

Neighborhood WORKING GROUP

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Assets

- \$950,000 for action projects
- New Housing from NWGHA
- Banty Jones Park – Basketball Court, and Location
- Dollar Tree and CVS
- Bus line on Maple
- Trail
- Technical College
- Connectivity: 24th and 411, and access to downtown
- Fielder Center
- Restoration Rome
- Pedestrians:
 - Culture lends itself to walking
 - Kids walking
 - Less vehicle ownership
 - High amount of pedestrians at CVS/Dollar Tree
 - Foot traffic can support businesses
- CDBG Funds
 - Cedar, 12th, Maple sidewalk improvements
- Health Department
- Proximity to work/downtown
- Zoning updates eliminated minimum lot size
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Challenges

- Lost Buildings and Businesses
- Walkable Retail – locating business where people live
- Moving Maple St toward productive use at 17th, 12th, and CVS
- Grocery Store
- Banty Jones Park
- Sidewalk
- Streetscape
- Lighting
- Side streets don't have sidewalk

- Find a low cost way to create pedestrian space
- Traffic Speed on Flannery – people cutting through to avoid lights, no sidewalks for pedestrians, no stop signs
- Neighborhood size, amount of vacant lots, amount of vacant structures
- Flannery has not stop signs, no additional Right Of Way, and houses are close to the road
- Speed bumps are considered a liability on public property
- No high school nearby
- Housing stock
- Condition of housing
- Mental Health
- Trash/ Littering
- Attracting new people without gentrification
- Real/Perceived Crime
 - Guns and Drugs
 - People coming from outside of the neighborhood and from the apartment by Banty Jones
 - Area known by people outside of the City for drugs
 - Lighting at the Park and on Maple
 - Lighting and security cameras destroyed every time it is installed
 - Police park at Banty Jones but as soon as patrol leaves something happens
 - Neighborhood alert system warns when police are approaching
 - Police have residents call their cell phones to report to keep it off the radio

Opportunities

- Improve Bus Shelters
- Pedestrians – increase and utilizing foot traffic
- Vacant parcels = room to build
- Missing Middle, 2 by 2 housing
- City, Land Bank, Floyd County own many of the lots
- Center housing at Park to create “eyes on the street”
- Rewriting UDO to create more development opportunities
- How can you turn the neighborhood alert system into a strength
- Align intention with implementation
- Youth resources to deter youth from making poor choices
- Rome Floyd Drug Task Force