



Choice Neighborhoods Fact Sheet

What is it?

Choice Neighborhoods is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) initiative to improve neighborhoods with public housing and HUD assisted housing.

- Focuses on issues with neighborhoods, housing, and people.
- Flint is one of only six communities nationwide to be selected for a Choice Neighborhoods planning grant.
- The planning process will involve public engagement, data analysis, and the development of a Transformation Plan.
- After the Transformation Plan is complete, the City can then apply for a Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant.

Why Get a Planning Grant?

- It allows Flint to create an area specific, neighborhood plan, one thing the Master Plan calls for.
- The Transformation Plan will also identify possible funding sources to carry out the plan.
- Focuses on issues in the South Saginaw and Atherton Rd. corridors.
- **Money cannot be used for construction; this is long-term planning** that will create a sustainable vision for the neighborhood.

What Happens Immediately?

- The city was awarded the Grant in January 2015, and **has until January 2017 to create the Transformation Plan document.**
- The planning process will be a collaborative effort between residents, businesses, stakeholders, and community members.
- A Choice Neighborhoods Team has been formed. The team consists of The City of Flint, The Flint Housing Commission, the consulting firm Camiros, and HUD.
- The team will work collaboratively with the community to complete projects that improve the quality of life throughout the planning process.

What is my role?

Engage!!! Residents and community members are invited to attend meetings, share thoughts, and encourage others to do the same. The goal is that the plan is as inclusive as possible. It is meant to be a community plan in which the community takes ownership and feels that it is their plan. Visit ImagineFlint.com and click on 'Choice Neighborhoods Project' to stay updated.

A neighborhood is a residential area that welcomes communal change.

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