



DUBUQUE: WASHINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

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Moving forward from a community visioning process in 2007, the City of Dubuque commenced with its revitalization initiative for the Washington Neighborhood with a planning process aimed at developing strategies to improve the neighborhood's quality-of-life. Led by a Citizen Coordinating Committee, neighborhood stakeholders participated in workshops to brainstorm ideas for programs and projects in three core issue areas: (1) families, youth and education; (2) economic development; and (3) housing.

Teska Associates, Inc. led the committee at each step of the planning process, ensuring the neighborhood was able to build local leadership that would be a valuable asset when it comes time to implement the strategies. With a work program defining over 75 projects and programs, the Washington Neighborhood has a plan of action that it can implement to help revitalize its quality-of-life. To ensure the implementation of the work plan stays on task and is supported by the necessary resources, the City and neighborhood worked together to establish the Washington Neighborhood Development Corporation (WNDC), which was established in Autumn 2009. As one of the only CDC's in Iowa, the WNDC continued to collaborate with Teska, particularly in training the new board and drafting its first strategic plan in early 2010.



Mission

"The mission of the Washington Neighborhood Development Corporation (WNDC) is to empower people and revitalize the Washington Neighborhood in a sustainable manner by leveraging public resources to promote housing, economic opportunity and potential."

Vision

The Washington Neighborhood is a vibrant and integral component of Dubuque. It includes a broad spectrum of age, income level and ethnicity, with each bringing a unique perspective to the community.

The Washington Neighborhood accesses a diversity of options for housing, job, entrepreneurship and employment within its historic urban fabric. Programs and resources exist to support and sustain an existing vibrant urban environment through social interaction, neighborhood pride, public and private investment, and responsibility.

Residents have access to a full range of services within the neighborhood to meet their needs. The neighborhood has access to cultural, religious, public, social, senior services and community members of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities is common.

The Washington Neighborhood is well connected to the Dubuque Region. Neighborhood residents have transportation options including their own vehicles, scheduled transportation, and walk and community activities. Residents and visitors feel safe walking in the neighborhood. The Washington Neighborhood is a vibrant and thriving community, enhancing the quality of life in the City of Dubuque.

1. Projects

Project	Lead Partner	Quarter
a. Economic Housing & Community Development	WNDC	1
b. Senior Center	EW&L/Landis	2
c. Senior Center	WNDC	1
d. Senior Center	WNDC	1
e. Senior Center	WNDC	1
f. Senior Center	WNDC	1
g. Senior Center	WNDC	1
h. Senior Center	WNDC	1
i. Senior Center	WNDC	1
j. Senior Center	WNDC	1
k. Senior Center	WNDC	1
l. Senior Center	WNDC	1
m. Senior Center	WNDC	1
n. Senior Center	WNDC	1
o. Senior Center	WNDC	1
p. Senior Center	WNDC	1
q. Senior Center	WNDC	1
r. Senior Center	WNDC	1
s. Senior Center	WNDC	1
t. Senior Center	WNDC	1
u. Senior Center	WNDC	1
v. Senior Center	WNDC	1
w. Senior Center	WNDC	1
x. Senior Center	WNDC	1
y. Senior Center	WNDC	1
z. Senior Center	WNDC	1

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The City of Dubuque and the Washington Neighborhood Plan, which included the desire to have a community development corporation (CDC) to take responsibility for the revitalization of the Washington Neighborhood, was generally responsible for a variety of the development activities, including planning, the community, including economic development and business activities, developing and supporting projects and programs, lobbying for neighborhood issues and activities, and organizing residents, and community groups.

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