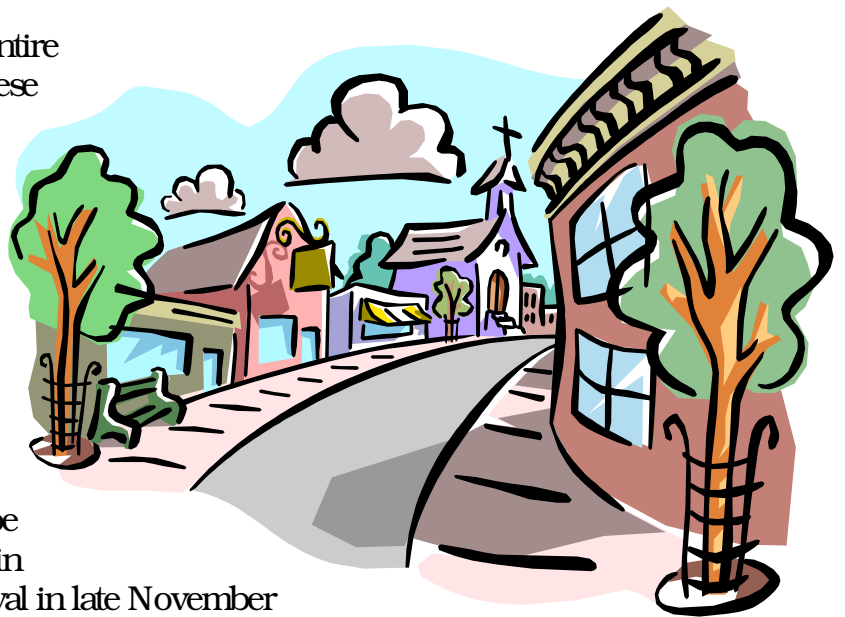


Dear Bottineau Neighbor:

Inside these pages you will find the result of direct feedback from over 10% of the entire neighborhood population. This input was gathered through BNA meetings, meetings held in the neighborhood under tents (and once in the rain), surveys, and over 50 hours of person to person contact through door-knocking by both BNA staff and its Board of Directors. Over the past eight months, neighborhood residents have put in over 200 hours discussing, planning and dreaming about ways to make Bottineau a stronger neighborhood.

We are excited to present this plan to you. This Neighborhood Action contains both assets and concerns that you identified along with your ideas about how to strengthen this great neighborhood. The plan is a framework for improvements, many of the specifics still will have to be defined. This is where your time, energy and expertise are still needed. BNA will provide staff and other support for several committees to continue this work.

The purpose of this mailing is to give the entire neighborhood another chance to review these ideas and actions and to provide additional comments and ideas. Please take the time to read through all that is included and fill out the Questionnaire insert. Your responses will help ensure that the plan accurately reflects neighborhood views. We will also be incorporating feedback from City attorneys regarding the legality of spending neighborhood NRP funds on actions identified in these pages. You will be notified of any changes in another mailing in preparation for a full neighborhood approval in late November or early December.



If you would like to talk to someone directly about anything in this plan, please contact the BNA office at 612-782-2145 or by email at bnabottineau@bottineauneighborhood.org. The Board of Directors and BNA staff will also be available to answer any questions at the Family Pumpkin Carving Night on Thursday, October 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Bottineau Park.

Thank you all for your dedication and commitment to the neighborhood. We look forward to your continued involvement in making these things happen.

BNA Board of Directors

Community & Environment

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

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

Action: 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

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

Action: Partner with MCNC, 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: Reduce the amount of chemicals added to the environment.

Action: 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: 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

BNA sponsored rain gardens will incorporate design elements and plant selection in order to maintain a 'well-kept' appearance, not impede sight lines, and enhance access to public spaces (e.g. parks, paths, sidewalks, etc.).

Objective: Increase the awareness of and access to the arts in the community.

Action: 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 outreach, exhibit sponsorship, and other eligible project costs.

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

Objective: Increase opportunities for active and passive recreation.

Action: 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

Action: 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

Action: 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 in an efforts 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

Community & Environment (continued)

Objective: Improve access to and appreciation of the Mississippi River.

Action: 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: Increase the awareness of the long and diverse history of the neighborhood.

Action: 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: Reduce the amount of trash in the neighborhood.

Action: 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

Action: 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: Increase opportunities for people in the neighborhood to develop connections, increase cultural and ethnic awareness, and become active in neighborhood issues.

Action: 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: Increase the number of Block Clubs.

Action: BNA will work with CCP/SAFE 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.). CCP/SAFE will provide support for printing, block club leader training, and other outreach efforts.

Funding: Minneapolis Police – normal budget

NRP – to be determined

BNA – operating budget

Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Objective: Increase the effectiveness of communications with the neighborhood.

Action: 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: Continue to improve the quality of neighborhood housing.

Objective: Provide resources for support of neighborhood housing projects.

Action: 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

Objective: Improve the quality of neighborhood residential property.

Action: Implement a focused, low interest loan 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 dimbers, etc.).

The secondary focus of the program will be on historic, exterior improvements/restorations (colors, materials, architecture, etc.).

Funding: NRP – to be determined

Timeline: 2005

BNA proposes to recapture some amount of loan principle in order to provide long-term funding for actions in this plan.

Housing (continued)

Action: Work with neighborhood residents and Minneapolis Inspections to identify the neighborhood 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

Objective: Encourage well maintained and managed rental property.

Action: BNA partner with the Police and CCP/SAFE 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 (CCP/SAFE) – normal budget
BNA – operational budget
NRP – to be determined
Timeline: current – ongoing

Action: 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: Support the development of new owner-occupied housing.

Action: Identify opportunities for the creation of new owner-occupied residential properties that will improve housing options for neighborhood residents and maintain the character of 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: Improve personal safety and security in the neighborhood.

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

Action: BNA will allocated NRP funds to be utilized for the completion of Safety & Traffic actions contained in the NAP.
Funding: NRP \$8,600
Timeline: 2005 – ongoing (as funding is available)

Objective: Reduce the likelihood of burglary and other property crimes.

Action: BNA will implement a small grant program for neighborhood property owners who participate in a Home Security Analysis conducted by CCP/SAFE. NRP funds will be used to provide a rebate of a percentage of the costs of added security improvements as a result of the Home Security Analysis. BNA will implement this program.

Funding: CCP/SAFE – normal budget
NRP – to be determined
BNA – operational budget
Other – to be determined
Timeline: 2005 – ongoing (as funds are available)

Objective: Improve neighborhood lighting.

Action: 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 to a minimum, and is consistent with the Minneapolis Street Lighting Policy. NRP funds might be used to offset the amount of special assessments to affected properties.

Funding: NRP – to be determined
Other – to be determined (special assessments)
Timeline: 2005 – continuing

Objective: Improve neighborhood sight lines.

Action: BNA will work with neighborhood residents, property owners, and police to identify areas of the neighborhood where fences, vegetation, structures, or other impediments exist to 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: CCP/SAFE – normal budget
BNA – operating budget
Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Objective: Build neighborhood capacity to identify and report criminal activity.

Action: 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.

Funding: BNA – operational budget
CCP/SAFE – normal budget
Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Safety & Traffic (continued)

BNA sponsored a traffic study in 1995. It only focused on a few specific areas and done is not sufficient to provide enough direction for further safety improvements.

Objective Increase neighborhood safety by reducing speeding, traffic volumes, non-neighborhood traffic, and traffic noise.

Action: 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: 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

An evaluation of the effectiveness of the current BNA Commercial Improvement Program will be a critical part in determining additional funding. BNA would like to build a more sustainable program using loans.

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

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

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

Funding: NRP \$15,200
Timeline: 2005 – ongoing

Objective: Promote continued improvements to commercial property.

Action: 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: Increase the business community's understanding of neighborhood issues and needs.

Action: 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: Encourage neighborhood support of local businesses.

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

Action: 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

Administration

As a way to fund more direct improvements, BNA is suggesting allocating less than one year of operating expenses and will instead look to diversify funding sources.

BNA wants to be more proactive in addressing neighborhood design issues. There are already three approved plans that propose changes to the neighborhood:

- Above the Falls Master Plan
- Marshall/Main Street Corridor Plan
- Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan

Goal: Fully implement all actions contained in the NAP

Objective: Provide operational support for the implementation of actions contained in the NAP.

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

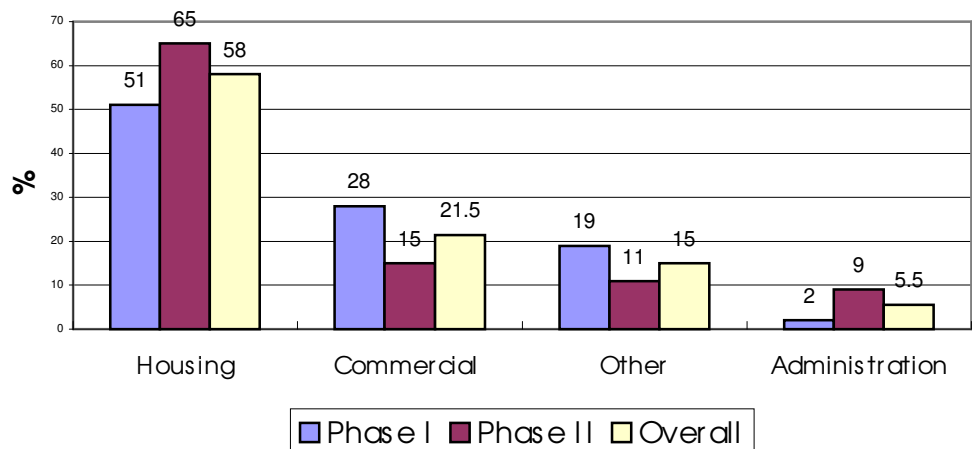
Funding: NRP \$20,200
CPED – as available
Other – as available
Timeline: 2005

Objective: Provide a developmental framework to inform the work and policies of the neighborhood.

Action: BNA will develop a neighborhood comprehensive master plan that will support 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

NRP Spending



Phase I Total: \$1,545,666 Phase II Total: \$224,000 Overall Total: \$1,769,666

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Bottineau Neighborhood NRP Action Plan Phase II



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