



RESIDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY #1 – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024 – 5:30PM-6:30PM
ROBERT T. WOLFE APARTMENTS – 49 UNION AVENUE, NEW HAVEN, CT 06519

Meeting Purpose

To discuss process for completing Resident Assessment and early action items.

Committee Members Present

Doris Doward, Linda Cross, John Puppelo, Josh Golden, Jeffrey Walker

Other Presents

Ada Hobby, Alberta Golden, Iesha Morrison, Janice Cash, Dabirell Davis, Johnny Peterson, Sarah Chapman, Natasha Brown, Shirley Grice, James Turner, Fred Wylie, Robbie Williams, Theresa Boone, Roberta Robinson, James Cash, Jackie McCrea, Robert Manick, Lillian Garcia

-PRESENTATION MATERIALS ARE ATTACHED TO THIS DOCUMENT-

1.0 Welcome & Update of Project Status

Program Manager Haley Vincent welcomed committee members and other residents, led introductions, and outlined the meeting agenda, which included a project status update, a discussion of the Resident Assessment, and a discussion of the early action items.

2.0 Discussion of Resident Assessment Process

Program Manager Vincent walked the committee through the reason for the Need Assessment and the process that Yale New Haven School of Management will use to conduct the assessment. Some members of the committee have previously participated in development the draft assessment form. The committee and residents raised questions about where and the assessment will be conducted. They were informed the assessment will take place in May 2024 and they will, to the greatest extent possible, be conducted one-on-one in the resident's apartment unless a resident expressed a need for it to be conducted elsewhere.

3.0 Discussion of Early Action Items

Jimmy Miller, Glendower development consultant and president of Censere Consulting, walked the committee through the process for selection Early Action Items. He explained what constitutes an Early Action Item and that these were things that could be immediately implemented after HUD review and approval.

The committee and residents were given an opportunity to recommend the work they wanted to part of the Early Action Items. Each person present was asked to give recommendations and

approximately 20 participants made recommendations. The recommendations were grouped by category and a vote was taken on each item. There were also some recommendations that may not qualify as Early Action Items.

4.0 Next Steps

The committee will meet next after schematics have been prepared for Early Action Items and the Resident Survey has been finalized.



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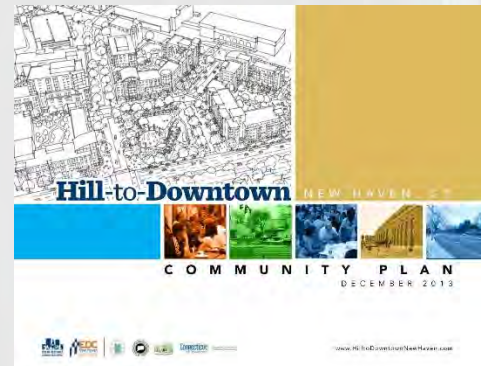
AGENDA

- Introductions
- Project Update
 - Joint Committee
 - People Task Force
 - Steering Committee
 - Early Action Items
 - Survey Update
- April Focus
 - Resident Survey
 - Pilot
 - Floor Captains
 - Timeline
 - Neighborhood Survey
 - Early Action Items
- Trip
- Community Day

Leveraging Prior Planning



Church Street
South Masterplan
2012



Hill to Downtown
Plan
2012-2013



New Haven TOD
Market Study
2012



Union Station
TOD
2017

Union Square
Choice
Neighborhoods
Initiative
2023-2025



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CNI Plan Goals

People

- Assess what residents need to thrive
- Improve outcomes of households living in the target sites related to:
 - employment and income,
 - health,
 - effective children's education

Housing

- Replace severely distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing
- Provide 1 for 1 replacement housing
- Energy efficient, sustainable, and accessible housing that is responsive to residents

Neighborhood

- Identify the initiatives that residents want to see to stay in the neighborhood
- Build on existing neighborhood assets & history
- Offer amenities that are important to families (safety, quality schools, and commercial uses)



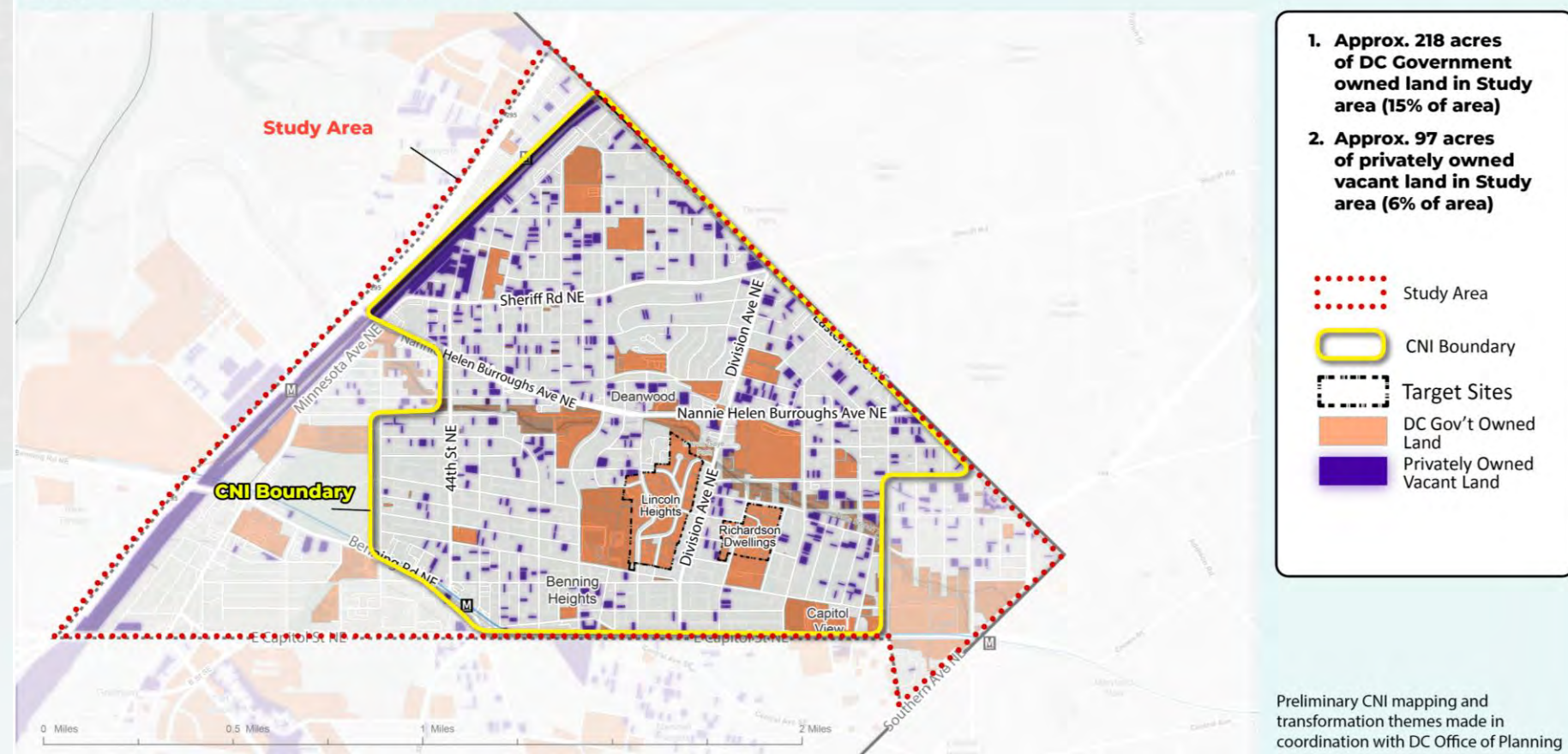
Housing & Neighborhood Task Forces



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Housing Strategies

City Owned & Vacant Parcels



Greater Deanwood Choice Neighborhoods Initiative
Image Credit: Torti Gallas + Partners

- Identify-Build First Sites & Determine Phasing
- Housing Types and Design: What types of housing will work here?
- Housing Program and Site Capacity: How many homes can fit and what mix will be successful to achieve our goals?



Neighborhood Strategies

Strategies for

- Housing
- Economic development
- Mobility
- Open space



Lewiston Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan
Image Credit: Interface Studio



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People Task Force

Purpose of the task force is to prepare the people plan component. The task force will not just talk challenges and solutions, but identify tangible outcomes that will be incorporated into the plan to transform the community.



PLANNING TIMEFRAME AND ACTIVITIES



24 Month(s)
Planning (total)

March 2024-
September
2025



Resident
Engagement,
Participant, &
Capacity Building



Community
Visioning



Data
Collection
& Analysis



Planning for
Implementation



Steering Committee

The working groups (subgroups within the task forces) and Resident Advisory Committee will develop, create and refine strategies to address needs.

The Steering Committee will prioritize them prior to sending them to our planning consultant who is responsible for preparing the Transformation Plan.

- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 28th at 5:30pm



Early Action Activity



Strategies for

- Beautification
- Community Gardens
- Façade Improvements
- Fresh food initiatives



Summit Lake Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan
Image Credit: City Architecture



Early Action Items

- Immediate Action Behind Wolfe
- Portable Gardening Planters
- Benches and Patio Tables
- Trowbridge Square Park
 - Splash Pads

Meeting Scheduled for April 4th
These items will need to be completed by the end of the year.



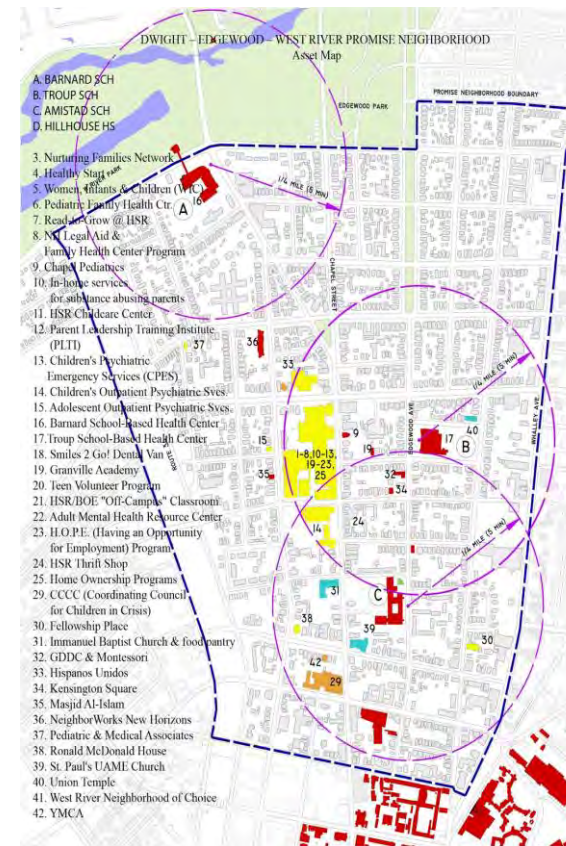
April Focus – Resident Survey

- Resident Survey:
 - Pilot date: Friday, April 5th at 1pm
 - Floor captains selected
 - Survey being approved by Yale April - May
 - Actual survey of Wolfe residents will take place in May.
 - 1-on-1 survey in apartments or another private space
 - Need to achieve 65% success rate

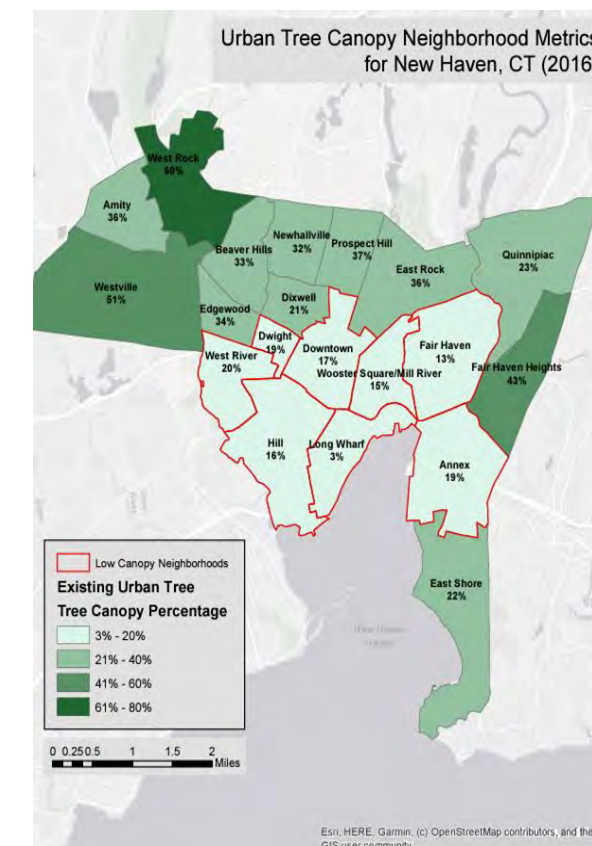


- Neighborhood Assessment:

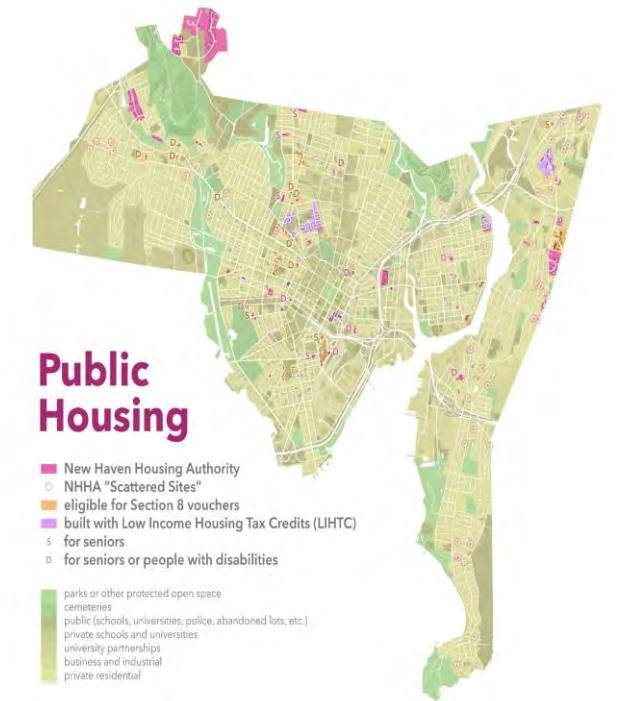
- A set of maps, charts and tables showing different characteristics of the neighborhood, such as: open spaces, community spaces, transport, land-use, housing, environmental risks, crime, and new development.



SOURCE: YALE URBAN DESIGN WORKSHOP



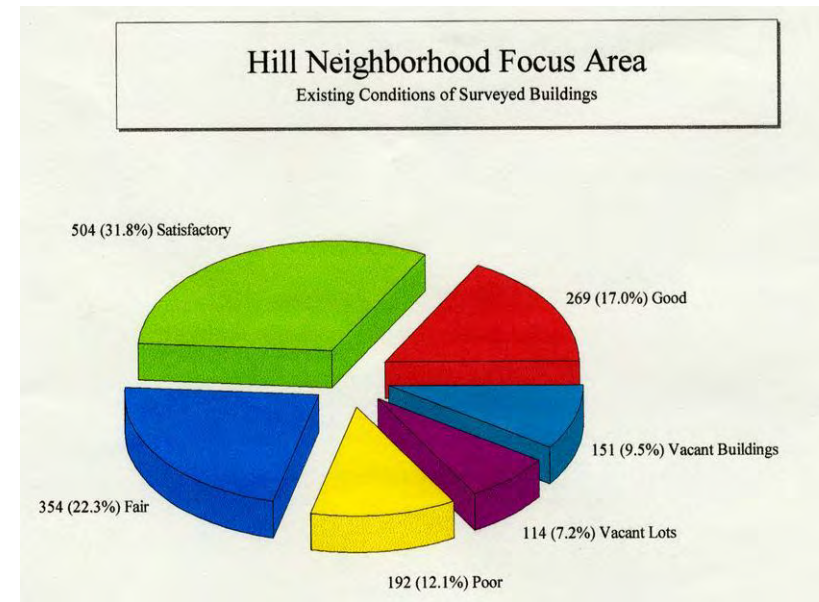
SOURCE: URBAN RESOURCES INITIATIVE



SOURCE: BILL RANKIN

April Focus – Neighborhood Assessment

What will the maps look like?



SOURCE: YALE URBAN DESIGN WORKSHOP



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Trips – Community Day

We want to hear from YOU!



Resident Advisory Committee