



City of Topeka, Kansas
Department of Neighborhood Relations

Stages of Resource Targeting Application Workshop

Four Guiding Principles of SORT

- Provide Noticeable Neighborhood Impacts
- Improve the Quality of Life of Residents
- Enhance Resident Wealth and Community Wealth
- Invest Budgeted Tax Dollars Effectively and Efficiently

Investment Strategy

- Most Critical Need Based
- Prior Neighborhood Investment/Involvement
- Reasonable Chance of Success
- Resident & Property Owner Desire
- Transitional Change
- Private Sector Appeal

Three SORT Stages

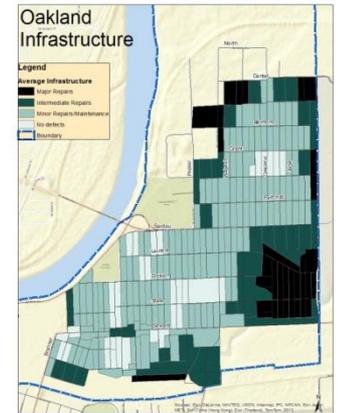
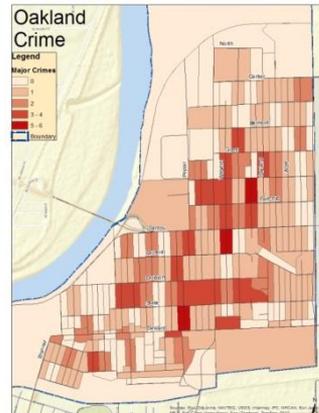
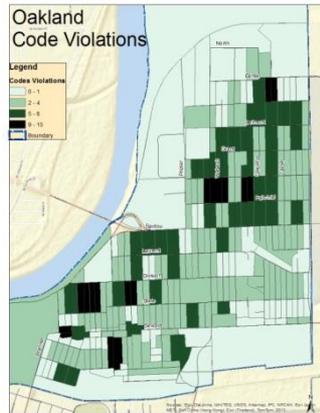
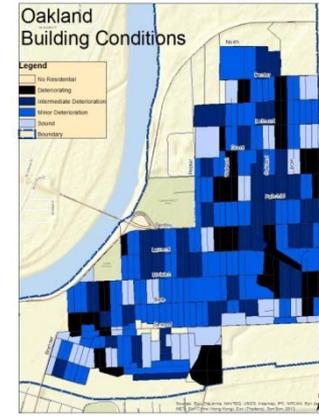
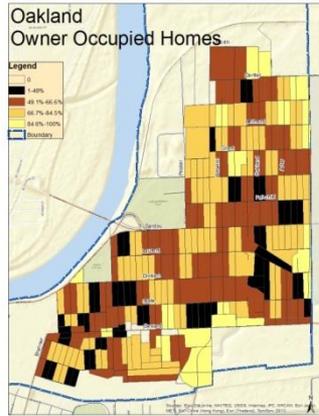
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- Stage II – Design
- Stage III – Implementation & Investment



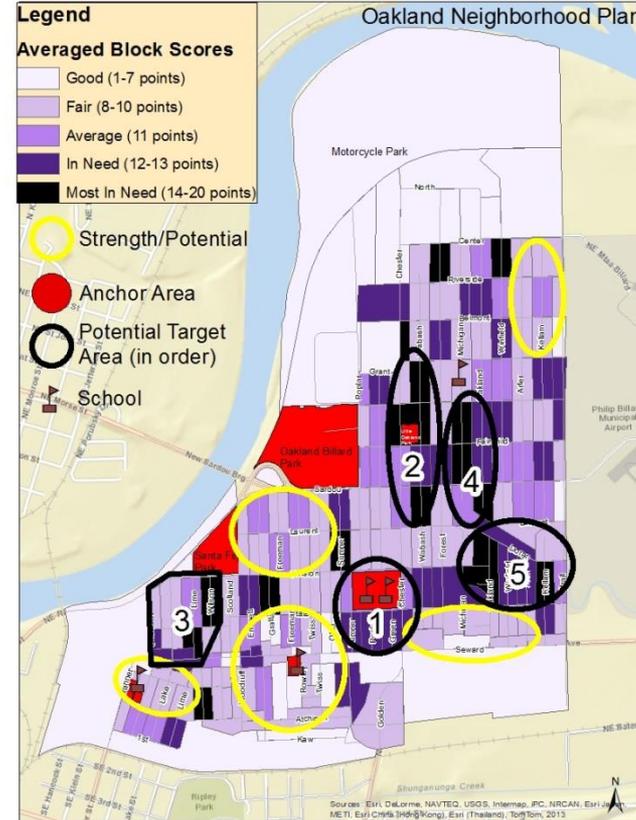
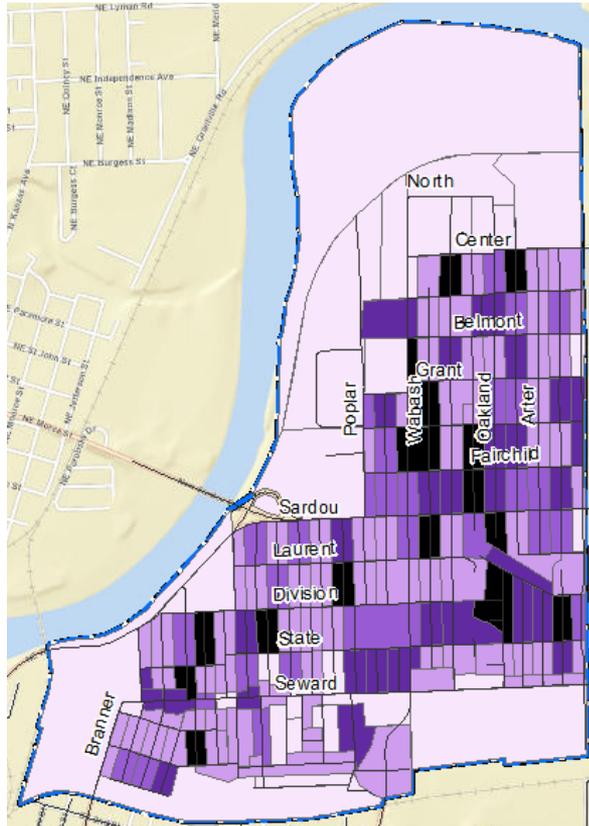
Planning

- Neighborhood Planning
 - Create a Neighborhood Plan
 - Refine existing Plan
 - Identification of needs and potential resources
- Establishment of Target Areas
 - Primary & Secondary
 - Infrastructure projects

Potential Target Areas



Potential Target Areas



CENTRAL PARK PRIMARY TARGET AREA



Legend

- Ownership, Central Park
- Rent, Central Park
- ▭ Primary, Central Park
- ▭ Parcels



Map produced by:
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Design Stage

- “Design Stage” sets the tone for collaboration
 - Existing housing repair begins
 - Homeowner/Rental/Exterior Rehabilitation
 - Voluntary demolition
 - Design of Infrastructure Improvements begins
 - **Public Works:** Streets, alleys, curb and gutter, sidewalks & accessibility improvements, utility improvements
 - **SNCO Parks & Recreation:** Park improvements











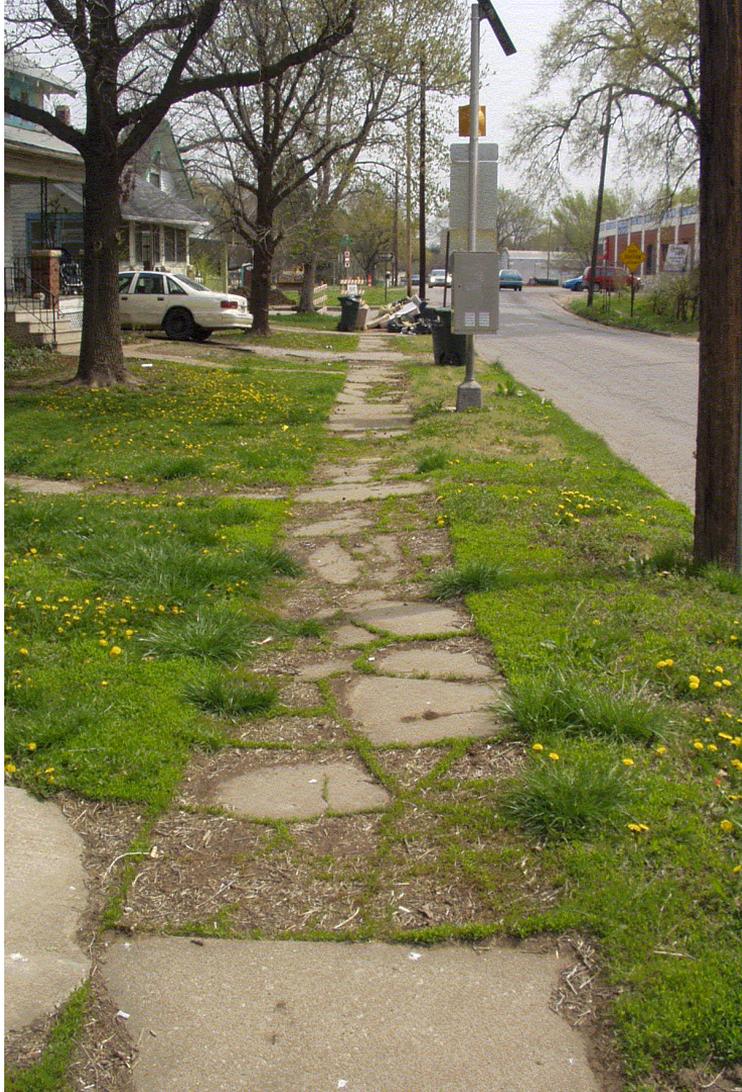
Alley off 12th Street



Alley off Huntoon







Investment Stage & Beyond

- “Implementation and Investment Stage” – timing is critical
 - Completion of Housing Rehab Activation activities
 - Infill development
 - Homeownership opportunities
 - Property Maintenance
 - Public Improvements begin – streets/sidewalks, parks, etc.
- Beyond SORT
 - Empowerment





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Recognizable Differences

- Reversed the trend of disinvestment
- Created personal & community wealth
- Enhanced neighborhood pride
- Improved quality of life
- Sustainability (Neighborhoods & homes)

Past and Present

- ▶ 2004 – 2005
 - Monroe
 - East Topeka South
 - Tennessee Town
- ▶ 2006 – 2007
 - Chesney Park
 - East Topeka North
 - Hi-Crest
 - Historic Old Town
- ▶ 2008 – 2009
 - Central Park
 - Historic Holliday Park
- ▶ 2009 – 2011
 - Chesney Park
 - Ward Meade
- ▶ 2011 – 2013
 - Central Highland Park
 - Hi-Crest
- ▶ 2013 – 2015
 - Historic North Topeka East
 - Oakland
- ▶ 2015 – 2017
 - North Topeka West
 - Hi-Crest



Application Overview

2017 Planning / 2018 & 2019 Funding

Application Process

- Application packet mailed May 27, 2016
 - Application Workshop
 - Technical Assistance
- Applications due to DNR November 21, 2016 @ 5pm
- Citizen Advisory Council select two Target Area NIAs on December 7th
- City Council approval January 2017

SORT Application

- Neighborhood Characteristics
 - Health map & block groups
 - Neighborhood plan
 - Priority investment area
 - Previous SORT designation

**City of Topeka, Housing & Neighborhood Development
Stages of Resource Targeting (SORT) Application**

Applicant Information

NIA: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: Topeka State: KS Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Application instructions: Provide detailed answers to each of the following questions. This format should be used for the basis of your presentation to the Citizen's Advisory Council in December.

Neighborhood Characteristics

1a. Attach color health map showing the specific boundaries and Census Block Groups of your NIA. Indicate any Block Group(s) that should be considered for SORT funding. (contact Planning Department for map: Susan Hanzlik or Bill Fiander at 368-3728)

1b. Do you have a Neighborhood Plan? When was the plan last updated?

2. How is your neighborhood or sub-neighborhood area ranked as a **Priority Investment Area** in the Neighborhood Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan (contact Planning Department: Susan Hanzlik or Bill Fiander at 368-3728)?

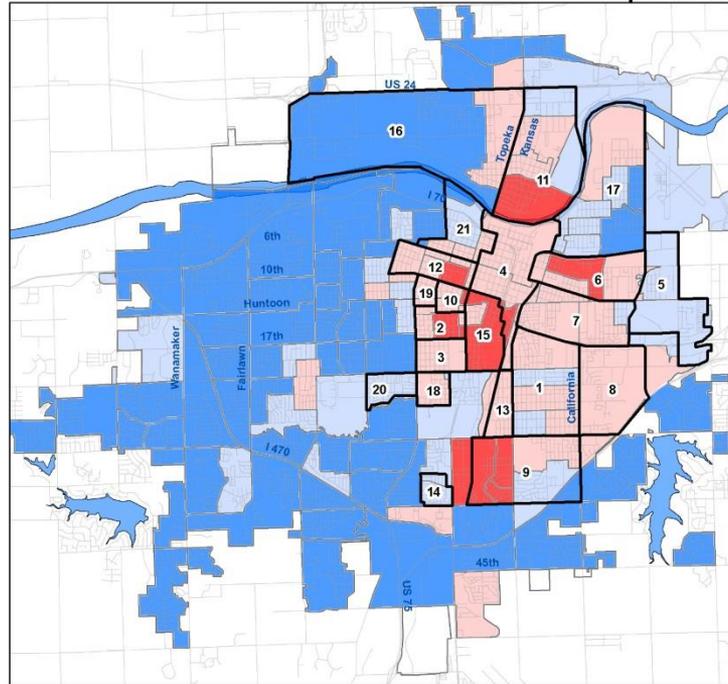
Low
Average
Above Average
High

3. Has your NIA previously been designated as a SORT Target Area?
 Yes, if so Year(s) and Block Groups?: _____ No

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City of Topeka Neighborhood Health 2014

Composite Map



NIAs

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Central Highland Park | 12. Historic Old Town |
| 2. Central Park | 13. Jefferson Square |
| 3. Chesney Park | 14. Likins Foster |
| 4. Downtown | 15. Monroe |
| 5. East End | 16. North Topeka West |
| 6. East Topeka North | 17. Oakland |
| 7. East Topeka South | 18. Quinton Heights Steele |
| 8. Highland Acres | 19. Tennessee Town |
| 9. Highland Crest | 20. Valley Park |
| 10. Historic Holliday Park | 21. Ward Meade |
| 11. Historic North Topeka East | |

Health Status

- Healthy
- Out Patient
- At Risk
- Intensive Care
- City Limits

SORT Application

- Neighborhood Needs
 - What are the needs
 - Existing positive features
 - Potential limitations

Neighborhood Needs

4. What are the needs of your neighborhood, as identified in your adopted Neighborhood Plan and/or other process you have completed?

5. Describe the existing positive features of the neighborhood which, if enhanced, would positively impact the neighborhood (include any recent or potential investment/development that SORT efforts could capitalize on).

6. Describe any potential limitations to successfully revitalize your neighborhood.

Impact and Benefits

7. Why are you applying for SORT assistance?

8. What changes do you want to see take place in your neighborhood? Include general changes as well as any specific changes to public/private areas of your neighborhood.

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 - Why are you applying
 - What changes do you want
 - Beneficiaries and impact of future efforts

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SORT Application

- Capacity and Commitment
 - NIA SORT Committee
 - Revitalization strategies and previous implementation, OR
 - Previous activities
 - Evidence of follow through

9. Describe the beneficiaries and impact of your future efforts.

Capacity and Commitment

10. Has the NIA established a SORT committee? List the members of the committee and any positions they hold with the NIA?

11a. Briefly discuss the revitalization strategies of your Neighborhood Plan and any activities your NIA or others have undertaken to implement recommendations of your plan?

11b. For NIA's without an existing Neighborhood Plan, what activities have you undertaken or will take to guide the creation of a Neighborhood Plan next year?

12. What has your NIA done in the past that would indicate you could follow through with the activities required during the full three year timeframe required of a SORT Target Area?

Respectfully Submitted

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____

Title _____

Next Steps

- Establish SORT Committee
- Technical assistance
- Submissions are due November 21st by 5pm
- CAC Selection, Wednesday, December 7th, 6:30pm
- City Council approval, January 2017

Questions & More Information

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