

# NEWPORT

## NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN



YOUNGSTOWN  
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# **“Action is the foundational key to all success.”**

~Pablo Picasso

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# SECTION I. INTRODUCTION

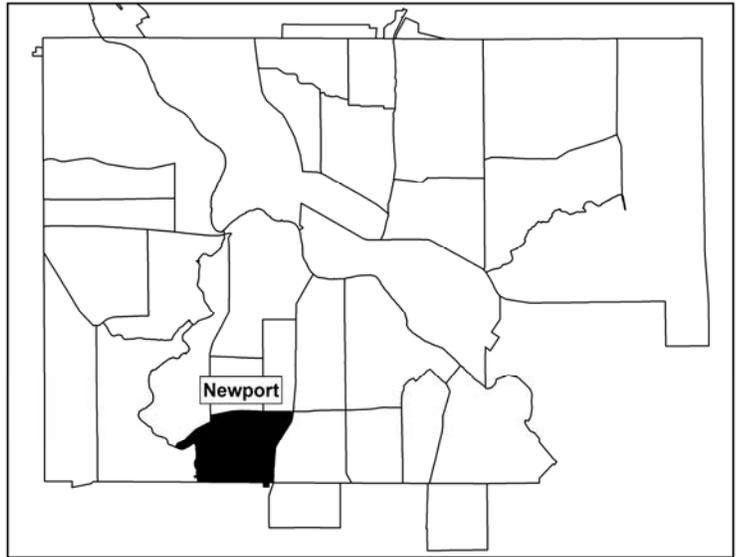
Youngstown, Ohio, has experienced typical Midwestern deindustrialization and subsequent disinvestment. After decades, the population loss has not slowed: between 2010 and 2012, Youngstown lost more residents than any American city over 50,000 people.

In 2005 the City of Youngstown gathered community members and other stakeholders to craft *Youngstown 2010*, a long-term planning document. Out of that effort arose a host of neighborhood associations as well as the non-profit Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (YNDC). In 2013, YNDC began providing neighborhood planning services for the City of Youngstown. In that capacity, YNDC crafted the *Neighborhood Conditions Report* to provide a detailed look at the housing markets and socioeconomic conditions facing our neighborhoods in order to inform a citywide strategy for improving quality of life and address basic challenges and opportunities facing our neighborhoods.

YNDC is forging collaboration between Newport neighborhood groups and stakeholders, as well as the City of Youngstown to complete strategic neighborhood stabilization activities in this area. The following document is an action-driven plan that proposes a clear property-specific strategy for the stabilization of the Newport neighborhood, which would allow more flexibility in neighborhood stabilization and revitalization. YNDC and the City of Youngstown Community Development Agency will take the lead in preparing, administering, reporting and monitoring the Newport Neighborhood Action Plan.

# HISTORY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Newport grew as a neighborhood of mixed working class and upper-middle class origins. Sandwiched between Boardman’s exclusive Newport Glen and working class Warren, the neighborhood exhibited traits of both. The working class housing extended south from the Warren neighborhood while the upper-middle class dwellings were clustered north of Newport Glen. The Newport neighborhood became part of the city in 1929. –Youngstown 2010 Plan



## Newport Neighborhood Demographic Summary

	POPULATION (2010)	POPULATION LOSS (1990-2010)	AVERAGE HOME SALE PRICE (2007-2012)	PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED (2010)	VACANCY RATE (2010)	PERCENT LOW- TO MODERATE- INCOME RESIDENTS (2010)
<b>NEWPORT</b>	2,890	-41%	\$13,133	55%	28%	67%
<b>YOUNGSTOWN</b>	66,982	-30%	\$23,944	58%	19%	61%

SOURCE: United States Census and American Community Survey Data; HUD Low and Moderate Income Summary Data



Midlothian Boulevard, the southern boundary of Newport, is stable street along a major corridor.

# PUBLIC CONSULTATION

On March 4th, 2014 at the Newport Library, YNDC and the City conducted a citywide planning meeting for residents of the Newport neighborhood, where both assets and priorities in the neighborhoods were established, discussed in detail, and recorded on comment cards. In general, residents considered housing and property issues, infrastructure concerns, and neighborhood safety to be primary issues. Residents were also asked to tell the YNDC planning team “one thing we need to know” about the neighborhood. Responses were recorded on comment cards and this activity was purposely left open-ended to gain a rich variety of feedback. Some of the responses are shown below. All public input from each meeting described above is found in Appendix 2 on page 20.

*“Crime causing business flight from city (not including downtown area)”*

*“I am sure that if improvements are not made more people will be moving out of ytown”*

*“Increase desire to live in a neighborhood”*

*“Replace houses with houses not gardens. Start holding homeowners accountable for keeping their property up”*

*“The need to increase youth activities”*

*“There are several squatters living in some of the abandoned homes. Need to send people out and see how horrific some of these dwellings are.”*

*“Investments of business people is priority”*

*“Better police protection”*

*“Enforce zoning violations”*



In March 2014, Newport residents were invited to share their concerns and recommendations for the community.

# NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES

Each resident who attended the citywide public meetings held in early 2014, including the one hosted at the Newport library, was asked to identify his/her top three challenges or priorities to be addressed in their neighborhood. Residents overwhelmingly identified housing and property issues as the number one challenge they would like to see addressed.

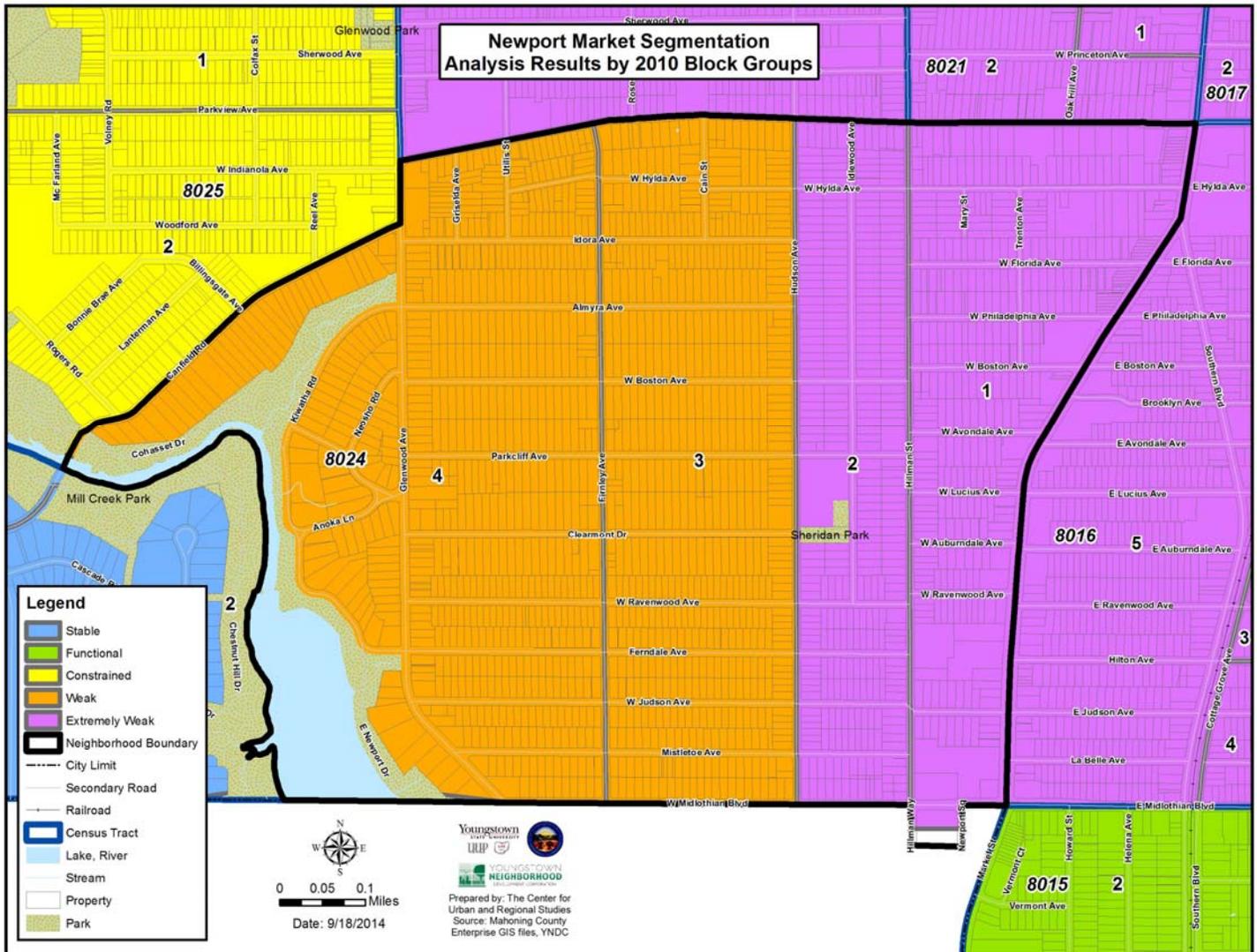
## Housing and Property Issues

Issues identified by residents include litter, illegal dumping, code violations, vacant homes, unmaintained vacant lots, and general abandonment.



Rates of vacancy have doubled between 1990 and 2010 in the Newport neighborhood.

# HOUSING MARKET SEGMENTATION ASSESSMENT



The Newport neighborhood has “weak” and “extremely weak” housing market conditions. A detailed market segmentation analysis of all neighborhoods in the city was conducted by YNDC and the City of Youngstown in 2014 using U.S. Census and other relevant housing data. A detailed account of the market conditions throughout the city and the process for completing the analysis is included in the citywide *Neighborhood Conditions Report*.

The map above identifies the market conditions of the Newport neighborhood by U.S. Census block groups, which is the smallest area for which housing market data could be collected and analyzed. The neighborhoods surrounding Newport are varied between “constrained” and “extremely weak.” Mill Creek Park separates Newport from the nearest “stable” housing market.

Neighborhoods were categorized based on varying conditions because a different strategy is required to address areas with varying market conditions. For example, in “extremely weak” areas of the neighborhood, the priority is to demolish severely deteriorated properties and to aggressively board up properties that are unsecure in order to provide a cleaner and safer environment to improve quality of life. In “weak” areas of the neighborhood the priority is to demolish homes that have deteriorating effects on the neighborhood and use targeted code enforcement around neighborhood strengths.

## Market Segmentation Categories:

An explanation of the varying categories of market conditions from the market segmentation analysis of the City of Youngstown are as follows:

**Stable market** block groups have the strongest indicators of any neighborhoods in the city, though they may or may not be considered strong by national standards. In general, they are represented by relatively few vacancies and high median sales prices. Homeownership rates are significantly higher than the citywide average and poverty rates, crime rates, and population loss are low. Home transfers involve traditional mortgages in nearly 50% of cases, compared to only 1 out of 10 in Youngstown as a whole.

**Functioning market block groups** are those in which all or nearly all indicators fall within ranges consistent with an adequately functioning housing market: houses generally sell when they come on the market; vacancies are manageable; few properties go into foreclosure; and housing quality is generally high. House prices, however, vary more widely than the other indicators, reflecting the fact that house prices do not correlate as strongly with the other indicators as most do with each other. These areas may not have strong markets by national standards, but they are functioning well by city or regional standards. As such, they are likely to be appropriate target areas for stabilization efforts to ensure that they retain their market viability. (Mallach, 2013)

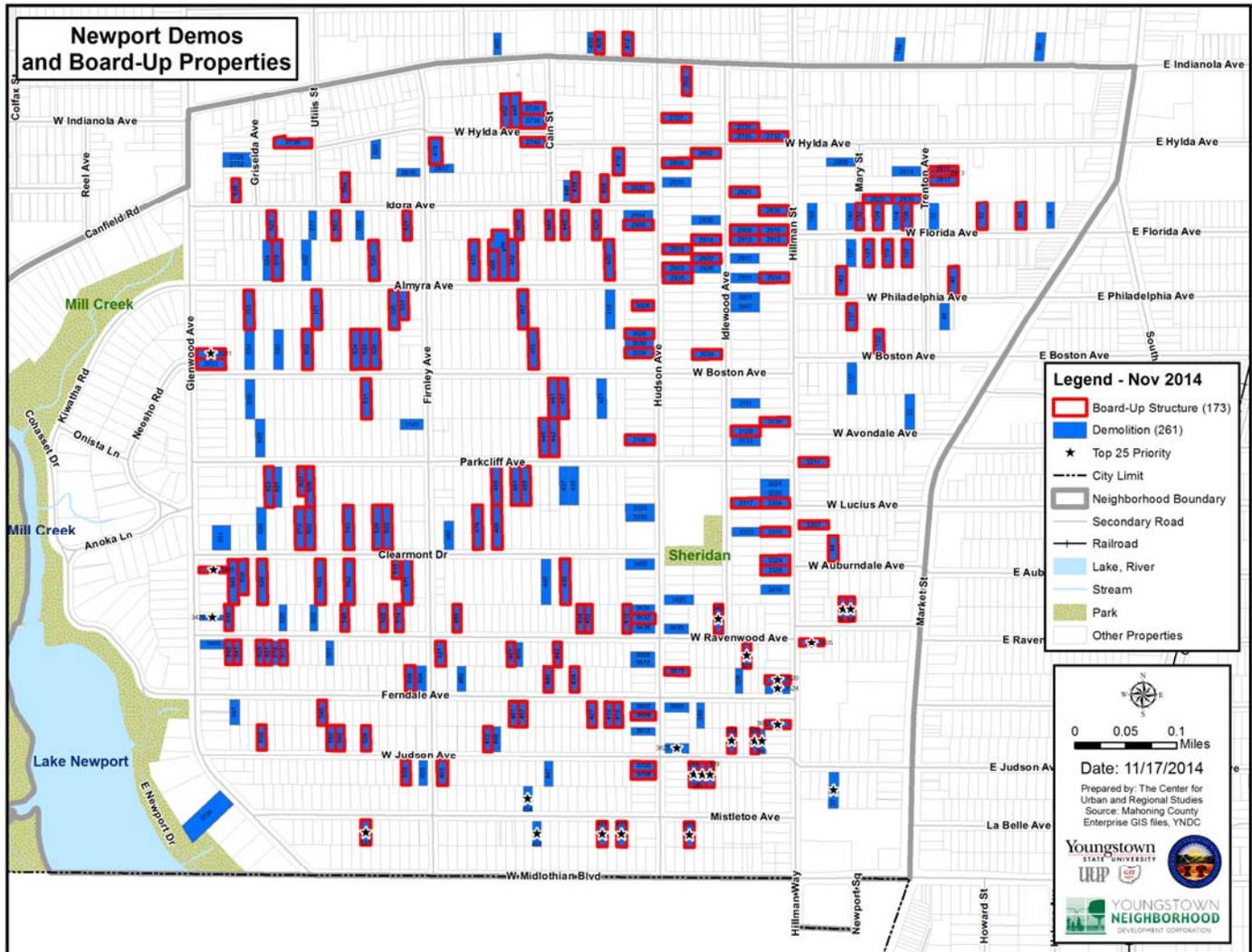
**Constrained market block groups** are those in which market activity continues to take place, and houses generally sell fairly readily as they come on the market. However, one or more variables suggest that significant deterioration in market conditions is taking place, including extremely low sales prices—which is likely to reflect a market dominated by speculative investors—significantly more rapid erosion of home ownership than in the functioning market tracts, and significantly higher vacancy rates. Given their still relatively high housing quality, some or all of these areas may be appropriate targets for stabilization efforts. (Mallach, 2013)

**Weak market block groups** are those in which most variables suggest market weakness, particularly significantly slower turnover rates than in the two preceding clusters, yet at least one and in some cases more variables point to the continued presence of some level of market activity or neighborhood stability; for example, a tract may have sluggish sales and very low house prices, but may also have relatively low vacancy or foreclosure rates, or a high and relatively stable homeownership rate. Depending on the particular features of the individual census tracts in this cluster, some may be appropriate targets in whole or part for stabilization efforts. **The two western sections of Newport (8024.3 and 8024.4) are considered “weak” housing markets.** (Mallach, 2013)

**Extremely weak market block groups** are those in which all or nearly all variables indicate that little or no market exists for the housing in the tract. They are generally characterized by minimal sales activity, extremely low prices for those houses that do sell, extremely high vacancy rates and tax foreclosure, and low levels of homeownership and housing quality. It is unlikely that many of these areas are appropriate targets for stabilization efforts overall, although there may be small subareas where such efforts may be appropriate. It is important to ensure that the residents of these tracts continue to receive adequate public services. **The two eastern sections of Newport (8024.1 and 8024.2) are considered “extremely weak” housing markets.** (Mallach, 2013)

# SECTION II. HOUSING STRATEGIES

A detailed survey of the conditions of all properties in the Newport Neighborhood was conducted by YNDC in order to assess housing issues that are negatively impacting quality of life and hindering housing reinvestment in the neighborhood. The following map outlines houses that require demolition and/or board up.



This data was collected from a series of detailed field surveys conducted during 2014 by YNDC tracking property vacancy and security for every property in the neighborhood. Vacancy was determined by a number of factors, including whether or not the windows/doors were broken and whether or not the electric meter was operating. There are 261 properties that need to be demolished. 173 of those properties also need to be boarded up.

## Strategies

**Demolish via City of Youngstown:** Properties that are vacant and severely deteriorated are recommended in the plan for demolition by the City of Youngstown. These also include properties that must be urgently demolished because they are an immediate health and safety hazard and require urgent action to stabilize neighborhood conditions.

**Board Up:** Vacant properties with broken or missing doors or windows or are otherwise vulnerable to break-ins and vandalism are recommended to be boarded up in order to secure the property and to prevent criminal activity. Properties can be boarded and secured in partnership with the City of Youngstown, YNDC, and neighborhood residents through a combination of volunteer workdays and contracted work crews.

## TOP 25 PRIORITY PROPERTIES: NEWPORT NEIGHBORHOOD

Through field research, 25 residential structures were identified as priority properties. These houses were selected based on their proximity to areas of neighborhood stability such as Midlothian Blvd, Mistletoe Ave and Judson Ave. Priority was also given to properties near Newport Library. Prioritizing these areas is important to the safety of the community and stabilizing and improving housing market conditions. Photos on this page demonstrate examples of some of the Top 25 Priority Properties.



321 Ravenwood Ave is an unsecure, unstable, vacant house. It is a priority to board up and demolish.



415 Mistletoe Ave is an unsecure, vacant house on a relatively stable street. It is a priority to board up and demolish.

## PRIORITY PROPERTIES: DEMOLITION AND BOARD UP

The following 25 properties have been identified as priority properties for demolition and/or board up. These properties were evaluated via data collected in the detailed property survey conducted by YNDC for the neighborhood and deemed priorities based on their poor condition on relatively stable streets.

ADDRESS	BOARD UP	DEMOLITION
351 MISTLETOE AVE	X	X
415 MISTLETOE AVE	X	X
427 MISTLETOE AVE	X	X
451 MISTLETOE AVE		X
454 MISTLETOE AVE		X
531 MISTLETOE AVE	X	X
3429 GLENWOOD AVE		X
3031 GLENWOOD AVE	X	X
3405 GLENWOOD AVE	X	X
37 W JUDSON AVE		X
316 W JUDSON AVE		X
320 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
332 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
339 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
345 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
349 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
34 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
38 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
321 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
340 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
3505 HILLMAN ST	X	X
3520 HILLMAN ST	X	X
3524 HILLMAN ST		X
3612 HILLMAN ST	X	X
3627 HUDSON AVE	X	X

# HOUSING BENCHMARKS

The following section outlines neighborhood revitalization objectives for the Newport Neighborhood to be achieved in accordance with this plan over the next five years, from 2015 to 2020.

## Housing and Property Five-Year Benchmarks

- 25 severely blighted structures are demolished.
- 15 vacant and formerly blighted housing units are boarded and cleaned up.

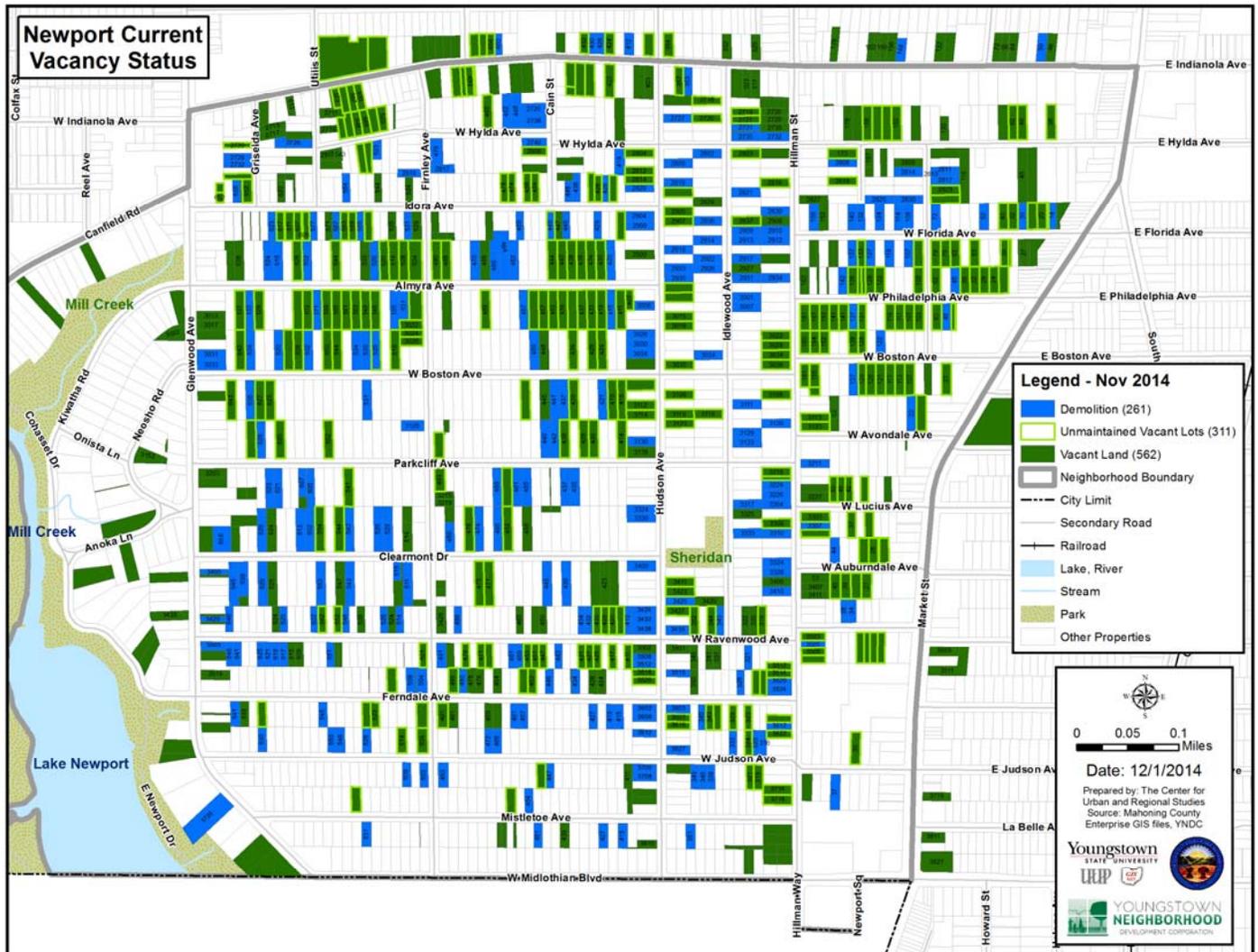
## Neighborhood Action Plan Progress Tracking Form

5-Year Performance Benchmark	Q1 2015	Q2 2015	Q3 2015	Q4 2015	Q1 2016	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	2015-2016 Total	2015-2020 Goal
<b>Housing Benchmarks</b>										
Severely blighted structures are demolished.										25
Vacant and formerly blighted housing units are boarded and cleaned up in order to improve neighborhood safety.										15



The Newport Library is a major institution for Newport and the surrounding neighborhoods. The strength of the Newport Library can be used to improve conditions in the surrounding areas.

# SECTION III. VACANT LOT STRATEGIES



A survey of vacant lots in the Newport Neighborhood was conducted by YNDC in order to assess current and future land use issues. Lots that were addressed were those that contained tall grass, piles of brush, ungraded surface conditions, and illegal dumping. These lots are considered “Unmaintained Vacant Lots.” The following map outlines unmaintained vacant lots, maintained lots, and houses scheduled for demolition. There are 562 parcels of vacant land, of these 311 were unmaintained. In addition, 281 homes are scheduled for demolition, which would increase the amount of vacant land by 50%.

## Initial Strategy

**Lot Clean Up:** Unmaintained Vacant Lots should be cleared of dumping and trash to create a clean and safe environment. Recent demolitions should be cleared of all debris. Foundations and driveways should be removed to allow for groundwater retention. Mature trees should be cleared of lower limbs and allowed to remain. Mature trees provide shade and wind blocks. They also encourage a diversified ecosystem, which prevents rodents and pests. Cleared lots should be graded and reseeded.

## Maintenance Strategies

**Stand Alone Lots:** For single unmaintained lots between houses or maintained lots, the City should cut the entire lot in order to improve quality of life for surrounding residents and to give the lot the appearance of a side yard. Work should be conducted to acquire these properties and transfer them to a responsible owner nearby for continued maintenance. Programs such as Lots of Green can assist individuals or neighborhood groups with transforming these lots for a variety of uses such as community gardens or parks.

**Large Lot Groupings:** Large lot groupings present problems of dumping and costly maintenance. For groups of two or more vacant lots, the City should only cut areas immediately around the sidewalks and alongside occupied houses to give the lot an orderly appearance, improve the quality of life for adjacent residents, and ensure high grass does not impede pedestrian traffic. Mowing lots using this method will reduce costs and time when compared to mowing the lots in entirety.



The “Window Pane” method provides an orderly appearance to lots while reducing cost and time. This method helps the city address the lot more frequently.

# APPENDIX 1. HOUSING STRATEGY DATABASE

Yellow properties represent the Top 25 Priority Properties.

Address	Board Up	Demolition
2811 TRENTON AVE	X	X
2813 TRENTON AVE	X	X
2817 TRENTON AVE	X	X
2830 TRENTON AVE	X	X
2814 TRENTON AVE		X
2825 MARY ST	X	X
2808 MARY ST		X
3211 HILLMAN ST	X	X
22 W AVONDALE AVE		X
137 W BOSTON AVE		X
122 W BOSTON AVE	X	X
49 W PHILADELPHIA AVE		X
137 W PHILADELPHIA AVE	X	X
142 W PHILADELPHIA AVE	X	X
46 W PHILADELPHIA AVE	X	X
107 W FLORIDA AVE	X	X
119 W FLORIDA AVE	X	X
127 W FLORIDA AVE	X	X
137 W FLORIDA AVE		X
156 W FLORIDA AVE		X
140 W FLORIDA AVE		X
132 W FLORIDA AVE	X	X
124 W FLORIDA AVE	X	X
114 W FLORIDA AVE		X
108 W FLORIDA AVE	X	X
72 W FLORIDA AVE		X
52 W FLORIDA AVE	X	X
30 W FLORIDA AVE	X	X
14 W FLORIDA AVE		X
44 W AUBURNDALE AVE	X	X
34 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
37 W JUDSON AVE		X
3505 HILLMAN ST	X	X
3307 HILLMAN ST	X	X
3324 HILLMAN ST	X	X
351 MISTLETOE AVE	X	X
415 MISTLETOE AVE	X	X
427 MISTLETOE AVE	X	X
451 MISTLETOE AVE		X
454 MISTLETOE AVE		X
3708 HUDSON AVE	X	X
3700 HUDSON AVE	X	X

Address	Board Up	Demolition
339 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
345 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
349 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
447 W JUDSON AVE		X
493 JUDSON AVE	X	X
472 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
468 W JUDSON AVE		X
3612 HUDSON AVE		X
3608 HUDSON AVE	X	X
3602 HUDSON AVE		X
3603 HUDSON AVE		X
3627 HUDSON AVE		X
332 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
320 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
316 W JUDSON AVE		X
3612 HILLMAN ST	X	X
345 FERNDALE AVE		X
415 FERNDALE AVE	X	X
419 FERNDALE AVE	X	X
427 FERNDALE AVE	X	X
457 FERNDALE AVE	X	X
461 FERNDALE AVE	X	X
480 FERNDALE AVE		X
446 FERNDALE AVE	X	X
434 FERNDALE AVE	X	X
3512 HUDSON AVE		X
3508 HUDSON AVE		X
3515 HUDSON AVE	X	X
328 FERNDALE AVE		X
3524 HILLMAN ST		X
3520 HILLMAN ST	X	X
321 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
443 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
459 W RAVENWOOD AVE		X
461 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
491 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
486 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
434 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
432 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
410 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
3438 HUDSON AVE		X
3432 HUDSON AVE	X	X
3424 HUDSON AVE		X
3400 HUDSON AVE		X
439 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
445 CLEARMONT DR		X

Address	Board Up	Demolition
3425 HUDSON AVE		X
3435 HUDSON AVE		X
340 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
3410 HILLMAN ST		X
3328 HILLMAN ST	X	X
470 ALMYRA AVE	X	X
466 ALMYRA AVE	X	X
464 ALMYRA AVE	X	X
462 ALMYRA AVE	X	X
420 ALMYRA AVE	X	X
415 ALMYRA AVE		X
467 ALMYRA AVE	X	X
450 W BOSTON AVE	X	X
421 W BOSTON AVE		X
437 W BOSTON AVE	X	X
441 W BOSTON AVE	X	X
446 PARKCLIFF AVE	X	X
442 PARKCLIFF AVE	X	X
435 PARKCLIFF AVE		X
437 PARKCLIFF AVE		X
455 PARKCLIFF AVE	X	X
461 PARKCLIFF AVE	X	X
469 PARKCLIFF AVE	X	X
486 CLEARMONT DR		X
474 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
466 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
3330 HUDSON AVE		X
3324 HUDSON AVE		X
3130 HUDSON AVE	X	X
3034 HUDSON AVE	X	X
3030 HUDSON AVE		X
3026 HUDSON AVE	X	X
3008 HUDSON AVE	X	X
2919 HUDSON AVE	X	X
2933 HUDSON AVE	X	X
2935 HUDSON AVE	X	X
3034 IDLEWOOD AVE	X	X
2926 IDLEWOOD AVE		X
2922 IDLEWOOD AVE	X	X
2914 IDLEWOOD AVE	X	X
2913 IDLEWOOD AVE	X	X
2917 IDLEWOOD AVE		X
2931 IDLEWOOD AVE		X
3001 IDLEWOOD AVE		X
3007 IDLEWOOD AVE		X
3111 IDLEWOOD AVE		X

Address	Board Up	Demolition
3129 IDLEWOOD AVE	X	X
3133 IDLEWOOD AVE		X
3120 HILLMAN ST	X	X
2934 HILLMAN ST	X	X
2912 HILLMAN ST	X	X
3310 HILLMAN ST	X	X
3304 HILLMAN ST	X	X
3226 HILLMAN ST		X
3224 HILLMAN ST		X
3317 IDLEWOOD AVE	X	X
3333 IDLEWOOD AVE		X
2910 HILLMAN ST	X	X
2830 HILLMAN ST	X	X
2732 HILLMAN ST	X	X
2731 IDLEWOOD AVE	X	X
2821 IDLEWOOD AVE	X	X
2909 IDLEWOOD AVE	X	X
2836 IDLEWOOD AVE		X
2802 IDLEWOOD AVE	X	X
353 W INDIANOLA AVE	X	X
2727 HUDSON AVE	X	X
2809 HUDSON AVE	X	X
2819 HUDSON AVE		X
2906 HUDSON AVE	X	X
2904 HUDSON AVE		X
429 IDORA AVE	X	X
445 IDORA AVE	X	X
449 IDORA AVE	X	X
459 IDORA AVE	X	X
448 IDORA AVE		X
438 IDORA AVE	X	X
426 IDORA AVE	X	X
2820 HUDSON AVE	X	X
419 W HYLDA AVE	X	X
2740 CAIN ST	X	X
479 W HYLDA AVE	X	X
2817 FIRNLEY AVE		X
452 W HYLDA AVE	X	X
448 W HYLDA AVE	X	X
2738 CAIN ST	X	X
2726 CAIN ST	X	X
531 MISTLETOE AVE	X	X
503 W JUDSON AVE		X
509 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
630 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
550 W JUDSON AVE	X	X

Address	Board Up	Demolition
546 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
528 W JUDSON AVE	X	X
545 FERNDALE AVE	X	X
641 FERNDALE AVE		X
508 FERNDALE AVE	X	X
504 FERNDALE AVE		X
551 W RAVENWOOD AVE		X
617 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
619 W RAVENWOOD AVE		X
621 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
625 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
641 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
645 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
646 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
620 W RAVENWOOD AVE		X
602 W RAVENWOOD AVE		X
548 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
528 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
514 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
511 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
515 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
543 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
553 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
629 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
639 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
645 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
3405 GLENWOOD AVE	X	X
3429 GLENWOOD AVE		X
3503 GLENWOOD AVE		X
3726 GLENWOOD AVE		X
618 ALMYRA AVE	X	X
602 ALMYRA AVE		X
531 ALMYRA AVE	X	X
535 ALMYRA AVE	X	X
571 ALMYRA AVE	X	X
633 ALMYRA AVE	X	X
3031 GLENWOOD AVE	X	X
3033 GLENWOOD AVE	X	X
634 W BOSTON AVE		X
620 W BOSTON AVE		X
602 W BOSTON AVE	X	X
534 W BOSTON AVE	X	X
530 W BOSTON AVE	X	X
526 W BOSTON AVE	X	X
531 W BOSTON AVE	X	X
635 W BOSTON AVE		X

Address	Board Up	Demolition
605 PARKCLIFF AVE	X	X
607 PARKCLIFF AVE	X	X
621 PARKCLIFF AVE		X
623 PARKCLIFF AVE	X	X
650 CLEARMONT DR		X
628 CLEARMONT DR		X
612 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
602 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
540 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
526 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
522 CLEARMONT DR	X	X
3128 FIRNLEY AVE		X
636 IDORA AVE	X	X
2732 GRISELDA AVE		X
2728 GRISELDA AVE		X
2726 UTILIS ST	X	X
2816 FIRNLEY AVE		X
523 W HYLDA AVE		X
564 IDORA AVE	X	X
531 IDORA AVE	X	X
555 IDORA AVE		X
567 IDORA AVE	X	X
577 IDORA AVE		X
623 IDORA AVE	X	X
38 W RAVENWOOD AVE	X	X
526 ALMYRA AVE	X	X
624 ALMYRA AVE		X
2735 W HYLDA AVE	X	X
50 W INDIANOLA AVE		X
148 W INDIANOLA AVE		X
412 W INDIANOLA AVE	X	X
428 W INDIANOLA AVE	X	X
430 W INDIANOLA AVE		X
460 W INDIANOLA AVE		X
628 PARKCLIFF AVE		X

# APPENDIX 2. PUBLIC INPUT

The following input was obtained from residents at a neighborhood meeting on March 4, 2014 at the Newport Public Library. Attendees were asked to list what they believed to be their neighborhood's top three assets and top three priorities.

Neighborhood Assets		
Glenwood Community Park	Newport Library	Mill Creek Park
Youngstown Playhouse	Newport Library	Mill Creek Park
The homes on either side are owned	Public Library - Midlothian/Market	Mill Creek Parks
There are children	Lake Newport	Park
Bottom Dollar	Lake Newport	Martin Luther Church activity (neighborhood)
Volney Road	Lanterman's Mill	Martin Luther Church Involvement
Library	Lanterman's Mill	Saint Dominic Parish action (parish center and vacant house demolition)
Newport Library	Lanterman's Mill	School

Neighborhood Priorities		
concentrated poverty	to share budget/landscaping to make eye appealing (grass cutting)	brighter street lights
decrease in home ownership	poor upkeep of property conditions	develop repair budgets for streets
housing market for upstarts	blight	poor street conditions
property availability (lots)	housing	poor street conditions
reinvest in abandoned homes	vacancies	crime
clean market corridor	vacant houses	crime
better schools	vacant housing demo	police visibility
new schools, need to grow neighborhoods	board vacant homes/demolish	trash pick up of debris
code enforcement	vacant houses need torn down	landlord responsibility for property care
code enforcement		

"One thing we need to know"		
better police protection	there are several squatters living in some of the abandoned homes. Need to send people out and see how horrific some of these dwellings are	enforce the laws in this city as to crime/juveniles - don't smack them on the wrist!!! It may cut down on crime
crime causing business flight from city (not including downtown area)	let people who can afford buy the houses that is still in pretty good shape for \$1. improve the streets. More patrol cars in the BAD areas	investments of business people is priority
city council should not allow fracking or injection wells within the city limits	check with homeowners before sending letter with ultimatums	enforce zoning laws
enforce zoning violations	the 6th ward has the fewest zoning complaints of the 7 wards	starts @ quality of life > code enforcement > home ownership > neighborhood > "quality of life" END
replace houses with houses not gardens. Start holding homeowners accountable for keeping their property up	close foster theater	increase desire to live in a neighborhood
I am sure that if improvements are not made more people will be moving out of ytown	clean street and park	bad conditions of sidewalks and curbing
a persons who actually lives in the neighborhood should give the presentation - "get to know your neighborhoods" before you need them	church folk and city leaders need to walk the streets and get to know residents	no more outside contractors for clean up, grass cutting - use our own unemployed ex-felons!
better communication between local officials & state & federal officials	get politics out of your decision process	the need to increase youth activities

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