

CITY OF HARTFORD

Pedro E. Segarra, Mayor



Quarterly Meeting with
City-Wide Neighborhood Leaders/Stakeholders
Friday, December 12, 2014



Welcome

Quarterly Stakeholder Meetings

Friday, March 13, 2015 @ 10:00am

Youth Program Room 3rd Floor | Hartford Public Library | 500 Main Street

(LSNI will work on having the next meeting, in March 2015 during the evening to accommodate more attendees. Note: this was not included in the presentation but discussed at the meeting)

LSNI Capacity & Operations Update

Quarterly Neighborhood Conditions Report

- Report only reflects enforcing the ABO not all LSNI activities
- New format with more property information
- Working to update the webpage with reports and minutes

Reporting New Properties/ Requesting Information

- Tracking in 311
- Email or Schedule a meeting with an ACOO

Thank you for your commitment to engage and make a better Hartford!



Anti-Blight Enforcement Update

As of October 3, 2013 – December 12, 2014:
 Quarterly Neighborhood Conditions Report

	Central	North	South	West	Citywide
Properties Receiving Preliminary Notice Letters (PABOL)	18	40	16	19	93
<i>PABOL resulting in a consultation between the inspector and owner</i>	8	15	2	6	31
Properties Receiving Notice of Violations (NOV)	4	4	7	7	22
Properties Receiving Cited for Violations (CIT)	4	4	6	2	16
Final Lien Inspection Properties (Final Lien Inspection)	8	19	15	14	56
Default Lien Judgment (Default Judgment)	6	13	8	4	18

* Chart ONLY reflects the stats as of December 2014 LSNI Quarterly District Reports



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 Quarterly Neighborhood Conditions Report

	Central	North	South	West	Citywide
Acquired Properties by COH (Acquired)	1	4	0	0	5
Abated Properties (Abated)	1	1	2	0	4
Survey or Re-Survey Properties	1	5	4	8	19
Tax Deferral Program	1	1	2	0	4
Hartford Restoration Project (HRP)	1	1	6	7	15

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The seal of the City of Hartford, Connecticut, is a circular emblem. It features an eagle with wings spread, perched atop a shield. The shield is divided into four quadrants, each containing a different symbol. The shield is surrounded by a banner with the Latin motto "NUBILA PHOEBUS". The outer ring of the seal contains the text "SEAL OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD" at the top and "CONNECTICUT" at the bottom, separated by two stars.

**City of Hartford's
Progressive Properties**



Central District: Abated Property

75 Madison Street – Frog Hollow



Before



After



North District: Abated Property

139 Westland Street – Northeast



Before



After



Quality of Life Matters Update

LSNI Crew

July 2, 2014 – December 1, 2014	North	Central	West	South	Citywide
Private Property Nuisance Abatements	58	9	7	15	87
June 2, 2014 – December 1, 2014	North	Central	West	South	Citywide
City of Hartford Property Clean-Up	237	124	54	36	455

Updates:

- COH properties increase to **72** from **54** last year.
- Down **5** DPW maintainers due to reassignment, suspension or fired.
- LSNI Crew to assist with plowing and snow removal from COH sidewalks.
- Average Private Property Clean Up Cost: **\$955.81**



Quality of Life Matters Update



Hartford Restoration Project (HRP I) & (HRP II)

HRP I - Assistance to help [Hartford Owner-Occupants](#) who have proven financial hardship during their Blight Appeal Hearing to abate outstanding ABO Violations.

HRP II - Assistance to help [Hartford Owner-Occupants](#) who have exterior blight conditions before they enter the ABO process (inspections, citation, hearing etc.)

- Property is located in the City of Hartford, Connecticut;
- Property must be **owner-occupied**; and
- Property is a single, two, or three family units.
- Commercial properties including mixed-use are **NOT eligible**.
- Applicants must be current on all City of Hartford obligations (i.e. taxes).
- Property use must be in accordance with the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- This is a **one-time secured** loan.
- The loan is deferred with a zero (0) percent interest rate and require no monthly payments.
- Full forgiveness after five (5) years with no penalty for pre-payment in full.
- The loan requires no repayment **unless** the property is sold and/or is non-owner occupied within five (5) years.
- The borrower must sign a Loan Agreement with the City of Hartford, which overviews the terms and conditions of the contract, which includes bi-annually monitoring up to 5 years for visual confirmation that property is in "blight free" condition.



Quality of Life Matters Update

Hartford Restoration Project Overall Stats

	Central	North	South	West	Total
Total Properties Requesting HRP Funds	3	11	24	24	62
Approved Applications	1	3	7	16	27
Funded Projects	1	1	3	10	15
Completed	1	0	0	4	5

Observations:

- Neighborhoods with high owner-occupancy
- Stable financial background to pass underwriting
- Great response from simple word of mouth/ NRZ
- Neighbors door-to-door canvassing/ referrals
- 57% of requested houses were not eligible
- Average of \$27k to fund each housing project

The budget allocated to HRP for FY14-15 was \$350,000. Total cost of the (15) projects was \$389,400.



HRP Completed Property

176 Sargeant Street – Asylum Hill



Before



After

LIVABLE & SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE



HRP Completed Property

150 Babcock Street – Frog Hollow



Before



In Progress



After



HRP In Progress Property

24-26 Kenneth Street – Barry Square



Before



Present

LIVABLE & SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE



HRP In Progress Property

56 W. Morningside Street – Blue Hills



Before



Present



Quality of Life Matters Update

LSNI & REBUILDING TOGETHER HARTFORD COLLABORATION



Rehab Date: Saturday, September 13, 2014 Veterans' Project

Next Date: April 2015 and Fall 2015



Highlights:

- *"Serving Those Who Served"* helped low-income veterans and elderly homeowners rehabilitate their exterior blight conditions at no charge.
- Twelve (**12**) Veterans
- LSNI contributed \$120,000.00 for the project. City of Hartford's Grants Department contributed \$20,000.00 of CDBG funds for the project.
- **116** volunteers including other veterans, active-duty and military families.

[Veterans in your neighborhood who could use the help?](#)

Please send information to Breyonne Golding at Gold001@Hartford.gov



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Central District | 39 Squire Street – Frog Hollow Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Celani. Mr. Celani was born and raised in this house. Mr. Celani is both a WWII and Korean War Veteran. He is retired and has severe dementia.

North District | 305 Coventry Street – Northeast The Morgans. Mrs. Morgan now a widow; her husband passed away in December 2014. Mr. Morgan was a Veteran.

North District | 14 Greenwich Street – Northeast Mr. & Mrs. Roy Kenney. Mr. Kenney US Army Veteran.

North District | 19 Greenwich Street – Northeast Mr. Emory Keaton. Mr. Keaton is 91 years-old. He is retired and served in the Army during WWII. Mr. Keaton has lived in his home since 1972.

North District | 74 Rosemont Street – Northeast Mr. Michael Downes. Mr. Downes is a 71 year-old veteran who is a retired school teacher.

South District | 111 Coolidge Street – Behind the Rocks Ms. Nijole Skemiene. Ms. Skemiene's husband, John Navickas, is a military veteran. He is bed-ridden and gravely ill.

South District | 591 Hillside Street – Behind the Rocks Mr. Detlef Papp. (Army Veteran)

South District | 132 Harvard Street – Behind the Rocks Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Delaine. Mr. Delaine is a Marine Veteran.

West District | 66 Boothbay Street – Blue Hills Ms. Mavis Silvera (Army Veteran)

West District | 105 Granby Street – Blue Hills Mr. & Mrs. William Clark. Mr. Clark is a retired Army Veteran.

West District | 26 Harold Street – Blue Hills Ms. Laura Copeland (Army Veteran)

West District | 307 Branford Street – Blue Hills Ms. Dorothy Lucier (US Reserves)



Outside the Box Program

This summer LSNI and the Marketing, Events and Cultural Affairs Division (MECA) collaborated on a pilot program called Outside The Box.

Goal: Encourage Greater Hartford area artists to transform vandalized utility boxes into public art and create an ongoing dialogue about the benefits of public art in our community.

Location: Franklin Avenue

The program was successful: **\$10,000** budget, receiving **45** submissions from **27** different artists across **11** different Cities. **16** artists were selected.

The participating artists included: Jeanne Manzelli, Alberto Colon Jr., Balam Soto, Dyshann Anderson, Katherine Owens, Jill Friedman, Tyrone "ZeroSnake" Motley, Alan "Dooley-O" Jackson, Claire Cronkhite, Olivia FiyaBomb Nguyen, Christina Blakemore, Natacha Poggio, Joe Sam, Vicktur Orteez, Patrick Connolly and Christian Ayala.





Outside the Box Program





LSNI Anti-Litter Update

LSNI has been involved in overseeing Anti-Litter Initiatives throughout the City of Hartford. Below are some highlights

- **In 2014 LSNI co-sponsored City wide Anti-Litter abatement cleanups with Knox throughout the City.**
- **In the summer of 2014, LSNI & Knox Parks conducted a City Wide Litter Survey.**
- **At the current moment the City of Hartford is in the process of developing a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for anti-litter enforcement that shall be completed in 2015. The goal is to improve anti-litter enforcement procedures and policies for various City Departments.**



City of Hartford - 2014 Litter Survey

(Collaboration between LSNI & KNOX)

Index Ranking of Litter
Present within LSNI District
(Highest Ranking within
District Reported)

North (2.38)

Central (2.34)

South (2.34)

West (2.33)

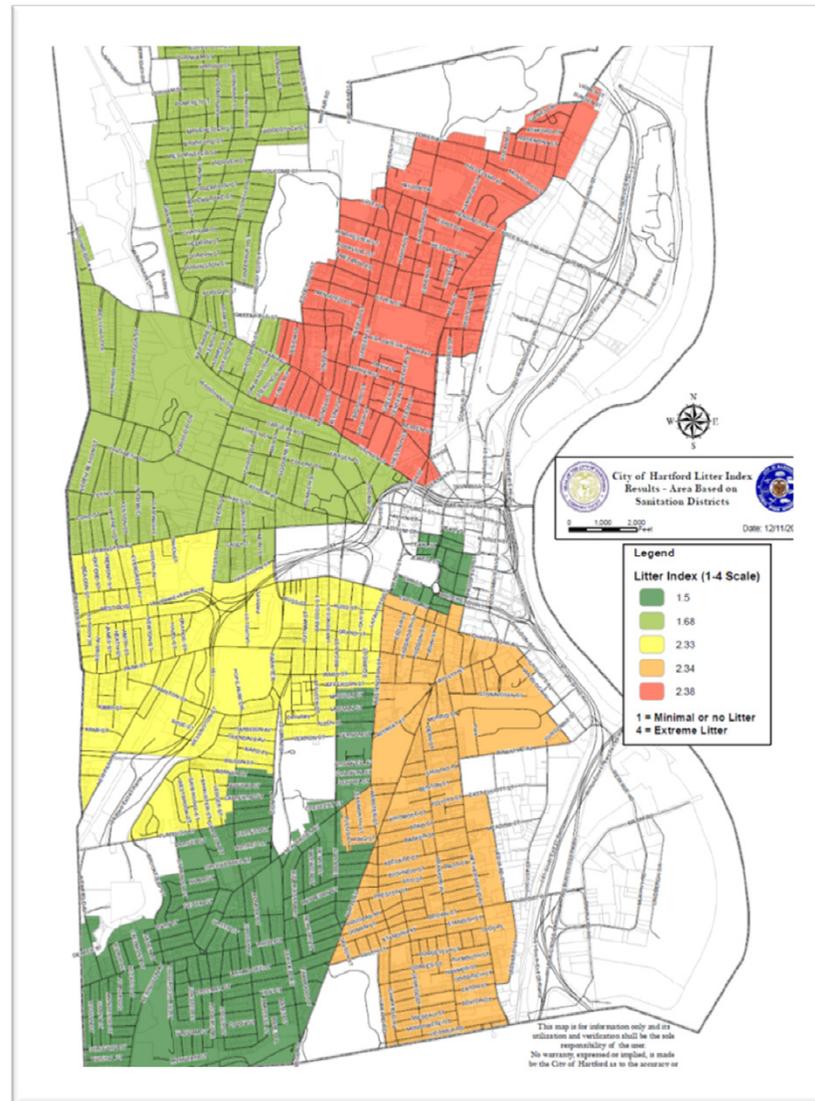
City Wide Average (2.05)

1- Minimal or no litter

2 - Slightly littered

3- Moderate litter

4- Extreme litter





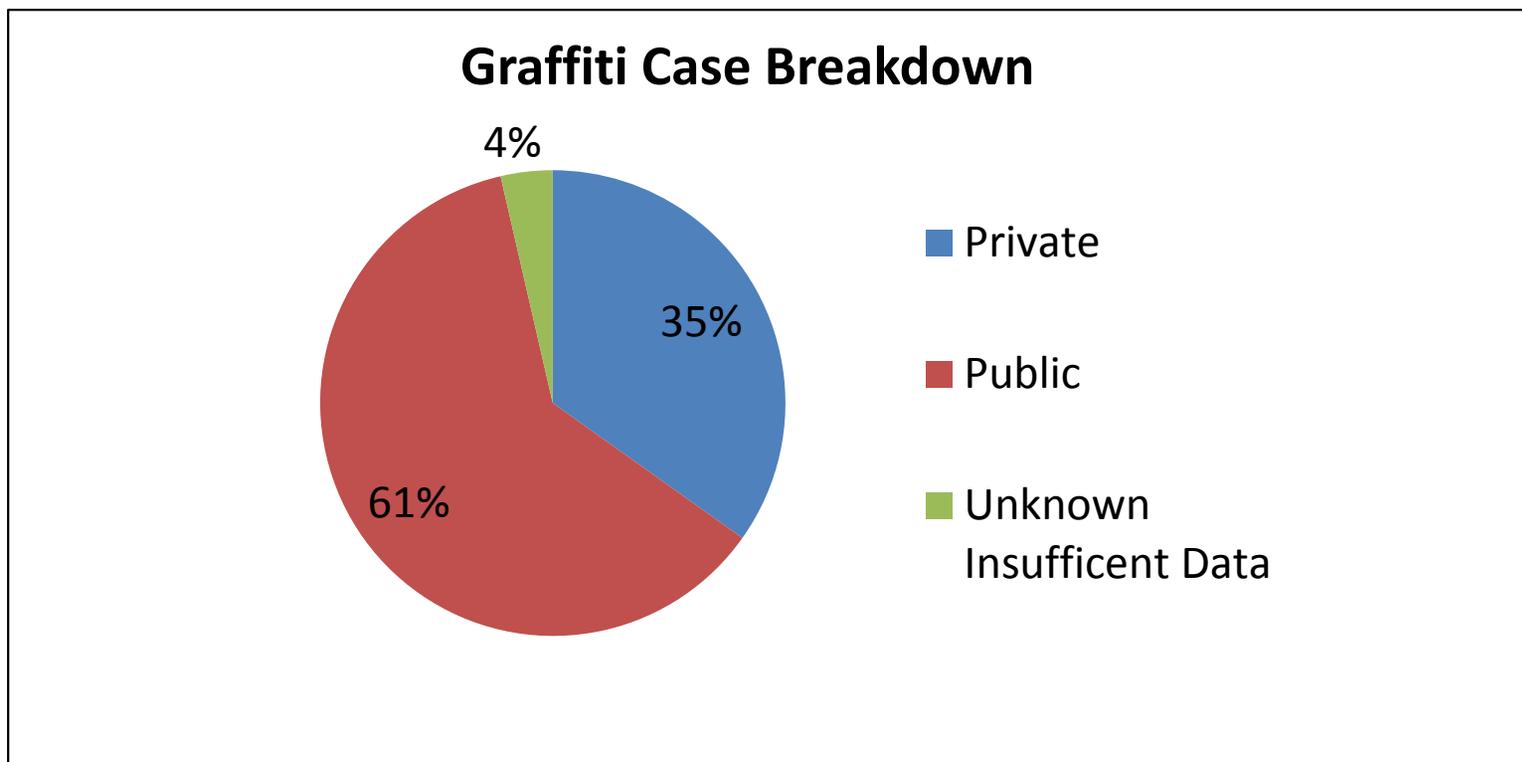
LSNI – Graffiti Tracking Data

311 Graffiti Cases – Public vs Private

(October 2012 – November 2014)

Total Cases reported: 333 (*Public 205/ Private 116/Unknown 12*)

Total Cases Abated 200/Unabated 133



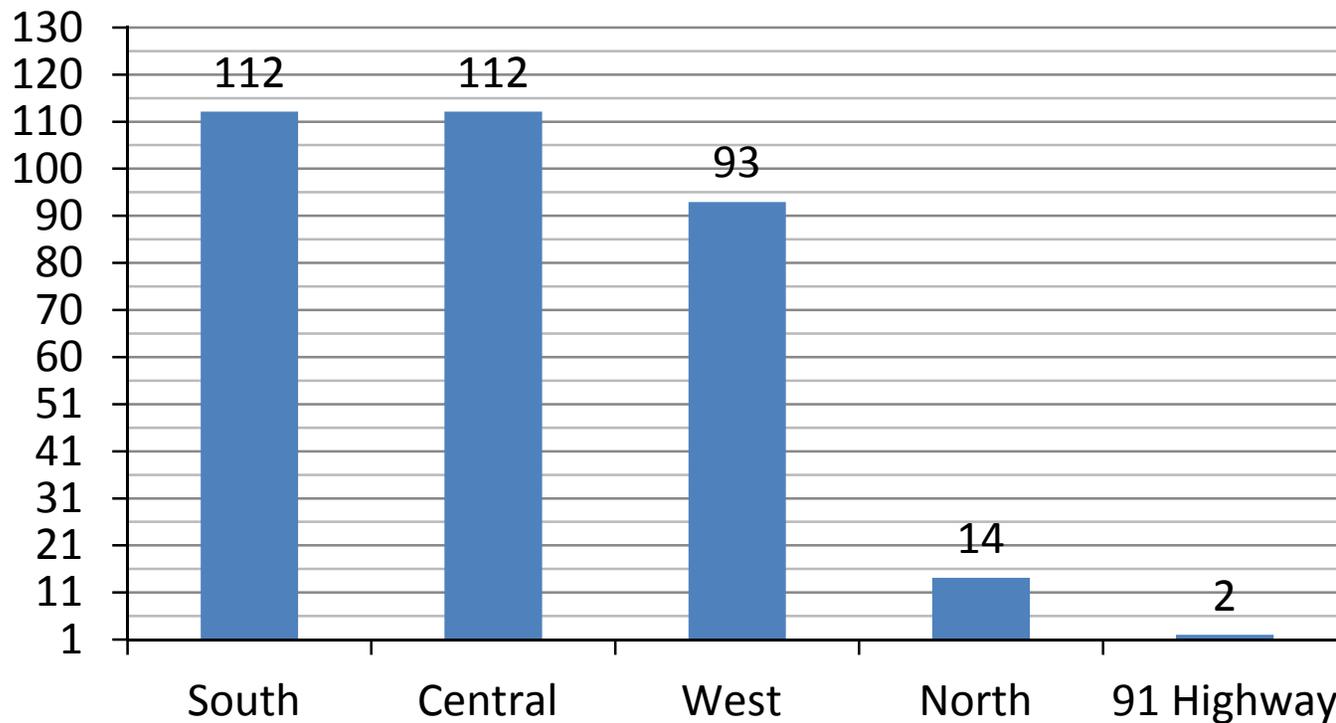
(Data Source: 311 & LSNI Graffiti Tracker)



LSNI – Graffiti Tracking Data

311 Graffiti Cases Reported by District (October 2012 – November 2014)

Total Cases reported 333



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City of Hartford - 2014 Graffiti Survey

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Index Ranking of Graffiti Present by LSNI District

Central (2.10)

South (2.0)

West (1.76)

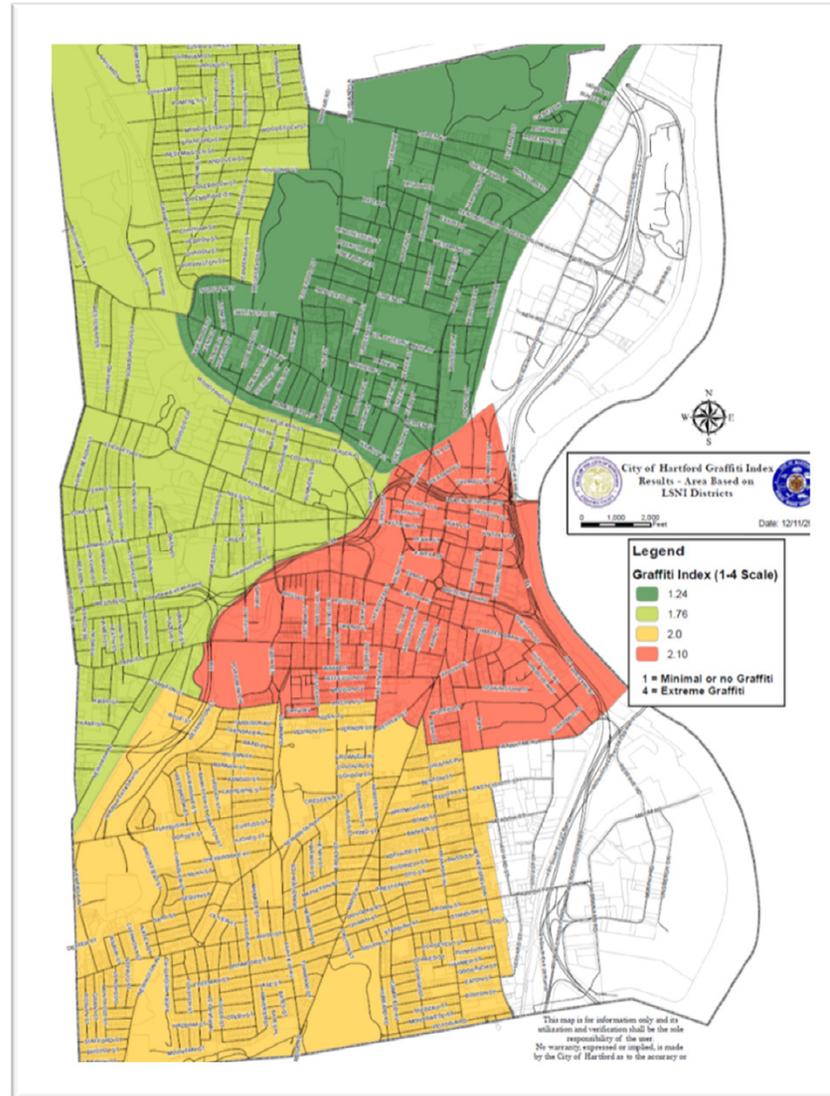
North (1.24)

1- Minimal or no graffiti

2 - Slight graffiti

3- Moderate graffiti

4- Extreme graffiti





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Community Problems: Let Us Know!

- Telephone: **Call 311**
- Track your Request: <http://www.hartford.gov/311>
- Wireless Devices: **See, Click, Fix**

Visit our webpage at www.Hartford.gov/lsni

Questions or Comments

Thank You for Your Support!





LSNI Point of Contact

North District (Northeast, Clay Arsenal, Upper Albany)

West District (Blue Hills, West End, Asylum Hill, Parkville*)

Assistant to the COO | Breyonne Golding | 860.757. 9593

Central District (Downtown, South Green, Frog Hollow, Sheldon-Charter Oak)

South District (Barry Square, Behind the Rocks, Southwest, South End)

Assistant to the COO | Ronnie Vazquez | 860.757. 9592

Other LSNI Contacts

Senior Project Manager | Gustavo Espinoza | 860.757. 9033