

BUILDING STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS PILOT AREAS WORK PLAN

PILOT AREAS: SEVEN TREES (COUNCIL DISTRICT 7), SILVER LEAF (COUNCIL DISTRICT 2), HILLSDALE / CAMDEN / BRANHAM / MERIDIAN (COUNCIL DISTRICT 9)

OUTCOMES

- ❑ Communities that feel safe 24 hours per day
- ❑ Strong, capable, and engaged neighborhood organizations throughout the City
- ❑ Formal establishment of neighborhood vision and priorities
- ❑ City coordinated service and project delivery in alignment with neighborhood priorities

TASK / EVENT	PARTICIPANTS	TARGET TIMELINE	STATUS
Identify pilot area within Council District 9	SNI staff, Council District 9	August 2006	Completed, approved by BSN Committee
Establish clear boundaries for each pilot area	SNI staff, Council Offices	August 2006	Completed, approved by BSN Committee
Hire Community Services Supervisor (CSS), 2 Community Coordinators (CC), 1 Analyst, and 1 Planner to support BSN and NDC	SNI staff, Planning Department	Fall 2006	The CSS position and one CC position have been filled. The second CC position and Analyst positions should be posted prior to Dec. 2006. The Planning Department will coordinate the hiring of the Planner position.
Re-establish department liaisons and cross-departmental SNI Implementation Team to oversee pilot area efforts	SNI department partners - DPW, DOT, PRNS, PBCE, SJPD, SJFD, OES, Housing, ESD, CAO, SJRA, Library, etc.	Fall 2006	In-progress. Implementation Team will convene in late November or early December 2006.
Building Strong Neighborhoods Joint Study Session	BSN Committee, SNI Steering Committee, PAC Executive Committee	October 2006	Completed. Next steps include exploring the PAC's neighborhood commission proposal among various stakeholder groups

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Assess existing physical conditions (assets, weaknesses) of pilot areas to the extent possible.* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Streets (surface, traffic calming, traffic signals, etc.) ❑ Lighting ❑ Open space acreage / per capita ratio ❑ Infrastructure (i.e. sanitary and storm sewer) ❑ Land use ❑ Water supply/water infrastructure standards ❑ Flood zones 	SNI staff, SNI department partners, SNI Implementation Team, SNI Steering Committee as appropriate	Begin in November 2006	Staff members are beginning to assemble demographic data on the pilot areas, starting with Seven Trees. Next steps will include engaging departments in data assembly for each pilot area.
Identify projects/improvements that will be underway or completed within the next five years and estimated funding invested in each area.*	SNI staff, SNI department partners, SNI Implementation Team, SNI Steering Committee as appropriate, CIP Action Team	Begin in November 2006	
Assess existing City services within each pilot area.* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Code Enforcement open cases ❑ Crime stats ❑ Street sweeping ❑ NASCOP ❑ Community centers / programming ❑ San Jose Prepared! 	SNI staff, SNI department partners, SNI Implementation Team, SNI Steering Committee as appropriate	Begin in November 2006	

* Efforts should be linked with other initiatives (such as Renewing the Action Agenda, General Plan, and Greenprint data analysis) as appropriate.

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Assess existing social conditions of each pilot area.* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Demographics ❑ Neighborhood associations ❑ Neighborhood watch ❑ Community based organizations ❑ Faith based institutions ❑ Schools (API scores, hot lunch data) ❑ Business associations ❑ San Jose Prepared! 	Neighborhood Development Center, Crime Prevention, SNI staff, OES	Begin in November 2006	
Conduct outreach to existing stakeholder groups to identify leaders and begin to understand community issues and concerns	SNI staff, identified leaders	Begin in November 2006	In-progress. SNI staff have met with council office staff from District 2, 7, and 9 to begin identifying existing stakeholder groups. Staff have made contact with the Seven Trees Neighborhood Group and will begin meeting with leaders in November 2006.
Form a neighborhood organization as appropriate; strengthen existing organizations (Seven Trees Neighborhood Group and Silver Leaf Neighborhood Association)	SNI staff, identified leaders	Spring 2007	

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Initiate and implement community meeting series to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Provide information on existing City projects and services, ❑ Identify neighborhood vision, priorities, and ❑ Develop organization action plan 	Neighborhood groups, SNI staff	Spring 2007	
City Council accepts pilot area action plans	Neighborhood groups, SNI staff	Late Summer 2007	
Initiate implementation plan with an emphasis on neighborhood-driven quick victories and the alignment of neighborhood priorities to existing City resources or grant opportunities	Neighborhood groups, SNI staff, SNI department partners, SNI Implementation Team, SNI Steering Committee as appropriate	Fall 2007	
End of year evaluation of BSN Pilot Area initiative	Neighborhood groups, SNI staff, SNI department partners, SNI Implementation Team, SNI Steering Committee as appropriate	December 2007	
Develop recommendations, based on evaluation, for city-wide implementation strategy	Neighborhood groups, SNI staff, SNI department partners, SNI Implementation Team, SNI Steering Committee as appropriate	Early 2008	

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