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Baltimore-Rebuilding Neighborhoods Locally

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ABSTRACT

The Enterprise Foundation is Baltimore's local National Community Development Initiative/Living Cities partner. From 1991 to 2004, Living Cities provided more than \$11.7 million in loans and grants to support the work of Community Development Corporations in Baltimore. The Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance was officially launched in 2002 to establish a common way of understanding how the city's neighborhoods and overall quality of life were changing over time. A group of 40 outcome indicators, grouped into seven topic areas, was created to measure progress and hold community stakeholders accountable for moving these Vital Signs in the right direction. Vital signs are measured by 55 Community Statistical Areas, by Census Tract, and citywide. The Vital Signs are: 1. housing and community development, 2. children and family health, safety and well-being, 3. workforce and economic development, 4. sanitation, 5. urban environment and transit, 6. education and youth, and 7. neighborhood action and sense of community.

FULL-TEXT

The Enterprise Foundation is Baltimore's local NCDI/Living Cities partner. Additional investors include the Fannie Mae and Annie E. Casey Foundations. From 1991 to 2004, Living Cities provided more than \$11.7 million in loans and grants to support the work of CDCs in Baltimore. These funds helped produce 4,691 housing units and generated a total development budget of \$484.26 million, leveraging Living Cities funds more than 41 times.

The Pilot Initiative will bring much-needed redevelopment to East Baltimore through a planned 30-block biotechnology center next to the Johns Hopkins Hospital. An ambitious effort that will cost nearly \$1 billion, the project will add 6,000 jobs, 1,200 homes, and a mix of new schools, recreation facilities and retail to the neighborhood.

Baltimore has participated in numerous revitalization efforts, including the only large-scale federal Nehemiah Homeownership Program. Baltimore's Community Foundation administers the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative, a CCI model that uses a variety of techniques to strengthen the fabric of communities.

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A Vital Signs report is updated and published each year, showing trends and measuring progress toward end goals. Vital Signs do not track specific strategies or programs within neighborhoods. Rather, they provide a way to understand their impact on changing conditions and meeting neighborhood goals over time.

Baltimore Neighborhood Alliance

Vital Signs

Housing and Community Development

- * Percent of residential properties that undergo rehab investment above \$5,000
- * Percent of residential properties that are vacant and abandoned at year's end
- * Percent of residential properties with other types of housing violations at year's end (excludes vacant)
- * Median sale price
- * Total housing units sold
- * Median number of days a house stays on the market
- * Racial Diversity Index
- * Economic Diversity Index
- * Percentage of housing units that are owneroccupied (single family homes and condos)
- * Affordability Index
- * Number of rental evictions per 1,000 people
- * Number of residential properties that are under mortgage foreclosure

Children and Family Health, Safety and Well-being

- * Domestic violence rate
- * Number of reported and substantiated cases of abuse and neglect per 1,000 children ages 0-17
- * Percentage of children ages 0-6 with elevated blood lead levels out of all children tested for lead in their blood
- * Juvenile arrest rate
- * Juvenile arrest rate for violent offenses
- * Juvenile arrest rate for drug-related offenses
- * Percent of all juvenile arrests where juvenile has at least one prior offense
- * Crime rate
- * Violent crime rate
- * Median household income
- * Teen birth rate
- * Percent of married couple family households earning below **Family Self-Sufficiency**

Standard

- * Percent of Other' family households earning below **Family Self-Sufficiency**

Standard

- * Maternal and Child Health Index
- * Percent of births delivered at term (37-42 weeks gestation)
- * Percent of babies born with satisfactory birthweight
- * Percent of births where mother received early prenatal care (first trimester)
- * Number of people with vaccine-preventable diseases per 10,000 people
- * Percent of emergency room visits that are not emergency-related
- * Number of children ages 0-17 years old hospitalized for asthma or asthma-related illnesses
- * Number of drug treatment clients

Workforce and Economic Development

- * Percent of population ages 16-64 that is employed
- * Percent of population ages 16-64 that is unemployed and looking for work
- * Percent of population ages 16-64 that is not in the labor force

- * Unemployment Rate
- * Percent of population ages 25-64 that have a high school diploma or equivalent only
- * Percent of population age 25-64 that have some college and above
- * Percent of commercial properties that undergo rehab investment over \$5,000
- * Percent of commercial properties that are vacant and abandoned at year's end
- * Total retail sales in \$millions
- * Percent of all businesses over 4 years old as of the 4th quarter of the year
- * Percent of all businesses with 50 employees or less that are over 4 years old

Sanitation

- * Rate of illegal dumping
- * Rate of dirty streets and alleys
- * Rate of clogged storm drains
- * Rate of abandoned vehicles
- * Rate of rat incidents

Urban Environment and Transit

- * Quality of parks and open space
- * Tree Canopy-percent of area covered by trees
- * 'Code Red Days'-number of days ozone levels exceed EPA standards for ozone exposure one hour
- * Percent of residents served with safe drinking water systems
- * Number of 'potential' hazardous waste sites
- * Percent of population ages 16 and over who are employed using a mode of transportation other than a car to get to work
- * Percent of population ages 16 and over who are employed using other modes of transit other than a car or public transit to get to work

Education and Youth

- * Percent of students in grades 9-12 who withdrew from school before completion
- * Percent of 12th graders who received Maryland High School diploma or equivalency certificate at the end of the year
- * Maryland School Assessment Test Scores in Reading and Math-Grade 10
- * Percent of graduates who successfully completed courses qualifying them for University of Maryland
- * Percent of graduates who successfully completed courses in approved Career/Technology Education program
- * Percent of graduates who successfully completed both: Qualifications for University of Maryland and an approved Career/Technology Education program
- * Percentage of population ages 18-25 registered to vote
- * Percentage of population ages 18-25 that voted in general elections
- * Percentage of population ages 16-19 in school and /or employed
- * Percent of public school elementary and middle school students absent 20 days or more out of the school year

Neighborhood Action and Sense of Community

- * Percentage of population ages 18 and over registered to vote
- * Percentage of populations 18 and over who voted in the general election