



## CORE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES

Healthy Neighborhoods Partnership Program \* Neighborhood Coalition \* Neighborhood Best Practices

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NEIGHBORHOOD BEST PRACTICES RECOMMENDATIONS

The Neighborhood Best Practices Study was initiated in 2006 with the preparation of a joint study designed to learn from the experiences of the other similar communities and identify a variety of approaches to improving neighborhood quality of life. Upon completion of the Joint Study, the City of St. Cloud formed the Neighborhood Best Practices Task Force to define specific initiatives that should be undertaken in St. Cloud to address neighborhood quality of life. The process allowed for thoughtful discussion and consideration of a variety of perspectives offered by the task force members and guests. The St. Cloud Neighborhood Action Plan is a compilation of new initiatives that the Neighborhood Best Practices Task Force believed would have a positive impact on issues facing St. Cloud’s existing neighborhoods. The following is a summary of the progress made by the City of St. Cloud on the Neighborhood Best Practices recommendations.

INITIATIVES	JULY 2006 RECOMMENDATION/STATUS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PROGRESS Complete / In Progress
1A. Seek funding for 2.5 additional Health & Inspections staff persons for code enforcement	Proposed funding sources have been identified in the 2007 General Fund Budget. These include inter-divisional transfers, fee increase and possible funding from Administrative Citations Program. Expedite hiring of the new H&I staff. (7/19/06)	City Administration, Health & Inspections	<b>2.5 H&amp;I staff persons hired in September/October 2006. Complete 11-1-06</b>
1B. Seek on-going SCSU funding to supplement Health & Inspections staff	Finalize details with SCSU and hire position in 2006 (6/14/06)	City Administration, Health & Inspections	<b>2006 funding has been utilized and staff has initiated discussions with SCSU on future staff funding.</b>
1C. Consider fee increases to provide for additional Health & Inspections staff	Proposed funding sources have been identified in the 2007 General Fund Budget. These include inter-divisional transfers, fee increase and possible funding from Administrative Citations Program. Consider application processing fee for new rental applications. (7/19/06)	City Administration, Health & Inspections	<b>Public hearing for rental license fee increases on October 9, 2006. City Council approval for 2007 rental licenses complete 10- 9-06</b>
1D. Support technology upgrades to improve efficiency of code enforcement process	Funds have been requested from the 2007 Development Fund budget to increase hardware and software for H&I staff (6/22/06)	City Administration, Health & Inspections	<b>H&amp;I has purchased software and mobile hardware for inspection applications.</b>

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1E. Investigate the use of enforcement by citation for other nuisance violations (rent and ownership)	City Attorney has prepared City Charter amendment creating the administrative citation tool, which will be forwarded to Charter Commission for consideration. A subsequent ordinance will be drafted defining the administrative citation process (7/11/06)	City Administration, Health & Inspections, Legal	<b>Charter Amendment approved on December 13, 2006. Staff is drafting City Code provisions for public hearing in February 2007.</b>
1F. Develop a proactive violation identification process for all city staff, such as employee note pads	City Administration has agreed to review the methods utilized by other cities to proactively identify violations and prepare recommendations to the City Council regarding tools/approaches appropriate in St. Cloud. (6/22/06)	City Administration, Health & Inspections	<b>Fire Department staff will begin assisting with property inspection and violation identification in April 2007.</b>
1G. Utilize staff resources of other City departments (e.g, Fire)	Focus Fire Department staffing on first response activities and identify other funding sources for the code enforcement and inspections staffing need. Investigate opportunities for Fire Department staff to assist in violation/issue identification when conducting fire activities on site. (6/14/06)	City Administration, Health & Inspections, Fire Department	<b>Fire Department staff will begin assisting with property inspection and violation identification in April 2007.</b>
1H. Investigate reinspection fee to place burden on consistent violators	City Attorney has prepared City Charter amendment creating the administrative citation tool, which will allow heightened penalties for consistent violators (7/11/06)	City Administration, Health & Inspections, Legal	<b>Charter Amendment approved on December 13, 2006. Staff is drafting City Code provisions for public hearing in February 2007.</b>
1I. Implement issue checklist as part of inspection notice to owners	Inspection check off sheet will be included with each license application. (6/22/06)	Health & Inspections	<b>Check list is now being provided by H&amp;I staff with each new application.</b>
1J. Require mandatory education for rental property owners and managers	City Attorney has presented an ordinance creating a provisional license that requires property manager certification for receipt of the provisional license (6/22/06)	City Administration, Health & Inspections, Legal	<b>Staff is drafting City Code provisions for public hearing in February 2007.</b>
1K. Utilize HRA funding for code enforcement staff within low-moderate income areas	CDBG funds should not be utilized for H&I staff given the high administrative costs for HUD approval, however CDBG funds should be focused on other core neighborhood issues (6/14/06)	HRA	<b>HRA's 2007 budget presented and approved by City Council</b>

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<p>2A. Support the recommendations of the Healthy Neighborhoods Partnership Program’s Housing Incentives Task Force and the Life Cycle Housing Board’s Existing Housing Subcommittee.</p>	<p>Support the creation of new housing incentive programs by the St. Cloud HRA, Central Minnesota Housing Partnership Program, and others to increase ownership of existing homes. City should ensure that appropriate parties undertake a significant marketing campaign for these incentive programs to increase real estate agent, lender, and buyer awareness of home ownership options. (6/21/06)</p>	<p>HRA, City Council, Planning Office</p>	<p><b>\$150,000 allocated from Development Fund for 2007 program. \$300,000 award of MHFA CRV funds for home rehab. Planning Commission and City Council approval of program boundaries 11/2006.</b></p>
<p>3A. Consider reducing the number of violations from four to three within a two year period</p>	<p>City Attorney has presented an ordinance creating a provisional license that increases the code violations applying to rental licenses and requires a provisional license for more than three violations in a 12 month period (7/11/06)</p>	<p>City Administration, Health &amp; Inspections, Legal</p>	<p><b>Staff is drafting City Code provisions for public hearing in February 2007.</b></p>
<p>3B. Consider adding nuisance and zoning ordinance violations to landlord accountability ordinance</p>	<p>City Attorney has presented an ordinance creating a provisional license that increases the code violations applying to rental licenses (7/11/06)</p>	<p>City Administration, Health &amp; Inspections, Legal</p>	<p><b>Staff is drafting City Code provisions for public hearing in February 2007.</b></p>
<p>3C. Identify means to relay property manager information to neighbors and residents</p>	<p>City Attorney has presented an ordinance creating a provisional license that would require the owner and property manager names, addresses, and phone numbers in public space (6/8/06). Information is currently available by contacting H&amp;I office. Planning Office has contracted for the creation of an internet GIS making property owner information available on-line in 2006.</p>	<p>City Administration, Health &amp; Inspections, Legal</p>	<p><b>Staff is proceeding with creating the City’s internet based GIS which may offer information regarding property ownership and/or management. Intended to go live in 2007.</b></p>
<p>3D. Ensure accurate information is submitted by owners and maintained by the City</p>	<p>City Attorney has presented an ordinance creating a provisional license that also makes false application information grounds for immediate revocation of rental license (6/22/06)</p>	<p>City Administration, Health &amp; Inspections, Legal</p>	<p><b>Staff is drafting City Code provisions for public hearing in February 2007.</b></p>
<p>3E. Require local property manager that is the owner or their employee, not just current tenant</p>	<p>City Attorney has presented an ordinance creating a provisional license that requires an on-site manager or one that is available 24 hours per day (6/22/06)</p>	<p>City Administration, Health &amp; Inspections, Legal</p>	<p><b>Staff is drafting City Code provisions for public hearing in February 2007.</b></p>

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4A. Investigate changes to State and/or local law to address noisy vehicles (modifications to vehicles for noise, motorcycles, etc.)	Support and monitor the Police Departments efforts to increase enforcement action on loud vehicle violations, including: focused enforcement on problem areas, concentrated enforcement periods, and public education. (6/28/06)	Police Department	<b>On-Going. No action required on law changes. Police Department is implementing operational recommendations.</b>
5B. Consider an amendment increasing the off-street parking requirement to ensure appropriate parking for unrelated adults	Forward an amendment to Planning Commission increasing the off-street parking requirement (6/21/06)	Planning Office	<b>Adopted by City Council 9/2006. Effective 10/2006.</b>
5C. Consider an amendment increasing the amount of green space required on private property	Forward an amendment to Planning Commission increasing the landscaping requirement in residential districts to 33% of total property and 25% of rear yard. (6/21/06)	Planning Office	<b>Adopted by City Council 9/2006. Effective 10/2006.</b>
5D. Consider an amendment increasing the setbacks for off-street parking in the rear yard.	Forward an amendment to Planning Commission increasing the setback to the side property line for parking within the rear yard. (6/21/06)	Planning Office	<b>Adopted by City Council 9/2006. Effective 10/2006.</b>
5E. Review the zoning districts throughout the community to determine the appropriateness of the allowed density	This action will be completed by the Planning Commission as time permits. Task Force members will be invited to participate in those discussions. (6/21/06)	Planning Office	<b>No action proposed until completion of the Land Development Code and other planning efforts in 2007</b>
5F. Review the allowance of gravel for off-street parking associated with single-family homes	An amendment removing the allowance for gravel parking for single family homes will be forwarded to the PC with actions 5B-5E (6/22/06)	Planning Office	<b>Adopted by City Council 9/2006. Effective 10/2006.</b>
5G. Establish a definition for guest and rent	A City Code amendment defining guest and rent will be forwarded for consideration of the City Council with the other rental ordinance changes (6/22/06)	Planning Office, Health & Inspections	<b>Rent definition included with the Rental Housing Ordinance Amendment draft. Part of Re-Codification Project expected completion 1st qtr. 07.</b>
6A. Encourage SCSU's continued participation in an on-going Healthy Neighborhoods Partnership Program	City staff has requested the continued participation of SCSU in future HNPPs and will formally request their participation upon initiation of those projects (5/24/06)	Planning Office	<b>Formal invitation will be made by city staff to SCSU upon initiation of new HNPP efforts.</b>

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6B. Improve community participation and understanding of current and future SCSU Master Plans	City staff has met with SCSU representatives on this matter and have identified means to improve future master planning coordination (5/24/06)	Planning Office	<b>SCSU and city staff have agreed to improve coordination and participation in future studies.</b>
6C. Investigate potential of university penalties for off-campus behavior	Continue to investigate university penalties for off-campus violations of local laws and ordinances as state law or MnSCU policy change. (6/28/06)	City Administration, Planning Office	<b>Discussions will continue through NUCC as MnSCU and SCSU policies change.</b>
6D. Continue to improve communication and coordination between City and SCSU on special events and on-going matters	City staff and SCSU officials have acknowledged the benefit of past cooperation and agreed to continued coordination on these events. (6/22/06)	Police Department	<b>On-going preparation and debriefing meetings for specific campus and neighborhood events</b>
6E. Development of 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South Area Plan	The Planning Office and DSU are drafting a contract for the master plan that will be considered by the City Council in July (6/22/06)	Planning Office, Public Services Department	<b>City Council approval of contract 11/13/06. Study to be initiated in February 2007.</b>
6F. Provide Health and Inspection outreach to student population	Health & Inspections will continue to participate in the annual SCSU Housing Fair and will consider other means as staffing increases allow, such as: hosting a student housing booth and using the Husky Net email network. (6/22/06)	Health & Inspections	<b>On-campus booth starting in early 2007.</b>
7A. Formalize the role of neighborhood groups in public notification and participation in current issues/proposals	City staff will attempt to utilize the existing neighborhood clubs/associations as a means of distributing information and notices of current issues and formalize the notification as part of the required planning and zoning notification procedures. (6/22/06)	City Administration, Planning Office	<b>City Administration has developed a notification list of the Neighborhood Coalition representatives. Additional contacts will be added for future participants.</b>
7B. Continue the Healthy Neighborhoods Partnership Program with other areas.	Planning Office has requested funds for continuation of the HNPP in the 2007 Development Fund budget and is submitting grant applications to private foundations for additional monies (6/22/06)	Planning Office	<b>City staff and Neighborhood Coalition working on 2006/2007 HNPP grant application.</b>
7C. Develop an on-going series of monthly neighborhood forums to air concerns (town hall forums)	City Administration intends to continue the town hall meetings that have been initiated in 2006. (6/22/06)	City Administration	<b>Administration will continue neighborhood/community Town Hall meetings in 2007.</b>

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7D. Enhance communication/interaction between City Council ward representatives and their constituents	The current City Council was presented this initiative on 5/8/06 and will be again on 7/31/06.	City Administration	<b>Communication will be encouraged during Council orientation. Actual implementation is the discretion of each council member.</b>
8A. Consider alternative means (required dumpsters, 3 can, 90 gallon, etc.) of trash collection to improve the cleanliness/maintenance of properties	City Council approved a 90 gallon container garbage service on June 26, 2006 (6/22/06)	Public Services	<b>City Council approved 90 gallon container in 7/2006. Health &amp; Inspections requiring this service where and when needed. Survey of green bag use to be conducted in targeted neighborhoods during Spring 2007.</b>
8B. Consider expansion of Southside Historic District and establishment of new districts	The HPC has agreed to consider the expansion of the Southside Historic District and is intending to review background materials in 2006 (6/22/06)	Planning Office	<b>HPC will consider the expansion, but will wait until completion of the HPC Community Marketing and Education Plan in 2007</b>
8C. Investigate restrictions against on-campus vehicles for underclassmen	Do not proceed with a parking prohibition for underclassmen. Support the use of parking lots and structures upon campus to meet the facility needs and consider other mechanisms like on-street parking permits and time limitations to ensure a reasonable amount of on-street parking exists for residents in the adjacent neighborhoods. (6/28/06)	Planning Office, NUCC	<b>This recommendation has been forwarded to NUCC for further consideration and discussion.</b>
8D. Develop a property and/or neighborhood recognition program to acknowledge positive changes	Contact the Neighborhood Coalition regarding the establishment and operation of a recognition program. The City should assist with the promotion of the program and its award recipients through: public access TV, city website, or other media/technology. (6/22/06)	Neighborhood Coalition, Parks Office	<b>Forwarded to the Neighborhood Coalition to determine interest in establishing a recognition program 11/2006.</b>



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<p>8E. Pursue community marketing campaign, potentially partnering with ISD 742, to change the perception of St. Cloud’s quality of life</p>	<p>Improving the public perception of the community is essential to increasing home ownership interest. City Administration has been presented the goal and agreed to contact ISD 742 and other potential partners to determine their interest in participating in a community marketing campaign. (6/28/06)</p>	<p>City Administration</p>	<p><b>Discussed during 2007 budget process, but was not funded. To be considered in 2008 budget discussions.</b></p>
<p>8F. Investigate city-wide clean up day.</p>	<p>Cost for city-wide free clean up day is prohibitive. However, continued use of the Annual Cleanup-A-Thon, which allows a single pickup between April and August for \$10.98, or a modified version of this program to address rental housing is encouraged. (6/28/06)</p>	<p>Public Services Department</p>	<p><b>Public Services met with service providers in 11/06. Service providers would expect fees to cover costs of clean up events.</b></p>

**HNPP AND NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Beginning in the fall of 2005, four of St. Cloud’s core neighborhoods participated in the Healthy Neighborhood Partnership Program (HNPP), which resulted in each neighborhood identifying a list of their unique assets, needs and goals based upon the premise that everyone who is affected by a decision should have an opportunity to be involved in the decision making process. Three overarching task forces were created from the HNPP process to address the highest priority concerns shared by all four neighborhoods, which include: Increasing Home Ownership, Reducing Drugs & Crime, and Ordinance Enforcement. In addition, each of the participating neighborhoods formed task forces focusing on their unique recommendations and objectives. The Neighborhood Coalition has also been formed by the five neighborhoods that have previously participated in the Healthy Neighborhoods Partnership Program to offer an on-going unified voice for cooperation and coordination with the City of St. Cloud. The following table lists the recommendations of the Healthy Neighborhoods Partnership Program’s overarching task forces and Neighborhood Coalition, as well as the progress made by the City of St. Cloud on each of those recommendations.

<b>HNPP/NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION TASK FORCE</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b>	<b>PROGRESS Complete / In Progress</b>
Overarching – Homestead Incentives	Work cooperatively with HRA to develop and administer programs for Neighborhood Coalition and HNPP neighborhoods	HRA, City Council, Planning Office	<b>\$150,000 allocated from Development Fund for 2007 program. \$300,000 award of MHFA CRV funds for home rehab. \$170,000 allocated to HRA Common Bond Fund. \$172,000 award from CDBG funds to HRA. \$65,000 award from Salvation Army to HRA. Planning Commission and City Council approval of program boundaries 11/2006. 30 core neighborhood properties have received funding through 1/2007.</b>
Overarching - Public Safety	Expansion of Neighborhood Watch Programs	Police Department, Neighborhood Coalition	<b>Police working with Neighborhood leadership to establish formal watch programs. St. John Cantius meeting 11/16/2006.</b>
	Painting of Crosswalks	Public Services Department	<b>Overarching Task Force has been asked to identify specific intersections for review by City’s Traffic Manager. No response from Task Force.</b>

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	Creation of Crisis Response Teams	Police Department, Neighborhood Coalition	<b>Working with Police Department to identify appropriate role and not duplicate or hinder existing response resources.</b>
	Integration into Disaster Preparedness	Community Services, Neighborhood Coalition	<b>RSVP has sent a letter in 12/2006 inviting the Neighborhood Coalition to participate in upcoming CERT training for emergency response. Integrate CERT information into Neighborhood Watch Program.</b>
Overarching – Ordinance Enforcement	Definition of Family	Planning Office and Neighborhood Coalition	<b>The definition of family will be reconsidered during the upcoming Land Development Code process.</b>
	Landlord Responsibility Ordinance - Increase Penalties	Legal Office, Health & Inspections Department	<b>Staff is proposing to incorporate the Landlord Responsibility Ordinance provisions into the Administrative Citations and Provisional Rental License which will increase penalties and violations subject to expedited enforcement. City Charter amendment approved 11/2006 for administrative citation. Public hearing is planned for 2/07 for ordinance adoption.</b>
	Landlord Responsibility Ordinance – Move to Its Own Code Section	Legal Office, Healthy & Inspections Department	<b>Staff is proposing to amend the Landlord Responsibility Ordinance to refer to the Administrative Citations and Provisional Rental License. City Charter amendment approved 11/2006 for administrative citation. Public hearing is planned for 2/07 for ordinance adoption.</b>
	Rezoning of Neighborhoods	Planning Commission	<b>The rezoning of neighborhoods will be considered as Planning Commission schedule allows following completion of the Land Development Code in 2007.</b>

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	Reapplication upon Rental License Transfer	Health & Inspections Department	<b>City Code Section 465:05, Subd. 1g5 currently requires approval of transfer. Inspections to be conducted contingent upon staff availability.</b>
	Proactive Inspection and Violation System	Health & Inspections Department	<b>Additional Health &amp; Inspections staffing hired 11/2006. Fire Department staff will begin assisting with property inspection and violation identification in April 2007.</b>
	Increase Cost of Parking Ticket	Public Services Department, Police Department	<b>The cost of parking tickets was raised in 2004. City parking ticket rates are equal to SCSU parking penalties. Increased enforcement is suggested prior to considering fee increases.</b>
	Initiate Police Foot Patrols	Police Department	<b>Police foot patrols will continue for special events/details. The Police Department intends to continue bike patrols in core neighborhoods and parks.</b>
	No Overnight Parking in Neighborhoods	Public Services Department	<b>Similar requests have been considered by City Council in 2005 and specific exemptions to allow seasonal parking granted in 10/06. City Council will consider requests of neighborhoods to add/expand specific areas to seasonal parking ban.</b>
	Request SCSU Code of Conduct Annual Report	SCSU, NUCC	<b>SCSU has agreed to provide NUCC an annual summary of Code of Conduct actions.</b>
Neighborhood Coalition/HNPP Neighborhoods	City Council attendance at monthly Neighborhood Coalition meetings	City Council, Neighborhood Coalition	<b>President Landy has been asked to appoint two City Council members to Neighborhood Coalition Board.</b>

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	Council agenda by email to Neighborhood Coalition	Administration, Neighborhood Coalition	<b>City Administration is currently emailing agenda to Neighborhood Coalition leadership/officers</b>
	Activate the City’s Ordinance Violation Reporting web page	IT, Health & Inspections	<b>City Staff is currently working to activate web page.</b>
	Change the stop at 11th Ave & 3rd St N to 4-way	Public Services Department	<b>City’s Traffic Manager has recommended against the 4-way stop. Traffic Manager’s study sent to NC Chair and Public Safety Task Force Chair 12/1/06.</b>
	City Staff for Q&A at neighborhood annual meetings	City Administration, Neighborhood Coalition	<b>Currently offered through Neighborhood Watch program and specific requests. Future requests can be made through NUCC Board or Neighborhood Watches</b>
	Removal of fees for use of municipal pools	Recreation Department, City Administration	<b>City Council maintained current fee schedule following meeting of City staff and neighborhood representatives.</b>
	Include contact list of City staff in utility bills	City Administration	<b>The City is intending to promote this information through a Community Resource Directory, City website, watch handouts, and Channel 19. General reference to these resources may be added to the utility bills. CRUD Committee will be forwarded this request.</b>
	Non-transferability of rental licenses when a rental is sold	Health & Inspections Office	<b>This will be considered during the upcoming Land Development Code process.</b>
	Expand homesteading incentive packages, such as waiving of city permit fees.	City Administration	<b>City staff will continue to investigate homesteading incentives and reevaluate current incentives for new construction. Staff will investigate the use of HRA programs to administer and distribute these reimbursements.</b>

**OTHER CORE NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES**

The City of St. Cloud’s Administration has formed a Neighborhood Cabinet comprised of various City department heads and other responsible agencies to assist in the consideration and implementation of the HNPP, Neighborhood Coalition, and Neighborhood Best Practices Task Force recommendations. However, as with any good plan effort, continued attention must be paid to identifying other means of achieving the intended objectives. The following is a list of other efforts being undertaken by the City of St. Cloud to maintain and enhance the quality of life in the City’s core neighborhoods.

<b>NEIGHBORHOOD BEST PRACTICES GOAL</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b>	<b>PROGRESS Complete / In Progress</b>
Develop assistance programs to increase home ownership and rehabilitation within the City’s core neighborhoods.	Create document summarizing existing housing incentives programs that can be used as marketing document to real estate agents , lenders, and potential buyers	Life Cycle Housing Service Provider (Central Minnesota Housing Partnership)	<b>Final draft completed 12/2006</b>
	Implementation of St. Cloud’s Community Land Trust housing ownership and rehab program	Life Cycle Housing Service Provider (Central Minnesota Housing Partnership)	<b>Funding currently available for ownership and rehabilitation of 5 homes.</b>
	Continuation of St. John Cantius OTC housing project.	City, SC Technical College	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> house sold – 10/2006, 3rd house under construction. All must be owner-occupied for 5 years.</b>
Improve enforcement of the City’s existing codes.	Adoption of 2006 Intl. Prop. Maint. Code, which is more stringent on health and safety regulations	Health & Inspections	<b>Health &amp; Housing Committee Hearing 11-21-6. City Council set public hearing on 2/2007. In effect 3/2007</b>
Increase landlord responsibility for property maintenance/condition and tenant conduct.	Create administrative citation and Hearing process, provide proactive enforcement of existing ordinances.	Health & Inspections, City Attorney's Office	<b>Charter Amendment approved on December 13, 2006. Staff is drafting City Code provisions for public hearing in February 2007.</b>

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Strengthen the nuisance ordinance to enhance the quality of life in the City's existing neighborhoods.	Create administrative citation and Hearing process, provide proactive enforcement of exiting ordinances	Health & Inspections, City Attorney's Office	<b>Charter Amendment approved on 12/2006. Staff is drafting City Code provisions for public hearing in 2/2007.</b>
Strengthen the zoning ordinance to enhance the quality of life in the City's core neighborhoods.	Neighborhood Coalition participated in Land Development Code key person interviews to identify desired code revisions/issues	Planning Office and Neighborhood Coalition	<b>Participated in key person interviews in 9/2006. Neighborhood Coalition has appointed a representative on each of the LDC task forces.</b>
Enhance communication and cooperation between the University, City, and neighborhoods	Revision of NUCC by-laws related to membership and procedures to improve the productivity of this group	NUCC	<b>By-laws amended 10/2006 to expand membership and officers, as well as create Executive Committee</b>
	Promote the utilization of St. Cloud State's Institute for Alternative Dispute Resolution to make mediation services available to resolve neighborhood issues.	Community Services/Human Rights	<b>Director Theresia Fisher interested in meeting with City Staff and Neighborhood Coalition to present information.</b>
	Explore utilizing RSVP volunteers to support Neighborhood Coalition efforts such as asset mapping.	Community Services/RSVP	<b>Contact made with Community Studies Department at SCSU to give RSVP contact information. Complete 11/2006.</b>
	City staff reaching out to student legal services attorney to build relationship and open communication.	City Attorney's Office	<b>Contact initiated 10/2006</b>
Develop active neighborhood associations and clubs	City acting as fiscal agent for Neighborhood Coalition grant for 2007 start-up and marketing	Planning Office	<b>Complete 10/2006</b>
Miscellaneous	Enhanced Planning Office webpage to improve accessibility to plans and meeting notices	Planning Office, IT	<b>Live 10/2006</b>

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	Update of Core Neighborhood Fact Sheets on Neighborhood Services website	Planning Office	<b>Complete 9/2006</b>
	Addition of new maps related to housing age, housing value, rental locations, zoning, and absentee landlords to Neighborhood Services website	Planning Office	<b>Complete 9/2006</b>
	Lake George/Eastman Park project.	Parks Office	<b>First phase renovation complete 11/2006. Phase 2 scheduled completion August 2007.</b>
	Street and alley repair and resurfacing efforts focused in core neighborhoods.	Health and Inspections, Engineering Department	<b>Street and Alley Surfacing and Resurfacing &amp; Sidewalk Repair, in the St. John Cantius and Seberger Neighborhoods in 2007.</b>
	Enhancement of Kaleidoscope Playground at Wilson Park	Parks Department	<b>Kaleidoscope Playground at Wilson Park scheduled for completion in Spring 2007.</b>
	Increase alternative transportation efforts linking core neighborhoods to trail systems and activities throughout the community.	Parks Department Engineering Department	<b>Breckenridge Trail from downtown to Cooper Avenue in 2007.</b> <b>Investigate creation of pedestrian bridge or tunnel during Highway 23 reconstruction providing foot traffic access to Library and Lake George Area.</b>
	Enhance streetscape of core neighborhoods.	Planning Office	<b>City is discussing participation with Lake George neighborhood on streetscape enhancement project</b>



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	New Boys and Girls Club	Parks Office	<b>City Council has approved the 2008 construction of new Boys &amp; Girls Club in Raymond Park.</b>
	Heritage Preservation Commission Community Marketing and Education Plan (improve public perception/understanding of HPC's mission – all in core neighborhoods)	Planning Office	<b>City Council approved contract 1/2007. Study to be completed 2/2007 – 10/2007.</b>
	Creation of on-site signage for public hearing notices related to zoning actions	Planning Office	<b>Signs ordered 1/2007. Public hearing in 2/2007 for Spring 2007 implementation.</b>