Community Development

2015 Snapshot Presentation of Priorities, Activities, and Results

NPC #5

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Mission for Battle Creek City Government:

To ensure a safe, prosperous and culturally enriched community.

Vision for Battle Creek City Government

We envision Battle Creek as an extraordinary community where people choose to live, work and play.
The **Community Development Division** coordinates planning and administers federal grants from the **Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)**.

- **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)**  $1.1 Million
- **HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)**  $211,000
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)**  $389,000
- **Hardest Hit funds – Demolition**  $250,000
High Priority Community Needs

1. Improve property conditions in low and moderate income neighborhoods
2. Reduce blighted vacant and abandoned buildings
3. Ensure safety of rental housing
4. Develop and help people access affordable housing
5. Improve Fair Housing awareness and accountability
6. Increase community engagement
7. Infrastructure improvements and placemaking
8. Support collaborative homelessness efforts
City of Battle Creek
Community Development 2015

Demolition (3%)  Administration (9%)  Streets (9%)
Strategic Planning (11%)  Code Enforcement (30%)
Minor Home Repair (39%)

Administration (5%)  Tenant Based Rental Assistance (7%)
Homebuyer Rehab (18%)  Homeowner Rehab (28%)
Rental Rehab (42%)

CDBG Funding $1,131,000  HOME Funding $409,000

* HOME funding includes $198,000 reallocated from previous years
Community Development Snapshot
Healthy Neighborhoods: Our Common Commitment

2014 Community Development Target Areas: CDBG and HOME Funded Projects by Type, Amount, and NPC

CDBG & HOME Program Projects by Type
- Minor Home Repair (61)
- Home Owner Rehab (4)
- Demolition (7)
- Street Reconstruction (1)

CDBG & HOME Program Funds Spent by Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC)
### City-wide Neighborhood Dashboard (2015)

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<th>Neighborhood Indicator</th>
<th>% Change</th>
<th>Grade</th>
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<td>Junk/Trash</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Housing Violations</td>
<td>418%</td>
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<td>Home Sales Rate</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Median Sales Price</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Bank Foreclosures</td>
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<td>Tax Foreclosures</td>
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<td>Long-term Vacants</td>
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<td>New Vacants</td>
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<td>Overall Risk Scores</td>
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# NPC #5

## 2010 Census Data

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<th>Area</th>
<th>2.93 square miles</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Population</td>
<td>5,016</td>
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<tr>
<td>Households</td>
<td>2,184</td>
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<td>Housing Units</td>
<td>2,505</td>
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<td>Vacant Units</td>
<td>321 (12.8%)</td>
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## Housing Characteristics NPC #5

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<tr>
<td>Homeowner Occupied</td>
<td>61.6%</td>
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<td>Renters</td>
<td>38.4%</td>
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<td>Vacant</td>
<td>12.8%</td>
<td>15.4%</td>
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Median Housing Value  
- $66,047

71% built before 1979, 10% before 1939

28.8% valued by the Census under $50,000
Key Issues from 2014

**Jobs:** #1 issue: 79.8% of NPC 5 residents said that Job Opportunities were a high priority

- Supports the efforts of BC Vision and its emphasis on workforce development

**Street Improvements:** 62.8% of NPC 5 residents prioritized Street Improvements highly
Question & Ideas

• What from this presentation speaks to you?
• What’s working?
• What’s missing?
• What would you like to see done differently?
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