



**In 2014, we made a plan to improve all 18 neighborhoods of the Northside.** More than 500 Northside residents participated directly in a collaborative planning process and 12% of all Northside households completed the community census that informed the plan. **Over the past 18 months, we've been very busy making it happen.** We're excited to share the accomplishments made thus far, and thank the thousands of committed Northside residents and community partners who have been working together to make our community **the place to learn, the place to live, the place to work, and the place to be!**

The One Northside Consensus plan is a community initiative designed to create lasting change that improves the quality of life of all Northsiders. Since the last One Northside Celebration in December 2014, the Buhl Foundation has allocated over \$5.4 million in support of the initiative. Buhl has sought to connect and leverage the work of the Northside and to fund resident driven efforts that would become the catalyst for systemic change.



▶ **THE BUHL FOUNDATION** supported **100 projects** totaling **\$5.4 million of investment** including **\$700,000** for mini-grants directed to Northside projects.

## Education FOCUS AREAS

- HEALTH & WELLNESS FOR INFANTS & FAMILIES
- SCHOOL READINESS
- FULL-SPECTRUM SUPPORT SERVICES FOR EVERY CHILD
- QUALITY SCHOOLS
- PARENT SUPPORT



Students at Perry High School design boxes for the Little Free Libraries campaign. One Northside Action Team members worked with students to design a library for each of the Northside's 18 neighborhoods.

## What we've done so far OUR YEAR 1 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Implemented the "Backpack" program in partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, Focus Pittsburgh and all Northside Schools. Through this program nearly 1,850 school-aged children have received weekend bags of food each week for over 32 weeks. The program was supported by 300 volunteers, many of them Northside residents.
- Working with Key Service Corps, one of 10 new AmeriCorps members will be placed in each Northside school to coordinate support for attendance, mentoring and tutoring.
- As part of the Magnet Community project, a partnership with Northside cultural institutions and schools to provide project based STEAM learning, more than 1,000 Northside students have become deeply engaged with local Museums while learning in exciting new ways:
  - *The Children's Museum worked with 29 1st and 2nd grade classrooms reaching more than 560 Northside students through 30 programs; 20 outreach visits to schools, ten field trip visits and four One Northside Free Family Days attended by over 50 families;*
  - *A new 2nd and 3rd grade partnership with the Aviary included 957 students, 46 teachers and, 1,090 family members;*
  - *200 4th grade students and five teachers participated in The Carnegie Science Center's Mobile Fab Lab;*
  - *Steeltown Entertainment worked with the Perry High School journalism teacher and librarian to develop a course that allows students to capture the One Northside story. The program helped spark the evolution of a maker space in the Perry High School Library.*
  - *This Fall, the Carnegie Library will work with all 3rd grade students, Manchester Craftsman Guild will provide STEAM programming to all 5th grade students, and the Warhol Museum and Mattress Factory will collectively support 300 middle school students in educational and career exploration activities through classroom learning.*
- A partnership with the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children brought together 133 home-based and 12 daycare providers who are now working together to develop great access to quality childcare and early learning opportunities for all Northside children.
- A needs assessment was conducted with the Principals of all Northside schools which resulted in a Principal's working group that's meeting monthly to develop educational programming and support for students and their families.
- Working with the United Way's Be a Middle School Mentor program, 133 middle school students were supported by 118 Mentors at Allegheny, King, Manchester, Morrow, Schiller and Manchester Academic Charter School. Mentors were from all facets of the community including representatives from Highmark, Bank of America, and City of Pittsburgh detectives.
- A research fellow was hired to investigate best practices for community schools that will be shared through a community knowledge session over the summer months.
- 118 Northside Teachers participated in an Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teaching and Teachers (ECET) Conference. This Northside focused weekend conference was designed to support Northside teacher excellence to improve academic outcomes for Northside youth.
- A partnership has developed between CCAC and Perry High School to create certificate and continuing education opportunities for students.
- CCAC has conducted a feasibility study probing the creation of a workforce development center on the Northside

## NEIGHBOR-TO NEIGHBOR GRANTS supported 48 projects totalling \$48,000 of investment.

Including 9 Adult Learning projects, 7 Youth Learning projects, 6 Neighborhood Pride projects, 6 Community Garden projects, 6 Festival or Celebration projects, 4 Outdoor Activity projects, 4 Performance projects, 3 Cleanup projects, and 3 Public Art projects.



## What we've done so far OUR YEAR 1 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Worked with GTECH to complete a vacant property inventory to assist neighborhood groups in developing housing strategies for their community.
- Conducted a multi-session housing symposium attended by more than 300 Northside residents to discuss the many models that support quality, affordable, home ownership and rental opportunities in transitioning communities.
- Nearly a dozen college and graduate students were hired to map nearly 1,800 assets and points of interest on the Northside.
- All 18 Northside neighborhoods and City of Pittsburgh departments are working together with GTECH to develop an outer trail connecting all Northside neighborhoods with neighborhood centric trails building off the many assets that emphasize destination sites, topography and history.
- A coalition of homeless outreach providers have convened in partnership with Living Ministries to develop a website providing coordinated support and sustained contact to homeless men and women.
- In partnership with Allegheny Cleanways, 93 illegal dump sites were identified in the Northside, and cleanup of 27 dump sites eliminated garbage totaling 46 tons including 513 tires; volunteers donated 198 hours (\$4,384 worth of volunteer time).
- The PA Resource Council worked with One Northside to implement an Anti-litter campaign "Northside Keeps it Clean!" that included the distribution of more than 310 recycling bins.
- Radiant Hall moved into the Northside opening a facility that ensures 16 affordable artist studios (all 16 are full) in addition to a residency program for artists.
- The Pittsburgh to Paris façade improvement program is being piloted for businesses on East Ohio Street in summer 2016.
- A team of CMU Heinz College students examined the homeless infrastructure in the Northside and made recommendations for improved service delivery. Another CMU team made recommendations for traffic and infrastructure improvements to the Allegheny Center Mall area.
- Some 600 people attended the 1st community Block Party in Spring Hill; upcoming events are scheduled in Northview Heights, Manchester, Central Northside, and Observatory Hill for 2016.
- Worked with KaBOOM and many Northside community groups to launch three new playgrounds in California Kirkbride, Brighton Heights & Northview Heights.
- The Design Center, in cooperation with the Urban Redevelopment Authority, has conducted an inventory of vacant commercial property in the Northside.
- The PULSE program has expanded into the Northside provide residency for 16 Fellows on the Northside with placements at nonprofits throughout the Northside.
- The Metro Urban Institute conducted a needs assessment among all of the faith leaders in the Northside. The faith community is now exploring how it can collectively, and within individual congregations, provide support to the One Northside initiative.
- Worked with Urban Innovation 21 to benchmark accelerator models that have supported economic growth through an inclusive community's process.
- Supporting the revitalization of Allegheny Commons Park through green infrastructure improvements and the restoration of the Fountain at the corner of North and Cedar.
- Supported the expansion of Bike Share and Open Streets into the Northside

## Place FOCUS AREAS

- HOUSING + RENTAL
- VACANT PROPERTY + LAND
- PARKS + OUTDOOR RECREATION
- CLEAN + GREEN
- BUSINESS DISTRICTS
- SAFETY + GETTING AROUND
- ARTS + CULTURE
- HOMELESSNESS



▶ Scenes from the first One Northside community Block Party held in Spring Hill.

## ▶ COMMUNITY GRANTS supported 16 projects totalling \$160,000 of investment.

Including 4 Neighborhood Development Planning projects, 3 Youth Programs, 2 Cleanup projects, 2 Citizen Engagement & Dialogue projects, 2 Parks & Outdoor Activity projects, 1 Public Art project, and 1 Neighborhood Pride project.

FOCUS AREAS

## Employment

- OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITY FOR TEENS
- JOB READINESS & PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT FOR TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS
- WORKING & STARTING A BUSINESS
- CONNECTING RESIDENTS & EMPLOYERS



Northside youth meet Northside employers

## What we've done so far OUR YEAR 1 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Northside employers have been convened to identify partnership opportunities to improve outcomes for Northsiders.
- A partnership has been developed among the Northside/Northshore Chamber, YouthPlaces, and the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board to pilot a training and employment program for youth age 16 to 18.
- A partnership with New Sun Rising and the Riverside Center for Innovation is supporting neighborhood based, small business development and community project enhancements with the goal of reaching 75 Northside entrepreneurs in the first year.
- Developing a Creative Industries Corridor that supports the Northside as a hub for creativity, art and place (HUB-CAP) while providing equal access and exposure for all Northside residents to the opportunities of a changing and growing economy. A One Northside office has been established in Alloy 26 at Nova Place in the Northside to increase the flow of Northside residents into this rapidly changing Northside asset and its "new economy." One Northside meetings and knowledge sessions will be held at Alloy 26 and residents seeking to develop and grow small businesses will have opportunities to access available support.
- A partnership developed among Pittsburgh Police, NS Coalition for Fair Housing, and Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh to reduce the number of youth entering the criminal justice system for non-violent, first-time offenses by providing meaningful alternatives to criminal charges.
- In partnership with Neighborhood Allies and Northside Common Ministries, more than 150 households have been supported in their efforts to increase net income, secure employment, conduct financial assessments and improve credit scores.
- A partnership with BME, Perry High School and Allegheny Partners for Out of School Time (APOST) will support young men of color in sharing their stories, identifying service projects in their community, and securing mini-grants to implement neighborhood projects.
- Working with PA Women Work to assist low-income parents to secure family sustaining career paths through job training, coaching and financial literacy support for Northside residents.
- Supporting Thrill Mill in the Northside, an early stage accelerator that will host the 2016 Thrival Festival in the Northside.

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**ACTION TEAM GRANTS** supported **14 projects** totalling **\$150,000** of investment.

7 Quality of Place projects, 5 Quality of Education projects, 2 Quality of Employment projects.

