

MAYOR'S TARGET AREA

Neighborhood

Improvement

Action

Plan



NORTH FROG HOLLOW

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Why We Are Here...

- In 2006 Mayor Perez launched this effort to foster neighborhood involvement in neighborhood planning efforts
- The North Frog Hollow NRZ spearheaded a citizen based effort which formulated the plan
- The plan contains existing conditions, proposes new activities, and lists action steps
- Today is the official kick-off of the City endorsement of the citizen plan
- The following are selected action steps contained in the plan
- The plan in its entirety can be found at www.hartford.gov/development/planning

BUILDING CONDITIONS

- Licenses and Inspections will conduct concentrated code enforcement efforts on worst properties in Target Area.
- The worst properties around intersection of Russ and Putnam Street, and Babcock Street between Capitol Avenue and Russ Street will be targeted first.
- North Frog Hollow NRZ will provide addresses of other problem buildings in need of code enforcement.
- Housing Division will publicize its Housing Preservation Loan Fund.



VACANT BUILDINGS & VACANT LOTS

- Vacant Building / Land Plan
 1. Attempt to work with present owners of vacant buildings to get them rehabilitated and made into owner-occupied units
 2. Use tax foreclosure & Anti-Blight Ordinance to gain control of vacant buildings
 3. Market properties with goal of having them become owner-occupied
 4. Vacant buildings that are structurally unsound will be demolished
 5. New owner-occupied houses will be built.
 6. Split undersized lots and deed them to adjoining properties where feasible.



Historic Preservation

- Planning Division will publicize its Guidelines for Restorations and Additions to Historic Buildings
- Housing Division will promote the Housing Preservation Loan Fund to assist homeowners with low interest loans
- North Frog Hollow NRZ will work Hartford Preservation Alliance to conduct walking tours of Target Area to show variety of historic structures
- North Frog Hollow NRZ will contact appropriate agencies to research history of the neighborhood



PUBLIC SAFETY

- Hartford Police Department (HPD) will train new leaders for additional block watches through Citizens' Academy
- North Frog Hollow NRZ will actively recruit new leaders to enroll in the Citizens' Academy from the blocks that do not have block watches
- Block Watch members will notify HPD of suspected drug dealing in the area (hot spots.)
- HPD will target "hot spots" where drug dealing is allegedly taking place.
- The HPD will review feasibility of putting foot patrols and bicycle patrols in Target Area



Economic Development

- Planning Division will promote Façade Improvement Program to Owners of mixed-use buildings on Capitol Avenue in Target Area
- City will seek money from the State for streetscape improvements for Capitol Avenue
- Planning Division will work with residents on possibility of re-zoning block of Capitol Avenue between Babcock and Lawrence streets from R-O1 to B-4 and other re-zoning opportunities



TRAFFIC AND PARKING

- Traffic Calming on Babcock and Lawrence Streets
 - DPW to stripe streets to allow for parking on both sides
 - Travel lane will be in the middle
 - Speed tables installed if plan does not work
- DPW to install speed tables on Mortson Street, Putnam Heights, and Putnam Street
- Hartford Parking Authority Objectives
 - Work with North Frog Hollow NRZ to improve Capitol Avenue area traffic circulation
 - Enforce parking restrictions on residential streets to deter office workers from parking on them all day



Pedestrian Accessibility



- Planning Division will survey all slate sidewalks in Target Area, determine which need repair, and share results with the Department of Public Works
- Department of Public Works will work with CL&P to improve lighting in Target Area, with emphasis on Babcock Street, Putnam Street, and Park Terrace
- DPW will install better crosswalks at intersections of Broad Street Capitol Avenue, and Park Street and Park Terrace

PARK STREET

Positive Youth Activities



Hartford Students Win Regional
Robotics Competition

- The Mayor's Office of Youth Services, will convene a meeting with all youth service providers in that Target Area.
- The Mayor's Office of Youth Services will work with youth service providers identified to determine how present programs could be better structured to serve neighborhood youth
- North Frog Hollow NRZ will approach St. Anne's Church to determine availability of gym and rec. center that church owns at 778 Park Street

Litter

- Planning Division will conduct a survey of the location of City receptacles in the Target Area
- Department of Public Works will initiate plan to install additional trash receptacles on Capitol Avenue, Baby Pope Park, and the area around Burns and Sanchez Schools
- North Frog Hollow NRZ, SAMA, and DPW will encourage business owners to sweep and pick up in front of their business twice per day

