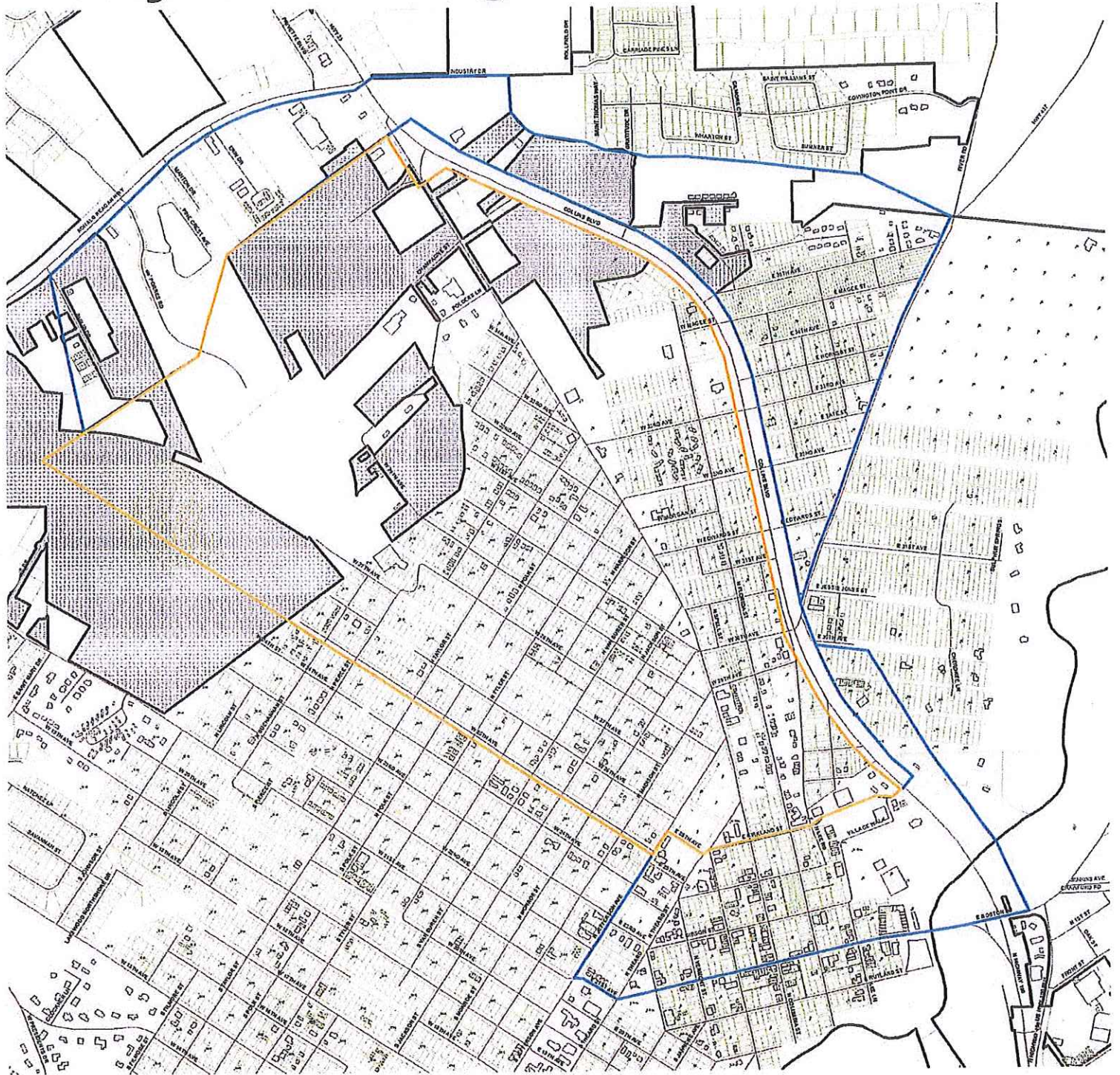
Plant Seeds of Improvement in the Neighborhood's Heart
 A third strategy for revitalization efforts is urging improvements to the symbolic heart of the study area. In the case of the West 30s, that would be

Implementation Matrix

No.	Recommendation	Page #	Responsible Party	Time-Frame
A. Organization & Funding				
A-1	Establish a new COC and strengthen the fabric of West 30s revitalization	17	City/Vendors Partners/Residents	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
A-2	Pursue and/or secure recommended funding tools for West 30s	13-15, App. D	City/COC/Vendor Partners	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
A-3	File SBA for the recommended new COC	17	City/COC/Vendor Partners	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
A-4	Establish a COC Compliance Department in the City and launch strategic environmental	11	City	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
B. Public Policy				
B-1	Indemnification of other provision strategies - crime watch, ambassadors, etc.	64	City/Board/Local-Financial Group	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
B-2	Revised base zoning to implement the same recommended Land Use Plan	12-13, 70-71	City	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
B-3	Apply design overlay zoning with design standards to Columbia, Third and Colton	20	City	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
B-4	Develop and implement Neighborhood Investment District (NID) based areas	71-72	City/COC	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
B-5	Enforce Comprehensive Zoning for residential areas (MSD) on level of interest	30	City/COC	Mid Term (Yrs. 1-3)
B-6	Pursue and adopt a Capital Improvement Plan & Budget for the City	14	City	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
C. Housing & Economic Development				
C-1	Oversee local programs for both empty occupied and rental housing (rehabilitation, etc.)	69-75	COC	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
C-2	Develop incentives for home ownership	69-73	COC	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
C-3	Reallocate funds for the development, adult education, and health	52-54	COC	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
C-4	Implement initiatives & promotional activities for District & Industrial/Commercial Corridors	33-41, 67-69	City/Com. Dev. Fund / COC	Mid Term (Yrs. 4-6)
D. Transportation & Public Facilities				
D-1	Streetscape redevelopment along Columbia Street	24	City	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
D-2	Trimway, Texas redevelopment project by City Recreation Center (Pond/Bloom Hall)	16	City	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
D-3	Increase street lighting and clear of trees and/or throughout the West 30s	15	City	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
D-4	Enforce the use of bicycles and installation of bicycle lanes (Bike Street, etc.)	45	City	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
D-5	Establish one or more community gardens	61	City/LSU Ag Ext / Farmers' Group	Year Team (Yrs. 1-3)
D-6	Streetscape redevelopment along Van Buren Street	30	City	Mid Term (Yrs. 4-6)
D-7	Promote and/or create bicycle friendly activities in other key streets	14	City	Mid Term (Yrs. 4-6)
D-8	Improvements to Adams Park - playground, paths, basketball court, etc.	16	City / COC / Farmers' Group	Mid Term (Yrs. 4-6)
D-9	Improvements to Parkway Park - playground, basketball court, etc.	16	City / COC / Farmers' Group	Mid Term (Yrs. 4-6)

See the continued matrix on the following page

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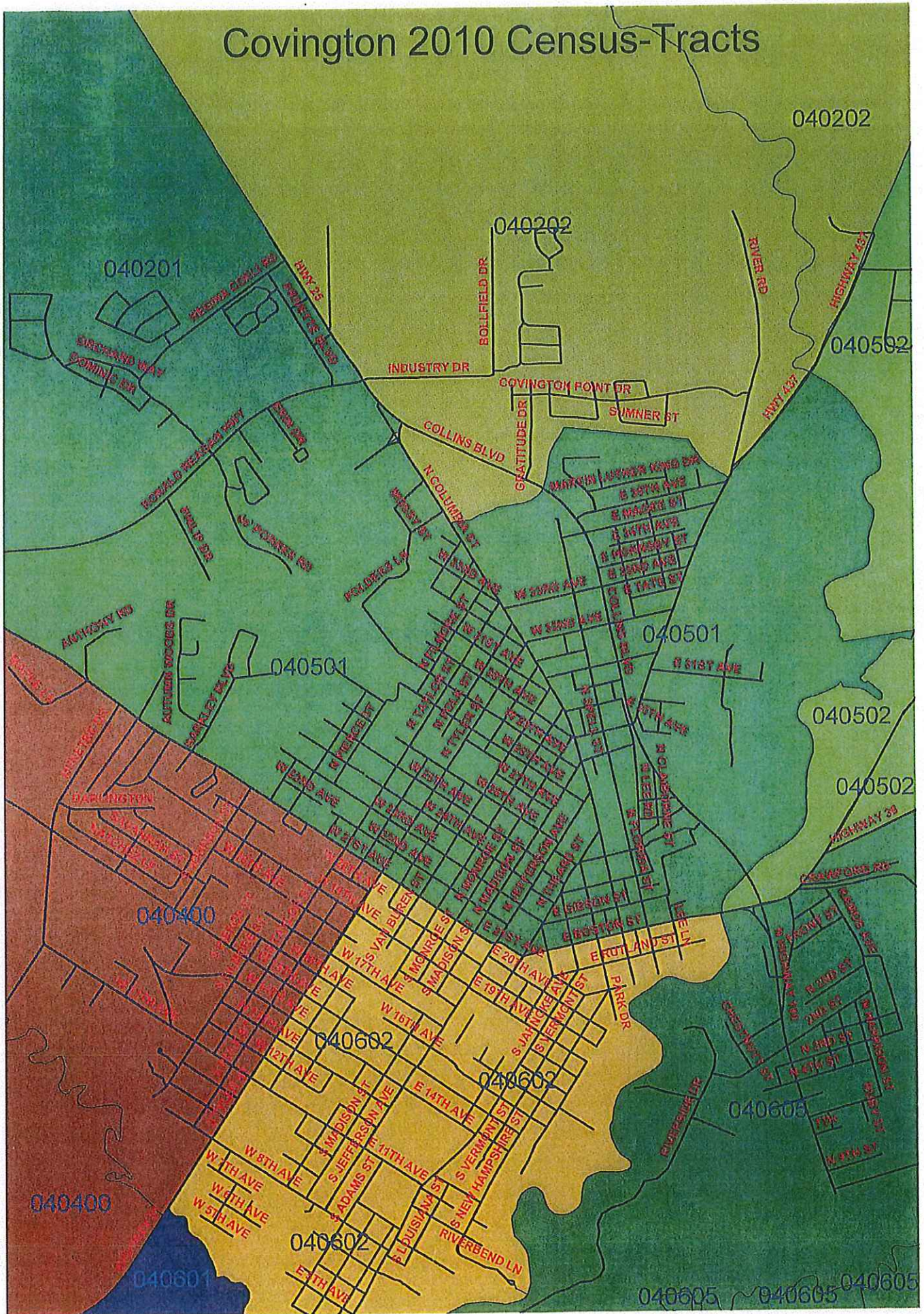


Legend

- Covington West 30 Project Outline
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- DESCRIPTOR**
- ▭ West 30's Primary (Main Focus) Study Area
- ▭ West 30's secondary (Supporting) Study Area
- ▭ Covington City Outline
- ▭ Covington Street Centelines
- ▭ Parish Areas Within City Limits



Covington 2010 Census-Tracts



Friends of Carnation Street Park

MAY 29, 2013

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Contact numbers

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Secretary: Latonya Foster----- 985-276-0021

Dear Ms. Mahoney

My name is Joe Freeman, I am the president of Friends of Carnation Street park committee., For the past year and a half, our committee have been conducting fundraiser and investing the money in the building of a much need park in our community, (Abita Nursery sub-division). At present the children of the community are forced to play basketball on the streets using portable basketball goals, children between 5 and 12 are forced to play in and around the street because the majority of the playground and parks are located too far away for them to travel by foot or bicycle. St. Tammany Parish School Board and the Town of Abita Spring donated two acres of land specifically for a community park. It is the hope of people in the community that the park will become a reality.

The following is a request for funds to assist our community in building the park. Each Projects are in the order of how we would like to accomplish them with the estimated cost for each project

1. Basketball court:

A. Concrete 74 yards x \$ 87.00 per yard -----	\$ 6,438.00
B. Basketball goals x 2 -----	\$ 1,200.00
C. Red clay (foundation) -----	\$ 750.00
D. Wire mesh-----	\$ 275.00
E. Labor cost x \$.50 per square foot-----	\$ 3,000.00

Total estimated cost material and labor for basketball court----- \$11,663.00

2. Play ground equipment

A. Bipod six seat swing set -----	\$ 1,287.00
B. Heavy duty handicap combination swing set-----	\$ 4,337.00
C. Hercules climber III -----	\$ 2,695.00
D. Super slide -----	\$ 1,258.00
E. Tot Town fun center -----	\$ 4,504.00
F. See saw 4 seats-----	\$ 761.00

Total estimated cost for play Ground equipment----- \$ 14,842.00

3. Walking / running trail

A. Concrete 106 yards x \$ 87.00 per yard-----	\$ 9,222.00
B. Red clay (foundation)-----	\$ 1,260.00
C. Labor cost x \$.50-----	\$ 4,368.00
D.	

Total estimate cost material and labor for walking /running trail-----\$ 14,850.00

4. Water feature/splash and play

A. Concrete 9 yards x \$87.00----- \$ 750.00

B. Piping nozzles, timers-----\$ 2,500.00

C. Labor for installing piping timers and water control valves-----\$ 3,500.00

Total estimate material and labor cost for water feature ----- \$ 6,750.00

5. Community center 40 feet by 50

A. Concrete 41 yards x \$87.00 per yard ----- \$ 3,567.00

B. Material to build the structure lumber, siding, drywall, windows, flooring, doors, counters, restroom fixtures,

Electrical wiring, light fixtures, plumbing ----- \$ 20,000.00

Total material and labor cost for construction of the community center----- \$ 23,567.00

Total estimated cost for the construction of the above projects ----- \$ 71,672.00

This is the wish list for Carnation Street Park, our total request is for \$100,000.00 to cover lighting and future upkeep needs as we raise money to support the operation of the park. However Friends of Carnation Street Park Committee and the people of the community will be grateful for any assistance you may give us, thank you

Respectfully submitted

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As a long time resident of Abita Nursery Subdivision, and president of Friends of Carnation Street Park Committee, I am please to tell you about the community's efforts and progress in building a much-needed park and playground in Abita Nursery Subdivision. In April of 2011, Joe Freeman and Carl Celestine met at the park location and discussed the idea of forming a committee to build the park at 72456 Carnation Street. The community is grateful to the St. Tammany Parish School Board and the town of Abita Springs, La for the two acre tract of land that was set aside specifically for a park in the community. A local businessperson in conjunction with Abita Lumber Company donated heavy equipment and labor for clearing trees and underbrush on the land. The committee and volunteers have carried out four fundraisers netting over three thousand dollars. Our partner Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West, has pledged to match every \$1000.00 the committee raises through a grant. In addition the community and the Carnation Street Park committee are grateful to Mr. Greg Lemons of the Abita Friends of the park organization, for allowing our committee to set up a bank account under that organizations 501-3-C designation. Volunteers from Abita Nursery Subdivision worked to hand clear the property for phase- one of the project.

The committee's goals are as follows

To build a playground and park for the community and surrounding area that would consist of the following features:

1. Gazebo (Completed)
2. Play ground equipment (in progress)
3. Basketball court (in progress)
4. Water feature (pending)
5. Drinking fountains (pending)
6. Walking trail (pending)
7. Build a forty by fifty community center (pending)

Achieving these goals has and will take much more work on the committee's part and much help from the communities. On behalf of our group and the community, I would like to ask you or your organization to assist in our endeavor by making a monetary or in kind donation. As a community collaborator/ sponsor you, your organization, or business will be recognized in publicity and honored in Friends of Carnation Street park neighborhood newsletters. Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West will also recognize your contributions in their outreach pieces.

With your help, the children of Abita Nursery Subdivision will have a safe place to play and grow. Thank you for your time and consideration I will be in touch with to follow-up. In the meantime, you may contact me at 985-789-6509 or by e-mail at joedene78@yahoo.com.

You may also contact any of the above committee members listed at the beginning of this letter. Attached to this letter is an information sheet that we request you fill out for our records of you donation, the information you provide will be used for our records and press releases.

Respectfully yours

Joe Freeman

President of Carnation Street Park Committee

**FRIENDS OF CARNATION STREET PARK DONOR FORM PO BOX 551 ABITA SPRINGS, LA 70420
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Name _____ Name of organization _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone# _____ would you, your business, or organization like to be a sponsor of
Carnation Street Park? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like a space on the back of Carnation Street Parks T-shirts? Yes ___ No ___

If you make a monetary donation write the amount here: _____ If you make an in-kind
donation please indicate what it is
here: _____

COMMENT

*In this section, please tell us your organization or business slogan, and what you would like us
to say about you business in our press release. Also, include a logo if you have one!*

REPRESENTATIVES Signature _____ DATE _____

Respectfully yours, Joe Freeman President Carnation Street Park Committee

**Public Input Statement Regarding Priorities for the Upcoming
CDBG/Consolidated Plan Cycle**

Presented by Residents of West Abita and Abita Nursery Neighborhoods:

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