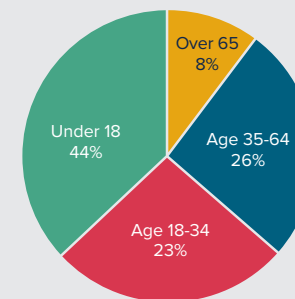
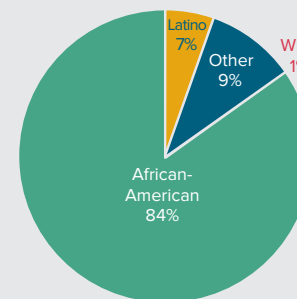




Douglass/Sumner

Quality of Life Plan Update 2016 - 2018

Total Population: 1,581



Owner Occupied 18%

Vacancy Rate 15%



Median Household Income \$17,679

Adults with At Least High School Education 65%

Unemployment Rate 29%

Our Mission

The Douglass/Sumner Neighborhood Association (DSNA) was formed in 1997 by a group of passionate residents who came together to address growing challenges in this traditionally African-American community. Our mission is to revitalize and preserve our culturally rich neighborhood. We envision a prosperous community that is affordable, safe, healthy and sustainable with multigenerational opportunities to grow, learn, live, do business, and raise families. In the next three years, DSNA will focus on implementing a housing strategy, increasing engagement and building organizational capacity to create a livable, vibrant multi-cultural community.

NeighborhoodsNOW Accelerated

After 10 years of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy in Kansas City, LISC and its colleagues have come to understand four essential elements that are needed, in tandem, to accelerate progress: 1) Organized neighborhood leadership and collective efficacy; 2) Capital, from multiple sources, which can be deployed in the target area; 3) Internal capacity and/or partnerships to do physical real estate development; 4) Alignment with the strategies and leadership of City government.

The 2016-2018 Quality of Life Plan invites stakeholders associated with each of the success criteria to play an active role in fulfilling this neighborhood's three key goals. By working together to cultivate and sustain the capacity for implementation, we can create a place where people lead lives filled with opportunity.

LISC
Greater Kansas City

600 Broadway, Suite 280
Kansas City, MO 64105
(816) 753-0055
www.lisc.org/kansas_city

DOUGLASS/SUMNER
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
933 Walker Ave. ~ KC KS 66101

For more information contact:
Beverly Easterwood, President
Douglass/Sumner Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 171525
Kansas City, KS 66117
beasterwood@umikc.com



neighborhoods
NOW

2016 - 2018 Implementation Plan

Organized For Success

The Douglass/Sumner community is located in the northeast area of Kansas City, Kansas, a historically African-American enclave. The neighborhood possesses many advantageous qualities, including its proximity to downtown, educational assets Sumner Academy and Douglass Elementary School, and its religious anchors that include nine churches of multiple denominations. Over the past several years, the neighborhood has grown increasingly racially diverse, with new residents from various countries. This new diversity presents an opportunity to engage residents in a spirit of inclusion through events that encourage everyone to showcase their cultural traditions.

Since 2007, Greater Kansas City LISC has invested \$1.2 million dollars to support new housing development in the Douglass/Sumner neighborhood and build the capacity of the neighborhood to develop and implement key components of the Quality of Life Plan. The neighborhood recently celebrated the completion of six new homes built in collaboration with Community Housing of Wyandotte County (CHWC, Inc). Over the next three years DSNA will seek funding to build the capacity of Douglass/Sumner to implement the Quality of Life plan. DSNA seeks to broaden its collaborative partnerships with other neighborhood stakeholders to successfully accomplish its priorities.



DIRECTIONAL CUES	GOALS	STRATEGIES	MILESTONES	TIMING	IMPLEMENTATION STAKEHOLDERS
Over 150 vacant parcels in the WyCO Land Bank Aging housing stock in disrepair Lack of playspace for increasing population of neighborhood children	1 Increase and Improve Physical Development & Housing	Develop home repair program	Prioritize houses that need repair	Q1 2017	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
			Identify funding sources and requirements for repairs	Q1 2017	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
			Secure funding and undertake repairs	Q2 2017	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
		Continue new home building plan	Continue in-fill single family housing	Q1 2017	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
			Develop multi-family housing plan	Q2 2017	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
			"Welcome Home" Marketing Strategy for former residents	Q2 2018	<div><div></div></div>
		Repurpose vacant lots	Create pocket park 714 Oakland vacant lot	Q2 2017	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
			Work with land bank to identify lots for repurposing	Q4 2016	<div><div></div></div>
			Create cultural amenity presentation for Sumner Alumni Assn	Q4 2016	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Influx of new immigrant families Multiple languages, cultures and religious affiliations Low youth involvement in community leadership	2 Increase Neighborhood Engagement and Communication	Cultural exchange and engagement	Conduct LISC NeighborWorks Survey	Q4 2016	<div><div></div></div>
			ESL classes - Identify language translation partner	Q2 2017	<div><div></div></div>
			Hold Block party to reintroduce DSNA to residents	Q4 2016	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
		Children and youth programming	Establish youth neighborhood improvement forum	Q1 2017	<div><div></div></div>
			Develop partnerships with youth organizations	Q4 2017	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
		Increase association participation	Hold briefings with stakeholders to increase engagement	Q4 2016	<div><div></div></div>
			Offer meeting attendance incentives	Q1 2017	<div><div></div></div>
			Engage block captains in outreach for monthly meetings	Q4 2016	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
All-volunteer organization Low residential population Limited income streams for programs and physical development	3 Increase Organizational Capacity	Reinstate 501c3	Secure grant funds for reinstatement	Q4 2016	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
			Engage professional to file reinstatement with IRS	Q4 2016	<div><div></div></div>
		Identify student intern/staff person	Develop position description	Q2 2017	<div><div></div></div>
			Secure funding and hire for position	Q3 2017	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
		Secure office space	Identify potential office sites/partner in-kind space	Q3 2017	<div><div></div></div>
			Secure operations funding	Q3 2017	<div><div></div></div>
		Establish resource development plan	Identify and secure corporate sponsor/funder	Q3 2017	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
			Pursue supporting memberships	Q1 2017	<div><div></div></div>
			Create cultural fundraiser	Q2 2018	<div><div></div></div>

IMPLEMENTATION STAKEHOLDERS

Neighborhood Organization	<div><div></div></div> Downtown Shareholders • Forest Grove Baptist Church • Douglass Elementary • Sumner Academy • New Bethel • UG Community Police • DSNA Block Captains and Members
Capital	<div><div></div></div> LISC • Livable Neighborhoods • Board of Public Utilities • Neighborhood Rising Fund
Development Capacity	<div><div></div></div> Community Housing of Wyandotte County • LISC • Unified Government of Wyandotte County • Wyandotte County Land Bank
Political Will	<div><div></div></div> Unified Government of Wyandotte County • District 4 Commissioner • Commissioner-At-Large, District 1