

CDBG Final Year-End Report
NSP Area 3 "Lincoln Park"

January 01, 2017- December 31, 2017

In 2017, NWSCDC focused on strengthening existing partnerships, creating new connections, growing efficacy and capacity in neighborhood residents, and tackling issues within NSP Area 3 by utilizing their vast partner networks. The goal was to improve the **neighborhood vitality**.

- Door-to- Door Contacts
 - ✓ Residents engaged 3891 times through surveys, questionnaires, social interactions, literature drops.

In 2017, NWSCDC continued to work with the block watch groups in NSP Area 3. With the unique dynamic of having one large neighborhood group meeting for the various block watch group registered with the Milwaukee Police Department to all meet at the same time, the NSPs role becomes to recruit new members and building efficacy in the existing members.

- 1 Neighborhood Association
 - ✓ Made up of 8 different block watches
 - ✓ Engaged and helped build capacity
- 1 Friends Group Maintained
 - ✓ Friends of Lincoln Park

Having active neighbors that know one another, share information and work together, helps create a neighborhood that feels welcoming and **improves the quality of life** for the residents as well as being effective **crime reduction** strategy. The NSP Coordinators work with the Leaders of the groups to get City and County of Milwaukee resources to come to monthly meetings to connect residents to the resources available to them. They also work with residents on a one to one basis to grow leadership on various blocks and grow efficacy so those neighbors can then disseminate information about available resources to their neighbors.

In 2017, the NSP Coordinator Organized 6 clean-ups throughout the NSP Area 3 in partnership with Department of Neighborhood Services and Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful with over 182 residents involved.

- On April 22, the NSP Coordinator continued their annual clean-up in Lincoln Park in partnership with River Keepers and Friends of Lincoln Park. This clean-up is a wide success with more residents coming out each year to help.
- On May 4, the NSP team held (3) clean-ups in coordination with Residents for Change and their Clean and Green week for the City of Milwaukee. The Lincoln Park area was broken into 3 distinct clean-up sections in order to cover the most ground. This builds unity with in the community under a common cause of reducing blight.
- On September 15, the NSP Coordinator held a clean-up in partnership with Safe & Sound and the Probation and Parole on Long Island Drive. The team focused on a large area around Meaux Park, in an area under represented by block watches.
- On October 3, a clean-up took place on 26th Street from Hampton to Lincoln Creek, as residents had been complaining about the debris in the area. One resident came out to help clean-up but many more were engaged and 8 bags of trash were collected.

Working with residents to get neighbors out to clean-up their neighborhood **increases quality of life** in NSP 3 by decreasing blight and the sight of trash. By reducing trash in a neighborhood it also keeps that trash from entering sewers systems and waterways keeping our drinking water safe and clean which affects **quality of life**. Litter will continue to decrease in NSP 3, as more residents become active in the effort to clean-up and create a social norm of anti-litter. There were 108 violations of litter for NSP 3 in 2017ⁱ, and in 2018 that number will continue to decrease with enhanced targeted efforts and an upcoming anti-litter campaign.

In 2017, NSP Area 3 Coordinator participated in 80 issue-based planning meetings and events, including the Lincoln Park Peace March, A Reckless Driving protest march, and Lead Awareness event in partnership with Friends of Lincoln Park, Residents for Change and other community Partners.

Residents for Change

- Planned and connected resources each month for the monthly meetings.
- Worked to mitigate absentee landlord issues and build capacity in area residents to hold landlords and City officials accountable.
- Helped plan an ice cream social to better foster relationships between neighbors. NWSCDC donated items for this event and participated in getting neighbors connected to one another. Several NWSCDC staff, family members, and partners were in attendance.
- In Coordination with NWSCDC, Friends of Lincoln Park, and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation held the first Lincoln Park Peace March.
- Coordinated several clean-ups and outreach activities

Friends of Lincoln Park

- 3rd Annual Spring Fest in which community resources and healthy snacks were provided.
- Help Organize the “History of Water in Milwaukee” event with John Gurda
- Planning and execution of National Night out in partnership with Senator Lena Taylor’s office and various other community partners. Over 1,000 people utilized the park the day of the event (August 1st).

Other

- Reckless Driving Awareness Rally in October to reduce the amount of reckless driving related accidents.
- Halloween and Health event in coordination with All Saints Family Health Center
- Planned and participated in the annual Cops, Kids, and Costumes with Milwaukee Police District 7. There was free food, a haunted house and a several resource tables that gave out candy and information about assets in the community.
- Annual Community Leader Breakfast in March to help the CDC better connect and assist resident leaders in the area.
- Various Crime reduction meetings in coordination with other safety partners:
 - ✓ LISC Affinity Meetings
 - ✓ Homicide Review Board
 - ✓ Community Justice Initiative
 - ✓ Milwaukee Police District 7 Crime and Safety Meetings

NWSCDC also participated in other initiatives in 2017:

- Assisted Residents in applying for City-funded home improvement loans
- Connected residents with home buying resources
- Strengthened partnerships with community organizations and connecting with new community resources working on the Northside. The CDC also helps these partner connect with community residents and create a better outreach strategy.
- Attended several trainings through the Non-Profit Center to grow skills to better the community including data training and Mental Health First Aid Training
- Attended other various community meetings to connect with new resources and residents, strengthen relationships with existing partners to make a greater impact for change on the North side of Milwaukee.
- Advocated for additional resources to come into the neighborhoods from safety to housing.
- Strengthened relationships with community residents.
 - ✓ Over 50 new resident contacts we recorded with many more engaged.

Since 2015, there has been a steady **decline of crime** across most categories for NSP Area 3.ⁱⁱ From 2016 to 2017 there is a decline in the number of arsons, burglaries, robberies, sex offenses and vehicle thefts. From 2015-2017 there is a reduction of all specific group “A” offences including assault and homicide. By working with various groups and partners, connecting them with the Milwaukee Police Department and other resources through meetings and events it **reduces crime** all over NSP 3. By connecting residents to one another through strategic outreach and events it helps **reduce crime and improve overall quality of life** for the neighbors in NSP Area 3. By connecting residents to home improvement resources, home ownership resources, and conducting clean-up it stabilizes the neighborhood, reduces blight, encourages neighborhood pride and raises house values. NSP Area 3 has stable housing stock.ⁱⁱⁱ NWSCDC looks forward to strengthening relationships with area residents and resources to effect an even greater amount of change in 2018 to **improve quality of life and reduce crime** in NSP Area 3.

ⁱ According to City of Milwaukee DNS records, accessed through COMPASS-
https://itmdapps.milwaukee.gov/publicApplication_SR/neighborhoodfm.jsp

ⁱⁱ According to Milwaukee Police Department accessed through COMPASS

ⁱⁱⁱ City of Milwaukee- Master Property File.

