We’re Making the Northside

A FAMILY ORIENTED PLACE.

THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN THE CITY.

MORE BUSINESS FRIENDLY.

MORE PEOPLE FRIENDLY.

MORE WALKABLE.

AN AMAZING PLACE FOR OUR YOUTH.

THE PLACE TO LEARN.  THE PLACE TO WORK.  THE PLACE TO LIVE.  THE PLACE TO BE.
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Over the past ten months, thousands of Northsiders have participated in a community-driven initiative to improve the quality of life in all 18 neighborhoods of the Northside. Residents and community members have been defining what’s working, what’s needed and shared strategies that will make a difference now and for years to come.

Following are highlights from the One Northside Community Census and the Strategy Teams’ work around Education, Employment and Quality of Place.

PARTICIPATION SO FAR...
- 300+ community interviews.
- 100+ Strategy Team members.
- 2,204 households participated in the community census.
- 1,003 households say they will volunteer to make the Northside a better place.

51% OF RESPONDENTS SAY THEY’LL VOLUNTEER 2 HOURS A MONTH TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY.

53% OF RESPONDENTS ARE RENTERS. 47% ARE HOMEOWNERS.

WHERE DO PEOPLE FEEL SAFE?
Residents say they feel safest sitting outside their home day and night and feel least safe in parks at night and visiting other Northside neighborhoods at night.

NORTHSIDERS ARE ACTIVE ON THE NORTHSIDE!
79% shop for the basics, 52% use the parks, 44% hike or walk, 40% worship, and 52% use the libraries on the Northside.

GETTING WHERE YOU NEED TO GO
32% of respondents indicate problems with finding transportation to buy basic necessities, getting medical care, getting to work, or recreation.

1/2 OF RESPONDENTS SAID LITTER IS A PROBLEM ON THEIR BLOCK.
1/3 OF RESPONDENTS SAID DRUGS, NOISE, BAD SIDEWALKS AND VACANT PROPERTY ARE A PROBLEM.
THE ISSUES NORTHSIDERS ARE FACING
42% of households identified no issues at home; of those who did, top issues identified are jobs, debt, paying for necessities; home repairs, and home access to computer/internet.

BUYING AN AFFORDABLE HOME
323 renters responded that they want to buy a home on the Northside and indicated that in order to buy they need credit repair, help with financing, down payment assistance or training.

40% OF RESPONDENTS HAVE TROUBLE PAYING FOR NECESSITIES SOMETIMES, OFTEN OR ALWAYS.

23% OF RESPONDENTS HAVE HAD TROUBLE FINDING AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE THEY WANT TO LIVE OR IN THE NORTHSIDE GENERALLY.

330 HOUSEHOLDS HAVE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS WORK

HELP GETTING A JOB
The #1 response for what would help people find work who need it, is knowing what opportunities exist.

STARTING A BUSINESS
432 households have someone interested in starting a business.

Of the 155 households that have someone who owns a business, 71 (46%) would be willing to host Northsiders at their business for job training, job shadowing or internships.

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29% OF THE HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN, HAVE CHILDREN THAT NEED HEALTHCARE.

49% HAVE CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN AFTER SCHOOL OR OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

IMPORTANT OF QUALITY SCHOOLS
72% say the quality of Northside schools is very important. 80% said the overall quality of Northside schools is poor or fair.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN & FAMILIES
Top resource requests to support Northside children included a parental resource network, job/internship opportunities, help with childcare, and after school activities.
## VISION & MISSION

Our community supports the well-being of expectant parents, babies and families.

## 3-5 YEAR GOALS

Create a continuum of services and resources that support prenatal and child care for children ages birth to 2.

### YEAR 1

- Begin to connect expectant mothers & families with trusted support
- Increase access to health care
- Connect NS families to each other

### YEAR 1

- Our community places high value on learning and reading at a young age. Everyone in our community has access to quality, affordable pre-schools and all our kids are ready for kindergarten by age 5.
- Ensure high quality pre-K for all children aged 3-5 years. Support school attendance and reading proficiency in grades K – 1.

### YEAR 1

- Support existing pre-K providers & increase number of families enrolled in pre-K
- Increase reading proficiency, school registration & attendance levels
- Create new opportunities for early learning

### YEAR 1

- Our community raises healthy, engaged, productive citizens. We provide excellence in academics, health, civic engagement opportunities, recreation, the arts and mental health counseling for every child.
- Ensure children have social and civic engagement opportunities as well as restorative health practices as part of their classroom curriculum.

### YEAR 1

- Increase quantity & quality of experiences at NS organizations & institutions
- Work with NS schools to expand and enhance curriculum & support services

### YEAR 1

- Our schools are full-service community anchors and will provide a safe, welcoming environment in which to thrive and gain the highest quality education.
- Ensure every school can support students in becoming Promise ready.

### YEAR 1

- Better understand conditions, needs and issues regarding NS schools
- Investigate the development of a new school

### YEAR 1

- Our community helps parents succeed by connecting them to a network of parents and resources.
- Provide communication tools for all parents to share ideas, learn from each other, and become engaged in the community.

### YEAR 1

- Connect NS parents to each other and to schools
- Provide training opportunities to parents
Our teens will have access to quality, meaningful after-school activities that connect them to our community and prepare them for their next stages of development.

Our young adults will have access to quality, meaningful employment opportunities that help prepare them to enter college and the workforce.

Our community members will have the skills, options, and resources to confidently choose a path to self-sufficiency.

Our community hires locally, creating opportunities for residents to gain employment or begin a new career in the Northside.

Create a coordinated system of high quality out of school programs that provides a safe place to go for every Northside teen.

Ensure every Northside high school student can gain valuable work experience via a Northside employer.

Create a support system for anyone who wants to find a job, advance their career or start a business.

Develop a Northside jobs pipeline for residents that creates more opportunities for jobs, training, preparedness and education.

Increase participation in out-of-school programs by at risk youth

Increase Northside employers providing placements and part-time jobs for teens

Increase Northsiders who are ready to work by improving life skills and addressing barriers to employment

Build awareness of available jobs

Increase the number of Northsiders who are employed at Northside jobs
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<td>Our community ensures access to quality housing &amp; affordable rentals to eliminate blight, and increase the value of our neighborhoods. We provide a clear, accessible path to homeownership.</td>
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**The Northside is the model litter-free community in the City.**
## Place

**The place to live.**

**The place to be.**

### VISION & MISSION

Our business districts are hubs of activity for innovative commerce, information exchange and community support.

### 3-5 YEAR GOALS

The Northside is known as a home to entrepreneurs, small businesses, creative industries, safe, accessible retail districts, and innovative co-working hubs that exist throughout the community.

## Business Districts

**YEAR 1**

*Improve levels of safety and comfort in our business districts*  
*Connect business owners with programs and resources*

## Safety + Getting Around

**YEAR 1**

*Develop safe, accessible connection points between neighborhoods*  
*Make preliminary repairs to stairs, sidewalks, bus shelters and lighting*  
*Begin to develop a long-term plan for green infrastructure*

## Arts + Culture

**YEAR 1**

*Connect artists to opportunities to work*  
*Develop a shared understanding of public art policy*  
*Make public art a visible part of the entire community*  
*Increase awareness of the NS as a regional hub for quality arts & culture experiences*

## Homelessness

**YEAR 1**

*Increase public awareness and commitment to solving homelessness*  
*Connect homeless to resources and support systems*  
*Focus resources on assisting vets and women*

The Northside is known as a home to entrepreneurs, small businesses, creative industries, safe, accessible retail districts, and innovative co-working hubs that exist throughout the community.

Residents and visitors will have more links and options to move safely around the community.

Our community is safe, well-maintained, and accessible to everyone, year-round.

The Northside is a recognized destination for artists to live, create and sell their work, and for residents and visitors wanting to engage in quality cultural experiences.

The Northside will achieve visible, meaningful impact in providing better access to shelter, housing, and support services that reduce homelessness.

Our community is a hub of public art, quality cultural experiences and creativity.

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MORE BIKE FRIENDLY.

MORE WELCOMING AND VIBRANT.

A PLACE WHERE EDUCATION IS NUMBER ONE.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED.

MORE ACCESSIBLE.

A GREAT PLACE FOR KIDS TO GO TO SCHOOL.

WONDERFUL!

MORE DELICIOUS!

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