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THE BEST
PLACE TO LIVE
IN THE CITY.



MORE BUSINESS
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We're Making the Northside

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THE PLACE TO WORK.

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AN AMAZING
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Over the past ten months, thousands of Northsiders have participated in a community-driven initiative to improve the quality of life in all 18 neighborhoods of the Northside. Residents and community members have been defining what's working, what's needed and shared strategies that will make a difference now and for years to come.

Following are highlights from the One Northside Community Census and the Strategy Teams' work around **Education, Employment and Quality of Place.**

PARTICIPATION SO FAR...

- 300+ community interviews.
- 100+ Strategy Team members.
- 2,204 households participated in the community census.
- 1,003 households say they will volunteer to make the Northside a better place.

51% OF RESPONDENTS SAY THEY'LL VOLUNTEER 2 HOURS A MONTH TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY.

53% OF RESPONDENTS ARE RENTERS. 47% ARE HOMEOWNERS.

► **WHERE DO PEOPLE FEEL SAFE?**
Residents say they feel safest sitting outside their home day and night and feel least safe in parks at night and visiting other Northside neighborhoods at night.

► **GETTING WHERE YOU NEED TO GO**
32% of respondents indicate problems with finding transportation to buy basic necessities, getting medical care, getting to work, or recreation.

► **NORTHSIDERS ARE ACTIVE ON THE NORTHSIDE!**
79% shop for the basics, 52% use the parks, 44% hike or walk, 40% worship, and 52% use the libraries on the Northside.

1/2 OF RESPONDENTS SAID LITTER IS A PROBLEM ON THEIR BLOCK.

1/3 OF RESPONDENTS SAID DRUGS, NOISE, BAD SIDEWALKS AND VACANT PROPERTY ARE A PROBLEM.



ALL 18 NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE NORTHSIDE ARE REPRESENTED IN THE COMMUNITY CENSUS.

▶ **THE ISSUES NORTHSIDERS ARE FACING**
42% of households identified no issues at home; of those who did, top issues identified are jobs, debt, paying for necessities; home repairs, and home access to computer/internet.

▶ **BUYING AN AFFORDABLE HOME**
323 renters responded that they want to buy a home on the Northside and indicated that in order to buy they need credit repair, help with financing, down payment assistance or training.

**330 HOUSEHOLDS
HAVE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS WORK**

▶ **HELP GETTING A JOB**
The #1 response for what would help people find work who need it, is knowing what opportunities exist.

**29% OF THE HOUSEHOLDS
WITH CHILDREN, HAVE CHILDREN
THAT NEED HEALTHCARE.**

**49% HAVE CHILDREN
PARTICIPATING IN AFTER SCHOOL
OR OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.**

**40% OF RESPONDENTS HAVE
TROUBLE PAYING FOR NECESSITIES
SOMETIMES, OFTEN OR ALWAYS.**

**23% OF RESPONDENTS HAVE
HAD TROUBLE FINDING AFFORDABLE
RENTAL HOUSING IN THE NEIGHBOR-
HOODS WHERE THEY WANT TO LIVE
OR IN THE NORTHSIDE GENERALLY.**

▶ **STARTING A BUSINESS**
432 households have someone interested in starting a business.

▶ Of the 155 households that have someone who owns a business, 71 (46%) would be willing to host Northsiders at their business for job training, job shadowing or internships.

▶ **IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY SCHOOLS**
72% say the quality of Northside schools is very important. 80% said the overall quality of Northside schools is poor or fair.

▶ **SUPPORTING CHILDREN & FAMILIES**
Top resource requests to support Northside children included a parental resource network, job/internship opportunities, help with childcare, and after school activities.

Education

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		VISION & MISSION	3-5 YEAR GOALS
 HEALTH & WELLNESS FOR INFANTS & FAMILIES		Our community supports the well-being of expectant parents, babies and families.	Create a continuum of services and resources that support prenatal and child care for children ages birth to 2.
	YEAR 1	Begin to connect expectant mothers & families with trusted support Increase access to health care Connect NS families to each other	
 SCHOOL READINESS		Our community places high value on learning and reading at a young age. Everyone in our community has access to quality, affordable pre-schools and all our kids are ready for kindergarten by age 5.	Ensure high quality pre-K for all children aged 3-5 years. Support school attendance and reading proficiency in grades K - 1.
	YEAR 1	Support existing pre-K providers & increase number of families enrolled in pre-K Increase reading proficiency, school registration & attendance levels Create new opportunities for early learning	
 FULL-SPECTRUM SUPPORT SERVICES FOR EVERY CHILD		Our community raises healthy, engaged, productive citizens. We provide excellence in academics, health, civic engagement opportunities, recreation, the arts and mental health counseling for every child.	Ensure children have social and civic engagement opportunities as well as restorative health practices as part of their classroom curriculum.
	YEAR 1	Increase quantity & quality of experiences at NS organizations & institutions Work with NS schools to expand and enhance curriculum & support services	
 QUALITY SCHOOLS		Our schools are full-service community anchors and will provide a safe, welcoming environment in which to thrive and gain the highest quality education.	Ensure every school can support students in becoming Promise ready.
	YEAR 1	Better understand conditions, needs and issues regarding NS schools Investigate the development of a new school	
 PARENT SUPPORT		Our community helps parents succeed by connecting them to a network of parents and resources.	Provide communication tools for all parents to share ideas, learn from each other, and become engaged in the community.
	YEAR 1	Connect NS parents to each other and to schools Provide training opportunities to parents	

Employment

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	VISION & MISSION	3-5 YEAR GOALS
 <p>OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITY FOR TEENS</p> <p>YEAR 1</p>	<p>Our teens will have access to quality, meaningful after-school activities that connect them to our community and prepare them for their next stages of development.</p> <p>Support & improve existing after-school programs Increase participation in out-of-school programs by at risk youth</p>	<p>Create a coordinated system of high quality out of school programs that provides a safe place to go for every Northside teen.</p>
 <p>JOB READINESS & PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT FOR TEENS / YOUNG ADULTS</p> <p>YEAR 1</p>	<p>Our young adults will have access to quality, meaningful employment opportunities that help prepare them to enter college and the workforce.</p> <p>Increase Northside employers providing placements and part-time jobs for teens Support & improve existing job-readiness programs</p>	<p>Ensure every Northside high school student can gain valuable work experience via a Northside employer.</p>
 <p>WORKING & STARTING A BUSINESS</p> <p>YEAR 1</p>	<p>Our community members will have the skills, options, and resources to confidently choose a path to self sufficiency.</p> <p>Increase Northsiders who are ready to work by improving life skills and addressing barriers to employment</p>	<p>Create a support system for anyone who wants to find a job, advance their career or start a business.</p>
 <p>CONNECTING RESIDENTS & EMPLOYERS</p> <p>YEAR 1</p>	<p>Our community hires locally, creating opportunities for residents to gain employment or begin a new career in the Northside.</p> <p>Build awareness of available jobs Increase the number of Northsiders who are employed at Northside jobs</p>	<p>Develop a Northside jobs pipeline for residents that creates more opportunities for jobs, training, preparedness and education.</p>

Place

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		VISION & MISSION	3-5 YEAR GOALS
	HOUSING + RENTAL	<p>Our community ensures access to quality housing & affordable rentals to eliminate blight, and increase the value of our neighborhoods. We provide a clear, accessible path to homeownership.</p>	<p>Develop housing on the Northside that better reflects the needs and preferences of a growing and diverse population with a range of income levels.</p>
	YEAR 1	<p>Increase access to information about landlords, property owners, and properties Make home buying more accessible at all income levels Increase access to quality, affordable housing</p>	
	VACANT PROPERTY + LAND	<p>Our community takes an active role in making the best use of vacant lots and buildings.</p>	<p>Develop systems for reuse, acquisition, and maintenance of Northside's vacant properties to eliminate blight and reduce vacancies.</p>
	YEAR 1	<p>Identify and track all Northside vacant properties Increase maintenance of vacant lots by residents Provide immediate short-term alternate uses for vacant properties</p>	
	PARKS + OUTDOOR RECREATION	<p>Our parks and recreational assets are destinations for quality outdoor activities for all residents and visitors.</p>	<p>Make all our existing parks clean, safe and well-lit and ensure all residents have access to affordable recreation.</p>
	YEAR 1	<p>Begin to plan for the improvement of facilities, design & safety of our existing parks Increase opportunities to access and use existing parks Provide residents a voice in expanding recreational activities & options Increase awareness of Northside parks as quality regional assets</p>	
	CLEAN + GREEN	<p>Our community is known as a beautiful place, our neighborhoods are abundantly green and garbage free.</p>	<p>The Northside is the model litter-free community in the City.</p>
	YEAR 1	<p>Decrease amount of litter and increase the amount of recycling Develop accessible beautification programs in which residents can easily participate</p>	

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BUSINESS DISTRICTS

YEAR 1

VISION & MISSION

Our business districts are hubs of activity for innovative commerce, information exchange and community support.

3-5 YEAR GOALS

The Northside is known as a home to entrepreneurs, small businesses, creative industries, safe, accessible retail districts, and innovative co-working hubs that exist throughout the community.

Improve levels of safety and comfort in our business districts
Connect business owners with programs and resources



SAFETY + GETTING AROUND

YEAR 1

Our community is safe, well-maintained, and accessible to everyone, year-round.

Residents and visitors will have more links and options to move safely around the community.

Develop safe, accessible connection points between neighborhoods
Make preliminary repairs to stairs, sidewalks, bus shelters and lighting
Begin to develop a long-term plan for green infrastructure



ARTS + CULTURE

YEAR 1

Our community is a hub of public art, quality cultural experiences and creativity.

The Northside is a recognized destination for artists to live, create and sell their work, and for residents and visitors wanting to engage in quality cultural experiences.

Connect artists to opportunities to work
Develop a shared understanding of public art policy
Make public art a visible part of the entire community
Increase awareness of the NS as a regional hub for quality arts & culture experiences



HOMELESSNESS

YEAR 1

Our community treats the homeless with dignity and respect and works to support their access to resources.

The Northside will achieve visible, meaningful impact in providing better access to shelter, housing, and support services that reduce homelessness.

Increase public awareness and commitment to solving homelessness
Connect homeless to resources and support systems
Focus resources on assisting vets and women

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