Gravois-Jefferson Historic Neighborhoods Planning Effort

We are excited to announce the recent launch of a community-driven planning process for the area of St. Louis City defined by Gravois on the north, Meramec on the south, Grand on the west and Jefferson on the east. For the purposes of this effort, we are calling this area the Gravois-Jefferson Historic Neighborhoods, encompassing Benton Park West, Gravois Park, and Northwest Dutchtown. Our Community Development and Dutchtown South Community Corporation, in collaboration with local elected officials, neighborhood organizations and other community stakeholders, are facilitating the development of a shared community vision and strategy to ensure the long-term growth and vitality of the area.

Over the past few months, we have been working with residents and local stakeholders to determine community assets, challenges and opportunities; focus areas for intervention and community-led development; and priorities and strategies for the Gravois-Jefferson Planning effort. At our October Kick Off Event, we had more than 30 people emphasize the following values for our process:

• The importance of bringing people of color and youth into the planning process
• The Benton Park West, Gravois Park and Dutchtown Neighborhoods have strong assets from which to build, especially their diversity and density
• People continuously expressed the need for strategies that address health and safety, youth and families, and inclusive economic development

We want to ensure our community’s future reflects the rich history and diversity that characterizes our neighborhoods.

“...Communist Red瓣d our Big Public Act, Off the Gravois-Jefferson Historic Neighborhoods Planning Process...”

159 affordable homes in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods were completed in 2016 with Rise assistance, representing $30 million in neighborhood investments.
Community Development Completed in 2016

Rise Up Festival
Rise and Lemay Homes Partnership partnered to develop an energy-efficient three and four bedroom homes. The homes are affordable to families earning 60 percent or less of the Area Median Income. The grand opening and ribbon cutting took place on November 15, 2016 and the $9 million development is fully occupied.

Chippewa Park
Chippewa Park is a joint-venture between Rise Community Development and Lutheran Development Group. The $3.0 million project involves the complete historic rehabilitation of 14 buildings in the Garvin-Jefferson Streetcar Suburb Historic District to create 46 apartment homes and nearly 8,500 square feet of retail space. Rents will be affordable to families and individuals who earn 60 percent or less of the Area Median Income.

Fantasy Food Fare Competition
As part of ongoing community building efforts in the Old North St. Louis neighborhood, in 2016, Rise partnered with Equifax and the Missouri Small Business and Technology Development Centers to create a competition for current and aspiring restauranteurs and caterers to occupy a corner storefront in our Crown Square development. The grand prize winner will receive business support, 2 years paid rent in a finished space with a nicely outfitted commercial kitchen, a $2,500 mini-grant and additional assistance possible if staff is hired from the surrounding community or from North City non-profit partners. The total value to the competition winner is over $50,000. The lucky winner will be announced in August of 2017 at our annual Rise Up Street Festival!

Development Coming Soon:

North City Business Development Center
Rise, Equifax, and Old North St. Louis Restoration Group (ONSLRG) are collaborating with the Missouri Small Business and Technology Development Centers, the Veterans Business Resource Center, Magdalene House, and Link2LL to provide services and support at a new center located at 2500 N. 14th Street in the heart of Crown Square, intentionally located directly across the street from a Prosperity Connection Excel Center. Prosperity Connection is a nonprofit affiliate of St. Louis Community Credit Union. The center is building on the tremendous work of Rise and ONSLRG by bringing a wide range of Financial Capability and Entrepreneurship services to North City residents. Services offered include financial education, financial planning, small business training, mentorship opportunities, micro-landing and low-cost banking options. The center serves individuals, families and non-profit partners. The new center represents a continued investment effort to bring together partners under a Financial Capability umbrella. The grand opening for the new center took place on September 16, 2016.

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Financials

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\text{Revenue} & \text{Grants} & \text{Fundraising} & \text{Management & General} & \text{Total Revenue} \\
\text{Loan Programs} & $319,542 & $208,509 & $176,401 & $744,452 \\
\text{Grant Program} & $332,634 & $208,509 & $176,401 & $717,544 \\
\text{Total Revenue} & $652,176 & $417,018 & $352,106 & $1,421,299 \\
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\text{Expenses} & \text{Community Development} & \text{Financial Capability} & \text{Business Training} & \text{Total Expenses} \\
\text{Management, Development & Professional Fees} & $884,101 & $32,059 & $884,420 & $1,964,902 \\
\text{Grants to seven community-based organizations} & $167,379 & $32,059 & $200,438 & $599,876 \\
\text{Loans to seven community-based organizations} & $112,674,154 & $32,059 & $112,674,154 & $12,674,154 \\
\text{Total Expenses} & $1,326,270 & $32,059 & $1,317,519 & $2,964,848 \\
\text{Net Assets} & $2,520,713 & $32,059 & $2,592,772 & $59,276,856 \\
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Rise Up Festival 2016
The fourth annual Rise Up Festival took place on August 20, 2016 on Washington Avenue, directly in front of our office. This celebration of community revitalization allows us to raise awareness about the importance of the revitalization of St. Louis to the economy of the region; as well as the vital and unique role Rise plays in community development. The festival also demonstrates how the arts have a role to play in community development and regeneration, and at a local level can be used as a tool within a wider community development agenda. Through our work, we have seen that communities are recognizing their own identity, culture, traditional art forms, and the value of working together at a local level.

Rise Young Professionals
The Rise Young Professionals Board formed in 2003 to broaden awareness of Rise and our work in the community, raise funds, and support the mission of Rise through projects that support our community-based partners. This group of enthusiastic young talent is well on its way to becoming a powerful force for advocating revitalization in St. Louis. Since 2003, the group has formed a membership group of young friends, raised over $35,000 for Rise, hosted community panel discussions, and done volunteer work in local community gardens.

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