

Annual Report 2012

TRUMBULL NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP



Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership teamed up with youth from the Inspiring Minds Program to revitalize AmVets Park on the West Side of Warren, Summer 2012.



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MISSION

Neighborhood revitalization in Warren & Trumbull County

TNP programming includes community engagement, strategic planning, and capacity building with residents & leaders



City of Warren Mayor Doug Franklin and TNP Program Director Matt Martin acknowledge a donation from FirstEnergy Foundation presented by Area Manager Robin Patton.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership is to empower residents through programming and projects that improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods of Warren, Ohio.

OUR VISION

The vision of TNP is to transform communities into meaningful places where people invest their time, money, and energy into their homes and neighborhoods; where residents have the capacity to manage day-to-day issues; and where neighbors feel confident about the future of their neighborhood.



Volunteers help TNP and the City of Warren clean up tires and trash, behind Burton Street SE in Spring, 2012.



2 TNP Staff, volunteers, and gardeners from The Central City Unity Garden take a break from the installation of raised garden beds in Spring 2012.

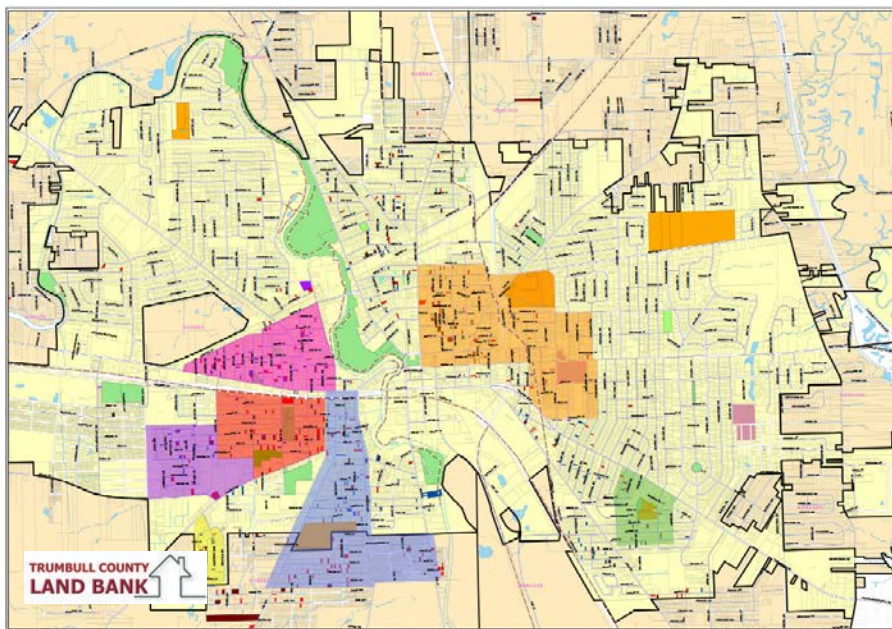
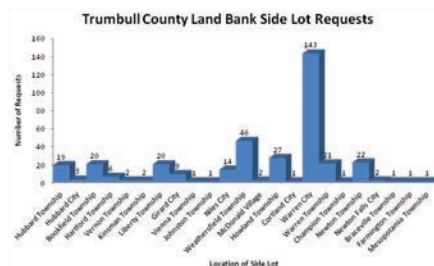
TRUMBULL COUNTY LAND BANK & HUD COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT

Sustainable, resident-driven community development

TNP projects and programming possible through HUD Community Challenge Grant and partnership with TCLRC

IN LATE 2011, TNP AND the City of Warren were awarded a Community Challenge Grant through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. This \$372,000 allocation funds planning and zoning strategies around neighborhood revitalization, with an emphasis on community outreach, citizen engagement, and inclusionary dialogue. This was the only Community Challenge Grant awarded in Ohio in 2011, and allowed for the addition of two key program staff at TNP in 2012: a Community Planning Coordinator and a Strategic Zoning and Planning Coordinator. The program will approach community development through basic parcel inventory, assessment, and recommendations for the repurposing of vacant structures and lots in the City of Warren.

IN 2012, TNP CONTINUED its collaboration with the Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation to work toward the shared goal of rejuvenating neighborhoods. This includes the return of vacant parcels and structures to productive use through property disposition and land re-use projects; preparation of a demolition strategy for Warren and Warren Township; processing of all resident requests for side-lots; and the co-creation and continued shared support of the Court-Ordered Community



City of Warren strategic demolition plan as prepared by TNP HUD Community Challenge Program Staff and submitted by TCLRC for the Ohio Attorney General's Moving Ohio Forward Grant.

Service Program (COCS). This partnership is integral across TNP's programming.

Working in conjunction with the Land Bank, TNP staff have processed 143 side lot requests in Warren in 2012, as well as assisted in the facilitation of 66 vacant lot and 19 vacant structure transfers.

"The partnership between the Land Bank and TNP has allowed for both entities to hit the ground running in our shared vision for the revitalization of neighborhoods in Warren and Trumbull County"

Sam Lamancusa
Trumbull County Treasurer
TCLRC President



528 Belmont was acquired by the Land Bank and fully renovated by a private contractor in 2012.

Available Land Bank properties can be viewed at:
<http://trumbullcountylandbank.org/>

GROW

Returning vacant land to productive use

TNP offers technical assistance, site management, education and community outreach for Warren Community Gardens



GARDEN RESOURCES OF WARREN (GROW)

TNP CONTINUES TO PURSUE EFFORTS to address the gap in the local food system, and to turn blight created by derelict vacant lots into opportunity for food production. Through GROW and a partnership with the Warren City Schools, TNP directly manages the Warren Community Gardens (WCG) sites at the former Roosevelt, Dickey, and Garfield elementary school sites as well as the Central City Unity Garden on a residential plot.

TNP offers tools and supplies, assistance with water infrastructure, technical assistance and community outreach to other existing and emerging gardens throughout Warren.



ABOVE
Warren Community Garden
plant distribution at Garfield
site, Spring 2012

LEFT
Signage for Warren
Community Garden at Dickey
site.

TNP continues to pursue efforts to address the gap in the local food system through the GROW program

GROW IS AN URBAN AGRICULTURE PROGRAM developed by Warren residents to transform vacant lots into community gardens and to offer education and support for urban agriculture. GROW sites build community, reduce food insecurity and provide a local, accessible resource for healthy foods. The goal of this program is to assist community in the creation and maintenance of local and accessible sources of fresh food as a means to positively impact the health of Warren neighborhoods, and to offer education and outreach around local food issues and support practices that are environmentally and economically sustainable.

GROW currently offers direct support to four sites plus the addition of three more for 2013, and offers additional technical assistance and support to several other autonomous sites. Through GROW, TNP also acts as a Warren distribution site for the Grow Youngstown CSA and will partner with the Lake To River Cooperative to bring a farmers market to Courthouse Square in 2013.

gregg's gardens

TNP offers support and assistance to gregg's gardens, a vacant land reclamation project that utilizes native plants. gregg's gardens reclaimed more than 25 vacant lots in 2012 through wildflower seeding, relying almost entirely on grass roots fundraising of over \$20,000. TNP supports gregg's gardens goals of adding an additional 100 lots through both direct installation, and partnership with the city on altering post-demolition specs to include native plant seeds instead of conventional grass seed. TNP and gregg's gardens will also continue to pursue the im-



GROW Program Manager Sheila Calko helps gardeners plant seedlings at an early spring workday at Packard Park Greenhouse.



ABOVE
Volunteer Stephanie Gabbard helps with Spring 2012 planting of gregg's gardens at Elm and Atlantic.



Garden District, home of the gregg's gardens pilot project.

provement of the Garden District, home to phase one of the project, and will work with Warren G. Harding students to do community outreach and site development. More info at www.greggs-garden.org

COCS

TNP responds to complaints from residents and city officials

The goal is to secure vacant properties and parcels through clean-up and board-up efforts

IN JUNE OF 2012 TRUMBULL Neighborhood Partnership (TNP) established a Court-Ordered Community Service Program in partnership with Warren Municipal Court Judges Thomas P. Gysegem and Terry F. Ivanchak and the Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation (Trumbull County Land Bank). The program represents an accountable client placement agency for court ordered community service, wherein individual clients can, if so ordered by the courts, fulfill community service obligations as a sentencing alternative, term of judicial probation, or in lieu of fines. The program also serves as a cost-effective way to address community needs with an emphasis on the securing and maintenance of vacant properties.

Clients are assigned to TNP and perform their community service hours and work under the direct supervision of TNP staff. Activities include boarding vacant houses, litter collections and neighborhood clean-ups, work in community gardens, graffiti removal and other service activities that improve the quality of life throughout Warren neighborhoods.

The benefit of this program is twofold: it lessens the burden on the judicial system in housing low level offenders and processing warrants around unpaid fines, and converts those obligations into tangible, substantive labor for the benefit of the community at large. It is operated in partnership with the criminal justice system and local government, and seeks to promote sensible case-by-case solutions to issues faced by both the courts and the community.

"Community Service in lieu of incarceration for low-risk non-violent offenders has not only saved Warren City taxpayers thousands of dollars in jail costs, it has provided a triple benefit to the community in the form of securing re-habitable housing and generating a pride of accomplishment to offenders"

Judge Thomas P. Gysegem
Warren Municipal Court



LEFT
GROW Instructor
Jeff Kish works with
a COCS client to cut
lumber for raised beds.

IN 2012 42 COCS CLIENT REFERRALS HAVE...

- Completed more than 2000 hours community service
- Boarded/secured more than 80 vacant structures
- Cleared more than 90 lots
- Spent more than 100 hours working at gregg's gardens sites

BELOW
COCS clients board up a vacant
property on Washington NW.



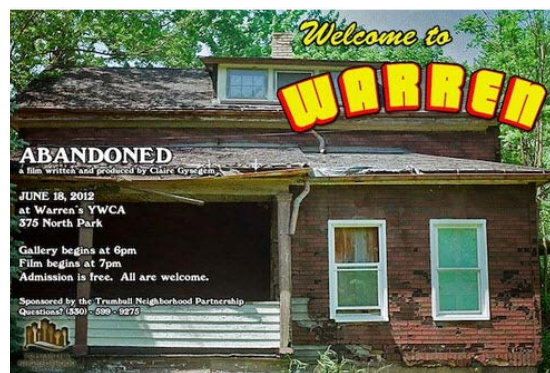
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

TNP partners with residents and volunteers

Offers support and assistance to residents, neighborhood associations, and volunteer groups



LEFT
TNP Staff and Board
Co-Chairs receive Warren
Area Board of Realtors 2012
Community Pride Award.



In Summer 2012 TNP was thrilled to sponsor the world premier of "Abandoned" a documentary about Warren's vacant housing problem by Claire Gysegem. www.clairegysegem.com



RIGHT
Volunteers from the Central Christian Church and The Movement paint a residents house in Warren Township as a part of Operation Inasmuch, Summer 2012.



Residents of Austin-Starlite Neighborhood Association at their 2012 Spring Clean-up.



Historic Perkins resident Bill Abel helps with a winter 2012 tire clean-up on Atlantic



In 2012 TNP used a grant allocation from the Ohio Arts Council to partner with Main Street Warren and the Trumbull Art Gallery and local artist Aaron Chine to install a mural in David Grohl Alley in Downtown Warren.



ORGANIZATION

Partners

TCLRC, MVOC, City of Warren, Warren TWP, Warren Municipal Court, Trumbull County Planning Commission, Warren City Schools, Inspiring Minds, YNDC, Warren RAC, Main Street Warren, warrenexpressed.org, The Raymond John Wean Foundation, The US Department of Housing and Urban Development, WNLC, and the Neighborhood Associations and Residents of Warren

2012 REVENUE	
Foundation and Banks	\$ 204,047.00
Program Income	71,279.72
Direct Public Support	24,675.50
Government Grants and Contracts	6,204.42
Other Income	3,058.44
Investment Income	210.00

Total Revenue* \$ 309,475.08

2012 TOTAL EXPENSES	
Salaries	\$ 56,004.63
Operating Expenses	29,344.25
Contract Services	13,565.07
Payroll Fringe Benefits	7,890.40
Conferences, Seminars	5,895.24
Programs	
HUD	70,235.23
gregg's gardens	28,793.52
GROW	24,244.91
COCS	13,731.00
Interns	3,250.00
Public Art	2,000.00

Total Expenses* \$ 254,954.25

*THE 2012 FINANCIALS HAVE NOT YET BEEN AUDITED.

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