CASTLE HILL HOUSES

What is the Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety?

The Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety (MAP) is a comprehensive strategy to reduce violence in public housing developments experiencing high rates of crime. Since launching in June 2014, MAP has worked to improve the built environment, improve access to programming and jobs, and help residents and city agencies interact to bring down crime. MAP has been focused on 15 public housing developments in which 20% of all violent crime in public housing is concentrated. MAP is led by the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, who works with numerous city agencies to refine a strategy to prevent crime through strengthening neighborhoods in partnership with the people who live in them.

City agency partners include:

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), New York City Police Department (NYPD), Department of Probation (DOP), Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence (OCDV), Department for the Aging (DFTA), Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Human Resources Administration (HRA) and the Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO).

Nonprofit partners include:

GreenCity Force, Groundswell, PAL, Community Solutions, Institute for Mediation & Conflict Resolution

Goals:

- Reduce violent crime.
- Reduce victimization.
- Help residents feel safer.
- Learn how to reduce crime in other neighborhoods and housing developments citywide.

Here are some examples of what MAP has accomplished so far:

- In the first year, violent crime dropped 11.2% in the 15 MAP developments while dropping 6.9% citywide.
- Hundreds of residents have been connected to HRA benefits so far.
- More than 1500 youth residents have participated in Summer Youth Employment since 2014.
- Over 11,000 feet of non-construction scaffolding and shedding has been removed.
- Hundreds of permanent light fixtures have been installed.
- NYPD reintroduced Neighborhood Community Officers (NCOs) to the 15 MAP developments.
- Action Labs brought residents/agencies/NYPD/CBOs together to work on projects – such as creating murals in lobbies of each building at St. Nicholas Houses.

WHAT MAP IS DOING IN CASTLE HILL HOUSES:
Investing in People, Places & Networks

INVESTING IN PEOPLE

Residents and agencies partner to reduce concentrated disadvantage divide through Employment & Entitlements opportunities with the goal of:

- Reducing the number of people perpetrating and victimized by violent crime
- Increasing proportion of teens and young adults engaged in MAP –funded mentorship and pathways to employment
- Proportion of MAP residents eligible for public benefits and number enrolled.

Mentoring & Jobs for Youth and Young Adults

- **Next Steps**: Department of Probation's curriculum based group mentoring for at-risk young adults ages 16 to 24. Prior court involvement is not a prerequisite. Includes participant stipends and employment resources. *Contact: Abdul Malik, (347) 607-6920, abdul@bccjr.org.*
- **Summer Jobs:** 850 dedicated Summer Youth Employment Program jobs plus open lottery for MAP youth ages 14-24 in partnership with the Department of Youth and Community Development. Application open through April 15, 2016. *For more information, contact: NYC Youth Connect at (800) 246-4646.*
- **Green City Force Corps**: Engages young residents ages 19-24 in green service projects and job training. Provides participants with a stipend and covers commuting expenses. *Contact: Lawrence Harris, (347) 839-8100, lawrence@greencityforce.org*

Public Benefits

- **Benefit Access Assistance**: Outreach that improves access to HRA services for eligible residents. Includes setting up appointments at the development. *Contact: Adriana Cabrera (Human Resources Administration), (929) 252-6334, cabreraad@hra.nyc.gov.*

INVESTING IN PLACE

Residents and agencies partner to identify infrastructure, built environment and public space activation improvements convert "hot" spots into "cool," active and safe spaces with the goal of:

- Reducing the of number of crime "hot-spots"
- Increasing stewardship of public spaces (reduced littering, etc)
- Increasing vibrant cultural and recreational public offerings and gathering opportunities

Vibrant Public Spaces

- **Outdoor Lighting & Other Infrastructure Investments**: over the next year, permanent lighting fixtures, cameras and new door locks are being installed at the 15 MAP developments. Community Center upgrades are also being made.
- **Summer Play Streets** The Police Athletic League (PAL) runs summer programming Monday- Friday. *Program information coming soon.*
- **Kids in Motion**: Department of Parks and Recreation introduces children to physical activity in a fun, non-competitive environment. Kids in Motion staff lead four to seven hours of free activities for children per day, including organized sports, games, fitness demos, guided walks, board games, water games and more. *Summer schedule coming soon.*
- **Public Art Public Housing**: Groundswell is working with MAP to make public spaces in developments beautiful through public murals. This is a paid opportunity for 14 to 24 year old residents of the MAP developments interested in helping with the murals. *Patrick Dougher (Program Director), (718) 254-9782, patrick@groundswell.nyc or Claudie Mabry (Project Manager, Community Partner), (718) 254-9782, claudie@groundswell.nyc*

Community Center Programming

- **Community Center**: Run by Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club for children ages 5 and up, as well as adults. Child programming includes homework help, STEM activities, and high school and college prep; community beautification and mentoring; dance, music, singing, and photography; and healthy living activities. Adult programming designed to enhance skills and promote social interaction, community engagement, and physical activity. *Contact: Oshea Moye (Director), (718) 828-4518, oshea.moye@kipsbay.org. Programs take place at 625 Castle Hill Ave, Bronx, NY 10473*
- **Community Centers – Summer Hours**: MAP funds 95 Community Centers to stay open until 11pm June- September. Find programming at your local center. *Contact: Oshea Moye (Director), (718) 828-4518, oshea.moye@kipsbay.org. Programs take place at 625 Castle Hill Ave, Bronx, NY 10473*
- **Shape Up**: Free, drop-in fitness program with locations across the five boroughs. There is no class registration fee. *Contact Emily Pilayo (Senior Center Director), (718) 319-9156, emily.pelayo@kipsbay.org, or Oshea Moye (Community Center Director), (718) 828-4518, oshea.moye@kipsbay.org.*

INVESTING IN NETWORKS

Residents, police and agencies intervene, prevent and respond to crime in neighborhood in a shared way with the goal of:

- Improving Police/Community Relations
- More inclusive crime prevention, intervention and response strategies
- Jointly produced community safety action plans, programs & projects

Violence Reduction and Public Safety

- **Conflict Mediation:** Training youth in the communities to become peacemakers. *Contact Institute for Mediation & Conflict Resolution, (718) 585-1190.*
- **Neighborhood Community Officers**: NYPD officers who work collaboratively with residents to address community concerns. They participate in community meetings and conduct wellness visits to crime and accident victims to ensure their safety. *Contact your Neighborhood Community Officer from PSA 8, Pablo Palonco at (929) 364-6670, pablo.palonco@nypd.org or Charaine Hampton, (917) 318-1091, charaine.hampton@nypd.org.*

Resident Engagement

- **NeighborhoodStat:** Agencies and residents meeting regularly to discuss conditions that contribute to crime and create and implement action plans to address them. If you want to get involved, *contact: Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, (646) 576-3527 or map@cityhall.nyc.gov*
- **Development Leadership:** *Resident Association President: Geraldine Lamb, (240) 715-5120, lambgerri4@gmail.com.*

Support For Domestic Violence Victims [via Office to Combat Domestic Violence]

- **Family Justice Center**: Facilitates access to crucial civil, legal and social services for victims of intimate partner violence, elder abuse and sex trafficking. *Contact: (718)-508-1220 or visit: 198 East 161st St., 2nd Fl., Bronx, NY 10451.*
- **DVRT**: Facilitates access to crucial civil, legal and social services for victims of intimate partner violence, elder abuse and sex trafficking. *Contact: Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence at (212) 788-2606 or DVRTinfo@cityhall.nyc.gov*
- **Healthy Relationship Training Academy**: Educational workshops for teens and parents about teen dating violence and healthy relationships, led by Peer Educators. *Contact: Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence at (212) 788-2606 or DVRTinfo@cityhall.nyc.gov*

Support for Kinship Caregivers

- **Grandparent Resource Center**: One-on-one case assistance (including housing issues, grandchildren tutoring referrals, application assistance for HRA caregiver grant, immigration referrals); support groups and workshops; and community activities. *Contact: Antoinette M. Emers, (Department for the Aging), (212) 602-4305 (office), aemers@aging.nyc.gov.*