

FY 2007 NORTH OMAHA WEED & SEED CONTINUATION STRATEGY
City of Omaha, Nebraska
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Law Enforcement

Strategy: Crime data and Statistics from the Omaha Police Department support evidence that there are intensified illegal gang activities within the North Omaha Weed & Seed designated site, and residents indicate that gang related and drug activity is a problem within the targeted site. Based on residents' perceptions and according to information provided on residential surveys, residents indicate that they feel safer in their neighborhoods as a direct result of increased law enforcement and high visibility operations by the Omaha Police Department and other law enforcement agencies. Residents identify priority concerns to include quality of life issues, i.e. complaints of litter, motor vehicle, code violations, and other nuisance activities.

Goal 1	Reduce criminal activity in designated area.
Status	Based on crime data during January- September. 2006 there were 171 drug arrests, compared to 197 for the Jan. – Dec. 2005 period. Residents continue to voice concern with regards to drug activity in their neighborhoods during Steering Committee meetings.
Objective 1	Intensify efforts related to illegal narcotic activity.
Status	The Omaha Police Department continues to monitor radio call traffic in the area and target selective enforcement areas and residences as information is received of a spike in gang/drug activity. Surveillance equipment is installed as needed in different locations to identify open air drug trafficking.
Activity/Task/Project	Law enforcement will conduct special operations specifically directed at open-air drug activity and using surveillance equipment to gather intelligence information. Surveillance equipment will be purchased and installed as needed in different locations to identify open air drug trafficking. Equipment purchased will be used for surveillance, and in identification of suspects and their criminal activities. The undercover rental car will provide the ability for officers to patrol the site as well as gang hotspots without being recognized as police officials. The Omaha Police Department will continue to monitor radio call traffic in the area and target selective enforcement for areas and residences as information is received of a spike in gang/drug activity. Police Officers will attend Weed & Seed Conferences to learn about the latest trends.
Implementation Plan	The Omaha Police Department will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Parole and Probation Offices, Neighborhoods and Business Watch groups.
Outcome Measures	Equipment will be purchased in the first three months. A minimum of 35 Visibility/Concentrated Patrol and 20 Enforcement Operations will be conducted.

	The perception of the residents in the targeted area regarding criminal activity will be obtained through the semi-annual surveys.
Funding Support	The project cost totals \$19,280. Cost will be allocated as follows: Weed and Seed at 85%, City of Omaha (including the Omaha Police Department) at 15%. Budget Detail Section: A1, A3, A5, B1, C1, C2, D5, D6, D7, G8, I1 Match: A9-A12, B2-B7, I2

Goal 1	Reduce criminal activity in designated area.
Objective 2	Intensify gang and violent crime suppression efforts.
Status	Crime data shows a decrease between 2005 and 2006, reflecting an impact being made by the Weed & Seed strategy. The strategy will continue to focus on further reducing crime in the target area. The Omaha Police made 1,306 adult arrests in the target area. There were at 163 shots fired calls for 2006, compared to 134 in 2005 in the North Weed & Seed target area.
Activity/Task/Project	The "hot spot" areas within the targeted site will continue to be the focus of the law enforcement strategy to maintain and further decrease crime. The Omaha Police Department Northwest Precinct and Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) will continue to present monthly updates to the North Omaha Steering Committee with regards to firearms and gun violence issues. PSN will also continue to conduct Notification Meetings at the Douglas County Youth Detention Centers, Omaha Public Schools, and community and faith-based organizations. The undercover rental car will provide the ability for officers to patrol the site as well as gang hotspots without being recognized as police officials. The Omaha Police Department will continue to identify those offenders that could use programs to divert them from criminal activity. Equipment will be purchased to reduce gang and violent crime activity in the target area. The Omaha Police Department and Probation Office will continue to monitor areas as they initially become hot spots, The objective will be to stop the activity at that location and watch where the activity resurfaces.
Implementation Plan	Special Operations will be conducted in the targeted area by the Omaha Police Department, Project Safe Neighborhoods, Douglas County Probation, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.
Outcome Measures	Equipment will be purchased in the first three months. A minimum of 35 Visibility/Concentrated Patrol. A minimum of 20 Enforcement Operations will be conducted to reduce gang violence and illegal narcotics distribution.

	The perception of the residents in the targeted area regarding criminal activity will be obtained through the semi-annual surveys.
Funding Support	The project cost totals \$23,482. Cost will be allocated as follows: Weed and Seed at 88%, City of Omaha (including the Omaha Police Department) at 12%. Budget Detail Section: A1, A2, A3, A5, B1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D9, G8, I1 Match: A9-A12, B2-B7, I2

Goal 1	Reduce criminal activity in designated area.
Objective 3	Intensify Law enforcement efforts related to quality of life issues.
Status	Due to the continued concerns of residents living in the designated area with regards to the quality of life issues in their neighborhoods, regularly scheduled Nuisance Abatement Operations are planned.
Activity/Task/Project	OPD in collaboration with the City of Omaha's Code and Weed and Litter Inspectors will conduct high-visibility enforcement operations. Officers and Code Inspectors identify quality of life problems with regards to motor vehicle, litter, and code violations. Nuisance Operations will be conducted in the target area to maintain good quality of life conditions. The undercover rental car will provide the ability for officers to patrol the site as well as gang hotspots without being recognized as police officials. Equipment will be purchased to reduce gang and violent crime activity in the target area. The Mayor's Hotline phone number will continue to be promoted at Weed & Seed Steering Committee meetings.
Implementation Plan	Operations will be conducted by the Omaha Police Department (OPD). OPD will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with the City Nuisance and Weed and Litter Departments.
Outcome Measures	Equipment will be purchased in the first three months. A minimum of 35 Visibility/Concentrated Patrol. A minimum of 20 Enforcement Operations will be conducted to reduce gang violence and illegal narcotics distribution. A minimum of 5 Nuisance Operations will be conducted. The perception of the residents in the targeted area regarding criminal activity will be improved by 10%.
Funding Support	The project cost totals \$21,181. Cost will be allocated as follows: Weed and Seed at 86%, City of Omaha (including the Omaha Police Department) at 14%. Budget Detail Section: A1, A3, A4, A5, B1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D9, G8, I1 Match: A9-A12, B2-B7, I2

Goal 1	Reduce criminal activity in designated area.
Objective 4	Identify, monitor and track gang members in the area.
Status	<p>Gang activity remains consistent within the designated area. As of Dec. 2006, the Omaha Police Department Gang Intelligence Squad has identified 28 gangs with 3,306 members in the Omaha area. In 2005 there were 28 gangs with 2,399 members in the Omaha area.</p> <p>The North Weed & Seed area has a population of 176 documented gang members.</p> <p>There was one Cease-Fire Operation during 2006 in the Weed & Seed area to combat gang violence, and there were 28 weapons offense arrests.</p> <p>High Visibility efforts by OPD are in effect with routine and special Gang Intelligence/Enforcement Operations within the targeted site.</p> <p>The undercover rental car will provide the ability for officers to patrol the site as well as gang hotspots without being recognized as police officials.</p> <p>Public Safety/Crime Reduction Mini-Grants will be competitively issued to support criminal justice/community policing projects in the target area.</p> <p>Equipment will be purchased to reduce gang and violent crime activity in the target area.</p>
Activity/Task/Project	Omaha Police, Probation and Gang Unit Officers will continue to conduct Nightlight operations.
Implementation Plan	<p>The Omaha Police Department will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with U.S. Attorney's Office, Douglas County Parole and Probation Offices.</p> <p>The Weed & Seed Coordinator will announce Mini grant opportunities to neighborhoods and community agencies.</p>
Outcome Measures	<p>Equipment will be purchased in the first three months.</p> <p>A minimum of 35 Visibility/Concentrated Patrol. A minimum of 20 Enforcement Operations will be conducted to reduce gang violence and illegal narcotics distribution.</p> <p>The perception of the residents in the targeted area regarding criminal activity will be obtained through the semi-annual surveys.</p> <p>A minimum of 5 Project Safe Neighborhoods Nightlight and Ceasefire Operation will be conducted</p>
Funding Support	<p>The project cost totals \$24,884. Cost will be allocated as follows: Weed and Seed at 88%, City of Omaha (including the Omaha Police Department) at 12%.</p> <p>Budget Detail Section: A1, A3, A5, B1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D9, G7, G8, I1</p> <p>Match: A9-A12, B2-B7, I2</p>

Goal 2	Improve connection between probation and the community.
Status	<i>Law Enforcement Goal 2 has been <u>incorporated</u> in Community Policing Goal 3, Objective 1: Strengthen Community/Police relations in the designated area.</i>
Objective 1	Develop a collaborative relationship between the Probation Department and community for probation programs in the designated area within six months of grant onset.
Status	Community Policing, Goal 3, Objective 1
Activity/Task/Project	Community Policing, Goal 3, Objective 1
Implementation Plan	Community Policing, Goal 3, Objective 1
Outcome Measures	Community Policing, Goal 3, Objective 1
Funding Support	Community Policing, Goal 3, Objective 1

Community Oriented Policing

Strategy: Residents who reside within the Weed & Seed designated area have increased involvement in crime prevention and drug prosecution strategies within the neighborhoods. Residents have developed alternative communication methods and are building rapport and positive relationships with Police Officers. Open lines of communication and cooperation between residents and the Omaha Police Department are in effect.

Goal 1	Improve the community's involvement in crime prevention strategies.
Status	<p>Residents within the targeted area take an active role with regards to the safety of their neighborhoods.</p> <p>During the most recent Weed & Seed Resident Survey, 21.1 percent stated they had reported a crime, while 28.5 percent stated they had observed a crime.</p> <p>Area residents and community leaders will be actively recruited to attend Weed & Seed meetings to provide community input.</p>
Objective 1	Develop alternative communication methods for designated area residents' to reach the criminal justice agencies regarding drug activities.
Status	The North Central Omaha Citizen's Patrol (NCCP) is currently inactive.
Activity/Task/Project	<p>The Crime Prevention Specialist will work toward reinstating the NCCP and moving forward.</p> <p>The Community Resource Center will continue to help residents start a Citizen Patrol group.</p> <p>The Benson Neighborhood Association and Citizen's Patrol will work closely with the Omaha Police Department in patrolling areas within the site. Equipment will be purchased for the Benson Neighborhood Association and Citizen's Patrol</p> <p>The Mayor's Hotline will continue to be promoted during Weed & Seed Steering Committee meetings.</p>
Implementation Plan	The Omaha Police Department will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Weed & Seed, neighborhoods and business watch groups, citizens patrol groups, and the Community Resource Center.
Outcome Measures	<p>Equipment will be purchased in the first three months.</p> <p>Crime Prevention Specialist will reactivate North Central Omaha Citizen's Patrol within the first six months.</p>
Funding Support	<p>The project cost totals \$7,893. Cost will be allocated as follows: Weed and Seed at 63%, City of Omaha (including the Omaha Police Department) at 37%.</p> <p>Budget Detail Section: A1, A6, A7,B1, D1, D11, I1 Match: A9-A12, B2-B7, I2</p>

Goal 2	Improve the community's involvement in drug prosecutions from the neighborhood.
Status	The North Omaha Weed & Seed Steering Committee has determined to omit Goal 2 from the strategy
Objective 1	Develop alternative communication methods for designated area residents' to reach the criminal justice agencies regarding drug activities.
Status	<p>Completed: Precinct Advisory meetings are being held to hear the concerns of the community.</p> <p>Neighborhood Association leaders meet to problem-solve criminal activities in the different neighborhoods.</p> <p>There is a representative of the Omaha Police Department at the North Omaha Neighborhood Association meetings who reports on the activities within North Omaha.</p> <p>An anonymous crime tip hotline has been setup and advertised.</p> <p>Officers are assigned to foot and bike patrols and enforcement operations within neighborhoods.</p>
Activity/Task/Project	Completed
Implementation Plan	Completed
Outcome Measures	Completed
Funding Support	Budget Detail Section: None

Goal 3	Build rapport between the police and local residents.
Status	<p>Information provided during Weed & Seed Steering Committee meetings indicates that area residents feel improved relations between themselves and the Probation Office.</p> <p>Positive interaction between residents and officers occur during various community events throughout the year, such as the "communities United Against Violence" event, It's O.K. To Play After Dark program, and the Get Up, Get Fit, Have Fun event.</p> <p>Residents within the designated area are encouraged by the Crime Prevention Specialist to form and participate in neighborhood watch groups.</p>
Objective 1	Strengthen community/police relations in the designated area.
Status	<p>Probation Officers continue to engage in, sponsor and participate in community events and projects to build positive rapport with the community in the designated area.</p> <p>The North Omaha Weed & Seed Strategy in collaboration with the Omaha Police Department was represented at various community events during the year.</p> <p>The Weed & Seed Steering Committee approved to purchase the "Stop the Madness" curriculum during the May 8, 2006 meeting.</p>

<p>Activity/Task/Project</p>	<p>Weed & Seed will continue to participated in the “It's O.K. To Play After Dark” program and “Get Up, Get Fit, Have Fun” program. Police officers will be able to build positive relationships with area residents and youth at a local park within the Weed & Seed boundary area.</p> <p>Weed & Seed will continue to participate in the citywide “Salute to Safety Expo” which was held on April 22, 2006.</p> <p>The Display Booth will be used at crime prevention functions to educate the site partners and residents on what steps can be taken by both police and the community to reduce gang activity and other nuisance behavior that adversely affects quality of life within the site.</p> <p>Weed & Seed will continue to sponsor the annual Together We Can Make A Difference Holiday Celebration which took place on Dec. 14, 2006, over 1000 area residents attended the event.</p> <p>Public Safety/Crime Reduction Mini Grants will be competitively issued to support criminal justice/community policing projects in the target area.</p>
<p>Implementation Plan</p>	<p>The Omaha Police Department, Probation Office, and Weed & Seed Coordinator will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with the U.S. Attorney’s Office, neighborhood associations, residents, and community organizations.</p>
<p>Outcome Measures</p>	<p>Equipment will be purchased.</p> <p>A minimum of four Public Safety/Crime Reduction Mini Grants will be awarded.</p> <p>At least 4 community events will take place in the target area.</p> <p>At least 15 volunteers will be utilized for Weed & Seed events.</p>
<p>Funding Support</p>	<p>The project cost totals \$25,034. Cost will be allocated as follows: Weed and Seed at 65%, City of Omaha (including the Omaha Police Department) at 13%, Project Safe Neighborhoods at 22%</p> <p>Budget Detail Section: A1, A6, A7,B1, D1, D8, D11, I1, G5, G7</p> <p>Match: A9-A12, B2-B7, G5, I2</p>

Goal 3	Build rapport between the police and local residents.
Objective 2	Enhance effective lines of communication and cooperation between the police and community.
Status	OPD will continue to patrol, respond to calls for services and meet with residents and neighborhood associations on a regular basis in the North Omaha Weed & Seed targeted site.
Activity/Task/Project	<p>Police Officers will continue to accompany residents and volunteers to conduct Weed & Seed Community Surveys within the target area.</p> <p>Officers will continue to conduct foot and bikes patrols within target area.</p> <p>Weed & Seed will continue to participated in the “It's O.K. To Play After Dark” program and “Get Up, Get Fit, Have Fun” program. Police officers will be able to build positive relationships with area residents and youth at a local park within the Weed & Seed boundary area.</p> <p>The display booth will be used at crime prevention functions to educate the site partners and residents on what steps can be taken by both police and the community to reduce gang activity and other nuisance behavior that adversely affects quality of life within the site.</p> <p>Officers work with neighborhood watch, patrol groups and attend community events.</p> <p>Weed & Seed will continue to sponsor the annual Together We Can Make A Difference Holiday Celebration which took place on Dec. 14, 2006, over 1000 area residents attended the event.</p> <p>Public Safety/Crime Reduction Mini Grants will be competitively issued to support criminal justice/community policing projects in the target area.</p> <p>The Police Captain, Officers, residents and neighborhood associations attend Precinct Advisory Council meetings to brainstorm and problem solve issues that arise in their neighborhoods.</p> <p>Weed & Seed created a website, www.omahaweedandseed.org to continue to enhance communication of Weed & Seed activities with the community.</p>
Implementation Plan	The Omaha Police Department will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with the Weed & Seed Coordinator, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Douglas County Parole and Probation Offices.
Outcome Measures	<p>At least three Police Department Officers will assist with four Weed & Seed Events.</p> <p>Resident surveys will indicate a 10% increase in police relations.</p> <p>The University of Nebraska at Omaha will complete a process/impact evaluation of the North Omaha Weed & Seed target area.</p> <p>At least 15 volunteers will be utilized for Weed & Seed events.</p>
Funding Support	<p>The project cost totals \$9,143. Cost will be allocated as follows: Weed and Seed at 68%, City of Omaha (including the Omaha Police Department) at 32%.</p> <p>Budget Detail Section: A1, A6, A7,B1, D1, D8, D11, I1</p> <p>Match: A9-A12, B2-B7, I2</p>

Prevention/Intervention/Treatment

Strategy: The North Omaha Weed & Seed Site identified sixteen existing safe haven programs for adults and youth within the designated area. Collaboration and partnerships occur between programs for maximum serving capacity, and future safe haven programs continue to be assessed. Strategies to address issues of concern with regards to youth, reentry ex-offenders, domestic violence, mental and physical health and substance abuse in the designated area are in effect.

Goal 1	Create at least one new safe haven in the designated area.
Status	Goal 1 has been achieved. Various new safe haven programs for adults and youth have been created and are in place within the designated area. Neighborhood and community agencies will submit safe haven applications for funding consideration to leverage resources to offer extended and/or new programming for residents.
Objective 1	Assess and support existing and future safe haven programs and sites for adult and youth activities.
Status	Request for Proposals (RFP) for safe haven funds will be available throughout the Weed & Seed area.
Activity/Task/Project	Completed: Safe Haven grants will be announced to the community agencies and organizations.
Implementation Plan	Completed
Outcome Measures	Completed
Funding Support	Budget Detail Section: None

Goal 2	Help youth take pride in the community.
Status	Youth are encouraged to take leadership roles and actively participate during community projects and events. Partnerships and collaborations with faith-based, neighborhood and community organizations that serve youth are in place.
Objective 1	Create incentives for designated area youth to become positively involved in the neighborhood
Status	Youth earn volunteer community service hours during events such as the fourth annual "Community United Against Violence", and Get Up, Get Fit, Have Fun. Youth also assist with planning for future events.
Activity/Task/Project	Partnerships with youth mentors and recreational organizations exist and promote community service activities that involve youth. Youth, including juvenile probationers within the designated area will continue to volunteer in the planning and attendance of community events. The Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha will provide a "Neighborhood Builders for Teens" which will be run concurrently with Neighborhood Builders to provide leadership opportunities for teens within new or existing neighborhood associations Cameras will be purchased for Steering Committee members, residents, Weed & Seed Coordinator, and the Community for community events.

	<p>Youth will also continue to be involved in community relations by assisting Police Officers and community volunteers to conduct residential surveys.</p> <p>Project Safe Neighborhoods will continue to be a part of Community Outreach projects.</p>
Implementation Plan	The Steering Committee will oversee the implementation of the projects in collaboration with the Weed & Seed Site Coordinator, neighborhood associations, schools and youth organizations.
Outcome Measures	<p>Equipment will be purchased within three months.</p> <p>At least four "Neighborhood Builders for Teens" will take place.</p> <p>At least 6 youth will attend Neighborhood Builders in February 2008.</p> <p>At least 15 volunteers will be utilized for Weed & Seed events.</p>
Funding Support	<p>The project cost totals \$25,464. Cost will be allocated as follows: Weed and Seed at 47%, City of Omaha (including the Omaha Police Department) at 12%, Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha at 13%, Project Safe Neighborhoods at 23%, Nothing But Net Foundation at 5%.</p> <p>Budget Detail Section: A1, A6, A7, B1, C2, D11, E1- E8, G4, G5, H1, I1</p> <p>Match: A9-A12, B2-B7, G4, G5, I2, H4</p>

Goal 3	Reduce substance abuse in the designated area.
Status	Neighborhood, community, safe haven and faith-based programs form collaboration and partnerships to leverage resources and offer services to reduce substance abuse in the designated area.
Objective 1	Increase availability of substance abuse counseling and support groups to residents; 2) offer incentives to designated area safe havens to incorporate substance abuse prevention education into their programs; 3) educate merchants on not selling tobacco, alcohol and inhalants to youth.
Status	<p>Residents are informed with regards to programs available that address issues that involve substance abuse.</p> <p>Community partners meet regularly to discuss program and resource availability to youths and families providing tobacco awareness, alcohol/drug awareness, and other educational and prevention services.</p>
Activity/Task/Project	<p>Mini Grants and safe haven applications will be sent to community agencies and organizations that offer substance abuse prevention education.</p> <p>Subcommittees will review each application and make recommendation to the full Steering Committee for approval of funding opportunities to organizations and agencies that meet the criteria outlined in the strategy.</p> <p>The Office of Juvenile Probation will continue to conduct compliance check operations and home visits with respect to youth probationers.</p>

	<p>Omaha Police Department will purchase a Robotics Mini Car to be used during youth/police community relation events. The car will encourage youth's participation and provide an educational activity to engrain the anti-gang/anti-drug message. Police can assist parents, the community, and our W&S partners in teaching difficult curriculum on such topics as gang violence and drugs and deliver a prevention message to young children.</p> <p>The University of Nebraska at Omaha will complete a process/impact evaluation of the North Omaha Weed & Seed target area.</p>
Implementation Plan	The Steering Committee and the Weed & Seed Site Coordinator will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with neighborhood merchants, faith-based organizations, community agencies and organizations, schools, Probation Office, safe havens and substance abuse counseling agencies.
Outcome Measures	<p>A minimum of 4 Mini Grants will be awarded</p> <p>The process/impact evaluation will be conducted within six months.</p>
Funding Support	<p>The project cost totals \$38,339. Cost will be allocated as follows: Weed and Seed at 82%, City of Omaha (including the Omaha Police Department) at 12%, University of Nebraska at Omaha at 3%, Nothing But Net Foundation at 3%.</p> <p>Budget Detail Section: A1, B1, C2, D10, E1- E8, G6, G7, G9, H1, I1, Match: A9-A12, B2-B7, D10, G9, I2, H4</p>

Neighborhood Restoration

Strategy: North Omaha Weed & Seed review strategies to assist residents to make a living wage, and adult educational, employability, and job preparedness programs are identified with information provided to residents. Residents attend educational workshops regarding rights and responsibilities of renters, homeowners and the City of Omaha within the designated area. Residents have access to information with regards to available, affordable and adequate childcare in the designated area.

Goal 1	Provide an environment where everyone can make a living wage.
Status	Residents living within the designated site receive updated information regarding Metro Area Transit (MAT) routes.
Objective 1	Identify potential sites for basic adults education programs including computer literacy, GED, and ESL; 2) Explore new transportation options with Metro Area Transit (MAT).
Status	Goal 1, Objective 1 has been achieved. Various community and faith-based agencies, organizations and churches have been identified and information is available to residents within the designated site.
Activity/Task/Project	Completed: Informational materials are distributed during the Weed & Seed Resident survey. Updates with regards to existing and future facilities are available to residents. Weed & Seed was funded 5 computers and 1 printer from the Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) to be used at the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites which will be located at Girls Incorporated of Omaha facility.
Implementation Plan	Completed
Outcome Measures	Completed
Funding Support	Budget Detail Section: None

Goal 2	Improve the appearance and maintenance of residential and commercial properties.
Status	Residents are encouraged to attend Neighborhood Builder Block Workshops and other educational workshops that offer information on community resources, neighborhood problem solving, effective planning, building neighborhood assets and information sharing.
Objective 1	Educate residents about individuals, landlords, and the City's responsibility with regards to rights and responsibilities of renters and homeowners; expand the tool loan programs throughout the designated area.
Status	Information is available for area residents on services available.
Activity/Task/Project	Agency representatives will be asked to speak at Weed & Seed Steering Committee meetings on services available. The Light It Up Program will offer residents within the target area an opportunity to make an impact on criminal activity within their neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha will provide a "Neighborhood Builders Program," to help build stronger, healthier neighborhoods in the Weed & Seed area.

	<p>The Weed & Seed Site Coordinator will continue to attend neighborhood association meetings within the target area to discuss dynamics of the Weed & Seed strategies.</p> <p>Neighborhood associations will engage in Clean-up Campaigns within the designated area, and neighborhood youth will volunteer.</p> <p>Information and updates are available for neighborhood associations regarding law enforcement's nuisance abatement efforts.</p> <p>Weed & Seed Steering Committee members and Police Officers will attend Weed & Seed Conferences.</p> <p>Cameras will be purchased for Steering Committee members, residents, Weed & Seed Coordinator, and the community for community events.</p> <p>The Vehicle Robot will be used to support W&S community partners in their efforts to improve the quality of life in the W&S areas by delivering a staunch anti-graffiti message to youth.</p> <p>The University of Nebraska at Omaha will complete a process/impact evaluation of the North Omaha Weed & Seed target area.</p>
Implementation Plan	<p>The Steering Committee will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with the Weed & Seed Site Coordinator, law enforcement, Omaha Neighborhood Scan, University of NE at Omaha, Neighborhood Center, neighborhood associations, landlord associations, and public health organizations.</p>
Outcome Measures	<p>Equipment will be purchased within six months.</p> <p>At least 12 adults will attend Neighborhood Builders in February 2008.</p> <p>A minimum of 50 homes will be part of the Light It Up program.</p> <p>Survey of residents indicates that 20% report "somewhat improved" access to existing neighborhood recreational activities.</p>
Funding Support	<p>The project cost totals \$37,361. Cost will be allocated as follows: Weed and Seed at 54%, City of Omaha (including the Omaha Police Department) at 31%, Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha at 10%, University of Nebraska at Omaha at 2%, Nothing But Net Foundation at 3%.</p> <p>Budget Detail Section: A1, B1, C1, C2, D10, D11, E1- E8, G4, G3, G9, H1, H2, I1</p> <p>Match: A9-A12, B2-B7, D10, G3, G4, G9, I2, H4</p>

Goal 3	Ensure adequate and affordable childcare is available in designated area.
Status	Goal 3 has been achieved. Residents concur that there is not a gap in services or resources regarding childcare availability within the designated site.
Objective 1	Research childcare needs/resources of the designated area.
Status	Completed: The Site Coordinator identified childcare facilities and organizations within the designated area and the information distributed to area residents.
Activity/Task/Project	Provide information and updates as needed.
Implementation Plan	Completed
Outcome Measures	Completed
Funding Support	Budget Detail Section: None

Goal 4	Ensure effective prosecution of City Code Violations.
Status	The North Omaha Weed & Seed Steering Committee has determined to omit Goal 4 from the strategy
Objective 1	Research developing an Environmental Court in Omaha.
Status	Goal 4, Objective 1 has been omitted. The Steering Committee has determined to Omit from the Strategy.
Activity/Task/Project	Omitted: The Weed & Seed Coordinator will attend regularly scheduled monthly Problem Resolution Team meeting. Committee members for this team include Housing and Litter Inspectors, the Nebraska Human Society, Health and Human Resources, Law Enforcement, Health Department, Planning Department, Fire Department, Neighborhood Center, Housing Authority and others. Steering Committee members and residents will contact the Coordinator with addresses and concerns in their neighborhoods. The Omaha Police Department and Nuisance and Litter Inspectors will conduct Nuisance Operations to maintain good quality of life conditions. An on-going list of city code violation property within target area is maintained.
Implementation Plan	Completed
Outcome Measures	Completed
Funding Support	Budget Detail Section: None

Goal 5	Increase opportunities for home ownership.
Status	Goal 5 has been achieved. Home ownership increased significantly within the targeted area due to the new Holy Name Housing Development and rehab and housing partnerships between the community and Habitat for Humanity.
Objective 1	Develop partnership with Holy Name Housing and Habitat for Humanity.
Status	Completed: Partnership with Holy Name Housing and Habitat for Humanity will continue to be an ongoing working relationship.
Activity/Task/Project	Completed: The North Weed & Seed VITA Site will be open at the Girls Incorporated of Omaha facility to residents.
Implementation Plan	Completed
Outcome Measures	Completed
Funding Support	Budget Detail Section: None

Special Emphasis Narrative

Anti Gang Crime Initiative– Special Emphasis Initiative

The North Omaha Special Emphasis Anti-Gang Crime Initiative began during FY2003 to address both Weed & Seed components, aiding to reduce criminal activity in the designated area. During FY2006, the North Omaha W/S Steering Committee continued the Anti-Gang Crime Initiative as the Special Emphasis Initiative to reduce gang related activity. The 2006 North Omaha Special Emphasis funds were awarded to Omaha Con-nections (\$6,250) and Greater Omaha Community Action, Inc. (GOCA) (\$6,250). GOCA and Omaha Con-nections partnered together to provide wraparound services to assist with the Anti-Gang Initiative efforts. During 2005, Omaha Con-nections and GOCA accomplished serving over 75 households within the Weed & Seed target area. They will increase their numbers during 2006 by 10%, their final numbers will be stated in the 2006 GPRA. Law Enforcement reinforces the Anti Gang Crime Initiative through weeding enforcement and hot spot operations.

The number of federal gun indictments in the target area has increased from 32 in 2005 to 38 in 2006, a 16 percent increase. This increase is due to Weed & Seed gang suppression enforcement operations. The U.S. Attorney's Office restructured the assignment of gun cases into a type of vertical prosecution process. This is where specially trained prosecutors maintain caseloads of one type of crime. Vertical prosecutors work on cases from the initial filing of charges through disposition. This relatively new approach to administering justice streamlines this stage of the criminal justice system. Instead of several prosecutors working on the case at various stages in the prosecution, one prosecutor is assigned the case from the point of charging through trial.

The Anti-Gang crime programs in the past have and will continue to focus on prevention, intervention and treatment in partnership with the Omaha Public Schools, faith-based agencies, other community based agencies, and the Nebraska Office of Probation/Parole to provide during the Anti-Gang Special Emphasis programs.

Gang retaliation has continued to be a constant fear and the Weed & Seed Steering Committee is committed to adding the additional resources needed to combat the gang and graffiti problem. The Omaha Police Department and the Nebraska Office of Probation/Parole will conduct Anti-Gang Operations to deter the criminal activity. To address the gang problem Weed & Seed will provide activities for the youth through the Cops and Kids Program and the Anti-Gang Crime Initiative Youth Outreach Programs. These programs will build relationships between the target area youth and Law Enforcement. Programs teach youth how to make positive decisions when confronted with peer pressure and the consequences of criminal activity. Transportation has proven to be an issue for youth in the community during activities, as a result busses will be provided to offer an opportunity for youth to participate from both Weed & Seed sites.

Collaborative efforts with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Project Safe Neighborhood, Omaha Police Department, State of Nebraska Probation, community residents, community based agencies, and faith-based organizations are continuing to sustain the decrease in gang activities in the targeted area.

Anti-Gang Crime Initiative Special Emphasis Area

Goal 1	Reduce criminal activity in designated area.
Status	<p>Gang activity remains consistent in designated area. Based on crime data during the months of January - September 2006 there was an increase in the numbers of gun incidents reported compared to the year 2005.</p> <p>The Omaha Police Department Northwest Precinct has documented 176 gang members in the North Weed & Seed target area</p> <p>Gang related activity continues to be monitored and law enforcement operations conducted throughout the designated area with emphasis of "hot spot" areas. Additional collaborative law enforcement operations are conducted during the warmer weather months based on crime data statistics that indicate increase in gang related activities during that time.</p>
Objective 1	Increase efforts to deter gang activities
Status	Nightlight and Project Safe Neighborhoods Operations have been conducted.
Activity/Task/Project	Anti-Gang Hot Spot Operations will be conducted by the Omaha Police Department and Probation.
Implementation Plan	The Omaha Police Department will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with Weed & Seed coordinator, neighborhood and business watch groups, citizens patrol groups, U.S. Attorney's Office, Probation Offices, and community agencies and organizations.
Outcome Measures	<p>The final residential survey will reflect a 10% of residents indicating "substantially improved" perception regarding criminal activity in the target area.</p> <p>At least 65hrs of Anti-Gang Hot Spot Operations will take place.</p>
Funding Support	<p>The project cost totals \$18,893. Cost will be allocated as follows: Weed and Seed at 85%, City of Omaha (including the Omaha Police Department) at 15%.</p> <p>Budget Detail Section: A1, A8, B1, I1 Match: A9-A12, B2-B7, I2</p>

Goal 1	Reduce criminal activity in designated area.
Objective 2	Provide Anti-Gang youth programming
Status	Anti-Gang programs where youth can participate and be active have taken place such as It's O.K. To Play After Dark program.
Activity/Task/Project	<p>The Cops and Kids program will be available to area youth to create a good relationship between youth and the police officers that serve them. Transportation will be offered to area youth who otherwise would not be able to attend.</p> <p>Weed & Seed will offer Special Emphasis Anti-Gang Crime Initiative Youth Outreach Programs to area youth.</p> <p>Mini grant applications will be sent to community agencies and organizations to support criminal justice programs.</p>
Implementation Plan	The Omaha Police Department will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with U.S. Attorney's Office, Probation Offices, faith-based and community-based organizations, and the Weed & Seed Coordinator.
Outcome Measures	<p>Provide at least 5 Cops and Kids Programs Have at least 35 kids at each Cops and Kids Event</p> <p>At least 9 Anti-Gang Initiative Youth Outreach Programs will take place.</p>
Funding Support	<p>The project cost totals \$23,593. Cost will be allocated as follows: Weed and Seed at 63%, City of Omaha (including the Omaha Police Department) at 37%.</p> <p>Budget Detail Section: A1, B1, G1, G2, H3, I1 Match: A9-A12, B2-B7, I2, G1, G2,</p>