

Bottineau Neighborhood Neighborhood Action Plan Phase II

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Contained in these pages is the culmination of over 10 months of dedicated work by BNA to gather goals, concerns, and ideas for improving our great neighborhood. Residents, property owners, and people who work in the neighborhood have put in over 300 person hours at meetings inside and outside (and once in the rain), talked with BNA staff and Board members during over 50 hours of door-knocking, responded to surveys, and participated in two neighborhood-wide reviews of the developing Neighborhood Action Plan.



On behalf of the residents, property owners, and those employed
in the Bottineau Neighborhood, this plan is

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By the Bottineau Neighborhood Association

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Executive Summary

The Bottineau neighborhood began its NRP involvement in 1995 when the neighborhood's Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP) was approved. This plan infused the neighborhood with over \$1.5 million. Due to good stewardship of these funds and successful partnerships, the neighborhood has been able to create substantial improvements in the neighborhood. These include nine years of various home improvement programs; creation of a new park; replacement of playground equipment; retention of Eastside Neighborhood Services, with the creation of a bike path that will cross Northeast Minneapolis; and much more.

A major obstacle in being able to continue work on this scale is the fact that the funding allocation for the neighborhood in Phase II is only \$224,000. BNA has purposely not fully defined the actions contained in this NAP. Instead of 'doing' these actions 'for' the neighborhood, we will approach implementation from a more asset/interest-based methodology and 'do' these actions 'with' the neighborhood. Continuing neighborhood involvement in action development, implementation, and review is necessary not only to complete these actions, but also to strengthen the neighborhood by providing ongoing opportunities for new experiences, training, learning and interaction – all vital for a strong neighborhood and city.

The area of highest priority, the Community & Environment Section seeks to improve the wellness of people in the neighborhood and the neighborhood itself. The actions in this section approach implementation through the civic development of individuals, opportunities for neighbor to neighbor interaction, and both private and public partnerships for neighborhood infrastructure improvements and pollution reduction.

The actions included in the Housing Section address both sides of the neighborhood residential equation: owner-occupied and rental properties. Improvement funds will be available for both owner-occupants and landlords. BNA will use the resources of Inspections and the Police Department to build the capacity of owner-occupants, renters, and landlords to be more secure, accountable and engaged neighbors. The NAP also supports new owner-occupied housing at a density and scale appropriate to the neighborhood.

The Safety & Traffic actions are related to the Community and Environment goal and objectives. However, unlike the Community & Environment actions, the actions in this section all share a safety and/or security aspect and are generally of a more personal nature. Some of the actions encourage improvements that individuals can make. Others address safety on a larger scale through design issues (lighting and traffic management).

The strongest theme in the Commercial section of this NAP is to build a stronger relationship with the business community. The plan suggests ways both the neighborhood and business can benefit from working together and supporting each other to address neighborhood issues.

The last section of the NAP addresses the Administrative needs of BNA. BNA will retain staff and/or consultants to continue to engage the neighborhood in the ongoing work of implementing the actions in this plan. One major part of this work is to develop a master plan for the

neighborhood that will provide guidance for planning and development issues at the neighborhood level and inform City, County and State policy makers of the outcomes desired by the neighborhood.

Lastly, within the text of this NAP, there are listed references to goals contained in the Minneapolis Plan and the Minneapolis City Goals. After many NAP Objectives, we have identified the Minneapolis City Goal(s) they support with indicating a number in [#]. The Minneapolis Plan goals that are supported by the actions in this plan are indicated to the right of each action.

There is one very interesting observation about the neighborhood planning efforts and this plan. During the planning meetings, focus groups, neighborhood meetings and in planning related correspondence, the Minneapolis City Goals and those found in the Minneapolis Plan were not explicitly mentioned, used to direct dialogue or even as a starting point for discussion. However, the goals, objectives and actions identified and created by the neighborhood are in many cases very similar to the goals adopted by the City.

Neighborhood Description

The Bottineau neighborhood is a small neighborhood located in Northeast Minneapolis. It is bounded by University Avenue on the east, Lowry Avenue on the north, 17th and 18th Avenues on the south, and the Mississippi River on the west. Both University and Lowry Avenues are major thoroughfares, carrying nearly 30,000 vehicles per day past the neighborhood. Additionally, Marshall Street, a designated truck route, runs through the neighborhood along the Mississippi River, and carries 9,500 additional vehicles each day. A Burlington Northern spur bisects the neighborhood and is infrequently used to service industry and commercial operations within and to the south of the neighborhood.

According to data from the 2000 Census, there are 590 housing units in the Bottineau neighborhood. The approximate average age of the residential structures is 64 years, and none have been built since 1994. Just less than half of these structures are single family homes and 36% are duplexes. Approximately 44% of those living in the neighborhood are renters.

Commercial property in Bottineau is located on the periphery of the neighborhood or along the rail spur that runs through the middle of the neighborhood. The businesses on the periphery of the neighborhood are heavily entertainment related (bars, restaurants, delis, etc.) but also include service businesses and some industry (most notably Packaging Corporation of America). The California Building is home to many artist studios, but is also home to some service related business (internet provider, magazine publisher, etc.).

Many of the blocks in the neighborhood are small and the rail spur creates a large uninterrupted area. Overall, the neighborhood covers about 24 'traditional-sized' city blocks. For the size of the neighborhood, Bottineau is rather unique. It has eight separate zoning categories (three residential (R2B to R6), two commercial, two industrial, and one office residential). It is home to three parks: Bottineau Park, with a community center, wading pool, ball fields, playground, and future skate park; Gluek Park, a dedicated bird and wildlife sanctuary; and Edgewater, one of Minneapolis' newest parks and historical interpretation site. It is also home to one church, a grain elevator and Eastside Neighborhood Services, a social service agency with a long tradition in the neighborhood. Having all these elements in such close proximity has created conflicts because the neighborhood landscape lacks any clear organizing elements.

The Bottineau neighborhood is much more diverse now than it was ten years ago. Again, according to 2000 census data, the Bottineau neighborhood now has 1,254 people living in 580 housing units. These are increases of 9% and 5% respectively from 1990. The shift in the racial demographics has been much more dramatic. The number of African-Americans increased 5%, Hispanic 9%, Native American 1% and Asian 3%, with a corresponding decrease of 18% the Caucasian population.

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Median family income also increased between 1990 and 2000 – much more than cost of living increases would have predicted. Even though the median family income increased by almost 90% in the last decade, it is still only 66% of the 2003 Metropolitan Medium Income (MMI = \$63,600).

Direct comparisons between 1990 and 2000 census data are difficult to make because the block groups in Hennepin County census tract 17 changed between the 1990 and 2000 census to better reflect neighborhood boundaries. In 1990, some of census tract 17 included blocks in the neighboring Holland neighborhood.

Another point that needs to be made is that since the 2000 census data was collected, the Bottineau neighborhood has had a couple of significant housing developments: Bottineau Commons, Bottineau Lofts, and two townhome developments. These developments have added 152 rental units and 26 owner-occupied units to the neighborhood. These are not factored into the 2000 Census data. If these units were to be added, the Bottineau neighborhood has had a 40% increase in the number of housing units and approximately a 46% increase in population. Many of the new residents at Bottineau Commons are recent Somali immigrants. Therefore, the neighborhood is even more diverse than the census would indicate. Of the new rental housing units, almost 81% are defined as affordable for families at 80% of MMI and lower.

Planning Process

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association began its Phase II NRP planning in late 2001 with a neighborhood survey to review the work it had completed during the first phase of NRP implementation. It wasn't until the spring of 2004 that BNA really began planning efforts for Phase II.

In April 2004, the NRP Policy Board approved the neighborhood's Participation Agreement - a document that outlines how the planning will be done and an estimated timeline. The BNA Board of Directors was to oversee the planning efforts with much of the development, outreach, and writing being done by BNA staff. Much of the planning work was to be done at the monthly BNA meetings with additional focus group meetings and surveys to supplement information gathering.

As early as the summer of 2004, it became clear that the proposed process for community involvement was not going to be sufficient. BNA submitted a proposal to the Greater Twin Cities United Way for additional funding to conduct more in depth community outreach. The United Way awarded BNA a \$2,250 grant.

BNA then took its planning efforts to the street, literally. The neighborhood was split into five small areas, each consisting of about five city blocks. Each area received notice of a neighborhood-planning meeting that was going to be held in a nearby yard, under tents. Each area was then door-knocked on multiple occasions in order to extend a personal invitation and to start gathering neighborhood input. Those attending were asked their opinions about what they liked about the neighborhood and ideas to strengthen these assets. They were also asked about their concerns and ideas about how to make improvements. The people in the area that could not attend the meeting received a return mail questionnaire that they could use to provide input. Addresses of those participating through meeting attendance, door-knocking responses, or through returned surveys were tracked. BNA staff and Board members conducted additional door-knocking efforts to get input from many of those who had not yet participated.

All the input was reviewed to identify common themes and ideas for neighborhood improvement. The themes, concerns, and ideas were organized into the Neighborhood Action plan (NAP) sections, goals, objectives and actions.

The first complete draft of the NAP was mailed to every household, business and property owner in the neighborhood in October 2004. Each person was able to have another chance to see and review how their input and the input from others had come together to create a plan for neighborhood improvement. A questionnaire was included that contained some directed questions and space for write in comments. The results of this questionnaire were reviewed by BNA staff and BNA Board. Some slight modifications to the NAP were made. After the BNA Board of Directors approved the plan, pending final neighborhood ratification, the NAP went to Legal Review. A notice of all plan changes was again mailed to everyone in March, 2005. This time BNA asked for final neighborhood ratification. Seven percent of all households responded with a 12:1 ratio in favor of the Neighborhood Action Plan.

Relation to Minneapolis City Goals

The Bottineau Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP) supports many of the Minneapolis City Goals. After most NAP Objectives, a number in square brackets is listed. Below are the Minneapolis City Goals that correspond to those numbers.

1. Build communities where all people feel safe and trust the City's public safety professionals and systems.
2. Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe City.
3. Deliver consistently high quality City services at a good value to our taxpayers.
4. Create an environment that maximizes economic development opportunities within Minneapolis by focusing on the City's physical and human assets.
5. Foster the development and preservation of a mix of quality housing types that is available, affordable, meets current needs, and promotes future growth.
6. Preserve and enhance our natural and historic environment and promote a clean, sustainable Minneapolis.
7. Promote public, community and private partnerships to address disparities and to support strong, healthy families and communities.
8. Strengthen City government management and enhance community engagement.

Source: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/goals

Community & Environment

Goal 1: Strengthen community through improvements to both the physical and social environments.

Objective A: Provide a means to implement and leverage additional resources for actions that improve the physical and/or social environments of the Bottineau neighborhood.

Action 1: BNA will create an implementation pool to directly fund and leverage additional resources for the implementation of actions contained in the Environment & Community section of the NAP.

Funding: NRP \$34,400

Timeline: 2005 – continuing

Contract Administration: NRP, Regulatory Services, MPRB, Public Works, Development Finance Division, Police, and others as identified.

Objective B: Increase the awareness of pollution affecting the neighborhood, health risks, and options to address concerns. [6]

Action 1: Partner with Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition, Minneapolis Environmental Management, MPCA, MN Dept of Health, and others to build on the environmental assessment work done by MCNC. BNA and its partners will work to further educate the neighborhood about polluted sites and current pollution concerns in the neighborhood, exposure risks and health effects, and what can be done to affect change. BNA will utilize printed media, publications and web site, meetings/workshops, press releases, and other options to complete this work. Types of pollution affecting the neighborhood include ground water and soil contaminants, air and noise pollution, and illegal dumping.

Funding: BNA – operating budget

NRP – to be determined

Timeline: 2005 -- continuing

Objective C: Reduce the amount of chemicals used in the environment. [6]

Action 1: BNA will promote more environmental friendly/less toxic options for pesticides, herbicides, and cleaning products. BNA will explore partnerships with large, neighborhood end-users to develop ways to increase their use of environmentally friendly, less toxic products.

Funding: BNA – operating budget

NRP – to be determined

Private Sources – to be determined

Timeline: 2005 – continuing

Action 2: BNA will promote the use of rain gardens, permeable surfaces, and other methods to reduce and filter rainwater runoff and snowmelt. NRP funds may be used to produce/distribute printed materials or sponsor workshops. BNA will explore partnerships with owners/managers of neighborhood properties with significant square feet of hard, non-porous surfaces (e.g. roofs and parking lots) to develop projects to reduce the amount of runoff that flows directly into the storm drain system. NRP funds may be used to assist in the implementation of these projects. Neighborhood funds are expected to be a minor contributor to the overall project costs and will not be used for any ongoing expense (e.g. maintenance).

Funding: BNA – operating budget

NRP – to be determined

Private Sources – to be determined

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Minneapolis Plan Goal
7.8

Minneapolis Plan Goal
7.8

Minneapolis Plan Goals
7.4, 7.5, 7.8, 7.12

Section I: Community & Environment

Objective D: Increase the awareness of and access to the arts in the community. [7]

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.5, 6.5, 6.6

Action 1: Partner with the Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA) to increase communication of and about the arts in the community through various media and incorporate public art in neighborhood sponsored projects and events. BNA and NEMAA will also develop additional partnerships with area schools and other organizations to inclusively engage the community in a greater expression of experiences through the arts. NRP funds may be used for administrative purposes to publicize and carry out art related community events and for artistic and cultural educational programs.

Funding: BNA – operating budget
 NRP – to be determined
 NEMAA – operating budget
 Other – to be determined

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Objective E: Increase opportunities for active and passive recreation. [2]

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.3, 1.4, 6.3

Action 1: Partner with Bottineau Park staff and NE Boosters to periodically assess the needs of the neighborhood through surveys, questionnaires, and/or meetings, and to make appropriate programmatic changes. NRP funding may be utilized if costs for programmatic changes exceed normal operating budgets. The use of NRP funds is limited to initial materials and equipment costs and is contingent upon matching MPRB funds.

Funding: BNA – operating budget
 Bottineau Park – operating budget
 NE Boosters – operating budget
 NRP – to be determined
 MPRB – to be determined

Timeline: 2005 – continuing

Minneapolis Plan Goals
6.1, 6.4

Action 2: BNA will work with MPRB to increase the range of recreational activities available in neighborhood parks through redesign, construction, and redevelopment opportunities. The improvements sought will be appropriate to both intent and scale of the overall development. NRP funds may be used for property acquisition, design work, construction, or other related expenses. NRP funds are contingent upon matching funds from MPRB or other sources.

Funding: NRP – to be determined
 MPRB – to be determined
 Other – to be determined

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Section I: Community & Environment

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.2, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4,
9.3

Action 3: BNA will work with MPRB, Public Works, private landowners, and others to build and/or designate additional community space and bike/walking paths throughout the neighborhood to increase opportunities for interaction and connections with existing and future pathway systems. NRP funds may be used for signage, surface (street/sidewalk) repair/replacement, property acquisition, demolition, construction, or other public improvements directly related to any projects. NRP funds used for these projects will be contingent upon matching funding from other sources.

Funding: NRP – to be determined
Public Works – to be determined
MPRB – to be determined
Other – to be determined
Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Objective F: Improve access to and appreciation of the Mississippi River. [6]

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.7, 6.1, 6.6

Action 1: Engage MPRB, private landowners, and other agencies/organizations to build infrastructure that will provide long term access to the water of the Mississippi River. Improvements may include accessible walking paths, public art, fishing piers, shoreline trails, interpretive and/or historical markers, and other public works. NRP funds might be used for acquisition and preparation of site(s), infrastructure improvements, and other public improvements directly related to the project.

Funding: NRP – to be determined
MPRB – to be determined
Other – to be determined
Timeline: current – ongoing

Objective G: Increase the awareness of the long and diverse history of the neighborhood. [6]

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.1, 1.7, 1.8

Action 1: BNA will pursue various projects that research, document, and highlight different aspects of neighborhood history. Projects may range from historical research on particular properties, the continuation of BNA's Oral History Project, interpretive/informational kiosks, incorporation of historically accurate elements in neighborhood-sponsored projects, and more.

Funding: BNA – operating budget
NRP – to be determined
Other – to be determined
Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Objective H: Reduce the amount of trash in the neighborhood. [6]

Minneapolis Plan Goal
7.8

Action 1: BNA will promote Minneapolis' Clean City program and the Adopt a Litter Container Program through the Bottineau Gazette and meetings. BNA may consider using NRP funds to partially offset any costs that might be incurred by residents/businesses.

Funding: NRP – to be determined
BNA – operating budget
Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Section I: Community & Environment

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.1, 7.8

Action 2: BNA will promote and/or sponsor periodic clean up efforts in the neighborhood. Block Clubs and the general neighborhood will be invited to participate in 'Clean Up Day' projects. NRP funds may be used for supplies, hauling services, and outreach.

Funding: NRP – to be determined
BNA – operating budget
Timeline: 2005 - ongoing

Objective I: Increase opportunities for people in the neighborhood to develop connections, increase cultural and ethnic awareness, and become active in neighborhood issues. [1,8]

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.1, 1.8

Action 1: BNA will incorporate more opportunities for relationship building into its meeting schedule. BNA will also explore sponsoring additional neighborhood events that highlight the diverse nature of the community. NRP funds may be used for facility/equipment rental, contract services, and outreach.

Funding: NRP – to be determined
BNA – operating budget
Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Objective J: Increase the number of Block Clubs. [1]

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.1, 1.9, 1.10

Action 1: BNA will work with 2nd Precinct Lieutenant and Sector 1 Crime Prevention Specialist to conduct significant outreach to neighborhood residents and develop additional methods for including residents of large apartment buildings in an ongoing effort to organize block clubs in the neighborhood. NRP funds may be used for additional operational costs associated with this outreach (organizer wages, printing, etc.). The Precinct will provide support for printing, block club leader training, and other outreach efforts.

Funding: Police Department – normal budget
NRP – to be determined
BNA – operating budget
Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Objective K: Increase the effectiveness of communications with the neighborhood. [8]

Minneapolis Plan Goal
1.1

Action 1: BNA will enhance its communication methods with the neighborhood to support all areas of the NAP, keep the neighborhood informed of issues, and increase the capacity of the neighborhood for civic engagement.

Some already identified improvements include:

- A greater internet presence (more neighborhood information available)
- Electronic versions of flyers and newsletters,
- A newsletter column for and by neighborhood youth,
- Columns about gardening,
- More neighbor contributed articles,
- Increased neighborhood access to and training for technology, and
- Information translated into other languages (Spanish and Somali)

NRP funds may be used for printing, distribution, translating and design services, training, equipment, and outreach.

Funding: BNA – operating budget
NRP – to be determined
Other – to be determined
Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Housing

Goal 1: Continue to improve the quality of neighborhood housing.

Objective A: Provide resources for support of neighborhood housing projects.

Action 1: Establish a funding resource to be utilized for the furtherance of the housing and housing related actions contained in the Bottineau Neighborhood Action Plan.

Funding: NRP \$145,600

Timeline: 2005

Contract Administration: NRP, Inspections, Development Finance Division, CPED, and others as identified.

Objective B: Improve the quality of neighborhood residential property.

[5]

Action 1: Implement a focused, improvement program for residential properties. The primary focus of this program will be on improvements that:

- Contribute to the improved health and wellness of the occupants (lead removal – paint and plumbing, asbestos abatement, etc.),
- Improve the operating efficiency of the structure (insulation, high efficiency furnace, window replacement, etc.),
- Bring the property toward code compliance (structural, electrical, etc.), and
- Improve the accessibility and livability for occupants of all ages and abilities (hand-rails, stair climbers, etc.).
- Address substandard conditions caused by age, damage, or deferred maintenance (peeling paint, missing shingles, etc.)

The secondary focus of the program will be on historic, exterior improvements/restorations (colors, materials, architecture, etc.). Implementation of this action may include participation in the established NRP Housing Funds.

Funding: NRP – to be determined

Timeline: 2005

Action 2: Work with neighborhood residents and Minneapolis Inspections to identify residential properties most in need of repair and work with the property owner(s) to identify the factor(s) contributing to the status of the property and develop a plan for making necessary repairs. Assistance provided might be in finding funding (NRP, CPED, MHFA, etc.), labor (Habitat for Humanity, MN Council of Churches Paint-a-Thon, etc), or other needed resources.

Funding: Minneapolis Inspections – normal budget

BNA – operational budget

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Minneapolis Plan Goals
4.12, 4.16

Minneapolis Plan Goals
4.12, 4.16

Section II: Housing

Objective C: Encourage well maintained and managed rental property. [5]

Minneapolis Plan Goals
4.12, 4.16

Action 1: BNA partner with the 2nd Precinct Lieutenant and Sector 1 Crime prevention Specialist to continue to provide resource information to neighborhood rental property owners through the Bottineau Gazette, and work with neighborhood rental property owners to identify specific needs and develop/sponsor training workshops.

Funding: Police Department – normal budget
BNA – operational budget
NRP – to be determined
Timeline: current – ongoing

Minneapolis Plan Goals
4.12, 4.16

Action 2: Work with neighborhood tenants, rental property owners and Minneapolis Inspections to identify and correct housing code violations in neighborhood rental property through a comprehensive review of neighborhood rental property. BNA will work with rental property owners to address any violations by helping identify and secure the necessary resources (funding, labor, etc.) to correct the problem(s).

Funding: Minneapolis Inspections – normal budget
BNA – operational budget
Timeline: 2005

Objective D: Support the development of new owner-occupied housing. [5]

Minneapolis Plan Goals
4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12,
4.14, 4.15, 4.16, 9.5,
9.6, 9.8

Action 1: Identify opportunities for the creation of new owner-occupied residential properties that will improve housing options for neighborhood residents and maintain the character of the neighborhood housing stock. BNA will consider dedicating NRP funds to acquire and prepare site(s); acquire, construct, or rehabilitate housing; or make public improvements directly related to the housing. Terms and conditions of funding will be determined on a case by case basis, encourage owner-occupancy, maintain current residential density, and support other areas of this NAP.

Funding: NRP – to be determined
Other – to be determined (private and/or public)
Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Safety & Traffic

Goal 1: Improve personal safety and security in the neighborhood.

Objective A: Provide sufficient resources to leverage additional funding and implement safety improvement actions.

Action 1: BNA will allocate NRP funds for the completion of Safety & Traffic actions contained in the NAP.

Funding: NRP \$8,600

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing (as funding is available)

Contract Administration: NRP, Public Works, Development Finance Division, and others as identified.

Objective B: Reduce the likelihood of burglary and other property crimes. [1]

Action 1: BNA will implement a small grant program for neighborhood property owners who participate in a Home Security Analysis conducted by 2nd Precinct Lieutenant and Sector 1 Crime Prevention Specialist. NRP funds will be used to rebate a percentage of the costs of added security improvements as a result of the Home Security Analysis. BNA will implement this program.

Funding: Police Department – normal budget

NRP – to be determined

BNA – operational budget

Other – to be determined

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing (as funds are available)

Objective C: Improve neighborhood lighting. [1,6]

Action 1: BNA will develop a comprehensive street lighting plan for the neighborhood that provides sufficient lighting to maintain safety in the neighborhood, incorporates ornamental/historic lighting elements, promotes a pedestrian scale, keeps special assessments and light pollution to a minimum, and is consistent with the Minneapolis Street Lighting Policy. NRP funds might be used to offset a portion of the special assessments to affected properties.

Funding: NRP – to be determined

Other – to be determined (special assessments)

Timeline: 2005 – continuing

Objective D: Improve neighborhood sight lines. [1]

Action 1: BNA will work with neighborhood residents, property owners, and 2nd Precinct to identify areas of the neighborhood where fences, vegetation, structures, or other impediments reduce visibility and provide a 'place' for illegal and undesired activity and make recommendations specific to each location. BNA will encourage property owners to make modifications to correct the issue(s). Areas of particular concerns are busy intersections, neighborhood public spaces, and neighborhood destinations (restaurants, bars, stores, etc.). NRP funds might be available for identified modifications through other NRP funded actions (home/commercial improvement, security improvements, etc.)

Funding: Police Department – normal budget

BNA – operating budget

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.9, 1.10

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.9, 1.10, 1.12

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.9, 1.10, 9.17

Section III: Safety & Traffic

Objective E: Build neighborhood capacity to identify and report criminal activity. [1]

Minneapolis Plan Goal
1.10

Action 1: BNA will work with the Minneapolis Police Department to increase neighborhood resident ability to better identify criminal/suspicious activity and what information is helpful for police and how to report the activity and maintain personal safety. Educational flyers and/or training classes will be utilized.

Funding: BNA – operational budget
Police Department – normal budget

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Objective F: Reduce outdoor property crimes and enhance business district safety. [1]

Minneapolis Plan Goal
1.9, 1.10, 1.11

Action 1: Action: In Cooperation with Windom Park, Holland, Waite Park, Nicollet Island, East Bank, North East Park, St. Anthony East, Audubon, and Bottineau will provide funding to the 2nd Precinct to pay for police time for these activities between April 20th and December 31st of 2004.

Funding: COPS (NRP): \$7321.87

Timeline: 2005

Objective G: Increase neighborhood safety by reducing speeding, traffic volumes, non-neighborhood traffic (including truck traffic), and traffic noise. [1, 2]

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.9, 1.10, 1.11, 1.12,
8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.11

Action 1: In consultation with Minneapolis Public Works and bordering neighborhoods, BNA will conduct a comprehensive traffic study to more fully understand patterns and identify causes of neighborhood perceptions.

Funding: NRP – to be determined
Minneapolis Public Works – to be determined
Other Neighborhoods – to be determined

Timeline: 2005

Action 2: In cooperation with other neighborhoods, Minneapolis Public Works and other potential partners (e.g. Hennepin County, MNDOT), BNA will work to implement a variety of solutions to address issues identified in the traffic study. NRP funds may be used for increased signage, physical modifications to streets (medians, chokers, etc), increased enforcement, and other potential solutions.

Funding: NRP – to be determined
Minneapolis Public Works – to be determined

Timeline: 2005 (post analysis)

Commercial

Goal 1: Enhance the commercial environment to better meet neighborhood needs.

Objective A: Provide resources for ongoing support of neighborhood commercial projects.

Action 1: BNA will create a funding pool for the implementation of commercial actions contained in the NAP.

Funding: NRP \$15,200

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Contract Administration: NRP, CPED, and others as identified.

Objective B: Promote continued improvements to commercial property.

Action 1: BNA will consider continued funding of the neighborhood's existing commercial improvement program. The program will focus on improvements that will improve accessibility, operating efficiency of the structure, security, and other exterior improvements that reflect the history of the neighborhood.

Funding: NRP – to be determined

Private Investment – to be determined

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing (as funds are available)

Objective C: Increase the business community's understanding of neighborhood issues and needs. [8]

Action 1: BNA will develop a relationship with neighborhood and area businesses to encourage a dialogue about neighborhood concerns and needs and ways they can help to address and meet them.

Funding: BNA – general operation budget

Timeline: ongoing

Objective D: Encourage neighborhood support of local businesses.

Action 1: BNA will work with neighborhood businesses to increase their presence and better market their products and services to neighborhood residents through the Bottineau Gazette and other means.

Funding: NRP – to be determined

BNA – general operation budget

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Objective E: Support new and/or expanding businesses that meet neighborhood needs.

Action 1: BNA will consider support for various permits, variance requests, and other regulatory requirements that may be needed. BNA will consider providing funding for new, relocating and/or expanding, locally owned businesses that meet neighborhood needs not adequately met by the existing business community. NRP funds may be used for property acquisition, start-up funds, construction, or other eligible expenses. Terms and conditions will be determined on a case by case basis. NRP funds used for non-public improvements (e.g. start-up costs) will be repaid. NRP funds are expected to be a minor contributor to the overall costs associated.

Funding: NRP – to be determined

Other – to be determined

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.9, 1.10, 2.8, 4.5

Minneapolis Plan Goals
1.4, 4.3, 4.5

Minneapolis Plan Goal
1.4

Minneapolis Plan Goals
9.23, 9.24, 9.29

Administration

Goal 1: Fully implement all actions contained in the NAP

Objective A: Provide operational support for the development and implementation of actions contained in the NAP. [8]

Action 1: BNA will utilize NRP funds to pay administrative costs incurred while supporting the neighborhood effort to develop and implement activities in the NAP. Funds may be used for salaries, general operating expenses, outside expertise, and program costs.

Funding: NRP \$20,269 (\$7,900 of Participation Agreement funding is included in this figure.)

CPED – as available

Other – as available

Timeline: 2005 (ongoing)

Contract Administration: NRP and others as identified.

Objective B: Provide a developmental framework to inform the work and policies of the neighborhood. [8]

Action 1: BNA will develop a neighborhood comprehensive master plan that will identify the outcomes desired by the neighborhood, support and inform the policies of The Minneapolis Plan, and provide detailed policy guidance for planning and development issues at the neighborhood level. NRP funds may be used for community involvement activities, consulting, and other expenses directly related to this project.

Funding: BNA – operating budget

Other – to be determined

Timeline: 2005

Minneapolis Plan Goals
9.18, 9.19

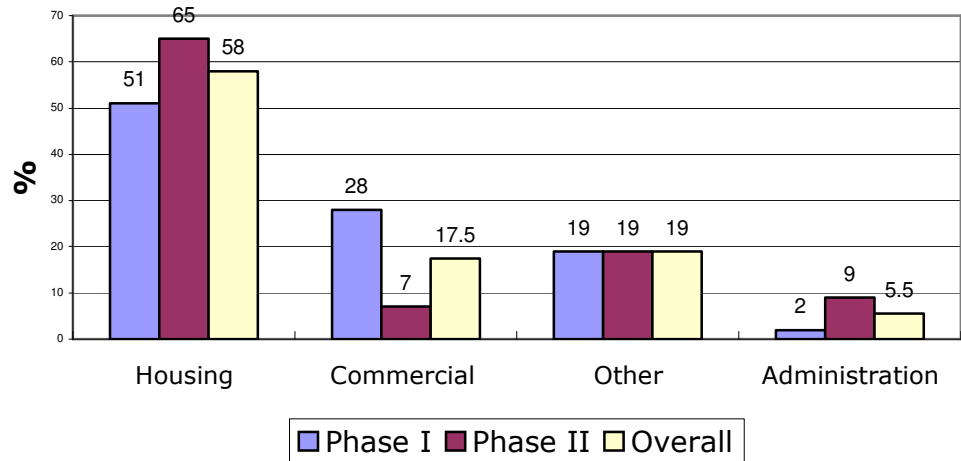
Section VI: NRP Spending

Phase I: \$1,545,666
 Phase II: 224,069
 \$1,769,735

'Housing' spending does not include that portion of Administration funding used for coordination and implementation of housing programs.

'Other' includes expenditures for environment, safety, community events, parks, lighting, transportation, etc.

NRP Spending



Phase II Allocation Detail

Activity	Early Access (2003-04)		2005		NRP Phase II Total
	NRP Housing	NRP Other	NRP Housing	NRP Other	
Community and Environment (page 9)					
1. Implementation of Community and Environment Strategies				34,400	34,400
Housing (page 13)					
1. Implementation of Housing Strategies			145,600		145,600
Safety & Traffic (page 15)					
1. Implementation of Safety & Traffic Strategies				8,600	8,600
2. Community Oriented Public Safety Initiative		see below*			
Commercial (page 17)					
1. Implementation of Commercial Strategies				15,200	15,200
Administration (page 18)					
1. Implementation Coordinator and Support		7,900		12,300	20,200
TOTAL	0	7,900	145,600	70,500	224,000
Early Access Approved	7,900		0		7,900
Total Action Plan Request	7,900		216,100		224,000
Approved COPSI Reserve Fund *	7,321.87				7,321.87
Administrative Funds in Plan	7,900		12,300		20,200
Administrative Funds for Housing					14,431
Total Housing Allocation					160,031
Amount Available (70%) in 1st 3 Years	7,900		148,900		156,800

