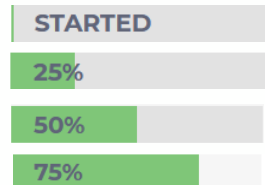


# Near Eastside Quality of Life

## Quarterly Benchmarking Report July 2021

### Action Item Stage of Progress Key

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



### Economic & Workforce Development Community Action Team

**Action 2.1:** Support the microenterprise technical assistance ecosystem to help aspiring businesses connect to space, capital, and a variety of technical assistance.

*Implementation Partner: Edna Martin Christian Center*



**Action 2.4:** Support existing businesses to grow in place and expand within the area and provide support to businesses at risk of closure or sale with succession planning to prevent loss of jobs and facilitate opportunities for employee ownership models

*Implementation Partner: John Boner Neighborhood Centers*



### 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.



### Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening Community Action Team

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

*Implementation Partners: NEAR*



**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*



## **Placemaking & Infrastructure Community Action Team**

**Action 1.1:** Build stronger and safer connections for cyclists and pedestrians within and to commercial corridors such as 10th Street, Washington Street, New York Street, and Michigan Street.

*Implementation Partners: City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works*



**Action 1.2:** Advocate for and install multi-modal transit amenities and spaces for placemaking activities and programming on commercial corridors such as 10th, Washington, New York, Michigan, etc. in concert with businesses and community spaces present

*Implementation Partners: NEAR*



**Action 3.1:** Implement environmental best practices when developing transit stop infrastructure.

*Implementation Partners: IndyGo*



**Action 3.2:** Prioritize the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, especially those going to and from transit stops.

*Implementation Partners: City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works*



## **Safety Community Action Team**

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

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



**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*



**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*



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

*Implementation Partners: NESCO*



## Quality of Life Plan Progress Stories

We started a new Instagram page to elevate the arts and culture activities on the Near Eastside. Currently there are 400+ followers @NeareastartsIndy

### **-Arts & Culture CAT**

We held a Economic Development open CAT Meeting in July. Although only one participant who is a resident and small business owner came and provided insite and offered to mentor another area business.

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

We are meeting for the first time. That is as much as I can report at this time.

### **-Education CAT**

Worked on planning community dance party for Q3. Implementing community resource guide on findhelp.org for Near Eastside residents.

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

Planning still in progress for \$200 million+ Blue Line Project

### **-Placemaking & Infrastructure CAT**

Applied for grant for a printed guide for resources within the east side. Working with IMPD with Slow Roll Bike Rides. Working with agencies for harm reduction.

### **-Safety CAT**

Continuing to work with BSU CAP Indy Center on developing a net-zero single family house on the Near Eastside designed by students as a centerpiece of sustainability.

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

NEAR worked with ROW: 7 bat box builds at Thomas Gregg Neighborhood School which were distributed to area businesses and neighborhood associations.

### **-NEAR Indy**



# Lead Agency Action Item Progress

## Englewood Community Development Corporation

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	2.4	Continued to support many of our small businesses in the Englewood Neighborhood, Washington Street Corridor and around the Near Eastside by connecting them with one another, providing capital support, and technical assistance to ensure they can stay in place and keep thriving
Education	2.1	Providing information and supporting new schools like Purdue Polytechnic and Paramount Englewood
	3.2, 3.3	Spent time building relationships and proposing a scattered site housing development similar to IndyEast Homes and the Union that would be marketed towards families with students at the local schools. The proposal is supported by the City of Indianapolis, the schools, and is in partnership with INHP and Kheprw
	4.3	Supporting PPHS which graduated about 100 kids in June and 40 of whom are attending Purdue University
Housing	2.3	Have continued to work on the Providence Place, Horizon House, Passage and St. Lucas Lofts projects all of which have a component of permanent supportive housing and are moving towards closing/construction
	3.3	Continue to be part of the conversations about the city-wide CLT and proposed the latest development, Englewood Homes scattered site development, to be in the CLT which would help keep more scattered sites affordable for longer.

## Near Eastside Area Renewal (NEAR Indy)

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	2.1, 2.4	Provided grant/loan resources to small businesses. Provided marketing support to small businesses. Provided technical support to new start up businesses.
	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4	We are supporting 10th St. with a Lift Indy Facade Grant application for businesses from Keystone to Gray. Promoting vacant buildings to prospective businesses: Kismet Beer/201 S. Rural, Sidedoor Bagel/10th & Dorman, North Design Co./2526 E. 10th St. Marketed area businesses via 3 monthly Near Indy Guide Newsletter and the website. 3 monthly meetings of NEBA.
Housing	1.2	Affordable Home Ownership
	3.3	We continue to pursue a City Wide Land Trust.
Placemaking & Infrastructure	4.1	NEAR maintains the Rain Gardens along 10th Street.
	7.2	NEAR works with ROW to promote the parks and the Pogue's Run Trail.

## Thomas Gregg Neighborhood School

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Education	3.4	N/A
	5.1	N/A

## Westminster Neighborhood Services

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening	5.1	Using money donated by Superior Construction, Westminster has begun construction on nine food desert boxes.

## Implementation Partner Action Item Progress

### LISC Indianapolis

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	1.1, 1.5	LISC has expanded our partnership with John Boner Neighborhood Centers Bridges to Career Opportunities program to help offer increased/expanded workforce development program/funding/opportunities. LISC has promoted the Small Business CDFI Collaborative capital tools to businesses on the Near Eastside and shared information on building space available on the Near Eastside to several businesses seeking a new commercial location.
	2.1	LISC referred several businesses to space opportunities on the Near Eastside to explore for their potential business expansion. LISC referred several several small businesses to Edna Martin Christian Center's microenterprise program. LISC shared small business resource information with CDCs on the Near Eastside.
	3.1	LISC made facade grants to two vacant or blighted properties on the Near Eastside in Q2 - \$8000 to 2425 E New York Street and \$7500 3315 E 10th St. to improve their buildings for the new businesses moving into them.

# Shepherd Community, Inc.

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4	Shepherd continues to operate a Center For Working Families in order to connect neighbors with employment. We have also enhanced this program with additional strategies throughout this year. We have connected neighbors with employment training opportunities, financial training, and soft skills training. We have placed neighbors in employment through our Minnie Hartmann Neighborhood Childcare.
Education	1.2, 1.3	Through our Minnie Hartmann Neighborhood Childcare, we have provided another high quality childcare (now Level 3) on the Near Eastside, advocated for additional funding, and helped neighbors pursue their CDA through Ivy Tech.
	2.1, 2.2, 2.5	We offer a high quality option for Near Eastside students through our K-5th Academy on-site and we let the neighborhood know about that as well.
	3.4	We focus on Social-emotional learning in our K-5th academy through our Prevention Matters grant and the implementation of Conscious Discipline and PAX Good Behavior games.
	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4	Through our out-of-school time programming we emphasize 21st century opportunities and all post-secondary options. We emphasize future orientation in our programs at an early age and discuss how students can prepare for those options.
	5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6	We provide quality after school and summer programming for elementary, middle and high school students where they have an opportunity to engage in STEAM, physical activity, and other enrichment activities on a regular basis.
	6.2	We have recruited neighbors to be teachers in our childcare and helped them pursue their CDA.
	7.1, 7.2	We have re-engaged with Warren township to be able to offer HSE and ESL classes at Shepherd starting in August. We have also connected with 180 skills to walk neighbors through online certifications.
Safety	1.4, 1.7	We continue to employ an IMPD officer to engage in the neighborhood. He not only responds to emergencies, but also spends considerable time engaging neighbors at Shepherd and following up on situations in the neighborhood to build deeper relationships and trust with neighbors. We also recently had a former Shepherd student who is now an IMPD officer into the summer classrooms to engage with students and further those connections.
	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5	Our IMPD officer frequently works to refer neighbors to community resources and follows up with Shepherd's social worker and other neighborhood social workers to assist with various situations. He often partners with other Shepherd staff to visit neighbors and make connections to further help with a variety of situations.
	3.4	We continue to deepen relationships with neighbors through our Shalom project and the work of our IMPD officer and paramedic. We recently received a grant that will allow us to further study their impact and the opportunity for sharing that knowledge and experience.

## Near Eastside Quality of Life Lead Agencies

