Southwest Health and Safety

SITUATION

SW residents not as healthy as they could be and not as safe as they want to be

SW=Vernor and Chadsey/Condon

Working class with a mix of seniors

Trilingual

High dropout rate

Issues: teenage pregnancy, infant mortality, lack of housing, blight, illegal dumping, gang violence, drugs, crime, DV, homelessness, prostitution, unemployment, poverty, poor air quality, and other environmental problems

Our community Goal is "All youth will have positive development opportunities at home, in school, and in the community

Our community Strategy Area is Health and Safety

How has our Action Planning Team defined our Strategy Area?

PRIORITIES

Next Steps

*Clean up 10 parks in next 6 months
*Create summer health fairs and programs
*Create 5 CB patrols
*Make home repairs
*Conduct GNI awareness campaign
*Have GNI info at Clark Park event
*Create Community Gardens

ST priorities

*Establish committee to research and determine existing resources and gaps in services re: health and safety, crime, community beautification
*Establish method of dissemination
*Review existing parks to determine revitalization needs
*Review existing transportation services and fill gaps
*Research the gaps and needs for a SW interpretation call ctr
*Determine funding sources for all ST priorities

LT Priorities

*Create a safe neighborhood by strengthening the relationship btwn city services and community
*Increase beautification efforts and support revitalization projects
*All SW residents will have a medical home

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES (ACTIVITIES)

ST Priorities

*Use action-planning members to establish committee
*Committee to conduct research (all SW zip codes, parks, City renovation plans, transportation options, interpretation service providers)
*Data analysis
*Make & disseminate recommendations

LT Priorities

*Decrease crime by 80%
*Existing service providers held accountable
*Establish and strengthen block clubs
*Eliminate drugs and prostitution
*More security @ schools
*Improve street lighting
*Reduce / eliminate gang violence
*Identify community advocates
*Establish CB patrol
*Home maintenance for seniors
*Parks within walking distance
*Improved air quality
*Establish community gardens
*Increase trash pick-up
*Environ code enforcement
*Refurbish existing bldgs
*Involve every child in exercise
*Reduce diabetes
*All children immunized
*Increase support for existing health care programs
*School-based clinics

RESOURCES

Residents

Community Partnerships

Churches

Community Centers

Businesses

City of Detroit

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Grant writers and funding sources

Skillman Fdn

NCDI

Prevention Network

PARTICIPATION

In order to address our priorities, we will reach and involve the following people:

Resident community committees

Residents

Local businesses

Churches

OUTCOMES

We expect that these strategies will lead to the following changes in 1-3 years:

- Children and youth can play in their community
- More clean green spaces
- More community parks within walking distance of all children
- Improved street lighting
- No blighted or abandoned homes
- No illegal dumping
- All homes physically improved
- Improved city services
- City-community alliance
- Active block clubs
- Active CB patrol
- Reduced gang violence
- Community gardens
- Interpretation call center
- Community transportation system