

Community Engagement

***City of Savannah Programs &
Lessons Learned***

Past & Present Programs & Services



Grants for Neighborhoods Program

- 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

Keep Savannah Beautiful Programs

- 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



Not In My Neighborhood

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.



CHURCHES

- 22 committed to participate.
- 10 Clean-ups/beautification 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!



Leadership Training Program

- **Super Saturday Mini-Institutes**
 - Organizational Development
 - Community Development
 - Youth Development
- **Youth Leadership Program**
 - Youth Leadership Summit



Closing Thoughts & Questions