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LETTER TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS



Dear Stakeholders:

On behalf of YNDC, it is my pleasure to present our second quarterly Performance Report of 2015 to you, our valued stakeholders. Our team and partners have continued to work diligently throughout the spring and early summer to increase the scale of our impact. As I complete my first year as Executive Director, I want to again say thank you to all of our stakeholders, new and old, that have sustained and grown their commitments to and partnerships with YNDC. We cannot deliver these results and increase the scale of our impact without your support. I also want to thank the YNDC team, particularly the management team members, who have grown into new roles and worked hard to develop their skills to elevate our impact.

The highlights of our collective hard work in the second quarter include: the awarding of more than \$1 million in grants and contracts, including multiple new funding partners; the addition of a new full time team member, Stephanie Zapka in the newly created Housing Program Assistant position; the addition of four Property Maintenance Team Members to lead our citywide grass cutting operation; the addition of three YSU summer interns; the completion of the National Development Council's Housing Development Finance Professional certification by three team members; the selection of YNDC as one of three finalists for Greater Ohio's Sustainable Development Non-Profit of the Year Award; and many other programmatic achievements outlined in this report to improve neighborhoods and further the fight against blight across the city.

The ultimate success of this work is contingent upon you and our ability to come together to get the work done. Thank you again to our partners; and to those of you that have yet to get involved, I encourage you to find a way to join us in the fight against blight and in our work to create neighborhoods of choice for all across the City of Youngstown. I look forward to working with you all to make this our most impactful summer yet. Stand Up, Fight Blight!

REVITALIZE,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Beniston".

Ian Beniston
Executive Director

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NEW FUNDING & AWARDS

YNDC Selected as One of Three Finalists for Greater Ohio Sustainable Development Nonprofit of the Year Award

The Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation was selected by Greater Ohio as a finalist for the Sustainable Development Nonprofit of the Year Award along with Downtown Dayton Partnership and University Circle Incorporated. This Award recognizes a nonprofit individual or entity in Ohio that works with communities to identify local needs and addresses them with efficiency

and effectiveness. Open to 501c3 designated non-profits and philanthropic institutions, this Award honors those organizations that are innovating community solutions and meeting local needs and opportunities with distinction. Congratulations to University Circle Inc. who was selected as the winner of the statewide award!



NEW FUNDING & AWARDS

YNDC Quarter 2, 2015 Grant Award List

- City of Youngstown, HOME41, Owner Occupied Rehabilitation - \$230,000
- City of Youngstown, CDBG41 Paint Youngstown - \$200,000
- 2015 Ohio AmeriCorps Formula Grant, REVITALIZE - \$172,903
- City of Youngstown, Grass Cutting - \$102,168
- City of Youngstown HOME41, Strategic Acquisition and Rehabilitation - \$70,154
- City of Youngstown, Planning - \$60,000
- City of Youngstown, CDBG41, REVITALIZE - \$40,000
- Hine Fund, City Splash Pads - \$35,000
- William Swanston, Charitable Fund, Youngstown Better Block - \$32,000
- Home Savings Charitable Foundation, Housing Counseling - \$25,000
- Western Reserve Health Foundation, Healthy Eating and Cooking - \$22,991
- HUD Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant - \$12,598
- PNC Foundation, Housing Counseling - \$9,000
- Clif Bar Family Foundation, Iron Roots Urban Farm - \$5,500
- Talmer Bank, Healthy Homeownership Program - \$5,000
- Huntington Bank, Housing Counseling - \$5,000
- Schwebel Baking Company, Vehicle donation - truck valued at \$4,000
- AmeriCorps VISTA Project Site Continuation Award – 4 AmeriCorps VISTA members



STAFF



YNDC Adds Housing Program Assistant

On Tuesday, May 26th, **Stephanie Zapka** joined the YNDC team as Housing Program Assistant. Under the general direction of the Housing Director, Stephanie collaborates with a team of professional staff to assist in the implementation of all housing, financial literacy, and community lending programming. Prior to joining the YNDC, Stephanie was a Case Manager at Beatitude House Permanent Supportive Housing, working with disadvantage woman and children. She also spent seven years teaching GED and Release Prep classes for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Stephanie holds a Bachelor degree in Secondary Education from Youngstown State University and a MS in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati. Stephanie resides in the city with her two dogs.

Iron Roots Welcomes 2015 Farm Crew

YNDC has hired seven new employees to make up the summer farm crew at Iron Roots. Megan LaMarca joins the crew as program assistant, and will coordinate the Idora Neighborhood Farmers Market

as well as marketing and farm duties. Farm apprentices will be involved in all aspects of the farm, from bed preparation to harvesting and market sales.

- Megan LaMarca, Program Assistant
- Jonah Breetz, Farm Apprentice
- Josh Breetz, Farm Apprentice
- Wilma Depiore, Farm Apprentice
- Donald Little, Farm Apprentice
- Joseph Horton-Little, Farm Apprentice
- John Evans, Farm Apprentice
- Domonique Mays, Farm Apprentice
- Stephen Cash, Farm Apprentice

MCTA Summer Youth Employment Crew Helps Out With Grass Cutting

YNDC's blight fighting army continues to grow with the addition of team members through the Mahoning Columbiana Training Association's (MCTA) Summer Youth Employment Program. The program provides young people age 16 to 24 with paid work through the summer. YNDC is participating in the program and the participants are working to fight blight throughout the City of Youngstown. They are cutting grass at vacant homes, boarding up vacant homes, and assisting with other neighborhood projects. Many participants will also have the opportunity to enlist in YNDC's year long AmeriCorps REVITALIZE program.

Property Maintenance Team

YNDC has hired four property maintenance team members. Ryan Bielobockie, Vincent Clark, Vincente Lebron, and Cody Signor work under the general supervision of the REVITALIZE Program Coordinator and collaborate with a team of professional and labor staff in the implementation of large scale grass cutting and clean up of vacant homes, boarding of vacant housing, vacant lot management, and other field and maintenance projects to improve the quality of life in strategic Youngstown neighborhoods.



CONFERENCES & LEARNING EXCHANGES

Three YNDC Team Members Receive the National Development Council's Housing Development Finance Professional Certification

YNDC Executive Director Ian Beniston, YNDC Neighborhood Stabilization Director Jack Daugherty, and YNDC Housing Director Tiffany Sokol have successfully completed the requirements for the National Development Council's Housing Development Finance Professional certification. The four week long classes were taught by the National Development Council and sponsored by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency and Ohio Community Development Corporation Association. The three completed the classes over the past ten months. The certification is an industry standard for individuals in community and housing development and the completion of this course is part of YNDC's ongoing effort to build its capacity to complete a broader scope of projects at a larger scale. REVITALIZE.

YNDC Executive Director Joins National Steering Committee of National Resource Network

On Friday, April 24th, YNDC Executive Director participated in a meeting of the national steering committee for the National Resource Network in Kansas City, Kansas. The national steering committee guides and advises the work of the National Resource Network. The National Resource Network (the Network) is a core component of the Obama Administration's Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC2) initiative, and develops and delivers innovative solutions to American cities to help them address their toughest economic challenges. The Network works with local leaders to identify practical solutions, share real-world expertise and best practices, and help cities develop the

tools and strategies they need to grow their economies. Funded with \$10 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Network is a national program that leverages the expertise, partnerships, and resources of the public and private sectors to help cities comprehensively tackle their most pressing challenges. The Network provides cities with customized tools and advice to build strategic partnerships, strengthen their economic competitiveness, and marshal public and private sector resources. More information can be found here: <http://www.nationalresourcenetwork.org/en/home>.

Greentown at Kent Conference

On Tuesday, April 14th, YNDC Executive Director Ian Beniston and Thriving Communities Institute Director Jim Rokakis led a session titled Vacant to Vibrant: Putting Land Back to Use. The session was covered varying aspects of vacant land acquisition, planning, and reuse.

East Liverpool Environmental Justice Event

On Saturday, April 25th, YNDC Executive Director, Ian Beniston; YNDC Neighborhood Stabilization Director, Jack Daugherty; and James London of the Idora Neighborhood Association



headlined East Liverpool's Annual Environmental Justice Conference. The event was held at Kent State University's East Liverpool Campus and focused on how revitalization efforts began and continue in Youngstown's Idora neighborhood and how the Youngstown experience can translate to the development of neighborhood revitalization activity in East Liverpool.

OHFA Starting at Home Conference

On Thursday, April 30th, YNDC Executive Director Ian Beniston spoke at the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) Starting at Home conference on the Collaboration and Policy Development Panel on Local Government and Housing. Other participants on the panel



CONFERENCES & LEARNING EXCHANGES

were Matt Zone, Ward 15 Cleveland City Councilman; Bob Jaquay, Associate Director, George Gund Foundation; and Alison Goebel, Associate Director, Greater Ohio Policy Center.

Ohio Housing Finance Agency Visits Youngstown

On Thursday, June 4th, staff from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency conducted an informational visit to Youngstown. The tour and community partner visit included a presentation at YNDC; discussion with the City of Youngstown's Director of Community Development, Bill D'Avignon; tour of the Garden District with YNDC board member and the director of the Mahoning County Land Bank, Deb Flora; and a great lunch at Friends Cafe at Mill Creek MetroParks Fellows Riverside Gardens.

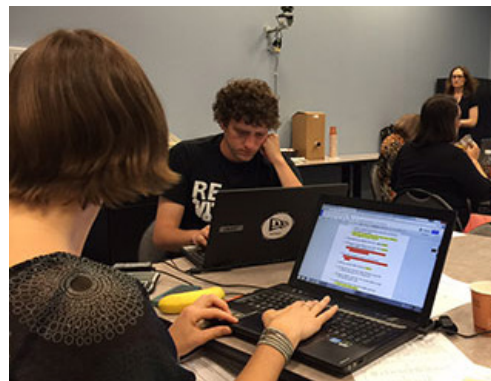
YNDC Neighborhood Planner Presents at RVP Conference

YNDC Neighborhood Planner, Tom Hetrick, presented at two sessions during the annual Reclaiming Vacant Properties conference held in Detroit on May 19-21. The first session was entitled Neighborhood Markets: Shaping Neighborhood Change Strategy. Tom presented an overview of Youngstown's Housing Market Analysis which was used to inform the city's neighborhood planning strategy. Co-presenters were Alan Mallach of the Center for Community Progress and Jeff Hebert of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority. The second session was entitled Revitalization with Roots: Best Practices in Legacy City Historic Preservation. Tom discussed how the rehabilitation of houses in Youngstown fits into broader neighborhood stabilization and preservation strategies. Co-presenters included David Mann of the Lucas County Land Bank and Matt Cole of the Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago's Historic Greystone Initiative.

YNDC Executive Director Participates in National Resource Network Event

YNDC Executive Director, Ian Beniston participated in the SC2 National Resource Network Peer Convening in Miami, Florida from June 24 through June 26. Nearly 120 city attendees representing 43 different communities attended the event to discuss best practices and learn from one another. Ian is a member of the national steering committee of the NRN. The national steering committee guides and advises the work of the NRN.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WORK DAYS



Volunteers Clean Up Glenwood Park and Surrounding Streets

On Saturday, April 18th, community volunteers cleaned up Glenwood Community Park and boarded up vacant homes in the adjacent Fosterville neighborhood in recognition of Global Youth Day of Service. Volunteer groups participating in the event included Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, students from Youngstown State University's YSUScape and Greeks in the Streets initiative, and Academic Year in America, as well as neighborhood residents. The event was sponsored in part by ServeOhio (The Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism), AmeriCorps State, and AmeriCorps VISTA. Food was provided for the event by Pizza Joe's on Canfield Road and by Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church. In total, volunteers boarded five vacant homes, removed over two dozen illegally dumped tires, cleared over 1,800 pounds of brush and debris from these homes, and water sealed the fence surrounding Glenwood Community park. A total of 49 volunteers served a total of 221 man hours at the event.



of debris were removed, and 17 houses were boarded. The event was supported by Councilman TJ Rogers and Green Youngstown's Community Tool Trailer (R.U.B.Y.). Lunch was provided by Pizza Joes and Nicky's Pizzeria, both located on McCartney Rd. Volunteers from Victory Christian Center, 614 Church, and YSU assisted with the clean up, as did the YNDC AmeriCorps VISTAs and AmeriCorps REVITALIZE team.

Community Groups Clean Up 13 Vacant Structures at Garden District Neighborhood Workday

On Saturday, May 2nd, the Garden District Neighborhood Association, Mahoning Valley Young Professionals, YSUScape, and YNDC team members held a community workday in the Garden District on Youngstown's west side. Volunteers cleaned up vacant properties on Halls Heights Ave., Glacier Ave., S. Lakeview Ave., and S. Maryland Ave. The workday was made possible through support from Councilman Mike Ray, Green Youngstown, the Youngstown Street Department, Striker's Pizza Pub & Subs, Walgreens, Target, and Giant Eagle. The following accomplishments were made during Saturday's workday:

- 13 vacant structures cleaned up
- 88 yards of debris removed
- 2 vacant structures boarded
- 26 tires removed
- 15 bags of trash removed
- 50 feet of sidewalk reclaimed
- 18 yards mowed



Community Groups Unite for MLK Workday

On Saturday, April 25th, neighborhood residents, volunteers, and YNDC came together to clean up and secure 19 vacant homes on the city's east side around Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School. Altogether, 203 tires and 2 dumpsters

NEIGHBORHOOD WORK DAYS

Sheridan Road Boulevard Spruced Up at Brownlee Woods Neighborhood Workday

On Saturday, May 9th, the Brownlee Woods Neighborhood Association hosted a workday to clean up 13 planting beds along the Sheridan Road boulevard. YNDC staff, AmeriCorps VISTA members, and the REVITALIZE team worked with Brownlee Woods residents to weed, edge, and spruce up the planting beds. Volunteers also removed debris that had collected at boulevard intersections. Support for the workday was provided by Green Youngstown, Marco's Pizza, and Classic Bakery.

Former Palko's Gas Station Cleaned Up at Rocky Ridge Workday

On Saturday, May 16th, the Rocky Ridge Neighborhood Association and YNDC staff cleaned up two properties in the Rocky Ridge neighborhood. The first was the former Palko's gas station on S. Schenley. Volunteers removed two dump truck loads of brush and



debris from the site, secured the back wall, and painted existing boards a solid color. The neighborhood group has plans to install public art on the boards. Volunteers also secured and cleaned up a property on S. Hazelwood. Support for the workday was provided by Pizza Joe's and Councilman Mike Ray.

Vacant Volney Road Property Secured at Idora Neighborhood Workday

On Saturday, May 16th, 17 volunteers from Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Victory Christian Center, and YNDC staff cleaned up a vacant property on Volney Road in the Idora Neighborhood. Volunteers removed 20 yards of debris, scraped 50 feet of sidewalk, and removed 5 tires. The property was also boarded and secured. Snacks for the workday were provided by Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

North Side Neighborhood Groups Collaborate for Crandall Park Clean Up

On Saturday, May 23rd, residents, volunteers, and YNDC staff participated in a clean up of Crandall Park on the city's north side. Participants pulled 217 tires from the ravine, filled a 30-yard dumpster with debris, reclaimed 30 feet of sidewalk, and planted flowers at the Tod Pavilion. Representatives were in attendance from the Crandall Park North and Crandall Park South

Neighborhood Associations, as well as the Fifth Avenue Boulevard Neighbors and the Upper North Heights Block Watch. Volunteers came from Victory Christian Center and 614 Church. Support for the workday was provided by Giant Eagle, Jimmy John's, Walgreen's, St. Edward's Church, Walmart, Target, Dunkin Donuts, the Parks Department, and Councilman Nate Pinkard. The RUBY Trailer and a dumpster was provided by Green Youngstown.

Powerstown Block Secures 9 Vacant Houses at Community Workday

On Saturday, May 30th, YNDC and the Powerstown Block Watch held a community work day to clean up and secure 9 vacant properties in the Powerstown neighborhood. In total, volunteers removed 31 cubic yards of debris, reclaimed 400 feet of sidewalk, removed 15 tires, and boarded 7 homes. Support for the workday was provided by Green Youngstown, Pizza Hut, and Chick-fil-A.



NEIGHBORHOOD WORK DAYS

Youth Group Boards Over 50 Homes in Youngstown

Through Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19, a youth group representing the Lutheran churches in Mahoning and Trumbull counties assisted YNDC with the board-up of 51 vacant homes on the south side of Youngstown in the Oak Hill and Fosterville neighborhoods. The project was orchestrated by Pastor Duane Jesse of Zion Lutheran Church of Youngstown, Pastor Dirk van der Duim of Grace Lutheran Church of Hubbard, and several adult chaperones from the local churches. AmeriCorps VISTA Leader Gretchen Brown and Neighborhood Stabilization VISTA Brad McHugh trained and coordinated volunteers for the project, with assistance from YNDC veteran volunteer and board-

up coordinator Eric Shehadi. Youth assisted with measuring, painting, and loading the boards at the Community Workshop and with laying them out and hanging them on the homes.

Tabernacle and Victory Team Up to Tackle Blight in Idora and Fosterville Neighborhoods

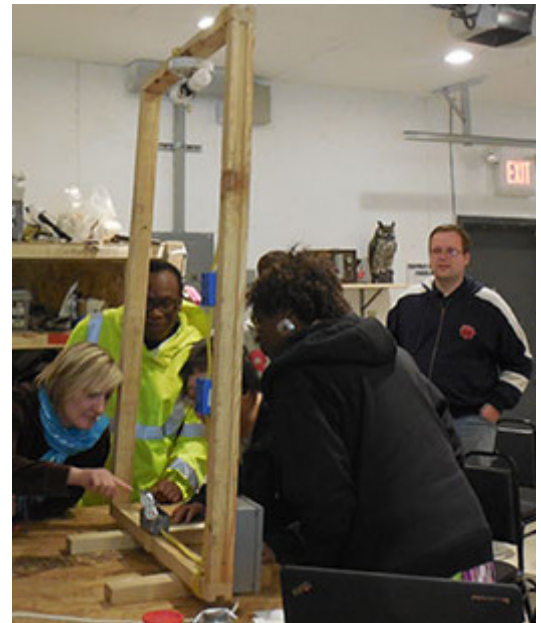
Volunteers from Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Victory Christian Church joined forces on Saturday, June 20th, to board up and clean up 11 vacant homes in the Idora and Fosterville neighborhoods. In addition to boarding up homes, volunteers cleaned up 25 cubic yards of garbage and overgrowth and cleared 300 feet of overgrown sidewalks.



COMMUNITY LENDING

Twelve Residents Participate in Quarterly Home Maintenance Workshop

On Thursday, April 30th, twelve city residents gathered at YNDC's Community Workshop for a home maintenance course, part of the organization's post-purchase homeownership education program. The course, taught by Michael Long, explored basic plumbing and electrical maintenance and repair. The workshops are open to all Youngstown residents but are required for borrowers from the organization's Community Loan Fund as part of their continuing homeowner education.



IRON ROOTS URBAN FARM

Iron Roots Announces New Farming and Cooking Classes

Iron Roots has a new schedule of farming and cooking classes for the fall available! Please see the flyers below. Cooking class topics include romantic dinners, cooking greens, and preserving harvests. Farming class topics include marketing your operation, composting, herb gardening, and other exciting classes. Classes are a great time to network with other cooks and gardeners and ask questions of farm staff. Please call YNDC at 330.480.0423 to RSVP. We hope to see you there!

Mahoning Valley Food Coalition Hosts Local Food Local Places Workshop

On Thursday, April 23th and Friday, April 24th, the Mahoning Valley Food Coalition hosted a two day local food planning workshop with the support of the federal Local Food Local Places initiative. This initiative is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Delta Regional Authority (DRA), and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). The workshop will result in a report and \$20,000 will be available for work that supports the goals of the local food community. The workshop refined and supported the following draft goals:

- Shift 5% or more of food purchases in Youngstown to local growers and producers, and increasing supply to meet the higher demand.
- Making sure that all people at all income levels and of all races and ethnicities in youngstown feel a connection to local foods, see the benefits, and find local products they desire.
- Work to make sure that YSU, schools, hospitals, and other anchor institutions are purchasing a share of their food needs from local producers.
- Make sure that the food cluster in Wick Park is connected to Youngstown State, downtown, the park and surrounding residential neighborhoods through safer and more welcoming pedestrian paths with features that distinguish the area.

Youngstown is one of 26 communities nationwide participating in the new Local Foods, Local Places program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Delta Regional Authority (DRA), and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). This federal initiative provides technical and financial support to integrate local food systems into community economic action plans, help revitalize struggling downtowns, and preserve farms and undeveloped land. Federal partners will also be in town on Friday conducting planning activities and

getting to know the city. The process will result in a report that can be used to integrate food into future planning efforts.

YNDC Installs Little Free Library at Iron roots

On May 28th, YNDC held a grand opening for a new “Little Free Library” located in front of the Mercy Health Demonstration Kitchen at Iron Roots Urban Farm. All community residents are invited to use the library and to leave a book or take a book. The library was constructed and donated by Mr. Frank Kishel in honor of his late mother. Little Free Libraries have become a community movement across the United States and throughout the world, offering free books housed in small containers to members of the local community. As of February 2013, all 50 states and 40 countries worldwide have been involved in the literary program, and there are over 15,000 Little Free Libraries worldwide. Thank you to Mr. Frank Kishel, the Youngstown Rotary, and the Mahoning County Library system for making this project possible!

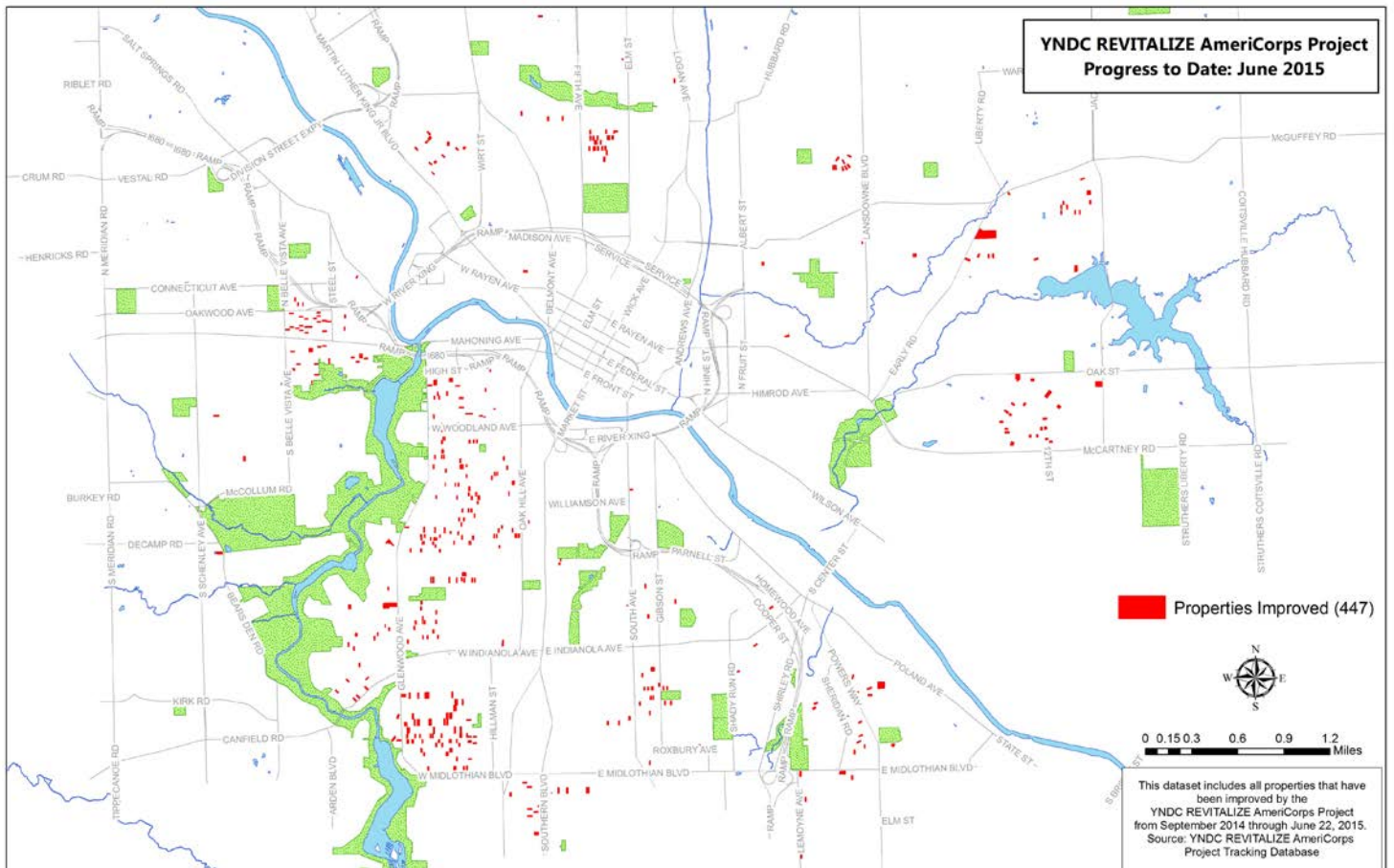


AMERICORPS REVITALIZE TEAM

Since the YNDC REVITALIZE AmeriCorps Project began at YNDC in September of 2014, our AmeriCorps team has made significant progress toward fighting blight in neighborhoods across the city. To date, the team has helped to improve over 440 properties in 21 neighborhoods citywide. Through these projects, the team has cleared 1776 bags of trash, removed over 65 tractor trailers of overgrowth and dumping debris, pulled out 1183 tires, and cleaned up 3.7 miles of overgrown sidewalks. The map identifies all properties that have been improved through the work of our AmeriCorps team since September 2014.

Mayor Applauds Efforts of AmeriCorps Members to Revitalize Neighborhoods

On Tuesday, April 7th, mayors across the country participated in the third-annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service to spotlight the impact of national service and thank those who serve. In Youngstown, Mayor John McNally recognized YNDC's AmeriCorps members for their service to the community. Seven of YNDC's REVITALIZE State and National team members and 3 AmeriCorps VISTAs were present to receive the Mayor's proclamation.



STRATEGIC ACQUISITION & REHAB

YNDC Begins Development of Second Workshop and Training Facility

YNDC has begun the creation of a second workshop facility to meet the demand of our growing construction and property maintenance operation and to serve as a training facility. The structure on the two plus acre property has been demolished and the large garage structure is being rehabilitated for use. The property will allow YNDC to continue to complete more vacant home board up and neighborhood improvement projects and further work with neighborhood and community groups. YNDC will also use the property for training of volunteers and individuals from across the region that are interested in learning more about YNDC's blight fighting methods. REVITALIZE.

Construction Begins on Community Revitalization House

On Friday, May 1st, work will begin at 866 Canfield Road. The duplex is undergoing a full rehabilitation to be repurposed as the Community Revitalization House. The Community Revitalization House will provide a quality housing option for AmeriCorps during their term of service at YNDC and the second floor unit will be available for rent.

Many thanks to our project funders including: The Youngstown Foundation, J. Ford Crandall Foundation, Ward Beecher Foundation, Frank and Pearl Gelbman Charitable Trust, John and Loretta Hynes Foundation, Walter and Caroline Watson Foundation, and the Ruth Beecher Charitable Trust!

Completed

- 778 Sherwood Avenue FOR SALE
- 202 Rutledge Drive PENDING
- 230 Idlewood Road PENDING
- 1669 Brownlee PENDING
- 1629 Thalia SOLD
- 1734 Bears Den SOLD
- 3660 Dover Road SOLD

In Progress

- 866 Canfield
- 3225 Neosho
- 728 Linwood
- 3215 Neosho
- 3636 Glenmere
- 3402 Lenox
- 928 Canfield
- 650 Clearmount

Acquisition

- 755 Pasadena
- 3402 Lenox
- 3636 Glenmere



PAINT YOUNGSTOWN



Limited Repair Projects Completed

- 464 Crandall Avenue
- 2709 Volney Road

Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Projects Completed

- 343 ½ Broaden Street
- 466 Crandall Avenue
- 119 N. Maryland Avenue
- 748 Pineview Avenue
- 117 Maywood Drive
- 3685 Neilson Avenue



YNDC has begun outreach for its Paint Youngstown limited-repair program for the 2015-2016 grant period. Four projects will be completed in each of the City of Youngstown's seven wards this year. The program is funded by an allocation of CDBG funds from the City of Youngstown, which will be utilized to leverage additional funding from the FHLB NIP program provided through Talmer Bank & Trust to increase impact.



Additionally, YNDC has will identify 7 owner-occupied full rehab projects. One project will be completed in each of the City of Youngstown's seven wards this year. The program is funded by an allocation of HOME funds from the City of Youngstown, which will be utilized to leverage additional funding from the FHLB NIP program provided through Talmer Bank & Trust to increase impact.

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION TEAMS

During the months of April, May, and June, the following Neighborhood Action Team meetings were held:

- Brownlee Woods
- Crandall Park
- Garden District
- Lincoln Knolls
- Pleasant Grove
- Powerstown
- Rocky Ridge

Action teams are comprised of neighborhood residents, city officials, YNDC staff, and representatives from relevant organizations and institutions. Members work collaboratively to address neighborhood issues, such as vacant, blighted properties, infrastructure issues, and sites with trash and debris. Over the past three months, the action teams have brought 20 priority properties into compliance through code enforcement efforts or demolition. Action teams also work to plan and execute volunteer community clean ups. Five community workdays

were held this spring, resulting in the securing and clean up of 23 blighted properties, the clean up of Crandall Park, and the clean up of the Sheridan Road boulevard. In addition, the Crandall Park Neighborhood Action Team identified and solicited funding to make improvements to the pavilion in the park, completing an application for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' NatureWorks grant program.

Neighborhood Leaders Focus Group on Code Enforcement

On Wednesday April 1, 2015, a group of twenty neighborhood leaders met with Joe Schilling, a consultant contracted by the City of Youngstown to review and make recommendations to improve the capacity of its code enforcement efforts. Core topics of discussion included what code enforcement could do, what residents would like it to do, and what residents and neighborhood groups can do

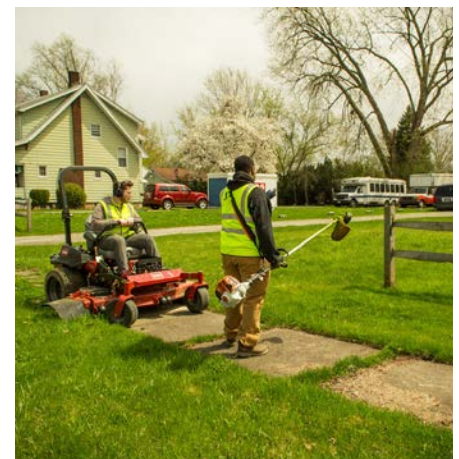
to assist in the code enforcement process. Many residents view code enforcement as a tool to address blighted properties and further neighborhood stabilization objectives. Residents expressed concern for housing conditions across the city and provided their vision for a strategic code enforcement system that utilizes all tools available for blight remediation. The goal of this process is to develop a set of policies and procedures aimed at streamlining code enforcement in Youngstown.



PLANNING & PARTNERSHIPS

YNDC's citywide grass cutting operations began in late April, 2015, after being contracted by the City of Youngstown to mow grass at vacant homes. Two teams started cutting in the southeast corner of the city, working systematically through each neighborhood with an army of zero-turn tractors, weed whackers, leaf blowers, and push mowers. Teams are made up of a supervisor, 4 crew leaders, and AmeriCorps members. Team members were joined in late June by 5 youth from the Mahoning

Columbiana Training Association Summer Employment Program. The MCTA youth will be part of the grass cutting teams for 6 weeks. Between April 15 and June 30, the teams made 3,550 cuts at vacant homes. Last year just 2,800 unique cuts were made throughout the entire 2014 grass cutting season.



PLANNING & PARTNERSHIPS

YNDC Works with City Parks Department to Secure Hine Fund Grant

YNDC worked with the City's Parks Department to write a grant application to the Hine Fund for the installation of universally-designed splash pads at city parks. On June 18, 2015, the Youngstown Foundation awarded \$35,000 for the project and construction is set to begin this summer. Funding will support the construction of splash pads in John White Park, on the east side, and Homestead Park, on the south side. Splash pads are water-based recreation areas consisting of water jets and sprinklers that provide a cool place for kids to play during the summer. The splash pads will be universally designed, which means they will be accessible to all youth, regardless of disability status. Children in wheelchairs will be able to enter the barrier-free play area and the splash pads provide an alternative to swimming pools, which often cannot be used by youth with disabilities. YNDC and the City's Parks Department would like to thank the Hine Fund and the Youngstown Foundation for its generous support of the project.

YNDC Participates in MCTA Summer Youth Employment Program

YNDC's blight fighting army continues to grow with the addition of team members through the Mahoning Columbiana Training Association's (MCTA) Summer Youth Employment Program. The program provides young people age 16 to 24 with paid work through the summer. YNDC is participating in the program

and the participants are working to fight blight throughout the City of Youngstown. They are cutting grass at vacant homes, boarding up vacant homes, and assisting with other neighborhood projects. Many participants will also have the opportunity to enlist in YNDC's year long AmeriCorps REVITALIZE program.

Community Toolshed Usage Continues to Increase

In June 2014, YNDC began operating the community toolshed formerly operated by the Neighborhood Improvement Corps. YNDC has increased the inventory and usage of the toolshed over the past year. Currently there are more than 65 unique and active borrowers. The toolshed inventory includes: garden tools and items, extension cords, brooms, a belt sander, a circular saw, a fertilizer/seeder, a drill, a finishing sander, hoes, hoses, ladders, corded electric lawn mowers, painter's plastic, pitch forks, a post hole digger, a pressure washer, rakes, shovels, corded electric hedge trimmers, a tunner bar, corded electric weed wackers, and hammers.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation Statement of Financial Income & Expense*

January 1 through June 30, 2015

Jan 1 - Jun 30, 15

Ordinary Income/ Expense	
Income	
Foundations & Banks	122,653.50
Direct Public Support	65,188.54
Government Grants & Contracts	812,927.33
Indirect Public Support	335.44
Investments	365.98
Other Types of Income	3,457.22
Program Income	395,225.42
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Total Income	1,400,153.43
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Gross Profit	1,400,153.43
Expense	
Payroll	65,651.52
Payroll Expenses	21,665.11
Facilities & Equipment	8,842.39
Operations	11,269.30
Insurance & Benefits	13,824.20
Meetings	690.28
Contract Services	25,419.00
Conferences & Seminars	4,768.82
Program Expense	926,779.55
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Total Expense	1,078,910.17
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Net Ordinary Income	321,243.26
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*Unearned Grant Receivables - \$1,446,599.99



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