

## **ACTION PLAN PHASE ONE RE-ALLOCATION**

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*ECCO NRP represents all members of the East Calhoun Community Organization as defined by its bylaws. These include residents, property owners and business owners of East Calhoun Neighborhood. The East Calhoun neighborhood is located in Southwest Minneapolis north of West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, south of West Lake Street, west of Hennepin Avenue and east of Lake Calhoun.*

# 1 - Budget

**Existing Funding**

(Amount of funding remaining in existing Action Plan Strategies to be use in other Strategies to finish Phase One).

	<u>Amount</u>
Environment Committee	
Bicycle Improvements (2.1.4.1)	\$ 3850.00
Housing and Neighborhood Identity	
Hennepin Avenue Plan (3.1.3.1)	\$ 2450.00
Recreation	
Tot-lot (4.1.1.1)	\$ 4500.00
Traffic and Pedestrian Safety	
Traffic Plan (5.1.1.1)	\$12068.00
E. Calhoun Pkwy Study (5.1.2.1)	\$ 1450.00
Trolley Study (5.1.3.1)	<u>\$ 975.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$25293.00</u></b>

**Reallocation Plan**

(Amount from Existing Funding added to current funding levels to assist the completion of Phase One)

	<u>Amount</u>
Crime and Safety	
Home Security Fund (1.1.1.1)	\$ 693.00
Housing and Neighborhood Identity	
Hennepin Avenue Street Lighting (3.1.2.1)	\$10000.00
Gateway Art Park (3.1.4.1)	\$ 9600.00
Recreation	
Lake Access/Zen Ctr. Crossing	<u>\$ 5000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$25293.00</u></b>

# 2 - Rationale and Description of Actions

As a result of the committee meetings in January, input from residents, and input from the Board of Directors the Steering Committee feels that this is an equitable plan addressing the current needs of the community. This re-allocation plan does not fund all requests due to a limited funding restrictions. A description follows for each item listed in the budget. Considering the size of each project, separate descriptions of the proposed traffic plan and improvements to the Gateway Art Park are in the following sections of this report.

**Existing Amount**

Environment Committee	
<b>Bicycle Improvements (2.1.4.1)</b>	<b>\$3850.00</b>
Reasoning for remaining funding: Excess funding after implementation of bicycling program.	

Housing and Neighborhood Identity

**Hennepin Avenue Plan (3.1.3.1)**

**\$2450.00**

Reasoning for remaining funding: The plan, completed in 1995, has no open contractor to receive the funding.

Recreation

**Tot-lot (4.1.1.1)**

**\$4500.00**

Reasoning for remaining funding: Remaining from tot-lot installation and punch-list items

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

**Traffic Plan (5.1.1.1)**

**\$12068.00**

Reasoning for remaining funding: To address other need within the NRP Action Plan. Find the outlined plan for remaining funding in Section 4.

**E. Calhoun Pkwy Study (5.1.2.1)**

**\$1450.00**

Reasoning for remaining funding: According to City officials this study will not occur in the next five years.

**Trolley Study (5.1.3.1)**

**\$ 975.00**

Reasoning for remaining funding: According to City officials this study will not occur in the next five years.

**Reallocation Plan**

Crime and Safety

**Home Security Fund (1.1.1.1)**

**\$ 693.00**

Reasoning for funding request: This amount will cover expenses in excess of allocation after June 2000 Plan Modification.

Housing and Neighborhood Identity

**Hennepin Avenue Streetlight (3.1.2.1)**

**\$10000.00**

Reasoning for funding request: This amount will bring the ECCO subsidy closer to the CARAG subsidy.

**Gateway Art Park (3.1.4.1)**

**\$9600.00**

Reasoning for funding request: For improvement to the park. Find a detailed explanation in Section 5.

Recreation

**Lake Access/Zen Ctr. Crossing**

**\$5000.00**

Reasoning for funding request: Needed to cover increase cost for pedestrian activated flasher.

## 4 - Traffic Plan

Many of the issues related to Traffic and Pedestrian Safety can be solved with behavior modification. Making visible efforts to protect pedestrians and coupling that effort with proper enforcement can change the way people drive and create lasting improvements for our community.

Strategy	Risk	Cost/Unit	Total
<b>Stop signs:</b> Two additional pairs placed at 32 <sup>nd</sup> & Humboldt and 35 <sup>th</sup> & Holmes.	Public Works is reluctant to create 4-way stop intersections and may resist.	\$300/pair	<b>\$600</b>
<b>Stop Sign Enhancements:</b> Add "No Parking within 30 feet" signs to all stop signs in ECCO.	None.	No Cost to enforce existing ordinance	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Police Buy Backs:</b>		\$320/ two officers/4-hour shift (2001 est)	<b>\$10,671</b>
<b>Communication:</b> Mailings & signage to inform residents of program initiatives.		\$1000	<b>\$1000</b>
Returned to ECCO NRP for reallocation.			<b>\$12,068</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$24,339</b>

This proposal has a number of benefits:

- High probability of passing neighborhood review and being implemented
- Stop signs placed at a few problem intersections

Monitoring traffic violations will provide data for NRP Phase II funding allocation needs. If behavior modification works, minimal funding will maintain the change. If not, more funding can be applied to stronger measures

(For a full explanation of past traffic efforts and consideration see *ECCO NRP Traffic Proposal* available from Kurt Waltenbaugh or Erik Hansen)

## 5 - Gateway Art Park Improvements

To improve the physical condition of the Gateway Art Park at the corner of West Lake Street and East Calhoun Parkway the Housing and Neighborhood Identity Committee worked with city officials to prepare a list of necessary improvements. Through collaboration with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board ("MPRB"), the Office of Cultural Affairs and the park's artist the Housing and Neighborhood Identity produced a list of plantings and erosion control improvement. Due to the lack of NRP funding the collaboration prioritized the improvement as the following:

1. Apply herbicide and hand weed twice during the season. Burn/mow prairie grass beds. \$1400
  
  2. Replant base of berms with perennial plants. Water plants and reseeded grass for 16 weeks until established. \$5000
  
  3. Stone walkways to repair cut-through damage at NE corner to sidewalk E side to alley and NW corner. \$3200
- Total \$9600**

In addition to these improvements, other members of the collaboration will conduct improvements. The MPRB agreed to reseed the grass areas and mow the grass. The artist will have the asphalt company reseal the walkways. The Office of Cultural Affairs will provide yearly maintenance for the individual sculptures and lighting and add a small plaque identifying the neighborhood, the artist and other contributors.

## 6 - Timeline and Process

### ECCO NRP Phase One Re-allocation Timeline

**December 2001** – Announce commencement of re-allocation process to ECCO Board of Directors and community.

**January 2002** – Convene individual committees to determine needs (steps required for completion) for each strategy and identify excess funding.

**Crime & Safety and Recreation Committees** - 6:30, Tues. Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

Saint Mary's Greek Orthodox Church's Lecture Room.

**Environment Committee** - 6:30, Wed. Jan 9<sup>th</sup>

The home of Tim Norkus-Crampton, 3149 James Av. S.

**Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Committee** - 6:30, Thurs. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>

Saint Mary's Greek Orthodox Church's Lecture Room.

**Housing & Neighborhood Identity Committee** - 7:00 p.m. Thurs. Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

Saint Mary's Greek Orthodox Church's Lecture Room.

**February 2002** – Draft proposal for reallocation of existing funds.

**March 2002** –

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**: Presentation of DRAFT proposal to Board of Directors for approval and public discussion.

Notify ECCO community of draft proposal. Commence 30-day public comment period ending April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 p.m. **This is the last opportunity for input before creation of FINAL Re-allocation Plan and the voting process.**

**April 2002 –**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>:** Presentation of Voting procedure and sample ballots to the Board of Directors for approval.

Convene Steering Committee to assess public comments and revise proposal. Create FINAL re-allocation proposal.

**May 2002 –**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Presentation of FINAL Re-allocation plan to the Board of Directors for approval. Approval of the FINAL plan will commence a 30-day neighborhood voting period.

**June 2002 –**

**June 4<sup>th</sup>:** Public meeting 7:00 p.m. at Saint Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. This meeting is the culmination of the voting process for the FINAL plan. This meeting will serve as a venue to receive information on the FINAL plan and vote. **There will not be an opportunity to change the plan or make additions at this meeting.**

**June 6<sup>th</sup>:** Report election results to Board of Directors at regularly scheduled meeting.

If the neighborhood votes in favor of the plan ECCO presents it to NRP for administrative approval.

### **The NRP Process (A brief overview)**

The Minnesota Legislature established the Neighborhood Revitalization Program in 1989 to combat urban decay. The program gives neighborhoods an allocation of funding depending on the neighborhoods size and need. Need is defined by three classification – redirection, revitalization, and protection. East Calhoun is classified as protection. Residents and business owners in each neighborhood determine how to apply these funds to projects they see as important. NRP feels that the people who live in the area can address need more effectively than City Hall. NRP guidelines do direct where some the money is spent. By law at least 52.5 percent of funding citywide must be spent on housing, 15 percent on schools, 7.5 percent to Hennepin County, and 7.5 percent on social service programs.

The planning process strives to include all people and organizations in the community. Each neighborhood produces an Action Plan detailing each specific project they plan to implement. In the creation of the Action Plan, the neighborhood engaged in many community meetings, priority surveys and studies to determine need. For most neighborhoods, ECCO included; this process consumes a number of years. The community and the City of Minneapolis approved ECCO's Action Plan in 1998. ECCO received \$794,375.00 for a Plan that identified projects, known as "strategies",

addressing five areas – Housing and Neighborhood Identity, Environment, Crime & Safety, Recreation, and Traffic & Pedestrian Safety.

ECCO NRP has implemented the Action Plan since its passage in 1998. Since that time ECCO completed strategies accounting for 80 percent of total funding spent or 90 percent of total funding contracted. There are two phases in the NRP process one for the first ten years of the program (1989-1999) and one for the last ten years (2000-2009). These dates are guidelines. In order to qualify for Phase 2 a neighborhood must meet Phase 1 spending thresholds. To meet this threshold a neighborhood must spend 85 percent of the Phase 1 allocation or contract 95 percent of the Phase 1 allocation. When a neighborhood enters into an agreement with a performance agent (i.e. Public Works, Park Board, PPL) to implement a strategy the funds are considered contracted. This allows the neighborhood to move forward even if some funds are not spent due to lag time in certain strategies.

Even though neighborhoods conduct extensive public outreach during NRP planning changes are sometimes necessary. Plan modifications and amendments result from changing costs of strategies, barriers to implementations (i.e. Petitions), new information or improved processes, and new needs that arise. ECCO modified the traffic plan, watershed planting, home security fund, administration, and the home improvement strategies in the past three years.