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TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Dear Partners in Revitalization:

As the first half of our 2016 revitalization work is now complete, it is our privilege, on behalf of the YNDC team, to share with you our 2016 Quarter 2 Performance Report. Our team and many partners have spent the past three months working hard to improve neighborhoods across the City of Youngstown. Please take a moment to review this great report which highlights and celebrates our collective work in the second quarter of 2016.

In the second quarter, the YNDC team has now grown larger and more impactful than ever with over fifty people working every day to fight blight and revitalize neighborhoods across the city. In the past three months alone our team has: cut grass at thousands of homes, boarded up more than one hundred vacant homes, began and/or completed the rehabilitation process at twelve vacant homes, provided support to fourteen neighborhood groups to complete vacant land reuse projects, taught a seven week small business course for more than 40 aspiring entrepreneurs, engaged hundreds of volunteers in community workdays, increased the number of Neighborhood Action Teams, strengthened our partnerships with funders and organizations, and laid the foundation for many exciting projects throughout the summer of 2016.

As many of you already know, the ultimate success of this work is contingent upon you and our ability to come together to get the work done in our neighborhoods. Thank you again to our partners; and to those of you that have yet to get involved, we 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. Here's to a great summer of 2016!

REVITALIZE!

lan Beniston Executive Director

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REVITALIZATION REVIEW

11 mcta members Direct service/vista n 12 full-time staff members 20 part-time staff members

YNDC AND YOUNGSTOWN HIGHLIGHTED BY NATIONAL MEDIA MORE THAN \$1.35 MILLION IN NEW GRANT AWARDS WITH OVER 450 TOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATING GRASS CUT MORE THAN 4,500 UNIQUE TIMES

128 HOMES BOARDED

IDORA FARMERS' MARKET BEGINS SUCCESSFUL **3**RD SEASON

14 NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUTH GREENING PROJECTS

IDORA INN OPENS

 ${f 3}$ homes sold and ${f 3}$ homes pending sale

5 HOME REHABS IN PROGRESS

CITY USES SPOT BLIGHT EMINEMENT DOMAIN FOR **1**ST TIME TO ACQUIRE HISTORIC GLENWOOD CORRIDOR HOME

and $1 \underset{\text{completed}}{\underline{6}} \underset{\text{completed}$

1ST COOKIE TABLE OPEN HOUSE WITH ROCKY RIDGE NEIGHBORS

CRIME REDUCTION STRATEGY FOR SOUTH SIDE CONTINUES TO ADVANCE

OVER **40** PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING COURSE

BOB'S BARBERSHOP ON GLENWOOD CORRIDOR RECEIVES A MAKEOVER WITH GREEN YOUNGSTOWN

COMMUNITY TOOLSHED REOPENS

FOR FREE TOOL RENTAL

over **1,600** tires removed

PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

City Boards Up House Over Drug Sales - The Vindicator | Youngstown Police Board Up Home, Site of Suspected Drug Deals - WKBN | Youngstown Police Board Up Home, Site of Suspected Drug Deals - WYTV | Small Businesses Take Root in Valley's Urban Gardens - Business Journal | Thought Leader, Ian Beniston - Business Journal | 3.9 Miles of Uninhabited Streets to be Closed - The Vindicator | Plant Sales are Scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 18 and June 25 - The Vindicator | Western Reserve Health Foundation Awards \$102,000 - The Business Journal | Six Mahoning County Health Initiatives Granted More than \$100,000 - WFMJ | City Advances Development of Eastside Renewal Area - The Business Journal | Idora Neighborhood Farmers Market Opens at 4:30 p.m. Today - The Vindicator | Farmers' Market Kicks-off Summer Season in Youngstown - WKBN | Farmers Markets Kick Off Around the Valley - WFMJ | Wean Foundation Awards \$729,400 in Community Investment Grants - The Vindicator | Wean Foundation Awards \$729,400 in Grants - Business Journal | Two Splash Pads Open In Youngstown - WFMJ | Youngstown Turns the Water On Two New Splash Pads - The Vindicator | Charitable Fund Awards \$298K to Groups Aiding Kids - Trib Today | New Splash Pads Set to Open in Youngstown on Wednesday - WKBN | Open House Attracts Potential Buyers to Renovated Home in Youngstown - WKBN | Rocky Ridge Neighborhood Group, YNDC Show Off Renovated House - The Vindicator | Swanston Funds Playgrounds, Help for At-Risk Children - The Business Journal | Old Bottom Dollar in Youngstown Likely to Become Health Care Facility - WKBN | Health Care Provider, City Reach Deal on Bottom Dollar Site - The Vindicator | Youngstown Announces Proposal for South Side Bottom Dollar - WFMJ | One Health Ohio, City Reach Deal on Grocery Store - The Business Journal | 50K Talmer Grant to Aid YNDC Neighborhood Work - MetroMonthly | Youngstown Block Party Supports Community Programs Initiative - WKBN | Steelton Bar Crawl Draws People Back to the Old Neighborhood - The Vindicator | Rocky Ridge Group Sets Cookie Table Open House - The Vindicator | Steel Valley Vineyard Project Set for Sunday on Youngstown's South Side - The Vindicator | Youngstown Urban Farm Offers Produce, Plant Sales -WYTV | Youngstown Urban Farm Offers Produce, Plant Sales - WKBN | Youngstown to Get \$60K to Boost Health of Low-Income Residents - The Vindicator | Taft Promise Neighborhood Initiative to Launch Saurday - The Business Journal | Youngstown Team Selected for 'Invest Health' Program - The Business Journal | Health and Housing Target of Youngstown Health Initiative - WKBN | Akron, Canton, Youngstown Each

Receive \$60,000 Grants for Health Initiative - Crain's Cleveland Business | Health Initiative Targets Low-Income in Youngstown - WFMJ | Youngstown Receives \$60,000 Health Grant - The Vindicator | A Former Youngstown Resident is Coordinating an Effort to Paint a House On the Four Sides of the City - The Vindicator | Students Help Cleanup at Boys & Girls Club of Youngstown - Vindicator | Students help Cleanup at Boys & Girls Club of Youngstown - Vindicator | Art and Baseball Meld at Mill Creek Jr. Baseball Complex - WFMJ | Community Leaders Discuss Positive Developments Within The City - The Jambar | Youngstown's Slow Path To Recovery

- Moyers & Company | Youngstown Leaders Talk Government, Answer Questions at Town Hall Meeting -WKBN | Public Invited to Engage in Youngstown City Council Meeting - WFMJ | If You Demolish It, They Will Come - Vindicator | Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. Fixing Historic Property - WKBN | Former Grocery Store Could Become Health Clinic - The Business Journal | Youngstown Is Negotiating with a Health Care Provider for the Vacant Bottom Dollar Supermarket Building - Vindicator | Youngstown Council Increases Contract for Grass Cutting and Cleanups - Vindicator | City Council to Consider Today a \$174,261 Contract

for Grass Cutting and Boarding Up Vacant Structures - Vindicator | 'Health-Care' Firm Eyes Former Grocery Store - The Business Journal | How Rust Belt City Youngstown Plans to Overcome Decades of Decline - PBS Newshour | Volunteers Clean Up Youngstown's South Side - WFMJ | Another Reason to Love Urban Green Space: It Fights Crime - City Lab | Youngstown Councilwoman Wants Recreation Area on South Side - WKBN

Volunteers Sought for Route 422 Cleanup Days - The Business Journal | Talmer Donates \$50K for YNDC Rehab Project - The Business Journal | Bank Donates \$50,000 for Youngstown Neighborhood Revitalization -WFMJ | Volunteers Painting Valley Homes for Free This Spring - WFMJ



Thought Leaders: YNDC's Ian Beniston

YNDC Quarter 2, 2016 Grant Awards

Grant, Funding, and Human Resource Awards: City of Youngstown, CDBG42 Paint Youngstown: \$300,136 City of Youngstown, HOME42, Owner Occupied Rehabilitation: \$227,370 City of Youngstown, Grass Cutting and Neighborhood Clean Up Agreement: \$174,261 City of Youngstown, HOME42, Strategic Acquisition and Rehabilitation: \$150,000 Serve Ohio, Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism, AmeriCorps Direct Service: \$137,300 The William Swanston Charitable Fund, Neighborhood Playground Enhancement: \$75,000 The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Reinvestment Fund, Invest Health: \$60,000 Talmer Bank and Trust, Housing: \$50,000 - \$25,000 cash and donation of 1543 Canfield Road City of Youngstown, CDBG42 REVITALIZE: \$35,000 City of Youngstown, Planning Services: \$30,000 Western Reserve Health Foundation, Safe Routes to School: \$30,000 HUD Comprehensive Counseling Grant: \$19,585 Boardman Township, Vacancy Survey Contract: \$14,170 Huntington National Bank, Housing: \$12,500 AmeriCorps VISTA Support Grant: \$10,000 Bank of America Foundation, Housing Counseling: \$10,000 Frank and Pearl Gelbman Foundation, 45 Oneta: \$10,000 Ruth Beecher Charitable Trust, REVITALIZE Youngstown: \$10,000 Farmers National Bank, Housing: \$5,000 Jon and Adrienne Howell, Operation Paint Brush: \$4,000 Boardman Home Depot, Operation Paint Brush: \$2,500 Star Supply, Operation Paint Brush: \$100 City of Youngstown, City Council Discretionary for Multiple Neighborhood Improvement Projects Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps VISTA: Project Site Continuation, 9 members Mahoning Columbiana Training Association, Summer Youth Employment Site

YNDC Quarter 2, 2016 Grant Awards (continued)

Material and In-Kind Donations: Austintown Home Depot, Operation Paint Brush: Supplies Boardman Lowes, Operation Paint Brush: Supplies Cornersburg Pizza Joes, Neighborhood Workdays: Pizza Green Youngstown, Sherwin Williams Paint: Bob's Barbershop on Glenwood Avenue Nick's Welding, Glenwood Avenue: Welding Repairs to YNDC vehicles Sherwin Williams, Operation Paint Brush: Supplies



Reinvestment Fund and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Name Youngstown One of 50 Invest Health Cities

The City of Youngstown has been selected by Reinvestment Fund and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to take part in the new Invest Health initiative. Invest Health is aimed at transforming how leaders from mid-size American cities work together to help low-income communities thrive, with specific attention to community features that drive health such as access to safe and affordable housing, places to play and exercise, and quality jobs. Youngstown was selected from more than 180 teams from 170 communities that applied to the initiative. Cities with populations between 50,000 and 400,000 were asked to form five-member teams including representatives from the public sector, community development, and an anchor institution, preferably academic or health-related. The Youngstown team comprises representatives from Youngstown City Health District, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation, Youngstown State University Regional Economic Development Initiative, Mercy Health Foundation – Mahoning Valley, and Eastgate Regional Council of Governments and will work to reduce obesity and other chronic health disparities through improving infrastructure and the built environment and reduce long term developmental disabilities among children caused by substandard housing conditions. "Our cross sector team is excited to continue our work to improve Youngstown neighborhoods and further enhance our strategies to improve health outcomes by strengthening neighborhood housing quality and infrastructure conditions," Ian Beniston, Executive Director, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation. Over the next 18 months, Invest Health teams will take part in a vibrant learning community, have access to highly skilled faculty advisors and coaches who will guide their efforts toward improved health, and receive a \$60,000 grant. Youngstown will also engage a broader group of local stakeholders to encourage local knowledge sharing.

William Swanston Charitable Fund Awards \$75,000 To YNDC For Neighborhood Playground Enhancement Project

The William Swanston Charitable Fund has awarded \$75,000 to YNDC to encourage active living among children in Youngstown's neighborhoods through a Neighborhood Playground Enhancement Project that seeks to achieve Policy, Systems, and Environmental change through the addition of outdoor fitness equipment at two highly-used neighborhood playgrounds, Glenwood and Homestead, and regimented fitness programs to the Summer Day Camp programs administered by the City of Youngstown's Department of Parks and Recreation. Playgrounds at Glenwood and Homestead Parks serve neighborhoods with the greatest number of youth living nearby. In 2013, YNDC led the construction of the Glenwood Community Park in a neighborhood where youth did not have access to recreational activities. The park now includes a playground, rock climbing station, basketball court, and outdoor pavilion. Youth will be engaged in discussions about the importance of physical activity and will have the opportunity to give input on the type of fitness equipment they would like to have at their playground. Outdoor fitness equipment is modeled after resistance and other machines commonly found at gyms, but are designed to last in outdoor environments. The equipment is used to create an attractive and inviting, user-friendly, outdoor gym or fitness park that is appropriate for children. In addition to environmental change through the addition of fitness equipment, the project seeks to change systems and policy in the Summer Day Camp program through regimented, daily use of the outdoor equipment. Mandated fitness activities during the Day Camp will increase the amount of physical activity among children, thus helping to reduce rates of childhood obesity among youth in the City of Youngstown. This project is a partnership with the City of Youngstown Department of Parks and Recreation.



The Western Reserve Health Foundation Awards YNDC \$30,000 for Safe Routes to School Programming

On Tuesday, June 7, the Western Reserve Health Foundation awarded YNDC a \$30,000 grant to implement noninfrastructure programming identified in the Citywide Safe Routes to School Travel Plan that YNDC and the City of Youngstown completed in the winter of 2016. The programming will include strategies such as hosting regular "walk to school" events at elementary schools, educating students, teachers, and parents on the health benefits of walking and biking to school, working with school staff and parents to understand and address barriers to safe walking and biking, and cultivating local school support for all safe routes projects to ensure their long term sustainability. These encouragement, education, enforcement, and evaluation activities will strengthen competitive funding applications from the City of Youngstown to the Ohio Department of Transportation for critical funding to repair infrastructure and enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities particularly for students.

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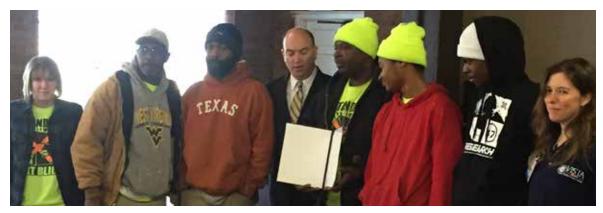


Talmer Bank Awards \$25,000 Grant and REO Property to YNDC

On Monday, April 4, 2016, Talmer Bank awarded a \$25,000 grant to support YNDC's housing programs and donated 1543 Canfield Road to YNDC so it can be renovated and sold to a homeowner. Talmer has also committed to volunteer at YNDC events and provide the donation of additional REO properties. "YNDC is grateful for Talmer Bank's willingness to expand our partnership on multiple fronts," said Tiffany Sokol, Housing Director of YNDC. "Talmer Bank is relatively new to the Youngstown market, and we are impressed with the bank's enthusiasm and eagerness to make an impact in the City of Youngstown, as well as their sensitivity to the needs of the community as evidenced by their REO and grant donations. We look forward to getting even more work done this year as a result of Talmer's growing investment in our efforts." "Talmer Bank is excited to support YNDC initiatives to revitalize neighborhoods, help stabilize the community and improve the guality of life for Youngstown residents," said Mark Wenick, executive managing director/ regional president – Mahoning Valley. "As a company, Talmer Bank has partnered with neighborhoods in Detroit and other areas so we fully understand that neighborhood revitalization is not the responsibility of one individual or organization. So we look forward to rolling up our sleeves with YNDC to help make an impact in Youngstown."

Mayor McNally Honors AmeriCorps and National Service Members!

On April 5, 2016, Mayor John McNally celebrated AmeriCorps Recognition Day by providing a Proclamation of Support for National Service Members to honor their service to the City of Youngstown. The event was held at the Wick Park Pavilion in Youngstown and attended by YNDC's AmeriCorps REVITALIZE team, AmeriCorps VISTAs, Americorps NCCC Maple 3 team, and AmeriCorps members serving at other locations throughout Mahoning County. Please join us in celebrating the service of and congratulating all the AmeriCorps members that serve Youngstown.





LEARNING EXCHANGES



YNDC Presents at Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group Community Development

On Tuesday, May 17, a team from Youngstown, including: Tom Hetrick, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation; T. Sharon Woodberry, City of Youngstown; Debora Flora, Mahoning County Land Bank; and Marguerite Douglas, Lincoln Knolls Community Watch presented on Neighborhood Action Plans and Assets Based Micro Planning.

STAFF

New Housing Client Manager Joins YNDC Team

Tammi Neuscheler is the Housing Client Manager for YNDC. Under the direction of the Housing Director, Tammi collaborates with a team of professionals to assist in the implementation of all housing, financial literacy, and community lending programming. She manages outreach and case management for all housing program clients, provides pre- and post- purchase housing and financial counseling, and facilitates homebuyer workshops. A Michigan native, Tammi has lived in San Diego, CA, Leesburg, VA, and Huntington, WV, finally landing in Northern Ohio in 2008. Prior to joining the YNDC team, she had a wide variety of professional experience ranging from marketing, sales, and social services. While taking time off to be home with her 3 children, Tammi was very active as a volunteer, coordinating a group for mothers of preschoolers, a weekly program for school-aged girls, and most recently working with an outreach in Warren, OH. Tammi holds a Master's Degree from San Diego State University and a Bachelor's in Communication from Alma College (Alma, MI). Currently residing on a 51acre farm in Vienna, OH with her husband and 3 children, she enjoys fitness and gardening and is very active in her church community. She has a passion for people and communities, which is what drew her to YNDC.

YNDC Team Welcomes 4 AmeriCorps VISTAs and 1 AmeriCorps VISTA Leader

On Friday, June 24, YNDC welcomed four new AmeriCorps VISTAs, Gia Cappabianca, Kaytlin Fenlason, Grant Taylor, and Jordan Wolfe. YNDC also welcomes back Gretchen Brown as AmeriCorps VISTA Leader. In addition to the AmeriCorps VISTAs at YNDC, three more, Michelle Comanescu, Kristin Riley, and Carl Henneman, are serving at Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership and one, Alice Marshall, is serving at the South Avenue Area Neighborhood Development Initiative.





STAFF

YNDC Welcomes Grass Cutting and Clean Up Team Members

On Tuesday, April 5, YNDC welcome five new Grass Cutting and Clean Up Team Members including: Samuel Braxton, Ryan Bielobockie, Tom Elliott, Mike Reese, and Nate Signor. The five play a lead role in YNDC's citywide grass cutting and board up efforts beginning this week and continuing through the fall. Please join us in welcoming them to the YNDC team. FIGHT BLIGHT.

YNDC Adds Three Neighborhood Canvassers to Team

YNDC recently added three neighborhood canvassers to our team. KeOndre Johnson, Joseph Napier, and Antoine Watkins are Neighborhood Canvassers assisting with the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Project on the South Side of Youngstown. Under the supervision of the Neighborhood Planner, the canvassers assist with property research and analysis of crime data, as well as door to door canvassing, and community outreach efforts. Please join us in welcoming them to the YNDC team.

University of Michigan Hires Youngstown Survey Crew

On April 7th, the University of Michigan Survey Crew started orientation at YNDC. The group will support the Youth Violence Prevention Center's Youngstown vacant land reuse study by collecting data around study parcels on community quality of life and property conditions. The crew will work through the summer collecting data through community resident surveys and property assessments. 2016 Survey Crew Members are as follows: Ryan Emborsky - Supervisor, Wayne Myers, Faofua Togisala, Mark McGrail, and Avi Cooper.







STAFF

AmeriCorps NCCC Maple 3 Team Completes Successful Round of Service at YNDC

The 10 members of AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) Team Maple 3 strengthened the capacity of YNDC to board up and clean up vacant homes in Youngstown from March 12th through April 21st. During this time, they cut and painted nearly 1,500 boards to board up over 150 vacant homes, participated in two Volunteer Community Workdays and helped YNDC prepare for two additional events, laid over 20 cubic yards of mulch to improve landscaping for community signage, and cleaned out and prepped 2 vacant homes for rehabilitation. The NCCC team also removed over 4 tractor trailers full of blight and over 600 illegally tires. Their hard work over the past two months has created a lasting impact on Youngstown's neighborhoods. AmeriCorps NCCC members stayed in YNDC's Community Revitalization House at 866 Canfield Road, and were the second NCCC team to stay in this facility since construction was completed in 2015. YNDC anticipates hosting an additional team this year in the later summer or early fall. AmeriCorps NCCC strengthens communities and develops leaders through direct, team-based national and community service. Members work with nonprofits and other agencies across America to complete 6 to 12 week community service projects.



















Rocky Ridge Neighbors Begin Revitalization of Vacant Home

On Saturday, April 9, the Rocky Ridge Neighbors, Councilwoman Lauren McNally, Councilman Mike Ray, and YNDC began the clean out of a vacant home in the Rocky Ridge neighborhood. The home is now in the process of being rehabilitated by YNDC.

Volunteers Clean Up Vacant Lot at Idora Workday

On Saturday, April 16 a small group of volunteers composed of members of the Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Idora Neighborhood Association, and YNDC removed trash, brush, debris, and many bags of leaves from a vacant lot on Volney Road.

YSU Students, AmeriCorps NCCC Team Maple 3 FIGHT BLIGHT in the Fosterville Neighborhood

On Saturday, April 2nd, Students from Youngstown State University and members of AmeriCorps NCCC Team Maple 3 worked together to board up and clean up 20 vacant homes on Glenaven Avenue in the Fosterville neighborhood on Youngstown's South Side. A tractor trailer of brush and two dumpsters full of of trash and debris were removed from the neighborhood. Over 600 illegally dumped tires were collected from the lawns and garages of these vacant homes. The event was planned and coordinated by AmeriCorps VISTAs Sarah Conkle and Anika Jacobs. AmeriCorps VISTA Frank Elling also assisted with volunteer recruitment and coordination for the event. Special thanks to Pizza Hut for contributing pizza for the volunteers to support this event!













A Collaborative Effort Makes US422 Workday a Success

On Saturday, April 23, volunteers and representatives from the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber, Green Youngstown, City of Youngstown, Youngstown Police Department, YSUscape, Brier Hill Cultural Center, Defend Youngstown, and other neighborhood and community groups joined together to fight blight in Brier Hill along the US422 Corridor. The workday resulted in the board up of 10 vacant homes, the removal of over 500 tires, and the removal of 30 cubic yards of debris and trash.

Nearly 100 Volunteers Clean up the streets of Cottage Grove at YNDC's Second Global Youth Service Day

Our Second Annual Global Youth Service Day focused on the Cottage Grove Neighborhood on Youngstown's South Side near Horizon Science Academy. In an incredible show of support, 95 volunteers from all around Ohio came to stand up and fight blight. Volunteer children aged 6 to 15, from Horizon Science Academy, Youth Congress, Bondage Busters, and Valley Christian School swept through a total of 25 blocks cleaning all the yards of trash and debris while students from YSU's Greek Life and members of Victory Christian Center boarded a total of 8 houses and removed 462 tires. The event was planned and coordinated by AmeriCorps VISTAs Anika Jacobs, and Sarah Conkle, and YNDC's Neighborhood Planner Thomas Hetrick who led teams alongside Jack Daugherty, Frank Elling, Joseph Napier, Bradley McHugh and Cody Signor. Special thanks to Southgate Pizza on Southern Boulevard for providing pizza for all of our volunteers, and Giant Eagle on Mahoning Avenue in Austintown for their donation of refreshments!







YNDC Participates In Brownlee Woods Community Workday

On Saturday, May 7th, YNDC participated in the Brownlee Woods Community Workday sponsored by the Brownlee Woods Neighborhood Association. Volunteers worked on sprucing up the boulevard medians along Sheridan Road and constructed a stone planter around the new neighborhood welcome sign at Country Club Drive. Approximately 30 trash bags of blight were removed from the neighborhood, more than half a ton of stones were placed around the sign, and nearly half a mile of medians were weeded and cleaned up!

Boys and Girls Club Backyard Project Engages Many Partners

On Saturday, April 30, the City of Youngstown, Cityscape, YNDC, YSUscape and many other organizations, businesses, and individuals participated in the Backyard Project at the Boys and Girls Club on Oak Hill Avenue. Over 150 volunteers participated to remove trees, brush, overgrowth, trash, and debris from the former Kyle Field property. This is the first step in a multi-phase project to enhance the Boys and Girls Club's outdoor facilities and provide additional recreation options for youth of the south side of Youngstown.









Operation Paint Brush Paints Rocky Ridge Home

On Thursday and Friday, May 19 and 20, Operation Paint Brush completed the exterior painting of a home in the Rocky Ridge neighborhood. Operation Paint Brush had planned to paint four homes on Saturday, May 21, but the event had to be rescheduled for Friday, September 2 due to rain. Operation Paint Brush is a collaborative effort to paint homes in the City of Youngstown led by Youngstown native Jon Howell. Other project partners and sponsors include: City of Youngstown, YSUscape, YNDC, United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, Home Depot Foundation, Home Depot Boardman store, Home Depot Austintown store, Lowes Boardman store, Star Supply, Chick-Fil-A, and Verizon. Please mark your calendar for Friday, September 2.

Volunteers Clean Up Mahoning Streetscape At Garden District Workday

On Saturday, May 14, despite the rainy weather, volunteers from the Garden District Neighborhood Association and members of the YNDC team worked together to cleanup the sidewalks and streetscape along Mahoning Avenue between I-680 and Belle Vista. Volunteers used shovels, weed whackers, trash pickers, and backpack blowers to remove weeds and overgrowth from 9 blocks along Mahoning Avenue. Approximately 20 trash bags of debris were removed from the sidewalks alone, significantly improving the appearance and functionality of the streetscape for pedestrians.





Residents FIGHT BLIGHT at Pleasant Grove Workday

Approximately 25 residents and community volunteers came out to clean up 3 vacant homes and a vacant lot on Clarencedale and Erie Avenues in the Pleasant Grove neighborhood. This event was supported by the Handel's Neighborhood Association, the Boulevard Park Block Watch, 614 Church, and neighborhood residents. Nearly a tractor trailer of brush and overgrowth was cleared from the yards of vacant homes and chipped up using a wood chipper and all 4 properties were mowed. This workday event was planned and organized by the Pleasant Grove Neighborhood Action Team as part of broader community-based efforts to implement the Pleasant Grove Neighborhood Action Plan. YNDC's AmeriCorps VISTA Anika Jacobs assisted with coordinating volunteers for the event. Special thanks to Dunkin' Donuts for providing donuts for the event!

Neighborhood Groups Unite to FIGHT BLIGHT at Crandall Park Cleanup

On Saturday, May 21st neighborhood residents representing the Upper North Heights Neighborhood Association, Know Your Neighbor Block Watch, Crandall Park North Neighborhood Association, Crandall Park South Neighborhood Association, and the Fifth Avenue Boulevard Neighbors braved a cold, wet and rainy day to clean up Crandall Park. Volunteers focused on cleaning up and beautifying the corner of Elm and Tod Avenue and on clearing a hiking trail along the creek. A total of 45 tires and 10 cubic yards of trash and overgrowth were removed from the park. Approximately 1,000 feet of trail was also created, connecting the pedestrian bridge to the open air pavilion at Tod Avenue.





Lincoln Knolls Community Watch Beautifies Neighborhood Welcome Signs

On Saturday, June 25, YNDC and the members of the Lincoln Knolls Community Watch installed landscaping beds and planted flowers around two "Welcome to Lincoln Knolls" signs. One of the signs was installed in November of 2015 with funding through a grant from the Raymond John Wean Foundation. Volunteers also re-secured 5 vacant houses in the neighborhood that had previously been boarded at a community workday.

Volunteers Paint House and Refresh Neighborhood Signage at Idora Neighborhood Workday

On Saturday, June 18, volunteers from Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Victory Christian Center, the Idora neighborhood, and YNDC scraped and painted a house on Winona Drive and weeded and mulched neighborhood signage throughout the neighborhood. Many thanks to Cornersburg Pizza Joes for providing pizza.







LOTS OF GREEN





Idora Neighborhood Farmers' Market Now Open For the Season

The Idora Neighborhood Farmers' Market opened on June 7th and will run through October 4th, and has grown significantly in its third year. Market vendors sell products including fruits and vegetables, jams, granola, sauces, and prepared foods. Every market has events such as kids' games, a pop up library, or wellness and gardening classes. In 2016, the market has become a site for the Mercy Health Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program, through which doctors prescribe patients fresh produce that they can purchase at the market. The market also doubles SNAP purchases up to \$20 per visit and accepts WIC Farmers' Market coupons. The market is open every Tuesday from 4:30pm - 7:00pm, and is located at 2600 Glenwood Avenue.





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Youth Greening Awardees Announced

YNDC is pleased to announce the 14 winners of our 2016 Youth Greening Awards, funded through the Youth Violence Prevention Center at University of Michigan. These projects, located throughout Youngstown, will reinvigorate vacant and abandoned spaces to provide new community gathering spaces and engage youth in community development. 2016 awardees and projects:

- Alpha and Omega First Baptist Church Green Jacobs Road
- Metro Assembly of God Metro Adopt a Block Project
- South Avenue Area Neighborhood Development Initiative Lots of Art
- Fairmont Community Garden Fairmont Fruit Trees and Greenhouse
- Know Your Neighbor Block Watch Ohio Avenue Butterfly Project
- Warriors Inc. Warriors Inc. Community Garden
- Taft School Area Block Watch Taft School Area Wildflower/Pollinator Garden
- Northeast Homeowners Association Lots of Love Liberty Greening Project
- Love Your Neighbor Block Watch Kids Spring into Action Project
- Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown Team Up to Clean Up
- Crandall Park South Ford Avenue Youth Greening Project
- Youngstown Inner City Garden Growing Youth at Steel Valley Vineyard
- Sly's Landscaping LLC T&T Revitalization Project
- Southside Community Garden SSCG Year 5 Wild Meadow







Fresh Coast Capital Begins Planting Acres of Trees in Youngstown

In late spring 2016, Fresh Coast Capital planted its first trees in Youngstown at three underutilized city park sites: Stambaugh Field, Gibson Field, and Tod Field. Fresh Coast has planted hybrid poplar trees on the city park sites. Hybrid poplars are a fast growing tree that absorb large amounts of moisture and contaminants and ease the burden of stormwater on city infrastructure. They can be harvested in twelve to fifteen years, once they have reached more than eighty feet in height. Fresh Coast Capital is a mission-driven company using private capital that is dedicated to helping cities manage blight and stormwater on their vacant and contaminated land. Please check out their website at http://freshcoastcapital.com/.

Completed

- 138 South Hazelwood SOLD
- 916 Bonnie Brae RENTED
- 951 Lanterman SOLD
- 4418 Euclid SOLD

In Progress

- 475 Carlotta
- 504 S. Hazelwood
- 1543 Canfield
- 1618 Medford
- 1816 Ridglawn

Acquisition

- 15 Vermont
- 475 Carlotta
- 504 S. Hazelwood
- 929 Woodford
- 1543 Canfield
- 3726 Glenwood





















City of Youngstown Completes Use of Spot Blight Eminent Domain on Historic Glenwood Property

The City of Youngstown has completed the acquisition of 3726 Glenwood Avenue using spot blight eminent domain. This historic property has been vacant and blighted for multiple years and the owner unresponsive to city code enforcement. The City initiated the spot blight eminent domain process in fall 2015 and recently acquired the property for fair market value. The property has been purchased from the City by YNDC and will be renovated.

YNDC Sells Two Revitalized Homes in the Month of April

In the month of April, YNDC sold two fully revitalized homes at 3402 Lenox Avenue and 3215 Neosho Road to first-time homeowners. Both homes were acquired in 2015 - 3402 Lenox through the City of Youngstown Land Bank and 3215 Neosho through the Mahoning County Land Bank -- and fully rehabilitated by YNDC. Both new homeowners participated in YNDC's HUD-Approved Housing Counseling program in preparation for homeownership.



















YNDC Sells 3309 Glenwood to New Homeowner

On Monday, May 23, YNDC sold the fully revitalized home at 3309 Glenwood to a new homeowner. The interior of the home has an open floor plan and includes 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath and 1 half bath, a large living room, and kitchen. Updates include a new roof, new gutters and downspouts, new windows, refinished hardwood floors throughout, a new high-efficiency furnace and hot water tank, new light fixtures, fresh paint throughout, insulation, and more.The home was acquired and rehabilitated with HOME Investment Partnership funds from the City of Youngstown.

YNDC's REVITALIZE Rentals Reach Full Occupancy

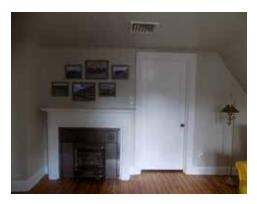
In late 2015, YNDC started its REVITALIZE Rental program, and has since developed seven units of rental housing on Youngstown's south side. All seven units are occupied.













YNDC Opens Idora Inn

In April 2016, YNDC opened a fully furnished 1-bedroom short term rental unit in the the organization's triplex located at 928 Canfield Road. The unit can be rented on a nightly basis through the following webpage: https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/11751652.



PAINT YOUNGSTOWN







Limited Repair Projects Completed

• 40 E. Warren

Full Rehab Projects Completed

- 509 Garfield
- 223 Greeley
- 829 Woodside
- 2059 Felicia
- 130 N. Portland
- 1924 Meadowbrook

YNDC has completed its Paint Youngstown limited-repair program for the 2015-2016 grant period. Twenty-seven projects have been completed in each of the City of Youngstown's seven wards. The program is funded by an allocation of CDBG funds from the City of Youngstown. Additionally, YNDC has identified 9 owner-occupied full rehab projects throughout the city. The program is funded by an allocation of HOME funds from the City of Youngstown.

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ACTION PLANS

Rocky Ridge Neighbors and YNDC Hold Cookie Table Open House at 138 S. Hazelwood

On Wednesday, May 25, the Rocky Ridge Neighbors and YNDC held a cookie table open house at 138 S. Hazelwood Avenue. Over 75 residents and members of the public attended the event. The home was fully renovated through a partnership with the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation and City of Youngstown and has since been sold to an owner occupant homebuyer. The revitalization of the property is one of the many priorities in the Rocky Ridge Neighborhood Action Plan and is the first of multiple properties to be fully renovated and sold to new homeowners. The open house highlighted the many improvements to the two-story colonial constructed in 1941 and was available for tours. Rocky Ridge Neighbors offered a cookie table composed of cookies made by neighborhood residents and Mill Creek Maple Cotton Candy made with the neighborhood's own maple syrup. Rocky Ridge Neighbors also conducted their monthly meeting on site with guest speaker Bob McGovern, a Rocky Ridge resident and owner of Cartography Coffee.



Run of the Mill Bar Crawl Builds Support for Steelton Greening Projects

On Saturday, May 21, more than 150 people participated in the Run of the Mill Bar Crawl in the Steelton neighborhood of Youngstown. The event was developed through a partnership between the City of Youngstown, Fourth Ward Councilman Mike Ray, Jr., the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber, and YNDC as part of the US422 Corridor project implementation. Eleven establishments participated in the event that drew a solid crowd to the neighborhood.

YNDC and City of Youngstown Provide Free Helmets to Elementary School Students

On Monday, May 23, YNDC and the City of Youngstown Health District presented a bicycle safety demonstration and distributed more than 150 bicycle helmets to kindergarten and 3rd grade students at McGuffey Elementary School. The giveaway was part of the Safe Routes to School project, which seeks to create safer environments for elementary students who walk and bike to school. McGuffey Elementary was identified as a priority school in the Youngstown's Safe Routes to School Travel Plan, which was approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation in March of 2016. The city has submitted a grant proposal to ODOT for infrastructure improvements around the school. The helmets were awarded through Ohio AAP's "Put a Lid On It" Bike Helmet Safety Awareness Program.





Youngstown Opens Splash Pads at Two City Parks

On Wednesday, June 1, splash pads opened in two city playgrounds, one at John White Park on the East Side and one at Homestead Park on the South Side. The pads were paid for, in part, with funding from the Hine Fund. The Hine Fund is administered by the Youngstown Foundation, with a focus on youth with disabilities. The splash pads are fully ADA-accessible and are able to be used by children of all abilities. The pads will be open daily from 11am to 8:30pm.



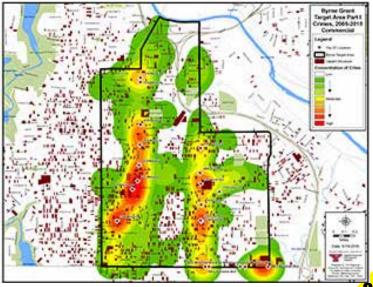
YNDC to Partner with Western Reserve Land Conservancy Thriving Communities Institute

YNDC will partner with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy's Thriving Communities Institute thanks to a grant from The Raymond John Wean Foundation. The grant from the foundation supports the Thriving Communities Institute's work with Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership in Warren and Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation to enhance housing property survey capacity and to build a more comprehensive property conditions database. Thriving Communities will also work with TNP, YNDC, MVOC and other community partners to increase capacity for community reforestation.

Public Meeting Scheduled to Develop Crime Reduction Strategies

In late 2015, Youngstown was one of 14 sites awarded the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation grant through the US Department of Justice. The purpose of the grant is to provide communities with resources to analyze crime data and engage residents in order to develop crime reduction strategies for a specific area of the city suffering from prolonged, disproportionately high crime rates. The project partners, including YNDC, Youngstown Police Department, and researchers from Youngstown State University, selected a large portion of the South Side as the target area. YSU researchers analyzed crime reports in the target area from 2005-2015 to identify hotspots where repeated offenses are occurring. Many of the hotspots are located along South Ave., Market St., Midlothian Blvd. and Hillman St., as well as some of the residential side streets, such as E. Florida Ave. and E. Boston Ave. The project team will analyze environmental factors that may be influencing crime at these locations, such as inadequate lighting and visibility, overgrown trees and bushes, and nearby vacant properties. The project also engages community residents and stakeholders in the planning process. Grant funds were used to hire three neighborhood canvassers who have been gathering input from residents through door-to-door conversations regarding neighborhood issues and potential solutions. Residents and stakeholders are invited to attend a public meeting on Wednesday, July 13 at 6pm at the Newport Library to discuss strategies to address issues that are driving crime in the neighborhood. Input from residents and stakeholders will be used along with the data analysis to develop an implementation plan that utilizes a cross-sector partnership approach to reduce crime in the target area. Once complete, the implementation plan will allow YNDC, YPD, and YSU to apply for additional resources through US DOJ and other sources to fund specific strategies identified in the plan.





YNDC, Green Youngstown, Keep America Beautiful, and Sherwin Williams Partner to Provide Makeover to Glenwood Avenue Business

In June 2016, YNDC, Green Youngstown, Keep America Beautiful, and Sherwin Williams partnered to makeover Bob's Barber Shop a long standing Glenwood Avenue barber shop in a historic auto service station. Exterior repair, new signage, and full painting of the building were completed.







Spring Bright Idea to Business Plan Classes Begin

On Tuesday, April 5th, the spring session of YNDC's Bright Idea to Business Plan course kicked off, with 45 people enrolled. The course, presented in partnership with The Ohio State University Extension and sponsored this spring by Cortland Banks, covers a variety of business planning ideas. Topics include cash flows, financial statements, marketing, and how to plan your personal finances as a business owner. Credit counseling and microloans are also available to support new and existing entrepreneurs in Mahoning County.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION





YNDC Grass Cutting Team Continues to Grow and Progress

On Monday, June 13, YNDC began another year of participation in Mahoning Columbiana Training Association's Summer Youth Employment Program. 10 young men are assigned to YNDC and will learn basic construction and landscaping skills over the summer while assisting with vacant home grass cutting and boarding throughout the City of Youngstown. We anticipate more young people to begin in the coming weeks. As of the end of day Thursday, June 30, 2016, YNDC's grass cutting teams have made 4,349 unique cuts at vacant homes in the city. Please note this number does not include any vacant lots. As a comparison to last year at the end of the day on June 30, 2015, YNDC had completed 3,550 unique cuts at vacant homes and for a comparison to 2014 (prior to YNDC vacant home grass cutting program management) less than 3,000 total unique cuts at vacant homes were made through the grass cutting season.







NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION

The Community Toolshed Reopens at YNDC's Neighborhood Revitalization Campus

On Monday, June 20, the Community Toolshed reopened at YNDC's Neighborhood Revitalization Campus at 820 Canfield Road. Tools can be rented free of charge by residents of the City of Youngstown Monday through Thursday from 10:00am to 4:00pm by appointment only. To register you must provide a state-issued ID or drivers license, home address, and a working phone number. The toolshed inventory currently 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, hammers, and a wheelbarrow.





On Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28, local Boy Scout Troop 22 and their leaders camped at YNDC's 45 Oneta Street facility. The troop cut and painted boards that will be used to board up and secure more than 20 vacant houses throughout the City of Youngstown. We thank the group for their service in the fight against blight.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 2016

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENSES

JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 2016

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$725.867.01
Accounts receivable	3,092.90
Other current assets	192,440.45
Fixed assets	1,348,061.02
Other assets	1,259,704.06
TOTAL ASSETS	3,529,165.53
Liabilities & Equity	
Total liabilities	\$1,338,579.45
Total equity	2,190,586.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	3,529,165.53

Other Financial Information

Outstanding Unearned Grant and Contract Commitments: \$2,146,716.72 All dollar figures are in US dollars

Income	
Foundation and Banks	175,315.00
Direct Public Support	8,897.86
Government Grants and Contracts	708,780.50
Indirect Public Support	0.00
Investments	655.42
Other Income	3,699.86
Program Income	237,277.39
TOTAL REVENUE	1,134,626.03
Expenses	
Payroll	73,158.91
Payroll Expenses	3,345.72
Facilites and Equipment	9,349.97
Operations	20,905.15
Insurance and Benefits	16,153.00
Meetings	891.79
Contract Services	26,733.40
Conferences and Seminars	7,658.92
Program Expense	989,406.03
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,147,602.89
NET INCOME	(12,976.86)



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