

One City Awards Recipients

Goal 1. Promote livable and sustainable neighborhoods

Frog Hollow NRZ, Parkville NRZ, & Asylum Hill NRZ

Each of these three Neighborhood Revitalization Zones adopted amendments to their NRZ Strategic Plan which complement and conform to One City, One Plan. The plans address development and design, maintaining safe, attractive housing and commercial buildings, attracting businesses, traffic, transportation, recreation, and other services,

Julio Concepcion

Julio Concepcion has been the driving force behind the creation of LiveHartford.org, a web site designed to bring attention to the wide variety of living options available in Hartford. LiveHartford.org promotes the livability and diversity of the Capital City by providing comprehensive information about its neighborhoods, services, and housing market. Julio is a resident of the Downtown neighborhood.

Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (NINA)

87-89 Atwood, a 1911 “perfect six”, had become a vacant, boarded eyesore in the Asylum Hill Neighborhood. NINA acquired the property, but before rehabilitation could begin, the roof collapsed and the building was ordered demolished. However, NINA and the City of Hartford developed and carried out a plan to retain the façade, demolish the rest of the building, and construct two new townhomes that fit perfectly into the historic neighborhood.

Goal 2. Protect the city’s natural and built environment.

Green Ribbon Task Force

During development of One City, One Plan, the public made very clear how important parks are to the quality of life in Hartford and expressed concern that parks are not being properly cared for. The Mayor convened the Green Ribbon Task Force in August of 2010 to make recommendations for addressing these issues. The work of the Task Force spanned eight months. Final recommendations, in the area of governance, maintenance, and finance, were presented to the Mayor and made public in late March of 2011.

Fairfield Avenue Neighbors Association

Residents of Fairfield Avenue have been taking action to improve the quality of life and implement the goals of One City, One Plan. Thirty-eight trees were planted along Fairfield Avenue, plans have been developed for creating a new Little League field and new playscape in Hyland Park, and work has been completed to designate Fairfield Avenue a National Historic District.

Urban Forestry Working Group

Over the past several years, a group of Hartford residents, City staff, and a State urban forester researched methods for preserving and increasing the city’s tree canopy. They developed a proposed ordinance for the purpose of maintaining and growing Hartford’s urban forest, maintaining trees in a healthy condition, protecting existing trees, and mitigating loss and damage to Hartford’s trees. The “Tree Ordinance” was adopted by the City Council on March 28, 2011.

Goal 3: Enhance mobility through transportation, transit, pedestrian and bike systems citywide

HUB of Hartford

Five years ago, residents of Asylum Hill, Frog Hollow and the West End came together to respond to a proposal by ConnDOT to repair the I-84 Viaduct. Because the viaduct divides their neighborhoods from one another, residents felt that other alternatives should be explored. Through grassroots efforts, the residents created a partnership with the City, ConnDOT, and CRCOG which led to the hiring of Goody Clancy to complete a study of options for replacement of the I-84 Viaduct. The study was completed in the fall of 2010. ConnDOT is now doing further analysis of the options presented.

Bike Walk Connecticut

In September 2010, Bike Walk Connecticut organized the Discover Hartford Bicycling and Walking Tour. Thousands of people took the 10, 25, or 40 mile bike tours or one of four different 1-hour walking tours. Starting from Bushnell Park, the routes passed through Hartford’s parks and neighborhoods. The event highlighted Hartford’s many assets, provided enjoyment and exercise, and promoted sustainable transportation choices.

Goal 4: Advance Downtown’s role as the region’s center for commerce, culture and city living.

The Market @ Hartford 21

On March 16, 2011, Ryan and Kelleanne Jones opened their full-service grocery store on Asylum Street in the city’s Downtown neighborhood. The 8,500 square foot store is located in the Hartford 21 apartment tower next door to the XL Center and offers everyday grocery items as well as specialty and prepared foods. The Market is also hosting events for those who live and work in Hartford.

Goal 5. Promote and encourage the integration of sustainable practices.

City of Hartford Employee Green Action Team

The Green Action Team has undertaken a recycling and energy efficiency initiative. To date, they have distributed new blue single stream recycling bins and “Save City Power” stickers to all employees at 525 and 550 Main Street, created recycling displays, filmed an energy conservation and recycling video, and held a kick-off event in City Hall.

Urban League of Greater Hartford

During the summer of 2010, the Urban League of Greater Hartford’s Urban Youth League conducted a Litter Attitudes Survey in collaboration with Respect Yourself Hartford. The young people surveyed 350 Hartford residents both electronically on FaceBook and “on the street” in the Asylum Hill neighborhood. They collected information on behavior and attitude and educated residents about how they can address the litter problem.

Thomas Swarr

As part of Hartford’s 2010 First Night celebration, Tom Swarr produced the “One City, One Plan, One Earth” at the Hartford Public Library. Adults and children made musical instruments out of recycled materials and learned about recycling through a magician. Sculptures made out of recycled materials by the students at the Classical Magnet School were exhibited and brochures providing green tips and information on One City, One Plan were distributed.

Special Recognition

Leadership Greater Hartford and Ted Carroll

Through the vision of Ted Carroll, Leadership Greater Hartford has been instrumental in both developing One City, One Plan and in implementing it. After facilitating a series of One City, One Plan public involvement sessions, LGH is now engaged in strengthening Hartford’s Boards and Commissions. As a part of this initiative, LGH conducted two training sessions during which the roles of Boards & Commissions in implementing One City, One Plan were delineated.

Hartford Planning & Zoning Commissioners

The members of the Commission successfully shepherded One City, One Plan through the entire development process from data collection through visioning through the extensive public involvement process through the drafting of the plan to its adoption in 2010. Thanks to Sandra Bobowski, Chair, John Lupo Jr., David Blatt, Gerry Pleasant, Edwin Vargas Jr. and Temple Shannon!

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Welcome

Mayor Pedro E. Segarra

The Scorecard

Roger J. O'Brien, Planning Director

Mayor's Cornerstone Initiatives

David B. Panagore
Chief Operating Officer

Awards Presentations

Wildaliz Bermudez & Thomas J. Clarke II
Community Liaisons

Closing Remarks



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Mayor

ONE CITY CELEBRATION and AWARDS CEREMONY

**Wednesday, April 6, 2011
6:00 – 7:30 PM
CT Science Center**

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