Community Engagement

City of Savannah Programs & Lessons Learned
Past & Present Programs & Services

CPD

- Leadership Development
- Neighborhood Support Services
- Keep Savannah Beautiful
- Neighborhood Improvement Programs
- Public Education & Outreach
- Grants for Neighborhoods Program
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- Previously named “Grants for Blocks”
- Neighborhood Self-Help Grant Program
- Past Grant Amount: $500
- Past Projects:
  - Beautification, Youth Programs, Crime & Safety, Financial workshops, Senior assistance, Lawn maintenance, home improvement
Grants for Neighborhoods Program

- Grants from $5,000 to $10,000
  - Funding: Community Development Block Grant
- Open to Certified Neighborhood Associations only
- Program focuses on:
  - High-blight neighborhoods
  - Engaging Youth in Community “Self-Help”
- Youth maintain:
  - Lawns of elderly/disabled
  - Overgrown lots & vacant properties
  - Provide litter pick-up along lanes & rights-of-way
  - Biweekly maintenance schedule during growing season
- Youth earn Summer stipends
Annual Grants for Neighborhoods
Outcomes

- 10-12 grants awarded totaling $100,000
- 105-120 Youth Participants & 24 Adult Coordinators/Supervisors
- Over 160 lots, elderly lawns and vacant properties receive bi-weekly maintenance
- Regular litter pick-up along City lanes and rights-of-way
- Senior-Youth Connections
- Youth Volunteer support after grant ends
- Great Savannah Clean-Up Program
- Waste Tire Round-Up Program
- Adopt-A-Street/Spot Program
- Yard and Block of the Month Program
- Annual Litter Index Survey
- Golden Broom/Clean Business Seal Awards
- Earth Day
- Graffiti Removal Project
- Neighborhood Tree Lawn Beautification
Neighborhood Improvement Programs

- **Operation Clean Sweep**
  - Year-round City-Neighborhood Partnership

- **Not In My Neighborhood Program**
  - Neighborhood blight removal projects with schools, churches, businesses and resident groups

- **Tin Fence Removal Program**

- **Neighborhood Conditions Reporting**
  - Neighborhood-based Committees
RESIDENTS
- 104 Clean-ups held in nine neighborhoods.
- 95 youth maintained 148 lots/lawns biweekly
- 4,102 NIMN promotional pamphlets/city ordinances distributed.
- 75 Elderly/disabled residents assisted.
- 8 Beautification/planting projects completed.

BUSINESSES
- 17 signed commitments.
- 300 tires removed.
- 5 derelict vehicles removed.
- 5 clean-ups held.
- 2 businesses painted.

SCHOOLS
- 7 signed commitments.
- 3 held clean-ups.
- 3 participated in the poster contest.
- 2 created public service announcements for Not in My Neighborhood!

CHURCHES
- 22 committed to participate.
- 10 Clean-ups/beautification projects completed.
Leadership Training Program

- Super Saturday Mini-Institutes
  - Organizational Development
  - Community Development
  - Youth Development

- Youth Leadership Program
  - Youth Leadership Summit
Closing Thoughts & Questions