

CDBG Final Year-End Report
NSP Area 4 "United Community"
January 01, 2017- December 31, 2017

Northwest Side Community Development Corporation, (NWSCDC) program goals are centered on reducing crime and improving quality of life. There is no scientific measurement on quality of life; NWSCDC continues to believe the best measurement process is in how people indicate they feel about living in their neighborhoods. The majority of residents we talk to in NSP area #4 love living here. To better measure this quality of life indicator, NWSCDC has made it a significant part our annual door to door outreach campaign.

The NWSCDC NSP area 4 neighborhood total population is currently 30,445 residents, 94% are Black (7,082) and residents between the ages of 5 years to 17, totals 23.6% (3282), 18 to 24 years equals 10.78%, (7,198) and 25 to 44 years of age, registers at (6,922) 45 to 64 years of age, and 65 years and older equals (3,328).

As reflected in the overall crime statistics for the city of Milwaukee, crime figures and Compass, indicates that the overall crime in NSP area #4 neighborhoods continues to decrease in most categories. NWSCDC believes this can be related to several factors including a genuine commitment of the City of Milwaukee to its neighborhoods, improvements in data collection by the Milwaukee Police Department, monthly community meeting, NWSCDC consistent engagement with families throughout the calendar year with community block grant activities such as: Annually exceeding CDBG goals (1800) Door to Door Contacts which are facilitated from March through September. This activity is designed and facilitated to involve residents in decision making and civic/community activities and allows NWSCDC to establish relationships and build trust with area residents to better meet the needs of individuals and families collectively as a neighborhood. This activity also contributes to a community image and expectation of a respectful, well established neighborhood. Finally, these activities provides a variety of tools including surveys, and lit drops and assessments that affords NWSCDC the opportunity to spend quality time with residents, getting to know them and their values, while exchanging valuable information contributing to a stronger organization and a healthier city. NWSCDC and the City of Milwaukee's collaborative long term goals for these activities are to **reduce crime, and improve the quality of life.**

NWSCDC facilitated six (6) Neighborhood Clean Ups, beginning in April with the Great American Clean up. This activity was facilitated in collaboration with Department of Neighborhood Services Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful and resulted in a total of three scheduled roll off dumpster throughout the neighborhood. This activity allows the organization yet another opportunity to engage residents in **improving the neighborhood's quality of life while reducing crime and increasing property values.** There were a total of 56 documented neighborhood residents that participated in this activity.

NWSCDC projected 40 Community Planning Meetings: and we participated in 99 community meetings which lead into 19 community events. The focus and intent of this activity is to increase resident participation and leadership development. This activity is a collaborative effort of Department of Neighborhood Services, Milwaukee Police Department, and the Alderpersons' Office, CCNTA, The Corridor, Garden Homes Association, Ground Works, Franklin Heights residents, and area churches. This is a proven activity contributing to the **Reduction of Crime, Improvement in Neighborhood Quality of Life, and Increase Property Values.** There were total of (1133) documented resident that participated in 2017 Neighborhood Planning Meetings as well as our Community Events. This activity allowed NWSCDC, and City of Milwaukee department heads to collectively address issues and concerns that stake holder and residents

think are important. Garden Homes' residents strongly believe they have access to services to address their issues and concerns. This process is a tool that address issues such as loitering, drug houses, tenant/landlord problems, vacant board up, block club events, etc. Although we did not have an established landlord compacts landlord/tenant issues are addressed utilizing city resources at the monthly planning meetings. The Alderman's Office regularly attends these meetings which plays a tremendous role in resident constantly coming back and participating in these meeting. These numbers also reflects our Block Club parties that reflects meeting with residents to plane their events.

The demographics and statistical information was collected from COMPASS which is an online community mapping tool that allows targeting of specific areas for specific data and **City of Milwaukee Master Property files**