



SAFE AND SECURE WESTSIDE

Goals:

Improve Westside residents sense of safety and security in their neighborhoods by: helping to reduce blight, increasing community based neighborhood policing, and creating a safer environment for residents, businesses and visitors.

Current State:

- Atlanta Police Foundation (APF) has established the Westside Security Plan, a crime and safety stabilization strategy designed to understand the neighborhoods' unique needs and more efficiently direct public safety strategies and resources. The strategy integrates crime control and reduction with neighborhood revitalization.
 - (1) APF with funding from Invest Atlanta installed 60 security cameras and 20 license plate readers in Vine City and English Avenue; and 35 cameras and 5 license plate readers in AUC.
 - (2) In collaboration with Pulte Homes, Atlanta Housing Authority, Blank Foundation and Bank of America, 5 new residents who are Atlanta Police Department (APD) officers moved into new houses in Vine City. APD officers have been involved in the neighborhood activities.
 - (3) Westside Blue, a neighborhood security patrol operating in Vine City and English Avenue with one vehicle and off-duty APD officers.
- Vine City Civic Association operates a parent patrol during the school year to engage parents in ensuring children get to and from their homes to school safely.
- U.S. Attorney's Office (DOJ) Drug Market Initiative (DMI) and "Tier 2" Second Chance Program is ongoing in English Avenue-more than 60 individuals have been federally prosecuted since 2015 for drug trafficking in the English Avenue neighborhood. More than 20 individuals have been offered a second chance (including drug treatment and workforce training) in exchange for not returning to drug dealing in the neighborhood.
 - In connection with plea agreements and forfeiture actions, the U.S. Attorney's Office has also facilitated the surrender of more than 16 drug-involved properties in English Avenue. Many of these properties have been donated to the City of Atlanta/Fulton County Land Bank Authority and APF.

Current Activities:

- APF and APD are working with Vine City and English Avenue communities to provide for a safer and more secure environment for Atlanta's Westside residents, visitors and businesses through the following three programs:
 - (1) Westside Blue: Westside Blue was conceived at the request of local community leaders with support and planning by APD and management by APF. Westside Blue is based on a community patrol model that has been successful in other communities within the metro Atlanta area. Its basic purpose is to: (a) serve as a non-threatening apparatus for reducing crime; (b) create a community policing partnership; and, (c) improve relations between law enforcement and Westside residents.



- (2) Secure Neighborhoods Initiative: The Westside Officer Housing Program serves as a mechanism for: (a) increasing the number of Westside residents who are police officers, (b) improving the safety within those communities with the presence of officers, (c) encouraging officer engagement in the communities where they live, and (d) encouraging development of affordable, stable homeownership and quality homes in Westside.
- (3) The Westside @Promise Center: The @Promise Youth Initiative encourages the collaboration of youth service providers, the community, families and the judicial system in an effort to engage youth and help them overcome challenges. This program adds to current youth services efforts by enhancing the ability of multiple agencies to respond to critical needs and to be proactive in developing Westside youth to achieve their greatest potential. The @ PROMISE Youth Center will house youth development nonprofits who are known to the community and have the cultural competency needed to serve the Westside effectively.
- (4) The Westside Advisory Committee is made up of residents, community stakeholders and police advising on matters related to the Westside Security Plan. The committee is tasked with defining community engagement scope, and activities working closely with the neighborhoods associations and their subcommittees.

Moving Forward:

- Westside @Promise Center in English Avenue will open by August 2017.
- APF, in partnership with the Westside Future Fund, working to identify officer and resident housing options in English Avenue for 2017.

Partners:

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| ➤ The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation | ➤ General Electric |
| ➤ Atlanta Housing Authority | ➤ Georgia Power |
| ➤ Atlanta Police Department | ➤ Greenhouse Foundation |
| ➤ Atlanta Police Foundation | ➤ Invest Atlanta |
| ➤ Bank of America | ➤ Office of the Solicitor |
| ➤ Brasfield & Gorrie | ➤ Office of US Attorney - NDG |
| ➤ Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta | ➤ Police Athletic League (PAL) |
| ➤ CARTER | ➤ Pulte Group |
| ➤ City of Atlanta | ➤ Rule Joy Trammell + Rubio, LLC |
| ➤ CHRIS 180 | ➤ Street Smart Youth Project |
| ➤ Chris Carlos | ➤ Urban League of Greater Atlanta |
| ➤ English Avenue Neighborhood Association | ➤ Vine City Civic Association |
| ➤ Fulton County Juvenile Court | ➤ Westside Future Fund |