



Building Communities Initiative In The

St. George & Worthington Neighbourhoods

The Building Communities Initiative is a five-year jointly funded program of the Province's Intergovernmental Affairs and the City of Winnipeg. The goal of the Initiative is to improve the living conditions in Winnipeg's older, physically declining neighbourhoods where capital investments in community facilities and the municipal infrastructure will have long-term, lasting benefits. St. George and Worthington were identified as one of six such neighbourhoods and a budget of \$1.4 million was allocated to be spent in this community.

The consultant team of ND LEA was hired to lead the St. George-Worthington community consultation process and prepare a neighbourhood strategic plan. This process began in January 2003 at a neighbourhood-wide workshop. At this meeting the Building Communities Initiative was introduced and residents identified positive attributes of their community and elements

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that were either missing or inadequate. A Neighbourhood Advisory Committee was also established at this meeting, to advise and assist the consultant in interpreting community-wide input and in developing project recommendations.

Over a four-month period, the consultant team organized a series of two more community-wide workshops. At the first workshop, participants engaged in 'brainstorming ideas' for improving the community. The participants then listed actions or solutions for addressing community issues. The goal of workshop two, held in March 2003, was to review the ideas that were suggested at the first workshop and to determine the participant's opinions of the various suggested projects. At the workshop three, held in April 2003, project options and proposed budgets were presented for consideration and prioritization.

The consultant also conducted two youth workshops with students from Victor Mager (Grades 7 and 8) and St. George School (Grade 6) in February. The students generated a wide variety of ideas and provided a unique perspective of the neighbourhood.

Thanks to those that participated on the Neighbourhood Advisory Committee (29 residents) and to those that attended the workshops and provided their input and feedback.



The St. George-Worthington
strategic plan will soon be
available on the
City of Winnipeg website
www.winnipeg.ca/ppd

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The consultant has completed the neighbourhood strategic plan and Policy Committee (comprised of the Provincial Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade and the Mayor of Winnipeg or their designates) of the Building Communities Initiative has reviewed and approved the document. Staff of the City of Winnipeg's Planning, Property and Development Department will now begin to meet with project proponents and interested residents to begin to develop and plan out the details of the individual projects. This phase will occur over the winter, with the implementation of many projects beginning in the spring of 2004.

The list of prioritized capital projects recommended for implementation by the Neighbourhood Advisory Committee and participating residents of St. George-Worthington are as follows:

1.	Renovate St. Vital Day Care	\$75,00000
2.	Construct a drop off lane in front of St. George School	\$40,000
3.	Extend the path along Bishop Grandin Greenway	\$153,000
4.	Create a north-south pedestrian link along St. David	\$104,000
5.	Improve Eric Street green space	\$15,000
6.	Upgrade St. George Park	\$30,000
7.	Improve St. David Place green space	\$18,000
8.	Construct a gymnasium at Glenlee C.C.	\$650,000*
9.	Expand the parking lot at Glenlee C.C.	\$59,000
10.	Upgrade the hockey rinks at Glenlee C.C.	\$45,000
11.	Install a wooden toboggan slide	\$18,000
12.	Establish community gardens on Bishop Grandin Greenway	\$5,000
13.	Plant trees along the west property line at Glenlee C.C.	\$8,000
14.	Install basketball hoops at Glenlee C.C.	\$8,000
15.	Improve traffic movement on Worthington St.	\$40,000
16.	Install an animal waste facility on Bishop Grandin Greenway	\$3,000
17.	Install bleachers at St. George School	\$8,000
18.	Re-develop Trafford Park	\$105,000
19.	Establish a community education area on Bishop Grandin Greenway	\$16,000

*Complementary project funding required



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