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TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Dear Partners in Revitalization:

As the first quarter of revitalization work in 2016 is now complete, it is our privilege, on behalf of the YNDC team, to share with you our 2016 Quarter 1 Performance Report. Our team and partners have spent the first quarter hard at work 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 first quarter of 2016.

As we continue to say, the ultimate success of our collective work is contingent upon you and our ability to come together to get the work done and increase our collective impact. 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.



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PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

Volunteers Painting Valley Homes for Free This Spring - WFMJ | Native Repays City by Launching 'Operation Paint Brush' -The Business Journal | Youngstown to Share in \$1M Grant to Improve Land Use – Vindicator | Fresh Coast Capital to Reclaim City Park Lands - The Business Journal | Development Firm Invests in Revitalizing Youngstown Parks – WKBN | Vacant Lots in 6 Cities to Become Tree Farms, Ag Plots - CBS | City Mulls Third Proposal for Grocery Store Site - The Business Journal | Road to Youngstown's Renewal Spans Decades - The Business Journal | Vets to Be Honored – Vindicator | Dominion East Ohio Awards Grants to Valley Organizations – WFMJ | Dominion East Ohio Distributes \$110,000 In Community Impact Awards - PR Newswire | Making Youngstown Home Again - YoLife | Today's Entertainment Picks – Vindicator | Bright Idea to Business Plan: Free Classes to Help You Start a Business – WYTV | Wean Foundation Showcases Grant Recipients – WKBN | Youngstown Agencies to Benefit from Harvest Hit Fund – WKBN | City Gets Two Bottom Dollar Proposals – Vindicator | Two Bids Received for Youngstown Bottom Dollar Property – WKBN | ODOT Approves Youngstown's Safe Routes to School Plan - The Vindicator | Bright Idea to Business Plan: Free Classes to Help You Start a Business – WKBN | YNDC to Offer Small-Business Startup Course - The Business Journal | Get Work Experience, Help with School Fees or Debt- Vindicator | Today's Entertainment Picks - Vindicator | Youngstown Property Owners Billed for Grass Cutting – WKBN | Two Studies Will Look At Abandoned and Blighted Properties in Youngstown - WKSU | YNDC offers Two Apartments for Rent - The Vindicator Youngstown School Board Approves Support Resolution for Walking, Biking Plan- Vindicator | YNDC to Show Off New Apartment Buildings- WKBN | YNDC Seeks Youth Group For Vacant-Lot Greening Project- Vindicator | Wean Foundation Awards \$2.1 Million in Grants- The Business Journal | Mahoning Valley Organizations Offer Free Tax Prep - WFMJ | A Promising Start - Vindicator | Community Foundation Distributes \$1.4M in Second Half- The Business Journal | Volunteers Take Part in MLK Service Day - Trib Today | Youngstown Getting Count of Vacant Structures Needing Demolition - Vindicator Dozens Volunteer in Youngstown for MLK Day of Service - WFMJ | YNDC Volunteers Board Up Vacant Youngstown Homes- WKBN | Youngstown Groups Hosting Events Monday- WKBN | Plan in Motion to Get Tenant for Former Bottom Dollar Building- WYTV | Horizon Science Academy recognizes St. Dom's Father Maturi – Vindicator | Youngstown Seeks Proposals for Former Bottom Dollar Sites – Vindicator | Grassroots Groups Seed Neighborhoods - Business Journal





National News Visits Youngstown and YNDC A national news program visited Youngstown and YNDC on Tuesday, March 8, to cover ongoing neighborhood development and revitalization efforts. The story will air in the coming months.Stay tuned.

NEW FUNDING & AWARDS

YNDC Quarter 1, 2016 Grant Awards

AmeriCorps NCCC Team, Maple 3 Dominion Community Impact Award - \$5,000 Cortland Banks, Small Business Development - \$1,500 Ohio AAP - 188 Bike Helments NYO Property Group - \$1,000





YNDC Receives Community Impact Award

On Wednesday, March 16, 2016, YNDC was presented with a Community Impact Award for its Better Block projects on Midlothian Boulevard and Mahoning Avenue. On hand to receive the award were YNDC Neighborhood Planner Tom Hetrick, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments Community Development Program Manager Sara Wenger, Brownlee Woods Neighborhood Association President Nancy Martin, and Fourth Ward Councilman Mike Ray, Jr. In Fall 2015, YNDC and many partners planned and coordinated two Better Block style events to re-activate and revitalize underutilized sections of two of Youngstown's primary neighborhood commercial corridors: Mahoning Avenue (September 26, 2015) and Midlothian Boulevard (October 25, 2015). The objective of these events was multifold: 1) to demonstrate the potential of vacant storefronts and dead spaces to produce an economic impact and community revitalization, 2) to reconfigure poorly designed streetscapes in a way that encourages pedestrian and bicycle activity and street life, and 3) to engage residents and corridor stakeholders in planning and reimagining these spaces in a way that produces lasting change along these corridors.

Each year through a competitive process Dominion recognizes organizations that have made an impact on communities throughout northeast Ohio. YNDC has received five Community Impact awards since the organization began operations in 2010.

NEW FUNDING & AWARDS

Stand Up Fight Blight Campaign for 45 Oneta Street a Success!

The 45 Oneta Street, Stand Up Fight Blight Individual Donation Campaign was a success raising more than the \$10,000 goal thanks to online, regular mail, and in person donations from the following individuals and local businesses by: Councilman Mike Ray, Jr., Vallourec Star, Finance Fund, NYO Property Group, James and Sons Insurance, Wardrobe LLC, Former Councilman Paul Drennen, Former Councilwoman Annie Gillam, Garden District Neighborhood Association, Jerry and Barb O'Hara, Truman and Katherine Greene, Janet Yaniglos, Mary June Tartan, Marcia Haire-Ellis, Gemma Sole, Dollaine Holmes, Robert Gray, James and Julie Green, Deb Flora, Dominic Marchionda, Germaine Bennett, Angela Shehadi, Eric Barrett, Emily Schaff, Christine Silvestri, Lisa Metzinger, Jessie Tuscano, Judith Brown, Mario Pecchia, Geralyn Slipski, Roberta Reichtell, Katherine Zetts, Kathleen M Fox, Ryan Bosworth-Mancini, Mary Krupa, Alan Mallach, Karen Schubert, Corey Leon, Philip Kidd, Elsa Higby, Sara Wenger, and Ian and Krista Beniston. MANY THANKS TO ALL THE DONORS!

In addition to the individual donations, grant awards to the project have been made by Florence S Beecher Foundation, John Hynes Foundation, John Finnegan Foundation, Frank and Pearl Gelbmann Foundation, Walter and Caroline Watson Foundation, J. Ford Crandall Foundation, Fibus Family Foundation, DeBartolo Foundation and the City of Youngstown. Again many thanks to these supporters! The project will continue with additional improvements at the facility in the spring. Stay tuned.



NEW FUNDING & AWARDS

YNDC Awarded 188 Bicycle Helmets from Ohio AAP

YNDC was awarded 188 bicycle helmets for Youngstown City School students through Ohio AAP's "Put a Lid On It" Bike Helmet Safety Awareness Program. Helmets will be distributed at pedestrian and bicycle safety demonstrations at elementary schools in the district as part of the city's Safe Routes to School program. The Safe Routes program seeks to provide safe environments and teach safe behaviors to students who arrive to school by means of active transportation, such as walking or bicycling. The City of Youngstown has applied for grant funding through ODOT to fund a part-time Safe Routes to School coordinator who would plan safety demonstrations and obtain additional resources to encourage safe walking and bicycling to and from school. The City also applied for funding to improve infrastructure, such as sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian crossing signals, around McGuffey and Williamson Elementary Schools. Funding determinations will be made by ODOT within the next few months.

NYO Property Group Donates \$1,000 to YNDC

On Monday, January 25, NYO Property Group made a \$1,000 donation to YNDC.







STAFF

AmeriCorps NCCC Team, Maple 3 Arrives in Youngstown to Fight Blight

On Saturday, March 12, 2016 an AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) team, Maple 3 from the North Central Region arrived at YNDC to battle blight for the next 45 days. The team is composed of young adults from throughout the country including: Rye Reeves, Demali Archie, Christian Jimenez, Luke Lauer, Ali Noor, Madisyn Ponn, Brandon Perez Rivera, Courtney Schramm, Erika Stocker, and Josh Tribbett. Maple 3 will complete multiple revitalization projects while they are in Youngstown including: vacant home clean out, vacant home clean ups and board ups, debris and trash clearance, and community workdays.

AmeriCorps NCCC is federal team-based national service program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. Corps Members, serve a full time, ten month term, working on projects to meet community needs in five main service areas: disaster services, energy conservation, environment, infrastructure improvement, and urban and rural development. FIGHT BLIGHT.



Tiffany Sokol Selected as 25 Under 35 Honoree by the Mahoning Valley Young Professionals

On Thursday, February 11, YNDC's Housing Director Tiffany Sokol was selected as a 25 Under 35 Honoree by the Mahoning Valley Young Professionals for her work at YNDC, involvement in her church: Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and service to the community including serving on the board of Hope for Renewal and mentoring youth. Tiffany is an incredible asset to YNDC and plays a critical role in our growth and impact. Please join us in congratulating her.

LEARNING EXCHANGES





YNDC Participates in Center for Community Progress Leadership Institute

On Wednesday, March 16, 2016 YNDC Executive Director Ian Beniston presented and led a discussion on Data and Markets with Danielle Lewinski at the Center for Community Progress Leadership Institute held at Harvard University. Jack Daugherty, YNDC Neighborhood Stabilization Director and Ian also participated in the weeklong training.

The Community Progress Leadership Institute (Leadership Institute) exists to seed and support these changes, and develop the leadership necessary to restore vitality to America's neighborhoods. The rigorous four-day Leadership Institute helps participating delegations better understand the causes of vacancy and abandonment, assess the systems that can facilitate the return of properties to productive use, strengthen relationships, develop actionable next steps, and grow in their ability to lead profound change. Each Leadership Institute cohort is, by design, limited in size, making for a low participant-to-faculty ratio and creating opportunity for individual attention tailored to a participating city's needs. The topics include: understanding neighborhood markets, strategic code enforcement, property tax systems, land banking, land and property reuse.

YNDC Acknowledged in Academic Article Published in Urban Geography

Youngstown native, Victoria Morckel recently had her work on Using Suitability Analysis to Prioritize Demolitions in a Legacy City published in Urban Geography. The study was done using Youngstown and YNDC data and informed by the work of former YNDC intern Eric Shehadi.

COMMUNITY WORKDAYS





60 Degree Day at February Workday

On a warm 60 degree February day, volunteers from Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Victory Christian Center, Youngstown State University students, AmeriCorps members and community volunteers cleaned up and boarded 21 vacant homes, removed over 50 cubic yards of debris and 196 tires. FIGHT BLIGHT.

Volunteers Battle Blight at Winter Workday

On Saturday, January 16, more than 50 volunteers from Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Hope for Renewal, Victory Christian Center, CUP Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Henry, residents, community volunteers, and YNDC boarded and cleaned 21 vacant homes in the Newport neighborhood on Parkcliffe, Clearmont, and Ravenwood Avenues. Special thanks to Joe Maxx and Marco's Pizza for providing coffee and pizza for the event.







COMMUNITY WORKDAYS



























COMMUNITY WORKDAYS

Volunteers Fight Blight in Frigid Conditions for MLK Day of Service

On Monday, January 18, YNDC, YSUScape, Huntington National Bank, Upper North Heights Neighborhood Association, Victory Christian Center, residents, and community volunteers fought blight in eight degree weather on Youngstown's north side. Volunteers cleaned up 23 vacant homes in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Special thanks to Pizza Joe's Federal Plaza, Pizza Hut Belmont Avenue, and Mocha House for food and coffee donations to keep volunteers warm at the event.

Volunteers Board 19 Vacant Homes at Newport Workday

Community volunteers from Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Victory Christian Center, and students from YSU boarded up and cleaned up total of 19 vacant homes in the Newport neighborhood on Youngstown's south side. This workday is part of an ongoing effort to board up all vacant and unsecured homes in the neighborhood. A total of 20 cubic yards of blight were hauled off in dump trucks and over 50 tires were removed. The event was planned and coordinated by AmeriCorps VISTAs Sarah Conkle, Anika Jacobs, and Frank Elling. AmeriCorps NCCC Maple 3 team members serving at YNDC worked side by side with volunteers in what represented their first community workday experience since their arrival in Youngstown on March 12th. Maple 3 is serving at YNDC to help board up over 100 vacant homes by the end of April. Special thanks to Southgate Pizza on Southern Boulevard for providing pizza for the volunteers at the event!





LOTS OF GREEN





YNDC Hosts 3 Youth Greening Grant Application Workshops

On Monday, February 29, YNDC hosted the last of three Lots of Green Youth Greening Grant application workshops at our office. This opportunity will fund vacant land reuse projects that center around youth across the city. Fortysix individuals from neighborhood groups, organizations, businesses, and churches attended the trainings, which walked participants through the process of applying for the grant. YNDC anticipates making 10-15 grant awards in 2016, to be announced in early April. If any individuals or groups were not able to attend training, a short individual meeting can be arranged.





ACQUISITION AND REHAB

BEFORE

Completed

- 728 Linwood SOLD
- 827 Woodford RENTED
- 928 Canfield FOR RENT
 3309 Glenwood FOR SALE
- 3402 Lenox SOLD

In Progress

- 138 South Hazelwood
- 916 Bonnie Brae
- 1816 Ridglawn
- 4418 Euclid

Acquisition

- 138 South Hazelwood
- 148 S. Whitney DEMO
- 826 Winona DEMO
- 919 Bonnie Brae
- 1618 Medford
- 1816 Ridgelawn
- 4418 Euclid













ACQUISITION AND REHAB















PAINT YOUNGSTOWN









Limited Repair Projects Completed

- 1928 Guadalupe
- 2009 Pointview

YNDC has completed outreach for its Paint Younstown limited-repair program for the 2015-2016 grant period. Twenty-seven projects have been identified in each of the City of Youngstown's seven wards, and 26 of these projects have been completed to date. The program is funded by an allocation of CDBG funds from the City of Youngstown, which has been used to leverage additional funding from the FHLB NIP program provided through Talmer Bank & Trust to increase impact.

Additionally, YNDC has identified 9 owner-occupied full rehab projects. At least 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.

ACTION PLANS

Ten Neighborhood Action Teams Now Working to Revitalize Their Neighborhoods

In 2016, ten neighborhood action teams will continue work to execute neighborhood action plans with the City of Youngstown, Mahoning County Land Bank, YNDC, and other community partners. The neighborhood action teams are currently working in the Greater McGuffey, Garden District, Upper West Side, Crandall Park, Pleasant Grove, Powerstown, Rocky Ridge, Brownlee Woods, and Lincoln Knolls neighborhoods. Additionally, a Wick Park action team will begin soon. In 2015, seven neighborhood action teams worked to execute neighborhood action plans. Some of the highlights of their work include the rehabilitation of 45 properties, 41 homes achieving compliance through code enforcement, 220 homes demolished, 228 houses boarded and cleaned, 99 vacant lots improved, \$518,246 in competitive grant funds raised for action plan projects, 3 better block projects held and many other accomplishments.



Brownlee Woods Action Team, City of Youngstown, and YNDC complete Receivership on 4010 Lemoyne Avenue!

On Friday, January 22 the mission to rid the Brownlee Woods neighborhood of a major blight on a neighborhood corridor and at a neighborhood entry point was completed. The Brownlee Woods Action Team, City of Youngstown Law and Code Enforcement Departments, and YNDC completed a receivership action with the demolition of the blighted nuisance property at 4010 Lemoyne Avenue. The demolition is the result of the receivership filed by the City of Youngstown's Law Department which named YNDC as the receiver to abate the nuisance and demolish the property. Another priority property down! Fight Blight!

ACTION PLANS



YNDC and City of Youngstown Present Wick Park Neighborhood Action Plan

On Thursday, March 10, YNDC and the City of Youngstown held a meeting to present a draft of the Wick Park Neighborhood Action Plan. The plan addresses housing and property issues, infrastructure issues, crime and safety concerns, and economic development. The plan was created with input from residents and representatives from the neighborhood's many institutions. A copy of the plan is available for download. YNDC and the City of Youngstown will assemble an action team, comprised of residents, city staff, city council members, and other stakeholders to carry out the implementation of the plan.

Taft Promise Neighborhood Initiative Works to Improve Neighborhood Conditions

The Taft Promise Neighborhood Initiative is bringing together local organizations, institutions, agencies, city departments, school representatives, residents, and community leaders to enhance educational outcomes at Taft Elementary School and improve conditions in the surrounding neighborhood. Participants in the initiative are grouped into four councils: education, jobs and economy, health and wellness, and neighborhood. YNDC is the lead agency on the Taft Neighborhood Council, which is comprised of area block watch leaders, residents, city council members, the Mahoning County Land Bank, the South Avenue Area Neighborhood Development Initiative, business owners, City of Youngstown staff, and community police officers. The neighborhood council seeks to achieve six goals: 1) reduce housing vacancy and blight; 2) increase neighborhood safety; 3) reduce lead hazards in housing; 4) increase housing stability for families; 5) increase community and resident engagement and participation; and 6) repair and improve neighborhood infrastructure. Throughout the coming weeks, the council will develop specific action steps that each member can take in order to 20 achieve project goals.



PLANNING

The Ohio Department of Transportation Approves The City of Youngstown's Safe Routes to School Travel Plan

On February 24, 2016, the Ohio Department of Transportation approved the City of Youngstown's Safe Routes to School travel plan, which will allow the City to apply for funding from ODOT to address safety issues around elementary and middle schools. The plan was created by YNDC with input from students, parents, principals, and city officials. The goal of the plan is to document issues affecting students who walk and bicycle to school and to provide countermeasures that address those issues. A previous travel plan had been created for Taft Elementary School on the South Side, which has the highest percentage of students who walk to school in the district. The plan allowed the City to receive \$200,000 in 2015 for infrastructure improvements around the school. Improvements are planned for the next two years around Taft and Harding Elementary Schools. On March 4, 2016, the City of Youngstown submitted two grant applications to ODOT: 1) \$315,000 to fund infrastructure improvements around McGuffey and Williamson Elementary Schools; and 2) \$30,000 to fund a part-time Safe Routes to School coordinator for two years. The coordinator would facilitate educational and encouragement activities at the schools, such as pedestrian and bicycle safety demonstrations, helmet giveaways, and walking school buses.

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PLANNING

Continued Progress on Department of Justice Bryne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Progress continues on the Department of Justice Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program on Youngstown's South Side. YNDC was awarded a BCJI planning grant in 2015 to work with research and law enforcement partners to analyze crime patterns and develop a cross-sector implementation strategy to address the drivers on crime in a targeted area, which is bounded by Hillman Ave., Midlothian Blvd., Zedaker St., and the Mahoning River. The project management team includes YNDC staff, Youngstown Police Department staff, and researchers from the Youngstown State University Department of Criminal Justice and the Regional Economic Development Initiative. The first phase of the project includes an analysis of reported property and violent crimes, drug raids, simple assaults, and gun fire reports in order to identify and map crime hotspots. Findings will be shared with residents and community leaders in the target area to gather input on possible drivers of crime and to develop potential solutions. Crime-reduction strategies will be implemented by a cross-sector partnership of law enforcement agencies, social service providers, and neighborhood institutions in order to not only address the crime hotspots themselves, but also the underlying causes of crime in the target area.

SMALL BUSINESS



YNDC Announces Spring Business Development Classes

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation is pleased to present a new series of its free intensive business planning course, Bright Idea to Business Plan, presented this spring with the support of Cortland Banks. These classes are geared to help those starting small businesses create a business plan and understand local resources for business assistance and financing. This series will run Tuesday nights from 6-9pm from April 5 - May 17th. While the classes are free, participants should commit to attending the entire series.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31, 2016

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENSES

JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31, 2016

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$861,660.75
Accounts receivable	693.00
Other current assets	287,365.77
Fixed assets	1,247,641.25
Other assets	1,263,191.62
TOTAL ASSETS	3,660,552.39
Liabilities & Equity	
Total liabilities	\$1,350,492.11
Total equity	2,310,060.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	3,660,552.39

Other Financial Information

Outstanding Grant and Constract Commitments: \$1,196,556.25 All dollar figures are in US dollars

Income	
Foundation and Banks	12,815.00
Direct Public Support	1,266.86
Government Grants and Contracts	463,862.93
Indirect Public Support	0.00
Investments	243.80
Other Income	1,984.72
Program Income	62,472.12
TOTAL REVENUE	542,645.43
Expenses	
Payroll	31,390.60
Payroll Expenses	1,370.09
Facilites and Equipment	4,334.89
Operations	8,934.02
Insurance and Benefits	9,058.00
Meetings	484.09
Contract Services	16,890.00
Conferences and Seminars	1,624.12
Program Expense	358,271.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	432,357.19
NET INCOME	110,288.24



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