



Healthy Neighborhoods Update

Neighborhood Assessment Survey

Background

Over the past few months CBP has had the privilege of hosting three Malone University Interns as they fulfill their in-field course work. As their mid-term project they were asked to formulate a neighborhood survey to be implemented in CBP's six targeted renewal areas.

Meanwhile, West Park residents, Carey McDougall and Tom Young were in the beginning phases of conducting their own survey specifically for West Park. This idea of a survey was suggested through David Boehlke's Canton Neighborhood Project workbook. Ms. McDougall and Mr. Young recognized this "survey approach" as a very useful tool for the future of West Park. As West Park residents they already had a pulse on the neighborhood and tie to potential survey participants.

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Collaboration

Through a West Park Neighborhood Association meeting it was discovered through discussion with Ms. McDougall and CBP coordinators, Tina Zenedes and Aaron Brown, of her and Tom's ambition toward a survey. CBP saw this as a terrific opportunity to partner West Park, Malone and CBP around one project. After further discussion a collaborative effort has taken place to produce a comprehensive neighborhood survey. Malone has laid the groundwork and West Park has tailored the survey specifically to their neighborhood. The West Park Neighborhood Assessment Survey will be implemented by the West Park Neighborhood Association, Malone interns and CBP coordinators. By April 2011 the survey will be available for download at www.communitybuildingpartnership.org.

Partners



The following introduction is taken directly from the West Park Neighborhood Assessment Survey. It provides West Park residents participating in the survey an overview of the collaborative efforts made to produce the survey, as well as the purpose the survey serves.

"Greetings from Community Building Partnership, a non-profit organization dedicated to the strengthening of Canton neighborhoods. CBP's goal is to work with you to improve the physical condition and image of West Park, build strong relationships and raise real estate values as we work together. This survey focuses on identifying West Park's strengths and areas for improvement. We hope to use this questionnaire to identify concrete ways we can effectively work with West Park residents in developing a healthy and vital community. Thank you in advance for taking part in this survey!"