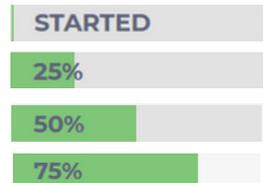


Near Eastside Quality of Life

Quarterly Benchmarking Report December 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 2.4: 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: LISC, Englewood CDC, NEAR



Action 3.1: Redevelop key corridors, such as East Washington Street, 10th Street, and North Mass by coordinating the reuse of vacant, blighted, or contaminated sites such as the Rivoli, into high quality, diverse, and dense destinations for a variety of land uses

Implementation Partner: LISC



Action 3.2: Activate centers of former employment, such as Sherman park, Black Mountain and Ruby Park, into future sites of economic productivity through brownfield remediation, infrastructure enhancement, and business attraction

Implementation Partner: ECDC



Action 3.3: Market the Near Eastside as a destination where there are established businesses and where key growth industries exist

Implementation Partner: Near Eastside Business Association



Action 3.4: Build and maintain a positive business ecosystem with strong business associations and accessible tools/resources.

Implementation Partner: Near Eastside Business Association



Quality of Life Plan Progress Stories

The Arts and Culture CAT only met one time during Q4. While monthly meetings were on the calendar over the past 12 months attendance has slowly decreased. It has been challenging consistently and authentically engaging residents while not creating "make work" in order to have a meeting.

-Arts & Culture CAT

Previous NEBA (Near Eastside Business Association) Newsletters for Reference Newsletters to area businesses, 258 on the database. Grant, Loan, Sanitizing Supplies, State/City Guidelines and other pertinent resources sent. • [October NEBA Newsletter](#) [November NEBA Newsletter](#)

-Economic & Workforce Development CAT

Westminster served 300 families for Christmas this year. Families received two large bags of food, hygiene items, winter hats/gloves, socks, underwear, and gifts for each child.

-Westminster Neighborhood Services

Here is a link to the Equitable Food Access Initiative website that was launched technically in early Q1 2022. This includes the Near Eastside Economic Recovery and Mobility District as one of the featured communities. <https://www.equitablefoodaccess.org/communities> LISC also completed an impact report of all the small business facade improvements grants we've made in the program's ~16 year history in late Q3 or early Q4. This report includes city wide investment and information, but via the map, you can see a comprehensive list of all the properties LISC has invested in on the Near Eastside over the years. <https://report.lisc.org/local-impact/lisc-indianapolis/>

-LISC

We were able to serve 850 children through our Christmas store where parents shop for their kids in December.

-Shepherd Community Center

Lead Agency Action Item Progress

Englewood Community Development Corporation

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	1.2	Continue to work on the buildout of the Career Center to be located at 50 Shelby (Passage development) which will serve those with barriers to employment. Continue to work with Exodus Refugee and connect their clients with jobs in the neighborhood
	2.3	Continue to work with Uplift Produce to expand and hone their current business and as they look to expand and double their production capacity on the PR Mallory Campus
Education	2.3	Paramount has started this process through their new 501c3 Paramount Health Data Project which uses number of nurse visits to help staff identify students who may be struggling and provide intervention strategies. Englewood CDC hopes to partner with this program and expand it where applicable.
	3.3, 3.4	Englewood CDC was funded by IHCD to develop Englewood Homes which will be 40 units in 20 duplexes on vacant lots in the Englewood neighborhood. Homes will be available to low-income families and marketed towards families of Purdue Polytechnic HS, Paramount Englewood and DayStar Childcare. Paramount Englewood has a Community Health network service provider located at the Mallory building who is able to help students specifically with mental health issues as well as social-emotional well-being and overall health and wellness.
Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening	3.1	ECDC provides services around homelessness prevention and eviction prevention to current residents - in 2021, ECDC forgave back-balances of residents as part of a "jubilee" effort to ensure they would not be evicted. Additionally, ECDC is in the process of doubling our housing offerings by adding 5 developments of about 160 units - all but one of these developments has a component of permanent supportive housing to help more individuals and families achieve housing stability and homelessness prevention.
	4.7	ECDC continues to operate the Near Eastside Soccer Alliance which serves about 200 kids each season with low-cost, accessible and safe recreational opportunities for kids and families. ECDC was just awarded \$2,500 from MIBOR for operating support and scholarships for families.
Housing	1.7	ECDC will be exploring this as the Englewood Homes project is structured as a lease-purchase, but will need to be rental for 15 years, so the purchase structure will not start for a number of years.
	2.3	ECDC's main goal over the last year has been getting the 4 developments that we are funded for that serve PSH residents under construction - this is still in the works primarily due to the volatility of the construction market.
	3.3	ECDC and specifically Joe Bowling have been integral in the development of and moving forward of the CLT and hope to help launch it in the next couple months
Sustainability	1.4, 1.5	Ball State University is currently working on a design-build project for one of the 20 homes for the Englewood Homes project called Alley House. This went through a design process in 2021 and was supported by a number of community organizations and local architecture firms, the City, etc. This home is part of the international Solar Decathlon competition where the home built will be a net-zero energy development and include a number of sustainable features. The team is going after Passive House certification and Sustainable Sites certification. This home is planned to start construction in Summer 2022 and be completed in Feb. 2023. ECDC was awarded a grant from the State OED at the end of 2021 to expand sustainability features at 57 N Rural Street including a new array of solar panels, EV chargers, HVAC, energy monitoring system, etc. These savings to ECDC will be passed on to neighbors and residents.
	2.2, 2.3	ECDC continues to develop and support developments which maximize employment and housing density as all our proposed developments are on or very close to a major bus line and near bikes lanes as well. Additionally, the Blue Line Transit Oriented development overlay district passed and ECDC will be working to expand the benefit of the district and see how it might be used in other areas.

Westminster Neighborhood Services

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Education	5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6	Westminster's Afterschool Program has begun working with a Social Worker that works weekly with students on social-emotional skills and helps equip students with tools to be successful when they are struggling. Westminster continues to feed students dinner each night and has a parent pantry for families to ensure they have nutritious foods outside of OST. Westminster also serves middle school students in Afterschool with a strong focus on volunteer work in the neighborhood.
Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening	5.10, 5.11	Westminster continues to serve Near Eastside neighbors through a food pantry and soup kitchen.

Implementation Partner Action Item Progress

LISC Indianapolis

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	1.1, 1.3, 1.5	LISC invested approximately \$100,000 into the Bridges to Career Opportunities program at Boner Center in Q4 2021. This it intended to help expand the program and increase access to training, training outcomes, job placements, etc. LISC provided technical assistance to several businesses seeking loans or financial resources from the Near Eastside in Q4.
	2.1, 2.2	LISC partnered with Edna Martin Christian Center to provide funding and access to the Verizon Digital Ready Platform that provides a variety of online free modules to assist microenterprises. Those microenterprises may have been from Martindale Brightwood, the Near Eastside and other possible areas. LISC presented information on funding including microlending to the Promise Zone XBE Certification Cohort in Q4. LISC's work as the backbone of the Equitable Food Access Initiative included meeting with representatives from the Near Eastside in Q4 to explore potential food-related small business support opportunities (among other food access issues) that may include scaling or expansion of food production businesses.

Shepherd Community, Inc.

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5	We continue to offer our Center for Working Family's programming with income supports coaching, financial coaching, and employment coaching. We connect neighbors to these services and we connect employers to our neighbors as well. We have partnered with Boner on the BCJI grant to also include our Shalom team in our outreach efforts to connect neighbors to these services. We also partnered with Boner to launch additional rent assistance and utility assistance options to our neighbors for barrier busting. We also launched a partnership with Edna Martin Christian Center and Citizen 7 to further provide barrier busting supports in increase workforce development options. We also partnered with Bosma to offer resources for the blind and visually impaired on the Near Eastside and a connecting point back to Bosma when necessary.
Education	1.2, 1.3	We continued to operate our Minnie Hartmann neighborhood childcare, Shepherd Community Pre-school, and Shepherd Community Academy (K-5th) as high quality educational options for families. We also continued with our partnership with School 58 and their OST programs. We offer OST programs for elem., middle, and high school students. We operate the Act Six program locally to offer full tuition, full need leadership scholarships to students to Taylor University and Oakland City University. Our continuum of programs highlight the two-generational approach for families as well.
	2.1, 2.5	We communicate with families about their options for schooling and recruit for our school when we have openings. We added special education resources to our on-site school and refer families to multiple resources when there are additional needs.
	3.1, 3.2, 3.4	We partnered with Purdue NW and UIndy to create a plan to offer high dosage tutoring and professional development for our Academy and OST staff. We also continue to offer wrap around services for students and families from access to food to employment services. We also continue to use COncscious Discipline and Good behavior games in our school and OST programs and train our staff in these areas to further social-emotional learning for youth.
	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4	We have conversations with elem., middle and high school students all throughout their time in programs with us that focus on future orientation and college and career prep. We make families aware of the 21st century scholarships and also discuss with students all of their options for post secondary education and careers. We also facilitate scholarship opportunities through our Act Six scholarship program.
	5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6	We continued to offer OST programming and we invite students from all across the Near Eastside to participate. Through OST, students have the opportunity to increase academic achievement and participate in club activities that include STEAM, arts, physical activity and mentoring.
	7.1, 7.2	We partner with Warren Township for opportunities with HSE and we work with neighbors for certifications and learning opportunities. Specifically at Minnie Hartmann, we help neighbors achieve their CDA.
Safety	1.4, 1.7	Through our Shalom project our IMPD officer engages with our neighbors (youth and adults) and builds relationships on a daily basis to foster positive interactions and lines of communication.
	2.2, 2.3, 2.6	Our Shalom IMPD officer is consistently referring neighbors to resources at Shepherd and other partner organizations. He works with social workers at Shepherd and partner hospitals as well and often refers for job opportunities and follow up.
	3.4	We are continuing to expand the impact and reach of the Shalom project through additional on-site resources and referral opportunities at Shepherd and through expanded referrals in the neighborhood.

Near Eastside Quality of Life Lead Agencies

