

WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CDAP HISTORY

The West Central Neighborhood Association has a long history of promoting and supporting historic preservation. The association has also worked toward improving its parks and encouraging a return to single-family housing. To assist them in executing these tasks, the association hired a part-time staff person, formed a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO), and has become a 501c3 not-for-profit.

In order to effectively organize and direct their efforts to revitalize West Central, the association requested an update to their first neighborhood plan developed in the 1980's. A neighborhood plan develops specific, action-oriented short-range and long-range improvement strategies; helps in the coordination and allocation of City resources, services, and programs; focuses improvements to a defined geographic area; provides guidance and direction to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Fort Wayne Plan Commission, and other boards and commissions; engages the community in planning for their own future; and enables neighborhoods to leverage additional resources.

On June 21, 2004, the West Central Neighborhood Association adopted the plan. On August 23, 2004, the Fort Wayne Plan Commission voted to recommend City Council adopt the plan's goals and policies as an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan. On October 12, 2004, the Fort Wayne Common Council adopted the goals and policies of the West Central Plan as an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Implementation

Central to a plan's success is its implementation. To provide direction in implementing the plan's recommendations, a detailed implementation matrix accompanies the plan. The matrix provides guidance and direction to the neighborhood association and city staff in carrying out each recommendation. Planning Staff continues to work with the West Central Neighborhood as they execute their plan's recommendations.

For additional information on the West Central Neighborhood Plan, please contact the City of Fort Wayne Planning & Policy Department at 311. To learn more about the West Central Neighborhood, visit their website at: www.westcentralneighborhood.org