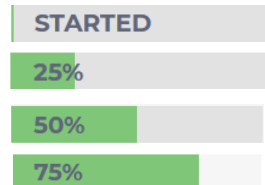


# Near Eastside Quality of Life

## Quarterly Benchmarking Report April 2021

### Action Item Stage of Progress Key

Engage Community and Partners (Started)  
Assess and Plan (25%)  
Gather Resources (50%)  
Implement (75%)  
Completed (100%)



### Arts & Culture Community Action Team

**Action 3.2:** Create and implement a comprehensive arts and creativity marketing strategy that promotes and elevates existing near Eastside creatives and the unique arts and culture assets.

*Implementation Partner: John Boner Neighborhood Centers*



**Action 3.3:** Increase the number of near Eastside locations, spaces and venues where creatives can network, perform and sell their work.

*Implementation Partner: Arts and Culture Community Action Team*



### Equity & Engagement Community Action Team

**Action 1.2:** Develop equity guidelines that are rooted in asset-based community development principles for lead agencies and CATs to audit the actions proposed to fulfill QoL goals.



**Action 1.3:** Actively work with other QoL CATs to provide assistance and guidance for inclusive community development on the near Eastside.



**Action 1.4:** Issues of inequity that present themselves throughout the fulfillment of the 2020 QoL plan are mediated through listening, advising, and facilitating a pathway forward for an equitable near Eastside that supports all of its neighbors.



## Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening Community Action Team

**Action 5.10:** Create a food desert box.

*Implementation Partners: NEAR*

50%

**Action 6.3:** Publish a living resource guide, calendar, and brochure of health tips and distribute these widely in print and online in formats that incorporate various methods of learning.

*Implementation Partners: Westminster Neighborhood Services*

50%

## Safety Community Action Team

**Action 1.1:** Encourage neighborhoods to form a CrimeWatch block club.

*Implementation Partners: James E. Waters, Jr. Community Mediation Center*

50%

**Action 1.4:** Encourage and promote opportunities for officers to engage directly with the community (ex. coffee with a cop, roll calls, walks, youth activities, afterschool program engagement) to improve neighborhood relations.

*Implementation Partner: John Boner Neighborhood Centers*

25%

**Action 1.5:** Promote cross-attendance at meetings so that an increased number of neighbors attend IMPD meetings and an increased number of officers attend neighborhood meetings in order to increase the understanding of IMPD and neighborhood role in the community.

*Implementation Partners: NESCO*

25%

**Action 2.5:** Explore strategies to increase Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department awareness of substance abuse use disorder responses.

*Implementation Partners: John Boner Neighborhood Centers*

50%

**Action 3.1:** Provide safety preparedness trainings (Community Emergency Response, Narcan, environmental testing, and trainings, etc.).

*Implementation Partners: NESCO*

75%

**All Other Action Items:** See plan on website for full descriptions.

STARTED

## Sustainability Community Action Team

**Action 3.3:** Focus on litter abatement and increased neighborhood engagement related to beautification, tree planting, and the use of native plants.

*Implementation Partners: NESCO*

STARTED



## Quality of Life Plan Progress Stories

The Box Factory site in North Mass, a former industrial vacant site, has recruited several tenants and doing build out of several spaces including North Mass Boulder. There was a Sherman Park Advisory committee meeting led by NEAR and the City of Indianapolis that shared progress on the redevelopment of that site. Near Eastside Business Association shared information on a variety of small business resources with Near Eastside Businesses.

### **-Economic & Workforce Development CAT**

Our CAT has doubled in size! We are still working on promoting our CAT to neighbors and hope to have more neighborhood representation in the future.

### **-Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening CAT**

We have met monthly with agendas and action items to prioritize and discuss the items, but it is slow going. We have had two guest speakers join us, and I have attended a Little Flower Neighborhood Association meeting to talk about the Susty CAT as well as with ROW. Also, I have a meeting scheduled with Dan Overbey with Ball State now as well. He is involved with the THRIVE plan and we're hoping to find ways our work can intersect. I am hoping this momentum will continue and we add to the initiatives we can complete in the next six months.

### **-Sustainability CAT**

I would underscore the partnership with BSU - the opportunity for Englewood and the Near Eastside's name to be in a national competition is excellent and 2 high scoring teams with plans for sustainable development in the neighborhood is even better. The documentary "Mallory: 120 Years in Englewood" premiered virtually in February - this is certainly a win and culmination of successful partnerships around the Near Eastside. Finally, the expansion of Uplift Produce has been a highlight and they continue to have produce in more and more markets around the country as close as Chicago and Evansville, currently.

### **-Englewood Community Development Corporation**



# Lead Agency Action Item Progress

## Englewood Community Development Corporation

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	1.2, 1.3	Working with Uplift Produce in Englewood in scaling up, hiring more individuals from the neighborhood and gentling them trained on the job for stable employment.
	2.3	Actively working on scaling Uplift Produce in the Englewood neighborhood and elsewhere; working on the front end on other sectors like sustainability and social enterprises for future opportunities.
	3.1, 3.4	Extensive work ongoing on E Washington Street, specifically working on the PR Mallory Campus redevelopment and making that a high quality area for neighbors. Additionally, continuing to work with the Near Eastside Business Association to bring resources to that group.
Education	1.3	DayStar Childcare recently became NAEYC accredited and is working on getting back up to pre-COVID numbers. Additionally, DayStar works with their staff on continuing education and development.
	2.2	ECDC worked extensively with Purdue Polytechnic and Paramount on the PR Mallory Campus to open up to 1,000 additional seats of quality education on the Near Eastside, available to all neighbors. The success of this is crucial to other locations opening up to increase seats for students.
	3.2, 3.4	ECDC has a Community School Coordinator on the PR Mallory campus working with staff and students on service and support opportunities. The CSC is working on strategies with several technical assistance providers to learn and implement best practices in this area.
	6.2	Working on attraction strategies for teachers and other staff and families of students at PPHS and Paramount to be able to live in the neighborhood if they so choose.
Housing	2.2, 2.3	ECDC is working on 4 different multi-family developments for various populations and size of development across the Near Eastside. Many of these include a component of Permanent Supportive Housing and all are working with other community-based organizations to serve the target populations.
Sustainability	1.4	*Option not shown to respondent*
	2.2, 2.3	ECDC worked this past semester with Ball State University's College of Architecture and Planning on the Solar Decathlon - national competition for students designing various scales of sustainable development. Ball State has worked with Englewood to find and learn about appropriate sites in the area and what might be developed on those sites and then generates designs and rationale for this. The two Englewood teams won 3rd place at the national competition this past week - both for a single-family development and an elementary school design in the neighborhood. Englewood continues to work with IndyGo on Blue Line development and the overlay district as well and sitting developments along current bus lines or bike lanes.

## Westminster Neighborhood Services

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening	3.4	Westminster does not do this, but I (Azaria Brown) have been working on getting in contact with the Mediation Center, which is run by local government.
	5.1	We have started this action item. I had a volunteer group come in and pre-cut 8 food boxes, they will be assembled in June. We have had two organizations say that they are willing to host the boxes.

## Near Eastside Area Renewal (NEAR Indy)

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4	We support existing business. We have worked with several new businesses. We work with daycare at Minnie Hartmann.
	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4	We work on the vitality of the 10th street corridor. We continue to meet with the City regarding Sherman Park. We market small businesses via social media and the Near Indy Guide Newsletter and Website.
Equity & Engagement	1.1, 1.3	John facilitates the Housing CAT. We are working on equitable strategies regarding marketing the sales of NEAR homes.
Housing	1.2, 1.5	We are developing 80% and lower homeownership. We are working on affordable rentals at Temple Square. We continue to work on the Land Trust.
	1.2, 1.5	We continue to work on the Land Trust Model.

## Near Eastside Quality of Life Lead Agencies

