

▶ 2017 Progress Report

In 2015, we made a plan to improve all 18 neighborhoods of the Northside. Over the past 2 years, we've been very busy making it happen. We're excited to share the accomplishments made over the past year and thank the thousands of committed Northside residents and community partners who have been working together to make it happen.

One Northside Overview One Northside is a community initiative designed to create lasting change that improves the quality-of-life of all Northsiders. Beginning in 2014, with a 20-year commitment, Buhl has sought to connect and leverage the work of the Northside, to fund resident-driven efforts and to be a catalyst for systemic change.

Building a framework for success Over the past year, we have been developing an infrastructure to ensure that our work together lasts for generations to come. In addition to the original focus areas of Education, Employment and Place, we have expanded our efforts to include two additional focus areas: Health and Safety. Together, these make up our "5 Pillars".

The Community Corps will launch in 2018—an extension of the One Northside Community Census efforts of 2015. The Community Corps will strengthen connections between residents and community resources, providing on-the-ground support to Northside residents.

One Northside Pillar Teams include representatives of community service provider organizations, residents and partners who work together to achieve shared goals and create a more coordinated system of service for Northside residents.

WE DEFINE SHARED GOALS to improve the life of every Northsider across five focus areas, or **pillars**

WE WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITIES in a coordinated and strategic way, via our **Community Corps and Pillar Teams**

WE CREATE CHANGE AT THE SYSTEMS LEVEL to ensure long-term improvements



2017



WHAT WE'VE DONE THIS YEAR

Education FOCUS AREAS

- SCHOOL READINESS
- QUALITY SCHOOLS



Place FOCUS AREAS

- HOUSING + RENTAL
- VACANT PROPERTY + LAND
- PARKS + OUTDOOR RECREATION
- CLEAN + GREEN
- BUSINESS DISTRICTS
- ARTS + CULTURE

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Supported a variety of improved school outcomes through partnerships with Superintendent Hamlet and regular meetings with the Northside's Principals, including increased standardized test scores at Perry High School.
- Collaborated with Perry High School's Principal Cooper to support the school's community and behavioral support programming for students designed to positively impact the school's culture.
- Supported the One Northside Parent Support Network in launching "Parent University" –an effort aimed at enriching parents through symposiums, trainings, and job fairs, the first of which was held at the Carnegie Science Center with more than 200 Northside parents in attendance.
- Piloted the One Northside Education Committee's Trauma Training series with 40 Northside school teachers in partnership with Allegheny General Hospital.
- Worked closely with NeighborWorks to expand "Fund My Future", a student savings program which has demonstrated positive impacts on youth savings and school achievement, into more Northside schools after a demonstration initiated by Propel Northside.
- Continued our partnership with the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC) and the Northside's 133 home-based childcare providers and 12 daycare providers by offering training opportunities and mini-grants to improve their Keystone STARS ratings and better prepare children for early learning.
- Supported the United Way's Be a Middle School Mentor program, which paired 115 middle school students from Allegheny, King, Manchester, Morrow, Schiller and Manchester Academic Charter School with 115 individual adult mentors from employers including Highmark, Bank of America, and the City of Pittsburgh.
- Continued the popular One Northside Magnet Community Project, a partnership with our Northside cultural institutions and schools to provide project-based STEAM learning, with more than 1,000 students per year learning in exciting, new ways. Participating organizations included the National Aviary, the Children's Museum, the Carnegie Science Center, the Warhol Museum, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and Citiparks' Rangers

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Worked with GTECH to develop a trail system that connects neighbors, celebrates their distinctiveness and character, improves public safety, protects existing assets, and helps to leverage additional resources for the Northside.
- Collaborated with both GTECH and the Design Center to conduct Northside-wide assessments of all vacant lots and all commercial real estate aimed at encouraging place-based investing while protecting affordable housing.
- Convened more than 100 One Northside participants, the City of Pittsburgh, Faros Properties, and local citizen councils to build consensus and convert the ring road in the Northside flats into a two-way street with a bike path.
- Supported a community gardening program in the Northview Heights neighborhood in collaboration with Grow Pittsburgh which has engaged and positively impacted more than 200 residents.
- Collaborated with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and Northside residents to develop an updated master plan for Allegheny Commons Park—with more than 200 Northside residents attending 15 different planning sessions and over 500 people completing a park planning survey throughout the process.
- Invested in strategic trail improvement conducted by Friends of the Riverfront of a vegetative swale along the Chateau section of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail on the Northside.
- Continued our support for Bike Pittsburgh's OpenStreetsPGH event on the Northside to further tourism and fun, healthy activities for residents. More than 23,000 residents and visitors participated in this year's Northside activities.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Collaborated with Comcast, Faros Properties, BNY Mellon, and Riverside Center for Innovation to develop a bold, exciting new resource for Northside residents: CoLab18 – a state of the art digital learning laboratory and community problem solving space that provides the community at large with access to cutting edge hardware, software, and the customized training to drive better personal and community outcomes.
- Worked closely with the United Way & Allegheny Partners for Out-of-School Time (APOST) on a coordinated system of activities on the Northside that enables young people to successfully transition into productive careers. More than 27 different afterschool providers have come together to provide programming to over 1,100 Northside youth through the One Northside Youth eXcel Collaborative (ONYX), which is now also piloting a program to address the transportation barriers to after-school programming.
- Supported Pittsburgh Cares in providing leadership development, service learning, and community engagement opportunities to more than 40 underserved middle-school students in partnership with the Pittsburgh Project. In addition, Pittsburgh Cares provided programming at Allegheny Traditional Academy and Spring Hill Elementary, coordinated volunteers at the Food City community garden, and are now exploring an expansion into Perry High School.
- Assisted more than 150 households in their efforts to increase net income, secure employment, conduct financial assessments, and improve credit in partnership with Neighborhood Allies and Northside Common Ministries.
- Invested in a Student Conservation Association (SCA) crew who constructed a walking and hiking trail from Brighton Heights into Riverview Park.
- Enabled Northside resident participation in environmental job training and the stewardship of Northside greenspace by Landforce.
- Supported 37 community members exploring business and entrepreneurial opportunities on the Northside through a partnership with New Sun Rising and their IGNITE 2.0 Northside program.
- Collaborated with Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) to investigate and pursue the creation of a robust workforce development center on the Northside.

FOCUS AREAS

Employment

- OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITY FOR TEENS
- JOB READINESS & PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT FOR TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS
- WORKING & STARTING A BUSINESS
- CONNECTING RESIDENTS & EMPLOYERS



- Supported the PA Resources Council (PRC) effort to develop a Northside anti-litter and recycling campaign. During the campaign, PRC distributed more than 130 classroom recycling containers, 814 residential recycling containers to 16 different Northside neighborhoods, and hosted five container distribution events throughout the Northside, where 90 residents volunteered, successfully recycling 141 televisions, computers, and monitors as well as 18 tires and 6 appliances.
- Continued support for 16 artist studios in the Northside through Radiant Hall.
- Collaborated with the Northside Community Development Fund to support a façade enhancement program which aided seven participating business owners by providing more than \$40,000 in direct investment and leveraging over \$300,000 of improvements along the East Ohio Street business district.
- Supported Northside Leadership Conference (NLC) neighborhood outreach activities focused on family-friendly entertainment and fostering economic and community development, including events such as the Deutschtown Music Festival, which hosted more than 25,000 attendees. The festival also provided zero waste services, diverting 84% of the festival's waste and preventing 1,785 pounds of waste from being landfilled.
- Supported 45 projects via the One Northside Neighbor-to-Neighbor grants program including 11 youth learning projects, 9 festival or celebration projects, 8 neighborhood pride projects, 5 adult learning projects, 4 cleanup projects, 4 public art projects, 3 community garden projects, and 1 outdoor activity project.



2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Unveiled the Center for Lifting Up everyBody (The CLUB), in collaboration with Project Destiny, Allegheny General Hospital and Highmark, Allegheny County Health Department, and Gateway Health, a new effort which aims to improve the health of Northside residents, especially our most vulnerable populations, by connecting them with integrated support through outreach workers and tracking improvement in lifestyle and health outcomes. One Northside was awarded a \$750,000 grant for the first two years of this effort.
- Continued the One Northside Backpack Program in partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, Focus Pittsburgh and all Northside Schools. Through this program nearly 1,000 school-aged children have received weekend bags of food each week for over 32 weeks. The program was supported by 300 volunteers, many of them Northside residents.
- Supported the United Methodist Church Union summer meals program for underserved youth in the Northview Heights where 300 children served 9,977 hot meals and snacks during five days of service over nine weeks.
- Collaborated with CCAC to plan an on-campus daycare center intended to become a learning laboratory and certification site for early child-care providers.

Health FOCUS AREAS

- HEALTH & WELLNESS FOR INFANTS & FAMILIES
- FULL-SPECTRUM SUPPORT SERVICES FOR EVERY CHILD
- PARENT SUPPORT
- NUTRITION & FITNESS
- HOMELESSNESS

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Implemented a ground-breaking Diversion Program with partners Foundation of Hope, the Housing Authority, the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office, and the City of Pittsburgh Zone 1 Police with the goal of diverting young low and medium-risk, non-violent offenders from the criminal justice system. The program decreases a first-time offender's likelihood of re-offending and allows them a second-chance at a productive life - more than thirty young Northside residents benefitted from the program in 2017.
- Collaborated with Mayor Peduto's Office, Zone 1 Police, and the Housing Authority to develop a community-oriented policing strategy for Northview Heights and Allegheny Dwellings focusing on building trust between residents and officers and engaging both in collaborative problem solving for increased public safety and well-being.

Safety FOCUS AREAS

- GETTING AROUND
- CRIME PREVENTION
- POLICE / COMMUNITY RELATIONS



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