



Working with Neighborhood Groups

City of Urbana, Illinois
September 2013



E Washington St

Brookens Center

Prairie Park

Kinch St

Lierman Neighborhood

S Philo Rd

E Florida Ave

0.25 Miles







Aspen Court Apartments

- Built in 1974
- 140 dwelling units (1, 2, and 3 bedrooms)



Urbana Townhomes

- Built in 1979
- 156 dwelling units



Neighborhood Stress



PROHIBITED
THE GATHERING
OF PEOPLE IN
COMMON AREAS

NOTICE
THIS AREA IS UNDER
24 HOUR TV SURVEILLANCE
TRESPASSERS WILL
BE PROSECUTED

WARNING!
NO TRESPASSING
ANY VIOLATIONS WILL
RESULT IN PROSECUTION

Apartments' receiver withdraws appeal of condemnation in Urbana

Thu, 09/06/2012 - 8:00am | Patrick Wade

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URBANA — City officials are considering their next move after the receiver for the troubled Urbana Townhomes apartment complex in the 900 and 1000 blocks of South Lierman Avenue withdrew its appeal of the city's condemnation.

Officials first started condemning the group of eight buildings in March 2011, when the first two at 1001 and 1003 S. Lierman Ave. were started on a process that could end in demolition. Officials condemned another apartment building at 911 S. Lierman Ave. in March 2012. Five more, 901-909 S. Lierman Ave., were condemned this July.

As of Wednesday, there were 152 property maintenance code violations that needed to be addressed, said building safety manager John Schneider. Those



Photo by: Robin Scholz/The News-Gazette
Buildings at 1001 and 1003 S. Lierman Ave., U,
on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012.

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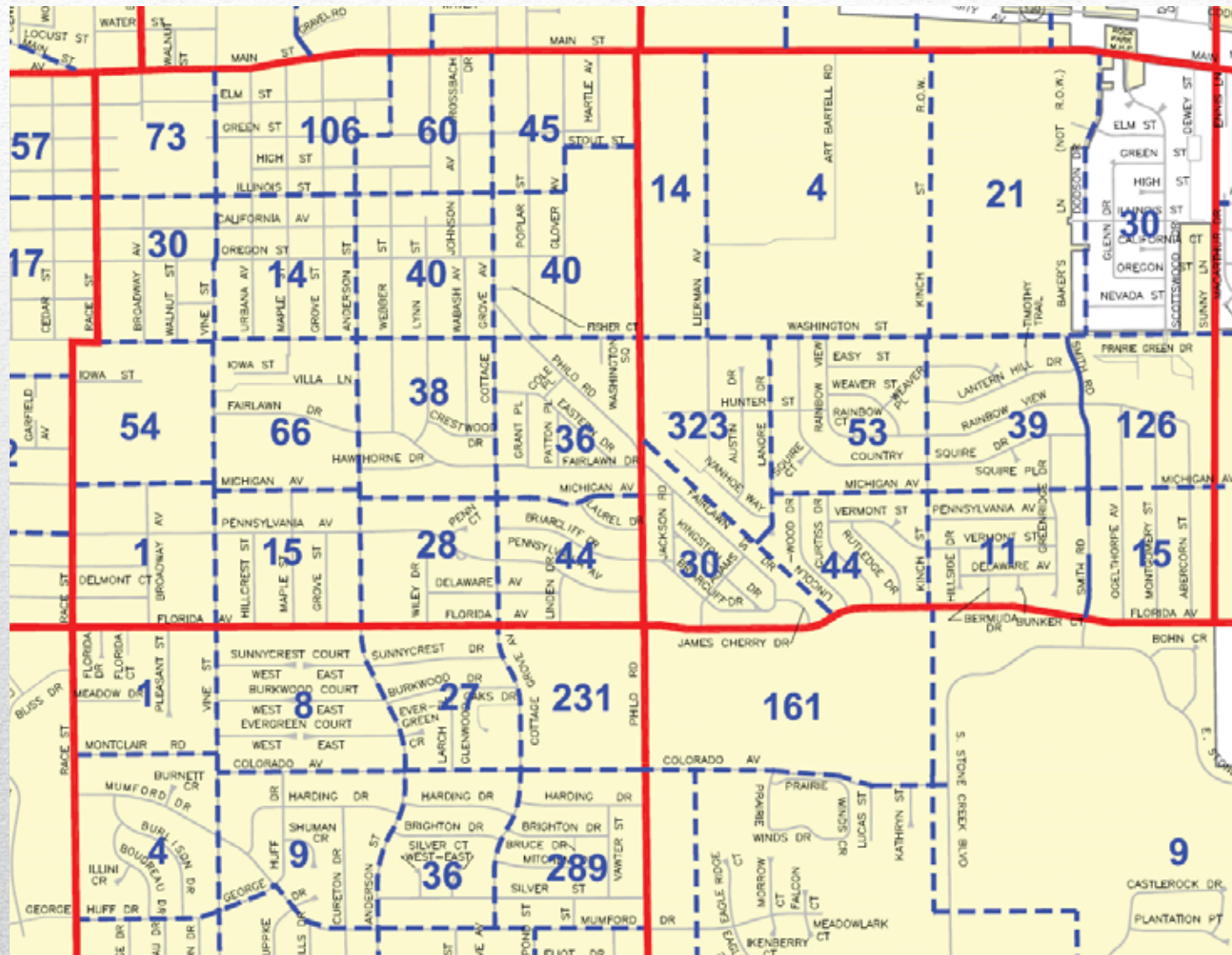
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2012 Urbana Crime Map by Areas





CITY OF URBANA

Home Run Food Mart Owners Surrender Liquor License

Date: June 22, 2012 - 5:00pm

Representatives of the Home Run Food Mart in east Urbana voluntarily surrendered the convenience store's Class C liquor license Wednesday (June 20) at a local liquor control commission hearing.

Mayor Laurel Prussing agreed to accept the surrender of the liquor license during the 11 a.m. hearing in city council chambers. She ordered that all liquor sales must cease immediately.

The order means that the owner of the store, Diah Corp., can no longer sell package beer, wine and liquor. The store, however, remains open for business.

Ramzi Alsaqri, president of Diah Corp., and Jameel Alsaqri, corporation secretary, attended the brief hearing and were represented by Champaign attorney Ed Piraino. No public testimony was taken. About 40 people, including some supporters of the store, attended the hearing.

Ramzi Alsaqri was arrested about 8 a.m. June 7, along with store employee Mohammed Mahmoud, at the store. Both were charged with the unlawful sale of drug paraphernalia, a Class 4 felony. Jameel Alsaqri was later arrested on the same charge.

East Urbana melee connected to gangs, UHS fight

Wed, 11/16/2011 - 9:50am | [Mary Schenk](#) ^[1]

URBANA — Urbana police are continuing to sort out who was involved in a riot in an east Urbana neighborhood Tuesday night that left one teen hospitalized and at least three adult women injured.

Sgt. Dan Morgan said the confrontation was a continuation of an ongoing feud between gangs in that area of town that included an incident over the weekend where shots were fired and a fight at Urbana High School on Monday.

"Two feuding groups of juveniles encounter one another in front of 1102 Austin Drive, where there have been previous confrontations, including one Friday or Saturday where there was a gang fight in the street where shots were fired," Morgan said.

About 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, one of the members of one faction was walking past that house when a person came out, words were exchanged, and a fight started.

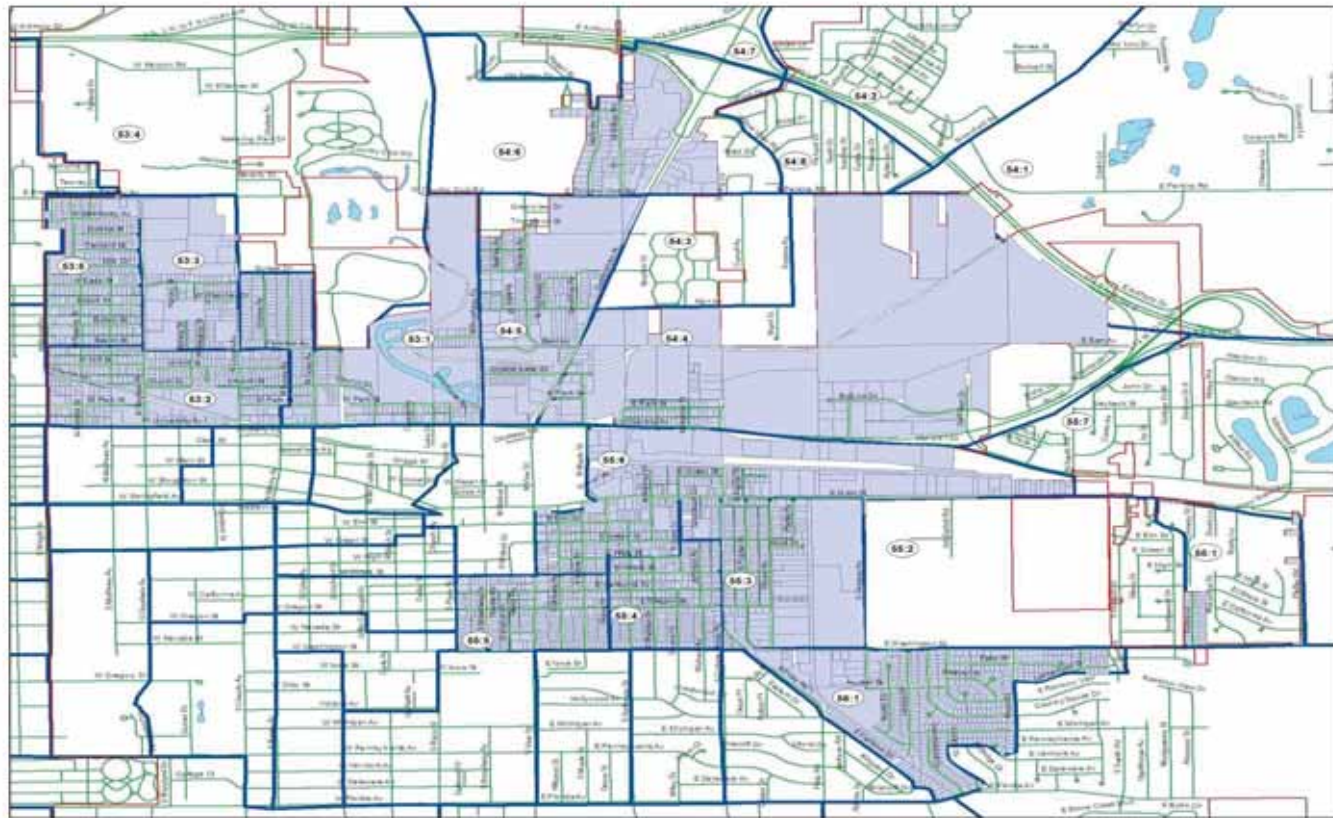
"The fight grows to 30 or more people," said Morgan. "Some members of one of the faction's family drive up in a car. Two women, a guy and kid get out to intervene and they're attacked by the various factions and the car is destroyed by people beating it with two-by-fours and chairs."

Morgan said at some point during the chaos, the 16-year-old boy who walked by the house, which apparently sparked the melee, was stabbed in the upper back shoulder. He was taken to Carle Foundation Hospital where he spent the night, Morgan said.



Lierman Neighborhood Action Committee

City of Urbana Community Development Target Area



Legend

- Urbana Corporate Boundary
- Roads
- Lakes
- CD Target Area
- Census Block Group Boundary
- Census Tract 55
Block Group 1



*City of Urbana
and
Urbana HOME
Consortium*



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**Annual Action Plan
FY 2012-2013**

Approved by Urbana City Council
Ordinance No. 2012-04-038



**NOTICE OF
NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS
AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**



The City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium (comprised of the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, and Champaign County) seek citizen input regarding community needs for the preparation of the *City of Urbana & Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan (AAP) for FY 2012-2013*. The Annual Action Plan is the City of Urbana's budget for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs. The Plan also includes budgets for HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) by the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, and Champaign County.

**NEIGHBORHOOD/PUBLIC HEARING MEETINGS
IN URBANA**

Monday, January 9, 2012, 7 PM Prairie School Library 2102 E. Washington St	Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 7 PM City Council Chambers 400 S. Vine St
Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 7 PM Crystal View Community Center 102 E. Stebbins Dr	Thursday, January 12, 2012, 7 PM King School Library 1108 W. Fairview Ave

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES & ORGANIZATIONS**
Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 10:00 AM
City of Urbana Council Chambers
400 S. Vine Street, Urbana

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations for any of these hearings should contact Community Development Services at 384-2447, TTY 384-2360, email cieldridge@urbanaininois.us, or contact the City of Urbana Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at 384-2466.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CITY OF URBANA

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



***** SPECIAL MEETING *****
URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2011

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in special session Monday, November 28, 2011 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
Eric Jacobson, Alderman Ward 2
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3
Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6
Diane W. Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elisabeth Tyler; Robert Myers; Curt Borman; Russell Chism

OTHERS PRESENT

Ira David Berg; Eileen Borgia; James Moreland; Esther Patt; Robin Arbiter; Samuel Johnson; Barbara Kessel; Scott Dossett; Meg Miller; Tholani Hlongwa; William Brown; Members of the Media

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Prussing called the special meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following citizens spoke to the Council:



Community Garden

LNAC Community Garden

East Washington Steet

South Lierman Ave.

Sign



Storage



Raised
Boxed Beds



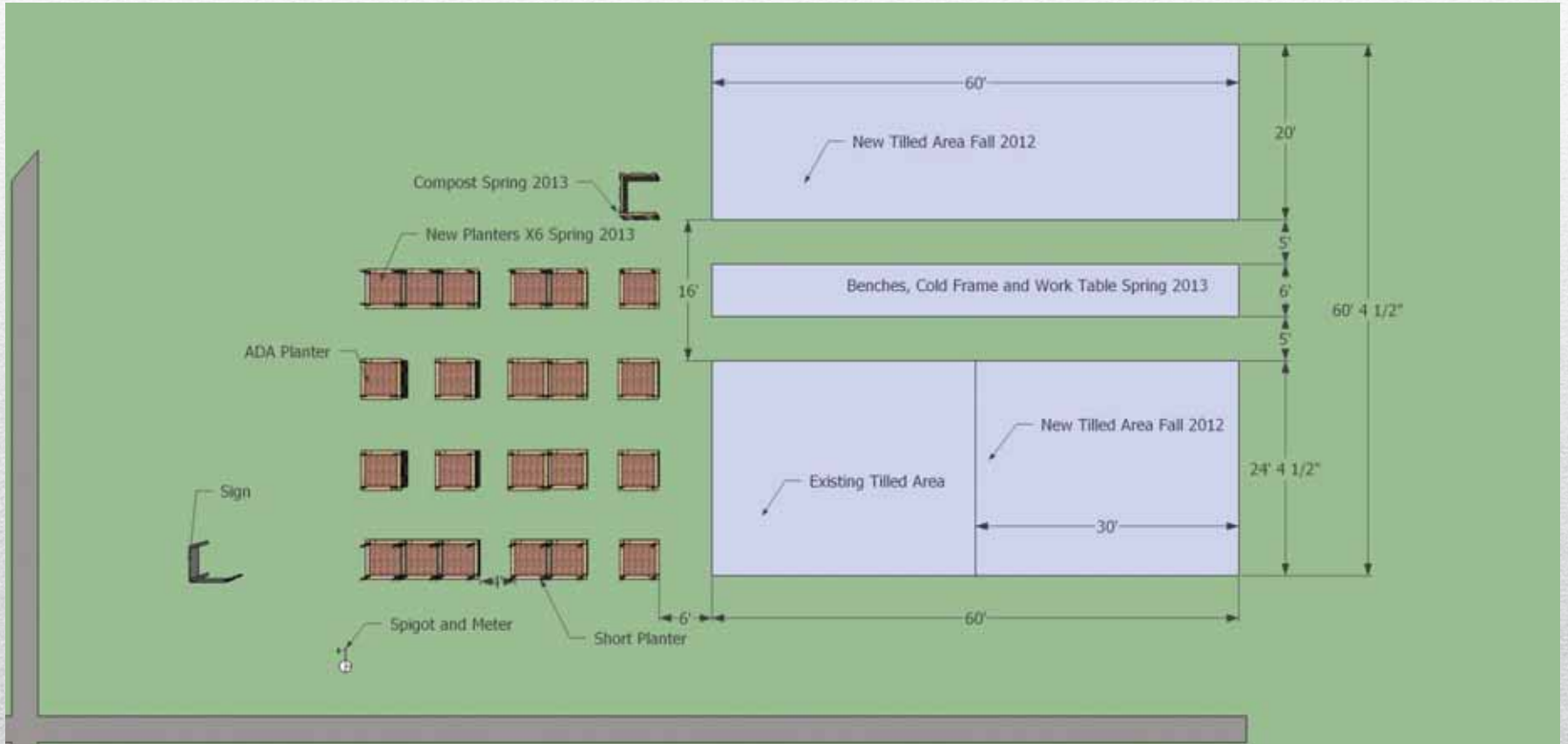
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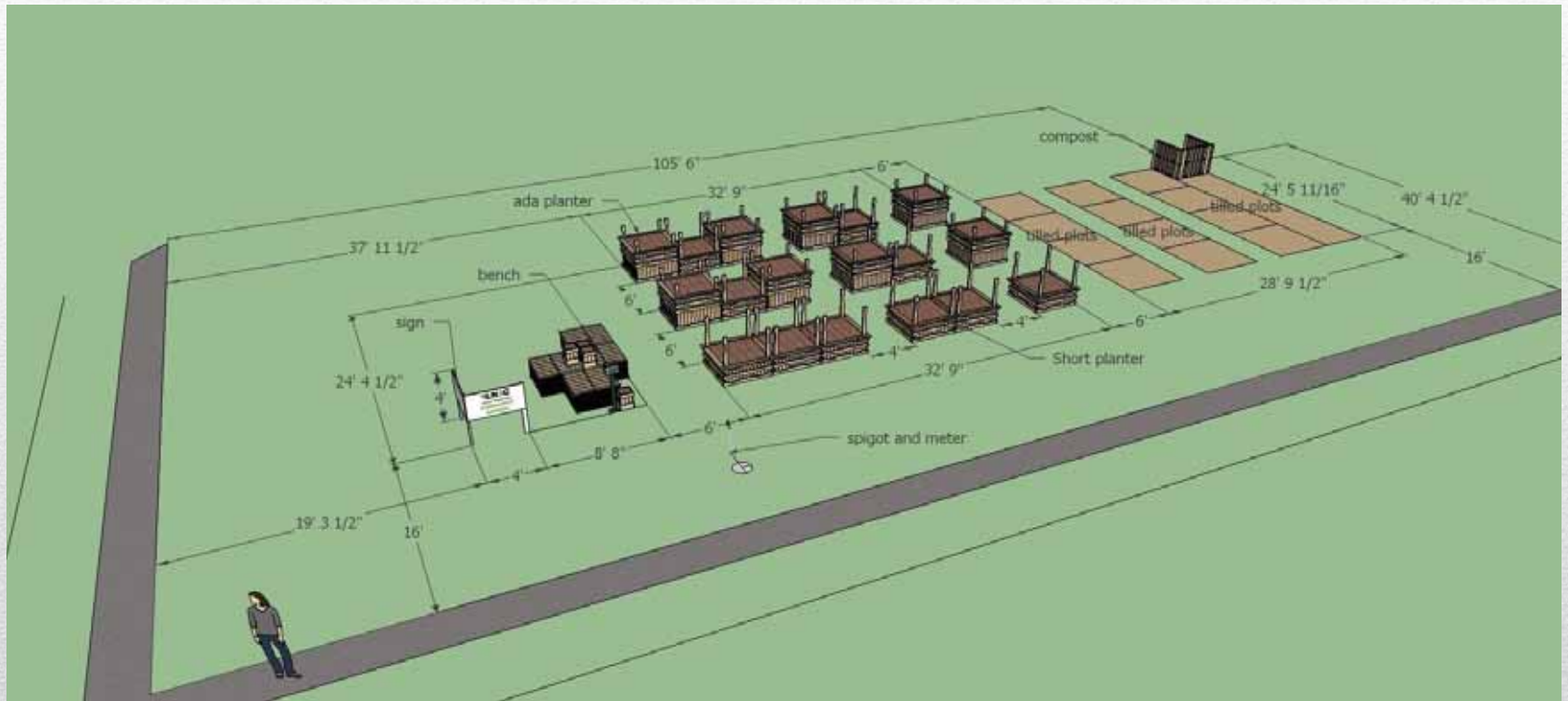


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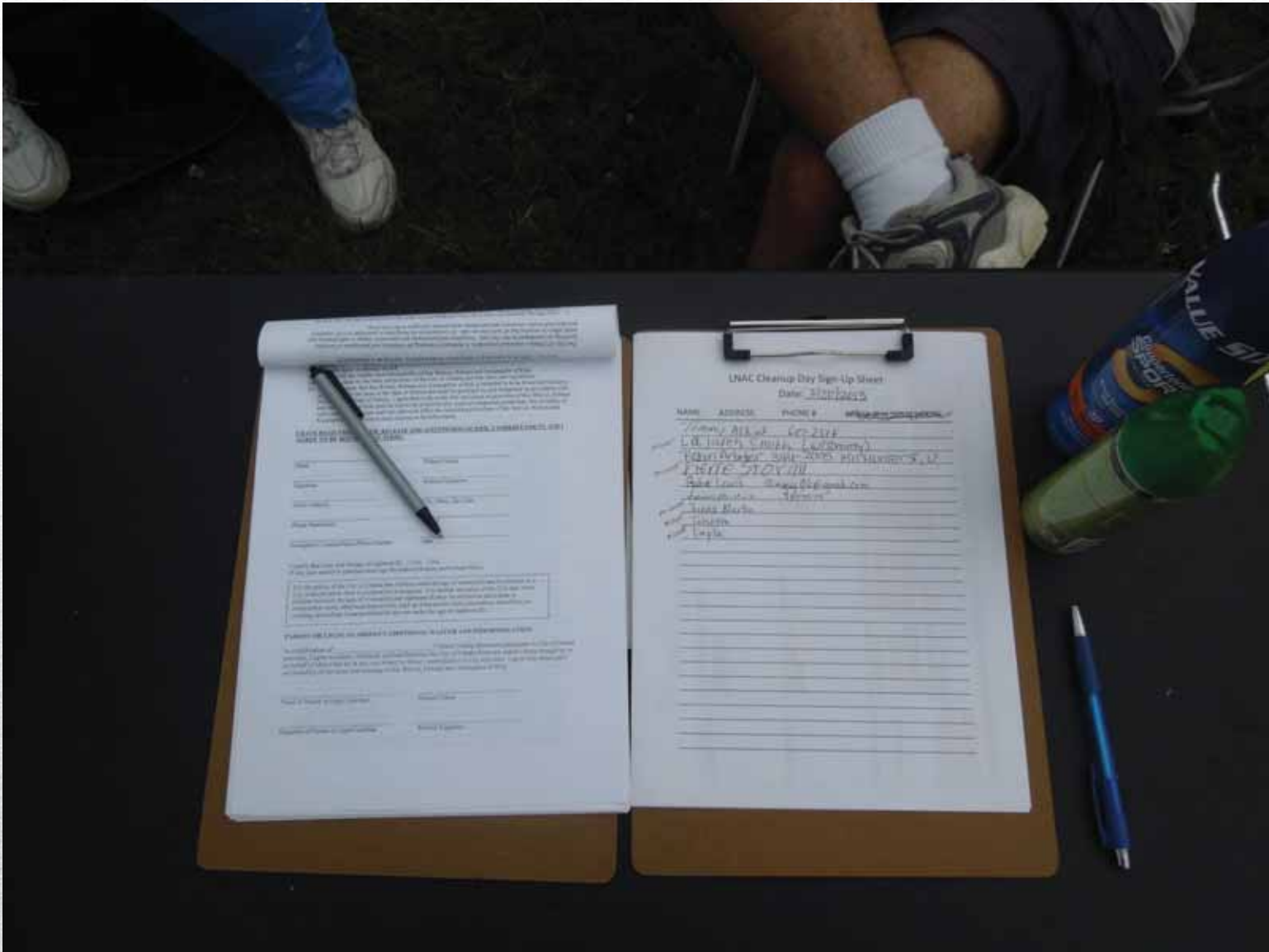












LNAC Cleanup Day Sign-Up Sheet

Date: 10/15/2015

NAME ADDRESS PHONE # info@lnac.org

- Tommy Allen 602-2114
- L.W. Smith 602-2114
- Robert Adams 602-2114
- Phil Stovall
- Bob Lewis 602-2114
- Susan Martin
- John Smith
- Leah









Courtesy: News-Gazette (Champaign, IL)

















Neighborhood Cleanup



LIERMAN AREA CLEANUP DAY
Saturday, July 21, 2012
9:00 AM-12:00 Noon



WHERE:
Meet at the Registration Table
(corner of Washington Street & Lierman Avenue)

FREE SNACKS!
After picking up litter, bring your trash bag back to the
Command Table, and enjoy some free snacks & drinks!

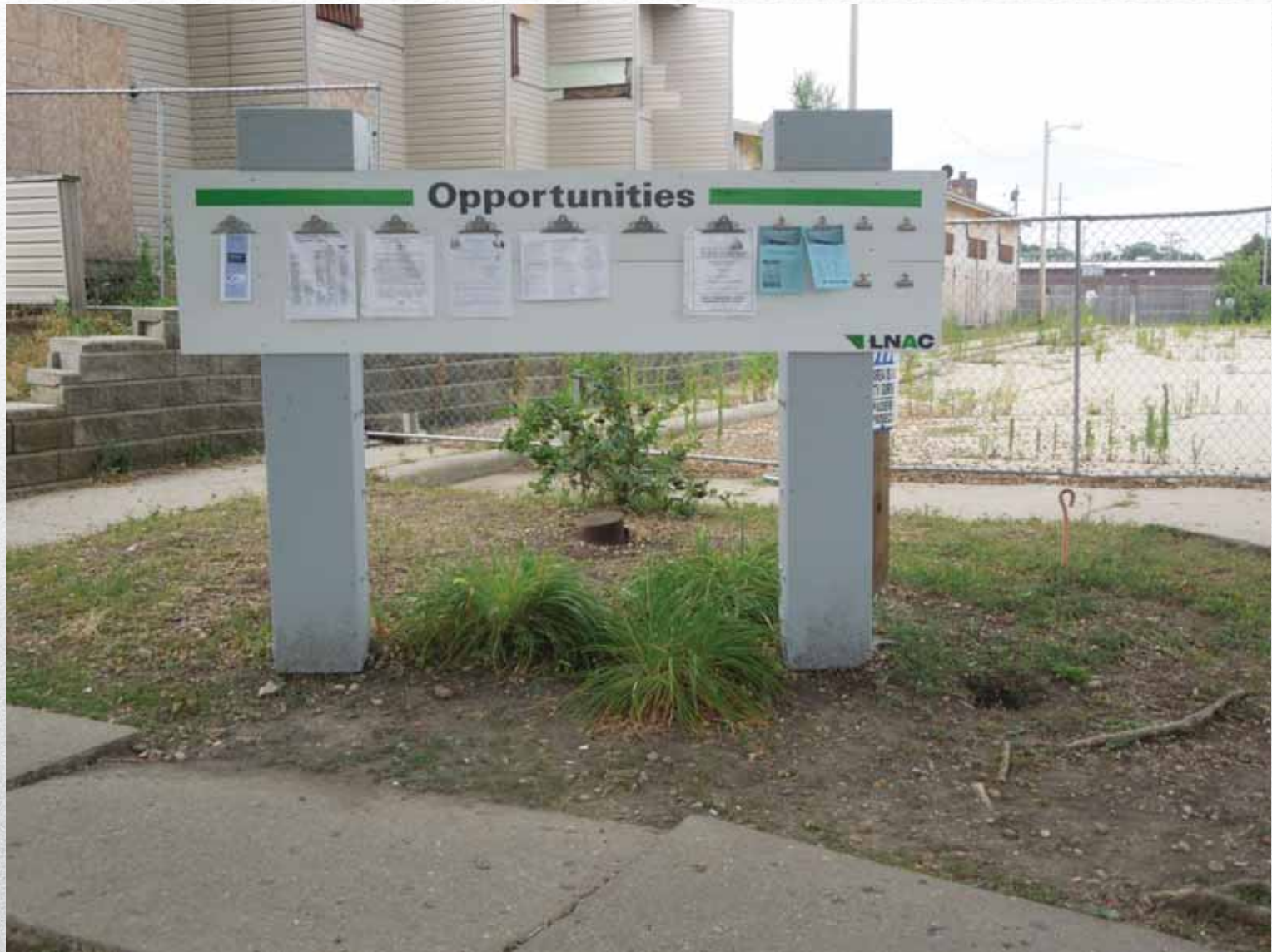


STREETS TO CLEAN UP:
Washington Street
(from Lierman Avenue to Kinch Street)
Austin Drive
Hunter Street
Ivanhoe Way
Lierman Avenue
Lanore Drive









Hunter Austin Street Lights

- Extended the existing streetlight system 600 ft.
- Installed two 30-foot tall spun aluminum davit arm poles with LED luminaires.
- Installation cost: about \$15,000
- Ongoing cost: \$200 /year in electricity.





Special Event Permit Application

Submit this application, along with all necessary documentation and administrative fee if applicable, to the City of Urbana Public Works Department, c/o Special Events, 706 S. Glover Ave., Urbana, IL 61802.

Event Information

Name of Event: Lierman Neighborhood Streetlight Dedication

Location(s): Hunter Street and Austin Drive

Type of Event:

Run/Walk/Bike

Estimated # of Participants: 20-30

Festival/Fair

Parade

Commercial Property Event

Estimated Attendance: 20-30

Other Dedication/Ribbon Cutting

Date(s): 04-19-2013 Time(s): Start: 12:15 am/pm Finish: 1:15 am/pm

Is the Event a Fundraiser? If yes, please list the Beneficiary: No

Registration/Entrance Fee: N/A

Yes No Has this event been held before?

Organization Information





Lanore Adams Fairlawn Multi-Use Path



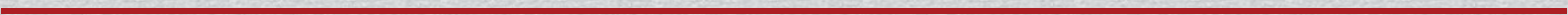
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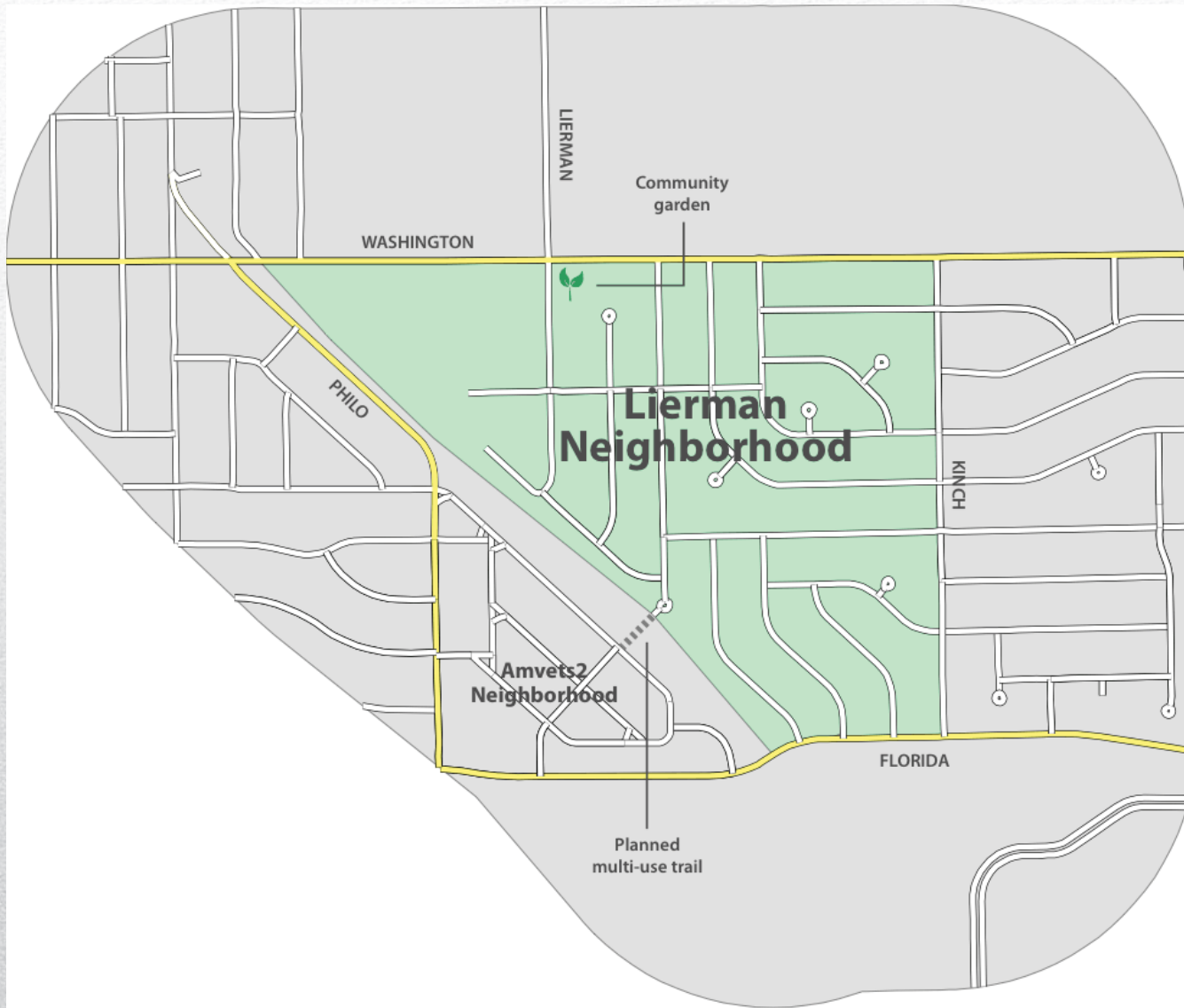


Broken fences show desired paths / Source: Q.C.D. Tse

Employment, Recreation, and Health Access

- Low access to employment agencies
- Mobile clinics for the neighborhood
- Existing recreational assets are not well utilized - accessibility issues







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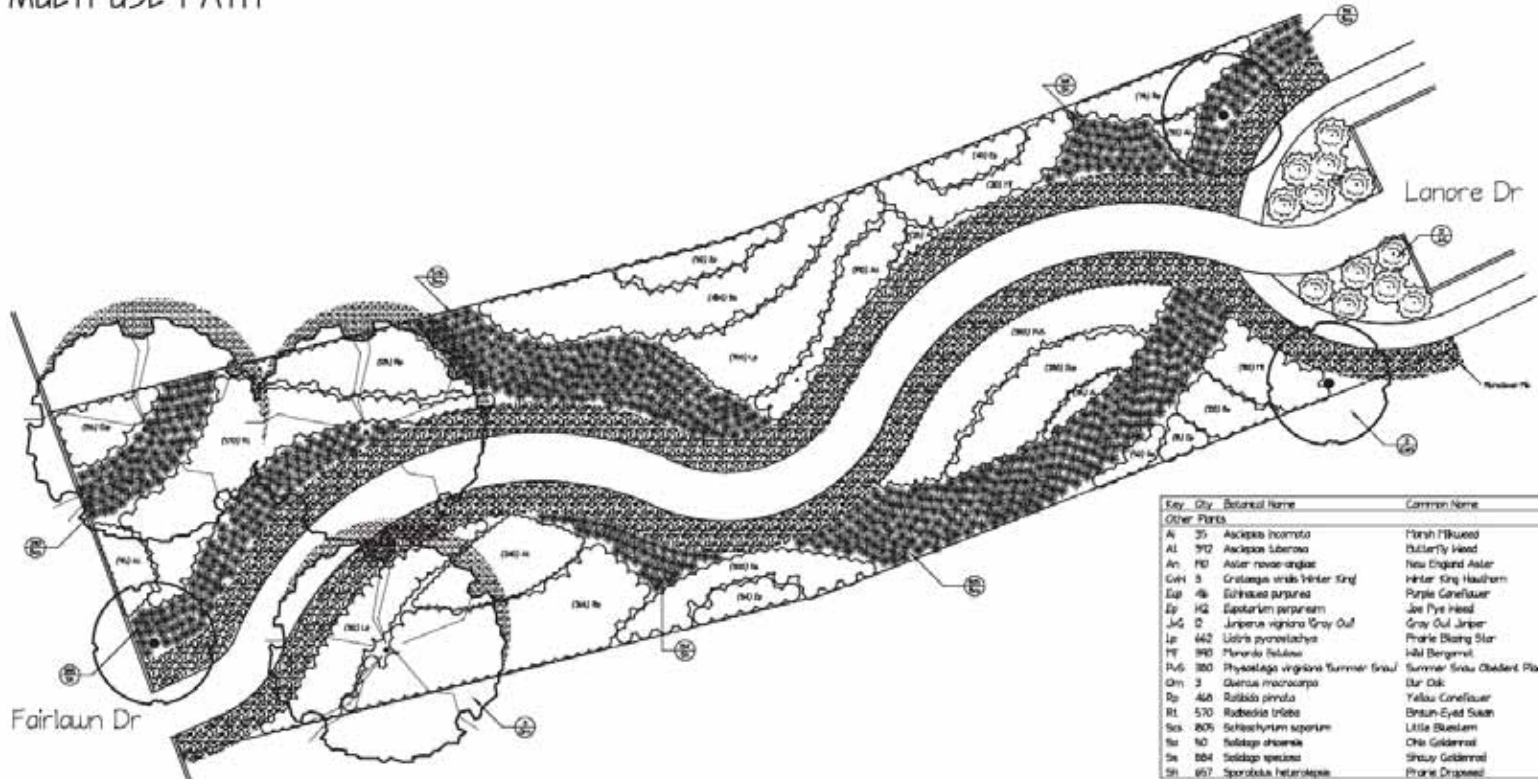
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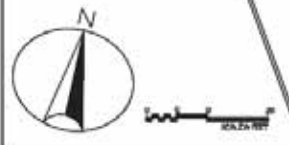
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ADAMS, LANORE, FAIRLAWN MULTI USE PATH



Key	Qty	Botanical Name	Common Name
Other Plants			
A1	21	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Flaming Phloxes
AL	110	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Weed
AN	100	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster
CKH	3	<i>Crochaea viridis</i>	Winter King Hostfern
EP	46	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower
EP	102	<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	Joe Pye Weed
JG	0	<i>Juncus virginica</i>	Gray Owl Juncus
LP	442	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	Prarie Blazing Star
PE	390	<i>Menarda tuberosa</i>	Hill Bergemot
PLG	300	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Summer Snow Obelisk Plant
Qm	3	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Oak Oak
Rp	464	<i>Rudbeckia pinnata</i>	Yellow Coneflower
Rt	570	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	Bronx-Eyed Salvia
Sca	809	<i>Solidachylon septentrionale</i>	Little Bluestem
Sa	10	<i>Solidago serotina</i>	One Goldenrod
Ss	304	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Striped Goldenrod
Sn	607	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prarie Drosera



City of Urbana
Public Works

Sheet F - B	Date Jan 15, 2013	Scale 1" = 10'
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Contact: Natalie Kenny Marquez
Marketing Coordinator/Director of Urbana's Market at the Square
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 11, 2013

Urbana to Host Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Lanore Adams Fairlawn Multi-Use Path

The City of Urbana, in partnership with the Urbana Business Association, will host a ribbon cutting event for the Lanore Adams Fairlawn Multi-Use Path. The celebration will take place on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 3 p.m. at the intersections of Fairlawn Drive and Adams Street in Urbana.

City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were used to construct the recently completed 8-foot wide concrete multi-use path which connects Lanore Drive to Fairlawn and Adams Streets. The pathway can be used by both pedestrians and bicyclist. As part of the pathway's construction, the area also received new solar powered LED light fixtures, as well as enhanced landscaping through the planting of five Burr Oak trees, three Winter King Hawthorn trees, Juniper bushes, and a low-grow prairie plant mixture.

The project was administered by the Community Development Services Department – Grants Management Division, and completed by the Urbana Public Works Department.

For more information on the ribbon cutting event, please contact Kelly H. Mierkowski, Manager, Grants Management Division at 217/384-2441, or by email at khmierkowski@urbanainlinois.us.

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Possible Redevelopment of Aspen Court & Urbana Townhomes



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Hours of Operation

Tues - Fri 8:30am - 6:00pm
Saturday 8:00am - 3:00pm
Monday By Appointment

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outside hours for an additional cost

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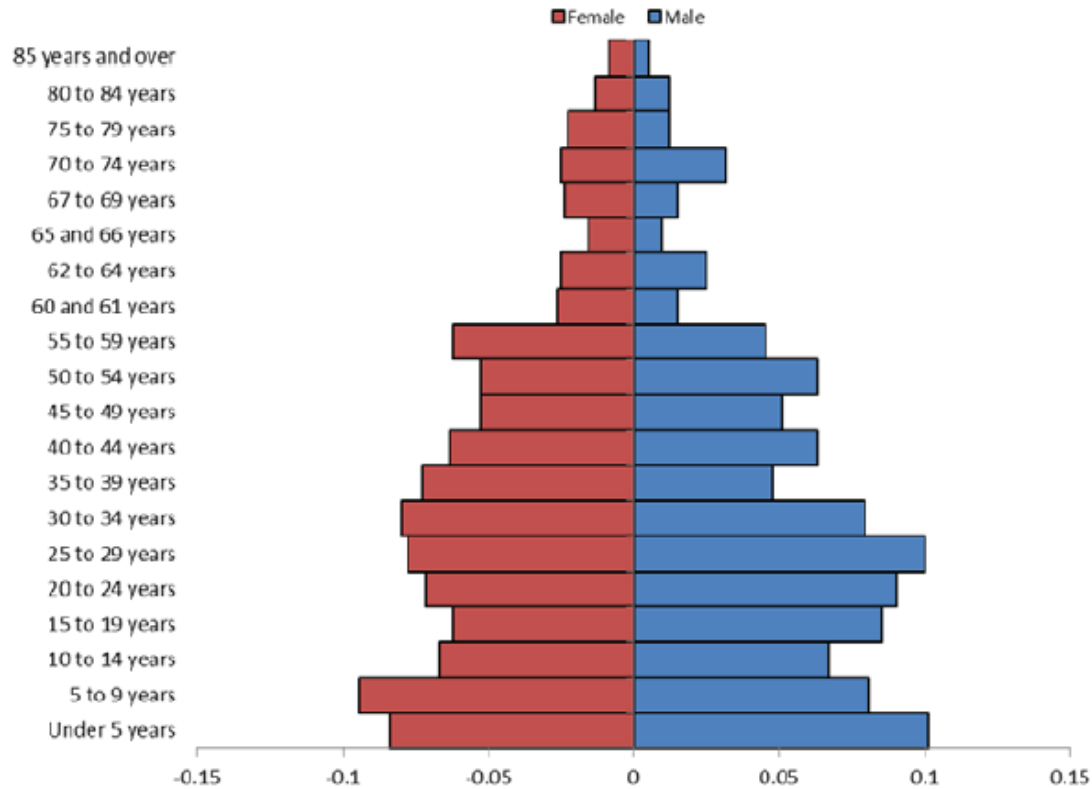
Urbana Public Television

James Winston created and broadcast a video showing what to expect in a traffic stop.



Youth Activities

Figure 3 - Age Pyramid in Block Group 1, Census Tract 56 (2010)



Source: 2010 Data from U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 SF3, P12 SEX BY AGE
– Universe: Total Population; accessed via American FactFinder on April 2, 2013.



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SPLASH Program Receipt of City of Urbana Grant

Urbana – The City of Urbana, [Urbana Park District](#) and [Urbana School District #116](#) are pleased to announce the awarding of a program grant for USD #116 and the Park District's SPLASH (Students Playing and Learning Afterschool Hours) before and after school program. The grant will help fund this vital program for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

SPLASH is a before and after school program at the Urbana Middle School (UMS). SPLASH activities are led by UMS staff, Urbana Park District staff and community partners. University of Illinois tutors volunteer in the Homework Lab. Programs include classes, clubs, activities, Homework Lab, and Morning Jump Start.

The Urbana City Council voted in June to fund the SPLASH program through the annual Consolidated Social Service Funding, which combines funds from the City of Urbana general fund, Cunningham Township, and City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Consolidated Social Service Funds are granted to non-profit organizations who provide services to residents of Urbana, by joint decision of the Urbana City Council and Cunningham Township Board.

"Thanks to the funding from the City of Urbana, we are happy to continue offering enriching after school opportunities by way of the SPLASH Program at Urbana Middle School," said Linda Gibbens, Director of Grant-Based programs at USD #116. "We see this as a great way for the City of Urbana, the Urbana Park District and the Urbana School District to work together to support the youth of our city." This program is part of USD's strategic plan to engage in community partnerships to create innovative, relevant, and meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Vicki Mayes, Urbana Park District Executive Director, stated, "It is wonderful to have this support from the city of Urbana for our community's children. The impact of SPLASH is measurable and significant."

Mayes continues, "The Urbana Middle School is the only location available that has all of the features to host this program including a gym, computer labs, art rooms, science rooms, cooking labs, a stage, general class rooms, an aquatic center, cafeteria and so on. In addition, the program eliminates barriers to participation especially transportation and cost. The students are already at school when the program starts and transportation is provided home if needed."

UMS SPLASH Site Coordinator and 8th grade teacher, Kathy Cearlock said, "Urbana Middle School is looking forward to having the City of Urbana as a partner in SPLASH. Their generous gift will allow this stellar program to continue to provide academic and enrichment programs to our students for another year!"

Information provided by the [Urbana School District](#).

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Urbana Youth Summit





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