



# Project VISION

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# Project VISION 2014 Year in Review

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# Community/Neighborhood & Housing Committee

- Engage or Re-Engage residents in their community
- Identify and Support resident leaders
- Market and Promote assets of the NW Neighborhood, “It’s a good place”
- Increase Owner Occupied Homes
- Reduce Vacant & Blighted Homes
- Keep Existing Housing Inventory Strong

# Community/Neighborhood & Housing Committee

## Community Involvement and Neighborhood Image

### Outcome:

Significantly increase levels of community involvement to return the northwest neighborhood to a neighborhood of choice.

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## Examples of Accomplished Action Steps in 2014:

- ❑ Flower box project
- ❑ Adopt a block on State Street
- ❑ First Friday events
- ❑ Kids and Family fun day at Giorgetti
- ❑ Kids school supply and winter gear giveaways
- ❑ NW Neighborhood Association
- ❑ Neighborhood physical conditions assessment
- ❑ U-8 Soccer program pick-ups
- ❑ “The Local” fundraisers
- ❑ Next Door electronic forum in NW

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Orla Dundas - Flower Pot & Porch Project

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## Examples of Future Action Steps Planned in 2015

- Rutland Blooms plantings
- Front Porch cleanup project
- Photo Voice project
- On sight recreation program registrations
- U-8 sports programs

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## Suggestions for improvements in 2015

- ❑ Better engagement with NW residents
- ❑ Promoting community leaders from within
- ❑ Develop new and innovative action steps
- ❑ Continue existing programs that have had success
- ❑ 2<sup>nd</sup> big block party
- ❑ Model successful initiatives in Historic Southwest to NW



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## Housing Revitalization

### Outcomes:

- ❑ Increase # of owner occupied homes from 32% to 50% in 3 years.
- ❑ Reduce the # of vacant/blighted homes from 21 to 15 in 2 years.
- ❑ Keep existing housing inventory from becoming vacant/blighted.

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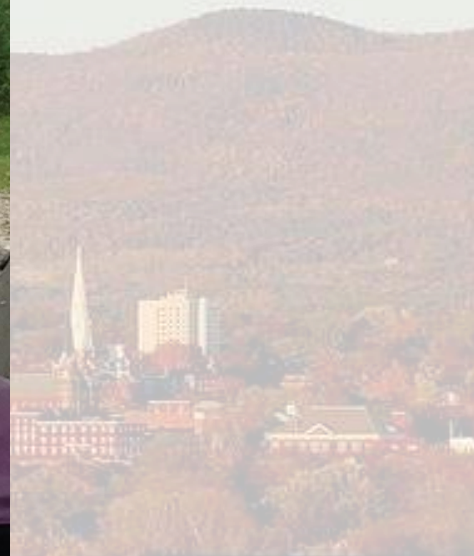
## Examples of Accomplished Action Steps in 2014:

- ❑ City awarded \$1.25M grant for NW Neighborhood revitalization
- ❑ Sub-grant agreement with NWWVT developed and executed
- ❑ Project manager hired by NWWVT to oversee housing acquisition/demo/rehab

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## Examples of future Action Steps Planned in 2015

- ❑ Targeted acquisition of blighted property
- ❑ Neighborhood engagement for re-use of green-space property
- ❑ NW Sewer Separation project begin re-building phase
- ❑ Marketing initiative of NW as “place of choice”
- ❑ NWWVT home equity grant/loan programs hit the street



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## Suggestions for improvements in 2015

- ❑ More defined actions steps
- ❑ Develop outcomes that are not as long term in timing
- ❑ Encourage more committee engagement in action steps
- ❑ Collaborate with HFHI in NW home improvement initiative
- ❑ Smaller more defined projects geared toward aesthetic housing improvements

